Question

(1) If r = 2i - 4j, s = 2i + 6j, t = 3i - j, find 2r - t + s

Solution

2r - t + s = 2(2i - 4j) - (3i - j) + 2i + 6j = 3i - j

Question

(2) Find the equation of the tangent to the curve $y = x^3 - x^2$ at the point (1,0).

Solution

Find the first derivative with respect to x $y' = (x^3 - x^2)' = 3x^2 - 2x$ Find the slope of the tangent line $slope = m = y'(1) = 3(1)^2 - 2(1) = 1$ The equation of the tangent to the curve in point slope form y - 0 = 1(x - 1)The equation of the tangent to the curve in slope-intercept form y = x - 1

Question

(3) Find the area of a triangle with vertices (3, 1), (0, 0) and (1, 2).

Solution

Let A(3, 1), O(0, 0), and B(1, 2) be the vertices of a triangle. $\overrightarrow{OA} = (x_A - x_0, y_A - y_0) = (3 - 0, 1 - 0) = (3, 1)$ $\overrightarrow{OB} = (x_B - x_0, y_B - y_0) = (1 - 0, 2 - 0) = (1, 2)$ Find the cross product $\overrightarrow{OA} \times \overrightarrow{OB} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \vec{i} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} - \vec{j} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \vec{k} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0\vec{i} - 0\vec{j} + 5\vec{k}$ $S_{\Delta ABO} = \frac{1}{2} \| \overrightarrow{OA} \times \overrightarrow{OB} \| = \frac{1}{2} (5) = \frac{5}{2} (units^2)$

Question

(4) If the point C(2, -1) be the centre of a circle that passes through the point A(-2,2) find the equation of the circle.

Solution

The equation of the circle with center at (h, k) and radius r $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$

Substitute and find r

$$(-2-2)^{2} + (2-(-1))^{2} = r^{2}$$

 $r^{2} = 25 => r = 5$

The equation of the circle with center at C(2, -1) and radius 5 $(x - 2)^2 + (y + 1)^2 = 25$

Question

(5) If r = 2i - 4j, s = 2i + 6j, t = 3i - j, find magnitude of the vector 2r - t + s

Solution

2r - t + s = 2(2i - 4j) - (3i - j) + 2i + 6j = 3i - jFind magnitude of the vector 2r - t + s $\|2r - t + s\| = \sqrt{(3)^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{10}$

Question

(6) P, Q and R are points (1, -6), (3, 6) and (5, 2) respectively. Determine the length of the line joining the midpoint of PQ and QR.

Solution

The midpoint of two points

$$x_m = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}$$
, $y_m = \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}$

The midpoint of PQ

$$x_{mPQ} = \frac{1+3}{2} = 2$$
, $y_{mPQ} = \frac{-6+6}{2} = 0$

The midpoint of QR

$$x_{mQR} = \frac{3+5}{2} = 4$$
, $y_{mQR} = \frac{6+2}{2} = 4$

Determine the length of the line joining the midpoint of PQ and QR. $l = \sqrt{(4-2)^2 + (4-0)^2} = 2\sqrt{5}$

Question

(7) Find the equation of a straight line passing through the points (2, 3) and (-2, 5).

Solution

Gradient (slope) of a straight line

$$grad = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{5 - 3}{-2 - 2} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

The equation of the line

$$y = -\frac{1}{2}x + b$$

Substitute and find *b*

$$3 = -\frac{1}{2}(2) + b \Longrightarrow b = 4$$

The equation of a straight line passing through the points (2, 3) and (-2, 5).

$$y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 4$$

Question

(8) Let $Z_1 = 6\vec{i} - 4\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$, $Z_2 = \vec{i} + 6\vec{j} - \vec{k}$, find magnitude of the cross product $\overrightarrow{Z_1} \times \overrightarrow{Z_2}$.

Solution

Find the cross product
$$\overrightarrow{Z_1} \times \overrightarrow{Z_2}$$

 $\overrightarrow{Z_1} \times \overrightarrow{Z_2} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 6 & -4 & 4 \\ 1 & 6 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \vec{i} \begin{vmatrix} -4 & 4 \\ 6 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \vec{i} \begin{vmatrix} -4 & 4 \\ 6 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \vec{i} \begin{vmatrix} -4 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + \vec{k} \begin{vmatrix} 6 & -4 \\ 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = \vec{i} (-4(-1) - 4(6)) - \vec{j} (6(-1) - 4(1)) + \vec{k} (6(6) - (-4)(1)) = -20\vec{i} + 10\vec{j} + 40\vec{k}$
Find magnitude of the cross product $\overrightarrow{Z_1} \times \overrightarrow{Z_2}$
 $||\overrightarrow{Z_1} \times \overrightarrow{Z_2}|| = \sqrt{(-20)^2 + (10)^2 + (40)^2} = 10\sqrt{21}$

Question

(9) Find the equation of the normal to the curve $y = x^3 - x^2$ at the point (1, 1).

Solution

Find the first derivative with respect to x $y' = (x^3 - x^2)' = 3x^2 - 2x$ Find the slope of the normal line $slope = m = -\frac{1}{y'(1)} = -\frac{1}{3(1)^2 - 2(1)} = -1$ The equation of the normal to the curve in point slope form y - 1 = -1(x - 1)The equation of the normal to the curve in slope-intercept form y = -x + 2

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