

QUESTION 10 (10 marks)

Figure 9 shows points $O(0,0,0)$, $P(1, \sin \theta, \cos \theta)$, and $Q(\sqrt{2}, 1, 1)$. The vector $\underline{a} = \overrightarrow{OP}$ and the vector $\underline{b} = \overrightarrow{PQ}$.

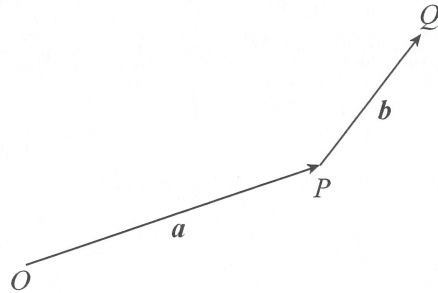


Figure 9

- (a) (i) On Figure 9, draw and label the vector $\underline{a} + \underline{b}$. (1 mark)

- (ii) Calculate $|\underline{a} + \underline{b}|$.

$$|\underline{a} + \underline{b}| = |\overrightarrow{OQ}| = \sqrt{2+1+1} = 2 \text{ units}$$

(1 mark)

- (b) (i) Show that $|\underline{a}| + |\underline{b}| = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6 - 2\sqrt{2} - 2(\sin \theta + \cos \theta)}$.

$$|\underline{a}| = \sqrt{1 + \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$|\underline{b}| = \sqrt{(\sqrt{2} - 1)^2 + (1 - \sin \theta)^2 + (1 - \cos \theta)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{2 - 2\sqrt{2} + 1 + 1 - 2\sin \theta + \sin^2 \theta + 1 - 2\cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta}$$

$$= \sqrt{6 - 2\sqrt{2} - 2(\sin \theta + \cos \theta)}$$

$$\therefore |\underline{a}| + |\underline{b}| = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6 - 2\sqrt{2} - 2(\sin \theta + \cos \theta)}$$

(3 marks)

(ii) State why $2 \leq \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6 - 2\sqrt{2} - 2(\sin\theta + \cos\theta)}$.

By the triangle inequality, $|\underline{a} + \underline{b}| \leq |\underline{a}| + |\underline{b}|$
 $\therefore 2 \leq \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6 - 2\sqrt{2} - 2(\sin\theta + \cos\theta)}$

(1 mark)

(c) (i) State the relationship between \underline{a} and \underline{b} when $2 = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6 - 2\sqrt{2} - 2(\sin\theta + \cos\theta)}$.

\underline{a} and \underline{b} are parallel (and in the same direction)
 $\underline{b} = k\underline{a}$ ($k > 0$)

(1 mark)

(ii) Hence find an exact value of θ for which $2 = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6 - 2\sqrt{2} - 2(\sin\theta + \cos\theta)}$.

$[\sqrt{2} - 1, 1 - \sin\theta, 1 - \cos\theta] = k[1, \sin\theta, \cos\theta]$
 $\therefore \begin{cases} \underline{i}: & \sqrt{2} - 1 = k \\ \underline{j}: & 1 - \sin\theta = \sqrt{2}\sin\theta - \sin\theta \\ & \sin\theta = 1/\sqrt{2} \\ \underline{k}: & 1 - \cos\theta = \sqrt{2}\cos\theta - \cos\theta \\ & \cos\theta = 1/\sqrt{2} \end{cases} \theta = \pi/4$

(2 marks)

(iii) Hence show that $2 = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6 - 4\sqrt{2}}$.

$\theta = \pi/4 \Rightarrow 2 = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6 - 2\sqrt{2} - 2 \cdot 2/\sqrt{2}}$
 $= \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6 - 2\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{2}}$
 $= \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6 - 4\sqrt{2}}$

(1 mark)