## **Review Exercise**

- 1. Determine whether each of the following statements is true or false. Provide a brief explanation for each answer.
  - a.  $\left| \vec{a} + \vec{b} \right| \ge \left| \vec{a} \right|$
  - b.  $\left| \vec{a} + \vec{b} \right| = \left| \vec{a} + \vec{c} \right|$  implies  $\left| \vec{b} \right| = \left| \vec{c} \right|$
  - c.  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} = \vec{a} + \vec{c}$  implies  $\vec{b} = \vec{c}$
  - d.  $\overrightarrow{RF} = \overrightarrow{SW}$  implies  $\overrightarrow{RS} = \overrightarrow{FW}$
  - e.  $m\vec{a} + n\vec{a} = (m+n)\vec{a}$
  - f. If  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}|$  and  $|\vec{c}| = |\vec{d}|$ , then  $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = |\vec{c} + \vec{d}|$ .
- 2. If  $\vec{x} = 2\vec{a} 3\vec{b} 4\vec{c}$ ,  $\vec{y} = -2\vec{a} + 3\vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$ , and  $\vec{z} = 2\vec{a} 3\vec{b} + 5\vec{c}$ , determine simplified expressions for each of the following:
  - a.  $2\vec{x} 3\vec{y} + 5\vec{z}$
  - b.  $3(-2\vec{x} 4\vec{y} + \vec{z}) (2\vec{x} \vec{y} + \vec{z}) 2(-4\vec{x} 5\vec{y} + \vec{z})$
- 3. If X(-2, 1, 2) and Y(-4, 4, 8) are two points in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , determine the following: a.  $\overrightarrow{XY}$  and  $|\overrightarrow{XY}|$ 
  - b. The coordinates of a unit vector in the same direction as  $\overrightarrow{XY}$ .
- 4. X(-1, 2, 6) and Y(5, 5, 12) are two points in  $R^3$ .
  - a. Determine the components of a position vector equivalent to  $\overrightarrow{YX}$ .
  - b. Determine the components of a *unit* vector that is in the same direction as  $\overrightarrow{YX}$ .
- 5. Find the components of the unit vector with the opposite direction to that of the vector from M(2, 3, 5) to N(8, 1, 2).
- 6. A parallelogram has its sides determined by the vectors  $\overrightarrow{OA} = (3, 2, -6)$  and  $\overrightarrow{OB} = (-6, 6, -2)$ .
  - a. Determine the components of the vectors representing the diagonals.
  - b. Determine the angles between the sides of the parallelogram.
- 7. The points A(-1, 1, 1), B(2, 0, 3), and C(3, 3, -4) are vertices of a triangle.
  - a. Show that this triangle is a right triangle.
  - b. Calculate the area of triangle ABC.
  - c. Calculate the perimeter of triangle ABC.
  - d. Calculate the coordinates of the fourth vertex *D* that completes the rectangle of which *A*, *B*, and *C* are the other three vertices.

- 8. The vectors  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  are as shown.
  - a. Construct the vector  $\vec{a} \vec{b} + \vec{c}$ .

 $\overrightarrow{b}$ 

 $\overrightarrow{a}$ 

- b. If the vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are perpendicular, and if  $|\vec{a}| = 4$  and  $|\vec{b}| = 3$ , determine  $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}|$ .
- 9. Given  $\vec{p} = (-11, 7)$ ,  $\vec{q} = (-3, 1)$ , and  $\vec{r} = (-1, 2)$ , express each vector as a linear combination of the other two.
- 10. a. Find an equation to describe the set of points equidistant from A(2, -1, 3) and B(1, 2, -3).
  - b. Find the coordinates of two points that are equidistant from A and B.
- 11. Calculate the values of *a*, *b*, and *c* in each of the following:

a. 
$$2(a, b, 4) + \frac{1}{2}(6, 8, c) - 3(7, c, -4) = (-24, 3, 25)$$
  
b.  $2\left(a, a, \frac{1}{2}a\right) + (3b, 0, -5c) + 2\left(c, \frac{3}{2}c, 0\right) = (3, -22, 54)$ 

- 12. a. Determine whether the points A(1, -1, 1), B(2, 2, 2), and C(4, -2, 1) represent the vertices of a right triangle.
  - b. Determine whether the points P(1, 2, 3), Q(2, 4, 6), and R(-1, -2, -3) are collinear.
- 13. a. Show that the points A(3, 0, 4), B(1, 2, 5), and C(2, 1, 3) represent the vertices of a right triangle.
  - b. Determine  $\cos \angle ABC$ .
- 14. In the following rectangle, vectors are indicated by the direction of the arrows.



- a. Name two pairs of vectors that are opposites.
- b. Name two pairs of identical vectors.
- c. Explain why  $|\overrightarrow{AD}|^2 + |\overrightarrow{DC}|^2 = |\overrightarrow{DB}|^2$ .

15. A rectangular prism measuring 3 by 4 by 5 is drawn on a coordinate axis as shown in the diagram.



- a. Determine the coordinates of points C, P, E, and F.
- b. Determine position vectors for  $\overrightarrow{DB}$  and  $\overrightarrow{CF}$ .
- c. By drawing the rectangle containing  $\overrightarrow{DB}$  and  $\overrightarrow{OP}$ , determine the acute angle between these vectors.
- d. Determine the angle between  $\overrightarrow{OP}$  and  $\overrightarrow{AE}$ .
- 16. The vectors  $\vec{d}$  and  $\vec{e}$  are such that  $|\vec{d}| = 3$  and  $|\vec{e}| = 5$ , and the angle between them is 30°. Determine each of the following:
  - a.  $|\vec{d} + \vec{e}|$  b.  $|\vec{d} \vec{e}|$  c.  $|\vec{e} \vec{d}|$
- 17. An airplane is headed south at speed 400 km/h. The airplane encounters a wind from the east blowing at 100 km/h.
  - a. How far will the airplane travel in 3 h?
  - b. What is the direction of the airplane?
- 18. a. Explain why the set of vectors:  $\{(2, 3), (3, 5)\}$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
  - b. Find *m* and *n* in the following: m(2, 3) + n(3, 5) = (323, 795).
- 19. a. Show that the vector  $\vec{a} = (5, 9, 14)$  can be written as a linear combination of the vectors  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$ , where  $\vec{b} = (-2, 3, 1)$  and  $\vec{c} = (3, 1, 4)$ . Explain why  $\vec{a}$  lies in the plane determined by  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$ .
  - b. Is the vector  $\vec{a} = (-13, 36, 23)$  in the span of  $\vec{b} = (-2, 3, 1)$  and  $\vec{c} = (3, 1, 4)$ ? Explain your answer.

- 20. A cube is placed so that it has three of its edges located along the positive *x*-, *y*-, and *z*-axes (one edge along each axis) and one of its vertices at the origin.
  - a. If the cube has a side length of 4, draw a sketch of this cube and write the coordinates of its vertices on your sketch.
  - b. Write the coordinates of the vector with its head at the origin and its tail at the opposite vertex.
  - c. Write the coordinates of a vector that starts at (4, 4, 4) and is a diagonal in the plane parallel to the *xz*-plane.
  - d. What vector starts at the origin and is a diagonal in the *xy*-plane?

21. If 
$$\vec{a} = \vec{i} + \vec{j} - \vec{k}$$
,  $\vec{b} = 2\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$ , and  $\vec{c} = 2\vec{i} + 13\vec{k}$ , determine  
 $\left|2\left(\vec{a} + \vec{b} - \vec{c}\right) - \left(\vec{a} + 2\vec{b}\right) + 3\left(\vec{a} - \vec{b} + \vec{c}\right)\right|$ .

- 22. The three points A(-3, 4), B(3, -4), and C(5, 0) are on a circle with radius 5 and centre at the origin. Points *A* and *B* are the endpoints of a diameter, and point *C* is on the circle.
  - a. Calculate  $|\overrightarrow{AB}|$ ,  $|\overrightarrow{AC}|$ , and  $|\overrightarrow{BC}|$ .
  - b. Show that A, B, and C are the vertices of a right triangle.
- 23. In terms of  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{c}$ , and  $\vec{0}$ , find a vector expression for each of the following:



- 24. Draw a diagram showing the vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ , where  $|\vec{a}| = 2|\vec{b}|$  and  $|\vec{b}| = |\vec{a} + \vec{b}|$  are both true. (Make sure to indicate the direction of the vectors.)
- 25. If the vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are perpendicular to each other, express each of the following in terms of  $|\vec{a}|$  and  $|\vec{b}|$ :

a. 
$$|\vec{a} + \vec{b}|$$
 b.  $|\vec{a} - \vec{b}|$  c.  $|2\vec{a} + 3\vec{b}|$ 

26. Show that if  $\vec{a}$  is perpendicular to each of the vectors  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$ , then  $\vec{a}$  is perpendicular to  $2\vec{b} + 4\vec{c}$ .