

## 3D vectors in Component Form: WS #5 12E (332) #1-4,7,8,11

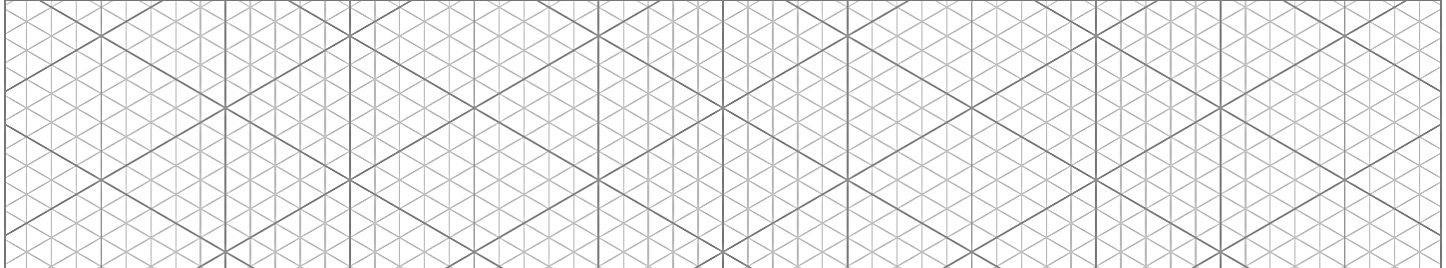
**EXERCISE 12E**

1 Consider the point  $T(3, -1, 4)$ .

a Draw a diagram to locate the position of T in space.

b Find  $\vec{OT}$ .

c How far is it from O to T?



If  $A(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $B(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  are two points in space then:

$$\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 - x_1 \\ y_2 - y_1 \\ z_2 - z_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow x\text{-step} \\ \leftarrow y\text{-step} \\ \leftarrow z\text{-step} \end{array}$$

$\vec{AB}$  is called the 'vector AB' or the 'position vector of B relative to A'.

If A is  $(-1, 3, 2)$  and B is  $(2, 1, -4)$ , find:

a the position vector of A from B

b the distance between A and B.

a The position vector of A from B is

b  $|\vec{AB}| = |\vec{BA}|$

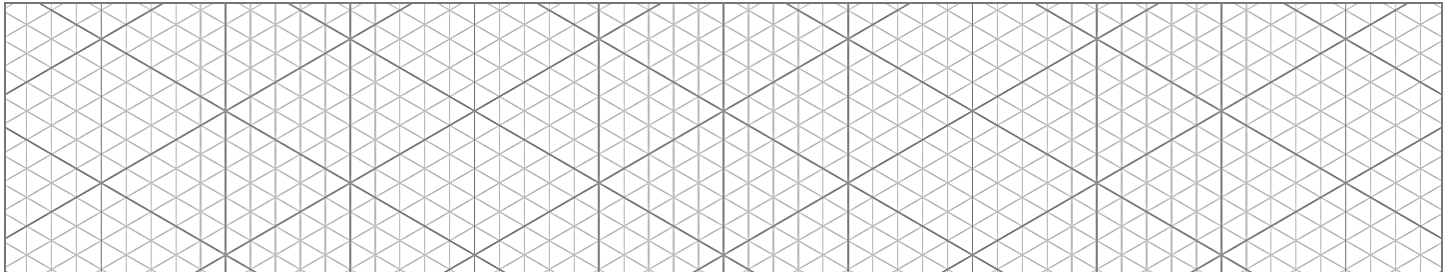
$$\vec{BA} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 - 2 \\ 3 - 1 \\ 2 - (-4) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \sqrt{9 + 4 + 36} \\ = 7 \text{ units}$$

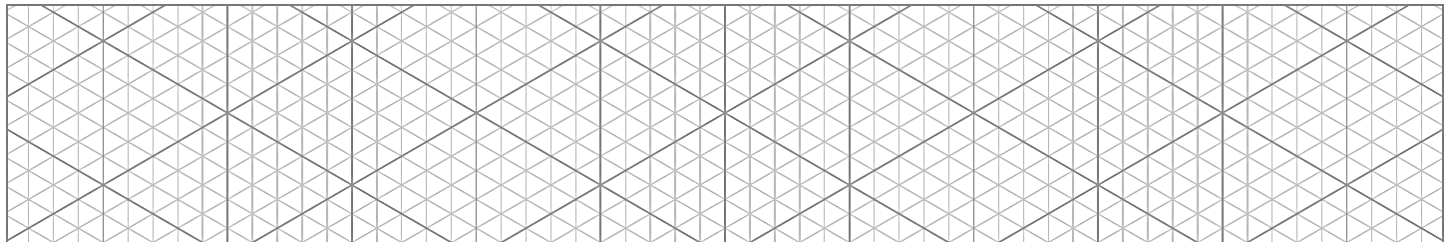
2 Given  $A(-3, 1, 2)$  and  $B(1, 0, -1)$  find:

a  $\vec{AB}$  and  $\vec{BA}$

b the lengths of  $\vec{AB}$  and  $\vec{BA}$ .



3 Given  $A(3, 1, 0)$  and  $B(-1, 1, 2)$  find  $\vec{OA}$ ,  $\vec{OB}$  and  $\vec{AB}$ .

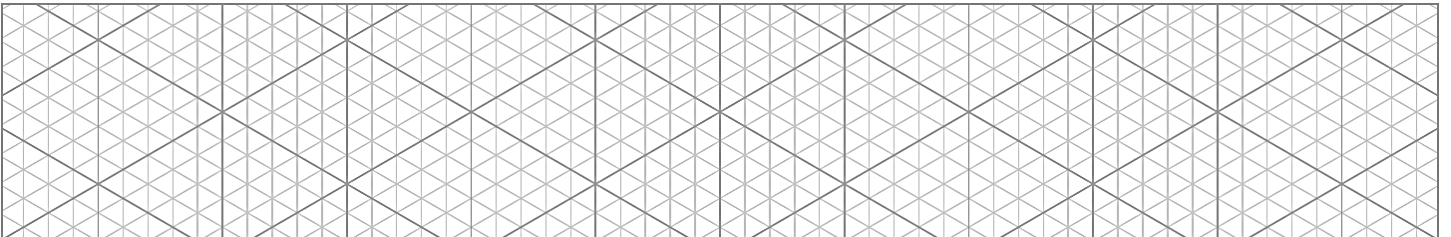


4 Given  $M(4, -2, -1)$  and  $N(-1, 2, 0)$  find:

a the position vector of M from N

b the position vector of N from M

c the distance between M and N.



Find  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  if  $\begin{pmatrix} a-3 \\ b-2 \\ c-1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-a \\ -b \\ -3-c \end{pmatrix}$ .

Equating components,  $a-3=1-a$ ,  $b-2=-b$  and  $c-1=-3-c$   
 $\therefore 2a=4$ ,  $2b=2$  and  $2c=-2$   
 $\therefore a=2$ ,  $b=1$  and  $c=-1$

7 Find  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  if: **a**  $\begin{pmatrix} a-4 \\ b-3 \\ c+2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$       **b**  $\begin{pmatrix} a-5 \\ b-2 \\ c+3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3-a \\ 2-b \\ 5-c \end{pmatrix}$

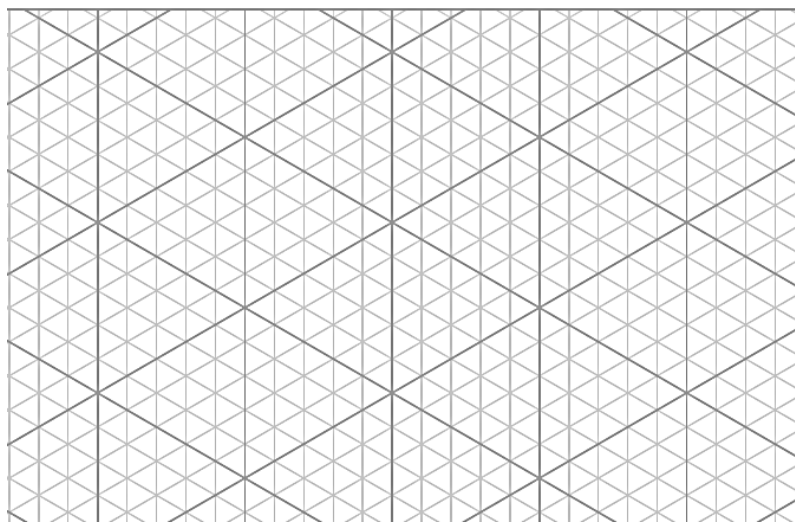
8 Find scalars  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  if:

**a**  $2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ c-1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$       **b**  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ a \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b \\ a^2 \\ a+b \end{pmatrix}$

**c**  $a \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + b \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + c \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

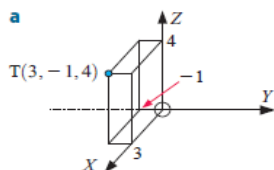
11 PQRS is a parallelogram. P is  $(-1, 2, 3)$ , Q is  $(1, -2, 5)$  and R is  $(0, 4, -1)$ .

- a** Use vectors to find the coordinates of S.  
**b** Use midpoints of diagonals to check your answer.  
**c** Draw parallelogram PQRS



**EXERCISE 12E**

1 a



**b**  $\vec{OT} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$

**c**  $OT = \sqrt{26}$  units

2 a

$\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{BA} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

**b**  $AB = \sqrt{26}$  units  $BA = \sqrt{26}$  units

3  $\vec{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{OB} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

4 **a**  $\vec{NM} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$       **b**  $\vec{MN} = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$       **c**  $MN = \sqrt{42}$  units

7 **a**  $a=5$ ,  $b=6$ ,  $c=-6$       **b**  $a=4$ ,  $b=2$ ,  $c=1$

8 **a**  $a=\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $b=2$ ,  $c=1$       **b**  $a=1$ ,  $b=2$

**c**  $a=1$ ,  $b=-1$ ,  $c=2$

11 **a**  $S(-2, 8, -3)$