



1. Solve the equation

$$7\operatorname{sech} x - \tanh x = 5$$

Give your answers in the form  $\ln a$  where  $a$  is a rational number.

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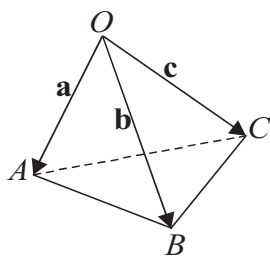


Figure 1

The points  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  have position vectors  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  respectively, relative to a fixed origin  $O$ , as shown in Figure 1.

It is given that

$$\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}, \quad \mathbf{b} = 3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{c} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}.$$

Calculate

- (a)  $\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}$ , (3)
- (b)  $\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})$ , (2)
- (c) the area of triangle  $OBC$ , (2)
- (d) the volume of the tetrahedron  $OABC$ . (1)

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7. The lines  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  have equations

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

If the lines  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  intersect, find

(a) the value of  $\alpha$ , (4)

(b) an equation for the plane containing the lines  $l_1$  and  $l_2$ , giving your answer in the form  $ax + by + cz + d = 0$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$  are constants. (4)

For other values of  $\alpha$ , the lines  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  do not intersect and are skew lines.

Given that  $\alpha = 2$ ,

(c) find the shortest distance between the lines  $l_1$  and  $l_2$ . (3)

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