

## Complete Solutions to Examination Questions 12

1. We are given  $\mathbf{r} = 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{s} = 4\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$  and we need to determine  $\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{s}$ . How?  
Use (12.24):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{s} &= (2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}) \times (4\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 2 & 3 & -4 \\ 4 & -5 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \mathbf{i} \det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ -5 & -2 \end{pmatrix} - \mathbf{j} \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ 4 & -2 \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{k} \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \mathbf{i}(-6 - 20) - \mathbf{j}(-4 + 16) + \mathbf{k}(-10 - 12) \\ &= -26\mathbf{i} - 12\mathbf{j} - 22\mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

2. (a) (i) To find the work done, we need to find the scalar product  $\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{r}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{r} &= (6\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k}) \cdot (9\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) \\ &= (6 \times 9) + (2 \times 6) + (-5 \times 1) = 61 \text{ J (J = Joule)} \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Let the angle between  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{r}$  be  $\theta$ . How do we find  $\theta$ ?

Use (12.14)  $\cos(\theta) = \frac{\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{|\mathbf{F}||\mathbf{r}|}$ . What is  $|\mathbf{F}|$  and  $|\mathbf{r}|$  equal to?

$$|\mathbf{F}| = |6\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k}| = \sqrt{6^2 + 2^2 + (-5)^2} = \sqrt{65}$$

$$|\mathbf{r}| = |9\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}| = \sqrt{9^2 + 6^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{118}$$

Substituting these  $\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{r} = 61$  and  $|\mathbf{F}| = \sqrt{65}$ ,  $|\mathbf{r}| = \sqrt{118}$  into  $\cos(\theta) = \frac{\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{|\mathbf{F}||\mathbf{r}|}$  gives

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{|\mathbf{F}||\mathbf{r}|} = \frac{61}{\sqrt{65}\sqrt{118}}$$

Taking inverse cosine results in  $\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{61}{\sqrt{65}\sqrt{118}}\right) = 45.85^\circ$ .

(b) (i) We need to find the velocity and acceleration in terms of time by differentiating:

$$\text{velocity} = \dot{\mathbf{r}} = (3t^2 - 6t)\mathbf{i} + (12t - 2)\mathbf{j}$$

$$\text{acceleration} = \ddot{\mathbf{r}} = (6t - 6)\mathbf{i} + 12\mathbf{j}$$

(ii) Initial velocity and acceleration is found by substituting  $t = 0$  into the results of part (b) (i):

$$\text{initial velocity} = [3(0)^2 - (6 \times 0)]\mathbf{i} + [12(0) - 2]\mathbf{j} = -2\mathbf{j}$$

$$\text{initial acceleration} = [6(0) - 6]\mathbf{i} + 12\mathbf{j} = -6\mathbf{i} + 12\mathbf{j}$$

(iii) The horizontal velocity is zero when the coefficient of  $\mathbf{i}$  in  $(3t^2 - 6t)\mathbf{i} + (12t - 2)\mathbf{j}$  is zero:

$$3t^2 - 6t = 0$$

$$3t(t - 2) = 0 \Rightarrow t = 0, t = 2$$

The horizontal velocity is zero at  $t = 0$ ,  $t = 2$ .

3. We have to determine  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$  given  $\mathbf{a} = (3, 5, -2)$  and  $\mathbf{b} = (2, 4, 7)$ . This notation means  $\mathbf{a} = 3\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = 2\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k}$ . Using the determinant to find  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$  gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} &= (3\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}) \times (2\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k}) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 3 & 5 & -2 \\ 2 & 4 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \mathbf{i} \det \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ 4 & 7 \end{pmatrix} - \mathbf{j} \det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & 7 \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{k} \det \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \mathbf{i}(35+8) - \mathbf{j}(21+4) + \mathbf{k}(12-10) \\
 &= 43\mathbf{i} - 25\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}
 \end{aligned}$$

4. We need to evaluate  $\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu q}{4\pi} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{r}}{|\mathbf{r}|^2}$  given  $\mathbf{r} = 3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$ . The vector product  $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{r}$  can be found by using (12.24):

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{r} &= (\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}) \times (3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \mathbf{i} \det \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix} - \mathbf{j} \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{k} \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \mathbf{i}(4-3) - \mathbf{j}(-2-9) + \mathbf{k}(1+6) \\
 &= \mathbf{i} + 11\mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k}
 \end{aligned}$$

The modulus squared  $|\mathbf{r}|^2$  is evaluated by

$$|\mathbf{r}|^2 = |3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}|^2 = 3^2 + 1^2 + (-2)^2 = 14$$

Substituting these evaluations  $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{i} + 11\mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k}$  and  $|\mathbf{r}|^2 = 14$  into  $\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu q}{4\pi} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{r}}{|\mathbf{r}|^2}$ :

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu q}{4\pi} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{r}}{|\mathbf{r}|^2} = \frac{\mu q}{4\pi} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{i} + 11\mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k}}{14} = \frac{(\mathbf{i} + 11\mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k})\mu q}{56\pi}$$

5. We work with the following vectors  $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = 2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{c} = -\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ :

(i) Using the determinant definition to evaluate  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c} &= (2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) \times (-\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \mathbf{i} \det \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} - \mathbf{j} \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{k} \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \mathbf{i}(1-2) - \mathbf{j}(-2+1) + \mathbf{k}(4-1) \\
 &= -\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) We have found  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c} = -\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$  in part (i), but what is  $\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}$  equal to?

$$\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a} = -(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c}) = -(-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}) = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}$$

What does the notation  $\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a})$  mean?

Means the dot product of  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}) &= (2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) \cdot (\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}) \\ &= 2 + 1 - 3 = 0\end{aligned}$$

(iii) Using the result of part (i)  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c} = -\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = 2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c}) \times \mathbf{b} &= (-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}) \times (2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) \\ &= \det \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \mathbf{i} \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} - \mathbf{j} \det \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{k} \det \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \mathbf{i}(-1-6) - \mathbf{j}(1-6) + \mathbf{k}(-2-2) = -7\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}\end{aligned}$$

(iv) Let  $\mathbf{r} = (x, 1, 0)$  which means  $\mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$ . The angle  $60^\circ$  between  $\mathbf{b} = 2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(60^\circ) &= \frac{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{r}||\mathbf{b}|} \\ &= \frac{(x\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) \cdot (2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k})}{|x\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}||2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}|} \\ &= \frac{2x + 2}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}\sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + (-1)^2}} = \frac{2x + 2}{3\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} \quad (*)\end{aligned}$$

What is  $\cos(60^\circ)$  equal to?

$\cos(60^\circ) = \frac{1}{2}$ . Substituting this into (\*) gives

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{2x + 2}{3\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} &= \frac{1}{2} \\ 2(2x + 2) &= 3\sqrt{x^2 + 1} \\ 4(2x + 2)^2 &= 9(x^2 + 1) \quad [\text{Squaring both sides}]\end{aligned}$$

Expanding both sides we have

$$\begin{aligned}4(4x^2 + 8x + 4) &= 9(x^2 + 1) \\ 16x^2 + 32x + 16 &= 9x^2 + 9 \\ 7x^2 + 32x + 7 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

How do we solve this quadratic equation?

Use the quadratic formula  $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ . Using this with  $a = 7$ ,  $b = 32$ ,  $c = 7$ :

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-32 \pm \sqrt{32^2 - (4 \times 7 \times 7)}}{2 \times 7} \\ &= \frac{-32 \pm \sqrt{828}}{14} = -0.2304, -4.3411\end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $x = -0.2304$  into  $\frac{2x+2}{3\sqrt{x^2+1}}$  gives  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Substituting the other value of  $x = -4.3412$  into  $\frac{2x+2}{3\sqrt{x^2+1}}$  gives  $-\frac{1}{2}$ . Hence our  $x$  value is  $-0.2304$ .

6. We work with the vectors  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{c} = 3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k}$ .

(i) Substituting  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{c} = 3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k}$  into

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{a} - 2\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} &= (\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}) - 2(2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}) + (3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k}) \\ &= (1 - 4 + 3)\mathbf{i} + (2 - 1)\mathbf{j} + (-4 - 2 - 5)\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{j} - 11\mathbf{k}\end{aligned}$$

(ii) The dot product  $\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c}$  is found by substituting the given vectors:

$$\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} = (2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}) \cdot (3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k}) = 6 + 0 - 5 = 1$$

(iii) The vector product  $\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c} &= (2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}) \times (3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k}) \\ &= \det \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \mathbf{i} \det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -5 \end{pmatrix} - \mathbf{j} \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & -5 \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{k} \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \mathbf{i}(0+1) - \mathbf{j}(-10-3) + \mathbf{k}(-2-0) = \mathbf{i} + 13\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}\end{aligned}$$

(iv) Need to find  $\mathbf{b} \cdot (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c}) - \mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{b})$ . In part (iii) above we found  $\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{i} + 13\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$  which means that  $\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{b} = -(\mathbf{i} + 13\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}) = -\mathbf{i} - 13\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ . We have to find  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c}$  with  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{c} = 3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c} &= (\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}) \times (3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k}) \\ &= \det \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & 2 & -4 \\ 3 & -1 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \mathbf{i} \det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -4 \\ -1 & -5 \end{pmatrix} - \mathbf{j} \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 3 & -5 \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{k} \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \mathbf{i}(-10-4) - \mathbf{j}(-5+12) + \mathbf{k}(-1-6) = -14\mathbf{i} - 7\mathbf{j} - 7\mathbf{k}\end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $\mathbf{b} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c} = -14\mathbf{i} - 7\mathbf{j} - 7\mathbf{k}$  into the first term of  $\mathbf{b} \cdot (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c}) - \mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{b})$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{b} \cdot (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c}) &= (2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}) \cdot (-14\mathbf{i} - 7\mathbf{j} - 7\mathbf{k}) \\ &= [2 \times (-14)] + [0 \times (-7)] + [1 \times (-7)] = -35\end{aligned}$$

Similarly we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{b}) &= (\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}) \cdot (-\mathbf{i} - 13\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}) \\ &= -1 - 26 - 8 = -35\end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $\mathbf{b} \cdot (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c}) = -35$  and  $\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{b}) = -35$  into  $\mathbf{b} \cdot (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c}) - \mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{b})$  yields

$$\mathbf{b} \cdot (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c}) - \mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{b}) = -35 - (-35) = 0$$

(v) What does the notation  $|\mathbf{r}|$  mean?

The modulus of the vector  $\mathbf{r}$ . We need to determine  $|\mathbf{c}| - |\mathbf{a}|$ :

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{c}| - |\mathbf{a}| &= |3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k}| - |\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}| \\ &= \sqrt{3^2 + (-1)^2 + (-5)^2} - \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + (-4)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{35} - \sqrt{21} = 1.3335 \end{aligned}$$

(vi) We are given  $\mathbf{b} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}$  therefore the unit vector in the direction of  $\mathbf{b}$ , denoted  $\hat{\mathbf{b}}$ , is

$$\hat{\mathbf{b}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^2 + 1^2}}(2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\mathbf{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\mathbf{k}$$

(vii) Let  $\mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}$  be the vector which is perpendicular to vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ . We have  $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{a} = 0$  and  $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$ . From  $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{a} = 0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{a} &= (x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}) \cdot (\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}) \\ &= x + 2y - 4z = 0 \quad (\dagger) \end{aligned}$$

Using  $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{b} &= (x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}) \cdot (2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}) \\ &= 2x + z = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad z = -2x \end{aligned}$$

Let  $x = 1$  then  $z = -2$ . Substituting these values into  $(\dagger)$  gives

$$1 + 2y - 4(-2) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = -\frac{9}{2} = -4.5$$

Hence  $\mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{i} - 4.5\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$ . Finding the unit vector  $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{r}} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2 + (-4.5)^2 + (-2)^2}}(\mathbf{i} - 4.5\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{25.25}}(\mathbf{i} - 4.5\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}) \end{aligned}$$

7. We can write the given vectors  $\mathbf{u} = (1, -1, 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = (0, 1, 2)$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = (1, 0, 5)$  in terms of  $\mathbf{i}$ ,  $\mathbf{j}$  and  $\mathbf{k}$  which means  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{k}$ . The first vector product is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} &= (\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) \times (\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}) \\ &= \det \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \mathbf{i} \det \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} - \mathbf{j} \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{k} \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \mathbf{i}(-2-1) - \mathbf{j}(2-0) + \mathbf{k}(1-0) = -3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

The cosine of the angle, say  $\theta$ , between the vectors  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  is given by

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w}}{|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}| |\mathbf{w}|} \quad (*)$$

Determining the numerator and denominator of (\*):

$$(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w} = (-3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) \cdot (\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{k}) = -3 + 5 = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}| |\mathbf{w}| &= |-3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}| |\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{k}| \\
 &= \sqrt{(-3)^2 + (-2)^2 + 1^2} \sqrt{1^2 + 5^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{14} \sqrt{26}
 \end{aligned}$$

Putting these results into (\*) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 \cos(\theta) &= \frac{(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w}}{|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}| |\mathbf{w}|} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{26} \sqrt{14}} \\
 &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{26 \times 14}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{4 \times 91}} = \frac{2}{2\sqrt{91}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{91}} \quad [\text{Cancelling 2's}]
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we can find the cosine of the angle between  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w} &= (\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) \times (\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{k}) \\
 &= \det \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \mathbf{i} \det \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 \end{pmatrix} - \mathbf{j} \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} + \mathbf{k} \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \mathbf{i}(-5 - 0) - \mathbf{j}(5 - 1) + \mathbf{k}(0 - (-1)) = -5\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}
 \end{aligned}$$

Need to determine  $(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}) \cdot \mathbf{v}$  and  $|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}|$ ,  $|\mathbf{v}|$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}) \cdot \mathbf{v} &= (-5\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) \cdot (\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}) = 0 - 4 + 2 = -2 \\
 |\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}| &= |-5\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}| = \sqrt{(-5)^2 + (-4)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{42} \\
 |\mathbf{v}| &= |\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{5}
 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}) \cdot \mathbf{v} = -2$  and  $|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}| = \sqrt{42}$ ,  $|\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{5}$  into  $\cos(\theta) = \frac{(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}) \cdot \mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}| |\mathbf{v}|}$  yields

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}) \cdot \mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}| |\mathbf{v}|} = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{42} \sqrt{5}} = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{210}}$$