

13. Relative to a fixed origin O

- point A has position vector $10\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}$
- point B has position vector $-8\mathbf{i} + 9\mathbf{j}$
- point C has position vector $-2\mathbf{i} + p\mathbf{j}$ where p is a constant

(a) Find \vec{AB}

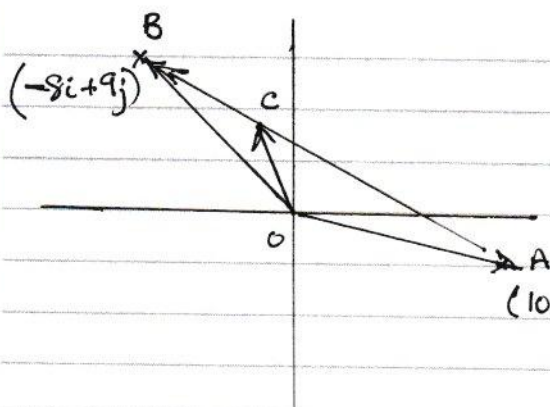
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(b) Find $|\vec{AB}|$ giving your answer as a fully simplified surd.

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Given that points A , B and C lie on a straight line,(c) (i) find the value of p ,(ii) state the ratio of the area of triangle AOC to the area of triangle AOB .

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(a) $\vec{AB} = -\vec{OA} + \vec{OB}$

$$= -(10\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}) + (-8\mathbf{i} + 9\mathbf{j})$$

$$= -18\mathbf{i} + 12\mathbf{j}$$

$$(b) |\vec{AB}| = \sqrt{(-18)^2 + (12)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{468} \quad \leftarrow 36 \text{ is a factor}$$

$$= \sqrt{36 \times 13}$$

$$= 6\sqrt{13}$$

(b) C lies on AB

$$\text{Gradient of } AB = -\frac{12}{18} = -\frac{2}{3}$$

This must also be the gradient of AC if C is on AB

$$\text{Gradient of } AC = -\left(\frac{p+3}{12}\right) = \frac{\text{Change in } j}{\text{Change in } i}$$

as C is at $(-2\mathbf{i} + p\mathbf{j})$

$$\text{So } -\left(\frac{p+3}{12}\right) = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$p+3 = \frac{24}{3} = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{p = 5}}$$

