

Show that the vectors  $\frac{1}{7}(2i + 3j + 6k)$ ,  $\frac{1}{7}(3i - 6j + 2k)$  and  $\frac{1}{7}(6i + 2j + 3k)$  are mutually perpendicular.

$$\text{Let } \vec{a} = \frac{1}{7}(2i + 3j + 6k)$$

$$\vec{b} = \frac{1}{7}(3i - 6j + 2k)$$

$$\vec{c} = \frac{1}{7}(6i + 2j + 3k)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{consider } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} &= \frac{1}{7}(2i + 3j + 6k) \cdot \frac{1}{7}(3i - 6j + 2k) \\ &= \frac{1}{49} \{(2i + 3j + 6k) \cdot (3i - 6j + 2k)\} \\ &= \frac{1}{49} \{6 - 18 + 12\} = \frac{1}{49} \{0\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0 \quad \therefore \vec{a} \text{ is perpendicular to } \vec{b}$$

///<sup>by</sup> We can show that  $\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = 0$  &  $\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$

$\therefore \vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are mutually perpendicular vectors.

