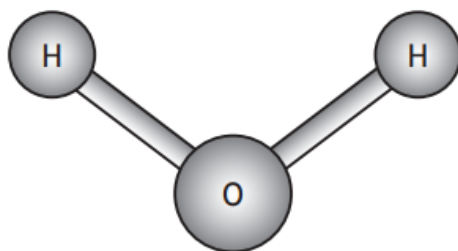


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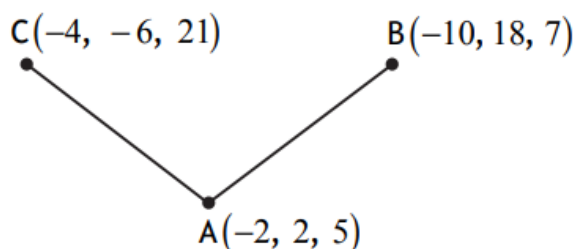


The picture shows a model of a water molecule.



Relative to suitable coordinate axes, the oxygen atom is positioned at point  $A(-2, 2, 5)$ .

The two hydrogen atoms are positioned at points  $B(-10, 18, 7)$  and  $C(-4, -6, 21)$  as shown in the diagram below.



- (a) Express  $\vec{AB}$  and  $\vec{AC}$  in component form. 2
- (b) Hence, or otherwise, find the size of angle BAC. 4

Answers:

(a)  $\begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ 16 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$   $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -8 \\ 16 \end{pmatrix}$

(b)  $104.3^\circ$  or  $1.82$  radians