

Higher Maths
SQA 2018 Paper 1
Question 12



Vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are such that $\mathbf{a} = 4\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{b} = -2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + p\mathbf{k}$.

- (a) Express $2\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$ in component form. 1
- (b) Hence find the values of p for which $|2\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}| = 7$. 3
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Answers:

(a)
$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -3 \\ 4 + p \end{pmatrix}$$

(b) $p = -2, p = -6$