

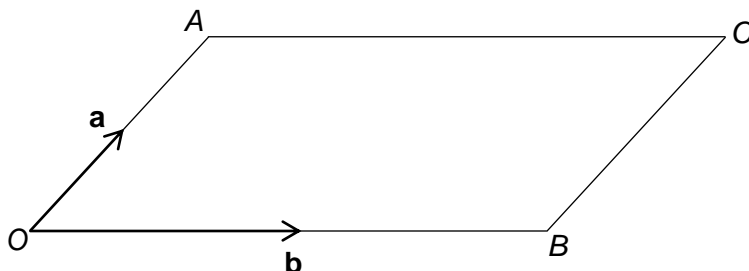


Vectors



REVISE THIS TOPIC

1 $OACB$ is a parallelogram.



$$\vec{OA} = \mathbf{a} \quad \vec{OB} = \mathbf{b}$$

Write the following vectors in terms of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .

1 (a) \vec{AO} [1 mark]

Answer $-\mathbf{a}$

1 (b) \vec{BC} [1 mark]

Answer \mathbf{a}

1 (c) \vec{AB} [1 mark]

Answer $\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}$

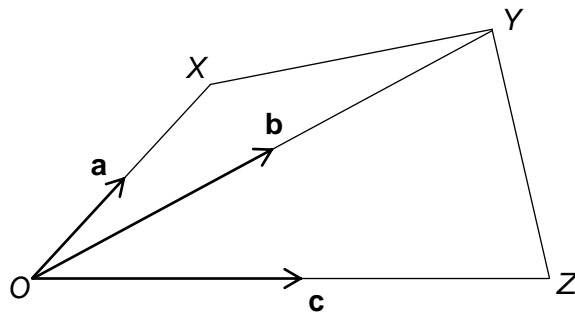
1 (d) \vec{CO} [1 mark]

Answer $-\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$





2 OXYZ is a quadrilateral.



$\vec{OX} = \mathbf{a}$ $\vec{OY} = \mathbf{b}$ $\vec{OZ} = \mathbf{c}$

Write the following vectors in terms of **a**, **b** and **c**.

2 (a) \vec{ZO} [1 mark]

Answer $-\mathbf{c}$

2 (b) \vec{XY} [1 mark]

Answer $\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}$

2 (c) \vec{ZY} [1 mark]

Answer $\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c}$

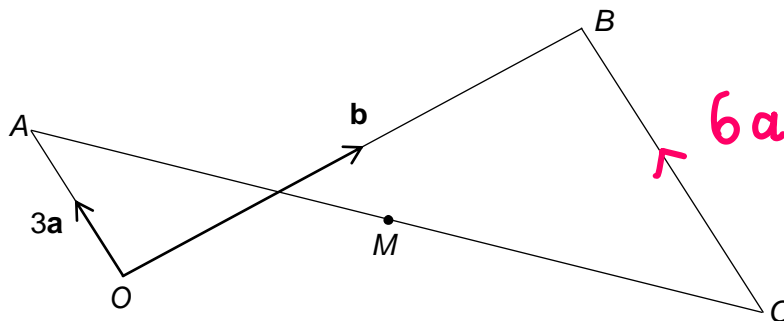
2 (d) \vec{XZ} [1 mark]

Answer $\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{a}$





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$\vec{OA} = 3a$ $\vec{OB} = b$ $\vec{CB} = 2\vec{OA}$

Write the following vectors in terms of a , b and c .

3 (a) \vec{AB} [1 mark]

Answer $b - 3a$

3 (b) \vec{CA} [2 marks]

$\vec{CA} = \vec{CB} + \vec{BO} + \vec{OA}$
 $= 6a - b + 3a$

Answer $9a - b$

3 (c) M is the midpoint of AC.

Write \vec{CM} in terms of a and b . [2 marks]

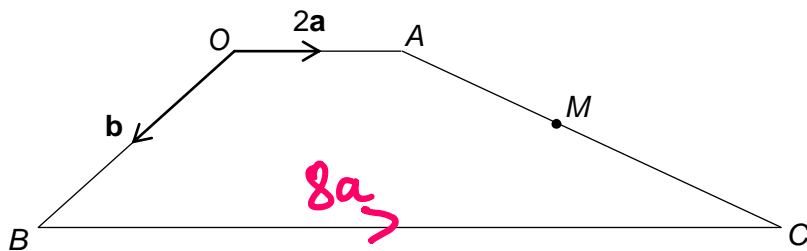
$\vec{CM} = \frac{1}{2} \vec{CA}$
 $= \frac{1}{2} (9a - b)$

Answer $\frac{9}{2}a - \frac{1}{2}b$



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4 OACB is a trapezium



$$\vec{OA} = 2\mathbf{a} \quad \vec{OB} = \mathbf{b} \quad \vec{BC} = 4\vec{OA}$$

4 (a) Write \vec{AC} in term of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .

[2 marks]

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{AC} &= \vec{AO} + \vec{OB} + \vec{BC} \\ &= -2\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + 8\mathbf{a}\end{aligned}$$

Answer $6\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$

4 (c) M is the midpoint of AC.

Write \vec{BM} in term of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .

[3 marks]

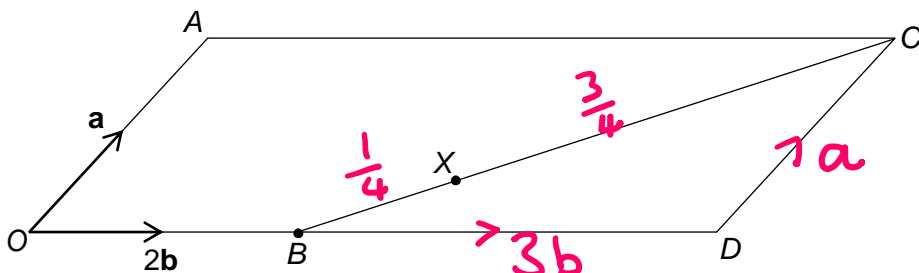
$$\begin{aligned}\vec{BM} &= \vec{BO} + \vec{OA} + \frac{1}{2}\vec{AC} \\ &= -\mathbf{b} + 2\mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2}(6\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) \\ &= -\mathbf{b} + 2\mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b}\end{aligned}$$

Answer $5\mathbf{a} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b}$





5 OACD is a parallelogram.



$$\vec{OA} = \mathbf{a} \quad \vec{OB} = 2\mathbf{b} \quad \vec{OD} = 2.5\vec{OB}$$

5 (a) Write \vec{AD} in term of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} . [2 marks]

$$\vec{AD} = \vec{AO} + \vec{OD}$$

$$= -\mathbf{a} + 5\mathbf{b}$$

Answer $5\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}$

5 (b) Write \vec{BC} in term of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} . [2 marks]

$$\vec{BC} = \vec{BD} + \vec{DC}$$

$$= 3\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a}$$

Answer $3\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a}$

5 (c) $BX : XC = 1 : 3$

Write \vec{OX} in term of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} . [2 marks]

$$\vec{OX} = \vec{OB} + \vec{BX}$$

$$= 2\mathbf{b} + \frac{1}{4}\vec{BC}$$

$$= 2\mathbf{b} + \frac{1}{4}(3\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a})$$

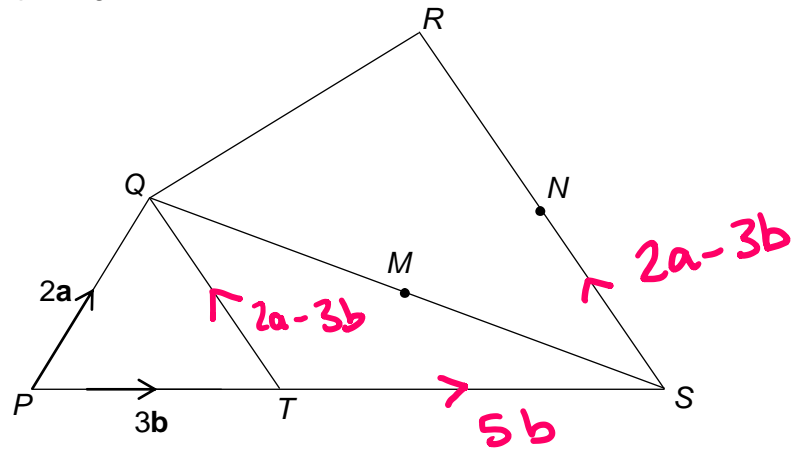
$$= 2\mathbf{b} + \frac{3}{4}\mathbf{b} + \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{a}$$

Answer $\frac{11}{4}\mathbf{b} + \frac{1}{4}\mathbf{a}$



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 $PQRST$ is a pentagon.

$$\vec{PQ} = 2a \quad \vec{PT} = 3b \quad \vec{RS} = 2\vec{QT}$$

PTS is a straight line with $PT : TS = 3 : 5$

$$\uparrow TS = 5b$$

M is the midpoint of QS .

N is the midpoint of RS .

Write \vec{MN} in term of a and b .

[4 marks]

$$\vec{QT} = 2a - 3b \quad \vec{RS} = 2(2a - 3b)$$

$$\vec{SN} = 2a - 3b \quad = 4a - 6b$$

$$\vec{QS} = \vec{QT} + \vec{TS}$$

$$= 3b - 2a + 5b$$

$$= 8b - 2a$$

$$\vec{MS} = \frac{1}{2}(8b - 2a)$$

$$= 4b - a$$

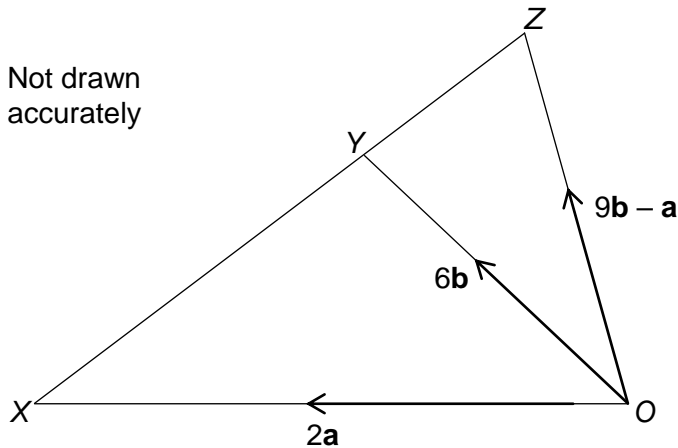
$$\vec{MN} = \vec{MS} + \vec{SN}$$

$$= 4b - a + 2a - 3b$$

Answer $a + b$



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Not drawn
accurately

Prove, using vectors, that XYZ is a straight line.

[3 marks]

$$\vec{XY} = 6b - 2a$$

$$\vec{XZ} = 9b - a - 2a$$

$$= 9b - 3a$$

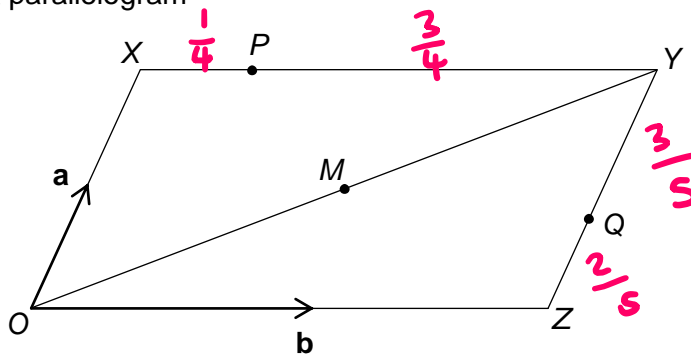
$$= \frac{3}{2}(6b - 2a)$$

$$\vec{XZ} = \frac{3}{2}\vec{XY}$$

therefore XYZ is a straight line



8 OXYZ is a parallelogram



$$\vec{OX} = \mathbf{a} \quad \vec{OZ} = \mathbf{b}$$

$$XP : PY = 1 : 3$$

$$ZQ : QY = 2 : 3$$

M is the midpoint of OY

8 (a) Write \vec{PQ} in term of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .

[2 marks]

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{PQ} &= \vec{PY} + \vec{YQ} \\ &= \frac{3}{4}\mathbf{b} - \frac{3}{5}\mathbf{a} \end{aligned}$$

Answer $\frac{3}{4}\mathbf{b} - \frac{3}{5}\mathbf{a}$

8 (b) Write \vec{MQ} in term of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .

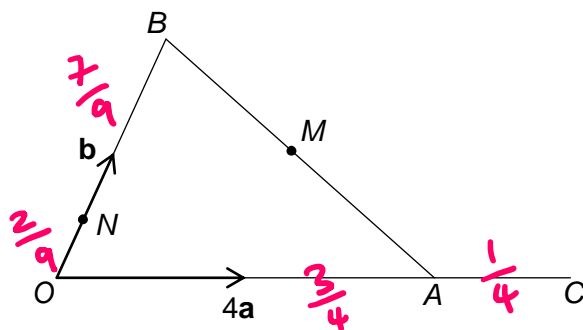
[3 marks]

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{MQ} &= \vec{MY} + \vec{YQ} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) + \vec{YQ} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) - \frac{3}{5}\mathbf{a} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b} - \frac{3}{5}\mathbf{a} \end{aligned}$$

Answer $\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b} - \frac{1}{10}\mathbf{a}$



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$$\vec{OA} = 4a \quad \vec{OB} = b$$

$$OA : OC = 3 : 4$$

$$ON : OB = 2 : 9$$

M is the midpoint of AB

9 (a) Write \vec{MC} in term of **a** and **b**. [3 marks]

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{MC} &= \vec{MA} + \vec{AC} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \vec{BA} + \vec{AC} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(4a - b) + \frac{1}{3}a \\ &= 2a - \frac{1}{2}b + \frac{1}{3}a \end{aligned}$$

Answer $\frac{10}{3}a - \frac{1}{2}b$

9 (b) Write \vec{NM} in term of **a** and **b**. [2 marks]

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{NM} &= \vec{NB} + \vec{BM} \\ &= \frac{7}{9}b + 2a - \frac{1}{2}b \end{aligned}$$

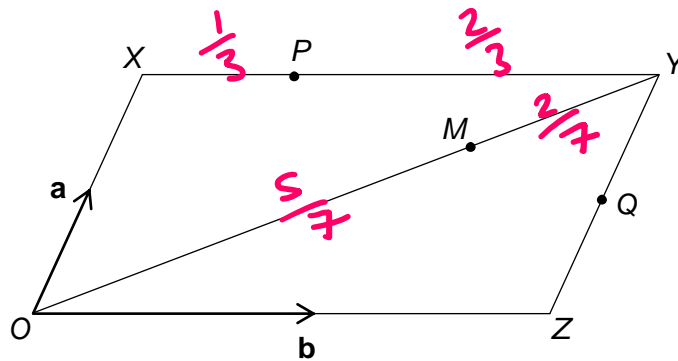
Answer $\frac{5}{18}b + 2a$



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OXYZ is a parallelogram



$$\vec{OX} = \mathbf{a} \quad \vec{OZ} = \mathbf{b}$$

$$ZQ = QY$$

$$XP : PY = 1 : 2$$

$$OM : MY = 5 : 2$$

Prove, using vectors, that PMQ is a straight line.

[4 marks]

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{PM} &= \vec{PY} + \vec{YM} \\ &= \vec{PY} + \frac{2}{7}(\vec{YO}) \\ &= \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{b} + \frac{2}{7}(-\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}) \\ &= \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{b} - \frac{2}{7}\mathbf{b} - \frac{2}{7}\mathbf{a} \\ &= \frac{8}{21}\mathbf{b} - \frac{2}{7}\mathbf{a}\end{aligned}$$

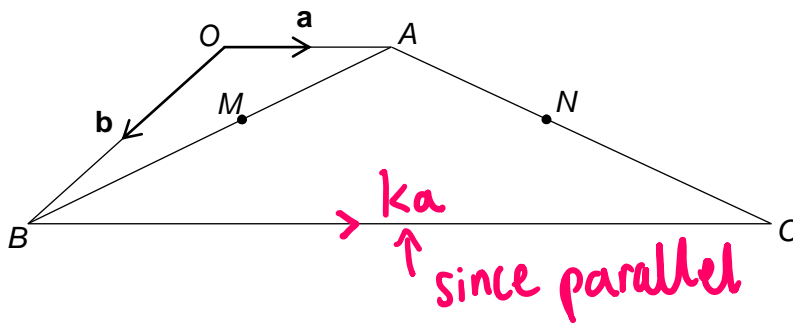
$$\begin{aligned}\vec{PQ} &= \vec{PY} + \vec{YQ} \\ &= \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{b} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}\end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{PQ} = \frac{7}{4}\vec{PM}$$

therefore PMQ is a straight line

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OACB is a trapezium



$$\vec{OA} = \mathbf{a} \quad \vec{OB} = \mathbf{b}$$

M and N are the midpoints of AB and AC.

Prove, using vectors, that MN is parallel to OA.

[4 marks]

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{MN} &= \vec{MA} + \vec{AN} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \vec{BA} + \frac{1}{2} \vec{AC} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) + \frac{1}{2}(-\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + k\mathbf{a}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b} + \frac{k}{2}\mathbf{a} \\ &= \frac{k}{2}\mathbf{a} \end{aligned}$$

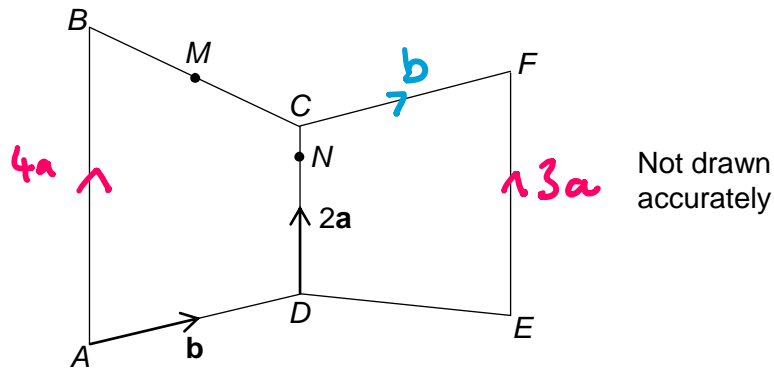
$$\vec{MN} = \frac{k}{2} \vec{OA}$$

therefore they are parallel



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ABCD and CDEF are trapeziums



$$\vec{DC} = 2a \quad \vec{AD} = \vec{CF} = b$$

$AB : DC : EF = 4 : 2 : 3$
 M is the midpoint of BC.
 N is on the line CD.

MNE is a straight line.

$DN : NC = k : 1$, where k is an integer.

Work out the value of k .

[5 marks]

$$\vec{MN} = \vec{MC} + \vec{CN}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(\vec{BC}) + \vec{CN}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(-4a + b + 2a) - \alpha(2a)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}b - a - 2\alpha a$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}b - (2\alpha + 1)a$$

$$\vec{NE} = 2\vec{MN}$$

$$\vec{NE} = \vec{NC} + \vec{CF} + \vec{FE}$$

$$= \alpha(2a) + b - 3a$$

$$= b - (3 - 2\alpha)a$$

$$\text{so } NC = \frac{1}{6}DC$$

$$3 - 2\alpha = 2(2\alpha + 1)$$

$$DC : NC = 6 : 1$$

$$3 - 2\alpha = 4\alpha + 2$$

$$DN : NC = 5 : 1$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{6}$$


 $k =$

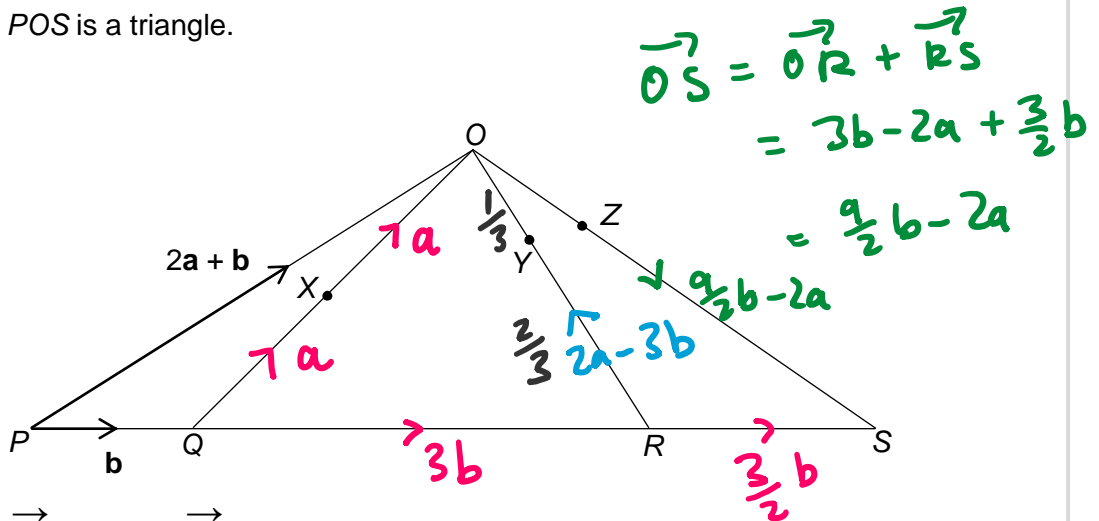
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POS is a triangle.



$\vec{PQ} = b$ $\vec{PO} = 2a + b$

X is the midpoint of QO
 OY: YR = 1 : 2
 PQ : QR : RS = 2 : 6 : 3

$\vec{RO} = \vec{RQ} + \vec{QO}$
 $= -3b + 2a$
 $= 2a - 3b$

XYZ is a straight line.

OZ : OS = 1 : k

Work out the value of k.

[6 marks]

$\vec{XY} = \vec{XO} + \vec{OY}$
 $= a - \frac{1}{3}(2a - 3b)$
 $= a - \frac{2}{3}a + b$
 $= b + \frac{1}{3}a$

$\vec{XZ} = \vec{XO} + \vec{OZ}$
 $= a + \frac{1}{k}(\frac{9}{2}b - 2a)$
 $= a + \frac{9}{2k}b - \frac{2}{k}a$
 $= (1 - \frac{2}{k})a + \frac{9}{2k}b$

$\vec{XZ} = n(\vec{XY})$
 $= n(b + \frac{1}{3}a)$
 $= nb + \frac{n}{3}a$

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$1 - \frac{2}{k} = \frac{n}{3}$
 $3 - \frac{6}{k} = n$

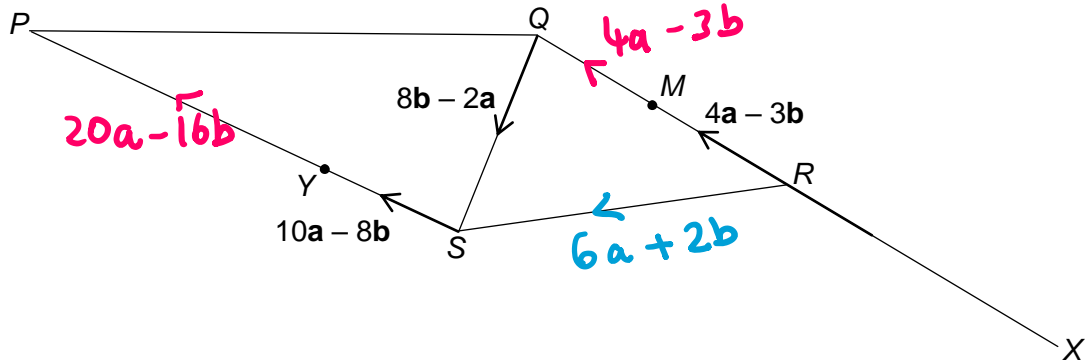
$3 - \frac{6}{k} = \frac{9}{2k}$
 $3k - 6 = \frac{9}{2}$
 $6k - 12 = 9$
 $k = \frac{21}{6} = \frac{7}{2}$

and $\frac{9}{2k} = n$ $k = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad 3.5$



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PQRS is a quadrilateral.



$$\vec{SY} = 10a - 8b$$

$$\vec{QS} = 8b - 2a$$

$$\vec{RM} = 4a - 3b$$

$$RM = MQ$$

$$SY : YP = 1 : 2$$

QRX is a straight line.

XS is parallel to RP.

Work out XS : RP

 Give your answer in the form $n : 1$

[6 marks]

$$\vec{RP} = \vec{RQ} + \vec{QS} + \vec{SP}$$

$$= 8a - 6b + 8b - 2a + 30a - 24b$$

$$= 36a - 22b$$

$$\vec{XS} = \vec{XR} + \vec{RS}$$

$$\vec{XS} = n \vec{RP}$$

$$= k(4a - 3b) + 6a + 2b$$

$$= 36na - 22nb$$

$$= (4k + 6)a - (3k - 2)b$$

$$4k + 6 = 36n \quad (\times 3)$$

$$3k - 2 = 22n \quad (\times 4)$$

$$n = \frac{26}{20}$$

$$12k + 18 = 108n$$

$$\frac{26}{20}$$

$$12k - 8 = 88n$$

$$n = \frac{13}{10}$$

$$26 = 20n$$

Answer

 $1 : 3 : 1$

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