

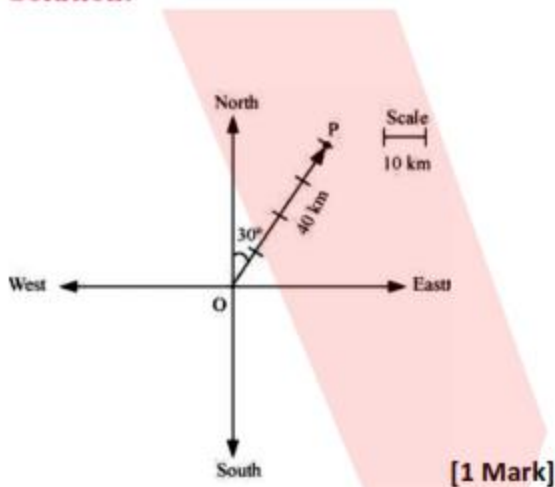
## CBSE NCERT Solutions for Class 12 Maths Chapter 10

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#### Exercise: 10.1

1. Represent graphically a displacement of 40 km,  $30^\circ$  east of north. [2 Marks]

#### Solution:



[1 Mark]

Here, vector  $\vec{OP}$  represents the displacement of 40 km,  $30^\circ$  East of North. [1 Mark]

2. Classify the following measures as scalars and vectors. [1 Mark each]

- (i) 10 kg
- (ii) 2 metres north-west
- (iii)  $40^\circ$
- (iv) 40 watt
- (v)  $10^{-19}$  coulomb
- (vi)  $20 \text{ m/s}^2$

**Solution:**

(i) 10 kg is a scalar quantity because it involves only magnitude. [1 Mark]

(ii) 2 meters north-west is a vector quantity as it involves both magnitude and direction.

**[1 Mark]**

(iii)  $40^\circ$  is a scalar quantity as it involves only magnitude. [1 Mark]

(iv) 40 watts is a scalar quantity as it involves only magnitude. [1 Mark]

(v)  $10^{-19}$  coulomb is a scalar quantity as it involves only magnitude. [1 Mark]

(vi)  $20 \text{ m/s}^2$  is a vector quantity as it involves magnitude as well as direction. [1 Mark]

3. Classify the following as scalar and vector quantities. [1 Mark each]

(i) time period

(ii) distance

(iii) force

(iv) velocity

(v) work done

**Solution:**

(i) Time period is a scalar quantity as it involves only magnitude. [1 Mark]

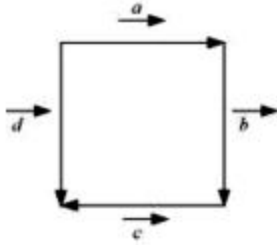
(ii) Distance is a scalar quantity as it involves only magnitude. [1 Mark]

(iii) Force is a vector quantity as it involves both magnitude and direction. [1 Mark]

(iv) Velocity is a vector quantity as it involves both magnitude as well as direction. [1 Mark]

(v) Work done is a scalar quantity as it involves only magnitude. [1 Mark]

4. In Figure, identify the following vectors. [1 Mark each]



- (i) Coinitial
- (ii) Equal
- (iii) Collinear but not equal

**Solution:**

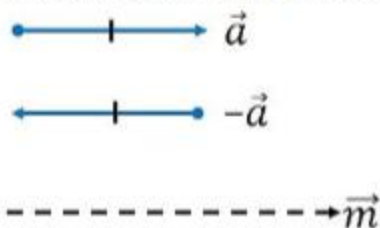
- (i) Vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{d}$  are coinitial because they have the same initial point. **[1 Mark]**
- (ii) Vectors  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are equal because they have the same magnitude and direction. **[1 Mark]**
- (iii) Vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are collinear but not equal. This is because although they are parallel, their directions are not the same. **[1 Mark]**

5. Answer the following as true or false. **[1 Mark each]**

- (i)  $\vec{a}$  and  $-\vec{a}$  are collinear.
- (ii) Two collinear vectors are always equal in magnitude.
- (iii) Two vectors having same magnitude are collinear.
- (iv) Two collinear vectors having the same magnitude are equal.

**Solution:**

- (i) True.  
Two vectors are collinear if they are parallel to line the same line.

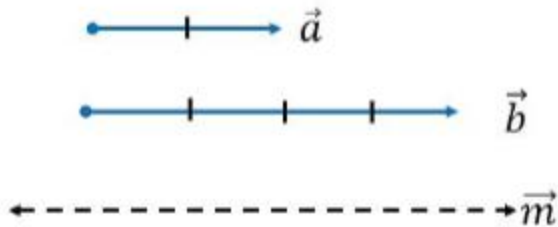


Vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $-\vec{a}$  are parallel to the same line  $\vec{m}$ . **[1 Mark]**

So,  $\vec{a}$  and  $-\vec{a}$  are collinear.

(ii) False.

Collinear vectors are those vectors that are parallel to the same line.



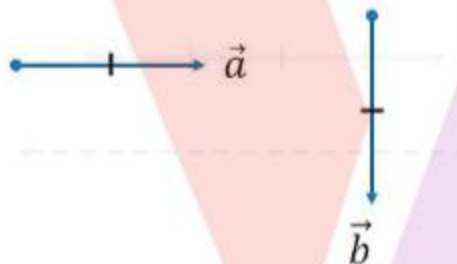
Here,  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are parallel to  $\vec{m}$

Hence, collinear.

But,  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are not equal in magnitude. **[1 Mark]**

(iii) False.

Two or more vectors are collinear if they are parallel to the same line.



$\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are equal in magnitude but not parallel to the same line

Hence,  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are not collinear. **[1 Mark]**

(iv) False

Two or more vectors are equal if they have the same magnitude and same direction. Collinear vectors may have the same magnitude but are not equal.

Hence false. **[1 Mark]**

**Exercise: 10.2**

1. Compute the magnitude of the following vectors: [4 Marks]

$$\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}; \quad \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}; \quad \vec{c} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{j} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{k}$$

Solution:

Given vectors are  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ;  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ ;  $\vec{c} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{j} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{k}$  [1 Mark]

Magnitude of  $\vec{a}$  is  $|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (1)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{3}$

Hence,  $|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{3}$  [1 Mark]

Magnitude of  $\vec{b}$  is  $|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (-7)^2 + (-3)^2}$

$$= \sqrt{4 + 49 + 9}$$

$$= \sqrt{62}$$

Hence,  $|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{62}$  [1 Mark]

Magnitude of  $\vec{c}$  is  $|\vec{c}| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2}$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3}} = 1$$

Hence,  $|\vec{c}| = 1$  [1 Mark]

2. Write two different vectors having same magnitude. [2 Marks]

**Solution:**

Let  $\vec{a} = (-\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$  and  $\vec{b} = (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$

Now, magnitude of  $\vec{a}$  is  $|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-2)^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{1 + 4 + 9} = \sqrt{14}$  [1 Mark]

$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 1^2 + (-3)^2} = \sqrt{4 + 1 + 9} = \sqrt{14}$  [1 Mark]

Hence,  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$



3. Write two different vectors having same direction. [2 Marks]

**Solution:**

Let  $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$  and  $\vec{b} = (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$ .

The direction cosines of  $\vec{a}$  are given by,

$$l = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2+1^2+1^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2+1^2+1^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ and } n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2+1^2+1^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad [1 \text{ Mark}]$$

The direction cosines of  $\vec{b}$  are given by,

$$l = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2^2+2^2+2^2}} = \frac{2}{2\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, m = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2^2+2^2+2^2}} = \frac{2}{2\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{And } n = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2^2+2^2+2^2}} = \frac{2}{2\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \quad [1 \text{ Mark}]$$

The direction cosines of  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are the same. Hence, the two vectors have the same direction.

4. Find the values of  $x$  and  $y$  so that the vectors  $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$  and  $x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$  are equal [1 Mark]

**Solution:**

The two vectors  $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$  and  $x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$  will be equal if their corresponding components are equal.

Hence, the required values of  $x$  and  $y$  are 2 and 3 respectively. [1 Mark]

5. Find the scalar and vector components of the vector with initial point  $(2,1)$  and terminal point  $(-5,7)$ . [1 Mark]

**Solution:**

Let the given points be  $P(2, 1)$  and  $Q(-5, 7)$

The vector with the initial point  $P(2, 1)$  and terminal point  $Q(-5, 7)$  can be given by,

$$\vec{PQ} = (-5 - 2)\hat{i} + (7 - 1)\hat{j} \quad \left[\frac{1}{2} \text{ Mark}\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{PQ} = -7\hat{i} + 6\hat{j}$$

Hence, the required scalar components are  $-7$  and  $6$  while the vector components are  $-7\hat{i}$  and

$6\hat{j}$ . [1/2 Mark]

6. Find the sum of the vectors  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = -2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$  and

$$\vec{c} = \hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}$$

[1 Mark]

**Solution:**

The given vectors are  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = -2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}$

$$\therefore \vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = (1 - 2 + 1)\hat{i} + (-2 + 4 - 6)\hat{j} + (1 + 5 - 7)\hat{k} \quad \left[\frac{1}{2} \text{ Mark}\right]$$

$$= 0 \cdot \hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 1 \cdot \hat{k}$$

$$= -4\hat{j} - \hat{k} \quad \left[\frac{1}{2} \text{ Mark}\right]$$

7. Find the unit vector in the direction of the vector  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ .

[1 Mark]

**Solution:**

The unit vector  $\hat{a}$  in the direction of vector  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ .

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{1 + 1 + 4} = \sqrt{6} \quad \left[\frac{1}{2} \text{ Mark}\right]$$

$$\therefore \hat{a} = \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \frac{\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\hat{j} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\hat{k} \quad \left[\frac{1}{2} \text{ Mark}\right]$$

8. Find the unit vector in the direction of vector  $\overrightarrow{PQ}$ , where  $P$  and  $Q$  are the points  $(1, 2, 3)$  and  $(4, 5, 6)$ , respectively.

[2 Marks]

**Solution:**

The given points are  $P(1, 2, 3)$  and  $Q(4, 5, 6)$ .

$$\therefore \overrightarrow{PQ} = (4 - 1)\hat{i} + (5 - 2)\hat{j} + (6 - 3)\hat{k} = 3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$|\overrightarrow{PQ}| = \sqrt{3^2 + 3^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{9 + 9 + 9} = \sqrt{27} = 3\sqrt{3} \quad \left[\frac{1}{2} \text{ Mark}\right]$$

Hence, the unit vector in the direction of  $\overrightarrow{PQ}$  is

$$\frac{\overrightarrow{PQ}}{|\overrightarrow{PQ}|} = \frac{3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}}{3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{j} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{k} \quad \left[\frac{1}{2} \text{ Mark}\right]$$

9. For given vectors,  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = -\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$  find the unit vector in the direction of the vector  $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$  [2 Marks]

**Solution:**

The given vectors are  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = -\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ .

$$\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = -\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{a} + \vec{b} = (2 - 1)\hat{i} + (-1 + 1)\hat{j} + (2 - 1)\hat{k} = 1\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 1\hat{k} = \hat{i} + \hat{k} \quad [1 \text{ Mark}]$$

$$|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

Hence, the unit vector in the direction of  $(\vec{a} + \vec{b})$  is

$$\frac{(\vec{a} + \vec{b})}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b}|} = \frac{\hat{i} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{k} \quad [1 \text{ Mark}]$$

10. Find a vector in the direction of vector  $5\hat{j} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  which has magnitude 8 units. [2 Marks]

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } \vec{a} = 5\hat{j} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{a}| = \sqrt{5^2 + (-1)^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{25 + 1 + 4} = \sqrt{30}$$

$$\therefore \hat{a} = \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \frac{5\hat{j} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{30}} \quad [1 \text{ Mark}]$$

Hence, the unit vector in the direction of vector  $5\hat{j} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  which has magnitude 8 units is given by,

$$8\hat{a} = 8 \left( \frac{5\hat{j} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{30}} \right) = \frac{40}{\sqrt{30}}\hat{j} - \frac{8}{\sqrt{30}}\hat{j} + \frac{16}{\sqrt{30}}\hat{k}$$

$$= 8 \left( \frac{5\hat{j} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{30}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{40}{\sqrt{30}}\hat{j} - \frac{8}{\sqrt{30}}\hat{j} + \frac{16}{\sqrt{30}}\hat{k} \quad [1 \text{ Mark}]$$



11. Show that the vectors  $2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  and  $-4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$  are collinear. [2 Marks]

**Solution:**

Let  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = -4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$ .

It is observed that  $\vec{b} = -4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 8\hat{k} = -2(2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) = -2\vec{a}$  [1 Mark]

$$\therefore \vec{b} = \lambda\vec{a}$$

Where,

$$\lambda = -2$$

Hence, the given vectors are collinear. [1 Mark]

12. Find the direction cosines of the vector  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  [1 Mark]

**Solution:**

Let  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

$$\therefore |\vec{a}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{1 + 4 + 9} = \sqrt{14}$$
 [1/2 Mark]

Hence, the direction cosines of  $\vec{a}$  are  $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}\right)$ . [1/2 Mark]

13. Find the direction cosines of the vector joining the points  $A(1, 2, -3)$  and  $B(-1, -2, 1)$  directed from  $A$  to  $B$ . [1 Mark]

**Solution:**

The given points are  $A(1, 2, -3)$  and  $B(-1, -2, 1)$ .

$$\therefore \vec{AB} = (-1 - 1)\hat{i} + (-2 - 2)\hat{j} + \{1 - (-3)\}\hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{AB} = -2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$
 [1/2 Mark]

$$\therefore |\vec{AB}| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (-4)^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{4 + 16 + 16} = \sqrt{36} = 6$$

Hence, the direction cosines of  $\vec{AB}$  are  $\left(-\frac{2}{6}, -\frac{4}{6}, \frac{4}{6}\right) = \left(-\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right)$ . [ $\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

14. Show that the vector  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  is equally inclined to the axes  $OX, OY$ , and  $OZ$ . [1 Mark]

**Solution:**

Let  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$

Then,

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{3}$$

Therefore, the direction cosines of  $\vec{a}$  are  $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$ . [ $\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

Now, let  $\alpha, \beta$ , and  $\gamma$  be the angles formed by  $\vec{a}$  with the positive directions of  $x, y$ , and  $z$  axes.

Then, we have

$$\cos\alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \cos\beta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \cos\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Hence, the given vector is equally inclined to axes  $OX, OY$ , and  $OZ$ . [ $\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

15. Find the position vector of a point  $R$  which divides the line joining two points  $P$  and  $Q$  whose position vectors are  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  respectively, in the ratio 2: 1

(i) internally

(ii) externally

**Solution:**

The position vector of point  $R$  dividing the line segment joining two points  $P$  and  $Q$  in the ratio  $m: n$  is given by:

(i) Internally:  $\frac{m\vec{b} + n\vec{a}}{m+n}$  [1 Mark]

(ii) Externally:  $\frac{m\vec{b} - n\vec{a}}{m-n}$  [1 Mark]

Position vectors of  $P$  and  $Q$  are given as:

$$\vec{OP} = i + 2j - \hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{OQ} = -i + j + \hat{k}$$

(i) The position vector of point  $R$  which divides the line joining two points  $P$  and  $Q$  internally in the ratio 2: 1 is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{OR} &= \frac{2(-i + j + \hat{k}) + 1(i + 2j - \hat{k})}{2 + 1} = \frac{(-2i + 2j + 2\hat{k}) + (i + 2j - \hat{k})}{3} \\ &= \frac{-i + 4j + \hat{k}}{3} = -\frac{1}{3}i + \frac{4}{3}j + \frac{1}{3}\hat{k} \end{aligned} \quad [1 \text{ Mark}]$$

(ii) The position vector of point  $R$  which divides the line joining two points  $P$  and  $Q$  externally in the ratio 2: 1 is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{OR} &= \frac{2(-i + j + \hat{k}) - 1(i + 2j - \hat{k})}{2 - 1} = \frac{(-2i + 2j + 2\hat{k}) - (i + 2j - \hat{k})}{1} \\ &= -3i + 3\hat{k} \end{aligned} \quad [1 \text{ Mark}]$$

16. Find the position vector of the mid-point of the vector joining the points  $P(2, 3, 4)$  and  $Q(4, 1, -2)$ . [1 Mark]

**Solution:**

The position vector of mid-point  $R$  of the vector joining points  $P(2, 3, 4)$  and  $Q(4, 1, -2)$  is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{OR} &= \frac{(2i + 3j + 4\hat{k}) + (4i + j - 2\hat{k})}{2} = \frac{(2+4)i + (3+1)j + (4-2)\hat{k}}{2} && [\frac{1}{2} \text{ Mark}] \\ &= \frac{6i + 4j + 2\hat{k}}{2} = 3i + 2j + \hat{k} && [\frac{1}{2} \text{ Mark}] \end{aligned}$$

17. Show that the points  $A, B$  and  $C$  with position vectors,

$$\vec{a} = 3i - 4j - 4\hat{k}, \vec{b} = 2i - j + \hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{c} = i - 3j - 5\hat{k} \text{ respectively form the vertices of a right-angled triangle.} \quad [2 \text{ Marks}]$$

**Solution:**

Position vectors of points  $A, B$  and  $C$  are respectively given as:

$$\vec{a} = 3i - 4j - 4\hat{k}, \vec{b} = 2i - j + \hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{c} = i - 3j - 5\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{AB} = \vec{b} - \vec{a} = (2 - 3)\hat{i} + (-1 + 4)\hat{j} + (1 + 4)\hat{k} = -\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{BC} = \vec{c} - \vec{b} = (1 - 2)\hat{i} + (-3 + 1)\hat{j} + (-5 - 1)\hat{k} = -\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{CA} = \vec{a} - \vec{c} = (3 - 1)\hat{i} + (-4 + 3)\hat{j} + (-4 + 5)\hat{k} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{AB}|^2 = (-1)^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 = 1 + 9 + 25 = 35$$

[1 Mark]

$$|\vec{BC}|^2 = (-1)^2 + (-2)^2 + (-6)^2 = 1 + 4 + 36 = 41$$

$$|\vec{CA}|^2 = 2^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2 = 4 + 1 + 1 = 6$$

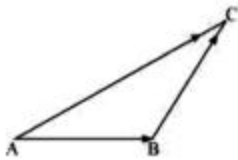
$$\therefore |\vec{AB}|^2 + |\vec{CA}|^2 = 35 + 6 = 41 = |\vec{BC}|^2$$

Hence,  $ABC$  is a right-angled triangle.

[1 Mark]

18. In triangle  $ABC$  which of the following is not true:

[4 Marks]



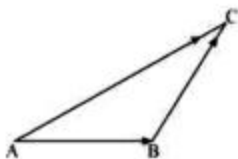
A.  $\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} + \vec{CA} = \vec{0}$

B.  $\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} - \vec{AC} = \vec{0}$

C.  $\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} - \vec{CA} = \vec{0}$

D.  $\vec{AB} - \vec{CB} + \vec{CA} = \vec{0}$

**Solution:**



On applying the triangle law of addition in the given triangle, we have:

$$\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} = \vec{AC} \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{AB} + \vec{BC} = -\vec{CA}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{AB} + \vec{BC} + \vec{CA} = \vec{0} \quad \dots (2)$$



∴ The equation given in alternative A is true.

[1 Mark]

$$\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} = \vec{AC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{AB} + \vec{BC} - \vec{AC} = \vec{0}$$

∴ The equation given in alternative B is true.

[1 Mark]

From equation (2), we have:

$$\vec{AB} - \vec{CB} + \vec{CA} = \vec{0}$$

∴ The equation given in alternative D is true.

[1 Mark]

Now, consider the equation given in alternative C:

$$\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} - \vec{CA} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{AB} + \vec{BC} = \vec{CA} \quad \dots(3)$$

From equations (1) and (3), we have:

$$\vec{AC} = \vec{CA}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{AC} = -\vec{AC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{AC} + \vec{AC} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\vec{AC} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{AC} = \vec{0}, \text{ which is not true.}$$

Hence, the equation given in alternative C is incorrect.

[1 Mark]

The correct Answer is C.

19. If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are two collinear vectors, then which of the following are incorrect: [4 Marks]

A.  $\vec{b} = \lambda\vec{a}$ , for some scalar  $\lambda$

B.  $\vec{a} = \pm\vec{b}$

C. the respective components of  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are proportional

D. both the vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  have same direction, but different magnitudes

**Solution:**

If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are two collinear vectors, then they are parallel.

Therefore, we have:

$$\vec{b} = \lambda \vec{a} \text{ (For some scalar } \lambda)$$

[1 Mark]

If  $\lambda = \pm 1$ , then  $\vec{a} = \pm \vec{b}$

If  $\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$ , then

$$\vec{b} = \lambda \vec{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k} = \lambda(a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k})$$

$$\Rightarrow b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k} = (\lambda a_1)\hat{i} + (\lambda a_2)\hat{j} + (\lambda a_3)\hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow b_1 = \lambda a_1, b_2 = \lambda a_2, b_3 = \lambda a_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b_1}{a_1} = \frac{b_2}{a_2} = \frac{b_3}{a_3} = \lambda$$

[1 Mark]

Thus, the respective components of  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are proportional.

However, vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  can have different directions.

Hence, the statement given in D is incorrect.

The correct Answer is D.

[2 Marks]

**Exercise: 10.3**

1. Find the angle between two vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  and with magnitudes  $\sqrt{3}$  and 2, respectively having  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \sqrt{6}$ .

[2 Marks]

**Solution:**

It is given that,

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{3}, |\vec{b}| = 2 \text{ and } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\cos\theta$$

Now, we know that

$$\therefore \sqrt{6} = \sqrt{3} \times 2 \times \cos\theta$$

[1 Mark]

$$\Rightarrow \cos\theta = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{3} \times 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Hence, the angle between the given vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is  $\frac{\pi}{4}$

[1 Mark]

2. Find the angle between the vectors  $\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and  $3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$

[2 Marks]

**Solution:**

The given vectors are  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{1^2 + (-2)^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{1 + 4 + 9} = \sqrt{14}$$

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{3^2 + (-2)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{9 + 4 + 1} = \sqrt{14}$$

$$\text{Now, } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})(3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

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

$$= 10$$

[1 Mark]

$$\text{Also, we know that } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\cos\theta$$

$$\therefore 10 = \sqrt{14}\sqrt{14}\cos\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\theta = \frac{10}{14}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{7}\right)$$

[1 Mark]

3. Find the projection of the vector  $\hat{i} - \hat{j}$  on the vector  $\hat{i} + \hat{j}$ .

[1 Mark]

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } \vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} \text{ and } \vec{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j}.$$

$[\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

Now, projection of vector  $\vec{a}$  on  $\vec{b}$  is given by,

$$\frac{1}{|\vec{b}|}(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+1}}\{1 \cdot 1 + (-1)(1)\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1 - 1) = 0$$

$[\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

Hence, the projection of vector  $\vec{a}$  on  $\vec{b}$  is 0.

4. Find the projection of the vector  $\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$  on the vector  $7\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 8\hat{k}$ . [1 Mark]

**Solution:**

Let  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 7\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 8\hat{k}$ .

Now, projection of vector  $\vec{a}$  on  $\vec{b}$  is given by,

$$\frac{1}{|\vec{b}|} (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{7^2 + (-1)^2 + 8^2}} \{1(7) + 3(-1) + 7(8)\} = \frac{7-3+56}{\sqrt{49+1+64}} = \frac{60}{\sqrt{114}} \quad [1 \text{ Mark}]$$

5. Show that each of the given three vectors is a unit vector:

$$\frac{1}{7}(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}), \frac{1}{7}(3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}), \frac{1}{7}(6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$$

Also, show that they are mutually perpendicular to each other.

[2 Marks]

**Solution:**

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

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

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

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{7}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{6}{7}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{49} + \frac{9}{49} + \frac{36}{49}} = 1$$

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{6}{7}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{7}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{9}{49} + \frac{36}{49} + \frac{4}{49}} = 1$$

$$|\vec{c}| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{6}{7}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{7}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{3}{7}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{36}{49} + \frac{4}{49} + \frac{9}{49}} = 1 \quad [1 \text{ Mark}]$$

Thus, each of the given three vectors is a unit vector.



$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \frac{2}{7} \times \frac{3}{7} + \frac{3}{7} \times \left(\frac{-6}{7}\right) + \frac{6}{7} \times \frac{2}{7} = \frac{6}{49} - \frac{18}{49} + \frac{12}{49} = 0$$

$$\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = \frac{3}{7} \times \frac{6}{7} + \left(\frac{-6}{7}\right) \times \frac{2}{7} + \frac{2}{7} \times \left(\frac{-3}{7}\right) = \frac{18}{49} - \frac{12}{49} - \frac{6}{49} = 0$$

$$\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} = \frac{6}{7} \times \frac{2}{7} + \frac{2}{7} \times \frac{3}{7} + \left(\frac{-3}{7}\right) \times \frac{6}{7} = \frac{12}{49} + \frac{6}{49} - \frac{18}{49} = 0$$

Hence, the given three vectors are mutually perpendicular to each other.

[1 Mark]

6. Find

$$|\vec{a}| \text{ and } |\vec{b}|, \text{ if } (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = 8 \text{ and } |\vec{a}| = 8|\vec{b}|.$$

[2 Marks]

**Solution:**

$$(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} - \vec{b} \cdot \vec{b} = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}|^2 - |\vec{b}|^2 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow (8|\vec{b}|)^2 - |\vec{b}|^2 = 8 \quad [|\vec{a}| = 8|\vec{b}|]$$

$$\Rightarrow 64|\vec{b}|^2 - |\vec{b}|^2 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow 63|\vec{b}|^2 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{b}|^2 = \frac{8}{63}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{b}| = \sqrt{\frac{8}{63}} \text{ [Magnitude of a vector is non-negative]}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{b}| = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{7}}$$

[1 Mark]

$$|\vec{a}| = 8|\vec{b}| = \frac{8 \times 2\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{7}} = \frac{16\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{7}}$$

[1 Mark]

7. Evaluate the product  $(3\vec{a} - 5\vec{b}) \cdot (2\vec{a} + 7\vec{b})$ .

[1 Mark]

**Solution:**

$$(3\vec{a} - 5\vec{b}) \cdot (2\vec{a} + 7\vec{b})$$

$$= 3\vec{a} \cdot 2\vec{a} + 3\vec{a} \cdot 7\vec{b} - 5\vec{b} \cdot 2\vec{a} - 5\vec{b} \cdot 7\vec{b} \quad \left[\frac{1}{2} \text{ Mark}\right]$$

$$= 6\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} + 21\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - 10\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - 35\vec{b} \cdot \vec{b}$$

$$= 6|\vec{a}|^2 + 11\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - 35|\vec{b}|^2 \quad \left[\frac{1}{2} \text{ Mark}\right]$$

8. Find the magnitude of two vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ , having the same magnitude and such that the angle between them is  $60^\circ$  and their scalar product is  $\frac{1}{2}$ . [1 Mark]

**Solution:**

Let  $\theta$  be the angle between the vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .

It is given that  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}|$ ,  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \frac{1}{2}$ , and  $\theta = 60^\circ$  ... (1)

We know that  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\cos\theta$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} = |\vec{a}||\vec{a}|\cos 60^\circ \quad [\text{Using (1)}] \quad \left[\frac{1}{2} \text{ Mark}\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = |\vec{a}|^2 \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}|^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = 1 \quad \left[\frac{1}{2} \text{ Mark}\right]$$

9. Find

$$|\vec{x}| \text{ if for a unit vector } \vec{a}, (\vec{x} - \vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{x} + \vec{a}) = 12. \quad [1 \text{ Mark}]$$

**Solution:**

$$(\vec{x} - \vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{x} + \vec{a}) = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x} \cdot \vec{x} + \vec{x} \cdot \vec{a} - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{x} - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = 12 \quad \left[\frac{1}{2} \text{ Mark}\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{x}|^2 - |\vec{a}|^2 = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{x}|^2 - 1 = 12 \quad [|\vec{a}| = 1 \text{ as } \vec{a} \text{ is a unit vector}]$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{x}|^2 = 13$$

$$\therefore |\vec{x}| = \sqrt{13}$$

[ $\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

10. If  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j}$  are such that  $\vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b}$  is perpendicular to  $\vec{c}$ , then find the value of  $\lambda$ . [2 Marks]

**Solution:**

The given vectors are  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j}$ .

Now,

$$\vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b} = (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) = (2 - \lambda)\hat{i} + (2 + 2\lambda)\hat{j} + (3 + \lambda)\hat{k}$$

If  $(\vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b})$  is perpendicular to  $\vec{c}$ , then

$$(\vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c} = 0$$

[1 Mark]

$$\Rightarrow [(2 - \lambda)\hat{i} + (2 + 2\lambda)\hat{j} + (3 + \lambda)\hat{k}] \cdot (3\hat{i} + \hat{j}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2 - \lambda)3 + (2 + 2\lambda)1 + (3 + \lambda)0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 6 - 3\lambda + 2 + 2\lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\lambda + 8 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 8$$

Hence, the required value of  $\lambda$  is 8.

[1 Mark]

11. Show that:

$$|\vec{a}|\vec{b} + |\vec{b}|\vec{a} \text{ is perpendicular to } |\vec{a}|\vec{b} - |\vec{b}|\vec{a},$$

for any two nonzero vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$

[1 Mark]

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (|\vec{a}|\vec{b} + |\vec{b}|\vec{a}) \cdot (|\vec{a}|\vec{b} - |\vec{b}|\vec{a}) \\
 &= |\vec{a}|^2\vec{b} \cdot \vec{b} - |\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} + |\vec{b}||\vec{a}|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - |\vec{b}|^2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} \quad \left[\frac{1}{2} \text{ Mark}\right] \\
 &= |\vec{a}|^2|\vec{b}|^2 - |\vec{b}|^2|\vec{a}|^2 \\
 &= 0 \\
 &\text{Hence, } |\vec{a}|\vec{b} + |\vec{b}|\vec{a} \text{ and } |\vec{a}|\vec{b} - |\vec{b}|\vec{a} \text{ are perpendicular to each other.} \quad \left[\frac{1}{2} \text{ Mark}\right]
 \end{aligned}$$

12. If,  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$  and  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$ , then what can be concluded about the vector  $\vec{b}$ ? [1 Mark]

**Solution:**

It is given that  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$  and  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$ .

Now,

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = 0 \Rightarrow |\vec{a}|^2 = 0 \Rightarrow |\vec{a}| = 0 \quad \left[\frac{1}{2} \text{ Mark}\right]$$

$\therefore \vec{a}$  is a zero vector.

Hence, vector  $\vec{b}$  satisfying  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$  can be any vector. [1/2 Mark]

13. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are unit vectors such that  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = 0$ , find the value of  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}$  [1 Mark]

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}|^2 &= (\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}) \cdot (\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}) = |\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2 + |\vec{c}|^2 + 2(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}) \\
 \Rightarrow 0 &= 1 + 1 + 1 + 2(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}) \quad \left[\frac{1}{2} \text{ Mark}\right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}) = \frac{-3}{2} \quad \left[\frac{1}{2} \text{ Mark}\right]$$



14. If either vector  $\vec{a} = \vec{0}$  or  $\vec{b} = \vec{0}$ , then  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$ . But the converse need not be true. Justify your Answer with an example. [2 Marks]

**Solution:**

Consider  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$ .

Then,

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 2 \cdot 3 + 4 \cdot 3 + 3(-6) = 6 + 12 - 18 = 0 \quad \text{[1 Mark]}$$

We now observe that:

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 4^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{29}$$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \neq \vec{0}$$

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{3^2 + 3^2 + (-6)^2} = \sqrt{54}$$

$$\therefore \vec{b} \neq \vec{0}$$

Hence, the converse of the given statement need not be true. [1 Mark]

15. If the vertices  $A, B, C$  of a triangle  $ABC$  are  $(1,2,3), (-1,0,0), (0,1,2)$ , respectively, then find  $\angle ABC$ . [ $\angle ABC$  is the angle between the vectors  $\vec{BA}$  and  $\vec{BC}$ ] [2 Marks]

**Solution:**

The vertices of  $\Delta ABC$  are given as  $A(1,2,3), B(-1,0,0)$ , and  $C(0,1,2)$ .

Also, it is given that  $\angle ABC$  is the angle between the vectors  $\vec{BA}$  and  $\vec{BC}$ .

$$\vec{BA} = \{1 - (-1)\}\hat{i} + \{2 - 0\}\hat{j} + \{3 - 0\}\hat{k} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{BC} = \{0 - (-1)\}\hat{i} + \{1 - 0\}\hat{j} + \{2 - 0\}\hat{k} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{BA} \cdot \vec{BC} = (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

$$= 2 \times 1 + 2 \times 1 + 3 \times 2 = 2 + 2 + 6 = 10 \quad \text{[1 Mark]}$$

$$|\vec{BA}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{4 + 4 + 9} = \sqrt{17}$$

$$|\vec{BC}| = \sqrt{1 + 1 + 2^2} = \sqrt{6}$$

Now, it is known that:

$$\vec{BA} \cdot \vec{BC} = |\vec{BA}| |\vec{BC}| \cos(\angle ABC)$$

$$\therefore 10 = \sqrt{17} \times \sqrt{6} \cos(\angle ABC)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(\angle ABC) = \frac{10}{\sqrt{17} \times \sqrt{6}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle ABC = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{10}{\sqrt{102}}\right)$$

[1 Mark]

16. Show that the points  $A(1,2,7)$ ,  $B(2,6,3)$  and  $C(3,10,-1)$  are collinear. [2 Marks]

**Solution:**

The given points are  $A(1,2,7)$ ,  $B(2,6,3)$  and  $C(3,10,-1)$ .

$$\therefore \vec{AB} = (2-1)\hat{i} + (6-2)\hat{j} + (3-7)\hat{k} = \hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{BC} = (3-2)\hat{i} + (10-6)\hat{j} + (-1-3)\hat{k} = \hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{AC} = (3-1)\hat{i} + (10-2)\hat{j} + (-1-7)\hat{k} = 2\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$$

[1 Mark]

$$|\vec{AB}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 4^2 + (-4)^2} = \sqrt{1 + 16 + 16} = \sqrt{33}$$

$$|\vec{BC}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 4^2 + (-4)^2} = \sqrt{1 + 16 + 16} = \sqrt{33}$$

$$|\vec{AC}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 8^2 + 8^2} = \sqrt{4 + 64 + 64} = \sqrt{132} = 2\sqrt{33}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{AC}| = |\vec{AB}| + |\vec{BC}|$$

Hence, the given points  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are collinear.

[1 Mark]

17. Show that the vectors  $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$  and  $3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$  form the vertices of a right angled triangle. [2 Marks]

**Solution:**

Let vectors  $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$  and  $3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$  be position vectors of points  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  respectively.

$$\text{i.e., } \vec{OA} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \vec{OB} = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{OC} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

Now, vectors  $\vec{AB}$ ,  $\vec{BC}$  and  $\vec{AC}$  represent the sides of  $\Delta ABC$ .

i.e.,  $\vec{OA} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{OB} = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{OC} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$ .

$$\therefore \vec{AB} = (1 - 2)\hat{i} + (-3 + 1)\hat{j} + (-5 - 1)\hat{k} = -\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{BC} = (3 - 1)\hat{i} + (-4 + 3)\hat{j} + (-4 + 5)\hat{k} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{AC} = (2 - 3)\hat{i} + (-1 + 4)\hat{j} + (1 + 4)\hat{k} = -\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

[1 Mark]

$$|\vec{AB}| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-2)^2 + (-6)^2} = \sqrt{1 + 4 + 36} = \sqrt{41}$$

$$|\vec{BC}| = \sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{4 + 1 + 1} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$|\vec{AC}| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 3^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{1 + 9 + 25} = \sqrt{35}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{BC}|^2 + |\vec{AC}|^2 = 6 + 35 = 41 = |\vec{AB}|^2$$

Hence,  $\Delta ABC$  is a right-angled triangle.

[1 Mark]

18. If  $\vec{a}$  is a nonzero vector of magnitude 'a' and  $\lambda$  a nonzero scalar, then  $\lambda\vec{a}$  is unit vector

if

[1 Mark]

(A)  $\lambda = 1$

(B)  $\lambda = -1$

(C)  $a = |\lambda|$

(D)  $a = \frac{1}{|\lambda|}$

**Solution:**

Vector  $\lambda\vec{a}$  is a unit vector if  $|\lambda\vec{a}| = 1$ .

Now,

$$|\lambda\vec{a}| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |\lambda||\vec{a}| = 1$$

$[\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}| = \frac{1}{|\lambda|} [\lambda \neq 0]$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{|\lambda|} [|\vec{a}| = a]$$

Hence, vector  $\lambda\vec{a}$  is a unit vector if  $a = \frac{1}{|\lambda|}$

The correct Answer is D.

$[\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

**Exercise: 10.4**

1. Find

$|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$ , if  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

[1 Mark]

**Solution:**

We have,  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -7 & 7 \\ 3 & -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i}(-14 + 14) - \hat{j}(2 - 21) + \hat{k}(-2 + 21) = 19\hat{j} + 19\hat{k}$$

$[\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

$$\therefore |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = \sqrt{(19)^2 + (19)^2} = \sqrt{2 \times (19)^2} = 19\sqrt{2}$$

$[\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

2. Find a unit vector perpendicular to each of the vector  $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{a} - \vec{b}$ , where

$\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$

[2 Marks]

**Solution:**

We have,

$\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$

$\therefore \vec{a} + \vec{b} = 4\hat{i} + 4\hat{j}, \vec{a} - \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{k}$

$$(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 4 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(16) - \hat{j}(16) + \hat{k}(-8) = 16\hat{i} - 16\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore |(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} - \vec{b})| = \sqrt{16^2 + (-16)^2 + (-8)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{2^2 \times 8^2 + 2^2 \times 8^2 + 8^2}$$

$$= 8\sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + 1} = 8\sqrt{9} = 8 \times 3 = 24$$

[1 Mark]



Hence, the unit vector perpendicular to each of the vectors  $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{a} - \vec{b}$ , is given by the relation,

$$= \pm \frac{(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} - \vec{b})}{|(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} - \vec{b})|} = \pm \frac{16\hat{i} - 16\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}}{24}$$

$$= \pm \frac{2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}}{3} = \pm \frac{2}{3}\hat{i} \mp \frac{2}{3}\hat{j} \mp \frac{1}{3}\hat{k}$$

[1 Mark]

3. If a unit vector  $\vec{a}$  makes an  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  with  $\hat{i}$ ,  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  angle with  $\hat{j}$  and an acute angle  $\theta$  with  $\hat{k}$ , then find  $\theta$  and hence, the compounds of  $\vec{a}$ . [4 Marks]

**Solution:**

Let unit vector  $\vec{a}$  have  $(a_1, a_2, a_3)$  components.

$$\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

Since  $\vec{a}$  is a unit vector,  $|\vec{a}| = 1$ .

Also, it is given that  $\vec{a}$  makes angles  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  with  $\hat{i}$ ,  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  with  $\hat{j}$  and an acute angle  $\theta$  with  $\hat{k}$ . Then, we have:

$$\cos \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{a_1}{|\vec{a}|}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = a_1 \quad [|\vec{a}| = 1]$$

[ $\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

$$\cos \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{a_2}{|\vec{a}|}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = a_2 \quad [|\vec{a}| = 1]$$

[ $\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

$$\text{Also, } \cos \theta = \frac{a_3}{|\vec{a}|}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_3 = \cos \theta$$

[ $\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

Now,

$$|\vec{a}| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2} = 1$$

[ $\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} + \cos^2\theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{4} + \cos^2\theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2\theta = 1 - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\theta = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\therefore a_3 = \cos\frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Hence,  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$  and the components of  $\vec{a}$  are  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{2})$ . [2 Marks]

4. Show that

$$(\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = 2(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \quad \text{[1 Mark]}$$

**Solution:**

$$(\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} + \vec{b})$$

$$= (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \times \vec{a} + (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \times \vec{b} \quad \text{[By distributive of vector product over addition] } \left[\frac{1}{2} \text{ Mark}\right]$$

$$= \vec{a} \times \vec{a} - \vec{b} \times \vec{a} + \vec{a} \times \vec{b} - \vec{b} \times \vec{b} \quad \text{[Again, by distributivity of vector product over addition]}$$

$$= \vec{0} + \vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{a} \times \vec{b} - \vec{0}$$

$$= 2\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \quad \text{[}\frac{1}{2} \text{ Mark]}$$

5. Find  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  if  $(2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 27\hat{k}) \times (\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \mu\hat{k}) = \vec{0}$ . [2 Marks]

**Solution:**

$$(2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 27\hat{k}) \times (\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \mu\hat{k}) = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 6 & 27 \\ 1 & \lambda & \mu \end{vmatrix} = 0\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{i}(6\mu - 27\lambda) - \hat{j}(2\mu - 27) + \hat{k}(2\lambda - 6) = 0\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 0\hat{k} \quad [1 \text{ Mark}]$$

On comparing the corresponding components, we have:

$$6\mu - 27\lambda = 0$$

$$2\mu - 27 = 0$$

$$2\lambda - 6 = 0$$

Now,

$$2\lambda - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 3$$

$$2\mu - 27 = 0 \Rightarrow \mu = \frac{27}{2}$$

$$\text{Hence } \lambda = 3 \text{ and } \mu = \frac{27}{2}. \quad [1 \text{ Mark}]$$

6. Given that  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$  and  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0}$ .

What can you conclude about the vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ ? [1 Mark]

**Solution:**

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

Then,

(i) Either  $|\vec{a}| = 0$  or  $|\vec{b}| = 0$ , or  $\vec{a} \perp \vec{b}$  (in case  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are non-zero)

(ii) Either  $|\vec{a}| = 0$  or  $|\vec{b}| = 0$ , or  $\vec{a} \parallel \vec{b}$  (in case  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are non-zero) [ $\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

But,  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  cannot be perpendicular and parallel simultaneously.

Hence,  $|\vec{a}| = 0$  or  $|\vec{b}| = 0$  [ $\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

7. Let the vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  given as  $a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}, b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}, c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$

Then show that  $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = \vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{a} \times \vec{c}$

[4 Marks]

**Solution:**

We have,

$$\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}, \vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}, \vec{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$$

$$(\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = (b_1 + c_1)\hat{i} + (b_2 + c_2)\hat{j} + (b_3 + c_3)\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Now, } \vec{a} \times (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 + c_1 & b_2 + c_2 & b_3 + c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i}[a_2(b_3 + c_3) - a_3(b_2 + c_2)] - \hat{j}[a_1(b_3 + c_3) - a_3(b_1 + c_1)] + \hat{k}[a_1(b_2 + c_2) - a_2(b_1 + c_1)]$$

$$= \hat{i}[a_2b_3 + a_2c_3 - a_3b_2 - a_3c_2] + \hat{j}[-a_1b_3 - a_3c_3 + a_3b_1 + a_3c_1] + \hat{k}[a_1b_2 + a_1c_2 - a_2b_1 - a_2c_1] \dots (1) \quad [1 \text{ Mark}]$$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i}[a_2b_3 - a_3b_2] + \hat{j}[b_1a_3 - a_1b_3] + \hat{k}[a_1b_2 - a_2b_1] \dots (2) \quad [1 \text{ Mark}]$$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{c} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i}[a_2c_3 - a_3c_2] + \hat{j}[a_3c_1 - a_1c_3] + \hat{k}[a_1c_2 - a_2c_1] \dots (3) \quad [1 \text{ Mark}]$$

On adding (2) and (3), we get:

$$(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) + (\vec{a} \times \vec{c}) = \hat{i}[a_2b_3 + a_2c_3 - a_3b_2 - a_3c_2] + \hat{j}[b_1a_3 + a_3c_1 - a_1b_3 - a_1c_3] + \hat{k}[a_1b_2 + a_1c_2 - a_2b_1 - a_2c_1] \dots (4)$$

Now, from (1) and (4), we have:

$$\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = \vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{a} \times \vec{c}$$

Hence, the given result is proved.

[1 Mark]

8. If either  $\vec{a} = \vec{0}$  or  $\vec{b} = \vec{0}$ , then  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0}$ .

Is the converse true? Justify your Answer with an example.

[2 Marks]

**Solution:**

Take any parallel non-zero vectors so that  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0}$ .

Let  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = 4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}$

Then,

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 6 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(24 - 24) - \hat{j}(16 - 16) + \hat{k}(12 - 12) = 0\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 0\hat{k} = \vec{0}$$

It can now be observed that:

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{29}$$

[1 Mark]

$$\therefore \vec{a} \neq \vec{0}$$

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{4^2 + 6^2 + 8^2} = \sqrt{116}$$

$$\therefore \vec{b} \neq \vec{0}$$

Hence, the converse of the given statement need not be true.

[1 Mark]

9. Find the area of the triangle with vertices  $A(1,1,2)$ ,  $B(2,3,5)$  and  $C(1,5,5)$ .

[2 Marks]

**Solution:**

The vertices of triangle  $ABC$  are given as  $A(1,1,2)$ ,  $B(2,3,5)$  and  $C(1,5,5)$ .

The adjacent sides  $\vec{AB}$  and  $\vec{BC}$  of  $\Delta ABC$  are given as:

$$\vec{AB} = (2 - 1)\hat{i} + (3 - 1)\hat{j} + (5 - 2)\hat{k} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{BC} = (1 - 2)\hat{i} + (5 - 3)\hat{j} + (5 - 5)\hat{k} = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}$$

[1 Mark]

$$\text{Area of } \Delta ABC = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{AB} \times \vec{BC}|$$

$$\vec{AB} \times \vec{BC} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(-6) - \hat{j}(3) + \hat{k}(2 + 2) = -6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{AB} \times \vec{BC}| = \sqrt{(-6)^2 + (-3)^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{36 + 9 + 16} = \sqrt{61}$$

[1 Mark]

Hence, the area of  $\Delta ABC$  is  $\frac{\sqrt{61}}{2}$  square units.



10. Find the area of the parallelogram whose adjacent sides are determined by the vector  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ .  
[2 Marks]

**Solution:**

The area of the parallelogram whose adjacent sides are  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$ .

Adjacent sides are given as:

$$\vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 2 & -7 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(-1 + 21) - \hat{j}(1 - 6) + \hat{k}(-7 + 2) = 20\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 5\hat{k} \text{ [1 Mark]}$$

$$|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = \sqrt{20^2 + 5^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{400 + 25 + 25} = 15\sqrt{2}$$

Hence, the area of the given parallelogram is  $15\sqrt{2}$  square units. [1 Mark]

11. Let the vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  be such that  $|\vec{a}| = 3$  and  $|\vec{b}| = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$ , then  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  is a unit vector, if the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is [2 Marks]

- (A)  $\frac{\pi}{6}$   
(B)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$   
(C)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$   
(D)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

**Solution:**

It is given that  $|\vec{a}| = 3$  and  $|\vec{b}| = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$

We know that  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = |\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\sin\theta\hat{n}$ , where  $\hat{n}$  is a unit vector perpendicular to both  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  and  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .

Now,  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  is a unit vector if  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = 1$

$$|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\sin\theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow ||\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\sin\theta| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \times \sin\theta = 1$$

[1 Mark]

$$\Rightarrow \sin\theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Hence,  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  is a unit vector if the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is  $\frac{\pi}{4}$ .

The correct Answer is B.

[1 Mark]

12. Area of a rectangle having vertices  $A, B, C,$  and  $D$  with position vectors  $-\hat{i} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}, \hat{i} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}, \hat{i} - \frac{1}{2}\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  and  $-\hat{i} - \frac{1}{2}\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  respectively is

[2 Marks]

(A)  $\frac{1}{2}$

(B) 1

(C) 2

(D) 4

**Solution:**

The position vectors of vertices  $A, B, C,$  and  $D$  of rectangle  $ABCD$  are given as:

$$\vec{OA} = -\hat{i} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}, \vec{OB} = \hat{i} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}, \vec{OC} = \hat{i} - \frac{1}{2}\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}, \vec{OD} = -\hat{i} - \frac{1}{2}\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

The adjacent sides  $\vec{AB}$  and  $\vec{BC}$  of the given rectangle are given as:

$$\vec{AB} = (1 + 1)\hat{i} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\hat{j} + (4 - 4)\hat{k} = 2\hat{i}$$

$$\vec{BC} = (1 - 1)\hat{i} + \left(-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\hat{j} + (4 - 4)\hat{k} = -\hat{j}$$

[1 Mark]

$$\therefore \vec{AB} \times \vec{BC} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{k}(-2) = -2\hat{k}$$

$$|\vec{AB} \times \vec{BC}| = \sqrt{(-2)^2} = 2$$

Now, it is known that the area of a parallelogram whose adjacent sides are  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$ .

Hence, the area of the given rectangle is  $|\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{BC}| = 2$  square units.

The correct Answer is C.

[1 Mark]

**Miscellaneous exercise**

1. Write down a unit vector in  $XY$ -plane, making an angle of  $30^\circ$  with the positive direction of  $x$ -axis. [1 Mark]

**Solution:**

If  $\vec{r}$  is a unit vector in the  $XY$ -plane, then  $\vec{r} = \cos \theta \hat{i} + \sin \theta \hat{j}$ .

Here,  $\theta$  is the angle made by the unit vector with the positive direction of the  $x$ -axis.

Therefore, for  $\theta = 30^\circ$ :

[ $\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

$$\vec{r} = \cos 30^\circ \hat{i} + \sin 30^\circ \hat{j} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \hat{i} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{j}$$

Hence, the required unit vector is  $= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \hat{i} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{j}$

[ $\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

2. Find the scalar components and magnitude of the vector joining the points  $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $Q(x_2, y_2, z_2)$ . [2 Marks]

**Solution:**

The vector joining the points  $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $Q(x_2, y_2, z_2)$

$\overrightarrow{PQ}$  = Position vector of  $Q$  - Position vector of  $P$ .

$$= (x_2 - x_1)\hat{i} + (y_2 - y_1)\hat{j} + (z_2 - z_1)\hat{k}$$

[1 Mark]

$$|\overrightarrow{PQ}| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$$

Hence, the scalar components and the magnitude of the vector joining the given points are respectively  $\{(x_2 - x_1), (y_2 - y_1), (z_2 - z_1)\}$  and  $\sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$

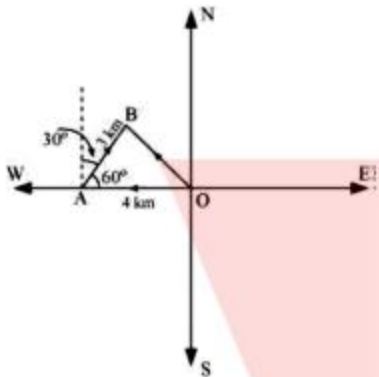
[1 Mark]

3. A girl walks 4 km towards west, then she walks 3 km in a direction  $30^\circ$  east of north and stops. Determine the girl's displacement from her initial point of departure. [2 Marks]

**Solution:**

Let  $O$  and  $B$  be the initial and final positions of the girl respectively.

Then, the girl's position can be shown as:



Now, we have:

$$\vec{OA} = -4\hat{i}$$

$$\vec{AB} = \hat{i}|\vec{AB}|\cos 60^\circ + \hat{j}|\vec{AB}|\sin 60^\circ$$

$$= \hat{i}3 \times \frac{1}{2} + \hat{j}3 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2}\hat{i} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\hat{j}$$

[1 Mark]

By the triangle law of vector addition, we have:

$$\vec{OB} = \vec{OA} + \vec{AB}$$

$$= (-4\hat{i}) + \left(\frac{3}{2}\hat{i} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\hat{j}\right)$$

$$= \left(-4 + \frac{3}{2}\right)\hat{i} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\hat{j}$$

$$= \left(\frac{-8 + 3}{2}\right)\hat{i} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\hat{j}$$

$$= \frac{-5}{2}\hat{i} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\hat{j}$$

Hence, the girl's displacement from her initial point of departure is

$$= \frac{-5}{2}\hat{i} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\hat{j}.$$

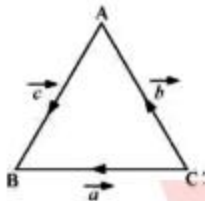
[1 Mark]



4. If  $\vec{a} = \vec{b} + \vec{c}$ , then is it true that  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| + |\vec{c}|$ ? Justify your Answer. [2 Marks]

**Solution:**

In  $\Delta ABC$ , let  $\vec{CB} = \vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{CA} = \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{AB} = \vec{c}$  (as shown in the following figure)



Now, by the triangle law of vector addition, we have  $\vec{a} = \vec{b} + \vec{c}$ . [1 Mark]

It is clearly known that  $|\vec{a}|$ ,  $|\vec{b}|$  and  $|\vec{c}|$  represent the sides of  $\Delta ABC$ .

Also, it is known that the sum of the lengths of any two sides of a triangle is greater than the third side.

$$\therefore |\vec{a}| < |\vec{b}| + |\vec{c}|$$

Hence, it is not true that  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| + |\vec{c}|$ . [1 Mark]

5. Find the value of  $x$  for which  $x(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$  is a unit vector. [1 Mark]

**Solution:**

$x(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$  is a unit vector if  $|x(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})| = 1$ .

Now,

$$|x(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{x^2 + x^2 + x^2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3x^2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3}x = 1$$

[ $\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Hence, the required value of  $x$  is  $\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ .

[ $\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

6. Find a vector of magnitude 5 units, and parallel to the resultant of the vectors  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ . [2 Marks]

**Solution:**

We have,

$$\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{b} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

Let  $\vec{c}$  be the resultant of  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .

Then,

$$\vec{c} = \vec{a} + \vec{b} = (2 + 1)\hat{i} + (3 - 2)\hat{j} + (-1 + 1)\hat{k} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} \quad [1 \text{ Mark}]$$

$$\therefore |\vec{c}| = \sqrt{3^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{9 + 1} = \sqrt{10}$$

$$\therefore \hat{c} = \frac{\vec{c}}{|\vec{c}|} = \frac{(3\hat{i} + \hat{j})}{\sqrt{10}}$$

Hence, the vector of magnitude 5 units and parallel to the resultant of vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is

$$\pm 5 \cdot \hat{c} = \pm 5 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}(3\hat{i} + \hat{j}) = \pm \frac{3\sqrt{10}\hat{i}}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{10}\hat{j}}{2} \quad [1 \text{ Mark}]$$

7. If  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ , find a unit vector parallel to the vector  $2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$ . [2 Marks]

**Solution:**

We have,

$$\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{c} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c} = 2(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) - (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + 3(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

$$= 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} - 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k} + 3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$= 3\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} \quad [1 \text{ Mark}]$$

$$|2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}| = \sqrt{3^2 + (-3)^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{9 + 9 + 4} = \sqrt{22}$$

Hence, the unit vector along  $2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$  is

$$\frac{2\vec{a}-\vec{b}+3\vec{c}}{|2\vec{a}-\vec{b}+3\vec{c}|} = \frac{3\hat{i}-3\hat{j}+2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{22}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{22}}\hat{i} - \frac{3}{\sqrt{22}}\hat{j} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{22}}\hat{k}$$

[1 Mark]

8. Show that the points  $A(1, -2, -8)$ ,  $B(5, 0, -2)$  and  $C(11, 3, 7)$  are collinear, and find the ratio in which  $B$  divides  $AC$ . [4 Marks]

**Solution:**

The given points are  $A(1, -2, -8)$ ,  $B(5, 0, -2)$  and  $C(11, 3, 7)$ .

$$\therefore \vec{AB} = (5-1)\hat{i} + (0+2)\hat{j} + (-2+8)\hat{k} = 4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{BC} = (11-5)\hat{i} + (3-0)\hat{j} + (7+2)\hat{k} = 6\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 9\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{AC} = (11-1)\hat{i} + (3+2)\hat{j} + (7+8)\hat{k} = 10\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 15\hat{k}$$

[1 Mark]

$$|\vec{AB}| = \sqrt{4^2 + 2^2 + 6^2} = \sqrt{16 + 4 + 36} = \sqrt{56} = 2\sqrt{14}$$

$$|\vec{BC}| = \sqrt{6^2 + 3^2 + 9^2} = \sqrt{36 + 9 + 81} = \sqrt{126} = 3\sqrt{14}$$

$$|\vec{AC}| = \sqrt{10^2 + 5^2 + 15^2} = \sqrt{100 + 25 + 225} = \sqrt{350} = 5\sqrt{14}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{AC}| = |\vec{AB}| + |\vec{BC}|$$

[1 Mark]

Thus, the given points  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are collinear.

Now, let point  $B$  divide  $AC$  in the ratio  $\lambda : 1$ . Then, we have:

$$\vec{OB} = \frac{\lambda\vec{OC} + \vec{OA}}{(\lambda + 1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5\hat{i} - 2\hat{k} = \frac{\lambda(11\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}) + (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 8\hat{k})}{\lambda + 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda + 1)(5\hat{i} - 2\hat{k}) = 11\lambda\hat{i} + 3\lambda\hat{j} + 7\lambda\hat{k} + \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5(\lambda + 1)\hat{i} - 2(\lambda + 1)\hat{k} = (11\lambda + 1)\hat{i} + (3\lambda - 2)\hat{j} + (7\lambda - 8)\hat{k}$$

[1 Mark]

On equating the corresponding components, we get:

$$5(\lambda + 1) = 11\lambda + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 5\lambda + 5 = 11\lambda + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 6\lambda = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Hence, point  $B$  divides  $AC$  in the ratio 2:3.

[1 Mark]

9. Find the position vector of a point  $R$  which divides the line joining two points  $P$  and  $Q$  whose position vectors are  $(2\vec{a} + \vec{b})$  and  $(\vec{a} - 3\vec{b})$  externally in the ratio 1:2. Also, show that  $P$  is the mid point of the line segment  $RQ$ . [2 Marks]

**Solution:**

It is given that  $\vec{OP} = 2\vec{a} + \vec{b}, \vec{OQ} = \vec{a} - 3\vec{b}$ .

It is given that point  $R$  divides a line segment joining two points  $P$  and  $Q$  externally in the ratio 1:2. Then, on using the section formula, we get:

$$\vec{OR} = \frac{2(2\vec{a} + \vec{b}) - (\vec{a} - 3\vec{b})}{2-1} = \frac{4\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} - \vec{a} + 3\vec{b}}{1} = 3\vec{a} + 5\vec{b} \quad [1 \text{ Mark}]$$

Therefore, the position vector of point  $R$  is  $3\vec{a} + 5\vec{b}$

Position vector of the mid-point of  $RQ = \frac{\vec{OQ} + \vec{OR}}{2}$

$$= \frac{(\vec{a} - 3\vec{b}) + (3\vec{a} + 5\vec{b})}{2}$$

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

$$= \vec{OP}$$

Hence,  $P$  is the mid-point of the line segment  $RQ$ .

[1 Mark]

10. The two adjacent sides of a parallelogram are  $2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$  and  $\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ .

Find the unit vector parallel to its diagonal. Also, find its area.

[2 Marks]

**Solution:**

Adjacent sides of a parallelogram are given as:  $2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$  and  $\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$

Then, the diagonal of a parallelogram is given by  $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$

$$\vec{a} + \vec{b} = (2 + 1)\hat{i} + (-4 - 2)\hat{j} + (5 - 3)\hat{k} = 3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

Thus, the unit vector parallel to the diagonal is



$$\frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b}}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b}|} = \frac{3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{3^2 + (-6)^2 + 2^2}} = \frac{3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{9 + 36 + 4}} = \frac{3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{7} = \frac{3}{7}\hat{i} - \frac{6}{7}\hat{j} + \frac{2}{7}\hat{k}$$

[1 Mark]

$$\therefore \text{Area of parallelogram ABCD} = |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & -4 & 5 \\ 1 & -2 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i}(12 + 10) - \hat{j}(-6 - 5) + \hat{k}(-4 + 4)$$

$$= 22\hat{i} + 11\hat{j}$$

$$= 11(2\hat{i} + \hat{j})$$

$$\therefore |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = 11\sqrt{2^2 + 1^2} = 11\sqrt{5}$$

Hence, the area of the parallelogram is  $11\sqrt{5}$  square units.

[1 Mark]

11. Show that the direction cosines of a vector equally inclined to the axes  $OX, OY$  and  $OZ$  are  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ . [1 Mark]

**Solution:**

Let a vector be equally inclined to axes  $OX, OY$  and  $OZ$  at angle  $\alpha$ .

Then, the direction cosines of the vector are  $\cos \alpha, \cos \alpha$  and  $\cos \alpha$ .

Now,

$$\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 3\cos^2 \alpha = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

[ $\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

Hence, the direction cosines of the vector

which are equally inclined to the axes are  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ .

[ $\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

12. Let  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ . Find a vector  $\vec{d}$  which is perpendicular to both  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c} \cdot \vec{d} = 15$ . [2 Marks]

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } \vec{d} = d_1\hat{i} + d_2\hat{j} + d_3\hat{k}.$$

Since  $\vec{d}$  is perpendicular to both  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$

$$\vec{d} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow d_1 + 4d_2 + 2d_3 = 0 \quad \dots (i)$$

And,

$$\vec{d} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3d_1 - 2d_2 + 7d_3 = 0 \quad \dots (ii)$$

[1 Mark]

Also, it is given that:

$$\vec{c} \cdot \vec{d} = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow 2d_1 - d_2 + 4d_3 = 15 \quad (iii)$$

On solving (i), (ii) and (iii) we get:

$$d_1 = \frac{160}{3}, d_2 = -\frac{5}{3} \text{ and } d_3 = -\frac{70}{3}$$

$$\therefore \vec{d} = \frac{160}{3}\hat{i} - \frac{5}{3}\hat{j} - \frac{70}{3}\hat{k} = \frac{1}{3}(160\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - 70\hat{k})$$

$$\text{Hence, the required vector is } \frac{1}{3}(160\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - 70\hat{k}).$$

[1 Mark]

13. The scalar product of the vector  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  with a unit vector along the sum of vectors  $2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$  and  $\lambda\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  is equal to one. Find the value of  $\lambda$ . [2 Marks]

**Solution:**

$$(2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) + (\lambda\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$$

$$= (2 + \lambda)\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

Therefore, unit vector along  $(2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) + (\lambda\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$  is given as:

$$\frac{(2+\lambda)\hat{i}+6\hat{j}-2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{(2+\lambda)^2+6^2+(-2)^2}} = \frac{(2+\lambda)\hat{i}+6\hat{j}-2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{4+4\lambda+\lambda^2+36+4}} = \frac{(2+\lambda)\hat{i}+6\hat{j}-2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{\lambda^2+4\lambda+44}}$$

[1 Mark]

Scalar product of  $(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$  with this unit vector is 1.

$$\Rightarrow (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot \frac{(2 + \lambda)\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 44}} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(2 + \lambda) + 6 - 2}{\sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 44}} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 44} = \lambda + 6$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 44 = (\lambda + 6)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 44 = \lambda^2 + 12\lambda + 36$$

$$\Rightarrow 8\lambda = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 1$$

Hence, the value of  $\lambda$  is 1.

[1 Mark]

14. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are mutually perpendicular vectors of equal magnitudes, show that the vector  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$  is equally inclined to  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$ . [4 Marks]

**Solution:**

Since  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are mutually perpendicular vectors, we have  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$ . It is given that:  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = |\vec{c}|$ .

Let vector  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$  be inclined to  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  at angles  $\theta_1, \theta_2$  and  $\theta_3$  respectively. [ $\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

Then, we have:

$$\cos\theta_1 = \frac{(\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}) \cdot \vec{a}}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}| |\vec{a}|} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}| |\vec{a}|}$$

$$= \frac{|\vec{a}|^2}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}| |\vec{a}|} \quad [\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} = \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} = 0]$$

$$= \frac{|\vec{a}|^2}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}|}$$

[1 Mark]

$$\cos\theta_2 = \frac{(\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}) \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}| |\vec{b}|} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}| \cdot |\vec{b}|}$$

$$= \frac{|\vec{b}|^2}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}| \cdot |\vec{b}|} \quad [\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{c} \cdot \vec{b} = 0]$$

$$= \frac{|\vec{b}|^2}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}|}$$

[1 Mark]

$$\cos\theta_3 = \frac{(\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}) \cdot \vec{c}}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}||\vec{c}|} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{c}}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}||\vec{c}|}$$

$$= \frac{|\vec{c}|^2}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}||\vec{c}|} \quad [\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = 0]$$

$$= \frac{|\vec{c}|^2}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}|}$$

[1 Mark]

Now, as  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = |\vec{c}|$ ,  $\cos\theta_1 = \cos\theta_2 = \cos\theta_3$

$$\therefore \theta_1 = \theta_2 = \theta_3$$

Hence, the vector  $(\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c})$  is equally inclined to  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$ .

$\left[\frac{1}{2}\right]$  Mark]

15. Prove that  $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = |\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2$ , if and only if  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  are perpendicular, given  $\vec{a} \neq \vec{0}, \vec{b} \neq \vec{0}$ . [2 Marks]

**Solution:**

$$(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = |\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2 \quad [\text{Distributivity of scalar products over addition}]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |\vec{a}|^2 + 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + |\vec{b}|^2 = |\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2 \quad [\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} \text{ (Scalar product is commutative)}] \quad [1 \text{ Mark}]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

$\therefore \vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are perpendicular.  $[\vec{a} \neq \vec{0}, \vec{b} \neq \vec{0} \text{ (Given)}]$

[1 Mark]

16. If  $\theta$  is the angle between two vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ , then  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \geq 0$  only when [1 Mark]

(A)  $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$

(B)  $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$



(C)  $0 < \theta < \pi$

(D)  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$

**Solution:**

Let  $\theta$  be the angle between two vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .

Then, without loss of generality,  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are non-zero vectors so that  $|\vec{a}|$  and  $|\vec{b}|$  are positive.

It is known that  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\cos\theta$

$\therefore \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \geq 0$

$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\cos\theta \geq 0$

$\Rightarrow \cos\theta \geq 0$  [ $|\vec{a}|$  and  $|\vec{b}|$  are positive]

[ $\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

$\Rightarrow 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

Hence,  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \geq 0$  when  $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

The correct Answer is B.

[ $\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

17. Let  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  be two unit vectors and  $\theta$  is the angle between them. Then  $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$  is a unit vector if [2 Marks]

(A)  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$

(B)  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$

(C)  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$

(D)  $\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$

**Solution:**

Let  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  be two unit vectors and  $\theta$  be the angle between them.

Then,  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = 1$ .

Now,  $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$  is a unit vector if  $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = 1$ .

$|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = 1$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{a} + \vec{b})^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{b} = 1$$

[ $\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}|^2 + 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + |\vec{b}|^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 1^2 + 2|\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\cos\theta + 1^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cos\theta + 1 = 1$$

[ $\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

$$\Rightarrow \cos\theta = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

[ $\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

Hence,  $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$  is a unit vector if  $\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$

The correct Answer is D.

[ $\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

18. The value of  $\hat{i} \cdot (\hat{j} \times \hat{k}) + \hat{j} \cdot (\hat{i} \times \hat{k}) + \hat{k} \cdot (\hat{i} \times \hat{j})$  is

[2 Marks]

(A) 0

(B) -1

(C) 1

(D) 3

**Solution:**

$$\hat{i} \cdot (\hat{j} \times \hat{k}) + \hat{j} \cdot (\hat{i} \times \hat{k}) + \hat{k} \cdot (\hat{i} \times \hat{j})$$

$$= \hat{i} \cdot \hat{i} + \hat{j} \cdot (-\hat{j}) + \hat{k} \cdot \hat{k}$$

$$= 1 - \hat{j} \cdot \hat{j} + 1$$

[ $\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

$$= 1 - 1 + 1$$

$$= 1$$

[ $\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

The correct Answer is C.

19. If  $\theta$  is the angle between any two vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ , then  $|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}| = |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$

when  $\theta$  is equal to

[1 Mark]

(A) 0

(B)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$

(C)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

(D)  $\pi$

**Solution:**

Let  $\theta$  be the angle between two vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .

Then, without loss of generality,  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are non-zero vectors, so that  $|\vec{a}|$  and  $|\vec{b}|$  are positive.

$$|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}| = |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\cos\theta = |\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\sin\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\theta = \sin\theta \quad [|\vec{a}| \text{ and } |\vec{b}| \text{ are positive}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan\theta = 1$$

[ $\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Hence,  $|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}| = |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$  when  $\theta$  is equal to  $\frac{\pi}{4}$

The correct Answer is B.

[ $\frac{1}{2}$  Mark]