

# VECTOR ALGEBRA

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- 1) Let **A**, **B**, **C** be vectors of length 3,4,5 respectively .Let **A** be perpendicular to **B+C**,**B** to **C+A** and **C** to **A+B**. The the length of vector **A+B+C** is (1981-2marks)
- 2) The unit vector perpendicular to the plane determined by **P**\$(1, -1, 2)\$,**Q**(2, 0, -1) and **R**(0, 2, 1) is (1983-1mark)
- 3) The area of the triangle whose vertices are **A**(1, -1, 2), **B**(2, 0, -1), **C**(3, -1, 2) is (1983-1 mark)
- 4) **A,B,C** and **D**, are four points in a plane with position vectors **a,b,c** and **d** respectively such that  $(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{d}) \cdot (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c}) = (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{d}) \cdot (\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{a}) = 0$  The point **D**, then, is the ... of the triangle ABC. (1984-2 marks)
- 5) If  $\begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & 1+a^3 \\ b & b^2 & 1+b^3 \\ c & c^2 & 1+c^3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$  and the vectors **A**=(1,a,a<sup>2</sup>),**B**=(1,b,b<sup>2</sup>),**C**=(1,c,c<sup>2</sup>), are coplanar, then the product  $abc=...$  (1985-2 marks)
- 6) If **ABC** are the three non-coplanar vectors, then-  $\frac{\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}}{\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}} + \frac{\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{C}}{\mathbf{C} \cdot \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}} =$  (1985-2 marks)
- 7) **A** = (1, 1, 1), **C** = (0, 1, -1) are given vectors, then a vector **B** satisfying the given equations  $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{C}$  and  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = 3$  ... 1985-2 marks
- 8) If the vectors  $a\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + c\hat{k}$  ( $a \neq b \neq c \neq 1$ ) are co-planar, then the value of the  $\frac{1}{(1-a)} + \frac{1}{(1-b)} + \frac{1}{(1-c)} = ...$  (1987-2 marks)
- 9) Let  $b = 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$  and **c** be two vectors perpendicular to each other in the xy-plane. All vectors in the same plane having projections 1 and 2 along **b** and **c**, respectively, are given by ... (1987-2 marks)
- 10) The components of a vectors **a** along and perpendicular to a non-zero vector **b** are ... and ... respectively. (1988-2 marks)
- 11) Given that **a** = (1, 1, 1), **c** = (0, 1, -1),  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 3$  and  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{c}$ , then **b** = ... (1991-2 marks)
- 12) A unit vector coplanar with  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and perpendicular to  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  is ... (1992-2 marks)
- 13) A unit vector perpendicular to the plane determined by the points **P**(1, -1, 2),**Q**2, 0, -1) and **R**(0,2,1) is ... (1994-2 marks)
- 14) A non-zero vector **a** is parallel to the line of intersection of the plane determined by the vectors  $\hat{i}, \hat{i} + \hat{j}$  and the plane determined by the vectors  $\hat{i} - \hat{j}, \hat{i} + \hat{k}$ . The angle between **a** and the vector  $\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  is ... (1996-2marks)
- 15) If **b** and **c** are any two non-collinear unit vectors and **a** is any vector, then  $(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})\mathbf{b} + (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c})\mathbf{c} + \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})}{|\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}|}(\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) = ...$