

Matgeo-q.2.10.25

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Q 2.10.25. In $\triangle PQR$, let $\mathbf{a} = \overrightarrow{QR}$, $\mathbf{b} = \overrightarrow{RP}$ and $\mathbf{c} = \overrightarrow{PQ}$. If $\|\mathbf{a}\| = 12$, $\|\mathbf{b}\| = 4\sqrt{3}$, and $\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} = 24$, then which of the following is/are true?

- ① $\frac{\|\mathbf{c}\|^2}{2} - \|\mathbf{a}\| = 12$
- ② $\frac{\|\mathbf{c}\|^2}{2} + \|\mathbf{a}\| = 30$
- ③ $\|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}\| = 48\sqrt{3}$
- ④ $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = -72$

$$\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{c} = -\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$$

(i)

$$\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{c} = 24$$

$$\mathbf{b}^T (-\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) = 24 \Rightarrow -\mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{a} - |\mathbf{b}|^2 = 24$$

$$|\mathbf{b}|^2 = (4\sqrt{3})^2 = 48$$

$$\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} = -(48 + 24) = -72$$

(ii)

$$|\mathbf{c}|^2 = (-\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b})^T (-\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) = |\mathbf{a}|^2 + |\mathbf{b}|^2 + 2\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b}$$

$$|\mathbf{a}|^2 = 12^2 = 144, \quad |\mathbf{b}|^2 = 48, \quad \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} = -72$$

$$|\mathbf{c}|^2 = 144 + 48 + 2(-72) = 48 \quad \frac{|\mathbf{c}|^2}{2} = 24$$

$$\frac{|\mathbf{c}|^2}{2} - |\mathbf{a}| = 24 - 12 = 12 \quad \Rightarrow (a) \text{ true}$$

$$\frac{|\mathbf{c}|^2}{2} + |\mathbf{a}| = 24 + 12 = 36 \Rightarrow (b) \text{ false}$$

(iii)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a} &= \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} + (-\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) \times \mathbf{a} \\ &= \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{a} \\ &= \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = 2(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \end{aligned}$$

$$|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}| = 2|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}| = 2|\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}| \sin \theta$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}|} = \frac{-72}{12 \cdot 4 \sqrt{3}} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

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

$$|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}| = 48\sqrt{3} \Rightarrow (c) \text{ true}$$

True = $\{(a), (c), (d)\}$, False = $\{(b)\}$

Graphical Representation

