

2. Vectors

Magnitude of vector $\vec{AB} = |\vec{AB}| = AB = \text{length of vector}$

$$|\hat{i}| = |\hat{j}| = |\hat{k}| = 1$$

Position of vector $\vec{R} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$

Magnitude of vector $\vec{R} = |\vec{R}| = R = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$

$$\hat{A} = \frac{x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{Magnitude of unit vector} \\ (\vec{A}) \end{array} \right.$$

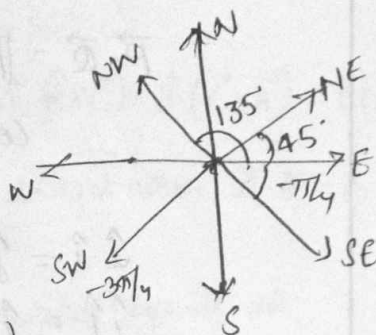
Components of vector:

$$\vec{R} = \vec{R}_x + \vec{R}_y$$

$$R = \sqrt{R_x^2 + R_y^2}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{R_x}{R}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{R_x}{R} \right)$$



Direction cosines:

$$\vec{A} = |\vec{A}| = A = \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2}$$

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

$$\sin^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \beta + \sin^2 \gamma = 2$$

Parallelogram law of addition of vectors

$$|\vec{P} + \vec{Q}| = R = \sqrt{P^2 + Q^2 + 2PQ \cos \theta}$$

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{Q \sin \theta}{P + Q \cos \theta} \right]$$

$$\frac{R_{\max}}{R_{\min}} = \frac{P+Q}{P-Q}$$

Lami's Theorem

$$\frac{P}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{Q}{\sin \beta} = \frac{R}{\sin \gamma}$$

→ For any 2 vectors to be perp to each other $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$

→ $|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}|^2 + |\vec{A} - \vec{B}|^2 = A^2 + B^2$

→ A vector will change if rotated because its direction changes.

→ A vector will not change if it is slid parallel to itself.

→ Max. value of magnitude of $(\vec{A} - \vec{B})$ is $A + B$.

→ If 2 vectors are equal and their resultant is also equal to one of them, then $\theta = 120^\circ$

→ If $\theta = 90^\circ$ then $|\vec{A} + \vec{B}| = |\vec{A} - \vec{B}| = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2}$

Consider 'n' identical forces are acting on a particle making some angle θ with each other then if 'n' is even resultant is zero, if 'n' is odd then resultant is F

If $\vec{P} + \vec{Q} = \vec{P} - \vec{Q}$ then $|\vec{P}| = |\vec{Q}| \Rightarrow P = Q$

$\vec{A} + \vec{B} = \vec{A}(\vec{B})$ then θ b/w them 120°