

MODULE 1

DETERMINANTS AND MATRICES

1. Evaluate $\begin{vmatrix} \sin x & \cos x \\ -\cos x & \sin x \end{vmatrix}$

Ans : $(\sin x \times \sin x) - (\cos x \times -\cos x) = \sin^2 x - -\cos^2 x = \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$

2. Find $A - B$, if $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$, $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ -3 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$

$$A - B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ -3 & -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-0 & 2-(-2) \\ 3-(-3) & 4-(-3) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2+2 \\ 3+3 & 4+3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 6 & 7 \end{pmatrix}, \text{---} = +$$

3. Evaluate $\begin{vmatrix} \sin \theta & \cos \theta \\ -\cos \theta & \sin \theta \end{vmatrix}$

Ans : $(\sin \theta \times \sin \theta) - (\cos \theta \times -\cos \theta) = \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$

3. Subtract $\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ from $\begin{pmatrix} 8 & -4 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 8 & -4 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8-5 & -4-6 \\ -1-(-1) & 0-2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -10 \\ -1+1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$-4-6 = -10, -1-(-1) = -1+1 = 0$$

4. Solve for x if $\begin{vmatrix} x^2 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 9 & 4 \\ 8 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$

$$(x^2 \times 1) - (4 \times 3) = x^2 - 12 \text{ and } \begin{vmatrix} 9 & 4 \\ 8 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = (9 \times 5) - (8 \times 4) = 45 - 32 = 13$$

Given that $x^2 - 12 = 13$, $x^2 = 13 + 12 = 25$, $x^2 = 25$, $x = \pm 5$

If $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ -2 & 1 & 6 \\ 3 & 2 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ then find $3A+2B$

$$3A+2B = 3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ -2 & 1 & 6 \\ 3 & 2 & 7 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \times 1 & 3 \times 0 & 3 \times 5 \\ 3 \times -2 & 3 \times 1 & 3 \times 6 \\ 3 \times 3 & 3 \times 2 & 3 \times 7 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \times 1 & 2 \times -2 & 2 \times 2 \\ 2 \times 4 & 2 \times 0 & 2 \times 3 \\ 2 \times 2 & 2 \times 1 & 2 \times 1 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & 15 \\ -6 & 3 & 18 \\ 9 & 6 & 21 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -4 & 4 \\ 8 & 0 & 6 \\ 4 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3+2 & 0+(-4) & 15+4 \\ -6+8 & 3+0 & 18+6 \\ 9+4 & 6+2 & 21+2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -4 & 19 \\ 2 & 3 & 24 \\ 13 & 8 & 23 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$-6+8 = 2, 3 \times -2 = -6$$

4. If $\begin{bmatrix} a & a+b \\ 2a-c & b+c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 7 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$ find a, b and c

$$a = 2, \quad a + b = 3, \quad 2 + b = 3, \quad b = 3 - 2 = 1 \\ 2a - c = 7, a = 2,$$

$$2 \times 2 - c = 7, 4 - c = 7. \quad 4 - 7 = +c, -3 = c, \quad c = -3$$

5. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ then show that $AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{\text{Adj} A}{|A|}, \text{Adj} A \text{ (Adjoint A) is the transpose of the cofactor matrix of A}$$

Cofactors are $C_{11}, C_{12}, C_{21}, C_{22}$,

$$C_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} \times 9 = (-1)^2 \times 9 = 9$$

$$C_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} \times 4 = (-1)^3 \times 4 = -4$$

$$C_{21} = (-1)^{2+1} \times 2 = (-1)^3 \times 2 = -2 = -2$$

$$C_{22} = (-1)^{2+2} \times 1 = 1 \times 1 = 1$$

$$\text{Cofactor matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -4 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Adjoint A is the transpose of the cofactor matrix of A $= \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -4 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -2 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Determinant A = $|A|$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = (1 \times 9) - (2 \times 4) = 9 - 8 = 1$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{\text{Adj A}}{|A|} = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} 9 & -2 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -2 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

to prove $AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I$

$$AA^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -2 \\ -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 9 + 2 \times -4 & 1 \times -2 + 2 \times 1 \\ 4 \times 9 + 9 \times -4 & 4 \times -2 + 9 \times 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 + -8 & -2 + 2 \\ 36 + -36 & -8 + 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

6. If $\begin{vmatrix} x & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$ find x

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = x \times \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \times \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \times \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}, \text{change the sign of 1}$$

$$= x [(1 \times 3) - (0 \times -1)] - 1 [(4 \times 3) - (2 \times -1)] + 3 [(4 \times 0) - (2 \times 1)] = x[3 - 0] - 1[12 - -2] + 3[0 - 2]$$

$$= x[3] - 1[12+2] + 3[-2] = 3x - 1 \times 14 + -6, \quad -14 - 6 = -20$$

$$= 3x - 14 - 6 = 3x - 20 \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \times \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \times \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \times \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}, \text{change the sign of } -1$$

$$= 2 [(0 \times 2) - (0 \times 1)] + 1 [(3 \times 2) - (1 \times -1)] + 1 [(3 \times 0) - (0 \times -1)] = 2[0 - 0] + 1[6 - -1] + 1[0 - 0]$$

$$= 2 \times 0 + 1 \times (6+1) + 1(0) = 0 + 1 \times 7 + 1 \times 0 = 0 + 7 + 0 = 7 \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

From (1) and (2), $3x - 20 = 7$, (given) , $3x = 7 + 20$, $3x = 27$, $x = \frac{27}{3} = 9$

7. Solve for x if, $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & x \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & x \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & x \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \times \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \times \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} + x \times \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}, \text{change the sign of 1}$$

$$= 2 [(-1 \times 6) - (2 \times 1)] - 1 [(3 \times 6) - (1 \times 2)] + x [(3 \times 1) - (1 \times -1)] = 2[-6 - 2] - 1[18 - 2] + x[3 - -1]$$

$$=2[-8]-1[16] + x[4] = -16 - 16 + 4x = 4x - 32$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4 & x \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = (4 \times 2) - (3 \times x) = 8 - 3x$$

Given that $4x - 32 = 8 - 3x$

$$4x + 3x = 8 + 32, 7x = 40, x = \frac{40}{7}$$

8.If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \\ -3 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$. Compute AB and BA

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \\ -3 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 1 + 0 \times 2 + 2 \times -3 & 1 \times -2 + 0 \times 3 + 2 \times 1 & 1 \times 3 + 0 \times -1 + 2 \times 2 \\ 0 \times 1 + 1 \times 2 + 2 \times -3 & 0 \times -2 + 1 \times 3 + 2 \times 1 & 0 \times 3 + 1 \times -1 + 2 \times 2 \\ 1 \times 1 + 2 \times 2 + 0 \times -3 & 1 \times -2 + 2 \times 3 + 0 \times 1 & 1 \times 3 + 2 \times -1 + 0 \times 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 + 0 - 6 & -2 + 0 + 2 & 3 + 0 + 4 \\ 0 + 2 - 6 & 0 + 3 + 2 & 0 - 1 + 4 \\ 1 + 4 + 0 & -2 + 6 + 0 & 3 - 2 + 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 0 & 7 \\ -4 & 5 & 3 \\ 5 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$BA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \\ -3 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 1 - 2 \times 0 + 3 \times 1 & 1 \times 0 - 2 \times 1 + 3 \times 2 & 1 \times 2 - 2 \times 2 + 3 \times 0 \\ 2 \times 1 + 3 \times 0 - 1 \times 1 & 2 \times 0 + 3 \times 1 - 1 \times 2 & 2 \times 2 + 3 \times 2 - 1 \times 0 \\ -3 \times 1 + 1 \times 0 + 2 \times 1 & -3 \times 0 + 1 \times 1 + 2 \times 2 & -3 \times 2 + 1 \times 2 + 2 \times 0 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 + 0 + 3 & 0 - 2 + 6 & 2 - 4 + 0 \\ 2 + 0 - 1 & 0 + 3 - 2 & 4 + 6 + 0 \\ -3 + 0 + 2 & 0 + 1 + 4 & -6 + 2 + 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 10 \\ -1 & 5 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$AB \neq BA$, A and B do not commute [A and B, commute if, $AB=BA$]

8.Find the values of a,b and c that satisfy

$$\begin{bmatrix} a+3 & 3a-2b \\ 3a-c & a+b+c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -7+2b \\ b+4 & 8a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a+3=2, \quad a=2-3=-1$$

$$3a-2b=-7+2b, \quad 3 \times -1 - 2b = -7+2b, \quad -3+7=2b+2b, \quad 4=4b, \quad \frac{4}{4}=b, \quad 1=b, \quad b=1$$

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

$$3a-c=1+4, \quad 3 \times -1 - c = 5, \quad -3-c=5, \quad -c=5+3, \quad -c=8, \quad c=-8$$

9.Solve by determinant method $x+2y-z=-3, 3x+y+z-4=0, x-y+2z=6$

The equations as $1x+2y-1z=-3, 3x+1y+1z=4, 1x-1y+2z=6$

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \Delta = [\text{change the sign of } 2] = 1 \times \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \times \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \times \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1 [(1 \times 2) - (1 \times -1)] - 2 [(3 \times 2) - (1 \times 1)] - 1 [(3 \times -1) - (1 \times 1)] = 1[2 - -1] - 2[6 - 1] - 1[-3 - 1]$$

$$= 1[2 + 1] - 2[5] - 1[-4] = 1 \times 3 - 10 + 4 = 3 + 4 - 10 = 7 - 10 = -3, \quad -3 - 1 = -4$$

$$x = \frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta}, y = \frac{\Delta_2}{\Delta}, z = \frac{\Delta_3}{\Delta}, \Delta_1 = \text{change the first column of } \Delta \text{ by } -3, 4, 6 = \Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 6 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -3 \times \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \times \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 6 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \times \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 6 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = -3 [(1 \times 2) - (1 \times -1)] - 2 [(4 \times 2) - (6 \times 1)] - 1 [(4 \times -1) - (6 \times 1)]$$

$$= -3[2 - -1] - 2[8 - 6] - 1[-4 - 6] = -3[2 + 1] - 2[2] - 1[-10] = -3[3] - 2[2] + 10 =$$

$$-9 - 4 + 10 = -13 + 10 = -3$$

$$\Delta_2 = \text{change the second column of } \Delta \text{ by } -3, 4, 6, \Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -3 & -1 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 6 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1 \times \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 6 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \times \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \times \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 1 [(4 \times 2) - (6 \times 1)] + 3 [(3 \times 2) - (1 \times 1)] - 1 [(3 \times 6) - (1 \times 4)]$$

$$= 1[8 - 6] + 3[6 - 1] - 1[18 - 4] = 1[2] + 3[5] - 1[14] = 2 + 15 - 14 = 17 - 14 = 3$$

$$\Delta_3 = \text{change the third column of } \Delta \text{ by } -3, 4, 6, \Delta_3 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1 \times \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ -1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \times \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} - 3 \times \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 [(1 \times 6) - (4 \times -1)] - 2 [(3 \times 6) - (4 \times 1)] - 3 [(3 \times -1) - (1 \times 1)]$$

$$= 1[6 - -4] - 2[18 - 4] - 3[-3 - 1] = 1[10] - 2[14] - 3[-4] = 10 - 28 + 12 = 10 + 12 - 28 = 22 - 28 = -6$$

$$x = \frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta} = \frac{-3}{-3} = 1, y = \frac{\Delta_2}{\Delta} = \frac{3}{-3} = -1, z = \frac{\Delta_3}{\Delta} = \frac{-6}{-3} = 2$$

$$10. \text{ If } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ -2 & 1 & 6 \\ 3 & 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ find } 3A + 2B$$

$$3A + 2B =$$

$$3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ -2 & 1 & 6 \\ 3 & 2 & 7 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \times 1 & 3 \times 0 & 3 \times 5 \\ 3 \times -2 & 3 \times 1 & 3 \times 6 \\ 3 \times 3 & 3 \times 2 & 3 \times 7 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 \times 1 & 2 \times -2 & 2 \times 2 \\ 2 \times 4 & 2 \times 0 & 2 \times 3 \\ 2 \times 2 & 2 \times 1 & 2 \times 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 + 2 & 0 + -4 & 15 + 4 \\ -6 + 8 & 3 + 0 & 18 + 6 \\ 9 + 4 & 6 + 2 & 21 + 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -4 & 19 \\ 2 & 3 & 24 \\ 13 & 8 & 23 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$11. \text{ Solve } 5x + 2y = 4, 2x - y = 7, \text{ The equations are } 5x + 2y = 4, 2x - 1y = 7$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = A^{-1} \cdot B, \text{ and } A^{-1} = \frac{\text{Adj } A}{|A|}$$

Adjoint A is the transpose of the cofactor matrix of A.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ Cofactors are } C_{11}, C_{12}, C_{21}, C_{22},$$

$$C_{11} = (-1)^{1+1} \times -1 = (-1)^2 \times -1 = -1$$

$$C_{12} = (-1)^{1+2} \times 2 = (-1)^3 \times 2 = -2$$

$$C_{21} = (-1)^{2+1} \times 2 = (-1)^3 \times 2 = -2 = -2$$

$$C_{22} = (-1)^{2+2} \times 5 = 1 \times 5 = 5$$

$$\text{Cofactor matrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Adjoint A is the transpose of the cofactor matrix of A = $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$

Determinant A = $|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = (5 \times -1) - (2 \times 2) = -5 - 4 = -9$, $A^{-1} = \frac{\text{Adj A}}{|A|} = \frac{\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}}{-9} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1}{-9} & \frac{-2}{-9} \\ \frac{-2}{-9} & \frac{5}{-9} \end{bmatrix}$

$$X = A^{-1} \cdot B = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{9} & \frac{-2}{-9} \\ \frac{-2}{-9} & \frac{5}{-9} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{9} \times 4 + \frac{2}{9} \times 7 \\ \frac{2}{9} \times 4 + \frac{5}{-9} \times 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{9} + \frac{14}{9} \\ \frac{8}{9} + \frac{-35}{9} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{18}{9} \\ \frac{8-35}{9} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ \frac{-27}{9} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad x = 2, y = -3$$

12. Find AB, $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 1 + -1 \times 3 & 1 \times 0 - 1 \times -2 & 1 \times -2 - 1 \times 1 \\ 2 \times 1 + 3 \times 3 & 2 \times 0 + 3 \times -2 & 2 \times -2 + 3 \times 1 \\ -1 \times 1 + 2 \times 3 & -1 \times 0 + 2 \times -2 & -1 \times -2 + 2 \times 1 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 + -3 & 0 + 2 & -2 + -1 \\ 2 + 9 & 0 + -6 & -4 + 3 \\ -1 + 6 & 0 + -4 & 2 + 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 & -3 \\ 11 & -6 & -1 \\ 5 & -4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

MODULE 2

VECTOR ALGEBRA

1. Find the sum of the vectors $\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$, $2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$.

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

$$= 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}, \hat{i} - \hat{i} = 0, -2\hat{j} + 2\hat{j} = 0, 3\hat{k} - 3\hat{k} = 0$$

2. Find the length of the vector, $\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$, The length of the vector = $|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$

$$\vec{a} = 1\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}, x = 1, y = -2, z = 2, \text{ length} = \sqrt{1^2 + (-2)^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{1 + 4 + 4} = \sqrt{9} = 3, (-2)^2 = 4$$

3. If $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$, find $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$

$$\vec{a} = 1\hat{i} + 1\hat{j} + 1\hat{k}, \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - 1\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}, \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2$$

$$a_1 = 1, b_1 = 1, c_1 = 1, a_2 = 2, b_2 = -1, c_2 = 3,$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 1 \times 2 + 1 \times -1 + 1 \times 3 = 2 + -1 + 3 = 5 - 1 = 4$$

3. Find the unit vector in the direction of $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$, unit vector in the direction of $\vec{a} = \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|}$

$$|\vec{a}| = \text{length} = \sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{4 + 1 + 16} = \sqrt{21}, (-1)^2 = 1$$

$$\text{unit vector} = \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \frac{2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}}{\sqrt{21}}$$

4. Find a unit vector perpendicular to the vectors $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$, $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$

Vector perpendicular to \vec{a} and \vec{b} is $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$,

unit vector perpendicular to \vec{a} and \vec{b} is $\frac{\vec{a} \times \vec{b}}{|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|}$

$$\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}, \vec{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k} = 1\hat{i} + 1\hat{j} + 1\hat{k}$$

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

$$= \hat{i} [(3 \times 1) - (4 \times 1)] - \hat{j} [(2 \times 1) - (4 \times 1)] + \hat{k} [(2 \times 1) - (3 \times 1)] = \hat{i} [3 - 4] - \hat{j} [2 - 4] + \hat{k} [2 - 3]$$

$$= \hat{i} [-1] - \hat{j} [-2] + \hat{k} [-1] = -1\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 1\hat{k}.$$

unit vector perpendicular to \vec{a} and \vec{b} is $\frac{\vec{a} \times \vec{b}}{|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|} = \frac{-1\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 1\hat{k}}{|-1\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 1\hat{k}|} =$

$$\frac{-1\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 1\hat{k}}{\sqrt{(-1)^2 + (2)^2 + (-1)^2}} = \frac{-1\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 1\hat{k}}{\sqrt{1+4+1}} = \frac{-1\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 1\hat{k}}{\sqrt{6}}, \quad |-1\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 1\hat{k}| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (2)^2 + (-1)^2}$$

5. Find the angle between the vectors $6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ and $2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$.

Angle between the vectors, $\cos\theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|}$

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

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = (6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 1\hat{k}) = 6 \times 2 - 3 \times 2 + 2 \times -1 = 12 - 6 - 2 = 12 - 8 = 4, \quad -6 - 2 = -8$$

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

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

$$\cos\theta = \frac{4}{7 \times 3} = \frac{4}{21}, \quad \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{4}{21}\right)$$

6. Find the work done by a force $\vec{F} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k} = 1\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 1\hat{k}$

which is displaced from a point with position vector $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ to the point with position vector $3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$.

$$\text{Work done} = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{AB}, \quad B(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}), \quad A(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

$$\vec{AB} = \text{position vector of B} - \text{position vector of A} = (3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) - (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

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

$$\text{Work done} = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{AB} = (1\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 1\hat{k}) \cdot (1\hat{i} + 1\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = 1 \times 1 + 2 \times 1 + 1 \times 3 = 1 + 2 + 3 = 6 \text{ units.}$$

7. The constant forces $2\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$, $-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $2\hat{i} + 7\hat{j}$ act on a particle from the position $4\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ to $6\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$. Find the total work done.

Ans: A($4\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$), B($6\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$)

$$\text{Work done} = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{AB} \quad \vec{F} = \vec{F_1} + \vec{F_2} + \vec{F_3}, \quad \vec{F_1} = 2\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}, \quad \vec{F_2} = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}, \quad \vec{F_3} = 2\hat{i} + 7\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{F_1} + \vec{F_2} + \vec{F_3} = (2\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) + (-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}) + (2\hat{i} + 7\hat{j}) =$$

$$(2\hat{i} + -\hat{i} + 2\hat{i}) + (-5\hat{j} + 2\hat{j} + 7\hat{j}) + (6\hat{k} + -\hat{k}) = (4\hat{i} - \hat{i}) + (9\hat{j} - 5\hat{j}) + (6\hat{k} - \hat{k}) = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{AB} = B(6\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) - A(4\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) = 6\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k} - (4\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) =$$

$$6\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k} - 4\hat{i} - -3\hat{j} - -2\hat{k} = 6\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k} - 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} = (6\hat{i} - 4\hat{i}) + (\hat{j} + 3\hat{j}) + (-3\hat{k} + 2\hat{k}) = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 1\hat{k}, \quad -3\hat{k} + 2\hat{k} = -1\hat{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Work done} &= (\vec{F_1} + \vec{F_2} + \vec{F_3}) \cdot \vec{AB} = (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) \cdot (2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 1\hat{k}) = 3 \times 2 + 4 \times 4 + 5 \times -1 \\ &= 6 + 16 + -5 = 22 - 5 = 17 \text{ units.} \end{aligned}$$

8. Find a vector perpendicular to the vectors $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ and $\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$

Vector perpendicular to \vec{a} and \vec{b} is $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$

$$2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k} = \vec{a}, \quad \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k} = \vec{b} = 1\hat{i} + 1\hat{j} - 1\hat{k}$$

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

$$= \hat{i} [(3 \times -1) - (4 \times 1)] - \hat{j} [(2 \times -1) - (4 \times 1)] + \hat{k} [(2 \times 1) - (3 \times 1)] =$$

$$= \hat{i} [-3 - 4] - \hat{j} [-2 - 4] + \hat{k} [2 - 3] = \hat{i} [-7] - \hat{j} [-6] + \hat{k} [-1] = -7\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 1\hat{k},$$

$$2 - 3 = -1, \quad 3 - 4 = -1, \quad -2 - 4 = -6$$

9. A Force $4\hat{i} - 3\hat{k}$ passes through the point A whose position vector is $2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$. Find the moment of the force about the point B whose position vector is $\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$.

$$\text{Force} = \vec{F} = 4\hat{i} - 3\hat{k} = 4\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{r} = \text{Through the point A} - \text{about the point B} = (2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) - (\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}) =$$

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

$$\text{Moment of the force} = |\vec{r} \times \vec{F}|$$

$$\vec{r} \times \vec{F} = (1\hat{i} + 1\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) \times (4\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 4 & 0 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -3 \end{vmatrix} - \hat{j} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 4 & -3 \end{vmatrix} + \hat{k} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i} [(1 \times -3) - (4 \times 0)] - \hat{j} [(1 \times -3) - (4 \times 4)] + \hat{k} [(1 \times 0) - (4 \times 1)] = \hat{i} [-3 - 0] - \hat{j} [-3 - 16] + \hat{k} [0 - 4]$$

$$= \hat{i} [-3] - \hat{j} [-19] + \hat{k} [-4] = -3\hat{i} + 19\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Moment of the force} = |\vec{r} \times \vec{F}| = |-3\hat{i} + 19\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}| = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + (19)^2 + (-4)^2} = \sqrt{9 + 361 + 16} = \sqrt{386}$$

10. Find the angle between $7\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 11\hat{k}$ and $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$.

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}||\vec{b}|}, \vec{a} = (7\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 11\hat{k}), \vec{b} = (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 7 \times 1 - 1 \times 1 + 11 \times 1 = 7 - 1 + 11 = 7 + 11 - 1 = 18 - 1 = 17$$

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{7^2 + (-1)^2 + 11^2} = \sqrt{49 + 1 + 121} = \sqrt{171}$$

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

$$\cos\theta = \frac{17}{\sqrt{171} \times \sqrt{3}} = \frac{17}{\sqrt{513}}, \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{17}{\sqrt{513}}\right)$$

11. Find the area of a parallelogram whose adjacent sides are determined by the vectors

$$\vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k} = 1\hat{i} - 1\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + \hat{k} = 2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + 1\hat{k}$$

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

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

$$= \hat{i} [(-1 \times 1) - (3 \times -7)] - \hat{j} [(1 \times 1) - (2 \times 3)] + \hat{k} [(1 \times -7) - (2 \times -1)] = \hat{i} [-1 + 21] - \hat{j} [1 - 6] + \hat{k} [-7 + 2]$$

$$= \hat{i} [20] - \hat{j} [-5] + \hat{k} [5] = 20\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Area of the parallelogram} = |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = \sqrt{(20)^2 + (5)^2 + (5)^2} = \sqrt{450} \text{ sq. units}$$

12. Find the area of a triangle with vertices A(1,0,-1), B(2,1,5) and C(0,1,2).

$$\text{Area of the triangle} = \frac{1}{2} |\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC}|$$

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = \text{position vector B} - \text{position vector A} = B(2,1,5) - A(1,0,-1) = 2\hat{i} + 1\hat{j} + 5\hat{k} - (1\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} - 1\hat{k})$$

$$= 2\hat{i} + 1\hat{j} + 5\hat{k} - 1\hat{i} - 0\hat{j} + 1\hat{k} = 2\hat{i} - 1\hat{i} + 1\hat{j} - 0\hat{j} + 5\hat{k} + 1\hat{k} = 1\hat{i} + 1\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{AC} = \text{position vector C} - \text{position vector A} = C(0,1,2) - A(1,0,-1) = 0\hat{i} + 1\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} - (1\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} - 1\hat{k})$$

$$= 0\hat{i} + 1\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} - 1\hat{i} - 0\hat{j} + 1\hat{k} = 0\hat{i} - 1\hat{i} + 1\hat{j} - 0\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} + 1\hat{k} = -1\hat{i} + 1\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 1 & 6 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - \hat{j} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + \hat{k} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i} [(1 \times 3) - (6 \times 1)] - \hat{j} [(1 \times 3) - (6 \times -1)] + \hat{k} [(1 \times 1) - (-1 \times 1)] = \hat{i} [3 - 6] - \hat{j} [3 - -6] + \hat{k} [1 - -1]$$

$$= \hat{i} [-3] - \hat{j} [3 + 6] + \hat{k} [1 + 1] = -3\hat{i} - 9\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$|\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC}| = |-3\hat{i} - 9\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}| = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + (-9)^2 + (2)^2} = \sqrt{9 + 81 + 4} = \sqrt{94}$$

$$\text{Area of the triangle} = \frac{1}{2} |\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC}| = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{94} \text{sq. units}$$

$$13. \text{Find the unit vector in the direction of } 3\overrightarrow{a} + 4\overrightarrow{b}. \overrightarrow{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k} = 1\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 1\hat{k}, \overrightarrow{b} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 1\hat{k}$$

$$\text{unit vector in the direction of } 3\overrightarrow{a} + 4\overrightarrow{b} = \frac{3\overrightarrow{a} + 4\overrightarrow{b}}{|3\overrightarrow{a} + 4\overrightarrow{b}|}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3\overrightarrow{a} + 4\overrightarrow{b} &= 3(1\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 1\hat{k}) + 4(2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 1\hat{k}) = 3\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} + 8\hat{i} - 12\hat{j} + 4\hat{k} \\ &= 3\hat{i} + 8\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 12\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} + 4\hat{k} = 11\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 7\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$|3\overrightarrow{a} + 4\overrightarrow{b}| = |11\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}| = \sqrt{(11)^2 + (-6)^2 + (7)^2} = \sqrt{121 + 36 + 49} = \sqrt{206}$$

$$\text{unit vector in the direction of } 3\overrightarrow{a} + 4\overrightarrow{b} = \frac{3\overrightarrow{a} + 4\overrightarrow{b}}{|3\overrightarrow{a} + 4\overrightarrow{b}|} = \frac{11\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}}{\sqrt{206}}$$

$$14. \text{Find the value of } p \text{ such that } 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}, 4\hat{i} - p\hat{j} - 2\hat{k} \text{ are perpendicular.}$$

$$\text{Two vectors are perpendicular when } \overrightarrow{a} \cdot \overrightarrow{b} = 0$$

$$\overrightarrow{a} \cdot \overrightarrow{b} = (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}) \cdot (4\hat{i} - p\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) = 0,$$

$$\overrightarrow{a} \cdot \overrightarrow{b} = 2 \times 4 - 3 \times -p - 1 \times -2 = 8 + 3p + 2 = 0, 10 + 3p = 0, 3p = -10, p = \frac{-10}{3}$$

$$15. \text{Find the dot product of the vectors } 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k} \text{ and } \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}.$$

$$\text{Dot product } \overrightarrow{a} \cdot \overrightarrow{b} = (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$$

$$= 2 \times 1 + 3 \times -2 - 1 \times -1 = 2 - 6 + 1 = 3 - 6 = -3$$

$$15. \text{Find the unit vector in the direction of } \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}.$$

$$\text{Unit vector in the direction of } \overrightarrow{a} = \frac{\overrightarrow{a}}{|\overrightarrow{a}|} = \frac{1\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 1\hat{k}}{\sqrt{(1)^2 + (-2)^2 + (-1)^2}} = \frac{1\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 1\hat{k}}{\sqrt{1+4+1}} = \frac{1\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 1\hat{k}}{\sqrt{6}}$$

$$16. \text{Find the length of the vector } 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}.$$

$$\text{Length of the vector } 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k} = |\overrightarrow{a}| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (3)^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{4 + 9 + 1} = \sqrt{14}$$