

1. Consider points A, B, C and D with position vectors $7\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$, $\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 10\hat{k}$, $-\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ and $5\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ respectively. The ABCD is a
- (A) square
(B) rhombus
(C) rectangle
(D) none of these

Ans. (D)

Sol.

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = -6\hat{i} - 10\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{AD} = -2\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{AB} \cdot \overrightarrow{AD} \neq 0$$

so not a square or rectangle $|\overrightarrow{AB}| \neq |\overrightarrow{AD}|$ so not a rhombus.

SECTION - B

ADDITION & SUBTRACTION OF VECTORS

2. The vertices of a triangle are A(1,1,2), B(4,3,1) and C(2,3,5). A vector representing the internal bisector of the angle A is
- (A) $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$
(B) $2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$
(C) $2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$
(D) $2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$

Ans. (D)

Sol.

$$\vec{p} = (3, 2, -1)$$

$$\hat{p} = \frac{(3, 2, -1)}{\sqrt{14}}$$

$$\vec{q} = (1, 2, 3)$$

$$\hat{q} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} (1, 2, 3)$$

$$\text{Angle Bisector} = \hat{p} + \hat{q} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} (4, 4, 2)$$

3. The vectors $\overrightarrow{AB} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{k}$ and $\overrightarrow{AC} = 5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ are the sides of a triangle ABC. The length of the median through A is

- (A) $\sqrt{18}$
 (B) $\sqrt{72}$
 (C) $\sqrt{33}$
 (D) $\sqrt{288}$

Ans. (C)

Sol.

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = (3, 0, 4)$$

$$\overrightarrow{AC} = (5, -2, 4)$$

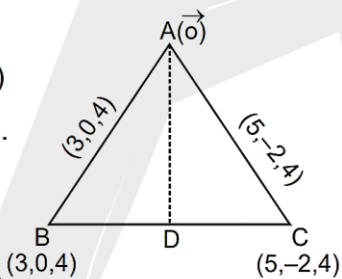
Let \vec{A} be origin.

D is the mid point of BC

$$D(4, -1, 4)$$

$$\overrightarrow{AD} = (4, -1, 4)$$

$$|\overrightarrow{AD}| = \sqrt{16 + 1 + 16} = \sqrt{33}$$



SECTION - C

COLLINEARITY OF THREE POINTS

4. If the vector \vec{b} is collinear with the vector $\vec{a} = (2\sqrt{2}, -1, 4)$ and $|\vec{b}| = 10$, then
- (A) $\vec{a} \pm \vec{b} = 0$ (B) $\vec{a} \pm 2\vec{b} = 0$
 (C) $2\vec{a} \pm \vec{b} = 0$ (D) none of these

Ans. (C)

Sol.

$$\vec{a} = (2\sqrt{2}, -1, 4) \quad |\vec{b}| = 10$$

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

$$|\vec{b}|^2 = \lambda^2 |\vec{a}|^2$$

$$100 = \lambda^2 (8 + 1 + 16)$$

$$\lambda^2 = 4 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm 2$$

$$2\vec{a} \pm \vec{b} = 0$$

SECTION - D

RELATION BETWEEN TWO PARALLEL VECTORS

5. If $A(-\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$, $B(-4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$ and $C(5\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \mu\hat{k})$ are collinear then

(A) $\lambda = 5, \mu = 10$

(B) $\lambda = 10, \mu = 5$

(C) $\lambda = -5, \mu = 10$

(D) $\lambda = 5, \mu = -10$

Ans. (A)

Sol. $\vec{AB} = -3\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$
 $\vec{BC} = 9\hat{i} + (\lambda - 2)\hat{j} + (\mu + 2)\hat{k}$
 \vec{AB} collinear with \vec{BC}
 $\therefore \frac{-3}{9} = \frac{-1}{\lambda - 2} = \frac{-4}{\mu + 2}$
 $\lambda = 5, \mu = 10$

6. The vectors $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$, $5\hat{i} + 6\hat{j}$ and $8\hat{j} + \lambda\hat{j}$ have their initial points at $(1, 1)$. Find the value of λ so that the vectors terminate on one straight line

(A) 9

(B) 8

(C) 7

(D) 6

Ans. (A)

Sol. Since the vectors $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$ and $5\hat{i} + 6\hat{j}$ have $(1, 1)$ as the initial point, therefore their terminal points are $(3, 4)$ and $(6, 7)$, respectively. The equation of the line joining these two points is $x - y + 1 = 0$. The terminal point of $8\hat{j} + \lambda\hat{j}$ is $(9, \lambda + 1)$. Since the vectors terminate on the same straight line, $(9, \lambda + 1)$ lies on $x - y + 1 = 0$. Therefore,
 $9 - \lambda + 1 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow \lambda = 9$

7. If \vec{a} , \vec{b} and \vec{c} are three non-zero vectors, no two of which are collinear, $\vec{a} + 2\vec{b}$ is collinear with \vec{c} and $\vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$ is collinear with \vec{a} , then find the value of $|\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} + 6\vec{c}|$,

(A) 0

(B) 1

(C) 2

(D) 3

Ans. (A)

(Mathematics)

VECTOR

Sol. Given $\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} = \lambda\vec{c}$
 and $\vec{b} + 3\vec{c} = \mu\vec{a}$
 where no two of \vec{a} , \vec{b} and \vec{c} are collinear vectors.
 Eliminating \vec{b} from the above relations, we have
 $\vec{a} - 6\vec{c} = \lambda\vec{c} - 2\mu\vec{a}$
 $\vec{a}(1 + 2\mu) = (\lambda + 6)\vec{c}$
 $\Rightarrow \mu = -\frac{1}{2}$ and $\lambda = -6$ as \vec{a} and \vec{c} are non-collinear
 putting $\mu = -\frac{1}{2}$ in (ii) or $\lambda = -6$ in (i), we get
 $\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} + 6\vec{c} = \vec{0}$
 $\Rightarrow |\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} + 6\vec{c}| = 0$

SECTION - L

MIXED PROBLEMS

8. If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are linearly independent vectors, then which one of the following set of vectors is linearly dependent?

(A) $\vec{a} + \vec{b}, \vec{b} + \vec{c}, \vec{c} + \vec{a}$

(B) $\vec{a} - \vec{b}, \vec{b} - \vec{c}, \vec{c} - \vec{a}$

(C) $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}, \vec{b} \times \vec{c}, \vec{c} \times \vec{a}$

(D) none of these

Ans. (B)

Sol.

$$x\vec{a} + y\vec{b} + z\vec{c} = \vec{0}$$

(For linearly independent vector)

$$x(\vec{a} - \vec{b}) + y(\vec{b} - \vec{c}) + z(\vec{c} - \vec{a})$$

$$x\vec{a} + y\vec{b} + z\vec{c} - (x\vec{b} + y\vec{c} + z\vec{a})$$

$$\text{linear combination} \Rightarrow 0 - 0 = 0$$

So $\vec{a} - \vec{b}, \vec{b} - \vec{c}, \vec{c} - \vec{a}$ are linearly dependent vector.

9. If G is the centroid of a triangle ABC, then $\vec{GA} + \vec{GB} + \vec{GC}$ is equal to

(A) $\vec{0}$

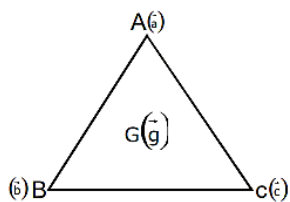
(B) $3\vec{GA}$

(C) $3\vec{GB}$

(D) $3\vec{GC}$

Ans. (A)

Sol.



$$G(\vec{g}) = \left(\frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}}{3} \right)$$

$$\overrightarrow{GA} + \overrightarrow{GB} + \overrightarrow{GC} = (\vec{A} - \vec{G}) + (\vec{B} - \vec{G}) + (\vec{C} - \vec{G})$$

$$= (\vec{A} + \vec{B} + \vec{C}) - 3\vec{G}$$

$$= \vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} - 3 \left[\frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}}{3} \right]$$

$$\boxed{\overrightarrow{GA} + \overrightarrow{GB} + \overrightarrow{GC} = \vec{0}}$$

10. If vector $\overrightarrow{AB} = -3\hat{i} + 4\hat{k}$ and $\overrightarrow{AC} = 5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ are the sides of a $\triangle ABC$, then the length of the median through A is

(A) $\sqrt{14}$

(B) $\sqrt{18}$

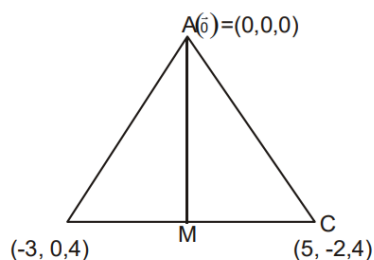
(C) $\sqrt{29}$

(D) 5

Ans. (B)

Sol. $\overrightarrow{AB} = -3\hat{i} + 4\hat{k}$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{B} - \vec{A} = -3\hat{i} + 4\hat{k}$$



$$\Rightarrow \vec{B} = -3\hat{i} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{AC} = \vec{C} - \vec{A} = 5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{C} = 5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$M = (1, -1, 4)$$

$$\vec{AM} = \vec{M} - \vec{A}$$

$$\vec{AM} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$|\vec{AM}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + (4)^2} = \sqrt{18}$$



11. If the vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} are linearly independent satisfying $(\sqrt{3}\tan \theta + 1)\vec{a} + (\sqrt{3}\sec \theta - 2)\vec{b} = 0$, then the most general values of θ are

(A) $n\pi - \frac{\pi}{6}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

(B) $2n\pi \pm \frac{11\pi}{6}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

(C) $n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{6}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

(D) $2n\pi + \frac{11\pi}{6}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

Ans. (D)

Sol.

$$(\sqrt{3} \tan \theta + 1) \vec{a} + (\sqrt{3} \sec \theta - 2) \vec{b} = 0$$

\vec{a} & \vec{b} are linear independent

So, $\sqrt{3} \tan \theta + 1 = 0$

$$\tan \theta = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\sqrt{3} \sec \theta - 2 \Rightarrow \sec \theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Both are possible in fourth quadrant &

$$\theta = \frac{-\pi}{6} \text{ or } \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

so, $\theta = 2n\pi - \frac{\pi}{6}$ or $\theta = 2n\pi + \frac{11\pi}{6}$

MIXED PROBLEMS

12. The vectors $\vec{a} = -4\hat{i} + 3\hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = 14\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ are coinitial. The vector \vec{d} which is bisecting the angle between the vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} and is having the magnitude $\sqrt{6}$, is

(A) $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

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

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

(D) none of these

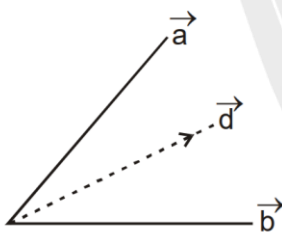
Ans. (A)

Sol. $\vec{d} = \vec{a} + \vec{b}$

$$= \frac{-4\hat{i} + 3\hat{k}}{5} + \frac{|14\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}|}{15}$$

$$= \frac{-12\hat{i} + 9\hat{k} + 14\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}}{15}$$

$$= \frac{2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}}{15} = \frac{2}{15}(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$$



13. The vector $\hat{i} + x\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ is rotated through an angle of $\cos^{-1} \frac{11}{14}$ and doubled in magnitude, then it becomes $4\hat{i} + (4x - 2)\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$. The value of 'x' is

(A) $-\frac{2}{3}$

(B) $\frac{2}{3}$

(C) $\frac{1}{3}$

(D) 2

Ans. (D)

Sol.

Let new vector is \vec{a}

$$\text{So, } |\vec{a}| = 2|\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}|$$

$$= 2\sqrt{1 + x^2 + 9}$$

$$|\vec{a}| = 2\sqrt{10 + x^2}$$

$$|\vec{a}|(\hat{i} + x\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \cos \theta = \vec{a}(\hat{i} + x\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$$

$$2\sqrt{10 + x^2} \sqrt{10 + x^2} \cdot \frac{11}{14}$$

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

$$\frac{11}{7}(10 + x^2) = 4 + x(4x - 2) + 6$$

$$11(10 + x^2) = 7(10 + 4x^2 - 2x)$$

$$110 + 11x^2 = 70 + 28x^2 - 14x$$

$$110 + 11x^2 = 70 + 28x^2 - 14x$$

$$17x^2 - 14x - 40 = 0$$

only "2" is satisfies this equation

So, option = D

COLLINEARITY OF THREE POINTS

14. If a, b, c are different real numbers and $a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}, b\hat{i} + c\hat{j} + a\hat{k}$ and $c\hat{i} + a\hat{j} + b\hat{k}$ are position vectors of three non-collinear points A, B, and C, then
- (A) centroid of triangle ABC is $\frac{a+b+c}{3}(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$
- (B) $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ is equally inclined to the three vectors
- (C) perpendicular from the origin to the plane of triangle ABC meet at centroid
- (D) triangle ABC is an equilateral triangle.

Ans. (ABCD)

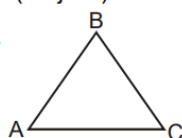
Sol. $G = \frac{\vec{A} + \vec{B} + \vec{C}}{3} = \frac{(a+b+c)}{3}(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$

then [A] and [B] are correct.

$$|\vec{AB}| = |\vec{BC}| = |\vec{CA}|$$

then [D] is also correct.

[C] \Rightarrow (By observation)



SUBJECTIVE

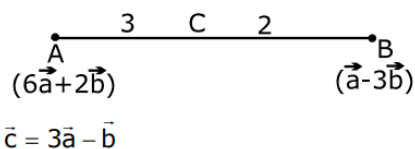
(Mathematics)

VECTOR

15. The position vector of two points A and B are $6\vec{a} + 2\vec{b}$ and $\vec{a} - 3\vec{b}$. If a point C divides AB in the ratio 3:2 then show that the position vector of C is $3\vec{a} - \vec{b}$

Ans. ()

Sol. $\vec{c} = \frac{3(\vec{a} - 3\vec{b}) + 2(6\vec{a} + 2\vec{b})}{5}$

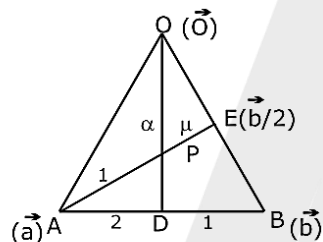


16. In a $\triangle OAB$, E is the mid-point of OB and D is a point on AB such that AD:DB = 2:1. if OD and AE intersect at P, then determine the ratio OP:PD using vector methods.

Ans. (3 : 2)

Sol.

$$\therefore \vec{P} = \frac{\alpha \left(\frac{2\vec{b} + \vec{a}}{3} \right)}{\alpha + 1} = \frac{\frac{\vec{b}}{2} + \mu \vec{a}}{\mu + 1}$$



$$\frac{2\alpha}{3(\alpha + 1)} = \frac{1}{2(\mu + 1)} \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\frac{\alpha}{3(\alpha + 1)} = \frac{\mu}{(\mu + 1)} \quad \dots (2)$$

$$(1) - (2)$$

$$2 = \frac{1}{2\mu} \Rightarrow \mu = 4 \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow OP : PD = 3 : 2$$

17. Show that the points

$$\vec{a} - 2\vec{b} + 3\vec{c}; 2\vec{a} + 3\vec{b} - 4\vec{c} \text{ and } -7\vec{b} + 10\vec{c}$$

are collinear.

Ans. ()

Sol.

(a) Let $\vec{P}, \vec{Q}, \& \vec{R}$ be three vectors

$$\vec{PQ} = \vec{a} + 5\vec{b} - 7\vec{c}$$

$$\vec{QR} = -2\vec{a} - 10\vec{b} + 14\vec{c}$$

$$(\vec{QR}) = -2(\vec{PQ})$$

Here collinear.

(b) $\vec{AB} = (2, 2, 4)$

$$\vec{AC} = (-6, -6, -12) \Rightarrow \vec{AC} = -3\vec{AB}$$

Here $\vec{A}, \vec{B}, \vec{C}$ are collinear

Let the ratio be $k : 1$

So, $\begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{k} \quad \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ C \quad \quad A \quad \quad B \\ \xleftarrow{1} \quad \xrightarrow{\quad} \end{array}$

$$\frac{-3k-1}{k-1} = 3 \Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{3} \text{ (externally)}$$

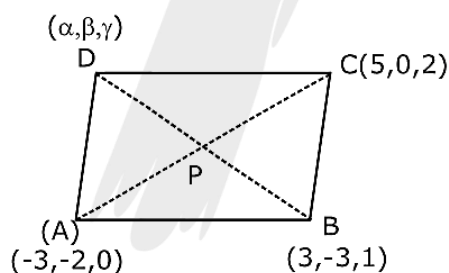
18. If the three successive vertices of a parallelogram have the position vectors as, $A(-3, -2, 0); B(3, -3, 1)$ and $C(5, 0, 2)$. Then find

(i) Position vector of the fourth vertex D

Ans. $(D(-1, 1, 1))$

Sol.

(i) Diagonal bisect each other



$$\frac{3 + \alpha}{2} = \frac{5 - 3}{2}$$

$$\alpha = -1$$

$$-3 + \beta = -2 \Rightarrow \beta = 1$$

$$\gamma + 1 = 2 \Rightarrow \gamma = 1$$

$$D(-1, 1, 1)$$

(ii) A vector having the same direction as that of \vec{AB} but magnitude equal to \vec{AC}

Ans. $(\frac{6}{\sqrt{19}}(6, -1, 1))$

(Mathematics)

VECTOR

Sol. $\overrightarrow{AB} = (6, -1, 1)$ $\overrightarrow{AC} = (8, 2, 2)$

$|\overrightarrow{AB}| = \sqrt{38}$ $|\overrightarrow{AC}| = 6\sqrt{2}$

Reqd. vector = $\frac{(6, -1, 1)}{\sqrt{38}} \cdot 6\sqrt{2}$

= $\frac{6}{\sqrt{19}} (6, -1, 1)$

(iii) The angle between \overrightarrow{AC} and \overrightarrow{BD}

Ans. $(\frac{2\pi}{3})$

Sol. $\overrightarrow{AC} = (8, 2, 2)$ $\overrightarrow{BD} = (-4, 4, 0)$

$\cos\theta = \frac{\overrightarrow{AC} \cdot \overrightarrow{BD}}{|\overrightarrow{AC}| |\overrightarrow{BD}|} = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$

19. Find out whether the following pairs of lines are parallel, non parallel; & intersecting, or non-parallel & non-intersecting.

(i) $\vec{r}_1 = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k} + \lambda(3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$

$\vec{r}_2 = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k} + \mu(-6\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 8\hat{k})$

Ans. (parallel)

Sol. **(i)** $\vec{r}_2 = (2, 1, 3) - 2\mu(3, -2, 4)$

Here both lines are parallel.

(ii) $\vec{r}_1 = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k} + \lambda(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k})$

$\vec{r}_2 = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k} + \mu(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$

Ans. (intersecting)

Sol. **(ii)** $1 + \lambda = 2 + 2\mu$ (1)

$-1 - \lambda = 4 + \mu$ (2)

$3 + \lambda = 6 + 3\mu$ (3)

from (1) and (2)

$3\mu = -6 \Rightarrow \mu = -2$

then $\lambda = -3$

Since $\lambda = -3$ and $\mu = -2$

satisfies (3), hence both lines are intersecting.

(iii) $\vec{r}_1 = \hat{i} + \hat{k} + \lambda(\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$

$\vec{r}_2 = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \mu(4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k})$

Ans. (non-intersecting)

(Mathematics)

VECTOR

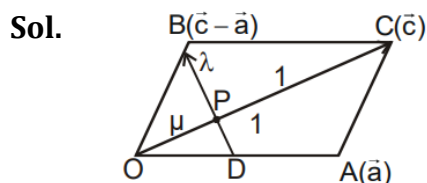
Sol. (iii) $1 + \lambda = 2 + 4\mu \quad \dots(1)$
 $3\lambda = 3 - \mu \quad \dots(2)$
 $1 + 4\lambda = \mu \quad \dots(3)$

from 2 and 3 $7\lambda + 1 = 3 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{2}{7}, \mu = \frac{15}{7}$

since these values of λ and μ not satisfy 1 hence non-intersecting.

20. Let OACB be parallelogram with O at the origin & OC a diagonal. Let D be the mid point of OA. Using vector method prove that BD & CO intersect in the same ratio. Determine this ratio.

Ans. (2:1)



P.V. of P are $\frac{\left(\frac{\lambda}{2} - 1\right)\vec{a} + \vec{c}}{\lambda + 1} = \frac{\mu\vec{c}}{\mu + 1}$

$\lambda = 2, \mu = \frac{1}{2}$

Here BD and CO intersect in the same ratio.

PREVIOUS YEAR

21. If the vectors $\overrightarrow{AB} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{k}$ and $\overrightarrow{AC} = 5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ are the sides of a triangle ABC, then the length of the median through A is: [JEE-MAIN 2013]

(A) $\sqrt{33}$ (B) $\sqrt{45}$ (C) $\sqrt{18}$ (D) $\sqrt{72}$

Ans. (A)

Sol. If \overrightarrow{AD} is given median, then

$\overrightarrow{AD} = \frac{1}{2}(\overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{AC}) = 4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$

$\therefore AD = \sqrt{16 + 1 + 16}$
 $= \sqrt{33}.$