

VECTORS

Q:01

Use components of the vectors given in figure:1 to find the magnitude and direction of the

following

(a) $\vec{A} - \vec{B}$

(b) $\vec{A} + \vec{B}$

(c) $\vec{B} - \vec{A}$

(d) $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$

Let,

$$\vec{A} = A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j}, \quad \vec{B} = B_x \hat{i} + B_y \hat{j}$$

(a) $\vec{A} - \vec{B}$

$$\vec{A} - \vec{B} = (A_x - B_x) \hat{i} + (A_y - B_y) \hat{j}$$

(b) $\vec{A} + \vec{B}$

$$\vec{A} + \vec{B} = (A_x + B_x) \hat{i} + (A_y + B_y) \hat{j}$$

(c) $\vec{B} - \vec{A}$

$$\vec{B} - \vec{A} = (B_x - A_x) \hat{i} - (B_y - A_y) \hat{j}$$

(d) $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$

Since \vec{A} and \vec{B} lie in the xy plane, the cross product points in the z -direction

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ A_x & A_y & 0 \\ B_x & B_y & 0 \end{vmatrix} = (A_x B_y - A_y B_x) \hat{k}$$

Q:02

(a) Solution (components)

⇒ Convert to consistent units (metres).

$$1.25 \text{ km} = 1250 \text{ m}, \quad \text{---}$$

⇒ Breaking each displacement into x (east) and y (south).

1. South:

$$\vec{d}_1 = (0, -825)$$

2. 30° west of north:

$$\rightarrow x\text{-component} = -1250 \sin 30^\circ = -625$$

$$\rightarrow y\text{-component} = +1250 \cos 30^\circ \approx 1082 \quad (\text{approx.})$$

$$\vec{d}_2 = (-625, 1082)$$

3. 40° north of east:

$$\rightarrow x\text{-component} = 1000 \cos 40^\circ \approx 766$$

$$\rightarrow y\text{-component} = 1000 \sin 40^\circ \approx 643$$

$$\vec{d}_3 = (766, 643)$$

⇒ Adding displacements.

$$x_{\text{total}} = 0 - 625 + 766 = 141$$

$$y_{\text{total}} = -825 + 1082 + 643 = 900$$

So,

$$\vec{R}_{\text{net}} = (141, 900) \text{ m}$$

⇒ Returning displacement.

To return to the Oak tree, we must go opposite:

$$\vec{R}_{\text{return}} = (-141, -900) \text{ m}$$

Magnitude:

$$|\vec{R}_{\text{return}}| = \sqrt{(-141)^2 + (-900)^2} \approx 911 \text{ m}$$

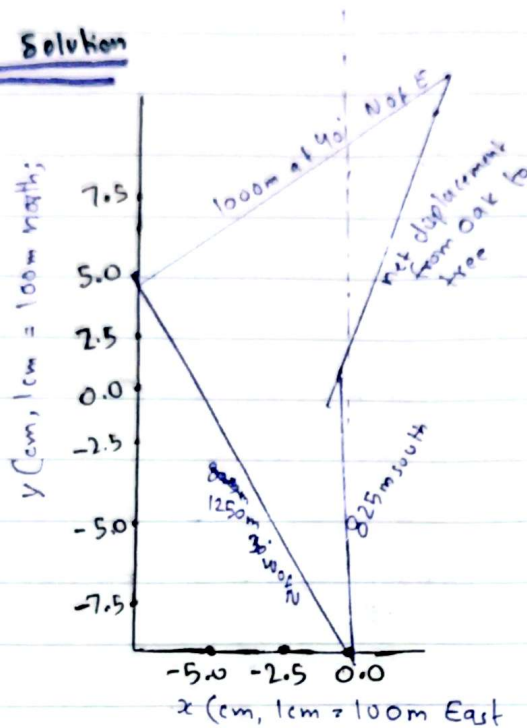
Direction:

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{900}{141}\right) \approx 81^\circ \text{ south of west}$$

Final Answer

$$|\vec{R}| \approx 911 \text{ m, direction } \approx 81^\circ \text{ S of W}$$

Graph Solution



Q:03:

\Rightarrow Recalling Cross product magnitude relation.

The cross product magnitude is:

$$|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}| = AB \sin \theta$$

Since both vectors have magnitude 3:

$$|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}| = 3 \cdot 3 \cdot \sin \theta = 9 \sin \theta$$

\Rightarrow By Computing given magnitude

$$\text{Given: } \vec{B} \times \vec{A} = -5\hat{k} + 2\hat{i}$$

Magnitude:

$$|\vec{B} \times \vec{A}| = \sqrt{(-5)^2 + (2)^2} = \sqrt{29} \approx \boxed{5.39} = \boxed{5.4}$$

\Rightarrow Equating magnitudes:

$$9 \sin \theta = 5.4$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{5.4}{9} \approx \boxed{6}$$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1}(6) \approx 37^\circ$$

$$\boxed{\theta = 37^\circ}$$

Q:04

⇒ Representing Vectors in unit-vector notation
Without the figure.

General rule:

$$\vec{V} = V \cos \theta \hat{i} + V \sin \theta \hat{j}$$

where θ is measured from +x-axis (east)

- If vector points left (west), $\cos \theta$ is negative
- If vector points down (south), $\sin \theta$ is negative

So:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{B} &= B_x \hat{i} + B_y \hat{j} = 59 \cos \theta_B \hat{i} + 59 \sin \theta_B \hat{j} \approx \boxed{55.8 \hat{i} + 19.2 \hat{j}} \\ \vec{C} &= C_x \hat{i} + C_y \hat{j} = 25 \cos \theta_C \hat{i} + 25 \sin \theta_C \hat{j} \approx \boxed{15.4 \hat{i} + 19.7 \hat{j}}\end{aligned}$$

⇒ Add "A" & "D"

$$\therefore (A+D)_x = \boxed{146.03}$$

In components:

$$\therefore (A+D)_y = \boxed{78.81}$$

$$\vec{A} + \vec{D} = (A_x + D_x) \hat{i} + (A_y + D_y) \hat{j}$$

Magnitude:

$$|\vec{A} + \vec{D}| = \sqrt{(A_x + D_x)^2 + (A_y + D_y)^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\bullet \vec{B} &= 59 \cos \theta_B \hat{i} + 59 \sin \theta_B \hat{j} \approx \boxed{55.8 \hat{i} + 19.2 \hat{j}} \\ \bullet \vec{C} &= 25 \cos \theta_C \hat{i} + 25 \sin \theta_C \hat{j} \approx \boxed{15.4 \hat{i} + 19.7 \hat{j}} \\ \bullet |\vec{A} + \vec{D}| &= \sqrt{(A_x + D_x)^2 + (A_y + D_y)^2} \approx \boxed{166}\end{aligned}$$

Q:05

(a)

- Magnitude of the cross product of two vectors gives the area of the parallelogram.

$$|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}| = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \sin \theta$$

- The area of the triangle formed by the same two vectors is half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of that:

$$\text{Area of triangle} = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{A} \times \vec{B}|$$

(b)

Complete cross product

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

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = 12\hat{i} - 10\hat{j} - 14\hat{k}$$

(c) Magnitude of cross product:

$$|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}| = \sqrt{12^2 + (-10)^2 + (-14)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{144 + 100 + 196} = \sqrt{440} \approx 20.98$$

(d) A.O.T

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{A} \times \vec{B}| = \frac{1}{2} (20.98) = 10.49$$

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = 12\hat{i} - 10\hat{j} - 14\hat{k}$$

$$|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}| \approx 20.98$$

$$\text{Area of triangle} = 10.49$$

Q:6

⇒ Using dot product formula

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \cos \theta$$

since magnitudes are equal:

$$|\vec{A}| = |\vec{B}| = M$$

So: $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = M^2 \cos \theta$

⇒ Applying given condition

$$M^2 \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} M^2$$

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

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\boxed{\theta = 60^\circ}$$

Q:01

• $A = (30.0, -20.0) \text{ m}$

• $B = (60.0, 80.0) \text{ m}$

• $C = (-10.0, -10.0) \text{ m}$

• $D = (40.0, -30.0) \text{ m}$

• $E = (-70.0, 60.0) \text{ m}$

Let $r_0 = A$. after each

$$r_1 = r_0 + \frac{1}{2} (B - r_0) = \frac{1}{2} A + \frac{1}{2} B$$

$$r_2 = r_1 + \frac{1}{3} (C - r_1) = \frac{2}{3} r_1 + \frac{1}{3} C = \frac{1}{3} A + \frac{1}{3} B + \frac{1}{3} C$$

$$r_3 = r_2 + \frac{1}{4} (D - r_2) = \frac{3}{4} r_2 + \frac{1}{4} D = \frac{1}{4} A + \frac{1}{4} B + \frac{1}{4} C + \frac{1}{4} D$$

$$r_4 = r_3 + \frac{1}{5} (E - r_3) = \frac{4}{5} r_3 + \frac{1}{5} E = \frac{1}{5} A + \frac{1}{5} B + \frac{1}{5} C + \frac{1}{5} D + \frac{1}{5} E$$

$$r_{\text{final}} = \frac{1}{5} (A + B + C + D + E)$$

$$x_{\text{sum}} = 30 + 60 - 10 + 40 - 70 = 50 \Rightarrow x_{\text{final}} = 50/5 = 10\text{m}$$

$$y_{\text{sum}} = -20 + 50 - 10 - 30 + 60 = 50 \Rightarrow y_{\text{final}} = \frac{80}{5} = 16\text{m}$$

$$r_{\text{final}} = (10.0\text{m}, 16.0\text{m})$$

Q:08

(a) and (b) - Direction of $\hat{i} \cdot \hat{j} / d$

- $\hat{i} \cdot \hat{j} = 0$ (since they are perpendicular)

- Dividing by d still gives zero.

therefore, the vector has no direction, regardless of being (+ve) or (-ve)

(c) and (d) - Magnitude of $\hat{i} \cdot \hat{j} / d$

- $\hat{i} \cdot \hat{j} = 0$

- \div by d : $0/d$

- Magnitude = $[0/d]$

(e) and (f) - Direction of cross products

- $\hat{i} \times \hat{j} = \hat{k}$ (points along +z, by the right hand rule).

- $\hat{j} \times \hat{i} = -\hat{k}$ (opposite direction)

thus;

- (e) direction is +z-axis

- (f) direction is -z-axis

~~(g)~~ and ~~(h)~~ - Mag: & direc: of $\hat{i} \times (d\hat{j})$ if $d > 0$

- $\hat{i} \times (d\hat{j}) = d(\hat{i} \times \hat{j}) = d\hat{k}$

- Magnitude = $|d|$. since $d > 0$, it's just d .

- Direction = +z-axis (same as \hat{k})

(g) and (h) - Mag: of cross products

- Both \hat{i} and \hat{j} are unit vectors and perpendicular

- $|\hat{i} \times \hat{j}| = |\hat{j} \times \hat{i}| = |\hat{i}| |\hat{j}| \sin 90^\circ = 1$

So,

Magnitude = 1 for both.

Final answer:

- (a) Direction of $\hat{i} \cdot \hat{j} / d$: none (zero).
- (b) same: none
- (c) Magnitude of $\hat{i} \cdot \hat{j} / d$: $[1/d]$
- (d) same.
- (e) Direction of $\hat{i} \times \hat{j}$: +z-axis
- (f) Direction of $\hat{j} \times \hat{i}$: -z-axis
- (g) Magnitude of (e): 1.
- (h) Magnitude of (f): 1
- (i) Magnitude of $\hat{i} \times (d\hat{j}) (d\hat{j})$: d
- (j) Direction: +z-axis

Q:09

(a) Magnitude of displacement

$$|\vec{d}| = \sqrt{(4.30)^2 + (3.70)^2 + (3.00)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{18.49 + 13.69 + 9.00} = \sqrt{41.18} \approx \boxed{6.42 \text{ m}}$$

(b) ^{could} Path length ^{be} less than this magnitude?

→ ~~Distance~~ Displacement is the shortest possible straight-line distance, so, no.

(c) Could the path length be greater?

→ Yes. The fly could take a curve or zig-zag route which always be greater than 6.42m.

(d) can path length equal the displacement

→ If the fly flies in a straight line directly from start to end, then yes.

path length displacement = 6.42m

(e) Displacement vector components in unit-vector notation, chosen coordinates:

$$\vec{d} = (4.30)\hat{i} + (3.70)\hat{j} + (3.00)\hat{k}$$

(f) shortest walking path along the walls.

→ Unfold the box

→ Imagine the fly walking along 2D surfaces. The shortest path is the diagonal of one unfolded rectangle.

→ Two options for unfolding:

1. Floor + one vertical wall: rectangle dimensions = $4.30 + 3.70 = 8.00$ (one direction), height = 3.00 .
2. Floor + adjacent wall in other orientation: rectangle dimensions = $4.30 + 3.00 = 7.30$, height = 3.70 .
3. Or width + height rectangle: $3.70 + 3.00 = 6.70$ with length 4.30 .

Compute diagonals:

- Case 1: $\sqrt{(8.00)^2 + (3.00)^2} = \sqrt{64 + 9} = \sqrt{73} \approx 8.54 \text{ m}$
- Case 2: $\sqrt{(7.30)^2 + (3.70)^2} = \sqrt{53.29 + 13.69} = \sqrt{66.98} \approx 8.19 \text{ m}$
- Case 3: $\sqrt{(6.70)^2 + (4.30)^2} = \sqrt{44.89 + 18.49} = \sqrt{63.38} \approx 7.96 \text{ m}$

shortest walking path = 7.96 m

Q10:

A:

$$F_{Ax} = 100 \cos 30^\circ = 100(0.866) = \boxed{86.6}$$

$$F_{Ay} = 100 \sin 30^\circ = 100(0.5) = \boxed{50.0}$$

B:

$$F_{Bx} = 40 \cos 53^\circ = 40(0.602) \approx \boxed{24.1}$$

$$F_{By} = 40 \sin 53^\circ = 40(0.799) \approx \boxed{32.0}$$

C (Below x-axis):

$$F_{Cx} = 80 \cos 30^\circ = 80(0.866) = \boxed{69.3}$$

$$F_{Cy} = -80 \sin 30^\circ = -80(0.5) = \boxed{-40.0}$$

 \Rightarrow Add components

$$R_x = 86.6 + 24.1 + 69.3 = \boxed{180.0}$$

$$R_y = 50.0 + 32.0 - 40.0 = \boxed{42.0}$$

 \Rightarrow Equilibrant force

$$\vec{F}_D = -\vec{R} = -180\hat{i} - 42\hat{j}$$

Magnitude:

$$|\vec{F}_D| = \sqrt{180^2 + 42^2} = \sqrt{32400 + 1764} = \sqrt{34164} \approx 185 \text{ N}$$

Direction (from +x-axis):

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{-42}{-180} \right) = \tan^{-1}(0.233) \approx \boxed{13^\circ}$$

Since both components are negative, the vector points in the third quadrant, i.e.

$$\theta \approx 180^\circ + 13^\circ = 193^\circ \text{ (below the -x-axis)}$$

Q11:(a) Express vectors \vec{OQ} and \vec{OR}

- A unit cube in the first octant has one vertex at the origin $O = (0, 0, 0)$.

- The opposite corner (Q) is $(1, 1, 1)$.

$$\vec{OQ} = (1-0)\hat{i} + (1-0)\hat{j} + (1-0)\hat{k} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

- A face center (R):

for example, the center of the square face in the xy -plane at $z = 0$. its coordinates are $(0.5, 0.5, 0)$.

$$\vec{OR} = 0.5\hat{i} + 0.5\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$$

(b) cosine of the angle b/w \vec{OQ} and \vec{OR}

Formula:

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{OQ} \cdot \vec{OR}}{|\vec{OQ}| |\vec{OR}|}$$

Dot product:

$$\vec{OQ} \cdot \vec{OR} = (1)(0.5) + (1)(0.5) + (1)(0) = 1.0$$

Magnitudes

$$|\vec{OQ}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$|\vec{OR}| = \sqrt{(0.5)^2 + (0.5)^2 + 0^2} = \sqrt{0.25 + 0.25} = \sqrt{0.5}$$

So,

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1.0}{\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{0.5}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1.5}} \approx 0.816$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}(0.816) \approx 35^\circ$$

$$\boxed{\theta = 35^\circ}$$

Q: 12

(a) $\vec{d}_1 \times \vec{d}_2$

$$\vec{d}_1 \times \vec{d}_2$$

cross product will only have a ~~one~~ k-component in 2D

$$\vec{d}_1 \times \vec{d}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 4 & 5 & 0 \\ -3 & 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expand:

$$= \hat{i}(5 \cdot 0 - 0 \cdot 4) - \hat{j}(4 \cdot 0 - 0 \cdot (-3)) + \hat{k}(4 \cdot 4 - 5 \cdot (-3))$$

$$= \boxed{31\hat{k}}$$

(b) $\vec{d}_1 \cdot \vec{d}_2$

$$\vec{d}_1 \cdot \vec{d}_2 = (4)(-3) + (5)(4) = -12 + 20 = \boxed{8}$$

(c) $(\vec{d}_1 + \vec{d}_2) \cdot \vec{d}_2$

$$(\vec{d}_1 + \vec{d}_2) = (4 - 3)\hat{i} + (4 + 5)\hat{j} = \boxed{(1\hat{i} + 9\hat{j})}$$

$$(\vec{d}_1 + \vec{d}_2) \cdot \vec{d}_2 = (1)(-3) + (9)(4) = -3 + 36 = \boxed{33}$$

Q: 13

(i) Sum In unit-vector notation

$$\vec{a} + \vec{b} = (4.0 + (-13.0))\hat{i} + (3.0 + 7.0)\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{a} + \vec{b} = -9.0\hat{i} + 10.0\hat{j}$$

(ii) Magnitude of $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$

$$|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = \sqrt{(-9.0)^2 + (10.0)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{81 + 100} = \sqrt{181} \text{ m} = \boxed{13.45 \text{ m}}$$

(iii) Direction of $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{10.0}{-9.0}\right)$$

$$= \tan^{-1}(-1.111) \approx \boxed{-48.0^\circ}$$

$x \neq 0, y \neq 0$

vector lies in 2nd Quadrant:

$$\theta = 180^\circ - 48^\circ = \boxed{132^\circ}$$

Q:14

⇒ Property of cross product

For any vectors \vec{P} and \vec{A}

$$\vec{P} \times \vec{A} \perp (\text{or}) \vec{P}$$

that is, Result of a cross product is always perpendicular to the first vector.

So if, $(2, -3, 4) \times \vec{A} = (4, 3, -1)$, then R.H.S must be perpendicular to $(2, -3, 4)$

⇒ Testing perpendicularity using dot product

check:

$$(2, -3, 4) \cdot (4, 3, -1) = (2)(4) + (-3)(3) + (4)(-1) \\ = 8 - 9 - 4 = -5$$

not zero, R.H.S is not perpendicular to $(2, -3, 4)$

⇒ Conclusion

- This violates the main rules of cross products.
- Therefore, no vector \vec{A} can satisfy this equation.

Q:15

⇒ Recall perpendicularity condition

Two vectors are perpendicular if their dot product is zero:

$$(\vec{A} + \vec{B}) \cdot (\vec{A} - \vec{B}) = 0$$

⇒ Expanding the dot product

$$(\vec{A} + \vec{B}) \cdot (\vec{A} - \vec{B}) = \vec{A} \cdot \vec{A} - \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} + \vec{B} \cdot \vec{A} - \vec{B} \cdot \vec{B}$$

since $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = \vec{B} \cdot \vec{A}$, the middle terms cancel:

$$= \vec{A} \cdot \vec{A} - \vec{B} \cdot \vec{B}$$

\Rightarrow Simplify

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

Since the condition says this $= 0$, so:

$$|\vec{A}|^2 = |\vec{B}|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{A}| = |\vec{B}|$$

$$\boxed{(\vec{A} + \vec{B}) \cdot (\vec{A} - \vec{B}) = |\vec{A}|^2 - |\vec{B}|^2}$$

THE END