

# AP ASSIGNMENT (VECTORS)

Q) Find the angle between the vector  $\vec{A} = 5\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$  and the x, y and z axes, respectively.

Data:

$$\vec{A} = 5\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$$

$$\theta \text{ along } x\text{-axis} = \theta_1 = ?$$

$$\theta \text{ along } y\text{-axis} = \theta_2 = ?$$

$$\theta \text{ along } z\text{-axis} = \theta_3 = ?$$

Solution:

For  $\theta_1$ :

unit vector along x-axis =  $\hat{i}$

using,

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

$$\vec{A} \cdot \hat{i} = A_i \cos \theta \rightarrow (i)$$

$$|\vec{A}| = \sqrt{(5)^2 + (-3)^2 + (7)^2}$$

$$|\vec{A}| = \sqrt{83}$$

$$|\hat{i}| =$$

+ 83

$$(i) \Rightarrow (5\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}) \cdot \hat{i} = \sqrt{83} \cos \theta. \quad \begin{cases} \hat{i} \cdot \hat{j} = 0 \\ \hat{i} \cdot \hat{k} = 0 \\ \hat{i}^2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$5\hat{i}^2 - 0 + 0 = \sqrt{83} \cos \theta,$$

$$5 = \sqrt{83} \cos \theta,$$

$$\cos \theta_1 = 5 / \sqrt{83}$$

$$\theta_1 = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{5}{\sqrt{83}} \right)$$

$$\boxed{\theta_1 = 56.71^\circ}$$

For  $\theta_2$ :

unit vector along  $y$ -axis =  $\hat{j}$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \hat{j} = A_j \cos \theta_2$$

$$(5\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}) \cdot \hat{j} = \sqrt{83} \cos \theta_2$$

$$0 - 3\hat{j}^2 + 0 = \sqrt{83} \cos \theta_2$$

$$-3 = \sqrt{83} \cos \theta_2$$

$$\cos \theta_2 = \frac{-3}{\sqrt{83}}$$

$$\theta_2 = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{-3}{\sqrt{83}} \right)$$

$$\boxed{\theta_2 = 109.225^\circ}$$

For  $\theta_3$ :

unit vector along  $z$ -axis =  $\hat{k}$

$$\hat{k} = 1$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \hat{k} = A_k \cos \theta_3$$

$$(5\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}) \cdot \hat{k} = \sqrt{83} \cos \theta_3$$

$$0 - 0 + 7\hat{k}^2 = \sqrt{83} \cos \theta_3$$

$$\cos \theta_3 = 7 / \sqrt{83}$$

$$\begin{cases} \hat{i} \cdot \hat{k} = 0 \\ \hat{j} \cdot \hat{k} = 0 \\ \hat{k}^2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

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$$\theta_3 = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{7}{\sqrt{83}} \right)$$

$$\boxed{\theta_3 = 39.79^\circ}$$

Q) In the product  $\vec{F} = q \vec{v} \times \vec{B}$ , take  $q = 2$ ,  
 $\vec{v} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{F} = 4\hat{i} - 20\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}$ .  
What is  $\vec{B}$  in unit vector notation if  $B_x = B_y$ .

Data:

$$\begin{aligned} q &= 2 \\ \vec{v} &= 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k} \\ \vec{F} &= 4\hat{i} - 20\hat{j} + 12\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_x &= B_y \\ \vec{B} &=? \end{aligned}$$

Solution:

$$q\vec{v} = 2(2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$$

$$\vec{F} = q \vec{v} \times \vec{B}$$

$$\vec{F} = q \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\vec{F} = q \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ B_x & B_x & B_z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\vec{F} = 2 \left[ i(4B_3 - 6B_u) - j(2B_3 - 6B_u) + k(2B_u - 4B_3) \right]$$

$$\vec{F} = 2 [i(4B_3 - 6B_u) - j(2B_3 - 6B_u) - 2B_u k]$$

$$(4i - 20j + 12k) = 2(4B_3 - 6B_u)i - 2(2B_3 - 6B_u)j - 4B_u k$$

Equating  $i$ ,  $j$  and  $k$

$$4 = 2(4B_3 - 6B_u) \rightarrow \text{iii}$$

$$+20 = -2(2B_3 - 6B_u) \rightarrow \text{iv}$$

$$12 = -4B_u \rightarrow \text{v}$$

$$\text{iii} \Rightarrow B_u = -\frac{12}{4}$$

$$\boxed{B_u = -3}$$

putting it in iii

$$\frac{4}{2} = \{4B_3 - 6(-3)\}$$

$$2 - 18 = 4B_3$$

$$\boxed{B_3 = -4}$$

Hence

$$\boxed{\vec{B} = -3i - 3j - 4k}$$

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(Q3) Two vectors ( $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$ ) of equal magnitude are starting at a point. Find the angle between the vectors, when magnitude of resultant is also equal to magnitude of either of these vectors.

Data:

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

and

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

~~$|\vec{B}| = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + 2AB \cos \theta}$~~ 

$$\therefore |\vec{B}| = B, |\vec{A}| = A$$

$$B = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + 2AB \cos \theta} \quad \therefore A = B$$

$$B = \sqrt{B^2 + B^2 + 2B^2 \cos \theta}$$

squaring on both sides

$$B^2 = A^2 + B^2 + 2B^2 \cos \theta$$

$$B^2 = AB(1 + \cos \theta)$$

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

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

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

$$\boxed{\theta = 120^\circ}$$

Q4) A sailboat sets out to sail to a point 215 km due north. An unexpected ship blows the ship to a point 195 km due east of its starting point. (i) How far and (ii) in what direction must it now sail to reach its original destination?

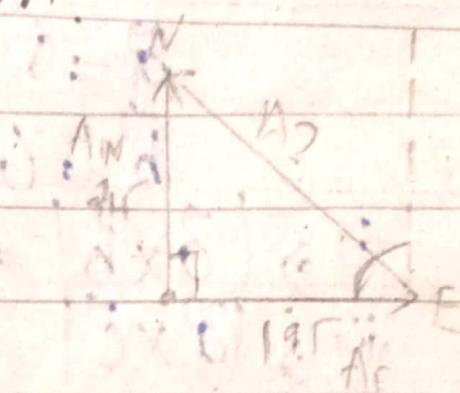
Data: let

$$A_N = 215 \text{ km}$$

$$A_E = 195 \text{ km}$$

i) Far,  $A = ?$

ii) direction = ?



Solution: Using

$$H^2 = D^2 + B^2 \quad H^2 = P^2 + B^2$$

$$(A_N)^2 = (A)^2 + (A_E)^2 \quad (A)^2 = (215)^2 + (195)^2$$

$$(215)^2 = A^2 + (195)^2 \quad A^2 = (215)^2 + (195)^2$$

$$A = \sqrt{(215)^2 - (195)^2} \quad A = \sqrt{(215)^2 + (195)^2}$$

$$A =$$

$$A = 290.25 \text{ km}$$

Direction:

Ship must sail in northwest direction to reach its original destination.

Angle:

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{195}{215} \right)$$

$$\boxed{\theta = 42.20^\circ}$$

Q5) For vectors in Fig 1, with  $a=5$ ;  $b=6$ , what are i) magnitude and direction of  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ . ii) magnitude and direction of  $\vec{a} \times \vec{c}$ ?

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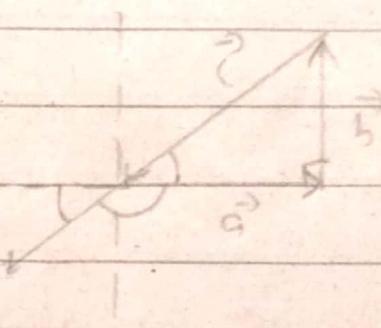
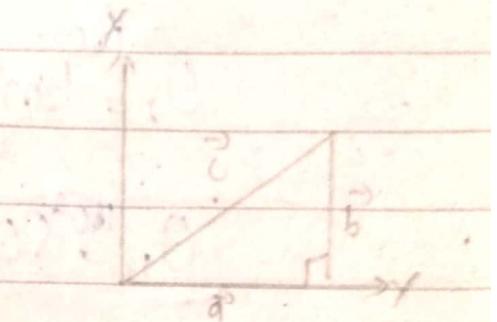
$$|\vec{a}| = 5$$

$$|\vec{b}| = 6$$

$$\text{i) } |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = ? \quad \theta_1 = ?$$

$$\text{ii) } |\vec{a} \times \vec{c}| = ? \quad \theta_2 = ?$$

i) For  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$ :



$$\theta_1 = 90^\circ$$

$$|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = ab \sin \theta$$

$$|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = (6)(5) \sin 90^\circ$$

$$|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = 30(1)$$

$$|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = 30$$

For  $\vec{c}$ :

$$c^2 = p^2 + q^2$$

$$c^2 = (6)^2 + (5)^2$$

$$c^2 = 36 + 25$$

$$c = 7.810$$

$$\theta_1 = 180 - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$$

$$\theta_2 = 180 - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{r}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_2 &= 180 - 50.19 \\ \boxed{\theta_2 &= 129.81^\circ} \end{aligned}$$

For  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{c}|$ :

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{a} \times \vec{c}| &= ac \sin\theta \\ \boxed{|\vec{a} \times \vec{c}| &= (5)(7.810) \sin(129.81)} \\ |\vec{a} \times \vec{c}| &= 30 \end{aligned}$$

Q6) Determine the value of 'a' so that  
 $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} + a\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{B} = 4\hat{i} - a\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$   
 are perpendicular.

Data:

$$\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} + a\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{B} = 4\hat{i} - a\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

a = ?

Solution:

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

$$\therefore \theta = 90^\circ$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = AB \cos 90^\circ$$

$$\therefore \cos 90^\circ = 0$$

$$\boxed{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 0}$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = (2\hat{i} + a\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot (4\hat{i} - a\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = [8\hat{i}^2 - 2a\hat{i}\hat{j} - 2\hat{i}\hat{k}]$$

$$0 = 8 - 2a - 2$$

$$0 = 6 - 2a$$

$$2a = 6$$

$$\boxed{a = 3}$$

$$\begin{cases} \hat{i}^2 = 1 \\ \hat{j}^2 = 1 \\ \hat{k}^2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

Q7) Two forces of equal magnitude are acting at a point. Find the angle between the vectors when magnitude of resultant is also equal to magnitude of either of these forces.

let ~~force~~ one force be  $\vec{A}$  and other be  $\vec{B}$ .

This ~~question~~<sup>solution</sup> is similar to Q<sup>3</sup> ~~Q3~~

Q8) If  $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{B} = 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$   
 calculate (i) Area of parallelogram  
 (ii) Area of triangle.

Data:

$$\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

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

$$\text{Area of parallelogram} = |\vec{A} \times \vec{B}| = ?$$

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

Solution:

For  $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$ :

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & -6 & -3 \\ 4 & 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{A} \times \vec{B} &= \hat{i}(6+9) - \hat{j}(-2+12) + \hat{k}(6+24) \\ \boxed{\vec{A} \times \vec{B}} &= 15\hat{i} - 10\hat{j} + 30\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

For  $|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}|$  or (Area Of Parallelogram):

$$|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}| = \sqrt{15^2 + 10^2 + 30^2}$$

$$|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}| = \sqrt{1225}$$

$$|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}| = \boxed{35 \text{ sq.u.units}}$$

Area of parallelogram is  
 $35 \text{ sq.u.units}$

For Area Of Triangle:

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

$$\text{Area of triangle} = \frac{35}{2}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Area of triangle} = 17.5 \text{ sq.units}}$$

Q9) Two vectors  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  have magnitudes  $A=3.00$  and  $B=3.00$ . Their vector product is  $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = -8.00\hat{k} + 200\hat{i}$ . What is angle b/w them.

Data:

$$A = 3$$

$$B = 3$$

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = 2\hat{i} + 5\hat{k}$$

$$\theta = ?$$

Solution:

For  $|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}|$ :

$$|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (5)^2}$$

$$|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}| = \sqrt{4 + 25}$$

$$\boxed{|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}| = \sqrt{29}}$$

For  $\theta$ , using  
 $|(\vec{A} \times \vec{B})| = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \sin \theta$

$$\sqrt{29} \cdot (3)(3) \sin \theta$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{29}}{9}$$

$$\boxed{\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{29}}{9}\right)}$$

$$\text{or} \\ \boxed{\theta = 36.75^\circ}$$

Q<sup>10</sup>) If  $\vec{u}$  is added to  $\vec{w} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j}$ ; the result is a vector ( $\vec{u} + \vec{w} = \vec{v}$ ) in the positive direction of the y-axis, with magnitude equal to that of  $\vec{w}$ . What is magnitude of  $\vec{u}$ ?

Data:

$$\vec{w} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{u} = ?$$

Solution: for  $|\vec{v}|$ :

$\therefore$  magnitude of  $\vec{v}$  is equal to  $|\vec{w}|$ , so.

$$|\vec{w}| = \sqrt{(3)^2 + (4)^2}$$

$$|\vec{w}| = \sqrt{25}$$

$$|\vec{w}| = 5$$

$$|\vec{v}| = |\vec{w}| = 5$$

For  $\vec{v}$ :

since  $\vec{v}$  is in direction of y-axis, so

$$|\vec{v}| = 5\hat{j}$$

For  $\vec{u}$ :

According to given condition

$$\vec{u} + \vec{w} = \vec{v}$$

$$\vec{u} + (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j}) = 5\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{u} = -3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 4\hat{j}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{u} = -3\hat{i} + \hat{j}}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{u} = -3\hat{i} + \hat{j}}$$

for  $|\vec{u}|$ :

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

$$\boxed{|\vec{u}| = \sqrt{10}}$$

$\therefore$

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### Question 11:

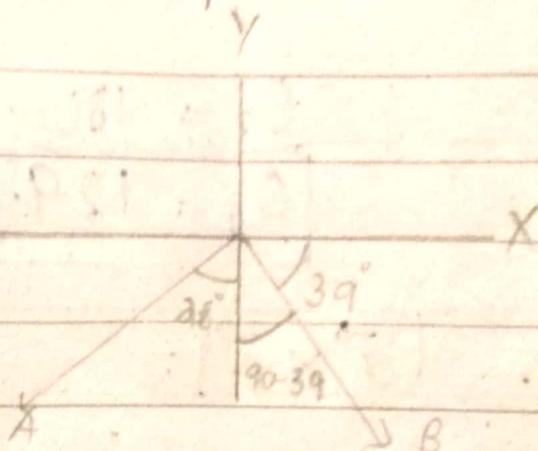
(Q) The scalar product of vectors  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  is 48.0m. Vector  $\vec{A}$  has magnitude 9m and direction  $-28^\circ$  from  $-y$ -axis, if vector  $\vec{B}$  has direction  $-39^\circ$  from  $+x$ -axis, what is magnitude of vector  $\vec{B}$ ?

Data:

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 48 \text{ m}$$

$$|\vec{A}| = 9 \text{ m}$$

$$|\vec{B}| = ?$$



$$\begin{aligned}\theta &= (90 - 39) + 28^\circ \\ \theta &= 79^\circ\end{aligned}$$

For B:

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

$$48 = 9(B) \cos 79^\circ$$

$$\frac{48}{9} = B(0.1908)$$

$$B = \frac{5.333}{0.1908}$$

$$B = 27.95$$

Qn) Let  $\hat{i}$  be directed to the east,  $\hat{j}$  be directed to the north, and  $\hat{k}$  be directed towards the upward direction. What are the:

- i) Values of  $\hat{i} \cdot \hat{k}$  and  $\hat{j} \cdot (-\hat{j})$ .
- ii) direction of  $\hat{k} \times \hat{j}$  and  $(-\hat{i}) \times (\hat{j})$ ?

### Ans:

$\hat{i}$  towards east

$\hat{j}$  towards north

$\hat{k}$  towards upward

$$\text{i)} \Rightarrow \hat{i} \cdot \hat{k} = ?$$

$$\hat{j} \cdot (-\hat{j}) = ?$$

$$\text{ii)} \Rightarrow \hat{k} \times \hat{j} \text{ (direction)} = ?$$

$$(-\hat{i}) \times (\hat{j}) \text{ (direction)} = ?$$

### Solution:

Part i):  $\hat{i} \cdot \hat{k} = 0$  [∴ vectors are perpendicular]

$$\hat{j} \cdot (-\hat{j}) = -1 \quad \therefore (\hat{j}^2 = 1).$$

Part ii):  $\hat{k} \times \hat{j} = -\hat{i}$

$-\hat{i}$  is directed towards west because  $\hat{i}$  is directed towards east.

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

It is directed towards upward direction.