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JEE Main & Advanced **Physics DPP**

DPP-3 Vectors (Dot product)
By Physicsaholics Team

Q) Find position vector of point A(2,-1,3) and its magnitude:

(a) $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}, |\vec{A}| = \sqrt{14}$

(b) $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}, |\vec{A}| = \sqrt{24}$

(c) $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}, |\vec{A}| = \sqrt{14}$

(d) None of these

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Ans. a

$$A(2, -1, 3)$$

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

$$|\vec{A}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

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

$$|\vec{A}| = \sqrt{14}$$

$$\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k} ; |\vec{A}| = \sqrt{14}$$

Q) If the dot product of two non-zero vectors \vec{V}_1 and \vec{V}_2 is zero. what does that tell us?

(a) $\vec{V}_1 = \vec{V}_2$

(b) \vec{V}_1 is parallel to \vec{V}_2

(c) \vec{V}_1 is perpendicular to \vec{V}_2

(d) \vec{V}_1 is a component of \vec{V}_2

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Ans. c

$$\text{if } \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 = 0$$

$$|\vec{v}_1| |\vec{v}_2| \cos \theta = 0$$

$$\cos \theta = 0$$

$$\boxed{\theta = 90^\circ}$$

$\Rightarrow \vec{v}_1$ & \vec{v}_2 are perpendicular to each other,

Q) Find the dot product of the pair of vectors $\vec{A} = 4\hat{i} + \hat{j}$, $\vec{B} = -\hat{i} - \hat{j}$?

(a) 5

(b) 4

(c) -5

(d) -4

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Ans. c

$$\vec{A} = 4\hat{i} + \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{B} = -\hat{i} - \hat{j}$$

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

$$= (4\hat{i} \cdot (-\hat{i})) + (4\hat{i} \cdot (-\hat{j})) + (\hat{j} \cdot (-\hat{i})) + (\hat{j} \cdot (-\hat{j}))$$

$$= -4 + 0 + 0 - 1$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = -4 - 1$$

$$\boxed{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = -5}$$

Q) If a vector $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$, is perpendicular to the vector $4\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + \alpha\hat{k}$. Then the value of α is:

(a) -4

(b) $\frac{1}{4}$

(c) 4

(d) $-\frac{1}{4}$

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Ans. a

if two vectors are perpendicular
 \Rightarrow so, their dot product will be zero

$$\therefore (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \cdot (4\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + x\hat{k}) = 0$$

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

$$8 + 4 + 3x = 0 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{12}{3}$$

$$\boxed{x = 4}$$

Q) The vector sum of two forces is perpendicular to their vector differences. In that case, the forces

- (a) Are not equal to each other in magnitude.
- (b) Are equal to each other in magnitude.
- (c) Are equal to each other.
- (d) Cannot be predicted.

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Ans. b

$$\text{given; } (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \perp (\vec{a} - \vec{b})$$

$$\therefore (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = 0$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} - \vec{b} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = a^2$$

$$\vec{b} \cdot \vec{b} = b^2$$

$$4 \quad \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a}$$

$$\therefore a^2 - ab + ab - b^2 = 0$$

$$a^2 - b^2 = 0$$

$$a^2 = b^2$$

$$\therefore a^2 = |\vec{a}|^2 \quad \& \quad b^2 = |\vec{b}|^2$$

$$\therefore a = b$$

$$\boxed{|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}|}$$

$\therefore \vec{a} \& \vec{b}$ are equal in magnitude.

Q) Let $\vec{A} = \hat{i} + \hat{j}$ and, $\vec{B} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j}$. The magnitude of a coplanar vector \vec{C} such that $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = \vec{B} \cdot \vec{C} = \vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}$, is given by:

(a) $\sqrt{\frac{10}{9}}$

(b) $\sqrt{\frac{5}{9}}$

(c) $\sqrt{\frac{12}{9}}$

(d) $\sqrt{\frac{9}{12}}$

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Ans. b

$$\vec{A} = \hat{i} + \hat{j}, \quad \vec{B} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j}$$

$$\text{let } \vec{C} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$$

$$\therefore \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = (\hat{i} + \hat{j}) \cdot (2\hat{i} - \hat{j}) = 2 - 1$$

$$\boxed{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 1}$$

$$\vec{B} \cdot \vec{C} = (\hat{i} + \hat{j}) \cdot (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}) = x + y$$

$$\Delta \vec{A} \cdot \vec{C} = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j}) \cdot (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}) = 2x - y$$

$$\therefore \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = \vec{B} \cdot \vec{C} = \vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}$$

$$1 = x + y = 2x - y$$

$$x + y = 1, \quad \Delta \quad 2x - y = y + x$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y = 1 - x} \quad \Rightarrow 2x - y = y + x$$

$$\boxed{y = \frac{x}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - x = \frac{x}{2} \Rightarrow 1 = x + \frac{x}{2} = \frac{3x}{2}$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{2}{3}}$$

$$y = 1 - x = 1 - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\boxed{y = \frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\vec{C} = \frac{2}{3}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{3}\hat{j}$$

$$|\vec{C}| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2}$$

$$|\vec{C}| = \sqrt{\frac{4}{9} + \frac{1}{9}}$$

$$\boxed{|\vec{C}| = \sqrt{\frac{5}{9}}}$$

Q) The angle between two vectors $-2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$ is:

- (a) 0° (b) 90° (c) 180° (d) None of these

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Ans. b

$$\vec{a} = -2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

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

Find angle between \vec{a} & \vec{b}

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|}$$

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (3)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{14}$$

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (2)^2 + (-4)^2} = \sqrt{21}$$

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

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = -2 + 6 - 4 = 0$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{0}{\sqrt{14} \cdot \sqrt{21}}$$

$$\cos \theta = 0$$

$$\theta = 90^\circ$$

Q) Given vector $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$, and vector $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j}$. What is the vector component of \vec{a} in the direction of \vec{b} :

(a) $\frac{5}{2}\hat{i} + \frac{5}{2}\hat{j}$

(b) $5\hat{i} + 5\hat{j}$

(c) $2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}$

(d) None of these

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Ans. a

$$\vec{a} = 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{b} = \hat{j} + \hat{j}$$

Component of \vec{a} along \vec{b}
is :-

$$\frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|} \hat{b}$$

$$\hat{b} = \frac{\vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|} = \frac{\hat{j} + \hat{j}}{\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2}} = \frac{\hat{j} + \hat{j}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} &= (2\hat{j} + 3\hat{j}) \cdot (\hat{j} + \hat{j}) \\ &= 2 + 3 = 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Component} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|} \hat{b}$$

$$= \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}} \times \left(\frac{\hat{j} + \hat{j}}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{5}{2} \hat{j} + \frac{5}{2} \hat{j}$$

Q) Find the angle between $\vec{A} = 4\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ and $\vec{B} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$:

(a) $\cos^{-1} \frac{26}{19}$

(b) $\cos^{-1} \frac{19}{26}$

(c) $\cos^{-1} \frac{21}{26}$

(d) None of these

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Ans. b

$$\vec{A} = 4\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k} \quad ; \quad \vec{B} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}}{|\vec{A}| |\vec{B}|} = \frac{(4\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k})}{(\sqrt{4^2 + 1^2 + 3^2})(\sqrt{1^2 + 3^2 + 4^2})}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{4 + 3 + 12}{(\sqrt{26})(\sqrt{26})} = \frac{19}{26}$$

$$\boxed{\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{19}{26}\right)}$$

Q) The position vectors of points A, B, C and D are $\vec{A} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$, $\vec{B} = 4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$, $\vec{C} = 7\hat{i} + 9\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ and $\vec{D} = 4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j}$ then the displacement vectors AB and CD are?

(a) Perpendicular

(b) Parallel

(c) Antiparallel

(d) Inclined at an angle of 60°

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Ans. c

$$\vec{A} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{B} = 4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{C} = 7\hat{i} + 9\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{D} = 4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j}$$

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

$$\vec{AB} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{CD} = \vec{D} - \vec{C}$$

$$\vec{CD} = -3\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

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

$$\vec{CD} = -3(\vec{AB})$$

\therefore angle between \vec{CD} & \vec{AB}
is 180°

\therefore , \vec{CD} & \vec{AB} are antiparallel.

Q) If \vec{a} , \vec{b} , \vec{c} are vectors such that $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = 0$ and $|\vec{a}| = 7$, $|\vec{b}| = 5$, $|\vec{c}| = 3$. then the angle between c and b is:

(a) $\frac{\pi}{3}$

(b) $\frac{\pi}{6}$

(c) $\frac{\pi}{4}$

(d) π

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Ans. a

$$\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = 0$$

$$\vec{a} + \vec{b} = -\vec{c}$$

$$\vec{b} + \vec{c} = -\vec{a}$$

$$|\vec{b} + \vec{c}| = |\vec{a}|$$

$$|\vec{b} + \vec{c}|^2 = |\vec{a}|^2$$

$$\therefore (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) \cdot (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = |\vec{b} + \vec{c}|^2$$

$$(\vec{b} + \vec{c}) \cdot (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = |\vec{a}|^2$$

$$|\vec{b}|^2 + |\vec{c}|^2 + 2|\vec{b}||\vec{c}|\cos\theta = |\vec{a}|^2$$

where; θ = angle between \vec{b} & \vec{c}

$$|\vec{a}| = 7, |\vec{b}| = 5, |\vec{c}| = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow (7)^2 + (3)^2 + 2(5)(3)\cos\theta = (7)^2$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{49 - 25 - 9}{30} = \frac{15}{30} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\boxed{\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}}$$

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