

## Exercise 25a

### Question 1.

Prove that

$$\text{i. } [\hat{i} \ \hat{j} \ \hat{k}] = [\hat{j} \ \hat{k} \ \hat{i}] = [\hat{k} \ \hat{i} \ \hat{j}] = 1$$

$$\text{ii. } [\hat{i} \ \hat{k} \ \hat{j}] = [\hat{k} \ \hat{j} \ \hat{i}] = [\hat{j} \ \hat{i} \ \hat{k}] = -1$$

### Answer:

$$\text{i. } [\hat{i} \ \hat{j} \ \hat{k}] = [\hat{j} \ \hat{k} \ \hat{i}] = [\hat{k} \ \hat{i} \ \hat{j}] = 1$$

Let,  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$  be unit vectors in the direction of positive X-axis, Y-axis, Z-axis respectively.

Hence,

$$\text{Magnitude of } \hat{i} \text{ is } 1 \Rightarrow |\hat{i}| = 1$$

$$\text{Magnitude of } \hat{j} \text{ is } 1 \Rightarrow |\hat{j}| = 1$$

$$\text{Magnitude of } \hat{k} \text{ is } 1 \Rightarrow |\hat{k}| = 1$$

To Prove :

$$[\hat{i} \ \hat{j} \ \hat{k}] = [\hat{j} \ \hat{k} \ \hat{i}] = [\hat{k} \ \hat{i} \ \hat{j}] = 1$$

Formulae :

a) Dot Products :

$$\text{i) } \hat{i} \cdot \hat{i} = \hat{j} \cdot \hat{j} = \hat{k} \cdot \hat{k} = 1$$

$$\text{ii) } \hat{i} \cdot \hat{j} = \hat{j} \cdot \hat{k} = \hat{k} \cdot \hat{i} = 0$$

b) Cross Products :

$$\text{i) } \hat{i} \times \hat{i} = \hat{j} \times \hat{j} = \hat{k} \times \hat{k} = 0$$

$$\text{ii) } \hat{i} \times \hat{j} = \hat{k}, \hat{j} \times \hat{k} = \hat{i}, \hat{k} \times \hat{i} = \hat{j}$$

$$\text{iii) } \hat{j} \times \hat{i} = -\hat{k}, \hat{k} \times \hat{j} = -\hat{i}, \hat{i} \times \hat{k} = -\hat{j}$$

c) Scalar Triple Product :

$$[\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] = \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$$

Now,

$$\text{(i) } [\hat{i} \quad \hat{j} \quad \hat{k}] = \hat{i} \cdot (\hat{j} \times \hat{k})$$

$$= \hat{i} \cdot \hat{i} \dots\dots\dots (\because \hat{j} \times \hat{k} = \hat{i})$$

$$= 1 \dots\dots\dots (\because \hat{i} \cdot \hat{i} = 1)$$

$$\therefore [\hat{i} \quad \hat{j} \quad \hat{k}] = 1 \dots\dots\dots \text{eq(1)}$$

$$\text{(ii) } [\hat{j} \quad \hat{k} \quad \hat{i}] = \hat{j} \cdot (\hat{k} \times \hat{i})$$

$$= \hat{j} \cdot \hat{j} \dots\dots\dots (\because \hat{k} \times \hat{i} = \hat{j})$$

$$= 1 \dots\dots\dots (\because \hat{j} \cdot \hat{j} = 1)$$

$$\therefore [\hat{j} \quad \hat{k} \quad \hat{i}] = 1 \dots\dots\dots \text{eq(2)}$$

$$\text{(iii) } [\hat{k} \quad \hat{i} \quad \hat{j}] = \hat{k} \cdot (\hat{i} \times \hat{j})$$

$$= \hat{k} \cdot \hat{k} \dots\dots\dots (\because \hat{i} \times \hat{j} = \hat{k})$$

$$= 1 \dots\dots\dots (\because \hat{k} \cdot \hat{k} = 1)$$

$$\therefore [\hat{k} \quad \hat{i} \quad \hat{j}] = 1 \dots\dots\dots \text{eq(3)}$$

From eq(1), eq(2) and eq(3),

$$[\hat{i} \ \hat{j} \ \hat{k}] = [\hat{j} \ \hat{k} \ \hat{i}] = [\hat{k} \ \hat{i} \ \hat{j}] = 1$$

Hence Proved.

Notes :

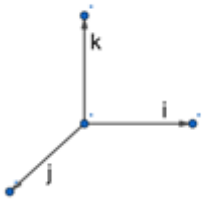
1. A cyclic change of vectors in a scalar triple product does not change its value i.e.

$$[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] = [\vec{b} \ \vec{c} \ \vec{a}] = [\vec{c} \ \vec{a} \ \vec{b}]$$

2. Scalar triple product of unit vectors taken in a clockwise direction is 1, and that of unit vectors taken in anticlockwise direction is -1

$$[\hat{i} \ \hat{j} \ \hat{k}] = 1$$

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



$$\text{ii. } [\hat{i} \ \hat{k} \ \hat{j}] = [\hat{k} \ \hat{j} \ \hat{i}] = [\hat{j} \ \hat{i} \ \hat{k}] = -1$$

Let,  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$  be unit vectors in the direction of positive X-axis, Y-axis, Z-axis respectively.

Hence,

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$$\text{Magnitude of } \hat{j} \text{ is } 1 \Rightarrow |\hat{j}| = 1$$

$$\text{Magnitude of } \hat{k} \text{ is } 1 \Rightarrow |\hat{k}| = 1$$

To Prove :

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

Formulae :

a) Dot Products :

$$\text{i) } \hat{i} \cdot \hat{i} = \hat{j} \cdot \hat{j} = \hat{k} \cdot \hat{k} = 1$$

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b) Cross Products :

$$\text{i) } \hat{i} \times \hat{i} = \hat{j} \times \hat{j} = \hat{k} \times \hat{k} = 0$$

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$$\text{iii) } \hat{j} \times \hat{i} = -\hat{k}, \hat{k} \times \hat{j} = -\hat{i}, \hat{i} \times \hat{k} = -\hat{j}$$

c) Scalar Triple Product :

$$[\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] = \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$$

Answer :

$$\text{(i) } [\hat{i} \quad \hat{k} \quad \hat{j}] = \hat{i} \cdot (\hat{k} \times \hat{j})$$

$$= \hat{i} \cdot (-\hat{i}) \dots\dots\dots (\because \hat{k} \times \hat{j} = -\hat{i})$$

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

$$= -1 \dots\dots\dots (\because \hat{i} \cdot \hat{i} = 1)$$

$$\therefore [\hat{i} \quad \hat{k} \quad \hat{j}] = -1 \dots\dots\dots \text{eq(1)}$$

$$\text{(ii) } [\hat{k} \quad \hat{j} \quad \hat{i}] = \hat{k} \cdot (\hat{j} \times \hat{i})$$

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$$= -\hat{k} \cdot \hat{k}$$

$$= -1 \dots\dots\dots (\because \hat{k} \cdot \hat{k} = 1)$$

$$\therefore [\hat{k} \quad \hat{j} \quad \hat{i}] = -1 \dots\dots\dots \text{eq(2)}$$

$$\text{(iii) } [\hat{j} \quad \hat{i} \quad \hat{k}] = \hat{j} \cdot (\hat{i} \times \hat{k})$$

$$= \hat{j} \cdot (-\hat{j}) \dots\dots\dots (\because \hat{i} \times \hat{k} = -\hat{j})$$

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

$$= -1 \dots\dots\dots (\because \hat{j} \cdot \hat{j} = 1)$$

$$\therefore [\hat{j} \quad \hat{i} \quad \hat{k}] = -1 \dots\dots\dots \text{eq(3)}$$

From eq(1), eq(2) and eq(3),

$$[\hat{i} \quad \hat{k} \quad \hat{j}] = [\hat{k} \quad \hat{j} \quad \hat{i}] = [\hat{j} \quad \hat{i} \quad \hat{k}] = -1$$

Hence Proved.

Notes :

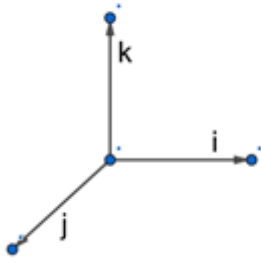
1. A cyclic change of vectors in a scalar triple product does not change its value i.e.

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2. Scalar triple product of unit vectors taken in a clockwise direction is 1, and that of unit vectors taken in anticlockwise direction is -1

$$[\hat{i} \quad \hat{j} \quad \hat{k}] = 1$$

$$[\hat{k} \quad \hat{j} \quad \hat{i}] = -1$$



### Question 2.

Find  $[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}]$ , when

i.  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ .

ii.  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

iii.  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{k}$

### Answer:

i.  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

Given Vectors :

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

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

3)  $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

To Find :  $[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}]$

Formulae :

1) Scalar Triple Product:

If

$$\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$$

Then,

$$[\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

2) Determinant :

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1(b_2 \cdot c_3 - c_2 \cdot b_3) - a_2(b_1 \cdot c_3 - c_1 \cdot b_3) + a_3(b_1 \cdot c_2 - c_1 \cdot b_2)$$

Answer :

For given vectors,

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

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

$$\bar{c} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$[\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2(2 \times 2 - 1 \times 1) - 1((-1) \times 2 - 3 \times 1) + 3((-1) \times 1 - 3 \times 2)$$

$$= 2(3) - 1(-5) + 3(-7)$$

$$= 6 + 5 - 21$$

$$= -10$$

$$\therefore [\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = -10$$

ii.  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

Given Vectors :

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

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

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

To Find :  $[\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}]$

Formulae :

1) Scalar Triple Product:

If

$$\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$$

Then,

$$[\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

2) Determinant :

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1(b_2 \cdot c_3 - c_2 \cdot b_3) - a_2(b_1 \cdot c_3 - c_1 \cdot b_3) + a_3(b_1 \cdot c_2 - c_1 \cdot b_2)$$

Answer :



For given vectors,

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

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

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

$$[\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

$$= 2(3) + 3(5) + 4(-7)$$

$$= 6 + 15 - 28$$

$$= -7$$

$\therefore [\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] = -7$

iii.  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{k}$

Given Vectors :

1)  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}$

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

3)  $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{k}$

To Find :  $[\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}]$

Formulae :

1) Scalar Triple Product:

If

$$\bar{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$$

Then,

$$[\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

2) Determinant :

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1(b_2 \cdot c_3 - c_2 \cdot b_3) - a_2(b_1 \cdot c_3 - c_1 \cdot b_3) + a_3(b_1 \cdot c_2 - c_1 \cdot b_2)$$

Answer :

For given vectors,

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

$$\bar{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = 3\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$[\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

$$= 2(-1) + 3(2) + 0$$

$$= -2 + 6$$

$$= 4$$

$$\therefore [\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = 4$$

### Question 3.

Find the volume of the parallelepiped whose conterminous edges are represented by the vectors

i.  $\bar{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \bar{b} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \bar{c} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$

ii.  $\bar{a} = -3\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}, \bar{b} = -5\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}, \bar{c} = 7\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$

iii.  $\bar{a} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}, \bar{b} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}, \bar{c} = \hat{j} + \hat{k}$

iv.  $\bar{a} = 6\hat{i}, \bar{b} = 2\hat{j}, \bar{c} = 5\hat{k}$

### Answer:

i.  $\bar{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \bar{b} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \bar{c} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$

Given :

Coterminous edges of parallelopiped are  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}$  where,

$$\bar{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\bar{b} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

To Find : Volume of parallelepiped

Formulae :

1) Volume of parallelepiped :

If  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}$  are coterminous edges of parallelepiped,

Where,

$$\bar{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$$

Then, volume of parallelepiped V is given by,

$$V = [\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

2) Determinant :

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1(b_2 \cdot c_3 - c_2 \cdot b_3) - a_2(b_1 \cdot c_3 - c_1 \cdot b_3) + a_3(b_1 \cdot c_2 - c_1 \cdot b_2)$$

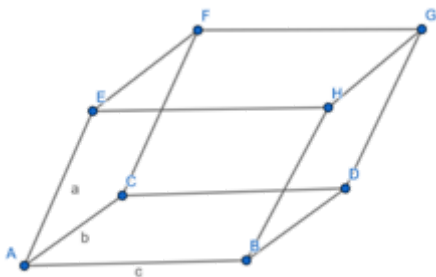
Answer :

Volume of parallelepiped with coterminous edges

$$\bar{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\bar{b} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$



$$V = [\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1((-1) \times (-1) - 2 \times 1) - 1(1 \times (-1) - 1 \times 1) + 1(1 \times 2 - 1 \times (-1))$$

$$= 1(-1) - 1(-2) + 1(3)$$

$$= -1 + 2 + 3$$

$$= 4$$

Therefore,

<b>Volume of parallelepiped = 4 cubic unit</b>
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ii.  $\vec{a} = -3\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}, \vec{b} = -5\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}, \vec{c} = 7\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$

Given :

Coterminous edges of parallelopiped are  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  where,

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

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

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

To Find : Volume of parallelepiped

Formulae :

1) Volume of parallelepiped :

If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coterminous edges of parallelepiped,

Where,

$$\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$$

Then, volume of parallelepiped V is given by,

$$V = [\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

2) Determinant :

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1(b_2 \cdot c_3 - c_2 \cdot b_3) - a_2(b_1 \cdot c_3 - c_1 \cdot b_3) + a_3(b_1 \cdot c_2 - c_1 \cdot b_2)$$

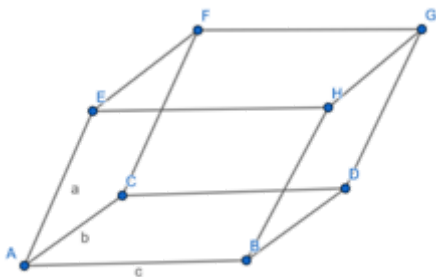
Answer :

Volume of parallelepiped with coterminous edges

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

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

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



$$V = [\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 7 & 5 \\ -5 & 7 & -3 \\ 7 & -5 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -3(7 \times (-3) - (-5) \times (-3)) - 7((-5) \times (-3) - 7 \times (-3)) + 5((-5) \times (-5) - 7 \times 7)$$

$$= -3(-36) - 7(36) + 5(-24)$$

$$= 108 - 252 - 120$$

$$= -264$$

As volume is never negative

Therefore,

Volume of parallelepiped = 264 cubic unit
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$$\text{iii. } \vec{a} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}, \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}, \vec{c} = \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

Given :

Coterminous edges of parallelopiped are  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  where,

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

$$\vec{c} = \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

To Find : Volume of parallelepiped

Formulae :

1) Volume of parallelepiped :

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Where,

$$\bar{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$$

Then, volume of parallelepiped V is given by,

$$V = [\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

2) Determinant :

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1(b_2 \cdot c_3 - c_2 \cdot b_3) - a_2(b_1 \cdot c_3 - c_1 \cdot b_3) + a_3(b_1 \cdot c_2 - c_1 \cdot b_2)$$

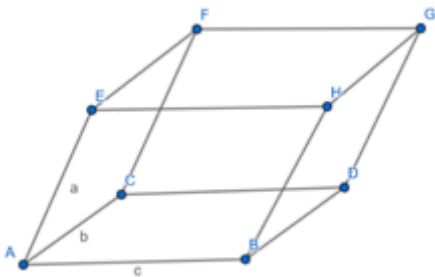
Answer :

Volume of parallelopiped with coterminous edges

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

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

$$\bar{c} = 0\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$





$$V = [\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

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

$$= 1(2) + 2(2) + 3(2)$$

$$= 2 + 4 + 6$$

$$= 12$$

Therefore,

Volume of parallelepiped = 12 cubic unit
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iv.  $\bar{a} = 6\hat{i}, \bar{b} = 2\hat{j}, \bar{c} = 5\hat{k}$

Given :

Coterminous edges of parallelopiped are  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}$  where,

$$\bar{a} = 6\hat{i}$$

$$\bar{b} = 2\hat{j}$$

$$\bar{c} = 5\hat{k}$$

To Find : Volume of parallelepiped

Formulae :

1) Volume of parallelepiped :

If  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}$  are coterminous edges of parallelepiped,

Where,

$$\bar{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$$

Then, volume of parallelepiped V is given by,

$$V = [\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

2) Determinant :

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1(b_2 \cdot c_3 - c_2 \cdot b_3) - a_2(b_1 \cdot c_3 - c_1 \cdot b_3) + a_3(b_1 \cdot c_2 - c_1 \cdot b_2)$$

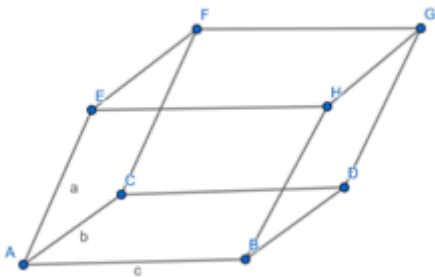
Answer :

Volume of parallelopiped with coterminous edges

$$\bar{a} = 6\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{b} = 0\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = 0\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$



$$V = [\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 6(2 \times 5 - 0 \times 0) - 0(0 \times 5 - 0 \times 0) + 0(0 \times 0 - 0 \times 2)$$

$$= 6(10) + 0 + 0$$

$$= 60$$

Therefore,

**Volume of parallelepiped = 60 cubic unit**

#### Question 4.

Show that the vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coplanar, when

i.  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = -2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$

ii.  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = 7\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

iii.  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$

**Answer:**

i.  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = -2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$

Given Vectors :

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

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

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

To Prove : Vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coplanar.

i.e.  $[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] = 0$

Formulae :

1) Scalar Triple Product:

If

$$\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$$

Then,

$$[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

2) Determinant :

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1(b_2 \cdot c_3 - c_2 \cdot b_3) - a_2(b_1 \cdot c_3 - c_1 \cdot b_3) + a_3(b_1 \cdot c_2 - c_1 \cdot b_2)$$

Answer :

For given vectors,

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

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

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

$$[\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ -2 & 3 & -4 \\ 1 & -3 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1(3 \times 5 - (-3) \times (-4)) - (-2)((-2) \times 5 - 1 \times (-4)) + 3((-2) \times (-3) - 3 \times 1)$$

$$= 1(3) + 2(-6) + 3(3)$$

$$= 3 - 12 + 9$$

$$= 0$$

$\therefore [\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = 0$

Hence, the vectors  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}$  are coplanar.

Note : For coplanar vectors  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}$ ,

$$[\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = 0$$

ii.  $\bar{a} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}, \bar{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $\bar{c} = 7\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

Given Vectors :

$$\bar{a} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\bar{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = 7\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

To Prove : Vectors  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}$  are coplanar.

i.e.  $[\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = 0$

Formulae :

1) Scalar Triple Product:

If

$$\bar{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$$

Then,

$$[\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

2) Determinant :

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1(b_2 \cdot c_3 - c_2 \cdot b_3) - a_2(b_1 \cdot c_3 - c_1 \cdot b_3) + a_3(b_1 \cdot c_2 - c_1 \cdot b_2)$$

Answer :

For given vectors,

$$\bar{a} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\bar{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = 7\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$[\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 7 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1((-1) \times 3 - 7 \times (-1)) - 3(2 \times 3 - 0 \times (-1)) + 1(2 \times 7 - 0 \times (-1))$$

$$= 1(4) - 3(6) + 1(14)$$

$$= 4 - 18 + 14$$

$$= 0$$

$$\therefore [\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] = 0$$

Hence, the vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coplanar.

Note : For coplanar vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ ,

$$[\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] = 0$$

$$\text{iii. } \vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}, \vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{c} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$$

Given Vectors :

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

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

$$\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$$

To Prove : Vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coplanar.

$$\text{i.e. } [\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] = 0$$

Formulae :

1) Scalar Triple Product:

If

$$\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$$

Then,

$$[\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

2) Determinant :

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1(b_2 \cdot c_3 - c_2 \cdot b_3) - a_2(b_1 \cdot c_3 - c_1 \cdot b_3) + a_3(b_1 \cdot c_2 - c_1 \cdot b_2)$$

Answer :

For given vectors,

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

$$\bar{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$$

$$[\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 3 & -4 & 7 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2(2 \times 7 - (-3) \times (-4)) - (-1)(1 \times 7 - 3 \times (-3)) + 2(1 \times (-4) - 3 \times 2)$$

$$= 2(2) + 1(16) + 2(-10)$$

$$= 4 + 16 - 20$$

$$= 0$$

$\therefore [\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = 0$

Hence, the vectors  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}$  are coplanar.

Note : For coplanar vectors  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}$ ,



$$[\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] = 0$$

**Question 5.**

Find the value of  $\lambda$  for which the vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coplanar, when

i.  $\vec{a} = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}), \vec{b} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$  and  $\vec{c} = (3\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$

ii.  $\vec{a} = \lambda\hat{i} - 10\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}, \vec{b} = -7\hat{i} - 5\hat{j}$  and  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$

iii.  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = \lambda\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}$

**Answer:**

i.  $\vec{a} = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}), \vec{b} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$  and  $\vec{c} = (3\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$

Given : Vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coplanar.

Where,

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

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

$$\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

To Find : value of  $\lambda$

Formulae :

1) Scalar Triple Product:

If

$$\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$$

Then,

$$[\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

2) Determinant :

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1(b_2 \cdot c_3 - c_2 \cdot b_3) - a_2(b_1 \cdot c_3 - c_1 \cdot b_3) + a_3(b_1 \cdot c_2 - c_1 \cdot b_2)$$

Answer :

As vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coplanar

$$\therefore [\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] = 0 \dots\dots\dots\text{eq(1)}$$

For given vectors,

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

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

$$\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

$$[\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & \lambda & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2(2 \times 5 - 3 \times \lambda) - (-1)(1 \times 5 - 3 \times 3) + 1(1 \times \lambda - 3 \times 2)$$

$$= 2(10 - 3\lambda) - 4 + 1(\lambda - 6)$$

$$= 20 - 6\lambda - 4 + \lambda - 6$$

$$[\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] = 10 - 5\lambda \dots\dots\dots\text{eq(2)}$$

From eq(1) and eq(2),

$$10 - 5\lambda = 0$$

$$\therefore 5\lambda = 10$$

$$\boxed{\therefore \lambda = 2}$$

ii.  $\vec{a} = \lambda\hat{i} - 10\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = -7\hat{i} - 5\hat{j}$  and  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$

Given : Vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coplanar.

Where,

$$\vec{a} = \lambda\hat{i} - 10\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = -7\hat{i} - 5\hat{j}$$

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

To Find : value of  $\lambda$

Formulae :

1) Scalar Triple Product:

If

$$\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$$

Then,

$$[\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

2) Determinant :

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1(b_2 \cdot c_3 - c_2 \cdot b_3) - a_2(b_1 \cdot c_3 - c_1 \cdot b_3) + a_3(b_1 \cdot c_2 - c_1 \cdot b_2)$$

Answer :

As vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coplanar

$$\therefore [\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] = 0 \dots\dots\dots \text{eq(1)}$$

For given vectors,

$$\vec{a} = \lambda \hat{i} - 10\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = -7\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$$

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

$$[\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & -10 & -5 \\ -7 & -5 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \lambda((-5) \times (-3) - 0 \times (-4)) - (-10)((-7) \times (-3) - 0 \times 1) + (-5)((-7) \times (-4) - 1 \times (-5))$$

$$= \lambda(15) + 10(21) - 5(33)$$

$$= 15\lambda + 45$$

$$[\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] = 15\lambda + 45 \dots\dots\dots \text{eq(2)}$$

From eq(1) and eq(2),

$$15\lambda + 45 = 0$$

$$\therefore 15\lambda = 45$$

$$\therefore \lambda = -3$$

$$\text{iii. } \vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{c} = \lambda\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}$$

Given : Vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coplanar.

Where,

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

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

$$\vec{c} = \lambda\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}$$

To Find : value of  $\lambda$

Formulae :

1) Scalar Triple Product:

If

$$\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$$

Then,

$$[\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

2) Determinant :

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1(b_2 \cdot c_3 - c_2 \cdot b_3) - a_2(b_1 \cdot c_3 - c_1 \cdot b_3) + a_3(b_1 \cdot c_2 - c_1 \cdot b_2)$$

Answer :

As vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coplanar

$$\therefore [\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] = 0 \dots\dots\dots \text{eq(1)}$$

For given vectors,

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

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

$$\vec{c} = \lambda\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}$$

$$[\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ \lambda & -1 & \lambda \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1(1 \times \lambda - (-1) \times (-1)) - (-1)(2 \times \lambda - (-1) \times \lambda) + 1(2 \times (-1) - \lambda \times 1)$$

$$= 1(\lambda - 1) + 1(3\lambda) + 1(-\lambda - 2)$$

$$= \lambda - 1 + 3\lambda - 2 - \lambda$$

$$= 3\lambda - 3$$

$$[\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] = 3\lambda - 3 \dots\dots\dots \text{eq(2)}$$

From eq(1) and eq(2),

$$3\lambda - 3 = 0$$

$$\therefore 3\lambda = 3$$

$$\therefore \lambda = 1$$

**Question 6.**

If  $\vec{a} = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k})$ ,  $\vec{b} = (\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k})$  and  $\vec{c} = (3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - \hat{k})$ , find  $[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}]$  and interpret the result.

**Answer:**

Given Vectors :

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

$$\vec{b} = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$$

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

To Find :  $[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}]$

Formulae :

1) Scalar Triple Product:

If

$$\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$$

Then,

$$[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

2) Determinant :

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1(b_2 \cdot c_3 - c_2 \cdot b_3) - a_2(b_1 \cdot c_3 - c_1 \cdot b_3) + a_3(b_1 \cdot c_2 - c_1 \cdot b_2)$$

Answer :

For given vectors,

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

$$\bar{b} = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$[\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & -5 \\ 3 & -4 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2((-3) \times (-1) - (-4) \times (-5)) - (-1)((-1) \times 1 - 3 \times (-5)) + 1((-4) \times 1 - 3 \times (-3))$$

$$= 2(-17) + 1(14) + 1(5)$$

$$= -34 + 14 + 5$$

$$= -15$$

$$\therefore [\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = -15$$

### Question 7.

The volume of the parallelepiped whose edges are  $(-12\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{k})$ ,  $(3\hat{j} - \hat{k})$  and  $(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 15\hat{k})$  is 546 cubic units. Find the value of  $\lambda$ .

**Answer:**

Given :

1) Coterminal edges of parallelepiped are



$$\bar{a} = -12\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{b} = 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 15\hat{k}$$

2) Volume of parallelepiped,

$$V = 546 \text{ cubic unit}$$

To Find : value of  $\lambda$

1) Volume of parallelepiped :

If  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}$  are coterminal edges of parallelepiped,

Where,

$$\bar{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$$

Then, volume of parallelepiped V is given by,

$$V = [\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

2) Determinant :

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1(b_2 \cdot c_3 - c_2 \cdot b_3) - a_2(b_1 \cdot c_3 - c_1 \cdot b_3) + a_3(b_1 \cdot c_2 - c_1 \cdot b_2)$$

Answer :

Given volume of parallelepiped,

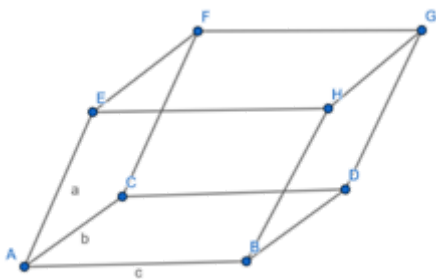
$$V = 546 \text{ cubic unit .....eq(1)}$$

Volume of parallelopiped with coterminous edges

$$\bar{a} = -12\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{b} = 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 15\hat{k}$$



$$V = [\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} -12 & 0 & \lambda \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & -15 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -12(3 \times (-15) - 1 \times (-1)) - 0 + \lambda(0 \times 1 - 3 \times 2)$$

$$= 528 - 0 - 6\lambda$$

$$= 528 - 6\lambda$$

$$\therefore V = (528 - 6\lambda) \text{ cubic unit .....eq(2)}$$

From eq(1) and eq(2)

$$528 - 6\lambda = 546$$

$$\therefore -6\lambda = 18$$

$$\therefore \lambda = -3$$

**Question 8.**

Show that the vectors  $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k})$ ,  $\vec{b} = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k})$  and  $\vec{c} = (7\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$  are parallel to the same plane.

{HINT: Show that  $[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] = 0$ }

**Answer:**

Given Vectors :

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

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

$$\vec{c} = 7\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

To Prove : Vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are parallel to same plane.

Formulae :

1) Scalar Triple Product:

If

$$\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$$

Then,

$$[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

2) Determinant :

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1(b_2 \cdot c_3 - c_2 \cdot b_3) - a_2(b_1 \cdot c_3 - c_1 \cdot b_3) + a_3(b_1 \cdot c_2 - c_1 \cdot b_2)$$

Answer :

Vectors will be parallel to the same plane if they are coplanar.

For vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  to be coplanar,  $[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] = 0$

Now, for given vectors,

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

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

$$\vec{c} = 7\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 7 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1(3 \times (-1) - 7 \times (-1)) - 3(2 \times 3 - 0 \times (-1)) + 1(2 \times 7 - 0 \times (-1))$$

$$= 1(4) - 3(6) + 1(14)$$

$$= 4 - 18 + 14$$

$$= 0$$

$$\therefore [\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] = 0$$

Hence, given vectors are parallel to the same plane.

### Question 9.

If the vectors  $(a\hat{i} + a\hat{j} + c\hat{k}), (\hat{i} + \hat{k})$  and  $(c\hat{i} + c\hat{j} + b\hat{k})$  be coplanar, show that  $c^2 = ab$ .

**Answer:**

Given : vectors  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}$  are coplanar. Where,

$$\bar{a} = a\hat{i} + a\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = c\hat{i} + c\hat{j} + b\hat{k}$$

To Prove :  $c^2 = ab$

Formulae :

1) Scalar Triple Product:

If

$$\bar{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$$

Then,

$$[\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

2) Determinant :

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1(b_2 \cdot c_3 - c_2 \cdot b_3) - a_2(b_1 \cdot c_3 - c_1 \cdot b_3) + a_3(b_1 \cdot c_2 - c_1 \cdot b_2)$$

Answer :

As vectors  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}$  are coplanar

$$\therefore [\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = 0 \dots\dots\dots \text{eq(1)}$$

For given vectors,

$$\bar{a} = a\hat{i} + a\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = c\hat{i} + c\hat{j} + b\hat{k}$$

$$[\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a & a & c \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ c & c & b \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= a(0 \times b - c \times 1) - a(1 \times b - 1 \times c) + c(1 \times c - 0 \times c)$$

$$= a.(-c) - a.(b - c) + c(c)$$

$$= -ac - ab + ac + c^2$$

$$= -ab + c^2$$

$$\therefore [\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = -ab + c^2 \dots\dots\dots \text{eq(2)}$$

From eq(1) and eq(2),

$$-ab + c^2 = 0$$

Therefore,

$$c^2 = ab$$

Hence proved.

Note : Three vectors  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}$  &  $\bar{c}$  are coplanar if and only if

$$[\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = 0$$

**Question 10.**

Show that the four points with position vectors  $(4\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 12\hat{k})$ ,  $(2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$ ,  $(3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$  and  $(5\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$  are coplanar.

**Answer:**

Given :

Let A, B, C & D be four points with position vectors  $\bar{a}$ ,  $\bar{b}$ ,  $\bar{c}$  &  $\bar{d}$ .

Therefore,

$$\bar{a} = 4\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{b} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = 3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{d} = 5\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

To Prove : Points A, B, C & D are coplanar.

Formulae :

1) Vectors :

If A & B are two points with position vectors  $\bar{a}$  &  $\bar{b}$ ,

Where,

$$\bar{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

then vector  $\overline{AB}$  is given by,

$$\overline{AB} = \bar{b} - \bar{a}$$

$$(b_1 - a_1)\hat{i} + (b_2 - a_2)\hat{j} + (b_3 - a_3)\hat{k}$$

2) Scalar Triple Product:

If

$$\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$$

Then,

$$[\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

3) Determinant :

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1(b_2 \cdot c_3 - c_2 \cdot b_3) - a_2(b_1 \cdot c_3 - c_1 \cdot b_3) + a_3(b_1 \cdot c_2 - c_1 \cdot b_2)$$

Answer :

For given position vectors,

$$\vec{a} = 4\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$$

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

$$\vec{d} = 5\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

Vectors  $\vec{BA}$ ,  $\vec{CA}$  &  $\vec{DA}$  are given by,

$$\vec{BA} = \vec{a} - \vec{b}$$



$$= (4 - 2)\hat{i} + (8 - 4)\hat{j} + (12 - 6)\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \overline{BA} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k} \dots\dots\dots\text{eq(1)}$$

$$\overline{CA} = \vec{a} - \vec{c}$$

$$= (4 - 3)\hat{i} + (8 - 5)\hat{j} + (12 - 4)\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \overline{CA} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 8\hat{k} \dots\dots\dots\text{eq(2)}$$

$$\overline{DA} = \vec{a} - \vec{d}$$

$$= (4 - 5)\hat{i} + (8 - 8)\hat{j} + (12 - 5)\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \overline{DA} = -\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 7\hat{k} \dots\dots\dots\text{eq(3)}$$

Now, for vectors

$$\overline{BA} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$$

$$\overline{CA} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}$$

$$\overline{DA} = -\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$$

$$[\overline{BA} \quad \overline{CA} \quad \overline{DA}] = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 & 8 \\ -1 & 0 & 7 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2(3 \times 7 - 0 \times 8) - 4(1 \times 7 - (-1) \times 8) + 6(1 \times 0 - (-1) \times 3)$$

$$= 2(21) - 4(15) + 6(3)$$

$$= 42 - 60 + 18$$

$$= 0$$

$$\therefore [\overline{BA} \quad \overline{CA} \quad \overline{DA}] = 0$$

Hence, vectors  $\overline{BA}, \overline{CA} \text{ \& } \overline{DA}$  are coplanar.

Therefore, points A, B, C & D are coplanar.

Note : Four points A, B, C & D are coplanar if and only if  $[\overline{BA} \quad \overline{CA} \quad \overline{DA}] = 0$

**Question 11.**

Show that the four points with position vectors  $(6\hat{i} - 7\hat{j}), (16\hat{i} - 19\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}), (3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k})$  and  $(2\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 10\hat{k})$  are coplanar.

**Answer:**

Given :

Let A, B, C & D be four points with position vectors  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c} \text{ \& } \bar{d}$ .

Therefore,

$$\bar{a} = 6\hat{i} - 7\hat{j}$$

$$\bar{b} = 16\hat{i} - 19\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{d} = 2\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 10\hat{k}$$

To Prove : Points A, B, C & D are coplanar.

Formulae :

1) Vectors :

If A & B are two points with position vectors  $\bar{a} \text{ \& } \bar{b}$ ,

Where,

$$\bar{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

then vector  $\overline{AB}$  is given by,

$$\overline{AB} = \bar{b} - \bar{a}$$

$$(b_1 - a_1)\hat{i} + (b_2 - a_2)\hat{j} + (b_3 - a_3)\hat{k}$$

2) Scalar Triple Product:

If

$$\bar{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$$

Then,

$$[\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

3) Determinant :

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1(b_2 \cdot c_3 - c_2 \cdot b_3) - a_2(b_1 \cdot c_3 - c_1 \cdot b_3) + a_3(b_1 \cdot c_2 - c_1 \cdot b_2)$$

Answer :

For given position vectors,

$$\bar{a} = 6\hat{i} - 7\hat{j}$$

$$\bar{b} = 16\hat{i} - 19\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{c} = 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{d} = 2\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 10\hat{k}$$

Vectors  $\overrightarrow{BA}$ ,  $\overrightarrow{CA}$  &  $\overrightarrow{DA}$  are given by,

$$\overrightarrow{BA} = \vec{a} - \vec{b}$$

$$= (6 - 16)\hat{i} + (-7 + 19)\hat{j} + (0 + 4)\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \overrightarrow{BA} = -10\hat{i} + 12\hat{j} + 4\hat{k} \dots\dots\dots\text{eq(1)}$$

$$\overrightarrow{CA} = \vec{a} - \vec{c}$$

$$= (6 - 0)\hat{i} + (-7 - 3)\hat{j} + (0 + 6)\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \overrightarrow{CA} = 6\hat{i} - 10\hat{j} + 6\hat{k} \dots\dots\dots\text{eq(2)}$$

$$\overrightarrow{DA} = \vec{a} - \vec{d}$$

$$= (6 - 2)\hat{i} + (-7 + 5)\hat{j} + (0 - 10)\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \overrightarrow{DA} = 4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 10\hat{k} \dots\dots\dots\text{eq(3)}$$

Now, for vectors

$$\overrightarrow{BA} = -10\hat{i} + 12\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

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

$$\overrightarrow{DA} = 4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 10\hat{k}$$

$$[\overrightarrow{BA} \quad \overrightarrow{CA} \quad \overrightarrow{DA}] = \begin{vmatrix} -10 & 12 & 4 \\ 6 & -10 & 6 \\ 4 & -2 & -10 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -10((-10) \times (-10) - (-2) \times 6) - 12(6 \times (-10) - 4 \times 6) + 4(6 \times (-2) - (-10) \times 4)$$

$$= -10(112) - 12(-84) + 4(28)$$

$$= -1120 + 1008 + 112$$

$$= 0$$

$$\therefore [\overline{BA} \quad \overline{CA} \quad \overline{DA}] = 0$$

Hence, vectors  $\overline{BA}, \overline{CA} \text{ \& } \overline{DA}$  are coplanar.

Therefore, points A, B, C & D are coplanar.

Note : Four points A, B, C & D are coplanar if and only if  $[\overline{BA} \quad \overline{CA} \quad \overline{DA}] = 0$

### Question 12.

Find the value of  $\lambda$  for which the four points with position vectors  $(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$ ,  $(3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$ ,  $(-2\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \hat{k})$  and  $(6\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$  are coplanar.

Ans.  $\lambda = 3$

### Answer:

Given :

Let, A, B, C & D be four points with given position vectors

$$\bar{a} = 1\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{b} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = -2\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\bar{d} = 6\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

To Find : value of  $\lambda$

Formulae :

1) Vectors :

If A & B are two points with position vectors  $\vec{a}$  &  $\vec{b}$  ,

Where,

$$\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

then vector  $\overline{AB}$  is given by,

$$\overline{AB} = \vec{b} - \vec{a}$$

$$(b_1 - a_1)\hat{i} + (b_2 - a_2)\hat{j} + (b_3 - a_3)\hat{k}$$

2) Scalar Triple Product:

If

$$\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$$

Then,

$$[\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

3) Determinant :

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1(b_2 \cdot c_3 - c_2 \cdot b_3) - a_2(b_1 \cdot c_3 - c_1 \cdot b_3) + a_3(b_1 \cdot c_2 - c_1 \cdot b_2)$$

Answer :

For given position vectors,

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

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

$$\vec{c} = -2\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{d} = 6\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

Vectors  $\vec{BA}$ ,  $\vec{CA}$  &  $\vec{DA}$  are given by,

$$\vec{BA} = \vec{a} - \vec{b}$$

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

$$\therefore \vec{BA} = -2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k} \dots\dots\dots\text{eq(1)}$$

$$\vec{CA} = \vec{a} - \vec{c}$$

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

$$\therefore \vec{CA} = 3\hat{i} + (2 - \lambda)\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} \dots\dots\dots\text{eq(2)}$$

$$\vec{DA} = \vec{a} - \vec{d}$$

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

$$\therefore \vec{DA} = -5\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + \hat{k} \dots\dots\dots\text{eq(3)}$$

Now, for vectors

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

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

$$\overrightarrow{DA} = -5\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$[\overrightarrow{BA} \quad \overrightarrow{CA} \quad \overrightarrow{DA}] = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & (2-\lambda) & 2 \\ -5 & 6 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -2((2-\lambda) \times 1 - 2 \times 6) - 3(3 \times 1 - 2 \times (-5)) + 1(6 \times 3 - (2-\lambda) \times (-5))$$

$$= -2(-\lambda - 10) - 3(13) + 1(28 - 5\lambda)$$

$$= 2\lambda + 20 - 39 + 28 - 5\lambda$$

$$= 9 - 3\lambda$$

$$\therefore [\overrightarrow{BA} \quad \overrightarrow{CA} \quad \overrightarrow{DA}] = 9 - 3\lambda \dots\dots\dots \text{eq(4)}$$

Four points A, B, C & D are coplanar if and only if

$$[\overrightarrow{BA} \quad \overrightarrow{CA} \quad \overrightarrow{DA}] = 0 \dots\dots\dots \text{eq(5)}$$

From eq(4) and eq(5)

$$9 - 3\lambda = 0$$

$$3\lambda = 9$$

$\lambda = 3$

### Question 13.

Find the value of  $\lambda$  for which the four points with position vectors  $(-\hat{j} + \hat{k})$ ,

$(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k})$ ,  $(\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \hat{k})$  and  $(3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$  are coplanar.

**Answer:**

Given :

Let, A, B, C & D be four points with given position vectors



$$\bar{a} = -\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\bar{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = \hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\bar{d} = 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

To Find : value of  $\lambda$

Formulae :

1) Vectors :

If A & B are two points with position vectors  $\bar{a}$  &  $\bar{b}$  ,

Where,

$$\bar{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

then vector  $\overline{AB}$  is given by,

$$\overline{AB} = \bar{b} - \bar{a}$$

$$(b_1 - a_1)\hat{i} + (b_2 - a_2)\hat{j} + (b_3 - a_3)\hat{k}$$

2) Scalar Triple Product:

If

$$\bar{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$$

Then,

$$[\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

3) Determinant :

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1(b_2 \cdot c_3 - c_2 \cdot b_3) - a_2(b_1 \cdot c_3 - c_1 \cdot b_3) + a_3(b_1 \cdot c_2 - c_1 \cdot b_2)$$

Answer :

For given position vectors,

$$\bar{a} = -\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\bar{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = \hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\bar{d} = 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

Vectors  $\overline{BA}$ ,  $\overline{CA}$  &  $\overline{DA}$  are given by,

$$\overline{BA} = \bar{a} - \bar{b}$$

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

$$\therefore \overline{BA} = -2\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} \dots\dots\dots\text{eq(1)}$$

$$\overline{CA} = \bar{a} - \bar{c}$$

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

$$\therefore \overline{CA} = -\hat{i} + (-1 - \lambda)\hat{j} + 0\hat{k} \dots\dots\dots\text{eq(2)}$$

$$\overrightarrow{DA} = \vec{a} - \vec{d}$$

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

$$\therefore \overrightarrow{DA} = 0\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 2\hat{k} \dots\dots\dots\text{eq(3)}$$

Now, for vectors

$$\overrightarrow{BA} = -2\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{CA} = -\hat{i} + (-1 - \lambda)\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{DA} = 0\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$$[\overrightarrow{BA} \quad \overrightarrow{CA} \quad \overrightarrow{DA}] = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & (-1 - \lambda) & 0 \\ 0 & -4 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

$$= -2(2 + 2\lambda) - 0 + 2(4)$$

$$= -4 - 4\lambda + 8$$

$$= 4 - 4\lambda$$

$$\therefore [\overrightarrow{BA} \quad \overrightarrow{CA} \quad \overrightarrow{DA}] = 4 - 4\lambda \dots\dots\dots\text{eq(4)}$$

Four points A, B, C & D are coplanar if and only if

$$[\overrightarrow{BA} \quad \overrightarrow{CA} \quad \overrightarrow{DA}] = 0 \dots\dots\dots\text{eq(5)}$$

From eq(4) and eq(5)

$$4 - 4\lambda = 0$$

$$4\lambda = 4$$

$$\lambda = 1$$

**Question 14.**

Using vector method, show that the points A(4, 5, 1), B(0, -1, -1), C(3, 9, 4) and D(-4, 4, 4) are coplanar.

**Answer:**

Given Points :

$$A \equiv (4, 5, 1)$$

$$B \equiv (0, -1, -1)$$

$$C \equiv (3, 9, 4)$$

$$D \equiv (-4, 4, 4)$$

To Prove : Points A, B, C & D are coplanar.

Formulae :

4) Position Vectors :

If A is a point with co-ordinates  $(a_1, a_2, a_3)$

then its position vector is given by,

$$\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

5) Vectors :

If A & B are two points with position vectors  $\vec{a}$  &  $\vec{b}$ ,

Where,

$$\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

then vector  $\overline{AB}$  is given by,

$$\overline{AB} = \bar{b} - \bar{a}$$

$$(b_1 - a_1)\hat{i} + (b_2 - a_2)\hat{j} + (b_3 - a_3)\hat{k}$$

6) Scalar Triple Product:

If

$$\bar{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$$

Then,

$$[\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

7) Determinant :

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1(b_2 \cdot c_3 - c_2 \cdot b_3) - a_2(b_1 \cdot c_3 - c_1 \cdot b_3) + a_3(b_1 \cdot c_2 - c_1 \cdot b_2)$$

Answer :

For given points,

$$A \equiv (4, 5, 1)$$

$$B \equiv (0, -1, -1)$$

$$C \equiv (3, 9, 4)$$

$$D \equiv (-4, 4, 4)$$

Position vectors of above points are,

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

$$\vec{b} = 0\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} + 9\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

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

Vectors  $\vec{BA}$ ,  $\vec{CA}$  &  $\vec{DA}$  are given by,

$$\vec{BA} = \vec{a} - \vec{b}$$

$$= (4 - 0)\hat{i} + (5 + 1)\hat{j} + (1 + 1)\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{BA} = 4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} \dots\dots\dots\text{eq(1)}$$

$$\vec{CA} = \vec{a} - \vec{c}$$

$$= (4 - 3)\hat{i} + (5 - 9)\hat{j} + (1 - 4)\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{CA} = \hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 3\hat{k} \dots\dots\dots\text{eq(2)}$$

$$\vec{DA} = \vec{a} - \vec{d}$$

$$= (4 + 4)\hat{i} + (5 - 4)\hat{j} + (1 - 4)\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{DA} = 8\hat{i} + 1\hat{j} - 3\hat{k} \dots\dots\dots\text{eq(3)}$$

Now, for vectors

$$\vec{BA} = 4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

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

$$\vec{DA} = 8\hat{i} + 1\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

$$[\overline{BA} \quad \overline{CA} \quad \overline{DA}] = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 6 & 2 \\ 1 & -4 & -3 \\ 8 & 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 4((-4) \times (-3) - 1 \times (-3)) - 6(1 \times (-3) - (-3) \times 8) + 2(1 \times 1 - (-4) \times 8)$$

$$= 4(15) - 6(21) + 2(33)$$

$$= 60 - 126 + 66$$

$$= 0$$

$$\therefore [\overline{BA} \quad \overline{CA} \quad \overline{DA}] = 0$$

Hence, vectors  $\overline{BA}, \overline{CA} \& \overline{DA}$  are coplanar.

Therefore, points A, B, C & D are coplanar.

Note : Four points A, B, C & D are coplanar if and only if  $[\overline{BA} \quad \overline{CA} \quad \overline{DA}] = 0$

### Question 15.

Find the value of  $\lambda$  for which the points A(3, 2, 1), B(4,  $\lambda$ , 5), C(4, 2, -2) and D(6, 5, -1) are coplanar.

Ans.  $\lambda = 5$

### Answer:

Given :

Points A, B, C & D are coplanar where,

$$A \equiv (3, 2, 1)$$

$$B \equiv (4, \lambda, 5)$$

$$C \equiv (4, 2, -2)$$

$$D \equiv (6, 5, -1)$$

To Find : value of  $\lambda$

Formulae :

1) Position Vectors :

If A is a point with co-ordinates  $(a_1, a_2, a_3)$

then its position vector is given by,

$$\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

2) Vectors :

If A & B are two points with position vectors  $\vec{a}$  &  $\vec{b}$  ,

Where,

$$\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

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$$(b_1 - a_1)\hat{i} + (b_2 - a_2)\hat{j} + (b_3 - a_3)\hat{k}$$

3) Scalar Triple Product:

If

$$\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$$



Then,

$$[\bar{a} \quad \bar{b} \quad \bar{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

4) Determinant :

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1(b_2 \cdot c_3 - c_2 \cdot b_3) - a_2(b_1 \cdot c_3 - c_1 \cdot b_3) + a_3(b_1 \cdot c_2 - c_1 \cdot b_2)$$

Answer :

For given points,

$$A \equiv (3, 2, 1)$$

$$B \equiv (4, \lambda, 5)$$

$$C \equiv (4, 2, -2)$$

$$D \equiv (6, 5, -1)$$

Position vectors of above points are,

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

$$\bar{b} = 4\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{c} = 4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{d} = 6\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

Vectors  $\overline{BA}$ ,  $\overline{CA}$  &  $\overline{DA}$  are given by,

$$\overline{BA} = \bar{a} - \bar{b}$$

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

$$\therefore \overrightarrow{BA} = -\hat{i} + (2 - \lambda)\hat{j} - 4\hat{k} \dots\dots\dots \text{eq(1)}$$

$$\overrightarrow{CA} = \vec{a} - \vec{c}$$

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

$$\therefore \overrightarrow{CA} = -\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} \dots\dots\dots \text{eq(2)}$$

$$\overrightarrow{DA} = \vec{a} - \vec{d}$$

$$= (3 - 6)\hat{i} + (2 - 5)\hat{j} + (1 + 1)\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \overrightarrow{DA} = -3\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} \dots\dots\dots \text{eq(3)}$$

Now, for vectors

$$\overrightarrow{BA} = -\hat{i} + (2 - \lambda)\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{CA} = -\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{DA} = -3\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$[\overrightarrow{BA} \quad \overrightarrow{CA} \quad \overrightarrow{DA}] = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & (2 - \lambda) & -4 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 \\ -3 & -3 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

$$= -1(9) - (2 - \lambda).(7) - 4(3)$$

$$= -9 - 14 + 7\lambda - 12$$

$$= 7\lambda - 35$$

$$\therefore [\overrightarrow{BA} \quad \overrightarrow{CA} \quad \overrightarrow{DA}] = 7\lambda - 35 \dots\dots\dots \text{eq(4)}$$

But points A, B, C & D are coplanar if and only if

$$[\overline{BA} \quad \overline{CA} \quad \overline{DA}] = 0 \dots\dots\dots \text{eq(5)}$$

From eq(4) and eq(5)

$$7\lambda - 35 = 0$$

$$\therefore 7\lambda = 35$$