

Exercise 25b

Question 1.

If $\vec{a} = x\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - z\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - y\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ are two equal vectors the $x + y + z = ?$

Answer:

Two vectors are equal if and only if their corresponding components are equal.

Thus, the given vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} are equal if and only if

$$x = 3, -y = 2, -z = 1$$

$$x = 3, y = -2, z = -1$$

$$x + y + z = 3 + (-2) + (-1) = 3 - 3 = 0$$

Question 2.

If $\vec{a} = x\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - z\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - y\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ are two equal vectors the $x + y + z = ?$

Answer:

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

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

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

Since, these two vectors are equal, therefore comparing these two vectors we get,

$$x = 3, -y = 2, -z = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3, y = -2, z = -1$$

$$\therefore x + y + z = 3 + (-2) + (-1) = 3 - 2 - 1 = 0$$

$$\text{Ans: } x + y + z = 0$$

Question 3.

Write a unit vector in the direction of the sum of the vectors $\vec{a} = (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 7\hat{k})$.

Answer:

The sum of vectors is

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{a} + \vec{b} &= 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k} + 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 7\hat{k} \\ &= 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

Let the unit vector in the direction of $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$ be \hat{c} , then

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{c} &= \frac{(\vec{a} + \vec{b})}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b}|} \Rightarrow \frac{(4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 12\hat{k})}{|4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}|} = \frac{4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}}{\sqrt{(4^2 + 3^2 + (-12)^2)}} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}}{\sqrt{169}} = \frac{1}{13}(4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 12\hat{k})\end{aligned}$$

Question 4.

Write a unit vector in the direction of the sum of the vectors $\vec{a} = (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 7\hat{k})$.

Answer:

Let \vec{s} be the sum of the vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b}

$$\Rightarrow \vec{s} = \vec{a} + \vec{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{s} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k} + 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 7\hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{s} = 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}$$

$$|\vec{s}| = (4^2 + 3^2 + (-12)^2)^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{s}| = (16 + 9 + 144)^{1/2} = (169)^{1/2} = 13$$

a unit vector in the direction of the sum of the vectors is given by:

$$\hat{s} = \frac{\vec{s}}{|\vec{s}|} = \frac{4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}}{13}$$

$$\text{Ans: } \hat{s} = \frac{4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}}{13}$$

Question 5.

Write the value of λ so that the vectors $\vec{a} = (2\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$ are perpendicular to each other.

Answer:

If the scalar product (dot product) is zero, two non - zero vectors are perpendicular.

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \Rightarrow (2\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2.1 + \lambda.(-2) + 1.3 = 0 \quad (\hat{i} \cdot \hat{i} = \hat{j} \cdot \hat{j} = \hat{k} \cdot \hat{k} = 1)$$

$$2 - 2\lambda + 3 = 0$$

$$- 2\lambda = 5$$

$$\lambda = \frac{5}{2}$$

Question 6.

Write the value of λ so that the vectors $\vec{a} = (2\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$ are perpendicular to each other.

Answer:

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

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

Since these two vectors are perpendicular the dot product of these two vectors is zero.

$$\text{i.e.: } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 + \lambda \times (-2) + 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 = 2\lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 5/2$$

$$\text{Ans: } \lambda = 5/2$$

Question 7.

Find the value of p for which the vectors $\vec{a} = (3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 9\hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (\hat{i} - 2p\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$ are parallel.

Answer:

$$\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 9\hat{k}$$

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

Since these two vectors are parallel

$$\therefore \frac{3}{1} = \frac{2}{-2p} = \frac{9}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{1} = \frac{1}{-p}$$

$$\Rightarrow p = \frac{-1}{3}$$

$$\text{Ans: } p = \frac{-1}{3}$$

Question 8.

Find the value of p for which the vectors $\vec{a} = (3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 9\hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (\hat{i} - 2p\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$ are parallel.

Answer:

Two nonzero vectors are parallel if their vector product (cross product) is zero,

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 3 & 2 & 9 \\ 1 & -2p & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2 \cdot 3 - (-2p) \cdot 9)\hat{i} - (3 \cdot 3 - 9 \cdot 1)\hat{j} + (3 \cdot (-2p) - 1 \cdot 2)\hat{k} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (6 + 18p)\hat{i} - (9 - 9)\hat{j} + (-6p - 2)\hat{k} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (6 + 18p)\hat{i} - 0\hat{j} + (-6p - 2)\hat{k} = 0 \Rightarrow 0\hat{i} - 0\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$$

On comparing with right hand side,

$$6 + 18p = 0$$

$$p = \frac{-6}{18} \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{3} \text{ (You can solve using } -6p - 2)$$

Question 9.

Find the value of λ when the projection of $\vec{a} = (\lambda\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$ on $\vec{b} = (2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$ is 4 units.

Answer:

$$\text{Projection of vector } \vec{a} \text{ on vector } \vec{b} = \frac{1}{|\vec{b}|}(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})$$

So we first calculate the magnitude of vector b and the scalar product of a vector \vec{a} and \vec{b} .

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{(2^2 + 6^2 + 3^2)} \Rightarrow \sqrt{(4 + 36 + 9)} = \sqrt{49} \Rightarrow 7$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = (\lambda \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) \cdot (2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \Rightarrow \lambda \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 6 + 4 \cdot 3 = 2\lambda + 6 + 12 = 2\lambda + 18$$

Projection of vector \vec{a} on vector $\vec{b} = \frac{1}{|\vec{b}|}(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) = 4$ (1)

Putting the values from above in equation (1),

$$\frac{2\lambda + 18}{7} = 4 \Rightarrow 2\lambda = 28 - 18$$

$$2\lambda = 10$$

$$\lambda = 5$$

Question 10.

Find the value of λ when the projection of $\vec{a} = (\lambda \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$ on $\vec{b} = (2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$ is 4 units.

Answer:

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

$$\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

projection of a on b is given by: $\vec{a} \cdot \hat{b}$

$$|\vec{b}| = (2^2 + 6^2 + 3^2)^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{b}| = (4 + 36 + 9)^{1/2} = (49)^{1/2} = 7$$

a unit vector in the direction of the sum of the vectors is given by:

$$\hat{b} = \frac{\vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|} = \frac{2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}}{7}$$

Now it is given that: $\vec{a} \cdot \hat{b} = 4$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) \cdot \left(\frac{2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}}{7} \right) = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\lambda + 6 + (3 \times 4) = 28$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = (28 - 12 - 6)/2$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 10/2 = 5$$

Ans: $\lambda = 5$

Question 11.

If \vec{a} and \vec{b} are perpendicular vectors such that $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = 13$ and $|\vec{a}| = 5$, find the value of $|\vec{b}|$.

Answer:

As vector \vec{a} and \vec{b} is perpendicular, $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$. So, using $(\vec{a} + \vec{b})^2$

$$(\vec{a} + \vec{b})^2 \Rightarrow (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = |\vec{a} + \vec{b}|^2 \quad (\text{using } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = |\vec{a}|^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{b} = 13^2$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}|^2 + 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + |\vec{b}|^2 = 169$$

$$\Rightarrow 5^2 + 2 \cdot 0 + |\vec{b}|^2 = 169$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{b}|^2 = 169 - 25$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{b}|^2 = 144$$

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{144} \Rightarrow 12 \quad (\text{Negative value not considered as magnitude is positive}).$$

Question 12.

If \vec{a} and \vec{b} are perpendicular vectors such that $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = 13$ and $|\vec{a}| = 5$, find the value of $|\vec{b}|$.

Answer:

Since a and b vectors are perpendicular .

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Now,

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

$$\Rightarrow 13^2 = 5^2 + |\vec{b}|^2 + 0 \dots (\cos \theta = \cos \frac{\pi}{2} = 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{b}|^2 = 169 - 25 = 144$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{b}| = 12$$

$$\text{Ans: } |\vec{b}| = 12$$

Question 13.

If \vec{a} is a unit vector such that $(\vec{x} - \vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{x} + \vec{a}) = 15$, find $|\vec{x}|$.

Answer:

$$(\vec{x} - \vec{a})(\vec{x} + \vec{a}) = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{x}|^2 - |\vec{a}|^2 = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{x}|^2 = |\vec{a}|^2 + 15$$

Now , a is a unit vector,

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{x}|^2 = 1^2 + 15$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{x}|^2 = 16$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{x}| = 4$$

$$\text{Ans: } |\vec{x}| = 4$$

Question 14.

If \vec{a} is a unit vector such that $(\vec{x} - \vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{x} + \vec{a}) = 15$, find $|\vec{x}|$.

Answer:

$$(\vec{x} - \vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{x} + \vec{a}) \Rightarrow \vec{x} \cdot \vec{x} - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{x} + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{x} - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{x}|^2 - |\vec{a}|^2 = 15 \text{ (Using } \vec{x} \cdot \vec{a} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{x}, \text{ commutative law)}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{x}|^2 - 1^2 = 15 \text{ (As magnitude of unit vector is 1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{x}|^2 = 15 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{x}| = \sqrt{16} \Rightarrow 4$$

Question 15.

Find the sum of the vectors $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} - 3\hat{k})$, $\vec{b} = (2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$ and $\vec{c} = (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$.

Answer:

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

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

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

Question 16.

Find the sum of the vectors $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} - 3\hat{k})$, $\vec{b} = (2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$ and $\vec{c} = (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$.

Answer:

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

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

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

Now ,

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

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

$$\text{Ans: } \vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

Question 17.

Find the sum of the vectors $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j})$, $\vec{b} = (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j})$ and $\vec{c} = (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{k})$.

Answer:

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

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

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

Question 18.

Find the sum of the vectors $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j})$, $\vec{b} = (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j})$ and $\vec{c} = (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{k})$.

Answer:

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

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

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

Now ,

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

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

$$\text{Ans: } \vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = 5\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

Question 19.

Write the projection of the vector $(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$ along the vector \hat{j} .

Answer:

projection of a on b is given by: $\vec{a} \cdot \hat{b}$

\therefore the projection of the vector $(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$ along the vector \hat{j} is :

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

Ans: the projection of the vector $(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$ along the vector \hat{j} is: 1

Question 20.

Write the projection of the vector $(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$ along the vector \hat{j} .

Answer:

Projection of vector \vec{a} on vector $\vec{b} = \frac{1}{|\vec{b}|}(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})$.

$$= \frac{1}{1}((\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot \hat{j})$$

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

Question 21.

Write the projection of the vector $(7\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 4\hat{k})$ on the vector $(2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$.

Answer:

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

$$\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

projection of a on b is given by: $\vec{a} \cdot \hat{b}$

$$|\vec{b}| = (2^2 + 6^2 + 3^2)^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{b}| = (4 + 36 + 9)^{1/2} = (49)^{1/2} = 7$$

a unit vector in the direction of the sum of the vectors is given by:

$$\hat{b} = \frac{\vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|} = \frac{2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}}{7}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a} \cdot \hat{b} &= (7\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) \cdot \left(\frac{2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}}{7} \right) = \frac{(7 \times 2) + (1 \times 6) - (4 \times 3)}{7} \\ &= \frac{14 + 6 - 12}{7} = \frac{8}{7} \end{aligned}$$

Ans: the projection of the vector $(7\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 4\hat{k})$ on the vector $(2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$.

Question 22.

Write the projection of the vector $(7\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 4\hat{k})$ on the vector $(2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$.

Answer:

$$\text{Projection of vector } \vec{a} \text{ on vector } \vec{b} = \frac{1}{|\vec{b}|} (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2^2 + 6^2 + 3^2)}} ((7\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) \cdot (2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}))$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(4 + 36 + 9)}}(7.2 + 1.6 + (-4).3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{49}}(14 + 6 - 12)$$

$$= \frac{1}{7}(20 - 12)$$

$$= \frac{8}{7}$$

Question 23.

Find $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$ when $\vec{a} = (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$, $\vec{b} = (-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$ and $\vec{c} = (3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$.

Answer:

We will first find vector product of \vec{b} and \vec{c} then scalar product of that with \vec{a} .

$$\vec{b} \times \vec{c} \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = (2.2 - 1.1)\hat{i} - ((-1).2 - 3.1)\hat{j} + ((-1).1 - 3.2)\hat{k}$$

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

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

$$\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 7\hat{k})$$

$$= 2.3 + 1.(5) + 3.(-7)$$

$$= 6 + 5 - 21$$

$$= -10$$

Question 24.

Find $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$ when $\vec{a} = (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$, $\vec{b} = (-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$ and $\vec{c} = (3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$.

Answer:

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

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

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

$$\vec{b} \times \vec{c} = (-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \times (3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \hat{i}(4 - 1) - \hat{j}(-2 - 3) + \hat{k}(-1 - 6) = 3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}$$

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

$$\therefore \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}) = (2 \times 3) + (1 \times 5) + (3 \times -7)$$

$$= 6 + 5 - 21 = -10$$

Ans: - 10

Question 25.

Find a vector in the direction of $(2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$ which has magnitude 21 units.

Answer:

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

$$|\vec{a}| = (2^2 + (-3)^2 + 6^2)^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}| = (4 + 9 + 36)^{1/2} = (49)^{1/2} = 7$$

a unit vector in the direction of the sum of the vectors is given by:

$$\hat{a} = \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \frac{2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}}{7}$$

a vector in the direction of $(2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$ which has magnitude 21 units.

$$= 21\hat{a} = 21 \times \frac{2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}}{7} = 3(2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) = 6\hat{i} - 9\hat{j} + 18\hat{k}$$

Ans: $6\hat{i} - 9\hat{j} + 18\hat{k}$

Question 26.

Find a vector in the direction of $(2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$ which has magnitude 21 units.

Answer:

First, we find the unit vector in the direction of a given vector,

$$\hat{a} \Rightarrow \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \frac{2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}}{\sqrt{(2^2 + (-3)^2 + 6^2)}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}}{\sqrt{(4 + 9 + 36)}} = \frac{2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}}{\sqrt{49}}$$

$$= \frac{2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}}{7}$$

Now vector in the direction of the given vector and with magnitude 21 is

$$= 21 \cdot \frac{2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}}{7} \Rightarrow 3(2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$$

$$= 6\hat{i} - 9\hat{j} + 18\hat{k}$$

Question 27.

If $\vec{a} = (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$, $\vec{b} = (-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$ and $\vec{c} = (3\hat{i} + \hat{j})$ are such that $(\vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b})$ is perpendicular to then find the value of λ .

Answer:

For perpendicular vectors scalar product is zero.

$$(\vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c} = 0$$

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

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

$$(2 - \lambda).3 + (2 + 2\lambda).1 + (3 + \lambda).0 = 0$$

$$6 - 3\lambda + 2 + 2\lambda = 0$$

$$8 - \lambda = 0$$

$$\lambda = 8$$

Question 28.

If $\vec{a} = (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$, $\vec{b} = (-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$ and $\vec{c} = (3\hat{i} + \hat{j})$ are such that $(\vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b})$ is perpendicular to \vec{c} then find the value of λ .

Answer:

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

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

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

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

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

Since $\vec{a} + \lambda \vec{b}$ is perpendicular to \vec{c}

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{a} + \lambda \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow ((2 - \lambda)\hat{i} + (2 + 2\lambda)\hat{j} + (3 + \lambda)\hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} + \hat{j}) = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 6 + 2 - 3\lambda + 2\lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 8$$

Ans: $\lambda = 8$

Question 29.

Write the vector of magnitude 15 units in the direction of vector $(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$.

Answer:

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

$$|\vec{a}| = (1^2 + (-2)^2 + 2^2)^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}| = (1 + 4 + 4)^{1/2} = (9)^{1/2} = 3$$

a unit vector in the direction of the sum of the vectors is given by:

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

a vector in the direction of $(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$, which has magnitude 15 units.

$$= 15\hat{a} = 15 \times \frac{\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{3} = 5(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) = 5\hat{i} - 10\hat{j} + 10\hat{k}.$$

Ans: $5\hat{i} - 10\hat{j} + 10\hat{k}$.

Question 30.

Write the vector of magnitude 15 units in the direction of the vector $(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$.

Answer:

First, we find the unit vector in the direction of a given vector,

$$\hat{a} \Rightarrow \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \frac{\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{(1^2 + (-2)^2 + 2^2)}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{(1 + 4 + 4)}} = \frac{\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{9}}$$

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

Now vector in the direction of the given vector and with magnitude 15 is

$$= 15 \cdot \frac{\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{3} \Rightarrow 5(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

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

Question 31.

If $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$, $\vec{b} = (4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$ and $\vec{c} = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$, find a vector of magnitude 6 units which is parallel to the vector $(2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c})$.

Answer:

First, we will find vector, then we will find a unit vector in the given direction,

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

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

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

$$|2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}| = |\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}| \Rightarrow \sqrt{(1^2 + (-2)^2 + 2^2)} = \sqrt{(1 + 4 + 4)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{9} = 3$$

$$\hat{a} \Rightarrow \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \frac{2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}}{|2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}|} \Rightarrow \frac{\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{3}$$

Vector with magnitude 6 in the direction of the vector is

$$\vec{m} = 6 \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{3} \right) \Rightarrow 2(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) = 2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

Question 32.

If $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$, $\vec{b} = (4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$ and $\vec{c} = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$, find a vector of magnitude 6 units which is parallel to the vector $(2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c})$.

Answer:

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

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

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

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

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

$$\text{LET, } (2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}) = \vec{s}$$

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

$$|\vec{s}| = (1^2 + (-2)^2 + 2^2)^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{s}| = (1 + 4 + 4)^{1/2} = (9)^{1/2} = 3$$

a unit vector in the direction of the sum of the vectors is given by:

$$\hat{s} = \frac{\vec{s}}{|\vec{s}|} = \frac{\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{3}$$

a vector of magnitude 6 units which is parallel to the vector $(2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c})$, is:

$$6\hat{s} = 6 \times \frac{\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{3} = 2(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) = 2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}.$$

$$\text{Ans: } 2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

Question 33.

Write the projection of the vector $(\hat{i} - \hat{j})$ on the vector $(\hat{i} + \hat{j})$.

Answer:

$$\text{Projection of vector } \vec{a} \text{ on vector } \vec{b} = \frac{1}{|\vec{b}|}(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})$$

$$= \frac{1}{|\hat{i} + \hat{j}|}((\hat{i} - \hat{j}) \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j}))$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1^2 + 1^2)}}((\hat{i} - \hat{j}) \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j}))$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1 + 1)}}(1.1 + (-1.1))$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1-1)$$

$$= 0$$

So, projection of vector on other is 0.

Question 34.

Write the projection of the vector $(\hat{i} - \hat{j})$ on the vector $(\hat{i} + \hat{j})$.

Answer:

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

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

projection of a on b is given by: $\vec{a} \cdot \hat{b}$

$$|\vec{b}| = (1^2 + 1^2 + 0^2)^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{b}| = (1 + 1)^{1/2} = (2)^{1/2}$$

a unit vector in the direction of the sum of the vectors is given by:

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

$$\vec{a} \cdot \hat{b} = (\hat{i} - \hat{j}) \cdot \left(\frac{\hat{i} + \hat{j}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{(1 \times 1) + (-1 \times 1)}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{0}{\sqrt{2}} = 0$$

Ans: the projection of the vector $(7\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 4\hat{k})$ on the vector $(2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$.

Question 35.

Write the angle between two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} with magnitudes $\sqrt{3}$ and 2 respectively having

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \sqrt{6}.$$

Answer:

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{3}$$

$$|\vec{b}| = 2$$

$$\text{Since, } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \theta$$

Substituting the given values we get:

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{6} = \sqrt{3} \times 2 \times \cos \theta$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 45^\circ = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{Ans: } \theta = 45^\circ = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Question 36.

Write the angle between two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} with magnitudes $\sqrt{3}$ and 2 respectively having $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \sqrt{6}$.

Answer:

Using scalar product, we can find the angle between two vectors.

$$\cos \theta = \frac{|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}|}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{3} \cdot 2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Question 37.

If $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + 7\hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$ then find $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$.

Answer:

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

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

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = (\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}) \times (3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -7 & 7 \\ 3 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -7 & 7 \\ 3 & -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \hat{i}(-14 - (-14)) - \hat{j}(2 - 21) + \hat{k}(-2 - (-21)) \\ = 0\hat{i} + 19\hat{j} + 19\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = 0\hat{i} + 19\hat{j} + 19\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = (0^2 + 19^2 + 19^2)^{1/2} = (2 \times 19^2)^{1/2} = 19\sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{Ans: } \therefore |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = 19\sqrt{2}$$

Question 38.

If $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + 7\hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$ then find $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$.

Answer:

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -7 & 7 \\ 3 & -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = ((-7).2 - (-2).7)\hat{i} + (1.2 - 3.7)\hat{j} + (1.(-2) - 3.(-7))\hat{k}$$

$$= (-14 - (-14))\hat{i} + (2 - 21)\hat{j} + (-2 - (-21))\hat{k}$$

$$= 0.\hat{i} - 19\hat{j} + 19\hat{k}$$

$$|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = \sqrt{(19^2 + 19^2)} = \sqrt{2.19^2} = 19\sqrt{2}$$

Question 39.

Find the angle between two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} with magnitudes 1 and 2 respectively, when

$$|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = \sqrt{3}.$$

Answer:

$$|\vec{a}| = 1$$

$$|\vec{b}| = 2$$

$$\text{Since, } |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\sin\theta$$

Substituting the given values we get:

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = 1 \times 2 \times \sin\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin\theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 60^\circ = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\text{Ans: } \theta = 60^\circ = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

Question 40.

Find the angle between two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} with magnitudes 1 and 2 respectively, when

$$|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = \sqrt{3}.$$

Answer:

Using vector product, we can calculate the angle between vectors.

$$\sin\theta = \frac{|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|}{|\vec{a}||\vec{b}|} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{1 \cdot 2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

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

Question 41.

What conclusion can you draw about vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} when $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0}$ and $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$?

Answer:

It is given that:

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0} \text{ and } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\sin\theta = |\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\cos\theta = 0$$

Since $\sin\theta$ and $\cos\theta$ cannot be 0 simultaneously $\therefore |\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = 0$

Conclusion: when $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0}$ and $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$

Then $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = 0$

Question 42.

What conclusion can you draw about vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} when $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0}$ and $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$?

Answer:

As $\sin\theta = \frac{|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|}{|\vec{a}||\vec{b}|}$ and $\cos\theta = \frac{|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}|}{|\vec{a}||\vec{b}|}$, using scalar product and vector product.

Now $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0}$ and $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$ also.

As $\cos\theta$ and $\sin\theta$ cannot be 0 simultaneously So, then either vector a is 0 or b is 0.

Question 43.

Find the value of λ when the vectors $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 9\hat{k})$ are parallel.

Answer:

If the vector product is zero, two vectors are parallel.

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & \lambda & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(9\lambda - 2.3)\hat{i} - (1.9 - 3.3)\hat{j} + (1.2 - 3\lambda)\hat{k} = 0$$

$$(9\lambda - 6)\hat{i} - 0\hat{j} + (2 - 3\lambda)\hat{k} = 0$$

On comparing with the right hand side, we have

$$9\lambda - 6 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{6}{9} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Question 44.

Find the value of λ when the vectors $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 9\hat{k})$ are parallel.

Answer:

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

$$\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 9\hat{k}$$

It is given that $\vec{a} \parallel \vec{b}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} = \frac{\lambda}{2} = \frac{3}{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} = \frac{\lambda}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 2 \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Ans: $\lambda = 2/3$

Question 45.

Write the value of

$$\hat{i} \cdot (\hat{j} \times \hat{k}) + \hat{j} \cdot (\hat{i} \times \hat{k}) + \hat{k} \cdot (\hat{i} \times \hat{j}).$$

Answer:

According to the right hand coordinate system,

$$\hat{i} \times \hat{j} = \hat{k}$$

$$\hat{j} \times \hat{k} = \hat{i}$$

$$\hat{k} \times \hat{i} = \hat{j}$$

Then putting values in the equation

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

$$= 1 - 1 + 1 = 1$$

Question 46.

Write the value of

$$\hat{i} \cdot (\hat{j} \times \hat{k}) + \hat{j} \cdot (\hat{i} \times \hat{k}) + \hat{k} \cdot (\hat{i} \times \hat{j}).$$

Answer:

We know that:

$$\hat{i} \times \hat{j} = \hat{k}, \hat{j} \times \hat{k} = \hat{i}, \hat{k} \times \hat{i} = \hat{j},$$

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

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

$$\therefore \hat{i} \cdot (\hat{j} \times \hat{k}) + \hat{j} \cdot (\hat{i} \times \hat{k}) + \hat{k} \cdot (\hat{i} \times \hat{j}) = \hat{i} \cdot \hat{i} + \hat{j} \cdot (-\hat{j}) + \hat{k} \cdot \hat{k} = 1 - 1 + 1 = 1$$

Ans: $\hat{i} \cdot (\hat{j} \times \hat{k}) + \hat{j} \cdot (\hat{i} \times \hat{k}) + \hat{k} \cdot (\hat{i} \times \hat{j}) = 1$

Question 47.

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

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

Answer:

Scalar triple product geometrically represents the volume of the parallelepiped whose three coterminal edges are represented by $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$. i.e. $V = [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$

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

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

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

$$\therefore V = [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2(4 - 2) - (-3)(2 - (-3)) + 4(-2 - 6) = 4 + 15 - 32 = -13 =$$

13 cubic units.

Ans: 13 cubic units.

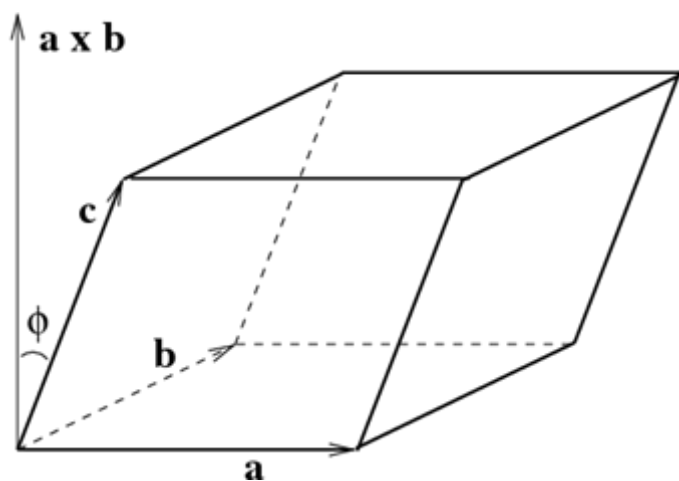
Question 48.

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

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

Answer:

$$\text{The volume of parallelepiped} = |(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c}|$$



$$(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c} = \begin{vmatrix} c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 & 2 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (-3) \cdot (-1) - 2 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 - (2 \cdot (-1) - 1 \cdot 4) \cdot (-2) + (2 \cdot 2 - 1 \cdot (-3)).$$

$$= (3 - 8) \cdot 3 + (-2 - 4) \cdot 2 + (4 - (-3)) \cdot 2$$

$$= -15 - 12 + 14$$

$$= -27 + 14$$

$$= -13$$

$$\text{Volume of parallelepiped} = |(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c}| = |-13| = 13 \text{ cubic unit}$$

Question 49.

If $\vec{a} = (-2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$, $\vec{b} = (-2\hat{j} + 4\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$ and $\vec{c} = (4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$ then prove that \vec{a} , \vec{b} and \vec{c} are coplanar.

Answer:

If three planes lie in a single plane, then the volume of parallelepiped will be zero. So, planes are coplanar if

$$\text{The volume of parallelepiped} = |(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c}| = \begin{vmatrix} c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -2 & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & 4 \\ -2 & 4 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (-2 \cdot -2 - 4 \cdot 4)4 - (-2 \cdot -2 - 4 \cdot -2) - 2 + (4 \cdot -2 - (-2) \cdot -2) - 2$$

$$= (4 - 16)4 + (4 + 8)2 - (-8 - 4)2$$

$$= -48 + 24 - (-24)$$

$$= -48 + 48 = 0$$

So, planes are coplanar.

Question 50.

If $\vec{a} = (-2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$, $\vec{b} = (-2\hat{j} + 4\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$ and $\vec{c} = (4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$ then prove that \vec{a} , \vec{b} and \vec{c} are coplanar.

Answer:

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

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

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

If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are coplanar then $[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}] = 0$

$$\text{L.H.S} = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & -2 & 4 \\ -2 & 4 & -2 \\ 4 & -2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = -2(-8 - 4) + 2(4 + 8) + 4(4 - 16) = 24 + 24 - 48 = 0 = \text{R.H.S}$$

$\therefore \text{L.H.S} = \text{R.H.S}$

Hence proved that the vectors $\vec{a} = -2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$

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

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

Are coplanar.

Question 51.

If $\vec{a} = (2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 27\hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \mu\hat{k})$ are such that $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0}$ then find the values of λ and μ .

Answer:

Given that the vector product is zero.

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 6 & 27 \\ 1 & \lambda & \mu \end{vmatrix} = \vec{0}$$

$$= (6\mu - 27\lambda)\hat{i} + (2\mu - 27 \cdot 1)\hat{j} + (2\lambda - 1 \cdot 6)\hat{k} = \vec{0}$$

On comparing with the right hand side, we have

$$6\mu - 27\lambda = 0$$

$$2\mu - 27 = 0$$

$$\mu = \frac{27}{2}$$

$$2\lambda - 6 = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{6}{2} \Rightarrow 3$$

Question 52.

If $\vec{a} = (2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 27\hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \mu\hat{k})$ are such that $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0}$ then find the values of λ and μ .

Answer:

$$\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 27\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = \hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \mu\hat{k}$$

It is given that $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0}$

$$\Rightarrow (2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 27\hat{k}) \times (\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \mu\hat{k}) = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 6 & 27 \\ 1 & \lambda & \mu \end{bmatrix} = \vec{0} = \hat{i}(6\mu - 27\lambda) - \hat{j}(2\mu - 27) + \hat{k}(2\lambda - 6)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\lambda - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 6/2 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\mu - 27 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu = 27/2$$

Ans: $\lambda = 3$, $\mu = 27/2$

Question 53.

If θ is the angle between \vec{a} and \vec{b} , and $|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}| = |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$ then what is the value of θ ?

Answer:

It is given that:

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

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\sin\theta = |\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\cos\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin\theta = \cos\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan\theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1} 1 = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{Ans: } \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Question 54.

If θ is the angle between \vec{a} and \vec{b} , and $|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}| = |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$ then what is the value of θ ?

Answer:

We have

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

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

Equating both

$$|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = |\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}| \Rightarrow |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \sin \theta = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = 1 \Rightarrow \tan \theta = 1$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Question 55.

When does $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}| + |\vec{b}|$ hold?

Answer:

When the two vectors are parallel or collinear, they can be added in a scalar way because the angle between them is zero degrees, they are in the same or opposite direction.

Therefore when two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} are either parallel or collinear then

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

Question 56.

When does $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}| + |\vec{b}|$ hold?

Answer:

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

$$|\vec{a} + \vec{b}|^2 = |\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2 + 2 \cdot |\vec{a}| \cdot |\vec{b}| \cdot \cos\theta \left(\text{using } \vec{a}^2 = |\vec{a}|^2 \right)$$

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

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

$$|\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2 + 2 \cdot |\vec{a}| \cdot |\vec{b}| - |\vec{a}|^2 - |\vec{b}|^2 - 2 \cdot |\vec{a}| \cdot |\vec{b}| \cdot \cos\theta = 0$$

$$2 \cdot |\vec{a}| \cdot |\vec{b}| (1 - \cos\theta) = 0$$

As, magnitude of a vector cannot be zero (leaving zero vector)

$$1 - \cos\theta = 0$$

$$\cos\theta = 1$$

$$\theta = 0^\circ$$

So, vectors are either parallel or collinear.

Question 57.

Find the direction cosines of a vector which is equally inclined to the x - axis, y - axis and z - axis.

Answer:

Direction cosines of a vector l, m, n are related to each other as

$$l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1$$

Now given that equally inclined to three axes with an angle of θ . Then direction cosines l, m, n are

$$l = m = n = \cos\theta$$

Putting values of direction cosines in equation,

$$\cos^2\theta + \cos^2\theta + \cos^2\theta = 1$$

$$3\cos^2\theta = 1$$

$$\cos^2\theta = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \cos\theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$l = m = n = \cos\theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Question 58.

Find the direction cosines of a vector which is equally inclined to the x - axis, y - axis and z - axis.

Answer:

Let the inclination with:

$$\text{x - axis} = \alpha$$

$$\text{y - axis} = \beta$$

$$\text{z - axis} = \gamma$$

The vector is equally inclined to the three axes.

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \beta = \gamma$$

Direction cosines: $\cos\alpha, \cos\beta, \cos\gamma$

We know that: $\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha = 1 \dots (\alpha = \beta = \gamma)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \cos^2 \alpha = 1$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\cos \beta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\cos \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{Ans: } \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Question 59.

If $P(1, 5, 4)$ and $Q(4, 1, -2)$ be the position vectors of two points P and Q, find the direction ratios of \overrightarrow{PQ} .

Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} \overrightarrow{PQ} &\Rightarrow \vec{P} - \vec{Q} = (4-1)\hat{i} + (1-5)\hat{j} + (-2-4)\hat{k} \\ &= 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 6\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

So direction ratios are 3, - 4, - 6.

Question 60.

If $P(1, 5, 4)$ and $Q(4, 1, -2)$ be the position vectors of two points P and Q, find the direction ratios of \overrightarrow{PQ} .

Answer:

Let $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $Q(x_2, y_2, z_2)$ be the two points then Direction ratios of line joining P and Q i.e. PQ are $x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1, z_2 - z_1$

Here, P is $(1, 5, 4)$ and Q is $(4, 1, -2)$

Direction ratios of PQ are: $(4 - 1), (1 - 5), (-2 - 4) = 3, - 4, - 6$

Ans: the direction ratios of \overline{PQ} are: 3, - 4, - 6

Question 61.

Find the direction cosines of the vector $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$.

Answer:

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

Let the inclination with:

x - axis = α

y - axis = β

z - axis = γ

Direction cosines: $\cos\alpha, \cos\beta, \cos\gamma = l, m, n$

For a vector $\vec{a} = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$

$$l = \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}, m = \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}, n = \frac{c}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

$$\therefore l = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 4 + 9}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}$$

$$\therefore m = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1 + 4 + 9}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}$$

$$\therefore n = \frac{3}{\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{1 + 4 + 9}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}$$

$$\text{Ans: } \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}$$

Question 62.

Find the direction cosines of the vector $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$.

Answer:

The direction cosines and direction ratios are related as

$$l = \frac{a}{r}, m = \frac{b}{r}, n = \frac{c}{r}, \text{ where } a, b, c \text{ are direction ratios and } r \text{ is magnitude.}$$

Now direction ratios are 1, 2, 3 respectively and magnitude of vector is

$$r = \sqrt{(1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2)} = \sqrt{(1 + 4 + 9)} = \sqrt{14}$$

Putting the values

$$l = \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}, m = \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}, n = \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}$$

Question 63.

If \hat{a} and \hat{b} are unit vectors such that $(\hat{a} + \hat{b})$ is a unit vector, what is the angle between \hat{a} and \hat{b} ?

Answer:

It is given that \hat{a} and \hat{b} are unit vectors, as well as $(\hat{a} + \hat{b})$ is also a unit vector

$$\Rightarrow |\hat{a}| = |\hat{b}| = |\hat{a} + \hat{b}| = 1$$

Since the modulus of a unit vector is unity.

Now,

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

$$\Rightarrow 1^2 = 1^2 + 1^2 + 2 \times 1 \times 1 \times \cos\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\theta = (1 - 1 - 1)/2$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{-1}{2} = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

$$\text{Ans: } \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

Question 64.

If \hat{a} and \hat{b} are unit vectors such that $(\hat{a} + \hat{b})$ is a unit vector, what is the angle between \hat{a} and \hat{b} ?

Answer:

$$(\hat{a} + \hat{b})^2 = \hat{a}^2 + \hat{b}^2 + 2\hat{a} \cdot \hat{b}$$

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

$$1^2 = 1^2 + 1^2 + 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot \cos\theta$$

$$1 - 1 - 1 = 2\cos\theta$$

$$-1 = 2\cos\theta$$

$$\cos\theta = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = \pi - \frac{\pi}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{2\pi}{3}$$