

## 840 Vector Algebra

**11.** (b) Let  $\gamma$  be the angle made by **n** with z-axis.

Then direction cosines of **n** are 
$$l = \cos 45^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$
,  $l = \cos 60^\circ = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $l = \cos \gamma$ .

$$l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + n^2 = 1$$

$$n^2 = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow n = \frac{1}{2}$$
, [::  $\gamma$  is acute,

 $n = \cos \gamma > 0$ 

We have  $|\mathbf{n}| = 8$ ,  $\mathbf{n} = |\mathbf{n}| (h + m\mathbf{j} + n\mathbf{k})$ 

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{n} = 8 \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \mathbf{i} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{j} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{k} \right) = 4\sqrt{2} \mathbf{i} + 4 \mathbf{j} + 4 \mathbf{k}$$

The required plane passes through the point  $(\sqrt{2},-1,1)$  having position vector  $\mathbf{a} = \sqrt{2}\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ .

So, its vector equation is  $(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{a}) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$  or

r. n = a. n

$$\mathbf{r}.(4\sqrt{2}\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}) = (\sqrt{2}\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}).(4\sqrt{2}\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k})$$
  
 $\mathbf{r}.(\sqrt{2}\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) = 2.$ 

**12.** (b) Here d = 8 and  $\mathbf{n} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ )

$$\hat{\mathbf{n}} = \frac{\mathbf{n}}{|\mathbf{n}|} = \frac{2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{4 + 1 + 4}} = \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{i} + \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{j} + \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{k}$$

Hence, the required equation of the plane is

$$\mathbf{r} \cdot \left( \frac{2}{3} \mathbf{i} + \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{j} + \frac{2}{3} \mathbf{k} \right) = 8 \text{ or } \mathbf{r} \cdot (2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}) = 24.$$

**13.** (a) We know that the perpendicular distance of a point P with position vector  ${\bf a}$  from the plane

$$\mathbf{r}. \mathbf{n} = d$$
 is given by  $\frac{|\mathbf{a}.\mathbf{n} - d|}{|\mathbf{n}|}$ .

Here  $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$  and d = 9.

So, required distance

$$= \frac{|(2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}).(\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}) - 9|}{\sqrt{1 + 4 + 16}}$$

$$=\frac{|2-2-4-9|}{\sqrt{21}}=\frac{13}{\sqrt{21}}.$$

14. (b) The equation of a line through the centre  $\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$  and normal to the given plane is

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k} + \lambda(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$$
 .....(i)

This meets the plane at a point for which we must have  $((j+2k)+\lambda(i+2j+2k)).(i+2j+2k)=15$  $6 + \lambda(9) = 15 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1$ .

Putting  $\lambda = 1$  in (i), we obtain the position vector of the centre as  $\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$ . Hence, the coordinates of the centre of the circle are (1,

**15.** (d) Let l, m, n be the d.c's of **r**. Then l = m = n, (given)

$$l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1 \Rightarrow 3l^2 = 1 \Rightarrow l = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = m = n$$

Now, 
$$\mathbf{r} = |\mathbf{r}| (\mathbf{h} + m\mathbf{j} + n\mathbf{k}) = 6 \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \mathbf{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \mathbf{j} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \mathbf{k} \right)$$

Hence,  $\mathbf{r} = 2\sqrt{3}(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k})$ .

**16.** (c) The required plane is  $\{r - (i - 2i - 4k)\}\overrightarrow{PO} = 0.$ 

**17.** (b) The equation of a plane through the line of intersection of the planes  $\mathbf{r.a} = \lambda$  and  $\mathbf{r.b} = \mu$ can be written as

$$(\mathbf{r}.\mathbf{a} - \lambda) + k(\mathbf{r}.\mathbf{b} - \mu) = 0 \text{ or } \mathbf{r}.(\mathbf{a} + k\mathbf{b}) = \lambda + k\mu \dots(i)$$

This passes through the origin, therefore

**0**. (**a** + 
$$k$$
**b**) =  $\lambda + \mu k \Rightarrow k = \frac{-\lambda}{\mu}$ 

Putting the value of k in (i), we get the equation of the required plane  $\mathbf{r} \cdot (\mu \mathbf{a} - \lambda \mathbf{b}) = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{r} \cdot (\lambda \mathbf{b} - \mu \mathbf{a}) = 0$ .

18. (c) The position vectors of two given points are  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = 3\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$  the equation of the given plane is  $\mathbf{r} \cdot (5\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 7\mathbf{k}) + 9 = 0$ r. n + d = 0.

We have,  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{n} + d = (\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}) \cdot (5\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 7\mathbf{k}) + 9$ 

$$=5-2-21+9<0$$

and, **b.n**+ 
$$d = (3\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}).(5\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 7\mathbf{k}) + 9$$
  
=  $15 + 6 - 21 + 9 > 0$ 

So, the points **a** and **b** are on the opposite

sides of the plane. 19. (b) The equation of a plane parallel to the plane  $\mathbf{r} \cdot (4\mathbf{i} - 12\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}) - 7 = 0$  is  $\mathbf{r} \cdot (4\mathbf{i} - 12\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}) + \lambda = 0$ .

This passes through  $2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}$ .

Therefore, 
$$(2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}) \cdot (4\mathbf{i} - 12\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}) + \lambda = 0$$

$$8+12+12+\lambda=0 \Rightarrow \lambda=-32$$

So, the required plane is  $\mathbf{r} \cdot (4\mathbf{i} - 12\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}) - 32 = 0$ .

**20.** (a) The vector equation of a plane through the intersection of  $\mathbf{r} \cdot (\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) = 0$  and  $\mathbf{r} \cdot (\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}) = 0$  can be written

$$(\mathbf{r}.(\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k})) + \lambda(\mathbf{r}.(\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})) = 0$$
 .....(i)

This passes through 2i + j - k

$$(2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) \cdot (\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) + \lambda(2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) \cdot (\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}) = 0$$
  
or  $(2+3+1) + \lambda(0+1-2) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 6$ 

Put the value of  $\lambda$  in (i) we get

 $\mathbf{r} \cdot (\mathbf{i} + 9\mathbf{j} + 11\mathbf{k}) = 0$ , which is the required plane.

21. (b) The line of intersection of the planes r.(3i-j+k)=1 and r.(i+4j-2k)=2 is common both the planes. Therefore, it is perpendicular to normals to the two planes *i.e.*,  $\mathbf{n}_1 = 3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{n}_2 = \mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$ . Hence it is parallel to the vector  $\mathbf{n}_1 \times \mathbf{n}_2 = -2\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j} + 13\mathbf{k}$ . Thus, we have to find the equation of the plane passing through  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$  and normal to the vector  $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{n}_1 \times \mathbf{n}_2$ . The equation of the required plane is  $(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{a}) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$  or  $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{n}$ 

or 
$$\mathbf{r} \cdot (-2\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j} + 13\mathbf{k}) = (\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) \cdot (-2\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j} + 13\mathbf{k})$$

or 
$$\mathbf{r} \cdot (2\mathbf{i} - 7\mathbf{j} - 13\mathbf{k}) = 1$$
.

22. (a) The required plane passes through a point having position vector **a**<sub>1</sub> and is parallel to the vectors  $\mathbf{a}_1$  and  $\mathbf{a}_2$ . If  $\mathbf{r}$  is the position vector of any point on the plane, then  $\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2$  are

Therefore,  $(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{a}_1) \cdot (\mathbf{a}_1 \times \mathbf{a}_2) = 0$ 

$$[\mathbf{r} \ \mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2] = [\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2] \Rightarrow [\mathbf{r} \mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2] = 0$$

Hence, the required plane is  $[\mathbf{r} \ \mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2] = 0$ .

**23.** (b) Given two lines  $\mathbf{r} = (\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) + \lambda(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k})$ and  $\mathbf{r} = (\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) + \mu(-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k})$  pass through  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$  and are parallel to the vectors  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{c} = -\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$  respectively. Therefore the plane containing them passes through  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$  and is perpendicular to  $n = b \times c = (i + 2j - k) \times (-i + j - 2k) = -3i + 3j + 3k$ .

Hence, the equation of the plane is  $(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{a}) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{n} \Rightarrow \mathbf{r} \cdot (\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) = 0$ .

**24.** (c) We have  $\mathbf{r} = (1 + \lambda - \mu)\mathbf{i} + (2 - \lambda)\mathbf{j} + (3 - 2\lambda + 2\mu)\mathbf{k}$  $r = (i + 2j + 3k) + \lambda(i - j - 2k) + \mu(-i + 2k),$ passing plane a through  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$  and parallel to the vectors b=i-i-2k and c=-i+2k

> Therefore, it is perpendicular to the vector  $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c} = -2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{k}$

Hence, its vector equation is  $(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{a}) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$ 

$$\mathbf{r.n} = \mathbf{a.n} \Rightarrow \mathbf{r.}(-2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{k}) = -2 - 3 \Rightarrow \mathbf{r.}(2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}) = 5$$
  
o. the cartesian equation

equation So. is (xi + yj + 2k).(2i + k) = 5

or 2x + z = 5.

25. (a) The vector equation of the plane passing through points a, b, c  $r.(a \times b + b \times c + c \times a) = [a b c]$ 

Therefore, the length of the perpendicular from the origin to this plane is given by [abc]

 $|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}|$ 

**26.** (c) The given plane passes through **a** and is parallel to the vectors  $\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$ . So it is normal to  $(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}) \times \mathbf{c}$ . Hence, its equation is  $(r-a).((b-a)\times c)=0$ or  $\mathbf{r}.(\mathbf{b}\times\mathbf{c}+\mathbf{c}\times\mathbf{a})=[\mathbf{a}\,\mathbf{b}\,\mathbf{c}]$ 

> The length of the perpendicular from the [abc] origin to this plane is

 $|\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}|$ **27.** (b) The equation of a line passing through the points  $A(\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$  and  $B(3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$  is

> $\mathbf{r} = (\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}) + \lambda(3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$ The position vector of any point P which is a variable point on  $(i - j + 2k) + \lambda(3i + j + k)$

$$\overrightarrow{AP} = \lambda(3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) \Rightarrow |\overrightarrow{AP}| = \lambda\sqrt{11}$$

Now, if  $\lambda = \sqrt{11} = 3\sqrt{11}$  *i.e.*,  $\lambda = 3$  then the position vector of the point P is  $10\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$ .

If  $\lambda\sqrt{11} = -3\sqrt{11}$ , *i.e.*,  $\lambda = -3$  then the position vector of the point P is  $-8\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{k}$ .

**28.** (d) The equations of the lines 6a - 4b + 4c, -4c and -a - 2b - 3c, a + 2b - 5c are respectively.

r = 6a - 4b + 4c + m(-6a - 4b - 8c)

and 
$$r = -a - 2b - 3c + n(2a + 4b - 2c)$$
 .....(ii)

....(ii) For the point of intersection, the equations (i) and (ii) should give the same value of  $\mathbf{r}$ . Hence, equating the coefficients of vectors  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  in the two expressions for  $\mathbf{r}$ , we get 6m+2n=7, 2m-2n=1 and 8m-2n=7. Solving first two equations, we get m=1,  $n=\frac{1}{2}$ . These values of m and n also satisfy the third equation. Hence, the lines intersect. Putting the value of m in (i), we get the position vector of the point of intersection as

**29.** (d) Use the formula,  $\sin \theta = \frac{\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{n}||\mathbf{b}|}$ 

−4**c** .

**30.** (d) The required line passes through the point i+3j+2k and is perpendicular to the lines

$$\mathbf{r} = (\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) + \lambda(2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$$

 $r = (2i + 6j + k) + \mu(i + 2j + 3k)$ , therefore it is parallel to the vector

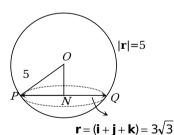
$$b = (2i + j + k) \times (i + 2j + 3k) = (i - 5j + 3k)$$

Hence, the equation of the required line is  $r = (i + 3j + 2k) + \lambda'(i - 5j + 3k)$ 

$$\mathbf{r} = (\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}) + \lambda(-\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k})$$
, where  $\lambda = -\lambda'$ .

**31.** (a) We have  $\overrightarrow{AP} = -3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 10\mathbf{k}$ 

$$|\overrightarrow{AP}| = \sqrt{9 + 1 + 100} = \sqrt{110}$$



AN = Projection of AP on 6i + 3j - 4k

$$= \left| \frac{\overrightarrow{AP} \cdot (6\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k})}{|6\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}|} \right| = \left| \frac{-18 - 3 - 40}{\sqrt{61}} \right| = \sqrt{61}$$

$$PN = \sqrt{AP^2 - AN^2} = \sqrt{110 - 61} = 7$$
.

**32.** (b) The vector equation of the line joining the points i-2j+kand -2i + 3k $\mathbf{r} = (\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) + \lambda(-\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{k})$ 

....(i)



The vector equation of the plane through the origin, 4j and 2i + k is  $\mathbf{r} \cdot (4i - 8k) = 0$ 

(Using 
$$\mathbf{r}.(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}) = [\mathbf{a} \mathbf{b} \mathbf{c}]$$
)

The position vector of any point on (i) is  $(\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) + \lambda(-\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{k})$ .

If it lies on (ii), then

$$((i-2j+k)+\lambda(-i+2k)).(4i-8k)=0$$

$$-4-20\lambda=0 \Rightarrow \lambda=-\frac{1}{5}$$

Putting the value of  $\lambda$  in  $(\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) + \lambda(-\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{k})$ , we get the position vector of the required point as  $\frac{1}{5}(6i - 10j + 3k)$ .

- **33.** (b) The two planes are on the opposite side of the origin. Therefore, if  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are the lengths of the perpendicular from the origin to the r.(i + 2j - 2k) + 5 = 0r.(i + 2i - 2k) - 8 = 0respectively, then the given by  $p_1 + p_2 = \frac{5}{3} + \frac{8}{3} = \frac{13}{3}$  unit.
- **34.** (a) The position vector of any point on the given line is  $\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \lambda(2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k})$  or  $(2\lambda + 1)\mathbf{i} + (\lambda + 1)\mathbf{j} + 4\lambda\mathbf{k}$ which lies on  $\mathbf{r} \cdot (\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{k}) = 3$ .

Hence, the plane  $\mathbf{r} \cdot (\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) = 3$  contains the given line.

- **35.** (c) Since the equation  $|{\bf r}|^2 2({\bf r.a}) + \lambda = 0$ represents a sphere of radius  $\sqrt{|\mathbf{a}|^2} - \lambda$ , therefore  $|\mathbf{r}|^2 - \mathbf{r} \cdot (2\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}) - 10 = 0$  represents a sphere of radius  $=\sqrt{|\mathbf{i}+2\mathbf{j}-\mathbf{k}|^2+10}=\sqrt{6+10}=4$ .
- **36.** (d) It is obvious.
- **37.** (c) The given lines are  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{a}_1 + \lambda \mathbf{b}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{a}_2 + \mu \mathbf{b}_2$ ,

$$\mathbf{a}_1 = 3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}, \ \mathbf{b}_1 = \mathbf{i}$$

$$\mathbf{a}_2 = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}, \quad \mathbf{b}_2 = \mathbf{j}$$

$$|\mathbf{b}_1 \times \mathbf{b}_2| = |\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{j}| = |\mathbf{k}| = 1$$

Now, 
$$[(\mathbf{a}_2 - \mathbf{a}_1) \ \mathbf{b}_1 \ \mathbf{b}_2] = (\mathbf{a}_2 - \mathbf{a}_1).(\mathbf{b}_1 \times \mathbf{b}_2)$$
  
=  $(-2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k})(\mathbf{k}) = 4$ 

**Shortest** distance

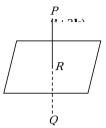
$$= \frac{[(\textbf{a}_2 - \textbf{a}_1)(\textbf{b}_1 - \textbf{b}_2)]}{|\ \textbf{b}_1 \times \textbf{b}_2|} = \frac{4}{1} = 4 \ .$$

- **38.** (c) It is obvious.
- **39.** (d) Required distance

$$= \left| \frac{d - \mathbf{a.n}}{|\mathbf{n}|} \right| = \left| \frac{5 - (2\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}) \cdot (\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})}{\sqrt{1 + 25 + 1}} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{5 - (2 - 10 + 3)}{\sqrt{27}} \right| = \frac{10}{3\sqrt{3}} .$$

**40.** (c) Let Q be the image of the point  $P(\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{k})$  in the plane  $\mathbf{r} \cdot (\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) = 1$ . Then *PO* is normal to the plane. Since PQ passes through P and in normal to the given plane, therefore equation of PQ is  $\mathbf{r} = (\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{k}) + \lambda(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$ 



Since, Q lies on the line PQ, so, let the position vector of Q be  $(\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{k}) + \lambda(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$ 

$$(1+\lambda)\mathbf{i} + \lambda\mathbf{j} + (3+\lambda)\mathbf{k}$$
.

Since R is the mid point of PQ, therefore vector position οf

$$\frac{(1+\lambda)\mathbf{i} + \lambda\mathbf{j} + (3+\lambda)\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{k}}{2}$$

or 
$$\left(\frac{\lambda+2}{2}\right)\mathbf{i} + \left(\frac{\lambda}{2}\right)\mathbf{j} + \left(\frac{6+\lambda}{2}\right)\mathbf{k}$$

or 
$$\left(\frac{\lambda}{2}+1\right)\mathbf{i}+\left(\frac{\lambda}{2}\right)\mathbf{j}+\left(3+\frac{\lambda}{2}\right)\mathbf{k}$$

Since R lies on the plane  $\mathbf{r}.(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) = 1$ 

$$\left[ \left( \frac{\lambda}{2} + 1 \right) \mathbf{i} + \left( \frac{\lambda}{2} \right) \mathbf{j} + \left( 3 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \right) \mathbf{k} \right] \cdot \left[ \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} \right] = 1$$

$$\left[ \frac{\lambda}{2} + 1 + \frac{\lambda}{2} + 3 + \frac{\lambda}{2} \right] = 1 \qquad \lambda = -2$$

So, the position vector of *O* is

$$(i + 3k) - 2(i + j + k) = -i - 2j + k$$
.

**41.** (a) Let the equation of plane is a(x+1)+b(y+2)+c(z-0)=0

As it passes through (2, 3, 5)

so, 
$$3a+5b+5c=0$$
 .....(ii)

....(i)

also, 
$$2a+5b-c=0$$
 .....(iii)

$$\therefore \frac{a}{-5-25} = \frac{b}{10+3} = \frac{c}{15-10}$$

$$\therefore \frac{a}{-30} = \frac{b}{13} = \frac{c}{5}$$

Hence equation of plane is, -30x+13y+5z=4or  $\mathbf{r} \cdot (-30\mathbf{i} + 13\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{k}) = 4$ .

**42.** (d) The Given lines are  $\mathbf{r}_1 = \mathbf{a}_1 + \lambda \mathbf{b}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{r}_2 = \mathbf{a}_2 + \mu \mathbf{b}_2$ 

Where 
$$\mathbf{a}_1 = 4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$$
;  $\mathbf{b}_1 = \mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k}$ 

$$\mathbf{a}_2 = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 10\mathbf{k}; \quad \mathbf{b}_2 = 2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + 8\mathbf{k}$$

$$|\mathbf{b}_{1} \times \mathbf{b}_{2}| = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & -4 & 7 \\ 2 & -3 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = -11\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$$

Now 
$$[(\mathbf{a}_2 - \mathbf{a}_1) \mathbf{b}_1 \mathbf{b}_2] = (\mathbf{a}_2 - \mathbf{a}_1) \cdot (\mathbf{b}_1 \times \mathbf{b}_2)$$

$$=(-3\mathbf{i}+2\mathbf{j}-9\mathbf{k})(-11\mathbf{i}+6\mathbf{j}+5\mathbf{k})=0$$

Therefore, shortest distance  $= \frac{[(\mathbf{a}_2 - \mathbf{a}_1) \ \mathbf{b}_1 \ \mathbf{b}_2]}{|\ \mathbf{b}_1 \times \mathbf{b}_2|} = 0.$ 

**43.** (b) The point of the given line is  $(1 + \xi - 1 + \xi 1 - \xi)$ Equation of plane is, x+y+z=5

The point of the given line satisfies the equation of plane

1 + t = 5 $\therefore (1 + t)(-1 + t) + (1 - t) = 5$ t=4Points are (5.3.-3)

Hence, position vector of point is,  $5\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}$ .

**44.** (a) Centroid of  $\triangle PQR$  is  $2\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j} + 8\mathbf{k}$ 

 $\therefore$  Intercepts on x, y and z axis are 6i, -15iand 24k respectively.

Hence equation of plane is,

$$[r-15j \ 24k]+[r \ 24k \ 6i]+[r \ 6i \ -15j]=[6i \ -15j \ 24k]$$

$$\therefore$$
 -r.(20i - 8j + 5k) = -120

r.(20i - 8j + 5k) = 120.

**45.** (b) The line of intersection of the planes and  $\mathbf{r}.(2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}) = 2$  $\mathbf{r}.(\mathbf{i}-3\mathbf{j}+\mathbf{k})=1$ perpendicular to each of the normal vectors  $n_1 = i - 3j + k$  and  $n_2 = 2i + 5j - 3k$ 

: It is parallel to the vector

$$\mathbf{n}_1 \times \mathbf{n}_2 = (\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) \times (2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k})$$

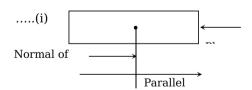
$$= \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = 4\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} + 11\mathbf{k}.$$

46. (a) As plane is parallel to a given vector Normal of plane must perpendicular to the given vectors. Given point to which plane passes through is (2,

Let A, B, C are direction ratios of its normal.

Equation of plane

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



Now normal to plane  $A\mathbf{i} + B\mathbf{j} + C\mathbf{k}$ is given perpendicular to the vectors a = 3i + 0j - k and b = -3i + 2j + 2k

$$3A + 0B - C = 0$$
 .....(i)

$$-3A + 2B + 2C = 0$$

....(ii) Solving (i) and (ii) we get,  $\frac{A}{2} = \frac{B}{-3} = \frac{C}{6}$ 

Equation be 2(x-2)-3(y+1)+6(z-3)=0

i.e., 
$$2x-3y+6z-25=0$$
.

**47.** (d) Required ratio =  $-\left(\frac{x_1}{x_2}\right) = \frac{-9}{1}$  *i.e.*, -9:1.

## **Critical Thinking Questions**

(c) Three vectors meeting at a point  $\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{i}$ . Forces of 1, 2, 3 dynes are acting along these directions respectively, therefore resultant force

$$= \ \frac{\textbf{i} + \textbf{j}}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{2(\textbf{j} + \textbf{k})}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{3(\textbf{k} + \textbf{i})}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{4\textbf{i} + 3\textbf{j} + 5\textbf{k}}{\sqrt{2}} \ ,$$

$$\therefore \text{ Magnitute} = \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = 5 \text{ dyne.}$$

2. (b) Clearly,  $\mathbf{b} \perp \mathbf{c}$ ,  $\therefore$   $\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} = 0$ Now,  $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{b} \Rightarrow |\mathbf{d}|^2 = |\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{b}|^2$  $= |\mathbf{c}|^2 + |\mathbf{b}|^2 - 2\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} = 16 + 16 - 0$ 

 $|\mathbf{d}| = \sqrt{32} = 4\sqrt{2}$  and direction of **d** is west.

- (b)  $|\mathbf{a} \mathbf{b}|^2 + |\mathbf{b} \mathbf{c}|^2 + |\mathbf{c} \mathbf{a}|^2$ 3.  $= 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) - 2(a.b + b.c + c.a)$  $= 2 \times 3 - 2(a.b + b.c + c.a)$  $=6-\{(a+b+c)^2-a^2-b^2-c^2\}=9-|a+b+c|^2\leq 9$ 
  - (c)

P.V. of 
$$\overrightarrow{AD} = \frac{(3+5)\mathbf{i} + (5-5)\mathbf{j} + (4+2)\mathbf{k}}{2}$$

$$\overrightarrow{AD} = \frac{8\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{k}}{2} = 4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{k}$$

Length of median  $= |\overrightarrow{AD}| = \sqrt{16+9} = 5$  unit.

(b) Here,  $3\mathbf{p} = (3x+12y)\mathbf{a} + (6x+3y+3)\mathbf{b}$ 5.

$$2\mathbf{q} = (2y - 4x + 4)\mathbf{a} + (4x - 6y - 2)\mathbf{b}$$

On comparing, we get 3x+12y=2y-4x+4

$$7x + 10v = 4$$

....(i)

and 
$$2x + 9y = -5$$

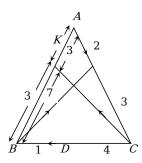
....(ii)

On solving equations, we get 
$$x = 2, -1$$
.

(b) Let  $\overrightarrow{AB} = \mathbf{a}$ ,  $\overrightarrow{AC} = \mathbf{b}$ 

So, 
$$\overrightarrow{AD} = \frac{4\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}}{5}$$
,  $\overrightarrow{AE} = \frac{2\mathbf{b}}{5}$ ,  $\overrightarrow{AF} = \frac{3\mathbf{a}}{10}$ , and

$$\overrightarrow{AK} = \frac{\mathbf{a}}{4}$$



$$\frac{\overrightarrow{AD} + \overrightarrow{BE} + \overrightarrow{CF}}{\overrightarrow{CK}} = \frac{\frac{\mathbf{b} + 4\mathbf{a}}{5} + \frac{2\mathbf{b} - 5\mathbf{a}}{5} + \frac{3\mathbf{a} - 10\mathbf{b}}{10}}{\frac{\mathbf{a} - 4\mathbf{b}}{4}}$$
$$= \frac{6\mathbf{b} - 2\mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{a} - 10\mathbf{b}}{10(\mathbf{a} - 4\mathbf{b})} \times 4 = \frac{2}{5}.$$

- (e) Since, no vector given in options is collinear 7. with the given vectors. Therefore all vectors can be third vertex of the triangle.
- 8. (b) Let  $\mathbf{a} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$

$$|\mathbf{a}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = 50$$
,  $\mathbf{b} = 6\mathbf{i} - 8\mathbf{j} - \frac{15}{2}\mathbf{k}$ 

Since **a** and **b** are collinear, so  $\mathbf{a} = k\mathbf{b}$  and

$$\frac{x}{6} = \frac{y}{-8} = \frac{2z}{-15} = k, \text{ (constant)}$$
$$2500 = k^2 \left[ \frac{144 + 256 + 225}{4} \right]$$

$$k = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2500 \times 4}{625}} = \pm 4$$

Since a makes an acute angle with the direction of z-axis, Hence, its zcomponent must be positive. This is possible only when k = -4.

$$\mathbf{a} = k \left[ 6\mathbf{i} - 8\mathbf{j} - \frac{15}{2}\mathbf{k} \right], \ \ [\because \mathbf{a} = k\mathbf{b}]$$

Hence.  $\mathbf{a} = -24\mathbf{i} + 32\mathbf{i} + 30\mathbf{k}$ .

**9.** (d) 
$$|\mathbf{c}| = 1$$
, we have  $|\mathbf{c}|^2 = 1$  or  $c_1^2 + c_2^2 + c_3^2 = 1$  .....(i)

Again, since  $c \perp a$  and  $c \perp b$ , we have  $c \cdot a = 0$ 

$$\Rightarrow a_1c_1 + a_2c_2 + a_3c_3 = 0$$
 .....(ii)

and 
$$\mathbf{c}.\mathbf{b} = 0 \Rightarrow$$

 $\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0 \Rightarrow b_1 c_1 + b_2 c_2 + b_3 c_3 = 0$ ....(iii)

Also since angle between **a** and **b** is  $\frac{\pi}{6}$ , we

have **a**. **b** =  $a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + a_3b_3$ 

$$|\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}|\cos\frac{\pi}{6} = a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + a_3b_3$$

$$\frac{3}{4}(a_1^2+a_2^2+a_3^2)(b_1^2+b_2^2+b_3^2)=(a_1b_1+a_2b_2+a_3b_3)^2$$

Now, 
$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}^2 = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 & a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + a_3b_3 & 0 \\ b_1a_1 + b_2a_2 + b_3a_3 & b_1^2 + b_2^2 + b_3^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

{Using (i), (ii) and (iii)}

$$= \frac{1}{4} (a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2) (b_1^2 + b_2^2 + b_3^2), \{\text{Using (iv)}\}\$$

$$= \frac{(\sum a_1^2)(\sum b_1^2)}{4},$$

where  $\Sigma a_1^2 = a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2$  and  $\Sigma b_1^2 = b_1^2 + b_2^2 + b_3^2$ .

- **10.** (b)  $\mathbf{c} = \alpha \mathbf{a} + \beta \mathbf{b} + \gamma (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \Rightarrow \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a} = \alpha \text{ and } \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \beta$  $\Rightarrow \alpha = \beta = \cos\theta$ Also,  $1 = \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{c}$ ,  $\therefore [\alpha \mathbf{a} + \beta \mathbf{b} + \gamma (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b})] [(\alpha \mathbf{a} + \beta \mathbf{b}) + \gamma (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b})] = 1$  $\Rightarrow 2\alpha^2 + \gamma^2 (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b})^2 = 1$ .  $\{: \alpha = \beta\}$  $\Rightarrow 2\alpha^2 + \gamma^2 [\mathbf{a}^2 \mathbf{b}^2 - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})^2] = 1 \Rightarrow 2\alpha^2 + \gamma^2 = 1$ Hence,  $\gamma^2 = 1 - 2\alpha^2 = 1 - 2\cos^2\theta = -\cos 2\theta$ .
- **11.** (b) Since the angle between  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{a}$  and the angle between  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are the same, so we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{a}}{|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}|||\mathbf{a}|} = \frac{(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}|||\mathbf{b}|} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{|\mathbf{a}|^2}{|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}|||\mathbf{a}|} + \frac{\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a}}{|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}|||\mathbf{a}|} = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}|||\mathbf{b}|} + \frac{|\mathbf{b}|^2}{|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}|||\mathbf{b}|} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{|\mathbf{a}| - |\mathbf{b}|}{|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}|} \left( 1 - \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}|||\mathbf{b}|} \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $|\mathbf{a}| = |\mathbf{b}|$  or angle between  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  is 0.

**12.** (d) We have  $\overrightarrow{BD} = \overrightarrow{OD} - \overrightarrow{OB} = \mathbf{a} - 2\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a} - 3\mathbf{b}$  and  $\overrightarrow{AC} = \overrightarrow{OC} - \overrightarrow{OA} = 2\mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{a} + 3\mathbf{b}$ .

Let  $\theta$  be the angle between  $\overrightarrow{BD}$  and  $\overrightarrow{AC}$ .

Then 
$$\cos\theta = \frac{\overrightarrow{BD}.\overrightarrow{AC}}{|\overrightarrow{BD}||\overrightarrow{AC}|} = \frac{|\mathbf{a}|^2 - 9|\mathbf{b}|^2}{|\overrightarrow{BD}||\overrightarrow{AC}|}$$
$$= \frac{9|\mathbf{b}|^2 - 9|\mathbf{b}|^2}{|\overrightarrow{BD}||\overrightarrow{AC}|}, \quad (: |\mathbf{a}| = 3|\mathbf{b}|)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\theta = 0^{\circ} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$
.

**13.** (c) 
$$\vec{A} + t\vec{B} = (\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}) + t(-\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$$
  
=  $\mathbf{i}(1 - t) + \mathbf{j}(2 + 2t) + \mathbf{k}(3 + t)$ 

But it is perpendicular to  $\vec{C} = 3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{i}$ .

So, 
$$\vec{C} \cdot (\vec{A} + t\vec{B}) = 0 \Rightarrow 3(1-t) + 2 + 2t = 0 \Rightarrow t = 5.$$

**14.** (d) Let  $\mathbf{r} = \lambda \mathbf{b} + \mu \mathbf{c}$  and  $\mathbf{c} = \pm (\lambda \mathbf{i} + \mu \mathbf{j})$ . Since  $\mathbf{c}$  and **b** are perpendicular, we have 4x + 3y = 0



is

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{c} = \pm x \left( \mathbf{i} - \frac{4}{3} \mathbf{j} \right), \quad \{ : y = -\frac{4}{3} x \}$$

Now, projection of **r** on  $\mathbf{b} = \frac{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{b}|} = 1$ 

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(\lambda \mathbf{b} + \mu \mathbf{c}) \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{b}|} = \frac{\lambda \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{b}|} = 1 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{5}$$

Again, projection of  $\mathbf{r}$  on  $\mathbf{c} = \frac{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{c}}{|\mathbf{c}|} = 2$ 

This

$$\mu x = \frac{6}{5} \Rightarrow \mathbf{r} = \frac{1}{5}(4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}) + \frac{6}{5}(\mathbf{i} - \frac{4}{3}\mathbf{j}) = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}$$

or 
$$\mathbf{r} = \frac{1}{5}(4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}) - \frac{6}{5}(\mathbf{i} - \frac{4}{3}\mathbf{j}) = -\frac{2}{5}\mathbf{i} + \frac{11}{5}\mathbf{j}.$$

**15.** (a,c) Any vector  $\mathbf{r}$  in the plane of  $\mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  is  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{b} + t\mathbf{c}$  or  $\mathbf{r} = (1 + t)\mathbf{i} + (2 + t)\mathbf{j} - (1 + 2t)\mathbf{k}$  .....(i)

Projection of 
$$\mathbf{r}$$
 on  $\mathbf{a}$  is  $\sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)} \Rightarrow \frac{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{a}}{|\mathbf{a}|} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)}$ 

or 
$$\frac{2(1+t)-(2+t)-(1+2t)}{\sqrt{6}} = \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)}$$

$$-t-1=\pm 2 \Rightarrow t=-3, 1$$

Projection in (i), we get

$$\therefore r = -2i - j + 5k \text{ or } r = 2i + 3j - 3k.$$

**16.** (b) If x, y are the original components; X, Y the new components and  $\alpha$  is the angle of rotation, then  $x = X\cos\alpha - Y\sin\alpha$  and  $y = X\sin\alpha + Y\cos\alpha$ 

 $\therefore 2p = (p+1)\cos\alpha - \sin\alpha$  and  $1 = (p+1)\sin\alpha + \cos\alpha$ 

Squaring and adding, we get  $4p^2 + 1 = (p+1)^2 + 1$ 

$$\Rightarrow p+1=\pm 2p \Rightarrow p=1 \text{ or } -\frac{1}{3}.$$

**17.** (b)  $\mathbf{u} = 2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = 6\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ 

Let vector  $\mathbf{c} = c_1 \mathbf{i} + c_2 \mathbf{j} + c_3 \mathbf{k}$  is perpendicular to both  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ , then  $\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$ 

$$\Rightarrow 2c_1 + 2c_2 - c_3 = 0$$
 .....(i

and 
$$\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0 \Rightarrow 6c_1 - 3c_2 + 2c_3 = 0$$
 .....(ii)

Solving equation (i) and (ii) by cross multiplication

$$\frac{c_1}{4-3} = \frac{c_2}{-6-4} = \frac{c_3}{-6-12} = \lambda$$
, (say)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{c_1}{1} = \frac{c_2}{-10} = \frac{c_3}{-18} = \lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 = \lambda$$
,  $c_2 = -10\lambda$  and  $c_3 = -18\lambda$ 

Thus  $c = \lambda (i - 10j - 18k)$ 

$$|\mathbf{c}| = \lambda \sqrt{1 + 100 + 324} = \lambda \sqrt{425}$$

Hence required unit vector is,  $\frac{\mathbf{c}}{|\mathbf{c}|}$ 

$$= \frac{\lambda(\mathbf{i} - 10\mathbf{j} - 18\mathbf{k})}{\lambda\sqrt{425}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{425}}(\mathbf{i} - 10\mathbf{j} - 18\mathbf{k})$$

$$= \frac{1}{5\sqrt{17}}(\mathbf{i} - 10\mathbf{j} - 18\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{17}} \left( \frac{1}{5}\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - \frac{18}{5}\mathbf{k} \right)$$

Aliter: Required vector  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{i} - 10\mathbf{j} - 18\mathbf{k}$ 

**18.** (d) 
$$\mathbf{d} \times \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{b}$$
 gives  $\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ x & y & z \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 4 & -3 & 7 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ 

where  $\mathbf{d} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$  (say)

On solving, x=-1, y=-8, z=2

Hence d = -i - 8j + 2k.

**19.** (b) Given,  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{b} + \lambda \mathbf{a} \Rightarrow (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r}) \cdot \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a} + \lambda \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a}$ 

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a} + \lambda |\mathbf{a}|^2 \Rightarrow \lambda = -\frac{\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a}}{|\mathbf{a}|^2} = \frac{5}{6}$$

Also, 
$$(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{a} + \lambda \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{a} \Rightarrow \mathbf{r} = \frac{7}{6}\mathbf{i} + \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{j}$$
.

**20.** (a) A vector perpendicular to the plane  $P_1$  of **a**, **b** is  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$ 

A vector perpendicular to the plane  $P_2$  of  $\mathbf{c}$ ,  $\mathbf{d}$  is  $\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{d}$ .

$$(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \times (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{d}) = 0$$
  $(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) || (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{d})$ 

The angle between the planes is  $0^{\circ}$ .

**21.** (a) Let  $\mathbf{b} = b_1 \mathbf{i} + b_2 \mathbf{j} + b_3 \mathbf{k}$ 

Now, 
$$\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$b_3 - b_2 = 0$$
,  $b_1 - b_3 = 1$ ,  $b_2 - b_1 = -1$ 

$$b_3 = b_2$$
,  $b_1 = b_2 + 1$ 

Now, 
$$\mathbf{a}.\mathbf{b} = 1 \Rightarrow b_1 + b_2 + b_3 = 1$$

$$3b_2 + 1 = 1 \Rightarrow b_2 = 0$$
  $b_1 = 1, b_3 = 0$ .

Thus  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{i}$ .

**22.** (c) It is given that **a**, **b**, **c** and **d** are the position vectors of vertices of a quadrilateral *ABCD* respectively.

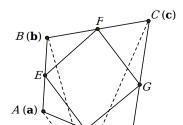
Let *E, F, G* and *H* are the middle points of sides *AB, BC, CD* and *DA* respectively.

The position vectors of these points will be  $\overrightarrow{OE} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}), \quad \overrightarrow{OF} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}),$ 

$$\overrightarrow{OG} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{c} + \mathbf{d}), \quad \overrightarrow{OH} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{d})$$

Then 
$$\overrightarrow{EF} = \overrightarrow{OF} - \overrightarrow{OE} = \left(\frac{\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{a}}{2}\right)$$

and 
$$\overrightarrow{FG} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{b}), \overrightarrow{GH} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{c}), \overrightarrow{GH} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{d})$$





It is clear that  $\overrightarrow{EF}$  is parallel to  $\overrightarrow{GH}$  and  $\overrightarrow{FG}$  is parallel to  $\overrightarrow{HE}$ . Thus EFGH is a parallelogram.

$$\overrightarrow{EF} \times \overrightarrow{FG} = \frac{1}{4} \{ (\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{a}) \times (\mathbf{d} - \mathbf{b}) \}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{d} - \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{d} + \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b})$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{d} + \mathbf{d} \times \mathbf{a})$$

.. Area of parallelogram *EFGH* is,

$$A = \overline{EF} \times \overline{FG} = \frac{1}{4} |\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{d} + \mathbf{d} \times \mathbf{a}|$$

**23.** (a) Force 
$$\mathbf{F} = \overrightarrow{AB} = (3-1)\mathbf{i} + (-4-2)\mathbf{j} + (2+3)\mathbf{k}$$
  
=  $2\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$ 

Moment of Force  $\vec{F}$  w.r.t  $M = \overrightarrow{MA} \times \overrightarrow{F}$ 

$$\therefore \overrightarrow{MA} = (1+2)\mathbf{i} + (2-4)\mathbf{j} + (-3+6)\mathbf{k} = 3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$$

Now 
$$\overrightarrow{MA} \times \overrightarrow{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 3 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & -6 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= i(-10+18)+j(6-15)+k(-18+4)=8i-9j-14k$$
.

**24.** (d) Since 
$$\begin{vmatrix} a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & c \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$  and  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$ ,

we get 
$$\begin{vmatrix} a & 1 & 1 \\ 1-a & b-1 & 0 \\ 1-a & 0 & c-1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

On expanding, we get

$$a(b-1)(c-1)-(1-a)(c-1)-(1-a)(b-1)=0$$

On dividing by (1-a)(1-b)(1-c), we get

$$\frac{a}{1-a} + \frac{1}{1-b} + \frac{1}{1-c} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1-a} + \frac{1}{1-c} + \frac{1}{1-c} = \frac{1}{1-c} - \frac{a}{1-c} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1-a} + \frac{1}{1-b} + \frac{1}{1-c} = \frac{1}{1-a} - \frac{a}{1-a} = 1.$$
**25.** (c) Let  $\alpha \neq 0$ ,

$$\alpha(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{c} + \beta(\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) \cdot \mathbf{c} + \gamma(\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}) \cdot \mathbf{c} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha[abc] = 0 \Rightarrow [abc] = 0, \{ : \alpha \neq 0 \}$$

Hence a, b, c are coplanar.

**26.** (b) Volume of tetrahedron 
$$ABCD$$
 is,  $\frac{1}{6} |\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC} \cdot \overrightarrow{AD}|$ , where  $A(-1,1,1)$ ,  $B(1,-1,1)$ ,  $C(1,1,-1)$  and  $D(0,0,0)$ .

$$= \frac{1}{6} | (2\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}) \times (2\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{k}) \cdot (\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) |$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{6} (-4) = -\frac{2}{3} = \frac{2}{3} \text{ cubic unit.}$$

**27.** (c) Let 
$$a = i - j$$
,  $b = j - k$  and  $c = k - i$ 

Let 
$$\hat{\mathbf{d}} = a_1 \mathbf{i} + a_2 \mathbf{j} + a_3 \mathbf{k}$$
,  $|\hat{\mathbf{d}}| = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2} = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 = 1$  .....(i)

$$\hat{\mathbf{a}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{d}} = 0 \Rightarrow a_1 - a_2 = 0$$
 .....(ii)

$$[\mathbf{b} \, \hat{\mathbf{c}} \, \hat{\mathbf{d}}] = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{b} \cdot (\mathbf{c} \times \hat{\mathbf{d}}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \end{vmatrix} = -1(-a_3 - a_1) - 1(-a_2)$$

$$\therefore a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 0 \Rightarrow a_1 - a_2 + 0a_3 = 0$$
, {from (ii)}

$$\therefore \frac{a_1}{0+1} = \frac{a_2}{1-0} = \frac{a_3}{-1-1} \Rightarrow \frac{a_1}{1} = \frac{a_2}{1} = \frac{a_3}{-2} = \lambda, \text{ (say)}$$
$$\Rightarrow a_1 = \lambda, \quad a_2 = \lambda, \quad a_3 = -2\lambda$$

$$\therefore \lambda^2 + \lambda^2 + 4\lambda^2 = 1 , \quad \{\text{from (i)}\}\$$

$$\Rightarrow 6\lambda^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}; \ \ \hat{\textbf{d}} = \pm \frac{\textbf{i} + \textbf{j} - 2\textbf{k}}{\sqrt{6}} \, .$$

**28.** (c) 
$$V = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & a \\ a & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 + a^3 - a \Rightarrow \frac{dV}{da} = 3a^2 - 1$$
$$= 3\left(a + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)\left(a - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

$$\therefore$$
 Minimum at  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ .

**29.** (a) Let **i** be a unit vector in the direction of **b**, **j** in the direction of **c**. Note that  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{j}$  We have  $\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c} = |\mathbf{b}||\mathbf{c}|\sin\alpha\mathbf{k} = \sin\alpha\mathbf{k}$ , where **k** is a unit vector perpendicular to **b** and **c**.

$$\Rightarrow |\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}| = \sin \alpha \Rightarrow \mathbf{k} = \frac{\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}}{|\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}|}$$

Any vector  $\mathbf{a}$  can be written as a linear combination of  $\mathbf{i}$ ,  $\mathbf{j}$  and  $\mathbf{k}$ .

Let 
$$\mathbf{a} = a_1 \mathbf{i} + a_2 \mathbf{j} + a_3 \mathbf{k}$$
.

then

Now **a.b** = **a.i** = 
$$a_1$$
, **a.c** = **a.j** =  $a_2$ 

and 
$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}}{|\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}|} = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{k} = a_3$$

Thus 
$$(\mathbf{a}.\mathbf{b})\mathbf{b} + (\mathbf{a}.\mathbf{c})\mathbf{c} + \frac{\mathbf{a}.(\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})}{|\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}|}(\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})$$

$$= a_1 \mathbf{b} + a_2 \mathbf{c} + a_3 \frac{(\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})}{|\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}|} = a_1 \mathbf{i} + a_2 \mathbf{j} + a_3 \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{a}.$$

30. (c) 
$$\mathbf{a} \times (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) = \frac{\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c})\mathbf{b} - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})\mathbf{c} = \frac{\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c}) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right] \mathbf{b} - \left[ (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right] \mathbf{c} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\mathbf{a}|| \mathbf{c}| \cos\theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad |\mathbf{a}|| \mathbf{b}| \cos\phi = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \cos\phi = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}, \quad \phi = \frac{3\pi}{4}.$$

31. (c) We have 
$$(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \times (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})$$
  

$$= ((\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{c})\mathbf{b} - ((\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{b})\mathbf{c} = [\mathbf{a} \mathbf{b} \mathbf{c}]\mathbf{b}$$

$$(\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) \times (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}) = ((\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) \cdot \mathbf{a})\mathbf{c} - ((\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) \cdot \mathbf{c})\mathbf{a} = [\mathbf{b} \mathbf{c} \mathbf{a}]\mathbf{c}$$

$$(\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}) \times (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) = ((\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}) \cdot \mathbf{b})\mathbf{a} - ((\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}) \cdot \mathbf{a})\mathbf{b} = [\mathbf{c} \mathbf{a} \mathbf{b}]\mathbf{a}$$

$$\therefore [(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \times (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})(\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) \times (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a})(\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}) \times (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b})]$$

$$= [[\mathbf{a} \mathbf{b} \mathbf{c}]\mathbf{a}[\mathbf{a} \mathbf{b} \mathbf{c}]\mathbf{b}[\mathbf{a} \mathbf{b} \mathbf{c}]\mathbf{c}] = [\mathbf{a} \mathbf{b} \mathbf{c}]^{3}[\mathbf{a} \mathbf{b} \mathbf{c}] = [\mathbf{a} \mathbf{b} \mathbf{c}]^{4}.$$

**32.** (a,c) Since  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}$  are coplanar, hence  $[\mathbf{a} \ \mathbf{b} \ \mathbf{c}] = 0$ 

Given 
$$(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \times (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{d}) = \frac{1}{6}\mathbf{i} - \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{j} + \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{k}$$
  

$$\Rightarrow [(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{d}]\mathbf{c} - [(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{c}]\mathbf{d} = \frac{1}{6}\mathbf{i} - \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{j} + \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow [(|\mathbf{a}|| \mathbf{b}| \sin 30^\circ) \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{d}]\mathbf{c} - 0 = \frac{1}{6}\mathbf{i} - \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{j} + \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow [(1)(1)(\frac{1}{2})][|\hat{\mathbf{n}}|| \mathbf{d}| \cos \theta]\mathbf{c} = \frac{1}{6}\mathbf{i} - \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{j} + \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{k}$$

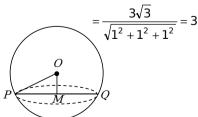
$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\cos\theta(\mathbf{c}) = \frac{1}{6}\mathbf{i} - \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{j} + \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{k},$$

Where  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$  and  $\mathbf{d}$  are unit perpendicular vector and angle between  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$  and  $\mathbf{d}$  may be 0 or  $\pi$ .

When 
$$\theta = 0^{\circ}$$
,  $\mathbf{c} = \frac{1}{3}[\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}]$   
When  $\theta = \pi$ ,  $\mathbf{c} = \frac{1}{3}[-\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}]$ .

**33.** (d) The centre of the sphere  $|\mathbf{r}| = 5$  is at the origin and radius = 5. Let M be the foot of perpendicular from O to the given plane. Then OM = length of perpendicular from O to

the given plane = 
$$\frac{|\overrightarrow{OM}.(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) - 3\sqrt{3}|}{|\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}|}$$



Let P be any position of circle, then P lies on plane as well as on sphere.

$$\therefore$$
 *OP* = radius of sphere = 5

In 
$$\triangle OPM$$
, we have  $OP^2 = OM^2 + PM^2$   
 $\Rightarrow PM = \sqrt{5^2 - 3^2} = 4$ .

**34.** (c) Given  $\mathbf{x}$  is parallel to  $\mathbf{y}$  and  $\mathbf{z}$  $\therefore \mathbf{x}.(\mathbf{y} \times \mathbf{z}) = 0 \Rightarrow [\mathbf{x} \mathbf{y} \mathbf{z}] = 0$ 

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & \alpha \\ \alpha & 0 & 1 \\ 5 & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = \pm \sqrt{7} .$$

**35.** (a) The required vector **c** is given by  $\lambda \left( \frac{\mathbf{a}}{|\mathbf{a}|} + \frac{\mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{b}|} \right)$ 

Now, 
$$\frac{\mathbf{a}}{|\mathbf{a}|} = \frac{1}{9}(7\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k})$$
  
and  $\frac{\mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{b}|} = \frac{1}{3}(-2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$   

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{c} = \lambda \left(\frac{1}{9}\mathbf{i} - \frac{7}{9}\mathbf{j} + \frac{2}{9}\mathbf{k}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow |\mathbf{c}|^2 = \lambda^2 \cdot \frac{54}{81}$$

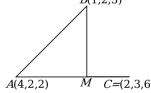
$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 = 225 \text{ or } \lambda = \pm 15.$$

Therefore,  $\mathbf{c} = \pm \frac{5}{3} (\mathbf{i} - 7\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}).$ 

**36.** (b) 
$$BM^2 = AB^2 - AM^2$$
 .....(i)  $\overrightarrow{AB} = -3\mathbf{i} + 0\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ 

$$AB^2 = \overrightarrow{AB}^2 = 9 + 1 = 10$$

$$B(1,2,3)$$



AM = Projection of  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  in direction of  $\overrightarrow{C}$ =  $2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k}$ 

$$AM = \frac{\overrightarrow{AB}.\overrightarrow{C}}{|\overrightarrow{C}|} = \frac{(-3\mathbf{i} + 0\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}).(2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k})}{7} = 0$$

$$BM^2 = 10 - 0 = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow BM = \sqrt{(10)}$$
, {by (i)}.



**37.** (b,c) We have  $\mathbf{r} = \lambda_1 \mathbf{r}_1 + \lambda_2 \mathbf{r}_2 + \lambda_3 \mathbf{r}_3$ 

$$\Rightarrow$$
 2a - 3b + 4c =  $(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 + \lambda_3)$ a

$$+(-\lambda_1+\lambda_2+\lambda_3)\mathbf{b}+(\lambda_1+\lambda_2+\lambda_3)\mathbf{c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 2, -\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = -3, \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 4$$

(: a, b, c are non-coplanar)

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \frac{7}{2}, \quad \lambda_2 = 1, \quad \lambda_3 = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Therefore,  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_3 = 3$  and  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 4$ .

**38.** (a) **c** is coplanar with **a**, **b** 

$$\therefore$$
 **c** =  $x$ **a** +  $y$ **b**

$$\Rightarrow$$
 **c** =  $\chi(2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) + \chi(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k})$ 

$$\Rightarrow$$
 **c** =  $(2x + y)$ **i** +  $(x + 2y)$ **j** +  $(x - y)$ **k**

$$\therefore$$
 a.c = 0

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

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $y = -2x$ 

$$\mathbf{c} = -3x\mathbf{j} + 3x\mathbf{k} = 3x(-\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$$

$$|\mathbf{c}| = 1$$

$$\therefore 9x^2 + 9x^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow \mathbf{c} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (-\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}).$$

**39.** (b)  $|\mathbf{p}| = |\mathbf{q}| = |\mathbf{r}| = c$ , (say)

and 
$$p.q = 0 = p.r = q.r$$

$$\mathbf{p} \times |(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{q}) \times \mathbf{p}| + \mathbf{q} \times |(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}) \times \mathbf{q}| + \mathbf{r} \times |(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}) \times \mathbf{r}| = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow$$
  $(\mathbf{p}.\mathbf{p})(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{q}) - \{\mathbf{p}.(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{q})\}\mathbf{p} + \dots = 0$ 

$$\Rightarrow c^2(x-q+x-r+x-p)-(p.x)p-(q.x)q-(r.x)r=0$$

$$\Rightarrow c^2 \{3x - (p+q+r)\} - [(p.x)p + (q.x)q + (r.x)r] = 0$$

which is satisfied by  $\mathbf{x} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q} + \mathbf{r})$ .

**40.** (a) We have  $\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{a}$ 

Adding 
$$\mathbf{r} \times (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) = 0$$
 *i.e.*,  $\mathbf{r}$  is parallel to  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$ 

or 
$$\mathbf{r} = \lambda(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{k})$$

$$\mathbf{r} = \lambda(3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k})$$
 for  $\lambda = 1 \Rightarrow \mathbf{r} = (3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k})$ .