

(17) If the position vectors of three points $A(2, 4, -1)$, $B(1, 2, -3)$ and $C(3, 1, 2)$ find a vector perpendicular to the plane ABC .

$$\vec{AB} = (-1, -2, -2) \quad \vec{BC} = (2, -1, 5)$$

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

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

$$\therefore \text{perpendicular vector} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -1 & -2 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i}(-10 - 2) - \hat{j}(-5 + 4) + \hat{k}(1 + 4)$$

$$= -12\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

(18) Show that the points whose position vectors are given by $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$, $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$, $3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ are collinear.

$$\text{If they are collinear} \quad \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1(15 - 16) - 2(10 - 12) + 3(8 - 9)$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 + 4 - 3 = 0$$

\therefore those position vectors are collinear.

$$\textcircled{ii} \underline{a \times b} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(-2+3) - \hat{j}(-1+6) + \hat{k}(-3) \\ = \hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

$$\underline{b \times c} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(-2+3) - \hat{j}(-4+1) + \hat{k}(5) \\ = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

$$(\underline{a \times b}) \times (\underline{b \times c}) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -5 & -3 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \\ = \hat{i}(-25+9) - \hat{j}(5+3) + \hat{k}(15+5) \\ = -14\hat{i} - 8\hat{j} + 20\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \text{magnitude} = \sqrt{14^2 + 8^2 + 20^2}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{165}$$

⑩ Find the area of the parallelogram whose diagonals are $3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ and $\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & -3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} | \hat{i}(-2) - \hat{j}(14) + \hat{k}(-10) | \\ = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2^2 + 14^2 + 10^2} = 5\sqrt{3}$$

⑭ Determine a unit vector perpendicular to the unit vectors plane of $A = 3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and

$$B = 2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}$$

perpendicular vector.

$$\underline{A} \times \underline{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 3 & -5 & 1 \\ 2 & -4 & -7 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(35+4) - \hat{j}(-21-2) + \hat{k}(12+10)$$

$$= 39\hat{i} + 23\hat{j} + 22\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \text{unit vector} = \frac{39\hat{i} + 23\hat{j} + 22\hat{k}}{\sqrt{39^2 + 23^2 + 22^2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2534}} (39\hat{i} + 23\hat{j} + 22\hat{k})$$

⑮ $a = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$, $b = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$, $c = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$

find (i) $a \cdot (b \times c)$ (ii) $(a \times b) \times (b \times c)$ and also magnitude

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

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

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

$$= 1 - 10 + 9 = 0$$

$$\textcircled{i} \quad \underline{a} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 6\hat{k} \\ \underline{b} = 4\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} = 36 - 6 - 30 = 0$$

$\therefore \underline{a}$ and \underline{b} perpendicular to each other

$$\textcircled{ii} \quad \text{Let } \underline{u} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k} \text{ and } \underline{v} = 8\hat{i} - 12\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$$

$$\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v} = 16 - 36 + 20 = 0$$

$\therefore \underline{u}$ and \underline{v} perpendicular to each other

$$\textcircled{iii} \quad \text{Let } \underline{u} = 2\hat{i} + a\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} \text{ and } \underline{v} = 4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

Hence $\underline{u}, \underline{v}$ perpendicular,

$$\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v} = 0$$

$$8 - 2a - 4 = 0$$

$$2a = 4$$

$$\therefore a = 2$$

$\textcircled{13}$ Find the unit vector parallel to xy plane and perpendicular to the unit vector $4\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$

unit vector $4\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ parallel to xy plane and perpendicular to \hat{k} that is

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

$$= 4\hat{j} + 3\hat{i} \therefore \text{unit vector} = \frac{1}{5} (4\hat{j} + 3\hat{i})$$

let, $\underline{u} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ and $\underline{v} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$

$$\underline{u} \times \underline{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(-1-6) - \hat{j}(-3-4) + \hat{k}(9-2)$$

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

$$\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v} = uv \cos \theta$$

$$6 + 3 - 2 = \sqrt{14} \cdot \sqrt{14} \cos \theta$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{7}{\sqrt{14} \cdot \sqrt{14}}$$

$$u = \sqrt{9+1+4} = \sqrt{14}$$

$$v = \sqrt{4+9+1} = \sqrt{14}$$

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

12) (i) Show that the vectors $\underline{a} = 9\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$ and $\underline{b} = 4\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ are at right angles to one another, where $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$ are unit vectors along x, y , and z axes respectively.

(ii) Show that the two vectors $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$ and $8\hat{i} - 12\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ are perpendicular to each other.

(iii) Determine the value of a so that $2\hat{i} + a\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ and $4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ are perpendicular.

iii) let $\underline{u} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$, $\underline{v} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$

$$|\underline{u} \times \underline{v}| = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = |\hat{i}(1) - \hat{j}(5) + \hat{k}(-10)|$$

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

$$= \sqrt{1 + 5^2 + 10^2} = \sqrt{126}$$

$$\therefore \text{Unit vector} = \frac{\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - 10\hat{k}}{\sqrt{126}}$$

11) Find the vector product of the following pairs of vectors and the angle between them.

i) $4\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

ii) $3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ and $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$

i) let $\underline{u} = 4\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\underline{v} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

$$\underline{u} \times \underline{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 4 & -5 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(-17) - \hat{j}(11) + \hat{k}(13)$$

$$= -17\hat{i} - 11\hat{j} + 13\hat{k}$$

$$|\underline{u} \times \underline{v}| = |\underline{u}| |\underline{v}| \sin \theta = \sqrt{17^2 + 11^2 + 13^2}$$

$$\therefore \sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{17^2 + 11^2 + 13^2}}{\sqrt{4^2 + 5^2 + 1^2} \cdot \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2}}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{579}}{\sqrt{42} \sqrt{14}}$$

⑩ Find the unit vectors perpendicular to each of the.

① $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$, $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ② $4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ ③ $-2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$

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

① Let $\underline{u} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$, $\underline{v} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$

$$|\underline{u} \times \underline{v}| = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = |\hat{i}(-5) - \hat{j}(-3) + \hat{k}(1)|$$
$$= |-5\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}|$$
$$= \sqrt{5^2 + 3^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{35}$$

$$\therefore \text{unit vector} = \frac{-5\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{35}}$$

② Let $\underline{u} = 4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$, $\underline{v} = -2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$

$$|\underline{u} \times \underline{v}| = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 4 & -1 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = |\hat{i}(-1) - \hat{j}(-2) + \hat{k}(2)|$$
$$= |-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}|$$
$$= \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 2^2} = 3$$

$$\therefore \text{Unit vector} = \frac{-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{3}$$

⑨ What is the unit vector perpendicular to each of the vectors $u = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $v = -6\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ calculate the sin of the angle between these vectors.

perpendicular unit vector of u and v is

$$= \pm \frac{\underline{u} \times \underline{v}}{|\underline{u} \times \underline{v}|} \therefore \underline{u} \times \underline{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ -6 & 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i}(8) - \hat{j}(4) + \hat{k}(12) \\ = 8\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 12\hat{k} \text{ or } \underline{u} \times \underline{v}$$

$$\therefore |\underline{u} \times \underline{v}| = \sqrt{8^2 + 4^2 + 12^2} = \sqrt{224}$$

$$\text{The required unit vector} = \pm \frac{8\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}}{\sqrt{224}}$$

$$\text{We know, } \sin \theta = \frac{|\underline{u} \times \underline{v}|}{|\underline{u}| \times |\underline{v}|}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{224}}{\sqrt{6} \cdot \sqrt{70}}$$

$$\therefore \theta = \sin^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{56}{105}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |u| &= \sqrt{2^2 + 1^2 + 1^2} \\ &= \sqrt{6} \\ |v| &= \sqrt{6^2 + 3^2 + 5^2} \\ &= \sqrt{70} \end{aligned}$$

⑦ Find the area of the triangle whose vertices are $A(1, 3, 2)$, $B(2, -1, 1)$, $C(-1, 2, 3)$

$$\vec{AB} = (1, -4, -1) \quad \vec{AC} = (-2, -1, 1)$$

\therefore Area of the triangle is $\frac{1}{2} |\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}|$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -4 & -1 \\ -2 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \{ \hat{i}(-5) - \hat{j}(-1) + \hat{k}(-9) \}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{5^2 + 1^2 + 9^2} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{107}$$

⑧ Find the volume of the parallelepiped whose edges are represented by $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j}$ and $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

Volume of abc is $\underline{a \cdot (b \times c)}$

$$= 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k} \cdot \{ \hat{i}(3) - \hat{j}(5) + \hat{k}(-7) \}$$

$$= 6 + 15 - 28 = -7$$

Volume can not be negative so
volume is 7 unit cubic unit.

⑤ Find the unit vector perpendicular to each of the vectors $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

Let $\underline{a} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\underline{b} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$. Perpendicular of \underline{a} and \underline{b} is $\underline{a} \times \underline{b}$

$$\therefore \underline{a} \times \underline{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(3) - \hat{j}(3) + \hat{k}(-3)$$
$$= 3\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \text{Unit vector} = \frac{3\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}}{\sqrt{9+9+9}} = \frac{\hat{i}}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{\hat{j}}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{\hat{k}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

⑥ Find the angles which the vector $3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ makes, with the co-ordinate axes.

Let $\underline{a} = 3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ make angles α, β, γ with the positive direction of x, y and z respectively

$$|\underline{a}| = \sqrt{3^2 + 6^2 + 2^2} = 7$$

$$\therefore \underline{a} \cdot \hat{i} = |\underline{a}| \cos \alpha = 7 \cos \alpha \Rightarrow (3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot \hat{i} = 7 \cos \alpha$$

$$\therefore 7 \cos \alpha = 3 \quad \therefore \cos \alpha = 3/7$$

$$\underline{a} \cdot \hat{j} = |\underline{a}| \cos \beta = 7 \cos \beta \Rightarrow (3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot \hat{j} = 7 \cos \beta$$

$$7 \cos \beta = -6 \quad \therefore \cos \beta = -6/7$$

$$\underline{a} \cdot \hat{k} = |\underline{a}| \cos \gamma = 7 \cos \gamma \Rightarrow (3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot \hat{k} = 7 \cos \gamma$$

$$7 \cos \gamma = 2 \quad \therefore \cos \gamma = 2/7$$

③ Find the cross product of the two vectors $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ and $3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

let $\underline{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ and $\underline{b} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

$$\underline{a} \times \underline{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & -4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(4+12) - \hat{j}(2-9) + \hat{k}(-4-6)$$

$$= 16\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 10\hat{k}$$

④ Find the sine of the angle between the vectors $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ and $3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

From question ③ we found $\underline{a} \times \underline{b} = 16\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 10\hat{k}$

$$|\underline{a} \times \underline{b}| = \sqrt{16^2 + 7^2 + 10^2} = 9\sqrt{5}$$

we know that,

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

$$\therefore 9\sqrt{5} = \sqrt{14}\sqrt{29} \sin \theta$$

$$\therefore \sin \theta = \frac{9\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{14}\sqrt{29}}$$

$$a = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{14}$$

$$b = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2 + 2^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{29}$$

① Find the angle between the vectors $\underline{a} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$ and $\underline{b} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$

Let θ be the angle between \underline{a} and \underline{b} .

We know that,

$$\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} = ab \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore \cos \theta = \frac{(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) \cdot (2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k})}{ab}$$

$$= \frac{6 + 8 - 24}{6 \cdot 7} = \frac{-10}{42} = \frac{-5}{21}$$

$$\therefore \theta = \cos^{-1} \left(-\frac{5}{21} \right)$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} a = \sqrt{3^2 + 2^2 + 6^2} \\ \quad = \sqrt{49} = 7 \\ b = \sqrt{2^2 + 4^2 + 4^2} \\ \quad = \sqrt{36} = 6 \end{array} \right.$$

② Find the scalar product of the vectors $(2, 3, 1)$ and $(3, 1, -2)$ and also find the angle between them

Let $\underline{a} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\underline{b} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$

$$\therefore \underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} = (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) = 6 + 3 - 2 = 7$$

again,

$$\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} = ab \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b}}{ab} = \frac{7}{\sqrt{14} \cdot \sqrt{14}} = \frac{7}{14}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{7}{14} = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore \theta = 60^\circ$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} a = \sqrt{2^2 + 3^2 + 1^2} \\ \quad = \sqrt{14} \\ b = \sqrt{3^2 + 1^2 + 2^2} \\ \quad = \sqrt{14} \end{array} \right.$$