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# WBJEE - CHAPTER WISE: (PYQ)

Vector Algebra.

Q8.

The position vectors of the points A, B, C and D are  $3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ ,  $2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ ,  $\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $4\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \lambda\hat{k}$ , respectively. If the points A, B, C and D lie on a plane, the value of  $\lambda$  is -

(A) 0

(B) 1

(C) 2

(D) 4

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Solution:

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

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

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

$$[\vec{AB} \ \vec{AC} \ \vec{AD}] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -1 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & (1-\lambda) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 4-\lambda \\ -2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & (1-\lambda) \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (R_1' = R_1 + R_3)$$

$$\Rightarrow (4-\lambda) \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -3(4-\lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 4$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \\ &= [\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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Q9.

Let  $\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}, \hat{\gamma}$  be three unit vectors, such that  $\hat{\alpha} \times (\hat{\beta} \times \hat{\gamma}) = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{\beta} + \hat{\gamma})$  where  $\hat{\alpha} \times (\hat{\beta} \times \hat{\gamma}) = (\hat{\alpha} \cdot \hat{\gamma})\hat{\beta} - (\hat{\alpha} \cdot \hat{\beta})\hat{\gamma}$ . If  $\hat{\beta}$  is not parallel to  $\hat{\gamma}$ , then the angle between  $\hat{\alpha}$  and  $\hat{\beta}$  is —

(A)  $\frac{5\pi}{6}$

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

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

(D)  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$

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Solution:  $|\hat{\alpha}| = |\hat{\beta}| = |\hat{\gamma}| = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\alpha} \times (\hat{\beta} \times \hat{\gamma}) &= \frac{1}{2}(\hat{\beta} + \hat{\gamma}) \\ \Rightarrow (\hat{\alpha} \cdot \hat{\gamma})\hat{\beta} - (\hat{\alpha} \cdot \hat{\beta})\hat{\gamma} &= \frac{1}{2}\hat{\beta} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{\gamma}\end{aligned}$$

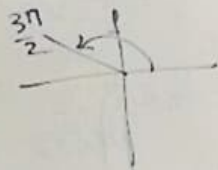
$$\therefore -(\hat{\alpha} \cdot \hat{\beta}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -|\hat{\alpha}||\hat{\beta}|\cos\theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \cos\theta = -\frac{1}{2} = \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\therefore \theta = \frac{3\pi}{2}$$



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Q10.

If the vectors  $\vec{z} = \hat{i} + a\hat{j} + a^2\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{\beta} = \hat{i} + b\hat{j} + b^2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{\gamma} = \hat{i} + c\hat{j} + c^2\hat{k}$  are three non-coplanar vectors and  $\begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & 1+a^3 \\ b & b^2 & 1+b^3 \\ c & c^2 & 1+c^3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then the value of  $abc$  is —

(A) 1

(B) 0

Solution:  $[\vec{z} \vec{\beta} \vec{\gamma}] \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta \neq 0$$

(C) -1

(D) 2

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$$\text{NOT, } \begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & 1+a^3 \\ b & b^2 & 1+b^3 \\ c & c^2 & 1+c^3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & 1 \\ b & b^2 & 1 \\ c & c^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & a^3 \\ b & b^2 & b^3 \\ c & c^2 & c^3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix} + abc \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta \cdot (1 + abc) = 0$$

$$\therefore 1 + abc = 0 \Rightarrow abc = -1$$

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Q11.

The unit vector in  $ZOX$ , making angles  $45^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$  respectively with  $\vec{\alpha} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{\beta} = \hat{j} - \hat{k}$  is—

- (A)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{j}$     (B)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{i} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{k}$     (C)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{i} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{j}$     (D)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{k}$  [2020]

Solution: let  $\vec{S}$  be the unit vector in  $ZOX$  Plane

$$\text{let, } \vec{S} = a\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + c\hat{k}, \quad |\vec{S}| = 1$$

$$\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{S} = |\vec{\alpha}| |\vec{S}| \cos 45^\circ = \sqrt{4+4+1} \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a - c = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\vec{\beta} \cdot \vec{S} = |\vec{\beta}| |\vec{S}| \cos 60^\circ = \sqrt{2} \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \left| \vec{S} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{i} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{k} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow -c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow c = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{From (1)} \quad 2a + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a = +\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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Q12.

If  $a(\vec{\alpha} \times \vec{\beta}) + b(\vec{\beta} \times \vec{\gamma}) + c(\vec{\gamma} \times \vec{\alpha}) = \vec{0}$ , where  $a, b, c$  are non-zero scalars, then the vectors  $\vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta}, \vec{\gamma}$  are —

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(A) parallel

(B) non-parallel

(C) coplanar ✓

(D) mutually perpendicular

Solution:

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

$$\Rightarrow a(\vec{\alpha} \times \vec{\beta}) + b(\vec{\beta} \times \vec{\gamma}) = -c(\vec{\gamma} \times \vec{\alpha})$$

$$\Rightarrow (a\vec{\alpha} \times \vec{\beta}) - (b\vec{\gamma} \times \vec{\beta}) = -c(\vec{\gamma} \times \vec{\alpha})$$

$$\Rightarrow (a\vec{\alpha} - b\vec{\gamma}) \times \vec{\beta} = c(\vec{\alpha} \times \vec{\gamma})$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\beta} \cdot [(a\vec{\alpha} - b\vec{\gamma}) \times \vec{\beta}] = \vec{\beta} \cdot c(\vec{\alpha} \times \vec{\gamma})$$

$$\Rightarrow [\vec{\beta} (a\vec{\alpha} - b\vec{\gamma}) \vec{\beta}] = c[\vec{\beta} \vec{\alpha} \vec{\gamma}]$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = -c[\vec{\alpha} \vec{\beta} \vec{\gamma}]$$

$$\Rightarrow [\vec{\alpha} \vec{\beta} \vec{\gamma}] = 0, \text{ so, } \vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta}, \text{ and } \vec{\gamma} \text{ are coplanar.}$$



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Q13.

Let  $\vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta}, \vec{\gamma}$  be three non-zero vectors which are pairwise non-collinear. If  $\vec{\alpha} + 3\vec{\beta}$  is collinear with  $\vec{\gamma}$  and  $\vec{\beta} + 2\vec{\gamma}$  is collinear with  $\vec{\alpha}$ , then  $\vec{\alpha} + 3\vec{\beta} + 6\vec{\gamma}$  is —

(2021)

(A)  $\vec{\gamma}$

(B)  $\vec{0}$

(C)  $\vec{\alpha} + \vec{\gamma}$

(D)  $\vec{\alpha}$

Solution:  $(\vec{\alpha} + 3\vec{\beta}) = m\vec{\gamma}$

$$(\vec{\beta} + 2\vec{\gamma}) = n\vec{\alpha}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3\vec{\beta} + 6\vec{\gamma} = 3n\vec{\alpha}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\alpha} + 3\vec{\beta} + 6\vec{\gamma} = m\vec{\gamma} + 6\vec{\gamma} = (m+6)\vec{\gamma}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\alpha} + 3\vec{\beta} + 6\vec{\gamma} = \vec{\alpha} + 3n\vec{\alpha} = (1+3n)\vec{\alpha}$$

$$(m+6)=0 \text{ and } (1+3n)=0$$

$$\vec{\alpha} + 3\vec{\beta} + 6\vec{\gamma} = 0 \cdot \vec{\gamma} = \vec{0}$$

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Q14.

If  $\vec{\alpha}$  is a unit vector,  $\vec{\beta} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{\gamma} = \hat{i} + \hat{k}$ , then the maximum value of  $[\vec{\alpha} \vec{\beta} \vec{\gamma}]$  is —

(2022)

(A) 3

(B)  $\sqrt{3}$

(C) 2

(D)  $\sqrt{6}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} [\vec{\alpha} \vec{\beta} \vec{\gamma}] &= \vec{\alpha} \cdot (\vec{\beta} \times \vec{\gamma}) \\ &= \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{S} \\ &= |\vec{\alpha}| |\vec{S}| \cos \theta \\ &= 1 \cdot \sqrt{6} \cdot (\cos \theta)_{\max} \\ &= 1 \cdot \sqrt{6} \cdot 1 \\ &= \sqrt{6} \end{aligned}$$

where,  $\vec{S} = \vec{\beta} \times \vec{\gamma}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \hat{i}(1 \cdot 0) - \hat{j}(1 \cdot 1) + \hat{k}(0 \cdot 1) \\ &= \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k} \\ |\vec{S}| &= \sqrt{1+1+1} = \sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$



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Q15.

If  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c}$  is a unit vector perpendicular to  $\vec{a}$  and coplanar with  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ , then unit vector  $\vec{d}$  perpendicular to both  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{c}$  is

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(A)  $\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k})$

(B)  $\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{j} + \hat{k})$

(C)  $\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$

(D)  $\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{j} - \hat{k})$

Solution:

$\vec{d}$  perpendicular to a plane which is made by  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$

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

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

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

$$= +2(\hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

$$\vec{d} \parallel \vec{e} \text{ to } \pm 2(\hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

$$\therefore \vec{d} = \frac{\pm 2(\hat{j} + \hat{k})}{\sqrt{8}} = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

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Q16.

If the volume of the parallelopiped with  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{b} \times \vec{c}$  and  $\vec{c} \times \vec{a}$  as coterminous edges is 9 cu. units, then the volume of the parallelopiped with  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$ ,  $(\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \times (\vec{c} \times \vec{a})$  and  $(\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$  as coterminous edges is —

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(A) 9 cu. units (B) 729 cu. units (C) 81 cu. units (D) 243 cu. units.

Solution:  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ , Volume =  $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$

$$\therefore [\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \quad \vec{b} \times \vec{c} \quad \vec{c} \times \vec{a}] = 9 \text{ cu. units} = [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]^2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = 3 \text{ cu. units.}$$

$$[A \ B \ C] = 9$$

$$\therefore [A \times B \quad B \times C \quad C \times A] = [A \ B \ C]^2 = 9^2 \text{ cu. units.}$$

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Q 17.

The value of 'a' for which the scalar triple product formed by the vectors  $\vec{\alpha} = \hat{i} + a\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{\beta} = \hat{j} + a\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{\gamma} = a\hat{i} + \hat{k}$  is maximum, is —

(2023)

(A) 3

(B) -3

(C)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

(D)  $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

Solution:

$$[\vec{\alpha} \vec{\beta} \vec{\gamma}] = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & a \\ a & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1(1-a) + a(a^2-1) \\ = 1 + a^3 - a = \Delta$$

$$\frac{d\Delta}{da} = 0 \Rightarrow 0 + 3a^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\frac{d^2\Delta}{da^2} < 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{da}(3a^2 - 1) < 0 \Rightarrow 6a < 0$$

$$\therefore a = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$