

MATH-COMPUTING

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1. **Question(MATH-12.10.5.17):** Let \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} be two unit vectors and θ is the angle between them. Then $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$ is a unit vector.

(A) $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$

(B) $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$

(C) $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$

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

solution:

Given,

$$\|\mathbf{a}\| = \|\mathbf{b}\| = 1 \quad (1)$$

$$\|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}\| = 1 \quad (2)$$

and, its magnitude will be as:

$$\text{magnitude} = \sqrt{\mathbf{a}^2 + \mathbf{b}^2} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{magnitude} = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2} \quad (4)$$

Squaring on both sides of (2), we get

$$\|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}\|^2 = 1^2 \quad (5)$$

$$\implies \|\mathbf{a}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{b}\|^2 + 2\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{b} = 1 \quad (6)$$

Substituting (6) in (1), we get

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 1 + 2(\|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \cos \theta) = 1 \quad (7)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 + 2(\|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \cos \theta) = 1 \quad (8)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(\|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \cos \theta) = -1 \quad (9)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \cos \theta) = \frac{-1}{2} \quad (10)$$

Substituting (1) in (10), we get

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{-1}{2} \quad (11)$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{2\pi}{3} \quad (12)$$

The point f "a" is:

$$\|\mathbf{a}\| = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (13)$$

The equation of the magnitude of a 2-dimensional vector is:

$$a_1^2 + a_2^2 = 1 \quad (14)$$

Assume value of a_1 is given and let $a_1 = a_1$

$$\Rightarrow a_2^2 = 1 - a_1^2 \quad (15)$$

$$\Rightarrow a_2 = \sqrt{1 - a_1^2} \quad (16)$$

And, The point of "b" is:

$$\|\mathbf{b}\| = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (17)$$

The equation of the magnitude of a 2-dimensional vector is:

$$b_1^2 + b_2^2 = 1 \quad (18)$$

$$\implies b_2^2 = 1 - b_1^2 \quad (19)$$

$$\implies b_2 = \sqrt{1 - b_1^2} \quad (20)$$

Since,

$$a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 = \frac{-1}{2} \quad (21)$$

$$\implies a_1 b_1 + \sqrt{1 - a_1^2} \sqrt{1 - b_1^2} = \frac{-1}{2} \quad (22)$$

$$\implies \sqrt{1 - b_1^2 - a_1^2 + a_1^2 b_1^2} = \frac{-1}{2} - a_1 b_1 \quad (23)$$

Squaring on both the sides:

$$\implies 1 - b_1^2 - a_1^2 + a_1^2 b_1^2 = \left(\frac{-1}{2} - a_1 b_1 \right)^2 \quad (24)$$

$$\implies 1 - b_1^2 - a_1^2 + a_1^2 b_1^2 = \left(\frac{-1}{2} \right)^2 + (a_1 b_1)^2 - 2 \left(\frac{-1}{2} \right) (a_1 b_1) \quad (25)$$

$$\implies 1 - b_1^2 - a_1^2 + a_1^2 b_1^2 = \frac{1}{4} + (a_1 b_1)^2 + a_1 b_1 \quad (26)$$

$$\implies -b_1^2 - a_1^2 + a_1 b_1 = \frac{1}{4} - 1 \quad (27)$$

$$\implies b_1^2 + a_1^2 + a_1 b_1 = \frac{3}{4} \quad (28)$$

$$\implies b_1^2 + a_1 b_1 + \left(a_1^2 - \frac{3}{4}\right) = 0 \quad (29)$$

We know the formula of Quadratic equation to find roots:

$$X = \frac{-B \pm \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}}{2A} \quad (30)$$

$$\implies b_1 = \frac{(-a_1) \pm \sqrt{a_1^2 - 4(a_1^2 - \frac{3}{4})}}{2} \quad (31)$$

$$\implies b_1 = \frac{(-a_1) \pm \sqrt{-3a_1^2 + 3}}{2} \quad (32)$$

Substituting (32) in (20), we get

$$b_2 = \sqrt{1 - b_1^2} \quad (33)$$

$$\implies b_2 = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{-a_1 \pm \sqrt{3 - a_1^2}}{2}\right)^2} \quad (34)$$

$$\implies b_2 = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{4} \left(-a_1 \pm \sqrt{3 - a_1^2}\right)^2} \quad (35)$$

$$\implies b_2 = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{4} \left(-a_1^2 + 2a_1 \sqrt{3 - a_1^2} + 3 - 3a_1^2\right)} \quad (36)$$

$$\Rightarrow b_2 = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{4} \left(3 - 2a_1^2 \pm 2a_1 \sqrt{3 - 3a_1^2} \right)} \quad (37)$$

$$\Rightarrow b_2 = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{4} \left(3 - 2a_1 \left(2a_1 + \sqrt{3 - 3a_1^2} \right) \right)} \quad (38)$$

$$\Rightarrow b_2 = \sqrt{1 - \frac{3}{4} - \frac{a_1}{2} \left(2a_1 + \sqrt{3 - 3a_1^2} \right)} \quad (39)$$

$$\Rightarrow b_2 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} - \frac{a_1}{2} \left(2a_1 + \sqrt{3 - 3a_1^2} \right)} \quad (40)$$

Therefore, equations (16),(32) ,(40) gives the values of a2,b1 and b2

$$\Rightarrow a_2 = \sqrt{1 - a_1^2} \quad (41)$$

$$\Rightarrow b_1 = \frac{(-a_1) \pm \sqrt{-3a_1^2 + 3}}{2} \quad (42)$$

$$\Rightarrow b_2 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} - \frac{a_1}{2} \left(2a_1 + \sqrt{3 - 3a_1^2} \right)} \quad (43)$$

The angle of the two unit vectors will be:

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}|} \right) \quad (44)$$

Where,

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 \quad (45)$$

$$|\mathbf{a}| = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2} \quad (46)$$

$$|\mathbf{b}| = \sqrt{b_1^2 + b_2^2} \quad (47)$$

Let's assume the input value $a_1 = 1$, then:

$$a_2 = \sqrt{1 - a_1} = \sqrt{1 - 1} = 0 \quad (48)$$

$$b_1 = \frac{(-a_1) \pm \sqrt{-3a_1^2 + 3}}{2} = \frac{(-1) \pm \sqrt{-3(1)^2 + 3}}{2} = \frac{-1}{2} \quad (49)$$

$$b_2 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} - \frac{a_1}{2} \left(2a_1 + \sqrt{3 - 3a_1^2} \right)} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \left(2(1) + \sqrt{3 - 3(1)^2} \right)} = \sqrt{\frac{-3}{4}} \quad (50)$$