

## PRODUCT OF THREE VECTORS (XII, R. S. AGGARWAL)

### EXERCISE 25 A [Pg. No.: 1071]

1. Prove that

$$(i) [\hat{i} \ \hat{j} \ \hat{k}] = [\hat{j} \ \hat{k} \ \hat{i}] = [\hat{k} \ \hat{j} \ \hat{i}] = 1 \quad (ii) [\hat{i} \ \hat{k} \ \hat{j}] = [\hat{k} \ \hat{j} \ \hat{i}] = [\hat{j} \ \hat{i} \ \hat{k}] = 1$$

Sol. (i).  $[\hat{i} \ \hat{j} \ \hat{k}] = [\hat{i} \times \hat{j}] \cdot \hat{k}$

$$= \hat{k} \cdot \hat{k} = 1 \dots\dots(i)$$

$$[\hat{j} \ \hat{k} \ \hat{i}] = [\hat{j} \times \hat{k}] \cdot \hat{i}$$

$$= \hat{i} \cdot \hat{i} = 1 \dots\dots(ii)$$

$$[\hat{k} \ \hat{j} \ \hat{i}] = [\hat{k} \times \hat{j}] \cdot \hat{i}$$

$$= \hat{i} \cdot \hat{i} = 1 \dots\dots(iii)$$

from (i), (ii) and (iii), we have.  $[\hat{i} \ \hat{j} \ \hat{k}] = [\hat{j} \ \hat{k} \ \hat{i}] = [\hat{k} \ \hat{i} \ \hat{j}] = 1$

$$(ii) [\hat{i} \ \hat{k} \ \hat{j}] = (\hat{i} \times \hat{k}) \cdot \hat{j}$$

$$= -\hat{j} \cdot \hat{j} = -1 \dots\dots(i)$$

$$[\hat{k} \ \hat{j} \ \hat{i}] = [\hat{k} \times \hat{j}] \cdot \hat{i} = -\hat{i} \cdot \hat{i} = -1 \dots\dots(ii)$$

$$[\hat{j} \ \hat{i} \ \hat{k}] = [\hat{j} \times \hat{i}] \cdot \hat{k} = -\hat{k} \cdot \hat{k} = -1 \dots\dots(iii)$$

from (i), (ii) and (iii), we have,  $[\hat{i} \ \hat{k} \ \hat{j}] = [\hat{k} \ \hat{j} \ \hat{i}] = [\hat{j} \ \hat{i} \ \hat{k}] = -1$  Proved

2. Find  $[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}]$ , when

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

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

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

Sol. (i) Given:  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}, \vec{b} = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}, \vec{c} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

$$\text{Now, } [\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -5 & 2 & -5 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \begin{cases} c_1 \rightarrow c_1 - 2c_2 \\ c_3 \rightarrow c_3 - 3c_2 \end{cases} = \begin{vmatrix} -5 & -5 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \begin{cases} \text{extending} \\ \text{by } c_2 \end{cases}$$

$$= -1(5 + 5) = -10$$

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

$$\text{Now, } [\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}]$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \left\{ R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2 \right. = - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -7 & 6 \\ 0 & -7 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} R_1 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1 \end{array} \right.$$

$$= - \begin{vmatrix} -7 & 2 \\ -7 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \left\{ \text{expanding by } c_1 \right. = -(-35 + 42) = -7$$

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

$$\text{Now } [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \left\{ \text{by } R_1 \right. = 2(-1 - 0) + (-1 + 3) = -2 + 6 = 4$$

3. Find the volume of the parallelepiped whose coterminal edges are represented by vectors

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

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

$$(iii) \vec{a} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}, \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}, \vec{c} = \hat{j} + \hat{k} \quad (iv) \vec{a} = 6\hat{i}, \vec{b} = 2\hat{j}, \vec{c} = 5\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Sol. (i) Volume of parallelepiped} = |[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]|$$

$$\text{Now } [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \left\{ \text{expanding by } c_1 \right.$$

$$= 2(1 + 1) = 4$$

Hence required value = 4 cubic units

$$(ii) \text{ volume of parallelepiped} = [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$$

$$\text{Now } [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 7 & 5 \\ -5 & 7 & -3 \\ 7 & -5 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = -3 \begin{vmatrix} 7 & -3 \\ -5 & -3 \end{vmatrix} + 5 \begin{vmatrix} 7 & 5 \\ -5 & -3 \end{vmatrix} + 7 \begin{vmatrix} 7 & 5 \\ 7 & -3 \end{vmatrix} \left\{ \text{by } c_1 \right.$$

$$= -3\{-21 - 15\} + 5\{-21 + 25\} + 7\{-21 - 35\} = -3 \times (-36) + 5 \times 4 + 7 \times (-56)$$

$$= 108 + 20 + (-392) = -392 + 128 = -264 \quad \therefore |[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]| = |-264|$$

Here, required value = 264 cubic units.

(iii) Given:-

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

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

$$\vec{c} = \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\text{Now, } [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \left\{ \text{by } c_1 \right. = (1 + 1) - 2((-2 - 3)) = 2 + 10 = 12$$

Here, volume of parallelepiped = 12 which units

(iv) Value of parallelepiped =  $|\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}|$  cubic units

$$= |\hat{6}\hat{i} \hat{2}\hat{j} \hat{5}\hat{k}| \text{ cubic units} = (6\hat{i} \times 2\hat{j}) \cdot 5\hat{k} \text{ cubic units} = |12\hat{k} \cdot 5\hat{i}| \text{ cubic units}$$

= 0 cubic units      Here,  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  &  $\vec{c}$  are co-planar.

4. Show that the vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coplanar, when

(i)  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}, \vec{b} = -2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$

(ii)  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}, \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = 7\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

(iii)  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}, \vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$

Sol. (i) Given:-

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

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

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

$$\text{Now, } [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ -2 & 3 & -4 \\ 1 & -3 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \begin{cases} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_1 \\ R_3 + R_3 - 2R_1 \end{cases} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \begin{cases} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 + R_1 \end{cases}$$

$$= 0$$

$$\therefore [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = 0$$

Hence,  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are Co-planar.

(ii) Given:-  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}, \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}, \vec{c} = 7\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

$$\text{Now, } [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 7 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -7 & -3 \\ 0 & 7 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \begin{cases} R_2 + R_2 - 2R_1 \end{cases}$$

Hence,  $R_2$  Proportional  $R_3 \therefore [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = 0$

Hence,  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are Co-planar.

(iii) Given:-

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

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

$$\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Now, } [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 3 & -4 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & -2 \\ -3 & 4 & -7 \\ 3 & -4 & 7 \end{vmatrix} \begin{cases} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \end{cases} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ -3 & 4 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \begin{cases} R_3 + R_3 + R_2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Hence,  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  &  $\vec{c}$  are coplanar.

5. Find the value of  $\lambda$  for which the vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coplanar, where

(i)  $\vec{a} = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}), \vec{b} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$  and  $\vec{c} = (3\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$

(ii)  $\vec{a} = \lambda\hat{i} - 10\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}, \vec{b} = -7\hat{i} - 5\hat{j}$  and  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$

(iii)  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = \lambda\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}$

Sol. (i)  $\therefore \vec{a}, \vec{b}$  &  $\vec{c}$  are coplanar.

$$\therefore [\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}] = 0$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & \lambda & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 0 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -5 & -5 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & \lambda - 6 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \begin{cases} R_1 + R_1 - 2R_2 \\ R_3 + R_3 - 3R_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 \begin{vmatrix} -5 & -5 \\ \lambda - 6 & -4 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \text{ {expandiy by } c_1 \Rightarrow 20 + 5(\lambda - 6) = 0}$$

$$\Rightarrow 20 + 5\lambda - 30 = 0 \Rightarrow 5\lambda - 10 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 2 \text{ Ans.}$$

(ii)  $\therefore \vec{a}, \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are co-planar

$$\therefore [\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & -10 & -5 \\ -7 & -5 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} -5 & -0 \\ -4 & -3 \end{vmatrix} + 10 \begin{vmatrix} -7 & -0 \\ 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} - 5 \begin{vmatrix} -7 & -5 \\ 1 & -4 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 15\lambda + 210 - 5(28 + 5) = 0 \Rightarrow 15\lambda + 210 - 165 = 0 \Rightarrow 15\lambda + 45 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = -3 \text{ Ans.}$$

(iii)  $\therefore \vec{a}, \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are co-planar

$$\therefore [\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ \lambda & -1 & \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad \{c_1 + c_1 - c_3 \Rightarrow -3 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow -3(-\lambda + 1) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1 \text{ Ans}$$

6. If  $\vec{a} = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}), \vec{b} = (\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k})$  and  $\vec{c} = (3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - \hat{k})$ , find  $[\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}]$  and interpret the result

Sol.  $[\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}]$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & -5 \\ 3 & -4 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -3 & -5 \\ -4 & -1 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -4 & -1 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -1 \\ -3 & -5 \end{vmatrix} \text{ {expanding by } c_1}$$

$$= 2(3 - 20) - (1 + 4) + 3((5 + 3)) = -34 - 5 + 24 = -15$$

7. the volume of the parallelepiped whose edges are  $(-12\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{k}), (3\hat{j} - \hat{k})$  and  $(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 15\hat{k})$  is 546 cubic units. Find the value of  $\lambda$

Sol. Volume of parallelepiped = 546 cube units.

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} -12 & 0 & \lambda \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & -15 \end{vmatrix} = \pm 546 \Rightarrow -12 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 1 & -15 \end{vmatrix} + \lambda \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \pm 546$$

$$\Rightarrow -12(-45 + 1) + \lambda(0 - 6) = \pm 546 \Rightarrow 528 - 6\lambda = \pm 546 \Rightarrow 528 - 6\lambda = 546$$

$$\text{or, } 528 - 6\lambda = -546$$

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$$\Rightarrow -6\lambda = 18 \text{ or } -6\lambda = -1074 \Rightarrow \lambda = -3 \text{ or } \lambda = 179 \text{ Ans.}$$

8. Show that the vectors  $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k})$ ,  $\vec{b} = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k})$  and  $\vec{c} = (7\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$  are parallel to the same plane

Hints show that  $[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] = 0$

Sol. Given:  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = 7\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

Now,  $[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}]$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 7 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -7 & -3 \\ 0 & 7 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \\ R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_1 \end{array} \right. = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -7 & -3 \\ 0 & 7 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = -21 + 21 = 0$$

Hence,  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  &  $\vec{c}$  are  $\parallel$  to the same plane

9. If the vectors  $(a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k})$ ,  $(\hat{i} + \hat{k})$  and  $(c\hat{i} + x\hat{j} + b\hat{k})$  be coplanar, show that  $c^2 = ab$

Sol. Since, the three given vectors are co-planar,

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} a & a & c \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ c & c & b \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 0 & a & c \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & c & b \end{vmatrix} = 0 \left\{ R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2 \right.$$

Expanding by  $c_1$ , we have

$$\Rightarrow -1 \begin{vmatrix} a & c \\ c & b \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow ab - c^2 = 0 \Rightarrow c^2 = ab \text{ proved}$$

10. show that the four points position vectors  $(4\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 12\hat{k})$ ,  $(2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$ ,  $(3\hat{i}, 5\hat{j}, 4\hat{k})$  and  $(5\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$  are coplanar

Sol. Let, position vector of A =  $4\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}$

Let, position vector of B =  $2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$

Let, position vector of C =  $3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$

Let, position vector of D =  $5\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$

Now,  $\vec{AB} = \text{P.V. of B} - \text{P.V. of A}$

$$= (2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) - (4\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}) = -2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$$

$\vec{BC} = \text{P.V. of C} - \text{P.V. of B}$

$$= (3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) - (2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{AD} = \text{P.V. of D} - \text{P.V. of A} = (5\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) - (4\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}) = \hat{i} - 7\hat{k}$$

Now,  $[\vec{AB} \ \vec{BC} \ \vec{AD}]$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} -2 & -4 & -6 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & -7 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -4 & -20 \\ 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 & -7 \end{vmatrix} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + 2R_2 \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3 \end{array} \right. = \begin{vmatrix} -4 & -20 \\ 1 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = -20 + 20 = 0$$

Hence,  $\vec{AB}$ ,  $\vec{BC}$  and  $\vec{AD}$  are coplanar.

i.e. A, B, C & D are co-planar.

11. Show that the four points with position vectors  $(6\hat{i} - 7\hat{j})$ ,  $(16\hat{i} - 19\hat{j} - 4\hat{k})$ ,  $(3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k})$  and  $(2\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 10\hat{k})$  are coplanar

Sol. Let, position vector of A =  $6\hat{i} - 7\hat{j}$

position vector of B =  $16\hat{i} - 19\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$

position vector of C =  $3\hat{i} - 6\hat{k}$

position vector of D =  $2\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 10\hat{k}$

Now,  $\overrightarrow{AB} = \text{P.V. of B} - \text{P.V. of A}$

$$\Rightarrow \overrightarrow{AB} = (16\hat{i} - 19\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) - (16\hat{i} - 7\hat{j}) \Rightarrow \overrightarrow{AB} = 10\hat{i} - 12\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{BC} = \text{P.V. of C} - \text{P.V. of B} = (3\hat{i} - 6\hat{k}) - (16\hat{i} - 19\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) = -16\hat{i} + 22\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

An  $\overrightarrow{AD} = \text{P.V. of D} - \text{P.V. of A}$

$$= (2\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 10\hat{k}) - (6\hat{i} - 7\hat{j}) = -4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 10\hat{k}$$

Now,  $[\overrightarrow{AB} \ \overrightarrow{BC} \ \overrightarrow{AD}]$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 10 & -12 & -4 \\ -16 & 22 & -2 \\ -4 & 2 & 10 \end{vmatrix} = 10 \begin{vmatrix} 22 & -2 \\ 2 & 10 \end{vmatrix} + 16 \begin{vmatrix} -12 & -4 \\ 2 & 10 \end{vmatrix} - 4 \begin{vmatrix} -12 & -4 \\ 22 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 10(220 + 4) + 16(-120 + 8) - 4(24 + 88) = 2240 - 1792 - 448 = 0$$

Hence,  $\overrightarrow{AB}$ ,  $\overrightarrow{BC}$  and  $\overrightarrow{AD}$  are co-planar.

i.e. A, B, C & D are co-planar.

12. Find the value of  $\lambda$  for which the four points with position vectors  $(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$ ,  $(3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$ ,  $(-2\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \hat{k})$  and  $(6\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$  are coplanar

Sol. Let, P.V of A =  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

P.V of B =  $3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

P.V of C =  $-2\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \hat{k}$

Let, P.V of D =  $6\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

$$\text{Now, } \overrightarrow{AB} = (3-1)\hat{i} + (-1-2)\hat{j} + (2-3)\hat{k} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{BC} = (-2-3)\hat{i} + (\lambda+1)\hat{j} + (1-2)\hat{k} = -5\hat{i} + (\lambda+1)\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{AD} = (6-1)\hat{i} + (-4-2)\hat{j} + (2-3)\hat{k} = 5\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

Since, A, B, C and D are coplanar,

$$\Rightarrow [\overrightarrow{AB} \ \overrightarrow{BC} \ \overrightarrow{AD}] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 & -1 \\ -5 & \lambda+1 & -1 \\ 5 & -6 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 3 & 0 \\ -10 & \lambda+7 & 0 \\ 5 & -6 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \begin{cases} R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_3 \\ R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 3 \\ -10 & \lambda+7 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow -3\lambda - 21 + 30 = 0 \Rightarrow -3\lambda + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 3 \text{ Ans}$$

13. Find the value of  $\lambda$  for which the four points with position vectors  $(-\hat{j} + \hat{k})$ ,  $(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k})$ ,  $(\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \hat{k})$  and  $(3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$  are coplanar

Sol. Let, Position vector of A =  $-\hat{j} + \hat{k}$

Let, Position vector of B =  $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}$

Let, Position vector of C =  $\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \hat{k}$

Let, Position vector of D =  $3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

Now,  $\overrightarrow{AB} = \text{P.V. of B} - \text{P.V. of A} = 2\hat{i} - 2\hat{k}$

$$\overrightarrow{BC} = \text{P.V of C} - \text{P.V of B} = -\hat{i} + (\lambda + 1)\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{AD} = \text{P.V of D} - \text{P.V of A} = 4\hat{i} + 2\hat{k} \quad \because A, B, C \text{ and } D \text{ are Co-planer}$$

$$\Rightarrow [\overrightarrow{AB} \ \overrightarrow{BC} \ \overrightarrow{AD}] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 & -2 \\ -1 & \lambda + 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & \lambda + 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 0 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad \{C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + C_1 \Rightarrow 2 \begin{vmatrix} \lambda + 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 6(\lambda + 1) - 0 = 0 \Rightarrow 6\lambda + 6 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = -1$$

14. Using vector method show that the points  $A(4, 5, 1), B(0, -1, -1), C(3, 9, 4)$  and  $D(-4, 4, 4)$  are coplanar

$$\text{Sol. } \overrightarrow{AB} = (0 - 4)\hat{i} + (-1 - 5)\hat{j} + (-1 - 1)\hat{k} = -4\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{BC} = (3 - 0)\hat{i} + (9 + 1)\hat{j} + (4 + 1)\hat{k} = 3\hat{i} + 10\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{AD} = (-4 - 4)\hat{i} + (4 - 5)\hat{j} + (4 - 1)\hat{k} = -8\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Now, } [\overrightarrow{AB} \ \overrightarrow{BC} \ \overrightarrow{AD}]$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} -4 & -6 & -2 \\ 3 & 10 & 5 \\ -8 & -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 \\ -7 & -5 & 5 \\ -14 & -10 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \quad \begin{cases} C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - 2C_3 \\ C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - 3C_3 \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} -7 & -5 \\ -14 & -10 \end{vmatrix} = -2(70 - 70) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \overrightarrow{AB}, \overrightarrow{BC} \text{ and } \overrightarrow{AD} \text{ are co-planar} \Rightarrow A, B, C \text{ and } D \text{ are co-planar}$$

15. Find the value of  $\lambda$  for which the points  $A(3, 2, 1), B(4, \lambda, 5), C(4, 2, -2)$  and  $D(6, 5, -1)$  are coplanar

$$\text{Sol. Given points } A(3, 2, 1)$$

$$B(4, \lambda, 5), C(4, 2, -2) \text{ and } D(6, 5, -1) \text{ are co-planar.}$$

$$\text{Now, } \overrightarrow{AB} = (4 - 3)\hat{i} + (\lambda - 2)\hat{j} + (5 - 1)\hat{k} = \hat{i} + (\lambda - 2)\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{BC} = (4 - 4)\hat{i} + (2 - \lambda)\hat{j} + (-2 - 5)\hat{k} = (2 - \lambda)\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{AD} = (6 - 3)\hat{i} + (5 - 2)\hat{j} + (-1 - 1)\hat{k} = 3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Now, } [\overrightarrow{AB} \ \overrightarrow{BC} \ \overrightarrow{AD}] = 0$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \lambda - 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 - \lambda & -7 \\ 3 & 3 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\text{Expanding by } C_1$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 2 - \lambda & -7 \\ 3 & -2 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 2 & 4 \\ 2 - \lambda & -7 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -4 + 2\lambda + 21 + 3(-7\lambda + 14 - 8 + 4\lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow 2\lambda + 17 - 9\lambda + 18 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -7\lambda + 35 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 5 \text{ Ans.}$$

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**EXERCISE 25 B [Pg. No.: 1073]**

1. If  $\vec{d} = (\sqrt{2}\hat{i} + \sqrt{3}\hat{j} - \sqrt{5}\hat{k})$   $\vec{a} = x\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - z\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - y\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  are two equal vectors then  $x + y + z = ?$

Sol.  $\therefore \vec{a} = \vec{b}$

$$\Rightarrow x\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - z\hat{k} = 3\hat{i} - y\hat{j} + \hat{k} \Rightarrow x = 3, y = -2 \text{ and } z = 1 \Rightarrow x + y + z = 3 + (-2) + (-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow x + y + z = 0$$

2. 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  $\vec{b} = (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 7\hat{k})$

Sol. Given:-

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

$$\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 7\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Now, } \vec{a} + \vec{b} = 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}$$

unit vector along  $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$  is,

$$\hat{r} = \frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b}}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b}|} = \frac{4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}}{\sqrt{4^2 + 3^2 + (-12)^2}} = \frac{1}{13}(4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 12\hat{k})$$

3. Write the value of  $\lambda$  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

Sol.  $\therefore \vec{a} \perp \vec{b}$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0 \Rightarrow (2\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = 0 \Rightarrow 2 - 2\lambda + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow -2\lambda = -5 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{5}{2}$$

4. 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

Sol.  $\therefore \vec{a} \parallel \vec{b}$

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

5. Find the value of  $\lambda$  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

Sol. Projection of  $\vec{a}$  on  $\vec{b} = 4$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|} = 4 \Rightarrow \frac{2\lambda + 6 + 12}{\sqrt{2^2 + 6^2 + 3^2}} = 4 \Rightarrow 2\lambda + 18 = 4 \times 7 \Rightarrow 2\lambda = 28 - 18 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{10}{2} = 5$$

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

Sol. We have,  $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}|^2 = |\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2 + 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$

$$\Rightarrow 13^2 = 5^2 + |\vec{b}|^2 + 2 \times 0 \quad \left\{ \because \vec{a} \perp \vec{b} \therefore \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0 \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow 169 = 25 + |\vec{b}|^2 \Rightarrow |\vec{b}|^2 = 144 \Rightarrow |\vec{b}| = 12$$



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

Sol.  $\therefore (\vec{x} - \vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{x} + \vec{a}) = 15$

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

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{x}|^2 - 1 = 15 \left\{ \because \vec{a} \text{ is a unit vector.} \right.$$

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

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

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

Sol.  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$

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

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

Sol.  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$

$$= \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{k} \Rightarrow 5\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

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

Sol. Proj. of  $(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$  on  $\hat{j}$

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

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

Sol. let,  $\vec{a} = 7\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$

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

Projection of  $\vec{a}$  on  $\vec{b}$

$$= \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|} = \frac{14 + 6 - 12}{\sqrt{2^2 + 6^2 + 3^2}} = \frac{6}{7} \text{ Ans}$$

12. 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  $\vec{c} = (3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$

Sol.  $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = [\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}]$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2(4 - 1) + (2 - 3) + 3(1 - 6) = 2 \times 3 - 1 + 3 \times (-5) = 6 - 1 - 15 = -10$$

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

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

A vector of magnitude 21 in the direction of  $\vec{a}$  is given by,

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{b} &= 21 \cdot \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \\ \Rightarrow \vec{b} &= 21 \frac{2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}}{\sqrt{2^2 + (-3)^2 + 6^2}} = \Rightarrow \vec{b} = \frac{21}{7} (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) \\ \Rightarrow \vec{b} &= 3(2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) \Rightarrow \vec{b} = 6\hat{i} - 9\hat{j} + 18\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

14. 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  $\lambda$

Sol. Given:  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

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

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

$$\therefore \vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b} \perp \vec{c}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 6 - 3\lambda + 2 + 2\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow 8 - \lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 8$$

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

Sol. Let,  $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$

A vector of magnitude 15 units in the direction of  $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$  is given by,

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{b} &= 15 \cdot \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} \\ \Rightarrow \vec{b} &= 15 \frac{(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})}{\sqrt{1 + 4 + 4}} \Rightarrow \vec{b} = 5(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \text{ Ans.}\end{aligned}$$

16. 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  $(2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c})$

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow 3\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

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

A vector of mag. 6 units parallel to the vector  $2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$  is,

$$\vec{r} = 6 \cdot \frac{2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}}{|2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}|} \Rightarrow \vec{r} = 6 \cdot \frac{(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})}{3} \Rightarrow \vec{r} = 2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

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

Sol. Projection of  $\hat{i} - \hat{j}$  on  $\hat{i} + \hat{j}$

$$= \frac{(\hat{i} - \hat{j}) \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j})}{|\hat{i} + \hat{j}|} = \frac{1 - 1}{\sqrt{2}} = 0$$

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

Sol. Let  $\theta$  be the angle b/w  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{3} \cdot 2} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

19. 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  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$

Sol. Given:  $\rightarrow$

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

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

$$\text{Now, } \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -7 & 7 \\ 3 & -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} -7 & 7 \\ -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \hat{i} - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 7 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \hat{j} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -7 \\ 3 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \hat{k} = 19\hat{i} + 19\hat{k} \Rightarrow |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = \sqrt{19^2 + 19^2} = 19\sqrt{2} \text{ Ans}$$

20. Find the angle between two vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  with magnitudes 1 and 2 respectively when  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = \sqrt{3}$

Sol. Let,  $\theta$  is the angle between

$$\vec{a} \text{ and } \vec{b}$$

$$\text{Now, } \sin \theta = \frac{|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|} \Rightarrow \sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{1 \times 2} \Rightarrow \sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{3} \text{ or, } \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

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

Sol. If,  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0}$  and  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$

then,  $\vec{a} = \vec{0}$  or  $\vec{b} = \vec{0}$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}| = 0 \text{ or, } |\vec{b}| = 0 \text{ or, } \vec{a} \parallel \vec{b} \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}| = 0 \text{ or, } |\vec{b}| = 0 \text{ or } \vec{a} \perp \vec{b} \dots\dots\dots(ii)$$

from (i) and (ii)

$$\vec{a} = \vec{0} \text{ or } \vec{b} = \vec{0}$$

22. Find the value of  $\lambda$  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

$$\text{Sol. } \therefore \vec{a} \parallel \vec{b}$$

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

23. Write the value of  $\hat{i} \cdot (\hat{j} \times \hat{k}) + \hat{j} \cdot (\hat{i} \times \hat{k}) + \hat{k} \cdot (\hat{i} \times \hat{j})$

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

$$= \hat{i} \cdot \hat{i} + \hat{j} \cdot (-\hat{j}) + \hat{k} \cdot \hat{k} = 1 - 1 + 1 = 1 \text{ Ans.}$$

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

$$\text{Sol. Volume of parallelepiped} = |\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \times \vec{c}|$$

$$\text{Now, } [\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow [\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -7 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -8 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \begin{cases} R_1 + R_2 - 2R_3 \\ R_2 + R_3 - 3R_1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow [\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] = -1 \begin{vmatrix} -7 & 6 \\ -8 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = -(-35 + 48) = -13 \quad \Rightarrow |[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}]| = |-13| = 13$$

Hence, volume of parallelepiped = 13. cubic units

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

Sol. Given:-

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

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

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

$$\text{Now, } [\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}]$$

**PRODUCT OF THREE VECTORS (XII, R. S. AGGARWAL)**

$$= \begin{vmatrix} -2 & -2 & 4 \\ -2 & 4 & -2 \\ 4 & -2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -4 & 2 & 2 \\ -2 & 4 & -2 \\ 4 & -2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2\} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 4 & -2 \\ 4 & -2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \{R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_3\} \\ = 0$$

Hence,  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  &  $\vec{c}$  are co-planer.

26. 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  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$

Sol.  $\therefore \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0}$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \parallel \vec{b} \Rightarrow \frac{2}{1} = \frac{6}{\lambda} = \frac{27}{\mu} \Rightarrow 2\lambda = 6 \text{ and } 2\mu = 27 \Rightarrow \lambda = 3 \text{ and } \mu = \frac{27}{2} \text{ Ans.}$$

27. If  $\theta$  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  $\theta$ ?

Sol.  $\therefore \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \theta = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \sin \theta \Rightarrow \tan \theta = 1 \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

28. When does  $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}| + |\vec{b}|$  holds

Sol. If,  $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}| + |\vec{b}|$

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

$$\Rightarrow 2|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \theta = 2|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \Rightarrow \cos \theta = 1 \Rightarrow \theta = 0$$

Hence, If,  $\vec{a}$  like  $\vec{b}$ , then,  $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}| + |\vec{b}|$

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

Sol. Let,  $\theta$  = Inclination of vector with axes.

Here direction cosines are,  $\ell = \cos \theta$ ,  $m = \cos \theta$  and  $n = \cos \theta$

We have,  $\ell^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1$

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

Hence, d cosines are  $\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

30. 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  $\vec{PQ}$

Sol.  $\vec{PQ} = (4-1)\hat{i} + (1-5)\hat{j} + (-2-4)\hat{k}$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{PQ} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$$

Here, Direction ratios are 3, -4, -6.

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

Sol. Given:-  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

Direction of  $\vec{a}$  are 1, 2, 3

Direction cosines of  $\vec{a}$  are,

$$\ell = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}$$

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

$$\text{and, } n = \frac{3}{\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}$$

32. 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  $\hat{b}$ ?

Sol.  $\because (\hat{a} + \hat{b})$  is a unit vector.

$$\Rightarrow |\hat{a} + \hat{b}| = 1 \Rightarrow |\hat{a} + \hat{b}|^2 = 1 \Rightarrow |\hat{a}|^2 + |\hat{b}|^2 + 2|\hat{a}||\hat{b}|\cos\theta = 1$$

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