

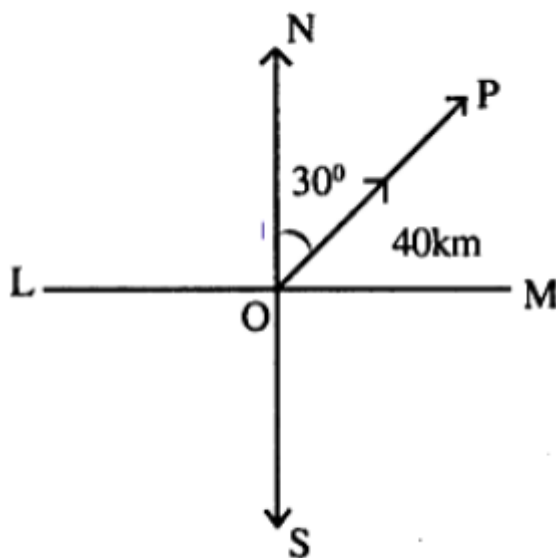
## vector algebra

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Chapter

## Exercise 10.1

1. Represent graphically a displacement of 40km,  $30^\circ$  east of north.

Ans:



Here, vector OP is representing the displacement of 40km,  $30^\circ$  East of North direction.

2. Classify the following measures as scalars and vectors.

(i) 10kg (ii) 2 meters north-west (iii) 40 watt (iv)  $10^{-9}$  coulomb (vi)

Ans: (i) 10kg is a scalar quantity because it has only magnitude not direction.

(ii) 2 meters north-west is a vector quantity because it has both magnitude as well as direction.

(iii)  $10^{-19}$  is a scalar quantity because it has only magnitude not direction.

(iv) 40 watts is a scalar quantity because it has only magnitude not direction.

(v)  $40^\circ$  Coulomb is a scalar quantity because it has only magnitude not direction.

(vi)  $20\text{m/s}^2$  is a vector quantity because it has both magnitude as well as direction.

**3. Classify the following as scalar and vector quantities:-**

**(i) Time period (ii) distance (iii) force (iv) velocity (v) work done**

**Ans: 3**

(i) Time period is a scalar quantity because it has only magnitude.

(ii) Distance is a scalar quantity because it has only magnitude.

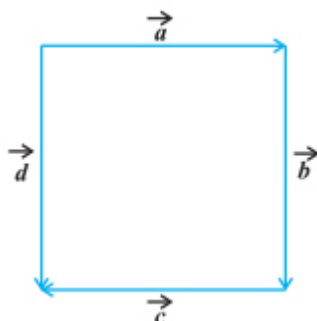
(iii) Force is a vector quantity because it has both magnitude as well as direction.

(iv) Velocity is a vector quantity because it has both magnitude as well as direction.

(v) Work done is a scalar quantity because it has only magnitude.

**4. In Figure, identify the following vectors.**

**(i) Co-initial (ii) Equal (iii) Collinear but not equal**



**Ans:**

- (i) Vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{d}$  are co-initial.
- (ii) Vectors  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{d}$  are equal.
- (iii) Vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are collinear but not equal.

**5. Answer the following as true or false.**

- (i)  $\vec{a}$  and  $-\vec{a}$  are collinear.
- (ii) Two collinear vectors are always equal in magnitude.
- (iii) Two vectors having same magnitude are collinear.
- (iv) Two collinear vectors having the same magnitude are equal.

**Ans:** (i) True  
(ii) False  
(iii) False  
(iv) False

## Exercise 10.2

**1. Compute the magnitude of the following vectors:-**

$$\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}; \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}; \vec{c} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{j} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{k}$$

**Ans:**

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (1)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (-7)^2 + (-3)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{4 + 49 + 9}$$

$$= \sqrt{62}$$

$$|\vec{c}| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3}} = 1$$

**2. Write two different vectors having same magnitude.**

**Ans:**

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

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{1^2 + (-2)^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{1+4+9} = \sqrt{14}$$

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 1^2 + (-3)^2} = \sqrt{4+1+9} = \sqrt{14}$$

But  $\vec{a} \neq \vec{b}$

**3. Write two different vectors having same direction.**

**Ans:**  $\vec{p} = (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{q} = (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}).$

The Direction Cosines of  $\vec{p}$  are

$$a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, b = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

The Direction Cosines of  $\vec{q}$  are

$$a = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + 2^2}} = \frac{2}{2\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, b = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + 2^2}} = \frac{2}{2\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, c = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + 2^2}} = \frac{2}{2\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

The Direction Cosines of  $\vec{p}$  and  $\vec{q}$  are equal but  $\vec{p} \neq \vec{q}$ .

**4. Find the values of x and y so that the vectors  $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$  and  $x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$  are equal.**

**Ans:**  $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} \Rightarrow x = 2, y = 3$

**5. Find the scalar and vector components of the vector with initial point (2,1) and terminal point (-5,7) .**

**Ans:** Let the points be P(2,1) and Q( -5,7)

$$\overrightarrow{PQ} = (-5-2)\hat{i} + (7-1)\hat{j}$$

$$\Rightarrow \overrightarrow{PQ} = -7\hat{i} + 6\hat{j}$$

So, scalar components of required vector are -7 and 6 and the vector components are  $-7\hat{i}$  and  $6\hat{j}$ .

**6. Find the sum of the vectors  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = -2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}$  .**

**Ans:**  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = (1-2+1)\hat{i} + (-2+4-6)\hat{j} + (1+5-7)\hat{k} = 0\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 1\hat{k} = -4\hat{j} - \hat{k}$

**7. Find the unit vector in the direction of the vector  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  .**

**Ans:**  $|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{1+1+4} = \sqrt{6}$

$$\therefore \hat{a} = \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \frac{\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\hat{j} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\hat{k}$$

**8. Find the unit vector in the direction of vector  $\overrightarrow{PQ}$ , where P and Q are the points (1,2,3) and (4,5,6), respectively.**

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

$$|\overrightarrow{PQ}| = \sqrt{3^2 + 3^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{9+9+9} = \sqrt{27} = 3\sqrt{3}$$

$$\text{So, unit vector} = \frac{\overrightarrow{PQ}}{|\overrightarrow{PQ}|} = \frac{3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}}{3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{j} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{k}$$

9. For given vectors,  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = -\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ , find the unit vector in the direction of the vector  $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$ .

**Ans:**  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} = (2-1)\hat{i} + (-1+1)\hat{j} + (2-1)\hat{k} = 1\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 1\hat{k} = \hat{i} + \hat{k}$

$$|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{So, unit vector} = \frac{(\vec{a} + \vec{b})}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b}|} = \frac{\hat{i} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{k}$$

10. Find a vector in the direction of vector  $5\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  which has magnitude 8 units.

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

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{5^2 + (-1)^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{25 + 1 + 4} = \sqrt{30}$$

$$\therefore \hat{a} = \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \frac{5\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{30}}$$

So, a vector in direction of  $5\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  with magnitude 8 units is:

$$8\hat{a} = 8 \left( \frac{5\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{30}} \right) = \frac{40}{\sqrt{30}}\hat{i} - \frac{8}{\sqrt{30}}\hat{j} + \frac{16}{\sqrt{30}}\hat{k}$$

11. Show that the vectors  $2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  and  $-4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$  are collinear.

**Ans:**  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = -4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$

$$\vec{b} = -4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 8\hat{k} = -2(2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) = -2\vec{a}$$

$$\therefore \vec{b} = \lambda\vec{a}, \lambda = -2$$

So, the given vectors are collinear.

**12. Find the direction cosines of the vector  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ .**

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

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{1 + 4 + 9} = \sqrt{14}$$

So, the Direction cosines of  $\vec{a}$  are  $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}\right)$

**13. Find the direction cosines of the vector joining the points A(1,2,-3) and B(-1,-2,1) directed from A to B.**

**Ans:**  $\overrightarrow{AB} = (-1-1)\hat{i} + (-2-2)\hat{j} + \{1-(-3)\}\hat{k}$

$$\Rightarrow \overrightarrow{AB} = -2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$|\overrightarrow{AB}| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (-4)^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{4 + 16 + 16} = \sqrt{36} = 6$$

So, the Direction cosines of  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  are  $\left(-\frac{2}{6}, -\frac{4}{6}, \frac{4}{6}\right) = \left(-\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right)$

**14. Show that the vector  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  is equally inclined to the axes OX, OY and OZ.**

**Ans:**  $a = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$

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

So, the Direction Cosines of  $\vec{a}$  are  $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \cos \beta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \cos \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

So, the vector is equally inclined to OX, OY, and OZ.

- 15. Find the position vector of a point R which divides the line joining two points P and Q whose position vectors are  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  respectively, in the ratio 2 : 1 ,**

**(i) Internally**

**(ii) Externally.**

**Ans:**  $\overrightarrow{OP} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $\overrightarrow{OQ} = -\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$

**(i) The position vector of R is**

$$\overrightarrow{OR} = \frac{2(-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) + 1(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})}{2+1} = \frac{(-2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) + (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})}{3}$$

$$= \frac{-\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + \hat{k}}{3} = -\frac{1}{3}\hat{i} + \frac{4}{3}\hat{j} + \frac{1}{3}\hat{k}$$

**(ii) The position vector of R is**

$$\overrightarrow{OR} = \frac{2(-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) - 1(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})}{2-1} = (-2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) - (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$$

$$= -3\hat{i} + 3\hat{k}$$

- 16. Find the position vector of the mid point of the vector joining the points P(2,3,4) and Q(4,1,-2).**

**Ans:** The position vector of R is

$$\overrightarrow{OR} = \frac{(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) + (4\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k})}{2} = \frac{(2+4)\hat{i} + (3+1)\hat{j} + (4-2)\hat{k}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{6\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{2} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

- 17. Show that the points A,B and C with position vectors,**

**$\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$  ,  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$  , respectively form the vertices of a right angled triangle.**

**Ans:**

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = \vec{b} - \vec{a} = (2-3)\hat{i} + (-1+4)\hat{j} + (1+4)\hat{k} = -\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{BC} = \vec{c} - \vec{b} = (1-2)\hat{i} + (-3+1)\hat{j} + (-5-1)\hat{k} = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{CA} = \vec{a} - \vec{c} = (3-1)\hat{i} + (-4+3)\hat{j} + (-4+5)\hat{k} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$|\overrightarrow{AB}|^2 = (-1)^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 = 1 + 9 + 25 = 35$$

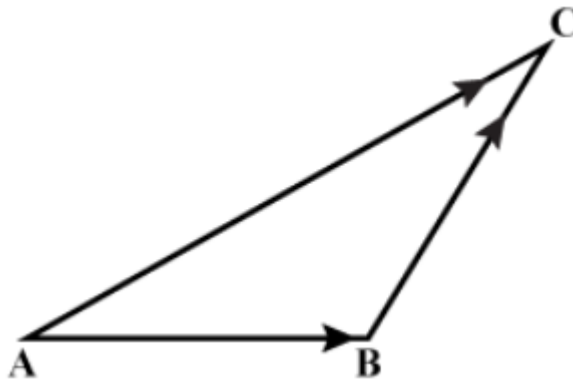
$$|\overrightarrow{BC}|^2 = (-1)^2 + (-2)^2 + (-6)^2 = 1 + 4 + 36 = 41$$

$$|\overrightarrow{CA}|^2 = 2^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2 = 4 + 1 + 1 = 6$$

$$|\overrightarrow{AB}|^2 + |\overrightarrow{CA}|^2 = 35 + 6 = 41 = |\overrightarrow{BC}|^2$$

So, ABC is a right angled triangle.

**18. In triangle ABC, which of the following is not true?**



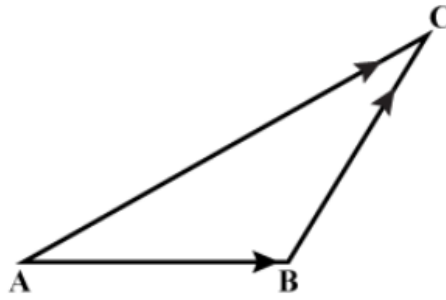
A.  $\overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{BC} + \overrightarrow{CA} = \vec{0}$

B.  $\overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{BC} - \overrightarrow{AC} = \vec{0}$

C.  $\overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{BC} - \overrightarrow{CA} = \vec{0}$

D.  $\overrightarrow{AB} - \overrightarrow{CB} + \overrightarrow{CA} = \vec{0}$

**Ans:**



$$\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} = \vec{AC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{AB} + \vec{BC} = -\vec{CA}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{AB} + \vec{BC} + \vec{CA} = \vec{0}$$

$$\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} = \vec{AC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{AB} + \vec{BC} - \vec{AC} = \vec{0}$$

$$\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} + \vec{CA} = \vec{0}$$

$$\vec{AB} - \vec{CB} + \vec{CA} = \vec{0}$$

**If**  $\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} - \vec{CA} = \vec{0}$

$$\vec{AC} = \vec{CA}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{AC} = -\vec{AC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{AC} + \vec{AC} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\vec{AC} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{AC} = \vec{0}, \text{ which is not true.}$$

So, the equation given in option C is False.

Hence, the correct answer is C.

19. If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are two collinear vectors, then which of the following are incorrect?

A.  $\vec{b} = \lambda \vec{a}$ , for some scalar  $\lambda$

**B.**  $a = \pm b$

**C.** the respective components of  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are proportional

**D.** both the vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  have same direction, but different magnitudes

**Ans:** If  $a$  and  $b$  are collinear vectors, they are parallel.  $b = \lambda a$  (scalar  $\lambda$ )

If  $\lambda = \pm 1$ , then  $\vec{a} = \pm \vec{b}$

If  $\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$ ,

$$\vec{b} = \lambda \vec{a} \Rightarrow b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k} = \lambda(a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k})$$

$$\Rightarrow b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k} = (\lambda a_1)\hat{i} + (\lambda a_2)\hat{j} + (\lambda a_3)\hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow b_1 = \lambda a_1, b_2 = \lambda a_2, b_3 = \lambda a_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b_1}{a_1} = \frac{b_2}{a_2} = \frac{b_3}{a_3} = \lambda$$

Thus, respective components of  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are proportional.

But,  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  may have different directions. So, option D is incorrect. The correct answer is C.

### Exercise 10.3

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

**Ans:**  $|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{3}$ ,  $|\vec{b}| = 2$ ,  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \sqrt{6}$

$$\therefore \sqrt{6} = \sqrt{3} \times 2 \times \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{3} \times 2}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

**2. Find the angle between the vectors  $i - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and  $3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ .**

**Ans:**  $|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{1^2 + (-2)^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{1+4+9} = \sqrt{14}$

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{3^2 + (-2)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{9+4+1} = \sqrt{14}$$

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

$$= 1.3 + (-2)(-2) + 3.1$$

$$= 3 + 4 + 3$$

$$= 10$$

$$\therefore 10 = \sqrt{14}\sqrt{14} \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{10}{14}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{7}\right)$$

**3. Find the projection of the vector  $\hat{i} - \hat{j}$  on the vector  $\hat{i} + \hat{j}$ .**

**Ans:**  $a = \hat{i} - \hat{j}$  and  $b = \hat{i} + \hat{j}$

$$\text{Projection of } \vec{a} \text{ on } \vec{b} \text{ is } \frac{1}{|\vec{b}|} (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+1}} \{1.1 + (-1)(1)\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1-1) = 0$$

**4. Find the projection of the vector  $\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$  on the vector  $7\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 8\hat{k}$ .**

**Ans:**  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 7\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 8\hat{k}$

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

$$\frac{1}{|\vec{b}|}(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{7^2 + (-1)^2 + 8^2}} \{1(7) + 3(-1) + 7(8)\} = \frac{7 - 3 + 56}{\sqrt{49 + 1 + 64}} = \frac{60}{\sqrt{114}}$$

**5. Show that each of the given three vectors is a unit vector, which are mutually perpendicular to each other.**

$$\frac{1}{7}(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}), \quad \frac{1}{7}(3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}), \quad \frac{1}{7}(6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$$

**Ans:**

$$\vec{a} = \frac{1}{7}(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) = \frac{2}{7}\hat{i} + \frac{3}{7}\hat{j} + \frac{6}{7}\hat{k},$$

$$\vec{b} = \frac{1}{7}(3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) = \frac{3}{7}\hat{i} - \frac{6}{7}\hat{j} + \frac{2}{7}\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{c} = \frac{1}{7}(6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) = \frac{6}{7}\hat{i} + \frac{2}{7}\hat{j} - \frac{3}{7}\hat{k}$$

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{7}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{6}{7}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{49} + \frac{9}{49} + \frac{36}{49}} = 1$$

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{6}{7}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{7}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{9}{49} + \frac{36}{49} + \frac{4}{49}} = 1$$

$$|\vec{c}| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{6}{7}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{7}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{3}{7}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{36}{49} + \frac{4}{49} + \frac{9}{49}} = 1$$

So, each of the vectors is a unit vector.

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \frac{2}{7} \times \frac{3}{7} + \frac{3}{7} \times \left(-\frac{6}{7}\right) + \frac{6}{7} \times \frac{2}{7} = \frac{6}{49} - \frac{18}{49} + \frac{12}{49} = 0$$

$$\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = \frac{3}{7} \times \frac{6}{7} + \left(-\frac{6}{7}\right) \times \frac{2}{7} + \frac{2}{7} \times \left(-\frac{3}{7}\right) = \frac{18}{49} - \frac{12}{49} - \frac{6}{49} = 0$$

$$\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} = \frac{6}{7} \times \frac{2}{7} + \frac{2}{7} \times \frac{3}{7} + \left( \frac{-3}{7} \right) \times \frac{6}{7} = \frac{12}{49} + \frac{6}{49} - \frac{18}{49} = 0$$

So, given vectors are mutually perpendicular to each other.

**6. Find  $|\vec{a}|$  and  $|\vec{b}|$ , if  $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = 8$  and  $|\vec{a}| = 8|\vec{b}|$ .**

**Ans:**  $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = 8$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} - \vec{b} \cdot \vec{b} = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}|^2 - |\vec{b}|^2 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow (8|\vec{b}|)^2 - |\vec{b}|^2 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow 64|\vec{b}|^2 - |\vec{b}|^2 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow 63|\vec{b}|^2 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{b}|^2 = \frac{8}{63}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{b}| = \sqrt{\frac{8}{63}}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{b}| = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{7}}$$

$$|\vec{a}| = 8|\vec{b}| = \frac{8 \times 2\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{7}} = \frac{16\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{7}}$$

**7. Evaluate the product  $(3\vec{a} - 5\vec{b}) \cdot (2\vec{a} + 7\vec{b})$**

**Ans:**  $(3\vec{a} - 5\vec{b}) \cdot (2\vec{a} + 7\vec{b})$

$$= 3\vec{a} \cdot 2\vec{a} + 3\vec{a} \cdot 7\vec{b} - 5\vec{b} \cdot 2\vec{a} - 5\vec{b} \cdot 7\vec{b}$$

$$= 6\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} + 21\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - 10\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - 35\vec{b} \cdot \vec{b}$$

$$= 6|\vec{a}|^2 + 11\vec{a}\vec{b} - 35|\vec{b}|^2$$

8. Find the magnitude of two vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ , having the same magnitude and such that the angle between them is  $60^\circ$  and their scalar product is  $\frac{1}{2}$

**Ans:** Let  $\theta$  be angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .

$$|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}|, \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \frac{1}{2}, \text{ and } \theta = 60^\circ$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos 60^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = |\vec{a}|^2 \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}|^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = 1$$

9. Find  $|\vec{x}|$ , if for a unit vector  $\vec{a}$ ,  $(\vec{x} - \vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{x} + \vec{a}) = 12$

**Ans:**  $(\vec{x} - \vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{x} + \vec{a}) = 12$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x} \cdot \vec{x} + \vec{x}\vec{a} - \vec{a}\vec{x} - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{x}|^2 - |\vec{a}|^2 = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{x}|^2 - 1 = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{x}|^2 = 13$$

$$\therefore |\vec{x}| = \sqrt{13}$$

10. 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  $\lambda$ .

**Ans:**  $\vec{a} + \lambda \vec{b} = (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) = (2 - \lambda)\hat{i} + (2 + 2\lambda)\hat{j} + (3 + \lambda)\hat{k}$

$$(\vec{a} + \lambda \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow [(2 - \lambda)\hat{i} + (2 + 2\lambda)\hat{j} + (3 + \lambda)\hat{k}] \cdot (3\hat{i} + \hat{j}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(2 - \lambda) + (2 + 2\lambda) + 0(3 + \lambda) = 0$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 8$$

**11. Show that  $|\vec{a}| |\vec{b} + \vec{a}| |\vec{b} - \vec{a}|$  is perpendicular to  $|\vec{a}| |\vec{b} - \vec{a}| |\vec{b} + \vec{a}|$ , For any two nonzero vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .**

**Ans:**  $(|\vec{a}| |\vec{b} + \vec{a}| |\vec{b} - \vec{a}|) \cdot (|\vec{a}| |\vec{b} - \vec{a}| |\vec{b} + \vec{a}|) = 0$

$$= |\vec{a}|^2 |\vec{b} + \vec{a}| |\vec{b} - \vec{a}| |\vec{b} + \vec{a}| |\vec{b} - \vec{a}| |\vec{a}| = |\vec{a}|^2 |\vec{b} + \vec{a}|^2 |\vec{b} - \vec{a}|^2 |\vec{a}|$$

$$= |\vec{a}|^2 |\vec{b} + \vec{a}|^2 |\vec{b} - \vec{a}|^2 |\vec{a}| = 0$$

**12. If  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$  and  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$ , then what can be concluded about the vector  $\vec{b}$ ?**

**Ans:**  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = 0 \Rightarrow |\vec{a}|^2 = 0 \Rightarrow |\vec{a}| = 0$

$\therefore \vec{a}$  is the zero vector. Thus, any vector  $\vec{b}$  can satisfy  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$ .

**13. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are unit vectors such that  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = 0$ , find the value of  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}$ .**

**Ans:**  $|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}|^2 = (\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}) \cdot (\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}) = |\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2 + |\vec{c}|^2 + 2(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a})$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = 1 + 1 + 1 + 2(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a})$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}) = \frac{-3}{2}$$

**14. If either vector  $\vec{a} = \vec{0}$  or  $\vec{b} = \vec{0}$ , then  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$ . But the converse need not be true. Justify your answer with an example.**

**Ans:**  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 2.3 + 4.3 + 3(-6) = 6 + 12 - 18 = 0$$

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 4^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{29}$$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \neq \vec{0}$$

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{3^2 + 3^2 + (-6)^2} = 6\sqrt{2}$$

$$\therefore \vec{b} \neq \vec{0}$$

So, it is clear from above example that the converse of the given statement need not be true.

**15. If the vertices A, B, C of a triangle ABC are  $(1, 2, 3), (-1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 2)$ , respectively, then find  $\angle ABC$ . [ $\angle ABC$  is the angle between the vectors  $\vec{BA}$  and  $\vec{BC}$  ]**

**Ans:**  $\vec{BA} = \{1 - (-1)\hat{i} + (2 - 0)\hat{j} + (3 - 0)\hat{k} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

$$\vec{BC} = \{0 - (-1)\hat{i} + (1 - 0)\hat{j} + (2 - 0)\hat{k} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{BA} \cdot \vec{BC} = (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) = 2 \times 1 + 2 \times 1 + 3 \times 2 = 2 + 2 + 6 = 10$$

$$|\vec{BA}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{17}$$

$$|\vec{BC}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$\vec{BA} \cdot \vec{BC} = |\vec{BA}| |\vec{BC}| \cos(\angle ABC)$$

$$\therefore 10 = \sqrt{17} \times \sqrt{6} \cos(\angle ABC)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(\angle ABC) = \frac{10}{\sqrt{17} \times \sqrt{6}}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\angle ABC) = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{10}{\sqrt{102}}\right)$$

**16. Show that the points A(1, 2, 7), B(2, 6, 3) and C(3, 10, -1) are collinear.**

**Ans:**

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = (2-1)\hat{i} + (6-2)\hat{j} + (3-7)\hat{k} = \hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{BC} = (3-2)\hat{i} + (10-6)\hat{j} + (-1-3)\hat{k} = \hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{AC} = (3-1)\hat{i} + (10-2)\hat{j} + (-1-7)\hat{k} = 2\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$$

$$|\overrightarrow{AB}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 4^2 + (-4)^2} = \sqrt{1+16+16} = \sqrt{33}$$

$$|\overrightarrow{BC}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 4^2 + (-4)^2} = \sqrt{1+16+16} = \sqrt{33}$$

$$|\overrightarrow{AC}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 8^2 + (-8)^2} = \sqrt{4+64+64} = 2\sqrt{33}$$

$$|\overrightarrow{AC}| = |\overrightarrow{AB}| + |\overrightarrow{BC}|$$

Hence, the given points are collinear.

**17. Show that the vectors  $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$  and  $3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$  form the vertices of a right angled triangle.**

**Ans:**  $\overrightarrow{OA} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\overrightarrow{OB} = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ ,  $\overrightarrow{OC} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$

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

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

$$\vec{CA} = (2-3)\hat{i} + (-1+4)\hat{j} + (1+4)\hat{k} = -\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

$$|\vec{AB}| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-2)^2 + (-6)^2} = \sqrt{1+4+36} = \sqrt{41}$$

$$|\vec{BC}| = \sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{4+1+1} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$|\vec{AC}| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 3^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{1+9+25} = \sqrt{35}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{BC}|^2 + |\vec{AC}|^2 = 6 + 35 = 41 = |\vec{AB}|^2$$

Hence,  $\Delta ABC$  is a right triangle.

**18. If  $\vec{a}$  is a nonzero vector of magnitude 'a' and  $\lambda$  a nonzero scalar. then  $\lambda\vec{a}$  is unit vector if**

**(A)**  $\lambda = 1$

**(B)**  $\lambda = -1$

**(C)**  $a = |\lambda|$

**(D)**  $a = \frac{1}{|\lambda|}$

**Ans:**  $|\lambda a| = 1$

$$\Rightarrow |\lambda| |\vec{a}| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}| = \frac{1}{|\lambda|}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{|\lambda|}$$

#### Exercise 10.4

**1. Find  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$ , if  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$**

**Ans:** We have,  $a = \hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$  and  $b = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

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

$$= \hat{i}(-14 + 14) - \hat{j}(2 - 21) + \hat{k}(-2 + 21) = 19\hat{j} + 19\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = \sqrt{(19)^2 + (19)^2} = \sqrt{2 \times (19)^2} = 19\sqrt{2}$$

**2. Find a unit vector perpendicular to each of the vector  $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{a} - \vec{b}$ , where  $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ .**

**Ans:**  $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$

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

$$(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 4 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(16) - \hat{j}(16) + \hat{k}(-8) = 16\hat{i} - 16\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$$

$$|(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} - \vec{b})| = \sqrt{16^2 + (-16)^2 + (-8)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{2^2 \times 8^2 + 2^2 \times 8^2 + 8^2}$$

$$= 8\sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + 1} = 8\sqrt{9} = 8 \times 3 = 24$$

$$\text{So, the unit vector is } = \pm \frac{(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} - \vec{b})}{|(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} - \vec{b})|} = \pm \frac{16\hat{i} - 16\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}}{24}$$

$$= \pm \frac{2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}}{3} = \pm \frac{2}{3}\hat{i} \mp \frac{2}{3}\hat{j} \mp \frac{1}{3}\hat{k}$$

**3. If a unit vector  $\vec{a}$  makes an angle  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  with  $\hat{i}$ ,  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  with  $\hat{j}$  and an acute angle  $\theta$  with  $\hat{k}$ , then find  $\theta$  and hence, the components of  $\vec{a}$**

**Ans:**  $\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$

$$|\vec{a}| = 1 \cdot \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{a_1}{|\vec{a}|}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = a_1$$

$$\cos \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{a_2}{|\vec{a}|}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = a_2$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{a_3}{|\vec{a}|}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_3 = \cos \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{4} + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta = 1 - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\therefore a_3 = \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{2}$$

So,  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$  and components of  $\vec{a}$  are  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$

**4. Show that**  $(\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = 2(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$

**Ans:**  $(\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} + \vec{b})$   
 $= (a - b) \times \vec{a} + (a - b) \times b$   
 $= a \times \vec{a} - \vec{b} \times \vec{a} + a \times \vec{b} - \vec{b} \times b$   
 $= 0 + \vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{a} \times \vec{b} - 0$   
 $= 2(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$

**5. Find  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  if**  $(2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 27\hat{k}) \times (\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \mu\hat{k}) = \vec{0}$

**Ans:**  $(2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 27\hat{k}) \times (\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \mu\hat{k}) = 0 \quad \rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 6 & 27 \\ 1 & \lambda & \mu \end{vmatrix} = 0\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{i}(6\mu - 27\lambda) - \hat{j}(2\mu - 27) + \hat{k}(2\lambda - 6) = 0\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$$

$$6\mu - 27\lambda = 0$$

$$2\mu - 27 = 0$$

$$2\lambda - 6 = 0$$

$$\lambda = 3$$

$$\mu = \frac{27}{2}$$

**6. Given that  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$  and  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = 0$ . What can you conclude about  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  ?**

**Ans:**  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$

(i)  $|\vec{a}| = 0$  or  $|\vec{b}| = 0$  or  $\vec{a} \perp \vec{b}$  ( if  $|\vec{a}| \neq 0$  and  $|\vec{b}| \neq 0$ )

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

(ii)  $|\vec{a}| = 0$  or  $|\vec{b}| = 0$  or  $\vec{a} \parallel \vec{b}$  (if  $|\vec{a}| \neq 0$  and  $|\vec{b}| \neq 0$ )

But  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  cannot be parallel and perpendicular at same time.

So,  $|\vec{a}| = 0$  or  $|\vec{b}| = 0$

**7. Let the vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  given as  $a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}, b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}, c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$ .**

**Then show that  $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = \vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{a} \times \vec{c}$**

**Ans:**  $(\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = (b_1 + c_1)\hat{i} + (b_2 + c_2)\hat{j} + (b_3 + c_3)\hat{k}$

$$\text{Now, } \vec{a} \times (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 + c_1 & b_2 + c_2 & b_3 + c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= i[a_2(b_3 + c_3) - a_3(b_2 + c_2)] - j[a_1(b_3 + c_3) - a_3(b_1 + c_1)] + k[a_1(b_2 + c_2) - a_2(b_1 + c_1)]$$

$$= i[a_2b_3 + a_2c_3 - a_3b_2 - a_3c_2] + j[-a_1b_3 - a_1c_3 + a_3b_1 + a_3c_1] + k[a_1b_2 + a_1c_2 - a_2b_1 - a_2c_1]$$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= i[a_2b_3 - a_3b_2] + j[b_1a_3 - a_3b_1] + k[a_1b_2 - a_2b_1]$$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{c} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i}[a_2c_3 - a_3c_2] + \hat{j}[a_3c_1 - a_1c_3] + \hat{k}[ab_2 - a_2b]$$

$$(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) + (\vec{a} \times \vec{c}) = \hat{i}[a_2b_3 + a_2c_3 - a_3b_2 - a_3c_2] + \hat{j}[b_1a_3 + a_3c_1 - a_1b_3 - a_1c_3]$$

$$+ \hat{k}[a_1b_2 + a_1c_2 - a_2b_1 - a_2c_1]$$

$$\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = \vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{a} \times \vec{c}$$

Hence, proved.

**8. If either  $\vec{a} = 0$  or  $b = 0$ , then  $\vec{a} \times b = 0$ . Is the converse true? Justify your answer with an example.**

**Ans:** Let  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = 4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0}$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 6 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(24 - 24) - \hat{j}(16 - 16) + \hat{k}(12 - 12) = 0\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$$

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{29}$$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \neq \vec{0}$$

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{4^2 + 6^2 + 8^2} = \sqrt{116}$$

$$\therefore \vec{b} \neq \vec{0}$$

Hence, converse of the statement need not be true.

**9. Find the area of the triangle with vertices A (1,1,2), B (2,3,5) and C(1,5,5).**

**Ans:**  $\vec{AB} = (2-1)\hat{i} + (3-1)\hat{j} + (5-2)\hat{k} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

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

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{AB} \times \vec{BC}|$$

$$\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{BC} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -1 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(-6) - \hat{j}(3) + \hat{k}(2+2) = -6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$|\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{BC}| = \sqrt{(-6)^2 + (-3)^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{36+9+16} = \sqrt{61}$$

So, area of  $\Delta ABC$  is  $\frac{\sqrt{61}}{2}$  sq units.

- 10. Find the area of the parallelogram whose adjacent sides are determined by the vector  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + \hat{k}$**

**Ans:**

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 2 & -7 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(-1+21) - \hat{j}(1-6) + \hat{k}(-7+2) = 20\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = \sqrt{20^2 + 5^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{400+25+25} = 15\sqrt{2}$$

So, area of parallelogram is  $15\sqrt{2}$  sq units

- 11. Let the vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  be such that  $|\vec{a}| = 3$  and  $|\vec{b}| = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$ , then  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  is a unit vector, if the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is:**

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

(B)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$

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

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

**Ans:**  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = 1$

$$\Rightarrow ||a|| |\vec{b}| \sin \theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \sin \theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} \times \sin \theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

**12. Area of a rectangle having vertices A, B, C, and D with position vectors**

**$-\hat{i} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}, \hat{i} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}, \hat{i} - \frac{1}{2}\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  and  $-\hat{i} - \frac{1}{2}\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  respectively is**

**(A)  $\frac{1}{2}$**

**(B) 1**

**(C) 2**

**(D) 4**

**Ans:**  $\overrightarrow{AB} = (1+1)\hat{i} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\hat{j} + (4-4)\hat{k} = 2\hat{i}$

$$\overrightarrow{BC} = (1-1)\hat{i} + \left(-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\hat{j} + (4-4)\hat{k} = -\hat{j}$$

$$\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{BC} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{k}(-2) = -2\hat{k}$$

$$|\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{BC}| = \sqrt{(-2)^2} = 2$$

So, area of the required rectangle is 2 square units.

### Miscellaneous Exercise

1. Write down a unit vector in XY-plane, making an angle of  $30^\circ$  with the positive direction of x axis.

**Ans:** Unit vector is  $\vec{r} = \cos \theta \hat{i} + \sin \theta \hat{j}$ , where  $\theta$  is angle with positive X axis.

$$\vec{r} = \cos 30^\circ \hat{i} + \sin 30^\circ \hat{j} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \hat{i} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{j}$$

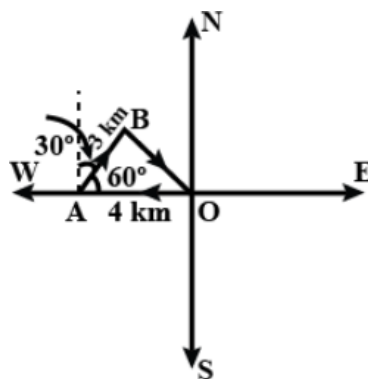
2. Find the scalar components and magnitude of the vector joining the points  $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $Q(x_2, y_2, z_2)$

**Ans:**  $\overrightarrow{PQ} = (x_2 - x_1)\hat{i} + (y_2 - y_1)\hat{j} + (z_2 - z_1)\hat{k}$

$$|\overrightarrow{PQ}| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$$

3. A girl walks 4 km towards west, then she walks 3 km in a direction  $30^\circ$  east of north and stops. Determine the girl's displacement from her initial point of departure.

**Ans:**



$$\overrightarrow{OA} = -4\hat{i}$$

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = \hat{i} |\overrightarrow{AB}| \cos 60^\circ + \hat{j} |\overrightarrow{AB}| \sin 60^\circ$$

$$= \hat{i} 3 \times \frac{1}{2} + \hat{j} 3 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \hat{i} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \hat{j}$$

$$\overrightarrow{OB} = \overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{AB}$$

$$= (-4\hat{i}) + \left( \frac{3}{2} \hat{i} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \hat{j} \right)$$

$$= \left( -4 + \frac{3}{2} \right) \hat{i} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \hat{j}$$

$$= \left( \frac{-8+3}{2} \right) \hat{i} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \hat{j}$$

$$= \frac{-5}{2} \hat{i} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \hat{j}$$

**4. If  $\vec{a} = \vec{b} + \vec{c}$ , then is it true that  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| + |\vec{c}|$  ? Justify your answer.**

**Ans:** In  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $\overrightarrow{CB} \doteq \vec{a}$ ,  $\overrightarrow{CA} = \vec{b}$ ,  $\overrightarrow{AB} \doteq \vec{c}$

$\vec{a} = \vec{b} + \vec{c}$ , by triangle law of addition for vectors.

$|\vec{a}| < |\vec{b}| + |\vec{c}|$ , by triangle inequality law of lengths.

Hence, it's not true that  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| + |\vec{c}|$

**5. Find the value of  $x$  for which  $x(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$  unit vector.**

**Ans:**  $|x(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})| = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{x^2 + x^2 + x^2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3x^2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3}x = 1$$

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

**6. Find a vector of magnitude 5 units, and parallel to the resultant of the vectors  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$**

**Ans:**  $\vec{c} = \vec{a} + \vec{b} = (2+1)\hat{i} + (3-2)\hat{j} + (-1+1)\hat{k} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j}$

$$|\vec{c}| = \sqrt{3^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{9+1} = \sqrt{10}$$

$$\therefore \hat{c} = \frac{\vec{c}}{|\vec{c}|} = \frac{(3\hat{i} + \hat{j})}{\sqrt{10}}$$

So, a vector of magnitude 5 and parallel to the resultant of  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is

$$\pm 5(\hat{c}) = \pm 5 \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} (3\hat{i} + \hat{j}) \right) = \pm \frac{3\sqrt{10}}{2} \hat{i} \pm \frac{\sqrt{10}}{2} \hat{j}$$

**7. If  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ , find a unit vector parallel to the vector  $2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$ .**

**Ans:**  $2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c} = 2(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) - (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + 3(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$

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

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

$$|2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}| = \sqrt{3^2 + (-3)^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{9+9+4} = \sqrt{22}$$

Thus, required unit vector is  $\frac{2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}}{|2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}|} = \frac{3\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{22}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{22}}\hat{i} - \frac{3}{\sqrt{22}}\hat{j} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{22}}\hat{k}$

**8. Show that the points A(1,-2,-8), B(5,0,-2) and C(11,3,7) are collinear, and find the ratio in which B divides AC.**

**Ans:**  $\overrightarrow{AB} = (5-1)\hat{i} + (0+2)\hat{j} + (-2+8)\hat{k} = 4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$

$$\overrightarrow{BC} = (11-5)\hat{i} + (3-0)\hat{j} + (7+2)\hat{k} = 6\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 9\hat{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{AC} = (11-1)\hat{i} + (3+2)\hat{j} + (7+8)\hat{k} = 10\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 15\hat{k}$$

$$|\overrightarrow{AB}| = \sqrt{4^2 + 2^2 + 6^2} = \sqrt{16 + 4 + 36} = \sqrt{56} = 2\sqrt{14}$$

$$|\overrightarrow{BC}| = \sqrt{6^2 + 3^2 + 9^2} = \sqrt{36 + 9 + 81} = \sqrt{126} = 3\sqrt{14}$$

$$|\overrightarrow{AC}| = \sqrt{10^2 + 5^2 + 15^2} = \sqrt{100 + 25 + 225} = \sqrt{350} = 5\sqrt{14}$$

$$\therefore |\overrightarrow{AC}| = |\overrightarrow{AB}| + |\overrightarrow{BC}|$$

So, the points are collinear.

Let B divide AC in ratio  $\lambda : 1$ .  $\overrightarrow{OB} = \frac{\lambda \overrightarrow{OC} + \overrightarrow{OA}}{(\lambda + 1)}$

$$\Rightarrow 5\hat{i} - 2\hat{k} = \frac{\lambda(11\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}) + (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 8\hat{k})}{\lambda + 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda + 1)(5\hat{i} - 2\hat{k}) = 11\lambda\hat{i} + 3\lambda\hat{j} + 7\lambda\hat{k} + \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5(\lambda + 1)\hat{i} - 2(\lambda + 1)\hat{k} = (11\lambda + 1)\hat{i} + (3\lambda - 2)\hat{j} + (7\lambda - 8)\hat{k}$$

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

So, the required ratio is 2:3

**9. Find the position vector of a point R which divides the line joining two points P and Q whose position vectors are  $(2\vec{a} + \vec{b})$  and  $(\vec{a} - 3\vec{b})$  externally in the ratio 1: 2. Also, show that P is the mid point of the line segment RQ.**

**Ans:**  $\overrightarrow{OP} = 2\vec{a} + \vec{b}, \overrightarrow{OQ} = \vec{a} - 3\vec{b}$

$$\vec{OR} = \frac{2(2a+b) - (a-3b)}{2-1-1} = \frac{4a+2b-a-3b}{-1-1} = \frac{3a+5b}{-2}$$

So, the position vector of R is  $-\frac{3\vec{a}+5\vec{b}}{2}$

$$\text{Position vector of midpoint of RQ} = \frac{\vec{OQ} + \vec{OR}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{(a\sqrt{6}) + (3\vec{a} + 5\vec{b})}{2}$$

$$= 2\vec{a} + \vec{b}$$

$$= \vec{OP}$$

Thus, P is midpoint of line segment RQ

- 10. The two adjacent sides of a parallelogram are  $2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$  and  $\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ . Find the unit vector parallel to its diagonal. Also, find its area.**

**Ans:** Diagonal of a parallelogram is  $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$

$$\vec{a} + \vec{b} = (2+1)\hat{i} + (-4-2)\hat{j} + (5-3)\hat{k} = 3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

So, the unit vector parallel to diagonal is

$$\frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b}}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b}|} = \frac{3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{3^2 + (-6)^2 + 2^2}} = \frac{3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{9+36+4}} = \frac{3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{7} = \frac{3}{7}\hat{i} - \frac{6}{7}\hat{j} + \frac{2}{7}\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & -4 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i}(12+10) - \hat{j}(-6-5) + \hat{k}(-4+4)$$

$$= 22\hat{i} + 11\hat{j}$$

$$= 11(2\hat{i} + \hat{j})$$

$$\therefore |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = 11\sqrt{2^2 + 1^2} = 11\sqrt{5}$$

So, area of parallelogram is  $11\sqrt{5}$  sq units

**11. Show that the direction cosines of a vector equally inclined to the axes OX, OY and OZ are  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ .**

**Ans:** Let a vector be equally inclined to OX, OY, and OZ at an angle  $\alpha$ .

So, the Direction Cosines of the vector are  $\cos \alpha, \cos \alpha$  and  $\cos \alpha$ .

$$\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 3\cos^2 \alpha = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

So, the DCs of the vector are  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ .

**12. Let  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ . Find a vector  $\vec{d}$  which is perpendicular to both  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c} \cdot \vec{d} = 15$**

**Ans:**  $d = d_1\hat{i} + d_2\hat{j} + d_3\hat{k}$

$$\vec{d} \cdot \vec{a} = 0 \Rightarrow d_1 + 4d_2 + 2d_3 = 0$$

$$\vec{d} \cdot \vec{b} = 0 \Rightarrow 3d_1 - 2d_2 + 7d_3 = 0$$

$$\vec{c} \cdot \vec{d} = 15 \Rightarrow 2d_1 - d_2 + 4d_3 = 15$$

Solving these equations, we get  $d_1 = \frac{160}{3}, d_2 = -\frac{5}{3}, d_3 = -\frac{70}{3}$

$$\therefore \vec{d} = \frac{160}{3}\hat{i} + \frac{5}{3}\hat{j} + \frac{70}{3}\hat{k} = \frac{1}{3}(160\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 70\hat{k})$$

- 13. The scalar product of the vector  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  with a unit vector along the sum of vectors  $2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$  and  $\lambda\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  is equal to one. Find the value of  $\lambda$ .**

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

So, unit vector along  $(2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) + (\lambda\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$  is  $\left( \frac{(2 + \lambda)\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 44}} \right)$

$$(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot \left( \frac{(2 + \lambda)\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 44}} \right) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(2 + \lambda) + 6 - 2}{\sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 44}} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 44} = \lambda + 6$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 44 = (\lambda + 6)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 44 = \lambda^2 + 12\lambda + 36$$

$$\Rightarrow 8\lambda = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 1$$

- 14. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are mutually perpendicular vectors of equal magnitudes, show that the vector  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$  is equally inclined to  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$ .**

**Ans:**  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$

$$|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = |\vec{c}|$$

Let  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$  be inclined to  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  at angles  $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$  respectively.

$$\cos \theta_1 = \frac{(\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}) \cdot \vec{a}}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}| |\vec{a}|} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}| |\vec{a}|} = \frac{|\vec{a}|^2}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}| |\vec{a}|} = \frac{|\vec{a}|}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}|}$$

$$\cos \theta_2 = \frac{(\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}) \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}| |\vec{b}|} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}| |\vec{b}|} = \frac{|\vec{b}|^2}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}| |\vec{b}|} = \frac{|\vec{b}|}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}|}$$

$$\cos \theta_3 = \frac{(\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}) \cdot \vec{c}}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}| |\vec{c}|} = \frac{\vec{a}\vec{c} + \vec{b}\vec{c} + \vec{c}\vec{c}}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}| |\vec{c}|} = \frac{|\vec{c}|^2}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}| |\vec{c}|} = \frac{|\vec{c}|}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}|}$$

Since,  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = |\vec{c}| \Rightarrow \cos \theta_1 = \cos \theta_2 = \cos \theta_3$ , So,  $\theta_1 = \theta_2 = \theta_3$

**15. Prove that,  $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = |\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2$  if and only if  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  are perpendicular, given  $\vec{a} \neq \vec{0}, \vec{b} \neq \vec{0}$**

**Ans:**  $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = |\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}|^2 + 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + |\vec{b}|^2 = |\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

So  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are perpendicular.

**16. If  $\theta$  is the angle between two vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ , then  $|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}| \geq 0$  only when**

(A)  $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$

(B)  $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

(C)  $0 < \theta < \pi$

(D)  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$

**Ans:**  $\therefore |\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}| \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \theta \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta \geq 0 \quad \because [|\vec{a}| \geq 0 \text{ and } |\vec{b}| \geq 0]$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \geq 0 \text{ if } 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

So the right answer is B

**17. Let  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  be two unit vectors and  $\theta$  is the angle between them. Then  $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$  is a unit vector if**

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

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

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

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

**Ans:**  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = 1$

$$|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{a} + \vec{b})(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{b} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}|^2 + 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + |\vec{b}|^2 = 1$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cos\theta + 1 = 1$$

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

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

So,  $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$  is unit vector if  $\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$

The correct answer is D

**18. The value of  $\hat{i} \cdot (\hat{j} \times \hat{k}) + \hat{j} \cdot (\hat{i} \times \hat{k}) + \hat{k} \cdot (\hat{i} \times \hat{j})$  is**

- (A) 0 (B) -1 (C) 1 (D) 3

**Ans:**

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

$$= \hat{i} \cdot \hat{i} + \hat{j} \cdot (-\hat{j}) + \hat{k} \cdot \hat{k}$$

$$= 1 - 1 + 1$$

$$= 1$$

The correct answer is C

**19. If  $\theta$  is the angle between any two vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ , then  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \sin \theta$  when  $\theta$  is equal to**

(A) 0

(B)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$

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

(D)  $\pi$

**Ans:**  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \sin \theta$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \theta = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

The correct answer is B