

## Vector Algebra

- Let  $\vec{u}$  be a vector coplanar with the vectors  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ . If  $\vec{u}$  is perpendicular to  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{b} = 24$ , then  $|\vec{u}|^2$  is equal to  
(a) 336 (b) 315 (c) 256 (d) 84 (2018)
- If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are unit vectors such that  $\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} + 2\vec{c} = 0$ , then  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{c}|$  is equal to :  
(a)  $\frac{1}{4}$  (b)  $\frac{\sqrt{15}}{16}$  (c)  $\frac{15}{16}$  (d)  $\frac{\sqrt{15}}{4}$  (Online 2018)
- If the position vectors of the vertices  $A, B$  and  $C$  of a  $\triangle ABC$  are respectively  $4\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}$ ,  $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  and  $2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$ , then the position vector of the point, where the bisector of  $\angle A$  meets  $BC$  is  
(a)  $\frac{1}{2}(4\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 11\hat{k})$  (b)  $\frac{1}{3}(6\hat{i} + 13\hat{j} + 18\hat{k})$   
(c)  $\frac{1}{4}(8\hat{i} + 14\hat{j} + 19\hat{k})$  (d)  $\frac{1}{3}(6\hat{i} + 11\hat{j} + 15\hat{k})$  (Online 2018)
- Let  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{c} = \hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and a vector  $\vec{b}$  be such that  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{c}$  and  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 3$ . Then  $|\vec{b}|$  equals :  
(a)  $\sqrt{\frac{11}{3}}$  (b)  $\frac{11}{\sqrt{3}}$  (c)  $\frac{\sqrt{11}}{3}$  (d)  $\frac{11}{3}$  (Online 2018)
- Let  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j}$ . Let  $\vec{c}$  be a vector such that  $|\vec{c} - \vec{a}| = 3$ ,  $|(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c}| = 3$  and the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{c}$  be  $30^\circ$ . Then  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}$  is equal to  
(a) 2 (b) 5 (c)  $\frac{1}{8}$  (d)  $\frac{25}{8}$  (2017)
- The area (in sq. units) of the parallelogram whose diagonals are along the vectors  $8\hat{i} - 6\hat{j}$  and  $3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}$ , is  
(a) 65 (b) 52 (c) 26 (d) 20 (Online 2017)
- If the vector  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  is written as the sum of a vector parallel to  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j}$  and a vector  $\vec{b}_2$ , perpendicular to  $\vec{a}$ , then  $\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2$  is equal to  
(a)  $3\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 9\hat{k}$  (b)  $-3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 9\hat{k}$   
(c)  $-6\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - \frac{9}{2}\hat{k}$  (d)  $6\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + \frac{9}{2}\hat{k}$  (Online 2017)
- Let  $\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k}$  be three unit vectors such that  $\vec{i} \times \vec{j} = \vec{k}$ ,  $\vec{j} \times \vec{k} = \vec{i}$  and  $\vec{k} \times \vec{i} = \vec{j}$ . If  $\vec{b}$  is not parallel to  $\vec{c}$ , then the angle between  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  is  
(a)  $\frac{8\pi}{9}$  (b)  $\frac{\pi}{7}$  (c)  $\frac{7\pi}{8}$  (d)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  (2016)
- In a triangle  $ABC$ , right angled at the vertex  $A$ , if the position vectors of  $A, B$  and  $C$  are respectively  $3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ ,  $-\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + p\hat{k}$  and  $5\hat{i} + q\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$ , then the point  $(p, q)$  lies on a line  
(a) making an obtuse angle with the positive direction of  $x$ -axis.  
(b) parallel to  $x$ -axis. (c) parallel to  $y$ -axis  
(d) making an acute angle with the positive direction of  $x$ -axis. (Online 2016)
- Let  $ABC$  be a triangle whose circumcentre is at  $P$ . If the position vectors of  $A, B, C$  and  $P$  are  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  and  $\frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}}{4}$  respectively, then the position vector of the orthocentre of this triangle, is  
(a)  $-\left(\frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}}{2}\right)$  (b)  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$   
(c)  $\left(\frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}}{2}\right)$  (d)  $\vec{0}$  (Online 2016)
- Let  $\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k}$  be three non-zero vectors such that no two of them are collinear and  $\vec{i} \times \vec{j} = \vec{k}$ ,  $\vec{j} \times \vec{k} = \vec{i}$  and  $\vec{k} \times \vec{i} = \vec{j}$ . If  $\theta$  is the angle between vectors  $\vec{i}$  and  $\vec{j}$ , then a value of  $\sin \theta$  is  
(a)  $\frac{7}{8}$  (b)  $\frac{-7\sqrt{8}}{8}$  (c)  $\frac{7\sqrt{7}}{8}$  (d)  $\frac{-\sqrt{7}}{8}$  (2015)
- Let  $\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k}$  be two unit vectors such that  $\vec{i} + \vec{j} = \sqrt{8}\vec{k}$ . If  $\vec{r} = \vec{i} + 7\vec{j} + 8\vec{k}$ , then  $|\vec{r}|$  is equal to  
(a)  $\sqrt{7}$  (b)  $\sqrt{6}$  (c)  $\sqrt{98}$  (d)  $\sqrt{8}$  (Online 2015)
- In a parallelogram  $ABCD$ ,  $|\vec{WX}| = |\vec{WA}| = |\vec{WP}| = |\vec{WY}| = 1$  where  $X$  is the intersection of  $AC$  and  $BD$ , then the value of  $\vec{WX} \cdot \vec{WY}$  is  
(a)  $\frac{6}{7} - \frac{7}{8} + \frac{7}{8}$  (b)  $\frac{6}{9} - \frac{7}{8} + \frac{7}{8} - \frac{7}{8}$   
(c)  $\frac{6}{8} - \frac{7}{8} + \frac{7}{8} - \frac{7}{8}$  (d)  $\frac{6}{7} - 8\frac{7}{8} + \frac{7}{8} - \frac{7}{8}$  (Online 2015)

14. If  $[\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \quad \vec{b} \times \vec{c} \quad \vec{c} \times \vec{a}] = \lambda [\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}]^2$ , then  $\lambda$  is equal to  
(a) 3 (b) 0 (c) 1 (d) 2 (2014)
15. If the vectors  $\vec{AB} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{AC} = 5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  are the sides of a triangle  $ABC$ , then the length of the median through  $A$  is  
(a)  $\sqrt{45}$  (b)  $\sqrt{18}$  (c)  $\sqrt{72}$  (d)  $\sqrt{33}$  (2013)
16. Let  $\hat{a}$  and  $\hat{b}$  be two unit vectors. If the vectors  $\vec{c} = \hat{a} + 2\hat{b}$  and  $\vec{d} = 5\hat{a} + 4\hat{b}$  are perpendicular to each other, then the angle between  $\hat{a}$  and  $\hat{b}$  is  
(a)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  (b)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  (c)  $\frac{\pi}{6}$  (d)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  (2012)
17. Let  $ABCD$  be a parallelogram such that  $\vec{AB} = \vec{q}$ ,  $\vec{AD} = \vec{p}$  and  $\angle BAD$  be an acute angle. If  $\vec{r}$  is the vector that coincides with the altitude directed from the vertex  $B$  to the side  $AD$ , then  $\vec{r}$  is given by  
(a)  $\vec{r} = \vec{q} - \left( \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q}}{\vec{p} \cdot \vec{p}} \right) \vec{p}$  (b)  $\vec{r} = -3\vec{q} + \frac{3(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q})}{(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{p})} \vec{p}$   
(c)  $\vec{r} = 3\vec{q} - \frac{3(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q})}{(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{p})} \vec{p}$  (d)  $\vec{r} = -\vec{q} + \frac{(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q})}{(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{p})} \vec{p}$  (2012)
18. If  $\vec{a} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \left( 3\hat{i} + \hat{k} \right)$  and  $\vec{b} = \frac{1}{7} \left( 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k} \right)$ , then the value of  $(2\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \cdot [(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} + 2\vec{b})]$  is  
(a) 5 (b) 3 (c) -5 (d) -3 (2011)
19. The vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are not perpendicular and  $\vec{c}$  and  $\vec{d}$  are two vectors satisfying :  $\vec{b} \times \vec{c} = \vec{b} \times \vec{d}$  and  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{d} = 0$ . Then the vector  $\vec{d}$  is equal to  
(a)  $\vec{b} + \left( \frac{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c}}{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}} \right) \vec{c}$  (b)  $\vec{c} - \left( \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}}{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}} \right) \vec{b}$   
(c)  $\vec{b} - \left( \frac{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c}}{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}} \right) \vec{c}$  (d)  $\vec{c} + \left( \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}}{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}} \right) \vec{b}$  (2011)
20. Let  $\vec{a} = \hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ . Then the vector  $\vec{b}$  satisfying  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{c} = 0$  and  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 3$  is  
(a)  $-\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  (b)  $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$   
(c)  $\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  (d)  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  (2010)
21. If the vectors  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = \lambda\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \mu\hat{k}$  are mutually orthogonal, then  $(\lambda, \mu) =$   
(a)  $(-3, 2)$  (b)  $(2, -3)$   
(c)  $(-2, 3)$  (d)  $(3, -2)$  (2010)
22. If  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}$  are non-coplanar vectors and  $p, q$  are real numbers, then the equality  $[3\vec{u} \quad p\vec{v} \quad p\vec{w}] - [p\vec{v} \quad \vec{w} \quad q\vec{u}] - [2\vec{w} \quad q\vec{v} \quad q\vec{u}] = 0$  holds for  
(a) exactly two values of  $(p, q)$   
(b) more than two but not all values of  $(p, q)$   
(c) all values of  $(p, q)$   
(d) exactly one value of  $(p, q)$  (2009)
23. The non-zero vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are related by  $\vec{a} = 8\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c} = -7\vec{b}$ . Then the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{c}$  is  
(a)  $\pi$  (b) 0 (c)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  (d)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  (2008)
24. The vector  $\vec{a} = \alpha\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \beta\hat{k}$  lies in the plane of the vectors  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j}$  and  $\vec{c} = \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and bisects the angle between  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$ . Then which one of the following gives possible values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ?  
(a)  $\alpha = 1, \beta = 1$  (b)  $\alpha = 2, \beta = 2$   
(c)  $\alpha = 1, \beta = 2$  (d)  $\alpha = 2, \beta = 1$  (2008)
25. If  $\hat{u}$  and  $\hat{v}$  are unit vectors and  $\theta$  is the acute angle between them, then  $2\hat{u} \times 3\hat{v}$  is a unit vector for  
(a) no value of  $\theta$  (b) exactly one value of  $\theta$   
(c) exactly two values of  $\theta$   
(d) more than two values of  $\theta$  (2007)
26. The values of  $a$ , for which the points  $A, B, C$  with position vectors  $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$  and  $a\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  respectively are the vertices of a right-angled triangle at  $C$  are  
(a) 2 and 1 (b) -2 and -1  
(c) -2 and 1 (d) 2 and -1 (2006)
27. If  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} = \vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$ , where  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are any three vectors such that  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \neq 0$ ,  $\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} \neq 0$ , then  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are  
(a) inclined at an angle of  $\pi/3$  between them  
(b) inclined at an angle of  $\pi/6$  between them  
(c) perpendicular (d) parallel (2006)
28. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are non-coplanar vector and  $\lambda$  is a real number then  $[\lambda(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \quad \lambda^2\vec{b} \quad \lambda\vec{c}] = [\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} + \vec{c} \quad \vec{b}]$  for  
(a) no value of  $\lambda$  (b) exactly one value of  $\lambda$   
(c) exactly two values of  $\lambda$  (d) exactly three values of  $\lambda$  (2005)
29. Let  $a, b$  and  $c$  be distinct non-negative numbers. If the vectors  $a\hat{i} + a\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$ ,  $\hat{i} + \hat{k}$  and  $c\hat{i} + c\hat{j} + b\hat{k}$  lie in a plane, then  $c$  is  
(a) the arithmetic mean of  $a$  and  $b$   
(b) the geometric mean of  $a$  and  $b$   
(c) the harmonic mean of  $a$  and  $b$   
(d) equal to zero (2005)
30. Let  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = x\hat{i} + \hat{j} + (1-x)\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = y\hat{i} + x\hat{j} + (1+x-y)\hat{k}$ . Then  $[\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}]$  depends on  
(a) only  $x$  (b) only  $y$   
(c) neither  $x$  nor  $y$  (d) both  $x$  and  $y$  (2005)
31. For any vector  $\vec{a}$ , the value of  $(\vec{a} \times \hat{i})^2 + (\vec{a} \times \hat{j})^2 + (\vec{a} \times \hat{k})^2$  is equal to  
(a)  $\vec{a}^2$  (b)  $3\vec{a}^2$  (c)  $4\vec{a}^2$  (d)  $2\vec{a}^2$  (2005)
32. If  $C$  is the mid point of  $AB$  and  $P$  is any point outside  $AB$ , then  
(a)  $\vec{PA} + \vec{PB} + \vec{PC} = 0$  (b)  $\vec{PA} + \vec{PB} + 2\vec{PC} = \vec{0}$   
(c)  $\vec{PA} + \vec{PB} = \vec{PC}$  (d)  $\vec{PA} + \vec{PB} = 2\vec{PC}$  (2005)



# Explanations

1. (a): Let  $\vec{u} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  gives  $2x + 3y - z = 0$  ... (i)

gives  $y + z = 24$  ... (ii)

Also,  $\vec{u}$  is coplanar with  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ , so  $[\vec{u} \vec{a} \vec{b}] = 0$

$$\text{which yields } \begin{vmatrix} x & y & z \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

i.e.  $4x - 2y + 2z = 0$  ... (iii)

(ii) and (iii) gives  $2x + 2z = 24$  i.e.  $x + z = 12$

From (i), we get  $z = 16$  and thus  $x = -4$  and  $y = 8$ .

Hence,  $\vec{u} = -4\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 16\hat{k}$

$$|\vec{u}| = 4\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 4^2} = 4\sqrt{21} \therefore |\vec{u}|^2 = 336$$

2. (d): Given,  $\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} + 2\vec{c} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{a} + 2\vec{c} = -2\vec{b}$

Squaring both sides, we get  $|\vec{a}|^2 + 4|\vec{c}|^2 + 4\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = 4|\vec{b}|^2$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 4 + 4(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}) = 4 \quad (\because |\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = |\vec{c}| = 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = \frac{-1}{4} \Rightarrow |\vec{a}| \cdot |\vec{c}| \cos \theta = \frac{-1}{4} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{-1}{4}$$

$$\text{Now, } \sin^2 \theta = 1 - \cos^2 \theta = 1 - \frac{1}{16} = \frac{15}{16}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{a} \times \vec{c}| = |\vec{a}| |\vec{c}| \sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{15}}{4}$$

3. (b): Position vector of A, B and C are respectively

$$4\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}, 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k} \text{ and } 2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore |\overline{AB}| = \sqrt{(2-4)^2 + (3-7)^2 + (4-8)^2} = \sqrt{4+16+16} = 6$$

$$|\overline{BC}| = \sqrt{(2-2)^2 + (5-3)^2 + (7-4)^2} = \sqrt{4+9} = \sqrt{13}$$

$$|\overline{CA}| = \sqrt{(2-4)^2 + (5-7)^2 + (7-8)^2} = \sqrt{4+4+1} = 3$$

Let D be the bisector of  $\angle A$  which meets BC.

$$\therefore \frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{6}{3} = 2$$

Using section formula, we have

$$x = \frac{2 \times 2 + 2 \times 1}{3} = \frac{6}{3}, y = \frac{5 \times 2 + 3 \times 1}{3} = \frac{13}{3}, z = \frac{7 \times 2 + 4 \times 1}{3} = \frac{18}{3}$$

So, position vector of D is  $\frac{1}{3}(6\hat{i} + 13\hat{j} + 18\hat{k})$

4. (a): Here,  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{c} = \hat{j} - \hat{k}$

Now,  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{c}$  (Given)

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = \vec{a} \times \vec{c} \Rightarrow (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{a} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a})\vec{b} = \vec{a} \times \vec{c}$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \vec{b} = \frac{1}{3}(5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \Rightarrow |\vec{b}| = \frac{\sqrt{25+4+4}}{3} \Rightarrow |\vec{b}| = \sqrt{\frac{11}{3}}$$

5. (a):  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k} \Rightarrow |\vec{a}| = 3$  and  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j}$

$$\text{Now, } \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k} \therefore |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = 3$$

We also have,  $|(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c}| = |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| |\vec{c}| |\sin 30^\circ| |\hat{n}| = 3 |\vec{c}| \cdot \frac{1}{2} n$

$$\Rightarrow 3 = 3 |\vec{c}| \cdot \frac{1}{2} \therefore |\vec{c}| = 2$$

Since,  $|\vec{c} - \vec{a}| = 3$  ... (i)

On squaring (i), we get  $c^2 + a^2 - 2\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} = 9$

$$\Rightarrow 4 + 9 - 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = 9 \Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = 2$$

6. (a): Let  $\vec{a} = 8\hat{i} - 6\hat{j}$  and  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}$

Area of parallelogram,  $A = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 8 & -6 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & -12 \end{vmatrix} = 72\hat{i} - (-96)\hat{j} + 50\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = 5184 + 9216 + 2500 = \sqrt{16900} = 130$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = \frac{1}{2} \times 130 = 65$$

7. (d):  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j}$

Given that  $\vec{b}_1$  is parallel to  $\vec{a}$ .

$$\therefore \vec{b}_1 = \frac{(\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a})\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \left\{ \frac{(3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j})}{\sqrt{2}} \right\} \left( \frac{\hat{i} + \hat{j}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{3(\hat{i} + \hat{j})}{\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2}} = \frac{3(\hat{i} + \hat{j})}{2}$$

$$\text{Also, } \vec{b}_1 + \vec{b}_2 = \vec{b} \Rightarrow \vec{b}_2 = \vec{b} - \vec{b}_1 = (3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) - \frac{3}{2}(\hat{i} + \hat{j})$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{b}_2 = -\frac{3}{2}\hat{i} + \frac{3}{2}\hat{j} + 4\hat{k} \quad \text{Now, } \vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{3}{2} & \frac{3}{2} & 0 \\ -\frac{3}{2} & \frac{3}{2} & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i}(6) - \hat{j}(6) + \hat{k}\left(\frac{9}{4} + \frac{9}{4}\right) = 6\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + \frac{9}{2}\hat{k}$$

8. (d): We have,  $\vec{r} \times \vec{r} \times \vec{r} = \frac{\sqrt{8}}{7} \vec{r} + \vec{r}$

$$\Rightarrow -3\vec{r} - -3\vec{r} = \frac{\sqrt{8}}{7} \vec{r} + \vec{r}$$

On comparing,  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r} = -\frac{\sqrt{8}}{7}$ . Then  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$

9. (d): We have,  $\overline{AB} = -4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + (p+1)\hat{k}$

$$\overline{AC} = 2\hat{i} + (q-1)\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

$ABC$  is a right angled triangle, right angle at  $A$ .

$$\therefore \overrightarrow{AB} \perp \overrightarrow{AC} \Rightarrow \overrightarrow{AB} \cdot \overrightarrow{AC} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -8 + 2(q-1) - 3(p+1) = 0 \Rightarrow 3p - 2q + 13 = 0$$

$$\therefore (p, q) \text{ lies on the line } 3x - 2y + 13 = 0$$

$$\text{Now, slope of line} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$\therefore$  The point  $(p, q)$  lies on a line making acute angle with the positive direction of  $x$ -axis.

$$10. (c): \text{Position vector of centroid } \vec{G} = \frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}}{3}$$

$$\text{Position vector of circumcentre } \vec{P} = \frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}}{4}$$

Let  $\vec{r}$  be the orthocentre of the triangle.

$$\text{Now, we know that, } \vec{G} = \frac{2\vec{P} + \vec{r}}{3} \Rightarrow 3\vec{G} = 2\vec{P} + \vec{r}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r} = 3\vec{G} - 2\vec{P} = (\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}) - 2\left(\frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}}{4}\right) = \frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}}{2}$$

$$11. (c): \text{Expanding } \vec{r} \cdot \vec{r} = \left(\frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}}{2}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}}{2}\right) = \frac{6}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r} \cdot \vec{r} = \left\{ \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a}}{2} + \frac{6}{8} \right\} = 5$$

As  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are non-collinear, the coefficients must vanish.

$$\text{Thus, } \vec{r} \cdot \vec{r} = 5 \Rightarrow \vec{r} \cdot \vec{r} = \frac{6}{8}$$

$$\text{Again, } \cos \theta = \frac{\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|^2} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{6}{8} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{7\sqrt{7}}{8}$$

$$12. (a): \text{Given that } \vec{a} + \vec{b} = \sqrt{8} \quad \dots (i)$$

Squaring (i) both sides, we get

$$\vec{a} + \vec{b} = \sqrt{8} \Rightarrow \vec{a}^2 + \vec{b}^2 + 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 1 + 2 \cos \theta = 3 \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = 60^\circ$$

$\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  is perpendicular to plane containing  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a} + 7\vec{b} + 8\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \quad \dots (ii)$$

Squaring (ii) both sides, we get

$$\vec{r}^2 = \vec{a}^2 + 9\vec{b}^2 + 64(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})^2 + 14\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + 56\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) + 67\vec{b} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$$

$$= |1 + 4 + 9 \sin^2 \theta + 4 \cos \theta + 0 + 0|$$

$$= \left| 1 + 4 + 9 \times \frac{3}{4} + 4 \times \frac{1}{2} \right| \Rightarrow \vec{r}^2 = \frac{7}{9} \Rightarrow \vec{r} = \sqrt{\frac{7}{9}}$$

$$13. (d): \text{Now, } \overrightarrow{WX} + \overrightarrow{XY} = \overrightarrow{WY}$$

$$\overrightarrow{WX} + \overrightarrow{WY} = \overrightarrow{WY}$$

$$\Rightarrow \overrightarrow{WX}^2 + \overrightarrow{WY}^2 + 2\overrightarrow{WX} \cdot \overrightarrow{WY} = \overrightarrow{WY}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + 2\overrightarrow{WX} \cdot \overrightarrow{WY} = 0 \Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + 2\overrightarrow{WX} \cdot \overrightarrow{WY} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + 2a^2 - 2\overrightarrow{WX} \cdot \overrightarrow{WY} = 0 \Rightarrow \overrightarrow{WX} \cdot \overrightarrow{WY} = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{2}$$

$$14. (c): [\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \quad \vec{b} \times \vec{c} \quad \vec{c} \times \vec{a}] = (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \times (\vec{c} \times \vec{a})$$

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

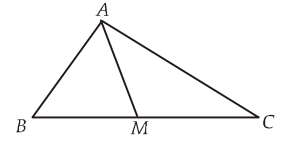
$$= (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot [\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] \vec{a} = [\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] [\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}] = [\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}]^2 \therefore \text{On comparison, } \lambda = 1$$

$$15. (d): \overrightarrow{AM} = \frac{1}{2}(\overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{AC})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\{(3, 0, 4) + (5, -2, 4)\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(8, -2, 8) = (4, -1, 4)$$

$$\therefore |\overrightarrow{AM}| = \sqrt{4^2 + 1^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{33}$$



$$16. (a): \vec{c} = \hat{a} + 2\hat{b}, \vec{d} = 5\hat{a} - 4\hat{b}$$

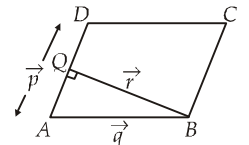
$$\therefore \vec{c} \cdot \vec{d} = 0 \Rightarrow (\hat{a} + 2\hat{b}) \cdot (5\hat{a} - 4\hat{b}) = 5 - 4\hat{b} \cdot \hat{a} + 10\hat{b} \cdot \hat{a} - 8$$

$$\Rightarrow 6\hat{b} \cdot \hat{a} - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{b} \cdot \hat{a} = \frac{1}{2} \therefore \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$17. (d): \vec{r} = \overrightarrow{BA} + \overrightarrow{AQ}$$

$$= -\vec{q} + \text{projection of } \overrightarrow{BA} \text{ across } \overrightarrow{AD}$$

$$= -\vec{q} + \frac{(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q})\vec{p}}{(\vec{p} \cdot \vec{p})}$$



$$18. (c): (2\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \cdot \{(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} + 2\vec{b})\}$$

$$= (2\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \cdot \{(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{a} + 2(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{b}\}$$

$$= (2\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \cdot \{(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a})\vec{b} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{a} + 2(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{b} - 2(\vec{b} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{a}\}$$

$$= (2\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{b} - 2\vec{a}) = -4\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} - \vec{b} \cdot \vec{b} = -5$$

$$19. (b): \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \neq 0 \text{ (given)} \quad \vec{a} \cdot \vec{d} = 0$$

$$\text{Now, } \vec{b} \times \vec{c} = \vec{b} \times \vec{d} \Rightarrow \vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{d})$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{b} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{c} = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{d})\vec{b} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{d} \Rightarrow (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{d} = -(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{b} + (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{c}$$

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

$$20. (a): \text{We have } \vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{c} = 0$$

Multiplying vectorially with  $\vec{a}$ , we have

$$\vec{a} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) + \vec{a} \times \vec{c} = 0 \Rightarrow (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{a} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a})\vec{b} + \vec{a} \times \vec{c} = 0$$

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

$$\text{Thus, } 3(\hat{j} - \hat{k}) - 2\vec{b} - 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k} = 0 \therefore \vec{b} = -\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$$21. (a): \vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}, \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}, \vec{c} = \lambda\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \mu\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{a} \text{ and } \vec{c} \text{ are orthogonal} \Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = 0 \text{ giving } \lambda - 1 + 2\mu = 0$$

$$\text{Also } \vec{b} \text{ and } \vec{c} \text{ are orthogonal} \Rightarrow 2\lambda + 4 + 4\mu = 0$$

Solving the equation we get  $\lambda = -3, \mu = 2$ .

$$22. (d): \text{We have } [l\vec{a} \ m\vec{b} \ n\vec{c}] = lmn[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] \text{ for scalars } l, m, n.$$

$$\text{Also } [\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] = [\vec{b} \ \vec{c} \ \vec{a}] = [\vec{c} \ \vec{a} \ \vec{b}] \text{ (cyclic)}$$

$$\text{And } [\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] = -[\vec{a} \ \vec{c} \ \vec{b}] \text{ (Interchange of any two vectors)}$$

$$[3\vec{u} \ p\vec{v} \ p\vec{w}] - [p\vec{v} \ \vec{w} \ q\vec{u}] - [2\vec{w} \ q\vec{v} \ q\vec{u}] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3p^2 [\vec{u} \ \vec{v} \ \vec{w}] - pq[\vec{u} \ \vec{v} \ \vec{w}] + 2q^2 [\vec{u} \ \vec{v} \ \vec{w}] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3p^2 - pq + 2q^2)[\vec{u} \ \vec{v} \ \vec{w}] = 0$$

As  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}$  are non-coplanar,  $[\vec{u} \ \vec{v} \ \vec{w}] \neq 0$

$$\text{Hence } 3p^2 - pq + 2q^2 = 0, p, q \in \mathbb{R}$$

As a quadratic in  $p$ , roots are real

$$\Rightarrow q^2 - 24q^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow -23q^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow q^2 \leq 0 \Rightarrow q = 0$$

And thus  $p = 0$

Thus  $(p, q) \equiv (0, 0)$  is the only possibility.

23. (a) :  $\vec{a} = 8\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{c} = -7\vec{b}$

$\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are parallel and  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are antiparallel.

Thus  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are antiparallel.

Hence the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{c}$  is  $\pi$ .

24. (a) :  $\vec{a}$  lies in the plane of  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$ . Also  $\vec{a}$  bisects the angle  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$ . Thus  $\vec{a} = \lambda(\vec{b} + \vec{c})$

$$\alpha\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \beta\hat{k} = \lambda\left(\frac{\hat{i} + \hat{j}}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \lambda\left(\frac{\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

on comparison,  $\lambda = \sqrt{2}\alpha$ ,  $\lambda = \sqrt{2}$  and  $\lambda = \sqrt{2}\beta$

Thus  $\alpha = 1$  and  $\beta = 1$

25. (b) :  $|2\hat{u} \times 3\hat{v}| = 1 \Rightarrow 6|\hat{u}||\hat{v}|\sin\theta = 1 \Rightarrow \sin\theta = \frac{1}{6}$   
 $2\hat{u} \times 3\hat{v}$  is a unit vector for exactly one value of  $\theta$ .

26. (a) : Now  $\vec{CA} \cdot \vec{CB} = 0$

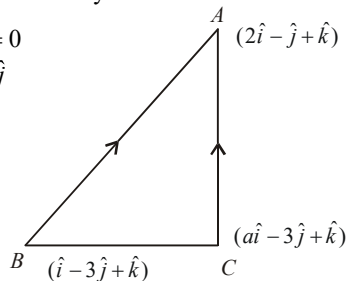
where  $\vec{CA} = (2-a)\hat{i} - 2\hat{j}$

and  $\vec{CB} = (1-a)\hat{i} - 6\hat{k}$

$\Rightarrow a^2 - 3a + 2 = 0$

$\Rightarrow (a-2)(a-1) = 0$

$\Rightarrow a = 1, 2$



27. (d) : Given  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} = \vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$

$\Rightarrow (\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{a} = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{c} \Rightarrow \lambda_1\vec{a} = \lambda_2\vec{c}$

$(\lambda_1 = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c}, \lambda_2 = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \text{ are scalar quantities}) \Rightarrow \vec{a} \parallel \vec{c}$

28. (a) : From given  $\lambda(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\lambda^2\vec{b} \times \lambda\vec{c}) = \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) \times \vec{b}$

$\Rightarrow \lambda\vec{a} \cdot (\lambda^2\vec{b} + \lambda\vec{c}) + \lambda\vec{b} \cdot (\lambda^2\vec{b} \times \lambda\vec{c}) = \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{c} \times \vec{b})$

$\Rightarrow \lambda^4[a \ b \ c] = -[a \ b \ c] \Rightarrow \lambda^4 + 1 = 0$

$\Rightarrow (\lambda^2)^2 + 1 = 0 \quad D < 0$

$\Rightarrow$  No value of  $\lambda$  exist on real axis.

29. (b) : We are given that points lies in the same plane. We know that the vector  $L, M, N$  are coplanar if

$$L \cdot (\vec{M} \times \vec{N}) = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} a & a & c \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ c & c & b \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow c = \sqrt{ab}$$

$\therefore C$  is G.M. of  $a$  and  $b$ .

30. (c) :  $[a, b, c] = \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ x & 1 & 1-x \\ y & x & 1+x-y \end{vmatrix} C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + C_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ x & 1 & 1 \\ y & x & 1+x \end{vmatrix} = 1(1) = 1$$

which is independent of  $x$  and  $y$ .

31. (d) : Let  $\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + b_1\hat{j} + c_1\hat{k} \therefore \vec{a}^2 = a_1^2 + b_1^2 + c_1^2$

$\therefore \vec{a} \times \hat{i} = -b_1\hat{k} + c_1\hat{j} \therefore (\vec{a} \times \hat{i})^2 = b_1^2 + c_1^2$

Similarly  $(\vec{a} \times \hat{j})^2 = a_1^2 + c_1^2$

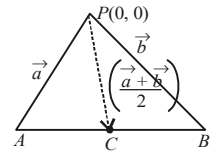
$(\vec{a} \times \hat{k})^2 = a_1^2 + b_1^2$

$\therefore (\vec{a} \times \hat{i})^2 + (\vec{a} \times \hat{j})^2 + (\vec{a} \times \hat{k})^2 = 2(a_1^2 + b_1^2 + c_1^2) = 2\vec{a}^2$ .

32. (d) : Let  $P$  is origin

Let  $\vec{PA} = \vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{PB} = \vec{b}$

$\therefore \vec{PC} = \frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b}}{2}$



Now  $\vec{PA} + \vec{PB} = \vec{a} + \vec{b} = 2\left(\frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b}}{2}\right) = 2\vec{PC}$ .

33. (d) :  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} = \frac{1}{3}|\vec{b}||\vec{c}|\vec{a}$  (As given)

$\Rightarrow (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{b} - (\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{a} = \frac{1}{3}|\vec{b}||\vec{c}|\vec{a}$

$\Rightarrow -\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = \frac{1}{3}|\vec{b}||\vec{c}| \Rightarrow \cos\theta = -1/3$

$\sin\theta = \sqrt{\frac{8}{9}} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$

34. (a): Given  $\frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{u}}{|\vec{u}|} = \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w}}{|\vec{u}|}$  and  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 0$

Also  $|\vec{u}| = 1$ ,  $|\vec{v}| = 2$ ,  $|\vec{w}| = 3$

Now  $|\vec{u} - \vec{v} + \vec{w}|^2 = \vec{u}^2 + \vec{v}^2 + \vec{w}^2 - 2\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} - 2\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} + 2\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w}$   
 $= 1 + 4 + 9 + 0 = 14$

35. (a) : Using the condition of coplanarity of three vectors

$$\therefore \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & \lambda & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2\lambda - 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 0, \frac{1}{2}.$$

36. (c) : Total force  $\vec{F} = \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 = 7\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 14\hat{k}$  and displacement  $\vec{d} = \vec{d}_2 - \vec{d}_1 = (5-1)\hat{i} + (4-2)\hat{j} + (1-3)\hat{k}$

$\therefore$  Work done  $= \vec{F} \cdot \vec{d} = 28 + 4 + 8 = 40$

37. (d): As  $\vec{a} + 2\vec{b}$  is collinear with  $\vec{c}$

$\therefore \vec{a} + 2\vec{b} = P\vec{c} \quad \dots(i)$

and  $\vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$  is collinear with  $\vec{a} \therefore \vec{b} + 3\vec{c} = Q\vec{a} \quad \dots(ii)$

Now by (i) and (ii) we have  $\vec{a} - 6\vec{c} = P\vec{c} - 2Q\vec{a}$

$\Rightarrow \vec{a}(1 + 2Q) + \vec{c}(-6 - P) = 0 \Rightarrow 1 + 2Q = 0$  and  $-6 - P = 0$

$Q = -1/2, P = -6$

Putting these values either in (i) or in (ii) we get  $\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} + 6\vec{c} = 0$

38. (a) :  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = 0$

Consider  $(\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c})^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a})$

$\Rightarrow (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}) = -\frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{2} = -\frac{(1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2)}{2} = -7$

39. (b) : Median through any vertex divide the opposite side into two equal parts  $\vec{AB} + \vec{AC} = 2\vec{AD}$

$\Rightarrow \vec{AD} = \frac{1}{2}[\vec{AB} + \vec{AC}] = \frac{1}{2}[8\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}] \therefore |\vec{AD}| = \sqrt{33}$

40. (c) :  $\hat{n} \parallel \vec{u} \times \vec{v} \therefore \vec{u} \cdot \hat{n} = 0 = \vec{v} \cdot \hat{n}$

Now  $\hat{n} = \frac{\vec{u} \times \vec{v}}{|\vec{u}| |\vec{v}|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (-2\hat{k}) = -\hat{k}$

Now  $|\vec{w} \cdot \hat{n}| = |(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \cdot (-\hat{k})| = |-3| = 3$

41. (a) :  $(\vec{u} + \vec{v} - \vec{w}) \cdot [\vec{u} \times \vec{v} - \vec{u} \times \vec{w} + \vec{v} \times \vec{w}]$

$\therefore \vec{v} \times \vec{v} = 0$

$\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) - \vec{u} \cdot (\vec{u} \times \vec{w}) + \vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) + \vec{v} \cdot (\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) - \vec{v} \cdot (\vec{u} \times \vec{w}) + \vec{v} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w})$   
 $- \vec{w} \cdot (\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) + \vec{w} \cdot (\vec{u} \times \vec{w}) - \vec{w} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w})$

$= \vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) + \vec{v} \cdot (\vec{w} \times \vec{u}) - \vec{w} \cdot (\vec{u} \times \vec{v})$

$= \vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) + \vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) - \vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w})$

$= \vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) \quad (\because [a \ b \ c] = [b \ c \ a] = [c \ a \ b])$

42. (d) :  $\overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{OB} - \overrightarrow{OA} = 6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k} \therefore |\overrightarrow{AB}| = \sqrt{49} = 7$

Similarly  $\overrightarrow{BC} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k} \therefore |\overrightarrow{BC}| = \sqrt{49} = 7$

$\overrightarrow{CD} = -6\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - \hat{k} \therefore |\overrightarrow{CD}| = \sqrt{41}$

$\overrightarrow{DA} = -2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k} \therefore |\overrightarrow{DA}| = \sqrt{17}$

43. (c) : If possible say  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{b} + \vec{c} = -\vec{a}$

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

Similarly  $\vec{b} \times \vec{c} = \vec{c} \times \vec{a} \therefore \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{b} \times \vec{c} = \vec{c} \times \vec{a}$

44. (b) : Given  $\vec{c} = \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 3 & -5 & 0 \\ 6 & 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \therefore \vec{c} = 39\hat{k}$

Now  $|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{34}, |\vec{b}| = \sqrt{45}$  and  $|\vec{c}| = |39\hat{k}| = 39$

$\therefore |\vec{a}| : |\vec{b}| : |\vec{c}| = \sqrt{34} : \sqrt{45} : 39$

45. (b) :  $3\lambda \vec{c} = 2\mu (\vec{b} \times \vec{a})$

$\Rightarrow$  either  $3\lambda = 2\mu$  or  $\vec{c} \parallel \vec{b} \times \vec{a}$  but  $3\lambda = 2\mu$

46. (a) : We have  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow (\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c})^2 = 0$

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

$\Rightarrow 25 + 16 + 9 + 2(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}) = 0$

$\Rightarrow 2(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}) = -50$

$\Rightarrow (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}) = -25 \therefore (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}) = 25$

47. (a) : Given  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = 0$ , we need angle between  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  so consider  $\vec{b} + \vec{c} = -\vec{a}$

$\Rightarrow b^2 + c^2 + 2|b||c| \cos \theta = a^2$

$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{a^2 - b^2 - c^2}{2|b||c|} = \frac{49 - 25 - 9}{2 \times 5 \times 3} = \frac{1}{2} \therefore \theta = 60^\circ$

48. (a) : Consider  $[\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \ \vec{b} \times \vec{c} \ \vec{c} \times \vec{a}]$

$= (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot [\vec{k} \times (\vec{c} \times \vec{a})]$  where  $\vec{k} = \vec{b} \times \vec{c}$

$= \vec{a} \times \vec{b} \cdot [(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{a})\vec{c} - (\vec{k} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{a}]$

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

$= (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot [(\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \cdot \vec{a}]\vec{c} - 0 = ((\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \cdot \vec{a})[(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c}]$

$= [\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})][\vec{c} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})] = [\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})]^2 = 16$

49. (b) : Using fact:  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})^2 = a^2 b^2 - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})^2$

$= a^2 b^2 - a^2 b^2 \cos^2 \theta = (4 \times 2)^2 - (4 \times 2)^2 \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{6}$

$= 64 \times \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{6} = 64 \times \frac{1}{4} = 16$

