

Important Questions Class 12 Maths Chapter 10

Vector Algebra

1 Mark Questions

1. Is the measure of 5 seconds is scalar or vector?

Ans: Scalar

2. Find the sum of the vectors.

$$\vec{a} = \vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + \vec{k}, \quad \vec{b} = -2\vec{i} + 4\vec{j} + 5\vec{k} \quad \vec{c} = \hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}$$

Ans: $\vec{d} = \vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$
 $= 0\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - \hat{k}$

3. Find the direction ratios and the direction cosines of the vector

$$\vec{r} = 2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

Ans: D.R of \vec{r} are 2, -7, -3

$$|\vec{r}| = \sqrt{4 + 49 + 9} = \sqrt{62}$$

D.C of

$$\vec{r} \text{ are } \frac{2}{\sqrt{62}}, \frac{-7}{\sqrt{62}}, \frac{-3}{\sqrt{62}}$$

4. Find the angle between vectors

$$\vec{a} \text{ and } \vec{b} \text{ if } |\vec{a}| = \sqrt{3}, |\vec{b}| = 2 \quad \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \sqrt{6}$$

Ans: $\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|}$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{6}}{(\sqrt{3}) \cdot (2)} = \frac{\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3} \cdot 2} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{2}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \theta = \pi/4$$

5. Vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} be such that

$$|\vec{a}| = 3, \text{ and } |\vec{b}| = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3},$$

then $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ is a unit vector. Find angle between \vec{a} and \vec{b} .

Ans:

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

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

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

$$\theta = \pi/4$$

6. Is the measure of 10 Newton is scalar or vector.

Ans: Vector

7. Write two different vectors having same magnitude.

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

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

$$\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 1\hat{k}$$

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{9+4+1} = \sqrt{14}$$

8. Find the direction ratios and the direction cosines of the vector $\vec{r} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$

Ans: D.R of \vec{r} are 1,1,1

$$|\vec{r}| = \sqrt{1+1+1} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$D.C \text{ of } \vec{r} \text{ are } \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

9. Find

$$|\vec{a} - \vec{b}| \text{ if } |\vec{a}| = 2, |\vec{b}| = 3 \text{ and } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 4$$

Ans:

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

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

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

$$= 4 - 2 \times 4 + 9$$

$$= 5$$

$$|\vec{a} - \vec{b}| = \sqrt{5}$$

10. If

$$\vec{a} = 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} \quad \vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{k} \text{ find } |\vec{b} \times 2\vec{a}|$$

Ans: $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{k}$

$$2\vec{a} = 8\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} \times 2\vec{a} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 8 & 6 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i}(0 - 12) - \hat{j}(12 - 16) + \hat{k}(18 - 0)$$

$$= -12\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 18\hat{k}$$

$$|\vec{b} \times 2\vec{a}| = \sqrt{(-12)^2 + (4)^2 + (18)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{484}$$

$$= 22$$

11. Is the measure of 20 m/s towards north is scalar or vector.

Ans: Vector

12.

$$\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} \quad \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} \quad \text{Is } |\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}|$$

Ans:

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

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{5}$$

13. Find the direction ratios and the direction cosines of the vector $\vec{r} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

Ans: D.R of \vec{r} are 1, 2, 3

$$|\vec{r}| = \sqrt{1+4+9} = \sqrt{14}$$

D.C of

$$\vec{r} \text{ are } \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}$$

14. Evaluate the product

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

Ans:

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

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

$$\left[\because \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = |\vec{a}|^2 \quad \vec{b} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{b}|^2 \quad \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} \right]$$

15. Find $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ if

$$\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}, \quad \vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

Ans:

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i}(-2-15) - \hat{j}(-4-9) + \hat{k}(10-3)$$

$$= -17\hat{i} + 13\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$$

16. Is the measure of 30 m/s towards north is scalar or vector.

Ans: Scalar

17. Compute the magnitude of

$$\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

Ans:

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

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

$$= \sqrt{62}$$

18. Find the direction ratios and the direction cosines of the vector $\vec{r} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$

Ans: D.R of \vec{r} are 1, 2, -1

$$\vec{r} = \sqrt{1+4+1} = \sqrt{6}$$

D.C of

$$\vec{r} \text{ are } \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{6}}$$

19. \vec{a} is unit vector and

$$(\vec{x} - \vec{a})(\vec{x} + \vec{a}) = 8,$$

Then find $|\vec{x}|$

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

$$(\vec{x} - \vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{x} + \vec{a}) = 8$$

$$|\vec{x}|^2 - 1 = 8$$

$$|\vec{x}|^2 = 9$$

$$|\vec{x}| = 3$$

20. Show that

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

\vec{a} and \vec{b} .

Ans:

$$L.H.S = (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} + \vec{b})$$

$$= \vec{a} \times \vec{a} + \vec{a} \times \vec{b} - \vec{b} \times \vec{a} - \vec{b} \times \vec{b}$$

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

$$= 2(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \left[\begin{array}{l} \because \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = 0 \\ \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = -\vec{b} \times \vec{a} \end{array} \right]$$

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4 Mark Questions

1. Find the unit vector in the direction of the sum of the vectors

$$\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}, \quad \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

Ans: Let $\vec{c} = \vec{a} + \vec{b}$

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

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

$$|\vec{c}| = \sqrt{16 + 9 + 4}$$

$$= \sqrt{29}$$

The required unit vector is

$$\hat{c} = \frac{\vec{c}}{|\vec{c}|}$$

$$= \frac{4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{29}}$$

$$= \frac{4}{\sqrt{29}}\hat{i} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{29}}\hat{j} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{29}}\hat{k}$$

2. Show that the points

$$A(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}), B(\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}), C(3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k})$$

are the vertices of right angled triangle.

Ans:

$$\overline{AB} = -\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$$

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

$$\overline{CA} = -\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

$$|\overline{AB}|^2 = 41$$

$$|\overline{BC}| = 6$$

$$|\overline{CA}| = 35$$

$$|\overline{AB}|^2 = |\overline{BC}|^2 + |\overline{CA}|^2$$

Hence, the Δ is a right angled triangle.

3. Show that the points

$$A(-2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}), B(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \text{ and } C(7\hat{i} - \hat{k})$$

are collinear.

Ans:

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

$$\overline{BC} = 6\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

$$\overline{CA} = 9\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$$

$$|\overline{AB}| = \sqrt{14}, \overline{BC} = 2\sqrt{14}$$

$$\text{and } |\overline{AC}| = 3\sqrt{14}$$

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

Hence points A, B, C are collinear.

4. If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are unit vector 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:

$$|\vec{a}| = 1, |\vec{b}| = 1, |\vec{c}| = 1,$$

$$\bar{a} + \bar{b} + \bar{c} = 0 \quad (\text{Given})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{a}(\bar{a} + \bar{b} + \bar{c}) \\ \bar{a}\bar{a} + \bar{a}\bar{b} + \bar{a}\bar{c} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{a})^2 + \bar{a}\bar{b} + \bar{a}\bar{c} = 0 \\ 1 + \bar{a}\bar{b} + \bar{a}\bar{c} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{a}\bar{b} + \bar{a}\bar{c} = -1 \text{----- (i)}$$

similarly

$$\bar{b}\bar{a} + \bar{b}\bar{c} = -1 \text{----- (ii)}$$

again

$$\bar{c}\bar{a} + \bar{c}\bar{b} = -1 \text{----- (iii)}$$

adding (i), (ii) and (iii)

$$2(\bar{a}\bar{b} + \bar{b}\bar{c} + \bar{c}\bar{a}) = -3 \quad \left[\bar{a}\bar{b} = \bar{b}\bar{a} \right]$$

$$\bar{a}\bar{b} + \bar{b}\bar{c} + \bar{c}\bar{a} = -3/2$$

5. If

$$\bar{a} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}, \quad \bar{b} = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}, \quad \bar{c} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j}$$

are such that

$$\vec{a} + \lambda \vec{b} \text{ is } \perp \text{ to } \vec{c}$$

is then find the value of λ .

Ans:

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

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

$$(\vec{a} + \lambda \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c} = 0 \quad [\because \vec{a} + \lambda \vec{b} \perp \vec{c}]$$

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

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

$$-\lambda = -8$$

$$\lambda = 8$$

6. Consider two point P and Q with position vectors

$$O\vec{P} = 3\vec{a} - 2\vec{b} \text{ and } O\vec{Q} = \vec{a} + \vec{b}$$

. Find the positions vector of a point R which divides the line joining P and Q in the ratio 2:1 (i) internally (ii) externally.

Ans: (i)

$$O\vec{R} = \frac{2(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) + 1(3\vec{a} - 2\vec{b})}{2 + 1}$$

$$= \frac{5\vec{a}}{3}$$

(ii)

$$O\vec{R} = \frac{2(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) - (3\vec{a} - 2\vec{b})}{2 - 1}$$

$$= \frac{2\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} - 3\vec{a} + 2\vec{b}}{1}$$

$$= 4\vec{b} - \vec{a}$$

7. Show that the points A, B, C with position vectors

$$-2\vec{a} + 3\vec{b} + 5\vec{c}, \vec{a} + 2\vec{b} + 3\vec{c} \text{ and } 7\vec{a} - \vec{c}$$

respectively are collinear.

Ans:

$$O\vec{A} = -2\vec{a} + 3\vec{b} + 5\vec{c}$$

$$O\vec{B} = \vec{a} + 2\vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$$

$$O\vec{C} = 7\vec{a} - \vec{c}$$

$$\vec{AB} = O\vec{B} - O\vec{A} = 3\vec{a} - \vec{b} - 2\vec{c}$$

$$\vec{BC} = O\vec{C} - O\vec{B} = 6\vec{a} - 2\vec{b} - 4\vec{c}$$

$$= 2(3\vec{a} - \vec{b} - 2\vec{c})$$

$$\vec{BC} = 2\vec{AB}$$

Thus $\vec{AB} \parallel \vec{BC}$ but one point B is common to both vectors hence A, B, C are collinear.

8. Find a unit vector \perp to each of the vectors

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

Ans: A vector which is \perp to both

$$(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \text{ and } (\vec{a} - \vec{b})$$

is giving by

$$(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

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

$$|\vec{c}| = \sqrt{4 + 16 + 4}$$

$$= \sqrt{24}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{6}$$

Req. unit vector is

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

9. The scalar product of the vector $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ with a unit vector along the sum of vectors

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

is equal to the one. Find the value of λ

Ans:

$$\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$$

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

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

Unit vector along

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

$$= \frac{(2 + \lambda)\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{(2 + \lambda)^2 + (6)^2 + (-2)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{(2 + \lambda)\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{(2 + \lambda)^2 + 40}}$$

$$\text{ATQ } \vec{c} \cdot (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = 1$$

$$(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot \left(\frac{(2 + \lambda)\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}}{(2 + \lambda)^2 + 40} \right) = 1$$

$$\frac{(2 + \lambda) + 6 - 2}{\sqrt{(2 + \lambda)^2 + 40}} = 1$$

$$2 + \lambda + 4 = \sqrt{(2 + \lambda)^2 + 40}$$

sq both side

$$\lambda^2 + 36 + 12\lambda = (2 + \lambda)^2 + 40$$

$$\lambda = 1$$

10. Find the area of the Δ with vertices A (1, 1, 2) B (2, 3, 4) and C (1, 5, 5).

Ans: A (1, 1, 2) B(2, 3, 4) C (1, 5, 5)

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

$$\vec{OB} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k} \quad \vec{OB} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{OC} = \hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 5\hat{k} \quad \vec{OC} = \hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{AB} = \vec{OB} - \vec{OA} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{AC} = \vec{OC} - \vec{OA} = 4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

$$\text{Area of } \Delta ABC = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (-3)^2 + (4)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{29} \text{ sq. unit}$$

11. 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: A (1, -2, -8), B (5, 0, -2), C (11, 3, 7)

$$\vec{OA} = 1\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$$

$$\overline{OB} = 5\hat{i} - 0\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$$\overline{OC} = 11\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{AB} &= \overline{OB} - \overline{OA} \\ &= 4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{BC} &= \overline{OC} - \overline{OB} \\ &= 3(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k})\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\overline{BC} = \frac{3}{2}\overline{AB}$$

Thus $\overline{BC} \parallel \overline{AB}$ and one point B is common there fore A, B, C are collinear and B divides AC in 2:3.

12. Find a vector \vec{d} which is \perp to both \vec{a} and \vec{b} and $\vec{c} \cdot \vec{d} = 15$

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

$$\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$$

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

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

Ans:

$$\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$$

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

$$\text{Let } \vec{d} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$$

$$\text{ATQ } \vec{d} \cdot \vec{a} = 0, \vec{d} \cdot \vec{b} = 0 \text{ and } \vec{c} \cdot \vec{d} = 15$$

$$x + 4y + 2z = 0 \text{-----(1)}$$

$$3x - 2y + 7z = 0 \text{-----(2)}$$

$$2x - y + 4z = 15 \text{-----(3)}$$

On solving equation (i) and (ii)

$$\frac{x}{\begin{array}{cc} 4 & 2 \\ -2 & 7 \end{array}} = \frac{y}{\begin{array}{cc} 2 & 1 \\ 7 & 3 \end{array}} = \frac{z}{\begin{array}{cc} 1 & 4 \\ 3 & -2 \end{array}} = K$$

$$\frac{x}{28+4} = \frac{y}{6-7} = \frac{z}{-2-12} = K$$

$$x = 32k, y = -k, z = -14k$$

Put x, y, z in equation (iii)

$$2(32k) - (-k) + 4(-14k) = 15$$

$$64k + k - 56k = 15$$

$$9k = 15$$

$$k = \frac{15}{9}$$

$$k = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$x = 32 \times \frac{5}{3} = \frac{160}{3}$$

$$y = -\frac{5}{3} = -\frac{5}{3}$$

$$z = -14 \times \frac{5}{3} = -\frac{70}{3}$$

$$\vec{d} = \frac{160}{3} \hat{i} - \frac{5}{3} \hat{j} - \frac{70}{3} \hat{k}$$

13. Let \vec{a}, \vec{b} and \vec{c} be three vectors such that

$$|\vec{a}| = 3, |\vec{b}| = 4, |\vec{c}| = 5$$

and each one of them being \perp to the sum of the other two, find $|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}|$

Ans:

$$\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = 0, \vec{b} \cdot (\vec{c} + \vec{a}) = 0, \vec{c} \cdot (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = 0, \text{ (Given)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}|^2 &= (\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}) \cdot (\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}) \\ &= \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} + \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot (\vec{a} + \vec{c}) + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{c} + (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= |\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2 + |\vec{c}|^2 \\ &= 9 + 16 + 25 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 50$$

$$|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}| = \sqrt{50}$$

$$= 5\sqrt{2}$$

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

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

Find the angle between the vectors

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

Ans:

$$\vec{a} + \vec{b} = 9\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

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

$$(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = -17$$

$$|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = \sqrt{113}$$

$$|\vec{a} - \vec{b}| = \sqrt{5}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b})}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| |\vec{a} - \vec{b}|}$$

$$= \frac{-17}{\sqrt{113} \cdot \sqrt{5}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{-17}{\sqrt{565}}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{-17}{\sqrt{565}} \right)$$

15. Find the sine of the angle between the vectors.

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

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

Ans:

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

$$= -11\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$$

$$|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = \sqrt{(-11)^2 + (-1)^2 + (7)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{171} = 3\sqrt{19}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|}{|\vec{a}||\vec{b}|} = \frac{3\sqrt{19}}{\sqrt{14} \cdot \sqrt{14}} = \frac{3}{14}\sqrt{19}$$

16. Three vectors \vec{a}, \vec{b} and \vec{c} satisfy the condition $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = 0$ Evaluate the quantity

$$\mu = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}$$

if

$$|\vec{a}| = 1, |\vec{b}| = 4, |\vec{c}| = 2$$

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} &= -|\vec{a}|^2 \\ \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} &= -1 \text{----- (i)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = -16 \text{----- (ii)}$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = -4 \text{----- (iii)}$$

Adding (i) (ii) and (iii)

$$2(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}) = -21$$

$$\mu = \frac{-21}{2}$$

17. If with reference to the right handed system of mutually \perp unit vectors

$\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$ and \hat{k} ,

$$\vec{\alpha} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j}, \vec{\beta} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

then express $\vec{\beta}$ in the form $\vec{\beta} = \vec{\beta}_1 + \vec{\beta}_2$, where $\vec{\beta}_1$ is \parallel to $\vec{\alpha}$ and $\vec{\beta}_2$ is \perp to $\vec{\alpha}$

Ans:

$$\text{Let } \vec{\beta}_1 = \lambda \vec{\alpha} \text{ where } \lambda \text{ is a scalar } \left[\because \vec{\beta}_1 \parallel \text{ to } \vec{\alpha} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\beta}_1 &= \lambda(3\hat{i} - \hat{j}) \\ &= 3\lambda\hat{i} - \lambda\hat{j} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\beta}_2 &= \vec{\beta} - \vec{\beta}_1 \\ &= (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) - (3\lambda\hat{i} - \lambda\hat{j}) \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{\beta}_2 = 0 \quad \left[\because \vec{\beta}_2 \perp \vec{\alpha} \right]$$

$$3(2-3\lambda) - (1+\lambda) = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\vec{\beta}_1 = \frac{3}{2}\hat{i} - \frac{1}{2}\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{\beta}_2 = \frac{1}{2}\hat{i} + \frac{3}{2}\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

18. If \vec{a}, \vec{b} and \vec{c} be three vectors such that $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = 0$ and

$$|\vec{a}| = 3, |\vec{b}| = 5, |\vec{c}| = 7$$

find the angle between \vec{a} and \vec{b} .

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

$$\vec{a} + \vec{b} = -\vec{c}$$

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

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

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

$$\vec{a}\vec{b} = \frac{49 - 9 - 25}{2} = \frac{15}{2}$$

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

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

$$\theta = 60$$

19. Find the area of the ||gm whose adjacent sides are represented by the vectors,

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

Ans:

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

$$= -2\hat{i} - 14\hat{j} - 10\hat{k}$$

$$\text{req. area} = |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$$

$$= \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (-14)^2 + (-10)^2} = 10\sqrt{3}$$

20. Find the vector joining the points P (2, 3, 0) and Q (-1, -2, -4) directed from P to Q. Also find direction ratio and direction cosine.

Ans:

$$\overline{PQ} = (-1-2)\hat{i} + (-2-3)\hat{j} + (-4-0)\hat{k}$$

$$= -3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

$$\text{DR are } -3, -5, -4$$

$$|\overline{PQ}| = \sqrt{9+25+16}$$

$$\text{D.C are } \frac{-3}{\sqrt{50}}, \frac{-5}{\sqrt{50}}, \frac{-4}{\sqrt{50}}$$