

## Vector Algebra

## Exercise

- If  $ABCD$  is a rhombus whose diagonals cut at the origin  $O$ , then  $\overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{OB} + \overrightarrow{OC} + \overrightarrow{OD}$  equals
  - $\overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{AC}$
  - $\vec{O}$
  - $2(\overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{BC})$
  - $\overrightarrow{AC} + \overrightarrow{BD}$
- If the vectors  $\vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$ ,  $-2\vec{a} + 3\vec{b} - 4\vec{c}$  and  $\vec{a} - 3\vec{b} + 5\vec{c}$  are coplanar, then the value of  $\lambda$  is
  - 2
  - 1
  - 1
  - 2
- If  $\overrightarrow{AO} + \overrightarrow{OB} = \overrightarrow{BO} + \overrightarrow{OC}$ , then  $A, B, C$  are
  - coplanar
  - collinear
  - non-collinear
  - None of these
- If  $\theta$  is the angle between vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  such that  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \geq 0$ , then
  - $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$
  - $\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \pi$
  - $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$
  - $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$
- The angle between the vectors  $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}$  is
  - $\frac{\pi}{6}$
  - $\frac{\pi}{2}$
  - $\frac{\pi}{3}$
  - None of these
- If  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = |\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = 1$ , then  $|\vec{a} - \vec{b}|$  is equal to
  - 1
  - $\sqrt{2}$
  - $\sqrt{3}$
  - None of these
- If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are two unit vectors inclined at an angle  $\theta$  such that  $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$  is a unit vector, then  $\theta$  is equal to
  - $\frac{\pi}{3}$
  - $\frac{\pi}{4}$
  - $\frac{\pi}{2}$
  - $\frac{2\pi}{3}$
- If  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}|$ , then
  - $(\vec{a} + \vec{b})$  is parallel to  $\vec{a} - \vec{b}$
  - $\vec{a} + \vec{b} \perp \vec{a} - \vec{b}$
  - $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = |\vec{a}|^2$
  - None of the above
- The vectors  $3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$  and  $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$  from the sides of a triangle, This triangle is
  - an acute angled triangle
  - an obtuse angled triangle
  - a right angled triangle
  - an equilateral triangle
- If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are not perpendicular to each other and  $\vec{r} \times \vec{a} = \vec{b} \times \vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{c} = 0$ , then  $\vec{r}$  is equal to
  - $\vec{a} - \vec{c}$
  - $\vec{b} + x\vec{a}$  for all scalars
  - $\vec{b} - \frac{(\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c})}{(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})}\vec{a}$
  - None of these
- The vectors  $\vec{X}$  and  $\vec{Y}$  satisfy the equations  $2\vec{X} + \vec{Y} = \vec{p}$  and  $\vec{X} + 2\vec{Y} = \vec{q}$ , where  $\vec{p} = \hat{i} + \hat{j}$  and  $\vec{q} = \hat{i} - \hat{j}$ . If  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\vec{X}$  and  $\vec{Y}$ , then
  - $\cos \theta = \frac{4}{5}$
  - $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
  - $\cos \theta = -\frac{4}{5}$
  - $\cos \theta = -\frac{3}{5}$

12. If  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}$  and  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{a} \times \vec{c}$ ,  $\vec{a} \neq \vec{0}$ , then  
 (a)  $\vec{b} = \vec{c}$  (b)  $\vec{b} - \vec{c} \parallel \vec{a}$   
 (c)  $\vec{b} - \vec{c} \perp \vec{a}$  (d) None of the above
13. Let  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  be unit vectors such that  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0 = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}$ . If the angle between  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  is  $\frac{\pi}{6}$ , then  $\vec{a}$  equals  
 (a)  $\pm 2(\vec{b} + \vec{c})$  (b)  $2(\vec{b} + \vec{c})$   
 (c)  $\pm \frac{1}{2}(\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$  (d)  $-\frac{1}{2}(\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$
14. If  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{c} \times \vec{d}$  and  $\vec{a} \times \vec{c} = \vec{b} \times \vec{d}$ , then  
 (a)  $(\vec{a} - \vec{d}) = \lambda(\vec{b} - \vec{c})$  (b)  $(\vec{a} - \vec{d}) = \lambda(\vec{b} + \vec{c})$   
 (c)  $(\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = \lambda(\vec{c} + \vec{d})$  (d) None of these
15. If  $\vec{u} = \vec{a} - \vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{v} = \vec{a} + \vec{b}$  and  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = 2$ , then  $|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}|$  is  
 (a)  $2\sqrt{16 - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})^2}$  (b)  $2\sqrt{4 - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})^2}$   
 (c)  $\sqrt{16 - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})^2}$  (d)  $\sqrt{4 - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})^2}$
16. Let  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c}$  be a unit vector  $\perp$  to  $\vec{a}$  and coplanar with  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ , then it is given by  
 (a)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k})$  (b)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{i} + \hat{j})$   
 (c)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$  (d)  $\frac{1}{2}(\hat{j} - \hat{k})$
17. If the vectors  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + a\hat{j} + a^2\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + b\hat{j} + b^2\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} + c\hat{j} + c^2\hat{k}$  are three non-coplanar vectors and  $\begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & 1+a^3 \\ b & b^2 & 1+b^3 \\ c & c^2 & 1+c^3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then the value of  $abc$  is  
 (a) 0 (b) 1  
 (c) 2 (d) -1
18. For any three vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ ,  $(\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \times \vec{a}$  equals  
 (a)  $(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{c} - (\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{a}$  (b)  $(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{c} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{b}$   
 (c)  $(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{c} - (\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a})\vec{b}$  (d) None of these
19. Let  $\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$  be three non-zero vectors such that  $\vec{c}$  is a unit vector  $\perp$  to both  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ . If the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is  $\frac{\pi}{6}$ , then  $\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}^2$  is equal to  
 (a) 0 (b) 1  
 (c)  $\frac{1}{4}|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|^2$  (d)  $\frac{3}{4}|\vec{a}|^2 |\vec{b}|^2$
20. For any three vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  the value of  $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) + \vec{b} \times (\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) + \vec{c} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$  is  
 (a)  $\vec{0}$  (b)  $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$   
 (c)  $3[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$  (d)  $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$
21. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are vectors such that  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$  and  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} = \vec{c}$ , then  
 (a)  $|\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2 = |\vec{c}|^2$  (b)  $|\vec{a}|^2 = |\vec{b}|^2 + |\vec{c}|^2$   
 (c)  $|\vec{b}|^2 = |\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{c}|^2$  (d) None of these
22. The scalar  $\vec{a} \cdot \{(\vec{b} + \vec{a}) \times (\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c})\}$  equals  
 (a) 0 (b)  $2[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$   
 (c)  $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$  (d) None of these
23.  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{c}) \cdot \vec{d}$  equals to  
 (a)  $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}](\vec{b} \cdot \vec{d})$  (b)  $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}](\vec{a} \cdot \vec{d})$   
 (c)  $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}](\vec{c} \cdot \vec{d})$  (d) None of these
24. If  $\vec{a}$  is a vector of magnitude 50 collinear with the vector  $\vec{b} = 6\hat{i} - 8\hat{j} - \frac{15}{2}\hat{k}$  and makes an acute angle with the positive direction of z-axis, then  $\vec{a}$  is  
 (a)  $24\hat{i} - 32\hat{j} - 30\hat{k}$  (b)  $-24\hat{i} + 32\hat{j} + 30\hat{k}$   
 (c)  $12\hat{i} - 16\hat{j} - 15\hat{k}$  (d) None of these
25. The projection of the vectors  $\vec{a} = 4\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  on the axis making equal acute angles with the coordinate axes is  
 (a) 3 (b)  $\sqrt{3}$   
 (c)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$  (d) None of these
26. If forces of magnitudes 6 and 7 units acting in the directions  $\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$  respectively act on a particle which is displaced from the point  $P(2, -1, -3)$  to  $Q(5, -1, 1)$ , then the work done by the forces is  
 (a) 4 units (b) -4 units  
 (c) 7 units (d) -7 units
27. If  $\vec{a} = -2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 5\hat{j}$  and  $\vec{c} = 4\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ , then projection of  $3\vec{a} - 2\vec{b}$  on the axis of the vector  $\vec{c}$  is  
 (a) 11 (b) -11  
 (c) -12 (d) -33

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28. If the force represented by  $3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  is acting through the point  $5\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ , then its moment about the point  $(1, 3, 1)$  is  
 (a)  $14\hat{i} - 8\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}$  (b)  $-14\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}$   
 (c)  $42\hat{i} + 144\hat{j} - 24\hat{k}$  (d) None of these
29. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are three non-zero vectors such that  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = \vec{0}$  and  $m = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}$ , then  
 (a)  $m < 0$  (b)  $m > 0$   
 (c)  $m = 0$  (d)  $m = 3$
30. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  non-coplanar unit vectors such that  $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \frac{\vec{b} + \vec{c}}{\sqrt{2}}$ , then the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is  
 (a)  $\frac{3\pi}{4}$  (b)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$   
 (c)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  (d)  $\pi$
31. The vector  $\vec{c}$  is perpendicular to the vectors  $\vec{a} = (2 - 3, 1)$ ,  $\vec{b} = (1 - 2, 3)$ , and satisfies the conditions  $\vec{c} \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}) = 10$ . Then,  $\vec{c}$  is  
 (a)  $7\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  (b)  $-7\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - \hat{k}$   
 (c)  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$  (d) None of these
32. If the vectors  $2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ ,  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $x\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  are coplanar, then  $x$  is  
 (a)  $\frac{8}{5}$  (b)  $\frac{5}{8}$   
 (c) 0 (d) 1
33. The value of  $b$  such that the scalar product of the vector  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  with the unit vector parallel to the sum of the vectors  $2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$  and  $b\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  is one, is  
 (a)  $-2$  (b)  $-1$   
 (c) 0 (d) 1
34. Let  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  be three vectors. A vector in the plane of  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  whose projection on  $\vec{a}$  is of magnitude  $\sqrt{2/3}$  is  
 (a)  $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$   
 (b)  $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$   
 (c)  $-2\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$   
 (d)  $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$
35. A unit vector perpendicular to  $4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and  $-2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  is  
 (a)  $\frac{1}{3}(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$  (b)  $\frac{1}{3}(-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$   
 (c)  $\frac{1}{3}(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$  (d)  $\frac{1}{3}(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$
36. Given that  $\vec{a} = (1, 1, 1)$ ,  $\vec{c} = (0, 1, -1)$  and  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 3$ . If  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{c}$ , then  $\vec{b}$  is  
 (a)  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$  (b)  $\left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{4}{3}\right)$   
 (c)  $\left(\frac{5}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right)$  (d) None of these
37. If  $|\vec{a}| = 4$ ,  $|\vec{b}| = 4$  and  $|\vec{c}| = 5$  such that  $\vec{a} \perp (\vec{b} + \vec{c})$ ,  $\vec{b} \perp (\vec{c} + \vec{a})$  and  $\vec{c} \perp (\vec{a} + \vec{b})$ , then  $|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}|$  is  
 (a)  $-7$  (b) 5  
 (c)  $-13$  (d)  $\sqrt{57}$
38. The number of vectors of unit length perpendicular to vectors  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j}$  and  $\vec{b} = \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  is  
 (a) one (b) two  
 (c) three (d) None
39. If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  represent the sides  $\overline{AB}$  and  $\overline{BC}$  of a regular hexagon  $ABCDEF$ , then  $\overline{FA}$  is  
 (a)  $\vec{b} - \vec{a}$  (b)  $\vec{a} - \vec{b}$   
 (c)  $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$  (d) None of these
40. Let  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  be three vectors ( $\neq 0$ ), no two of which are collinear. If  $\vec{a} + 2\vec{b}$  is collinear with  $\vec{c}$ ,  $\vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$  is collinear with  $\vec{a}$  then  $\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} + 6\vec{c}$  is  
 (a) parallel to  $\vec{a}$  (b) parallel to  $\vec{b}$   
 (c) parallel to  $\vec{c}$  (d) 0
41. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are three non-zero vectors, no two of which are collinear and the vector  $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$  is collinear with  $\vec{c}$ ,  $\vec{b} + \vec{c}$  is collinear with  $\vec{a}$ , then  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$  is equal to  
 (a)  $\vec{a}$  (b)  $\vec{b}$   
 (c)  $\vec{c}$  (d) 0
42. The point with position vectors  $10\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$ ,  $12\hat{i} - 5\hat{j}$  and  $a\hat{i} + 11\hat{j}$  are collinear if  $a$  equals  
 (a)  $-8$  (b) 4  
 (c) 8 (d) 12
43. If G is the centroid of a triangle ABC, then  $\overline{GA} + \overline{GB} + \overline{GC}$  equals  
 (a)  $\vec{0}$  (b)  $3\overline{GA}$   
 (c)  $3\overline{GB}$  (d)  $3\overline{GC}$

44. If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are position vectors of  $A$  and  $B$  respectively the position vector of a point  $C$  on  $AB$  produced such that  $\overline{AC} = 3\overline{AB}$  is
- (a)  $3\vec{a} - \vec{b}$  (b)  $3\vec{b} - \vec{a}$   
 (c)  $3\vec{a} - 2\vec{b}$  (d)  $3\vec{b} - 2\vec{a}$
45. Find the horizontal force and a force inclined at an angle of  $60^\circ$  with the vertical so that the resultant is a vertical force of  $P$  kg wt,
- (a)  $P, 2P$  (b)  $P, P\sqrt{3}$   
 (c)  $P\sqrt{3}, 2P$  (d) None of these
46. If the resultant of two forces is of magnitude  $P$  and equal to one of them and perpendicular to it, then the other force is
- (a)  $P$  (b)  $P\sqrt{3}$   
 (c)  $P\sqrt{2}$  (d)  $2P\sqrt{3}$
47. The position vectors of the points  $A$  and  $B$  with respect to an origin are  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  respectively. If  $P$  is point on  $AB$ , then vector  $\overline{OP}$  which bisects  $\angle AOB$  is
- (a)  $2(-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$  (b)  $2(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k})$   
 (c)  $2(\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k})$  (d)  $2(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$
48. If  $\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} + 3\vec{c} = \vec{0}$ , then  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{b} \times \vec{c} + \vec{c} \times \vec{a}$  is equal to
- (a)  $6(\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$  (b)  $2(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$   
 (c)  $3(\vec{c} \times \vec{a})$  (d) All are correct
49. The vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are equal in length and taken pairwise they make equal angles. If  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j}, \vec{b} = \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c}$  makes obtuse angle with  $X$ -axis, then  $\vec{c}$  is
- (a)  $-1, 4, -1$  (b)  $1, 0, 1$   
 (c)  $-1/3, 4/3, -1/3$  (d)  $1/3, -4/3, 1/3$
50. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are three mutually perpendicular vectors of equal magnitude, then the angle  $\theta$  which  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$  makes with any one of three given vectors is given by
- (a)  $\cos^{-1}(1/\sqrt{3})$  (b)  $\cos^{-1}(1/3)$   
 (c)  $\cos^{-1}(2/\sqrt{3})$  (d) None of these
51. Let  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}$  be such that  $|\vec{u}| = 1, |\vec{v}| = 2$  and  $|\vec{w}| = 3$ . If the projection of  $\vec{v}$  along  $\vec{u}$  is equal to that of  $\vec{w}$  along  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}, \vec{w}$  are perpendicular to each other, then  $|\vec{u} - \vec{v} + \vec{w}|$  is
- (a)  $-2$  (b)  $\sqrt{7}$   
 (c)  $\sqrt{14}$  (d)  $14$
52. The vectors  $2\hat{i} - m\hat{j} + 3m\hat{k}$  and  $(1+m)\hat{i} - 2m\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  include an acute angle for
- (a) all values of  $m$  (b)  $m < -2$   
 (c)  $m > \frac{1}{2}$  (d)  $m \in \left[-2, -\frac{1}{2}\right]$
53. A vector  $\vec{a}$  has components  $2p$  and  $1$  with respect to a rectangular cartesian system. This system is rotated through a certain angle about the origin in the counter-clockwise sense. If with respect to new system,  $\vec{a}$  has components  $p+1$  and  $1$ , then
- (a)  $p = 0$  (b)  $p = 1$  or  $p = -\frac{1}{3}$   
 (c)  $p = -1$  or  $p = \frac{1}{3}$  (d)  $p = 1$  or  $p = -1$
54. The vector  $\vec{a} + 3\vec{b}$  is perpendicular to  $7\vec{a} - 5\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{a} - 5\vec{b}$  is perpendicular to  $7\vec{a} + 3\vec{a}$ . The angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is
- (a)  $\pi/4$  (b)  $\pi/6$   
 (c)  $\pi/2$  (d) None of these
55. The position vectors of four points  $A, B, C, D$  lying in a plane are  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}, \vec{d}$  respectively. They satisfy the relation  $|\vec{a} - \vec{d}| = |\vec{b} - \vec{d}| = |\vec{c} - \vec{d}|$ , then the point  $D$  is
- (a) centroid of  $\Delta ABC$  (b) circumcentre of  $\Delta ABC$   
 (c) orthocentre of  $\Delta ABC$  (d) incentre of  $\Delta ABC$
56. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}, \vec{d}$  are position vectors of point  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  respectively such that :  
 $(\vec{a} - \vec{d}) \cdot (\vec{b} - \vec{c}) = (\vec{b} - \vec{d}) \cdot (\vec{c} - \vec{a}) = 0$ , then  $D$  is the
- (a) centroid of  $\Delta ABC$  (b) circumcentre of  $\Delta ABC$   
 (c) orthocentre of  $\Delta ABC$  (d) None of these
57. The vectors  $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = -\hat{i} - 2\hat{k}$  are adjacent sides of parallelogram, then angle between its diagonals is
- (a)  $\pi/4$  (b)  $\pi/3$   
 (c)  $3\pi/4$  (d)  $2\pi/3$
58. The resultant of two forces  $PN$  and  $3N$  is a force of  $7N$ . If the direction of  $3N$  force were reversed, the resultant would be  $\sqrt{19}N$ . The value of  $P$  is
- (a)  $5N$  (b)  $6N$   
 (c)  $3N$  (d)  $4N$
59. Let  $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ . If  $\vec{c}$  is a unit vector, then the maximum value of  $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$  is
- (a)  $\sqrt{59}$  (b)  $\sqrt{61}$   
 (c)  $\sqrt{108}$  (d) None of these
60. Let  $\vec{b} = -\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}, \vec{c} = 2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} - 10\hat{k}$ . If  $\vec{a}$  be a unit vector and the scalar triple product  $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$  has the

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greatest value, then  $\vec{a}$  is

- (a)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$  (b)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(\sqrt{2}\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \sqrt{2}\hat{k})$   
 (c)  $\frac{1}{3}(2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$  (d)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} - \hat{k})$

61. The vector moment of three forces  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ ,  $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  and  $-\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}$  acting on a particle at a point  $P(0, 1, 2)$  about the point  $A(1, -2, 0)$  is

- (a)  $-2(4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$  (b)  $4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$   
 (c)  $7\hat{i} + 2\hat{k}$  (d) None of these

62. What is the area of the parallelogram having diagonals  $3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  and  $\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ ? [NDA-I 2016]

- (a)  $5\sqrt{2}$  sq. units (b)  $4\sqrt{5}$  sq. units  
 (c)  $5\sqrt{3}$  sq. units (d)  $15\sqrt{2}$  sq. units

63. If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are unit vectors and  $\theta$  is the angle between them, then  $\left| \frac{\vec{a} - \vec{b}}{2} \right|$  is [NDA-I 2016]

- (a)  $\sin \frac{\theta}{2}$  (b)  $\sin \theta$   
 (c)  $2 \sin \theta$  (d)  $\sin 2\theta$

64. If  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are the position vectors of the vertices of an equilateral triangle whose orthocentre is at the origin, then which one of the following is correct? [NDA-I 2016]

- (a)  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = \vec{0}$  (b)  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = \text{unit vector}$   
 (c)  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} = \vec{c}$  (d)  $\vec{a} = \vec{b} + \vec{c}$

65. If  $C$  is the middle point of  $AB$  and  $P$  is any point outside  $AB$ , then

- (a)  $\vec{PA} + \vec{PB} = \vec{PC}$  (b)  $\vec{PA} + \vec{PB} = 2\vec{PC}$   
 (c)  $\vec{PA} + \vec{PB} + \vec{PC} = \vec{0}$  (d)  $\vec{PA} + \vec{PB} + 2\vec{PC} = \vec{0}$

66. If  $\hat{a}$  and  $\hat{b}$  are the two unit vectors and  $\theta$  be the angle between them, then what is  $\cos \frac{\theta}{2}$  equal to [NDA-I 2016]

- (a)  $\frac{|\hat{a} - \hat{b}|}{2}$  (b)  $\frac{|\hat{a} + \hat{b}|}{2}$   
 (c)  $\frac{|\hat{a} - \hat{b}|}{4}$  (d)  $\frac{|\hat{a} + \hat{b}|}{4}$

67. If  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = \vec{0}$ ,  $|\vec{a}| = 3$ ,  $|\vec{b}| = 5$ ,  $|\vec{c}| = 7$ , then the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is [NDA-II 2016]

- (a)  $\frac{\pi}{6}$  (b)  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$

- (c)  $\frac{5\pi}{3}$  (d)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$

68. If  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{c}$  are three vectors such that  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = \vec{0}$  and  $|\vec{a}| = 2$ ,  $|\vec{b}| = 3$ ,  $|\vec{c}| = 4$ , then the value of

$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}$  is equal to [NDA-II 2016]

- (a) 29 (b) -29  
 (c)  $\frac{29}{2}$  (d)  $-\frac{29}{2}$

69. A force  $\vec{F} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$  is applied at the point  $(1, -1, 2)$ . What is the moment of the force about the point  $(2, -1, 3)$ ? [NDA-II 2016]

- (a)  $\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  (b)  $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$   
 (c)  $2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  (d)  $2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - \hat{k}$

**Directions (Q. Nos. 70 and 71) :**

Let  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j}$ ,  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = \vec{c} + \vec{d}$ , where  $\vec{c}$  is parallel to  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{d}$  is perpendicular to  $\vec{a}$ .

70. What is  $\vec{c}$  is equal to? [NDA-II 2016]

- (a)  $\frac{3(\hat{i} + \hat{j})}{2}$  (b)  $\frac{2(\hat{i} + \hat{j})}{3}$   
 (c)  $\frac{(\hat{i} + \hat{j})}{3}$  (d)  $\frac{(\hat{i} + \hat{j})}{2}$

71. If  $\vec{d} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$ , then which of the following equation is/are correct? [NDA-II 2016]

1.  $y - x = 4$  2.  $2z - 3 = 0$

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2  
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

72. If in right angled triangle  $ABC$ , the hypotenuse  $AB = p$ , then  $\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{AC} + \vec{BC} \cdot \vec{BA} + \vec{CA} \cdot \vec{CB}$  is equal to [NDA-II 2016]

- (a)  $2p^2$  (b)  $p^2/2$   
 (c)  $p^2$  (d)  $p$

73. Let  $ABCD$  be a parallelogram whose diagonals intersect at  $P$  and let  $O$  be the origin, then  $\vec{OA} + \vec{OB} + \vec{OC} + \vec{OD}$  equals [NDA-I 2017]

- (a)  $\vec{OP}$  (b)  $2\vec{OP}$   
 (c)  $3\vec{OP}$  (d)  $4\vec{OP}$

74. If  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \lambda\hat{k}$  are perpendicular, then what is the value of  $\lambda$ ? [NDA-I 2017]

- (a) 2 (b) 3  
 (c) 4 (d) 5

75.  $ABCD$  is a quadrilateral whose diagonals are  $AC$  and  $BD$ . Which one of the following is correct?

[NDA-I 2017]

(a)  $\overline{BA} + \overline{CD} = \overline{AC} + \overline{DB}$  (b)  $\overline{BA} + \overline{CD} = \overline{BD} + \overline{CA}$

(c)  $\overline{BA} + \overline{CD} = \overline{AC} + \overline{BD}$  (d)  $\overline{BA} + \overline{CD} = \overline{BC} + \overline{AD}$

76. If  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{c}$  and  $\vec{b} \times \vec{c} = \vec{a}$ , then which one of the following is correct? [NDA-I 2017]

(a)  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are orthogonal in pairs and  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{c}|$  and  $|\vec{b}| = 1$

(b)  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are non-orthogonal to each other

(c)  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are orthogonal in pairs but  $|\vec{a}| \neq |\vec{c}|$

(d)  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are orthogonal in pairs but  $|\vec{b}| \neq 1$

77. If  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} + m\hat{j} + n\hat{k}$  are three coplanar vectors and  $|\vec{c}| = \sqrt{6}$ , then which one of the following is correct? [NDA-I 2017]

(a)  $m = 2$  and  $n = \pm 1$

(b)  $m = \pm 2$  and  $n = -1$

(c)  $m = 2$  and  $n = -1$

(d)  $m = \pm 2$  and  $n = 1$

78. For any vector  $\vec{a}$ ,  $|\vec{a} \times \hat{i}|^2 + |\vec{a} \times \hat{j}|^2 + |\vec{a} \times \hat{k}|^2$  is equal to

[NDA-II 2017]

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

(c)  $3|\vec{a}|^2$  (d)  $4|\vec{a}|^2$

79. If  $\hat{a}$  and  $\hat{b}$  are two unit vectors, then the vector  $(\hat{a} + \hat{b}) \times (\hat{a} \times \hat{b})$  is parallel to [NDA-II 2017]

(a)  $(\hat{a} - \hat{b})$  (b)  $(\hat{a} + \hat{b})$

(c)  $(2\hat{a} - \hat{b})$  (d)  $(2\hat{a} + \hat{b})$

80. Let  $\vec{\alpha} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{\beta} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{\gamma} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$  be three vectors. If  $\vec{\alpha}$  and  $\vec{\beta}$  are both perpendicular to the vector  $\vec{\delta}$  and  $\vec{\delta} \cdot \vec{\gamma} = 10$ , then what is the magnitude of  $\vec{\delta}$ ? [NDA-II 2017]

(a)  $\sqrt{3}$  units (b)  $2\sqrt{3}$  units

(c)  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$  units (d)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$  units

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1.	(b)	2.	(d)	3.	(b)	4.	(c)	5.	(b)	6.	(c)	7.	(d)	8.	(b)	9.	(c)	10.	(c)
11.	(c)	12.	(a)	13.	(a)	14.	(a)	15.	(a)	16.	(a)	17.	(d)	18.	(b)	19.	(c)	20.	(a)
21.	(a)	22.	(c)	23.	(b)	24.	(b)	25.	(b)	26.	(a)	27.	(b)	28.	(a)	29.	(a)	30.	(a)
31.	(a)	32.	(a)	33.	(d)	34.	(a)	35.	(b)	36.	(c)	37.	(d)	38.	(b)	39.	(b)	40.	(d)
41.	(d)	42.	(c)	43.	(a)	44.	(b)	45.	(c)	46.	(c)	47.	(c)	48.	(d)	49.	(c)	50.	(c)
51.	(c)	52.	(b)	53.	(b)	54.	(c)	55.	(b)	56.	(c)	57.	(a)	58.	(a)	59.	(b)	60.	(c)
61.	(a)	62.	(c)	63.	(a)	64.	(a)	65.	(a)	66.	(b)	67.	(d)	68.	(d)	69.	(c)	70.	(a)
71.	(d)	72.	(c)	73.	(d)	74.	(b)	75.	(b)	76.	(a)	77.	(d)	78.	(b)	79.	(a)	80.	(b)

## Explanations

1. (b)  $\because$  Diagonals of the rhombus bisect each other.

$$\text{So, } \overline{OA} = -\overline{OC} \text{ and } \overline{OB} = -\overline{OD}$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{OA} + \overline{OB} + \overline{OC} + \overline{OD} = \vec{0}$$

2. (d)  $\overline{OA} = \vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$ ,  $\overline{OB} = -2\vec{a} + 3\vec{b} - 4\vec{c}$ ,

$$\overline{OC} = \vec{a} - 3\vec{b} + 5\vec{c} \text{ are coplanar.}$$

So, scalar triple product = 0

$$[\overline{OA} \overline{OB} \overline{OC}] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \lambda & 3 \\ -2 & 3 & -4 \\ 1 & -3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (15 - 12) - \lambda(-10 + 4) + 3(6 - 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 + 6\lambda + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow 6\lambda = -12$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = -2$$

3. (b)  $\overline{AO} + \overline{OB} = \overline{BO} + \overline{OC}$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{AB} = \overline{BC}$$

This is the condition of collinear.

4. (c)  $\because \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow ab \cos \theta \geq 0 \Rightarrow \cos \theta \geq 0$$

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

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

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{ab} = \frac{4 - 3 - 1}{\sqrt{4+9+1}\sqrt{4+1+1}}$$

$$\cos \theta = 0 = \cos 90^\circ \Rightarrow \theta = 90^\circ = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

6. (c)  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = |\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = 1$

$$\text{Then, } |\vec{a} + \vec{b}|^2 + |\vec{a} - \vec{b}|^2 = 2(a^2 + b^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + |\vec{a} - \vec{b}|^2 = 2(1+1)$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a} - \vec{b}|^2 = 4 - 1 = 3 \Rightarrow |\vec{a} - \vec{b}| = \sqrt{3}$$

7. (d)  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = |\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = 1$

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

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

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

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

8. (b)  $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \perp (\vec{a} - \vec{b})$

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

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

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

9. (c)  $\vec{AB} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{AB}| = \sqrt{9+4+1} = \sqrt{14};$$

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

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{BC}| = \sqrt{1+9+25} = \sqrt{35}$$

$$\text{and } \vec{CA} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{CA}| = \sqrt{4+1+16} = \sqrt{21}$$

$$\text{So, } |\vec{BC}|^2 = |\vec{BC}|^2 + |\vec{CA}|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Right angled triangle.}$$

10. (c)  $\vec{r} \times \vec{a} = \vec{b} \times \vec{a}$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{r} \times \vec{a}) - (\vec{b} \times \vec{a}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{r} - \vec{b}) \times \vec{a} = 0 \Rightarrow (\vec{r} - \vec{b}) \parallel \vec{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r} - \vec{b} = t\vec{a}, \text{ where } t \text{ is scalar.}$$

$$\text{or } \vec{r} = \vec{b} + t\vec{a} \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{Now, } \vec{r} \cdot \vec{c} = 0 \text{ (given)}$$

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

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

$$t = -\frac{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c}}{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}}$$

Put in eq. (i)

$$\vec{r} = \vec{b} - \left( \frac{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c}}{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}} \right) \vec{a}$$

11. (c)  $2\vec{X} + \vec{Y} = \vec{p}$ ,  $\vec{X} + 2\vec{Y} = \vec{q}$

$$\Rightarrow 2\vec{X} + \vec{Y} = \hat{i} + \hat{j},$$

$$\text{and } \vec{X} + 2\vec{Y} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} \quad \{ \because \vec{p} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} \text{ and } \vec{q} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} \}$$

On solving both equations,

$$-3\vec{Y} = -\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{Y} = \frac{\hat{i}}{3} - \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{X} = (\hat{i} - \hat{j}) - 2\vec{Y}$$

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

$$\vec{X} = \frac{\hat{i}}{3} + \hat{j}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{X} \cdot \vec{Y}}{|\vec{X}| |\vec{Y}|} = \frac{\frac{1}{9} - 1}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{9} + 1} \sqrt{1 + 1}} = \frac{-\frac{8}{9}}{\frac{10}{9}}$$

$$\cos \theta = -\frac{4}{5}$$

12. (a)  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} \Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} - \vec{c}) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \perp (\vec{b} - \vec{c}) \text{ or } \vec{a} = 0 \text{ or } \vec{b} = \vec{c} \quad \dots(i)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \parallel \vec{b} - \vec{c} \text{ or } \vec{a} = 0 \text{ or } \vec{b} = \vec{c} \quad \dots(ii)$$

From eqs. (i) and (ii)

$$\vec{b} = \vec{c} \quad \{ \because \vec{a} \neq 0 \text{ given} \}$$

13. (a)  $\therefore$  Given  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \text{ is } \perp \text{ to both } \vec{b} \text{ and } \vec{c}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \vec{a} = \pm \frac{\vec{b} \times \vec{c}}{|\vec{b} \times \vec{c}|}$$

$$\vec{a} = \pm \frac{\vec{b} \times \vec{c}}{bc \sin \frac{\pi}{6}} = \pm \frac{2(\vec{b} \times \vec{c})}{1}$$

$$\vec{a} = \pm 2(\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$$

14. (a)  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{c} \times \vec{d} \quad \dots(i)$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{c} = \vec{b} \times \vec{d} \quad \dots(ii)$$

From eq. (i) - (ii),

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

$$\text{or } \vec{a} \times (\vec{b} - \vec{c}) - (\vec{c} - \vec{b}) \times \vec{d} = 0$$

$$\text{or } \vec{a} \times (\vec{b} - \vec{c}) + \vec{d} \times (\vec{c} - \vec{b}) = 0$$

$$(\vec{a} - \vec{d}) \times (\vec{b} - \vec{c}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} - \vec{d} \parallel \vec{b} - \vec{c} \text{ or } \vec{a} - \vec{d} = \lambda(\vec{b} - \vec{c})$$

where,  $\lambda$  is any constant.

15. (a)  $\vec{u} = \vec{a} - \vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{v} = \vec{a} + \vec{b}$ ,  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = 2$

$$|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}| = |(\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} + \vec{b})|$$

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

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

$$= 2\sqrt{a^2b^2 - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})^2} = 2\sqrt{16 - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})^2}$$

16. (a)  $\vec{a} = (1, 1, -1)$ ,  $\vec{b} = (1, -1, 1)$

Vector coplanar with  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  and  $\perp$  to  $\vec{a}$  is

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

$$= (1-1-1)(\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) - (\sqrt{1+1+1})^2(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

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

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

$$\text{Unit vector} = \pm \frac{\vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|}$$

$$= \pm \frac{-4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{16+4+4}}$$

$$= \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(-2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k})$$

17. (d)  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{c}$  are non-coplanar, so  $[\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}] \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \Delta \neq 0$$

$$\text{Now, given } \begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & 1+a^3 \\ b & b^2 & 1+b^3 \\ c & c^2 & 1+c^3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & 1 \\ b & b^2 & 1 \\ c & c^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & a^3 \\ b & b^2 & b^3 \\ c & c^2 & c^3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta(1+abc) = 0$$

$$\Delta \neq 0 \Rightarrow 1+abc = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow abc = -1$$

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

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

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

19. (c)  $\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}^2 = [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]^2$

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

$$= a^2b^2 \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{6} \cdot c^2 = \frac{1}{4}|a|^2|b|^2$$

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

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

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

$$= 0$$

21. (a)  $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}|^2 = |\vec{c}|^2$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + 2a^2 \cdot b^2 = c^2$$

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

22. (c)  $\vec{a} \cdot \{(\vec{b} + \vec{a}) \times (\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c})\}$

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

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

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

23. (b)  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{c}) \cdot \vec{d}$

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

$$= \{[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]\vec{a} - [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{a}]\vec{c}\} \cdot \vec{d}$$

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

24. (b)  $\vec{a}$  is collinear with  $\vec{b}$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} = t\vec{b}$$

$$\text{So, } \vec{a} = t\left(6\hat{i} - 8\hat{j} - \frac{15}{2}\hat{k}\right)$$

$$\text{Given, } |\vec{a}| = 50$$

$$\Rightarrow t\sqrt{36 + 64 + \frac{225}{4}} = 50$$

$$t\sqrt{\frac{625}{4}} = 50 \Rightarrow \pm t \frac{25}{2} = 50$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \pm 4 \Rightarrow \vec{a} = \pm 4\left(6\hat{i} - 8\hat{j} - \frac{15}{2}\hat{k}\right)$$

$\therefore \vec{a}$  makes an acute angle with (+) ve direction of Z-axis.

$$\text{i.e., } \vec{a} \cdot \hat{k} > 0 \Rightarrow t = -4$$

$$\text{So, } \vec{a} = -4\left(6\hat{i} - 8\hat{j} - \frac{15}{2}\hat{k}\right)$$

$$\text{or } \vec{a} = -24\hat{i} + 32\hat{j} + 30\hat{k}$$



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25. (b) Direction cosines of a vector making equal angles with coordinate axis are

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \vec{b} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{j} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{k}$$

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

$$\text{Projection of } \vec{a} \text{ on } \vec{b} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|}$$

$$= \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{3}$$

26. (a)  $\vec{F}_1 = 6 \frac{(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})}{\sqrt{1+4+4}} = 2(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$

$$\vec{F}_2 = \frac{7(2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k})}{\sqrt{4+9+36}} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{F} = \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 = 4\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{s} = \overline{OQ} - \overline{OP} = (5\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) - (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$$

$$\vec{s} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$\overline{W} = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{s} \Rightarrow \overline{W} = 12 - 8 = 4 \text{ units.}$$

27. (b)  $\vec{a} = (-2, 1, 1), \vec{b} = (1, 5, 0), \vec{c} = (4, 4, -2)$

$$3\vec{a} - 2\vec{b} = 3(-2, 1, 1) - 2(1, 5, 0)$$

$$= (-8, -7, 3)$$

$$\text{Projection of } (3\vec{a} - 2\vec{b}) \text{ on } \vec{c}$$

$$= \frac{(3\vec{a} - 2\vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c}}{|\vec{c}|} = \frac{-32 - 28 - 6}{\sqrt{16+16+4}}$$

$$= \frac{-66}{6} = -11$$

28. (a)  $\vec{F} = 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{r} = \overline{OP}$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r} = (5\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k} - \hat{i} - 3\hat{i} - \hat{k})$$

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

$$\vec{M} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 4 & 1 & -4 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 14\hat{i} - 8\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}$$

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow m = -\frac{1}{2}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \Rightarrow m < 0$$

30. (a)  $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \frac{\vec{b} + \vec{c}}{\sqrt{2}}$

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

On equating,

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ and } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \cos 135^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 135^\circ = \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

31. (a)  $\vec{c} \perp \vec{a}$  and  $\vec{c} \perp \vec{b} \Rightarrow \vec{c} = \lambda(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$

$$\vec{c} = \lambda \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\vec{c} = \lambda(-7\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - \hat{k})$$

$$\text{Now, } \vec{c} \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}) = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = -1$$

$$\text{So, } \vec{c} = 7\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

32. (a)  $(2, -3, 4), (1, 2, -1), (x, -1, 2)$  are coplanar.

$$\text{So, } \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ x & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(4 - 1) + 3(2 + x) + 4(-1 - 2x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 6 + 6 + 3x - 4 - 8x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{8}{5}$$

33. (d) Unit vector  $\parallel$  to the sum of  $2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$  and

$$b\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} \text{ is}$$

$$\vec{r} = \frac{(2+b)\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{(2+b)^2 + 36 + 4}}$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 1 \text{ (given)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (2+b) + 6 - 2 = \sqrt{(2+b)^2 + 40}$$

$$\Rightarrow (2+b)^2 + 16 + 8(2+b) = (2+b)^2 + 40$$

$$\Rightarrow 8b = 40 - 16 - 16 = 40 - 32$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 1$$

34. (a)  $\vec{a} = (2, -1, 1), \vec{b} = (1, 2, -1), \vec{c} = (1, 1, -2)$

Vector in the plane of  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$ ,

$$\vec{r} = m\vec{b} + \vec{c}$$

$$\vec{r} = (m+1, 2m+1, -m-2)$$

$$\text{Projection of } \vec{r} \text{ on } \vec{a} = \frac{\vec{r} \cdot \vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$$

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

$$2m + 2 - 2m - 1 - m - 2 = \pm 2$$

$$-m - 1 = \pm 2$$

$$\Rightarrow m = -3 \text{ or } 1$$

$$\text{So, } \vec{r} = (-2, -5, -3) \quad \{\text{For } m = -3\}$$

$$\vec{r} = (2, 3, -3) \text{ for } m = 1$$

$$\text{So, } \vec{r} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

35. (b) Unit vector  $\perp$  to  $\vec{a} = 4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = -2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$

$$\vec{r} = \frac{\vec{a} \times \vec{b}}{|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|}$$

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

$$\vec{r} = \frac{-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{1+4+4}} = \frac{1}{3}(-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

36. (c) Let  $\vec{b} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 3 \Rightarrow x + y + z = 3 \quad \dots(i)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \hat{i}(z - y) + \hat{j}(x - z) + \hat{k}(y - x) = (0, 1, -1)$$

$$\Rightarrow z = y, x = 1 + z, y = -1 + x$$

$$\Rightarrow y = z \text{ and } x = 1 + z \quad \text{Put in eq. (i)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + z + z + z + 3 \Rightarrow z = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$y = \frac{2}{3} \text{ and } x = \frac{5}{3}$$

37. (d)  $|\vec{a}| = 4, |\vec{b}| = 4, |\vec{c}| = 5$

$$\because \vec{a} \perp (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) \Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = 0;$$

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

$$\text{and } \vec{c} \perp (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \Rightarrow \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

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

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

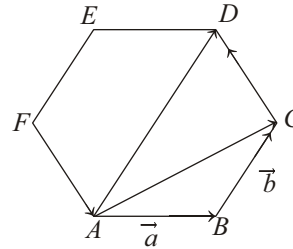
$$= 16 + 16 + 25 + 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}| = \sqrt{57}$$

38. (b) Unit vector  $\perp$  to  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  both is  $\pm \frac{\vec{a} \times \vec{b}}{|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|}$ .

So, there can be at most two unit vectors  $\perp$  to  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .

39. (b) From diagram



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

$$\text{and } \vec{AD} = 2\vec{BC} = 2\vec{b}$$

$$\text{then } \vec{AC} + \vec{CD} = \vec{AD}$$

$$\text{or } \vec{CD} = \vec{AD} - \vec{AC} = \vec{b} - \vec{a}$$

$$\text{then } \vec{FA} = -\vec{CD} = \vec{a} - \vec{b}$$

40. (d)  $\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} = x\vec{c} \Rightarrow \vec{a} + 2\vec{b} + 6\vec{c} = (x+6)\vec{c} \quad \dots(i)$

$$\vec{b} + 3\vec{c} = y\vec{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} + 2\vec{b} + 6\vec{c} = (2y+1)\vec{a} \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$\text{Hence, } (x+6)\vec{c} = (2y+1)\vec{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \text{ and } \vec{c} \text{ are collinear}$$

but given  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are non-collinear.

$$\text{So, } x + 6 = 0 \text{ and } 2y + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -6 \text{ and } y = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{So, from eq. (i), } \vec{a} + 2\vec{b} + 6\vec{c} = \vec{0}$$

41. (d)  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} = x\vec{c} \Rightarrow \vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = (x+1)\vec{c} \quad \dots(i)$

$$\vec{b} + \vec{c} = y\vec{a} \Rightarrow \vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = (y+1)\vec{a} \quad \dots(ii)$$

From eqs. (i) and (ii),

$$(x+1)\vec{c} = (y+1)\vec{a}$$

$\Rightarrow \vec{a}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are collinear but given  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are non-collinear.

$$\text{So, } x + 1 = 0 \text{ and } y + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1 \text{ and } y = -1$$

So, from eq. (i),

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

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

42. (c) Let  $\vec{OA} = 10\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}, \vec{OB} = 12\hat{i} - 5\hat{j}$  and

$$\vec{OC} = a\hat{i} + 11\hat{j}$$

$$\text{Then, } \vec{AB} = \vec{OB} - \vec{OA} = 2\hat{i} - 8\hat{j}$$

$$\text{and } \vec{AC} = \vec{OC} - \vec{OA} = (a-10)\hat{i} + 8\hat{j}$$

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$$\text{Then, } 2\hat{i} - 8\hat{j} = -1\{-(a-10)\hat{i} - 8\hat{j}\}$$

{ $\because$  Points are collinear.}

$$\text{or } 2 = -(a-10) \text{ or } a = 8$$

43. (a) Let  $\overline{OA} = \vec{a}$ ,  $\overline{OB} = \vec{b}$  and  $\overline{OC} = \vec{c}$ ,

then position vector of centroid

$$\overline{OG} = \frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}}{3}$$

$$\text{So, } \overline{GA} = \overline{OA} - \overline{OG} = \frac{2\vec{a} - \vec{b} - \vec{c}}{3}$$

$$\overline{GB} = \overline{OB} - \overline{OG} = \frac{2\vec{b} - \vec{a} - \vec{c}}{3}$$

$$\overline{GC} = \overline{OC} - \overline{OG} = \frac{2\vec{c} - \vec{a} - \vec{b}}{3}$$

$$\text{Then, } \overline{GA} + \overline{GB} + \overline{GC} = \vec{0}$$

44. (b) Let  $\overline{OA} = \vec{a}$ ,  $\overline{OB} = \vec{b}$  and  $\overline{OC} = \vec{c}$

$$\text{Given } \overline{AC} = 3\overline{AB} \Rightarrow \vec{c} - \vec{a} = 3(\vec{b} - \vec{a})$$

$$\text{or } \vec{c} = 3\vec{b} - 2\vec{a}$$

45. (c) Let the horizontal force be  $F_1\hat{i}$  and  $F_2$  be the force inclined at an angle  $60^\circ$  with the vertical so it will makes  $90^\circ + 60^\circ = 150^\circ$  angle with horizontal.

$$\text{So, } \vec{F}_2 = F_2 \cos 150^\circ \hat{i} + F_2 \sin 150^\circ \hat{j}$$

$$\text{then } \vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2 = P\hat{j}$$

$$\text{or } F_1\hat{i} + F_2 \cos 150^\circ \hat{i} + F_2 \sin 150^\circ \hat{j} = P\hat{j}$$

$$\left( F_1 - F_2 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \hat{i} + \frac{F_2}{2} \hat{j} = P\hat{j}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{F_2}{2} = P \text{ or } F_2 = 2P$$

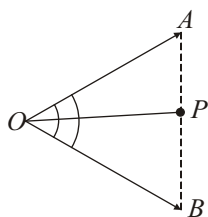
$$\text{and } F_1 - \frac{F_2\sqrt{3}}{2} = 0 \text{ or } F_1 = P\sqrt{3}$$

46. (c) Let the force  $P$  be long  $\hat{i}$ , equal to magnitude of resultant force ( $P$ ) and perpendicular to it, i.e., resultant is along  $\hat{j}$  and let other force be  $\vec{Q}$

$$P\hat{i} + \vec{Q} = P\hat{j} \Rightarrow \vec{Q} = -P\hat{i} + P\hat{j}$$

$$\text{or } |\vec{Q}| = \sqrt{P^2 + P^2} = P\sqrt{2}$$

47. (c)  $\overline{OA} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  and  $\overline{OB} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$



Given,  $\overline{OP}$  bisects  $\angle AOB$

$$\therefore |\overline{OA}| = |\overline{OB}| = \sqrt{14}$$

and  $\angle AOP = \angle BOP$

and  $OP$  is common.

$\therefore P$  divides the line  $AB$  in  $1 : 1$ .

$$\text{So, } \overline{OP} = \frac{\overline{OA} + \overline{OB}}{1+1} = \frac{4\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}}{2} = 2(\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k})$$

48. (d)  $\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} + 3\vec{c} = 0$  ... (i)

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

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

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

$$\text{or } \vec{c} \times \vec{a} = 2(\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$$

$$\text{So, } \vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{b} \times \vec{c} + \vec{c} \times \vec{a}$$

$$= -3(\vec{c} \times \vec{b}) + \vec{b} \times \vec{c} + 2(\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = 6(\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$$

$$\text{or } \vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{b} \times \vec{c} + \vec{c} \times \vec{a}$$

$$= (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) + \frac{1}{3}(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) + \frac{2}{3}(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = 2(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$$

So, all are correct.

49. (c) Let  $\vec{c} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j}$  and  $\vec{b} = \hat{j} + \hat{k}$

$$\text{Then, given } |\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = |\vec{c}|$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2$$
 ... (i)

$\therefore \vec{c}$  makes an obtuse angle with  $X$ -axis.

$$\text{So, } \vec{c} \cdot \hat{i} < 0 \Rightarrow x < 0$$
 ... (ii)

$\therefore \vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  taken pairwise makes equal angle.

$$\text{So, } \cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}||\vec{b}|} = \frac{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c}}{|\vec{b}||\vec{c}|} = \frac{\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}}{|\vec{c}||\vec{a}|}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{y+z}{2} = \frac{x+y}{2}$$

$$\text{or } y+z = 1 \text{ and } x+y = 1$$

$$\text{or } x = z \text{ and } y = 1 - x$$

$$\text{From eq. (i), } x^2 + (1-x)^2 + x^2 = 2$$

$$\text{or } 3x^2 - 2x - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1 \text{ or } x = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{So, } x = -\frac{1}{3}$$
 {From eq. (ii)}

$$\text{So, } x = -\frac{1}{3}, y = \frac{4}{3} \text{ and } z = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{So, } \vec{c} = -\frac{1}{3}\hat{i} + \frac{4}{3}\hat{j} - \frac{1}{3}\hat{k}$$

50. (c) Given,  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$

$$\text{and let } |\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = |\vec{c}| = p$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } \cos \theta &= \frac{\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c})}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}|} \\ &= \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a}}{p \cdot \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a})}} \\ &= \frac{p^2}{p \cdot p\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{aligned}$$

51. (c) Given  $\frac{\vec{v} \cdot \vec{u}}{|\vec{u}|} = \frac{\vec{w} \cdot \vec{u}}{|\vec{u}|}$  and  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow (\vec{v} - \vec{w}) \cdot \vec{u} = 0$  ... (i)

Now,  $\vec{u} - \vec{v} + \vec{w} = \vec{u} - (\vec{v} - \vec{w})$   
 $\therefore |\vec{u} - \vec{v} + \vec{w}|^2 = |\vec{u} - (\vec{v} - \vec{w})|^2$   
 $= |\vec{u}|^2 + |\vec{v} - \vec{w}|^2 - 2\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} - \vec{w})$   
 $= u^2 + v^2 + w^2 - 2\vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} - 0 = 1 + 4 + 9 - 2(0) = 14$   
 So,  $|\vec{u} - \vec{v} + \vec{w}| = \sqrt{14}$

52. (b)  $(2\hat{i} - m\hat{j} + 3m\hat{k}) \cdot \{(1+m)\hat{i} - 2m\hat{j} + \hat{k}\} > 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 2 + 2m + 2m^2 + 3m > 0$   
 or  $2m^2 + 3m + 2 > 0$   
 or  $(2m+1)(m+2) > 0$   
 or  $m < -2$  or  $m > -\frac{1}{2}$

53. (b) Let  $\vec{a} = 2p\hat{i} + \hat{j}$   
 Let  $\vec{b}$  be the vector on rotation, then  $\vec{b} = (p+1)\hat{i} + \hat{j}$   
 Then, under rotation about origin  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}|$   
 $\Rightarrow 4p^2 + 1 = (p+1)^2 + 1$   
 or  $3p^2 - 2p - 1 = 0$   
 $(3p+1)(p-1) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow p = -\frac{1}{3}$  or  $p = 1$

54. (c)  $(\vec{a} + 3\vec{b}) \cdot (7\vec{a} - 5\vec{b}) = 0$   
 or  $7a^2 - 15b^2 + 16\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$  ... (i)

and  $(\vec{a} - 5\vec{b}) \cdot (7\vec{a} + 3\vec{b}) = 0$   
 or  $7a^2 - 15b^2 - 32\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$  ... (ii)  
 From eqs. (i) and (ii)  
 $48\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$  or  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \vec{a} \perp \vec{b}$

55. (b)  $\vec{OA} = \vec{a}, \vec{OB} = \vec{b}, \vec{OC} = \vec{c}$  and  $\vec{OD} = \vec{d}$   
 Given,  $|\vec{a} - \vec{d}| = |\vec{b} - \vec{d}| = |\vec{c} - \vec{d}|$   
 $\Rightarrow |\vec{DA}| = |\vec{DB}| = |\vec{DC}|$

$\Rightarrow D$  is equidistant from vertices  $A$  and  $B$  and  $C$ , so  $D$  is the circumcentre of  $\triangle ABC$ .

56. (c) Given,  $\vec{OA} = \vec{a}, \vec{OB} = \vec{b}, \vec{OC} = \vec{c}$  and  $\vec{OD} = \vec{d}$

Then,  $(\vec{a} - \vec{d}) \cdot (\vec{b} - \vec{c}) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \vec{DB} \cdot \vec{CB} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{DA} \perp \vec{BC}$   
 and  $(\vec{b} - \vec{d}) \cdot (\vec{c} - \vec{a}) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \vec{DB} \cdot \vec{AC} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{AC} \perp \vec{BD}$   
 $\Rightarrow D$  is the orthocentre of  $\triangle ABC$ .

57. (a) Adjacent sides  $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$   
 and  $\vec{b} = -\hat{i} - 2\hat{k}$   
 So, diagonals are  $\vec{d}_1 = \vec{a} + \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j}$   
 and  $\vec{d}_2 = \vec{a} - \vec{b} = 4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ .

Angle between diagonals,

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{d}_1 \cdot \vec{d}_2}{|\vec{d}_1| |\vec{d}_2|} = \frac{8 + 4}{2\sqrt{2} \cdot 6}$$

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

58. (a) Resultant of two forces

$$R^2 = F_1^2 + F_2^2 + 2F_1F_2 \cos \theta$$

So,  $7^2 = P^2 + 3^2 + 2P \cdot 3 \cos \theta$

or  $40 = P^2 + 6P \cos \theta$  ... (i)

and  $19 = P^2 + 9 + 2P \cdot 3 \cos(\pi - \theta)$

{for reverse direction}

or  $10 = P^2 - 6P \cos \theta$  ... (ii)

From eqs. (i) and (ii),

$$50 = 2P^2$$

$$\text{or } P^2 = 25$$

$$\text{i.e., } P = 5$$

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

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -4\hat{j} - 3\hat{k} + 6\hat{k}$$

So,  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = \sqrt{16 + 9 + 36} = \sqrt{61}$

$$[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c} = |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| \cdot |\vec{c}| \cos \theta$$

$$= \sqrt{61} \cos \theta = \sqrt{61} \{\max \cos \theta = 1\}$$

60. (c) Let  $\vec{a} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$

Then  $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b} \times \vec{c}| \cos \theta$  ... (i)

$$\vec{b} \times \vec{c} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -1 & 4 & 6 \\ 2 & -7 & -10 \end{vmatrix} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

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$$|\vec{b} \times \vec{c}| = \sqrt{4+4+1} = 3$$

So, from eq. (i),

$$[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = 3 \cos \theta$$

$\Rightarrow [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$  is max. when  $\cos \theta = 1 \Rightarrow \theta = 0$

$\Rightarrow \vec{a}$  is collinear to  $\vec{b} \times \vec{c}$ .

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

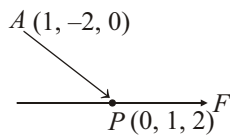
$$\text{or } |\vec{a}| = |\lambda| |\vec{b} \times \vec{c}|$$

$$1 = \lambda \sqrt{4+4+1}$$

$$\text{or } \lambda = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{So, } \vec{a} = \frac{1}{3}(\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \frac{1}{3}(2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$$

61. (a)  $\vec{F} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k} + 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} - \hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}$



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

$$\vec{r} = \overline{AP}$$

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

$$\text{Then, } \vec{M} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -1 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -8\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 10\hat{k}$$

62. (c) Diagonals  $\vec{d}_1 = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{d}_2 = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$

$$\therefore \text{Area of parallelogram} = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{d}_1 \times \vec{d}_2|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left\| \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & -3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \right\| = \frac{1}{2} |-2\hat{i} - 14\hat{j} - 10\hat{k}|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{4+196+100}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{300} = 5\sqrt{3} \text{ sq. units}$$

63. (a)  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = 1$

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

$$= 1 + 1 - 2ab \cos \theta$$

$$= 2(1 - \cos \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a} - \vec{b}|^2 = 4 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \Rightarrow \sin \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{|\vec{a} - \vec{b}|}{2}$$

64. (a)  $\triangle ABC$  is an equilateral triangle such that

$$\overline{OA} = \vec{a}, \overline{OB} = \vec{b} \text{ and } \overline{OC} = \vec{c}$$

and  $O$  is orthocentre.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}}{3} = 0$$

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

65. (a)  $\because C$  is the middle point of  $AB$  and  $P$  is any point outside  $AB$ .

Then, from mid point theorem

$$\overline{PC} = \frac{\overline{PA} + \overline{PB}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{PA} + \overline{PB} = 2\overline{PC}$$

66. (b)  $|\hat{a}| = 1 = |\hat{b}|$

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

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

$$= 2(1 + \cos \theta) = 4 \cos^2 \theta / 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \frac{|\hat{a} + \hat{b}|}{2}$$

67. (d)  $a = 3, b = 5, c = 7, \vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = 0$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow 9 + 25 + 30 \cos \theta = 49$$

$$\Rightarrow 30 \cos \theta = 49 - 34 = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{15}{30} = \frac{1}{2} = \cos 60^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 60^\circ = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

68. (d)  $|\vec{a}| = 2, |\vec{b}| = 3, |\vec{c}| = 4$

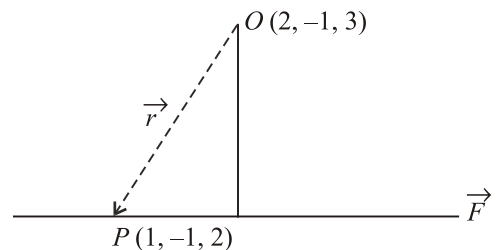
$$\text{Given, } \vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 0 = 4 + 9 + 16 + 2(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a})$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} = -\frac{29}{2}$$

69. (c) Force  $\vec{F} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$  is acting at point  $P(1, -1, 2)$



$$\text{Then, } \vec{r} = \overline{OP} = (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) - (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$$

$$\vec{r} = -\hat{i} - \hat{k}$$

Moment of a force about  $O$

$$\vec{M} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & -4 \end{vmatrix} = 2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

70. (a)  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j}$  and  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{k}$

$$\therefore \vec{c} \parallel \vec{a} \Rightarrow \vec{c} = t\vec{a} = t(\hat{i} + \hat{j})$$

$$\text{and } \vec{d} \perp \vec{a} \Rightarrow \vec{d} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$$

$$\text{given } \vec{b} = \vec{c} + \vec{d}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{d} = \vec{b} - \vec{c} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{k} - t(\hat{i} + \hat{j})$$

$$\vec{d} = (3-t)\hat{i} - t\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

...(ii)

$$\text{From eq. (i), } \vec{d} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3-t) - t = 0 \Rightarrow t = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{So, } \vec{c} = \frac{3}{2}(\hat{i} + \hat{j})$$

$$\text{and } \vec{d} = \frac{3}{2}\hat{i} - \frac{3}{2}\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

{From eq. (ii)}

71. (d) From solution of 70,

$$\vec{d} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} = \frac{3}{2}\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

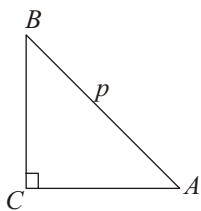
$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{3}{2}, y = -3 \text{ and } z = 4$$

$$\text{Now, } y - x = -\frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{2} = -3 \text{ and}$$

$$2z - 3 = 2(4) - 3 = 5$$

So, neither 1 nor 2 is correct.

72. (c)  $\vec{AC} \cdot \vec{BC} = 0$        $\{\therefore \vec{AC} \perp \vec{BC}\}$



Let  $C$  be the origin and position vectors of  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .

$$\text{So, } \vec{CA} = \vec{a} \text{ and } \vec{CB} = \vec{b}$$

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

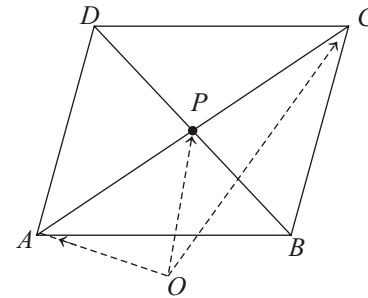
$$\text{Then, } \vec{AB} \cdot \vec{AC} + \vec{BC} \cdot \vec{BA} + \vec{CA} \cdot \vec{CB}$$

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

$$= a^2 + b^2 = CA^2 + CB^2 = BA^2 = p^2$$

73. (d)  $\therefore$  The diagonals of a parallelogram bisect each other. So,  $P$  is the middle point of  $AC$  and  $BD$  both.

$$\therefore \vec{OA} + \vec{OC} = 2\vec{OP} \text{ and } \vec{OB} + \vec{OD} = 2\vec{OP}$$



$$\Rightarrow \vec{OA} + \vec{OB} + \vec{OC} + \vec{OD} = 4\vec{OP}$$

74. (b)  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \lambda\hat{k}$

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

$$\Rightarrow 2(3) + 3(2) + 4(-\lambda) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 12 - 4\lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 3$$

75. (b) Let the position vector of the vertices of the quadrilateral  $ABCD$  are as follows.

$$\vec{OA} = \vec{a}, \vec{OB} = \vec{b}, \vec{OC} = \vec{c} \text{ and } \vec{OD} = \vec{d}$$

$$\text{Then, diagonal } \vec{AC} = \vec{c} - \vec{a} \text{ and } \vec{BD} = \vec{d} - \vec{b}$$

$$\text{Then, } \vec{BD} + \vec{CA} = (\vec{d} - \vec{b}) - (\vec{c} - \vec{a})$$

$$= (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) + (\vec{d} - \vec{c}) = \vec{BA} + \vec{CD}$$

76. (a) Given  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{c}$  and  $\vec{b} \times \vec{c} = \vec{a}$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow [\vec{b} \ \vec{a} \ \vec{b}] = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} \text{ and } [\vec{a} \ \vec{a} \ \vec{b}] = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}$$

$$\text{and } [\vec{b} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c} \text{ are orthogonal in pairs.}$$

$$\text{Now, again } \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{c} \text{ and } \vec{b} \times \vec{c} = \vec{a}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow [\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] = |\vec{c}|^2 \text{ and } [\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] = |\vec{a}|^2$$

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

$$\text{and then similarly } |\vec{b}| = 1.$$

77. (d)  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}, \vec{c} = \hat{i} + m\hat{j} + n\hat{k}$

$\therefore \vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coplanar vectors.

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

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$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & m & n \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1(3n - 2m) + 1(2n - 2) + 1(2m - 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5n - 5 = 0$$

$$\text{or } n = 1$$

$$\text{Now, } |\vec{c}| = \sqrt{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{1 + m^2 + n^2} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$\text{or } m^2 = 6 - (1 + n^2)$$

$$m^2 = 6 - 2 = 4$$

$$m = \pm 2$$

78. (b) Let  $\vec{a} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$

$$\vec{a} \times \hat{i} = (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) \times \hat{i} = -y\hat{k} + z\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{a} \times \hat{j} = (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) \times \hat{j} = x\hat{k} - z\hat{i}$$

$$\vec{a} \times \hat{k} = (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) \times \hat{k} = -x\hat{j} + y\hat{i}$$

$$|\vec{a} \times \hat{i}|^2 + |\vec{a} \times \hat{j}|^2 + |\vec{a} \times \hat{k}|^2$$

$$= |-y\hat{k} + z\hat{j}|^2 + |x\hat{k} - z\hat{i}|^2 + |-x\hat{j} + y\hat{i}|^2$$

$$= y^2 + z^2 + x^2 + z^2 + x^2 + y^2$$

$$= 2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = 2|\vec{a}|^2$$

79. (a)  $|\hat{a}| = |\hat{b}| = 1$

$$(\hat{a} + \hat{b}) \times (\hat{a} \times \hat{b}) = \hat{a} \times (\hat{a} \times \hat{b}) + \hat{b} \times (\hat{a} \times \hat{b})$$

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

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

$$= (\hat{a} - \hat{b})(\hat{a} \cdot \hat{b} - 1) \quad \dots(i)$$

{ $\because (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - 1)$  is scalar quantity.}

$$\Rightarrow (\hat{a} + \hat{b}) \times (\hat{a} \times \hat{b}) \parallel (\hat{a} - \hat{b})$$

80. (b)  $\vec{\alpha} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{\beta} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and

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

$$\because \vec{\alpha} \perp \vec{\delta} \text{ and } \vec{\beta} \perp \vec{\delta} \text{ and } \vec{\delta} \cdot \vec{\gamma} = 10$$

$$\text{So, } \vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{\delta} = 0 = \vec{\beta} \cdot \vec{\delta} \text{ and } \vec{\delta} \cdot \vec{\gamma} = 10$$

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

$$\text{So, } x + 2y - z = 0 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$2x - y + 3z = 0 \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$\text{and } 2x + y + 6z = 10 \quad \dots(iii)$$

On solving eq. (i), (ii) and (iii), we get

$$x = -2, y = 2 \text{ and } z = 2$$

$$\text{So, } \vec{\delta} = -2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{\delta}| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (2)^2 + (2)^2} = 2\sqrt{3} \text{ units.}$$