

Topic :-VECTOR ALGEBRA

1 (c)

We have,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{r} \cdot \vec{a} = 0 &\Rightarrow \vec{r} \perp \vec{a} \\ \vec{r} \cdot \vec{b} = 0 &\Rightarrow \vec{r} \perp \vec{b} \\ \vec{r} \cdot \vec{c} = 0 &\Rightarrow \vec{r} \perp \vec{c} \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c} \text{ are coplanar}$$

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

2 (b)

$$\cos \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{(\hat{i} + \hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + a\hat{k})}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{1+1+a^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1+a}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2+a^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} = \frac{(1+a)^2}{2(2+a^2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2+a^2 = 2(1+a^2+2a)$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + 4a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 0, -4$$

3 (b)

Let the required vector be $\vec{a} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$

It makes equal angles with the unit vectors

$$\vec{b} = \frac{1}{3}(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}), \vec{c} = \frac{1}{5}(-4\hat{i} - 3\hat{k}) \text{ and } \vec{d} = \hat{j}$$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{d} \quad [\because \vec{b}, \vec{c}, \vec{d} \text{ are unit vectors}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3}(x - 2y + 2z) = \frac{1}{5}(-4x - 3z) = y$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 2y + 2z = 3y \text{ and } -4x - 5y - 3z = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 5y + 2z = 0 \text{ and } 4x + 5y + 3z = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{-5} = \frac{y}{1} = \frac{z}{5} = \lambda \text{ (say)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -5\lambda, y = \lambda, z = 5\lambda \text{ for some scalar } \lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} = \lambda(-5\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$$

Clearly, option (b) is true for $\lambda = 1$

4 (d)

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = \sqrt{36 + 9 + 36} = \sqrt{81} = 9$$

∴ Required vectors are

$$\pm 6 \frac{|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|}{|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|}$$

$$= \pm \frac{6}{9} (6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k})$$

$$= \pm 2(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$$

6 (d)

(a) Let $\vec{p} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$ where at least one of x, y, z is non-zero. Let

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

$$\vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$$

∴ By given conditions

$$a_1x + a_2y + a_3z = 0$$

$$b_1x + b_2y + b_3z = 0$$

$$c_1x + c_2y + c_3z = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

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

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

(b) Vectors are coplanar, if

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\text{ie, } -7 = 0$$

Which is not possible.

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

⇒ $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$ is coplanar with \vec{b} and \vec{c} .

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

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

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

$$= 1 + 1 = 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = \sqrt{3} > 1$$

7 (d)

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Here, $\vec{a}_1 = 3\hat{i} + 6\hat{j}$, $\vec{a}_2 = -2\hat{i} + 7\hat{k}$
 $\vec{b}_1 = -4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b}_2 = -4\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$

Now, $\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1 = \hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$
 and

$$\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -4 & 3 & 2 \\ -4 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2| = \sqrt{1 + 16 + 64} = 9$$

Now,

$$(\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2) = (\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 8\hat{k})$$

$$= 1 + 24 + 56 = 81$$

∴ Shortest distance,

$$d = \left| \frac{(\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2)}{|\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2|} \right|$$

$$= \frac{81}{9} = 9 \text{ unit}$$

8 (b)

We know that a vector perpendicular to the plane containing the points $\vec{A}, \vec{B}, \vec{C}$ is given by $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} + \vec{B} \times \vec{C} + \vec{C} \times \vec{A}$.

Given, $\vec{A} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$, $\vec{B} = 2\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} - \hat{k}$
 and $\vec{C} = 0\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$

Now,

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{B} \times \vec{C} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{C} \times \vec{A} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 5\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

Thus,

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} + \vec{B} \times \vec{C} + \vec{C} \times \vec{A}$$

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

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

9 (c)

Given,

$$(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow (|\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\sin\theta)^2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

10 (b)

Given that, $|\vec{a}| = 3$, $|\vec{b}| = 4$ and $\vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b}$ is perpendicular to $\vec{a} - \lambda\vec{b}$.

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

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} - \vec{a} \cdot \lambda\vec{b} + \lambda\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} - \lambda^2\vec{b} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 = \frac{|\vec{a}|^2}{|\vec{b}|^2} \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{|\vec{a}|}{|\vec{b}|} = \frac{3}{4}$$

11 (a)

$$(\vec{x} - \vec{y}) \times (\vec{x} + \vec{y})$$

$$= \vec{x} \times \vec{x} + \vec{x} \times \vec{y} - \vec{y} \times \vec{x} - \vec{y} \times \vec{y}$$

$$= \vec{0} + \vec{x} \times \vec{y} + \vec{x} \times \vec{y} - \vec{0}$$

$$= 2(\vec{x} \times \vec{y})$$

12 (a)

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

$$\Rightarrow \lambda - 1 + 2\mu = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda + 2\mu = 1 \dots (i)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 2\lambda + 4 + \mu = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\lambda + \mu = -4 \dots (ii)$$

On solving Eqs. (i) and (ii), we get

$$\lambda = 3, \mu = 2$$

15 (b)

The projection $\vec{x} \times \vec{y}$ on \vec{z} is given by

$$\frac{(\vec{x} \times \vec{y}) \cdot \vec{z}}{|\vec{z}|} = \frac{1}{|\vec{z}|} [\vec{x} \ \vec{y} \ \vec{z}] = \frac{1}{13} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -6 & -1 \\ 1 & 4 & -3 \\ 3 & -4 & -12 \end{vmatrix} = -14$$

16 (c)

We have,

$$\vec{a} \times \{\vec{a} \times \{\vec{a} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})\}\}$$

$$= \vec{a} \times \{\vec{a} \times \{(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{a} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a})\vec{b}\}\} = \vec{a} \times \{\vec{0} - |\vec{a}|^2(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})\}$$

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

$$= -|\vec{a}|^2\{0 - |\vec{a}|^2\vec{b}\} = |\vec{a}|^4\vec{b}$$

19 (c)

For an obtuse angle

$$(c\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \cdot (x\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2cx\hat{k}) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow cx^2 - 12 + 6cx < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow cx^2 + 6cx - 12 < 0$$

$$\therefore (6c)^2 - 4c(-12) < 0 \quad [\because f(x) < 0 \Rightarrow D < 0]$$

$$\Rightarrow 36c \left(c + \frac{4}{3} \right) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{4}{3} < c < 0$$

20 **(a)**

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

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{(2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}) \cdot (6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})}{\sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + (-1)^2} \sqrt{6^2 + (-3)^2 + 2^2}} \\ &= \frac{12 - 6 - 2}{\sqrt{4 + 4 + 1} \sqrt{36 + 9 + 4}} = \frac{4}{21} \end{aligned}$$

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ANSWER-KEY

Q.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
A.	C	B	B	D	C	D	D	B	C	B
Q.	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
A.	A	A	C	C	B	C	A	B	C	A

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