

Miscellaneous exercise

Q1. Write down a unit vector in XY-plane making an angle of 30° with the positive direction of x-axis.

A.1. Let \vec{r} be unit vector in the XY-plane then, $\vec{r} = \cos \theta \hat{i} + \sin \theta \hat{j}$

θ is the angle made by the unit vector with the positive direction of the X-axis.

Then, $\theta = 30^\circ$

$$\vec{r} = \cos 30^\circ \hat{i} + \sin 30^\circ \hat{j}$$

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

$$\therefore \text{Required unit vector} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \hat{i} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{j}$$

Q2. Find the scalar components and magnitude of the vector joining the points

$P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $Q(x_2, y_2, z_2)$

A.2. Given,

Point $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ & $Q(x_2, y_2, z_2)$

\overrightarrow{PQ} = Position vector of Q - Position vector of P

$$= (x_2 - x_1)\hat{i} + (y_2 - y_1)\hat{j} + (z_2 - z_1)\hat{k}$$

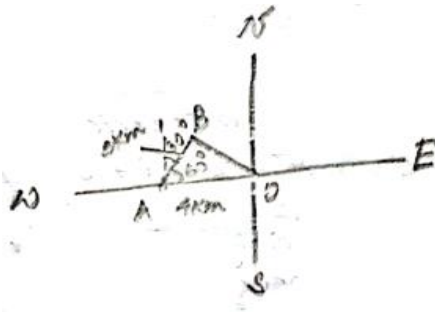
$$\text{Therefore, } |\overrightarrow{PQ}| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$$

Thus, the scalar component is $(x_2 - x_1)(y_2 - y_1)(z_2 - z_1)$

$$\& \text{ magnitude} = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$$

Q3. A girl walks 4 km towards west, then she walks 3 km in a direction 30° east of north and stops. Determine the girl's displacement from her initial point of departure.

A.3.



Let, O be initial and B be the final position of girl.

$$\text{Then, } \overrightarrow{OA} = -4\hat{i}$$

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

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

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

By the triangle law of vector addition, we have

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

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

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

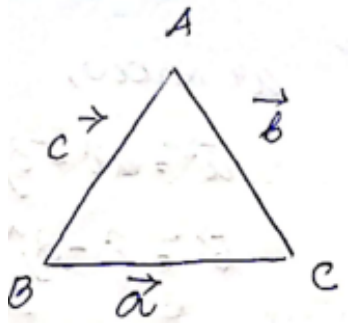
$$= \left(\frac{-8+3}{2}\right)\hat{i} + \left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\hat{j}$$

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

∴ The girl's displacement from her initial point of departure is $= \frac{-5}{3} \hat{i} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \hat{j}$

Q4. If $\vec{a} = \vec{b} + \vec{c}$, then is it true that $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| + |\vec{c}|$ Justify your answer.

A.4. Let us take a $\triangle ABC$, which $\vec{CB} = \vec{a}$, $\vec{CA} = \vec{b}$ & $\vec{AB} = \vec{c}$



So, by triangle law of vector addition, we have $\vec{a} = \vec{b} + \vec{c}$

And, we know that $|\vec{a}|$, $|\vec{b}|$ & $|\vec{c}|$ represent, the sides of $\triangle ABC$

Also, it is known that the sum of the length of any sides of a triangle is greater than the third

side. $|\vec{a}| < |\vec{b}| + |\vec{c}|$

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

Q5. Find the value of x for which $x(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$ is a unit vector.

A.5. Given,

$x(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$ is a unit vector.

So, $\left| x(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \right| = 1$

Now, $\left| x(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \right| = 1$

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

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

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

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

∴ Required value of x is $\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

Q6. Find a vector of magnitude 5 units and parallel to the resultant of the vectors $a = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $b = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$

A.6. We know,

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

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

Let, \vec{c} be the resultant of \vec{a} and \vec{b}

Then,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore, the vector of magnitude 5 units and parallel to the resultants of vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} is

$$\pm 5 \cdot \hat{c}$$

$$= \pm 5 \cdot \frac{3\hat{i} + \hat{j}}{\sqrt{10}}$$

$$= \pm 5 \cdot \frac{3\hat{i}}{\sqrt{10}} \pm \frac{5\hat{j}}{\sqrt{10}}$$

$$= \pm \frac{5 \cdot 3\sqrt{10}}{\sqrt{10} \cdot \sqrt{10}} \hat{i} \pm \frac{5\sqrt{10}}{\sqrt{10} \cdot \sqrt{10}} \hat{j}$$

$$= \pm \frac{5 \cdot 3\sqrt{10}}{10} \hat{i} \pm \frac{5\sqrt{10}}{10} \hat{j}$$

$$= \pm \frac{3\sqrt{10}}{2} \hat{i} \pm \frac{\sqrt{10}}{2} \hat{j}$$

Q7. If $\vec{a} = \vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}$, $\vec{b} = 2\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$ and $\vec{c} = \vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + \vec{k}$ find a unit vector parallel to the vector $2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$

A.7. Given,

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

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

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

Then,

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

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

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

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

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

$$= \sqrt{9 + 9 + 4} = \sqrt{22}$$

Hence, the unit vector is,

$$\frac{2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}}{|2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}|} = \frac{3\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{22}} = \frac{3\hat{i}}{\sqrt{22}} - \frac{3\hat{j}}{\sqrt{22}} + \frac{2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{22}}$$

Q8. 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.

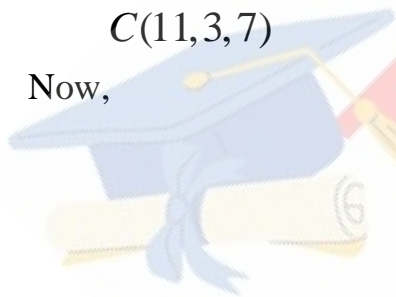
A.8. Given,

$$A(1, -2, -8)$$

$$B(5, 0, -2)$$

$$C(11, 3, 7)$$

Now,



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

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

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

$$= 6\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 9\hat{k}$$

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

$$= 10\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 15\hat{k}$$

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

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

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

$$\therefore |\overrightarrow{AC}| = 5\sqrt{14}$$

$$|\overrightarrow{AB}| + |\overrightarrow{BC}| = 2\sqrt{14} + 3\sqrt{14} = 5\sqrt{14}$$

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

Thus, A, B and C are collinear.

Let, $\lambda : 1$ be the ratio that point B divides AC.

We have,

$$\overrightarrow{OB} = \frac{\lambda \overrightarrow{OC} + \overrightarrow{OA}}{\lambda + 1}$$

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

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

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

On equating the corresponding component, we get

$$5(\lambda + 1) = 11\lambda + 1$$

$$5\lambda + 5 = 11\lambda + 1$$

$$5 - 1 = 11\lambda - 5\lambda$$

$$4 = 6\lambda$$

$$\therefore \lambda = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Hence, point B divides AC in the ratio $2 : 3$

Q9. Find the position vector of a point R which divides the line joining the two points P and Q whose position vectors are $(2\vec{a} + \vec{b})$ and $(\vec{a} - 3\vec{b})$ externally in the ratio 1 : 2. Also, show that P is the middle point of line segment RQ.

A9. Given,

$$P(2\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \text{ i.e., } \vec{OP} = 2\vec{a} + \vec{b}$$

$$Q(\vec{a} - 3\vec{b}) \text{ i.e., } \vec{OQ} = \vec{a} - 3\vec{b}$$

It is given that point R divides a line segment joining two points P and Q. externally in the ratio 1:2 Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{OR} &= \frac{2(2\vec{a} + \vec{b}) - (\vec{a} - 3\vec{b})}{2 - 1} \\ &= \frac{4\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} - \vec{a} + 3\vec{b}}{1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{OR} = 3\vec{a} + 5\vec{b}$$

• • Position vector of the mid-point of RQ.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\vec{OQ} + \vec{OR}}{2} \\ &= \frac{(\vec{a} - 3\vec{b}) + (3\vec{a} + 5\vec{b})}{2} \\ &= \frac{\vec{a} - 3\vec{b} + 3\vec{a} + 5\vec{b}}{2} \\ &= \frac{4\vec{a} - 2\vec{b}}{2} = 2\vec{a} - \vec{b} = \vec{OP} \quad \text{Hence proved} \end{aligned}$$

Q10. Two adjacent sides of a parallelogram are $2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ and $\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$. Find the unit vector parallel to its diagonal. Also, find its area.

A.10. Given,

Adjacent sides of parallelogram are

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

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

∴ Diagonal of parallelogram = $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$

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

Thus, the unit vector parallel to diagonal

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b}}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b}|} &= \frac{3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{3^2 + (-6)^2 + (2)^2}} = \frac{3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{9 + 36 + 4}} \\ &= \frac{3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{49}} = \frac{3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{7} \\ &= \frac{3\hat{i}}{7} - \frac{6\hat{j}}{7} + \frac{2\hat{k}}{7}\end{aligned}$$

∴ Area of parallelogram ABCD = $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}|$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & -4 & 5 \\ 1 & -2 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \hat{i}(12 + 10) - \hat{j}(-6 - 5) + \hat{k}(-4 + 4) \\ &= 22\hat{i} + 11\hat{j} + 0 \\ &= 22\hat{i} + 11\hat{j} = 11(2\hat{i} + \hat{j}) \\ \therefore |\vec{a} + \vec{b}| &= 11\sqrt{(2)^2 + 1^2} \\ &= 11\sqrt{5}\end{aligned}$$

∴ Therefore, area of parallelogram is $11\sqrt{5}$ sq. unit.

Q11. Show that the direction cosines of a vector equally inclined to the axes OX, OY and OZ are $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$,

A.11. Let, a vector be equally inclined to axis OX, OY and OZ at angle α

Then, the direction cosine of the vector are $\cos \alpha, \cos \alpha$ & $\cos \alpha$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}\cos^2 \alpha, \cos^2 \alpha \text{ \& } \cos^2 \alpha &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow 3\cos^2 \alpha &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow \cos \alpha &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the direction cosine of vector, vector are inclined equally to axis, are

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

Q12. Let $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$. Find a vector \vec{d} which is perpendicular to both \vec{a} and \vec{b} and $\vec{c} \cdot \vec{d} = 15$

A.12. Given,

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

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

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

Let, $\vec{d} = d_1\hat{i} + d_2\hat{j} + d_3\hat{k}$

Since, \vec{d} is perpendicular to both \vec{a} & \vec{b}

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

$$\Rightarrow d_1 + d_2(4) + d_3(2) = 0 \text{----- (1)}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow d_1(3) + d_2(-2) + d_3(7) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow d_1(3) - 2d_2 + 7d_3 = 0 \text{----- (2)}$$

We know,

$$\vec{c} \cdot \vec{d} = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow 2d_1 - d_2 + 4d_3 = 15 \text{----- (3)}$$

From, (1)

$$d_1 + 4d_2 + 2d_3 = 0$$

$$d_1 = -4d_2 - 2d_3$$

Putting this value in (3) we get

$$\Rightarrow 2(-4d_2 - 2d_3) - d_2 + 4d_3 = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow -8d_2 - 4d_3 - d_2 + 4d_3 = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow -9d_2 = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow d_2 = \frac{15}{-9} = -\frac{5}{3}$$

Putting d_1 & d_2 value in (2), we get

$$\Rightarrow 3d_1 - 2d_2 + 7d_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(-4d_2 - 2d_3) - 2\left(-\frac{5}{3}\right) + 7d_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -12 \times \left(-\frac{5}{3}\right) - 6d_3 + \frac{10}{3} + 7d_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 20 + d_3 + \frac{10}{3} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow d_3 = -20 - \frac{10}{3} = \frac{-60 - 10}{3} = \frac{-70}{3}$$

$$\text{Now, } d_1 = -4 \times -\frac{5}{3} - 2 \times -\frac{70}{3}$$

$$= \frac{20}{3} + \frac{140}{3} = \frac{160}{3}$$

$$\therefore d_1 = \frac{160}{3}, d_2 = -\frac{5}{3}, d_3 = \frac{-70}{3}$$

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

$$\therefore \text{The required vector is } \frac{1}{3}(160\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - 70\hat{k})$$

Q13. The scalar product of the vector $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ with a unit vector along the sum of vectors $2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ and $\lambda\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ is equal to one. Find the value of λ .

$$\text{A.13. } (2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) + (\lambda\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = (2 + \lambda)\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

The unit vector along $(2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) + (\lambda\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$ is given as;

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

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

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

By Question, scalar product of $(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$ with this unit vector is 1.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow 12\lambda - 4\lambda = 44 - 36$$

$$\Rightarrow 8\lambda = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{8}{8} = 1$$

• Hence, the value of λ is 1.

Q14. If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are mutually perpendicular vectors of equal magnitudes, show that the vector $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$ is equally inclined to \vec{a}, \vec{b} , and \vec{c} .

A.14. Given that \vec{a}, \vec{b} & \vec{c} are mutually perpendicular vectors, we have

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

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

Let, vector $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$ be inclined to \vec{a}, \vec{b} & \vec{c} at angles, θ_1, θ_2 & θ_3 respectively.

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

$$= \frac{|\vec{a}|^2}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}| |\vec{a}|} \left[\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} = \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} = 0 \right]$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \cos \theta_2 &= \frac{(\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}) \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}| |\vec{b}|} \\ &= \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c}}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}| |\vec{b}|} [\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = 0]\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \cos \theta_3 &= \frac{(\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}) \cdot \vec{c}}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}| |\vec{c}|} \\ &= \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{c}}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}| |\vec{c}|} [\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = 0]\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\text{now, as, } |\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = |\vec{c}|,$$

$$\cos \theta_1 = \cos \theta_2 = \cos \theta_3$$

$$\therefore \theta_1 = \theta_2 = \theta_3$$

Therefore, the vector $(\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c})$ are equally inclined to \vec{a}, \vec{b} & \vec{c} .

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

$$\text{A15. } (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = |\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2$$

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

(Distributive of scalar product over addition)

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

(Scalar product is commutative, $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a}$)

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

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

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

\therefore Therefore, \vec{a} & \vec{b} are perpendicular.

Q16. Choose the correct answer:

If θ is the angle between two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} then $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \geq 0$ only when:

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

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

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

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

A.16. Let, θ in triangle between two vector \vec{a} & \vec{b}

Then, without loss of generality, \vec{a} & \vec{b} are non-zero vector so that $|\vec{a}|$ & $|\vec{b}|$ are positive.

We know, $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \theta$

So, $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \geq 0$

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

$\cos \theta \geq 0 \left[\because |\vec{a}| \text{ & } |\vec{b}| \text{ are positive} \right]$

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

Therefore, $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \geq 0$, when $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

Hence, the correct answer is B.

Q17. Choose the correct answer:

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

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

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

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

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

A.17. Let, \vec{a} & \vec{b} be two unit vectors and θ be the angle between them.

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

Now, $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$ is a unit vector if $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = 1$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$1 + 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cos \theta + 1 = 1 \quad [\because \vec{a} \text{ & } \vec{b} \text{ is unit vector.}]$$

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

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

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

Therefore, the correct answer is (D)

Q18. Choose the correct answer:

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

(A) 0

(B) -1

(C) 1

(D) 3

A18. $\hat{i} \left(\hat{j} \times \hat{k} \right) + \hat{j} \left(\hat{i} \times \hat{k} \right) + \hat{k} \left(\hat{i} \times \hat{j} \right)$

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

$$= 1 - \hat{j} \cdot \hat{j} + 1$$

$$= 1 - 1 + 1$$

$$= 1$$

Therefore, the correct answer is (C)

Q19. If θ be the angle between any two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} , then $|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}| = |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$ when θ is equal to:

(A) 0

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

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

(D) π

A19. Let, θ be angle between two vector \vec{a} & \vec{b} .

Then, without loss of generality, \vec{a} & \vec{b} are non-zero vectors, so that \vec{a} & \vec{b} are positive.

$$|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}| = |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$$

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

$$\cos \theta = \sin \theta \left[|\vec{a}| \& |\vec{b}| \text{ are positive} \right]$$

$$\tan \theta = 1 = \frac{\pi}{4} \therefore \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}.$$

\therefore Therefore, the correct answer is B.