

EXERCISE 26 [Pg.No.: 1103]

1. Find the direction cosines of a line segment whose direction ratios are

- (i) 2, -6, 3 (ii) 2, -1, -2 (iii) -9, 6, -2

Sol. (i) Here, $a = 2$, $b = -6$ and $c = 3$

Now, $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} = \sqrt{2^2 + (-6)^2 + 3^2} = 7$

Hence, direction cosines are $\frac{2}{7}, -\frac{6}{7}, \frac{3}{7}$

(ii) Here, $a = 2$, $b = -1$ and $c = -2$

Now, $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} = \sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + (-2)^2} = 3$ Hence, direction cosines are $\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}$.

(iii) Here, $a = -9$, $b = 6$ and $c = -2$

Now, $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} = \sqrt{(-9)^2 + 6^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{121} = 11$ Hence, direction cosines are $-\frac{9}{11}, \frac{6}{11}, -\frac{2}{11}$.

2. Find the direction ratios and the direction cosines of the line segment joining the points

- (i) $A(1, 0, 0)$ and $B(0, 1, 1)$ (ii) $A(5, 6, -3)$ and $B(1, -6, 3)$
 (iii) $A(-5, 7, -9)$ and $B(-3, 4, -6)$

Sol. (i) Direction ratios of AB

are $(0 - 1)$, $(1 - 0)$, $(1 - 0)$

i.e. -1, 1, 1

Now, $\sqrt{(-1)^2 + 1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{3}$ Hence, Direction cosines are $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$.

(ii) Direction ratios of AB

are, $(1 - 5)$, $(-6 - 6)$ and $(3 + 3)$ i.e. -4, -12, 6

Now, $\sqrt{(-4)^2 + (-12)^2 + 6^2} = \sqrt{196} = 14$

Here, direction cosines are $-\frac{4}{14}, -\frac{12}{14}, \frac{6}{14}$ i.e., $-\frac{2}{7}, -\frac{6}{7}, \frac{3}{7}$

(iii) Direction ratios of AB

are $(-3 + 5)$, $(4 - 7)$, $(-6 + 9)$ i.e. 2, -3, 3

Now, $\sqrt{2^2 + (-3)^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{22}$ Hence, direction cosines are $\frac{2}{\sqrt{22}}, -\frac{3}{\sqrt{22}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{22}}$.

3. Show that the line joining the points $A(1, -1, 2)$ and $B(3, 4, -2)$ is perpendicular to the line joining the points $C(0, 3, 2)$ and $D(3, 5, 6)$

Sol. Direction ratios of AB

Are $(3 - 1)$, $(4 + 1)$, $(-2, -2)$

i.e., 2, 5, -4

Direction ratios of CD are, $3 - 0$, $5 - 3$, $6 - 2$ i.e. 3, 2, 4

Now, $2 \times 3 + 5 \times 2 + (-4) \times 4 = 6 + 10 - 16 = 0$

Hence, AB and CD are perpendicular.

4. Show that the line segment joining the origin to the point $A(2,1,1)$ is perpendicular to the line segment joining the points $B(3,5,-1)$ and $C(4,3,-1)$

Sol. Let, O be the origin.

Now, Direction ratio of OA are 2, 1, 1

Direction ratio of BC are $4-3, 3-5, -1-(-1)$

i.e, 1, -2, 0 Now, $2 \times 1 + 1 \times (-2) + 1 \times 0 = 0$

Hence, $OA \perp BC$.

5. Find the value of p for which the line through the points $A(4,1,2)$ and $B(5,p,0)$ is perpendicular to the line through the points $C(2,1,1)$ and $D(3,3,-1)$

Sol. Direction ratio of AB

are $(5-4), (p-1), (0-2)$

i.e 1, $p-1, -2$

Direction ratio of CD are, $3-2, 3-1, -1-1$

i.e, 1, 2, -2 $\therefore AB \perp CD$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \times 1 + 2(p-1) + (-2)(-2) = 0 \Rightarrow 1 + 2p - 2 + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow 2p = -3 \Rightarrow p = -\frac{3}{2}$$

6. If O be the origin, and $P(2,3,4)$ and $Q(1,-2,1)$ be any two points, show that $OP \perp OQ$.

Sol. The direction ratio of the vector OP are 2, 3, 4.

$$\therefore \text{its direction cosines are } \frac{2}{\sqrt{(2)^2+(3)^2+(4)^2}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{(2)^2+(3)^2+(4)^2}}, \frac{4}{\sqrt{(2)^2+(3)^2+(4)^2}}$$

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{2}{\sqrt{29}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{29}}, \frac{4}{\sqrt{29}} \Rightarrow l_1 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{29}}, m_1 = \frac{3}{\sqrt{29}}, n_1 = \frac{4}{\sqrt{29}}$$

The direction ratio of the OQ are 1, -2, 1.

$$\therefore \text{its direction cosines are } \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1)^2+(2)^2+(1)^2}}, \frac{-2}{\sqrt{(1)^2+(2)^2+(1)^2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1)^2+(2)^2+(1)^2}}$$

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{-2}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \Rightarrow l_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, m_2 = \frac{-2}{\sqrt{6}}, n_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$$

$OP \perp OQ$ then $l_1 l_2 + m_1 m_2 + n_1 n_2 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{\sqrt{29}} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{29}} \times \left(\frac{-2}{\sqrt{6}}\right) + \frac{4}{\sqrt{29}} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{-2}{\sqrt{174}} - \frac{6}{\sqrt{174}} + \frac{4}{\sqrt{174}} = 0$$

Hence $OP \perp OQ$ proved.

7. Show that the line segment joining the points $A(1,2,3)$ and $B(4,5,7)$ is parallel to the line segment joining the points $C(-4,3,-6)$ and $D(2,9,2)$.

Sol. Let, $\vec{A} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$, $\vec{B} = (4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 7\hat{k})$, $\vec{C} = (-4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k})$ & $\vec{D} = (2\hat{i} + 9\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$

$\vec{AB} = (\text{Position vector of } B - \text{position vector of } A)$

$$= (4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}) - (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = (3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$$

$$\vec{AB} = (3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) \Rightarrow |\vec{AB}| = \sqrt{(3)^2 + (3)^2 + (4)^2} = \sqrt{9+9+16} = \sqrt{34}$$

⇒ Direction ratios of the vector \overline{AB} are (3, 3, 4).

Its direction cosines are $\left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{34}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{34}}, \frac{4}{\sqrt{34}}\right)$ i.e., $l_1 = \frac{3}{\sqrt{34}}, m_1 = \frac{3}{\sqrt{34}}, n_1 = \frac{4}{\sqrt{34}}$

\overline{CD} = Position vector of D - Position vector of C

$$= (2\hat{i} + 9\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) - (-4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}) = (6\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 8\hat{k})$$

$$\overline{CD} = (6\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}) \Rightarrow |\overline{CD}| = \sqrt{(6)^2 + (6)^2 + (8)^2} = \sqrt{36 + 36 + 64} = \sqrt{136} = 2\sqrt{34}$$

The direction ratios of the vector \overline{CD} are (6, 6, 8).

Its direction cosine $\left(\frac{6}{2\sqrt{34}}, \frac{6}{2\sqrt{34}}, \frac{8}{2\sqrt{34}}\right) = \left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{34}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{34}}, \frac{4}{\sqrt{34}}\right)$ i.e., $l_2 = \frac{3}{\sqrt{34}}, m_2 = \frac{3}{\sqrt{34}}, n_2 = \frac{4}{\sqrt{34}}$

Now, the line l_1 & l_2 are parallel

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{l_1}{l_2} = \frac{m_1}{m_2} = \frac{n_1}{n_2} \Rightarrow \frac{4}{\sqrt{34}} \times \frac{\sqrt{34}}{4} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{34}} \times \frac{\sqrt{34}}{3} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{34}} \times \frac{\sqrt{34}}{3} = 1 \text{ Hence, } \overline{AB} \text{ is parallel to } \overline{CD}.$$

8. if the line segment joining the points $A(7, p, 2)$ and $B(q, -2, 5)$ be parallel to the line segment joining the points $C(2, -2, 5)$ and $D(-6, -15, 11)$ find the values of p and q

Sol. Direction ratios of AB are $q - 7, -2 - p, 5 - 2$

i.e., $q - 7, -2 - p, 3$

Direction ratios of CD are $-6 - 2, -15 + 5, 11 - 5$

i.e., $-8, -10, 6$

∴ $AB \parallel CD$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{q-7}{-8} = \frac{-2-p}{-10} = \frac{3}{6} \Rightarrow \frac{q-7}{-8} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or, } \frac{-2-p}{-10} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2q - 14 = -8 \quad \text{or, } -2 - p = -6$$

$$\Rightarrow 2q = 6 \quad \text{or, } -p = -4$$

$$\Rightarrow q = 3 \quad \text{or, } p = 4$$

Hence, $p = 4$ and $q = 3$ Ans.

9. Show that the points $A(2, 3, 4), B(-1, -2, 1)$ and $C(5, 8, 7)$ are collinear

Sol. Direction ratios of AB are $-1 - 2, -2 - 3, 1 - 4$

i.e., $-3, -5, -3$

Direction ratios of BC are $5 - (-1), 8 - (-2), 7 - 1$

i.e., $6, 10, 6$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{-3}{6} = \frac{-5}{10} = \frac{-3}{6} \quad \therefore AB \parallel BC$$

Here, B is common Hence, A, B and C are collinear

10. Show that the points $A(-2, 4, 7), B(3, -6, -8)$ and $C(1, -2, -2)$ are collinear

Sol. Direction ratios of AB are $3 - (-2), -6 - 4, -8 - 7$

i.e., $5, -10, -15$

Direction ratios of BC are $1 - 3, -2 - (-6), -2 - (-8)$

i.e., $-2, 4, 6$

$$\therefore \frac{5}{-2} = \frac{-10}{4} = \frac{-15}{6} \quad \therefore AB \parallel BC$$

Here, B is common Hence, A, B and C are collinear.

11. Find the value of p for which the points $A(-1, 3, 2)$, $B(-4, 2, -2)$ and $C(5, 5, p)$ are collinear

Sol. Direction ratios of AB are $-4 - (-1), 2 - 3, -2 - 2$

i.e. $-3, -1, -4$

Direction ratios of BC are $5 - (-4), 5 - 2, P - (-2)$

i.e. $9, 3, (P + 2)$

\therefore A, B & C are collinear

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-3}{9} = \frac{-1}{3} = \frac{-4}{P+2} \Rightarrow \frac{-1}{3} = \frac{-4}{P+2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} = \frac{4}{P+2} \Rightarrow P + 2 = 12 \Rightarrow P = 10 \text{ Ans.}$$

12. Find the angle between the two lines whose direction cosines are $\frac{2}{3}, \frac{-1}{3}, \frac{-2}{3}$ and $\frac{3}{7}, \frac{2}{7}, \frac{6}{7}$

Sol. Angle between two lines having direction cosines ℓ_1, m_1, n_1 and ℓ_2, m_2, n_2 is gives by, $\theta = \cos^{-1}(\ell_1\ell_2 + m_1m_2 + n_1n_2)$

$$\text{Here, } \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3}{7} + \frac{-1}{3} \times \frac{2}{7} + \frac{-2}{3} \times \frac{6}{7}\right) = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{7} - \frac{2}{21} - \frac{4}{7}\right) = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-8}{21}\right) \text{ Ans.}$$

13. Find the angle between the two lines whose direction ratios are a, b, c and $(b-c), (c-a), (a-b)$

Sol. Let, θ be the angle b/w the two lines

$$\text{we have, } \theta = \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2 + c_1^2} \sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2 + c_2^2}} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{a(b-c) + b(c-a) + c(a-b)}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \sqrt{(b-c)^2 + (c-a)^2 + (a-b)^2}} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{ab - ac + bc - ab + ac - bc}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \sqrt{(b-c)^2 + (c-a)^2 + (a-b)^2}} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{0}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \sqrt{(b-c)^2 + (c-a)^2 + (a-b)^2}} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1}\{0\} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ Ans.}$$

14. Find the angle between the lines whose direction ratios are $2, -3, 4$ and $1, 2, -1$

Sol. Let, θ be the angle between the two lines.

$$\text{we have, } \theta = \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2 + c_1^2} \sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2 + c_2^2}} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2 \times 1 + (-3) \times 2 + 4 \times 1}{\sqrt{2^2 + (-3)^2 + 4^2} \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 1^2}} \right\} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{2 - 6 + 4}{\sqrt{29} \sqrt{6}} \right\} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1}\{0\} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ Ans.}$$

15. Find the angle between the lines whose direction ratios are $1, 1, 2$ and $(\sqrt{3}-1), (-\sqrt{3}-1), 4$

Sol. Let, θ be the angle between the two lines,

$$\text{we have, } \theta = \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2 + c_1^2} \sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2 + c_2^2}} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1 \times (\sqrt{3} - 1) + 1 \times 1(-\sqrt{3} - 1) + 2 \times 4}{\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 2^2} \sqrt{(\sqrt{3} - 1)^2 + (-\sqrt{3} - 1)^2 + 4^2}} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{3} - 1 - \sqrt{3} - 1 + 8}{\sqrt{6} \sqrt{3 + 1 - 2\sqrt{3} + 3 + 1 + 2\sqrt{3} + 16}} \right\} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{6}{\sqrt{6} \sqrt{24}} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{6}{6 \times 2} \right\} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \right\} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi^c}{3} \text{ Ans.}$$

16. Find the angle between the vectors $\vec{r}_1 = (3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$ and $\vec{r}_2 = (4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 7\hat{k})$

Sol. Let, θ be the angle between \vec{r}_1 and \vec{r}_2

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\vec{r}_1 \cdot \vec{r}_2}{|\vec{r}_1| |\vec{r}_2|} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{(3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot (4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 7\hat{k})}{\sqrt{3^2 + (-2)^2 + 1^2} \sqrt{4^2 + 5^2 + 7^2}} \right\} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{12 - 10 + 7}{\sqrt{14} \sqrt{90}} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{9}{\sqrt{2 \times 7 \times 2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 5}} \right\} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{9}{6\sqrt{35}} \right\} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{3}{2\sqrt{35}} \right\} \text{ Ans.}$$

17. Find the angles made by the following vectors with the coordinates axes

(i) $(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k})$ (ii) $(\hat{j} - \hat{k})$ (iii) $(\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 9\hat{k})$

Sol. (i) Let, $\vec{r} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$

Direction cosines of \vec{r} are, $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2}}$

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

Thus, Angle between \vec{r} and x-axis, $\beta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$

Angle between \vec{r} and y-axis, $\beta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$

Angle between \vec{r} and z-axis, $\beta = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

(ii) Let, $\vec{r} = \hat{j} - \hat{k}$

Direction cosines of \vec{r} are $\frac{0}{\sqrt{(-1)^2 + 1^2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{(-1)^2 + 1^2}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{(-1)^2 + 1^2}}$

ie, $0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}$

thus, Angle between \vec{r} and x-axis, $\alpha = \cos^{-1}(0) = \frac{\pi^c}{2}$

Angle between \vec{r} and y-axis, $\beta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$

Angle between \vec{r} and z-axis $\gamma = \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$

$\Rightarrow \gamma = \pi - \cos^{-1}\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow \gamma = \pi - \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{3\pi}{4}$

(iii) Let, $\vec{r} = \hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}$

Direction cosines of

\vec{r} are $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1^2 + (-4)^2 + 8^2}}, \frac{-4}{\sqrt{1^2 + (-4)^2 + 8^2}}, \frac{8}{\sqrt{1^2 + (-4)^2 + 8^2}}$

i.e. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{81}}, \frac{-4}{\sqrt{81}}, \frac{8}{\sqrt{81}}$ i.e. $\frac{1}{9}, \frac{-4}{9}, \frac{8}{9}$

thus, Angle b/w x-axis and \vec{r} , $\alpha = \cos^{-1}\frac{1}{9}$

Angle between y-axis and \vec{r} , $\beta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-4}{9}\right)$ Angle between z-axis and \vec{r} , $\gamma = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{8}{9}\right)$

18. Find the coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular drawn from the point $A(1, 8, 4)$ to the line joining the points $B(0, -1, 3)$ and $C(2, -3, -1)$

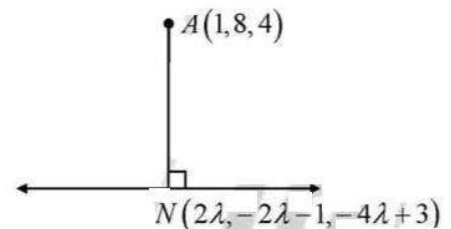
Sol. Find the coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular drawn from the point $A(1, 8, 4)$ to the line joining the points $B(0, -1, 3)$ and $C(2, -3, -1)$.

Sol. The given line BC is

$$\frac{x-0}{2-0} = \frac{y-(-1)}{-3-(-1)} = \frac{z-3}{-1-3} = \lambda$$

$$\frac{x}{2} = \frac{y+1}{-2} = \frac{z-3}{-4} = \lambda \text{ (say) ... (i)}$$

The general point on this line is $(2\lambda, -2\lambda-1, -4\lambda+3)$.



Let N be the foot of the perpendicular drawn from the point $A(1, 8, 4)$ to the given line.

Then, this point is $N(2\lambda, -2\lambda-1, -4\lambda+3)$ for some value of λ .

Direction ratio of AN are $(2\lambda-1, -2\lambda-1-8, -4\lambda+3-4) \Rightarrow (2\lambda-1), (-2\lambda-9), (-4\lambda-1)$

Direction ratio of given line (i) are $(2, -2, -4)$

Since $AN \perp$ given line (i) we have, $2(2\lambda-1) - 2(-2\lambda-9) - 4(-4\lambda-1) = 0$

$\Rightarrow 4\lambda - 2 + 4\lambda + 18 + 16\lambda + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow 24\lambda + 20 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{-20}{24} = \frac{-5}{6}$

So, the required point of $N\left(\frac{-5}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{19}{3}\right)$.

Hence the required co-ordinate foot of the perpendicular is $\left(\frac{-5}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{19}{3}\right)$.