

CBSE Test Paper 02
Chapter 10 Vector Algebra

1. Find $|\vec{a}|$ and $|\vec{b}|$, if $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = 8$ and $|\vec{a}| = 8 |\vec{b}|$.
 - a. $\frac{16\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{7}}, \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{7}}$
 - b. $\frac{19\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{7}}, \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{3\sqrt{7}}$
 - c. $\frac{17\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{7}}, \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3\sqrt{7}}$
 - d. $\frac{21\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{7}}, \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3\sqrt{7}}$
2. 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. $\frac{5}{2}\hat{i} - \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\hat{j}$
 - b. $\frac{-5}{2}\hat{i} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\hat{j}$
 - c. $\frac{-5}{2}\hat{i} - \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\hat{j}$
 - d. $\frac{5}{2}\hat{i} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\hat{j}$
3. Direction angles are
 - a. The angles denoted by $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$
 - b. The angles that show the tip of the vector
 - c. The angles α, β, γ made by the position vector \vec{r} with the positive directions of x, y and z-axes respectively
 - d. The angles α, β, γ made by the perpendicular to position vector \vec{r} with the negative directions of x, y and z-axes respectively
4. If a unit vector \vec{a} makes angles $\frac{\pi}{3}$ with \hat{i} , $\frac{\pi}{4}$ with \hat{j} and an acute angle θ with \hat{k} , then the components of \vec{a} are
 - a. $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{3}$
 - b. $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{2}$
 - c. $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{2}$
 - d. $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{2}$
5. Find $|\vec{x}|$, if for a unit vector \hat{a} , $(2\vec{x} - 3\hat{a}) \cdot (2\vec{x} + 3\hat{a}) = 91$.

- a. 5
 - b. $\sqrt{17}$
 - c. $\sqrt{15}$
 - d. $\sqrt{19}$
6. The area of the parallelogram whose adjacent sides are $\hat{i} + \hat{k}$ and $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ is _____.
 7. The vector $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$ bisects the angle between the non-collinear vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} if \vec{a} and \vec{b} are _____ vectors.
 8. The vectors $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = -\hat{i} - 2\hat{k}$ are the adjacent sides of a parallelogram. The acute angle between its diagonals is _____.
 9. Find the direction ratios and the direction cosines of the vector $\vec{r} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$.
 10. Is the measure of 10 Newton a scalar or vector ?
 11. Find $|\vec{x}|$. if for a unit Vector \hat{a} $(\vec{x} - \vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{x} + \vec{a}) = 15$.
 12. Let \vec{a}, \vec{b} and \vec{c} be three vectors such that $|\vec{a}| = 3, |\vec{b}| = 4, |\vec{c}| = 5$ and each one of them being \perp to the sum of the other two, find $|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}|$.
 13. Find the angle between vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} if $|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{3}, |\vec{b}| = 2, \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \sqrt{6}$.
 14. Find the sine of the angle between the vectors $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$.
 15. Show that $\vec{a} = \frac{1}{7}(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}), \vec{b} = \frac{1}{7}(6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}), \vec{c} = \frac{1}{7}(3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$ are mutually \perp unit vectors.
 16. If $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}, \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j}$ and $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$, then find a unit vector perpendicular to both of the vectors $(\vec{a} - \vec{b})$ and $(\vec{c} - \vec{b})$.
 17. If $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 5\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}$, then find the value of λ , so that $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$ and $\vec{a} - \vec{b}$ are perpendicular vectors.
 18. The scalar product of the vector $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ with a unit vector along the sum of vectors $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = \lambda\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ is equal to one. Find the value of λ and hence, find the unit vector along $\vec{b} + \vec{c}$.

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Solution

1. a. $\frac{16\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{7}}, \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{7}}$

Explanation: $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = 8$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}|^2 - |\vec{b}|^2 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow 64|\vec{b}|^2 - |\vec{b}|^2 = 8 \Rightarrow 63|\vec{b}|^2 = 8 \Rightarrow |\vec{b}| = \sqrt{\frac{8}{63}} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{7}}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}| = 8|\vec{b}| \Rightarrow |\vec{a}| = \frac{16\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{7}}$$

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

Explanation: Let $\vec{r} = -x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$, $x = \frac{5}{2}$, $y = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \therefore \vec{r} = \frac{-5}{2}\hat{i} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\hat{j}$

3. c. The angles α, β, γ made by the position vector \vec{r} with the positive directions of x, y and z-axes respectively

Explanation: the angles α, β, γ are called direction angles, which the position vector \vec{r} makes with the positive x-axis, y-axis and z-axis respectively

4. d. $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{2}$

Explanation: Let, $\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$, then,

$$\Rightarrow a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 = 1 \dots (1)$$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \cdot \hat{i} = (a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}) \cdot \hat{i} \Rightarrow |\vec{a}||\hat{i}|\cos\frac{\pi}{3} = a_1 \Rightarrow a_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \cdot \hat{j} = (a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}) \cdot \hat{j} \Rightarrow |\vec{a}||\hat{j}|\cos\frac{\pi}{4} = a_2 \Rightarrow a_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \cdot \hat{k} = (a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}) \cdot \hat{k} \Rightarrow |\vec{a}||\hat{k}|\cos\frac{\pi}{4} = a_3 \Rightarrow a_3 = \cos\theta$$

Putting these values in (1), we get :

$$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} + \cos^2\theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{4} = 1 - \cos^2\theta \Rightarrow \sin^2\theta = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow \sin\theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = 60^\circ$$

$$\therefore a_3 = \cos 60^\circ = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} = \frac{1}{2}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{j} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{k}$$

5. a. 5

Explanation: It is given that:

$$\begin{aligned}
& (2\vec{x} - 3\vec{a}) \cdot (2\vec{x} + 3\vec{a}) = 91 \\
& \Rightarrow 4|\vec{x}|^2 - 9|\vec{a}|^2 \\
& = 91 \Rightarrow 4|\vec{x}|^2 - 9 \cdot 1 = 91 \\
& \Rightarrow 4|\vec{x}|^2 = 100 \Rightarrow |\vec{x}| = 5
\end{aligned}$$

6. $\sqrt{3}$

7. equal

8. $\frac{\pi}{4}$

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

$$|\vec{r}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{3}$$

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

10. Vector because Newton is a unit of force and force has both magnitude and direction.

11. Here, we have to find $|\vec{x}|$. Given, \hat{a} is a unit vector. Then, $|\hat{a}| = 1$.

Now, we are given that dot product is equal to $(\vec{x} - \vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{x} + \vec{a}) = 15$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x} \cdot \vec{x} - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{x} + \vec{x} \cdot \vec{a} - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{x} \cdot \vec{x} - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{x} + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{x} - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = 15$$

[\therefore scalar product is commutative, i.e. $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a}$]

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{x}|^2 - |\vec{a}|^2 = 15 \quad \left[\because \vec{z} \cdot \vec{z} = |\vec{z}|^2 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{x}|^2 - 1 = 15 \quad [\text{given, } |\hat{a}| = 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{x}|^2 = 16$$

$$\therefore |\vec{x}| = 4$$

[\therefore length cannot be negative]

12. $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = 0, \vec{b} \cdot (\vec{c} + \vec{a}) = 0, \vec{c} \cdot (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = 0$ (given)

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

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

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

$$= 9 + 16 + 25$$

$$= 50$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}| &= \sqrt{50} \\ &= 5\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 13. \cos \theta &= \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{6}}{(\sqrt{3}) \cdot (2)} = \frac{\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3} \cdot 2} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{2}} \\ \Rightarrow \cos \theta &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \Rightarrow \theta &= \frac{\pi}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$14. \text{ Here, } a_1 = 3, a_2 = 1, a_3 = 2 \text{ and } b_1 = 2, b_2 = -2, b_3 = 4$$

We know that,

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta &= \frac{a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2} \sqrt{b_1^2 + b_2^2 + b_3^2}} \\ &= \frac{3 \times 2 + 1 \times (-2) + 2 \times 4}{\sqrt{3^2 + 1^2 + 2^2} \sqrt{2^2 + (-2)^2 + 4^2}} \\ &= \frac{6 - 2 + 8}{\sqrt{14} \sqrt{24}} = \frac{12}{2\sqrt{14}\sqrt{6}} = \frac{6}{\sqrt{84}} = \frac{6}{2\sqrt{21}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{21}} \\ \therefore \sin \theta &= \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \theta} \\ &= \sqrt{1 - \frac{9}{21}} = \sqrt{\frac{12}{21}} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}\sqrt{7}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{7}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 15. |\vec{a}| &= \frac{1}{7} \sqrt{36 + 4 + 9} = \frac{1}{7} \sqrt{49} = 1 \\ |\vec{b}| &= \frac{1}{7} \sqrt{36 + 4 + 9} = \frac{1}{7} \sqrt{49} = 1 \\ |\vec{c}| &= \frac{1}{7} \sqrt{9 + 36 + 4} = \frac{1}{7} \sqrt{49} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence they are unit vectors

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} &= \frac{1}{49} (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})(6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) \\ &= \frac{1}{49} (12 + 6 - 18) = 0 \\ \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} &= \frac{1}{49} (6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})(3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \\ &= \frac{1}{49} (18 - 12 - 6) = 0 \\ \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} &= \frac{1}{49} (3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) \\ &= \frac{1}{49} (6 - 18 + 12) = 0 \\ \vec{a} \perp \vec{b}, \vec{b} \perp \vec{c} \text{ and } \vec{c} \perp \vec{a} \end{aligned}$$

So they are \perp to each other.

$$16. \text{ According to the question,}$$

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

$$\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} \text{ and}$$

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

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

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

Now, a vector perpendicular to $(\vec{a} - \vec{b})$ and $(\vec{c} - \vec{b})$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{(a-b)} \times \vec{(c-b)} &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -5 & -5 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \hat{i}(-5 + 5) - \hat{j}(5 - 1) + \hat{k}(5 - 1) \\ &= \hat{i}(0) - \hat{j}(4) + \hat{k}(4) \\ &= -4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

Unit vector along $(\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \times (\vec{c} - \vec{b})$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{-4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}}{|-4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}|} \\ &= \frac{-4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}}{\sqrt{(-4)^2 + 4^2}} \\ &= \frac{-4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}}{\sqrt{32}} \\ &= \frac{-4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}}{4\sqrt{2}} \\ &= -\frac{\hat{j}}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\hat{k}}{\sqrt{2}} \end{aligned}$$

17. According to the question,

$$\text{Given vectors are, } \vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 7\hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{b} = 5\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Now, } \vec{a} + \vec{b} = (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 7\hat{k}) + (5\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}) = 6\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + (7 + \lambda)\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Now, } \vec{a} - \vec{b} = (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 7\hat{k}) - (5\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}) = -4\hat{i} + (7 - \lambda)\hat{k}$$

Since, $(\vec{a} + \vec{b})$ and $(\vec{a} - \vec{b})$ are perpendicular vectors, then dot product of these vectors will be zero, i.e. $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow [6\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + (7 + \lambda)\hat{k}] \cdot [-4\hat{i} + (7 - \lambda)\hat{k}] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -24 + (7 + \lambda)(7 - \lambda) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 49 - \lambda^2 = 24$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 = 25$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \pm 5$$

$$\therefore \lambda = \pm 5$$

18. According to the question, $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ and

$$\vec{c} = \lambda\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}.$$

$$\text{Now, } \vec{b} + \vec{c} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k} + \lambda\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} = (2 + \lambda)\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore |\vec{b} + \vec{c}| &= \sqrt{(2 + \lambda)^2 + (6)^2 + (-2)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4 + \lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 36 + 4} \\ &= \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 44}\end{aligned}$$

The unit vector along $\vec{b} + \vec{c}$

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

According to the question, the scalar product of $(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$ with unit vector $\vec{b} + \vec{c}$ is 1.

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot \frac{\vec{b} + \vec{c}}{|\vec{b} + \vec{c}|} &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot \frac{(2 + \lambda)\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 44}} &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1(2 + \lambda) + 1(6) + 1(-2)}{\sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 44}} &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{(2 + \lambda) + 6 - 2}{\sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 44}} &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow \lambda + 6 &= \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 44} \\ \Rightarrow (\lambda + 6)^2 &= \lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 44 \text{ [squaring both sides]} \\ \Rightarrow \lambda^2 + 36 + 12\lambda &= \lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 44 \\ \Rightarrow 8\lambda &= 8 \\ \Rightarrow \lambda &= 1\end{aligned}$$

The value of λ is 1.

Substituting the value of λ in Eq. (i), we get unit vector along $\vec{b} + \vec{c}$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \frac{(2 + 1)\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{(1)^2 + 4(1) + 44}} = \frac{3\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{1 + 4 + 44}} \\ &= \frac{3\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{49}} = \frac{3}{7}\hat{i} + \frac{6}{7}\hat{j} - \frac{2}{7}\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$