

CHAPTER-10

Vector algebra

One mark problem

1. Find the magnitude of the vector $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$. [K]
2. Find the magnitude of the vector $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$. [K]
3. Find the magnitude of the vector $\vec{a} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{j} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{k}$. [K]
4. Define collinear vectors. [K]
5. Define negative of a vector. [K]
6. Define a unit vector. [K]
7. Define a null vector. [K]
8. Define coinitial vector. [K]
9. Define position vector of a point. [K]
10. When the two vectors are said to be equal. [K]
11. Write two different vectors having same magnitude. [U]
12. Write two different vectors having same direction. [U]
13. Find the values of x and y so that the vectors $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$ and $x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$ are equal. [K]
14. Find the unit vector in the direction of the $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ [U]
15. Find the unit vector in the direction of the $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ [U]
16. If \vec{a} is a non zero vector of magnitude a and $\lambda\vec{a}$ is a unit vector, find the value of λ . [K]
17. For what value of λ , the vectors $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - 3\lambda\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ are perpendicular to each other? [U]
18. For what value of λ , is the vector $\frac{2}{3}\hat{i} - \lambda\hat{j} + \frac{2}{3}\hat{k}$ a unit vector? [U]
19. Find the value of x for which $x(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$ is a unit vector. [U]
20. Show that the vectors $2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ and $-4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$ are collinear. [U]
21. If $2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ and $a\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$ are collinear then find a. [U]
22. Write the vector joining the points A(2,3,0) and B(-1,-2,-4). [U]
23. Find the angle between two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} with magnitude $\sqrt{3}$ and 2 respectively and $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \sqrt{6}$. [U]
24. If $\vec{a} = x\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - z\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - y\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ are two equal vectors, then write the value of x+y+z. [U]
25. Find the direction cosines of the vector $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$. [U]
26. Write the scalar components of the vector joining the points $A = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and

- $B = (x_2, y_2, z_2)$. [K]
27. If vector $\overrightarrow{AB} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\overrightarrow{OB} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$, find the position vector \overrightarrow{OA} . [U]
28. Find the scalar components of vector with initial point (2,1) and terminal point (-7,5).
29. Find the unit vector in the direction of $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$, where $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = -\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$. [U]
30. Find the position vector of a point R which divides the line joining two points P and Q whose position vectors are $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ respectively, in the ratio 2 : 1 internally. [U]
31. Find the position vector of the mid point of the vector joining the points P (2, 3, 4) and Q (4, 1, -2). [U]
32. Show that $(\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = 2(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$ [U]
33. Show that the vector $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ is equally inclined to the axes OX, OY and OZ. [U]

Two mark problems:

1. Find the angle between the vectors $\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$ and $3\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + \vec{k}$. [U]
2. Find angle between the vectors $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$. [U]
3. If $\vec{a} = 5\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$, then show that the vectors $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$ and $\vec{a} - \vec{b}$ are perpendicular. [U]
4. Find the magnitude of two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} , having the same magnitude and such that the angle between them is 60° and their scalar product is $\frac{1}{2}$. [U]
5. Find $|\vec{x}|$, if for a unit vector \vec{a} , $(\vec{x} - \vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{x} + \vec{a}) = 12$ [U]
6. If $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = |\vec{a} - \vec{b}|$, prove that \vec{a} and \vec{b} are perpendicular. [U]
7. Find $|\vec{b}|$, if $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = 8$ and $|\vec{a}| = 8|\vec{b}|$. [U]
8. Find the projection of the vector $\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$ on the vector $7\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 8\hat{k}$. [U]
9. Find the projection of the vector $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ on the vector $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$. [U]
10. If two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} such that $|\vec{a}| = 2$, $|\vec{b}| = 3$ and $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 4$, find $|\vec{a} - \vec{b}|$. [U]
11. If $\vec{a} = 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{k}$, then find $|2\vec{b} \times \vec{a}|$ [U]
12. Find the area of the parallelogram whose adjacent sides are determined by the vectors $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + \hat{k}$. [U]
13. Find the area of a parallelogram whose adjacent sides are given by the vectors $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$. [U]

14. Find the area of the parallelogram whose adjacent sides are determined by the vectors $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$. [U]

15. Find the area of the triangle whose adjacent sides are determined by the vectors $\vec{a} = -2\hat{i} - 5\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$. [U]

16. Let the vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} be such that $|\vec{a}| = 3$, $|\vec{b}| = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$ and $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ is a unit vector. Find the angle between \vec{a} and \vec{b} [U]

17. Find λ and μ , if $(2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 27\hat{k}) \times (\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \mu\hat{k}) = \vec{0}$. [U]

18. If $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$ and $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$, then what can be concluded about the vector \vec{b} ? [U]

19. Show that the points A(-2,3,5), B(1,2,3) and C(7,0, -1) are collinear. [U]

20. Show that the points A(1,2,7), B(2,6,3) and C(3,10, -1) are collinear. [U]

21. Show that $|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| + |\vec{b}| |\vec{a}|$ is perpendicular to $|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| - |\vec{b}| |\vec{a}|$, for any two nonzero vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} . [U]

22. If either vector $\vec{a} = \vec{0}$ or $\vec{b} = \vec{0}$, then $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$. But the converse need not be true. Justify your answer with an example. [U]

23. Find $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$, if $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ [U]

24. Find the area of the triangle with vertices A(1,1,2), B(2,3,5) and C(1,5, 5) [U]

25. The 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. [U]

26. Find the volume of the parallelepiped whose coterminal edges are represented by the vectors $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = -2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$. [U]

27. Find the projection of \vec{a} on \vec{b} if $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 8$ and $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ [U]

Three mark problems:

1. Show that the position vector of the point P, which divides the line joining the points A and B having the position vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} internally in the ratio $m : n$ is $\frac{m\vec{b} + n\vec{a}}{m + n}$. [A]

2. Find a unit vector perpendicular to each of the vectors $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$ and $\vec{a} - \vec{b}$, where $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$. [U]

3. Find λ , if the vectors $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = \lambda\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ are coplanar.

[U]

4. Show that the four points A, B, C and D with position vectors $4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $-\hat{j} - \hat{k}$, $3\hat{i} + 9\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ and $4(-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$ respectively are coplanar.

[U]

5. Find λ , such that the four points A (3, 2, 1), B (4, λ , 5), C (4, 2, -2) and D (6, 5, -1) are coplanar.

[U]

6. Show that the four points with position vectors $4\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}$, $2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$, $3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ and

$5\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ are coplanar.

[U]

7. Prove that $[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c} + \vec{d}] = [\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] + [\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{d}]$

[U]

8. Prove that $[\vec{a} + \vec{b} \ \vec{b} + \vec{c} \ \vec{c} + \vec{a}] = 2[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}]$

[U]

9. Show that the vectors \vec{a} , \vec{b} and \vec{c} are coplanar if $\vec{a} - \vec{b}$, $\vec{b} - \vec{c}$ and $\vec{c} - \vec{a}$ are coplanar.

[U]

10. If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are unit vectors such that $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = \vec{0}$, find the value of $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}$.

[U]

11. Show that the points $A(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k})$, $B(\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k})$ and $C(3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k})$ are the vertices of a right angled triangle

[U]

12. If the vertices A, B and C of a triangle are (1, 2, 3), (-1, 0, 0) and (0, 1, 2) respectively, then find the $\angle ABC$. [U]

13. Three vectors \vec{a}, \vec{b} & \vec{c} satisfy the condition $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = \vec{0}$. Evaluate the quantity $\mu = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}$, if $|\vec{a}| = 1$, $|\vec{b}| = 4$ & $|\vec{c}| = 2$.

[U]

14. Find the vector of magnitude 5 units and parallel to the resultant of the vectors

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

[U]

15. If \vec{a}, \vec{b} & \vec{c} are three vectors such that $|\vec{a}| = 3$, $|\vec{b}| = 4$, $|\vec{c}| = 5$ & each vector is orthogonal to sum of the other two vectors then find $|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}|$.

[U]

16. If $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j}$, $3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ & $\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ are the position vectors of points A, B, C & D respectively then find the cosine angle between \overrightarrow{AB} & \overrightarrow{CD} .

[U]

17.If $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ & $\vec{c} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ such that \vec{a} is perpendicular to $(\lambda\vec{b} + \vec{c})$ then find λ .

[U]

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

[U]

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

20. If $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$ are mutually perpendicular unit vectors, $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j}$, $\vec{\beta} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$, then express $\vec{\beta}$ in the form $\vec{\beta} = \vec{\beta}_1 + \vec{\beta}_2$ where $\vec{\beta}_1$ is parallel to \vec{a} and $\vec{\beta}_2$ is perpendicular to \vec{a} .

[U]

21.If $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ & $\vec{c} = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ then find the unit vector perpendicular to both $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$ & $\vec{b} + \vec{c}$. [U]

22. If $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$ & $\vec{c} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ then find a vector \vec{d} which is perpendicular to both \vec{a} & \vec{b} and \vec{c} . $|\vec{d}| = 15$. [U]

23.If \vec{a}, \vec{b} & \vec{c} are mutually perpendicular vectors of equal magnitudes then prove that the vector $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$ is equally inclined to \vec{a}, \vec{b} & \vec{c} . [U]