

EXERCISE: 10.2 VECTOR ALGEBRA.

QNo 1. Compute the magnitude of following vectors.

$$\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k} ; \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} - 3\hat{k} ; \vec{c} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{j} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{k}.$$

Sol. As we know that magnitude $|\vec{a}|$ of $\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$ is given by $|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2}$

$$\therefore |\vec{a}| = |\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{3} \text{ units.}$$

$$|\vec{b}| = |2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (-7)^2 + (-3)^2} = \sqrt{4 + 49 + 9} = \sqrt{62} \text{ units.}$$

$$|\vec{c}| = \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{j} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{k} \right| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3}} = \sqrt{\frac{1+1+1}{3}} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{3}} = 1$$

QNo 2 Write two different vectors having same magnitude.

Sol. Vectors $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j}$ and $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - \hat{j}$ are different vectors having same magnitude $\sqrt{1+1} = \sqrt{2}$.

Note: - Infinite number of pairs of such vectors are possible.

QNo 3. Write two different vectors having same direction.

Sol. Vector $\vec{a} = \hat{i}$ and $\vec{b} = 10\hat{i}$ are different vectors having same direction.

QNo 4. 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.

Sol.

$$x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$$
$$\Rightarrow x = 2 \text{ and } y = 3.$$

QNo 5 Find the scalar and vector components of vectors with initial point $(2, 1)$ and terminal point $(-5, 7)$

Sol. As Vector joining the point $P(x_1, y_1)$ and $Q(x_2, y_2)$ is given by $\vec{PQ} = (x_2 - x_1)\hat{i} + (y_2 - y_1)\hat{j}$.

Let Initial point be $P(2, 1)$ and terminal point be $Q(-5, 7)$

$$\text{Then } \vec{PQ} = (-5 - 2)\hat{i} + (7 - 1)\hat{j} = -7\hat{i} + 6\hat{j}.$$

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 $\Rightarrow$ Scalar Components of vector $\vec{PA}$ are -7 and 6
and Vector components are $-7\hat{i}$ and $6\hat{j}$.

QNo.6 Find the sum of vectors $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$
 $\vec{b} = -2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$; $\vec{c} = \hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}$

Sol: Required Sum $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) + (-2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) + (\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - 7\hat{k})$
$$= (1-2+1)\hat{i} + (-2+4-6)\hat{j} + (1+5-7)\hat{k}$$
$$= 0\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - \hat{k}.$$

QNo.7. Find the unit vector in direction of $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$.

Sol. Given Vector $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (1)^2 + (2)^2} = \sqrt{1+1+4} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$\therefore \text{Unit Vector in direction of } \vec{a} = \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\hat{j} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\hat{k}.$$

QNo.8. Find the unit vector in the direction of vector $\vec{PQ}$, where P and Q are the points $P(1, 2, 3)$ and $Q(4, 5, 6)$ respectively.

Sol. Position Vector $\vec{OP} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

Position Vector of Q = $\vec{OQ} = 4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$

$$\therefore \vec{PQ} = \vec{OQ} - \vec{OP} = (4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) - (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$$
$$= 3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}.$$

$$|\vec{PQ}| = \sqrt{(3)^2 + (3)^2 + (3)^2} = \sqrt{9+9+9} = \sqrt{27} = \sqrt{3 \times 9} = 3\sqrt{3}.$$

$$\therefore \text{Unit Vector in direction of vector } \vec{PQ} = \frac{\vec{PQ}}{|\vec{PQ}|}$$
$$= \frac{3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}}{3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{j} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{k}$$

QNo. 9 for given vector $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = -\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ find the unit vector in direction of $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$. 3.

Soln:

$$\vec{a} + \vec{b} = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) + (-\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k})$$
$$= \hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (0)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{2}.$$

$$\therefore \text{Unit Vector in direction of } \vec{a} + \vec{b} = \frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b}}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b}|}$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + \hat{k}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{k}$$

QNo. 10 find a vector in direction of vector $5\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ which has magnitude 8 units.

Sol.

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

$$\therefore |\vec{a}| = \sqrt{(5)^2 + (-1)^2 + (2)^2} = \sqrt{25 + 1 + 4} = \sqrt{30}.$$

$$\therefore \text{Unit Vector in direction of } \vec{a} = \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|}.$$

$$\therefore \text{Vector in direction of } \vec{a} \text{ having magnitude 8}$$
$$= 8 \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|}$$

$$= \frac{8}{\sqrt{30}} (5\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

$$= \frac{40}{\sqrt{30}}\hat{i} - \frac{8}{\sqrt{30}}\hat{j} + \frac{16}{\sqrt{30}}\hat{k}.$$

QNo. 11. Show that vectors $2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ and $-4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$ are collinear.

Sol.

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

$\therefore$ the given vectors are collinear.

QNo. 12. Find the direction cosines of vector $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$.

Sol: Since direction cosines of any vector are the

Components of its unit vector.

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

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (2)^2 + (3)^2} = \sqrt{1+4+9} = \sqrt{14}$$

$$\therefore \hat{a} = \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}\hat{i} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}\hat{j} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}\hat{k}$$

$\therefore$ Direction Cosines of given vector are.

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}} \right\rangle$$

QNo. 13. Find the direction cosines of vector joining the points $A(1, 2, -3)$ and $B(-1, -2, 1)$ directed from A to B.

Sol.

Position Vector of A = $\vec{OA} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$

Position Vector of B = $\vec{OB} = -\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \vec{AB} &= \vec{OB} - \vec{OA} \\ &= (-\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) - (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) \\ &= -2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{AB}| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (-4)^2 + (4)^2} = \sqrt{4+16+16} = \sqrt{36} = 6$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{Unit Vector along } \vec{AB} &= \frac{\vec{AB}}{|\vec{AB}|} = \frac{1}{6}(-2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{3}\hat{i} - \frac{2}{3}\hat{j} + \frac{2}{3}\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{Direction cosines of } \vec{AB} = \left\langle -\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3} \right\rangle$$

QNo. 14. Show that the vector $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ is equally inclined to axes OX, OY, OZ

Sol.

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

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (1)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\therefore \hat{a} = \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{j} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \text{Direction cosines of } \vec{a} \text{ are } \left\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right\rangle$$

5.
If $\vec{a}$ makes angles α, β, γ respectively with +ve. OX, OY and OZ

$$\text{Then } \cos \alpha = \cos \beta = \cos \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \alpha = \beta = \gamma = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

$\therefore$ The vector $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ is equally inclined with OX, OY and OZ .

Q No. 15

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 $-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ resp. in ratio (i) internally (ii) externally.

Sol.

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

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

(i) Using Section formula P.V of R which divides PQ in ratio $2:1$ internally

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

$$= \frac{1}{3}[-\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + \hat{k}] = -\frac{1}{3}\hat{i} + \frac{4}{3}\hat{j} + \frac{1}{3}\hat{k}$$

(ii) Using Section formula. P.V of R which divides PQ in ratio $2:1$ externally

$$= \frac{2\vec{b} - 1\vec{a}}{2-1} = \frac{2(-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) - 1(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})}{1}$$

$$= -3\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

Q No. 16 Find the position vector of mid-point of vector joining the points $P(2, 3, 4)$ and $Q(4, 1, -2)$

Sol. Using Mid-Point formula

$$\text{P.V of mid point of } \vec{PQ} = \frac{\text{P.V of } P + \text{P.V. of } Q}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) + (4\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [6\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}] = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

QNo 17. Show that the points A, B and C with position vectors
 $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$; $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$; $\vec{c} = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$
 resp. form the vertices of right angled triangle.

Sol. Here $\vec{AB} = \vec{b} - \vec{a} = -\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$

$$\therefore |AB| = |\vec{AB}| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (3)^2 + (5)^2} = \sqrt{35}$$

$$\vec{BC} = \vec{c} - \vec{b} = -\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore |BC| = |\vec{BC}| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-2)^2 + (-6)^2} = \sqrt{1+4+36} = \sqrt{41}$$

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

$$\therefore |CA| = |\vec{CA}| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (-1)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$\text{Now } AB^2 + CA^2 = (\sqrt{35})^2 + (\sqrt{6})^2 = 35 + 6 = 41 = (\sqrt{41})^2 = BC^2$$

$\therefore \Delta ABC$ is right angled triangle with right angle at A.

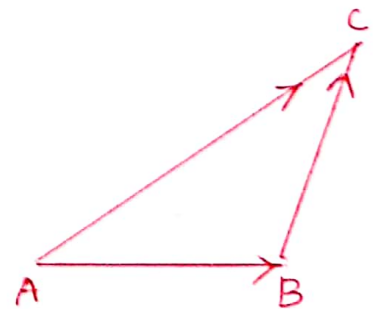
QNo 18. In ΔABC (shown in fig) which of following is not true.

(i) $\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} + \vec{CA} = \vec{0}$

(ii) $\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} - \vec{AC} = \vec{0}$

(iii) $\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} - \vec{CA} = \vec{0}$

(iv) $\vec{AB} - \vec{CB} + \vec{CA} = \vec{0}$



Sol. In given ΔABC

$$\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} - \vec{CA} = \vec{AC} - \vec{CA}$$

$$= \vec{AC} + \vec{AC} = 2\vec{AC} \neq \vec{0}$$

$\therefore$ (C) is right option.

Q No. 19 If $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ are two collinear vectors, then which of following are incorrect.

(A) $\vec{b} = \lambda \vec{a}$ for some scalar λ .

(B) $\vec{a} = \pm \vec{b}$

(C) the respective components of $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ are not proportional.

(D) both the vectors $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ have same direction but different magnitude.

Sol.

Statements (A), (B), (C) are true.

(D) is not true as collinear vectors may have opposite direction.

eg $2\hat{i}$ and $-3\hat{i}$ are collinear but have opposite direction.

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