

UNIT- 6 – VECTOR ALGEBRA

I. Answer the Following (2 marks)

1. With usual notations, in any triangle ABC , prove the following by vector method $c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2 ab \cos C$.
2. A particle acted upon by constant forces $2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$ and $-\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ is displaced from the point $(4, -3, -2)$ to the point $(6, 1, -3)$. Find the total work done by the forces.
3. Prove by vector method that an angle in a semi-circle is a right angle.
4. Show that the four points lie on a same plane $(6,-7,0)$, $(16,-19,-4)$, $(0,3,-6)$, $(2,-5,10)$ lie on a same plane.
5. The volume of the parallelepiped whose coterminus edges are $7\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$, $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$, $-3\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ is 90 cubic units. Find the value of λ .
6. If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are three non-coplanar vectors represented by concurrent edges of a parallelepiped of volume 4 cubic units, find the value of $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) + (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) \cdot (\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) + (\vec{c} + \vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$.
7. Let $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = \hat{i}$ and $\vec{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$. If $c_1 = 1$ and $c_2 = 2$, find c_3 such that \vec{a}, \vec{b} and \vec{c} are coplanar.
8. Prove that $[\vec{a} \times \vec{b}, \vec{b} \times \vec{c}, \vec{c} \times \vec{a}] = [\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}]^2$.
9. Show that the points $(2,3,4)$, $(-1, 4,5)$ and $(8,1,2)$ are collinear.
10. Find a parametric form of vector equation of a plane which is at a distance of 7 units from the origin having 3,-4,5 as direction ratios of a normal to it.
11. Find the vector and Cartesian equations of the plane passing through the point with position vector $2\vec{i} + 6\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$ and normal to the vector $\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} + 5\vec{k}$.
12. Find the angle between the planes $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) = 3$ and $2x - 2y + 2z = 2$.
13. Find the length of the perpendicular from the point $(1, -2, 3)$ to plane $x - y + z = 5$.

II. Answer the Following (3 Marks)

1. Forces of magnitudes $5\sqrt{2}$ and $10\sqrt{2}$ units acting in the directions $3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ and $10\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$, respectively, act on a particle which is displaced from the point with position vector $4\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ to the point with position vector $6\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$. Find the work done by the forces.
2. Find the altitude of a parallelepiped determined by the vectors $\vec{a} = -2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = -3\vec{i} + \vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$ if the base is taken as the parallelogram determined by \vec{b} and \vec{c} .
3. If the vectors $a\hat{i} + a\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$, $\hat{i} + \hat{k}$ and $c\hat{i} + c\hat{j} + b\hat{k}$ are coplanar, prove that c is the geometric mean of a and b .
4. Let $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ be three non-zero vectors such that \vec{c} is a unit vector perpendicular to both \vec{a} and \vec{b} . If the angle between \vec{a} and \vec{b} is $\frac{\pi}{6}$, show that $[\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}]^2 = \frac{1}{4} |\vec{a}|^2 |\vec{b}|^2$.
5. If $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = l\vec{a} + m\vec{b} + n\vec{c}$, find the values of l, m, n .
6. If $\hat{a}, \hat{b}, \hat{c}$ are three unit vectors such that \hat{b} and \hat{c} are non-parallel and $\hat{a} \times (\hat{b} \times \hat{c}) = \frac{1}{2}\hat{b}$, find the angle between \hat{a} and \vec{c} .
7. If the straight line joining the points $(2,1,4)$ and $(a-1,4,-1)$ is parallel to the line joining the points $(0, 2, b-1)$ and $(5,3,-2)$, find the values of a and b .
8. If a plane meets the coordinate axes at A, B, C such that the centroid of the triangle ABC is the point (u, v, w) , find the equation of the plane.
9. If the straight lines $\frac{x-1}{1} = \frac{y-2}{2} = \frac{z-3}{m^2}$ and $\frac{x-3}{1} = \frac{y-2}{m^2} = \frac{z-1}{2}$ are coplanar, find the distinct real values of m .

10. Find the equation of the plane passing through the line of intersection of the planes $x+2y+3z=2$ and $x-y+z+11=3$, and at a distance $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$ from the point $(3, 1, -1)$.
11. Find the equation of the plane which passes through the point $(3, 4, -1)$ and is parallel to the plane $2x-3y+5z+7=0$. Also, find the distance between the two planes.

III. Answer the Following (5 Marks)

1. Prove by vector method that $\sin(\alpha - \beta) = \sin\alpha \cos\beta - \cos\alpha \sin\beta$.
2. Using vector method, prove that $\cos(\alpha - \beta) = \cos\alpha \cos\beta + \sin\alpha \sin\beta$.
3. If $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$, $\vec{c} = -\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$, verify that
 - (i) $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{b} - (\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{a}$
 - (ii) $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{b} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{c}$
4. Find the points where the straight line passes through $(6, 7, 4)$ and $(8, 4, 9)$ cuts the xz and yz planes.
5. If the two lines $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+1}{3} = \frac{z-1}{4}$ and $\frac{x-3}{1} = \frac{y-m}{2} = z$ intersect at a point, find the value of m .
6. Find the foot of the perpendicular drawn from the point $(5, 4, 2)$.
7. Find the parametric form of vector equation, and Cartesian equations of the plane passing through the points $(2, 2, 1)$, $(9, 3, 6)$ and perpendicular to the plane $2x+6y+6z=9$.
8. Find the parametric vector, non-parametric vector and Cartesian form of the equations of the plane passing through the three non-collinear points $(3, 6, -2)$, $(-1, -2, 6)$ and $(6, -4, -2)$.
9. Show that the straight lines $\vec{r} = (5\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) + s(4\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k})$ and $\vec{r} = (8\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) + t(7\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$ are coplanar. Find the vector equation of the plane in which they lie.
10. Find the equation of the plane passing through the line of intersection of the planes $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) = 3$ and $3x - 5y + 4z + 11 = 0$, and the point $(-2, 1, 3)$.
11. Find the point of intersection of the line $x-1 = \frac{y}{2} = z+1$ with the plane $2x-y+2z=2$. Also, find the angle between the line and the plane.
12. Find the coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular and length of the perpendicular from the point $(4, 3, 2)$ to the plane $x+2y+3z=2$.