

CHAPTER - 8 – VECTOR ALGEBRA

I. Answer the Following (2 marks)

1. Let \vec{a} and \vec{b} be the position vectors of the points A and B. Prove that the position vectors of the points which trisect the line segment AB are $\frac{\vec{a}+2\vec{b}}{3}$ and $\frac{\vec{b}+2\vec{a}}{3}$.
2. If D and E are the midpoints of the sides AB and AC of a triangle ABC, prove that $\vec{BE} + \vec{DC} = \frac{3}{2}\vec{BC}$.
3. If \vec{a} and \vec{b} represent a side and a diagonal of a parallelogram, find the other sides and the other diagonal.
4. If $\vec{PO} + \vec{OQ} = \vec{QO} + \vec{OR}$, prove that the points P, Q, R are collinear.
5. A triangle is formed by joining the points (1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0) and (0, 0, 1). Find the direction cosines of the medians.
6. If (a, a + b, a + b + c) is one set of direction ratios of the line joining (1, 0, 0) and (0, 1, 0), then find a set of values of a, b, c.
7. Show that the vectors $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$, $\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ form a right angled triangle.
8. Find the value of λ for which the vectors $\hat{a} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 9\hat{k}$ and $\hat{b} = \hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ are parallel.
9. If $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = |\vec{a} - \vec{b}|$ prove that \vec{a} and \vec{b} are perpendicular.
10. For any vector \vec{r} prove that $\vec{r} = (\vec{r} \cdot \hat{i})\hat{i} + (\vec{r} \cdot \hat{j})\hat{j} + (\vec{r} \cdot \hat{k})\hat{k}$
11. If \vec{a} , \vec{b} , and \vec{c} are three unit vectors satisfying $\vec{a} - \sqrt{3}\vec{b} + \vec{c} = \vec{0}$ then find the angle between \vec{a} and \vec{c} .
12. Find the value λ for which the vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} are perpendicular, where
 (i) $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ (ii) $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}$.
13. Find the angle between the vectors (i) $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$ and $6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ (ii) $\hat{i} - \hat{j}$ and $\hat{j} - \hat{k}$
14. Find the area of the parallelogram whose adjacent sides are $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$.
15. Find the area of a triangle having the points A(1,0,0), B(0,1,0), and C(0,0,1) as its vertices.

II. Answer the Following (3 marks)

1. If \vec{a} and \vec{b} are vectors represented by two adjacent sides of a regular hexagon, then find the vectors represented by other sides.
2. Prove that the line segment joining the midpoints of two sides of a triangle is parallel to the third side whose length is half of the length of the third side.
3. If D is the midpoint of the side BC of a triangle ABC, prove that $\vec{AB} - \vec{AC} = 2\vec{AD}$.
4. If G is the centroid of a triangle ABC, prove that $\vec{GA} + \vec{GB} + \vec{GC} = \vec{0}$.
5. Prove that the points whose position vectors $2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$, $4\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 9\hat{k}$ and $10\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$ form a right angled triangle.

6. If $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = -3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ find the magnitude and direction cosines of
 (i) $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$ (ii) $3\vec{a} - 2\vec{b} + 5\vec{c}$
7. The position vectors of the vertices of a triangle are $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$, $3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ and $-2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}$. Find the perimeter of the triangle.
8. The position vectors $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ of three points satisfy the relation $2\vec{a} - 7\vec{b} + 5\vec{c} = \vec{0}$. Are these points collinear?
9. Show that the points A (1, 1, 1), B(1, 2, 3) and C(2, -1, 1) are vertices of an isosceles triangle.
10. Show that the points (4, -3, 1), (2, -4, 5) and (1, -1, 0) form a right angled triangle.
11. If $|\vec{a}| = 5$, $|\vec{b}| = 6$, $|\vec{c}| = 7$ and $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = \vec{0}$, find $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}$.
12. If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are three vectors such that $\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} + \vec{c} = \vec{0}$ and $|\vec{a}| = 3$, $|\vec{b}| = 4$, $|\vec{c}| = 7$, find the angle between \vec{a} and \vec{b} .
13. Show that the vectors $-\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$, $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, and $-\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ form a right angled triangle
14. Find the vectors of magnitude 6 which are perpendicular to both vectors $\vec{a} = 4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = -2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$.
15. Find the vectors of magnitude $10\sqrt{3}$ that are perpendicular to the plane which contains $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$.
16. Find the area of the parallelogram whose two adjacent sides are determined by the vectors $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ and $3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$.
17. Find the area of the triangle whose vertices are A(3, -1, 2), B(1, -1, -3) and C(4, -3, 1).

III. Answer the Following (5 marks)

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1. Theorem: Let O be the origin. Let A and B be two points. Let P be the point which divides the line segment AB internally in the ratio $m : n$. If \vec{a} and \vec{b} are the position vectors of A and B, then the position vector \vec{OP} of P is given by $\vec{OP} = \frac{n\vec{a} + m\vec{b}}{n+m}$.
2. Theorem: The medians of a triangle are concurrent.
3. Let A, B, and C be the vertices of a triangle. Let D, E, and F be the midpoints of the sides BC, CA, and AB respectively. Show that $\vec{AD} + \vec{BE} + \vec{CF} = \vec{0}$.
4. If ABCD is a quadrilateral and E and F are the midpoints of AC and BD respectively, then prove that $\vec{AB} + \vec{AD} + \vec{CB} + \vec{CD} = 4\vec{EF}$.
5. Show that the vectors $5\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$, $7\hat{i} - 8\hat{j} + 9\hat{k}$, $3\hat{i} + 20\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ are coplanar.
6. Show that the points whose position vectors $4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $-\hat{j} - \hat{k}$, $3\hat{i} + 9\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ and $-4\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ are coplanar.
7. Show that the points (2, -1, 3), (4, 3, 1) and (3, 1, 2) are collinear.

8. If \vec{a}, \vec{b} are unit vectors and θ is the angle between them, show that

$$(i) \sin \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{a} - \vec{b}| \quad (ii) \cos \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{a} + \vec{b}| \quad (iii) \tan \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{|\vec{a} - \vec{b}|}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b}|}$$

9. Let $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ be three vectors such that $|\vec{a}| = 3, |\vec{b}| = 4, |\vec{c}| = 5$ and each one of them being perpendicular to the sum of the other two, find $|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}|$.

10. Three vectors \vec{a}, \vec{b} and \vec{c} are such that $|\vec{a}| = 2, |\vec{b}| = 3, |\vec{c}| = 4$, and $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = \vec{0}$. Find $4\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + 3\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + 3\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}$.

11. For any vector \vec{a} prove that $|\vec{a} \times \hat{i}|^2 + |\vec{a} \times \hat{j}|^2 + |\vec{a} \times \hat{k}|^2 = 2|\vec{a}|^2$.

12. Let $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ be unit vectors such that $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = 0$ and the angle between \vec{b} and \vec{c} is $\frac{\pi}{3}$. Prove that $\vec{a} = \pm \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}(\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$.

13. Find the angle between the vectors $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ using vector product.

