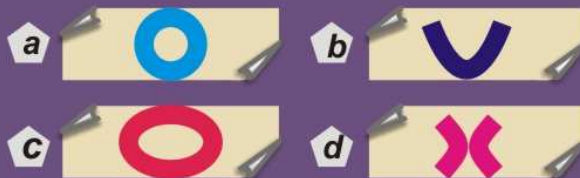


# HOW TO TEACH MATH MCQs

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$$4x^2 + 9y^2 = 36$$



BOOK - 2

## Chapter 11

## VECTORS

## INITIAL AND TERMINAL POINTS OF A VECTOR

If A  $(a_1, b_1, c_1)$  and B  $(a_2, b_2, c_2)$  are initial and terminal points respectively, then vector  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  is

$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{AB} &= (a_2, b_2, c_2) - (a_1, b_1, c_1) \\ &= (a_2 - a_1, b_2 - b_1, c_2 - c_1) \\ &= (a_2 - a_1)i + (b_2 - b_1)j + (c_2 - c_1)k\end{aligned}$$

## MCQ-1:

If P  $(3, -5, 8)$  and Q  $(-6, 2, 7)$  are the points, then  $\overrightarrow{PQ} = ?$

- (a)  $-9i + 7j - k$  (b)  $3i - 3j + 15k$   
(c)  $-3i + 3j - 15k$  (d)  $9i - 7j + k$

## Solution:

$$\overrightarrow{PQ} = (-6, 2, 7) - (3, -5, 8)$$

$$= (-6 - 3, 2 + 5, 7 - 8)$$

$$= (-9, 7, -1)$$

$$= -9i + 7j - k$$

The answer is (a).

## MCQ-2:

If P  $(6, -4, 9)$  and Q are the points, what are the coordinates of Q if

$$\overrightarrow{PQ} = 12i - 2j + 5k?$$

- (a)  $(-6, -2, 4)$  (b)  $(3, -8, 12)$   
(c)  $(18, -6, 14)$  (d)  $(6, 2, -4)$

## Solution:

$$\overrightarrow{PQ} = (\text{coordinates of } Q) - (\text{coordinates of } P)$$

$$(\text{coordinates of } Q) = (\text{coordinates of } P) + \overrightarrow{PQ}$$

$$= (6, -4, 9) + (12, -2, 5)$$

$$Q(6 + 12, -4 - 2, 9 + 5)$$

$$Q(18, -6, 14)$$

The answer is (c).

**MCQ-3 :**

$x = ?$ , if  $A(3, -5, 2)$ ,  $B(-1, x, -4)$  and  $\overrightarrow{AB} = -4i + j - 6k$ ?

(a) 6

(b) -4

(c) -6

(d) -5

**Solution:**

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = B - A$$

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = (-4, 1, -6), A(3, -5, 2), B(-1, x, -4)$$

$$1 = x - (-5)$$

$$1 = x + 5$$

$$x = 1 - 5$$

$$x = -4$$

The answer is (b).

**EXERCISE-1**

(1)  $A(2, 5, -3)$  and  $\overrightarrow{AB} = 6i - 2j - 3k$ . What are the coordinates of  $B$ ?

(a)  $(4, -7, 0)$

(b)  $(8, 3, -6)$

(c)  $(8, 3, -9)$

(d)  $(4, 3, -6)$

(2)  $\overrightarrow{AB} = 2i + 3j - 3k$  and  $B(5, 2, 4)$ . What are the coordinates of  $A$ ?

(a)  $(3, 8, -2)$

(b)  $(7, 5, 1)$

(c)  $(-3, 1, -7)$

(d)  $(3, -1, 7)$

**MAGNITUDE OF A VECTOR**

$$\vec{r} = ai + bj + ck$$

is a vector.

Magnitude of vector  $\vec{r}$  is

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

**MCQ-4 :**

$a = ?$ , if magnitude of the vector  $\vec{r} = i + aj - 2k$  is 3?

- (a)  $-5$                       (b)  $\sqrt{12}$                       (c)  $-2$                       (d)  $\sqrt{3}$

**Solution:**

$$r = 3, \vec{r} = i + aj - 2k$$

$$r = \sqrt{1^2 + a^2 + (-2)^2}$$

$$3 = \sqrt{1 + a^2 + 4}$$

$$9 = a^2 + 5$$

$$a^2 = 4$$

$$a = \pm 2$$

The answer is (c).

**MCQ-5 :**

$\vec{a} = 2i + j$  and  $\vec{b} = 3i - 5j$ . What is the value of  $|2\vec{a} - \vec{b}|$ ?

- (a)  $\sqrt{12}$                       (b)  $\sqrt{42}$                       (c) 6                      (d)  $\sqrt{38}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} 2\vec{a} - \vec{b} &= (4i + 2j) - (3i - 5j) \\ &= 4i - j + 5j \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |2\vec{a} - \vec{b}| &= \sqrt{16 + 1 + 25} \\ &= \sqrt{42} \end{aligned}$$

The answer is (b).

**UNIT VECTOR**

$$\hat{r} = \frac{\vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|}$$

is a unit vector, in the direction of vector  $\vec{r}$  with magnitude 1.

**MCQ- 6:**

What is the unit vector in the direction of the vector  $\vec{r} = 8i + 4j - k$ ?

(a)  $\frac{8}{7}i + \frac{4}{7}j - \frac{1}{7}k$

(b)  $\frac{8}{9}i + \frac{4}{9}j - \frac{1}{9}k$

(c)  $\frac{8}{5}i + \frac{4}{5}j - \frac{1}{5}k$

(d)  $2i + \frac{1}{2}j - \frac{1}{8}k$

**Solution:**

$$\vec{r} = 8i + 4j - k$$

$$r = |\vec{r}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

$$r = \sqrt{64 + 16 + 1}$$

$$= 9$$

Divide the vector  $\vec{r}$  by 9

$$\hat{r} = \frac{8}{9}i + \frac{4}{9}j - \frac{1}{9}k$$

The answer is (b).

**EXERCISE-2**

- (1) What is the magnitude of vector  $2i - 3j + 5k$ ?
- (a)  $\sqrt{38}$                       (b)  $\sqrt{20}$                       (c)  $2\sqrt{3}$                       (d)  $5\sqrt{2}$
- (2) What is the magnitude of the vector  $3i - 4j$  ?
- (a) 1                                  (b) -1                                  (c) 5                                  (d) 25
- (3) What is the unit vector of the vector  $6i - 8j$  ?
- (a)  $\frac{3}{2}i - j$                       (b)  $3i - 2j$                       (c)  $\frac{3}{5}i - \frac{4}{5}j$                       (d)  $i - j$
- (4) What is the vector in the direction of the vector  $i + j$  of magnitude 3 ?
- (a)  $\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}i + \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}j$                       (b)  $3i + 3j$                       (c)  $\frac{3}{2}i + \frac{3}{2}j$                       (d)  $\frac{1}{3}i + \frac{1}{3}j$
- (5) What is the vector in the direction of the vector  $4i - 3j$  of magnitude 2 ?
- (a)  $2i - \frac{3}{2}j$                       (b)  $\frac{4}{5}i - \frac{3}{5}j$                       (c)  $8i - 6j$                       (d)  $\frac{8}{5}i - \frac{6}{5}j$

**POSITION VECTOR**

If  $O$  be the origin and  $P(a, b, c)$  a point, then  $\overrightarrow{OP}$  is called position vector.

$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{OP} &= (a, b, c) - (0, 0, 0) \\ &= (a - 0, b - 0, c - 0) \\ &= (a, b, c) \\ &= ai + bj + ck\end{aligned}$$

**MCQ- 7:**

$x = ?$ , if  $\overrightarrow{OP} = 5i + 3j - xk$  is the position vector of  $P(5, 3, -8)$ ?

- (a) 0                      (b) 6                      (c) -8                      (d) 8

**Solution:**

$$P(5, 3, -8)$$

$$\overrightarrow{OP} = 5i + 3j - xk$$

$$\begin{aligned}-x &= -8 & \{\because \overrightarrow{OP} = 5i + 3j - 8k\} \\ x &= 8\end{aligned}$$

The answer is (d).

**MCQ- 8:**

$3\overrightarrow{PQ} = ?$  If the position vector of P and Q are  $2i - 3j + 6k$  and  $-6i + 3j - k$  respectively.

- (a)  $-24i + 18j - 21k$                       (b)  $-12i + 15k$   
(c)  $-4i + 5k$                                   (d)  $6i - 9j + 12k$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}3\overrightarrow{PQ} &= 3(\overrightarrow{OQ} - \overrightarrow{OP}) \\ &= 3\{(-6i + 3j - k) - (2i - 3j + 6k)\}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}3\overrightarrow{PQ} &= 3(-8i + 6j - 7k) \\ &= -24i + 18j - 21k\end{aligned}$$

The answer is (a).

**EXERCISE-3**

(1) The position vector of  $A$  is  $\vec{OA} = 6i + 3j - 8k$  and  $\vec{AB} = 10i + 8j + 2k$ .  
What is the position vector of  $B$ ?

- (a)  $16i + 11j - 10k$  (b)  $16i + 11j - 6k$   
(c)  $4i + 5j + 10k$  (d)  $4i + 5j - 6k$

(2) The position vector of  $B$  is  $\vec{OB} = 8i + 2j - 5k$  and  $\vec{AB} = 12i + 4j - 3k$ .  
What is the position vector of  $A$ ?

- (a)  $-4i - 2j - 2k$  (b)  $20i + 6j - 8k$   
(c)  $-4i - 2j - 8k$  (d)  $20i + 6j - 2k$

**PARALLEL VECTORS**

Two vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are parallel, if

$$\vec{a} = m\vec{b}$$

where  $m$  is a scalar (real number).

**MCQ-9 :**

Which vector is parallel to the vector  $2i - 6j - 10k$ ?

- (a)  $2i + 6j + 10k$  (b)  $-i + 3j + 5k$   
(c)  $i - 2j - 5k$  (d)  $-3i + 18j + 20k$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & -2 \{ \text{option (b)} \} \\ & = -2(-i + 3j + 5k) \\ & = 2i - 6j - 10k \end{aligned}$$

The answer is (b).

**EXERCISE-4**

(1)  $\vec{a} = 4i + 5j$  is parallel to  $\vec{b} = 8i + mj$ . What is the value of  $m$ ?

- (a) 10 (b)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (c)  $\frac{3}{2}$  (d) 20

(2)  $\vec{p} = -2i + mj$  and  $\vec{q} = 8i + 12j$  are parallel vectors. What is the value of  $m$ ?

- (a)  $-\frac{1}{4}$  (b)  $-3$  (c) 6 (d)  $\frac{4}{3}$



**DIRECTION COSINES**

$(\cos\alpha, \cos\beta, \cos\gamma)$  are the directions cosine of a vector  $\vec{r}$ , where  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  are angle between the vector  $\vec{r}$  and positive x, y and z axis respectively.

If  $\vec{r} = xi + yj + zk$ , then

$$x = r\cos\alpha, \quad y = r\cos\beta, \quad z = r\cos\gamma$$

$$\cos\alpha = \frac{x}{r}, \quad \cos\beta = \frac{y}{r}, \quad \cos\gamma = \frac{z}{r}$$

where  $r = |\vec{r}|$

**Note:**

The components of a unit vector of a vector are directions cosine of the vector.

Since  $(\cos\alpha, \cos\beta, \cos\gamma) = \left(\frac{x}{r}, \frac{y}{r}, \frac{z}{r}\right)$

**MCQ-10 :**

What are the directions cosine of the vector  $\vec{r} = 3i - 4k$  ?

- (a)  $(3/5, 0, 4/5)$                       (b)  $(5/3, 0, 4/5)$   
 (c)  $(2/5, 4/5, 7/5)$                       (d)  $(7/5, 3/5, 4/5)$

**Solution:**

$$\vec{r} = 3i - 4k$$

$$x = 3, \quad y = 0, \quad z = -4$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

$$r = \sqrt{9 + 16} = 5$$

$$\cos\alpha = \frac{x}{r}, \quad \cos\beta = \frac{y}{r}, \quad \cos\gamma = \frac{z}{r}$$

$$(3/5, 0, 4/5)$$

The answer is (a).

**MCQ- 11:** What is the angle between the y-axis and the vector  $3i + 2j - k$  ?

- (a)  $\cos^{-1} \frac{2}{\sqrt{7}}$       (b)  $\cos^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{2}{7}}$       (c)  $\cos^{-1} \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$       (d)  $\cos^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}$

**Solution:**

$$3i + 2j - k$$

$$x = 3, y = 2, z = 1$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

$$r = \sqrt{9 + 4 + 1}$$

$$r = \sqrt{14}$$

$\beta$  is the angle between the vector and y-axis.

$$\cos \beta = \frac{y}{r}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2}{7}}$$

$$\beta = \cos^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{2}{7}}$$

The answer is (b).

### EXERCISE-5

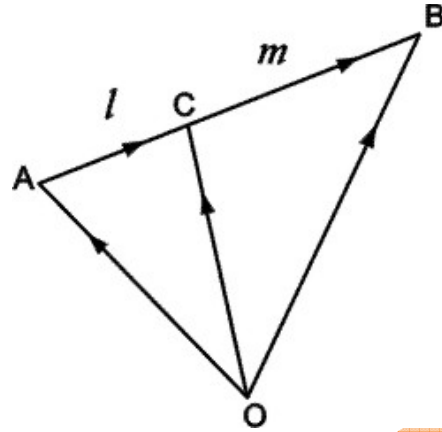
(1) What is the angle of the vector  $\vec{r} = 3i + 4k$  from z - axis?

- (a)  $\cos^{-1} 1$       (b)  $\cos^{-1} \frac{3}{5}$       (c)  $\cos^{-1} \frac{4}{5}$       (d)  $\cos^{-1} 0$

(2) What is the angle of the vector  $\vec{r} = 8i - 6k$  from y - axis?

- (a)  $\cos^{-1} \frac{8}{10}$       (b)  $\cos^{-1} \left(\frac{-6}{10}\right)$       (c)  $\cos^{-1} 0$       (d)  $\cos^{-1} 1$

**POSITION VECTORS AND RATIO**



are the position vectors of points A, B and C respectively.

If C divides in the ratio , then

$$= \frac{\quad}{\quad}$$

**MCQ-12 :**

?, if , and C divides  
In the ratio 2:3.

- (a) - (b) - (c) - (d) -

**Solution:**

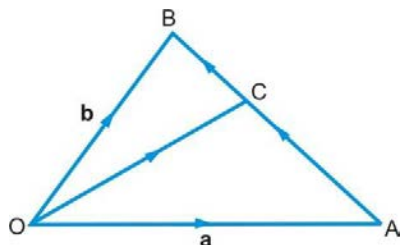
$$= \frac{\quad}{\quad}$$

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The answer is (d).

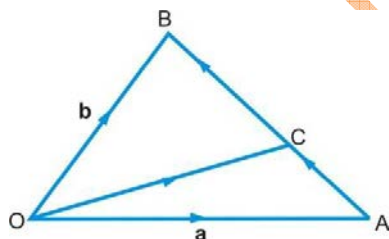
**EXERCISE-6**

(1)  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  - What is the vector



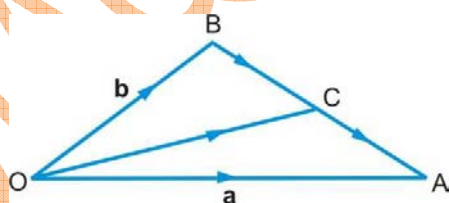
- (a)  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$  (b)  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} - \vec{c}$  (c)  $\vec{a} - \vec{b} + \vec{c}$  (d)  $\vec{a} - \vec{b} - \vec{c}$

(2)  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  and C divides  $\vec{a}$  in the ratio 2:3. What is the vector



- (a)  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$  (b)  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} - \vec{c}$  (c)  $\vec{a} - \vec{b} + \vec{c}$  (d)  $\vec{a} - \vec{b} - \vec{c}$

(3)  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  - What is the vector



- (a)  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$  (b)  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} - \vec{c}$  (c)  $\vec{a} - \vec{b} + \vec{c}$  (d)  $\vec{a} - \vec{b} - \vec{c}$

**DOT PRODUCT**

$$\bar{u} = a_1i + b_1j + c_1k \quad \text{and}$$

$$\bar{v} = a_2i + b_2j + c_2k$$

The dot product of  $\bar{u}$  and  $\bar{v}$  is

$$\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v} = a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2$$

**VALUE OF  $\cos\theta$ :**

If  $\theta$  is the angle between the vectors  $\bar{u}$  and  $\bar{v}$  then

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v}}{|\bar{u}||\bar{v}|}$$

**MCQ- 13:**

$a = ?$ , if  $\bar{u} = 2i - 3j + 5k$ ,  $\bar{v} = 3i + aj - k$  and  $\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v} = -29$

(a) 4

(b) 10

(c) 8

(d) 6

**Solution:**

$$\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v} = (2 \times 3) + (-3 \times a) + (-1 \times 5)$$

$$-29 = 6 - 3a - 5$$

$$-3a = -30$$

$$a = 10$$

The answer is (b).

**MCQ- 14:**  $\cos\theta = ?$ , if  $\bar{a} = 2i - j + 3k$  and  $\bar{b} = i + 3j - 2k$ .

(a)  $-\frac{1}{2}$ (b)  $1/\sqrt{2}$ (c)  $-7/8$ (d)  $-7/\sqrt{14}$ **Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} &= 2 - 3 - 6 \\ &= -7 \end{aligned}$$

$$a = \sqrt{4 + 1 + 9} = \sqrt{14}$$

$$b = \sqrt{1 + 9 + 4} = \sqrt{14}$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b}}{ab} = \frac{-7}{14} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

The answer is (a).

**ORTHOGONAL VECTORS**

Two vectors  $\bar{u}$  and  $\bar{v}$  are orthogonal, if

$$\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v} = 0$$

**MCQ-15 :**

$\bar{u} = 2i + 3j - 5k$  and  $\bar{v} = 6i - hj + 3k$  are orthogonal. What is the value of  $h$ ?

- (a)  $-1$                       (b)  $3$                       (c)  $-2$                       (d)  $6$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{u} \text{ and } \bar{v} \text{ are orthogonal} \\ \bar{u} \cdot \bar{v} = 0 \\ (2i + 3j - 5k) \cdot (6i - hj + 3k) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$12 - 3h - 15 = 0$$

$$-3h = 3$$

$$h = -1$$

The answer is (a).

**WORK DONE**

A particle is displaced  $d$  by the force  $F$ , the work done is

$$\text{Work done} = \bar{F} \cdot \bar{d}$$

**MCQ-16 :**

A particle is displaced from  $(2, 3, 8)$  to  $(9, 5, 1)$  by the force  $9i + 2j - 6k$ . What is the work done?

- (a)  $109$                       (b)  $208$                       (c)  $72$                       (d)  $48$

**Solution:**

$$\bar{d} = (9, 5, 1) - (2, 3, 8)$$

$$= 7i + 2j - 7k$$

$$\text{work done} = \bar{F} \cdot \bar{d}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (9i + 2j - 6k) \cdot (7i + 2j - 7k) \\
 &= 63 + 4 + 42 \\
 &= 109
 \end{aligned}$$

The answer is (a).

### EXERCISE-7

- (1) If  $\bar{a} = 2i - 3j + 5k$  and  $\bar{b} = 5i + j$ , Then  $\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} = ?$   
 (a) 8 (b) -13 (c)  $10i - j$  (d) 7
- (2)  $\bar{a} = 3i - 2k$  and  $\bar{b} = mi + 5j + 9k$  are orthogonal vectors. What is the value of  $m$ ?  
 (a) 6 (b) 2 (c) 8 (d) 3
- (3) What is the work done if a particle is displaced from point  $(2, 8, 5)$  to  $(9, 3, 7)$  by the force  $2i - j + k$ ?  
 (a) 15 (b) 26 (c) 21 (d) 9
- (4) The magnitude of a vector  $\bar{r}$  is  $|\bar{r}|$ . What is the value of  $\bar{r} \cdot \bar{r}$ ?  
 (a)  $\frac{\bar{r}}{|\bar{r}|}$  (b)  $|\bar{r}|^2$  (c)  $\bar{r}^2$  (d)  $|\bar{r}|\bar{r}$
- (5) If  $\bar{r} \cdot \bar{r} = m^2 + 1$  and  $|\bar{r}| = 5$ . What is the positive value of  $m$ ?  
 (a) 3 (b)  $3\sqrt{2}$  (c) 2 (d)  $2\sqrt{6}$
- (6)  $\bar{r} \cdot \bar{r} = 9$  and  $|\bar{r}| = m$ . What is the positive value of  $m$ ?  
 (a)  $3\sqrt{3}$  (b) 3 (c) 81 (d) 9

**CROSS PRODUCT**

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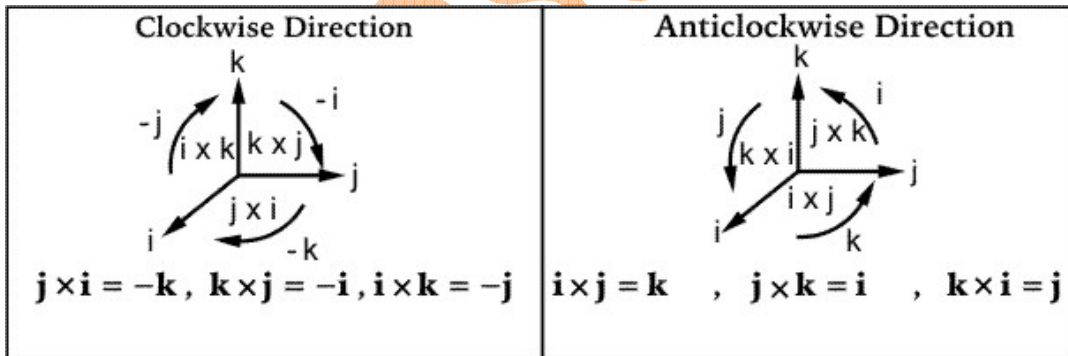
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**Shortcut:**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{y} &= (\text{coeff. of } x \text{ coeff. of } y - \text{coeff. of } y \text{ coeff. of } x) \mathbf{k} \\ &\quad - (\text{coeff. of } x \text{ coeff. of } z - \text{coeff. of } z \text{ coeff. of } x) \mathbf{j} \\ &\quad + (\text{coeff. of } y \text{ coeff. of } z - \text{coeff. of } z \text{ coeff. of } y) \mathbf{i} \end{aligned}$$

**CLOCKWISE AND ANTICLOCKWISE DIRECTIONS:**

$\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}$  are unit vectors in the directions of x, y and z-axis respectively.



**MCQ-17 :**

if and

- (a) -
- (b) -
- (c) -
- (d) -

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} &= - \\ &= - \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}\bar{a} \times \bar{b} &= i(-12 - 12) - j(-18 + 20) + k(-9 - 10) \\ &= -24i - 2j - 19k\end{aligned}$$

The answer is (c).

**MCQ-18 :**

$\bar{a} \times \bar{b} = ?$ , if  $\bar{a} = 5i + 2j - 4k$  and  $\bar{b} = 6i - 3j + 7k$  ?

- (a)  $2i + 8j - 12k$  (b)  $2i - 59j - 27k$   
 (c)  $6i + 12j - 35k$  (d) None

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{a} &= 5i + 2j - 4k \\ \bar{b} &= 6i - 3j + 7k\end{aligned}$$

**Note:** Due to the option (d) None, find  $\bar{a} \times \bar{b}$  completely.

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{a} \times \bar{b} &= i(14 - 12) - j(35 + 24) + k(-15 - 12) \\ &= 2i - 59j - 27k\end{aligned}$$

The answer is (b).

**MCQ-19 :**

$|\bar{a} \times \bar{b}| = ?$  ,  $\bar{a} = 2i - j + k$  ,  $\bar{b} = i + 2j - k$

- (a)  $\sqrt{47}$  (b)  $\sqrt{12}$  (c)  $\sqrt{26}$  (d)  $\sqrt{35}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{a} &= 2i - j + k \\ \bar{b} &= i + 2j - k\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{a} \times \bar{b} &= i(1 - 2) - j(-2 - 1) + k(4 + 1) \\ &= -i + 3j + 5k\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}|\bar{a} \times \bar{b}| &= \sqrt{1 + 9 + 25} \\ &= \sqrt{35}\end{aligned}$$

The answer is (d).

**MCQ-20 :**

$$\bar{a} \times \bar{b} = ? , \bar{a} = i - 2j + 5k , \bar{b} = 3i + 4j - 2k.$$

- (a)  $-16i + 17j + 10k$                       (b)  $-16i - 5j + 10k$   
 (c)  $-16i + 8j + 10k$                       (d)  $-16i - 12j + 10k$

**Solution:**

$$\bar{a} = i - 2j + 5k$$

$$\bar{b} = 3i + 4j - 2k$$

**Note:** First and last term in each options are same, so check only second term.

$$= -j \{1 \times (-2) - 3 \times 5\}$$

$$= -j (-2 - 15)$$

$$= 17j$$

The answer is (a).

**MCQ-21 :**

$$\bar{a} \times \bar{b} = ? , \bar{a} = 3i - 2j + 4k , \bar{b} = 6i - 5j + 7k.$$

- (a)  $3i - 2j + 8k$                       (b)  $4i + 6j - 7k$   
 (c)  $6i + 3j - 3k$                       (d)  $9i - 10j + 12k$

**Solution:**

$$\bar{a} = 3i - 2j + 4k$$

$$\bar{b} = 6i - 5j + 7k$$

**Note:** Four options have different answers, so check any one term.

$$= i(-14 + 20)$$

$$= 6i$$

The answer is (c).

**PERPENDICULAR VECTOR**

$$\bar{u} \times \bar{v}$$

is a vector perpendicular to both the vectors  $\bar{u}$  and  $\bar{v}$ .

**UNIT PERPENDICULAR VECTOR**

$$\frac{\bar{u} \times \bar{v}}{|\bar{u} \times \bar{v}|}$$

is a unit vector perpendicular to both the vectors  $\bar{u}$  and  $\bar{v}$ .

**MCQ- 22:**

$\bar{u} = 3i - 2j + 4k$  and  $\bar{v} = 5i + 3j - k$  are two vectors. What is the vector perpendicular to both the vectors  $\bar{u}$  and  $\bar{v}$ ?

- (a)  $2i + 5j - 5k$  (b)  $15i - 6j - 4k$   
 (c)  $-10i + 23j + 29k$  (d) None

**Solution:**

$$\bar{u} = 3i - 2j + 4k$$

$$\bar{v} = 5i + 3j - k$$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{u} \times \bar{v} &= (2 - 12)i - (-3 - 20)j + (9 + 10)k \\ &= -10i + 23j + 19k\end{aligned}$$

The answer is (d).

**EXERCISE-8**

- (1) If  $\bar{a} = 2i + 3k$  and  $\bar{b} = 5j$ , then  $\bar{a} \times \bar{b} = ?$   
 (a) 0 (b)  $-15i + 10k$  (c)  $2i + 5j + 3k$  (d)  $10i + 15k$
- (2)  $\bar{a} = 6i$  and  $\bar{b} = 2k$ . What is the vector perpendicular to both  $\bar{a}$  and  $\bar{b} = ?$   
 (a)  $-12j$  (b)  $12j$  (c) 0 (d)  $3j$

## TRIPLE PRODUCT

are three vectors.

The triple product of the vectors

is defined as

where

### ACCORDING TO THE PROPERTIES OF DETERMINANT:

(i)

Similarly

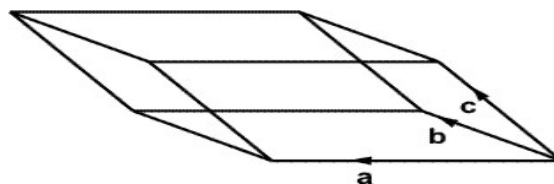
So that the value of is equal to zero if .

(ii) Interchange two vectors:

(iii) Taking common a scalar from a column:

(iv)

### VOLUME OF PARALLELOPIPED:



Volume of Paralleloiped

**EXERCISE-9**

- (1)  $i \cdot j \times k = ?$   
(a) 1                      (b) 0                      (c)  $i^2$                       (d)  $j$
- (2)  $k \cdot j \times i = ?$   
(a)  $-1$                       (b) 1                      (c) 0                      (d)  $k^2$
- (3)  $i \times k \cdot j = ?$   
(a) 1                      (b) 0                      (c)  $-1$                       (d)  $j^2$
- (4)  $\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} \times \bar{a} = ?$   
(a) 1                      (b)  $a^2 b$                       (c)  $a^2 \times b$                       (d) 0
- (5) What is the volume of parallelepiped whose three adjacent edges are represented by the vectors  $\bar{a}$ ,  $\bar{b}$ ,  $2\bar{a}$  ?  
(a)  $abc$                       (b) 1                      (c) 2                      (d) 0
- (6) What is the volume of parallelepiped whose three adjacent edges are represented by the vectors  $3i$ ,  $2j$ ,  $k$  ?  
(a) 6                      (b) 1                      (c) 0                      (d)  $\frac{3}{2}$

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