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ALGEBRA OF VECTORS & Their Properties

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THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. A vector is a physical quantity having both magnitude and direction.
2. If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are the vectors represented by the sides of a triangle taken in order, then $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = \vec{0}$.
Conversely, if $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are three non-collinear vectors, such that $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = \vec{0}$, then they form the sides of a triangle taken in order.

3. Two non-zero vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} are collinear iff there exist non-zero scalars x and y such that $x\vec{a} + y\vec{b} = \vec{0}$.

4. If \vec{a} and \vec{b} are two non-zero non-collinear vectors, then

$$x\vec{a} + y\vec{b} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow x = y = 0$$

5. If \vec{a} and \vec{b} are two non-zero vectors, then any vector \vec{r} coplanar with \vec{a} and \vec{b} can be uniquely expressed as

$$\vec{r} = x\vec{a} + y\vec{b}, \text{ where } x, y \text{ are scalars}$$

$$\text{or, } \vec{r} = \{x|\vec{a}|\} \vec{a} + \{y|\vec{b}|\} \vec{b}$$

6. If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are three given non-coplanar vectors, then every vector \vec{r} in space can be uniquely expressed as

$$\vec{r} = x\vec{a} + y\vec{b} + z\vec{c} \text{ for some scalars } x, y \text{ and } z.$$

$$\text{or, } \vec{r} = \{x|\vec{a}|\} \vec{a} + \{y|\vec{b}|\} \vec{b} + \{z|\vec{c}|\} \vec{c}$$

Here, vectors $x\vec{a}, y\vec{b}$ and $z\vec{c}$ are called the components of \vec{r} in the directions of \vec{a}, \vec{b} and \vec{c} respectively and the scalars x, y and z are known as the coordinates of \vec{r} relative to the triad of non-coplanar vectors $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$. The triad of non-coplanar vectors $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ relative to which we decompose any vector \vec{r} is called a base.

The scalars $x|\vec{a}|, y|\vec{b}|, z|\vec{c}|$ are known as the projections of \vec{r} in the directions of $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ respectively.

7. If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are three non-zero non-coplanar vectors and x, y, z are three scalars, then $x\vec{a} + y\vec{b} + z\vec{c} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow x = y = z = 0$.

8. If l, m, n are direction cosines of a vector $\vec{r} (= \overline{OP})$, where O is the origin and the point P has (x, y, z) as its coordinates, then

$$(i) \quad l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1$$

$$(ii) \quad x = l|\vec{r}|, y = m|\vec{r}|, z = n|\vec{r}|$$

$$(iii) \quad \vec{r} = |\vec{r}|(l\hat{i} + m\hat{j} + n\hat{k})$$

$$(iv) \quad \vec{r} = l\hat{i} + m\hat{j} + n\hat{k}$$

9. If $\vec{r} = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$, then a, b, c are proportional to its direction ratios and its direction cosines are
- $$\frac{\pm a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}, \frac{\pm b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}, \frac{\pm c}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$
10. (i) A set of non-zero vectors $\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3, \dots, \vec{a}_n$ is linearly independent, if $x_1\vec{a}_1 + x_2\vec{a}_2 + \dots + x_n\vec{a}_n = \vec{0}$
 $\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n = 0$
- (ii) A set of vectors $\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3, \dots, \vec{a}_n$ is linearly dependent, if there exist scalars $x_1\vec{a}_1 + x_2\vec{a}_2 + \dots + x_n\vec{a}_n = \vec{0}$
- (iii) Any two non-zero, non-collinear vectors are linearly independent.
- (iv) Any two collinear vectors are linearly dependent.
- (v) Any three non-coplanar vectors are linearly independent.
- (vi) Any three coplanar vectors are linearly dependent.
- (vii) any set of four or more vectors in three dimensional space is linearly dependent set.
11. If A and B are points with position vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} respectively, then the position vector of a point C dividing AB in the ratio $m : n$
- (i) internally, is $\frac{m\vec{b} + n\vec{a}}{m + n}$
- (ii) externally, is $\frac{m\vec{b} - n\vec{a}}{m - n}$
12. If A and B are two points with position vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} respectively and m, n are positive real numbers, then
- $$m\vec{OA} + n\vec{OB} = (m + n)\vec{OC},$$
- where C is a point on AB dividing it in the ratio $n : m$.
- Also, $\vec{OA} + \vec{OB} = 2\vec{OC}$, where C is the mid-point of AB.
13. If S is any point in the plane of a triangle ABC, then
- $$\vec{SA} + \vec{SB} + \vec{SC} = 3\vec{SG},$$
- where G is the centroid of ΔABC .
14. The necessary and sufficient condition for three points with position vectors $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ to be collinear is that there exist scalars x, y, z not all zero such that
- $$x\vec{a} + y\vec{b} + z\vec{c} = \vec{0}, \text{ where } x + y + z = 0$$
15. The necessary and sufficient condition for four points with position vectors $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}, \vec{d}$ to be coplanar is that there exist scalars, x, y, z, t not all zero such that
- $$x\vec{a} + y\vec{b} + z\vec{c} + t\vec{d} = \vec{0}, \text{ where } x + y + z + t = 0$$

EXERCISE-1

- Classify the following measures as scalars and vectors :
(i) 15 kg (ii) 20 kg weight (iii) 45°
- Classify the following as scalars and vector quantities :
(i) time period (ii) distance (iii) displacement (iv) force
(v) Work (vi) Velocity (vii) Acceleration
- In this section, we shall learn some properties of addition of vectors.
Commutativity : For any two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} , we have $\vec{a} + \vec{b} = \vec{b} + \vec{a}$
- If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ be the vectors represented by the sides of a triangle, taken in order, then prove that $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = \vec{0}$.
- If P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4 are points in a plane or space and O is the origin of vectors, show that P_4 coincides with O iff $\vec{OP}_1 + \vec{P_1P_2} + \vec{P_2P_3} + \vec{P_3P_4} = \vec{0}$.
- If $\vec{OP} + \vec{OQ} = \vec{OR}$, show that the points P, Q, R are collinear.
- If \vec{a}, \vec{b} are any two vectors, then give the geometrical interpretation of the relation $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = |\vec{a} - \vec{b}|$
- If \vec{a} and \vec{b} are the vectors determined by two adjacent side of a regular hexagon, what are the vectors determined by the other taken in order ?
- If the sum of two unit vectors is a unit vector, prove that the magnitude of their difference is $\sqrt{3}$.
- If \vec{a} and \vec{b} represent two adjacent sides \vec{AB} and \vec{BC} respectively of a parallelogram ABCD, then show that its diagonals \vec{AC} and \vec{DB} are equal to $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$ and $\vec{a} - \vec{b}$ respectively.
- Vectors drawn from the origin O to the points A, B and C are respectively \vec{a}, \vec{b} and $4\vec{a} - 3\vec{b}$. Find \vec{AC} and \vec{BC} .
- If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ and \vec{d} are distinct non-zero vectors represented by directed line segments from the origin to the points A, B, C and D respectively, and if $\vec{b} - \vec{a} = \vec{c} - \vec{d}$, then prove that ABCD is a parallelogram.
- A, B, P, Q and R are five points in a plane. Show that the sum of the vectors $\vec{AP}, \vec{AQ}, \vec{AR}, \vec{PB}, \vec{QB}$ and \vec{RB} is $3\vec{AB}$.
- Let A and B be two points with position vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} respectively, and let C be a point dividing AB internally in the ratio $m : n$. Then the position vector of C is given by
$$\vec{OC} = \frac{m\vec{b} + n\vec{a}}{m + n}$$
- Find the position vector of a point R which divides the line segment joining P and Q whose position vectors are $2\vec{a} + \vec{b}$ and $\vec{a} - 3\vec{b}$, externally in the ratio $1 : 2$. Also, show that P is the mid-point of the line segment RQ.

16. Four points A, B, C, D with position vectors $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}, \vec{d}$ respectively are such that $3\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 2\vec{c} - 4\vec{d} = \vec{0}$. Show that the four points are coplanar. Also find the position vector of the point of intersection of lines AC and BD.
17. Let $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ be the position vectors of three distinct points A, B, C. If there exist scalar x, y, z (not all zero) such that $x\vec{a} + y\vec{b} + z\vec{c} = \vec{0}$ and $x + y + z = 0$, then show that A, B and C lie on a line.
18. Points L, M, N divide the side BC, CA, AB of $\triangle ABC$ in the ratio 1:4, 3:2, 3:7 respectively. Prove that $\vec{AL} + \vec{BM} + \vec{CN}$ is a vector parallel to \vec{CK} , where K divides AB in the ratio 1:3.
19. Prove using vectors : Medians of a triangle are concurrent.
20. If G is the centroid of a triangle ABC, prove that $\vec{GA} + \vec{GB} + \vec{GC} = \vec{0}$.
21. If D and E are the mid-points of sides AB and AC of a triangle ABC respectively, show that $\vec{BE} + \vec{DC} = \frac{3}{2} \vec{BC}$.
22. If ABC and A'B'C' are two triangles G, G' be their centroids, prove that $\vec{AA'} + \vec{BB'} + \vec{CC'} = 3\vec{GG'}$.
23. Prove that the sum of the vectors directed from the vertices to the mid-points of opposite sides of a triangle is zero.
24. Show that the line joining one vertex of a parallelogram to the mid-point of an opposite side bisects the diagonal and is bisected thereat.
25. Prove using vectors : The diagonals of a quadrilateral bisect each other iff it is a parallelogram.
26. Using vector method, prove that the line segments joining the mid-points of the adjacent sides of a quadrilateral taken in order form a parallelogram.
27. Prove by vector method that the line segment joining the mid-points of the diagonals of a trapezium is parallel to the parallel sides and equal to half of their difference.
28. If ABCD is a quadrilateral and E and F are the mid-points of AC and BD respectively prove that $\vec{AB} + \vec{AD} + \vec{CB} + \vec{CD} = 4\vec{EF}$
29. ABCD is a parallelogram. E, F are mid-points of BC, CD respectively. AE, AF meet the diagonal BD at points Q and P respectively. Show that points P and Q trisect DB.
30. ABCD is a parallelogram. If L and M are the mid-points of BC and DC respectively, then express \vec{AL} and \vec{AM} in terms of \vec{AB} and \vec{AD} . Also, prove that $\vec{AL} + \vec{AM} = \frac{3}{2} \vec{AC}$.
31. If P and Q are the mid-points of the sides AB and CD of a parallelogram ABCD, prove that DP and BQ cut the diagonal AC in its points of trisection which are also the points of trisection of DP and BQ respectively.
32. If O is the circumcentre and O' the orthocentre of a triangle ABC, prove that
- $\vec{SA} + \vec{SB} + \vec{SC} = 3\vec{SG}$, where S is any point in the plane of triangle ABC whose centroid is at G.
 - $\vec{OA} + \vec{OB} + \vec{OC} = \vec{OO'}$

- (iii) $\overrightarrow{O'A} + \overrightarrow{O'B} + \overrightarrow{O'C} + = \overrightarrow{2O'O}$
- (iv) $\overrightarrow{AO'} + \overrightarrow{O'B} + \overrightarrow{O'C} + = \overrightarrow{AP}$, where \overrightarrow{AP} is the diameter of the circumcircle.
33. ABCD is a parallelogram and P is is the point of intersection of its diagonals. If O is the origin of reference, show that
- $$\overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{OB} + \overrightarrow{OC} + \overrightarrow{OD} = 4\overrightarrow{OP}$$
34. Show that the four points P, Q, R, S with position vector $\vec{p}, \vec{q}, \vec{r}, \vec{s}$ respectively such that $5\vec{p} - 2\vec{q} + 6\vec{r} - 9\vec{s} = \vec{0}$, are coplanar. Also, find the position vector of the point of intersection of the lines PR and QS.
35. 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.
36. Let O be the origin and let P(-4, 3) be a point in the xy-plane. Express \overrightarrow{OP} in terms of vectors \hat{i} and \hat{j} . Also, find $|\overrightarrow{OP}|$.
37. Find the scalar and vector components of the vector with initial point A (2, 1) and lerminal point B(-5, 7).
38. If the position vector \vec{a} of the point (5, n) is such that $|\vec{a}| = 13$, find the value of n.
39. Using, vectors, show that the points A(-2, 1), B(-5, -1) and C(1, 3) are collinear.
40. If \vec{a} is a position vector whose tip is (-1, -3). Find the coordinates of the point B such that $\overrightarrow{AB} = \vec{a}$. If A has coordinates (-1, -5).
41. Find a vector of magnitude 5 units which is parallel to the vector $2\hat{i} - \hat{j}$.
42. Write all the unit vectors in XY-plane.
43. Write down a unit vector in XY-plane, making an angle of 30° with the position direction of x-axis.
44. A girl walks 4 km towards west, then she walks 3 km in a direction 30° east of north and stops. Determine the girl's displacement from her initial point of departure.
45. If the position vectors of the points A(3, 4), B(5, -6) and C(4, -1) are $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ respectively, compute $\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} - 3\vec{c}$.
46. Show that the points $2\hat{i}, -\hat{i} - 4\hat{j}$ and $-\hat{i} + \sqrt{3}\hat{j}$.
47. Find the value of x, y and z so that the vectors $\vec{a} = x\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ are equal.
48. Find the magnitude of the vector $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$.
49. Find the unit vector in the direction of $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$, if $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = -\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$.
50. Find the unit vector in the direction of \overrightarrow{PQ} , where P and Q are the points (1, 2, 3) and (4, 5, 6) respectively.
51. 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.

52. The position vectors of the points P, Q, R are $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$, $-2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ and $7\hat{i} - \hat{k}$ respectively. Prove that P, Q and R are collinear.
53. If $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ represent two adjacent sides of a parallelogram, find unit vectors parallel to the diagonals of the parallelogram.
54. Show that the points A(6, -7), B(16, -19, -4), C(0, 3, -6) and D(2, -5, 10) are such that AB and CD intersect at the point P(1, -1, 2).
55. Show that the points A, B and C with position vectors $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ respectively, form the vertices of a right angled triangle.
56. The adjacent sides of a parallelogram are represented by the vectors $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = -2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$. Find unit vectors parallel to the diagonals of the parallelogram.
57. Find the position vector of a point R which divides the line segment joining points P($\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$) and Q($-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$) in the ratio 2 : 1.
 (i) internally
 (ii) externally
58. Show that the points A($2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$), B($\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$), C($3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$) are the vertices of a right angled triangle.
59. Find the position vector of the mid-point of the vector joining the points P(2, 3, 4) and Q(4, 1, -2).
60. Find the value of x for which $x(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$ is a unit vector.
61. If $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$, find a unit vector parallel to $2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$.
62. Show that the points A(1, -2, -8), B(5, 0, -2) and C(11, 3, 7) are collinear, and find the ratio in which B divides AC.
63. If $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = 4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$, find a vector of magnitude 6 units which is parallel to the vector $2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$.
64. If \vec{a} and \vec{b} are non-collinear vectors, find the value of x for which the vectors $\vec{\alpha} = (2x + 1)\vec{a} - \vec{b}$ and $\vec{\beta} = (x - 2)\vec{a} + \vec{b}$ are collinear.
65. If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are three non-null vectors such that any two of them are non-collinear. If $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$ is collinear with \vec{c} and $\vec{b} + \vec{c}$ is collinear with \vec{a} , then find $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$.
66. Let $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ be three non-zero vectors such that any two of them are non-collinear. If $\vec{a} + 2\vec{b}$ is collinear with \vec{c} and $\vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$ is collinear with \vec{a} , then prove that $\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} + 6\vec{c} = 0$.
67. If \vec{a} and \vec{b} are non-collinear vectors and vectors $\vec{\alpha} = (x + 4y)\vec{a} + (2x + y + 1)\vec{b}$ and $\vec{\beta} = (-2x + y + 2)\vec{a} + (2x - 3y - 1)\vec{b}$ are connected by the relation $3\vec{\alpha} = 2\vec{\beta}$, find x, y.

68. Let $\vec{u} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j}$, $\vec{v} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j}$ and $\vec{w} = 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$. Find scalars x and y such that $\vec{w} = x\vec{u} + y\vec{v}$.
69. Show that the points with position vectors $\vec{a} - 2\vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$, $-2\vec{a} + 3\vec{b} - \vec{c}$ and $4\vec{a} + 7\vec{b} - 7\vec{c}$ are collinear.
70. If the points with position vectors $60\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$, $40\hat{i} + 8\hat{j}$ and $a\hat{i} + 11\hat{j}$ are collinear, find the value of a .
71. If the points with position vectors $10\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$, $12\hat{i} + 5\hat{j}$ and $a\hat{i} + 11\hat{j}$ are collinear, find the value of a .
72. If $\vec{AO} + \vec{OB} + \vec{OC}$, prove that A, B, C are collinear points.
73. $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are three non-zero non-coplanar vectors and x, y, z are three scalars, then
74. Show that the vectors $2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$, $\vec{a} + \vec{b} - 2\vec{c}$ and $\vec{a} + \vec{b} - 3\vec{c}$ are non-coplanar vectors.
75. Show that the points whose position vectors are given, are collinear :
- (i) $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$, $3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$
- (ii) $3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$, $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $-\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$
76. Using vector method, prove that the following points are collinear :
- (i) A(6, -7, -1), B(2, -3, 1) and C(4, -5, 0)
- (ii) A(2, -1, 3), B(4, 3, 1) and C(3, 10, -1)
- (iii) A(1, 2, 7), B(2, 0, 3) and C(3, 10, -1)
- (iv) A(-3, -2, -5), B(1, 2, 8) and C(3, 4, 7)
- (v) A(2, -1, 3), B(3, -5, 1) and C(-1, 11, 9)
77. If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are non-zero, non-coplanar vectors, prove that the following vectors are coplanar :
- (i) $5\vec{a} + 6\vec{b} + 7\vec{c}$, $7\vec{a} - 8\vec{b} + 9\vec{c}$ and $3\vec{a} + 20\vec{b} + 5\vec{c}$
- (ii) $\vec{a} - 2\vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$, $-3\vec{b} + 5\vec{c}$ and $-2\vec{a} + 3\vec{b} - 4\vec{c}$
78. Show that the four points having position vectors $6\hat{i} - 7\hat{j}$, $16\hat{i} - 19\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$, $3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$, $2\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 10\hat{k}$ are coplanar.
79. Prove that the following vectors are coplanar
- (i) $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ and $3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$
- (ii) $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $-\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$
80. Prove that the following vectors are non-coplanar :
- (i) $3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$, $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$ and $7\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 23\hat{k}$
- (ii) $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$, $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ and $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$
81. A vector \vec{OP} is inclined to OX at 45° and OY at 60° . Find the angle at which \vec{OP} is inclined to OZ.
82. A vector \vec{r} has length 21 and direction ratios 2, -3, 6. Find the direction cosines and components of \vec{r} , makes an acute angle with x-axis.

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

EXERCISE-2

- Can a vector have direction angle 45° , 60° , 120° ?
- A vector makes an angle of $\frac{\pi}{4}$ with each of x-axis and y-axis. Find the angle made by it with the z-axis.
- Find the direction cosines of the vector joining the points A(1, 2, -3) and B(-1, -2, 1), direction from A to B.
- Show that the direction cosines of a vector equally inclined to the axes OX, OY and OZ are $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$.
- If a unit vector \vec{a} makes an angle $\frac{\pi}{3}$ with \hat{i} , $\frac{\pi}{4}$ with \hat{j} and an acute angle θ with \hat{k} , then find θ and hence, the components of \vec{a} .
- If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ represent the sides of a triangle taken in order, then write the value of $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$.
- If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are position vectors of the vertices A, B and C respectively, of a triangle ABC, write the value of $\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} + \vec{CA}$.
- If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are position vectors of the points A, B and C respectively, write the value of $\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} + \vec{AC}$.
- If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are the position vectors of the vertices of a triangle, then write the position vector of its centroid.
- Write the position vector of a point dividing the line segment joining points A and B with position vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} externally in the ratio 1:4, where $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = -\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$.
- Write the direction cosines of the vector $\vec{r} = 6\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$.
- A unit vector \vec{r} makes angles $\frac{\pi}{3}$ and $\frac{\pi}{2}$ with \hat{j} and \hat{k} respectively and an acute angle θ with \hat{i} . Find θ .
- If $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 9\hat{k}$, find a unit vector parallel to $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$.
- Write a unit vector in the direction of $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$.
- Find the position vector of the mid-point of the line segment AB, where A is the point (3, 4, -2) and B is the point (1, 2, 4).
- Find a vector in the direction of $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$, which has magnitude of 6 units.
- What is the cosine of the angle which the vector $\sqrt{2}\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ makes with y-axis ?