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Important Questions - Vector Algebra

12th Standard CBSE

Maths

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Time : 01:00:00 Hrs

Total Marks : 50

**Section-A**

- 1) For what value of  $\lambda$  are the vectors  $\vec{a} = 2\vec{i} + \lambda\vec{j} + \vec{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = \vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$  perpendicular to each other? 1
- 2) If p(1,5,4) and Q(4,1,-2) find the direction ratios of  $\vec{PQ}$  1
- 3) For what value of p, is  $(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})p$  a unit vector? 1
- 4) Find  $\lambda$  when the projection of  $\vec{a} = \lambda\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  on  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  is 4 units. 1
- 5) If  $\vec{a} = x\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - z\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - y\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  are two equal vectors then write the value of x+y+z. 1

**Section-B**

- 6) If a unit vector  $\vec{a}$  makes angle  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  with  $\hat{i}$ ,  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  with  $\hat{j}$  and an acute angle  $\theta$  with  $\hat{k}$  then find the value of  $\theta$  and hence component of  $\vec{a}$ . 2
- 7) Find the unit vector in the direction of  $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$  if  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ , and  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  2
- 8) Find the position vector of c which divides the line segment joining A & B whose position vectors are  $3\vec{a} + \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{a} - 3\vec{b}$  internally in the ratio 2:3. 2
- 9) Find the direction cosines of the vector joining the points A(1, 2, -3) and B(-1, -2, 1) directed from B to A. 2
- 10) Find  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$  if  $|\vec{a}| = 10$ ,  $|\vec{b}| = 2$  and  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 12$ . 2
- 11) Find  $|\vec{a}|$  and  $|\vec{b}|$  if  $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = 8$  and  $|\vec{a}| = 8|\vec{b}|$ . 2

**Section-C**

- 12) Write two Different vectors having the same direction. 3
- 13) Find the unit vector in the direction of the vector:  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  3
- 14) Find out the vector in the direction of vector  $\vec{PQ}$  where P and Q are the points(1, 2, 3) and (4, 5, 6) respectively. 3
- 15) Find a vector in a direction of vector  $5\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ , which has magnitude 8 units. 3
- 16) Find the direction-cosines of the vector  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ . 3
- 17) Find the direction -cosines of the vector joining the points A(1, 2, -3) and (-1, -2, 1) directed from A to B. 3

**Section-D**

- 18) If  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = \hat{j} - \hat{k}$  find a vector  $\vec{c}$  such that  $\vec{a} \times \vec{c} = \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = 3$  4
- 19) The scalar product of the vector  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  with the unit vector along the sum of vectors  $2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$  and  $\lambda\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  is equal to one. Find the value of  $\lambda$  4
- 20) 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 a magnitude 6 units which is parallel to the vector  $2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$  4

- 21) If vectors  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j}$  are such that  $\vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b}$  is perpendicular to  $\vec{c}$ , then find the value of  $\lambda$

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### Section-A

- 1)  $\lambda = \frac{5}{2}$  1  
 2) 3, -4 and -6 1  
 3)  $P = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$  1  
 4)  $\lambda = 5$  1  
 5) 0 1

### Section-B

- 6) 2  
 (i) Here  $\cos^2 \frac{\pi}{3} + \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{4} + \cos^2 \theta = 1 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + \cos^2 \theta = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} + \cos^2 \theta = 1 \Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta = \frac{1}{4}$   
 $\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \pm \frac{1}{2}$  (Take +ve sign)  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$  (ii) Component of  $\vec{a}$  are:  $\cos \frac{\pi}{3}, \cos \frac{\pi}{4}, \cos \frac{\pi}{3}$  i.e.,  $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{2}$ .

- 7)  $\vec{c} = \vec{a} + \vec{b}$  2  
 $= (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$   
 $= 3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$   
 $\hat{c} = \frac{\vec{c}}{|\vec{c}|}$   
 $= \frac{2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{9+9+4}}$   
 $= \frac{3}{\sqrt{22}}\hat{i} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{22}}\hat{j} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{22}}\hat{k}$

- 8) Positive vector of  $c = \frac{2(\vec{a}-3\vec{b})+3(2\vec{a}+\vec{b})}{2+3}$  2  
 $= \frac{2\vec{a}-6\vec{b}+6\vec{a}+3\vec{b}}{5}$   
 Position vector of  $c = \frac{8\vec{a}-3\vec{b}}{5}$

- 9)  $\vec{BA} = \text{Position vector of A} - \text{Position vector of B}$  2  
 $\vec{BA} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) - (-\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$   
 $\vec{BA} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - \hat{k}$   
 $|\vec{BA}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 4^2 + (-1)^2}$   
 $= \sqrt{4 + 16 + 1}$   
 $= \sqrt{21} = \sqrt{36} = 6$   
 Direction cosines of the vector  $\vec{BA}$  are  $\left(\frac{2}{6}, \frac{4}{6}, -\frac{1}{6}\right)$   
 $= \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{6}\right)$

$$10) \cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|} = \frac{12}{10 \times 2} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\sin \theta = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \theta} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{9}{25}}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = 10 \times 2 \times \frac{4}{5} = 16$$

$$11) (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} - \vec{b} \cdot \vec{b}$$

$$= |\vec{a}|^2 - |\vec{b}|^2$$

$$(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = (8|\vec{b}|)^2 - |\vec{b}|^2$$

$$= 64(|\vec{b}|)^2 - |\vec{b}|^2$$

$$= 63|\vec{b}|^2$$

$$(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow 63|\vec{b}|^2 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{b}| = \sqrt{\frac{8}{63}} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{7}}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{a}| = \frac{8 \times 2\sqrt{7}}{3\sqrt{7}} = \frac{16\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{7}}$$

### Section-C

12)

Let  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{i} + \hat{k}$        $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{k}$       Direction-cosines of  $\vec{a}$  are  $\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \rangle$

Direction-cosines of  $\vec{b}$  are  $\langle \frac{2}{\sqrt{12}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{12}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{12}} \rangle$  i.e.  $\langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \rangle$  hence  $\vec{a} \neq \vec{b}$  but  $\vec{a} = \vec{b}$

have same direction.

13)

We have:

$$\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k} \quad \therefore |\vec{a}| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (1)^2 + (2)^2} = \sqrt{1+1+4} = \sqrt{6} \quad \therefore \text{unit vector in the direction of vector } \vec{a} = \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \frac{\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\hat{j} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\hat{k}$$

14)

$$\vec{PQ} = \vec{P} - \vec{Q} = (4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) - (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = (3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$$

$$\therefore |\vec{PQ}| = \sqrt{3^2 + 3^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{9+9+9} = \sqrt{27} = 3\sqrt{3} \quad \therefore \text{Unit vector in the direction of}$$

$$\vec{PQ} = \frac{\vec{PQ}}{|\vec{PQ}|} = \frac{3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}}{3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{j} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{k}$$

15)

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The given vector is:

$$\vec{a} = 5\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k} \therefore |\vec{a}| = \sqrt{5^2 + (-2)^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{25 + 1 + 4} = \sqrt{30} \therefore \text{unit vector of given vector } \vec{a} = \frac{\vec{a}}{a} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} (5\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \therefore \text{Vector of magnitude 8 in the direction of division of vector } \vec{a} = 8 \frac{\vec{a}}{a} = 8 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}} (5\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) = \frac{40}{\sqrt{30}} \hat{i} - \frac{8}{\sqrt{30}} \hat{j} + \frac{16}{\sqrt{30}} \hat{k}$$

16)

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We know that direction-cosines of the vector  $x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} < \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}}, \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}}, \frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}} >$

Here  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} \therefore x=1, y=2, z=3 \therefore$  Direction cosines of  $\vec{a}$  are:

$$< \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+4+9}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{1+4+9}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{1+4+9}} > \text{ i.e. } < \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}} >$$

17)

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Vector joining the point A and B =  $\vec{AB} = \text{P.V. of B} - \text{P.V. of A}$

$$= (-\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) - (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) = 2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k} \therefore \text{Direction-cosines of } \vec{AB} \text{ are: } < \frac{-2}{\sqrt{4+16+16}}, \frac{-4}{\sqrt{4+16+16}}, \frac{4}{\sqrt{4+16+16}} > \text{ i.e. } < \frac{-2}{6}, \frac{-4}{6}, \frac{4}{6} > \text{ i.e. } < \frac{-1}{3}, \frac{-2}{3}, \frac{2}{3} >$$

### Section-D

18)  $\vec{c} = \frac{5}{3}\hat{i} + \frac{2}{3}\hat{j} + \frac{2}{3}\hat{k}$

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19)

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Let  $\hat{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\hat{c} = \lambda\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  now the unit vector along  $\hat{b} + \hat{c}$

$$\hat{b} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$$

$$= \frac{(\lambda+2)\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{(\lambda+2)^2 + 36 + 4}} \text{ By the question } \left( \frac{\lambda+2}{\sqrt{(\lambda+2)^2 + 40}} \right) = 1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\lambda+2)^2 + 40}} (\lambda + 2 + 6) = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda + 6 = \sqrt{(\lambda + 2)^2 + 40}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Squaring, } \lambda^2 + 12\lambda + 36 &= \lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 4 + 40 \\ \Rightarrow 12\lambda + 36 &= 4\lambda + 44 \\ \Rightarrow 8\lambda &= 8 \\ \text{Hence } \lambda &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

20)  $2\vec{i} - 4\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$

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21)  $\lambda=8$

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