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Algebra of Vectors Ex 23.6 Q1

Magnitude of a vector $x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$ is given by $\sqrt{(x)^2 + y^2 + z^2}$.

So,

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{a}| &= \sqrt{(2)^2 + (3)^2 + (-6)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4 + 9 + 36} \\ &= \sqrt{49} \\ &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{a}| = 7$$

Algebra of Vectors Ex 23.6 Q2

Unit vector of $\vec{a} = \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Unit vector of } 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 12\hat{k} &= \frac{3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}}{\sqrt{(3)^2 + (4)^2 + (-12)^2}} \\ &= \frac{3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}}{\sqrt{9 + 16 + 144}} \\ &= \frac{3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}}{\sqrt{169}} \end{aligned}$$

Unit vector of $(3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}) = \frac{1}{13}(3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 12\hat{k})$

Algebra of Vectors Ex 23.6 Q3

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Let } \vec{a} &= \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k} \\ \vec{b} &= 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k} \\ \vec{c} &= \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

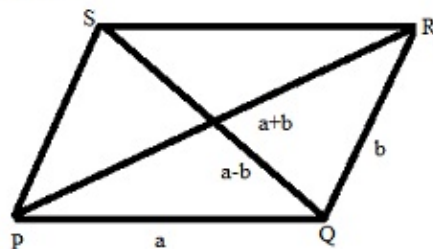
Let d be the resultant of \vec{a}, \vec{b} , and \vec{c} ,

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

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Unit vector } \vec{d} &= \frac{\vec{d}}{|\vec{d}|} \\ &= \frac{4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}}{\sqrt{(4)^2 + (2)^2 + (-1)^2}} \\ \vec{d} &= \frac{4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}}{\sqrt{16 + 4 + 1}}\end{aligned}$$

Algebra of Vectors Ex 23.6 Q4

Let $PQRS$ be a parallelogram such that $PQ = \vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $QR = \vec{b} = -2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$



In $\triangle PQR$

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{PQ} + \overline{QR} &= \overline{PR} \\ \overline{PR} &= \vec{a} + \vec{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k} + (-2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \\ \overline{PR} &= -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

In $\triangle PSQ$

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{PS} + \overline{SQ} &= \overline{PQ} \\ \overline{SQ} &= \vec{a} - \vec{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k} - (-2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \\ \overline{SQ} &= 3\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{The unit vector along } \overline{PR} = \frac{\overline{PR}}{|\overline{PR}|} = \frac{-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{1+4+1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

$$\text{The unit vector along } \overline{SQ} = \frac{\overline{SQ}}{|\overline{SQ}|} = \frac{3\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}}{\sqrt{9+0+9}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{i} - \hat{k})$$

Algebra of Vectors Ex 23.6 Q5

$$\begin{aligned}
 3\vec{a} - 2\vec{b} + 4\vec{c} &= 3(3\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) - 2(-2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) + 4(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}) \\
 &= 9\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 12\hat{k} + 4\hat{i} - 8\hat{j} + 6\hat{k} + 4\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} - 4\hat{k} \\
 &= 17\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 10\hat{k}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |3\vec{a} - 2\vec{b} + 4\vec{c}| &= \sqrt{(17)^2 + (-3)^2 + (10)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{289 + 9 + 100} \\
 &= \sqrt{398}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$|3\vec{a} - 2\vec{b} + 4\vec{c}| = \sqrt{398}$$

Algebra of Vectors Ex 23.6 Q6

Here, $\vec{PQ} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$

Position vector of $P = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

$$\vec{PQ} = \text{Position vector of } Q - \text{Position vector of } P$$

$$3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k} = \text{Position vector of } Q - (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Position vector of } Q &= (3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}) + (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \\
 &= 4\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}
 \end{aligned}$$

Coordinates of $Q = (4, 1, 1)$

Algebra of Vectors Ex 23.6 Q7

$$\text{Let } \vec{A} = \hat{i} - \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{B} = 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

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

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

$$= (4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}) - (\hat{i} - \hat{j})$$

$$= 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k} - \hat{i} + \hat{j}$$

$$= 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$|\vec{AB}| = \sqrt{(3)^2 + (4)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{9 + 16 + 1} = \sqrt{26}$$

$$\vec{BC} = \vec{C} - \vec{B}$$

$$= (2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) - (4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

$$= 2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k} - 4\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$= -2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$|\vec{BC}| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (-7)^2 + (4)^2} = \sqrt{4 + 49 + 16} = \sqrt{69}$$

$$\vec{CA} = \vec{A} - \vec{C}$$

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

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

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

$$|\vec{CA}| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (3)^2 + (-5)^2} = \sqrt{1 + 9 + 25} = \sqrt{35}$$

$$\text{Here, } |\vec{AB}|^2 + |\vec{CA}|^2 = |\vec{BC}|^2$$

$$26 + 35 = 69$$

$$61 \neq 69$$

$$\text{LHS} \neq \text{RHS}$$

Since sum of square of two sides is not equal to the square of third sides. So, $\triangle ABC$ is not a right triangle

Algebra of Vectors Ex 23.6 Q8

Here,

$$\text{Let vertex } \vec{A} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\text{vertex } \vec{B} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

$$\text{vertex } \vec{C} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Side } \vec{AB} = \vec{B} - \vec{A}$$

$$= (b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}) - (a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k})$$

$$\vec{AB} = (b_1 - a_1)\hat{i} + (b_2 - a_2)\hat{j} + (b_3 - a_3)\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{BC} = \vec{C} - \vec{B}$$

$$= (c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}) - (b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k})$$

$$= c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k} - b_1\hat{i} - b_2\hat{j} - b_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{BC} = (c_1 - b_1)\hat{i} + (c_2 - b_2)\hat{j} + (c_3 - b_3)\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{AC} = (c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}) - (a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k})$$

$$= c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k} - a_1\hat{i} - a_2\hat{j} - a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{AC} = (c_1 - a_1)\hat{i} + (c_2 - a_2)\hat{j} + (c_3 - a_3)\hat{k}$$

$$|\vec{AB}| = \sqrt{(b_1 - a_1)^2 + (b_2 - a_2)^2 + (b_3 - a_3)^2}$$

$$|\vec{BC}| = \sqrt{(c_1 - b_1)^2 + (c_2 - b_2)^2 + (c_3 - b_3)^2}$$

$$|\vec{AC}| = \sqrt{(c_1 - a_1)^2 + (c_2 - a_2)^2 + (c_3 - a_3)^2}$$

Algebra of Vectors Ex 23.6 Q9

Here, given vertex $A = (1, -1, 2)$

$$\vec{A} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

vertex $B = (2, 1, 3)$

$$\vec{B} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

vertex $C = (-1, 2, -1)$

$$\vec{C} = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\text{Centroid } \vec{O} = \frac{\vec{A} + \vec{B} + \vec{C}}{3}$$

$$= \frac{(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) + (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + (-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})}{3}$$

$$= \frac{2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}}{3}$$

$$\text{Centroid } \vec{O} = \frac{2\hat{i}}{3} + \frac{2\hat{j}}{3} + \frac{4\hat{k}}{3}$$

Algebra of Vectors Ex 23.6 Q10

The position vector of point R dividing the line segment joining two points

P and Q in the ratio $m : n$ is given by:

i. Internally:

$$\frac{m\vec{b} + n\vec{a}}{m + n}$$

ii. Externally:

$$\frac{m\vec{b} - n\vec{a}}{m - n}$$

Position vectors of P and Q are given as:

$$\overline{OP} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k} \text{ and } \overline{OQ} = -\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

(i) The position vector of point R which divides the line joining two points P and Q internally in the ratio 2: 1 is given by,

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{OR} &= \frac{2(-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) + 1(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})}{2 + 1} = \frac{(-2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) + (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})}{3} \\ &= \frac{-\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + \hat{k}}{3} = -\frac{1}{3}\hat{i} + \frac{4}{3}\hat{j} + \frac{1}{3}\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

Algebra of Vectors Ex 23.6 Q11

Here, $P(2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$ and
 $Q(4\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$

We know that,

If A and B are two points with position vector \vec{a} and \vec{b} then the position vector of mid point C is given by

$$\frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b}}{2}$$

Let R is the mid point of PQ.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Position vector of R} &= \frac{\vec{P} + \vec{Q}}{2} \\ \vec{R} &= \frac{2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k} + 4\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}}{2} \\ &= \frac{6\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{2} \\ &= \frac{2(3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k})}{2}\end{aligned}$$

Position vector of mid point = $3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$

Algebra of Vectors Ex 23.6 Q12

Here, point $P = (1, 2, 3)$

$$\vec{P} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

Point $Q = (4, 5, 6)$

$$\vec{Q} = 4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$$

$\vec{PQ} =$ Position vector of Q - Position vector of P

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

$$= 4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k} - \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

$$= 3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$= 3(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

$$|\vec{PQ}| = 3\sqrt{(1)^2 + (1)^2 + (1)^2}$$

$$= 3\sqrt{1+1+1}$$

$$|\vec{PQ}| = 3\sqrt{3}$$

Unit vector in the direction of $\vec{PQ} = \frac{\vec{PQ}}{|\vec{PQ}|}$

$$= \frac{3(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})}{3\sqrt{3}}$$

Unit vector in the direction of $\vec{PQ} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$

Algebra of Vectors Ex 23.6 Q13

The position vectors of A, B and C are $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ and $3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$ respectively.

Therefore,

$$\vec{AB} = -\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}, \vec{BC} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{CA} = -\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

Clearly, $\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} + \vec{CA} = 0$.

So, $\vec{AB}, \vec{BC}, \vec{CA}$ form a triangle.

Now

$$|\vec{AB}| = \sqrt{1+4+36} = \sqrt{41}$$

$$|\vec{BC}| = \sqrt{4+1+1} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$|\vec{CA}| = \sqrt{1+9+25} = \sqrt{35}$$

Clearly,

$$|\vec{AB}|^2 = |\vec{BC}|^2 + |\vec{CA}|^2$$

$$AB^2 = BC^2 + CA^2$$

Hence $\triangle ABC$ is a right triangle right angle at C .

Algebra of Vectors Ex 23.6 Q14

Find the position vector of the mid point of the vector joining the points P (2, 3, 4) and Q (4, 1, - 2).

Solution 16:

The position vector of mid-point R of the vector joining points P (2, 3, 4) and Q (4, 1, - 2) is given by,

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{OR} &= \frac{(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) + (4\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k})}{2} = \frac{(2+4)\hat{i} + (3+1)\hat{j} + (4-2)\hat{k}}{2} \\ &= \frac{6\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{2} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

Algebra of Vectors Ex 23.6 Q15

$x(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$ is a unit vector if $|x(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})| = 1$.

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}|x(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})| &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow \sqrt{x^2 + x^2 + x^2} &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow \sqrt{3x^2} &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow \sqrt{3}x &= 1 \\ \Rightarrow x &= \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\end{aligned}$$

Hence, the required value of x is $\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$.

Algebra of Vectors Ex 23.6 Q16

We have,

$$\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \quad \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{c} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned}2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c} &= 2(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) - (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + 3(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \\ &= 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} - 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k} + 3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} \\ &= 3\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

$$|2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}| = \sqrt{3^2 + (-3)^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{9+9+4} = \sqrt{22}$$

Hence, the unit vector along $2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$ is

$$\frac{2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}}{|2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}|} = \frac{3\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{22}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{22}}\hat{i} - \frac{3}{\sqrt{22}}\hat{j} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{22}}\hat{k}.$$

Algebra of Vectors Ex 23.6 Q17

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Here, } \vec{a} &= \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k} \\ \vec{b} &= 4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} \\ \vec{c} &= \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c} &= 2(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) - (4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + 3(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \\ &= 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} - 4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k} + 3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} \\ &= \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

Let \vec{d} is a vector parallel to $2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$

$$\text{So, } \vec{d} = \lambda(2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c})$$

Where λ is any scalar

$$\begin{aligned}&= \lambda(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \\ \vec{d} &= \lambda\hat{i} - \lambda 2\hat{j} + \lambda 2\hat{k} \quad (i)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Given that } |\vec{d}| = 6$$

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

$$\sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4\lambda^2 + 4\lambda^2} = 6$$

$$\sqrt{9\lambda^2} = 6$$

$$3\lambda = 6$$

$$\lambda = \frac{6}{3}$$

$$\lambda = 2$$

Put the value of λ in equation (i)

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{d} &= 2\hat{i} - 2(2)\hat{j} + 2(2)\hat{k} \\ &= 2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

A vector of magnitude 6 which is parallel to $2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$ is given by

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

Given that

$$\vec{d} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

and

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

Thus, Find a vector of magnitude of 5 units parallel to the resultant of the vectors

$$\vec{d} + \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k} + \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{d} + \vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{d} + \vec{b}| = \sqrt{9+1} = \sqrt{10}$$

Thus, the unit vector along the resultant vector $\vec{d} + \vec{b}$ is

$$\frac{3\hat{i} + \hat{j}}{\sqrt{10}}$$

The vector of magnitude of 5 units parallel to the resultant

$$\text{vector} = \frac{3\hat{i} + \hat{j}}{\sqrt{10}} \times 5 = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}} (3\hat{i} + \hat{j})$$

Algebra of Vectors Ex 23.6 Q19

Let D be the point at which median drawn from A touches side BC.

Let \vec{a} , \vec{b} and \vec{c} be the position vectors of the vertices A, B and C.

Position vector of D = $\frac{\vec{b} + \vec{c}}{2}$ [Since D is midpoint of B and C]

$$\vec{AD} = \frac{\vec{b} + \vec{c}}{2} - \vec{a} = \frac{\vec{b} + \vec{c} - 2\vec{a}}{2} = \frac{\vec{b} - \vec{a} + \vec{c} - \vec{a}}{2} = \frac{\vec{AB} + \vec{AC}}{2} = \frac{\vec{j} + \hat{i} + 3\hat{i} - \vec{j} + 4\hat{k}}{2}$$

$$\vec{AD} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$|\vec{AD}| = \sqrt{4+4} = 4\sqrt{2} \text{ units}$$

Note : Answer given in the book is incorrect.