

VECTOR ALGEBRA

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1. Can a vector have direction angles $45^\circ, 60^\circ, 120^\circ$.
2. Find the direction cosines of the vector $4\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + \hat{k}$.
3. Find a vector \vec{r} of magnitude $3\sqrt{2}$ units which makes angle of $\frac{\pi}{4}$ and $\frac{\pi}{2}$ with y and z-axes respectively.
4. Let $\vec{a} = 4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - \hat{k}, \vec{b} = \hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$. Find a vector \vec{d} which is perpendicular to both \vec{a} and \vec{b} , and satisfying $\vec{d} \cdot \vec{c} = 21$.
5. Scalar product of the vector $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ with a unit vector along the sum of the vectors $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = \lambda\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ is equal to 1. Find the value of λ and hence find the unit vector along $\vec{b} + \vec{c}$.
6. Find the projection of $\vec{b} + \vec{c}$ on \vec{a} , where $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}, \vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$.
7. If \vec{a} and \vec{b} are two vectors of same magnitude inclined at an angle of 30° such that $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 3$, find $|\vec{a}|, |\vec{b}|$.
8. Decompose the vector $6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$ into vectors which are parallel and perpendicular to the vector $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$.
9. Let $\vec{a} = 5\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}$. Find λ such that $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$ is orthogonal to $\vec{a} - \vec{b}$.
10. Let \vec{u}, \vec{v} and \vec{w} be vectors such that $\vec{u} + \vec{v} + \vec{w} = \vec{0}$. If $|\vec{u}| = 3, |\vec{v}| = 4$ and $|\vec{w}| = 5$, then find $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} + \vec{w} \cdot \vec{u}$.
11. Let $\vec{a} = x^2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}, \vec{b} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = x^2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$ be three vectors. Find the values of x for which the angle between \vec{a} and \vec{b} is acute and the angle between \vec{b} and \vec{c} is obtuse.
12. Find the angle between two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} , if $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$.
13. Find a unit vector perpendicular to plane ABC, where the coordinates of A, B and C are $A(3, -1, 2), B(1, -1, -3)$ and $C(4, -3, 1)$.
14. If $|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{26}, |\vec{b}| = 7$ and $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = 35$, find $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$.
15. Let $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}, \vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$. Find a vector \vec{d} which is perpendicular to both \vec{a} and \vec{b} and $\vec{c} \cdot \vec{d} = 15$.
16. Find a unit vector perpendicular to each of the vectors $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$ and $\vec{a} - \vec{b}$, where $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$.
17. Using vectors find the area of the triangle with vertices $A(2, 3, 5), B(3, 5, 8)$ and $C(2, 7, 8)$.
18. If $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}, \vec{b} = -\hat{i} + \hat{k}, \vec{c} = 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ are three vectors, find the area of the parallelogram having

diagonals $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$ and $\vec{b} + \vec{c}$.

19. The two adjacent sides of a parallelogram are $2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ and $\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$. Find the unit vector parallel to one of its diagonals. Also, find its area.
20. The two adjacent sides of a parallelogram are $2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ and $2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$. Find the two unit vectors parallel to its diagonals. Using the diagonal vectors, find the area of the parallelogram.

