

MULTIPLE PRODUCTS -2

EXERCISE - 4(c)

I. Very Short Answer Questions

1. Compute $[\vec{i} - \vec{j} \quad \vec{j} - \vec{k} \quad \vec{k} - \vec{i}]$

Sol: $[\vec{i} - \vec{j} \quad \vec{j} - \vec{k} \quad \vec{k} - \vec{i}] = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1(1-0) + 1(0-1) + 0 = 0$

2. If $\vec{a} = \vec{i} - 2\vec{j} - 3\vec{k}$, $\vec{b} = 2\vec{i} + \vec{j} - \vec{k}$, $\vec{c} = \vec{i} + 3\vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$

Sol: $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$

$$1(-2+3) + 2(-4+1) - 3(6-1)$$

$$1 - 6 - 15 = -20$$

3. If $\vec{a} = (1, -1, -6)$, $\vec{b} = (1, -3, 4)$ and $\vec{c} = (2, -5, 3)$ then compute the following

i) $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$ ii) $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$ iii) $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c}$

Sol: $\vec{a} = \vec{i} - \vec{j} - 6\vec{k}$, $\vec{b} = \vec{i} - 3\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$ and $\vec{c} = 2\vec{i} - 5\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$

i) $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & -6 \\ 1 & -3 & 4 \\ 2 & -5 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$

$$1(-9+20) + 1(3-8) - 6(-5+6)$$

$$11 - 5 - 6 = 0$$

ii) $\vec{b} \times \vec{c} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & -3 & 4 \\ 2 & -5 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$

$$= \vec{i}(-9+20) - \vec{j}(3-8) + \vec{k}(-5+6)$$

$$= 11\vec{i} + 5\vec{j} + \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & -1 & -6 \\ 11 & 5 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i}(-1+30) - \vec{j}(1+66) + \vec{k}(5+11)$$

$$= 29\vec{i} - 67\vec{j} + 16\vec{k}$$

iii) $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & -1 & -6 \\ 1 & -3 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$

$$= \vec{i}(-4-18) - \vec{j}(4+6) + \vec{k}(-3+1)$$

$$= -22\vec{i} - 10\vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$$

$$(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -22 & -10 & -2 \\ 2 & -5 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \vec{i}(-30-10) - \vec{j}(-66+4) + \vec{k}(110+20)$$

$$= -40\vec{i} + 62\vec{j} + 130\vec{k}$$

4. Simplify the following

i) $(\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}) \times (2\vec{i} + \vec{j} - \vec{k}) \cdot (\vec{j} + \vec{k})$

ii) $(2\vec{i} - 3\vec{j} + \vec{k}) \cdot (\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 2\vec{k}) \times (2\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k})$

Sol: $(\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}) \times (2\vec{i} + \vec{j} - \vec{k}) \cdot (\vec{j} + \vec{k}) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

$$= 1(1+1) + 2(2-0) + 3(2-0)$$

$$= 12$$

ii) $(2\vec{i} - 3\vec{j} + \vec{k}) \cdot (\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 2\vec{k}) \times (2\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}) = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

$$= 2(-1-2) + 3(1-4) + 1(1+2)$$

$$= -6 - 9 + 3 = -12$$

5. Find the volume of parallelepiped having coterminous edges $\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}$, $\vec{i} - \vec{j}$, $\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - \vec{k}$

Sol: Let $\vec{a} = \vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}$ $\vec{b} = \vec{i} - \vec{j}$ $\vec{c} = \vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - \vec{k}$

$$\text{Volume of parallelepiped } [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1(1 - 0) - 1(-1 - 0) + 1(2 + 1)$$

$$= 1 + 1 + 3 = 5$$

6. Find the for which the vectors $2\vec{i} - 3\vec{j} + \vec{k}$, $\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - 3\vec{k}$ and $\vec{j} - t\vec{k}$ are coplanar

Sol: Let $\vec{a} = 2\vec{i} - 3\vec{j} + \vec{k}$, $\vec{b} = \vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - 3\vec{k}$, $\vec{c} = \vec{j} - t\vec{k}$ be the vectors

Since $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are coplanar then $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = 0$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & -t \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$2(-2t + 3) + 3(-t - 0) + 1(1 - 0) = 0$$

$$-4t + 6 - 3t + 1 \Rightarrow 7t = 7 \Rightarrow t = 1$$

7. For non-coplanar vector \vec{a}, \vec{b} and \vec{c} determine p for which the vector $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$, $\vec{a} + p\vec{b} + 2\vec{c}$ and $-\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$ are coplanar

Sol: since $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are non coplanar $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] \neq 0$ the vectors $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$, $\vec{a} + p\vec{b} + 2\vec{c}$, $-\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$ are coplanar

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & p & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = 0$$

$$\therefore 1(p - 2) - 1(1 + 2) + 1(1 + p) = 0 \quad \therefore [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] \neq 0$$

$$p - 2 - 3 + 1 + p = 0$$

$$2p - 4 = 0$$

$$p = 2$$

8. Determine λ , for which the volume of the paralleloped having coterminous edges $\vec{i} + \vec{j}$, $3\vec{i} - \vec{j}$ and

Sol: Let $\vec{a} = \vec{i} + \vec{j}$ $\vec{b} = 3\vec{i} - \vec{j}$ $\vec{c} = 3\vec{i} + \lambda\vec{k}$ be the given coterminous edges

$$[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}] = 16$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 16$$

$$1(-\lambda - 0) - 1(3\lambda - 0) = 16$$

$$-4\lambda = 16 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm 4$$

9. Find the volume of the tetrahedron having the edges $\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}$, $\vec{i} - \vec{j}$ and $\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + \vec{k}$

Sol: Let $\vec{a} = \vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}$, $\vec{b} = \vec{i} - \vec{j}$, $\vec{c} = \vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + \vec{k}$

$$\text{Volume of tetrahedron} = \frac{1}{6}[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{6}(-1 - 0) - 1(1 - 0) + 1(2 + 1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}(1)$$

10. Let \vec{a}, \vec{b} and \vec{c} be non coplanar vector and $\vec{\alpha} = \vec{a} + 2\vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$, $\vec{\beta} = 2\vec{a} + \vec{b} - 2\vec{c}$, $\vec{\gamma} = 3\vec{a} - 7\vec{c}$ then find $[\vec{\alpha}\vec{\beta}\vec{\gamma}]$

Sol: $[\vec{\alpha}\vec{\beta}\vec{\gamma}] = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 3 & 0 & -7 \end{vmatrix} [\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]$

$$= 1(-7 - 0) - 2(-14 + 6) + 3(0 - 3)$$

$$= -7 + 16 - 9 = 0$$

11. Let \vec{a}, \vec{b} and \vec{c} be non coplanar vectors if $[2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c} \quad \vec{a} + \vec{b} - 2\vec{c} \quad \vec{a} + \vec{b} - 2\vec{c}] = \lambda[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}]$ then find λ

Sol:
$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} [\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] = \lambda [\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}]$$

$$\{2(-3+2)+1(-3+2)+3(1-1)\}[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] = \lambda[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}]$$

$$= 3[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] = \lambda[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}]$$

$$\lambda = -3$$

12. Let \vec{a}, \vec{b} and \vec{c} be non coplanar vectors if $[\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} \quad 2\vec{b} + \vec{c} \quad 5\vec{c} + \vec{a}] = \lambda[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}]$ then find λ

Sol: Given that $[\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} \quad 2\vec{b} + \vec{c} \quad 5\vec{c} + \vec{a}] = \lambda[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}]$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 5 \end{vmatrix} [\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] = \lambda[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}]$$

$$\{1(10-0) - 2(0-1) + 1(0-2)\} [\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] = \lambda[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}]$$

$$10 + 2 - 2 = \lambda \Rightarrow \lambda = 10$$

13. If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are non coplanar vector then find the value of $\frac{(\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} - \vec{c}) \cdot [(\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} - \vec{b} - \vec{c})]}{[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}]}$

Sol:
$$\frac{(\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} - \vec{c}) \cdot [(\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} - \vec{b} - \vec{c})]}{[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}]}$$

$$= \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} [\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}]}{[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}]}$$

$$= -1 - 2 = -3$$

14. $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ Are mutually \perp unit vectors then find the value of $[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}]^2$

Sol: Since $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are mutually perpendicular unit vector let $\vec{a} = \vec{i}, \vec{b} = \vec{j}, \vec{c} = \vec{k}$

$$[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}]^2 = [\vec{i} \ \vec{j} \ \vec{k}]^2$$

$$= \{\vec{i} \cdot \vec{j} \times \vec{k}\}^2$$

$$= \{\vec{i} \cdot \vec{j}\}^2 \quad \{\because \vec{j} \times \vec{k} = \vec{i}\}$$

$$= 1 \quad \because i \cdot i = 1$$

$$\therefore [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]^2 = 1$$

15. $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are nonzero vectors and \vec{a} is \perp^r both \vec{b} and \vec{c} . If $|\vec{a}|=2, |\vec{b}|=3, |\vec{c}|=4$ and $(\vec{b}, \vec{c}) = \frac{2\pi}{3}$ find $|\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}|$

Sol: \vec{a} is \perp^r \vec{b} & \vec{c} $\therefore \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = 0$

$$\vec{b} \times \vec{c} \text{ is } \perp^r \vec{b} \text{ \& } \vec{c}$$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \text{ Parallel } \vec{b} \times \vec{c} \quad \therefore \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \pm |\vec{a}| |\vec{b} \times \vec{c}| \quad [\because \theta = 0 \text{ or } 180^\circ]$$

$$|\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}| = |\vec{a} \vec{b} \times \vec{c}|$$

$$= |\vec{a}| |\vec{b} \times \vec{c}|$$

$$= |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| |\vec{c}| \sin(\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$$

$$= 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = 12\sqrt{3}$$

16. If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are unit coplanar vector then find $[2\vec{a} - \vec{b} \quad 2\vec{b} - \vec{c} \quad 2\vec{c} - \vec{a}]$

Sol: Given that $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are coplanar $[\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}] = 0$

$$[2\vec{a} - \vec{b} \quad 2\vec{b} - \vec{c} \quad 2\vec{c} - \vec{a}] = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = 0$$

II. Short Answer Questions:

1. If $[\vec{b} \vec{c} \vec{d}] + [\vec{c} \vec{a} \vec{d}] + [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{d}] = [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$ then show that the points with position vectors $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ and \vec{d} are coplanar

Sol: Let $\vec{OA} = \vec{a}, \vec{OB} = \vec{b}, \vec{OC} = \vec{c}$ and $\vec{OD} = \vec{d}$ be the given position vectors

$$\vec{AB} = \vec{b} - \vec{a}, \quad \vec{AC} = \vec{c} - \vec{a}, \quad \vec{AD} = \vec{d} - \vec{a}$$

If the points are coplanar then

$$[\vec{AB} \quad \vec{AC} \quad \vec{AD}] = 0$$

$$[\vec{b}-\vec{a} \quad \vec{c}-\vec{a} \quad \vec{d}-\vec{a}] = 0$$

$$(\vec{b}-\vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{c}-\vec{a}) \times (\vec{d}-\vec{a}) = 0$$

$$(\vec{b}-\vec{a}) \cdot \{\vec{c} \times \vec{d} - \vec{c} \times \vec{a} - \vec{a} \times \vec{d} + \vec{a} \times \vec{a}\} = 0$$

$$[\vec{b} \quad \vec{c} \quad \vec{d}] - [\vec{b} \quad \vec{c} \quad \vec{a}] - [\vec{b} \quad \vec{a} \quad \vec{d}] - [\vec{a} \quad \vec{c} \quad \vec{d}] - [\vec{a} \quad \vec{c} \quad \vec{a}] - [\vec{a} \quad \vec{a} \quad \vec{d}] = 0 \quad \{\because \vec{a} \times \vec{a} = 0\}$$

$$[\vec{b} \quad \vec{c} \quad \vec{d}] - [\vec{b} \quad \vec{c} \quad \vec{a}] + [\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{d}] + [\vec{c} \quad \vec{a} \quad \vec{d}] = 0$$

$$\therefore [\vec{b} \quad \vec{c} \quad \vec{d}] + [\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{d}] + [\vec{c} \quad \vec{a} \quad \vec{d}] = [\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}]$$

$$\therefore \text{If } [\vec{b} \quad \vec{c} \quad \vec{d}] + [\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{d}] + [\vec{c} \quad \vec{a} \quad \vec{d}] = [\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}]$$

Then $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}, \vec{d}$ are coplanar

2. If \vec{a}, \vec{b} and \vec{c} are non coplanar vector then prove that the four points with position vectors $2\vec{a} + 3\vec{b} - \vec{c}$, $\vec{a} - 2\vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$, $3\vec{a} + 4\vec{b} - 2\vec{c}$ and $\vec{a} - 6\vec{b} + 6\vec{c}$ are coplanar

Sol: let $\vec{OA} = 2\vec{a} + 3\vec{b} - \vec{c}$, $\vec{OB} = \vec{a} - 2\vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$

$$\vec{OC} = 3\vec{a} + 4\vec{b} - 2\vec{c}, \quad \vec{OD} = \vec{a} - 6\vec{b} + 6\vec{c}$$

$$\vec{AB} = \vec{OB} - \vec{OA} = -\vec{a} - 5\vec{b} + 4\vec{c}$$

$$\vec{AC} = \vec{OC} - \vec{OA} = \vec{a} + \vec{b} - \vec{c}$$

$$\vec{AD} = \vec{OD} - \vec{OA} = -\vec{a} - 9\vec{b} + 7\vec{c}$$

$$[\vec{AB} \quad \vec{AC} \quad \vec{AD}] = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -5 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -9 & 7 \end{vmatrix} [\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}]$$

$$\{-1(7-9) + 5(7-1) + 4(-9+1)\} [\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}]$$

$$\{2+30-32\} [\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c}]$$

3. \vec{a}, \vec{b} and \vec{c} are non zero and non collinear vectors and $\theta \neq 0, \pi$ is the angle between the vectors \vec{b} and \vec{c} if $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} = \frac{1}{3} |\vec{b}| |\vec{c}| \vec{a}$ then find $\sin \theta$.

Sol: $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} = \frac{1}{3} |\vec{b}| |\vec{c}| \vec{a}$

$$(\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}) \vec{b} - (\vec{c} \cdot \vec{b}) \vec{a} = \frac{1}{3} |\vec{b}| |\vec{c}| \vec{a}$$

$$(\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a})\vec{b} - (\vec{c} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{a} - \frac{1}{3}|\vec{b}||\vec{c}|\vec{a} = 0$$

$$(\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a})\vec{b} - \left\{(\vec{c} \cdot \vec{b}) + \frac{1}{3}|\vec{b}||\vec{c}|\right\}\vec{a} = 0$$

\vec{a}, \vec{b} are non collinear

$$\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} = 0 \text{ and } \vec{c} \cdot \vec{b} + \frac{1}{3}|\vec{c}||\vec{b}| = 0$$

$$|\vec{c}||\vec{b}|\cos\theta + \frac{1}{3}|\vec{c}||\vec{b}| = 0$$

$$|\vec{b}||\vec{c}|\left\{\cos\theta + \frac{1}{3}\right\} = 0$$

$\therefore \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are non zero vectors

$$\vec{b} \neq 0 \quad \vec{c} \neq 0$$

$$\therefore \cos\theta + \frac{1}{3} = 0 \Rightarrow \cos\theta = -\frac{1}{3}$$

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

$$\sin\theta = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$$

4. Find the volume of the tetrahedron whose vertices are (1, 2, 1) (3, 2, 5) (2, -1, 0) and (-1, 0, 1)

Sol: Let $\vec{OA} = \vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + \vec{k}$ $\vec{OB} = 3\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 5\vec{k}$

$$\vec{OC} = 2\vec{i} - \vec{j} \quad \vec{OD} = -\vec{i} + \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{AB} = \vec{OB} - \vec{OA} = 2\vec{i} + 0 + 4\vec{k} \quad \vec{AC} = \vec{i} - 3\vec{j} - \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{AD} = -2\vec{i} - 2\vec{j}$$

The volume of tetrahedron = $\frac{1}{6}[\vec{AB} \vec{AC} \vec{AD}]$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 1 & -3 & -1 \\ -2 & -2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} |2(0-2) + 4(-2-6)|$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} |-4 - 32| = 6$$

∴ Volume = 6

5. Show that $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) \times (\vec{c} + \vec{a}) = 2[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$

Sol: $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) \times (\vec{c} + \vec{a}) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$

$$= \{1(1-0) - 1(0-1)\} [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$$

$$= 2[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$$

6. Show that the equation of the plane passing through the points with position vectors $3\vec{i} - 5\vec{j} - \vec{k}$, $-\vec{i} + 5\vec{j} + 7\vec{k}$ and parallel to the vectors $3\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 7\vec{k}$ is $3x + 2y - z = 0$

Sol: Let $\vec{OA} = 3\vec{i} - 5\vec{j} - \vec{k}$; $\vec{OB} = -\vec{i} + 5\vec{j} + 7\vec{k}$ be the given points.

Let $\vec{OP} = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k}$ be any point on the plane

$$\vec{AP} = (x-3)\vec{i} + (y+5)\vec{j} + (z+1)\vec{k}$$

$$\vec{AB} = \vec{OB} - \vec{OA}$$

$$= -4\vec{i} + 10\vec{j} + 8\vec{k}$$

The plane is parallel to $3\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 7\vec{k}$

$$\therefore \text{Let } \vec{p} = 3\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 7\vec{k}$$

$\vec{AP}, \vec{AB}, \vec{p}$ are co planer.

$$\therefore [\vec{AP}, \vec{AB}, \vec{p}] = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} x-3 & y+5 & z+1 \\ -4 & 10 & 8 \\ 3 & -1 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$(X-3)(70+8)-(y+5)(-28-24)+(z+1)(4-30)=0$$

$$78(x-3) + 52(y+5) - 26(z+1) = 0$$

$$3(x-3)+2(y+5)-(z+10)=0$$

$$3x-9+2y+10-z-1=0$$

$$3x+2y-z=0$$

7. **Prove that** $\vec{a} \times [\vec{a} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})] = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a})(\vec{b} \times \vec{a})$

Sol: $\vec{a} \times [\vec{a} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})]$

$$\vec{a} \times [(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{a} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a})\vec{b}]$$

$$(\vec{a} \times \vec{a})(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a})(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$$

$$0 + (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a})(\vec{b} \times \vec{a})$$

$$= (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a})(\vec{b} \times \vec{a})$$

8. **If** $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ **and** \vec{d} **are coplanar vectors then show that** $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times (\vec{c} \times \vec{d}) = 0$

Sol: $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ is \perp \vec{a} and \vec{b}

$$\vec{c} \times \vec{d} \text{ is } \perp \vec{c} \text{ and } \vec{d}$$

Since $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}, \vec{d}$ are coplanar

$\vec{a} \times \vec{b}, \vec{c} \times \vec{d}$ are \perp to same plane

$$\therefore \vec{a} \times \vec{b} \text{ parallel } \vec{c} \times \vec{d}$$

$$\text{Hence } (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times (\vec{c} \times \vec{d}) = 0$$

9. **Show that** $[(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{c})] \cdot \vec{d} = [\vec{a} \cdot \vec{d}] [\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \vec{c}]$

Sol: $[(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{c})] \cdot \vec{d}$

$$[(\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c}) \vec{a} - (\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a}) \vec{c}] \cdot \vec{d}$$

$$\{[\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \vec{c}] \vec{a} - (0) \vec{c}\} \cdot \vec{d} \quad \because \vec{a} \times \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = [\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \vec{c}]$$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = 0$$

$$\therefore [\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \vec{c}] = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{d}$$

10. Show that $\vec{a} \cdot [(\vec{b} + \vec{c}) \times (\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c})] = 0$

Sol: $\vec{a} \cdot [(\vec{b} + \vec{c}) \times (\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c})]$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} [\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}]$$

$$\{1(1-1) - 0(0-1) + 0(0-1)\} [\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] = 0$$

11. Find λ in order that the four points A (3, 2, 1), B(4, λ , 5), C (4, 2, -2), D (6, 5, -1) be coplanar

Sol: Let $\vec{OA} = 3\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + \vec{k}$ $\vec{OB} = 4\vec{i} + \lambda\vec{j} + 5\vec{k}$

$$\vec{OC} = 4\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - 2\vec{k} \quad \vec{OD} = 6\vec{i} + 5\vec{j} - \vec{k}$$

$$\vec{AB} = \vec{OB} - \vec{OA} = \vec{i} + (\lambda - 2)\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$$

$$\vec{AC} = \vec{OC} - \vec{OA} = \vec{i} - 3\vec{k}$$

$$\vec{AD} = \vec{OD} - \vec{OA} = 3\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$$

Since the points are coplanar

$$[\vec{AB} \ \vec{AC} \ \vec{AD}] = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \lambda - 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$1(0+9) - (\lambda - 2)(-2+9) + 4(3-0) = 0$$

$$9 - 7(\lambda - 2) + 12 = 0$$

$$21 - 7\lambda + 14 = 0$$

$$\lambda = 5$$

12. Prove that the four points $4\vec{i}+5\vec{j}+\vec{k}$, $-(\vec{j}+\vec{k})$, $3\vec{i}+9\vec{j}+4\vec{k}$ and $-4\vec{i}+4\vec{j}+4\vec{k}$ are coplanar.

Sol: Let $\vec{OA} = 4\vec{i}+5\vec{j}+\vec{k}$ $\vec{OB} = -\vec{j}-\vec{k}$
 $\vec{OC} = 3\vec{i}+9\vec{j}+4\vec{k}$ $\vec{OD} = -4\vec{i}+4\vec{j}+4\vec{k}$

Be the given points

$$\vec{AB} = \vec{OB} - \vec{OA} = -4\vec{i} - 6\vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$$

$$\vec{AC} = \vec{OC} - \vec{OA} = -\vec{i} + 4\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$$

$$\vec{AD} = \vec{OD} - \vec{OA} = -8\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$$

$$[\vec{AB} \ \vec{AC} \ \vec{AD}] = \begin{vmatrix} -4 & -6 & -2 \\ -1 & 4 & 3 \\ -8 & -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -4(12+3) + 6(-3+24) - 2(1+32)$$

$$= -60 + 126 - 66 = 0$$

$$[\vec{AB}, \vec{AC}, \vec{AD}] = 0$$

Hence A, B, C, D are coplanar

13. If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are non coplanar then show that the vector $\vec{a}-\vec{b}$, $\vec{b}+\vec{c}$, $\vec{c}+\vec{a}$ are coplanar

Sol: Let $\vec{p} = \vec{a}-\vec{b}$ $\vec{q} = \vec{b}+\vec{c}$

$\vec{r} = \vec{c}+\vec{a}$ be the given vector since $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are non coplanar vectors $[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] \neq 0$

$$[\vec{p} \ \vec{q} \ \vec{r}] = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} [\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}]$$

$$\{1(1-0) + 1(0-1)\} [\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] = 0$$

$\therefore \vec{p}, \vec{q}, \vec{r}$ are coplanar

14. If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are the position vectors of A, B and C respectively then prove that $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{b} \times \vec{c} + \vec{c} \times \vec{a}$ is \perp to plane of ΔABC

Sol: Given that $\vec{OA} = \vec{a}$ $\vec{OB} = \vec{b}$ and $\vec{OC} = \vec{c}$

$$\vec{AB} = \vec{OB} - \vec{OA} = \vec{b} - \vec{a}$$

$$\vec{AC} = \vec{OC} - \vec{OA} = \vec{c} - \vec{a}$$

Vector \perp to the plane containing A, B, C is $\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}$

$$= (\vec{b} - \vec{a}) \times (\vec{c} - \vec{a})$$

$$= \vec{b} \times \vec{c} - \vec{b} \times \vec{a} - \vec{a} \times \vec{c} + \vec{a} \times \vec{a}$$

$$= \vec{b} \times \vec{c} + \vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{c} \times \vec{a} + 0$$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \times \vec{a} = 0$$

$$\therefore \vec{b} \times \vec{c} + \vec{c} \times \vec{a} + \vec{a} \times \vec{b} \text{ is } \perp \text{ to the plane of triangle ABC}$$

III. Long Answer Questions:

1. Show that $\{\vec{a} \times (\vec{c} \times \vec{b})\} \times \vec{c} = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})(\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$

Sol: $\{\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})\} \times \vec{c}$

$$\{(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{b} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{c}\} \times \vec{c}$$

$$(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})(\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})(\vec{c} \times \vec{c})$$

$$(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})(\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \quad \therefore \vec{c} \times \vec{c} = 0$$

2. If A = (1, -2, -1), B = (4, 0, -3), C = (1, 2, -1) and D = (2, -4, -5) find the distance between AB and CD.

Sol: Equation of the line passing through the points A (1, -2, -1), B(4, 0, -3) is

$$\vec{r} = (1-t)\vec{a} + t\vec{b}$$

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

$$\vec{r} = (\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} - \vec{k}) + t(3\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - 2\vec{k}) \rightarrow (2)$$

This is of the form

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a} + t\vec{b}$$

$$\therefore \vec{a} = \vec{i} - 2\vec{j} - \vec{k} \quad \vec{b} = 3\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$$

Equation of the line passing through the points C (1, 2, -1) and D = (2, -4, -5) is

$$\vec{r} = (\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - \vec{k}) + s(\vec{i} - 6\vec{j} - 4\vec{k}) \rightarrow (2)$$

This is of the form

$$\vec{r} = \vec{c} + s\vec{d}$$

$$\therefore \vec{c} = \vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - \vec{k} \quad \vec{d} = \vec{i} - 6\vec{j} - 4\vec{k}$$

$$\text{Distance between (1) \& (2)} = \frac{|\vec{a} - \vec{c} \cdot \vec{b} \cdot \vec{d}|}{|\vec{b} \times \vec{d}|}$$

$$[\vec{a} - \vec{c} \quad \vec{b} - \vec{d}] = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -4 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & -2 \\ 1 & -6 & -4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 0(-8-12) + 4(-12+2) + 0(-18-2)$$

$$= -40$$

$$\vec{b} \times \vec{d} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 3 & 2 & -2 \\ 1 & -6 & -4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i}(-8-12) - \vec{j}(-12+2) + \vec{k}(-18-2)$$

$$= -20\vec{i} + 10\vec{j} - 20\vec{k}$$

$$(\vec{b} \times \vec{d}) = \sqrt{400 + 100 + 400} = 30$$

$$\text{Distance} = \frac{|(\vec{a} - \vec{c} \cdot \vec{b} - \vec{d})|}{(\vec{b} \times \vec{d})} = \frac{40}{30} = \frac{4}{3}$$

3. If $\vec{a} = \vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + \vec{k}$ $\vec{b} = 2\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}$ $\vec{c} = \vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - \vec{k}$ then find $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$ and $|(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c}|$

Sol: $(\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \vec{i}(-1-2) - \vec{j}(-2-1) + \vec{k}(4-1)$

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

$$\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ -3 & 3 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i}(-6-3) - \vec{j}(3+3) + \vec{k}(3-6)$$

$$= -9\vec{i} - 6\vec{j} - 3\vec{k}$$

$$(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i}(-2-1) - \vec{j}(1-2) + \vec{k}(1+4)$$

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

$$(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -3 & 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i}(-1-10) - \vec{j}(3-5) + \vec{k}(-6-1)$$

$$= -11\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - 7\vec{k}$$

$$|(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c}| = \sqrt{121 + 4 + 49} = \sqrt{174}$$

4. If $\vec{a} = \vec{i} - 2\vec{j} - 3\vec{k}$, $\vec{b} = 2\vec{i} + \vec{j} - \vec{k}$ and $\vec{c} = \vec{i} + 3\vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$ verify that $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \neq (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c}$

Sol:
$$\vec{b} \times \vec{c} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i}(-2+3) - \vec{j}(-4+1) + \vec{k}(6-1)$$

$$= \vec{i} + 3\vec{j} + 5\vec{k}$$

$$\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i}(-10+9) - \vec{j}(5+3) + \vec{k}(3+2)$$

$$= -\vec{i} - 8\vec{j} + 5\vec{k}$$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & -2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i}(2+3) - \vec{j}(-1+6) + \vec{k}(1+4)$$

$$= 5\vec{i} - 5\vec{j} + 5\vec{k}$$

$$(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 5 & -5 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i}(10-15) - \vec{j}(-10-5) + \vec{k}(15+5)$$

$$= -5\vec{i} + 15\vec{j} + 20\vec{k}$$

$$\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \neq (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c}$$

5. If $\vec{a} = 2\vec{i} + \vec{j} - 3\vec{k}$, $\vec{b} = \vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + \vec{k}$, $\vec{c} = -\vec{i} + \vec{j} - 4\vec{k}$, $\vec{d} = \vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}$ then compute $|(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times (\vec{c} \times \vec{d})|$

Sol: $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 2 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$

$$= \vec{i}(1-6) - \vec{j}(2+3) + \vec{k}(-4-1)$$

$$= -5\vec{i} - 5\vec{j} - 5\vec{k}$$

$$\vec{c} \times \vec{d} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -1 & 1 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i}(1+6) - \vec{j}(-1+4) + \vec{k}(-1-1)$$

$$= 5\vec{i} - 3\vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$$

$$(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times (\vec{c} \times \vec{d}) = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -5 & -5 & -5 \\ 5 & -3 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i}(10-15) - \vec{j}(10+25) + \vec{k}(-15+25)$$

$$= -5\vec{i} - 35\vec{j} + 10\vec{k}$$

$$|(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times (\vec{c} \times \vec{d})| = \sqrt{25+1225+100} = \sqrt{2850}$$

$$= \sqrt{25 \times 114}$$

$$= 5\sqrt{114}$$

6. If $A = (1, a, a^2)$, $B = (1, b, b^2)$, $C = (1, c, c^2)$ are non coplanar vector and $\begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & 1+a^3 \\ b & b^2 & 1+b^3 \\ c & c^2 & 1+c^3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$

then show that $abc + 1 = 0$

Sol: $\vec{A}, \vec{B}, \vec{C}$ are non co planar then

$$[\vec{A}, \vec{B}, \vec{C}] \neq 0$$

$$\therefore \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & 1+a^3 \\ b & b^2 & 1+b^3 \\ c & c^2 & 1+c^3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & 1 \\ b & b^2 & 1 \\ c & c^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & a^3 \\ b & b^2 & b^3 \\ c & c^2 & c^3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$-\begin{vmatrix} a & 1 & a^2 \\ b & 1 & b^2 \\ c & 1 & c^2 \end{vmatrix} + abc \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad (\text{by inter changing } c_2 \text{ and } c_3)$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix} + abc \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix} \{1+abc\} = 0$$

But $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$

$$\therefore 1+abc = 0$$

7. If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are non zero vectors then $|(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c}| = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| |\vec{c}| \Leftrightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$

Sol: Let α be the angle between $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$, and \vec{c} β be the angle between \vec{a}, \vec{b}

$$|(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c}| = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| |\vec{c}|$$

$$|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| |\vec{c}| \cos \alpha = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| |\vec{c}| \quad \therefore |\vec{c}| \neq 0$$

$$|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| \sin \beta \cos \alpha = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|$$

$$\sin \beta \cos \alpha = 1 \quad \therefore |\vec{a}| \neq 0, |\vec{b}| \neq 0$$

$$\therefore \sin \beta = 1 \quad \cos \alpha = 1$$

$$\beta = 90^\circ \quad \alpha = 0^\circ$$

Here $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ parallel \vec{c}

And $\vec{a} \perp \vec{b}$

$\therefore \vec{c}$ is \perp \vec{a} and $\vec{c} \perp \vec{b}$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0, \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = 0, \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$$

8. If $\vec{a} = \vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$, $\vec{b} = 2\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}$ and $\vec{c} = \vec{i} + \vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$ then find $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| \times |\vec{c}|$ and $|\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})|$

Sol:
$$\vec{b} \times \vec{c} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i}(2-1) - \vec{j}(4-1) + \vec{k}(2-1)$$

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

$$\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 1 & -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i}(-2+9) - \vec{j}(1-3) + \vec{k}(-3+2)$$

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

$$|\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})| = |7\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - \vec{k}|$$

$$= \sqrt{49+4+1} = \sqrt{54}$$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i}(-2-3) - \vec{j}(1-6) + \vec{k}(1+4)$$

$$= -5\vec{i} + 5\vec{j} + 5\vec{k}$$

$$|(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c}| = \sqrt{5^2 + 15^2 + (-10)^2} = \sqrt{350} \Rightarrow 5\sqrt{14}$$

9. Let $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ be non coplanar vectors $\vec{a}^{-1} = \frac{\vec{b} \times \vec{c}}{[\vec{abc}]}$; $\vec{b}^{-1} = \frac{\vec{c} \times \vec{a}}{[\vec{abc}]}$; $\vec{c}^{-1} = \frac{\vec{a} \times \vec{b}}{[\vec{abc}]}$ then show that

$$(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{a}^{-1} + (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) \cdot \vec{b}^{-1} + (\vec{c} + \vec{a}) \cdot \vec{c}^{-1} = 3 \text{ and also } [\vec{abc}][\vec{a}^{-1} \vec{b}^{-1} \vec{c}^{-1}] = 1$$

Sol: $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{a}^{-1} + (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) \cdot \vec{b}^{-1} + (\vec{c} + \vec{a}) \cdot \vec{c}^{-1}$

$$(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \frac{\vec{b} \times \vec{c}}{[\vec{abc}]} + (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) \frac{\vec{c} \times \vec{a}}{[\vec{abc}]} + (\vec{c} + \vec{a}) \frac{\vec{a} \times \vec{b}}{[\vec{abc}]}$$

$$\frac{\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})}{[\vec{abc}]} + \frac{\vec{b} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})}{[\vec{abc}]} + \frac{\vec{b} \cdot (\vec{c} \times \vec{a})}{[\vec{abc}]} + \frac{\vec{c} \cdot (\vec{c} \times \vec{a})}{[\vec{abc}]} + \frac{\vec{c} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})}{[\vec{abc}]} + \frac{\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})}{[\vec{abc}]}$$

$$\frac{[\vec{abc}]}{[\vec{abc}]} + 0 + \frac{[\vec{abc}]}{[\vec{abc}]} + 0 + \frac{[\vec{abc}]}{[\vec{abc}]} + 0$$

$1 + 1 + 1 = 3$ { \because If two vector are identical in product then the value = 0 }

$$[\vec{abc}] \left[\frac{\vec{b} \times \vec{c}}{[\vec{abc}]} \frac{\vec{c} \times \vec{a}}{[\vec{abc}]} \frac{\vec{a} \times \vec{b}}{[\vec{abc}]} \right]$$

$$\frac{[\vec{abc}]}{[\vec{abc}]^3} [\vec{b} \times \vec{c} \cdot \vec{c} \times \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} \times \vec{b}]$$

$$\frac{1}{[\vec{abc}]^2} (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \cdot \{(\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})\}$$

$$\frac{1}{[\vec{abc}]^2} (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \cdot \{(\vec{c} \times \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{a} - (\vec{c} \times \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{b}\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{[\vec{abc}]^2} (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \cdot \{[\vec{abc}]\vec{a}\} = \frac{[\vec{abc}]^2}{[\vec{abc}]^2}$$

10. If $|\vec{a}|=1$, $|\vec{b}|=1$, $|\vec{c}|=2$ and $\vec{a} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{c}) + \vec{b} = 0$ then find the angle between \vec{a} and \vec{c}

Sol: $\vec{a} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{c}) + \vec{b} = 0$

$$|\vec{a} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{c})| = |-\vec{b}|$$

$$|(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a})\vec{c} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}|$$

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

$$|\vec{c} - 2\vec{a}\cos\theta| = |\vec{b}|$$

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$$|\vec{c}|^2 + 4|\vec{a}|^2 - 4\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}\cos\theta = |\vec{b}|^2$$

$$4 + 4\cos^2\theta - 4|\vec{c}||\vec{a}|\cos^2\theta = |\vec{b}|^2$$

$$4 + 4\cos^2\theta - 4 \times 2 \times 1 \cos^2\theta = 1$$

$$3 = 4\cos^2\theta \Rightarrow \cos^2\theta = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\cos\theta = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\theta = 30^\circ \text{ or } \theta = 150^\circ$$

11. Let $\vec{a} = \vec{i} - \vec{k}$, $\vec{b} = x\vec{i} + \vec{k} + (1-x)\vec{k}$, $\vec{c} = y\vec{i} + x\vec{k} + (1+x+y)\vec{k}$ then prove that $[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]$ is independent of both x and y

Sol: $[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ x & 1 & 1-x \\ y & x & 1+x-y \end{vmatrix}$

$$= 1\{(1+x-y) - x + x^2\} - 0(x + x^2 - xy - y + xy) - 1(x^2 - y)$$

$$= 1 - \cancel{x} + \cancel{x^2} - 0 - \cancel{x^2} + \cancel{y} = 1$$

This is independent of x and y

12. Let $\vec{b} = 2\vec{i} + \vec{j} - \vec{k}$, $\vec{c} = \vec{i} + 3\vec{k}$ if \vec{a} is a unit vector then find the maximum value of $[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]$

Sol: Given $|\vec{a}| = 1$

$$\vec{b} = 2\vec{i} + \vec{j} - \vec{k} \Rightarrow |\vec{b}| = \sqrt{6}$$

$$\vec{c} = \vec{i} + 3\vec{k} \Rightarrow |\vec{c}| = \sqrt{10}$$

$$[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}] = \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$$

$$= |\vec{a}| \cdot |\vec{b} \times \vec{c}| \cos \theta$$

Since $[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]$ is maximum then

$$\vec{b} \times \vec{c} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i}(3-0) - \vec{j}(6+1) + \vec{k}(0-1)$$

$$= 3\vec{i} - 7\vec{j} - \vec{k}$$

$$|\vec{b} \times \vec{c}| = \sqrt{9+49+1} = \sqrt{59}$$

$$\therefore \text{Maximum value of } [\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}] = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b} \times \vec{c}|$$

$$= 1 \times \sqrt{59}$$

12. Let $\vec{a} = \vec{i} - \vec{j}$, $\vec{b} = \vec{j} - \vec{k}$, $\vec{c} = \vec{k} - \vec{i}$ find unit vector \vec{d} such that $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{d} = 0$ and $[\vec{b}\vec{c}\vec{d}] = 0$

Sol: Let $\vec{d} = d_1\vec{i} + d_2\vec{j} + d_3\vec{k}$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{d} = 0 \Rightarrow d_1 - d_2 = 0$$

$$d_1 - d_2 = 0 \rightarrow (1)$$

$$[\vec{b}\vec{c}\vec{d}] = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ d_1 & d_2 & d_3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$0(0-d_2)-1(-d_3-d_1)-1(-d_2-0)+0+d_3+d_1+d_2=0 \rightarrow (2)$$

Since \vec{d} is the unit vector

$$|\vec{d}| = \sqrt{d_1^2 + d_2^2 + d_3^2} = 1$$

$$d_1^2 + d_2^2 + d_3^2 = 1 \rightarrow (3)$$

Sub (2) in (1)

$$d_3 + d_1 + d_1 = 0$$

$$d_3 = -2d_1$$

Sub d_3, d_2 in (3)

$$d_1^2 + d_1^2 + 4d_1^2 = 1$$

$$d_1 = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$$

$$\therefore \vec{d} = d_1 \vec{i} + d_2 \vec{j} + d_3 \vec{k}$$

$$= \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \vec{i} \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \vec{j} \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \vec{k}$$

$$= \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}).$$