

# SCALAR PRODUCT OF VECTORS

## OBJECTIVES

- $(\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{i})^2 + (\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{j})^2 + (\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{k})^2 =$   
 (a)  $3r^2$  (b)  $r^2$   
 (c) 0 (d) None of these
- If  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$  are mutually perpendicular unit vectors, then  $|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}| =$**   
 (a)  $\sqrt{3}$  (b) 3  
 (c) 1 (d) 0
- If vectors  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$  satisfy the condition  $|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{c}| = |\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c}|$ , then  $(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}) \cdot \left(\mathbf{c} - \frac{\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}}{2}\right)$  is equal to**  
 (a) 0 (b) -1  
 (c) 1 (d) 2
- If  $|\mathbf{a}| = 3, |\mathbf{b}| = 1, |\mathbf{c}| = 4$  and  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$ , then  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a} =$**   
 (a) -13 (b) -10  
 (c) 13 (d) 10
- If  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = 3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ , then the angle between the vectors  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$  is**  
 (a)  $30^\circ$  (b)  $60^\circ$   
 (c)  $90^\circ$  (d)  $0^\circ$
- If  $\theta$  be the angle between the unit vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ , then  $\cos \frac{\theta}{2} =$**   
 (a)  $\frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}|$  (b)  $\frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}|$   
 (c)  $\frac{|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}|}{|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}|}$  (d)  $\frac{|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}|}{|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}|}$
- A vector whose modulus is  $\sqrt{51}$  and makes the same angle with  $\mathbf{a} = \frac{\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}}{3}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \frac{-4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{k}}{5}$  and  $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{j}$ , will be**  
 (a)  $5\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$  (b)  $5\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k}$   
 (c)  $5\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$  (d)  $\pm(5\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k})$

8. Let  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  be vectors with magnitudes 3, 4 and 5 respectively and  $a + b + c = 0$ , then the values
- (a) 47 (b) 25  
(c) 50 (d) -25
9. If in a right angled triangle  $ABC$ , the hypotenuse  $AB = p$ , then  $\overrightarrow{AB} \cdot \overrightarrow{AC} + \overrightarrow{BC} \cdot \overrightarrow{BA} + \overrightarrow{CA} \cdot \overrightarrow{CB}$  is equal to
- (a)  $2p^2$  (b)  $\frac{p^2}{2}$   
(c)  $p^2$  (d) None of these
10. The horizontal force and the force inclined at an angle  $60^\circ$  with the vertical, whose resultant is in vertical direction of  $P$  kg, are
- (a)  $P, 2P$  (b)  $P, P\sqrt{3}$   
(c)  $2P, P\sqrt{3}$  (d) None of these
11. If  $a$  is any vector in space, then
- (a)  $a = (a \cdot i)i + (a \cdot j)j + (a \cdot k)k$   
(b)  $a = (a \times i) + (a \times j) + (a \times k)$   
(c)  $a = j(a \cdot i) + k(a \cdot j) + i(a \cdot k)$   
(d)  $a = (a \times i) \times i + (a \times j) \times j + (a \times k) \times k$
12. A unit vector which is coplanar to vector  $i + j + 2k$  and  $i + 2j + k$  and perpendicular to  $i + j + k$ , is
- (a)  $\frac{i-j}{\sqrt{2}}$  (b)  $\pm \left( \frac{j-k}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$   
(c)  $\frac{k-i}{\sqrt{2}}$  (d)  $\frac{i+j+k}{\sqrt{3}}$
13. If  $ABCDEF$  is regular hexagon, the length of whose side is  $a$ , then  $\overrightarrow{AB} \cdot \overrightarrow{AF} + \frac{1}{2} \overrightarrow{BC}^2 =$
- (a)  $a$  (b)  $a^2$  (c)  $2a^2$  (d) 0
14. If the angle between  $a$  and  $b$  be  $30^\circ$ , then the angle between  $3a$  and  $-4b$  will be
- (a)  $150^\circ$  (b)  $90^\circ$   
(c)  $120^\circ$  (d)  $30^\circ$

15. If the angle between two vectors  $i+k$  and  $i-j+ak$  is  $\pi/3$ , then the value of  $a =$
- (a) 2 (b) 4  
(c) -2 (d) 0
16. If  $|a|=3, |b|=4, |c|=5$  and  $a+b+c=0$ , then the angle between  $a$  and  $b$  is
- (a) 0 (b)  $\frac{\pi}{6}$   
(c)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  (d)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$
17.  $a, b, c$  are three vectors, such that  $a+b+c=0, |a|=1, |b|=2, |c|=3$ , then  $a \cdot b + b \cdot c + c \cdot a$  is equal to
- (a) 0 (b) -7  
(c) 7 (d) 1
18. If  $a, b, c$  are non-zero vectors such that  $a \cdot b = a \cdot c$ , then which statement is true
- (a)  $b = c$  (b)  $a \perp (b - c)$   
(c)  $b = c$  or  $a \perp (b - c)$  (d) None of these
19. If  $p = i - 2j + 3k$  and  $q = 3i + j + 2k$ , then a vector along  $r$  which is linear combination of  $p$  and  $q$  and also perpendicular to  $q$  is
- (a)  $i + 5j - 4k$  (b)  $i - 5j + 4k$   
(c)  $-\frac{1}{2}(i + 5j - 4k)$  (d) None of these
20. If  $a, b, c$  are three vectors such that  $a = b + c$  and the angle between  $b$  and  $c$  is  $\pi/2$ , then
- (a)  $a^2 = b^2 + c^2$  (b)  $b^2 = c^2 + a^2$   
(c)  $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$  (d)  $2a^2 - b^2 = c^2$
21. The value of  $x$  for which the angle between the vectors  $a = -3i + xj + k$  and  $b = xi + 2xj + k$  is acute and the angle between  $b$  and  $x$ -axis lies between  $\pi/2$  and  $\pi$  satisfy
- (a)  $x > 0$  (b)  $x < 0$   
(c)  $x > 1$  Only (d)  $x < -1$  only
22.  $A, B, C, D$  are any four points, then
- $\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{CD} + \vec{BC} \cdot \vec{AD} + \vec{CA} \cdot \vec{BD} =$
- (a)  $2 \vec{AB} \cdot \vec{BC} \cdot \vec{CD}$  (b)  $\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} + \vec{CD}$   
(c)  $5\sqrt{3}$  (d) 0
23. If  $a, b, c$  are unit vectors such that  $a + b + c = 0$ , then  $a \cdot b + b \cdot c + c \cdot a =$
- (a) 1 (b) 3 (c) -3/2 (d) 3/2

24. The angle between the vectors  $\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$  is

- (a)  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{15}}\right)$       (b)  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{15}}\right)$   
 (c)  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{4}{15}\right)$       (d)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

25. If  $\mathbf{d} = \lambda(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) + \mu(\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) + \nu(\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a})$  and  $[\mathbf{a} \ \mathbf{b} \ \mathbf{c}] = \frac{1}{8}$ , then  $\lambda + \mu + \nu$  is equal to

- (a)  $8\mathbf{d} \cdot (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c})$       (b)  $8\mathbf{d} \times (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c})$   
 (c)  $\frac{\mathbf{d}}{8} \cdot (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c})$       (d)  $\frac{\mathbf{d}}{8} \times (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c})$

26.  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  are three vectors with magnitude  $|\mathbf{a}| = 4, |\mathbf{b}| = 4, |\mathbf{c}| = 2$  and such that  $\mathbf{a}$  is perpendicular to  $(\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c})$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$  is perpendicular to  $(\mathbf{c} + \mathbf{a})$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  is perpendicular to  $(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})$ . It follows that  $|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}|$  is equal to

- (a) 9      (b) 6  
 (c) 5      (d) 4

27. If  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  are unit vectors such that  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c} = 0$ , then the angle between  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  is

- (a)  $\pi/6$       (b)  $\pi/3$   
 (c)  $\pi/2$       (d)  $2\pi/3$

28. If  $\vec{\lambda}$  is a unit vector perpendicular to plane of vector  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  and angle between them is  $\theta$ , then  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$  will be

- (a)  $|\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \sin \theta \vec{\lambda}$       (b)  $|\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \cos \theta \vec{\lambda}$   
 (c)  $|\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \cos \theta$       (d)  $|\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \sin \theta$

29. If three vectors  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$  satisfy  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$  and  $|\mathbf{a}| = 3, |\mathbf{b}| = 5, |\mathbf{c}| = 7$ , then the angle between  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  is

- (a)  $30^\circ$       (b)  $45^\circ$   
 (c)  $60^\circ$       (d)  $90^\circ$

30. If  $\mathbf{a} = 4\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = 3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$ , then the component of  $\mathbf{a}$  along  $\mathbf{b}$  is

- (a)  $\frac{18}{10\sqrt{3}}(3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k})$       (b)  $\frac{18}{25}(3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k})$   
 (c)  $\frac{18}{\sqrt{3}}(3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k})$       (d)  $(3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k})$

31. Let  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  be two unit vectors inclined at an angle  $\theta$ , then  $\sin(\theta/2)$  is equal to

(a)  $\frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}|$                       (b)  $\frac{1}{2}|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}|$

(c)  $|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}|$                       (d)  $|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}|$

32. The vectors  $2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}$  and  $a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j} + c\mathbf{k}$  are perpendicular, when

(a)  $a = 2, b = 3, c = -4$               (b)  $a = 4, b = 4, c = 5$

(c)  $a = 4, b = 4, c = -5$               (d) None of these

33. The projection of vector  $2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$  on the vector  $\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$  will be

(a)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}$                       (b)  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}$

(c)  $\frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}$                       (d)  $\sqrt{14}$

34. The projection of the vector  $\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$  on the vector  $4\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k}$

(a)  $\frac{5\sqrt{6}}{10}$                       (b)  $\frac{19}{9}$

(c)  $\frac{9}{19}$                       (d)  $\frac{\sqrt{6}}{19}$

35. If  $\mathbf{a} \neq 0, \mathbf{b} \neq 0$  and  $|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}| = |\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}|$ , then the vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are

(a) Parallel to each other

(b) Perpendicular to each other

(c) Inclined at an angle of  $60^\circ$

(d) Neither perpendicular nor parallel

36. If the vectors  $a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j} + c\mathbf{k}$  and  $p\mathbf{i} + q\mathbf{j} + r\mathbf{k}$  are perpendicular, then

(a)  $(a + b + c)(p + q + r) = 0$               (b)  $(a + b + c)(p + q + r) = 1$

(c)  $ap + bq + cr = 0$                       (d)  $ap + bq + cr = 1$

37. The angle between the vector  $2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$  and  $2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$  is

(a)  $\pi/2$                       (b)  $\pi/4$

(c)  $\pi/3$                       (d)  $0$

38. If  $l\mathbf{a} + m\mathbf{b} + n\mathbf{c} = 0$ , where  $l, m, n$  are scalars and  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$  are mutually perpendicular vectors, then

(a)  $l = m = n = 1$                       (b)  $l + m + n = 1$

(c)  $l = m = n = 0$                       (d)  $l \neq 0, m \neq 0, n \neq 0$

39. If vector  $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k}$  and vector  $\mathbf{b} = -2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ , then  $\frac{\text{Projection of vector } \mathbf{a} \text{ on vector } \mathbf{b}}{\text{Projection of vector } \mathbf{b} \text{ on vector } \mathbf{a}} =$
- (a)  $\frac{3}{7}$  (b)  $\frac{7}{3}$   
 (c) 3 (d) 7
40. If  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are two unit vectors such that  $\mathbf{a} + 2\mathbf{b}$  and  $5\mathbf{a} - 4\mathbf{b}$  are perpendicular to each other, then the angle between  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$
- (a)  $45^\circ$  (b)  $60^\circ$   
 (c)  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$  (d)  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{7}\right)$
41. The unit normal vector to the line joining  $\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}$  and  $2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}$  pointing towards the origin is
- (a)  $\frac{4\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{17}}$  (b)  $\frac{-4\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{17}}$   
 (c)  $\frac{2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{13}}$  (d)  $\frac{-2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{13}}$
42. If  $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = 5\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ , then the projection of  $\mathbf{b}$  on  $\mathbf{a}$  is
- (a) 3 (b) 4  
 (c) 5 (d) 6
43. If in a right angled triangle  $ABC$ , the hypotenuse  $AB = p$ , then  $\overrightarrow{AB} \cdot \overrightarrow{AC} + \overrightarrow{BC} \cdot \overrightarrow{BA} + \overrightarrow{CA} \cdot \overrightarrow{CB}$  is equal to
- (a)  $2p^2$  (b)  $\frac{p^2}{2}$  (c)  $p^2$  (d) None of these
44. If  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$  are non-zero vectors such that  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c}$ , then which statement is true
- (a)  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{c}$  (b)  $\mathbf{a} \perp (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c})$   
 (c)  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{c}$  Or  $\mathbf{a} \perp (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c})$  (d) None of these
45. If  $|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}| > |\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}|$ , then the angle between  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  is
- (a) Acute (b) Obtuse  
 (c)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  (d)  $\pi$

# SCALAR PRODUCT OF VECTORS

## HINTS AND SOLUTIONS

1. (b) Let  $\mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k} \Rightarrow \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{i} = x, \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{j} = y, \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{k} = z$

$$\Rightarrow (\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{i})^2 + (\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{j})^2 + (\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{k})^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = r^2.$$

2. (a) Three mutually perpendicular unit vectors =  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$ .

Therefore  $|\mathbf{a}| = |\mathbf{b}| = |\mathbf{c}| = 1$  and  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a} = 0$ .

We know that

$$|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}|^2 = (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}) \cdot (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}) = |\mathbf{a}|^2 + |\mathbf{b}|^2 + |\mathbf{c}|^2 + 2(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a}) = 1 + 1 + 1 + 0 = 3$$

Or  $|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}| = \sqrt{3}$ .

3. (a)  $(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}) \cdot \left( \mathbf{c} - \frac{\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}}{2} \right) = \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{b} \cdot \left( \frac{\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}}{2} \right) - \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} + \frac{\mathbf{a}}{2} \cdot (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})$

and  $|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{c}| = |\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c}| \Rightarrow |\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{c}|^2 = |\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c}|^2 \quad \therefore \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = 2\mathbf{c}$

Therefore,  $(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}) \cdot \left( \mathbf{c} - \frac{\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}}{2} \right) = 0$ .

4. (a)  $(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c})^2 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow |\mathbf{a}|^2 + |\mathbf{b}|^2 + |\mathbf{c}|^2 + 2\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + 2\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} + 2\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 9 + 1 + 16 + 2(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a} = -\frac{26}{2} = -13.$$

5. (c)  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = 4\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} = -2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k}$ .

$(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) \cdot (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) = 0$ . Hence  $(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) \perp (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b})$ .

6. (b)  $(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) \cdot (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) = |\mathbf{a}|^2 + |\mathbf{b}|^2 + 2\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$  Or  $|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}|^2 = 2 \cdot 2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \Rightarrow \cos \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}|$ .

7. (d) Verification

8. (d)  $\because \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} = 0 \Rightarrow (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c})^2 = 0$

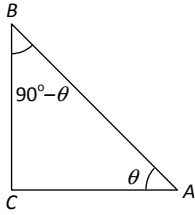
$$|\mathbf{a}|^2 + |\mathbf{b}|^2 + |\mathbf{c}|^2 + 2(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a}) = -(9 + 16 + 25)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a} = -25.$$

9. (c) We have  $\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{AC} + \vec{BC} \cdot \vec{BA} + \vec{CA} \cdot \vec{CB}$

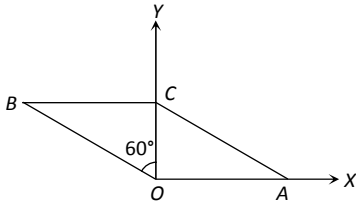
$$(AB)(AC)\cos\theta + (BC)(BA)\cos(90^\circ - \theta) + 0$$



$$= AB(AC \cos\theta + BC \sin\theta) = AB \left( \frac{(AC)^2}{AB} + \frac{(BC)^2}{AB} \right)$$

$$= AC^2 + BC^2 = AB^2 = p^2.$$

10. (c) Let  $\vec{OA} = P_1\mathbf{i}$ ,  $\vec{CB} = -P_1\mathbf{i}$ ,  $\vec{OB} = -P_1\mathbf{i} + P\mathbf{j}$



$$\frac{\vec{OB} \cdot \mathbf{j}}{OB} = \cos 60^\circ \Rightarrow \frac{(-P_1\mathbf{i} + P\mathbf{j}) \cdot \mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{P_1^2 + P^2}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2P = \sqrt{P^2 + P_1^2} \Rightarrow P_1 = P\sqrt{3}$$

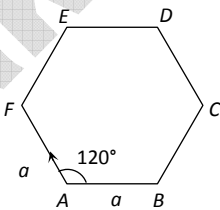
$$|\vec{OB}| = \sqrt{P^2 + P_1^2} = \sqrt{P^2 + 3P^2} = 2P.$$

11. (a) Let  $\mathbf{a} = a_1\mathbf{i} + a_2\mathbf{j} + a_3\mathbf{k}$ , then  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{i} = a_1$ ,  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{j} = a_2$ ,  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{k} = a_3$

$$\therefore \mathbf{a} = (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{i})\mathbf{i} + (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{j})\mathbf{j} + (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{k})\mathbf{k}.$$

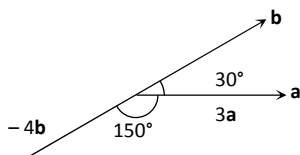
12. (b) Verification

13. (d)  $\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{AF} = |\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{a}| \cos 120^\circ = \frac{-1}{2} a^2$  and  $\frac{1}{2} \vec{BC}^2 = \frac{1}{2} a^2$



$$\text{Therefore, } \vec{AB} \cdot \vec{AF} + \frac{1}{2} \vec{BC}^2 = \frac{1}{2} a^2 - \frac{1}{2} a^2 = 0.$$

14. (a) It is obvious from figure.





15. (d)  $\cos \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1+a}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2+a^2}} \Rightarrow a=0.$

16. (d)  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = -\mathbf{c} \Rightarrow |\mathbf{a}|^2 + |\mathbf{b}|^2 + 2|\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}|\cos\theta = |\mathbf{c}|^2$   
 $\Rightarrow \cos\theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}.$

17. (b)  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} = 0 \Rightarrow (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}) \cdot (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow |\mathbf{a}|^2 + |\mathbf{b}|^2 + |\mathbf{c}|^2 + 2(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a}) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a} = \frac{-1-4-9}{2} = -7.$

18. (c)  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} \Rightarrow \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c}) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Either  $\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$  or  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{c}$  Or  $\mathbf{a} \perp (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c}).$

19. (c)  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{p} + \lambda \mathbf{q} \Rightarrow \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q} + \lambda \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{q}$   
 $\Rightarrow 0 = 7 + 14\lambda \Rightarrow \lambda = -\frac{1}{2}$

Therefore,  $\mathbf{r} = -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}).$

20. (a) Given that  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}$  and angle between  $\mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  is  $\frac{\pi}{2}.$

So,  $\mathbf{a}^2 = \mathbf{b}^2 + \mathbf{c}^2 + 2\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c}$

Or  $\mathbf{a}^2 = \mathbf{b}^2 + \mathbf{c}^2 + 2|\mathbf{b}||\mathbf{c}|\cos\frac{\pi}{2}$

Or  $\mathbf{a}^2 = \mathbf{b}^2 + \mathbf{c}^2 + 0, \therefore \mathbf{a}^2 = \mathbf{b}^2 + \mathbf{c}^2$

*i.e.*,  $\mathbf{a}^2 = \mathbf{b}^2 + \mathbf{c}^2.$

21. (b) For acute angle  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} > 0$

*i.e.*,  $-3x + 2x^2 + 1 > 0 \Rightarrow (x-1)(2x-1) > 0$

For obtuse angle between  $\mathbf{b}$  and  $x$ -axis  $\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{i} < 0$

$\Rightarrow x < 0.$

22. (d)  $\vec{AD} = \vec{AB} + \vec{BC} + \vec{CD} = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}$

$\vec{AC} = \vec{AB} + \vec{BC} = \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$  Or  $\vec{CA} = -(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})$

$\vec{BD} = \vec{BC} + \vec{CD} = \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}$

Therefore,  $\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{CD} + \vec{BC} \cdot \vec{AD} + \vec{CA} \cdot \vec{BD}$

$= \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{b} \cdot (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}) + (-\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) \cdot (\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c})$

$= \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} = 0.$

23. (c) Squaring  $(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}) = \mathbf{0}$ ,

$$\text{We get } \mathbf{a}^2 + \mathbf{b}^2 + \mathbf{c}^2 + 2\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + 2\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} + 2\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |\mathbf{a}|^2 + |\mathbf{b}|^2 + |\mathbf{c}|^2 + 2(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a}) = -3 \Rightarrow \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a} = -\frac{3}{2}.$$

24. (d)  $(\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) \cdot (\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) = \sqrt{3}\sqrt{6} \cos \theta$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{0}{\sqrt{3}\sqrt{6}} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

25. (a)  $\mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{c} = \lambda(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{c} + \mu(\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c}) \cdot \mathbf{c} + \nu(\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a}) \cdot \mathbf{c}$

$$= \lambda[\mathbf{a} \ \mathbf{b} \ \mathbf{c}] + 0 + 0 = \lambda[\mathbf{a} \ \mathbf{b} \ \mathbf{c}] = \frac{\lambda}{8}$$

Hence  $\lambda = 8(\mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{c})$ ,  $\mu = 8(\mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{a})$  and  $\nu = 8(\mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{b})$

Therefore,  $\lambda + \mu + \nu = 8\mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{c} + 8\mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{a} + 8\mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{b}$

$$= 8\mathbf{d} \cdot (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}).$$

26. (b) Here  $|\mathbf{a}|=4$ ;  $|\mathbf{b}|=4$ ;  $|\mathbf{c}|=2$

$$\text{And } \mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}) = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} = 0 \quad \dots \text{(i)}$$

$$\mathbf{b} \cdot (\mathbf{c} + \mathbf{a}) = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a} = 0 \quad \dots \text{(ii)}$$

$$\mathbf{c} \cdot (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0 \quad \dots \text{(iii)}$$

Adding (i), (ii) and (iii), we get,  $2[\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a}] = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore |\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}| &= \sqrt{|\mathbf{a}|^2 + |\mathbf{b}|^2 + |\mathbf{c}|^2 + 2(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a})} \\ &= \sqrt{|\mathbf{a}|^2 + |\mathbf{b}|^2 + |\mathbf{c}|^2} = \sqrt{16 + 16 + 4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}| = 6.$$

27. (d) Given condition is  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{c}$ .

Using dot product,  $(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) \cdot (\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{c}$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{b} + 2\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{c}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\mathbf{a}| \cdot |\mathbf{a}| \cos 0^\circ + |\mathbf{b}| \cdot |\mathbf{b}| \cos 0^\circ + 2|\mathbf{a}| \cdot |\mathbf{b}| \cos \alpha$$

$$= |\mathbf{c}| \cdot |\mathbf{c}| \cos 0^\circ, \quad (\because |\mathbf{a}| = |\mathbf{b}| = |\mathbf{c}| = 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 1 + 2 \cos \alpha = 1 \Rightarrow \cos \alpha = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{2\pi}{3}.$$

28. (c) Concept

29. (c)  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = -\mathbf{c}$

$$\Rightarrow |\mathbf{a}|^2 + |\mathbf{b}|^2 + 2|\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}|\cos\theta = |\mathbf{c}|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 9 + 25 + 30\cos\theta = 49 \Rightarrow \cos\theta = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = 60^\circ.$$

30. (b) The component of vector  $\mathbf{a}$  along  $\mathbf{b}$  is  $\frac{(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})\mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{b}|^2} = \frac{18}{25}(3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k})$ .

31. (a)  $|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 - 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cos\theta} = \sqrt{2(1 - \cos\theta)}$   
 $= \sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2} \sin\frac{\theta}{2} = 2 \sin\frac{\theta}{2} \Rightarrow \sin\frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}|}{2}$ .

32. (b) To be perpendicular,  $2a + 3b - 4c = 0$  and option (b) satisfies this equation.

33. (b)  $(2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}) \cdot \frac{(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k})}{\sqrt{14}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}$ .

34. (b) Projection of  $\mathbf{a}$  on  $\mathbf{b} = |\mathbf{a}|\cos\theta = |\mathbf{a}|\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}|} = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{b}|}$   
 $= \frac{4 + 8 + 7}{\sqrt{16 + 16 + 49}} = \frac{19}{\sqrt{81}} = \frac{19}{9}$ .

35. (b)  $|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}| = |\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}|$ ; Squaring both sides, we get  $4\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{a}$  is perpendicular to  $\mathbf{b}$ .

36. (c) It is obvious.

37. (a) Let  $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$

Since  $\cos\theta = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}|}$   
 $= \frac{(2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) \cdot (2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k})}{\sqrt{(2)^2 + (3)^2 + (1)^2} \sqrt{(2)^2 + (-1)^2 + (-1)^2}}$   
 $= \frac{4 - 3 - 1}{\sqrt{(4 + 9 + 1)}\sqrt{(4 + 1 + 1)}} = 0 \therefore \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

38. (c)  $l\mathbf{a} + m\mathbf{b} + n\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$

$$\Rightarrow a^2l^2 + m^2b^2 + n^2c^2 + 2lm\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + 2ln\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} + 2mn\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c} = 0$$

But  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$  are mutually perpendicular

So,  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c}$  and  $\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{a}$  are equal to zero.

Therefore,  $a^2l^2 + m^2b^2 + n^2c^2 = 0$  i.e.,  $l, m, n$  are equal to zero because  $a^2, b^2$  and  $c^2$  cannot be equal to zero.

39. (b) Required value  $= \frac{\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a}}{|\mathbf{b}|} \frac{|\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}|}{|\mathbf{a}|} = \frac{|\mathbf{a}|}{|\mathbf{b}|} = \frac{7}{3}$ .

40. (b)  $(\mathbf{a} + 2\mathbf{b}) \cdot (5\mathbf{a} - 4\mathbf{b}) = 0$  Or  $5\mathbf{a}^2 + 6\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} - 8\mathbf{b}^2 = 0$

Or  $6\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 3, (\because \mathbf{a}^2 = 1, \mathbf{b}^2 = 1)$

$\therefore \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \frac{1}{2}$  Or  $|\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}|\cos\theta = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\therefore \cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \therefore \theta = 60^\circ.$$

41. (b)  $\vec{L} = \mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}$

Therefore, vector perpendicular to  $\vec{L} = \lambda(4\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j})$

$$\therefore \text{Unit vector is } \frac{4\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{17}}.$$

But it points towards origin

$$\therefore \text{Required vector} = \frac{-4\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}}{\sqrt{17}}.$$

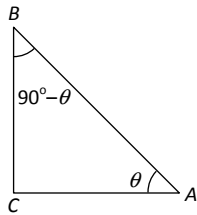
42. (a) Vectors  $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = 5\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ .

We know that the projection of  $\mathbf{b}$  on

$$\mathbf{a} = \frac{\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a}}{|\mathbf{a}|} = \frac{(2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}) \cdot (5\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})}{\sqrt{(2)^2 + (1)^2 + (2)^2}} = \frac{10 - 3 + 2}{\sqrt{9}} = \frac{9}{3} = 3.$$

43. (c) We have  $\overrightarrow{AB} \cdot \overrightarrow{AC} + \overrightarrow{BC} \cdot \overrightarrow{BA} + \overrightarrow{CA} \cdot \overrightarrow{CB}$

$$(AB)(AC)\cos \theta + (BC)(BA)\cos(90^\circ - \theta) + 0$$



$$= AB(AC \cos \theta + BC \sin \theta) = AB \left( \frac{(AC)^2}{AB} + \frac{(BC)^2}{AB} \right)$$

$$= AC^2 + BC^2 = AB^2 = p^2.$$

44. (c)  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} \Rightarrow \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c} = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c}) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Either } \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0} \text{ or } \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{c} \text{ Or } \mathbf{a} \perp (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c}).$$

45. (a)  $|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}| > |\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}|$

Squaring both sides, we get

$$a^2 + b^2 + 2\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} > a^2 + b^2 - 2\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} > 0 \Rightarrow \cos \theta > 0. \text{ Hence } \theta < 90^\circ, \text{ (acute).}$$