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EXERCISE 23 [Pg. No.: 1030]

1. Find $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$ when

(i) $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$

(ii) $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = -2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$

(iii) $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{k}$

Sol. (i) We have $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) = (3 + 8 - 2) = 9$$

(ii) We have $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (-2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \cdot (-2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) = (-4 + 12) = 8$$

(iii) We have $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (3\hat{i} - 2\hat{k})$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} - 2\hat{k}) = (3 - 10) = -7$$

2. Find the value of λ for which $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ are perpendicular, wh

(i) $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

(ii) $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = -\lambda\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

(iii) $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}$

(iv) $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = -5\hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}$

Sol. (i) We have $\vec{a} = (2\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$

$$\vec{a} \perp \vec{b} \Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0 \Rightarrow (2\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot (4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 8 - 2\lambda + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow 10 - 2\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow 2\lambda = 10 \therefore \lambda = 5$$

(ii) We have $\vec{a} = (3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (-\lambda\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$

$$\vec{a} \perp \vec{b} \Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0 \Rightarrow (3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) \cdot (-\lambda\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -3\lambda - 3 + 12 = 0 \Rightarrow -3\lambda + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow 3\lambda = 9 \therefore \lambda = 3$$

(iii) We have $\vec{a} = (2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - \hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k})$

$$\vec{a} \perp \vec{b} \Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0 \Rightarrow (2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - \hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (6 - 8 - \lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow -2 - \lambda = 0 \therefore \lambda = -2$$

(iv) We have $\vec{a} = (3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (-5\hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k})$

$$\vec{a} \perp \vec{b} \Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0 \Rightarrow (3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) \cdot (-5\hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}) = 0 \Rightarrow -10 - 5\lambda = 0 \therefore \lambda = -2$$

3. (i) If $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$, show that $(\vec{a} + \vec{b})$ is perpendicular to $(\vec{a} - \vec{b})$.

(ii) If $\vec{a} = (5\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k})$ then show that $(\vec{a} + \vec{b})$ and $(\vec{a} - \vec{b})$ are orthogonal.

Sol. (i) We have $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$

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

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

$$(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \perp (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \Rightarrow (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = (4\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) \cdot (-2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) = -8 + 3 + 5 = -8 + 8 = 0$$

Hence, $(\vec{a} + \vec{b})$ and $(\vec{a} - \vec{b})$ are perpendicular to each other.

(ii) We have $\vec{a} = (5\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k})$

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

$$(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = (5\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) + (\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) = 6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$$

$$(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \perp (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \Rightarrow (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = (6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}) \cdot (4\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

$$= 24 - 8 - 16 = 24 - 24 = 0. \text{ Hence, } (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \text{ and } (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \text{ are orthogonal.}$$

4. if $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 7\hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (5\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k})$ then find the value of λ so that $(\vec{a} + \vec{b})$ and $(\vec{a} - \vec{b})$ are orthogonal vectors

Sol. $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$

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

Now, $\vec{a} + \vec{b} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + (7 + \lambda)\hat{k}$

and, $\vec{a} - \vec{b} = -4\hat{i} + (7 - \lambda)\hat{k}$

$\therefore (\vec{a} + \vec{b})$ and $\vec{a} - \vec{b}$ are orthogonal vectors.

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = 0 \Rightarrow -24 + (7 + \lambda) \cdot (7 - \lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow -24 + 49 - \lambda^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 = 25 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm 5$$

5. Show that the vectors $\frac{1}{7}(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$, $\frac{1}{7}(3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$ and $\frac{1}{7}(6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$ are mutually perpendicular unit vectors.

Sol. Let, $\vec{a} = \frac{1}{7}(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$, $\vec{b} = \frac{1}{7}(3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$ & $\vec{c} = \frac{1}{7}(6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$

$$\vec{a} \perp \vec{b} \Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \frac{1}{7}(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) \cdot \frac{1}{7}(3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

$$= \frac{1}{49}[(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})] = \frac{1}{49}(6 - 18 + 12) = \frac{1}{49} \times 0 = 0$$

$$\vec{b} \perp \vec{c} \Rightarrow \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = \frac{1}{7}(3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot \frac{1}{7}(6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$$

$$= \frac{1}{49}[(3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot (6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})] = \frac{1}{49}(18 - 12 - 6) = \frac{1}{49} \times 0 = 0$$

$$\vec{c} \perp \vec{a} \Rightarrow \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} = \frac{1}{7}(6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) \cdot \frac{1}{7}(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$$

$$= \frac{1}{49}[(6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) \cdot (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})] = \frac{1}{49}(12 + 6 - 18) = \frac{1}{49} \times 0 = 0$$

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

Hence, $\vec{a}$, $\vec{b}$ and $\vec{c}$ are mutually perpendicular to each other.

6. 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 is such that $\vec{d} \cdot \vec{c} = 21$.

Sol. Let $\vec{a} = (4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - \hat{k})$, $\vec{b} = (\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$ and $\vec{c} = (3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k})$, Let $\vec{d} = (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k})$

$$\vec{d} \perp \vec{a} \Rightarrow \vec{d} \cdot \vec{a} = 0 \Rightarrow (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) \cdot (4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 0 \Rightarrow 4x + 5y - z = 0 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\vec{d} \perp \vec{b} \Rightarrow \vec{d} \cdot \vec{b} = 0 \Rightarrow (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) = 0 \Rightarrow x - 4y + 5z = 0 \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$\vec{d} \cdot \vec{c} = 21 \Rightarrow (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 21 \Rightarrow 3x + y - z = 21 \quad \dots(iii)$$

$$\text{Solving equation (i) and (ii), then we get, } 21x + 21y = 0 \Rightarrow x + y = 0 \quad \dots(iv)$$

$$\text{Again solving equation (ii) and (iii), then we get, } 16x + y = 105 \quad \dots(v)$$

$$\text{Again solving equation (iv) and (v), then we get } x = 7, y = -7$$

Putting the value of x and y in equation (i), then

$$4x + 5y - z = 0 \Rightarrow z = 4x + 5y = 4(7) + 5(-7) = 28 - 35 \therefore z = -7$$

$$\text{Hence, } \vec{d} = 7\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} - 7\hat{k} = 7(\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k})$$

7. Let $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$. Find the projection of (i) $\vec{a}$ on $\vec{b}$, and (ii) $\vec{b}$ on $\vec{a}$

Sol. Let $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} \Rightarrow |\vec{a}| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (3)^2 + (2)^2} = \sqrt{4 + 9 + 4} = \sqrt{17}$

$$\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k} \Rightarrow |\vec{b}| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (2)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{1 + 4 + 1} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 2 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 1 = 2 + 6 + 2 = 10$$

$$(i) \vec{a} \text{ on } \vec{b} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|} = \frac{10}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{10}{\sqrt{6}} \times \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{10\sqrt{6}}{6} = \frac{5\sqrt{6}}{3}$$

$$(ii) \vec{b} \text{ on } \vec{a} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}|} = \frac{10}{\sqrt{17}} = \frac{10\sqrt{17}}{17}$$

8. Find the projection of $(8\hat{i} + \hat{j})$ in the direction of $(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$.

Sol. Let $\vec{a} = (8\hat{i} + \hat{j})$, $\vec{b} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) \Rightarrow |\vec{b}| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (2)^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{1 + 4 + 4} = \sqrt{9} = 3$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = (8\hat{i} + \hat{j}) \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) = 8 + 2 = 10 \therefore \text{Projection of } \vec{a} \text{ on } \vec{b} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|} = \frac{10}{3}$$

9. Write the projection of vector $(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$ along the vector $\hat{j}$

Sol. Projection of $(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$

$$\text{on } \hat{j} = \frac{(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot \hat{j}}{|\hat{j}|} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

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10. (i) Find the projection of $\vec{a}$ on $\vec{b}$ if $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 8$ and $\vec{b} = (2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$
 (ii) Write the projection of the vector $(\hat{i} + \hat{j})$ on the vector $(\hat{i} - \hat{j})$

Sol. (i) Projection of $\vec{a}$ on $\vec{b}$

$$= \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{2^2 + 6^2 + 3^2}} = \frac{8}{7}$$

(ii) Projection of $\hat{i} + \hat{j}$ on $\hat{i} - \hat{j}$

$$= \frac{(\hat{i} + \hat{j}) \cdot (\hat{i} - \hat{j})}{|\hat{i} - \hat{j}|} = \frac{1 - 1}{\sqrt{2}} = 0$$

11. Find the angle between the vectors $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$, when

(i) $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$

(ii) $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$

(iii) $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j}$ and $\vec{b} = \hat{j} + \hat{k}$

Sol. (i) we have $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$, $\vec{b} = (3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$, $|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (-2)^2 + (3)^2} = \sqrt{1 + 4 + 9} = \sqrt{14}$

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{(3)^2 + (-2)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{9 + 4 + 1} = \sqrt{14}, \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 3 + 4 + 3 = 10$$

$$\text{Now, } \cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{10}{\sqrt{14} \cdot \sqrt{14}} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{10}{14} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{5}{7} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{5}{7} \right)$$

Hence required angle is $\cos^{-1} \left(\frac{5}{7} \right)$

(ii) We have $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{(3)^2 + (1)^2 + (2)^2} = \sqrt{9 + 1 + 4} = \sqrt{14}$$

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (-2)^2 + (4)^2} = \sqrt{4 + 4 + 16} = \sqrt{24}$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = (3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot (2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) = 6 - 2 + 8 = 12$$

$$= \frac{12}{\sqrt{2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 2 \times 7}} = \frac{12}{4 \times \sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{7}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{7}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{3\sqrt{7}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{7}}$$

Hence required angle is $\cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{7}} \right)$

(iii) We have $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j}$ and $\vec{b} = \hat{j} + \hat{k}$

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{1 + 1} = \sqrt{2}; \quad |\vec{b}| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = (\hat{i} - \hat{j}) \cdot (\hat{j} + \hat{k}) = -1$$

$$\text{Now, } \cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \cos 120^\circ \therefore \theta = 120^\circ$$

Hence required angle is $\frac{2\pi}{3}$.

12. If $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ then
calculate the angle between $(2\vec{a} + \vec{b})$ and $(\vec{a} + 2\vec{b})$

Sol. We have $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$

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

$$\text{and } \vec{a} + 2\vec{b} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) + 2(3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) + (6\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) = (7\hat{i} + \hat{k})$$

$$\text{Now, } |2\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = \sqrt{(5)^2 + (3)^2 + (-4)^2} = \sqrt{25 + 9 + 16} = \sqrt{50}$$

$$|\vec{a} + 2\vec{b}| = \sqrt{(7)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{49 + 1} = \sqrt{50}$$

$$\text{Now, } \cos \theta = \frac{(2\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} + 2\vec{b})}{|2\vec{a} + \vec{b}| |\vec{a} + 2\vec{b}|} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{(5\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) \cdot (7\hat{i} + \hat{k})}{\sqrt{50} \sqrt{50}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{35 - 4}{50} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{31}{50} \therefore \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{31}{50}\right)$$

$$\text{Hence required angle is } \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{31}{50}\right)$$

13. If $\vec{a}$ is a unit vector such that $(\vec{x} - \vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{x} + \vec{a}) = 8$, find $|\vec{x}|$.

Sol. We have, $(\vec{x} - \vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{x} + \vec{a}) = 8 \Rightarrow \vec{x} \cdot (\vec{x} + \vec{a}) - \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{x} + \vec{a}) = 8 \Rightarrow \vec{x} \cdot \vec{x} + \vec{x} \cdot \vec{a} - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{x} - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = 8$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{x}|^2 - |\vec{a}|^2 = 8 \Rightarrow |\vec{x}|^2 = 8 + |\vec{a}|^2 \Rightarrow |\vec{x}|^2 = 8 + 1 \quad [\because |\vec{a}| = 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{x}|^2 = 9 \Rightarrow |\vec{x}| = \sqrt{9} \Rightarrow |\vec{x}| = 3$$

14. Find the angles which the vector $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ makes with the coordinate axes.

Sol. Let $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

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

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \hat{i} = |\vec{a}| |\hat{i}| \cos \theta \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \hat{i}}{|\vec{a}| |\hat{i}|} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{(3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot \hat{i}}{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{3}{7} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{7}\right)$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \hat{j} = |\vec{a}| |\hat{j}| \cos \theta \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \hat{j}}{|\vec{a}| |\hat{j}|} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{(3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot \hat{j}}{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{-6}{7} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{-6}{7}\right) \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{6}{7}\right)$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \hat{k} = |\vec{a}| |\hat{k}| \cos \theta \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \hat{k}}{|\vec{a}| |\hat{k}|} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{(3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot \hat{k}}{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{2}{7} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{7}\right)$$

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15. Show that the vector $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$ is equally inclined to the coordinate axes.

Sol. Let $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$

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

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \hat{i} = |\vec{a}| |\hat{i}| \cos \theta \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \hat{i}}{|\vec{a}| |\hat{i}|} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot \hat{i}}{\sqrt{3} \cdot 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \hat{j} = |\vec{a}| |\hat{j}| \cos \theta \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \hat{j}}{|\vec{a}| |\hat{j}|} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot \hat{j}}{\sqrt{3} \cdot 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \hat{k} = |\vec{a}| |\hat{k}| \cos \theta \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \hat{k}}{|\vec{a}| |\hat{k}|} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot \hat{k}}{\sqrt{3} \cdot 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right). \text{ Hence } \theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right).$$

16. Find a vector $\vec{a}$ of magnitude $5\sqrt{2}$, making an angle $\frac{\pi}{4}$ with x-axis, $\frac{\pi}{2}$ with y-axis and an acute angle θ with z-axis

Sol. Direction cosines of $\vec{a}$ are,

$$l = \cos \frac{\pi}{4}, m = \cos \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\text{and } n = \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{4} + \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{2} + \cos^2 \theta = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} + 0 + \cos^2 \theta = 1 \Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta = 1 - \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{for acute angle, } \cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

17. Find the angle between vectors $(\vec{a} + \vec{b})$ and $(\vec{a} - \vec{b})$, if $\vec{a} = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$.

Sol. $\vec{a} = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$, $\vec{b} = (3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) \Rightarrow (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + (3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) = (5\hat{i} + \hat{k})$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) - (3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) = (-\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = (5\hat{i} + \hat{k}) \cdot (-\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) = -5 + 5 = 0 \Rightarrow |\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = \sqrt{(5)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{25 + 1} = \sqrt{26}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a} - \vec{b}| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-2)^2 + (5)^2} = \sqrt{1 + 4 + 25} = \sqrt{30}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b})}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| |\vec{a} - \vec{b}|} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{0}{(\sqrt{26})(\sqrt{30})} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \therefore \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

18. Express the vector $\vec{a} = (6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k})$ as sum of two vectors such that one is parallel to the vector $\vec{b} = (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$ and the other is perpendicular to $\vec{b}$

Sol. Let, $\vec{a} = \vec{r} + \vec{s}$ such that, $\vec{r} \parallel \vec{b}$ and $\vec{s} \perp \vec{b}$

$$\because \vec{r} \parallel \vec{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r} = r\vec{b}, \text{ where } r \text{ is some non-zero real number.} \Rightarrow \vec{r} = (r\hat{i} + r\hat{j} + r\hat{k})$$

$$\because \vec{s} \perp \vec{b} = \vec{s} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

$$\text{Now, } \vec{a} = \vec{r} + \vec{s}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{r} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{s} \cdot \vec{b} \Rightarrow (6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = (r + r + r) + 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 6 - 3 - 6 = 3r \Rightarrow r = -1 \therefore \vec{r} = -\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\text{Now, } \vec{a} = \vec{r} + \vec{s}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{s} = \vec{a} - \vec{r} \Rightarrow \vec{s} = 6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k} + \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k} \Rightarrow \vec{s} = 7\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \vec{a} = (-\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}) + (7\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k})$$

19. Prove that $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = |\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2 \Leftrightarrow \vec{a} \perp \vec{b}$, where $\vec{a} \neq \vec{0}$ and $\vec{b} \neq \vec{0}$.

Sol. We have, $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = |\vec{a} + \vec{b}|^2 = |\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2$
If $|\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2 + 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2$, i.e., if $2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$ if $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$, i.e., $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ are at right angle.

20. If $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = \vec{0}$, $|\vec{a}| = 3$, $|\vec{b}| = 5$ and $|\vec{c}| = 7$, find the angle between $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$.

Sol. We have, $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = \vec{0}$

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

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}|^2 + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} + |\vec{b}|^2 = |\vec{c}|^2 \Rightarrow |\vec{a}|^2 + 2(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) + |\vec{b}|^2 = |\vec{c}|^2 \Rightarrow |\vec{a}| + 2(|\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\cos\theta) + |\vec{b}| = |\vec{c}|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (3)^2 + 2(2.5\cos\theta) + (5)^2 = (7)^2 \Rightarrow 9 + 30\cos\theta + 25 = 49$$

$$\Rightarrow 30\cos\theta = 49 - 34 \Rightarrow \cos\theta = \frac{15}{30} \Rightarrow \cos\theta = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\cos\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}. \text{ Required angle is } \frac{\pi}{3} = 60^\circ.$$

21. Find the angle between $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$, when

$$(i) |\vec{a}| = 2, |\vec{b}| = 1 \text{ and } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$(ii) |\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = \sqrt{2} \text{ and } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = -1$$

Sol. Let θ be the angle between $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$.

$$(i) \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}||\vec{b}|} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2 \times 1} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

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$$(ii) \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{-1}{2} \right) \Rightarrow \theta = \pi - \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = \pi - \frac{\pi}{3} = 2\frac{\pi}{3}$$

22. If $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ are vectors such that $|\vec{a}| = 2$, $|\vec{b}| = 3$ and $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 4$, find $|\vec{a} - \vec{b}|$.

Sol. We have, $|\vec{a}| = 2$, $|\vec{b}| = 3$ and $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 4$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a} - \vec{b}|^2 = |\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2 - 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = (2)^2 + (3)^2 - 2(4) = 4 + 9 - 8 = 5 \Rightarrow |\vec{a} - \vec{b}|^2 = 5 \Rightarrow |\vec{a} - \vec{b}| = \sqrt{5}$$

23. If $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = 8$ and $|\vec{a}| = 8|\vec{b}|$ find $|\vec{a}|$ and $|\vec{b}|$

$$\text{Sol. } \because (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}|^2 - |\vec{b}|^2 = 8 \Rightarrow \{8|\vec{b}|\}^2 - |\vec{b}|^2 = 8 \Rightarrow 63|\vec{b}|^2 = 8 \Rightarrow |\vec{b}|^2 = \frac{8}{63} \Rightarrow |\vec{b}| = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{63}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 64|\vec{b}|^2 - |\vec{b}|^2 = 8 \Rightarrow 63|\vec{b}|^2 = 8 \Rightarrow |\vec{b}|^2 = \frac{8}{63} \Rightarrow |\vec{b}| = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{63}}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{a}| = \frac{16\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{63}}$$

24. If $\hat{a}$ and $\hat{b}$ are unit vectors inclined at an angle θ then prove that

$$(i) \cos \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1}{2} |\hat{a} + \hat{b}| \quad (ii) \tan \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{|\hat{a} - \hat{b}|}{|\hat{a} + \hat{b}|}$$

Sol. (i) We know that, $|\hat{a} + \hat{b}|^2 = |\hat{a}|^2 + |\hat{b}|^2 + 2\hat{a} \cdot \hat{b}$

$$\Rightarrow |\hat{a} + \hat{b}|^2 = 1 + 1 + 2 \cos \theta \Rightarrow |\hat{a} + \hat{b}|^2 = 2(1 + \cos \theta) \Rightarrow |\hat{a} + \hat{b}|^2 = 2 \cdot 2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \Rightarrow |\hat{a} + \hat{b}| = 2 \cos \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1}{2} |\hat{a} + \hat{b}| \text{ Proved}$$

$$(ii) \text{ We have, } \frac{|\hat{a} + \hat{b}|^2}{|\hat{a} - \hat{b}|^2} = \frac{|\hat{a}|^2 + |\hat{b}|^2 + 2\hat{a} \cdot \hat{b}}{|\hat{a}|^2 + |\hat{b}|^2 - 2\hat{a} \cdot \hat{b}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{|\hat{a} + \hat{b}|^2}{|\hat{a} - \hat{b}|^2} = \frac{1 + 1 + 2 \cos \theta}{1 + 1 - 2 \cos \theta} \Rightarrow \frac{|\hat{a} + \hat{b}|^2}{|\hat{a} - \hat{b}|^2} = \frac{2(1 + \cos \theta)}{2(1 - \cos \theta)} \Rightarrow \frac{|\hat{a} + \hat{b}|^2}{|\hat{a} - \hat{b}|^2} = \frac{2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}{2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{|\hat{a} + \hat{b}|}{|\hat{a} - \hat{b}|} = \cot \frac{\theta}{2} \Rightarrow \tan \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{|\hat{a} - \hat{b}|}{|\hat{a} + \hat{b}|}$$

25. If $\vec{a} = (5\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 7\hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \lambda\hat{k})$, find the value of λ for which $(\vec{a} + \vec{b})$ and $(\vec{a} - \vec{b})$ are orthogonal.

$$\text{Sol. } \vec{a} + \vec{b} = 5\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 7\hat{k} + \hat{i} - \hat{j} - \lambda\hat{k} = 6\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + (7 - \lambda)\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{a} - \vec{b} = (5\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 7\hat{k}) - (\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \lambda\hat{k}) = 5\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 7\hat{k} - \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k} \Rightarrow \vec{a} - \vec{b} = 4\hat{i} + (7 + \lambda)\hat{k}$$

$$(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \perp (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \Rightarrow (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = 0 \Rightarrow \{6\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + (7 - \lambda)\hat{k}\} \cdot \{4\hat{i} + (7 + \lambda)\hat{k}\} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 24 + (7 + \lambda)(7 - \lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow 24 + 49 - \lambda^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 = 73 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm\sqrt{73}$$

26. If $\overrightarrow{AB} = (3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$ and the coordinates of A are $(0, -2, -1)$, find the coordinates of B

Sol. Let, Coordinates of

B are (α, β, γ)

$$\text{Now, } \overrightarrow{AB} = (\alpha - 0)\hat{i} + (\beta + 2)\hat{j} + (\gamma + 1)\hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k} = \alpha\hat{i} + (\beta + 2)\hat{j} + (\gamma + 1)\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \alpha = 3, \beta + 2 = -1 \text{ and } \gamma + 1 = 2 \Rightarrow \alpha = 3, \beta = -3 \text{ \& } \gamma = 1$$

Hence, Co-ordinates of B are $(3, -3, 1)$.

27. If $A(2, 3, 4), B(5, 4, -1), C(3, 6, 2)$ and $D(1, 2, 0)$ be four points show that $\overrightarrow{AB}$ is perpendicular to $\overrightarrow{CD}$

Sol. Here, $\overrightarrow{AB} = (5 - 2)\hat{i} + (4 - 3)\hat{j} + (-1 - 4)\hat{k} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$

$$\text{and } \overrightarrow{CD} = (1 - 3)\hat{i} + (2 - 6)\hat{j} + (0 - 2)\hat{k} = -2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Now, } \overrightarrow{AB} \cdot \overrightarrow{CD} = 3 \times (-2) + 1 \times (-4) + (-5) \times (-2)$$

$$= -6 - 4 + 10 = 0 \therefore \overrightarrow{AB} \perp \overrightarrow{CD}$$

28. Find the value of λ for which the vectors $(2\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$ and $(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k})$ are perpendicular to each other

Sol. $\therefore (2\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \perp (3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k})$

$$\Rightarrow (2\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) = 0 \Rightarrow 6 + 2\lambda - 12 = 0 \Rightarrow 2\lambda - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow 2\lambda = 6 \Rightarrow \lambda = 3$$

29. Show that the vectors $\vec{a} = (3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}), \vec{b} = (\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$ and $\vec{c} = (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 4\hat{k})$ form a right angled triangle

Sol. $\vec{b} + \vec{c} = (\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) + (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 4\hat{k})$

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

$\Rightarrow \vec{a}, \vec{b}$ and $\vec{c}$ form a triangle

$$\text{Now, } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = (3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) = 6 - 2 - 4 = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{a} \perp \vec{c}$$

Hence, $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$ and $\vec{c}$ form a right angled triangle.

30. Three vertices of a triangle are $A(0, -1, -2), B(3, 1, 4)$ and $C(5, 7, 1)$. show that it is a right angled triangle. Also, find its other two angles

Sol. $\overrightarrow{AB} = (3 - 0)\hat{i} + (1 + 1)\hat{j} + (4 + 2)\hat{k}$

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

$$\overrightarrow{BC} = (5 - 3)\hat{i} + (7 - 1)\hat{j} + (1 - 4)\hat{k} = 2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{AC} = (5 - 0)\hat{i} + (7 + 1)\hat{j} + (1 + 2)\hat{k} = 5\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Now, } \overrightarrow{AB} \cdot \overrightarrow{BC} = 6 + 12 - 18 = 0 \therefore \overrightarrow{AB} \perp \overrightarrow{BC}$$

Hence, ΔABC is a right angled triangle.

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$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now, } \angle A &= \cos^{-1} \frac{\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{AC}}{|\vec{AB}| \cdot |\vec{AC}|} \\ &= \cos^{-1} \frac{15 + 16 + 18}{\sqrt{3^2 + 2^2 + 6^2} \sqrt{5^2 + 8^2 + 3^2}} = \cos^{-1} \frac{49}{7 \times \sqrt{98}} = \cos^{-1} \frac{49}{49 \times \sqrt{2}} = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\pi}{4}\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \angle B = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ and } \angle A = \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow \angle C = \pi - \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

31. If the position vectors of the vertices A, B and C of $\triangle ABC$ be $(1, 2, 3)$, $(-1, 0, 0)$ and $(0, 1, 2)$ respectively then find $\angle ABC$

Sol. Let O be the origin,

Position vector of A,

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

Position vector of B,

$$\vec{OB} = \hat{i}$$

Position vector of C, $\vec{OC} = \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

$$\text{Now, } \vec{BA} = \vec{OA} - \vec{OB} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} \text{ \& } \vec{BC} = \vec{OC} - \vec{OB} = \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\angle B = \cos^{-1} \frac{\vec{BA} \cdot \vec{BC}}{|\vec{BA}| |\vec{BC}|}$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle B = \cos^{-1} \frac{2 + 2 + 6}{\sqrt{4 + 4 + 9} \sqrt{1 + 1 + 4}} \Rightarrow \angle B = \cos^{-1} \frac{10}{\sqrt{17} \sqrt{6}} \Rightarrow \angle B = \cos^{-1} \frac{10}{\sqrt{102}}$$

32. If $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ are two unit vectors such that $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = \sqrt{3}$, find $(2\vec{a} - 5\vec{b}) \cdot (3\vec{a} + \vec{b})$

Sol. Given: $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ are unit vectors and $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = \sqrt{3}$

$$\therefore |\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow |\vec{a} + \vec{b}|^2 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2 + 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 3 \Rightarrow 1 + 1 + 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 3 \Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Now, } (2\vec{a} - 5\vec{b}) \cdot (3\vec{a} + \vec{b})$$

$$= 6|\vec{a}|^2 + 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - 15\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - 5|\vec{b}|^2 = 6 - 13\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - 5 = 1 - 13 \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2 - 13}{2} = -\frac{11}{2}$$

33. If $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ are two vectors such that $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}|$ then prove that vector $(2\vec{a} + \vec{b})$ is perpendicular to vector $\vec{b}$

Sol. $\therefore |\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}|$

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

Hence, $\vec{b} \perp 2\vec{a} + \vec{b}$ Proved

34. If $\vec{a} = (3\hat{i} - \hat{j})$ and $\vec{b} = (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$ then express $\vec{b}$ in the form $\vec{b} = (\vec{b}_1 + \vec{b}_2)$, where $\vec{b}_1 \parallel \vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}_1 \perp \vec{a}$

Sol. Let, $\vec{b}_1 = x\vec{a}$ $\therefore \vec{b}_1 \parallel \vec{a}$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{b}_1 = 3x\hat{i} - x\hat{j}$$

$$\text{Now, } \vec{b} = \vec{b}_1 + \vec{b}_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}_1 + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}_2 \Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}_1 + 0 \quad \{\because \vec{a} \perp \vec{b}_2 \Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}_2 = 0\}$$

$$\Rightarrow (3\hat{i} - \hat{j}) \cdot (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) = (3\hat{i} - \hat{j}) \cdot (3x\hat{i} - x\hat{j})$$

$$\Rightarrow 6 - 1 = 9x - x \Rightarrow 5 = 10x \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2} \therefore \vec{b}_1 = \frac{3}{2}\hat{i} - \frac{1}{2}\hat{j}$$

$$\text{Now, } \vec{b}_2 = \vec{b} - \vec{b}_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{b}_2 = (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) - \left(\frac{3}{2}\hat{i} - \frac{1}{2}\hat{j}\right) \Rightarrow \vec{b}_2 = \left(2 - \frac{3}{2}\right)\hat{i} + \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\hat{j} - 3\hat{k} \Rightarrow \vec{b}_2 = \frac{1}{2}\hat{i} + \frac{3}{2}\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \vec{b}_1 = \frac{3}{2}\hat{i} - \frac{1}{2}\hat{j} \quad \vec{b}_2 = \frac{1}{2}\hat{i} + \frac{3}{2}\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$