



SpeedLabs

MATHS

CBSE 12th

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Vector Algebra

Exercise - 10.2

1. Compute the magnitude of the following vectors:

$$\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}; \vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 3\hat{k} \quad \vec{c} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{j} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{k}$$

Ans. The given vectors are:

$$\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}; \vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 3\hat{k} \quad \vec{c} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{j} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{k}$$

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

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (-7)^2 + (3)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{4 + 49 + 9}$$

$$= \sqrt{62}$$

$$|\vec{c}| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2}$$

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

2. Write two different vectors having same magnitude.

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

It can be observed that $|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{1^2 + (-2)^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{1 + 4 + 9} = \sqrt{14}$ and

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

Hence $|\vec{a}|$ and $|\vec{b}|$, are two different vectors having the same magnitude. The vectors are different because they have different directions.

3.
$$= 8 \left(\frac{5\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{30}} \right)$$
$$= \frac{40}{\sqrt{30}}\hat{i} - \frac{8}{\sqrt{30}}\hat{j} + \frac{16}{\sqrt{30}}\hat{k}$$

4. Show that the vectors $2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ and $-4\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}$ are collinear.

Ans. Let $\vec{a} = -2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = -4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$

It is observed that $\vec{b} = -4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 8\hat{k} = -2(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) = -2\vec{a}$

$$\therefore \vec{b} = \lambda\vec{a}$$

Where,

$$\lambda = -2$$

Hence, the given vectors are collinear.

5. Find the direction cosines of the vector $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$

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

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

Hence, the direction cosines of \vec{a} are $\frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}$

6. Find the sum of the vectors $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = -2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = \hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}$

Ans. The given vectors are $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = -2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = \hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}$

$$\therefore \vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = (1 - 2 + 1)\hat{i} + (-2 + 4 - 6)\hat{j} + (1 + 5 - 7)\hat{k}$$

$$= 0.\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 1.\hat{k}$$

$$= -4\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

7. Find the unit vector in the direction of the vector $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$.

Ans. The unit vector \hat{a} in the direction of vector $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ is given by $\hat{a} = \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|}$

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{1 + 1 + 9} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$\therefore \hat{a} = \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \frac{\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\hat{j} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\hat{k}$$

8. Find the unit vector in the direction of vector \overrightarrow{PQ} , where P and Q are the points

(1, 2, 3) and (4, 5, 6), respectively.

Ans. The given points are P (1, 2, 3) and Q (4, 5, 6).

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

$$|\overrightarrow{PQ}| = \sqrt{3^2 + 3^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{9 + 9 + 9} = \sqrt{27} = 3\sqrt{3}$$

Hence, the unit vector in the direction of \overrightarrow{PQ} is

$$\frac{\overrightarrow{PQ}}{|\overrightarrow{PQ}|} = \frac{3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}}{3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{j} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{k}$$

9. For given vectors $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$, and $\vec{b} = -\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$, find the unit vector in the direction of the vector $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$

Ans. The given vectors are $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$, and $\vec{b} = -\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$.

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

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

$$\therefore \vec{a} + \vec{b} = (2 - 1)\hat{i} + (-1 + 1)\hat{j} + (2 - 1)\hat{k}$$

$$|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

Hence, the unit vector in the direction of $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$ is

$$\frac{(\vec{a} + \vec{b})}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b}|} = \frac{\hat{i} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{2}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{k}$$

10. Find a vector in the direction of vector $5\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ which has magnitude 8 units.

Ans. Let $\vec{a} = 5\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$

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

$$\therefore \hat{a} = \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \frac{5\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{30}}$$

Hence, the vector in the direction of vector $5\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ which has magnitude 8 units is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} 8\hat{a} &= 8 \left(\frac{5\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{30}} \right) = \frac{40}{\sqrt{30}}\hat{i} - \frac{8}{\sqrt{30}}\hat{j} + \frac{16}{\sqrt{30}}\hat{k} \\ &= 8 \left(\frac{5\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{\sqrt{30}} \right) \\ &= \frac{40}{\sqrt{30}}\hat{i} - \frac{8}{\sqrt{30}}\hat{j} + \frac{16}{\sqrt{30}}\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

11. Show that the vectors $2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ and $-4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$ are collinear.

Ans. Let $\vec{a} = -2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = -4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$.

$$\text{It is observed that } \vec{b} = -4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 8\hat{k} = -2(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) = -2\vec{a}$$

$$\therefore \vec{b} = \lambda\vec{a}$$

Where,

$$\lambda = -2$$

Hence, the given vectors are collinear.

12. Find the direction cosines of the vector $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$

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

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

$$\text{Hence, the direction cosines of } \vec{a} \text{ are } \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}} \right).$$

13. Find the direction cosines of the vector joining the points A (1, 2, -3) and B (-1, -2, 1) directed from A to B.

Ans. The given points are A (1, 2, -3) and B (-1, -2, 1).

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

$$\Rightarrow \vec{AB} = -2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{AB}| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (-4)^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{4 + 16 + 16} = \sqrt{36} = 6$$

Hence, the direction cosines of \overrightarrow{AB} are $\left(-\frac{2}{6}, -\frac{4}{6}, \frac{4}{6}\right) = \left(-\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right)$.

14. Show that the vector $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ is equally inclined to the axes OX, OY, and OZ.

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

Then,

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

Therefore, the direction cosines of \vec{a} are $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$.

Now, let α , β , and γ be the angles formed by with the positive directions of x, y, and z axes.

$$\text{Then, we have } \cos \alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \cos \beta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \cos \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Hence, the given vector is equally inclined to axes OX, OY, and OZ.

15. Find the position vector of a point R which divides the line joining two points P and Q whose position vectors are $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $-\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ respectively, in the ration 2:1

(i) internally

(ii) externally

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

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

i. Internally:

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

ii. Externally:

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

Position vectors of P and Q are given as:

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

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

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

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

$$\overrightarrow{OR} = \frac{2(-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) - 1(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})}{2 - 1} = (-2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) - (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$$

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

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

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

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

17. Show that the points A, B and C with position vectors, $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j}$, $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$, respectively form the vertices of a right angled triangle.

Ans. Position vectors of points A, B, and C are respectively given as:

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

$$\therefore \overrightarrow{AB} = \vec{b} - \vec{a} = (2-3)\hat{i} + (-1+4)\hat{j} + (1+4)\hat{k} = -\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

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

$$\overrightarrow{CA} = \vec{a} - \vec{c} = (3-1)\hat{i} + (-4+3)\hat{j} + (-4+5)\hat{k} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\therefore |\overrightarrow{AB}|^2 = (-1)^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 = 1 + 9 + 25 = 35$$

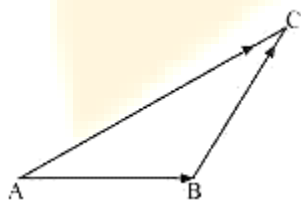
$$|\overrightarrow{BC}|^2 = (-1)^2 + (-2)^2 + (-6)^2 = 1 + 4 + 36 = 41$$

$$|\overrightarrow{CA}|^2 = 2^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2 = 4 + 1 + 1 = 6$$

$$\therefore |\overrightarrow{AB}|^2 + |\overrightarrow{CA}|^2 = 35 + 6 = 41 = |\overrightarrow{BC}|^2$$

Hence, ABC is a right-angled triangle

18. In triangle ABC which of the following is not true:



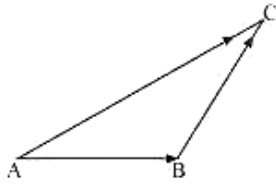
$$\overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{BC} + \overrightarrow{CA} = \vec{0}$$

$$\overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{BC} - \overrightarrow{AC} = \vec{0}$$

$$\overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{BC} - \overrightarrow{CA} = \vec{0}$$

$$\overrightarrow{AB} - \overrightarrow{CB} + \overrightarrow{CA} = \vec{0}$$

Ans. On applying the triangle law of addition in the given triangle, we have:



$$\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} + \vec{CA} = \vec{0} \dots (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{AB} + \vec{BC} = -\vec{CA}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{AB} + \vec{BC} + \vec{CA} = \vec{0} \dots (2)$$

\therefore The equation given in alternative A is true.

$$\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} - \vec{AC}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{AB} + \vec{BC} - \vec{AC} = \vec{0}$$

\therefore The equation given in alternative B is true.

From equation (2), we have:

$$\vec{AB} - \vec{CB} + \vec{CA} = \vec{0}$$

\therefore The equation given in alternative D is true.

Now, consider the equation given in alternative C:

$$\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} - \vec{AC} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{AB} + \vec{BC} = \vec{CA} \dots (3)$$

From equations (1) and (3), we have:

$$\vec{AB} = \vec{CA}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{AC} = -\vec{CA}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{AC} + \vec{AC} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\vec{AC} = \vec{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{AC} = \vec{0}, \text{ which is not true.}$$

Hence, the equation given in alternative C is incorrect.

The correct answer is C.

19. If \vec{a} and \vec{b} are two collinear vectors, then which of the following are **incorrect**:

A. $\vec{b} = \lambda\vec{a}$, for some scalar λ

B. $\vec{a} = \pm \vec{b}$

C. the respective components of \vec{a} and \vec{b} are proportional

D. both the vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} have same direction, but different magnitudes

Ans. If \vec{a} and \vec{b} are two collinear vectors, then they are parallel.

Therefore, we have:

$$\vec{b} = \lambda \vec{a} \quad (\text{For some scalar } \lambda)$$

If $\lambda = \pm 1$, then $\vec{a} = \pm \vec{b}$.

If $\vec{a} = a_1 \hat{i} + a_2 \hat{j} + a_3 \hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = b_1 \hat{i} + b_2 \hat{j} + b_3 \hat{k}$, then $\vec{b} = \lambda \vec{a}$.

$$\Rightarrow b_1 \hat{i} + b_2 \hat{j} + b_3 \hat{k} = \lambda (b_1 \hat{i} + b_2 \hat{j} + b_3 \hat{k})$$

$$\Rightarrow b_1 \hat{i} + b_2 \hat{j} + b_3 \hat{k} = (\lambda b_1) \hat{i} + (\lambda b_2) \hat{j} + (\lambda b_3) \hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow b_1 = \lambda a_1, b_2 = \lambda a_2, b_3 = \lambda a_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b_1}{a_1} = \frac{b_2}{a_2} = \frac{b_3}{a_3}$$