



SpeedLabs

MATHS

CBSE 12th

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Vector Algebra

Exercise - 10.3

1. Find the angle between two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} with magnitudes $\sqrt{3}$ and 2, respectively having \vec{a} and $\vec{b} \cdot \sqrt{6}$

Ans. It is given that,

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{3}, \vec{b} = 2 \text{ and } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$\text{Now, we know that } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\cos\theta$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{6} = \sqrt{3} \times 2 \times \cos\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\theta = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{3} \times 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\theta = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Hence, the angle between the given vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} is $\frac{\pi}{4}$.

2. Find the angle between the vectors $\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ and $3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$

Ans. The given vectors are $\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ and $3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$

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

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

$$\text{Now, } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})(3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

$$= 1 \cdot 3 + (-2)(-2) + 3 \cdot 1$$

$$= 3 + 4 + 3$$

$$= 10$$

$$\text{Also, we know that } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\cos\theta$$

$$\therefore 10 = \sqrt{14} \sqrt{14} \cos\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\theta = \frac{10}{14}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{5}{7} \right)$$

3. Find the projection of the vector $\hat{i} - \hat{j}$ on the vector $\hat{i} + \hat{j}$.

Ans. $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j}$ And $\hat{i} + \hat{j}$

Now, projection of vector \vec{a} on \vec{b} is given by,

$$\frac{1}{|\vec{b}|} (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+1}} \{1 \cdot 1 + (-1)(1)\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (1 - 1) = 0$$

Hence, the projection of vector \vec{a} on \vec{b} is 0.

4. Find the projection of the vector $\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$ on the vector $7\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 8\hat{k}$.

Ans. $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 7\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 8\hat{k}$

Now, projection of vector \vec{a} on \vec{b} is given by,

$$\frac{1}{|\vec{b}|} (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{7^2 + (-1)^2 + 8^2}} \{1(7) + 3(-1) + 7(8)\} = \frac{7 - 3 + 56}{\sqrt{49 + 1 + 64}} = \frac{60}{\sqrt{114}}$$

5. Show that each of the given three vectors is a unit vector:

$$\frac{1}{7} (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}), \frac{1}{7} (3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}), \frac{1}{7} (6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$$

Ans. Let $\vec{a} = \frac{1}{7} (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) = \frac{2}{7}\hat{i} + \frac{3}{7}\hat{j} + \frac{6}{7}\hat{k}$

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

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

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{7}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{6}{7}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{49} + \frac{9}{49} + \frac{36}{49}} = 1$$

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{6}{7}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{7}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{9}{49} + \frac{36}{49} + \frac{4}{49}} = 1$$

$$|\vec{c}| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{6}{7}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{7}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{3}{7}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{36}{49} + \frac{4}{49} + \frac{9}{49}} = 1$$

Thus, each of the given three vectors is a unit vector.

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \frac{2}{7} \times \frac{3}{7} + \frac{3}{7} \times \left(\frac{-6}{7}\right) + \frac{6}{7} \times \frac{2}{7} = \frac{6}{49} - \frac{18}{49} + \frac{12}{49} = 0$$

$$\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = \frac{3}{7} \times \frac{6}{7} + \left(\frac{-6}{7}\right) \times \frac{2}{7} + \frac{2}{7} \times \left(\frac{-3}{7}\right) = \frac{18}{49} - \frac{12}{49} + \frac{6}{49} = 0$$

$$\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} = \frac{6}{7} \times \frac{2}{7} + \frac{2}{7} \times \frac{3}{7} + \left(\frac{-3}{7}\right) \times \frac{6}{7} = \frac{12}{49} + \frac{6}{49} - \frac{18}{49} = 0$$

Hence, the given three vectors are mutually perpendicular to each other.

6. Find $|\vec{a}|$ and $|\vec{b}|$, if $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = 8$ and $|\vec{a}| = 8|\vec{b}|$

Ans. $(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = 8$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} - \vec{b} \cdot \vec{b} = 8$$

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

$$\Rightarrow (8|\vec{b}|)^2 - |\vec{b}|^2 = 8 \quad [|\vec{a}| = 8|\vec{b}|]$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 63|\vec{b}|^2 = 8$$

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

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{b}| = \sqrt{\frac{8}{63}}$$

Magnitude of a is non – negative

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{b}| = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{7}}$$

$$|\vec{a}| = 8|\vec{b}| = \frac{8 \times 2\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{7}} = \frac{16\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{7}}$$

7. If $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j}$ are such that $\vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b}$ is perpendicular to \vec{c} , then find the value of λ .

Ans. The given vectors are $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j}$

Now,

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

$$\Rightarrow [(2-\lambda)\hat{i} + (2+2\lambda)\hat{j} + (3+\lambda)\hat{k}] \cdot (3\hat{i} + \hat{j}) = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow [(2-\lambda)\hat{i} + (2+2\lambda)\hat{j} + (3+\lambda)\hat{k}] \cdot (3\hat{i} + \hat{j}) = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 6 - 3\lambda + 2 + 2\lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\lambda + 8 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 8$$

Hence, the required value of λ is 8.

8. Show that $|\vec{a}|\vec{b} + |\vec{b}|\vec{a}$ is perpendicular to $|\vec{a}|\vec{b} - |\vec{b}|\vec{a}$, for any two nonzero vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b}

Ans. $(|\vec{a}|\vec{b} + |\vec{b}|\vec{a}) \cdot (|\vec{a}|\vec{b} - |\vec{b}|\vec{a})$

$$= |\vec{a}|^2 \vec{b} \cdot \vec{b} - |\vec{a}|\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} + |\vec{b}|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - |\vec{b}|^2 \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a}$$

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

$$= 0$$

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

9. If $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$ and $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$, then what can be concluded about the vector \vec{b} ?

Ans. It is given that $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$ and $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$

Now,

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = 0 \Rightarrow |\vec{a}|^2 = 0 \Rightarrow |\vec{a}| = 0$$

$\therefore \vec{a}$ is a zero vector

Hence, vector \vec{b} satisfying $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$ can be any vector.

10. If either vector $\vec{a} = \vec{0}$ or $\vec{b} = \vec{0}$, then $\vec{a} = \vec{b} = \vec{0}$. But the converse need not be true. Justify your answer with an example.

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

Then,

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 2 \cdot 3 + 4 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot (-6) = 6 + 12 - 18 = 0$$

We now observe that:

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 4^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{29}$$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \neq \vec{0}$$

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{3^2 + 3^2 + (-6)^2} = \sqrt{54}$$

$$\therefore \vec{b} \neq \vec{0}$$

Hence, the converse of the given statement need not be true.

11. If the vertices A, B, C of a triangle ABC are (1, 2, 3), (-1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 2), respectively, then find $\angle ABC$. [$\angle ABC$ is the angle between the vectors \overrightarrow{BA} and \overrightarrow{BC}]

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$$\overrightarrow{BA} = \{1 - (-1)\}\hat{i} + (2 - 0)\hat{j} + (3 - 0)\hat{k} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{BC} = \{0 - (-1)\}\hat{i} + (1 - 0)\hat{j} + (2 - 0)\hat{k} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \overrightarrow{BA} \cdot \overrightarrow{BC} = (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) = 2 \times 1 + 2 \times 1 + 3 \times 2 = 2 + 2 + 6 = 10$$

$$|\overrightarrow{BA}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{4 + 4 + 9} = \sqrt{17}$$

$$|\overrightarrow{BC}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{16}$$

Now, it is known that:

$$\overrightarrow{BA} \cdot \overrightarrow{BC} = |\overrightarrow{BA}| |\overrightarrow{BC}| \cos(\angle ABC)$$

$$\therefore 10 = \sqrt{17} \times \sqrt{6} \cos(\angle ABC)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(\angle ABC) = \frac{10}{\sqrt{17} \times \sqrt{6}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle ABC = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{10}{\sqrt{102}}\right)$$

12. Show that the points A (1, 2, 7), B (2, 6, 3) and C (3, 10, -1) are collinear.

Ans. The given points are A (1, 2, 7), B (2, 6, 3), and C (3, 10, -1).

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

$$\overrightarrow{BC} = (3 - 2)\hat{i} + (10 - 6)\hat{j} + (-1 - 3)\hat{k} = \hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

$$\overrightarrow{AC} = (3 - 1)\hat{i} + (10 - 2)\hat{j} + (-1 - 7)\hat{k} = 2\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$$

$$|\overrightarrow{AB}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 4^2 + (-4)^2} = \sqrt{1 + 16 + 16} = \sqrt{33}$$

$$|\overrightarrow{BC}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 4^2 + (-4)^2} = \sqrt{1 + 16 + 16} = \sqrt{33}$$

$$|\vec{AC}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 8^2 + 8^2} = \sqrt{4 + 64 + 64} = \sqrt{132} = 2\sqrt{33}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{AC}| = |\vec{AB}| + |\vec{BC}|$$

Hence, the given points A, B, and C are collinear.

13. Show that the vectors $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ and $3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$ form the vertices of a right angled triangle.

Ans. Let vectors $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ and $3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$ be position vectors of points A, B, and C respectively.

$$\text{i.e., } \vec{OP} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \vec{OB} = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{OC} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

Now, vectors \vec{AB} , \vec{BC} , and \vec{AC} represent the sides of ΔABC .

$$\text{i.e., } \vec{OP} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \vec{OB} = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{OC} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{AB} = (1-2)\hat{i} + (-3+1)\hat{j} + (-5-1)\hat{k} = -\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$$

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

$$\vec{AC} = (2-3)\hat{i} + (-1+4)\hat{j} + (1+4)\hat{k} = -\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

$$|\vec{AB}| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-2)^2 + (-6)^2} = \sqrt{1+4+36} = \sqrt{41}$$

$$|\vec{BC}| = \sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{4+1+1} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$|\vec{AC}| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 3^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{1+9+25} = \sqrt{35}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{BC}|^2 + |\vec{AC}|^2 = 6 + 35 = 41 = |\vec{AB}|^2$$

Hence, ΔABC is a right-angled triangle.

14. If \vec{a} is a nonzero vector of magnitude 'a' and λ a nonzero scalar, then $\lambda \vec{a}$ is unit vector if

(A) $\lambda = 1$ (B) $\lambda = -1$ (C) $a = |\lambda|$ (D) $a = \frac{1}{|\lambda|}$

Ans. Vector $\lambda \vec{a}$ is a unit vector if $|\lambda \vec{a}| = 1$.

Now,

$$|\lambda \vec{a}| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |\lambda| |\vec{a}| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{a}| = \frac{1}{|\lambda|} \quad [\lambda \neq 0]$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{|\lambda|} \quad [|\vec{a}| = a]$$

Hence, vector $\lambda \vec{a}$ is a unit vector if $a = \frac{1}{|\lambda|}$.

The correct answer is D.