



MATHS

BOOKS - NCERT MATHS (ENGLISH)

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Short Answer Type Questions

1. Find the unit vector in the direction of sum of vectors $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$.



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2. If $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$, then

find the unit vector in the direction of

(i) $6\vec{b}$ (ii) $2\vec{a} - \vec{b}$



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3. Find a unit vector in the direction of \overrightarrow{PQ} , where P and Q have coordinates (5, 0, 8) and (3, 3, 2) respectively.



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4. If \vec{a} and \vec{b} are position vectors of A and B respectively, find the position vector of a point C on BA produced such that $BC = 1.5BA$.



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5. Using vectors, find the value of λ such that the points $(\lambda, -10)$, $(1, -1, 3)$ and $(3, 5, 3)$ are collinear.



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6. A vector \vec{r} is inclined at equal angles to the three axes. If the magnitude of \vec{r} is $2\sqrt{3}$ units, then find the value of \vec{r} .



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7. A vector \vec{r} has length 21 and its direction ratios are proportional to 2, -3, 6. Find the direction cosines and components of \vec{r} , is given that \vec{r} makes an acute angle with x -axis.



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8. Find a vector of magnitude 6, which is perpendicular to both the vectors $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ and $4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$.



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9. Find the angle between the vectors $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - \hat{k}$.



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10. If $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = 0$, then show that $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{b} \times \vec{c} = \vec{c} \times \vec{a}$. Interpret the result

geometrically.



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11. Find the sine of the angle between the vectors

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



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12. If A, B, C and D are the points with position vectors

$$\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}, 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}, 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{k} \text{ and } 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

respectively, then find the projection of \overrightarrow{AB} and \overrightarrow{CD} .



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13. Using vectors, find the area of the ΔABC with vertices $A(1, 2, 3)$, $B(2, -1, 4)$ and $C(4, 5, -1)$



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14. Using vectors, prove that the parallelogram on the same base and between the same parallels are equal in area.



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Long Answer Type Questions

1. (Cosine Formulae) if a, b, c are the lengths of the sides opposite respectively to the angles A, B, C of a triangle ABC , show that (i) $\cos A = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$

(ii) $\cos B = \frac{c^2 + a^2 - b^2}{2ac}$ (iii) (i)

$\cos C = \frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2ab}$



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2. If \vec{a}, \vec{b} and \vec{c} determine the vertices of a triangle, show that

$\frac{1}{2} \left[\vec{b} \times \vec{c} + \vec{c} \times \vec{a} + \vec{a} \times \vec{b} \right]$ gives the vector

area of the triangle. Hence, deduce the condition that

the three points \vec{a}, \vec{b} and \vec{c} are collinear. Also,

find the unit vector normal to the plane of the triangle.



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3. Show that area of the parallelogram whose

diagonals are given by \vec{a} and \vec{b} is $\frac{|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|}{2}$ Also,

find the area of the parallelogram whose diagonals

are $2i - j + k$ and $i + 3j - k$.



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4. If $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ find a vector \vec{c} such that $\vec{a} \times \vec{c} = \vec{b}$ and $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = 3$.



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Objective Type Questions

1. The vector in the direction of the vector $\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ that has magnitude 9 is

A. $\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

B. $\frac{\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}}{3}$

C. $3(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$

$$D. 9(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

Answer: C



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2. The position vector of the point which divides the join of points $2\vec{a} - 3\vec{b}$ and $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$ in the ratio 3:1, is

A. $\frac{3\vec{a} - 2\vec{b}}{2}$

B. $\frac{7\vec{a} - 8\vec{b}}{7}$

C. $\frac{3\vec{a}}{4}$

D. $\frac{5\vec{a}}{4}$

Answer: D



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3. The vector having initial and terminal points as (2, 5, 0) and (-3,7,4), respectively is

A. $-\hat{i} + 12\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$

B. $5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$

C. $-5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$

D. $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$

Answer:



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4. The angle between two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} with magnitudes $\sqrt{3}$ and 4, respectively and $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 2\sqrt{3}$ is

- A. $\frac{\pi}{6}$
- B. $\frac{\pi}{3}$
- C. $\frac{\pi}{2}$
- D. $\frac{5\pi}{2}$

Answer: B



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5. Find the value of λ such that the vectors $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ are orthogonal.

A. 0

B. 1

C. $\frac{3}{2}$

D. $\frac{-5}{2}$

Answer: D



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6. The value of λ for which the vectors $3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}$ parallel, is

A. $\frac{2}{3}$

B. $\frac{3}{2}$

C. $\frac{5}{2}$

D. $\frac{2}{5}$

Answer: A



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7. Find the area of triangle formed by the vectors from origin to the points A and B are

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

A. 340

B. $\sqrt{25}$

C. $\sqrt{229}$

D. $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{229}$

Answer:



8. For any vector \vec{a} the value of $(\vec{a} \times \hat{i})^2 + (\vec{a} \times \hat{j})^2 + (\vec{a} \times \hat{k})^2$ is equal to

A. a^2

B. $3a^2$

C. $4a^2$

D. $2a^2$

Answer: D



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9. If $|\vec{a}| = 10$, $|\vec{b}| = 2$ and $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 12$, then the value of $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$ is

A. 5

B. 10

C. 14

D. 16

Answer: D



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10.

The

vectors

$\lambda\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$, $\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}$ are

coplanar, if

A. $\lambda = -2$

B. $\lambda = 0$

C. $\lambda = 1$

D. $\lambda = -1$

Answer:



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11. If \vec{a} , \vec{b} and \vec{c} are unit vectors such that $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = 0$, then the value of $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}$ is

A. 1

B. 3

C. $-\frac{3}{2}$

D. None of these

Answer:



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12. The projection vector of \vec{a} on \vec{b} is

A. $\left(\frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|} \right) \vec{b}$

B. $\frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|}$

C. $\frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}|}$

D. $\left(\frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|^2} \right) \hat{b}$

Answer: D



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13. If \vec{a} , \vec{b} and \vec{c} are three vectors such that $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = 0$ and $|\vec{a}| = 2$, $|\vec{b}| = 3$ and $|\vec{c}| = 5$, then the value of $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}$ is

A. 0

B. 1

C. -19

D. 38

Answer: C



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14. If $|\vec{a}| = 4$ and $-3 \leq \lambda \leq 2$, then the range of $|\lambda \vec{a}|$ is

A. $[8,0]$

B. $[-12,8]$

C. $[0,12]$

D. $[8,12]$

Answer:



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15. The number of vectors of unit length perpendicular to the vectors $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ is

A. one

B. two

C. three

D. infinite

Answer:



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16. The vector $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$ bisects the angle between the non-collinear vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} , if.....

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17. If $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$, $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$ and $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{c} = 0$ for some non-zero vector \vec{r} , then the value of $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$ is..... .

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18. The vectors $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = -\hat{i} - 2\hat{k}$ are the

adjacent sides of a parallelogram. The angle between its diagonals is..... .

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19. The values of k , for which $|k \vec{a}| < |\vec{a}|$ and $k \vec{a} + \frac{1}{2} \vec{a}$ is parallel to \vec{a} holds true are.....

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20. The value of the expression $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|^2 + (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})^2$ is..... .

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21.

If

$$\left| \vec{a} \times \vec{b} \right|^2 + \left| \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \right|^2 = 144 \text{ and } \left| \vec{a} \right| = 4, \text{ then } \left| \vec{b} \right|$$

is equal to

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22. If \vec{a} is any non-zero vector, then

$$\left(\vec{a} \cdot \hat{i} \right) \hat{i} + \left(\vec{a} \cdot \hat{j} \right) \hat{j} + \left(\vec{a} \cdot \hat{k} \right) \hat{k} \text{ is equal to$$

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23. State true or false: If $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}|$, then necessarily it implies $\vec{a} = \pm \vec{b}$.

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24. State true or false: Position vector of a point \vec{P} is a vector whose initial point is origin.

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25. State true or false: If $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = |\vec{a} - \vec{b}|$, then the vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} are orthogonal

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26. The formula $(\vec{a} + \vec{b})^2 = a^2 + b^2 + 2\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ is valid for non-zero vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} .

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27. State true or false: If \vec{a} and \vec{b} are adjacent sides of a rhombus, then $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$.

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