



MATHS

BOOKS - RD SHARMA MATHS (HINGLISH)

DIRECTION COSINES AND DIRECTION RATIOS

Solved Examples And Exercises

1. Show that the line through the points $(1, -1, 2)$ and $(3, 4 - 2)$ is perpendicular to the line through the points $(0, 3, 2)$ and $(3, 5, 6)$.



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2. Show that the points $(2, 3, 4)$, $(-1, -2, 1)$, $(5, 8, 7)$ are collinear.



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3. Find the acute angle between the lines whose direction ratios are proportional to $2:3:6$ and $1:2:2$.



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4. Show that the line joining the origin to the point $(2, 1, 1)$ is perpendicular to the line determined by the points $(3, 5, -1)$ and $(4, 3, -1)$.



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5. Find the angle between the lines whose direction ratios are proportional a, b, c and $b - c, c - a, a - b$.

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6. Find the angle between the vectors whose direction cosines are proportional to $2, 3, -6$ and $3, -4, 5$.

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7. Find the angle between the vectors with direction ratios proportional to $1, -2, 1$ and $4, 3, 2$.

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8. Show that the line through points $(4, 7, 8)$ and $(2, 3, 4)$ is parallel to the line through the points $(-1, -2, 1)$ and $(1, 2, 5)$.

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9. If the coordinates of the points A, B, C, D are $(1, 2, 3)$, $(4, 5, 7)$, $(-4, 3, -6)$ and $(2, 9, 2)$, then find the angle between AB and CD .

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10. Find the direction cosines of the lines, connected by the relations: $l + m + n = 0$ and $2lm + 2ln - mn = 0$.

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11. Find the direction cosines of the two lines which are connected by the relations. $l - 5m + 3n = 0$ and $7l^2 + 5m^2 - 3n^2 = 0$

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12. A line makes angles α, β, γ and δ with the diagonals of a cube, prove that $\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma + \cos^2 \delta = \frac{4}{3}$

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13. Show that the straight lines whose direction cosines are given by the equations $al + bm + cn = 0$ and $\widehat{2} + zm^2 = vn^2 + wn^2 = 0$ are

parallel

or

perpendicular

as

$$\frac{a^2}{u} + \frac{b^2}{v} + \frac{c^2}{w} = 0 \text{ or } a^2(v + w) + b^2(w + u) + c^2(u + v) = 0.$$



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14. If three mutually perpendicular lines have direction cosines (l_1, m_1, n_1) , (l_2, m_2, n_2) and (L_3, m_3, n_3) , then the line having direction cosines

$l_1 + l_2 + l_3, m_1 + m_2 + m_3,$ and $n_1 + n_2 + n_3,$ make an angle of



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15. Find the direction cosines of the sides of the triangle whose vertices are $(3, 5, 4)$, $(1, 1, 2)$ and $(5, 5, 2)$.

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16. The x-coordinates of a point on the line joining the points $Q(2, 2, 1)$ and $R(5, 1, -2)$ is 4. Find its z-coordinate.

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17. Given that $P(3, 2, -4)$, $Q(5, 4, -6)$ and $R(9, 8, -10)$ are collinear. Find the ratio in which Q divides PR .

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18. Find the coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular drawn from the point $A(1, 2, 1)$ to the line joining $B(1, 4, 6)$ and $C(5, 4, 4)$.

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19. Find the angle between the vectors with direction ratios proportional to $4, -3, 5$ and $3, 4, 5$.

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20. Determine the point in XY-plane which is equidistant from three points $A(2, 0, 3)$, $B(0, 3, 2)$ and $C(0, 0, 1)$.

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21. Find the angle between the lines whose direction cosines are given by the equations $3l + m + 5n = 0$, $6mm - 2nl + 5l = 0$

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22. Find the distance between the points A and B with position vectors $\hat{i} - \hat{j}$ and $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$.



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23. Find the locus of the point which is equidistant from the points $A(0, 2, 3)$ and $B(2, -2, 1)$.



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24. Find the distance between the points $P(-2, 4, 1)$ and $Q(1, 2, 5)$.



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25. Prove by using distance formula that the points $P(1, 2, 3)$, $Q(-1, -1, -1)$ and $R(3, 5, 7)$ are collinear.



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26. Show that the points $A(0, 1, 2)$, $B(2, -1, 3)$ and $C(1, -3, 1)$ are vertices of an isosceles right-angled triangle.



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27. Find the coordinates of the point which divides the line segment joining $P(2, -1, 4)$ and $Q(4, 3, 2)$ in the ratio 2:3 (i) internally (ii) externally.



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28. Find the ratio in which the line joining the points $(1, 2, 3)$ and $(-3, 4, -5)$ is divided by the $xy - plane$. Also, find the coordinates of the point of division.



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29. The mid-points of the sides of a triangle are $(1, 5, -1)$, $(0, 4, -2)$ and $(2, 3, 4)$. Find its vertices.



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30. Find the coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular drawn from the point $A(1, 2, 1)$ to the line joining $B(1, 4, 6)$ and $C(5, 4, 4)$.



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31. Find the angle between the vectors with direction ratios proportional to $4, -3, 5$ and $3, 4, 5$.



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32. $P(6, 3, 2)$, $Q(5, 1, 3)$ and $R(3, 3, 5)$ are three vertices of a triangle PQR . Find $\angle PQR$.



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33. Find the direction cosines of the line which is perpendicular to the lines with direction cosines proportional to $1, -2, -2$ and $0, 2, 1$.



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34. If $l_1, (m)_1, (n)_1$ and $l_2, (m)_2, n_2$ be the direction cosines of two mutually perpendicular lines, show that the direction cosines of the line perpendicular to both of them are $(m_1(n)_2 - m_2(n)_1), (n_1l_2 - n_2l_1), (l_1m_2 - l_2m_1)$.

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35. Show that the angle between two diagonals of a cube is $\cos^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$.

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36. If a line makes angle $90^\circ, 60^\circ$ and 30° with the positive direction of x, y and z -axis respectively, find its direction cosines.

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37. If a line has direction ratios 2, -1, -2, determine its direction cosines.

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38. Find the direction cosines of the line passing through two points

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39. Using direction ratios show that the points $A(2,3,-4)$, $B(1,-2,3)$ and $C(3,8,-11)$ are collinear.

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40. Find the direction cosines of the sides of the triangle whose vertices are $(3, 5, -4)$, $(-1, 1, 1)$ and $(-5, -5, -2)$.



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41. Find the angle between the vectors with direction ratios proportional to $1, -2, 1$ and $4, 3, 2$.



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42. Find the acute angle between the lines whose direction ratios are proportional to $2:3:6$ and $1:2:2$.



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43. Show that the points $(2, 3, 4)$, $(-1, -2, 1)$, $(5, 8, 7)$ are collinear.



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44. Show that the line through the points $(4, 7, 8)$, $(2, 3, 4)$ is parallel to the line through the points $(1, 2, 1)$, $(1, 2, 5)$.



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45. Show that the line joining the origin to the point $(2, 1, 1)$ is perpendicular to the line determined by the points $(3, 5, -1)$ and $(4, 3, -1)$.



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46. Find the angle between the lines whose direction ratios are proportional a, b, c and $b - c, c - a, a - b$.

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47. If the coordinates of the points A, B, C, D be $(1, 2, 3), (4, 5, 7), (-4, 3, -6)$ and $(2, 9, 2)$ respectively then find the angle between the lines AB and CD .

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48. Find the direction cosines of the lines, connected by the relations: $l + m + n = 0$ and $2lm + 2ln - mn = 0$.

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49. Find the angle between the lines whose direction cosine are given by the equation: $l - m + n = 0$ and $l^2 - m^2 - n^2 = 0$

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50. Find the direction cosines of x, y and z-axis.

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51. Find the direction cosines of x, y and z-axis.

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52. What are the direction cosines of Z-axis?

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53. Write the ratio in which YZ plane divides the segment joining

$P(-2, 5, 9)$ and $Q(3, -2, 4)$.



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54. A line makes an angle of 60° with each of X-axis and Y-axis.

Find the acute angle made by the line with Z-axis.



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55. If a line makes angle α, β and γ with the coordinate axes, find the value of

$\cos^2\alpha + \cos^2\beta + \cos^2\gamma$.



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56. Write the angle between the lines whose direction ratios are proportional to 1, -2, 1 and 4, 3, 2.



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57. Write the distance of the point from plane.



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58. Find the distance of the point (2, 3, 4) from the axis.



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59. If a line has direction ratios proportional to 2, -1, -2, then what are its direction cosines?

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60. Write the direction cosines of a line parallel to z-axis.

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61. If a unit vector a makes an angle $\frac{\pi}{3}$ with \hat{i} , $\frac{\pi}{4}$ with \hat{j} and an acute angle θ with \hat{k} , then find the value of θ .

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62. For every point $P(x, y, z)$ on the xy-plane, a. $x = 0$ b. $y = 0$
c. $z = 0$ d. $x = y = z = 0$

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63. If the x -coordinate of a point P on the join of $Q(22, 1)$ and $R(5, 1, -2)$ is 4, then find its z - coordinate.

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64. The distance of the point $P(a, b, c)$ from the x -axis is a. $\sqrt{b^2 + c^2}$ b. $\sqrt{a^2 + c^2}$ c. $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ d. none of these

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65. If O is the origin, $OP = 3$ with direction ratios $-1, 2, \text{ and } -2$, then find the coordinates of P .

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66. Show that the angle between two diagonals of a cube is

$$\cos^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}.$$



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67. A line makes angles α, β, γ and δ with the diagonals of a cube,

$$\text{prove that } \cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma + \cos^2 \delta = \frac{4}{3}$$



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Others

1. If a variable line in two adjacent positions has direction cosines

l, m, n and $l + \delta l, m + \delta m, n + \delta n$, show that the small angle

$\delta\theta$ between two positions is given by

$$(\delta\theta)^2 = (\delta l)^2 + (\delta m)^2 + (\delta n)^2$$



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2. Prove that the straight lines whose direction cosines are given by the relations $al + bm + cn = 0$ and $fmn + gnl + hlm = 0$ are perpendicular, if $\frac{f}{a} + \frac{g}{b} + \frac{h}{c} = 0$ and parallel, if $a^2 f^2 + b^2 g^2 + c^2 h^2 - 2abfg - 2bcgh - 2achf = 0$.



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3. For every point (x, y, z) on the x-axis (except the origin) a. $x = 0, y = 0, z \neq 0$ b. $x = 0, z = 0, y \neq 0$ c. $y = 0, z = 0, x \neq 0$ d. $x = y = z = 0$



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4. A rectangular parallelepiped is formed by planes drawn through the points $(5, 7, 9)$ and $(2, 3, 7)$ parallel to the coordinate planes the length of an edge of this rectangular parallelepiped is
a. 2 b. 3 c. 4 d. all of these



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5. A parallelepiped is formed by planes drawn through the points $(2, 3, 5)$ and $(5, 9, 7)$, parallel to the coordinate planes. The length of a diagonal of the parallelepiped is a. 7 b. $\sqrt{38}$ c. $\sqrt{155}$ d. none of these



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6. The xy -plane divided the line joining the points $(-1, 3, 4)$ and $(2, -5, 6)$ a. Internally in the ratio $2:3$ b. Internally in the ratio $3:2$ c. externally in the ratio $2:3$ d. externally in the ratio $3:2$



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7. Ratio in which the xy -plane divides the join of $(1, 2, 3)$ and $(4, 2, 1)$ is a. $3:1$ internally b. $3:1$ externally c. $1:2$ internally d. $2:1$ externally



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8. $A(3, 2, 0)$, $B(5, 3, 2)$ and $C(-9, 6, -3)$ are the vertices of a triangle if the bisector of $\angle ABC$ meets the AC then the coordinates of the point of intersection are

a. $\left(\frac{19}{8}, \frac{57}{16}, \frac{17}{16}\right)$ b. $\left(-\frac{19}{8}, \frac{57}{16}, \frac{17}{16}\right)$ c. $\left(\frac{19}{8}, -\frac{57}{16}, \frac{17}{16}\right)$

d. none of these



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