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Solved Examples And Exercises

1. Find $\left[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c} \right]$, when (ii) $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}$, $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{k}$ (i) $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = \hat{j} + \hat{k}$



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2. Find the volume of the parallelepiped whose coterminous edges are represented by the vectors:

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

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

$$\vec{a} = 11\hat{i}, \vec{b} = 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}, \vec{c} = 13\hat{k}$$

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

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3. Evaluate : $[\hat{i}\hat{j}\hat{k}] + [\hat{j}\hat{k}\hat{i}] + [\hat{k}\hat{i}\hat{j}] [2\hat{i}\hat{j}\hat{k}] + [\hat{i}\hat{k}\hat{j}] + [\hat{k}\hat{j}2\hat{i}]$

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4. Show that the four points having position vectors $6\hat{i} - 7\hat{j}$, $16\hat{i} - 19\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$, $3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$, $2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 10\hat{k}$ are not coplanar.

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5. Prove that: $(\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \cdot \left\{ (\vec{b} - \vec{c}) \times (\vec{c} - \vec{a}) \right\} = 0$

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6. Show that each of the following triads of vectors are coplanar:

$$\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}, \vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}, \vec{c} = 5\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{a} = -4\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}, \vec{b} = -\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}, \vec{c} = 8\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

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

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7. Find the value of λ so that the following vectors are coplanar:

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

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8. Find the value of λ for which the four points with position vectors

$-\hat{j} - \hat{k}$, $4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}$, $3\hat{i} + 9\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ and $4\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ are coplanar.

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9. \vec{a} , \vec{b} and \vec{c} are the position vectors of points A, B and C respectively, prove that : $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{b} \times \vec{c} + \vec{c} \times \vec{a}$ is vector perpendicular to the plane of triangle ABC .

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10. Let $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = \hat{i}$ and $\vec{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$. Then, (1) If $c_1 = 1$ and $c_2 = 2$, find c_3 which makes \vec{a} , \vec{b} and \vec{c} coplanar. (2) If $c_2 = -1$ and $c_3 = 1$, show that no value of c_1 can make \vec{a} , \vec{b} and \vec{c} coplanar.

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11. Find $\left[\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c} \right]$, when $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

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12. Find the volume of a parallelepiped whose edges are given by

$$3\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}, 5\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 3\hat{k} \text{ and } 7\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$



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13. If
$$\begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & 1+a^3 \\ b & b^2 & 1+b^3 \\ c & c^2 & 1+c^3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$
 and the vectors $\vec{A} = \hat{i} + a\hat{j} + a^2\hat{k}$, $\vec{B} = \hat{i} + b\hat{j} + b^2\hat{k}$, $\vec{C} = \hat{i} + c\hat{j} + c^2\hat{k}$ are non-coplanar, then prove that $abc = -1$.



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14. Evaluate $[\hat{i}\hat{j}\hat{k}][\hat{i}\hat{k}\hat{j}]$



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15. Simplify: $[\vec{a} - \vec{b}, \vec{b} - \vec{c}, \vec{c} - \vec{a}]$



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16. If the vectors $\vec{\alpha} = a\hat{i} + a\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$, $\vec{\beta} = \hat{i} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{\gamma} = c\hat{i} + c\hat{j} + b\hat{k}$ are coplanar, then prove that c is the geometric mean of a and b

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17. Determine α such that a vector \vec{r} is at right angles to each of the vectors $\vec{a} = \alpha\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \alpha\hat{k}$, $\vec{c} = -2\hat{i} + \alpha\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

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18. Find the range of $f(x) = \sin^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x$

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19. For any three vectors a, b, c , show that

$$\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) + \vec{b} \times (\vec{c} + \vec{a}) + \vec{c} \times (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = 0$$

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20. Let \vec{a} , \vec{b} , \vec{c} be three non-zero vectors such that \vec{c} is a unit vector perpendicular to both \vec{a} and \vec{b} . If the angle between \vec{a} and \vec{b} is $\pi/6$, prove that
$$\left[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c} \right]^2 = \frac{1}{4} |\vec{a}|^2 |\vec{b}|^2.$$

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21. Let \vec{a} , \vec{b} and \vec{c} , be non-zero non-coplanar vectors. Prove that: $\vec{a} - 2\vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$, $-2\vec{a} + 3\vec{b} - 4\vec{c}$ and $\vec{c} - 3\vec{b} + 5\vec{c}$ are coplanar vectors. $2\vec{a} - \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$, $\vec{a} + \vec{b} - 2\vec{c}$ and $\vec{a} + \vec{b} - 3\vec{c}$ are non-coplanar vectors.

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22. Find the altitude of a parallelepiped determined by the vectors \vec{a} , \vec{b} and \vec{c} , if the base is taken as the parallelogram determined by

\vec{a} and \vec{b} , and

if

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

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23. Let $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$, be three non-zero vectors. If

$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \times \vec{c} = 0$ and \vec{b} and \vec{c} are not parallel, then prove that

$\vec{a} = \lambda \vec{b} + \mu \vec{c}$, where λ and μ are some scalars.

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24. If a is a non-zero real number, then prove that the vectors

$\vec{\alpha} = a\hat{i} + 2a\hat{j} - 3a\hat{k}, \vec{\beta} = (2a + 1)\hat{i} + (2a + 3)\hat{j} + (a + 1)\hat{k}$ and $\vec{\gamma} = ($

are never coplanar.

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25. If $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = 0$, prove that

$$\left(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}\right) = \left(\vec{b} \times \vec{c}\right) = \left(\vec{c} \times \vec{a}\right)$$

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26. Show that the vectors

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

are coplanar.

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27. Find λ so that the vectors

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

are coplanar.

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28. The four points whose position vector are $6\hat{i} - 7\hat{j}$, $16\hat{i} - 29\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$, $3\hat{i} - 6\hat{k}$, $2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 10\hat{k}$ are

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29. For any three vectors a, b, c prove that

$$\left[\vec{a} + \vec{b} \quad \vec{b} + \vec{c} \quad \vec{c} + \vec{a} \right] = 2 \left[\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{c} \right].$$

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30. Show that vectors $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are coplanar if $\vec{a} + \vec{b}, \vec{b} + \vec{c}, \vec{c} + \vec{a}$ are coplanar.

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31. Show that the vectors $\vec{a} - \vec{b}, \vec{b} - \vec{c}, \vec{c} - \vec{a}$ are coplanar.

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32. Evaluate the following: $[\hat{i} \hat{j} \hat{k}] + [\hat{j} \hat{k} \hat{i}] + [\hat{k} \hat{i} \hat{j}]$.

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33. Evaluate : $[\hat{i}\hat{j}\hat{k}] + [\hat{j}\hat{k}\hat{i}] + [\hat{k}\hat{i}\hat{j}] + [2\hat{i}\hat{j}\hat{k}] + [\hat{i}\hat{k}\hat{j}] + [\hat{k}\hat{j}2\hat{i}]$

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34. Find $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$, when :
 $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}$, $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{k}$.

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35. Find $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$, when :
 $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = \hat{j} + \hat{k}$.

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36. Find the volume of the parallelepiped whose coterminous edges are represented by the vector:

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

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37. Find the volume of the parallelepiped whose coterminous edges are represented by the vector:

$$\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}, \quad \vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}, \quad \vec{c} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}.$$

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38. Find the volume of the parallelepiped whose coterminous edges are represented by the vector: $\vec{a} = 11\hat{i}$, $\vec{b} = 2\hat{j}$, $\vec{c} = 13\hat{k}$.

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39. Find the volume of the parallelepiped whose coterminous edges are represented by the vector:

$$\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \quad \vec{b} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \quad \vec{c} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}.$$

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40. Show that each of the following triads of vectors are coplanar:

$$\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}, \quad \vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}, \quad \vec{c} = 5\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}.$$

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41. Show that each of the following triads of vectors are coplanar:

$$\vec{a} = -4\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}, \quad \vec{b} = -\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}, \quad \vec{c} = -8\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}.$$

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42. Show that each of the following triads of vectors are coplanar:

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



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43. Find the value of λ so that the following vectors are coplanar:

$$\vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \quad \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}, \quad \vec{c} = \lambda\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}$$



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44. Find the value of λ so that the following vectors are coplanar:

$$\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \quad \vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}, \quad \vec{c} = \lambda\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}.$$



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45. Find the value of λ so that the following vectors are coplanar:

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



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46. Find the value of λ so that the following vectors are coplanar:

$$\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j}, \quad \vec{b} = 5\hat{k}, \quad \vec{c} = \lambda\hat{i} - \hat{j}$$

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47. Show that the points having position vectors

$$6\hat{i} - 7\hat{j}, \quad 16\hat{i} - 19\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}, \quad 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}, \quad 2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 10\hat{k}$$
 are not coplanar.

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48. Show that the points

$$A(-1, 4, -3), \quad B(3, 2, -5), \quad C(-3, 8, -5) \text{ and } D(-3, 2, 1)$$

are coplanar.

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49. Show that four points whose position vectors are $6\hat{i} - 7\hat{j}$, $16\hat{i} - 19\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$, $3\hat{i} - 6\hat{k}$, $2\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 10\hat{k}$ are coplanar.

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50. Find the value of λ for which the four points with position vectors $\hat{j} - \hat{k}$, $4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}$, $3\hat{i} + 9\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ and $-4\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ are coplanar.

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51. Prove that $(\vec{a} - \vec{b})(\vec{b} - \vec{c}) \times (\vec{c} - \vec{a}) = 0$

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52. Let $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = i$ and $\vec{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$ Then (a) if $c_1 = 1$ and $c_2 = 2$, find c_3 which makes $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ coplanar (b) if

$c_2 = -1$ and $c_3 = 1$, show that no value of c_3 can makes \vec{a} , \vec{b} , \vec{c} coplanar.

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53. Find λ for which the points $A(3, 2, 1)$, $B(4, \lambda, 5)$, $C(4, 2, -2)$ and $D(6, 5, -1)$ are coplanar.

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54. Write the value of $[2\hat{i} \ 3\hat{j} \ 4\hat{k}]$

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55. Write the value of $[\hat{i} + \hat{j} \ \hat{j} + \hat{k} \ \hat{k} + \hat{i}]$

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56. Write the value of $[\hat{i} - \hat{j} \hat{j} - \hat{k} \hat{k} - \hat{i}]$



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57. Find the values of a for which are vectors $\vec{\alpha} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\vec{\beta} = a\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ and $\vec{\gamma} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + a\hat{k}$ are coplanar.



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58. Find $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$ if $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i}$



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59. If the vectors $4\hat{i} + 11\hat{j} + m\hat{k}$, $7\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$ and $\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ are coplanar then $m =$ 38 b. $\sqrt{10}$ c. -1 d. -10

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Others

1. If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are three non-coplanar vectors, prove that

$$\left[\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} \vec{a} + \vec{b} \vec{a} + \vec{c} \right] = - \left[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c} \right]$$

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2. If the vectors $\vec{\alpha} = a\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\vec{\beta} = \hat{i} + b\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{\gamma} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + c\hat{k}$ are coplanar, then prove that

$$\frac{1}{1-a} + \frac{1}{1+b} + \frac{1}{1-c} = 1, \text{ where } a \neq 1, b \neq 1 \text{ and } c \neq 1.$$

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