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##### Solved Examples And Exercises

1. In a trapezium, vector  $\vec{BC} = \alpha \vec{AD}$ . We will then find that  $\vec{p} = \vec{AC} + \vec{BD}$  is collinear with  $\vec{AD}$ . If  $\vec{p} = \mu \vec{AD}$ , then which of the following is true? a.  $\mu = \alpha + 2$  b.  $\mu + \alpha = 2$  c.  $\alpha = \mu + 1$  d.  $\mu = \alpha + 1$

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2. If the vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are linearly independent satisfying  $(\sqrt{3}\tan\theta + 1)\vec{a} + (\sqrt{3}\sec\theta - 2)\vec{b} = 0$ , then the most general values of  $\theta$

are a.  $n\pi - \frac{\pi}{6}, n \in Z$  b.  $2n\pi \pm \frac{11\pi}{6}, n \in Z$  c.  $n\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{6}, n \in Z$  d.  $2n\pi + \frac{11\pi}{6}, n \in Z$

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3. Given three non-zero, non-coplanar vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b},$  and  $\vec{c}$ .  $\vec{r}_1 = p\vec{a} + q\vec{b} + \vec{c}$  and  $\vec{r}_2 = \vec{a} + p\vec{b} + q\vec{c}$ . If the vectors  $\vec{r}_1 + 2\vec{r}_2$  and  $2\vec{r}_1 + \vec{r}_2$  are collinear, then  $(P, q)$  is a.  $(0, 0)$  b.  $(1, -1)$  c.  $(-1, 1)$  d.  $(1, 1)$

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4. Let  $\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3, \dots, \vec{r}_n$  be the position vectors of points  $P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots, P_n$  relative to the origin  $O$ . If the vector equation  $a_1\vec{r}_1 + a_2\vec{r}_2 + \dots + a_n\vec{r}_n = \vec{0}$  hold, then a similar equation will also hold w.r.t. to any other origin provided a.  $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n = n$  b.  $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n = 1$  c.  $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n = 0$  d.  $a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = \dots = a_n = 0$

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5. In triangle  $ABC$ ,  $\angle A = 30^\circ$ ,  $H$  is the orthocenter and  $D$  is the midpoint of  $BC$ . Segment  $HD$  is produced to  $T$  such that  $HD = DT$ . The length  $AT$  is equal to

(a).  $2BC$

(b).  $3BC$

(c).  $\frac{4}{2}BC$

(d). none of these



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6. If  $\vec{\alpha} + \vec{\beta} + \vec{\gamma} = a\vec{\delta}$  and  $\vec{\beta} + \vec{\gamma} + \vec{\delta} = b\vec{\alpha}$ ,  $\vec{\alpha}$  and  $\vec{\delta}$  are non-collinear, then

$\vec{\alpha} + \vec{\beta} + \vec{\gamma} + \vec{\delta}$  equals a.  $a\vec{\alpha}$  b.  $b\vec{\delta}$  c. 0 d.  $(a + b)\vec{\gamma}$



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7. Given three vectors  $\vec{a} = 6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}$ ,  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - 6\hat{j}$  and  $\vec{c} = -2\hat{i} + 21\hat{j}$  such that  $\vec{\alpha} = \vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$ . Then the resolution of the vector  $\vec{\alpha}$  into components with respect to  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is given by a.  $3\vec{a} - 2\vec{b}$  b.  $3\vec{b} - 2\vec{a}$  c.  $2\vec{a} - 3\vec{b}$  d.  $\vec{a} - 2\vec{b}$

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8. Let us define the length of a vector  $a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$  as  $|a| + |b| + |c|$ . This definition coincides with the usual definition of length of a vector  $a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$  is and only if a.  $a = b = c = 0$  b. any two of  $a, b, \text{ and } c$  are zero c. any one of  $a, b, \text{ and } c$  is zero d.  $a + b + c = 0$

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9. Vectors  $\vec{a} = -4\hat{i} + 3\hat{k}$ ;  $\vec{b} = 14\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$  are laid off from one point. Vector  $\vec{d}$ , which is being laid off from the same point dividing the angle between vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  in equal halves and having the magnitude  $\sqrt{6}$ , is a.  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  b.  $\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  c.  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  d.  $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$

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10. Vectors  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ , are so placed that the end point of one vector is the starting point of the next vector. Then the vector are (A) not coplanar (B) coplanar but cannot form a triangle (C) coplanar and form a triangle (D) coplanar and can form a right angled triangle

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11. The position vectors of the vertices  $A, B,$  and  $C$  of a triangle are  $\hat{i} + \hat{j}, \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\hat{i} + \hat{k}$ , respectively. Find the unite vector  $\hat{r}$  lying in the plane of  $ABC$  and perpendicular to  $IA$ , where  $I$  is the incentre of the triangle.

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12. A ship is sailing towards the north at a speed of 1.25 m/s. The current is taking it towards the east at the rate of 1 m/s and a sailor is climbing a

vertical pole on the ship at the rate of 0.5 m/s. Find the velocity of the sailor in space.

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**13.** Given four points  $P_1, P_2, P_3$  and  $P_4$  on the coordinate plane with origin

$O$  which satisfy the condition  $\left(\vec{OP}\right)_{n-1} + \left(\vec{OP}\right)_{n+1} = \frac{3}{2}\vec{OP}_n$  (i) If  $P_1$  and  $P_2$

lie on the curve  $xy=1$ , then prove that  $P_3$  does not lie on the curve (ii) If

$P_1, P_2, P_3$  lie on a circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ , then prove that  $P_4$  also lies on this circle.

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**14.**  $ABCD$  is a tetrahedron and  $O$  is any point. If the lines joining  $O$  to the vertices meet the opposite faces at  $P, Q, R$  and  $S$ , prove that

$$\frac{OP}{AP} + \frac{OQ}{BQ} + \frac{OR}{CR} + \frac{OS}{DS} = 1.$$

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15. If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are non-collinear vectors and  $\vec{A} = (p + 4q)\vec{a} = (2p + q + 1)\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{B} = (-2p + q + 2)\vec{a} + (2p - 3q - 1)\vec{b}$ , and if  $3\vec{A} = 2\vec{B}$ , then determine p and q.

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16. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are any three non-coplanar vectors, then prove that points  $l_1\vec{a} + m_1\vec{b} + n_1\vec{c}, l_2\vec{a} + m_2\vec{b} + n_2\vec{c}, l_3\vec{a} + m_3\vec{b} + n_3\vec{c}, l_4\vec{a} + m_4\vec{b} + n_4\vec{c}$  are

coplanar if 
$$\begin{bmatrix} l_1 & l_2 & l_3 & l_4 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 & m_4 \\ n_1 & n_2 & n_3 & n_4 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

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17. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are three non-zero non-coplanar vectors, then find the linear relation between the following four vectors:

$$\vec{a} - 2\vec{b} + 3\vec{c}, 2\vec{a} - 3\vec{b} + 4\vec{c}, 3\vec{a} - 4\vec{b} + 5\vec{c}, 7\vec{a} - 11\vec{b} + 15\vec{c}$$



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18. Let  $a, b, c$  be distinct non-negative numbers and the vectors  $a\hat{i} + a\hat{j} + c\hat{k}, \hat{i} + \hat{k}, c\hat{i} + \hat{j} + b\hat{k}$  lie in a plane, and then prove that the quadratic equation  $ax^2 + 2cx + b = 0$  has equal roots.



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19. A pyramid with vertex at point  $P$  has a regular hexagonal base  $ABCDEF$ , Positive vector of points A and B are  $\hat{i}$  and  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}$  The centre of base has the position vector  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \sqrt{3}\hat{k}$  Altitude drawn from  $P$  on the base meets the diagonal  $AD$  at point  $G$  find the all possible position vectors of  $G$  It is given that the volume of the pyramid is  $6\sqrt{3}$  cubic units and  $AP$  is 5 units.



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20. A straight line  $L$  cuts the lines  $AB$ ,  $AC$  and  $AD$  of a parallelogram  $ABCD$  at points  $B_1$ ,  $C_1$  and  $D_1$ , respectively. If

$(\vec{AB})_1 = \lambda_1 \vec{AB}$ ,  $(\vec{AD})_1 = \lambda_2 \vec{AD}$  and  $(\vec{AC})_1 = \lambda_3 \vec{AC}$ , then prove that

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_3} = \frac{1}{\lambda_1} + \frac{1}{\lambda_2}.$$

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21.  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  have position vectors  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{c}$  and  $\vec{d}$ , respectively, such that  $\vec{a} - \vec{b} = 2(\vec{d} - \vec{c})$ . Then

- $AB$  and  $CD$  bisect each other
- $BD$  and  $AC$  bisect each other
- $AB$  and  $CD$  trisect each other
- $BD$  and  $AC$  trisect each other

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22. If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are two unit vectors and  $\theta$  is the angle between them, then the unit vector along the angular bisector of  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  will be given by a.

$\frac{\vec{a} - \vec{b}}{\cos(\theta/2)}$  b.  $\frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b}}{2\cos(\theta/2)}$  c.  $\frac{\vec{a} - \vec{b}}{2\cos(\theta/2)}$  d. none of these

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23.  $ABCD$  is a quadrilateral.  $E$  is the point of intersection of the line joining the midpoints of the opposite sides. If  $O$  is any point and  $\vec{OA} + \vec{OB} + \vec{OC} + \vec{OD} = x\vec{OE}$ , then  $x$  is equal to a. 3 b. 9 c. 7 d. 4

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24. If vectors  $\vec{AB} = -3\hat{i} + 4\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{AC} = 5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  are the sides of a  $\Delta ABC$ , then the length of the median through  $A$  is a.  $\sqrt{14}$  b.  $\sqrt{18}$  c.  $\sqrt{29}$  d.  $\sqrt{5}$

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25.  $ABCD$  parallelogram, and  $A_1$  and  $B_1$  are the midpoints of sides  $BC$  and  $CD$ , respectively. If  $\vec{VA}_1 + \vec{AB}_1 = \lambda\vec{AC}$ , then  $\lambda$  is equal to a.  $\frac{1}{2}$  b. 1 c.  $\frac{3}{2}$  d. 2 e.  $\frac{2}{3}$

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26. The position vectors of the points  $P$  and  $Q$  with respect to the origin  $O$  are  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ , respectively. If  $M$  is a point on  $PQ$ , such that  $OM$  is the bisector of  $\angle POQ$ , then  $\vec{OM}$  is a.  $2(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k})$  b.  $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  c.  $2(-\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k})$  d.  $2(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$



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27. If  $G$  is the centroid of triangle  $ABC$ , then  $\vec{GA} + \vec{GB} + \vec{GC}$  is equal to a.  $\vec{0}$  b.  $3\vec{GA}$  c.  $3\vec{GB}$  d.  $3\vec{GC}$



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28. Let  $ABC$  be triangle, the position vectors of whose vertices are respectively  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ ,  $-2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ . Then  $\Delta ABC$  is a. isosceles b. equilateral c. right angled d. none of these



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29. If  $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| < |\vec{a} - \vec{b}|$ , then the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  can lie in the interval a.  $(\pi/2, \pi/2)$  b.  $(0, \pi)$  c.  $(\pi/2, 3\pi/2)$  d.  $(0, 2\pi)$

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30. 'I' is the incentre of triangle ABC whose corresponding sides are  $a, b, c$ , respectively.  $a\vec{IA} + b\vec{IB} + c\vec{IC}$  is always equal to a.  $\vec{0}$  b.  $(a + b + c)\vec{BC}$  c.  $(\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c})\vec{AC}$  d.  $(a + b + c)\vec{AB}$

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31. Let  $x^2 + 3y^2 = 3$  be the equation of an ellipse in the  $x - y$  plane. A and B are two points whose position vectors are  $-\sqrt{3}\hat{i}$  and  $-\sqrt{3}\hat{i} + 2\hat{k}$ . Then the position vector of a point P on the ellipse such that  $\angle APB = \pi/4$  is a.  $\pm\hat{j}$  b.  $\pm(\hat{i} + \hat{j})$  c.  $\pm\hat{i}$  d. none of these

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32. If  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{y}$  are two non-collinear vectors and  $ABC$  is a triangle with side lengths  $a, b,$  and  $c$  satisfying  $(20a - 15b)\vec{x} + (15b - 12c)\vec{y} + (12c - 20a)(\vec{x} \times \vec{y}) = 0$ , then triangle  $ABC$  is

a. an acute-angled triangle b. an obtuse-angled triangle c. a right-angled triangle d. an isosceles triangle

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33. If  $\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$  bisects the angle between  $\hat{a}$  and  $-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ , where  $\hat{a}$  is a unit vector, then

a.  $\hat{a} = \frac{1}{105}(41\hat{i} + 88\hat{j} - 40\hat{k})$  b.  $\hat{a} = \frac{1}{105}(41\hat{i} + 88\hat{j} + 40\hat{k})$

c.  $\hat{a} = \frac{1}{105}(-41\hat{i} + 88\hat{j} - 40\hat{k})$  d.  $\hat{a} = \frac{1}{105}(41\hat{i} - 88\hat{j} - 40\hat{k})$

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34. If  $4\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}, 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$  are the position vectors of the vertices  $A, B$  and  $C$ , respectively, of triangle  $ABC$ , then the position

vector of the point where the bisector of angle  $A$  meets  $BC$  is a.

$\frac{2}{3}(-6\hat{i} - 8\hat{j} - \hat{k})$  b.  $\frac{2}{3}(6\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$  c.  $\frac{1}{3}(6\hat{i} + 13\hat{j} + 18\hat{k})$  d.  $\frac{1}{3}(5\hat{j} + 12\hat{k})$

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35. If  $\vec{b}$  is a vector whose initial point divides the join of  $5\hat{i}$  and  $5\hat{j}$  in the ratio  $k:1$  and whose terminal point is the origin and  $|\vec{b}| \leq \sqrt{37}$ , then  $k$  lies in the interval a.  $[-6, -1/6]$  b.  $(-\infty, -6] \cup [-1/6, \infty)$  c.  $[0, 6]$  d. none of these

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36. Find the value of  $\lambda$  so that the points  $P, Q, R$  and  $S$  on the sides  $OA, OB, OC$  and  $AB$ , respectively, of a regular tetrahedron  $OABC$  are coplanar. It is given that  $\frac{OP}{OA} = \frac{1}{3}, \frac{OQ}{OB} = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{OR}{OC} = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $\frac{OS}{AB} = \lambda$  (A)  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$  (B)  $\lambda = -1$  (C)  $\lambda = 0$  (D) for no value of  $\lambda$

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37. A uni-modular tangent vector on the curve  $x = t^2 + 2, y = 4t - 5, z = 2t^2 - 6t$  at  $t=2$  is a.  $\frac{1}{3}(2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$  b.  $\frac{1}{3}(\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k})$  c.  $\frac{1}{6}(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$  d.  $\frac{2}{3}(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$

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38. If  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{y}$  are two non-collinear vectors and  $a, b,$  and  $c$  represent the sides of a  $ABC$  satisfying  $(a - b)\vec{x} + (b - c)\vec{y} + (c - a)(\vec{x} \times \vec{y}) = 0$ , then  $ABC$  is (where  $\vec{x} \times \vec{y}$  is perpendicular to the plane of  $x$  and  $y$ ) a. an acute-angled triangle b. an obtuse-angled triangle c. a right-angled triangle d. a scalene triangle

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39. The position vectors of points  $A$  and  $B$  w.r.t. the origin are  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  respectively. Determine vector  $\vec{OP}$  which bisects angle  $AOB$ , where  $P$  is a point on  $AB$ .



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40. What is the unit vector parallel to  $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  ? What vector should be added to  $\vec{a}$  so that the resultant is the unit vector  $\hat{i}$ ?



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41. ABCD is a quadrilateral and E is the point of intersection of the lines joining the middle points of opposite side. Show that the resultant of  $\vec{OA}$ ,  $\vec{OB}$ ,  $\vec{OC}$  and  $\vec{OD} = 4\vec{OE}$ , where O is any point.



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42. ABCD is a parallelogram. If L and M are the mid-points of BC and DC respectively, then express  $\vec{AL}$  and  $\vec{AM}$  in terms of  $\vec{AB}$  and  $\vec{AD}$ . Also, prove that  $\vec{AL} + \vec{AM} = \frac{3}{2}\vec{AC}$ .



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43. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  and  $\vec{d}$  are four vectors in three-dimensional space with the same initial point and such that  $3\vec{a} - 2\vec{b} + \vec{c} - 2\vec{d} = 0$ , show that terminals  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  of these vectors are coplanar. Find the point at which  $AC$  and  $BD$  meet. Find the ratio in which  $P$  divides  $AC$  and  $BD$ .

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44. Find the vector of magnitude 3, bisecting the angle between the vectors  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ .

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45. If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are two vectors of magnitude 1 inclined at  $120^\circ$ , then find the angle between  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{b} - \vec{a}$ .

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46. If  $\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3$  are the position vectors of the collinear points and scalar  $p$  and  $q$  exist such that  $\vec{r}_3 = p\vec{r}_1 + q\vec{r}_2$ , then show that  $p + q = 1$ .

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47. Examine the following vector for linear independence: (1)

$$\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}, 2\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} - \vec{k}, -\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 2\vec{k} \quad (2)$$

$$3\vec{i} + \vec{j} - \vec{k}, 2\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 7\vec{k}, 7\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 13\vec{k}$$

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48. Show that the 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 (where  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are non-coplanar vectors)

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49. Let  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  be three units vectors such that  $2\vec{a} + 4\vec{b} + 5\vec{c} = 0$ . Then which of the following statement is true? a.  $\vec{a}$  is parallel to  $\vec{b}$  b.  $\vec{a}$  is perpendicular to  $\vec{b}$  c.  $\vec{a}$  is neither parallel nor perpendicular to  $\vec{b}$  d. none of these



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50. Four non-zero vectors will always be a. linearly dependent  
b. linearly independent c. either a or b d. none of these



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51. A boat moves in still water with a velocity which is  $k$  times less than the river flow velocity. Find the angle to the stream direction at which the boat should be rowed to minimize drifting.



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52. In a triangle  $PQR$ ,  $S$  and  $T$  are points on  $QR$  and  $PR$ , respectively, such that  $QS = 3SR$  and  $PT = 4TR$ . Let  $M$  be the point of intersection of  $PS$  and  $QT$ . Determine the ratio  $QM:MT$  using the vector method.

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53. In a quadrilateral  $PQRS$ ,  $\vec{PQ} = \vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{QR} = \vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{SP} = \vec{a} - \vec{b}$ ,  $M$  is the midpoint of  $\vec{QR}$  and  $X$  is a point on  $SM$  such that  $SX = \frac{4}{5}SM$ . Prove that  $P$ ,  $X$  and  $R$  are collinear.

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54. If  $D$ ,  $E$  and  $F$  are three points on the sides  $BC$ ,  $CA$  and  $AB$ , respectively, of a triangle  $ABC$  such that the  $\frac{BD}{CD}, \frac{CE}{AE}, \frac{AF}{BF} = -1$

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55. Show that  $x_1\hat{i} + y_1\hat{j} + z_1\hat{k}$ ,  $x_2\hat{i} + y_2\hat{j} + z_2\hat{k}$ , and  $x_3\hat{i} + y_3\hat{j} + z_3\hat{k}$ , are non-coplanar if  $|x_1| > |y_1| + |z_1|$ ,  $|y_2| > |x_2| + |z_2|$  and  $|z_3| > |x_3| + |y_3|$ .

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56. The position vector of the points  $P$  and  $Q$  are  $5\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  and  $-3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$ , respectively. Vector  $\vec{A} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  passes through point  $P$  and vector  $\vec{B} = -3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  passes through point  $Q$ . A third vector  $2\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$  intersects vectors  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$ . Find the position vectors of points of intersection.

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57. Consider the vectors  $\hat{i} + \cos(\beta - \alpha)\hat{j} + \cos(\gamma - \alpha)\hat{k}$ ,  $\cos(\alpha - \beta)\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \cos(\gamma - \beta)\hat{k}$  and  $\cos(\alpha - \gamma)\hat{i} + \cos(\beta - \gamma)\hat{k}$  where  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  are different angles. If these vectors are coplanar, show that  $a$  is independent of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$

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58. If  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  are two vectors and  $k$  any scalar quantity greater than zero,

then prove that 
$$|\vec{A} + \vec{B}|^2 \leq (1 + k)|\vec{A}|^2 + \left(1 + \frac{1}{k}\right)|\vec{B}|^2$$

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59. The vectors

$$x\hat{i} + (x + 1)\hat{j} + (x + 2)\hat{k}, (x + 3)\hat{i} + (x + 4)\hat{j} + (x + 5)\hat{k} \text{ and } (x + 6)\hat{i} + (x + 7)\hat{j} + (x + 8)\hat{k}$$

are coplanar if  $x$  is equal to a. 1 b. -3 c. 4 d. 0

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60.  $\vec{A}$  is a vector with direction cosines  $\cos\alpha, \cos\beta$  and  $\cos\gamma$ . Assuming the  $y - z$  plane as a mirror, the direction cosines of the reflected image of  $\vec{A}$  in the plane are a.  $\cos\alpha, \cos\beta, \cos\gamma$  b.  $\cos\alpha, -\cos\beta, \cos\gamma$  c.  $-\cos\alpha, \cos\beta, \cos\gamma$  d.

$-\cos\alpha, -\cos\beta, -\cos\gamma$

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61. The vector  $\vec{a}$  has the components  $2p$  and  $1$  w.r.t. a rectangular Cartesian system. This system is rotated through a certain angle about the origin in the counterclockwise sense. If, with respect to a new system,  $\vec{a}$  has components  $(p + 1)$  and  $1$ , then  $p$  is equal to a.  $-4$  b.  $-1/3$  c.  $1$  d.  $2$

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62. The sides of a parallelogram are  $2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$  and  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ . The unit vector parallel to one of the diagonals is a.  $\frac{1}{7}(3\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$  b.  $\frac{1}{7}(3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$  c.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{69}}(\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 8\hat{k})$  d.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{69}}(-\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 8\hat{k})$

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63. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are non-coplanar vectors and  $\lambda$  is a real number, then the vectors  $\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} + 3\vec{c}, \lambda\vec{b} + \mu\vec{c}$  and  $(2\lambda - 1)\vec{c}$  are coplanar when a.  $\mu \in R$  b.

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{2} \text{ c. } \lambda = 0 \text{ d. no value of } \lambda$$

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64. If points  $\hat{i} + \hat{j}$ ,  $\hat{i} - \hat{j}$  and  $p\hat{i} + q\hat{j} + r\hat{k}$  are collinear, then a.  $p = 1$  b.  $r = 0$  c.  $qR$  d.  $q \neq 1$

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65. If the vectors  $\hat{i} - \hat{j}$ ,  $\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{a}$  form a triangle, then  $\vec{a}$  may be a.  $-\hat{i} - \hat{k}$  b.  $\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  c.  $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  d.  $\hat{i} + \hat{k}$

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66. If the resultant of three forces  $\vec{F}_1 = p\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{F}_2 = 6\hat{i} - \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{F}_3 = -5\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  acting on a particle has magnitude equal to 5 units, then the value of  $p$  is a. -6 b. -4 c. 2 d. 4

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67.  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are three coplanar unit vectors such that  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = 0$ . If three vectors  $\vec{p}, \vec{q},$  and  $\vec{r}$  are parallel to  $\vec{a}, \vec{b},$  and  $\vec{c}$ , respectively, and have integral but different magnitudes, then among the following options,  $|\vec{p} + \vec{q} + \vec{r}|$  can take a value equal to a. 1 b. 0 c.  $\sqrt{3}$  d. 2

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68. The vector  $\hat{i} + x\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  is rotated through an angle  $\theta$  and doubled in magnitude, then it becomes  $4\hat{i} + (4x - 2)\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ . Then value of  $x$  are  $-\frac{2}{3}$  (b)  $\frac{1}{3}$  (c)  $\frac{2}{3}$  (d) 2

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69. Prove that point  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}, 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  form a triangle in space.

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

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71. If  $2\vec{AC} = 3\vec{CB}$ , then prove that  $2\vec{OA} = 3\vec{OB}$  then prove that  $2\vec{OA} + 3\vec{OB} = 5\vec{OC}$  where  $O$  is the origin.

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72. Find the unit vector in the direction of vector  $\vec{PQ}$ , where  $P$  and  $Q$  are the points  $(1,2,3)$  and  $(4,5,6)$ , respectively.

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

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74. If the projections of vector  $\vec{a}$  on  $x$ -,  $y$ - and  $z$ -axes are 2, 1 and 2 units, respectively, find the angle at which vector  $\vec{a}$  is inclined to the  $z$ -axis.

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

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76. If  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{c}$ ,  $\vec{d}$  are the position vector of point  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$ , respectively referred to the same origin  $O$  such that no three of these point are

collinear and  $\vec{a} + \vec{c} = \vec{b} + \vec{d}$ , then prove that quadrilateral  $ABCD$  is a parallelogram.

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77. Show that the points  $A(6, -7, 0)$ ,  $B(16, -19, -4)$ ,  $C(0, 3, -6)$  and  $D(2, -5, 10)$  are such that  $AB$  and  $CD$  intersect at the point  $P(1, -1, 2)$

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78. Statement 1: The direction cosines of one of the angular bisectors of two intersecting lines having direction cosines as  $l_1, m_1, n_1$  and  $l_2, m_2, n_2$  are proportional to  $l_1 + l_2, m_1 + m_2, n_1 + n_2$ . Statement 2: The angle between the two intersecting lines having direction cosines as  $l_1, m_1, n_1$  and  $l_2, m_2, n_2$  is given by  $\cos\theta = \frac{l_1l_2 + m_1m_2 + n_1n_2}{\sqrt{(l_1^2 + m_1^2 + n_1^2)(l_2^2 + m_2^2 + n_2^2)}}$

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79. Statement 1: In  $\Delta ABC$ ,  $\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} + \vec{CA} = 0$  Statement 2: If

$\vec{OA} = \vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{OB} = \vec{b}$ , then  $\vec{AB} = \vec{a} + \vec{b}$

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80. Statement 1: If  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  are unit vectors inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  and  $\vec{x}$  is a unit vector bisecting the angle between them, then

$\vec{x} = (\vec{u} + \vec{v}) / (2\sin(\alpha/2))$  Statement 2: If  $\Delta ABC$  is an isosceles triangle

with  $AB = AC = 1$ , then the vector representing the bisector of angle A is

given by  $\vec{AD} = (\vec{AB} + \vec{AC})/2$ .

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81. Statement 1: If  $\cos\alpha$ ,  $\cos\beta$ , and  $\cos\gamma$  are the direction cosines of any line segment, then  $\cos^2\alpha + \cos^2\beta + \cos^2\gamma = 1$ . Statement 2: If

$\cos\alpha$ ,  $\cos\beta$ , and  $\cos\gamma$  are the direction cosines of any line segment, then

$\cos 2\alpha + \cos 2\beta + \cos 2\gamma = 1$ .



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**82.** A vector has components  $p$  and  $1$  with respect to a rectangular Cartesian system. The axes are rotated through an angle  $\alpha$  about the origin in the anticlockwise sense. Statement 1: If the vector has components  $p + 2$  and  $1$  with respect to the new system, then  $p = -1$ . Statement 2: Magnitude of the original vector and new vector remains the same.



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**83.** Statement 1: If three points  $P, Q$  and  $R$  have position vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b},$  and  $\vec{c}$ , respectively, and  $2\vec{a} + 3\vec{b} - 5\vec{c} = 0$ , then the points  $P, Q,$  and  $R$  must be collinear. Statement 2: If for three points  $A, B,$  and  $C, \vec{AB} = \lambda\vec{AC}$ , then points  $A, B,$  and  $C$  must be collinear.



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84. In a four-dimensional space where unit vectors along the axes are  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$  and  $\hat{l}$ , and  $\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3, \vec{a}_4$  are four non-zero vectors such that no vector can be expressed as a linear combination of others and  $(\lambda - 1)(\vec{a}_1 - \vec{a}_2) + \mu(\vec{a}_2 + \vec{a}_3) + \gamma(\vec{a}_3 + \vec{a}_4 - 2\vec{a}_2) + \vec{a}_3 + \delta\vec{a}_4 = 0$ , then a.  $\lambda = 1$  b.  $\mu = -2/3$  c.  $\gamma = 2/3$  d.  $\delta = 1/3$



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85. Let  $ABC$  be a triangle, the position vectors of whose vertices are  $7\hat{j} + 10\hat{k}$ ,  $-\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$  and  $-4\hat{i} + 9\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$ . Then  $\Delta ABC$  is a. isosceles b. equilateral c. right angled d. none of these



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86. If non-zero vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are equally inclined to coplanar vector

$\vec{c}$ , then  $\vec{c}$  can be a.  $\frac{|\vec{a}|}{|\vec{a}| + 2|\vec{b}|} \vec{a} + \frac{|\vec{b}|}{|\vec{a}| + |\vec{b}|} \vec{b}$  b.  $\frac{|\vec{b}|}{|\vec{a}| + |\vec{b}|} \vec{a} + \frac{|\vec{a}|}{|\vec{a}| + |\vec{b}|} \vec{b}$  c.

$$\frac{|\vec{a}|}{|\vec{a}| + 2|\vec{b}|} \vec{a} + \frac{|\vec{b}|}{|\vec{a}| + 2|\vec{b}|} \vec{b} \quad \text{d.} \quad \frac{|\vec{b}|}{2|\vec{a}| + |\vec{b}|} \vec{a} + \frac{|\vec{a}|}{2|\vec{a}| + |\vec{b}|} \vec{b}$$

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**87.** If  $A(-4, 0, 3)$  and  $B(14, 2, -5)$ , then which one of the following points lie on the bisector of the angle between  $\vec{OA}$  and  $\vec{OB}$  ( $O$  is the origin of reference)? a.  $(2, 2, 4)$  b.  $(2, 11, 5)$  c.  $(-3, -3, -6)$  d.  $(1, 1, 2)$

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**88.** Prove that the sum of three vectors determined by the medians of a triangle directed from the vertices is zero.

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**89.** Prove that the resultant of two forces acting at point  $O$  and represented by  $\vec{OB}$  and  $\vec{OC}$  is given by  $2\vec{OD}$ , where  $D$  is the midpoint of



BC.

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90. Two forces  $\vec{AB}$  and  $\vec{AD}$  are acting at vertex A of a quadrilateral ABCD and two forces  $\vec{CB}$  and  $\vec{CD}$  at C prove that their resultant is given by  $4\vec{EF}$ , where E and F are the midpoints of AC and BD, respectively.

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91. ABC is a triangle and P any point on BC. if  $\vec{PQ}$  is the sum of  $\vec{AP} + \vec{PB} + \vec{PC}$ , show that ABPQ is a parallelogram and Q, therefore, is a fixed point.

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92. If vector  $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$  bisects the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ , then prove that  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}|$ .

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93. ABCDE is a pentagon .prove that the resultant of force  $\vec{AB}$ ,  $\vec{AE}$  , $\vec{BC}$  , $\vec{DC}$  , $\vec{ED}$  and  $\vec{AC}$  ,is  $3\vec{AC}$  .

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94. if  $\vec{Ao} + \vec{OB} = \vec{BO} + \vec{OC}$  ,than prove that B is the midpoint of AC.

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95. A unit vector of modulus 2 is equally inclined to  $x$  - and  $y$  -axes at an angle  $\pi/3$  . Find the length of projection of the vector on the  $z$  -axis.

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96. Let  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  be unit vectors such that  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} - \vec{c} = 0$ . If the area of triangle formed by vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is  $A$ , then what is the value of  $4A^2$ ?



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97. If the resultant of three forces  $\vec{F}_1 = p\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{F}_2 = 6\hat{i} - \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{F}_3 = -5\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  acting on a particle has magnitude equal to 5 units, then the value of  $p$  is a. -6 b. -4 c. 2 d. 4



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98. Statement 1: Let  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{c}$  and  $\vec{d}$  be the position vectors of four points  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  and  $3\vec{a} - 2\vec{b} + 5\vec{c} - 6\vec{d} = 0$ . Then points  $A, B, C$ , and  $D$  are coplanar. Statement 2: Three non-zero, linearly dependent coinitial vector  $(\vec{PQ}, \vec{PR}$  and  $\vec{PS})$  are coplanar. Then  $\vec{PQ} = \lambda\vec{PR} + \mu\vec{PS}$ , where  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are scalars.



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99. Statement 1: Let  $A(\vec{a}), B(\vec{b})$  and  $C(\vec{c})$  be three points such that

$\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{k}, \vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = -\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ . Then  $OABC$  is a tetrahedron.

Statement 2: Let  $A(\vec{a}), B(\vec{b})$  and  $C(\vec{c})$  be three points such that vectors

$\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are non-coplanar. Then  $OABC$  is a tetrahedron where  $O$  is the origin.



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100. Statement 1: If  $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = |\vec{a} - \vec{b}|$ , then  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are perpendicular to each other. Statement 2: If the diagonal of a parallelogram are equal magnitude, then the parallelogram is a rectangle.



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101. Statement 1:  $\vec{a} = 3\vec{i} + p\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 2\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} + q\vec{k}$  are parallel vectors if  $p = 9/2$  and  $q = 2$ . Statement 2: if

$\vec{a} = a_1\vec{i} + a_2\vec{j} + a_3\vec{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = b_1\vec{i} + b_2\vec{j} + b_3\vec{k}$  are parallel, then

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

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**102.** The position vectors of the vertices  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  of a triangle are three unit vectors  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$ , respectively. A vector  $\vec{d}$  is such that  $\vec{d}\vec{a} = \vec{d}\vec{b} = \vec{d}\vec{c}$  and  $\vec{d} = \lambda(\vec{b} + \vec{c})$ . Then triangle  $ABC$  is a. acute angled b. obtuse angled c. right angled d. none of these

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**103.**  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  form the consecutive sides of a regular hexagon  $ABCDEF$ .  
Column I, Column II If  $\vec{CD} = x\vec{a} + y\vec{b}$ , then, p.  $x = -2$  If  $\vec{CE} = x\vec{a} + y\vec{b}$ , then, q.  $x = -1$  If  $\vec{AE} = x\vec{a} + y\vec{b}$ , then, r.  $y = 1$  If  $\vec{AD} = -x\vec{b}$ , then, s.  $y = 2$

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**104.** Column I, Column II Collinear vectors, p.  $\vec{a}$  Coinitial vectors, q.  $\vec{b}$  Equal vectors, r.  $\vec{c}$  Unlike vectors (same intitial point), s.  $\vec{d}$

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**105.** Statement 1:  $|\vec{a}| = 3$ ,  $|\vec{b}| = 4$  and  $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = 5$ , then  $|\vec{a} - \vec{b}| = 5$ .

Statement 2: The length of the diagonals of a rectangle is the same.

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**106.** A man travelling towards east at 8km/h finds that the wind seems to blow directly from the north On doubling the speed, he finds that it appears to come from the north-east. Find the velocity of the wind.

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**107.** OABCDE is a regular hexagon of side 2 units in the XY-plane in the first quadrant. O being the origin and OA taken along the x-axis. A point P is taken on a line parallel to the z-axis through the centre of the hexagon at a distance of 3 unit from O in the positive Z direction. Then find vector AP.



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**108.** If  $\vec{a} = 7\hat{i} - 4\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = -2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ , determine vector  $\vec{c}$  along the internal bisector of the angle between the angle between vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  such that  $|\vec{c}| = 5\sqrt{6}$



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**109.** Find a unit vector  $\vec{c}$  if  $-\vec{i} + \vec{j} - \vec{k}$  bisects the angle between  $\vec{c}$  and  $3\vec{i} + 4\vec{j}$ .



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110. The vectors  $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$ ,  $5\hat{i} + 6\hat{j}$  and  $8\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j}$  have initial points at (1, 1). Find the value of  $\lambda$  so that the vectors terminate on one straight line.

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111. If  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are three non-zero vectors, no two of which are collinear,  $\vec{a} + 2\vec{b}$  is collinear with  $\vec{c}$  and  $\vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$  is collinear with  $\vec{a}$ , then find the value of  $|\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} + 6\vec{c}|$

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112. i. Prove that the points  $\vec{a} - 2\vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$ ,  $2\vec{a} + 3\vec{b} - 4\vec{c}$  and  $-7\vec{b} + 10\vec{c}$  are collinear, where  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{c}$  are non-coplanar. ii. Prove that the points  $A(1, 2, 3)$ ,  $B(3, 4, 7)$ , and  $C(-3, -2, -5)$  are collinear. find the ratio in which point C divides AB.

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113. Check whether the given three vectors are coplanar or non-coplanar.

$$-2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}, -2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j}, 4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$



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114. Prove that the four points  $6\hat{i} - 7\hat{j}$ ,  $16\hat{i} - 19\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$ ,  $3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$  and  $2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 10\hat{k}$  form a tetrahedron in space.



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115. If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are two non-collinear vectors, show that points

$l_1\vec{a} + m_1\vec{b}$ ,  $l_2\vec{a} + m_2\vec{b}$  and  $l_3\vec{a} + m_3\vec{b}$  are collinear if

$$\begin{vmatrix} l_1 & l_2 & l_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$



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**116.** Show, by vector methods, that the angular bisectors of a triangle are concurrent and find an expression for the position vector of the point of concurrency in terms of the position vectors of the vertices.

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**117.** Let  $\vec{A}(t) = f_1(t)\hat{i} + f_2(t)\hat{j}$  and  $\vec{B}(t) = g(t)\hat{i} + g_2(t)\hat{j}$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $f_1, f_2, g_1, g_2$  are continuous functions. If  $\vec{A}(t)$  and  $\vec{B}(t)$  are non-zero vectors for all  $t$  and  $\vec{A}(0) = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$ ,  $\vec{A}(1) = 6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}$ ,  $\vec{B}(0) = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}$  and  $\vec{B}(1) = 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{j}$

Then, show that  $\vec{A}(t)$  and  $\vec{B}(t)$  are parallel for some  $t$ .

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**118.** Find the least positive integral value of  $x$  for which the angle between vectors  $\vec{a} = x\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 2x\hat{i} + x\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  is acute.

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119. If vectors  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = \lambda\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  are coplanar, then find the value of  $(\lambda - 4)$

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120. Find the values of  $\lambda$  such that  $x, y, z \neq (0, 0, 0)$  and  $(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k})x + (3\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k})y + (-4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j})z = \lambda(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k})$ , where  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$  are unit vector along coordinate axes.

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121. A vector has component  $A_1, A_2$  and  $A_3$  in a right-handed rectangular Cartesian coordinate system  $OXYZ$ . The coordinate system is rotated about the x-axis through an angle  $\pi/2$ . Find the component of  $A$  in the new coordinate system in terms of  $A_1, A_2$ , and  $A_3$ .

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**122.** The position vectors of the point  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  are  $3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ ,  $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$ ,  $-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}$ , respectively. If the points  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  lie on a plane, find the value of  $\lambda$ .

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**123.** Let  $OACB$  be a parallelogram with  $O$  at the origin and  $OC$  a diagonal. Let  $D$  be the midpoint of  $OA$ . Using vector methods prove that  $BD$  and  $CO$  intersect in the same ratio. Determine this ratio.

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**124.** In a triangle  $ABC$ ,  $D$  and  $E$  are points on  $BC$  and  $AC$ , respectively, such that  $BD = 2DC$  and  $AE = 3EC$ . Let  $P$  be the point of intersection of  $AD$  and  $BE$ . Find  $BP/PE$  using the vector method.

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**125.** Prove, by vector method or otherwise, that the point of intersection of the diagonals of a trapezium lies on the line passing through the midpoint of the parallel sides (you may assume that the trapezium is not a parallelogram).



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**126.** If the resultant of two forces is equal in magnitude to one of the components and perpendicular to it direction, find the other components using the vector method.



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**127.** The axes of coordinates are rotated about the z-axis through an angle of  $\pi/4$  in the anticlockwise direction and the components of a vector are  $2\sqrt{2}$ ,  $3\sqrt{2}$ , 4. Prove that the components of the same vector in the original system are -1,5,4.



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**128.** Three cointial vectors of magnitudes  $a$ ,  $2a$  and  $3a$  meet at a point and their directions are along the diagonals of three adjacent faces of a cube. Determine their resultant  $R$ . Also prove that the sum of the three vectors determined by the diagonals of three adjacent faces of a cube passing through the same corner, the vectors being directed from the corner, is twice the vector determined by the diagonal of the cube.



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**129.** If two sides of a triangle are  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}$  and  $\hat{i} + \hat{k}$ , then find the length of the third side.



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**130.** If in parallelogram ABCD, diagonal vectors are  $\vec{AC} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{BD} = -6\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ , then find the adjacent side vectors  $\vec{AB}$  and  $\vec{AD}$



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**131.** Find the resultant of vectors  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$ . Find the unit vector in the direction of the resultant vector.

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**132.** Check whether the three vectors  $2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ ,  $-3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $3\hat{i} + 4\hat{k}$  form a triangle or not

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**133.** The midpoint of two opposite sides of a quadrilateral and the midpoint of the diagonals are the vertices of a parallelogram. Prove that using vectors.

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134. The lines joining the vertices of a tetrahedron to the centroids of opposite faces are concurrent.

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135. Find the angle of vector  $\vec{a} = 6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$  with  $x$ -axis.

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136. 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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137. The points with position vectors  $60i + 3j$ ,  $40i - 8j$ ,  $ai - 52j$  are collinear if a.  $a = -40$  b.  $a = 40$  c.  $a = 20$  d. none of these

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138. Let  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  be distinct real numbers. The points whose position vector's are  $\alpha\hat{i} + \beta\hat{j} + \gamma\hat{k}; \beta\hat{i} + \gamma\hat{j} + \alpha\hat{k}$  and  $\gamma\hat{i} + \alpha\hat{j} + \beta\hat{k}$

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139. Let  $\vec{a} = \vec{i} - \vec{k}, \vec{b} = x\vec{i} + \vec{j} + (1-x)\vec{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = y\vec{i} + x\vec{j} + (1+x-y)\vec{k}$ . Then  $[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]$  depends on (A) only  $x$  (B) only  $y$  (C) Neither  $x$  nor  $y$  (D) both  $x$  and  $y$

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140. In a  $\triangle OAB$ ,  $E$  is the mid point of  $OB$  and  $D$  is the point on  $AB$  such that  $AD:DB = 2:1$ . If  $OD$  and  $AE$  intersect at  $P$  then determine the ratio of  $OP:PD$  using vector methods

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141. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  are two non-collinear vectors, prove that the points with position vectors  $\vec{a} + \vec{b}, \vec{a} - \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b}$  are collinear for all real values of  $\lambda$ .

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142. If  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \vec{b} = 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} + \alpha\hat{j} + \beta\hat{k}$  are linearly dependent vectors &  $|\vec{c}| = \sqrt{3}$ , then ordered pair  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is (1, 1) (b) (1, -1) (-1, 1) (d) (-1, -1)

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143. The number of distinct real values of  $\lambda$ , for which the vectors  $\lambda^2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + k, \hat{i} - \lambda^2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \lambda^2\hat{k}$  are coplanar is a. zero b. one c. two d. three

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144. If  $\vec{AO} + \vec{OB} = \vec{BO} + \vec{OC}$ , then  $A, B$  and  $C$  are (where  $O$  is the origin) a. coplanar b. collinear c. non-collinear d. none of these

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145. Find a vector magnitude 5 units, and parallel to the resultant of the vectors  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$

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146. Show that the points  $A(1, -2, -8), B(5, 0, -2)$  and  $C(1, 3, 7)$  are collinear, and find the ratio in which  $B$  divides  $AC$

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147. The position vectors of  $P$  and  $Q$  are  $5\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + a\hat{k}$  and  $-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ , respectively. If the distance between them is 7, then find the value of  $a$



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148. Given three points are  $A(-3, -2, 0)$ ,  $B(3, -3, 1)$  and  $C(5, 0, 2)$ . Then find a vector having the same direction as that of  $\vec{AB}$  and magnitude equal to  $|\vec{AC}|$ .



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149. Let  $ABCD$  be a parallelogram whose diagonals intersect at  $P$  and let  $O$  be the origin. Then prove that  $\vec{OA} + \vec{OB} + \vec{OC} + \vec{OD} = 4\vec{OP}$ .



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150. If  $ABCD$  is a quadrilateral and  $E$  and  $F$  are the mid-points of  $AC$  and  $BD$  respectively, prove that  $\vec{AB} + \vec{AD} + \vec{CB} + \vec{CD} = 4\vec{EF}$ .



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151. If  $ABCD$  is a rhombus whose diagonals cut at the origin  $O$ , then proved that  $\vec{OA} + \vec{OB} + \vec{OC} + \vec{OD} + \vec{O}$

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152. Let  $D, E$  and  $F$  be the middle points of the sides  $BC, CA$  and  $AB$ , respectively of a triangle  $ABC$ . Then prove that  $\vec{AD} + \vec{BE} + \vec{CF} = \vec{0}$ .

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153. Consider the set of eight vector  $V = \{a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}; a, b, c \in \{-1, 1\}\}$ . Three non-coplanar vectors can be chosen from  $V$  in  $2^p$  ways. Then  $p$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

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154. Find the direction cosines of the vector joining the points  $A(1, 2, -3)$  and  $B(-1, -2, 1)$  directed from  $A \rightarrow B$ .

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

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156. The median AD of the triangle ABC is bisected at E and BE meets AC at F. Find AF:FC.

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157. Vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are non-collinear. Find for what value of  $n$  vectors  $\vec{c} = (n - 2)\vec{a} + \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{d} = (2n + 1)\vec{a} - \vec{b}$  are collinear?

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**158.** Prove that the necessary and sufficient condition for any four points in three-dimensional space to be coplanar is that there exists a linear relation connecting their position vectors such that the algebraic sum of the coefficients (not all zero) in it is zero.

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**159.** Points  $A(\vec{a}), B(\vec{b}), C(\vec{c})$  and  $D(\vec{d})$  are related as  $x\vec{a} + y\vec{b} + z\vec{c} + w\vec{d} = 0$  and  $x + y + z + w = 0$ , where  $x, y, z$ , and  $w$  are scalars (sum of any two of  $x, y, z$  and  $w$  is not zero). Prove that if  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  are concyclic, then  $|xy| |\vec{a} - \vec{b}|^2 = |wz| |\vec{c} - \vec{d}|^2$ .

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**160.** If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are non-coplanar vectors, prove that the four points  $2\vec{a} + 3\vec{b} - \vec{c}, \vec{a} - 2\vec{b} + 3\vec{c}, 3\vec{a} + 4\vec{b} - 2\vec{c}$  and  $\vec{a} - 6\vec{b} + 6\vec{c}$  are coplanar.



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



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162. Let  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  be unit vectors, such that

$\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = \vec{x}, \vec{a}\vec{x} = 1, \vec{b}\vec{x} = \frac{3}{2}, |\vec{x}| = 2$ . Then find the angel between and

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163. Let  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  be two non-parallel unit vectors in a plane. If  $(\alpha\vec{A} + \vec{B})$

bisects the internal angle between  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$ , then find the value of  $\alpha$



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164. If the vectors  $3\vec{p} + \vec{q}$ ;  $5\vec{p} - 3\vec{q}$  and  $2\vec{p} + \vec{q}$ ;  $4\vec{p} - 2\vec{q}$  are pairs of mutually perpendicular vectors, then find the angle between vectors  $\vec{p}$  and  $\vec{q}$ .



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165.  $P(1, 0, -1)$ ,  $Q(2, 0, -3)$ ,  $R(-1, 2, 0)$  and  $S(-2, -1, -1)$ , then find the projection length of  $\vec{PQ}$  on  $\vec{RS}$ .



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166.  $A, B, C, D$  are any four points, prove that  $\vec{AB}\vec{CD} + \vec{BC}\vec{AD} + \vec{CA}\vec{BD} = 0$ .



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167. Let  $\hat{u} = \hat{i} + \hat{j}$ ,  $\hat{v} = \hat{i} - \hat{j}$  and  $\hat{w} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ . If  $\hat{n}$  is a unit vector such that

$\hat{u}\hat{n} = 0$  and  $\hat{v}\hat{n} = 0$ , then find the value of  $\left| \hat{w}\hat{n} \right|$ .



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168. If the angle between unit vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is  $60^\circ$ , then find the value of

$$|\vec{a} - \vec{b}|$$

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169.  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = \vec{0}$ ,  $|\vec{a}| = 3$ ,  $|\vec{b}| = 5$ ,  $|\vec{c}| = 9$ , find the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{c}$ .

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170. Constant forces  $P_1 = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $P_2 = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $P_3 = -\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  act on a particle at a point  $A$ . Determine the work done when particle is displaced from position  $A(4\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) \rightarrow B(6\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$ .

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171. If  $\vec{a}$ , and  $\vec{b}$  are unit vectors , then find the greatest value of

$$|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| + |\vec{a} - \vec{b}|$$

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172. Let  $G_1, G_2$  and  $G_3$  be the centroids of the triangular faces  $OBC, OCA$  and  $OAB$ , respectively, of a tetrahedron  $OABC$ . If  $V_1$  denotes the volume of the tetrahedron  $OABC$  and  $V_2$  that of the parallelepiped with  $OG_1, OG_2$  and  $OG_3$  as three concurrent edges, then prove that

$$4V_1 = 9V_2$$

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173. Prove that  $\hat{i} \times (\vec{a} \times \hat{i}) \hat{j} \times (\vec{a} \times \hat{j}) + \hat{k} \times (\vec{a} \times \hat{k}) = 2\vec{a}$

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174. If  $\hat{i} \times [(\vec{a} - \hat{j}) \times \hat{i}] + \hat{j} \times [(\vec{a} - \hat{k}) \times \hat{j}] + \hat{k} \times [(\vec{a} - \hat{i}) \times \hat{k}] = 0$ , then find vector  $\vec{a}$



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175. Let  $\vec{a}, \vec{b},$  and  $\vec{c}$  be any three vectors, then prove that  $[\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \vec{b} \times \vec{c} \vec{c} \times \vec{a}] = [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]^2$



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176. If  $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = 2$ , then find the value of  $[(\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} - \vec{c})(\vec{a} - \vec{b})(\vec{a} - \vec{b} - \vec{c})]$



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177. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b},$  and  $\vec{c}$  are mutually perpendicular vectors and  $\vec{a} = \alpha(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) + \beta(\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) + \gamma(\vec{c} \times \vec{a})$  and  $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = 1$ , then find the value of  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma$ .

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178. If  $a, b,$  and  $c$  are non-coplanar vectors, then that prove  $\left| \left( \vec{a} \vec{d} \right) (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) + \left( \vec{b} \vec{d} \right) (\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) + \left( \vec{c} \vec{d} \right) (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \right|$  is independent of  $d$ , where  $\vec{d}$  is a unit vector.

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179. Prove that vectors  $\vec{u} = (al + a_1l_1)\hat{i} + (am + a_1m_1)\hat{j} + (an + a_1n_1)\hat{k}$   
 $\vec{v} = (bl + b_1l_1)\hat{i} + (bm + b_1m_1)\hat{j} + (bn + b_1n_1)\hat{k}$   
 $\vec{w} = (cl + c_1l_1)\hat{i} + (cm + c_1m_1)\hat{j} + (cn + c_1n_1)\hat{k}$  are coplanar.

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**180.** For any four vectors, prove that

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

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**181.** If  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are two noncollinear vectors such that  $\vec{a} \perp (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$ , then

prove that  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{c})$  is equal to  $|\vec{a}|^2 (\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c})$ .

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**182.** If the vectors  $A, B, C$  of a triangle  $ABC$  are  $(1, 2, 3), (-1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 2)$ , respectively then find  $\angle ABC$ .

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**183.** Let  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  be pairwise mutually perpendicular vectors, such that

$|\vec{a}| = 1$ ,  $|\vec{b}| = 2$ ,  $|\vec{c}| = 2$ . Then find the length of  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$

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**184.** Show that  $|\vec{a}|\vec{b} + |\vec{b}|\vec{a}$  is perpendicular to  $|\vec{a}|\vec{b} - |\vec{b}|\vec{a}$ , for any two non-zero vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .

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**185.** If  $|\vec{a}| = 3$ ,  $|\vec{b}| = 4$  and the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is  $120^\circ$ , then find the value of  $|4\vec{a} + 3\vec{b}|$ .

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**186.** If  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  be three non-coplanar vector and  $\vec{a}'$ ,  $\vec{b}'$  and  $\vec{c}'$  constitute the reciprocal system of vectors, then prove that

$$\vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \end{pmatrix} \vec{a}' + \begin{pmatrix} \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \end{pmatrix} \vec{b}' + \begin{pmatrix} \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \end{pmatrix} \vec{c}' \quad \vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \end{pmatrix} \vec{a}' + \begin{pmatrix} \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \end{pmatrix} \vec{b}' + \begin{pmatrix} \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \end{pmatrix} \vec{c}'$$

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

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188. Let  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  and  $\vec{a}', \vec{b}', \vec{c}'$  are reciprocal system of vectors, then

prove that  $\vec{a}' \times \vec{b}' + \vec{b}' \times \vec{c}' + \vec{c}' \times \vec{a}' = \frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}}{[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]}$ .

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189. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  are three non-coplanar non-zero vectors, then prove

that  $(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a})\vec{b} \times \vec{c} + (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{c} \times \vec{a} + (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = [\vec{b}\vec{c}\vec{a}]\vec{a}$





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190. Find a set of vectors reciprocal to the set  $-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$



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191. If  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{b} \times \vec{c} \neq 0$ , where  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  are coplanar vectors, then for some scalar  $k$  prove that  $\vec{a} + \vec{c} = k\vec{b}$



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192. If  $\vec{a} = 2\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} - \vec{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = -\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - 4\vec{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = \vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}$ , then find the value of  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{a} \times \vec{c}$



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193. If the vectors  $\vec{c}$ ,  $\vec{a} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = \hat{j}$  are such that  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{c}$  and  $\vec{b}$  form a right-handed system, then find  $\vec{c}$ .

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194. Given that  $\vec{a}\vec{b} = \vec{a}\vec{c}$ ,  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{a} \times \vec{c}$  and  $\vec{a}$  is not a zero vector. Show that  $\vec{b} = \vec{c}$ .

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195. If  $|\vec{a}| = 5$ ,  $|\vec{a} - \vec{b}| = 8$  and  $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = 10$ , then find  $|\vec{b}|$ .

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196. If  $A, B, C, D$  are four distinct point in space such that  $AB$  is not perpendicular to  $CD$  and satisfies

$\vec{AB}\vec{CD} = k\left(|\vec{AD}|^2 + |\vec{BC}|^2 - |\vec{AC}|^2 - |\vec{BD}|^2\right)$ , then find the value of  $k$

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197. If  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = m\hat{i} + n\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0}$ , then find  $(m, n)$

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198. If  $|\vec{a}| = 2|\vec{b}| = 5$  and  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = 8$ , then find the value of  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$

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199. Show that  $(\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = 2\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  and give a geometrical interpretation of it.

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200. If  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{y}$  are unit vectors and  $|\vec{z}| = \frac{2}{7}$  such that  $\vec{z} + \vec{z} \times \vec{x} = \vec{y}$ , then find the angle  $\theta$  between  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{z}$ .

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201. Prove that  $[\vec{a} + \vec{b}, \vec{b} + \vec{c}, \vec{c} + \vec{a}] = 2[\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}]$ .

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202. Let  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  be three unit vectors and  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = 0$ . If the angle between  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  is  $\frac{\pi}{3}$ , then find the value of  $|\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})|$ .

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203. The position vectors of the four angular points of a tetrahedron are  $A(\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$ ,  $B(3\hat{i} + \hat{k})$ ,  $C(4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$  and  $D(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$ . Find the volume

of the tetrahedron  $ABCD$



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**204.** If the vectors  $2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}, \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $3\hat{i} - \hat{k}$  form three concurrent edges of a parallelepiped, then find the volume of the parallelepiped.



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**205.** If  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$  are three non-coplanar vectors, then prove that

$$(\vec{u} + \vec{v} - \vec{w})\vec{u} - \vec{v} \times (\vec{v} - \vec{w}) = \vec{u}\vec{v} \times \vec{w}$$



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**206.** Find the value of  $a$  so that the volume of the parallelepiped formed by vectors  $\hat{i} + a\hat{j} + k, \hat{j} + a\hat{k}$  and  $\hat{i} + \hat{k}$  becomes minimum.



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207. If  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ , then find the value of

$$\begin{vmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \vec{a}\vec{a}\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{a}\vec{c}\vec{b}\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{a} & \vec{a} & \vec{a} & \vec{a} \end{vmatrix}.$$

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208. Prove that  $[\vec{l}\vec{m}\vec{n}][\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}] = \begin{vmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \vec{l}\vec{a}\vec{l}\vec{b}\vec{l}\vec{c}\vec{m}\vec{a}\vec{m}\vec{a}\vec{m}\vec{n}\vec{a}\vec{n}\vec{a}\vec{n}\vec{a} \end{vmatrix}.$

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209. Find the altitude of a parallelepiped whose three coterminous edges are vectors  $\vec{A} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{B} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{C} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  with  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  as the sides of the base of the parallelepiped.

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210. If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are two vectors such that  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = 2$ , then find the value of  $[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{a} \times \vec{b}]$ .

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211. Prove that

$$\vec{R} + \frac{\left[ \vec{R}\vec{\beta} \times (\vec{\beta} \times \vec{\alpha}) \right] \vec{\alpha}}{|\vec{\alpha} \times \vec{\beta}|^2} + \frac{\left[ \vec{R}\vec{\alpha} \times (\vec{\alpha} \times \vec{\beta}) \right] \vec{\beta}}{|\vec{\alpha} \times \vec{\beta}|^2} = \frac{[\vec{R}\vec{\alpha}\vec{\beta}](\vec{\alpha} \times \vec{\beta})}{|\vec{\alpha} \times \vec{\beta}|^2}$$

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212. If  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  are non-coplanar unit vectors such that

$$\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \frac{\vec{b} + \vec{c}}{\sqrt{2}}, \vec{b} \text{ and } \vec{c} \text{ are non-parallel, then prove that the angle}$$

between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is  $3\pi/4$ .

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213.

If

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{a} = 0, \vec{r} \cdot \vec{b} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad [\vec{r} \ \vec{a} \ \vec{b}] = 1, \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \neq 0, \left( \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \right)^2 - |\vec{a}|^2 |\vec{b}|^2 = 1,$$

then find  $\vec{r}$  in terms of  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .

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214. If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are two given vectors and  $k$  is any scalar, then find the vector

$$\vec{r} \text{ satisfying } \vec{r} \times \vec{a} + k\vec{r} = \vec{b}$$

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215.  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are three non-coplanar vectors and  $\vec{r}$  is any arbitrary vector.

$$\text{Prove that } [\vec{b} \vec{c} \vec{r}] \vec{a} + [\vec{c} \vec{a} \vec{r}] \vec{b} + [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{r}] \vec{c} = [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] \vec{r}$$

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216. If vector  $\vec{x}$  satisfying  $\vec{x} \times \vec{a} + \left( \vec{x} \vec{b} \right) \vec{c} = \vec{d}$  is given

$$\vec{x} = \lambda \vec{a} + \vec{a} \times \frac{\vec{a} \times \left( \vec{d} \times \vec{c} \right)}{\left( \vec{a} \vec{c} \right) |\vec{a}|^2}, \text{ then find the value of } \lambda$$

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217. Find the vector of length 3 unit which is perpendicular to  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and lies in the plane of  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $2\hat{k} - 3\hat{j}$ .

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218. If  $\vec{b}$  is not perpendicular to  $\vec{c}$ , then find the vector  $\vec{r}$  satisfying the equation  $\vec{r} \times \vec{b} = \vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{r} \vec{c} = 0$ .

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219. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are three non coplanar vectors, then prove that

$$\vec{d} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{d}}{[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]} (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) + \frac{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{d}}{[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]} (\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) + \frac{\vec{c} \cdot \vec{d}}{[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]} (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$$

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220. Let  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  be three non-zero vectors such that

$\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = 0$  and  $\lambda \vec{b} \times \vec{a} + \vec{b} \times \vec{c} + \vec{c} \times \vec{a} = 0$ , then find the value of  $\lambda$

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221. Prove that  $\left( \vec{a} \cdot \hat{i} \right) (\vec{a} \times \hat{i}) + \left( \vec{a} \cdot \hat{j} \right) (\vec{a} \times \hat{j}) + \left( \vec{a} \cdot \hat{k} \right) (\vec{a} \times \hat{k}) = 0$ .

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222. If  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})^2 + (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})^2 = 144$  and  $|\vec{a}| = 4$ , then find the value of  $|\vec{b}|$

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223. A particle has an angular speed of 3 rad/s and the axis of rotation passes through the points  $(1, 1, 2)$  and  $(1, 2, -2)$ . Find the velocity of the particle at point  $P(3, 6, 4)$ .

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224. Find the moment of  $\vec{F}$  about point  $(2, -1, 3)$ , where force  $\vec{F} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$  is acting on point  $(1, -1, 2)$ .

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225. Given  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = 1$  and  $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = \sqrt{3}$ . If  $\vec{c}$  is a vector such that  $\vec{c} - \vec{a} - 2\vec{b} = 3(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$ , then find the value of  $\vec{c} \cdot \vec{b}$

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226. Let  $\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$  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  $\frac{\pi}{6}$ , then prove that  $|a_1a_2a_3b_1b_2b_3c_1c_2c_3| = \frac{1}{4}(a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2)(b_1^2 + b_2^2 + b_3^2)$

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227. If  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{c}$ , and  $\vec{d}$  are four non-coplanar unit vector such that  $\vec{d}$  make equal angles with all the three vectors  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$ , then prove that  $[\vec{d}\vec{a}\vec{b}] = [\vec{d}\vec{c}\vec{b}] = [\vec{d}\vec{c}\vec{a}]$

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**228.** If the volume of a parallelepiped whose adjacent edges are  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + \alpha\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \alpha\hat{k}$  is 15, then find the value of  $\alpha$  if ( $\alpha > 0$ )

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**229.** Prove that if  $[\vec{l} \vec{m} \vec{n}]$  are three non-coplanar vectors, then

$$[\vec{l} \vec{m} \vec{n}](\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{l} \vec{a} & \vec{l} \vec{b} & \vec{l} \vec{m} \vec{a} \vec{m} \vec{b} \vec{m} \vec{n} \vec{n} \vec{a} \vec{n} \vec{b} \vec{n} \end{vmatrix}.$$

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**230.** Using dot product of vectors, prove that a parallelogram, whose diagonals are equal, is a rectangle

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231. If  $a + 2b + 3c = 4$ , then find the least value of  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2$ .



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232. In any triangle  $ABC$ , prove the projection formula  $a = b \cos C + c \cos B$  using vector method.



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233. Prove that an angle inscribed in a semi-circle is a right angle using vector method.



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234. If  $\vec{a} \cdot \hat{i} = \vec{a} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j}) = \vec{a} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$ , then find the unit vector  $\vec{a}$



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235. Prove by vector method that  $\cos(A + B)\cos A\cos B - \sin A\sin B$

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236. If the scalar projection of vector  $x\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  on vector  $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$  is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{30}}$ ,

then find the value of  $x$

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237. If  $\vec{a} = x\hat{i} + (x - 1)\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = (x + 1)\hat{i} + \hat{j} + a\hat{k}$  make an acute angle

$\forall x \in R$ , then find the values of  $a$

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238. A unit vector  $a$  makes an angle  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  with z-axis. If  $a + i + j$  is a unit

vector, then  $a$  can be equal to

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239. If  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are three mutually perpendicular unit vectors and  $\vec{d}$  is a unit vector making equal angles with  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  then find the value of  $|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} + \vec{d}|^2$



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240. If  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  be non-zero vectors such that no two are collinear or  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} = \frac{1}{3} |\vec{b}| |\vec{c}| \vec{a}$  if  $\theta$  is the acute angle between vectors  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$ , then find the value of  $\sin \theta$



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241. If  $\vec{p}$ ,  $\vec{q}$ ,  $\vec{r}$  denote vector  $\vec{b} \times \vec{c}$ ,  $\vec{c} \times \vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ , respectively, show that  $\vec{a}$  is parallel to  $\vec{q} \times \vec{r}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  is parallel to  $\vec{r} \times \vec{p}$ ,  $\vec{c}$  is parallel to  $\vec{p} \times \vec{q}$



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242. If  $\vec{a}$ , and  $\vec{b}$  be two non-collinear unit vector such that

$$\vec{a} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = \frac{1}{2}\vec{b}, \text{ then find the angle between } \vec{a}, \text{ and } \vec{b}.$$



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243. Show that  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} = \vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$  if and only if  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are collinear of  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{c}) \times \vec{b} = 0$ .



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244. Prove that  $\left( \vec{a} \left( \vec{b} \times \hat{i} \right) \right) \hat{i} + \left( \vec{a} \left( \vec{b} \times \hat{j} \right) \right) \hat{j} + \left( \vec{a} \left( \vec{b} \times \hat{k} \right) \right) \hat{k} = \vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ .



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245. For any four vectors,  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  and  $\vec{d}$  prove that

$$\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times (\vec{c} \times \vec{d})) = (\vec{b}\vec{d})[\vec{a}\vec{c}\vec{d}]$$

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246. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b},$  and  $\vec{c}$  are three vectors such that

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{c}, \vec{b} \times \vec{c} = \vec{a}, \vec{c} \times \vec{a} = \vec{b}, \text{ then prove that } |\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = |\vec{c}|$$

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247. If  $\vec{a} = \vec{p} + \vec{q}, \vec{p} \times \vec{b} = 0$  and  $\vec{q} \times \vec{b} = 0$ , then prove that  $\frac{\vec{b} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})}{\vec{b}\vec{b}} = \vec{q}$

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248. If  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ , then find vector  $\vec{c}$  such that

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = 2 \text{ and } \vec{a} \times \vec{c} = \vec{b}$$

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249. If  $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$ ,  $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$  and  $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{c} = 0$  for some non-zero vector  $\vec{x}$ , then prove that  $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = 0$ .

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250. If  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  are mutually perpendicular vectors of equal magnitudes, then find the angle between vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$ .

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

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252. If three unit vectors  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  satisfy  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = 0$ , then find the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .

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253. If  $|\vec{a}| + |\vec{b}| = |\vec{c}|$  and  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} = \vec{c}$ , then find the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .

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

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255. If  $\vec{r} = r\hat{i} = r\hat{j} = r\hat{k}$  and  $|\vec{r}| = 3$ , then find the vector  $\vec{r}$ .

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256. If  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  are non-zero vectors such that  $\vec{a}\vec{b} = \vec{a}\vec{c}$ , then find the geometrical relation between the vectors.

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

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258. If  $\theta$  is the angle between the unit vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ , then prove that

$$\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}|\vec{a} + \vec{b}|, \quad \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}|\vec{a} - \vec{b}|$$

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259.  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  are three unit vectors and every two are inclined to each other at an angle  $\cos^{-1}(3/5)$ . If  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = p\vec{a} + q\vec{b} + r\vec{c}$ , where  $p, q, r$  are scalars, then find the value of  $q$ .

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260. Given unit vectors  $\hat{m}$ ,  $\hat{n}$  and  $\hat{p}$  such that angle between  $\hat{m}$  and  $\hat{n}$  is  $\alpha$  and angle between  $\hat{p}$  and  $(\hat{m} \times \hat{n})$  is also  $\alpha$ , if  $[\hat{n}\hat{p}\hat{m}] = 1/4$ , then find the value of  $\alpha$ .

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261. Let  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  be non-coplanar vectors and let the equation  $\vec{a}'$ ,  $\vec{b}'$ ,  $\vec{c}'$  are reciprocal system of vector  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{c}$ , then prove that  $\vec{a} \times \vec{a}' + \vec{b} \times \vec{b}' + \vec{c} \times \vec{c}'$  is a null vector.

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**262.** Vector  $\vec{OA} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  turns through a right angle passing through the positive x-axis on the way. Show that the vector in its new position is  $\frac{4\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}}{\sqrt{2}}$ .



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**263.** The base of the pyramid  $AOBC$  is an equilateral triangle  $OBC$  with each side equal to  $4\sqrt{2}$ ,  $O$  is the origin of reference,  $AO$  is perpendicular to the plane of  $OBC$  and  $|\vec{AO}| = 2$ . Then find the cosine of the angle between the skew straight lines, one passing through  $A$  and the midpoint of  $OB$  and the other passing through  $O$  and the mid point of  $BC$ .



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**264.** Find  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$ , if  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$



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265. Let the vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  be such that  $|\vec{a}| = 3|\vec{b}| = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$ , then  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  is a unit vector, if the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is?

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266. Show that  $(\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = 2(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$

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267. Let  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ . Find a vector  $\vec{d}$  which is perpendicular to both  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c} \cdot \vec{d} = 15$ .

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**268.** If  $A, B$  and  $C$  are the vertices of a triangle  $ABC$ , then prove sine rule

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C} .$$

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**269.** Application of cross product trigonometric proof;  $\sin(A+B) = \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B$

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**270.** Find a unit vector perpendicular to the plane determined by the points  $(1, -1, 2), (2, 0, -1)$  and  $(0, 2, 1)$

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**271.** If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are two vectors, then prove that  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})^2 = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} & \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} & \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \\ \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} & \vec{b} \cdot \vec{b} & \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \\ \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} & \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} & \vec{b} \cdot \vec{b} \end{vmatrix} .$

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272. In isosceles triangles  $ABC$ ,  $|\vec{AB}| = |\vec{BC}| = 8$ , a point  $E$  divides  $AB$  internally in the ratio  $1:3$ , then find the angle between  $\vec{CE}$  and  $\vec{CA}$  (where  $|\vec{CA}| = 12$ )

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273. Prove that in a tetrahedron if two pairs of opposite edges are perpendicular, then the third pair is also perpendicular.

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274. Let  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  are vectors such that  $|\vec{a}| = 3$ ,  $|\vec{b}| = 4$  and  $|\vec{c}| = 5$ , and  $(\vec{a} + \vec{b})$  is perpendicular to  $\vec{c}$ ,  $(\vec{b} + \vec{c})$  is perpendicular to  $\vec{a}$  and  $(\vec{c} + \vec{a})$  is perpendicular to  $\vec{b}$ . Then find the value of  $|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}|$ .

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275. If  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = |\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = 1$ , then find the value of  $|\vec{a} - \vec{b}|$ .

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276. If  $\vec{a} = 4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j}$  and  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ , then find the component of  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .

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277. A particle acted by constant forces  $4\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$  and  $3\hat{i} + 9\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  is displaced from point  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  to point  $5\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  find the total work done by the forces in units.

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278. If  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  are three mutually perpendicular unit vectors and  $\vec{d}$  is a unit vector which makes equal angles with  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$ , then find the value of  $|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} + \vec{d}|^2$

A.  $4 + 2\sqrt{2}$

B.  $4 + 2\sqrt{3}$

C.  $2 + \sqrt{5}$

D.  $3 + \sqrt{5}$

**Answer: B**



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279. Let  $\vec{a} = x\hat{i} + 12\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 2x\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} + \hat{k}$ . If the ordered set  $[\vec{b}\vec{c}\vec{a}]$  is left handed, then find the values of  $x$ .



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280. If  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  are three non-coplanar vectors, then find the value of

$$\frac{\vec{a}\vec{b} \times \vec{c}}{\vec{b}\vec{c} \times \vec{a}} + \frac{\vec{b}\vec{c} \times \vec{a}}{\vec{a}\vec{b} \times \vec{c}} + \frac{\vec{c}\vec{a} \times \vec{b}}{\vec{b}\vec{c} \times \vec{a}}$$

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281. If  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{c}$  and  $\vec{d}$  are the position vectors of the vertices of a cyclic quadrilateral  $ABCD$ , prove that

$$\frac{|\vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{b} \times \vec{d} + \vec{d} \times \vec{a}|}{(\vec{b} - \vec{a})\vec{d} - \vec{a}} + \frac{|\vec{b} \times \vec{c} + \vec{c} \times \vec{d} + \vec{d} \times \vec{b}|}{(\vec{b} - \vec{c})\vec{d} - \vec{c}} = 0$$

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282. The position vectors of the vertices of a quadrilateral with  $A$  as origin are  $B(\vec{b})$ ,  $D(\vec{d})$  and  $C(l\vec{b} + m\vec{d})$ . Prove that the area of the quadrilateral is  $\frac{1}{2}(l+m)|\vec{b} \times \vec{d}|$ .

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283. If  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{c} \times \vec{d}$  and  $\vec{a} \times \vec{c} = \vec{b} \times \vec{d}$ , then show that  $\vec{a} - \vec{d}$ , is parallel to  $\vec{b} - \vec{c}$  provided  $\vec{a} \neq \vec{d}$  and  $\vec{b} \neq \vec{c}$ .

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284. Show by a numerical example and geometrically also that  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{a} \times \vec{c}$  does not imply  $\vec{b} = \vec{c}$

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285. In triangle  $ABC$ , points  $D, E$  and  $F$  are taken on the sides  $BC, CA$  and  $AB$ , respectively, such that  $\frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{CE}{EA} = \frac{AF}{FB} = n$ . Prove that

$$[DEF] = \frac{n^2 - n + 1}{(n + 1)^2} [ABC]$$

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**286.** Let  $A, B, C$  be points with position vectors  $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  respectively. Find the shortest distance between point  $B$  and plane  $OAC$ .



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**287.** Let  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  be unit vectors such that  $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = \sqrt{3}$ . Then find the value of  $(2\vec{a} + 5\vec{b}) \cdot (3\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{a} \times \vec{b})$ .



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**288.**  $\hat{u}$  and  $\hat{v}$  are two non-collinear unit vectors such that  $\left| \frac{\hat{u} + \hat{v}}{2} + \hat{u} \times \hat{v} \right| = 1$ . Prove that  $|\hat{u} \times \hat{v}| = \left| \frac{\hat{u} - \hat{v}}{2} \right|$ .



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**289.** A rigid body is spinning about a fixed point  $(3,-2,-1)$  with an angular velocity of  $4 \text{ rad/s}$ , the axis of rotation being in the direction of  $(1,2,-2)$ . Find the velocity of the particle at point  $(4,1,1)$ .



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**290.**  $\vec{r} \times \vec{a} = \vec{b} \times \vec{a}$ ;  $\vec{r} \times \vec{b} = \vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ ;  $\vec{a} \neq \vec{0}$ ;  $\vec{b} \neq \vec{0}$ ;  $\vec{a} \neq \lambda \vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{a}$  is not perpendicular to  $\vec{b}$ , then find  $\vec{r}$  in terms of  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .



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**291.** If  $|\vec{a}| = 2$ , then find the value of  $|\vec{a} \times \hat{i}|^2 + |\vec{a} \times \hat{j}|^2 + |\vec{a} \times \hat{k}|^2$ .



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**292.** If  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are the position vectors of the vertices  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  respectively, of  $ABC$ , prove that the perpendicular distance of the vertex  $A$  from the line  $BC$  is  $\frac{|\vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{b} \times \vec{c} + \vec{c} \times \vec{a}|}{2|\vec{b} - \vec{c}|}$ .



the base  $BC$  of the triangle  $ABC$  is  $\frac{|\vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{b} \times \vec{c} + \vec{c} \times \vec{a}|}{|\vec{c} - \vec{b}|}$ .

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**293.**  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  are any four points in the space, then prove that

$$|\vec{AB} \times \vec{CD} + \vec{BC} \times \vec{AD} + \vec{CA} \times \vec{BD}| = 4 (\text{area of } ABC.)$$

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**294.** Find the area of the parallelogram whose adjacent sides are determined by the vectors  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + \hat{k}$

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**295.** Using vectors, find the area of the triangle with vertices  $A(1, 1, 2)$ ,  $B(2, 3, 5)$  and  $C(1, 5, 5)$ .

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296. Let  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  be three vectors such that  $\vec{a} \neq 0$ ,  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{c}| = 1$ ,  $|\vec{b}| = 4$  and  $|\vec{b} \times \vec{c}| = \sqrt{15}$ . If  $\vec{b} - 2\vec{c} = \lambda\vec{a}$ , then find the value of  $\lambda$

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297. Find the area of a parallelogram whose diagonals are  $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$

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298. If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are unit vectors such that  $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (2\vec{a} + 3\vec{b}) \times (3\vec{a} - 2\vec{b}) = 0$ , then angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is

a.  $\pi/2$    b.  $\pi$    c.  $\pi/4$    d. indeterminate

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299. If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are any two unit vectors, then find the greatest positive

integer in the range of  $\frac{3|\vec{a} + \vec{b}|}{2} + 2|\vec{a} - \vec{b}|$ .

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300. If the vectors  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  form the sides  $BC$ ,  $CA$  and  $AB$ , respectively, of

triangle  $ABC$ , then  $\vec{a}\vec{b} + \vec{b}\vec{c} + \vec{c}\vec{a} = 0$    b.  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{b} \times \vec{c} = \vec{c} \times \vec{a}$    c.

$\vec{a}\vec{b} = \vec{b}\vec{c} = \vec{c}\vec{a}$    d.  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{b} \times \vec{c} + \vec{c} \times \vec{a} = 0$

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301. Let  $\vec{u}$  be a vector on rectangular coordinate system with sloping

angle  $60^\circ$ . Suppose that  $|\vec{u} - \hat{i}|$  is geometric mean of

$|\vec{u}|$  and  $|\vec{u} - 2\hat{i}|$ , where  $\hat{i}$  is the unit vector along the x-axis. Then find the

value of  $(\sqrt{2} + 1)|\vec{u}|$

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**302.** Two adjacent sides of a parallelogram  $ABCD$  are given by

$$\vec{AB} = 2\hat{i} + 10\hat{j} + 11\hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{AD} = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

The side  $AD$  is rotated by an acute angle  $\alpha$  in the plane of the parallelogram so that  $AD$  becomes  $AD'$

If  $AD'$  makes a right angle with the side  $AB$ , then the cosine of the angle

$\alpha$  is given by  $\frac{8}{9}$  b.  $\frac{\sqrt{17}}{9}$  c.  $\frac{1}{9}$  d.  $\frac{4\sqrt{5}}{9}$



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**303.** Let  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  be non-coplanar unit vectors, equally inclined to one

another at an angle  $\theta$ . If  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{b} \times \vec{c} = p\vec{a} + q\vec{b} + r\vec{c}$ , find scalars

$p$ ,  $q$  and  $r$  in terms of  $\theta$



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**304.** Given three vectors  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  two of which are non-collinear. Further

if  $(\vec{a} + \vec{b})$  is collinear with  $\vec{c}$ ,  $(\vec{b} + \vec{c})$  is collinear with

$\vec{a}, |\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = |\vec{c}| = \sqrt{2}$  Find the value of  $\vec{a}\vec{b} + \vec{b}\vec{c} + \vec{c}\vec{a}$  3 b. -3 c. 0 d.

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305. The value of  $a$  so that the volume of parallelepiped formed by  $\hat{i} + a\hat{j} + \hat{k}, \hat{j} + a\hat{k}$  and  $\hat{i} + \hat{k}$  is minimum is -3 b. 3 c.  $1/\sqrt{3}$  d.  $\sqrt{3}$

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306.  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  are the vertices of a regular plane polygon with  $n$  sides

and  $O$  as its centre. Show that  $\sum_{i=1}^n \vec{OA}_i \times \vec{OA}_{i+1} = (1 - n) \left( \vec{OA}_2 \times \vec{OA}_1 \right)$

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307. If  $\vec{c}$  is a given non-zero scalar, and  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  are given non-zero vector such that  $\vec{A} \perp \vec{B}$ , then find vector  $\vec{X}$  which satisfies the equation

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{X} \text{ and } \vec{A} \times \vec{X} = \vec{B}$$



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308.  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  are any four points in the space, then prove that

$$\left| \vec{AB} \times \vec{CD} + \vec{BC} \times \vec{AD} + \vec{CA} \times \vec{BD} \right| = 4 \text{ (area of } ABC \text{.)}$$



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309. If vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b},$  and  $\vec{c}$  are coplanar, show that

$$\begin{vmatrix} \vec{a} & \vec{b} & \vec{c} \\ \vec{c} & \vec{a} & \vec{b} \\ \vec{a} & \vec{b} & \vec{c} \end{vmatrix} = 0$$



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310. Let  $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{k}, \vec{B} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \vec{C} = 4\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$  Determine a vector  $\vec{R}$

satisfying  $\vec{R} \times \vec{B} = \vec{C} \times \vec{B}$  and  $\vec{R} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$ .



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311. Determine the value of  $c$  so that for all real  $x$ , vectors  $cx\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$  and  $x\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2cx\hat{k}$  make an obtuse angle with each other.



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312. If  $\vec{r} = x_1(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) + x_2(\vec{b} \times \vec{a}) + x_3(\vec{c} \times \vec{d})$  and  $4[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}] = 1$ , then  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3$  is equal to (A)  $\frac{1}{2}\vec{r} \cdot (\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c})$  (B)  $\frac{1}{4}\vec{r} \cdot (\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c})$  (C)  $2\vec{r} \cdot (\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c})$  (D)  $4\vec{r} \cdot (\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c})$



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313.  $[(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})](\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \times (\vec{c} \times \vec{a})(\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$  is equal to (where  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are nonzero non-coplanar vector)  $[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]^2$  b.  $[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]^3$  c.  $[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]^4$  d.  $[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]$



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**314.** If  $V$  be the volume of a tetrahedron and  $V'$  be the volume of another tetrahedron formed by the centroids of faces of the previous tetrahedron and  $V = KV'$ , then  $K$  is equal to 9 b. 12 c. 27 d. 81

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**315.** If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are non coplanar vectors and  $\vec{a} \times \vec{c}$  is perpendicular to  $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$ , then the value of  $[a \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})] \times \vec{c}$  is equal to  $[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]$  b.  $2[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]\vec{b}$  c.  $\vec{0}$  d.  $[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]\vec{a}$

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**316.**  $A(\vec{a}), B(\vec{b}), C(\vec{c})$  are the vertices of the triangle ABC and  $R(\vec{r})$  is any point in the plane of triangle ABC, then  $r \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{b} \times \vec{c} + \vec{c} \times \vec{a})$  is always equal to

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**317.** Let  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  be three non-coplanar vectors and  $\vec{p}$ ,  $\vec{q}$  and  $\vec{r}$  the vectors

defined by the relation  $\vec{p} = \frac{\vec{b} \times \vec{c}}{[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]}$ ,  $\vec{q} = \frac{\vec{c} \times \vec{a}}{[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]}$  and  $\vec{r} = \frac{\vec{a} \times \vec{b}}{[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]}$ . Then the

value of the expression  $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{p} + (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) \cdot \vec{q} + (\vec{c} + \vec{a}) \cdot \vec{r}$  is a. 0 b. 1 c. 2 d.

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**318.** Let  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  be three non-coplanar vectors and  $\vec{r}$  be any arbitrary

vector. Then  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times (\vec{r} \times \vec{c}) + (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \times (\vec{r} \times \vec{a}) + (\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) \times (\vec{r} \times \vec{b})$

is always equal to  $[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}] \vec{r}$  b.  $2[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}] \vec{r}$  c.  $3[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}] \vec{r}$  d. none of these



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**319.** The position vectors of point  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are

$\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ , respectively. Then greatest angle of

triangle ABC is  $120^\circ$  b.  $90^\circ$  c.  $\cos^{-1}(3/4)$  d. none of these

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**320.** Let  $\vec{a}(x) = (\sin x)\hat{i} + (\cos x)\hat{j}$  and  $\vec{b}(x) = (\cos 2x)\hat{i} + (\sin 2x)\hat{j}$  be two variable vectors ( $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ). Then  $\vec{a}(x)$  and  $\vec{b}(x)$  are a. collinear for unique value of  $x$  b. perpendicular for infinite values of  $x$  c. zero vectors for unique value of  $x$  d. none of these

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**321.** If

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

are a.  $-2, -4, -\frac{2}{3}$  b.  $2, -4, \frac{2}{3}$  c.  $-2, 4, \frac{2}{3}$  d.  $2, 4, -\frac{2}{3}$

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322. If  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are unit vectors satisfying

$$|\vec{a} - \vec{b}|^2 + |\vec{b} - \vec{c}|^2 + |\vec{c} - \vec{a}|^2 = 9, \text{ then } |2\vec{a} + 5\vec{b} + 5\vec{c}| \text{ is.}$$

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323. If  $\vec{d} = \vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{b} \times \vec{c} + \vec{c} \times \vec{a}$  is non-zero vector and

$$|(\vec{d} \cdot \vec{c})(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) + (\vec{d} \cdot \vec{a})(\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) + (\vec{d} \cdot \vec{b})(\vec{c} \times \vec{a})| = 0, \text{ then a.}$$

$|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = |\vec{c}|$  b.  $|\vec{a}| + |\vec{b}| + |\vec{c}| = |\vec{d}|$  c.  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  are coplanar d. none of these

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324. The vector(s) which is/are coplanar with vectors

$\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ , and perpendicular to vector  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ , is/are a.  $\hat{j} - \hat{k}$

b.  $-\hat{i} + \hat{j}$  c.  $\hat{i} - \hat{j}$  d.  $-\hat{j} + \hat{k}$

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325. Let  $\vec{a} = -\hat{i} - \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = -\hat{i} + \hat{j}$  and  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  be three given vectors. If

$\vec{r}$  is a vector such that  $\vec{r} \times \vec{b} = \vec{c} \times \vec{d}$  and  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$ , then find the value of

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{b}$$

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326. Let  $\vec{a}, \vec{b},$  and  $\vec{c}$  be vectors forming right-hand triad. Let

$$\vec{p} = \frac{\vec{b} \times \vec{c}}{[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]}, \vec{q} = \frac{\vec{c} \times \vec{a}}{[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]}, \text{ and } \vec{r} = \frac{\vec{a} \times \vec{b}}{[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]} \quad \text{If } x \in \mathbb{R}^+, \quad \text{then}$$

$$x[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}] + \frac{[\vec{p}\vec{q}\vec{r}]}{x} \quad \text{b. } x^4[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]^2 + \frac{[\vec{p}\vec{q}\vec{r}]}{x^2} \text{ has least value} = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{2/3} \text{ c.}$$

$[\vec{p}\vec{q}\vec{r}] > 0$  d. none of these

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327. From a point  $O$  inside a triangle  $ABC$ , perpendiculars  $OD, OE$  and  $OF$  are drawn to the sides  $BC, CA$  and  $AB$ , respectively. Prove that the perpendiculars from  $A, B,$  and  $C$  to the sides  $EF, FD$  and  $DE$  are concurrent.



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328. If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are vectors in space given by  $\vec{a} = \frac{\hat{i} - 2\hat{j}}{\sqrt{5}}$  and  $\vec{b} = \frac{2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}}{\sqrt{14}}$ ,

then find the value of  $(2\vec{a} + \vec{b})(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} - 2\vec{b})$ .



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329. Find the work done by the force  $F = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  acting on a particle such that the particle is displaced from point

$A(-3, -4, 1)$  to  $B(-1, -1, -2)$ .



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330. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are three given non-coplanar vectors and any arbitrary

vector  $\vec{r}$  in space, where  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{r} \cdot \vec{a} & \vec{r} \cdot \vec{b} & \vec{r} \cdot \vec{c} \\ \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} & \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} & \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} \\ \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} & \vec{b} \cdot \vec{b} & \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} \\ \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} & \vec{c} \cdot \vec{b} & \vec{c} \cdot \vec{c} \end{vmatrix}$ ,

$$\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \vec{a}\vec{a}\vec{r}\vec{a} & \vec{a}\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{r}\vec{b} & \vec{b}\vec{a}\vec{c}\vec{r}\vec{c} & \vec{c} & & \\ & & & & & \end{vmatrix} \quad \Delta_3 = \begin{vmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \vec{a}\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{r}\vec{a} & \vec{a}\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{b}\vec{r}\vec{b} & \vec{b}\vec{a}\vec{c}\vec{b}\vec{r}\vec{c} & \vec{c} & & \\ & & & & & \end{vmatrix},$$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \vec{a}\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{a} & \vec{a}\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{b}\vec{b} & \vec{b}\vec{a}\vec{c}\vec{b}\vec{c} & \vec{c} & & \\ & & & & & \end{vmatrix}, \quad \text{then prove that}$$

$$\vec{r} = \frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta} \vec{a} + \frac{\Delta_2}{\Delta} \vec{b} + \frac{\Delta_3}{\Delta} \vec{c}.$$

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**331.** If  $A(\vec{a})$ ,  $B(\vec{b})$  and  $C(\vec{c})$  are three non-collinear points and origin does not lie in the plane of the points  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ , then point  $P(\vec{p})$  in the plane of the  $ABC$  such that vector  $\vec{OP}$  is  $\perp$  to plane of  $ABC$ , show that

$$\vec{OP} = \frac{[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}](\vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{b} \times \vec{c} + \vec{c} \times \vec{a})}{4^2}, \text{ where } \Delta \text{ is the area of the } ABC.$$

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**332.**  $OABC$  is regular tetrahedron in which  $D$  is the circumcentre of  $OAB$  and  $E$  is the midpoint of edge  $AC$ . Prove that  $DE$  is equal to half the edge of tetrahedron.



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333. In a quadrilateral  $ABCD$  it is given that  $AB \parallel CD$  and the diagonals  $AC$  and  $BD$  are perpendicular to each other. Show that

$$AD \cdot BC \geq AB \cdot CD$$



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334. If  $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3$  and  $\vec{E}_1, \vec{E}_2, \vec{E}_3$  are two sets of vectors such that  $\vec{e}_i \cdot \vec{E}_j = 1$ , if  $i = j$  and  $\vec{e}_i \cdot \vec{E}_j = 0$  and if  $i \neq j$ , then prove that

$$[\vec{e}_1 \vec{e}_2 \vec{e}_3][\vec{E}_1 \vec{E}_2 \vec{E}_3] = 1.$$



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335. A line  $l$  is passing through the point  $\vec{b}$  and is parallel to vector  $\vec{c}$ . Determine the distance of point  $A(\vec{a})$  from the line  $l$  in the form

$$\vec{b} - \vec{a} + \frac{(\vec{a} - \vec{b})\vec{c}}{|\vec{c}|^2} \vec{c} \text{ or } \frac{|(\vec{b} - \vec{a}) \times \vec{c}|}{|\vec{c}|}.$$

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**336.** Given the vectors  $\vec{A}$ ,  $\vec{B}$ , and  $\vec{C}$  form a triangle such that  $\vec{A} = \vec{B} + \vec{C}$  find  $a, b, c$ , and  $d$  such that the area of the triangle is  $5\sqrt{6}$  where  $\vec{A} = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$   $\vec{B} = d\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$   $\vec{C} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$

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**337.** Let a three dimensional vector  $\vec{V}$  satisfy the condition,  $2\vec{V} + \vec{V} \times (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}) = 2\hat{i} + \hat{k}$  If  $3|\vec{V}| = \sqrt{m}$  Then find the value of  $m$ .

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338.

Given

that

$$\vec{u} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}; \vec{v} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}; \vec{w} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} \text{ and } \left( \vec{u} \cdot \vec{R} - 15 \right) \hat{i} + \left( \vec{v} \cdot \vec{R} - 30 \right) \hat{j} + \left( \vec{w} \cdot \vec{R} - 45 \right) \hat{k} = \vec{0}$$

Then find the greatest integer less than or equal to  $|\vec{R}|$


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339. Let  $\vec{OA} = \vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{OB} = 10\vec{a} + 2\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{OC} = \vec{b}$ , where  $O, A$  and  $C$  are non-collinear points. Let  $p$  denote the area of quadrilateral  $OACB$ , and let  $q$  denote the area of parallelogram with  $OA$  and  $OC$  as adjacent sides. If  $p = kq$ , then find  $k$


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340. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are unit vectors such that  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0 = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}$  and the angle between  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  is  $\frac{\pi}{3}$ , then find the value of  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b} - \vec{a} \times \vec{c}|$


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**341.** If  $\vec{x}, \vec{y}$  are two non-zero and non-collinear vectors satisfying  $[(a-2)\alpha^2 + (b-3)\alpha + c]\vec{x} + [(a-2)\beta^2 + (b-3)\beta + c]\vec{y} + [(a-2)\gamma^2 + (b-3)\gamma + c]\vec{z}$  are three distinct real numbers, then find the value of  $(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - 4)$ .



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**342.** Let  $\vec{a} = \alpha\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \alpha\hat{i} + 2\alpha\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ , and  $\vec{c} = 2\hat{i} + \alpha\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ . Find the value of  $6\alpha$ , such that  $\{(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})\} \times (\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) = 0$ .



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**343.** Let  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  be three vectors having magnitudes 1, 5 and 3, respectively, such that the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is  $\theta$  and  $\vec{a} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = \vec{c}$ . Then  $\tan\theta$  is equal to a. 0 b.  $2/3$  c.  $3/5$  d.  $3/4$



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347. If  $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$  is perpendicular to  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c}$ , we may have

$$(\vec{a} \times \vec{c}) \cdot \vec{b} = (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \quad \text{b. } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0 \quad \text{c. } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = 0 \quad \text{d. } \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = 0$$



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348.  $[\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \times \vec{c} \times \vec{d} \times \vec{e} \times \vec{f}]$  is equal to (a)  $[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{d}][\vec{c}\vec{e}\vec{f}] - [\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}][\vec{d}\vec{e}\vec{f}]$  (b)  $[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{e}][\vec{f}\vec{c}\vec{d}] - [\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{f}][\vec{e}\vec{c}\vec{d}]$  (c)  $[\vec{c}\vec{d}\vec{a}][\vec{b}\vec{e}\vec{f}] - [\vec{a}\vec{d}\vec{b}][\vec{a}\vec{e}\vec{f}]$  (d)  $[\vec{a}\vec{c}\vec{e}][\vec{b}\vec{d}\vec{f}]$



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349.  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are non-collinear if

$$\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) + (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} = (4 - 2x - \sin y)\vec{b} + (x^2 - 1)\vec{c} \quad \text{and} \quad (\vec{c} \times \vec{c}) \cdot \vec{a} = \dots \quad \text{Then}$$

a.  $x = 1$  b.  $x = -1$  c.  $y = (4n + 1)\pi/2, n \in I$  d.  $y = (2n + 1)\pi/2, n \in I$

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**350.** Unit vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are perpendicular, and unit vector  $\vec{c}$  is inclined at angle  $\theta$  to both  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ . If  $\vec{c} = \alpha\vec{a} + \beta\vec{b} + \gamma(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$ , then (a)  $\alpha = \beta$  (b)  $\gamma^2 = 1 - 2\alpha^2$  (c)  $\gamma^2 = -\cos 2\theta$  (d)  $\beta^2 = \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2}$

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**351.** If  $\vec{a} \perp \vec{b}$ , then vector  $\vec{v}$  in terms of  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  satisfying the equation  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$  and  $\vec{v} \cdot \vec{b} = 1$  and  $[\vec{v} \vec{a} \vec{b}] = 1$  is

a.  $\frac{\vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|^2} + \frac{\vec{a} \times \vec{b}}{|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|^2}$  b.  $\frac{\vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|} + \frac{\vec{a} \times \vec{b}}{|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|^2}$  c.

$\frac{\vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|^2} + \frac{\vec{a} \times \vec{b}}{|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|^2}$  d. none of these

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352. If  $\vec{a}' = \hat{i} + \hat{j}$ ,  $\vec{b}' = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c}' = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ , then the altitude of the parallelepiped formed by the vectors  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  having base formed by  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  is (where  $\vec{a}'$  is reciprocal vector  $\vec{a}$ )

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353. If  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{c} = \hat{k} + \hat{i}$ , then in the reciprocal system of vectors  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{c}$  reciprocal  $\vec{a}$  of vector  $\vec{a}$  is a.  $\frac{\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}}{2}$  b.  $\frac{\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}}{2}$  c.  $\frac{-\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}}{2}$   
d.  $\frac{\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}}{2}$

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354. If unit vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are inclined at angle  $2\theta$  such that  $|\vec{a} - \vec{b}| < 1$  and  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ , then  $\theta$  lies in interval a.  $[0, \pi/6]$  b.  $[5\pi/6, \pi]$  c.  $[\pi/6, \pi/2]$  d.  $[\pi/2, 5\pi/6]$

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**355.** Let  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  be three non-coplanar vectors and  $\vec{p}$ ,  $\vec{q}$  and  $\vec{r}$  the vectors

defined by the relation  $\vec{p} = \frac{\vec{b} \times \vec{c}}{[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]}$ ,  $\vec{q} = \frac{\vec{c} \times \vec{a}}{[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]}$  and  $\vec{r} = \frac{\vec{a} \times \vec{b}}{[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]}$ . Then the

value of the expression  $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{p} + (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) \cdot \vec{q} + (\vec{c} + \vec{a}) \cdot \vec{r}$  is a. 0 b. 1 c. 2 d.

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**356.** Let  $\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$ , and  $\vec{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$ , be three non-zero vectors such that  $\vec{c}$  is a unit vector perpendicular to both vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ . If the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is  $\pi/6$ , then

$|a_1a_2a_3b_1b_2b_3c_1c_2c_3|^2$  is equal to  $0$  1  $\frac{1}{4}(a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2)(b_1^2 + b_2^2 + b_3^2)$   
 $\frac{3}{4}(a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2)(b_1^2 + b_2^2 + b_3^2)(c_1^2 + c_2^2 + c_3^2)$

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357.  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  are four points such that

$$\vec{AB} = m(2\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}), \vec{BC} = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j}) \text{ and } \vec{CD} = n(-6\hat{i} + 15\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$$
 If  $CD$

intersects  $AB$  at some point  $E$ , then a.  $m \geq 1/2$  b.  $n \geq 1/3$  c.  $m = n$  d.  $m < n$

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358. Let  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}$  be three vectors. A vector  $\vec{v}$  in the plane of  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ , whose projection on  $\vec{c}$  is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$  is given by a.

$\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  b.  $-3\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  c.  $3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  d.  $\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$

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359. If  $\hat{a}$ ,  $\hat{b}$ , and  $\hat{c}$  are unit vectors, then  $|\hat{a} - \hat{b}|^2 + |\hat{b} - \hat{c}|^2 + |\hat{c} - \hat{a}|^2$  does not exceed

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360. Which of the following expressions are meaningful?  $\vec{u} \vec{v} \times \vec{w}$  b.

$$\left( \vec{u} \vec{v} \right) \vec{w} \text{ c. } \left( \vec{u} \vec{v} \right) \vec{w} \text{ d. } \vec{u} \times \left( \vec{v} \vec{w} \right)$$

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361. Find the value of  $\lambda$  if the volume of a tetrahedron whose vertices are with position vectors  $\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 10\hat{k}$ ,  $-\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ ,  $5\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}$  and  $7\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$  is 11 cubic unit.

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362. Let  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} = \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  be three vectors. A vector in the plane of  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$ , whose projection on  $\vec{a}$  is of magnitude  $\sqrt{2/3}$ , is a.  $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$  b.  $2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  c.  $-2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$  d.  $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$

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363. If  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times (\vec{c} \times \vec{d}) \vec{a} \times \vec{d} = 0$ , then which of the following may be true?  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  and  $\vec{d}$  are necessarily coplanar  
 b.  $\vec{a}$  lies in the plane of  $\vec{c}$  and  $\vec{d}$   
 c.  $\vec{b}$  lies in the plane of  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{d}$   
 d.  $\vec{c}$  lies in the plane of  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{d}$

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364. Vector  $\frac{1}{3}(2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$  is (A) a unit vector (B) makes an angle  $\pi/3$  with vector  $(2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$  (C) parallel to vector  $(-\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \frac{1}{2}\hat{k})$  (D) perpendicular to vector  $3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$

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365. Let  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  be unit vectors such that  $\vec{u} \times \vec{v} + \vec{u} = \vec{w}$  and  $\vec{w} \times \vec{u} = \vec{v}$ . Find the value of  $[\vec{u} \vec{v} \vec{w}]$

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**366.** The scalars  $l$  and  $m$  such that  $l\vec{a} + m\vec{b} = \vec{c}$ , where  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are given vectors, are equal to

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**367.** If  $OABC$  is a tetrahedron where  $O$  is the origin and  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are the other three vertices with position vectors,  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  respectively, then prove that the centre of the sphere circumscribing the tetrahedron is

given by position vector 
$$\frac{a^2(\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) + b^2(\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) + c^2(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})}{2[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]}$$
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**368.** Let  $k$  be the length of any edge of a regular tetrahedron (a tetrahedron whose edges are equal in length is called a regular tetrahedron). Show that the angle between any edge and a face not containing the edge is  $\cos^{-1}(1/\sqrt{3})$ .

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**369.** In  $ABC$ , a point  $P$  is taken on  $AB$  such that  $AP/BP = 1/3$  and point  $Q$  is taken on  $BC$  such that  $CQ/BQ = 3/1$ . If  $R$  is the point of intersection of the lines  $AQ$  and  $CP$ , using vector method, find the area of  $ABC$  if the area of  $BRC$  is 1 unit

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**370.** Let  $ABCD$  be a parallelogram whose diagonals intersect at  $P$  and let  $O$  be the origin. Then prove that  $\vec{OA} + \vec{OB} + \vec{OC} + \vec{OD} = 4\vec{OP}$

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**371.** If  $\left| (a-x)^2(a-y)^2(a-z)^2(b-x)^2(b-y)^2(b-z)^2(c-x)^2(c-y)^2(c-a)^2 \right| = 0$  and vectors  $\vec{A}, \vec{B},$  and  $\vec{C}$ , where  $\vec{A} = a^2\hat{i} + a\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ , etc, are non-coplanar, then prove that vectors  $\vec{X}, \vec{Y}$  and  $\vec{Z}$ , where  $\vec{X} = x^2\hat{i} + x\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ , etc, may be coplanar.

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**372.** If  $\vec{a} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = y\hat{i} + z\hat{j} + x\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = z\hat{i} + x\hat{j} + y\hat{k}$ , then  $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$  is (a) parallel to  $(y - z)\hat{i} + (z - x)\hat{j} + (x - y)\hat{k}$  (b) orthogonal to  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  (c) orthogonal to  $(y + z)\hat{i} + (z + x)\hat{j} + (x + y)\hat{k}$  (d) orthogonal to  $x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$

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**373.** The lengths of two opposite edges of a tetrahedron are  $a$  and  $b$ ; the shortest distance between these edges is  $d$ , and the angle between them is  $\theta$ . Prove using vectors that the volume of the tetrahedron is  $\frac{abdsin\theta}{6}$ .

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**374.** Find the volume of a parallelepiped having three vectors of equal magnitude  $|\vec{a}|$  and equal inclination  $\theta$  with each other.

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375. If vectors  $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{B} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{C}$  form a left-handed system, then  $\vec{C}$  is a.  $11\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  b.  $-11\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  c.  $11\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  d.  $-11\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - \hat{k}$

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376. A vector  $\vec{d}$  is equally inclined to three vectors  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j}$  and  $\vec{c} = 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ . Let  $\vec{x}$ ,  $\vec{y}$ , and  $\vec{z}$  be three vectors in the plane of  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ;  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{c}$ ;  $\vec{c}$ ,  $\vec{a}$ , respectively. Then  $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{d} = -1$  b.  $\vec{y} \cdot \vec{d} = 1$  c.  $\vec{z} \cdot \vec{d} = 0$  d.

$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{d} = 0$ , where  $\vec{r} = \lambda\vec{x} + \mu\vec{y} + \delta\vec{z}$

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377. Vectors  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  satisfying the vector equation  $\vec{A} + \vec{B} = \vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{a} = 1$ , where  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are given vectors, are a.

$$\vec{A} = \frac{(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) - \vec{a}}{a^2} \quad \text{b.} \quad \vec{B} = \frac{(\vec{b} \times \vec{a}) + \vec{a}(a^2 - 1)}{a^2} \quad \text{c.} \quad \vec{A} = \frac{(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) + \vec{a}}{a^2} \quad \text{d.}$$

$$\vec{B} = \frac{(\vec{b} \times \vec{a}) - \vec{a}(a^2 - 1)}{a^2}$$

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378. if  $\vec{\alpha} \perp (\vec{\beta} \times \vec{\gamma})$ , then  $(\vec{\alpha} \times \vec{\beta}) \times \vec{\gamma}$  equals to  $|\vec{\alpha}|^2 (\vec{\beta} \times \vec{\gamma})$  b.

$$|\vec{\beta}|^2 (\vec{\gamma} \times \vec{\alpha}) \quad \text{c.} \quad |\vec{\gamma}|^2 (\vec{\alpha} \times \vec{\beta}) \quad \text{d.} \quad |\vec{\alpha}| |\vec{\beta}| |\vec{\gamma}|$$

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379. Let  $\vec{\alpha} = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{\beta} = b\hat{i} + c\hat{j} + a\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{\gamma} = c\hat{i} + a\hat{j} + b\hat{k}$  are three coplanar vectors with  $a \neq b$ , and  $\vec{v} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ . Then  $\vec{v}$  is perpendicular to  $\vec{\alpha}$  b.  $\vec{\beta}$  c.  $\vec{\gamma}$  d. none of these

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**380.**  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \in R - \{0\}$  and  $a_1 + a_2 \cos 2x + a_3 \sin^2 x = 0$  for all  $x \in R$ , then (a) vector  $\vec{a} = a_1 \hat{i} + a_2 \hat{j} + a_3 \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  are perpendicular to each other (b) vector  $\vec{a} = a_1 \hat{i} + a_2 \hat{j} + a_3 \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = -\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  are parallel to each other (c) vector  $\vec{a} = a_1 \hat{i} + a_2 \hat{j} + a_3 \hat{k}$  is of length  $\sqrt{6}$  units, then one of the ordered triple  $(a_1, a_2, a_3) = (1, -1, -2)$  (d) are perpendicular to each other if  $2a_1 + 3a_2 + 6a_3 = 26$ , then  $|a_1 \hat{i} + a_2 \hat{j} + a_3 \hat{k}|$  is  $2\sqrt{6}$



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**381.** If  $P$  is any arbitrary point on the circumcircle of the equilateral triangle of side length  $l$  units, then  $|\vec{PA}|^2 + |\vec{PB}|^2 + |\vec{PC}|^2$  is always equal to  $2l^2$  b.  $2\sqrt{3}l^2$  c.  $l^2$  d.  $3l^2$



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382. Let  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  be two non-zero perpendicular vectors. A vector  $\vec{r}$  satisfying the equation  $\vec{r} \times \vec{b} = \vec{a}$  can be  $\vec{b} - \frac{\vec{a} \times \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|^2}$  b.  $2\vec{b} - \frac{\vec{a} \times \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|^2}$  c.

$|\vec{a}|\vec{b} - \frac{\vec{a} \times \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|^2}$  d.  $|\vec{b}|\vec{b} - \frac{\vec{a} \times \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|^2}$

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383. If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are two vectors and angle between them is  $\theta$ , then

$$|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|^2 + \left(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}\right)^2 = |\vec{a}|^2 |\vec{b}|^2 \qquad |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = \left(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}\right), \text{ if } \theta = \pi/4$$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \left(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}\right) \hat{n}, \text{ (where } \hat{n} \text{ is unit vector,)} \text{ if } \theta = \pi/4 \quad \left(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}\right) \cdot \vec{a} + \vec{b} = 0$$

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384. Let  $\vec{r}$  be a unit vector satisfying  $\vec{r} \times \vec{a} = \vec{b}$ , where  $|\vec{a}| = 3$  and  $|\vec{b}| = 2$ .

Then  $\vec{r} = \frac{2}{3}(\vec{a} + \vec{a} \times \vec{b})$  b.  $\vec{r} = \frac{1}{3}(\vec{a} + \vec{a} \times \vec{b})$  c.  $\vec{r} = \frac{2}{3}(\vec{a} - \vec{a} \times \vec{b})$  d.

$$\vec{r} = \frac{1}{3} \left( -\vec{a} + \vec{a} \times \vec{b} \right)$$

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**385.** If vector  $\vec{b} = (\tan\alpha, -1, 2\sqrt{\sin\alpha/2})$  and  $\vec{c} = \left( \tan\alpha, \tan\alpha, \frac{3}{\sqrt{\sin\alpha/2}} \right)$  are orthogonal and vector  $\vec{a} = (1, 3, \sin 2\alpha)$  makes an obtuse angle with the z-axis, then the value of  $\alpha$  is  $\alpha = (4n + 1)\pi + \tan^{-1}2$  b.  $\alpha = (4n + 1)\pi - \tan^{-1}2$  c.  $\alpha = (4n + 2)\pi + \tan^{-1}2$  d.  $\alpha = (4n + 2)\pi - \tan^{-1}2$

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**386.** Let  $\vec{a}, \vec{b},$  and  $\vec{c}$  be non-zero vectors and  $\vec{V}_1 = \vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$  and  $\vec{V}_2 = (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c}$ . Vectors  $\vec{V}_1$  and  $\vec{V}_2$  are equal. Then  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are orthogonal b.  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are collinear c.  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are orthogonal d.  $\vec{b} = \lambda(\vec{a} \times \vec{c})$  when  $\lambda$  is a scalar

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387.  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  A vector coplanar with  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  whose projection on  $\vec{a}$  is magnitude  $\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$  is  $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$  b.  $-2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$   
 c.  $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  d.  $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$

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388. Let  $\vec{PR} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{SQ} = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$  determine diagonals of a parallelogram  $PQRS$ , and  $\vec{PT} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  be another vector. Then the volume of the parallelepiped determined by the vectors  $\vec{PT}$ ,  $\vec{PQ}$  and  $\vec{PS}$  is 5  
 b. 20 c. 10 d. 30

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389. If in a right-angled triangle  $ABC$ , the hypotenuse  $AB = p$ , then  $\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{AC} + \vec{BC} \cdot \vec{BA} + \vec{CA} \cdot \vec{CB}$  is equal to  $2p^2$  b.  $\frac{p^2}{2}$  c.  $p^2$  d. none of these

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390. If  $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$ ,  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 1$  and  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ , then  $\vec{b}$  is  $\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  b.  $2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  c.  $\hat{i}$   
d.  $2\hat{i}$

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391. If  $\vec{a}$  satisfies  $\vec{a} \times (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) = \hat{i} - \hat{k}$ , then  $\vec{a}$  is equal to  
 $\lambda\hat{i} + (2\lambda - 1)\hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  b.  $\lambda\hat{i} + (1 - 2\lambda)\hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  c.  $\lambda\hat{i} + (2\lambda + 1)\hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  d.  
 $\lambda\hat{i} - (1 + 2\lambda)\hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

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392. If  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{a} = \vec{r} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{r} \cdot \vec{c} = 0$ , where  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  are non-coplanar, then  
 $\vec{r} \perp (\vec{c} \times \vec{a})$  b.  $\vec{r} \perp (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$  c.  $\vec{r} \perp (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$  d.  $\vec{r} = \vec{0}$

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**393.** The unit vector orthogonal to vector  $-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and making equal angles with the x and y-axis ,

a.  $\pm \frac{1}{3}(2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$

b.  $\pm \frac{1}{3}(\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k})$

c.  $\pm \frac{1}{3}(2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$

d. none of these



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**394.** Vectors  $3\vec{a} - 5\vec{b}$  and  $2\vec{a} + \vec{b}$  are mutually perpendicular. If  $\vec{a} + 4\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{b} - \vec{a}$  are also mutually perpendicular, then the cosine of the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is a.  $\frac{19}{5\sqrt{43}}$  b.  $\frac{19}{3\sqrt{43}}$  c.  $\frac{19}{2\sqrt{45}}$  d.  $\frac{19}{6\sqrt{43}}$



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**395.** If vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are two adjacent sides of a parallelogram, then the vector representing the altitude of the parallelogram which is the

perpendicular to  $a$  is  $\vec{b} + \frac{\vec{b} \times \vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|^2}$  b.  $\frac{\vec{a}\vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|^2}$  c.  $\vec{b} - \frac{\vec{b}\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|^2}$  d.  $\frac{\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{a})}{|\vec{b}|^2}$



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396. The value of  $x$  for which the angle between  $\vec{a} = 2x^2\hat{i} + 4x\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 7\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  is obtuse and the angle between  $b$  and the z-axis acute and less than  $\pi/6$  is  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $x < 0$  d. none of these



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397. Let  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$ , where  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are unit vectors and the unit vector  $\vec{c}$  is inclined at an angle  $\theta$  to both  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ . If  $\vec{c} = m\vec{a} + n\vec{b} + p(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$ , ( $m, n, p \in R$ ), then a.  $-\frac{\pi}{4} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$  b.  $\frac{\pi}{4} \leq \theta \leq \frac{3\pi}{4}$  c.  $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$  d.  $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{3\pi}{4}$



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398. A parallelogram is constructed on

$3\vec{a} + \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{a} - 4\vec{b}$ , where  $|\vec{a}| = 6$  and  $|\vec{b}| = 8$ , and  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are anti-parallel. Then the length of the longer diagonal is 40 b. 64 c. 32 d. 48

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399. Let the position vectors of the points  $P$  and  $Q$  be  $4\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}$  and  $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}$ , respectively. Vector  $\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$  is perpendicular to the plane containing the origin and the points  $P$  and  $Q$ . Then  $\lambda$  equals 1/2 b. 1/2 c. 1 d. none of these

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400.  $a$  and  $c$  are unit vectors and  $|b| = 4$ . The angle between  $a$  and  $c$  is  $\cos^{-1}(1/4)$  and  $b - 2c = \lambda a$ . The value of  $\lambda$  is 3, -4 b. 1/4, 3/4 c. -3, 4 d. -1/4, 3/4

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401. If  $\vec{d} = \vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{b} \times \vec{c} + \vec{c} \times \vec{a}$  is non-zero vector and

$$\left| (\vec{d} \cdot \vec{c})(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) + (\vec{d} \cdot \vec{a})(\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) + (\vec{d} \cdot \vec{b})(\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) \right| = 0, \quad \text{then a.}$$

$|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = |\vec{c}|$  b.  $|\vec{a}| + |\vec{b}| + |\vec{c}| = |d|$  c.  $\vec{a}, \vec{b},$  and  $\vec{c}$  are coplanar d. none of these



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402. Let  $\vec{a}, \vec{b},$  and  $\vec{c}$  be three non-coplanar vectors and  $\vec{d}$  be a non-zero vector, which is perpendicular to  $(\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c})$ . Now

$$\vec{d} = (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \sin x + (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \cos y + 2(\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) \quad \text{Then} \quad \text{a. } \frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b}}{[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]} = 2 \quad \text{b.}$$

$$\frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b}}{[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]} = -2 \quad \text{c. minimum value of } x^2 + y^2 \text{ is } \pi^2/4 \quad \text{d. minimum value of}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 \text{ is } 5\pi^2/4$$



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403. If  $\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} + 3\vec{c} = 0$ , then  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{b} \times \vec{c} + \vec{c} \times \vec{a} = 2(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$  b.  $6(\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$   
 c.  $3(\vec{c} \times \vec{a})$  d.  $\vec{0}$

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404.  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are two non-collinear unit vector, and  $\vec{u} = \vec{a} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{v} = \vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ . Then  $|\vec{v}|$  is  $|\vec{u}|$  b.  $|\vec{u}| + |\vec{u} \cdot \vec{b}|$  c.  $|\vec{u}| + |\vec{u} \cdot \vec{a}|$  d. none of these

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405. The angles of triangle, two of whose sides are represented by vectors  $\sqrt{3}(\hat{a} \times \vec{b})$  and  $\hat{b} - (\hat{a} \cdot \hat{b})\hat{a}$ , where  $\vec{b}$  is a non zero vector and  $\hat{a}$  is unit vector in the direction of  $\vec{a}$ , are  $\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3})$  b.  $\tan^{-1}(1/\sqrt{3})$  c.  $\cot^{-1}(0)$  d.  $\tan^{-1}(1)$

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406.  $\vec{a}, \vec{b},$  and  $\vec{c}$  are unimodular and coplanar. A unit vector  $\vec{d}$  is perpendicular to them. If  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times (\vec{c} \times \vec{d}) = \frac{1}{6}\hat{i} - \frac{1}{3}\hat{j} + \frac{1}{3}\hat{k}$ , and the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is  $30^\circ$ , then  $\vec{c}$  is a.  $(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})/3$  b.  $(-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})/3$  c.  $(2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})/3$  d.  $(-2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})/3$

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407. Vectors perpendicular to  $\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and in the plane of  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  are  $\hat{i} + \hat{k}$  b.  $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  c.  $3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  d.  $-4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$

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408. If side  $\vec{AB}$  of an equilateral triangle  $ABC$  lying in the x-y plane is  $3\hat{i}$ , then side  $\vec{CB}$  can be  $-\frac{3}{2}(\hat{i} - \sqrt{3}\hat{j})$  b.  $-\frac{3}{2}(\hat{i} + \sqrt{3}\hat{j})$  c.  $-\frac{3}{2}(\hat{i} + \sqrt{3}\hat{j})$  d.  $\frac{3}{2}(\hat{i} + \sqrt{3}\hat{j})$

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409. 36. If  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{c}$  and  $\vec{d}$  are unit vectors such that  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c} \times \vec{d} = 1$  and  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = \frac{1}{2}$  then a)  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are non-coplanar b)  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{c}$ ,  $\vec{d}$  are non-coplanar c)  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{d}$  are non parallel d)  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{d}$  are parallel and  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{c}$  are parallel

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410. Let two non-collinear unit vector  $\hat{a}$  and  $\hat{b}$  form an acute angle. A point  $P$  moves so that at any time  $t$ , the position vector  $OP$  (where  $O$  is the origin) is given by  $\hat{a} \cos t + \hat{b} \sin t$ . When  $P$  is farthest from origin  $O$ , let  $M$  be the length of  $OP$  and  $\hat{u}$  be the unit vector along  $OP$ . Then (a)

$$\hat{u} = \frac{\hat{a} + \hat{b}}{|\hat{a} + \hat{b}|} \text{ and } M = \left(1 + 2\hat{a} \cdot \hat{b}\right)^{1/2} \quad \text{(b) } \hat{u} = \frac{\hat{a} - \hat{b}}{|\hat{a} - \hat{b}|} \text{ and } M = \left(1 - 2\hat{a} \cdot \hat{b}\right)^{1/2} \quad \text{(c)}$$

$$\hat{u} = \frac{\hat{a} + \hat{b}}{|\hat{a} + \hat{b}|} \text{ and } M = \left(1 + 2\hat{a} \cdot \hat{b}\right)^{1/2} \quad \text{(d) } \hat{u} = \frac{\hat{a} - \hat{b}}{|\hat{a} - \hat{b}|} \text{ and } M = \left(1 - 2\hat{a} \cdot \hat{b}\right)^{1/2}$$

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411. Let  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ . A vector in the plane of  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  whose projection on  $\vec{c}$  is  $1/\sqrt{3}$  is a.  $4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  b.  $3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  c.  $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  d.  $4\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$

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412. If  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are three non-zero, non coplanar vectors  $\vec{b}_1 = \vec{b} - \frac{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|^2} \vec{a}$ ,

$$\vec{c}_1 = \vec{c} - \frac{\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|^2} \vec{a} + \frac{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c}}{|\vec{c}|^2} \vec{b}_1, \quad \vec{c}_2 = \vec{c} - \frac{\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|^2} \vec{a} - \frac{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c}}{|\vec{b}_1|^2} \vec{b}_1,$$

$\vec{b}_2 = \vec{b} - \frac{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|^2} \vec{a} - \frac{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c}}{|\vec{c}|^2} \vec{c}_1$ ,  $\vec{c}_3 = \vec{c} - \frac{\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|^2} \vec{a} - \frac{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c}}{|\vec{b}_1|^2} \vec{b}_1$  then the set of

orthogonal vectors is (a)  $(\vec{a}, \vec{b}_1, \vec{c}_3)$  (b)  $(\vec{a}, \vec{b}_1, \vec{c}_2)$  (c)  $(\vec{a}, \vec{b}_1, \vec{c}_1)$  (d)  $(\vec{a}, \vec{b}_2, \vec{c}_2)$

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**413.** The unit vector which is orthogonal to the vector  $5\hat{j} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$  and is coplanar with vectors  $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  is  $\frac{2\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{41}}$  b.  $\frac{2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}}{\sqrt{13}}$  c.  $\frac{3\hat{i} - \hat{k}}{\sqrt{10}}$   
d.  $\frac{4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}}{\sqrt{34}}$



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**414.** If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are unequal unit vectors such that  $(\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \times [(\vec{b} + \vec{a}) \times (2\vec{a} + \vec{b})] = \vec{a} + \vec{b}$ , then angle  $\theta$  between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is  
0 b.  $\pi/2$  c.  $\pi/4$  d.  $\pi$



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**415.** If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are 3 unit vectors such that  $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \frac{\vec{b}}{2}$  then ( $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  being non parallel). (a) angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  (b) angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{c}$  is  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  (c) angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  (d) angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{c}$  is  $\frac{\pi}{2}$



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416. If in triangle  $ABC$ ,  $\vec{AB} = \frac{\vec{u}}{|\vec{u}|} - \frac{\vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|}$  and  $\vec{AC} = \frac{2\vec{u}}{|\vec{u}|}$ , where  $|\vec{u}| \neq |\vec{v}|$ , then

1.  $\cos 2A + \cos 2B + \cos 2C = 0$  b.  $\sin A = \cos C$  c. projection of  $AC$  on  $BC$  is equal to  $BC$  d. projection of  $AB$  on  $BC$  is equal to  $AB$

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417. A vector  $\vec{d}$  is equally inclined to three vectors

$\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j}$  and  $\vec{c} = 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ . Let  $\vec{x}$ ,  $\vec{y}$ , and  $\vec{z}$  be three vectors in the

plane of  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ;  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{c}$ ;  $\vec{c}$ ,  $\vec{a}$ , respectively. Then  $\vec{x}\vec{d} = -1$  b.  $\vec{y}\vec{d} = 1$  c.  $\vec{z}\vec{d} = 0$  d.

$\vec{r}\vec{d} = 0$ , where  $\vec{r} = \lambda\vec{x} + \mu\vec{y} + \delta\vec{z}$

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418. If  $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c}$ , then  $(\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) \times \vec{b} = \vec{0}$  b.  $\vec{c} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = \vec{0}$  c.

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



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419. If  $\hat{a}$ ,  $\hat{b}$ , and  $\hat{c}$  are three unit vectors inclined to each other at angle  $\theta$ ,

then the minimum value of  $\theta$  is  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  b.  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  c.  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$  d.  $\frac{5\pi}{6}$



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420. Let the pairs  $a, b$  and  $c, d$  each determine a plane. Then the planes are

parallel if  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{c}) \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{d}) = \vec{0}$  b.  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{c})\vec{b} \times \vec{d} = \vec{0}$  c.

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



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421.  $P(\vec{p})$  and  $Q(\vec{q})$  are the position vectors of two fixed points and

$R(\vec{r})$  is the position vector variable point. If R moves such that

$(\vec{r} - \vec{p}) \times (\vec{r} - \vec{q}) = \vec{0}$  then the locus of R is



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422. Two adjacent sides of a parallelogram  $ABCD$  are  $2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$  and  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ . Then the value of  $|AC \times BD|$  is  $20\sqrt{5}$  b.  $22\sqrt{5}$  c.  $24\sqrt{5}$  d.  $26\sqrt{5}$

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423. If  $\hat{a}$ ,  $\hat{b}$ , and  $\hat{c}$  are three unit vectors, such that  $\hat{a} + \hat{b} + \hat{c}$  is also a unit vector and  $\theta_1, \theta_2$  and  $\theta_3$  are angles between the vectors  $\hat{a}, \hat{b}; \hat{b}, \hat{c}$  and  $\hat{c}, \hat{a}$  respectively, then among  $\theta_1, \theta_2$ , and  $\theta_3$  a. all are acute angles b. all are right angles c. at least one is obtuse angle d. none of these

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424. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are unit vectors such that  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0 = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}$  and the angle between  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  is  $\pi/3$ , then the value of  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b} - \vec{a} \times \vec{c}|$  is  $1/2$  b.  $1$  c.  $2$  d. none of these





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425. Let  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j}$ ;  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{k}$ . Then vector  $\vec{r}$  satisfying  $\vec{r} \times \vec{a} = \vec{b} \times \vec{a}$  and  $\vec{r} \times \vec{b} = \vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  is  $\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  b.  $3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  c.  $3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$  d.  $\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}$

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426. If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are two vectors, such that  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} < 0$  and  $\left| \vec{a} \times \vec{b} \right| = \left| \vec{a} \times \vec{b} \right|$ , then the angle between vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is  $\pi$  b.  $7\pi/4$  c.  $\pi/4$  d.  $3\pi/4$

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427.  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  are three vectors of equal magnitude. The angle between each pair of vectors is  $\pi/3$  such that  $\left| \vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} \right| = 6$ . Then  $|\vec{a}|$  is equal to 2 b. -1 c. 1 d.  $\sqrt{6}/3$

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428. If  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are three mutually perpendicular vectors, then the vector which is equally inclined to these vectors is

- a.  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$  b.  $\frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} + \frac{\vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|} + \frac{\vec{c}}{|\vec{c}|}$  c.  $\frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|^2} + \frac{\vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|^2} + \frac{\vec{c}}{|\vec{c}|^2}$  d.  $|\vec{a}|\vec{a} - |\vec{b}|\vec{b} + |\vec{c}|\vec{c}$

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429. Let  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  be two non-collinear unit vector. If

$\vec{u} = \vec{a} - \left( \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \right) \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{v} = \vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ , then  $|\vec{v}|$  is  $|\vec{u}|$  b.  $|\vec{u}| + \left| \vec{u} \cdot \vec{a} \right|$  c.  $|\vec{u}| + \left| \vec{u} \cdot \vec{b} \right|$  d.

$|\vec{u}| + \hat{u} \cdot |\vec{a} + \vec{b}|$

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430. The vertex A triangle ABC is on the line  $\vec{r} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \lambda \hat{k}$  and the vertices B and C have respective position vectors  $\hat{i}$  and  $\hat{j}$ . Let Delta be the area of the triangle and Delta  $\left[ \frac{3}{2}, \sqrt{33}/2 \right]$ . Then the range of values of  $\lambda$

corresponding to  $A$  is a.  $[-8, 4] \cup [4, 8]$  b.  $[-4, 4]$  c.  $[-2, 2]$  d.  $[-4, -2] \cup [2, 4]$

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**431.** If  $a$  is real constant  $A, B$  and  $C$  are variable angles and  $\sqrt{a^2 - 4} \tan A + a \tan B + \sqrt{a^2 + 4} \tan C = 6a$ , then the least value of  $\tan^2 A + \tan^2 B + \tan^2 C$  is 6 b. 10 c. 12 d. 3

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**432.** The position vectors of the vertices  $A, B$  and  $C$  of a triangle are three unit vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$ , respectively. A vector  $\vec{d}$  is such that  $\vec{d} \cdot \vec{a} = \vec{d} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{d} \cdot \vec{c}$  and  $\vec{d} = \lambda(\vec{b} + \vec{c})$ . Then triangle  $ABC$  is a. acute angled b. obtuse angled c. right angled d. none of these

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433. Given that  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{p}, \vec{q}$  are four vectors such that  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} = \mu\vec{p}, \vec{b} \cdot \vec{q} = 0$  and  $|\vec{b}|^2 = 1$ , where  $\mu$  is a scalar. Then

$\left| \left( \vec{a}\vec{q} \right) \vec{p} - \left( \vec{p}\vec{q} \right) \vec{a} \right|$  is equal to (a)  $2|\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q}|$  (b)  $(1/2)|\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q}|$  (c)  $|\vec{p} \times \vec{q}|$  (d)  $|\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q}|$

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434. In fig.  $AB, DE$  and  $GF$  are parallel to each other and  $AD, BG$  and  $EF$  are parallel to each other. If  $CD:CE = CG:CB = 2:1$ , then the value of area  $(AEG)$ : area  $(ABD)$  is equal to 7/2 b. 3 c. 4 d. 9/2

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435. In a quadrilateral  $ABCD, \vec{AC}$  is the bisector of  $\vec{AB}$  and  $\vec{AD}$ , angle between  $\vec{AB}$  and  $\vec{AD}$  is  $2\pi/3$ ,  $15|\vec{AC}| = 3|\vec{AB}| = 5|\vec{AD}|$ . Then the angle

between  $\vec{BA}$  and  $\vec{CD}$  is  $\frac{\cos^{-1}(\sqrt{14})}{7\sqrt{2}}$  b.  $\frac{\cos^{-1}(\sqrt{21})}{7\sqrt{3}}$  c.  $\frac{\cos^{-1}2}{\sqrt{7}}$  d.

$$\frac{\cos^{-1}(2\sqrt{7})}{14}$$



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**436.** Position vector  $\hat{k}$  is rotated about the origin by angle  $135^\circ$  in such a way that the plane made by it bisects the angle between  $\hat{i}$  and  $\hat{j}$ . Then its

new position is a.  $\pm \frac{\hat{i}}{\sqrt{2}} \pm \frac{\hat{j}}{\sqrt{2}}$  b.  $\pm \frac{\hat{i}}{2} \pm \frac{\hat{j}}{2} - \frac{\hat{k}}{\sqrt{2}}$  c.  $\frac{\hat{i}}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{\hat{k}}{\sqrt{2}}$  d. none of these



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**437.** A non-zero vector  $\vec{a}$  is such that its projections along vectors

$\frac{\hat{i} + \hat{j}}{\sqrt{2}}$ ,  $\frac{-\hat{i} + \hat{j}}{\sqrt{2}}$  and  $\hat{k}$  are equal, then unit vector along  $\vec{a}$  is  $\frac{\sqrt{2}\hat{j} - \hat{k}}{\sqrt{3}}$  b.  $\frac{\hat{j} - \sqrt{2}\hat{k}}{\sqrt{3}}$   
 c.  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{j} + \frac{\hat{k}}{\sqrt{3}}$  d.  $\frac{\hat{j} - \hat{k}}{\sqrt{2}}$



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**438.** Let  $\vec{a} = 2i + j + k$ ,  $\vec{b} = i + 2j - k$  and a unit vector  $\vec{c}$  be coplanar. If  $\vec{c}$  is perpendicular to  $\vec{a}$ , then  $\vec{c}$  is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-j + k)$  b.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(-i - j - k)$  c.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(-k - 2j)$  d.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(i - j - k)$

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**439.** Let  $\vec{a} = 2i + j - 2k$  and  $\vec{b} = i + j$ . If  $\vec{c}$  is a vector such that  $\vec{c} \cdot \vec{c} = |\vec{c}|$ ,  $|\vec{c} - \vec{a}| = 2\sqrt{2}$  between  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  is  $30^\circ$ , then  $\left| \left( \vec{a} \times \vec{b} \right) \times \vec{c} \right|$  is equal to  $2/3$  b.  $3/2$  c.  $2$  d.  $3$

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**440.** Let  $ABCD$  be a tetrahedron such that the edges  $AB$ ,  $AC$  and  $AD$  are mutually perpendicular. Let the area of triangles  $ABC$ ,  $ACD$  and  $ADB$  be  $3$ ,  $4$  and  $5$  sq. units, respectively. Then the area of triangle  $BCD$  is  $5\sqrt{2}$  b.  $5$  c.  $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$  d.  $\frac{5}{2}$

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441. Vector  $\vec{a}$  in the plane of  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j}$  and  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  is such that it is equally inclined to  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{d}$  where  $\vec{d} = \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ . The value of  $\vec{a}$  is a.  $\frac{\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{2}}$  b.

$\frac{\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{3}}$  c.  $\frac{2\hat{i} + \hat{j}}{\sqrt{5}}$  d.  $\frac{2\hat{i} + \hat{j}}{\sqrt{5}}$

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442. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are non-coplanar unit vectors such that  $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \frac{\vec{b} + \vec{c}}{\sqrt{2}}$ , then the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is a.  $3\pi/4$  b.  $\pi/4$  c.  $\pi/2$  d.  $\pi$

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443. Let  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$  be vectors such that  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} + \vec{w} = 0$ . If  $|\vec{u}| = 3, |\vec{v}| = 4$  and  $|\vec{w}| = 5$ , then  $\vec{u}\vec{v} + \vec{v}\vec{w} + \vec{w}\vec{u}$  is a. 47 b. -25 c. 0 d. 25



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444. If  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are three non-coplanar vectors, then

$(\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c})(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} + \vec{c})$  equals 0 b.  $[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]$  c.  $2[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]$  d.  $-[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]$



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445.  $\vec{p}$ ,  $\vec{q}$ , and  $\vec{r}$  are three mutually perpendicular vectors of the same magnitude. If vector  $\vec{x}$  satisfies the equation

$\vec{p} \times ((\vec{x} - \vec{q}) \times \vec{p}) + \vec{q} \times ((\vec{x} - \vec{r}) \times \vec{q}) + \vec{r} \times ((\vec{x} - \vec{p}) \times \vec{r}) = 0$ , then  $\vec{x}$  is

given by a.  $\frac{1}{2}(\vec{p} + \vec{q} - 2\vec{r})$  b.  $\frac{1}{2}(\vec{p} + \vec{q} + \vec{r})$  c.  $\frac{1}{3}(\vec{p} + \vec{q} + \vec{r})$  d.

$\frac{1}{3}(2\vec{p} + \vec{q} - \vec{r})$



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**446.** If vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  and  $\vec{d}$  are not coplanar, then prove that vector

$$(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times (\vec{c} \times \vec{d}) + (\vec{a} \times \vec{c}) \times (\vec{d} \times \vec{b}) + (\vec{a} \times \vec{d}) \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$$
 is parallel to  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} \cdot \vec{d}$



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**447.** The position vectors of the vertices A, B and C of a tetrahedron ABCD are  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\hat{k}$ ,  $\hat{i}$  and  $3\hat{i}$ , respectively. The altitude from vertex D to the opposite face ABC meets the median line through A of triangle ABC at a point E. If the length of the side AD is 4 and the volume of the tetrahedron is  $\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$ , find the position vectors of the point E for all its possible positions



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448. Consider three vectors  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$ . Statement 1

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \left( (\hat{i} \times \vec{a}) \cdot \vec{b} \right) \hat{i} + \left( (\hat{j} \times \vec{a}) \cdot \vec{b} \right) \hat{j} + \left( (\hat{k} \times \vec{a}) \cdot \vec{b} \right) \hat{k} \quad \text{Statement 2:}$$

$$\vec{c} = \left( \hat{i} \cdot \vec{c} \right) \hat{i} + \left( \hat{j} \cdot \vec{c} \right) \hat{j} + \left( \hat{k} \cdot \vec{c} \right) \hat{k}$$

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449. If  $\vec{A}$ ,  $\vec{B}$  and  $\vec{C}$  are vectors such that  $|\vec{B}| = |\vec{C}|$ . Prove that

$$\left[ (\vec{A} + \vec{B}) \times (\vec{A} + \vec{C}) \right] \times (\vec{B} + \vec{C}) \cdot (\vec{B} + \vec{C}) = 0$$

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450. A parallelogram is constructed on

$3\vec{a} + \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{a} - 4\vec{b}$ , where  $|\vec{a}| = 6$  and  $|\vec{b}| = 8$ , and  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are anti-parallel. Then

the length of the longer diagonal is 40 b. 64 c. 32 d. 48

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**451.** Statement 1: Vector  $\vec{c} = 5\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  is along the bisector of angle between  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = -8\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$ . Statement 2:  $\vec{c}$  is equally inclined to  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .

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**452.** Statement 1: A component of vector  $\vec{b} = 4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  in the direction perpendicular to the direction of vector  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  is  $-\hat{j}$ . Statement 2: A component of vector in the direction of  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  is  $2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ .

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**453.** Statement 1 : Points  $A(1, 0)$ ,  $B(2, 3)$ ,  $C(5, 3)$ , and  $D(6, 0)$  are concyclic. Statement 2 : Points  $A, B, C,$  and  $D$  form an isosceles trapezium or  $AB$  and  $CD$  meet at  $E$ . Then  $EAEB = ECED$ .

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**454.** Let  $\vec{r}$  be a non-zero vector satisfying  $\vec{r}\vec{a} = \vec{r}\vec{b} = \vec{r}\vec{c} = 0$  for given non-zero vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$ . Statement 1:  $[\vec{a} - \vec{b}, \vec{b} - \vec{c}, \vec{c} - \vec{a}] = 0$  Statement 2:  $[\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}] = 0$

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**455.** Let  $\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$ ;  $\vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$ ;  $\vec{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$  be three non-zero vectors such that  $\vec{c}$  is a unit vector perpendicular to both

$\vec{a}$  &  $\vec{b}$ . If the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is  $\frac{\pi}{6}$ , then  $\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}^2 =$

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**456.** Statement 1: If  $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{B} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{C} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ , then

$$\left| \vec{A} \times (\vec{A} \times (\vec{A} \times \vec{B})) \right| \vec{C} = 243.$$

Statement

2:

$$\left| \vec{A} \times (\vec{A} \times (\vec{A} \times \vec{B})) \vec{C} \right| = |\vec{A}|^2 |[\vec{A}\vec{B}\vec{C}]|$$

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**457.** Statement 1:  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  are three mutually perpendicular unit vectors

and  $\vec{d}$  is a vector such that  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{c}$  and  $\vec{d}$  are non-coplanar. If

$$[\vec{d}\vec{b}\vec{c}] = [\vec{d}\vec{a}\vec{b}] = [\vec{d}\vec{c}\vec{a}] = 1, \text{ then } \vec{d} = \vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} \quad \text{Statement 2:}$$

$$[\vec{d}\vec{b}\vec{c}] = [\vec{d}\vec{a}\vec{b}] = [\vec{d}\vec{c}\vec{a}] \Rightarrow \vec{d} \text{ is equally inclined to } \vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}.$$

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**458.** Let vectors  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{c}$ , and  $\vec{d}$  be such that  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times (\vec{c} \times \vec{d}) = 0$ . Let

$P_1$  and  $P_2$  be planes determined by the pair of vectors  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$ ,  $\vec{d}$ ,

respectively. Then the angle between  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  is a. 0 b.  $\pi/4$  c.  $\pi/3$  d.  $\pi/2$

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**459.** The number of vectors of unit length perpendicular to vectors  $\vec{a} = (1, 1, 0)$  and  $\vec{b} = (0, 1, 1)$  is a. one b. two c. three d. infinite

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**460.** For any two  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ ,  $(\vec{a} \times \hat{i})\vec{b} \times \hat{i} + (\vec{a} \times \hat{j})\vec{b} \times \hat{j} + (\vec{a} \times \hat{k})\vec{b} \times \hat{k}$  is always equal to  $\vec{a}\vec{b}$  b.  $2\vec{a}\vec{b}$  c. zero d. none of these

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**461.** Let  $\vec{f}(t) = [t]\hat{i} + (t - [t])\hat{j} + [t + 1]\hat{k}$ , where  $[.]$  denotes the greatest integer function. Then the vectors  $\vec{f}\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)$  and  $\vec{f}(t)$ ,  $0 < t < 1$  are (a) parallel to each other (b) perpendicular (c) inclined at  $\cos^{-1} 2\left(\sqrt{7(1-t^2)}\right)$  (d) inclined

at  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{8+t}{\sqrt{1+t^2}}\right)$ ;



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462. If  $\vec{a}$  is parallel to  $\vec{b} \times \vec{c}$ , then  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{a} \times \vec{c}$  is equal to  $|\vec{a}|^2 (\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c})$  b.

$|\vec{b}|^2 (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})$  c.  $|\vec{c}|^2 (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})$  d. none of these

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463. The three vectors  $\hat{i} + \hat{j}, \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \hat{k} + \hat{i}$  taken two at a time form three planes, The three unit vectors drawn perpendicular to these planes form a parallelepiped of volume:

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464. If  $\vec{d} = \vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{b} \times \vec{c} + \vec{c} \times \vec{a}$  is non-zero vector and

$|(\vec{d} \cdot \vec{c})(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) + (\vec{d} \cdot \vec{a})(\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) + (\vec{d} \cdot \vec{b})(\vec{c} \times \vec{a})| = 0$ , then a.

$|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = |\vec{c}|$  b.  $|\vec{a}| + |\vec{b}| + |\vec{c}| = |d|$  c.  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  are coplanar d. none of these

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465. If  $|a| = 2$  and  $|b| = 3$  and  $a \cdot b = 0$ , then  $(a \times (a \times (a \times (a \times b))))$  is equal to  $48\hat{b}$  b.  $-48\hat{b}$  c.  $48\hat{a}$  d.  $-48\hat{a}$

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466. If the two diagonals of one of its faces are  $6\hat{i} + 6\hat{k}$  and  $4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and of the edges not containing the given diagonals is  $c = 4\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$ , then the volume of a parallelepiped is 60 b. 80 c. 100 d. 120

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467. The volume of a tetrahedron formed by the coterminal edges  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  is 3. Then the volume of the parallelepiped formed by the



coterminous edges  $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{b} + \vec{c}$  and  $\vec{c} + \vec{a}$  is 6 b. 18 c. 36 d. 9



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468. If  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  are three mutually orthogonal unit vectors, then the triple product  $[\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}, \vec{a} + \vec{b}, \vec{c}]$  equals: (a.) 0 (b.) 1 or -1 (c.) 1 (d.) 3



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469. Vector  $\vec{c}$  is perpendicular to vectors  $\vec{a} = (2, -3, 1)$  and  $\vec{b} = (1, -2, 3)$  and satisfies the condition  $\vec{c} \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}) = 10$ . Then vector  $\vec{c}$  is equal to a. (7, 5, 1) b. -7, -5, -1 c. 1, 1, -1 d. none of these



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470. Given  $\vec{a} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j}$ ;  $\vec{a} \perp \vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = 4$ . Then

$[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}]^2 = |\vec{a}|$  b.  $[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}] = |\vec{a}|$  c.  $[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}] = 0$  d.  $[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}] = |\vec{a}|^2$

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471.  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are two unit vectors that are mutually perpendicular. A unit vector that is equally inclined to  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  is a.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{a} \times \vec{b})$  b.  $\frac{1}{2}(\vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{a} + \vec{b})$  c.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{a} \times \vec{b})$  d.  $\frac{1}{3}(\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{a} \times \vec{b})$

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472. If  $\vec{r}$  and  $\vec{s}$  are non-zero constant vectors and the scalar  $b$  is chosen such that  $|\vec{r} + b\vec{s}|$  is minimum, then the value of  $|b\vec{s}|^2 + |\vec{r} + b\vec{s}|^2$  is equal to a.  $2|\vec{r}|^2$  b.  $|\vec{r}|^2/2$  c.  $3|\vec{r}|^2$  d.  $|\vec{r}|^2$

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473. The scalar  $\vec{A}(\vec{B} + \vec{C}) \times (\vec{A} + \vec{B} + \vec{C})$  equals a. 0 b.  $[\vec{A}\vec{B}\vec{C}] + [\vec{B}\vec{C}\vec{A}]$  c.  $[\vec{A}\vec{B}\vec{C}]$  d. none of these

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474. The volume of the parallelepiped whose sides are given by

$$\vec{OA} = 2i - 2j, \vec{OB} = i + j - k \text{ and } \vec{OC} = 3i - k \text{ is a. } \frac{4}{13} \text{ b. } 4 \text{ c. } \frac{2}{7} \text{ d. } 2$$

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475. For non-zero vectors  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$ ,  $\left| (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c} \right| = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| |\vec{c}|$  holds if and

only if a.  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0, \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = 0$  b.  $\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = 0, \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$  c.  $\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} = 0, \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$  d.

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0, \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = 0, \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$$

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476. For three vectors  $\vec{u}$ ,  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$  which of the following expressions is not

equal to any of the remaining three ? a.  $\vec{u} \vec{v} \times \vec{w}$  b.  $(\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) \vec{u}$  c.  $\vec{v} \vec{u} \times \vec{w}$  d.

$$(\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) \vec{w}$$

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477. Let  $\vec{A}$  be a vector parallel to the line of intersection of planes  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ . Plane  $P_1$  is parallel to vectors  $2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and  $4\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$  and  $P_2$  is parallel to  $\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$ . Then the angle between vector  $\vec{A}$  and a given vector  $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  is a.  $\pi/2$  b.  $\pi/4$  c.  $\pi/6$  d.  $3\pi/4$

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478. If  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \beta$  and  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{c}$ , then  $\vec{b}$  is  $\frac{(\beta\vec{a} - \vec{a} \times \vec{c})}{|\vec{a}|^2}$  b.  $\frac{(\beta\vec{a} + \vec{a} \times \vec{c})}{|\vec{a}|^2}$  c.  $\frac{(\beta\vec{c} - \vec{a} \times \vec{c})}{|\vec{a}|^2}$  d.  $\frac{(\beta\vec{a} + \vec{a} \times \vec{c})}{|\vec{a}|^2}$

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479.  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are unit vectors. Then for any arbitrary vector  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\left( \left( (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) + (\vec{a} \times \vec{c}) \right) \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \right) \cdot \vec{b} - \vec{c}$  is always equal to a.  $|\vec{a}|$  b.  $\frac{1}{2}|\vec{a}|$

c.  $\frac{1}{3}|\vec{a}|$  d. none of these



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**480.** Let  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  be mutually perpendicular unit vectors. Then for any

arbitrary  $\vec{r}$ , a.  $\vec{r} = \left(\vec{r}\hat{a}\right)\hat{a} + \left(\vec{r}\hat{b}\right)\hat{b} + \left(\vec{r}\hat{a} \times \hat{b}\right)(\hat{a} \times \hat{b})$  b.

$\vec{r} = \left(\vec{r}\hat{a}\right) - \left(\vec{r}\hat{b}\right)\hat{b} - \left(\vec{r}\hat{a} \times \hat{b}\right)(\hat{a} \times \hat{b})$  c.

$\vec{r} = \left(\vec{r}\hat{a}\right)\hat{a} - \left(\vec{r}\hat{b}\right)\hat{b} + \left(\vec{r}\hat{a} \times \hat{b}\right)(\hat{a} \times \hat{b})$  none of these



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**481.** Value of  $[\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \vec{a} \times \vec{c} \vec{d}]$  is always equal to  $\left(\vec{a} \vec{d}\right)[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$  b.

$\left(\vec{a} \vec{c}\right)[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{d}]$  c.  $\left(\vec{a} \vec{b}\right)[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{d}]$  d. none of these



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**482.** Let  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  be unit vectors that are perpendicular to each other. Then  $[\vec{a} + (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})\vec{b} + (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})\vec{a} \times \vec{b}]$  will always be equal to 1 b. 0 c. -1 d. none of these

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**483.** Let  $\vec{r}, \vec{a}, \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  be four nonzero vectors such that  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$ ,  $|\vec{r} \times \vec{b}| = |\vec{r}| |\vec{b}|$  and  $|\vec{r} \times \vec{c}| = |\vec{r}| |\vec{c}|$ . Then  $[abc]$  is equal to  $|a||b||c|$  b.  $-|a||b||c|$  c. 0 d. none of these

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**484.** Let  $\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$  be three nonzero 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  $\pi/6$ , then the value of

$$\left| \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} \right| \text{ is a. } 0 \text{ b. } 1 \text{ c. } \frac{1}{4}(a_{12} + a_{22} + a_{32})(b_{12} + b_{22} + b_{32}) \text{ d. } \\ \frac{3}{4}(a_{12} + a_{22} + a_{32})(b_{12} + b_{22} + b_{32})$$



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**485.** If  $4\vec{a} + 5\vec{b} + 9\vec{c} = 0$ , then  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times [(\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \times (\vec{c} \times \vec{a})]$  is equal to a vector perpendicular to the plane of  $a, b, c$  b. a scalar quantity c.  $\vec{0}$  d. none of these



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**486.** If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  are such that  $[\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}] = 1, \vec{c} = \lambda\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ , angle, between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is  $\frac{2\pi}{3}, |\vec{a}| = \sqrt{2}, |\vec{b}| = \sqrt{3}$  and  $|\vec{c}| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ , then the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is  $\frac{\pi}{6}$  b.  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  c.  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  d.  $\frac{\pi}{2}$



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**487.** A vector of magnitude  $\sqrt{2}$  coplanar with the vector  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ , and perpendicular to the vector  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ , is a.  $-\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  b.  $\hat{i} - \hat{k}$  c.  $\hat{i} - \hat{j}$  d.  $\hat{i} - \hat{j}$

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**488.** Let  $P$  be a point interior to the acute triangle  $ABC$ . If  $PA + PB + PC$  is a null vector, then w.r.t triangle  $ABC$ , point  $P$  is its a. centroid b. orthocentre c. incentre d. circumcentre

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**489.**  $G$  is the centroid of triangle  $ABC$  and  $A_1$  and  $B_1$  are the midpoints of sides  $AB$  and  $AC$ , respectively. If  $\Delta_1$  is the area of quadrilateral  $GA_1AB_1$  and  $\Delta$  is the area of triangle  $ABC$ , then  $\Delta/\Delta_1$  is equal to a.  $\frac{3}{2}$  b. 3 c.  $\frac{1}{3}$  d. none of these

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**490.** Points  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c},$  and  $\vec{d}$  are coplanar and  $(\sin\alpha)\vec{a} + (2\sin2\beta)\vec{b} + (3\sin3\gamma)\vec{c} - \vec{d} = 0$ . Then the least value of  $\sin^2\alpha + \sin^22\beta + \sin^23\gamma$  is a.  $\frac{1}{14}$  b. 14 c. 6 d.  $1/\sqrt{6}$

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**491.** If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are any two vectors of magnitudes 1 and 2, respectively, and  $\left(1 - 3\vec{a}\vec{b}\right)^2 + \left|2\vec{a} + \vec{b} + 3(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})\right|^2 = 47$ , then the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is  $\pi/3$  b.  $\pi - \cos^{-1}(1/4)$  c.  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$  d.  $\cos^{-1}(1/4)$

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**492.** If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are any two vectors of magnitudes 2 and 3, respectively, such that  $\left|2(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})\right| + \left|3(\vec{a}\vec{b})\right| = k$ , then the maximum value of  $k$  is  $\sqrt{13}$

b.  $2\sqrt{13}$  c.  $6\sqrt{13}$  d.  $10\sqrt{13}$



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**493.**  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are unit vectors such that  $|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + 3\vec{c}| = 4$ . Angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is  $\theta_1$ , between  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  is  $\theta_2$  and between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{c}$  varies  $[\pi/6, 2\pi/3]$ . Then the maximum of  $\cos\theta_1 + 3\cos\theta_2$  is 3 b. 4 c.  $2\sqrt{2}$  d. 6



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**494.** If the vector product of a constant vector  $\vec{OA}$  with a variable vector  $\vec{OB}$  in a fixed plane  $OAB$  be a constant vector, then the locus of  $B$  is a. a straight line perpendicular to  $\vec{OA}$  b. a circle with centre  $O$  and radius equal to  $|\vec{OA}|$  c. a straight line parallel to  $\vec{OA}$  d. none of these



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**495.** Let  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$  be such that  $|\vec{u}| = 1, |\vec{v}| = 2$  and  $|\vec{w}| = 3$ . If the projection of  $\vec{v}$  along  $\vec{u}$  is equal to that of  $\vec{w}$  along  $\vec{u}$  and vectors  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$  are perpendicular to each other, then  $|\vec{u} - \vec{v} + \vec{w}|$  equals 2 b.  $\sqrt{7}$  c.  $\sqrt{14}$  d.

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**496.** If the two adjacent sides of two rectangles are represented by vectors  $\vec{p} = 5\vec{a} - 3\vec{b}; \vec{q} = -\vec{a} - 2\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{r} = -4\vec{a} - \vec{b}; \vec{s} = -\vec{a} + \vec{b}$ , respectively, then the angel between the vector

$\vec{x} = \frac{1}{3}(\vec{p} + \vec{r} + \vec{s})$  and  $\vec{y} = \frac{1}{5}(\vec{r} + \vec{s})$  is a.  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{19}{5\sqrt{43}}\right)$  b.  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{19}{5\sqrt{43}}\right)$

c.  $\pi - \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{19}{5\sqrt{43}}\right)$  d. cannot be evaluate



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**497.** Let  $P, Q, R$  and  $S$  be the points on the plane with position vectors  $-2i - j, 4i, 3i + 3j$  and  $-3j + 2j$ , respectively. The quadrilateral  $PQRS$  must be a Parallelogram, which is neither a rhombus nor a rectangle Square Rectangle, but not a square Rhombus, but not a square

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**498.**  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$  are three non-coplanar unit vectors and  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  are the angles between  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ ,  $\vec{v}$  and  $\vec{w}$ , and  $\vec{w}$  and  $\vec{u}$ , respectively, and  $\vec{x}, \vec{y}$  and  $\vec{z}$  are unit vectors along the bisectors of the angles  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$ , respectively. Prove

$$\text{that } \left[ \vec{x} \times \vec{y} \vec{y} \times \vec{z} \vec{z} \times \vec{x} \right] = \frac{1}{16} \left[ \vec{u} \vec{v} \vec{w} \right]^2 \frac{\sec^2 \alpha}{2} \frac{\sec^2 \beta}{2} \frac{\sec^2 \gamma}{2}.$$

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**499.** If  $\vec{a} = a_1 \hat{i} + a_2 \hat{j} + a_3 \hat{k}; \vec{b} = b_1 \hat{i} + b_2 \hat{j} + b_3 \hat{k}, . \vec{c} = c_1 \hat{i} + c_2 \hat{j} + c_3 \hat{k}$  and

$$\left[ 3\vec{a} + \vec{b} \quad 3\vec{b} + \vec{c} \quad 3\vec{c} + \vec{a} \right] = 28 \left[ \vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c} \right], \text{ then find the value of } \frac{\lambda}{4}.$$

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500. Find the absolute value of parameter  $t$  for which the area of the triangle whose vertices are  $A(-1, 1, 2)$ ;  $B(1, 2, 3)$  and  $C(t, 1, 1)$  is minimum.

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501. The condition for equations  $\vec{r} \times \vec{a} = \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{r} \times \vec{c} = \vec{d}$  to be consistent is  $\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{d}$  b.  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{c} \cdot \vec{d}$  c.  $\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{d} = 0$  d.  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{d} = 0$

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502. If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are nonzero non-collinear vectors, then  $[\vec{a}\vec{b}\hat{i}] \hat{i} + [\vec{a}\vec{b}\hat{j}] \hat{j} + [\vec{a}\vec{b}\hat{k}] \hat{k}$  is equal to  $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$  b.  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  c.  $\vec{a} - \vec{b}$  d.  $\vec{b} \times \vec{a}$

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503. If  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{a} = \vec{r} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{r} \cdot \vec{c} = \frac{1}{2}$  or some nonzero vector  $\vec{r}$ , then the area of the triangle whose vertices are  $A(\vec{a}), B(\vec{b})$  and  $C(\vec{c})$  is ( $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are non-coplanar)  $\left| \left[ \vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c} \right] \right|$  b.  $|\vec{r}|$  c.  $\left| \left[ \vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c} \right] \vec{r} \right|$  d. none of these

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504. A vector of magnitude 10 along the normal to the curve  $3x^2 + 8xy + 2y^2 - 3 = 0$  at its point  $P(1, 0)$  can be (A)  $6\hat{i} + 8\hat{j}$  (B)  $-8\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$  (C)  $6\hat{i} - 8\hat{j}$  (D)  $8\hat{i} + 6\hat{j}$

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505. If  $a(\vec{\alpha} \times \vec{\beta}) + b(\vec{\beta} \times \vec{\gamma}) + c(\vec{\gamma} \times \vec{\alpha}) = 0$  and at least one of  $a, b$  and  $c$  is nonzero, then vectors  $\vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta}$  and  $\vec{\gamma}$  are a. parallel b. coplanar c. mutually perpendicular d. none of these

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506. If  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \vec{b}$ , where  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  are nonzero vectors, then  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  can be coplanar  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  must be coplanar  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  cannot be coplanar none of these

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507. If  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{c}$  are any three noncoplanar vector, then the equation  $[\vec{b} \times \vec{c} \vec{c} \times \vec{a} \vec{a} \times \vec{b}]x^2 + [\vec{a} + \vec{b} \vec{b} + \vec{c} \vec{c} + \vec{a}]x + 1 + [\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}] = 0$  has roots a. real and distinct b. real c. equal d. imaginary

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508. If  $\vec{x} + \vec{c} \times \vec{y} = \vec{a}$  and  $\vec{y} + \vec{c} \times \vec{x} = \vec{b}$ , where  $\vec{c}$  is a nonzero vector, then

which of the following is not correct?  $\vec{x} = \frac{\vec{b} \times \vec{c} + \vec{a} + (\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a})\vec{c}}{1 + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{c}}$  b.

$\vec{x} = \frac{\vec{c} \times \vec{b} + \vec{b} + (\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a})\vec{c}}{1 + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{c}}$  c.  $\vec{y} = \frac{\vec{a} \times \vec{c} + \vec{b} + (\vec{c} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{c}}{1 + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{c}}$  d. none of these

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509. If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are two unit vectors incline at angle  $\pi/3$ , then

$\{\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} + \vec{a} \times \vec{b})\} \cdot \vec{b}$  is equal to  $\frac{-3}{4}$  b.  $\frac{1}{4}$  c.  $\frac{3}{4}$  d.  $\frac{1}{2}$

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510. If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are orthogonal unit vectors, then for a vector  $\vec{r}$  noncoplanar with  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ , vector  $\vec{r} \times \vec{a}$  is equal to a.

$[\vec{r} \vec{a} \vec{b}] \vec{b} - (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{b})(\vec{b} \times \vec{a})$  b.  $[\vec{r} \vec{a} \vec{b}](\vec{a} + \vec{b})$  c.  $[\vec{r} \vec{a} \vec{b}] \vec{a} - (\vec{r} \cdot \vec{a}) \vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  d.

none of these

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511. Let  $V$  be the volume of the parallelepiped formed by the vectors

$\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = c_1\hat{i} + c_2\hat{j} + c_3\hat{k}$ . If



$a_r, b_r$  and  $c_r$ , where  $r = 1, 2, 3$ , are non-negative real numbers and

$$\sum_{r=1}^3 (a_r + b_r + c_r) = 3L \text{ show that } V \leq L^3$$

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**512.** Find 3-dimensional vectors  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2, \vec{v}_3$  satisfying

$$\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_1 = 4, \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 = -2, \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_3 = 6, \vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_2 = 2, \vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{v}_3 = -5, \vec{v}_3 \cdot \vec{v}_3 = 29$$

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**513.** Let  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  be unit vectors such that  $\vec{u} \times \vec{v} + \vec{u} = \vec{w}$  and  $\vec{w} \times \vec{u} = \vec{v}$ .

Find the value of  $[\vec{u} \vec{v} \vec{w}]$

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**514.** For any two vectors  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$  prove that  $(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v})^2 + |\vec{u} \times \vec{v}|^2 = |\vec{u}|^2 |\vec{v}|^2$

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515. If the incident ray on a surface is along the unit vector  $\vec{v}$ , the reflected ray is along the unit vector  $\vec{w}$  and the normal is along the unit vector  $\vec{a}$  outwards, express  $\vec{w}$  in terms of  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{v}$

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516. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  and  $\vec{d}$  are distinct vectors such that  $\vec{a} \times \vec{c} = \vec{b} \times \vec{d}$  and  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{c} \times \vec{d}$ , prove that  $(\vec{a} - \vec{d})\vec{b} - \vec{c} \neq 0$ ,

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517. Let  $\vec{V} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{W} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{k}$ . If  $\vec{U}$  is a unit vector, then the maximum value of the scalar triple product  $[UVW]$  is -1 b.  $\sqrt{10} + \sqrt{6}$  c.  $\sqrt{59}$  d.  $\sqrt{60}$

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518. If the vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are non-coplanar and  $l, m, n$  are distinct real numbers, then  $[(l\vec{a} + m\vec{b} + n\vec{c})(l\vec{b} + m\vec{c} + n\vec{a})(l\vec{c} + m\vec{a} + n\vec{b})] = 0$ , implies  
(A)  $lm+mn+nl = 0$  (B)  $l+m+n = 0$  (C)  $l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 0$

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519. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  are unit coplanar vectors, then the scalar triple product  $[2\vec{a} - \vec{b}, 2\vec{b} - \vec{c}, 2\vec{c} - \vec{a}]$  is 0 b. 1 c.  $-\sqrt{3}$  d.  $\sqrt{3}$

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