



## MATHS

### BOOKS - RS AGGARWAL MATHS (HINGLISH)

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#### Solved Examples

1. If  $\vec{a} = (3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 4\hat{k})$  and  $\hat{b} = (6\hat{i} + 5\hat{j}, 2\hat{k})$ ,  
find  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$  and  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$ .



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2. If  $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$  and  $\vec{b} = (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k})$  then find  
 $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$  and verify that  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$  is perpendicular to each one  
of  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .

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

A.  $\frac{1}{3}(5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$

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

C.  $\frac{1}{2}(5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$

D. None of these

**Answer: A**

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4. Find a unit vector perpendicular to each one of the vectors  $\vec{a} = (4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$  and  $\vec{b} = (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$ .

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5. Find a vector of magnitude 15, which is perpendicular to both the vectors  $(4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 8\hat{k})$  and  $(-\hat{j} + \hat{k})$ .

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6. 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

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7. Find a unit vector perpendicular to each of the vectors  $(\vec{a} + \vec{b})$  and  $(\vec{a} - \vec{b})$ , where  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ .

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8. If  $\vec{a} = 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{k}$ , find  $|\vec{b} \times 2\vec{a}|$ .

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9. If  $|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{26}$ ,  $|\vec{b}| = 7$  and  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = 35$ , then  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} =$

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10.

If

$|\vec{a}| = 2$ ,  $|\vec{b}| = 7$  and  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = (3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$ , find the angle between

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11. Find the sine of the angle between the vectors

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

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12. If vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are such that  $|\vec{a}| = 3$ ,  $|\vec{b}| = \frac{2}{3}$  and  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  is a unit vector, then write the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .



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13. Find the area of the parallelogram whose adjacent sides are represented by the vectors  $(3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$  and  $(\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$ .



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14. Find the area of the parallelogram whose diagonals are represented by the vectors  $\vec{d}_1 = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k})$  and  $\vec{d}_2 = (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - \hat{k})$ .



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15. Find the area of the triangle whose adjacent sides are determined by the vectors  $\vec{a} = (-2\hat{i} - 5\hat{k})$  and  $\vec{b} = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$ .



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16. Using vectors, find the area of the  $\triangle ABC$ , whose vertices are  $A(1, 2, 3)$ ,  $B(2, -1, 4)$  and  $C(4, 5, -1)$ .

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17. Show that the points whose position vectors are  $(5\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 7\hat{k})$ ,  $(7\hat{i} - 8\hat{j} + 9\hat{k})$  and  $(3\hat{i} + 20\hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$  are collinear.

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18. Using vector method, show that the points  $A(2, -1, 3)$ ,  $B(4, 3, 1)$  and  $C(3, 1, 2)$  are collinear

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19. Show that the points with position vectors  $\vec{a} - 2\vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$ ,  $-2\vec{a} + 3\vec{b} + 2\vec{c}$  and  $-8\vec{a} + 13\vec{b}$  are collinear

whatever be  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$

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

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21. If  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{c} \times \vec{d}$  and  $\vec{a} \times \vec{c} = \vec{b} \times \vec{d}$ , show that  $(\vec{a} - \vec{d})$  is perpendicular to  $(\vec{b} - \vec{c})$ , it being given that  $a \neq d$  and  $b \neq c$ .

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22. For any three vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  show that  $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) + \vec{b} \times (\vec{c} + \vec{a}) + \vec{c} \times (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = \vec{0}$

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

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

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24. Prove that the points  $A, B$  and  $C$  with position vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  respectively are collinear if and only if

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

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25. If  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$  and  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0}$ , prove that  $\vec{a} = \vec{0}$  or  $\vec{b} = \vec{0}$ .

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26. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are vectors such that

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

then show that  $\vec{b} = \vec{c}$ .





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27. Prove that  $\left| \vec{a} \times \vec{b} \right|^2 = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} & \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \\ \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} & \vec{b} \cdot \vec{b} \end{vmatrix}$ .



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## Exercise 24

1. Find  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$  and  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$ , when

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

(ii)  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$

(iii)  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

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

(v)  $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j}$  and  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$



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2. Find  $\lambda$  if  $(2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 14\hat{k}) \times (\hat{i} - \lambda\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}) = \vec{0}$



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3.

If

$$\vec{a} = (-3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}) \text{ and } \vec{b} = (6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}), \text{ find } (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$$

Verify that (i)  $\vec{a}$  and  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$  are perpendicular to each other and (ii)  $\vec{b}$  and  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$  are perpendicular to each other.



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4. Find the value of :

$$(i) (\hat{i} \times \hat{j}) \cdot \hat{k} + \hat{i} \cdot \hat{j} \quad (ii) (\hat{k} \times \hat{j}) \cdot \hat{i} + \hat{j} \cdot \hat{k}$$

$$\hat{i} \times (\hat{j} + \hat{k}) + \hat{j} \times (\hat{k} + \hat{i}) + \hat{k} \times (\hat{i} + \hat{j})$$



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5. Find the unit vectors perpendicular to both  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  when

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

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

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

(iv)  $\vec{a} = 4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - \hat{k}$

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6. Find the unit vectors perpendicular to the plane of the vectors

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

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7. Find a vector of magnitude 6 which is perpendicular to both the vectors

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

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8. Find a unit vector perpendicular to each of the vectors  $(\vec{a} + \vec{b})$  and  $(\vec{a} - \vec{b})$ , where  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ .

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9. Find the angle between two vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  with magnitudes 1 and 2 respectively and  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = \sqrt{3}$ .

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10. Let  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j}$ ,  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = 7\hat{i} - \hat{k}$ . Find a vector  $\vec{d}$  which is perpendicular to both  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c} \cdot \vec{d} = 1$ .

A.  $\vec{d} = \frac{1}{4}(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$

B.  $\vec{d} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

C.  $\vec{d} = \frac{1}{4}(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$

D.  $\vec{d} = \frac{1}{4}(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$

**Answer: C**



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11. If  $\vec{a} = (4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - \hat{k})$ ,  $\vec{b} = (\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$ , and  $\vec{c} = (3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k})$  find a vector  $\vec{d}$  which is perpendicular to both  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  and for which  $\vec{c} \cdot \vec{d} = 21$ .



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12. Prove that  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) \tan \theta$ , where  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .



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13. Write the value of  $p$  for which  $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 9\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + p\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  are parallel vectors.



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14. verify that  $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) + (\vec{a} \times \vec{c})$ , "when"

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

(ii)  $\vec{a} = 4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ .

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15. Find the area of the parallelogram whose adjacent sides are represented by the vectors (i)  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and

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

(iii)  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - \hat{j}$  (iv)  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i}$  and  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{j}$ .

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16. Find the area of the parallelogram whose diagonals are represented by the vectors

(i)  $\vec{d}_1 = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{d}_2 = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$

$$(ii) \vec{d}_1 = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{d}_2 = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$(iii) \vec{d}_1 = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{d}_2 = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}.$$



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17. Find the area of the triangle whose two adjacent sides are determined by the vectors

$$(i) \vec{a} = -2\hat{i} - 5\hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{b} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$(ii) \vec{a} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} \text{ and } \vec{b} = -5\hat{i} + 7\hat{j}.$$



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18. Using vectors, find the area of  $\triangle ABC$  whose vertices are

$$(i) A(1,1,2), B(2,3,5) \text{ and } C(1,5,5)$$

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

$$(iii) A(3,-1,2), B(1,-1,-3) \text{ and } C(4,-3,1)$$

$$(iv) A(1,-1,2), B(2,1,-1) \text{ and } C(3,-1,2).$$



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19. Using vector method, show that the given points A,B,C are collinear:

(i) A(3,-5,1),(-1,0,8) and C(7,-10,-6)

(ii) A(6,-7,-1),B(2,-3,1) and C(4,-5,0).



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20. Show that the points A,B,C with position vectors  $(3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$ ,  $(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$  and  $(-\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$  respectively are collinear.



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21. Show that the points having position vectors  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ,  $(\vec{c} = 3\vec{a} - 2\vec{b})$  are collinear, whatever be  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{c}$ .



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22. Show that the points having position vectors  $\left(-2\vec{a} + 3\vec{b} + 5\vec{c}\right)$ ,  $\left(\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} + 3\vec{c}\right)$  and  $\left(7\vec{a} - \vec{c}\right)$  are collinear, whatever be  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{c}$ .

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23. Find a unit vector perpendicular to the plane ABC, where the coordinates of  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are  $A(3, -1, 2)$ ,  $B(1, -1, -3)$  and  $C(4, -3, 1)$ .

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24. If  $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$  and  $\vec{b} = (\hat{i} - 3\hat{k})$  then find  $\left|\vec{b} \times 2\vec{a}\right|$ .

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25. If  $|\vec{a}| = 2$ ,  $|b| = 5$  and  $\left|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}\right| = 8$ , find  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$ .



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26.

If

$|\vec{a}| = 2$ ,  $|\vec{b}| = 7$  and  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = (3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$ , find the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .



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