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SCALAR, OR DOT, PRODUCT OF VECTORS

Solved Examples

1. Let \vec{a} and \vec{b} be two given vectors such that $|\vec{a}| = 3$, $|\vec{b}| = 4$ and the angle between them is 60° . Find $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$.

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2. Find the angle between two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} with magnitudes $\sqrt{3}$ and 2 respectively and such that $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \sqrt{6}$.

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3. If \vec{a} and \vec{b} are two vectors such that $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = \sqrt{2}$ and $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = -1$, find the angle between \vec{a} and \vec{b} .

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4. Write the projection of the vector $\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$ on the vector $2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$.

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5. Write the projection of $\vec{b} + \vec{c}$ on \vec{a} , when $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$.

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6. Find λ , when the projection of $\vec{a} = \lambda\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ on $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ is 4 units.

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7. For what value λ are the vectors $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ perpendicular to each other?

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8. The scalar product of the vector $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ with a unit vector along the sum of the vectors $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = \lambda\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ is equal to 1. Find the value of λ and hence find the unit vector along $\vec{b} + \vec{c}$.

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9. Dot products of a vector with vectors

$\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ and $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ are respectively 4, 0 and 2. Find the vector.

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

B. $(3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$

C. $(3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + \hat{k})$

D. $(5\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k})$

Answer: A

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10. 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{p} which is perpendicular to both \vec{a} and \vec{b} and

$$\vec{p} \cdot \vec{c} = 18.$$

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11. Find a vector whose magnitude is 3 units and which is perpendicular to each of the vectors $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 6\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$.

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12. Find $|\vec{a} - \vec{b}|$, if two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} are such that $|\vec{a}| = 2$, and $|\vec{b}| = 3$ and $|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}| = 4$

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13. If \vec{a} makes equal angles with the coordinate axes and has magnitude 3, find the angle between \vec{a} and each of the three coordinate axes.

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14. If a unit vector \vec{a} makes angles $\pi/4$ with \hat{i} , $\pi/3$ with \hat{j} and an acute angle θ with \hat{k} then find the value of θ . Also, find the scalar and

vector components of \vec{a} along the axes.

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15. If \vec{a} and \vec{b} are two unit vectors such that $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$ is also a unit vector then find the angle between \vec{a} and \vec{b} .

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16. If sum of two unit vectors is a unit vector; prove that the magnitude of their difference is $\sqrt{3}$

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17. If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are three vectors such that $|\vec{a}| = 5$, $|\vec{b}| = 12$ and $|\vec{c}| = 13$ and $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = \vec{0}$ then $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}$

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18. 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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19. If \vec{a} , \vec{b} , \vec{c} are three mutually perpendicular vectors of equal magnitude, prove that $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}$ is equally inclined with vectors \vec{a} , \vec{b} , and \vec{c} also find the angle.

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20. 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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21. If \vec{a} , \vec{b} , \vec{c} are three vectors such that $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}$ then show that $\vec{a} = 0$ or $\vec{b} = \vec{c}$ or $\vec{a} \perp (\vec{b} - \vec{c})$.

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22. Let \vec{a} and \vec{b} be two nonzero vector. Prove that

$$\vec{a} \perp \vec{b} \Leftrightarrow \left| \vec{a} + \vec{b} \right| = \left| \vec{a} - \vec{b} \right|.$$

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23. express the vector $\vec{a} = 5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ as sum of the two vectors such that one is parallel to the vector $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{k}$ and other is perpendicular to \vec{b} .

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24. Find the values of λ for which the angle between the vectors $\vec{a} = 2\lambda^2\hat{i} + 4\lambda\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 7\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}$ is obtuse.

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25. Let $A(0, 1, 1)$, $B(3, 1, 5)$ and $C(0, 3, 3)$ be the vertices of a $\triangle ABC$. Using vectors, show that $\triangle ABC$ is right angled at C.

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26. Show that the points, A, B and C having position vectors $(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k})$, $(\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k})$ and $(3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k})$ respectively are the vertices of a rightangled triangle. Also, find the remaining angles of the triangle.

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27. Let $(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$, $(2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j})$, $(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$ and $(\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - \hat{k})$ be the position vectors of points A, B, C, D respectively. Find the angle between AB and CD. Hence, show that $AB \perp CD$.



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Exercise 23

1. Find $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$ when

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

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

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



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2. Find the value of λ for which \vec{a} and \vec{b} are perpendicular, where

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

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

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

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

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3. (i) If $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$, show that $(\vec{a} + \vec{b})$ is perpendicular to $(\vec{a} - \vec{b})$.

(ii) If $\vec{a} = (5\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k})$ then show that $(\vec{a} + \vec{b})$ and $(\vec{a} - \vec{b})$ are orthogonal.

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4. If $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 5\hat{j} - \hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}$, then find the value of λ , so that $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$ and $\vec{a} - \vec{b}$ are perpendicular vectors.

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5. Show that the vectors $\vec{a} = \frac{1}{7}(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$, $\vec{b} = \frac{1}{7}(3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$, $\vec{c} = \frac{1}{7}(6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$ are mutually perpendicular unit vectors.

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6. Let $\vec{A} = 4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - \hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ 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 is such that $\vec{d} \cdot \text{Vec}(c) = 21$.

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7. Let $\vec{a} = (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$. Find the projection of (i) \vec{a} on \vec{b} and (ii) \vec{b} on \vec{a} .

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8. Find the projection of $(8\hat{i} + \hat{j})$ in the direction of $(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$

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9. Write the projection of vector $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ along the vector \hat{j} .

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10. (i) Find the projection of \vec{a} on \vec{b} if $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 8$ and $\vec{b} = (2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$.

(ii) Write the projection of the vector $(\hat{i} + at(j))$ on the vector $(\hat{i} - \hat{j})$.

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11. Find the angle between the vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} , when

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

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

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

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12. If $\vec{a} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$ then calculate the angle between $(2\vec{a} + \vec{b})$ and $(\vec{a} + 2\vec{b})$.

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13. If \vec{a} is a unit vector and $(\vec{x} - \vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{x} + \vec{a}) = 8$ then $|\vec{x}|$

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14. Find the angles which the vector $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ makes with the coordinate axes.

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15. Show that the vector $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ is equally inclined with the coordinate axes.

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16. Find a vector \vec{a} of magnitude $5\sqrt{2}$ making an angle $\frac{\pi}{4}$ with x-axis , $\frac{\pi}{2}$ with y-axis and an acute angle θ with z-axis

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17. Find the angle between $(\vec{a} + \vec{b})$ and $(\vec{a} - \vec{b})$, if $\vec{a} = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$ and $\vec{b} = (3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$.

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18. Express the vector $\vec{a} = (6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k})$ as sum of two vectors such that one is parallel to the vector $\vec{B} = (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$ and the other is

perpendicular to \vec{b} .

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19. Prove that $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \perp \vec{c} \iff |\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2 = |\vec{c}|^2$, if and only if \vec{a}, \vec{b} are perpendicular, given $\vec{a} \neq \vec{0}, \vec{b} \neq \vec{0}$

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20. If $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = \vec{0}$, $|\vec{a}| = 3$, $|\vec{b}| = 5$, $|\vec{c}| = 7$, then find the angle between \vec{a} and \vec{b} .

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21. Find the angle between \vec{a} and \vec{b} , when

(i) $|\vec{a}| = 2$, $|\vec{b}| = 1$ and $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \sqrt{3}$ (ii) $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = \sqrt{2}$ and $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = -1$.

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22. Find $|\vec{a} - \vec{b}|$, if two vector \vec{a} and \vec{b} are such that $|\vec{a}| = 2$, $|\vec{b}| = 3$ and $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = 4$.

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

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24. If \hat{a} and \hat{b} are unit vectors inclined at an angle θ then prove that

$$\frac{\cos \theta}{2} = \frac{1}{2}|\hat{a} + \hat{b}| \frac{\tan \theta}{2} = \frac{|\hat{a} - \hat{b}|}{|\hat{a} + \hat{b}|}$$

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25. Dot product of a vector with $\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$, $\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ and $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ are 0, 5 and 8 respectively. Find the vector. Dot products of a vector with vectors $\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ and $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ are respectively 4, 0 and 2. Find the vector.

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26. If $\overrightarrow{AB} = (3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$ and the coordinates of A are $(0, -2, -1)$, find the coordinates of B.

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27. If $A(2, 3, 4)$, $B(5, 4, -1)$, $C(3, 6, 2)$ and $D(1, 2, 0)$ be four points, show that \overrightarrow{AB} is perpendicular to \overrightarrow{CD} .

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28. Find the value of λ . If the vectors $2\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ and $3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$ are perpendicular to each other.

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29. Show that the vectors $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$, $\vec{c} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$ form a right angled triangle.

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30. Three vertices of a triangle are $A(0, -1, -2)$, $B(3, 1, 4)$ and $C(5, 7, 1)$. Show that it is a right-angled triangle. Also find its other two angles.

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31. If the position vectors of the vertices A, B and C of a $\text{Tri}\angle ABC$ be $(1, 2, 3)$, $(-1, 0, 0)$ and $(0, 1, 2)$ respectively then find $\angle ABC$.

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32. If \vec{a} and \vec{b} are two non-collinear unit vectors such that $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = \sqrt{3}$, find $(2\vec{a} - 5\vec{b}) \cdot (3\vec{a} + \vec{b})$.

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33. If \vec{a} , \vec{b} , are two vectors such that $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}|$, then prove that $2\vec{a} + \vec{b}$ is perpendicular to \vec{b} .

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34. If $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j}$ and $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$, then express \vec{b} in the form $\vec{b} = \vec{b}_1 + \vec{b}_2$, where $\vec{b}_1 \parallel \vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}_2 \perp \vec{a}$.



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