



MATHS

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3D - ANGLE BETWEEN TWO LINES

Solved Examples

1. Find the direction cosines of the vector

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



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2. Find the angle at which the vector $\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ is inclined to each of the coordinate axes.



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3. Show by using direction ratios, that the points

$(2, -4, 5)$, $(1, -1, 3)$ and $(5, -13, 11)$

are collinear



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4. Find the values of a for which points $(8, -7, a)$, $(5, 2, 4)$ and $(6, -1, 2)$ are collinear.



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5. If Q be the foot of perpendicular from $P(2, 4, 3)$ on the line joining the points $A(1, 2, 4)$ and $B(3, 4, 5)$, then co-ordinate of Q is given by



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

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7. can $-\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ be the direction cosines of any directed line? Justify your answer.

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8. If a line marks angles α , β and γ with the coordinate axes, prove that $\sin^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \beta + \sin^2 \gamma = 2$.



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9. A line OP through origin O is inclined at 60° and 45° to OX and OY respectively, where O is the origin. Find the angle at which it is inclined to OZ.



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10. What are the direction cosines of a line which is equally inclined to the axes?



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11. What are the direction cosines of a line whose direction ratios are 3,4,12?



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12. Find the angles at which a line with direction ratios $2, -1, 2$ is inclined to each of the coordinate axes.



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13. A line passes through the points $(6, -7, -1)$ and $(2, -3, 1)$. Find the direction cosines of the line if the line makes an acute angle with the positive direction of the x-axis.



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14. Show that the three lines drawn from the origin with direction cosines proportional to $(1,-1,1)$, $(2,-3,0)$ and $(1,0,3)$ are coplanar



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15. If l_1, m_1, n_1 and l_2, m_2, n_2 are the direction cosines of two mutually perpendicular lines, show that the direction cosines of the line perpendicular to both of these are $m_1n_2 - m_2n_1, n_1l_2 - n_2l_1, l_1m_2 - l_2m_1$.



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16. The direction cosines of two lines satisfying the conditions

$$l + m + n = 0 \text{ and } 3lm - 5mn + 2nl = 0$$

where l, m, n are the direction cosines.

The value of $(l - m)^2 + (m - n)^2 + (n - l)^2$

is



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17. The direction cosines of two lines are given by the equations

$$3m + n5l = 0, 6nl - 2lm + 5mn = 0,$$

then the direction cosines are



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18. Find the angle between any two diagonals of a cube.



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19. Find the projection of the line joining $(1,2,3)$ and $(-1,4,2)$ on the line having direction ratios $2,3,-6$.



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20.

if

P, Q, R, S are $(3, 6, 4), (2, 5, 2), (6, 4, 4), (0, 2, 1)$

respectively. The projection of PQ on RS is



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21. Find the intercepts made on the coordinate axes by the plane $2x + y - 2z = 3$ and find also the direction cosines of the normal to the plane.



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Exercise

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



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2. If a line makes angles 90° , 135° , 45° with the x, y and z-axes respectively, find its direction cosines.



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3. If $\vec{r} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ find the direction cosines of vector.



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4. Find the direction COSINES of the line joining the points $P(4, 3, -5)$ and $Q(-2, 1, -8)$



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5. If a line has direction ratios $-18, -12, -4$ then what are its direction cosines?



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6. Show that the joint of the points $(1,2,3)$, $(4,5,7)$ is parallel to the join of the points $(-4,3,-6)$, $(2,9,2)$.



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7. Show that the line joining the points $(1,2,3)$, $(-1,-2,-3)$ is perpendicular to the line joining $(-2,1,5)$, $(3,3,2)$.



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



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9. Show that the points $A(2, 3, -4)$, $B(1, -2, 3)$ and $C(3, 8, -11)$ are collinear.



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10. Find the direction cosines of the sides of the triangle whose vertices are $(3, 5, 4)$,

$(1, 1, 2)$ and $(5, 5, 2)$.



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11. Determine the value of k so that the line joining points $A(k, 1, -1)$ and $B(2, 0, 2k)$ is perpendicular to the line joining the points $C(4, 2k, 1)$ and $D(2, 3, 2)$.



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12. Determine the values of x and y so that the line joining the points $A(x, 3, 1)$, $B(1, 1, -2)$ is parallel to the line joining the points $C(2, 5, 3)$, $D(-4, y, -6)$.



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13. Find the direction cosines of the lines connected by the relations:

$$l + m + n = 0 \text{ and } 2lm + 2ln - mn = 0.$$



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14. Find the coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular from $P(2, 1, 3)$ on the lines joining the points $A(1, 2, 4)$ and $B(3, 4, 5)$.



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15. If O be the origin and OP makes an angle of 45° and 60° with the positive direction of x and y axes respectively and $OP=12$ units, find the coordinates of P .



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16. Find the angles of $\triangle ABC$ whose vertices are

$A((-1, 3, 2), B(2, 3, 5)$ and $C(3, 5, -2)$.



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17. Find the angle between the lines whose direction-cosines are give

$l + 2m + 3n = 0$ and $3lm - 4ln + mn = 0$





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18. The angle between the line whose d.c.'s are connected by the relations $l^2 + m^2 - n^2 = 0$ and $l+m+n=0$ is



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19. Find the projection of the line segment joining $(2,-1,3)$ and $(4, 2, 5)$ on a line which makes equal acute angles with co-ordinate axes.



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20. The length of the line segment whose projection on the coordinate axes are of magnitudes 12,4,3 is (1) 13 (2) 17 (3) 19 (4) 21



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21. The direction cosines of x-axis are (A) 0,0,1
(B) 1,0,0 (C) 0,1,0 (D) 0,1,1



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22. The direction cosines of any normal to the xy -plane are (A) 1,0,0 (B) 0,1,0 (C) 1,1,0 (D) 0,0,1



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23. How many lines through the origin make equal angles with the coordinate axes? (A) 1 (B) 4 (C) 8 (D) 2



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24. The number 3,4,5 can be

(A) direction cosines of a line in space

(B) direction numbers of a line in space

(C) coordinates of a point on the line

$$y = 4z = 0$$

(D) coordinates of a point in the plane

$$x + y - z = 0$$



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25. If the direction cosines of a straight line

are k, k, k the (A) $k > 0$ (B) $0 < k < 1$ (C) $k = 1$

(D) $k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ or $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$



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26. The direction cosines of line joining $(1, -1, 1)$ and $(-1, 1, 1)$ are (A) $2, -2, 0$
(B) $1, -1, 0$ (C) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0$ (D) none of these



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27. If α, β, γ are the angle which a half ray makes with the positive direction of the axes then $\sin^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \beta + \sin^2 \gamma =$

(A) 1

(B) 2

(C) 0

(D) -1



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28. The direction cosines of the ray from $(0, 0, 0) \rightarrow (2, -3, 6)$ are (A) $-\frac{2}{7}, \frac{3}{7}, -\frac{6}{7}$

(B) $\frac{2}{7}, 37, \frac{6}{7}$ (C) $-\frac{2}{7}, -\frac{3}{7}, \frac{6}{7}$ (D)

$\frac{2}{7}, -\frac{3}{7}, -\frac{6}{7}$

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29. Two lines with direction cosines

l_1, m_1, n_1 and l_2, m_2, n_2 are at right angles

iff (A) $l_1l_2 + m_1m_2 + n_1n_2 = 0$ (B)

$l_1 = l_2, m_1 = m_2, n_1 = n_2$ (C)

$\frac{l_1}{l_2} = \frac{m_1}{m_2} = \frac{n_1}{n_2}$ (D) $l_1l_2 = m_1m_2 = n_1n_2$

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30. The projections of the segment PQ on the coordinate axes are -9,12,-8 respectively. The direction cosines of the line PQ are

(A) $-\frac{9}{\sqrt{17}}, \frac{12}{\sqrt{17}}, -\frac{8}{\sqrt{17}}$

(B) $-\frac{9}{288}, \frac{12}{289}, -\frac{8}{289}$

(C) $-\frac{9}{17}, \frac{12}{17}, -\frac{8}{17}$

(D) none of these



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31. If the direction cosines of a line are

$\frac{1}{c}, \frac{1}{c}, \frac{1}{c}$ then (A) $c=0$ (B) $0 < c < 1$ (C)

$$c = \pm \sqrt{3} \quad (\text{D}) \quad c > 2$$



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32. A line making angles 45° and 60° with the positive directions of the x and y axes respectively, makes with the positive direction of z -axis an angle of (A) 60° (B) 120° (C) 60° or 120° (D) none of these



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33. Find the angle between the following pair of lines: A line with direction ratios 2,2,1 A line joining (3,1,4) to (7,2,12)



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34. Show that the direction cosines of a vector equally inclined to the axes OX, OY and OZ are

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}.$$



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35. If a line makes angles α, β, γ with the axes

then

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

(A) -2 (B) -1 (C) 1 (D) 2



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