



## MATHS

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#### Question

1. Classify the following as scalar and vector quantities.

(i) Time period, (ii) Force, (iii) Work done



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2. Find the values of  $x$  and  $y$  so that the vectors  $2\vec{i} + 3\vec{j}$  and  $x\vec{i} + y\vec{j}$

are equal.



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

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4. Show that the points with position vectors  $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$  respectively form the vertices of a right angled triangle.

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5. Show that the vector  $\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}$  is equally inclined to the axes OX, OY and OZ.

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6. Find the position vector of a point R which divides the line joining two points P and Q whose position vectors are  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  respectively, in the ratio 2: 1 internally

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

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

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





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



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11. 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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12. If  $\vec{p}$  is a unit vector and  $(\vec{x} - \vec{p}) \cdot (\vec{x} + \vec{p}) = 80$ , then find  $|\vec{x}|$ .



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13. Find the magnitude of two vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ , having the same magnitude and such that the angle between them is  $60^\circ$  and their scalar

product is  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

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14. If  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j}$  are such that  $\vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b}$  is perpendicular to  $\vec{c}$ , then find the value of  $\lambda$ .

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15. If  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$  and  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$ , then what can be concluded about the vector  $\vec{b}$ ?

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16. Three vectors  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{c}$  satisfy the condition  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = \vec{0}$

Evaluate the quantity  $\mu = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}$  if

$$|\vec{a}| = 3, |\vec{b}| = 4, |\vec{c}| = 2$$

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

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18. If either vector  $\vec{a} = \vec{0}$  or  $\vec{b} = \vec{0}$ , then  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{0}$ . But the converse need not be true. Justify your answer with an example.

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19. If the vertices A, B, C of a triangle ABC are (1,2,3), (-1,0,0), (0,1,2) respectively, then find  $\angle ABC$  [  $\angle ABC$  is the angle between the vectors  $\vec{BA}$  and  $\vec{BC}$  ]

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20. Let  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{c}$  be three vectors such that  $|\vec{a}| = 3$ ,  $|\vec{b}| = 4$ ,  $|\vec{c}| = 5$  and each one of them being perpendicular to the sum of the other two, find  $|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}|$

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21. Show that the points A(1,2,7), B(2,6,3) and C(3,10,-1) are collinear.

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22. If  $|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{3}$ ,  $|\vec{b}| = 2$  and angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is  $60^\circ$ . find  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$

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23. Find the area of the triangle with vertices A(1, 12), B(2, 3, 5), C(1, 5, 5)

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

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25. Prove that  $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = |\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2$ , 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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26. If a unit vector  $\vec{a}$ , makes angles  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  with  $\hat{i}$ ,  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  with  $\hat{j}$  and an acute angle  $\theta$  with  $\hat{k}$ , then find  $\theta$  and hence, the components of  $\vec{a}$ .

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



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28. The scalar product of the vector  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  with a unit vector along the sum of vectors  $2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$  and  $\lambda\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  is equal to one. Find the value of  $\lambda$ .



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29. Find  $|\vec{x}|$ , if for a unit vector  $\vec{a}$ ,  $(\vec{x} - \vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{x} + \vec{a}) = 12$



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30. Find  $\left| \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c}}{abc} \right|$  if  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$



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31. Find  $\lambda$ , if the vector  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$  are coplanar.



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



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33. Show that the four points with position vectors  $4\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}$ ,  $2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$ ,  $3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  and  $5\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$  are coplanar.



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34. Find 'x' such that the four points : A(3,2,1),B(4,x,5),C(4,2,-2) and D(6,5,-1) are coplanar.

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35. If  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coplanar then show that  $\vec{a} + \vec{b}, \vec{b} + \vec{c}$  and  $\vec{c} + \vec{a}$  are also coplanar.

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### Important Question From Miscellaneous Exercise

1. Write down a unit vector in XY-plane, making an angle of  $30^\circ$  with the positive direction of x-axis.

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2. A girl walks 4 km towards west, then she walks 3 km in a direction  $30^\circ$  east of north and stops. Determine the girl's displacement from her initial point of departure.



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3. If  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j}$ ,  $3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$  and  $\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - \hat{k}$  are the position vectors of points A, B, C and D respectively, then find the angle between AB and CD. Deduce that AB and CD are collinear.



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4. Find a vector of 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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5. The two adjacent sides of a parallelogram are  $2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$  and  $\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ . Find the unit vector Parallel to its diagonal. Also, find its area.



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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 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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7. Find the vector in the direction of the vector  $\hat{i} - 2\hat{j}$  that has magnitude 7 units.



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8. Show that the direction cosines of a vector equally inclined to the axes

$$\text{OX, OY and OZ are } \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right), \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right), \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

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9. Find the value of 'p' is :  $(2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 27\hat{k}) \times (\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + p\hat{k}) = \vec{0}$ .

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10. Show that the vectors  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = -2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$  are coplanar.

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Multiple Choice Questions Mcqs

1. Prove that in any triangle ABC ,  $c = a \cos(B) + b \cos(A)$



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2. If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are two collinear vectors, then which of the following is incorrect ?

A.  $\vec{b} = \lambda \vec{a}$ , for some scalar  $\lambda$

B.  $\vec{a} = \pm \vec{b}$

C. the respective components of  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  proportional

D. both the vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  have same direction but different magnitudes.

**Answer: D**



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3. If  $\vec{a}$  is a non-zero vector of magnitude  $V$  and  $\lambda$  is a non-zero scalar, then  $\lambda \vec{a}$  is unit vector.

A.  $\lambda = 1$

B.  $\lambda = -1$

C.  $a = |\lambda|$

D.  $a = \frac{1}{|\lambda|}$

**Answer: D**



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

A.  $\frac{\pi}{6}$

B.  $\frac{\pi}{4}$

C.  $\frac{\pi}{3}$



D.  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

**Answer: B**



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5. Area of a rectangle having vertices :

$$A\left(-\hat{i} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}\right), B\left(\hat{i} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}\right), C\left(\hat{i} - \frac{1}{2}\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}\right), D\left(-\hat{i} - \frac{1}{2}\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}\right)$$

is :

A.  $\frac{1}{2}$

B. 1

C. 2

D. 4

**Answer: C**



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6. If  $\theta$  is the angle between two vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ , then  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \geq 0$  only

when:

A.  $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$

B.  $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

C.  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$

D.  $\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$

**Answer: B**



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7. Let  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  be two unit vectors and  $\theta$  is the angle between them.

Then  $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$  is a unit vector if:

A.  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$

B.  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$

C.  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$D. \theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

**Answer: D**



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8. If  $(\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k})$  are the usual three perpendicular unit vectors, then the value of:  $\hat{i} \cdot (\hat{j} \times \hat{k}) + \hat{j} \cdot (\hat{i} \times \hat{k}) + \hat{k} \cdot (\hat{i} \times \hat{j})$  is :

A. 0

B. -1

C. 1

D. 3

**Answer: C**



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9. Using vectors, find the area of the triangle having vertices A (1, 1, 1), B (1, 2, 3) and C (2, 3, 1).

A. 21 square unit

B.  $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{21}$  square unit

C.  $\sqrt{21}$  square unit

D.  $\frac{21}{2}$  square unit

**Answer: B**



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10. the angle between vectors  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{b} \times \vec{a}$  is

A.  $180^\circ$

B.  $90^\circ$

C.  $45^\circ$

D. None of these

**Answer: A**



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11. Show that the area of the parallelogram with diagonals  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ , is

$$\frac{1}{2} |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|.$$

A.  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$

B.  $\frac{1}{2} |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$

C.  $\frac{1}{3} |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$

D. None of these

**Answer: B**



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12. The area of triangle having adjacent sides  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is :

A.  $\frac{1}{2} \left| \vec{a} \times \vec{b} \right|$

B.  $\left| \vec{a} \times \vec{b} \right|$

C.  $\frac{1}{2} \left| \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \right|$

D. None of these

**Answer: A**

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13. The value of :  $\hat{i} \cdot (\hat{j} \times \hat{k}) + \hat{j} \cdot (\hat{i} \times \hat{k}) + \hat{k} \cdot (\hat{i} \times \hat{j})$  is :

A. 0

B. -1

C. 1

D. 3

**Answer: A**

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14. If  $\theta$  is the angle between two vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ , then

$$|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}| = |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| \text{ when } \theta \text{ is equal to :}$$

A. 0

B.  $\frac{\pi}{4}$

C.  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

D.  $\pi$

**Answer: B**



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15. If  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = -|\vec{a}||\vec{b}|$ , then  $\theta =$

A. 0

B.  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

C.  $\frac{\pi}{4}$

D.  $\pi$

**Answer: D**



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16. The projection of the vector  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  on the vector  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  is :

A.  $\frac{10}{\sqrt{6}}$

B.  $-\frac{10}{\sqrt{6}}$

C.  $\frac{5}{\sqrt{6}}$

D.  $-\frac{5}{\sqrt{6}}$

**Answer: A**



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17. The product of  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$  equals to:

A.  $\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a}$

B.  $\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a}$

C. 0

D. None of these

**Answer: B**



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18. The product of  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$  equals to:

A.  $\vec{a}^2$

B.  $|\vec{a}|$

C.  $|\vec{a}^2|$

D.  $|\vec{a}|^2$

Answer: D



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19. The vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are perpendicular, if

A.  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$

B.  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = 0$

C.  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$

D. None of these

Answer: C



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20. If  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \left| \vec{a} \right| \left| \vec{b} \right| \sin \theta \hat{n}$  which one is correct

A.  $\hat{n}$  is unit vector  $\perp$  to both  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$

B.  $\hat{n}$  is a unit vector  $\parallel$  to both  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$

C.  $\hat{n}$  is unit vector  $\perp$  nor  $\parallel$  to  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$

D. None of these

**Answer: A**

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21. Find the angle between two vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  with magnitudes 1 and 2 respectively and when  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 1$ .

A.  $\frac{\pi}{3}$

B.  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$

C.  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

D. None

**Answer: A**

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22. Find the angle between the vectors :  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ .

A.  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$

B.  $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$

C.  $\sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)$

D.  $\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)$

**Answer: A**

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23. Find the area of parallelogram whose adjacent sides are given by the vectors :  $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ .

A.  $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{42}$  sq. unit

B. 42 sq. unit

C.  $\sqrt{42}$  sq. unit

D.  $\sqrt{21}$  sq. unit

**Answer: A**



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