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→ The important characteristic of a VECTOR quantity is that it has both magnitude (or size) and a direction.

→ Things to be learned :

- how to ~~use~~ write down vectors,
- how to add and subtract them,
- how to use them in geometry.

→ A VECTOR is a quantity with magnitude (or length) and a direction.

Example: velocity, acceleration, momentum, force, electric and magnetic field intensities.

→ The direction of the vector is indicated by an arrow pointing from the tail to the head.

If the tail is at point A and head is at point B,

Point A $\xrightarrow{\hspace{2cm}}$ Point B : $\vec{AB}$

∴ The vector from A to B is written $\vec{AB}$.

The length is always a non-negative real number and length (magnitude) of a vector $\vec{v}$ is written $|\vec{v}|$.

→ Two vectors are equivalent if they have the same magnitude and direction.

→ The length or magnitude of $\vec{AB}$ is expressed as $|\vec{AB}|$.

→ A SCALAR is a real number :

Examples of Scalars

Mass, volume, temperature, density, electric charge, work etc.

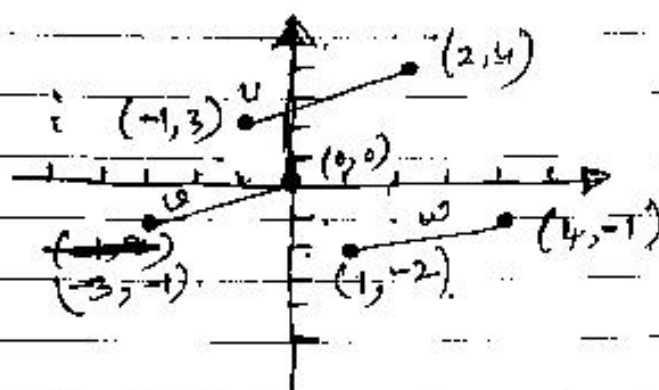
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Example:-



length of each vector by using the distance formula.

$$|u| = \sqrt{(2 - (-1))^2 + (4 - 3)^2} = \sqrt{9 + 1} = \sqrt{10}$$

$$|v| = \sqrt{(0 - (-3))^2 + (0 - (-1))^2} = \sqrt{9 + 1} = \sqrt{10}$$

$$|w| = \sqrt{(4 - (-1))^2 + (-1 - (-2))^2} = \sqrt{9 + 1} = \sqrt{10}$$

Here, all vectors u , v , w are shown in the same platform.

$$\therefore \text{Slope, } p = \frac{4-3}{2-(-1)} = \frac{0-(-1)}{0-(-3)} = \frac{1-1(-2)}{4-1} = \frac{1}{3}$$

All three vectors are same magnitude & direction.

⇒ Direction cosine refers to the cosine of the angle between any two vectors.

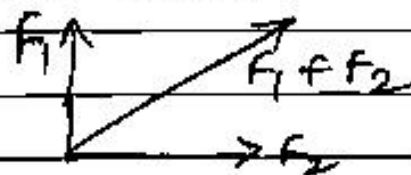
⇒ The sum of the two vectors is called the resultant.

$$\text{At } f_1 = 15 \text{ \& } f_2 = 25$$

$$\text{Then } |v| = 15^2 + 25^2$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \sqrt{15^2 + 25^2}$$

$$|v| = 29.2$$



$$\tan \theta = \frac{15}{25} = 0.6$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(0.6) = 31^\circ$$

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⇒ Q Prove that $l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1$, where, l , m and n are direction of a vector.

Sol

$$l = \cos \alpha$$

$$m = \cos \beta$$

$$n = \cos \gamma$$

$$x = r \cos \alpha$$

$$y = r \cos \beta$$

$$z = r \cos \gamma$$

$$\text{and, } r = |\vec{r}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{x}{r}; \cos \beta = \frac{y}{r}; \cos \gamma = \frac{z}{r}$$

$$\therefore \cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma = \frac{x^2}{r^2} + \frac{y^2}{r^2} + \frac{z^2}{r^2}$$

$$= \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{r^2} = \frac{r^2}{r^2} = 1$$

⇒ Q Find the M & D of the "position vector" of point.
 $P(1, -1, \sqrt{2})$

Sol $|\vec{OP}| = r$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = \sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2 + (\sqrt{2})^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{4} = 2$$

$$\text{Now, } \cos \alpha = \frac{x}{r} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \therefore \alpha = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\text{So that, } \alpha = \frac{\pi}{3}, \cos \beta = \frac{y}{r} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{So, } \beta = \frac{2\pi}{3} \text{ \& } \cos \gamma = \frac{z}{r} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{So that } \gamma = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

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⇒ Q. If the position vector of the point $P(x, 0, 3)$ has magnitude 5, find the value of x .

Sol $|OP| = r = 5$

$$\therefore |OP| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \Rightarrow 5 = \sqrt{x^2 + 0^2 + 3^2}$$

$$\therefore 25 = x^2 + 9 \therefore$$

$$\therefore x^2 = 25 - 9 = 16 = \pm 4$$

⇒ Q. Let $\vec{a} = 4\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = -2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$. Find the component form & magnitude of the following vectors.

(a) $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$

Add the value of $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$

Sol, $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{24} = 2\sqrt{6}$.

(b) $\vec{a} - \vec{b}$ using values.

$$\vec{a} - \vec{b} = 6\hat{i} - 8\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$$|\vec{a} - \vec{b}| = \sqrt{6^2 + (-8)^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{104} = 2\sqrt{26}$$

(c) $\frac{5}{2}\vec{a}$ By using the given values, we can get

$$\frac{5}{2}\vec{a} = \frac{5}{2}(4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 10\hat{i} + \frac{15}{2}\hat{j} + \frac{5}{2}\hat{k}$$

So that,

$$|\frac{5}{2}\vec{a}| = \sqrt{100 + \frac{225}{4} + \frac{25}{4}} =$$

⇒ Q. Let $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$.

Find (a) $|\vec{a} - \vec{b}|$ (b) $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}|$ (c) $|2\vec{a} - 3\vec{b}|$.

Sol By using the values, $\vec{a} + \vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$.

So that $OB + OB = OB$, Now, $|\vec{a} - \vec{b}| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-6)^2 + 2^2}$

therefore, $|\vec{a} - \vec{b}| / |\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = \sqrt{46} / \sqrt{146}$

(b) By using the given values, we get

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

Now $2\vec{a} - 3\vec{b} = -4\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$

$$\therefore |2\vec{a} - 3\vec{b}| = \sqrt{(-4)^2 + (-7)^2 + (5)^2} = \sqrt{86}$$

⇒ Q Find a unit vector in the direction of $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$
where $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

Sol

By using the given values, we can get

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

$$|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = \sqrt{4^2 + 3^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{29}$$

∴ Unit vector in the direction of $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$

$$= \frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b}}{|\vec{a} + \vec{b}|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{29}} (4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$$

⇒ Q Find a unit vector in the direction of vector $\vec{PQ}$ joining the points $P(1, 2, 3)$ and $Q(-1, 1, 2)$

Sol Here, $\vec{PQ} = (-1-1)\hat{i} + (1-2)\hat{j} + (2-3)\hat{k}$
 $= -2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}$

$$|\vec{PQ}| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (-1)^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{6}$$

∴ Unit vector in direction of $\vec{PQ}$

$$= \frac{\vec{PQ}}{|\vec{PQ}|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (-2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k})$$

⇒ Q Show that vectors $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ are collinear.

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

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

Now, it is clear that $\vec{b}$ is a scalar multiple of $\vec{a}$.

Therefore, $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ are collinear vectors.

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Q Show that the three points $A(6, -7, -1)$; $B(2, -3, 1)$ and $C(4, -5, 0)$ are collinear.

Sol

We have,

$$\vec{AB} = (2-6)\hat{i} + (-3+7)\hat{j} + (1+1)\hat{k}$$

$$\text{or } \vec{AB} = -4\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\text{and } \vec{AC} = (4-6)\hat{i} + (-5+7)\hat{j} + (0+1)\hat{k}$$

$$\text{or } \vec{AC} = -2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

From both the equation, it is clear that

$$\vec{AB} = 2\vec{AC}$$

Therefore, $\vec{AB}$ and $\vec{AC}$ are collinear vectors and also A, B and C are collinear points.

Q Find the unit vector in the direction of the sum of the vectors $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$.

Sol

The vector $\vec{PQ}$, joining the points $P(2, 2, -5)$ and $Q(2, 1, 3)$

By using the given values we can get

$$\vec{PQ} = (2-2)\hat{i} + (1-2)\hat{j} + (3+5)\hat{k}$$

$$= \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 8^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{1+64} = \sqrt{65}$$

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→ Application of vectors in specific situations

→ Things to be learned:-

a) Vector in two and three dimensions.

b) Double and triple scalar and vector product and their uses

→ It's also known "Dot Product" or "Inner Product".

→ The scalar product of two vectors.

(i) If, $\vec{u}_1 = (a_1, a_2)$, $\vec{u}_2 = (b_1, b_2)$

It's defined as $\vec{u}_1 \cdot \vec{u}_2 = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2$

(ii) If $\vec{u}_1 = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$ and $\vec{u}_2 = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$

then $\vec{u}_1 \cdot \vec{u}_2 = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3$

→ If $\vec{u} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$ and $\vec{v} = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$

then $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3$

also $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = |\vec{u}| |\vec{v}| \cos \theta$ [θ is angle between $\vec{u}$ and $\vec{v}$]

→ $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} = |\vec{u}|^2$ If $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} \geq 0 \forall \vec{u}$

→ $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u} = 0$ If $\vec{u} = 0$

→ $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u}$

→ $\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{w}$

→ $(\alpha \vec{u}) \cdot \vec{v} = \alpha (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}) = \vec{u} \cdot (\alpha \vec{v})$ [α is a scalar]

⇒ Vector (cross) product of vectors.

xx $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = (|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \sin \theta) \vec{n}$

means,

$\vec{n}$ = Unit Vector $\perp$ to both

$\vec{a}, \vec{b}$

∵ when vector $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$ are placed at angle θ , another unit vector $\vec{n}$ are constitute a right orthogonal triad (1).
Then Vector Product of $\vec{a}$ & $\vec{b}$ can be written as xx

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$$\rightarrow A \times (B \times C) = (A \cdot C)B - (A \cdot B)C$$

$$\text{and } (A \times B) \times C = (C \cdot A)B - (C \cdot B)A.$$

↑ For evaluating a vector triple product :-

Example

$$\text{If the vectors } A = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k},$$

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

$$C = 3\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

Find the vector triple product, $A \times (B \times C)$?

Soln We know,

$$A \times (B \times C) = (A \cdot C)B - (A \cdot B)C.$$

$$\rightarrow \text{1st calculate: } A \cdot C = 2 \times 3 + 3 \times (-3) - 4 \times (-1) = 1$$

$$\rightarrow \text{2nd calculate: } A \cdot B = 2 \times 1 + 3 \times (-2) - 4 \times 2 = -12$$

Putting the value in formula,

$$A \times (B \times C) = 1(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) - (-12)(3\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - \hat{k})$$

$$= \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} - \{-36\hat{i} + 36\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}\}$$

$$= \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} + 36\hat{i} - 36\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}$$

$$= 37\hat{i} - 38\hat{j} - 10\hat{k}.$$

Q. If $\vec{a} = 5\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ then show that $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$ and $\vec{a} - \vec{b}$ are perpendicular.

Sol $\vec{a} + \vec{b} = 6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$

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

$$\therefore (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = (5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}) \cdot (4\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

$$\text{or } (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = 24 - 8 - 16 = 0$$

Therefore, $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$ and $\vec{a} - \vec{b}$ are perpendicular vectors.

Ans.