## PROBLEMS

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## Solve all problems vectorially:

(1) Obtain the unit vectors perpendicular to each of x = (1, 2, -1) and y = (1, 0, 2).

$$\left[ \text{Ans: } \pm \left( \frac{4}{\sqrt{29}}, \frac{-3}{\sqrt{29}}, \frac{-2}{\sqrt{29}} \right) \right]$$

- (2) If  $\alpha$  is the angle between two unit vectors a and b, then prove that  $|\dot{a} \dot{b} \cos \alpha| = \sin \alpha$ .
- (3) If a vector r makes with X-axis and Y-axis angles of measures 45° and 60° respectively, then find the measure of the angle which r makes with Z-axis.
  [Ans: 60° or 120°]
- (4) If x and y are non-collinear vectors of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , then prove that x, y and  $\overline{x} \times \overline{y}$  are non-coplanar.
- (5) If the measure of angle between  $\overline{x} = \overline{i} + \overline{j}$  and  $\overline{y} = t\overline{i} \overline{j}$  is  $\frac{3\pi}{4}$ , then find t. [Ans: 0]
- (6) Show that for any  $a \in R$ , the directions (2, 3, 5) and (a, a + 1, a + 2) cannot be the same or opposite.
- (7) If  $\theta$  is a measure of angle between unit vectors a and  $\overline{b}$ , prove that  $\sin \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1}{2} | \overline{a} \overline{b} |$ .
- (8) If  $\overline{x}$ ,  $\overline{y}$  and  $\overline{z}$  are non-coplanar, prove that  $\overline{x} + \overline{y}$ ,  $\overline{y} + \overline{z}$  and  $\overline{z} + \overline{x}$  are also non-coplanar.



(9) Show that the vectors (1, 2, 1), (1, 1, 4) and (1, 3, -2) are coplanar. Also express each of these vectors as a linear combination of the other two.

Ans: 
$$(1, 2, 1) = \frac{1}{2}(1, 1, 4) + \frac{1}{2}(1, 3, -2);$$
  $(1, 1, 4) = 2(1, 2, 1) - (1, 3, -2);$   
 $(1, 3, -2) = 2(1, 2, 1) - (1, 1, 4)$ 

- [Note: These vectors are collinear besides being coplanar. Hence, any vector of R<sup>3</sup> which is not collinear with them cannot be expressed as a linear combination of these vectors even if it is coplanar with them.]
- (10) Show that (1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1) and (0, 1, 1) are non-coplanar vectors. Also express any vector (x, y, z) of R<sup>3</sup> as a linear combination of these vectors.

Ans: 
$$(x, y, z) = \frac{x + y - z}{2} (1, 1, 0) + \frac{x - y + z}{2} (1, 0, 1) + \frac{y + z - x}{2} (0, 1, 1)$$

- (11) Prove that an angle in a semi-circle is a right angle.
- (12) Prove that the three altitudes in a triangle are concurrent.
- (13) If A P B and  $\frac{AP}{PB} = \frac{m}{n}$ , then prove that for any point O in space,  $\overrightarrow{n} (OA) + \overrightarrow{m} (OB) = (m + n) \overrightarrow{OP}$ .
- (14) Prove that A (1, 5, 6), B (3, 1, 2) and C (4, -1, 0) are collinear. Find also the ratio in which A divides BC from B.

[Ans: -2 : 3]

(15) Find in which ratio and at which point does the XY-plane divide AB where A is (2, -2, 1) and B is (1, 4, -5).

 $\left[ \text{Ans: } 1:5 \text{ from A at } \left(\frac{11}{6}, -1, 0\right) \right]$ 



- (16) If A (0, -1, -1), B (16, -3, -3) and C (-8, -1, -2) are given points, then find the point D (x, y, z) in space so that  $\overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{CD}$ . [Ans: (8, -3, -4)]
- (17) A (0, -1, -4), B (1, 2, 3) and C (5, 4, -1) are given points. If D is the foot of perpendicular from A on  $\overline{BC}$ , find its position vector.

[Ans: (3, 3, 1)]

- (18) If the position vectors A, B, C of triangle ABC are  $\overline{a}$ ,  $\overline{b}$ ,  $\overline{c}$  respectively, then show that the area of triangle ABC =  $\frac{1}{2} \left| (\overline{a} \times \overline{b}) + (\overline{b} \times \overline{c}) + (\overline{c} \times \overline{a}) \right|$ .
- (19) Find the volume of a prism having a vertex at origin O and having coterminous edges  $\overline{OA}$ ,  $\overline{OB}$ ,  $\overline{OC}$ , where A is (4, 3, 1), B is (3, 1, 2) and C is (5, 2, 1).

[Ans: 10 cubic units]

(20) Find the volume of tetrahedron having vertices V(1, 1, 3), A(4, 3, 2), B(5, 2, 7) and C(6, 4, 8).

Ans:  $\frac{14}{3}$  cubic units

(21) If the forces of magnitudes  $\sqrt{2}$ , 2 and  $\sqrt{3}$  units are applied to a particle in the directions of vectors (-1, 0, 1), (1, 0, 1) and (1, 1, -1) respectively, then find the magnitude and direction of the resultant force.

Ans: 
$$\sqrt{5}$$
,  $\left(\cos^{-1}\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}, \cos^{-1}\sqrt{\frac{1}{5}}, \cos^{-1}\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}\right)$ 

(22) A boat is sailing to the east with a speed of  $10\sqrt{2}$  km/hr. A man on boat feels that the wind is blowing from the south-east with a speed of 5 km/hr. Find the true velocity of the wind.

Ans:  $5\sqrt{5}$  km/hr at an angle  $\cos^{-1}\frac{3}{\sqrt{10}}$  with east towards north

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- (23) A force of magnitude  $2\sqrt{10}$  units is acting on a particle in the direction 3i j and a force of magnitude  $3\sqrt{13}$  units is acting on the same particle in the direction 2i + 3j. Under the influence of these forces, the particle is displaced from A(1, 2) to B(6, 4). Find the work done. [Ans: 74 units]
- (24) Prove that the diagonals of a rhombus bisect each other orthogonally.
- (25) If a pair of medians of a triangle are equal, then show that the triangle is isosceles.
- (26) Show that the perpendicular bisectors of sides of any triangle are concurrent.
- (27) Prove that the diagonals of a rhombus are bisectors of its angles.
- (28) If  $\overrightarrow{AD}$  is a bisector of  $\angle BAC$  in triangle ABC and if  $D \in BC$ , then show that  $\frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{AB}{AC}$ .
- (29) ABCDEF is a regular hexagon. Prove that  $\overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{AC} + \overrightarrow{AD} + \overrightarrow{AE} + \overrightarrow{AF} = 3AD$ .
- (30) Show that centroid and in-centre of an equilateral triangle are the same. Find the incentre of the triangle with vertices (6, 4, 6), (12, 4, 0) and (4, 2, -2).

 $\left[ \text{ Ans : } \left( \frac{22}{3}, \frac{10}{3}, \frac{4}{3} \right) \right]$ 

(31) If A is (1, 2, 1) and B is (4, -1, 2), then find S(x, y, z) such that  $\overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{AS}$ .

[Ans: (7, -4, 3)]



(32) Let A (1, 2, -1) and B (3, 2, 2) be given points. Find in which ratios from A and at which points do the XY-, YZ- and ZX-planes divide  $\overline{AB}$ .

$$\left[ \text{Ans: } 1:2, \left(\frac{5}{3}, 2, 0\right); -1:3, \left(0, 2, \frac{5}{2}\right); \stackrel{\leftrightarrow}{\text{AB}} \text{ is parallel to } \text{ZX-plane} \right]$$

(33) Show that (6, 0, 1), (8, -3, 7) and (2, -5, 10) can be three vertices of some rhombus. Find the co-ordinates of the fourth vertex of this rhombus.

[Ans: (0, -2, 4)]

(34) Show that (1, 2, 4), (-1, 1, 1), (6, 3, 8) and (2, 1, 2) are the vertices of a trapezium. Find the area of this trapezium.

 $\left[ \text{ Ans : } \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{59} \right]$ 

(35) Find the area of the parallelogram ABCD if  $\overrightarrow{AC} = \overrightarrow{a}$  and  $\overrightarrow{BD} = \overrightarrow{b}$ .

 $\left[ \text{Ans: } \frac{1}{2} \left| \bar{a} \times \bar{b} \right| \right]$ 

(36) Find the volume of a prism having a vertex at origin and having edges  $\overrightarrow{OA} = 2\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}$ ,  $\overrightarrow{OB} = 3\vec{i} - \vec{j} + \vec{k}$  and  $\overrightarrow{OC} = -\vec{i} + \vec{j} - \vec{k}$ .

[Ans: 4 cubic units]

- (37) Show that (4, 5, 1), (0, -1, -1), (3, 9, 4) and (-4, 4, 4) cannot be the vertices of any tetrahedron.
- (38) Find the volume of the tetrahedron with vertices (4, 5, 1), (0, -1, -1), (3, 9, 4) and (1, 2, 3).

 $\left[ \text{Ans}: \frac{28}{3} \text{ cubic units} \right]$ 



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(39) A mechanical boat is rowing towards the north with speed of 8 km / hr. If wind blows from the east with the speed of 10 km / hr, find the resulting speed of the boat and also the direction of resulting motion of the boat.

Ans:  $2\sqrt{41}$  km/hr at an angle of  $\pi$  - cos<sup>-1</sup> $\left(\frac{5}{\sqrt{41}}\right)$  with east towards north

(40) A river flows with a speed of 5 units. A person desires to cross the river in a direction perpendicular to its flow. Find in which direction should he swim if his speed is 8 units.

Ans: At an angle of  $\pi - \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{8}\right)$  with the direction of flow of the river

(41) If speed of a particle is 5 units towards the east and  $\sqrt{8}$  units towards the southwest, then find the resultant speed of the particle and its direction.

Ans:  $\sqrt{13}$  units at an angle of  $\cos^{-1}\frac{3}{\sqrt{13}}$  with east towards south

(42) A boat speeds towards the north at  $6\sqrt{2}$  units. A man on the boat feels that the wind is blowing from the south-east at 5 units. Find the true velocity of the wind.

 $\left[ \text{Ans: } \sqrt{157} \text{ units at an angle of } \pi \text{ - } \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{5}{\sqrt{314}} \right) \text{ with east towards north} \right]$ 

(43) A steamer moves to the north-east with a speed of 40 units. A passenger on the steamer feels the wind to be blowing from the north with  $25\sqrt{2}$  units. Find the true velocity of the wind.

 $\left[ \text{Ans: } 5\sqrt{34} \text{ units at an angle of } \cos^{-1}\frac{4}{\sqrt{17}} \text{ with east towards south} \right]$ 

(44) A particle is displaced from A (2, 1) to B (4, 2) when forces of magnitudes  $4\sqrt{5}$  in the direction  $2\dot{i} + \dot{j}$  and  $6\sqrt{5}$  in the direction  $\dot{i} - 2\dot{j}$  are applied. Find the work done.

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[Ans: 20 units]

