

ANSWER KEY OF CAPS-20

1. (D)	2. (A)	3. (B)	4. (C)	5. (A)
6. (A)	7. (D)	8. (C)	9. (D)	10. (ABCD)
11. (BD)	12. (CD)	13. (BCD)	14. (1)	15. (5)
16. (3)	17. (2)	18. (5)	19. (6)	20. (18)
21. (36)	22. (D)	23. $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$		

SCQ (Single Correct Type) :

1. The vector $\hat{i} + x\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ is rotated through an angle of $\cos^{-1} \frac{11}{14}$ and doubled in magnitude, then it becomes $4\hat{i} + (4x - 2)\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$. The value of 'x' is:

- (A) $-\frac{2}{3}$ (B) $\frac{2}{3}$ (C) $\frac{1}{3}$ (D) 2

Ans. (D)

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\overline{AC}|^2 &= |2\overline{AB}|^2 \\
 \Rightarrow |4\hat{i} + (4x - 2)\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}|^2 &= 4 |(\hat{i} + x\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})|^2 \\
 \Rightarrow 16 + (4x - 2)^2 + 4 &= 4(1 + x^2 + 9) \\
 \Rightarrow 20 + 16x^2 + 4 - 16x &= 4 + 4x^2 + 36 \\
 \Rightarrow 12x^2 - 16x - 16 &= 0 \\
 \Rightarrow 3x^2 - 4x - 4 &= 0 \\
 \Rightarrow x = 2, -\frac{2}{3} &\dots(i)
 \end{aligned}$$

angle between $\overline{AB}$ and $\overline{AC}$ is

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\overline{AB} \cdot \overline{AC}}{|\overline{AB}| |\overline{AC}|} = \frac{\overline{AB} \cdot \overline{AC}}{2 |\overline{AB}|^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \frac{11}{14} &= \frac{(\hat{i} + x\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \cdot (4\hat{i} + (4x - 2)\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})}{2(1 + x^2 + 9)} = \frac{4 + x(4x - 2) + 6}{2x^2 + 20} \\
 \Rightarrow 11x^2 + 110 &= 70 + 28x^2 - 14x \\
 \Rightarrow 17x^2 - 14x - 40 &= 0 \\
 \therefore x = 2, -\frac{20}{17} &\dots(ii)
 \end{aligned}$$

from (i) and (ii)

$$x = 2$$



2. If the acute angle that the vector, $\alpha\hat{i} + \beta\hat{j} + \gamma\hat{k}$ makes with the plane of the two vectors $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ is $\cot^{-1}\sqrt{2}$ then :
- (A) $\alpha(\beta + \gamma) = \beta\gamma$ (B) $\beta(\gamma + \alpha) = \gamma\alpha$
 (C) $\gamma(\alpha + \beta) = \alpha\beta$ (D) $\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha = 0$

Ans. (A)

Sol. $\perp$ vector to plane

$$\vec{n} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\vec{n} = 5\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \cos(90 - \theta) = \frac{(\alpha\hat{i} + \beta\hat{j} + \gamma\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k})}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2} \cdot \sqrt{3}}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\alpha - \beta - \gamma}{\sqrt{3} \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2}} \quad (\because \theta = \cot^{-1}\sqrt{2} \Rightarrow \cot \theta = \sqrt{2} \Rightarrow \sin \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\alpha - \beta - \gamma}{\sqrt{3} \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2}} \Rightarrow \alpha(\beta + \gamma) = \beta\gamma$$

3. If $\vec{p}, \vec{q}, \vec{r}$ are three mutually perpendicular vectors of the same magnitude and if a vector $\vec{x}$ satisfies the equation $\vec{p} \times [(\vec{x} - \vec{q}) \times \vec{p}] + \vec{q} \times [(\vec{x} - \vec{r}) \times \vec{q}] + \vec{x} \times [(\vec{x} - \vec{p}) \times \vec{r}] = \vec{0}$, then vector $\vec{x}$ is equal to ____.
- (A) $\frac{1}{2}(\vec{p} + \vec{q} - 2\vec{r})$ (B) $\frac{1}{2}(\vec{p} + \vec{q} + \vec{r})$ (C) $\frac{1}{3}(\vec{p} + \vec{q} + \vec{r})$ (D) $\frac{1}{3}(2\vec{p} + \vec{q} - \vec{r})$

Ans. (B)

Sol. Without loss of generality, we can assume that

$$\vec{p} = |\vec{p}| \hat{i}, \vec{q} = |\vec{p}| \hat{j}, \vec{r} = |\vec{p}| \hat{k}$$

$$\text{The equation becomes } 3|\vec{p}|^2 \vec{x} - |\vec{p}|^2 (\vec{p} + \vec{q} + \vec{r}) - |\vec{p}|^2 \vec{x} = \vec{0}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{p}|^2 (2\vec{x} - (\vec{p} + \vec{q} + \vec{r})) = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \vec{x} = \frac{\vec{p} + \vec{q} + \vec{r}}{2}$$

4. Let $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ be two vectors of equal magnitude of 5 units each. Let $\vec{p}$ and $\vec{q}$ be vectors

such that $\vec{p} = \vec{a} + \vec{b}$ and $\vec{q} = \vec{a} - \vec{b}$. If $|\vec{p} \times \vec{q}| = 2 \left\{ \lambda - (\vec{a} - \vec{b})^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$, then value of λ is ____.

- (A) 25 (B) 125 (C) 625 (D) None of these

Ans. (C)

Sol. $\vec{p} \times \vec{q} = (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = 2(\vec{b} \times \vec{a})$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{p} \times \vec{q}|^2 = \left\{ |\vec{b}|^2 |\vec{a}|^2 - (\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a})^2 \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{p} \times \vec{q}|^2 = 4 \left\{ 625 - (\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a})^2 \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{p} \cdot \vec{q}| = 2 \left\{ 625 - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 625$$

5. $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = |\vec{c}| = |\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = 1$, $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = 0$ and $\vec{a} = \frac{\hat{i}}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\hat{j}}{\sqrt{2}}$, where $\vec{a}$, $\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b}$ are linearly dependent vectors. If for some $\vec{c}$, $|\vec{b} \times \vec{c}| = |\vec{a} \times \vec{c}|$ and $\vec{c} = p\hat{i} + q\hat{j} + r\hat{k}$, then $16(p^4 + q^4 + r^4)$ is _____.

- (A) 8 (B) 21 (C) $\frac{21}{3}$ (D) 4

Ans. (A)

Sol. $\vec{b} = (\vec{b} \cdot \hat{a})\hat{a} + (\vec{b} \cdot \hat{k})\hat{k} = -\frac{1}{2}\vec{a} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\hat{k}$

Now, $|\vec{b} \times \vec{c}| = |\vec{a} \times \vec{c}| \Rightarrow \vec{c} \perp \vec{b}$ and $\vec{c} \perp \vec{a}$ ($\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = 0$)

$$\therefore \vec{c} = \pm \frac{\vec{a} \times \vec{b}}{|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|} \quad (\text{as } |\vec{c}| = 1)$$

$$= \pm \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{i} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{j} \right)$$

$$\therefore 16(p^4 + q^4 + r^4) = 8$$

6. Let $\vec{a}$, $\vec{b}$ and $\vec{c}$ be three unit vectors such that $|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}| = \sqrt{3}$. If $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) + (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \cdot (\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) + (\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = \lambda$, then the maximum value of λ is
- (A) 0 (B) 1 (C) $\sqrt{3}$ (D) 2

Ans. (A)

Sol. $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = (\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c})(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}$

$$(\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \cdot (\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})(\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c}) - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$$

$$(\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}) - \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c}$$

Given that $|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}| = \sqrt{3}$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}) \cdot (\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}) = 3 \Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})(\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c}) + (\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c})(\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}) + (\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a})(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} - \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})(\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c}) + (\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c})(\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}) + (\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a})(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda \leq 0 \quad (\text{since } x + y + z = 0, xy + yz + zx \leq 0)$$

$$\therefore \lambda_{\max} = 0 \quad \text{only when } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = 0$$

7. Let $\vec{r}$ be the position vector of a variable point in the Cartesian OXY plane such that $\vec{r} \cdot (10\hat{j} - 8\hat{i} - \vec{r}) = 40$ and $P_1 = \max\left\{\left|\vec{r} + 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}\right|^2\right\}$, $P_2 = \min\left\{\left|\vec{r} + 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}\right|^2\right\}$. P^2 is equal to ____.
- (A) 9 (B) $2\sqrt{2} - 1$ (C) $6\sqrt{2} + 1$ (D) $9 - 4\sqrt{2}$

Ans. (D)

Sol. $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$

$$x^2 + y^2 + 8x - 10y + 40 = 0$$

$$C = (-4, 5), r = 1$$

$$P_1 = \max\left\{(x+2)^2 + (y-3)^2\right\}$$

$$P_2 = \min\left\{(x+2)^2 + (y-3)^2\right\}$$

$$\therefore P = (-2, 3)$$

$$CP = 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{Then } P_2 = (2\sqrt{2} - 1)^2, P_1 = (2\sqrt{2} + 1)^2$$

8. Let $\vec{r}$ be the position vector of a variable point in the Cartesian OXY plane such that $\vec{r} \cdot (10\hat{j} - 8\hat{i} - \vec{r}) = 40$ and $P_1 = \max\left\{\left|\vec{r} + 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}\right|^2\right\}$, $P_2 = \min\left\{\left|\vec{r} + 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}\right|^2\right\}$. $P_1 + P_2$ is equal to ____.
- (A) 2 (B) 10 (C) 18 (D) 5

Ans. (C)

Sol. $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$

$$x^2 + y^2 + 8x - 10y + 40 = 0$$

$$C = (-4, 5), r = 1$$

$$P_1 = \max\left\{(x+2)^2 + (y-3)^2\right\}$$

$$P_2 = \min\left\{(x+2)^2 + (y-3)^2\right\}$$

$$\therefore P = (-2, 3)$$

$$CP = 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{Then } P_2 = (2\sqrt{2} - 1)^2, P_1 = (2\sqrt{2} + 1)^2$$

$$P_1 + P_2 = 18$$

9. Given $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = 1$ and $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = \sqrt{3}$. If $\vec{c}$ is a vector such that $\vec{c} - \vec{a} - 2\vec{b} = 3(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$, then $(\vec{c} \cdot \vec{b})$ is equal to

(A) $-\frac{1}{2}$

(B) $\frac{1}{2}$

(C) $\frac{3}{2}$

(D) $\frac{5}{2}$

Ans. (D)

Sol. $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = \sqrt{3}$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 1 + 2(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Given, $\vec{c} - \vec{a} - 2\vec{b} = 3(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$ -

Taking dot products with $\vec{b}$ we get

$$\vec{c} \cdot \vec{b} - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{c} \cdot \vec{b} = 2 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$$

MCQ (One or more than one correct) :

10. If $\vec{a} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = y\hat{i} + z\hat{j} + x\hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = z\hat{i} + x\hat{j} + y\hat{k}$, then $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$ is
 (A) parallel to $(y - z)\hat{i} + (z - x)\hat{j} + (x - y)\hat{k}$ (B) orthogonal to $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$
 (C) orthogonal to $(y + z)\hat{i} + (z + x)\hat{j} + (x + y)\hat{k}$ (D) orthogonal to $x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$

Ans. (ABCD)

Sol. $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c})\vec{b} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{c} = (xy + yz + zx) \{(y - z)\hat{i} + (z - x)\hat{j} + (x - y)\hat{k}\}$
 $\therefore$ all the option are correct

11. The value(s) of $\alpha \in [0, 2\pi]$ for which vector $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + (\sin 2\alpha)\hat{k}$ makes an obtuse angle with the z-axis and the vectors $\vec{b} = (\tan \alpha)\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\sqrt{\sin \frac{\alpha}{2}}\hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = (\tan \alpha)\hat{i} + (\tan \alpha)\hat{j} - 3\sqrt{\operatorname{cosec} \frac{\alpha}{2}}\hat{k}$

are orthogonal, is/are:

- (A) $\tan^{-1} 3$ (B) $\pi - \tan^{-1} 2$ (C) $\pi + \tan^{-1} 3$ (D) $2\pi - \tan^{-1} 2$

Ans. (BD)

Sol. Since $\vec{a}$ makes obtuse angle with z-axis

$$\therefore \frac{\sin 2\alpha}{\sqrt{1+9+\sin^2 2\alpha}} < 0 \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \sin 2\alpha < 0$$

$$\therefore \text{either } \frac{\pi}{2} < \alpha < \pi \text{ or } \frac{3\pi}{2} < \alpha < 2\pi \quad \dots\dots(i)$$

since $\vec{b}$ and $\vec{c}$ are orthogonal

$$\therefore \tan^2 \alpha - \tan \alpha - 6 = 0 \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \tan \alpha = 3, -2 \quad \dots\dots(ii)$$

from (i) and (ii), we get

$$\tan \alpha = -2$$

$$\therefore \alpha = \pi - \tan^{-1} 2 \quad \text{or } \alpha = 2\pi - \tan^{-1} 2$$

12. Let $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{c}$ be unit vectors such that $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = 2\vec{a} \times \vec{c}$, where $|\vec{b}| = 4$. The angle between $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{c}$ is $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$. If $\vec{b} - 2\vec{c} = k\vec{a}$, then k is equal to ____.

- (A) $\frac{1}{3}$ (B) $\frac{1}{4}$ (C) -4 (D) 3

Ans. (CD)

Sol. $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = |\vec{a}| |\vec{c}| \cos\left(\cos^{-1} \frac{1}{4}\right) \Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = \frac{1}{4} \quad \dots(1)$

Taking dot product by $\vec{a}$, $\vec{b}$, $\vec{c}$ on $\vec{b} - 2\vec{c} = k\vec{a}$, we have

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - 2(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}) = k(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a})$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - \frac{1}{2} = k \Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = k + \frac{1}{2} \quad \dots(2)$$

$$\text{Similarly } \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = 8 - \frac{k^2}{2} - \frac{k}{4} \quad \dots(3) \text{ and } \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} - 2 = k(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}) \quad \dots(4)$$

$$\text{From (2), (3) and (4) we get } 8 - \frac{k^2}{2} - \frac{k}{4} - 2 = k\left(\frac{k}{4}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 3, -4$$

13. If $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times (\vec{c} \times \vec{d}) \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{d}) = 0$, then which of the following may be true?

- (A) $\vec{a}$, $\vec{b}$, $\vec{c}$ and $\vec{d}$ are necessarily coplanar (B) $\vec{a}$ lies in the plane of $\vec{c}$ and $\vec{d}$
 (C) $\vec{b}$ lies in the plane of $\vec{c}$ and $\vec{d}$ (D) $\vec{c}$ lies in the plane of $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{d}$

Ans. (BCD)

Sol. $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times (\vec{c} \times \vec{d}) \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{d}) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow ([\vec{a}\vec{c}\vec{d}]\vec{b} - [\vec{b}\vec{c}\vec{d}]\vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{d}) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow [\vec{a}\vec{c}\vec{d}][\vec{b}\vec{a}\vec{d}] = 0$

Either $\vec{c}$ or $\vec{b}$ must lie in the plane of $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{d}$

Numerical based Questions :

14. If $\vec{d}$ is a unit vector and $\vec{a}$, $\vec{b}$, $\vec{c}$ are three non-coplanar vectors, then the value of

$$\left| \frac{(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{d})(\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) + (\vec{b} \cdot \vec{d})(\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) + (\vec{c} \cdot \vec{d})(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})}{[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]} \right| \text{ is equal to } \underline{\hspace{2cm}}.$$

Ans. (1)

Sol. Let $\vec{d} = x(\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) + y(\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) + z(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$

Taking dot product with $\vec{a}$, $\vec{b}$, $\vec{c}$ one by one

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{d} = x[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] + 0 + 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{d}}{[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]}$$

$$\text{Similarly } y = \frac{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{d}}{[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]}, z = \frac{\vec{c} \cdot \vec{d}}{[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]}$$

$$\therefore \vec{d} = \frac{(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{d})(\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) + (\vec{b} \cdot \vec{d})(\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) + (\vec{c} \cdot \vec{d})(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})}{[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]}$$

$$\therefore \left| \frac{(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{d})(\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) + (\vec{b} \cdot \vec{d})(\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) + (\vec{c} \cdot \vec{d})(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})}{[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]} \right| = 1$$

15. Let $(\hat{p} \times \bar{q}) \times \hat{p} + (\hat{p} \cdot \bar{q}) \bar{q} = (x^2 + y^2) \bar{q} + (14 - 4x - 6y) \hat{p}$, where $\hat{p}$ and $\bar{q}$ are two non-collinear vectors (and $\hat{p}$ is a unit vector) and x, y are scalars. Find the value of $(x+y)$.

Ans. (5)

Sol. $(\hat{p} \times \bar{q}) \times \hat{p} + (\hat{p} \cdot \bar{q}) \bar{q} = (x^2 + y^2) \bar{q} + (14 - 4x - 6y) \hat{p}$
 $(\hat{p} \cdot \hat{p}) \bar{q} - (\bar{q} \cdot \hat{p}) \hat{p} + (\hat{p} \cdot \bar{q}) \bar{q} = (x^2 + y^2) \bar{q} + (14 - 4x - 6y) \hat{p}$

Since $\hat{p}$ and $\bar{q}$ are non-zero non-collinear,

$$(\hat{p} \cdot \hat{p} + \hat{p} \cdot \bar{q}) \bar{q} = (x^2 + y^2) \bar{q} \quad \dots(1)$$

$$-(\bar{q} \cdot \hat{p}) \hat{p} = (14 - 4x - 6y) \hat{p} \quad \dots(2)$$

$$\therefore 1 + \hat{p} \cdot \bar{q} = x^2 + y^2 \quad \dots(3)$$

$$\text{and } \hat{p} \cdot \bar{q} = 4x + 6y - 14 \quad \dots(4)$$

From (3) and (4) we get $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 6y + 13 = 0$

$$(x - 2)^2 + (y - 3)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 2 \text{ and } y = 3$$

16. Let $\bar{r} = (\bar{a} \times \bar{b}) \sin x + (\bar{b} \times \bar{c}) \cos y + (\bar{c} \times \bar{a})$, where $\bar{a}, \bar{b}$ and $\bar{c}$ are non-zero non-coplanar vectors.

If $\bar{r}$ is orthogonal to $3\bar{a} + 5\bar{b} + 2\bar{c}$, then the value of $\sec^2 y + \operatorname{cosec}^2 x + \sec y \operatorname{cosec} x$ is _____.

Ans. (3)

Sol. $\bar{r} \cdot (3\bar{a} + 5\bar{b} + 2\bar{c}) = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{a} \cdot (\bar{b} \times \bar{c}) [2 \sin x + 3 \cos y + 5] = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \sin x + 3 \cos y = -5 \quad (\because \bar{a} \cdot (\bar{b} \times \bar{c}) \neq 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x = -1, \cos y = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{cosec} x = -1, \sec y = -1$$

17. Given four non zero vectors $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}$ and $\bar{d}$. The vectors $\bar{a}, \bar{b}$ and $\bar{c}$ are coplanar but not collinear pair by pair and vector $\bar{d}$ is not coplanar with vectors $\bar{a}, \bar{b}$ and $\bar{c}$ and

$$(\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}) = (\bar{b} \wedge \bar{c}) = \frac{\pi}{3}, (\bar{d} \wedge \bar{a}) = \alpha \text{ and } (\bar{d} \wedge \bar{b}) = \beta, \text{ if } (\bar{d} \wedge \bar{c}) = \cos^{-1}(m \cos \beta + n \cos \alpha)$$

then $m - n$ is :

Ans. 2

Sol. Angle between vector $\bar{a}$ & $\bar{b}$ remains same even if we presume them as unit vector. Here for sake of convenience let $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}, \bar{d}$ are unit vectors.

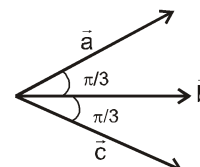
$$\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} = \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \dots(1) \quad ; \quad \bar{b} \cdot \bar{c} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \dots(2)$$

$$\bar{a} \cdot \bar{d} = \cos \alpha \quad \dots(3) \quad ; \quad \bar{b} \cdot \bar{d} = \cos \beta \quad \dots(4)$$

$$\text{also } \bar{b} = \lambda (\bar{a} + \bar{c})$$

Since $\bar{b}$ is presumed as unit vector

$$|\lambda(\bar{a} + \bar{c})| = 1 \Rightarrow \lambda^2(\bar{a}^2 + \bar{c}^2 + 2\bar{a} \cdot \bar{c}) = 1$$



or $\lambda^2(1+1-1)=1 \Rightarrow \lambda=1$

$\therefore \vec{b} = (\vec{a} + \vec{c}) \Rightarrow \vec{c} = \vec{b} - \vec{a}$

again $\vec{d} \cdot \vec{c} = |\vec{d}| |\vec{c}| \cos \theta = \vec{d} \cdot (\vec{b} - \vec{a}) \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \cos \beta - \cos \alpha \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1}(\cos \beta - \cos \alpha)$

- 18.** Given $f^2(x) + g^2(x) + h^2(x) \leq 9$ and $U(x) = 3f(x) + 4g(x) + 10h(x)$, where $f(x)$, $g(x)$ and $h(x)$ are continuous $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$. If maximum value of $U(x)$ is $\sqrt{N}$. Then the value of cube root of $(N-1000)$ is:

Ans. 5

Sol. $\max \{U(x)\} = \max. \{ (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 10\hat{k}) \cdot (f(x)\hat{i} + g(x)\hat{j} + h(x)\hat{k}) \}$

$= \max. \{ \sqrt{125} \cdot \sqrt{f(x)^2 + g(x)^2 + h(x)^2} \cdot \cos \theta \} = \sqrt{1125}$

$\Rightarrow N = 1125 \Rightarrow N - 1000 = 125$

- 19.** In an equilateral $\triangle ABC$ find the value of $\frac{|\vec{PA}|^2 + |\vec{PB}|^2 + |\vec{PC}|^2}{R^2}$ where P is any arbitrary point lying on its circumcircle, is

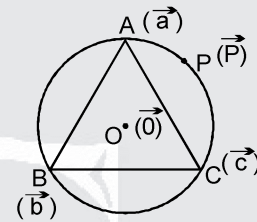
Ans. 6

Sol. Let O ($\vec{0}$) be the circumcentre of $\triangle ABC$

Given $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = |\vec{c}| = R \Rightarrow 0 = \frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}}{3} \Rightarrow \vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = 0$

$\frac{|\vec{PA}|^2 + |\vec{PB}|^2 + |\vec{PC}|^2}{R^2} = ? \Rightarrow \frac{|\vec{P} - \vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{P} - \vec{b}|^2 + |\vec{P} - \vec{c}|^2}{R^2}$

$\frac{3|\vec{P}|^2 + |\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2 + |\vec{c}|^2 - 2\vec{P} \cdot (\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c})}{R^2}; \frac{6R^2}{R^2} = 6$



- 20.** If $\vec{r}$ represents the position vector of point R in which the line AB cuts the plane CDE, where position vectors of points A, B, C, D, E are respectively $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$, $\vec{c} = -4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$, $\vec{d} = 2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ and $\vec{e} = 4\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$, then $\vec{r}^2$ is :

Ans. 18

Sol. Equation of line AB is $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda(\vec{b} - \vec{a}) \Rightarrow \vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k})$ (1)

$\vec{CD} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}; \quad \vec{CE} = 4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}; \quad \vec{n} = \vec{CD} \times \vec{CE} = 6\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

So equation of plane CDE is $3x - 2y + z = 12$. Solve with line $\vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k})$

$3(1+\lambda) - 2(2-\lambda) + 1 + \lambda = 12$

$\Rightarrow \lambda = 2$

Hence R is $3\hat{i} + 3\hat{k}$

21. Line L_1 is parallel to vector $\vec{\alpha} = -3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ and passes through a point A(7, 6, 2) and line L_2 is parallel to a vector $\vec{\beta} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ and passes through a point B(5, 3, 4). Now a line L_3 parallel to a vector $\vec{r} = 2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ intersects the lines L_1 and L_2 at points C and D respectively, then $|4\overline{CD}|$ is equal to :

Ans. 36

Sol. Equation of line L_1 is $7\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} + \lambda(-3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$

Equation of line L_2 is $5\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k} + \mu(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$

$\overline{CD} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k} + \lambda(-3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) + \mu(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$. since it is parallel to $2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$

$$\therefore \frac{2 - 3\lambda - 2\mu}{2} = \frac{3 + 2\lambda - \mu}{-2} = \frac{-2 + 4\lambda - 3\mu}{-1} \quad \therefore \lambda = 2, \mu = 1$$

$$\therefore \overline{CD} = -6\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} \quad \therefore |4\overline{CD}| = 36$$

Matrix Match Type :

22. Match the following.

Column – I	Column – II
(A) If D, E and F are the mid points of the sides BC, CA and AB respectively of a triangle ABC and λ is a scalar such that $\overline{AD} + \frac{2}{3}\overline{BE} + \frac{1}{3}\overline{CF} - \lambda\overline{AC}$, then λ is equal to	(p) 0
(B) If $\vec{A}$, $\vec{B}$ and $\vec{C}$ are vectors such that $ \vec{B} = \vec{C} $, then the value of $\left(((\vec{A} + \vec{B}) \times (\vec{A} + \vec{C})) \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) \right) \cdot (\vec{B} + \vec{C})$ is	(q) $\frac{1}{3}$
(C) In a $\triangle ABC$, points D, E and F are taken on the sides BC, CA and AB respectively such that $\frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{CE}{EA} = \frac{AF}{FB} = \lambda$. If $\text{area}(\triangle DEF) = \lambda \text{area}(\triangle ABC)$, then λ is equal to	(r) $\frac{1}{2}$
(D) The corner P of the square OPQR is folded up so that the plane OPQ is perpendicular to the plane OQR. If θ is angle between OP and QR, then $ \cos\theta $ is equal to	(s) $\frac{3}{5}$
	(t) $\frac{3}{4}$

(A) A–p; B–r; C–q; D–s

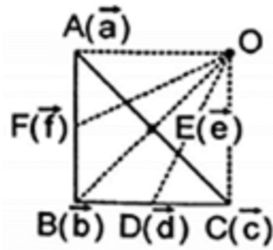
(B) A–r; B–p; C–s; D–r

(C) A–s; B–q; C–p; D–r

(D) A–r; B–p; C–q; D–r

Ans. (D)

Sol. (A) Consider the point O as origin,

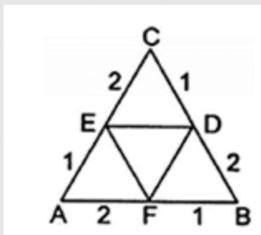


$$\begin{aligned} \text{Here, } \overrightarrow{AD} + \frac{2}{3}\overrightarrow{BE} + \frac{1}{3}\overrightarrow{CF} \\ = (\vec{d} - \vec{a}) + \frac{2}{3}(\vec{e} - \vec{b}) + \frac{1}{3}(\vec{f} - \vec{c}) \\ = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{c} - \vec{a}) \\ = \frac{1}{2}(\overrightarrow{AC}) \end{aligned}$$

(B) Let $\vec{R}_1 = \vec{A} + \vec{B}$, $\vec{R}_2 = \vec{B} + \vec{C}$ and $\vec{R}_3 = \vec{C} + \vec{A}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= ((\vec{R}_1 \times \vec{R}_2) \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C})) \cdot \vec{R}_3 \\ &= ((\vec{R}_1 \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}))\vec{R}_2 - (\vec{R}_2 \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}))\vec{R}_1) \cdot \vec{R}_3 \\ &= [\vec{A} \ \vec{B} \ \vec{C}](|\vec{C}|^2 - |\vec{B}|^2) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

(C)



Take A as the origin and let the position vectors of the points B and C be $\vec{b}$ and $\vec{c}$ respectively.

$\therefore$ The position vectors of D, E and F are

$$\frac{2\vec{c} + \vec{b}}{3}, \frac{\vec{c}}{3}, \frac{2\vec{b}}{3} \text{ respectively}$$

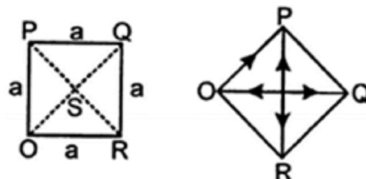
$$\overrightarrow{FD} = \overrightarrow{AD} - \overrightarrow{AF} = \frac{2\vec{c} - \vec{b}}{3} \quad \text{and} \quad \overrightarrow{EF} = \overrightarrow{AF} - \overrightarrow{AE} = \frac{2\vec{b} - \vec{c}}{3}$$

$$\text{Now area } (\Delta ABC) = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{b} \times \vec{c}|$$

$$\text{and the area of } \Delta ABC = \frac{1}{2} |\overrightarrow{FD} \times \overrightarrow{FE}| = \frac{1}{2(3)^2} |(2\vec{b} - \vec{c}) \times (2\vec{c} - \vec{b})|$$

$$\therefore \text{ area of } \Delta ABC = \frac{3}{(3)^2} \text{ area } (\Delta ABC) = \frac{1}{3} (\text{area}(\Delta ABC))$$

(D)



After folding OPQ, $PS \perp SR$

Here $SQ \perp SR$, $SQ \perp PS$

$$\text{Let } \overrightarrow{SR} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{k}, \overrightarrow{SQ} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{i}, \overrightarrow{SP} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{j}$$

$$\overrightarrow{OP} = -\overrightarrow{SO} + \overrightarrow{SP} = -\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{j} + \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{i} + \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} (\hat{i} + \hat{j})$$

$$\overrightarrow{QR} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}} (\hat{k} + \hat{i})$$

$$|\overrightarrow{OP}| = a, |\overrightarrow{QR}| = a$$

$$\text{Cosine of angle between } \overrightarrow{OP} \text{ and } \overrightarrow{QR} = \frac{\overrightarrow{OP} \cdot \overrightarrow{QR}}{|\overrightarrow{OP}| |\overrightarrow{QR}|}$$

$$\cos \theta = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \therefore \theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

Subjective based Questions :

- 23.** Let ABC be a triangle. Points M, N and P are taken on the sides AB, BC and CA respectively such that $\frac{AM}{AB} = \frac{BN}{BC} = \frac{CP}{CA} = \lambda$. Prove that the vectors $\overrightarrow{AN}$, $\overrightarrow{BP}$ and $\overrightarrow{CM}$ form a triangle. Also find λ for which the area of the triangle formed by these vectors is the least.

Ans. $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$

Sol. Let $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ be the position vectors of A, B, C respectively.

$$\overrightarrow{OM} = \lambda \vec{b} + (1-\lambda) \vec{a}, \overrightarrow{ON} = \lambda \vec{c} + (1-\lambda) \vec{b}, \overrightarrow{OP} = \lambda \vec{a} + (1-\lambda) \vec{c}$$

$$\therefore \overrightarrow{AN} = \lambda \vec{c} + (1-\lambda) \vec{b} - \vec{a}$$

$$\overrightarrow{BP} = \lambda \vec{a} + (1-\lambda) \vec{c} - \vec{b} \text{ and } \overrightarrow{CM} = \lambda \vec{b} + (1-\lambda) \vec{a} - \vec{c}$$

$$\text{Clearly } \overrightarrow{AN} + \overrightarrow{BP} + \overrightarrow{CM} = \vec{0}$$

$$\therefore \overrightarrow{AN}, \overrightarrow{BP}, \overrightarrow{CM} \text{ form a triangle}$$

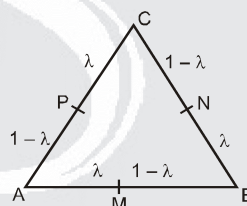
Area of triangle formed by the vectors $\overrightarrow{AN}, \overrightarrow{BP}, \overrightarrow{CM}$ is

$$= \frac{1}{2} |(\lambda \vec{c} + (1-\lambda) \vec{b} - \vec{a}) \times (\lambda \vec{a} + (1-\lambda) \vec{c} - \vec{b})|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} |\lambda^2 - \lambda + 1| (\Delta ABC)$$

is least if $|\lambda^2 - \lambda + 1|$ is least

Which is when $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$



- 24.** Let P be an interior point of a triangle ABC and AP, BP, CP meet the sides BC, CA, AB is D, E, F respectively. Show that

$$\frac{AP}{PD} = \frac{AF}{FB} + \frac{AE}{EC}$$

- Sol.** Since A, B, C, P are co-planar, there exists 4 scalars x, y, z, w not all zero simultaneously such that

$$x\vec{a} + y\vec{b} + z\vec{c} + w\vec{p} = 0$$

$$\text{where } x + y + z + w = 0$$

$$\text{Also, } \frac{x\vec{a} + w\vec{p}}{x + w} = \frac{y\vec{b} + z\vec{c}}{y + z}$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{AP}{PD} = -\frac{w}{x} - 1$$

$$\text{Also } \frac{x\vec{a} + y\vec{b}}{x + y} = \frac{z\vec{c} + w\vec{p}}{z + w} \Rightarrow \frac{AF}{FB} = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$\text{Similarly } \frac{AE}{EC} = \frac{z}{x}$$

$$\text{Thus to show that } -\frac{w}{x} - 1 = \frac{y}{x} + \frac{z}{x} \Rightarrow x + y + z + w = 0 \text{ which is true.}$$

Hence proved.

- 25.** Let PM be the perpendicular from the point P(1, 2, 3) to the x-y plane. If OP makes an angle θ with the positive direction of the z-axis and OM makes an angle ϕ with the positive direction of the x-axis, where O is the origin, then find θ and ϕ

Ans. $\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}$ and $\phi = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$

Sol. $OP = \sqrt{14}$

$$3 = OP \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore \cos \theta = \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}$$

$$OM = OP \sin \theta = \sqrt{5}$$

$$1 = OM \cos \phi = \sqrt{5} \cos \phi$$

$$\therefore \cos \phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \Rightarrow \phi = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

