PROBLEMS

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 α is the angle between two unit vectors a and b, then prove that $|a b \cos \alpha| = \sin \alpha$.
- (3) If a vector r makes with X-axis and reaxis 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-pollinear vectors of \mathbb{R}^3 , then prove that x, y and x \times y are non-coplanar.
- (5) If the measure of angle between $\bar{x} = \bar{i} + \bar{j}$ and $\bar{y} = t\bar{i} \bar{j}$ is $\frac{3\pi}{4}$, then find t.

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 θ is a measure of angle between unit vectors \overline{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 R³ 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 R³ 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,
 $\overrightarrow{OA} + m(\overrightarrow{OB}) = (m + n) \overrightarrow{OP}$.

(14) Prove that A (1, 5, 6), B (3, 1, 2) and C (4, -1, 0) are collinear. Find also the natio in which A divides \overline{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).

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

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(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 this the foot of perpendicular from A on BC, find its position vector.

[Ans: (3, 3, 1)]

- (18) If the position vectors A, B, C of triangle ABc are \bar{a} , \bar{b} , \bar{c} respectively, then show that the area of triangle ABC = $\frac{1}{2} \left| (\bar{a} \times \bar{b}) + (\bar{b} \times \bar{c}) + (\bar{c} \times \bar{a}) \right|$.
- (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: $\frac{14}{4}$ 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 $3i \cdot j$ 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.
- (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 **ZBAC** 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 $\overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{AC} + \overrightarrow{AD} + \overrightarrow{AE} + \overrightarrow{AF} = \overrightarrow{3AD}$.
- (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).

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

(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} .

Ans: 1:2,
$$\left(\frac{5}{3}, 2, 0\right)$$
; -1:3, $\left(0, 2, \frac{5}{2}\right)$; \overleftrightarrow{AB} is parallel to ZX-plan

(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

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

Ans: $\frac{1}{2} | \bar{a} \times \bar{b} |$

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

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

A cubic units]

- 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).

Ans: $\frac{28}{3}$ cubic units

(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 $\pi - \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{\sqrt{41}}\right)$ 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 be 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 $\sqrt{13}$ 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.

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

(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.

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

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

[Ans: 20 units]