

Numeric Response Questions

Vectors

Q.1 If $\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$, $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ are position vectors of vertices of a triangle, if its area is \sqrt{k} then find k .

Q.2 A particle acted on by constant forces $4\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ and $3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ is displaced from the point $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ to the point $5\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + \hat{k}$. Then find the total work done by forces.

Q.3 Let $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j}$. If \vec{c} is a vector such that $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = |\vec{c}|^2 - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = 2\sqrt{2}$ and the angle between $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ and \vec{c} is 30° , then find value of $|(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c}|$.

Q.4 If $|\vec{a}| = 3$, $|\vec{b}| = 4$ and $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = 5$, then find $|\vec{a} - \vec{b}|$.

Q.5 ABCD is a quadrilateral with $\overline{AB} = \vec{a}$, $\overline{AD} = \vec{b}$ and $\overline{AC} = 2\vec{a} + 3\vec{b}$. If its area is α times the area of the parallelogram gm with AB, AD as adjacent sides, then find the value of α ,

Q.6 Let $\overline{OA} = \vec{a}$, $\overline{OB} = 10\vec{a} + 2\vec{b}$ and $\overline{OC} = \vec{b}$ where A and C are non-collinear points, Let p denote the area of the quadrilateral OABC, and let q denote the area of the parallelogram with OA and OC as adjacent sides, If $p = kq$, then find value of k .

Q.7 If vectors $\overline{AB} = -3\hat{i} + 4\hat{k}$ and $\overline{AC} = 5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ are the sides of a $\triangle ABC$, if the length of the median through A is \sqrt{k} then find k .

Q.8 If $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}| = 1$ and $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = \sqrt{3}$, then find the value of $(3\vec{a} - 4\vec{b}) \cdot (2\vec{a} + 5\vec{b})$.

Q.9 Find the area of the parallelogram whose diagonals are $\vec{a} - \vec{b}$ and $3\vec{a} + \vec{b}$, where $|\vec{a}| = 2|\vec{b}| = 2$ and the angle between \vec{a} and \vec{b} is $\pi/6$.

Q.10 Let $|\vec{a}| = 1$, $|\vec{b}| = 2$, $|\vec{c}| = 3$ and $\vec{a} \perp (\vec{b} + \vec{c})$, $\vec{b} \perp (\vec{c} + \vec{a})$ and $\vec{c} \perp (\vec{a} + \vec{b})$, If the value of $|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}|$ is \sqrt{k} then find k ,



Q.11 If vectors $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ and $3\hat{i} + a\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ are coplanar, then find value of 'a'.

Q.12 If the vectors $\vec{a} + \vec{b} - \lambda\vec{c}$, $3\vec{a} - 2\vec{b} + 4\vec{c}$, $3\vec{a} - 7\vec{b} + 14\vec{c}$ are linearly dependent (\vec{a} , \vec{b} , \vec{c} are non zero noncoplanar) then find the value of λ .

Q.13 If \vec{u} , \vec{v} , \vec{w} are vectors such that $\vec{u} + \vec{v} + \vec{w} = 0$, $|\vec{u}| = 3$, $|\vec{v}| = 4$ and $|\vec{w}| = 5$, then find value of $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} + \vec{w} \cdot \vec{u}$.

Q.14 Let $|\vec{a}| = 1$ and $|\vec{b}| = 3$. If $\vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b}$ and $\vec{a} - \lambda\vec{b}$ are mutually perpendicular vectors, then find value of $|\lambda|$,

Q.15 Find the volume of parallelepiped whose coterminus edges are represented by $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$.



ANSWER KEY

1. 13.00 2. 40.00 3. 1.50 4. 5.00 5. 2.50 6. 6.00 7. 18.00
 8. -10.50 9. 2.00 10. 14.00 11. -4.00 12. 2.00 13. -25.00 14. 0.33
 15. 7.00

Hints & Solutions

1. $\vec{AB} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$
 $\vec{AC} = 2\hat{i}$
 Area = $\frac{1}{2} |\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}|$
 $= \sqrt{13}$

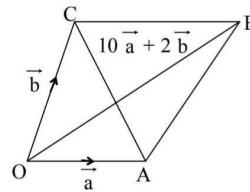
2. $\vec{F} = 7\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$
 $\vec{d} = (5\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + \hat{k}) - (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$
 $\vec{d} = 4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$
 $\therefore W = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{d} = 40$

3. $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$
 $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = 3$
 $|\vec{c} - \vec{a}| = 2\sqrt{2}$
 $|\vec{c} - \vec{a}|^2 = 8$
 $|\vec{c}|^2 + |\vec{a}|^2 - 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = 8$
 $|\vec{c}|^2 + |\vec{a}|^2 - 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = 8$
 $|\vec{c}|^2 + 9 - 2|\vec{c}| = 8$
 $\therefore (|\vec{c}| - 1)^2 = 0$
 $|\vec{c}| = 1$
 $\therefore |(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c}|$
 $= |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| |\vec{c}| \sin 30^\circ = \frac{3}{2}$

4. $|\vec{a}| = 3, |\vec{b}| = 4, |\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = 5$
 $|\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2 + 2|\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\cos\theta = 25$
 $9 + 16 + 2 \times 3 \times 4 \cos\theta = 25$
 $\cos\theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = \pi/2$
 $|\vec{a} - \vec{b}| = \sqrt{9 + 16 - 2 \times 3 \times 4(0)} = 5$

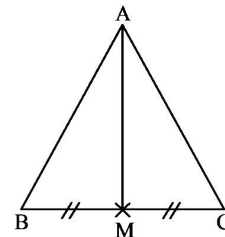
5. Area of quadrilateral ABCD
 $= \text{area of } \Delta ABC + \text{area of } \Delta ACD$
 $= \frac{1}{2} [\vec{a} \times (2\vec{a} + 3\vec{b})] + \frac{1}{2} [(2\vec{a} + 3\vec{b}) \times \vec{b}]$
 $= \frac{1}{2} (3\vec{a} \times \vec{b} + 2\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = \frac{5}{2} (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$
 $= \frac{5}{2} \text{ area of parallelogram ABCD}$
 $\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{5}{2}$

6.



$p = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{AC} \times \vec{OB}|$
 $p = \frac{1}{2} |(\vec{b} - \vec{a}) \times (10\vec{a} + 2\vec{b})|$
 $p = \frac{1}{2} |10(\vec{b} \times \vec{a}) - 2(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})|$
 $p = 6|\vec{b} \times \vec{a}| = 6|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$
 $q = |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| \Rightarrow \frac{p}{q} = k = 6$

7.



If $\vec{AB} = -3\hat{i} + 4\hat{k}$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{AC} &= 5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k} \\ BM &= CM \\ AM &= |\vec{AM}| = \left| \frac{\vec{AB} + \vec{AC}}{2} \right| \\ &= |\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}| = \sqrt{1+1+16} = \sqrt{18}\end{aligned}$$

8. $|\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2 + 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 3$
 $\Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \frac{1}{2}$
 Now $(3\vec{a} - 4\vec{b}) \cdot (2\vec{a} + 5\vec{b})$
 $= 6|\vec{a}|^2 + 15\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - 8\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - 20|\vec{b}|^2$
 $= 6 + \frac{7}{2} - 20 = -\frac{21}{2}$

9. Let the sides of the parallelogram be \vec{x} and \vec{y}

Let $\vec{x} + \vec{y} = \vec{a} - \vec{b}$
 $\vec{x} - \vec{y} = 3\vec{a} + \vec{b}$
 $\therefore \vec{x} = 2\vec{a}$ and $\vec{y} = -(\vec{a} + \vec{b})$

Area of parallelogram
 $= |\vec{x} \times \vec{y}|$
 $= |-2\vec{a} \times (\vec{a} + \vec{b})|$
 $= 2|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 2$

Alternate

Area of parallelogram $= \frac{1}{2} |\vec{d}_1 \times \vec{d}_2|$
 $= \frac{1}{2} |4(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})| = 2|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$

10. $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = 0$
 $\vec{b} \cdot (\vec{c} + \vec{a}) = 0$
 $\vec{c} \cdot (\vec{a} + \vec{b}) = 0$
 $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$
 $|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}| =$
 $\sqrt{|\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2 + |\vec{c}|^2 + 2(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a})}$
 $= \sqrt{1+4+9+0} = \sqrt{1+4+9+0} = \sqrt{14}$

11. $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 3 & a & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 3(3-2) + a(1+6) + 5(4+1) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 3 + 7a + 25 = 0 \Rightarrow a = -\frac{28}{7}$

12. $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -\lambda \\ 3 & -2 & 4 \\ 3 & -7 & 14 \end{vmatrix} = 0$

13. $\vec{u} + \vec{v} + \vec{w} = 0$
 $|\vec{u} + \vec{v} + \vec{w}|^2 = 0$
 $|\vec{u}|^2 + |\vec{v}|^2 + |\vec{w}|^2 + 2(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} + \vec{w} \cdot \vec{u}) = 0$
 $9 + 16 + 25 + 2(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} + \vec{w} \cdot \vec{u}) = 0$
 $\therefore (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} + \vec{w} \cdot \vec{u}) = -25$

14. $(\vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \lambda\vec{b}) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow |\vec{a}|^2 = \lambda^2 |\vec{b}|^2$
 $\Rightarrow \lambda^2 = \frac{1}{9}$ or $|\lambda| = \frac{1}{3}$

15. Volume $= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$
 $= 2(4-1) - 3(-3-2) + 4(-1-6)$
 $= 6 + 15 - 28 = -7$