

**Remarks:**

- i. The scalar product of two vectors is also called the dot product because the “.” used to indicate this kind of multiplication. Sometimes it is also called the inner product.
- ii. The scalar product of two non-zero vectors is zero if and only if they are at right angles to each other. For  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$  implies that  $\cos \theta = 0$ , which is the condition of perpendicularity of two vectors.

**Deductions:**

From the definition (1) we deduce the following:

- i. If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  have the same direction, then  
 $\theta = 0^\circ \Rightarrow \cos 0^\circ = 1$   
 $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|$
- ii. If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  have opposite directions, then  
 $\theta = \pi \Rightarrow \cos \pi = -1$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = -|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|$$

- iii  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$  will be positive if  $0 \leq \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$

and negative if,  $\frac{\pi}{2} < \theta \leq \pi$

- iv The dot product of  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is equal to the product of magnitude of  $\vec{a}$  and the projection of  $\vec{b}$  on  $\vec{a}$ . This illustrates the geometrical meaning of  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$ . In the fig.  $|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \theta$  is the projection of  $\vec{b}$  on  $\vec{a}$ .

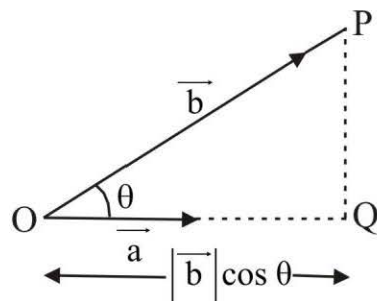


Fig. 15

- v From the equation (1)

$$\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} = |\vec{b}| |\vec{a}| \cos \theta$$

$$= |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \theta$$

$$\vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$$

Hence the dot product is commutative.

**Corollary 1:**

If  $\vec{a}$  be a vector, then the scalar product  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a}$  can be expressed with the help of equation (1) as follows:

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = |\vec{a}| |\vec{a}| \cos 0^\circ = |\vec{a}|^2$$

Or  $|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a}} \dots\dots\dots(2)$

This relation gives us the magnitude of a vector in terms of dot product.

**Corollary 2:**

If  $i, j$  and  $k$  are the unit vectors in the directions of X-, Y- and Z- axes, then from eq. (2)

$$i^2 = i \cdot i = |i| |i| \cos 0^\circ$$

$$i^2 = 1$$

so  $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = 1$

and  $i \cdot j = j \cdot i = 0$  Because  $\cos 90^\circ$

= 0

$$i \cdot k = k \cdot i = 0$$

$$k \cdot i = i \cdot k = 0$$

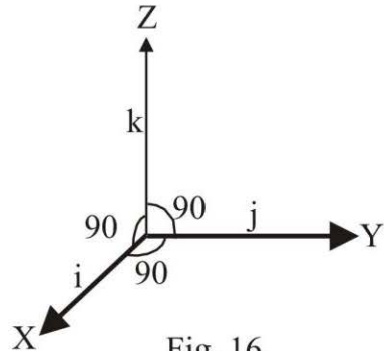


Fig. 16

**Corollary 3:**

(Analytical expression of  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$ )

Scalar product of two vectors in terms of their rectangular components.

For the two vectors

$$\vec{a} = a_1i + a_2j + a_3k$$

and

$$\vec{b} = b_1i + b_2j + b_3k$$

the dot product is given as,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} &= (a_1i + a_2j + a_3k) \cdot (b_1i + b_2j + b_3k) \\ &= a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + a_3b_3 \text{ as } i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and } i \cdot j = j \cdot k = k \cdot i = 0$$

Also  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are perpendicular if and only if  $a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + a_3b_3 = 0$

**Example 6:**

If  $\vec{a} = 3i + 4j - k$ ,  $\vec{b} = -2i + 3j + k$  find  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} &= (3i + 4j - k) \cdot (-2i + 3j + k) \\ &= -6 + 12 - 1 \\ &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 7:**

For what values of  $\lambda$ , the vectors  $2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$  and  $3\mathbf{i} + 2\lambda\mathbf{j}$  are perpendicular?

**Solution:**

Let  $\vec{a} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 3\mathbf{i} + 2\lambda\mathbf{j}$

Since  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are perpendicular,

So  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$

$$(2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}) \cdot (3\mathbf{i} + 2\lambda\mathbf{j}) = 0$$

$$6 - 2\lambda = 0$$

$$\text{Or } \lambda = 3$$

**Example 8:**

Find the angle between the vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ , where

$\vec{a} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = -\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\text{As } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \theta$$

$$\text{Therefore } \cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|}, \quad \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = -1 + 2 + 2 = 3$$

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{1+4+1} = \sqrt{6}, \quad |\vec{b}| = \sqrt{1+1+4} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{3}{\sqrt{6}\sqrt{6}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{2} = 60^\circ$$

**Example 9:**

Consider the points A, B, C, D where coordinates are respectively (1, 1, 0), (-1, 1, 0), (1, -1, 0), (0, -1, 1). Find the direction cosines of AC and BD and calculate the angle between them.

**Solution:**

Now we have A(1, 1, 0), B(-1, 1, 0), C(1, -1, 0), D(0, -1, 1)

$$\vec{a} = \overline{AC} = (1-1)\mathbf{i} + (-1-1)\mathbf{j} + (0-0)\mathbf{k} = -2\mathbf{j}$$

$$\therefore \text{Unit vector along AC} = \frac{\overline{AC}}{|\overline{AC}|} = \frac{-2\mathbf{j}}{2} = -\mathbf{j}$$

$\therefore$  The direction cosines of AC are 0, -1, 0

Now

$$\vec{b} = \overline{BD} = (0 + 1)\mathbf{i} + (-1 - 1)\mathbf{j} + (1 - 0)\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$$

$$\text{Unit vector along BD} = \frac{\overline{BD}}{|\overline{BD}|} = \frac{\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{1+4+1}} = \frac{\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{6}}$$

∴ The direction cosines of BD are:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{-2}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$$

Let,  $\theta$  be the angle between  $\overline{AC}$  and  $\overline{BD}$  then:

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|} = \frac{\overline{AC} \cdot \overline{BD}}{|\overline{AC}| |\overline{BD}|}$$

$$= \frac{(-2)\mathbf{j} \cdot (\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})}{(2)\sqrt{6}}$$

$$= \frac{(-2)(-2)}{(2)\sqrt{6}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}\right)$$

### Example 10:

Show that if  $|a + b| = |a - b|$  then  $a$  and  $b$  are perpendicular.

#### Solution:

We have  $|a + b| = |a - b|$

∴  $|a + b|^2 = |a - b|^2$  taking square.

$$a^2 + b^2 + 2a \cdot b = a^2 + b^2 - 2a \cdot b$$

$$4a \cdot b = 0 \text{ or } a \cdot b = 0$$

Hence  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are perpendicular.

## 2. Vector Product:

If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are non-zero vectors and  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ , then the vector product of  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ , denoted by  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ , is the vector  $\vec{c}$  which is perpendicular to the plane determined by  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ . It is defined by the relation,

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

Where  $|\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\sin\theta$  is the magnitude of  $\vec{c}$  and  $\hat{n}$  is the Unit Vector in the direction of  $\vec{c}$ . The direction of  $\vec{c}$  is determined by the right hand rule.

The vector product is also called the ‘cross product’ or ‘Outer product’ of the vectors.

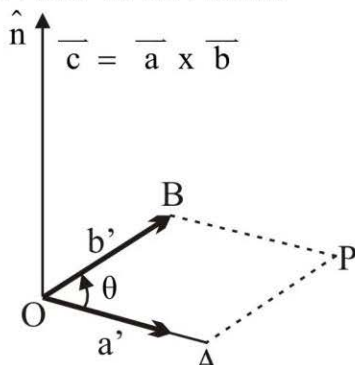


Fig. 17

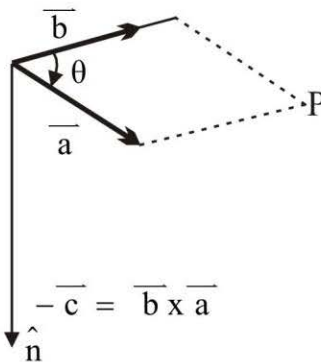


Fig. 18

### Remarks:

If we consider  $\vec{b} \times \vec{a}$ , then  $\vec{b} \times \vec{a}$  would be a vector which is opposite in the direction to  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ .

$$\text{Hence } \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = -\vec{b} \times \vec{a}$$

Which gives that  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \neq \vec{b} \times \vec{a}$  in general

Hence the vector product is not commutative.

### Deductions:

The following results may be derived from the definition.

- i. The vector product of two non-zero vectors is zero if  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are parallel, the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  is zero.  $\sin 0^\circ = 0$ , Hence  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = 0$ .

For  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = 0$  implies that  $\sin\theta = 0$  which is the condition of parallelism of two vectors. In particular  $\vec{a} \times \vec{a} = 0$ . Hence for the unit vectors  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}$  and  $\hat{k}$ ,

$$\hat{i} \times \hat{i} = \hat{j} \times \hat{j} = \hat{k} \times \hat{k} = 0$$

- ii. If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are perpendicular vectors, then  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  is a vector whose magnitude is  $|\vec{a}||\vec{b}|$  and whose direction is such that the vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  form a right-handed system of three mutually perpendicular

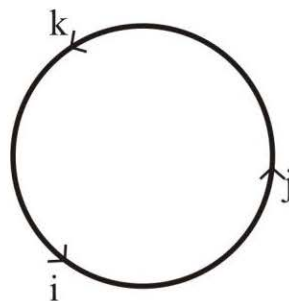


Fig. 19

vectors. In particular  $\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{j} = (1) (1) \sin 90^\circ \mathbf{k}$  ( $\mathbf{k}$  being perpendicular to  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$ ) =  $\mathbf{k}$

Similarly  $\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{i} = -\mathbf{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{k} = -\mathbf{j}$ ,  $\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{j} = -\mathbf{i}$

Hence the cross product of two consecutive unit vectors is the third unit vector with the plus or minus sign according as the order of the product is anti-clockwise or clockwise respectively.

iii. Since  $|\overline{\mathbf{a}} \times \overline{\mathbf{b}}| = |\overline{\mathbf{a}}| |\overline{\mathbf{b}}| \sin \theta \dots\dots (2)$

Which is the area of the parallelogram whose two adjacent sides are  $|\overline{\mathbf{a}}|$  and  $|\overline{\mathbf{b}}|$ .

Hence, area of parallelogram OABC =  $|\overline{\mathbf{a}} \times \overline{\mathbf{b}}|$

and area of triangle OAB =  $\frac{1}{2} |\overline{\mathbf{a}} \times \overline{\mathbf{b}}|$

If the vertices of a parallelogram are given, then

area of parallelogram OABC =  $|\overline{\mathbf{OA}} \times \overline{\mathbf{OB}}|$

and, area of triangle OAB =  $\frac{1}{2} |\overline{\mathbf{OA}} \times \overline{\mathbf{OB}}|$

iv. If  $\mathbf{n}$  is the unit vector in the directions of  $\overline{\mathbf{c}} = \overline{\mathbf{a}} \times \overline{\mathbf{b}}$  then

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{\overline{\mathbf{c}}}{|\overline{\mathbf{c}}|} = \frac{\overline{\mathbf{a}} \times \overline{\mathbf{b}}}{|\overline{\mathbf{a}} \times \overline{\mathbf{b}}|}$$

or  $\mathbf{n} = \frac{\overline{\mathbf{a}} \times \overline{\mathbf{b}}}{|\overline{\mathbf{a}}| |\overline{\mathbf{b}}| \sin \theta}$

from equation (2) we also find.

$$\sin \theta = \frac{|\overline{\mathbf{a}} \times \overline{\mathbf{b}}|}{|\overline{\mathbf{a}}| |\overline{\mathbf{b}}|}$$

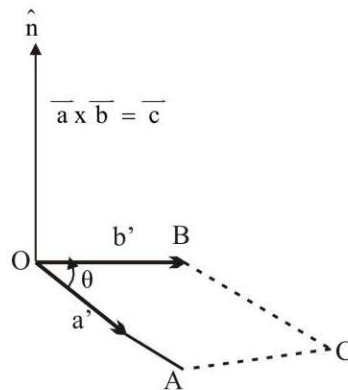


Fig. 20

### 8.13 Rectangular form of $\overline{\mathbf{a}} \times \overline{\mathbf{b}}$ (Analytical expression of $\overline{\mathbf{a}} \times \overline{\mathbf{b}}$ )

If  $\overline{\mathbf{a}} = a_1\mathbf{i} + a_2\mathbf{j} + a_3\mathbf{k}$

and  $\overline{\mathbf{b}} = b_1\mathbf{i} + b_2\mathbf{j} + b_3\mathbf{k}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } \overline{\mathbf{a}} \times \overline{\mathbf{b}} &= (a_1\mathbf{i} + a_2\mathbf{j} + a_3\mathbf{k}) \times (b_1\mathbf{i} + b_2\mathbf{j} + b_3\mathbf{k}) \\ &= (a_1b_2\mathbf{k} - a_1b_3\mathbf{j} - a_2b_1\mathbf{k} + a_2b_3\mathbf{j} + a_3b_1\mathbf{j} - a_3b_2\mathbf{i}) \\ &= (a_2b_3 - a_3b_2)\mathbf{i} - (a_1b_3 - a_3b_1)\mathbf{j} + (a_1b_2 - a_2b_1)\mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

This result can be expressed in determinant form as

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

**Example 11:**

If  $\vec{a} = 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$   $\vec{b} = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ , Find

- (i)  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$
- (ii) Sine of the angle between these vectors.
- (iii) Unit vector perpendicular to each vector.

**Solution:**

$$(i) \quad \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a} \times \vec{b} &= \mathbf{i}(3 + 4) - \mathbf{j}(2 - 4) + \mathbf{k}(-2 - 3) \\ &= 7\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$(ii) \quad \sin \theta = \frac{|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|} = \frac{\sqrt{7^2 + 2^2 + (-5)^2}}{\sqrt{2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2} \cdot \sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{78}}{\sqrt{29} \sqrt{3}}$$

$$\sin \theta = \sqrt{\frac{26}{29}}$$

- (iii) If  $\hat{n}$  is the unit vector perpendicular to  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  then

$$\hat{n} = \frac{\vec{a} \times \vec{b}}{|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|} = \frac{7\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{78}}$$

**Example 12:**

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

$$\vec{c} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}, \quad \vec{d} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$$

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

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{d} \times \vec{c} &= \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 2 & -1 & 5 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \mathbf{i}(-3 + 10) - \mathbf{j}(6 - 5) + \mathbf{k}(-4 + 1) \\ &= 7\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also } \overline{\mathbf{a}} - \overline{\mathbf{b}} &= -\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k} \\ \text{Hence } (\overline{\mathbf{d}} \times \overline{\mathbf{c}}) \cdot (\overline{\mathbf{a}} - \overline{\mathbf{b}}) &= (7\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}) \cdot (-\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}) \\ &= -7 + 4 - 12 \\ &= -15 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 13:**

Find the area of the parallelogram with adjacent sides,

$$\overline{\mathbf{a}} = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}, \text{ and } \overline{\mathbf{b}} = 2\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\mathbf{a}} \times \overline{\mathbf{b}} &= \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \mathbf{i}(3 - 2) - \mathbf{j}(-3 - 0) + \mathbf{k}(2 + 0) \\ &= \mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k} \\ \text{Area of parallelogram} &= |\overline{\mathbf{a}} \times \overline{\mathbf{b}}| = \sqrt{1 + 9 + 4} \\ &= \sqrt{14} \text{ square unit.} \end{aligned}$$

**Example 14:**

Find the area of the triangle whose vertices are

$$A(0, 0, 0), B(1, 1, 1) \text{ and } C(0, 2, 3)$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } \overline{\mathbf{AB}} &= (1 - 0, 1 - 0, 1 - 0) \\ &= (1, 1, 1) \\ \text{and } \overline{\mathbf{AC}} &= (0 - 0, 2 - 0, 3 - 0) \\ \overline{\mathbf{AC}} &= (0, 2, 3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\mathbf{AB}} \times \overline{\mathbf{AC}} &= \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \mathbf{i}(3 - 2) - \mathbf{j}(3 - 0) + \mathbf{k}(2 - 0) \\ &= \mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Area of the triangle ABC} = \frac{1}{2} |\overline{\mathbf{AB}} \times \overline{\mathbf{AC}}| = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1^2 + (-3)^2 + 2^2}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{14}}{2} \text{ square unit}$$

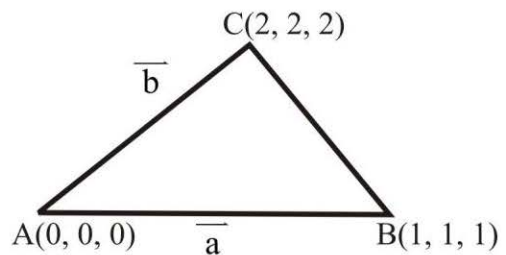


Fig. 21

**Example 15:**

Prove by the use of cross-product that the points

$A(5, 2, -3)$ ,  $B(6, 1, 4)$ ,  $C(-2, -3, 6)$  and  $D(-3, -2, -1)$  are the vertices of a parallelogram.



**Solution:**

$$\text{Since } \overline{AB} = (1, -1, 7)$$

$$\overline{DC} = (+1, -1, +7)$$

$$\overline{BC} = (-8, -4, 2)$$

$$\text{and } \overline{AD} = (-8, -4, 2)$$

$$\overline{AB} \times \overline{DC} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & -1 & 7 \\ 1 & -1 & 7 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \mathbf{i}(-7-7) - \mathbf{j}(+7-7) + \mathbf{k}(1-1)$$

$$\overline{AB} \times \overline{DC} = 0, \text{ so, } \overline{AB} \text{ and } \overline{DC} \text{ are parallel.}$$

$$\text{Also } \overline{BC} \times \overline{AD} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ -8 & -4 & 2 \\ -8 & -4 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \mathbf{i}(0) - \mathbf{j}(0) + \mathbf{k}(0)$$

$$\overline{BC} \times \overline{AD} = 0, \text{ so, } \overline{BC} \text{ and } \overline{AD} \text{ are parallel.}$$

Hence the given points are the vertices of a parallelogram.

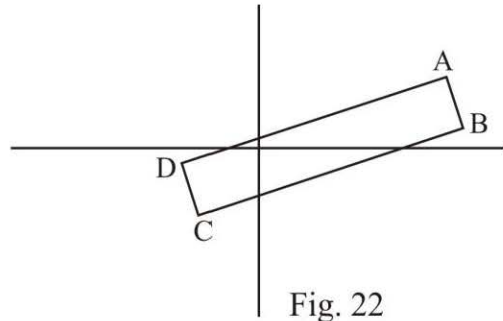


Fig. 22

**Exercise 8.2**

Q.1 Find  $\overline{a} \cdot \overline{b}$  and  $\overline{a} \times \overline{b}$

$$(i) \quad \overline{a} = 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$$

$$\overline{b} = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$$

$$(ii) \quad \overline{a} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$$

$$\overline{b} = -5\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}$$

$$(iii) \quad \overline{a} = -\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$$

$$\overline{b} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$$

Q.2 Show that the vectors  $3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k}$  and  $-6\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$  are at right angle to each other.

Q.3 Find the cosine of the angle between the vectors:

$$(i) \quad \overline{a} = 2\mathbf{i} - 8\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$$

$$\overline{b} = 4\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$$

$$(ii) \quad \overline{a} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$$

$$\overline{b} = -\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$$

$$(iii) \quad \overline{a} = 4\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$$

$$\overline{b} = 2\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$$

Q.4 If  $\overline{a} = 3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ ,  $\overline{b} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$  and  $\overline{c} = 5\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{k}$ , find  $(2\overline{a} + \overline{b}) \cdot \overline{c}$ .

Q.5 What is the cosine of the angle between  $\overline{P_1P_2}$  and  $\overline{P_3P_4}$

If  $P_1(2, 1, 3)$ ,  $P_2(-4, 4, 5)$ ,  $P_3(0, 7, 0)$  and  $P_4(-3, 4, -2)$ ?

Q.6 If  $\vec{a} = [a_1, a_2, a_3]$  and  $\vec{b} = [b_1, b_2, b_3]$ , prove that:

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ |\vec{a} + \vec{b}|^2 - |\vec{a}|^2 - |\vec{b}|^2 \right]$$

Q.7 Find  $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b})$  if  $\vec{a} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ .

Q.8 Prove that for every pair of vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$

$$(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} - \vec{b}) = |\vec{a}|^2 - |\vec{b}|^2$$

Q.9 Find  $x$  so that  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are perpendicular,

(i)  $\vec{a} = 2\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 7\mathbf{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 2\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} + x\mathbf{k}$

(ii)  $\vec{a} = x\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$

Q.10 If  $\vec{a} = 2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 2\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$

Find the component or projection of  $\vec{a}$  along  $\vec{b}$ .

Q.11 Under what condition does the relation  $(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})^2 = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} \vec{b} \cdot \vec{b}$  hold for two vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .

Q.12 If the vectors  $3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$  and  $\lambda \mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$  are parallel, find value of  $\lambda$ .

Q.13 If  $\vec{a} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}$ ,  $\vec{c} = 2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$  Evaluate:

(i)  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{c})$                       (ii)  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{c})$

Q.14 If  $\vec{a} = \mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 7\mathbf{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 5\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$ . Find:

(i)  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$     (ii)  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$

(iii) Direction cosines of  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$

Q.15 Prove that for the vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$

(i)  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|^2 + |\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}|^2 = |\vec{a}|^2 |\vec{b}|^2$

(ii)  $(\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = 2(\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$

Q.16 Prove that for vectors  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$

$$[\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} + \vec{c})] + [\vec{b} \times (\vec{c} + \vec{a})] + [\vec{c} \times (\vec{a} + \vec{b})] = \mathbf{0}$$

Q.17 Find a vector perpendicular to both the lines,  $\overline{AB}$  and  $\overline{CD}$

where A is (0, 2, 4), B is (3, -1, 2), C is (2, 0, 1) and D is (4, 2, 0).

- Q.18 Find  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c}$  if  $\vec{a} = i - 2j - 3k$ ,  $\vec{b} = 2i + j - k$ ,  
 $\vec{c} = i + 3j - 2k$ .
- Q.19 Find the sine of the angle and the unit vector perpendicular to each:  
 (i)  $\vec{a} = i + j + k$  and  $\vec{b} = 2i + 3j - k$   
 (ii)  $\vec{a} = 2i - j + k$  and  $\vec{b} = 3i + 4j - k$
- Q.20 Given  $\vec{a} = 2i - j$  and  $\vec{b} = j + k$ , if  $|\vec{c}| = 12$  and  $\vec{c}$  is perpendicular to both  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ , write the component form of  $\vec{c}$ .
- Q.21 Using cross product, find the area of each triangle whose vertices have the following co-ordinates:  
 (i)  $(0, 0, 0), (1, 1, 1), (0, 0, 3)$   
 (ii)  $(2, 0, 0), (0, 2, 0), (0, 0, 2)$   
 (iii)  $(1, -1, 1), (2, 2, 2), (4, -2, 1)$
- Q.22 Find the area of parallelogram determined by the vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$   $\vec{a} = i + 2j + 3k$  and  $\vec{b} = -3i - 2j + k$ .

### Answers 8.2

- Q.1 (i)  $3; 7i - 2j - 5k$  (ii)  $-6, -5i - 2i + 7k$  (iii)  $-3; -i - 2j + k$
- Q.3 (i)  $-\frac{33}{5\sqrt{77}}$  (ii)  $0$  (iii)  $\frac{17}{21}$  Q.4  $37$
- Q.5  $\frac{5}{7\sqrt{22}}$  Q.7  $8$  Q.9(i)  $4$  (ii)  $-\frac{17}{2}$  Q.10  $\sqrt{5}$
- Q.11  $[0, 11]$  Q.12  $\lambda = -12$  Q.13 (i)  $15$  (ii)  $i - 2j + k$
- Q.14 (i)  $-29$  (ii)  $-2i - 39j - 17k$  (iii)  $-\frac{2}{\sqrt{1814}}, \frac{-39}{\sqrt{1814}}, \frac{-17}{\sqrt{1814}}$
- Q.17  $7i - j + 12k$  Q.18  $5\sqrt{26}$
- Q.19 (i)  $\sqrt{\frac{13}{21}}, \frac{-4i + 3j + k}{\sqrt{26}}$  (ii)  $\sqrt{\frac{155}{156}}, \frac{-3i + 5j + 11k}{\sqrt{155}}$
- Q.20  $-4i - 8j + 8k$
- Q.21 (i)  $\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$  sq. unit. (ii)  $2\sqrt{3}$  sq. unit.
- (iii)  $\frac{\sqrt{110}}{2}$  sq. unit. Q.22  $\sqrt{180}$  sq. unit

### Summary

A vector is a quantity which has magnitude as well as direction while scalar is a quantity which has only magnitude. Vector is denoted as  $\overline{AB}$  or  $\overline{OP}$ .

1. If P (x, y, z) be a point in space, then the position vector of P relative to O =  $\overline{OP}$ .
2. Unit coordinator vectors x, j, k are taken as unit vector s along axis  $\overline{OP} = xi + yj + zk$ .

3. Magnitude of a vector. i.e.  $|\overline{OP}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$

4. Unit vector of a (non-zero vector), then  $\hat{a} = \frac{\overline{a}}{|\overline{a}|}$

5. Direction cosines of  $\overline{OP} = xi + yj + zk$  then,

$$\cos\alpha = \frac{x}{|\overline{OP}|}, \cos\beta = \frac{y}{|\overline{OP}|}, \cos\gamma = \frac{z}{|\overline{OP}|}$$

### Scalar product:

The scalar product of two vector  $\overline{a}$  and  $\overline{b}$  is defined as  $\overline{a} \cdot \overline{b} = |\overline{a}| |\overline{b}| \cos\theta$

1. If  $\overline{a} \cdot \overline{b} = 0$ , vectors are perpendicular.
2.  $\overline{i} \cdot \overline{j} = \overline{j} \cdot \overline{k} = \overline{i} \cdot \overline{k} = 0$  while  $\overline{i} \cdot \overline{i} = \overline{j} \cdot \overline{j} = \overline{k} \cdot \overline{k} = 1$
3.  $\overline{a} \cdot \overline{b} = (a_1\overline{i} + a_2\overline{j} + a_3\overline{k}) \cdot (b_1\overline{i} + b_2\overline{j} + b_3\overline{k}) = a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + a_3b_3$

### Vector product:

The vector or cross product of two vectors  $\overline{a}$  and  $\overline{b}$  denoted  $\overline{a} \times \overline{b}$  and is defined as:  $\overline{a} \times \overline{b} = |\overline{a}| |\overline{b}| \sin\theta \overline{n}$ ,  $\sin\theta = \frac{|\overline{a} \times \overline{b}|}{|\overline{a}| |\overline{b}|}$

1.  $\overline{n} = \frac{\overline{a} \times \overline{b}}{|\overline{a} \times \overline{b}|}$  unit vector.
2.  $\overline{a} \times \overline{b} = 0$ .  $\overline{a}$  and  $\overline{b}$  are parallel or collinear.
3.  $\overline{i} \times \overline{j} = \overline{j} \times \overline{k} = \overline{k} \times \overline{i} = 0$  and  $\overline{i} \times \overline{j} = \overline{k}$ ,  $\overline{j} \times \overline{k} = \overline{i}$ ,  $\overline{k} \times \overline{i} = \overline{j}$
4.  $\overline{a} \times \overline{b} = -\overline{b} \times \overline{a}$
5.  $\overline{a} \times \overline{b} = (a_1\overline{i} + a_2\overline{j} + a_3\overline{k}) \times (b_1\overline{i} + b_2\overline{j} + b_3\overline{k})$   

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \overline{i} & \overline{j} & \overline{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}$$