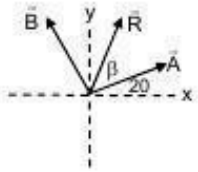
SOLUTIONS TO CONCEPTS
CHAPTER – 2

1. As shown in the figure,



The angle between $\vec{A}$ and $\vec{B}$ = 110° – 20° = 90°

$|\vec{A}| = 3$ and $|\vec{B}| = 4$m

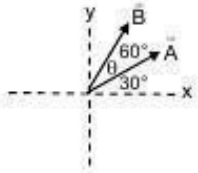
Resultant $R = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + 2AB\cos\theta} = 5$ m

Let β be the angle between $\vec{R}$ and $\vec{A}$

$\beta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{4\sin 90°}{3 + 4\cos 90°}\right) = \tan^{-1}(4/3) = 53°$

∴ Resultant vector makes angle (53° + 20°) = 73° with x-axis.

2. Angle between $\vec{A}$ and $\vec{B}$ is θ = 60° – 30° =30°



$|\vec{A}|$ and $|\vec{B}|$ = 10 unit

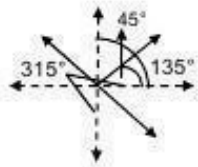
$R = \sqrt{10^2 + 10^2 + 2.10.10.\cos 30°} = 19.3$

β be the angle between $\vec{R}$ and $\vec{A}$

$\beta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{10\sin 30°}{10 + 10\cos 30°}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2+\sqrt{3}}\right) = \tan^{-1}(0.26795) = 15°$

∴ Resultant makes 15° + 30° = 45° angle with x-axis.

3. x component of $\vec{A}$ = 100 cos 45° = $100/\sqrt{2}$ unit



x component of $\vec{B}$ = 100 cos 135° = $100/\sqrt{2}$

x component of $\vec{C}$ = 100 cos 315° = $100/\sqrt{2}$

Resultant x component = $100/\sqrt{2} - 100/\sqrt{2} + 100/\sqrt{2} = 100/\sqrt{2}$

y component of $\vec{A}$ = 100 sin 45° = $100/\sqrt{2}$ unit

y component of $\vec{B}$ = 100 sin 135° = $100/\sqrt{2}$

y component of $\vec{C}$ = 100 sin 315° = $-100/\sqrt{2}$

Resultant y component = $100/\sqrt{2} + 100/\sqrt{2} - 100/\sqrt{2} = 100/\sqrt{2}$

Resultant = 100

$\text{Tan}\,\alpha = \frac{\text{y component}}{\text{x component}} = 1$

$\Rightarrow \alpha = \tan^{-1}(1) = 45°$

The resultant is 100 unit at 45° with x-axis.

4. $\vec{a} = 4\vec{i} + 3\vec{j}$, $\vec{b} = 3\vec{i} + 4\vec{j}$

a) $|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{4^2 + 3^2} = 5$

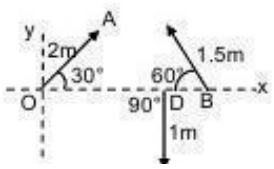
b) $|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{9 + 16} = 5$

c) $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = |7\vec{i} + 7\vec{j}| = 7\sqrt{2}$

d) $\vec{a} - \vec{b} = (-3 + 4)\hat{i} + (-4 + 3)\hat{j} = \hat{i} - \hat{j}$

$|\vec{a} - \vec{b}| = \sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{2}$.

5. x component of $\overrightarrow{OA}$ = 2cos30° = $\sqrt{3}$



x component of $\overrightarrow{BC}$ = 1.5 cos 120° = –0.75

x component of $\overrightarrow{DE}$ = 1 cos 270° = 0

y component of $\overrightarrow{OA}$ = 2 sin 30° = 1

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y component of $\overrightarrow{BC}$ = 1.5 sin 120° = 1.3

y component of $\overrightarrow{DE}$ = 1 sin 270° = –1

R_x = x component of resultant = $\sqrt{3} - 0.75 + 0 = 0.98$ m

R_y = resultant y component = 1 + 1.3 – 1 = 1.3 m

So, R = Resultant = 1.6 m

If it makes and angle α with positive x-axis

$$\text{Tan } \alpha = \frac{\text{y component}}{\text{x component}} = 1.32$$

$\Rightarrow \alpha = \tan^{-1} 1.32$

6. $|\vec{a}| = 3m$ $|\vec{b}| = 4$

a) If R = 1 unit $\Rightarrow \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2 + 2.3.4.\cos\theta} = 1$

$\theta = 180°$

b) $\sqrt{3^2 + 4^2 + 2.3.4.\cos\theta} = 5$

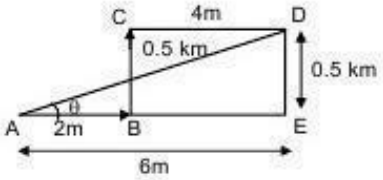
$\theta = 90°$

c) $\sqrt{3^2 + 4^2 + 2.3.4.\cos\theta} = 7$

$\theta = 0°$

Angle between them is 0°.

7. $\overrightarrow{AD} = 2\hat{i} + 0.5\hat{J} + 4\hat{K} = 6\hat{i} + 0.5\hat{j}$



AD = $\sqrt{AE^2 + DE^2}$ = 6.02 KM

Tan θ = DE / AE = 1/12

$\theta = \tan^{-1}(1/12)$

The displacement of the car is 6.02 km along the distance $\tan^{-1}(1/12)$ with positive x-axis.

8. In ΔABC, tanθ = x/2 and in ΔDCE, tanθ = (2 – x)/4 tan θ = (x/2) = (2 – x)/4 = 4x

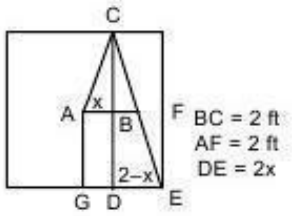
$\Rightarrow 4 - 2x = 4x$

$\Rightarrow 6x = 4 \Rightarrow x = 2/3$ ft

a) In ΔABC, AC = $\sqrt{AB^2 + BC^2} = \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{10}$ ft

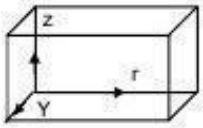
b) In ΔCDE, DE = 1 – (2/3) = 4/3 ft

CD = 4 ft. So, CE = $\sqrt{CD^2 + DE^2} = \frac{4}{3}\sqrt{10}$ ft



c) In ΔAGE, AE = $\sqrt{AG^2 + GE^2} = 2\sqrt{2}$ ft.

9. Here the displacement vector $\vec{r} = 7\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$



a) magnitude of displacement = $\sqrt{74}$ ft

b) the components of the displacement vector are 7 ft, 4 ft and 3 ft.

10. $\vec{a}$ is a vector of magnitude 4.5 unit due north.

a) $3|\vec{a}| = 3 \times 4.5 = 13.5$

$3\vec{a}$ is along north having magnitude 13.5 units.

b) $-4|\vec{a}| = -4 \times 1.5 = -6$ unit

$-4\vec{a}$ is a vector of magnitude 6 unit due south.

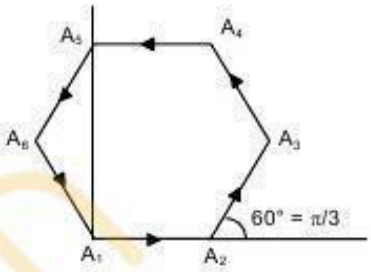
11. $|\vec{a}| = 2$ m, $|\vec{b}| = 3$ m

angle between them $\theta = 60°$

a) $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}| \cdot |\vec{b}| \cos 60° = 2 \times 3 \times 1/2 = 3$ m^2

b) $|\vec{a}\times\vec{b}| = |\vec{a}|\cdot|\vec{b}|\sin 60^\circ = 2\times 3\times \sqrt{3}/2 = 3\sqrt{3}\ m^2$.

12. We know that according to polygon law of vector addition, the resultant of these six vectors is zero.



Here A = B = C = D = E = F (magnitude)

So, Rx = A cosθ + A cos π/3 + A cos 2π/3 + A cos 3π/3 + A cos 4π/4 + A cos 5π/5 = 0

[As resultant is zero. X component of resultant $R_x = 0$]

= cos θ + cos π/3 + cos 2π/3 + cos 3π/3 + cos 4π/3 + cos 5π/3 = 0

Note : Similarly it can be proved that,

sin θ + sin π/3 + sin 2π/3 + sin 3π/3 + sin 4π/3 + sin 5π/3 = 0

13. $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k};\ \vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$

$$\vec{a}\cdot\vec{b} = ab\cos\theta \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1}\frac{\vec{a}\cdot\vec{b}}{ab}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^{-1}\frac{2\times 3+3\times 4+4\times 5}{\sqrt{2^2+3^2+4^2}\sqrt{3^2+4^2+5^2}} = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{38}{\sqrt{1450}}\right)$$

14. $\vec{A}\cdot(\vec{A}\times\vec{B}) = 0$ (claim)

As, $\vec{A}\times\vec{B} = AB\sin\theta\hat{n}$

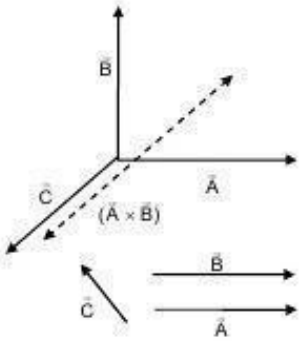
AB sin θ $\hat{n}$ is a vector which is perpendicular to the plane containing $\vec{A}$ and $\vec{B}$, this implies that it is also perpendicular to $\vec{A}$. As dot product of two perpendicular vector is zero.

Thus $\vec{A}\cdot(\vec{A}\times\vec{B}) = 0$.

15. $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$, $\vec{B} = 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

$$\vec{A}\times\vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix}\hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k}\\ 2 & 3 & 4\\ 4 & 3 & 2\end{vmatrix} \Rightarrow \hat{i}(6-12) - \hat{j}(4-16) + \hat{k}(6-12) = -6\hat{i} + 12\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}.$$

16. Given that $\vec{A}$, $\vec{B}$ and $\vec{C}$ are mutually perpendicular



$\vec{A}$ × $\vec{B}$ is a vector which direction is perpendicular to the plane containing $\vec{A}$ and $\vec{B}$.

Also $\vec{C}$ is perpendicular to $\vec{A}$ and $\vec{B}$

∴ Angle between $\vec{C}$ and $\vec{A}$ × $\vec{B}$ is 0° or 180° (fig.1)

So, $\vec{C}$ × ($\vec{A}$ × $\vec{B}$) = 0

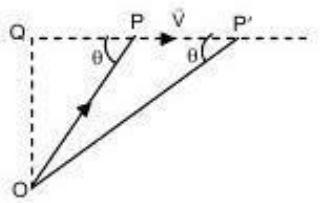
The converse is not true.

For example, if two of the vector are parallel, (fig.2), then also

$\vec{C}$ × ($\vec{A}$ × $\vec{B}$) = 0

So, they need not be mutually perpendicular.

17. The particle moves on the straight line PP' at speed v.



From the figure,

$\overrightarrow{OP}\times v = (OP)v\sin\theta\hat{n} = v(OP)\sin\theta\ \hat{n} = v(OQ)\hat{n}$

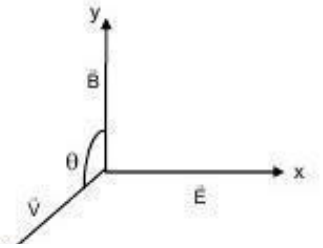
It can be seen from the figure, OQ = OP sin θ = OP' sin θ'

So, whatever may be the position of the particle, the magnitude and direction of $\overrightarrow{OP}\times\vec{v}$ remain constant.

∴ $\overrightarrow{OP}\times\vec{v}$ is independent of the position P.

18. Give $\vec{F} = q\vec{E} + q(\vec{v}\times\vec{B}) = 0$

$\Rightarrow \vec{E} = -(\vec{v}\times\vec{B})$



So, the direction of $\vec{v}\times\vec{B}$ should be opposite to the direction of $\vec{E}$. Hence, $\vec{v}$ should be in the positive yz-plane.

Again, E = vB sin θ ⇒ $v = \dfrac{E}{B\sin\theta}$

For v to be minimum, $\theta = 90°$ and so $v_{min} = F/B$

So, the particle must be projected at a minimum speed of E/B along +ve z-axis ($\theta = 90°$) as shown in the figure, so that the force is zero.

19. For example, as shown in the figure,

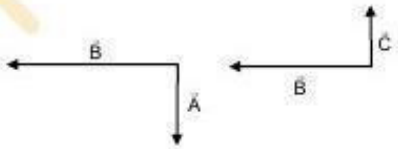
$\vec{A} \perp \vec{B}$ $\vec{B}$ along west

$\vec{B} \perp \vec{C}$ $\vec{A}$ along south

$\vec{C}$ along north

$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 0 \quad \therefore \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = \vec{B} \cdot \vec{C}$

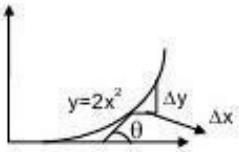
$\vec{B} \cdot \vec{C} = 0$ But $\vec{B} \neq \vec{C}$



20. The graph $y = 2x^2$ should be drawn by the student on a graph paper for exact results.

To find slope at any point, draw a tangent at the point and extend the line to meet x-axis. Then find tan θ as shown in the figure.

It can be checked that,



$$\text{Slope} = \tan\theta = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}(2x^2) = 4x$$

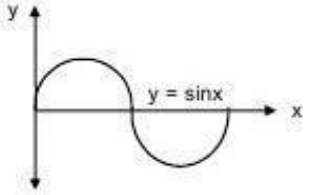
Where x = the x-coordinate of the point where the slope is to be measured.

21. $y = \sin x$

So, $y + \Delta y = \sin(x + \Delta x)$

$\Delta y = \sin(x + \Delta x) - \sin x$

$$= \left(\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{100}\right) - \sin\frac{\pi}{3} = 0.0157.$$



22. Given that, $i = i_0 e^{-t/RC}$

$$\therefore \text{Rate of change of current} = \frac{di}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} i_0 e^{-i/RC} = i_0 \frac{d}{dt} e^{-t/RC} = \frac{-i_0}{RC} \times e^{-t/RC}$$

When a) $t = 0$, $\frac{di}{dt} = \frac{-i}{RC}$

b) when $t = RC$, $\frac{di}{dt} = \frac{-i}{RCe}$

c) when $t = 10\ RC$, $\frac{di}{dt} = \frac{-i_0}{RCe^{10}}$

23. Equation $i = i_0 e^{-t/RC}$

$i_0 = 2A$, $R = 6 \times 10^{-5}\ \Omega$, $C = 0.0500 \times 10^{-6}\ F = 5 \times 10^{-7}\ F$

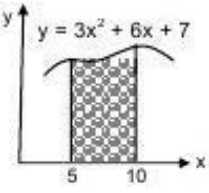
a) $i = 2 \times e^{\left(\frac{-0.3}{6\times0^3\times5\times10^{-7}}\right)} = 2 \times e^{\left(\frac{-0.3}{0.3}\right)} = \frac{2}{e}\text{amp}.$

b) $\frac{di}{dt} = \frac{-i_0}{RC} e^{-t/RC}$ when $t = 0.3$ sec $\Rightarrow \frac{di}{dt} = -\frac{2}{0.30} e^{(-0.3/0.3)} = \frac{-20}{3e}\text{Amp/sec}$

c) At $t = 0.31$ sec, $i = 2e^{(-0.3/0.3)} = \frac{5.8}{3e}\text{Amp}.$

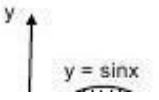
24. $y = 3x^2 + 6x + 7$

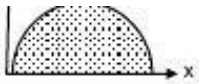
$\therefore$ Area bounded by the curve, x axis with coordinates with $x = 5$ and $x = 10$ is given by,



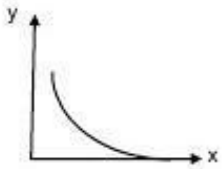
$$\text{Area} = \int_0^y dy = \int_5^{10} (3x^2 + 6x + 7)dx = 3\frac{x^3}{3}\Big]_5^{10} + 5\frac{x^2}{3}\Big]_5^{10} + 7x]_5^{10} = 1135 \text{ sq.units.}$$

25. $$\text{Area} = \int_0^y dy = \int_0^{\pi} \sin x dx = -[\cos x]_0^{\pi} = 2$$





26. The given function is $y = e^{-x}$



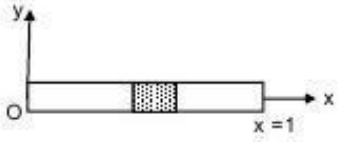
When $x = 0$, $y = e^{-0} = 1$

x increases, y value deceases and only at $x = \infty$, $y = 0$.

So, the required area can be found out by integrating the function from 0 to ∞.

So, Area $= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x}dx = -[e^{-x}]_0^{\infty} = 1.$

27. $\rho = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{length}} = a + bx$



a) S.I. unit of 'a' = kg/m and SI unit of 'b' = kg/m^2 (from principle of homogeneity of dimensions)

b) Let us consider a small element of length 'dx' at a distance x from the origin as shown in the figure.

$\therefore$ dm = mass of the element = ρ dx = (a + bx) dx

So, mass of the rod = $m = \int dm = \int_0^L (a+bx)dx = \left[ax + \frac{bx^2}{2}\right]_0^L = aL + \frac{bL^2}{2}$

28. $\frac{dp}{dt} = (10\ N) + (2\ N/S)t$

momentum is zero at t = 0

$\therefore$ momentum at t = 10 sec will be

dp = [(10 N) + 2Ns t]dt

$\int_0^p dp = \int_0^{10} 10dt + \int_0^{10} (2tdt) = 10t]_0^{10} + 2\frac{t^2}{2}\Big]_0^{10} = 200$ kg m/s.

29. The change in a function of y and the independent variable x are related as $\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2$.

$\Rightarrow dy = x^2\,dx$

Taking integration of both sides,

$\int dy = \int x^2 dx \Rightarrow y = \frac{x^3}{3} + c$

$\therefore$ y as a function of x is represented by $y = \frac{x^3}{3} + c$.

30. The number significant digits

a) 1001 No.of significant digits = 4

b) 100.1 No.of significant digits = 4

c) 100.10 No.of significant digits = 5

d) 0.001001 No.of significant digits = 4

31. The metre scale is graduated at every millimeter.

1 m = 100 mm

The minimum no.of significant digit may be 1 (e.g. for measurements like 5 mm, 7 mm etc) and the maximum no.of significant digits may be 4 (e.g.1000 mm)

So, the no.of significant digits may be 1, 2, 3 or 4.

32. a) In the value 3472, after the digit 4, 7 is present. Its value is greater than 5.

So, the next two digits are neglected and the value of 4 is increased by 1.

$\therefore$ value becomes 3500

b) value = 84

c) 2.6

d) value is 28.

33. Given that, for the cylinder

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Length = l = 4.54 cm, radius = r = 1.75 cm



Volume = $\pi r^2 l = \pi \times (4.54) \times (1.75)^2$

Since, the minimum no.of significant digits on a particular term is 3, the result should have 3 significant digits and others rounded off.

So, volume $V = \pi r^2 l = (3.14) \times (1.75) \times (1.75) \times (4.54) = 43.6577\ cm^3$

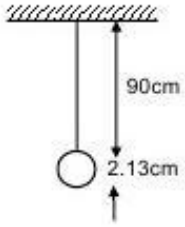
Since, it is to be rounded off to 3 significant digits, $V = 43.7\ cm^3$.

34. We know that,

$$\text{Average thickness} = \frac{2.17 + 2.17 + 2.18}{3} = 2.1733\ mm$$

Rounding off to 3 significant digits, average thickness = 2.17 mm.

35. As shown in the figure,



Actual effective length = (90.0 + 2.13) cm

But, in the measurement 90.0 cm, the no. of significant digits is only 2.

So, the addition must be done by considering only 2 significant digits of each measurement.

So, effective length = 90.0 + 2.1 = 92.1 cm.