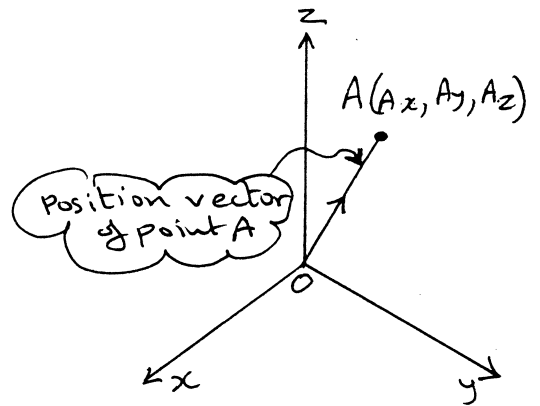


Vectors in space

**Position vector in space**

The position vector of point A  $(A_x, A_y, A_z)$  with respect to the origin O  $(0, 0, 0)$  is defined as the directed line segment whose starting point is O and end point is A.



- \* The position vector of point A is denoted by  $\vec{A}$  i.e.  $\vec{A} = (A_x, A_y, A_z)$
- \*  $A_x$  is called the component of  $\vec{A}$  in direction of x axis.
- \*  $A_y$  is called the component of  $\vec{A}$  in direction of y axis.
- \*  $A_z$  is called the component of  $\vec{A}$  in direction of z axis.

**The norm of a vector**

It is the length of the directed line segment which represents the vector.

If  $\vec{A} = (A_x, A_y, A_z)$ , then from the distance between two points rule

$$\|\vec{A}\| = \sqrt{(A_x)^2 + (A_y)^2 + (A_z)^2}$$

**Example**

① If  $\vec{A} = (2, -3, 1)$ ,  $\vec{B} = (0, 4, -3)$  then

- \* The component of the vector  $\vec{A}$  in the direction of x-axis is  $2 = A_x$
- \* The component of the vector  $\vec{B}$  in the direction of Z-axis is  $-3 = B_z$

$$\|\vec{A}\| = \sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + (3)^2} = \sqrt{14}$$

$$\|\vec{B}\| = \sqrt{(0)^2 + (4)^2 + (-3)^2} = 5$$

The vector  $\vec{B}$  lies in the yz-plane because  $B_x = 0$

**Example** ② If  $\vec{A} = (-1, 4, 2)$ ,  $\vec{B} = (3, 1, 0)$  find

- a)  $A_x + B_y$       b)  $\|\vec{A}\| + \|\vec{B}\|$       c)  $\vec{AB}$       d)  $\vec{U}_{AB}$

Solution

$$\vec{A} = (a_x, a_y, a_z) = (-1, 4, 2), \vec{B} = (B_x, B_y, B_z) = (3, 1, 0)$$

a)  $A_x + B_y = -1 + 1 = 0$

b)  $\|\vec{A}\| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 4^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{21}$  ,  $\|\vec{B}\| = \sqrt{3^2 + 1^2 + (0)^2} = \sqrt{10}$

$$\|\vec{A}\| + \|\vec{B}\| = \sqrt{21} + \sqrt{10}$$

c)  $\vec{AB} = \vec{B} - \vec{A} = (3, 1, 0) - (-1, 4, 2) = (4, -3, -2)$

d)  $\vec{U}_{AB} = \frac{\vec{AB}}{\|\vec{AB}\|} = \frac{(4, -3, -2)}{\sqrt{(4)^2 + (-3)^2 + (-2)^2}} = \frac{(4, -3, -2)}{\sqrt{29}}$

is called unit vector in the direction of  $\vec{AB} = \left( \frac{4}{\sqrt{29}}, \frac{-3}{\sqrt{29}}, \frac{-2}{\sqrt{29}} \right)$

Example

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2) If  $\vec{c} = (2, -3, 1)$ ,  $\vec{d} = (0, 2, -2)$

a) find  $5\vec{c} - 2\vec{d}$

b) If  $3\vec{A} - 4\vec{d} = \vec{c}$ , then find  $\vec{A}$

Solution

a)  $5\vec{c} - 2\vec{d} = 5(2, -3, 1) - 2(0, 2, -2)$   
 $= (10, -15, 5) + (0, -4, 4)$   
 $= (10, -19, 9)$

b)  $3\vec{A} = \vec{c} + 4\vec{d}$   
 $= (2, -3, 1) + 4(0, 2, -2)$   
 $= (2, -3, 1) + (0, 8, -8)$   
 $3\vec{A} = (2, 5, -7) \rightarrow \vec{A} = \left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{5}{3}, \frac{-7}{3}\right)$

3) If  $(2x+1, 5, K+4) = (-1, y^2-4, x+1)$  then find the value of  $x, y, K$ ?

Solution

$2x+1 = -1$

$y^2 - 4 = 5$

$K+4 = x+1$

$2x = -2$

$y^2 = 9$

$K+4 = -1+1$

$x = -1$

$y = \pm 3$

$K = -4$

4) Show which of the following vectors is a unit vector

a)  $\vec{A} = \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right)$ , b)  $\vec{B} = \left(\frac{1}{5}, \frac{4}{5}, \frac{-\sqrt{5}}{5}\right)$

Solution

$\|\vec{A}\| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2} = 1 \therefore \vec{A}$  represents a unit vector

$\|\vec{B}\| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{-\sqrt{5}}{5}\right)^2} = \frac{\sqrt{22}}{5} \neq 1 \therefore \vec{B}$  is not unit vector

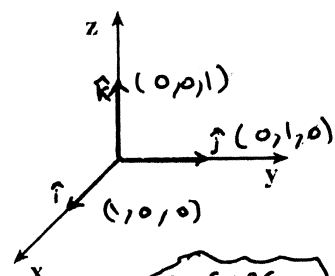
**Fundamental unit vectors** ( $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$ )

It is a directed segments whose starting point is the origin point and its norm is the unit length and its direction is the positive direction of  $x, y$  and  $z$  axes respectively:

$\hat{i} = (1, 0, 0)$ ,  $\hat{j} = (0, 1, 0)$ ,  $\hat{k} = (0, 0, 1)$

**Critical thinking**

Express the vectors  $(-1, 0, 0)$ ,  $(0, -1, 0)$ ,  $(0, 0, -1)$  in terms of the fundamental unit vectors.



answer  
 $-\hat{i}, -\hat{j}, -\hat{k}$

Ex) If  $\vec{A} = -3\hat{j} - \hat{k} + 5\hat{i}$ ,  $\vec{B} = -2\hat{k} + 3\hat{i}$  find

a)  $3\vec{A} - 5\vec{B}$

b)  $\|\vec{A} - \vec{B}\|$ ,  $\|\vec{A}\| - \|\vec{B}\|$  What do you notice?

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} 3\vec{A} - 5\vec{B} &= 3(-3\hat{j} - \hat{k} + 5\hat{i}) - 5(-2\hat{k} + 3\hat{i}) \\ &= -9\hat{j} - 3\hat{k} + 15\hat{i} + 10\hat{k} - 15\hat{i} \\ &= -9\hat{j} + 7\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{A} - \vec{B} &= -3\hat{j} - \hat{k} + 5\hat{i} - (-2\hat{k} + 3\hat{i}) \\ &= -3\hat{j} - \hat{k} + 5\hat{i} + 2\hat{k} - 3\hat{i} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{k} - 3\hat{j} \end{aligned}$$

$$\|\vec{A} - \vec{B}\| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (1)^2 + (-3)^2} = \sqrt{14}$$

$$\|\vec{A}\| - \|\vec{B}\| = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + (-1)^2 + (5)^2} - \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (3)^2} = \sqrt{35} - \sqrt{13}$$

we notice that  $\|\vec{A} - \vec{B}\| \neq \|\vec{A}\| - \|\vec{B}\|$

also  $\|\vec{A} + \vec{B}\| \neq \|\vec{A}\| + \|\vec{B}\|$

## Direction angles and Direction Cosines of a vector in space

### 2 Dimensions

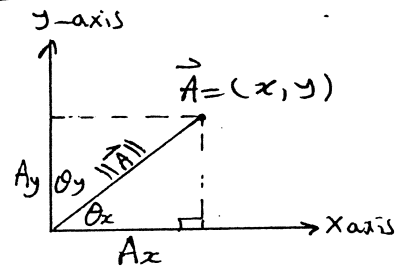
$\theta_x$  is the angle between  $\vec{A}$  and x-axis

$\theta_y$  is the angle between  $\vec{A}$  and y-axis

$$\cos \theta_x = \frac{A_x}{\|\vec{A}\|} \rightarrow A_x = \|\vec{A}\| \cos \theta_x$$

$$\cos \theta_y = \frac{A_y}{\|\vec{A}\|} \rightarrow A_y = \|\vec{A}\| \cos \theta_y$$

$$\therefore \vec{A} = (x, y) = (\|\vec{A}\| \cos \theta_x, \|\vec{A}\| \cos \theta_y)$$



### 3 Dimensions

$$\vec{A} = (A_x, A_y, A_z)$$

$$A_x = \|\vec{A}\| \cos \theta_x, A_y = \|\vec{A}\| \cos \theta_y, A_z = \|\vec{A}\| \cos \theta_z$$

$$\vec{A} = (\|\vec{A}\| \cos \theta_x, \|\vec{A}\| \cos \theta_y, \|\vec{A}\| \cos \theta_z)$$

$$\vec{A} = \|\vec{A}\| (\cos \theta_x, \cos \theta_y, \cos \theta_z) \rightarrow \div \|\vec{A}\|$$

$$\therefore \frac{\vec{A}}{\|\vec{A}\|} = (\cos \theta_x, \cos \theta_y, \cos \theta_z) = \vec{u}_A \rightarrow \underline{\underline{\text{Unit Vector}}}$$

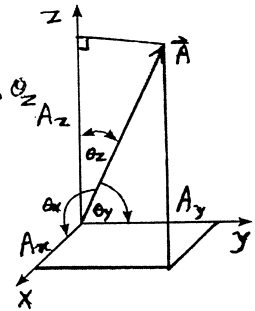
$\therefore (\cos \theta_x, \cos \theta_y, \cos \theta_z)$  represents unit vector in the direction of vector  $\vec{A}$

$$\rightarrow \therefore \cos^2 \theta_x + \cos^2 \theta_y + \cos^2 \theta_z = 1$$

$\rightarrow (\theta_x, \theta_y, \theta_z)$  are called the direction angles of vector  $\vec{A}$

$\rightarrow \cos \theta_x, \cos \theta_y, \cos \theta_z$  are called the direction cosines of

$$\rightarrow \cos \theta_x = \frac{A_x}{\|\vec{A}\|}, \cos \theta_y = \frac{A_y}{\|\vec{A}\|}, \cos \theta_z = \frac{A_z}{\|\vec{A}\|} \quad \text{vector } \vec{A}$$



**Example** If  $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \sqrt{3}\hat{k}$  then find: Try by yourself

- ① the direction cosines of  $\vec{A}$
- ② the direction angles of  $\vec{A}$

- HW
- ①  $\vec{B} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$
  - ②  $\vec{C} = 2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$

Solution

$$\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \sqrt{3}\hat{k} \rightarrow \therefore \|\vec{A}\| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (-3)^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2} = 4$$

$$\cos \theta_x = \frac{A_x}{\|\vec{A}\|} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \theta_x = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 60^\circ$$

$$\cos \theta_y = \frac{A_y}{\|\vec{A}\|} = \frac{-3}{4} \Rightarrow \theta_y = \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) = 138^\circ 35' 25''$$

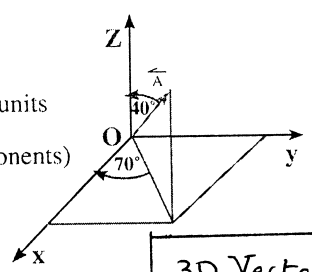
$$\cos \theta_z = \frac{A_z}{\|\vec{A}\|} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \Rightarrow \theta_z = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}\right) = 64^\circ 20' 28''$$

To be sure:  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}\right)^2 = 1 \checkmark$

$0 \leq \theta_x \leq 180$   
 $0 \leq \theta_y \leq 180$   
 $0 \leq \theta_z \leq 180$

**Example**

- 8 The opposite figure represents a vector  $\vec{A}$  whose norm is 10 units
- a Express the vector  $\vec{A}$  in algebraic form (Cartesian components)
  - b Find the measure of the direction angles of  $\vec{A}$



**Solution**

First resolve  $\vec{A}$  into two components; the first in the direction of  $\vec{OZ}$  with magnitude  $A_z$

$$A_z = \|\vec{A}\| \cos \theta_z = 10 \cos 40 = 7.66$$

The second in  $xy$ -plane

$$A_{xy} = \|\vec{A}\| \sin \theta_z = 10 \sin 40 = 6.428$$

Now, resolve the component  $A_{xy}$  into two components; the first is in the direction of  $\vec{OX}$  with magnitude  $A_x$

$$A_x = A_{xy} \cos 70 = 6.428 \cos 70 = 2.199$$

the second is in the direction of  $\vec{OY}$  with magnitude

$$A_y = A_{xy} \sin 70 = 6.428 \sin 70 = 6.04$$

$$\therefore \vec{A} = (2.199, 6.04, 7.66)$$

the cartesian form of the vector  $\vec{A}$  is

$$\vec{A} = 2.199\hat{i} + 6.04\hat{j} + 7.66\hat{k}$$

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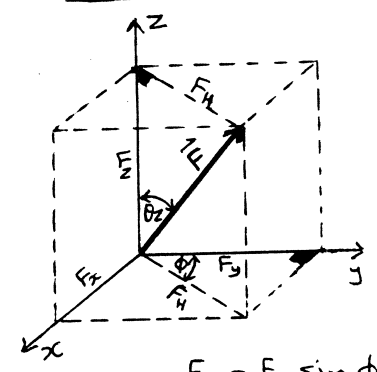
$$\|\vec{A}\| = \sqrt{(2.199)^2 + (6.04)^2 + (7.66)^2} = 10$$

$$\cos \theta_x = \frac{A_x}{\|\vec{A}\|} = \frac{2.199}{10} = 0.2199 \rightarrow \theta_x = 77.3^\circ$$

$$\cos \theta_y = \frac{A_y}{\|\vec{A}\|} = \frac{6.04}{10} = 0.604 \rightarrow \theta_y = 52.84^\circ$$

$$\cos \theta_z = \frac{A_z}{\|\vec{A}\|} = \frac{7.66}{10} = 0.766 \rightarrow \theta_z = 40^\circ$$

3D Vectors described by 2 angles



phi is the swing angle between  $\vec{OZ}$  and the bottom of the door

$$F_x = F_H \sin \phi$$

$$F_y = F_H \cos \phi$$

$$F_z = F \cos \theta_z$$

$$F_H = F \sin \theta_z$$

$$\therefore F_x = F \sin \theta_z \sin \phi$$

$$F_y = F \sin \theta_z \cos \phi$$

$$F_z = F \cos \theta_z$$

$$\|\vec{A}\| = 10, \theta_z = 40^\circ, \phi = 90 - 70 = 20$$

$$\therefore F_x = 10 \sin 40 \sin 20 = 2.199$$

$$F_y = 10 \sin 40 \cos 20 = 6.04$$

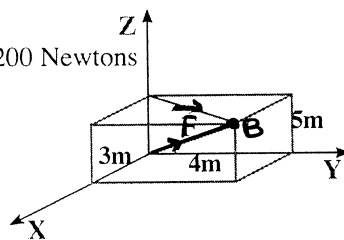
$$F_z = 10 \cos 40 = 7.66$$

$$\therefore \vec{F} = 2.199\hat{i} + 6.04\hat{j} + 7.66\hat{k}$$

**Try to solve**

9) The opposite figure represents the force  $\vec{F}$  with a magnitude 200 Newtons

- Express the force  $\vec{F}$  in an algebraic form.
- Find the measures of the direction angles of the force  $\vec{F}$ .



*Solution*

$$\therefore \|\vec{F}\| = 200\text{N}, \vec{B} = (3, 4, 5) \rightarrow \therefore \|\vec{B}\| = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2 + 5^2} = 5\sqrt{2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\|\vec{F}\|}{\|\vec{B}\|} = \frac{200}{5\sqrt{2}} = 20\sqrt{2}$$

$$\therefore \|\vec{F}\| = 20\sqrt{2} \|\vec{B}\|$$

$$\therefore \vec{F} = 20\sqrt{2} (3, 4, 5)$$

$$\therefore \vec{F} = (60\sqrt{2}, 80\sqrt{2}, 100\sqrt{2})$$

$$a) \rightarrow \vec{F} = 60\sqrt{2} \hat{i} + 80\sqrt{2} \hat{j} + 100\sqrt{2} \hat{k}$$

$$\cos \theta_x = \frac{F_x}{\|\vec{F}\|} = \frac{60\sqrt{2}}{200} \rightarrow \theta_x = 64^\circ 53' 45''$$

$$\cos \theta_y = \frac{F_y}{\|\vec{F}\|} = \frac{80\sqrt{2}}{200} \rightarrow \theta_y = 55^\circ 33'$$

$$\cos \theta_z = \frac{F_z}{\|\vec{F}\|} = \frac{100\sqrt{2}}{200} \rightarrow \theta_z = 45^\circ$$

*Example*

Find the direction cosines and direction angles of the vector  $\vec{v} = (c, c, c)$ , where  $c > 0$ . Round direction angles to the nearest degree

*Solution*

$$\vec{v} = (c, c, c) \rightarrow \|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{c^2 + c^2 + c^2} = \sqrt{3c^2} = |c|\sqrt{3} = c\sqrt{3}$$

$$\cos \theta_x = \frac{c}{c\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \rightarrow \theta_x = 55^\circ$$

$$\cos \theta_y = \frac{c}{c\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \rightarrow \theta_y = 55^\circ, \theta_z = 55^\circ$$

*Example*

If a vector has direction angles  $\frac{\pi}{4}$ ,  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  then find the third direction angle

*Solution*

$$\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma = 1$$

$$\cos^2 \frac{\pi}{4} + \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{3} + \cos^2 \gamma = 1$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \cos^2 \gamma = 1$$

$$\therefore \cos^2 \gamma = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\cos \gamma = \pm \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\cos \gamma = \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \gamma = 60^\circ = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\cos \gamma = -\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \gamma = 120^\circ = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

Rules and Ideas

1)  $\vec{AB} = \vec{B} - \vec{A}$

2)  $\vec{A} = (2, -4, 4) \rightarrow \|\vec{A}\| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (-4)^2 + (4)^2} = 6 \text{ units}$

- $A_x, A_y, A_z$  are the components of  $\vec{A}$  in the directions of the cartesian axes.
- the component of  $\vec{A}$  vanishes in the direction of x-axis means 1)  $A_x = 0$  2)  $\vec{A}$  lies in the yz plane
- $\vec{A}$  parallel to xy plane means  $A_z = 0$  (constant)  $\rightarrow A = (x, y, 0)$
- the algebraic form of vector  $\vec{A}$  is  $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$
- the component of  $\vec{A}$  in the direction of x-axis = 2 (number)

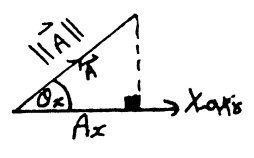
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the projection of  $\vec{A}$  in the direction of x-axis =  $2\hat{i}$  (vector)

$0 \leq \theta_x \leq \pi$   
 $0 \leq \theta_y \leq \pi$   
 $0 \leq \theta_z \leq \pi$

$\theta_x, \theta_y, \theta_z$  are the direction angles of  $\vec{A}$

$\cos \theta_x = \frac{A_x}{\|\vec{A}\|} \rightarrow A_x = \|\vec{A}\| \cos \theta_x$   
 $\cos \theta_y = \frac{A_y}{\|\vec{A}\|} \rightarrow A_y = \|\vec{A}\| \cos \theta_y$   
 $\cos \theta_z = \frac{A_z}{\|\vec{A}\|} \rightarrow A_z = \|\vec{A}\| \cos \theta_z$



$\cos \theta_x, \cos \theta_y, \cos \theta_z$  are the direction cosines of  $\vec{A}$

$\cos^2 \theta_x + \cos^2 \theta_y + \cos^2 \theta_z = 1$

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$\vec{u}_A$  is a unit vector in the direction of  $\vec{A} \Rightarrow \|\vec{u}_A\| = 1 \text{ unit}$

$\vec{u}_A = \frac{\vec{A}}{\|\vec{A}\|} = \frac{(A_x, A_y, A_z)}{\|\vec{A}\|} = \left( \frac{A_x}{\|\vec{A}\|}, \frac{A_y}{\|\vec{A}\|}, \frac{A_z}{\|\vec{A}\|} \right) = (\cos \theta_x, \cos \theta_y, \cos \theta_z)$

$\therefore \|\vec{u}_A\| = 1 \rightarrow \therefore \sqrt{\cos^2 \theta_x + \cos^2 \theta_y + \cos^2 \theta_z} = 1$  by squaring

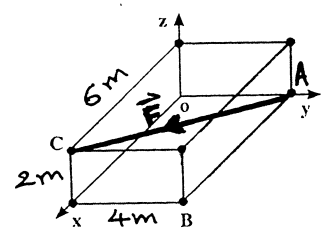
$\therefore \cos^2 \theta_x + \cos^2 \theta_y + \cos^2 \theta_z = 1$

3)  $\hat{i} = (1, 0, 0), \hat{j} = (0, 1, 0), \hat{k} = (0, 0, 1), \|\hat{i}\| = \|\hat{j}\| = \|\hat{k}\| = 1$

If  $\vec{A} = (K, 0, 0) = K(1, 0, 0) = K\hat{i} \rightarrow \therefore \|\vec{A}\| = \|K\hat{i}\|$

$\therefore \|\vec{A}\| = |K| \|\hat{i}\| = |K|$

4)  $\vec{F} = 14N, C = (6, 0, 2), A = (0, 4, 0)$   
 $\vec{AC} = C - A = (6, 0, 2) - (0, 4, 0) = (6, -4, 2)$   
 $\vec{F} = K \vec{AC} = K(6, -4, 2) = (6K, -4K, 2K)$



$\|\vec{F}\| = \sqrt{(6K)^2 + (-4K)^2 + (2K)^2}$

$14 = \sqrt{56K^2} \rightarrow 196 = 56K^2 \rightarrow K = \frac{\sqrt{14}}{2}$

$\therefore \vec{F} = \frac{\sqrt{14}}{2} (6, -4, 2) = (3\sqrt{14}, -2\sqrt{14}, \sqrt{14}) = 3\sqrt{14}\hat{i} - 2\sqrt{14}\hat{j} + \sqrt{14}\hat{k}$

Complete the following:

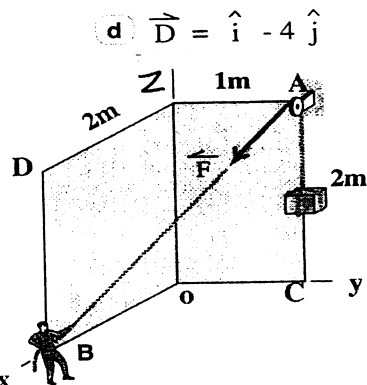
- ① If  $\vec{A} = (-3, 4, 2)$ , then  $\|\vec{A}\| = \dots\dots\dots$
- ② If  $\vec{A} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{B} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{k}$ , then  $\vec{A} - \vec{B} = \dots\dots\dots$
- ③ The unit vector in the direction of  $\vec{AB}$  where  $A(-1, 2, 0)$ ,  $B(3, -1, 2)$  is  $\dots\dots\dots$
- ④ The vector  $\vec{A} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  makes an angle of measure  $\dots\dots\dots$  with the +ve direction of x-axis.
- ⑤ The vector  $\vec{B} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j}$  makes an angle of measure  $\dots\dots\dots$  with the +ve direction of z-axis.

Choose the correct answer from the following:

- ⑥ If  $\vec{A} = (-2, k, 1)$  and  $\|\vec{A}\| = 3$  unit, then  $k = \dots\dots\dots$   
 a) 4                      b) -4                      c)  $\pm 2$                       d)  $\sqrt{14}$
- ⑦ If  $30^\circ, 70^\circ, \theta$  are the direction angles of a vector, then one of the values of  $\theta = \dots\dots\dots$   
 a)  $100^\circ$                       b)  $80^\circ$                       c)  $260^\circ$                       d)  $68.61^\circ$
- ⑧ If  $\vec{A} = (-1, 5, -2)$ ,  $\vec{B} = (3, 1, 1)$  and if  $\vec{A} + \vec{B} + \vec{C} = \hat{i}$ , then  $\vec{C} = \dots\dots\dots$   
 a)  $\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - \hat{k}$                       b)  $-\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + \hat{k}$   
 c)  $\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$                       d)  $\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - \hat{k}$
- ⑨ The direction cosines of the vector  $\vec{A} = (-2, 1, 2)$  is  $\dots\dots\dots$   
 a)  $(-2, 1, 2)$                       b)  $(\frac{-2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$                       c)  $(\frac{5}{-2}, 5, \frac{5}{2})$                       d)  $(-1, 1, 1)$

Answer the following :

- ⑩ If  $\vec{A} = (2, -3, 1)$ ,  $\vec{B} = (4, -2, 0)$ ,  $\vec{C} = (-6, 0, 3)$ , find each of the following vectors:  
 a)  $\vec{A} + \vec{B}$                       b)  $3\vec{A} - \frac{1}{3}\vec{C}$                       c)  $\frac{3}{2}\vec{B} + \frac{2}{3}\vec{C}$
- ⑪ If  $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{B} = 4\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{C} = 4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$ , find each of the following vectors:  
 a)  $2\vec{A} + \vec{B}$                       b)  $\frac{1}{2}\vec{B} - \vec{C}$                       c)  $3\vec{A} - 2\vec{C}$
- ⑫ Find the norm of each of the following vectors:  
 a)  $\vec{A} = (2, -1, 0)$                       b)  $\vec{B} = (1, 2, -2)$                       c)  $\vec{C} = \hat{j}$                       d)  $\vec{D} = \hat{i} - 4\hat{j}$
- ⑬ If  $\vec{A} = (k, 0, 0)$ ,  $\hat{i} = (1, 0, 0)$ , prove that  $\|\vec{A}\| = |k| \|\hat{i}\|$
- ⑭ If the tension force in a string equals 21 newtons, find the algebraic components of the force  $\vec{F}$  in the directions of the Cartesian axes
- ⑮ **Open question:** What can you say about the coordinates of the vector  $\vec{A}$  if the vector  $\vec{A}$  is parallel to yz-plane?
- ⑯ **Open question:** If  $\vec{A}$  and  $\vec{B}$  are two vectors in  $R^3$ . Is  $\|\vec{A} + \vec{B}\| = \|\vec{A}\| + \|\vec{B}\|$ ? Which side is greater if both sides are unequal?
- ⑰ **Creative thinking:** Find the Algebraic form of the vector  $\vec{A}$  if its norm is 5 units and makes equal angles with the +ve directions of the Cartesian axes.

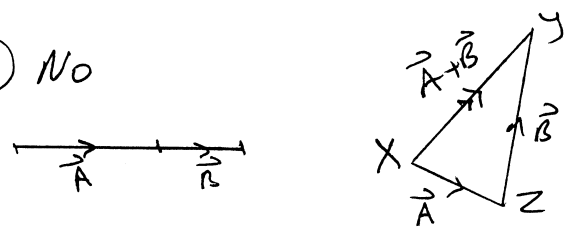


⑭  $A = (0, 1, 2), B = (2, 0, 0)$   
 $\vec{AB} = B - A = (2, 0, 0) - (0, 1, 2)$   
 $\vec{AB} = (2, -1, -2)$   
 $\|\vec{AB}\| = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (-1)^2 + (-2)^2} = 3$   
 $\cos \theta_x = \frac{Ax}{\|\vec{A}\|} = \frac{2}{3}$   
 $\cos \theta_y = \frac{Ay}{\|\vec{A}\|} = \frac{-1}{3}$   
 $\cos \theta_z = \frac{Az}{\|\vec{A}\|} = \frac{-2}{3}$

$F_x = F \cos \theta_x = 21 \times \frac{2}{3} = 14$   
 $F_y = F \cos \theta_y = 21 \times \frac{-1}{3} = -7$   
 $F_z = F \cos \theta_z = 21 \times \frac{-2}{3} = -14$   
 $F = 14\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} - 14\hat{k}$

constant  
 ⑮  $A_x = K \rightarrow \vec{A} = (K, y, z)$

⑯ No



$\|\vec{A} + \vec{B}\| = \|\vec{A}\| + \|\vec{B}\|$  only if  $\vec{A}, \vec{B}$  on the same st. line  
 but from triangle inequality  
 $XY < XZ + ZY$   
 $\|\vec{A} + \vec{B}\| < \|\vec{A}\| + \|\vec{B}\|$   
 so we say that  
 $\|\vec{A} + \vec{B}\| \leq \|\vec{A}\| + \|\vec{B}\|$

⑰  $\|\vec{A}\| = 5$   
 $\theta_x = \theta_y = \theta_z$   
 $\therefore \cos \theta_x = \cos \theta_y = \cos \theta_z$   
 $\therefore \cos^2 \theta_x + \cos^2 \theta_y + \cos^2 \theta_z = 1$   
 $\therefore 3 \cos^2 \theta_x = 1$   
 $\cos^2 \theta_x = \frac{1}{3} \quad (\pm\sqrt{\quad})$   
 $\therefore \cos \theta_x = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$   
 $A_x = \|A\| \cos \theta_x = 5 \times \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} = \pm \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{3}$   
 $A_y = A_z = \pm \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{3}$   
 $\therefore \vec{A} = (\pm \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{3})\hat{i} + (\pm \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{3})\hat{j} + (\pm \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{3})\hat{k}$   
 $\therefore \vec{A} = \pm \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{3} (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$

⑱  $\vec{A} = (K, 0, 0)$   
 $\vec{A} = K(1, 0, 0)$   
 $\vec{A} = K\hat{i}$   
 $\|\vec{A}\| = \|K\hat{i}\|$   
 $\|\vec{A}\| = |K| \|\hat{i}\|$

Answers of exercises (1 - 2)

- ①  $\sqrt{29}$       ②  $\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$
- ③  $(\frac{4}{\sqrt{29}}, \frac{-3}{\sqrt{29}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{29}})$
- ④  $41^\circ 57' 36''$       ⑤  $90^\circ$
- ⑥  $\pm 2$       ⑦  $82.355^\circ$
- ⑧  $-\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + \hat{k}$       ⑨  $(\frac{-2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$
- ⑩ a  $(6, -5, 1)$       b  $(8, -9, 2)$   
     c  $(2, -3, 2)$
- ⑪ a  $(4, -2, 8)$       b  $(-3, \frac{-13}{2}, \frac{17}{2})$   
     c  $(-2, -19, -27)$
- ⑫ a  $\sqrt{5}$       b 3      c 1      d  $\sqrt{17}$
- ⑬ proof      ⑭  $(-14, 7, 14)$
- ⑮  $\vec{A} = (K, y, z)$
- ⑯  $\|\vec{A} + \vec{B}\| \leq \|\vec{A}\| + \|\vec{B}\|$