

## EXERCISE 7.2

**Q.1** Let  $A = (2, 5)$ ,  $B (-1, 1)$ ,  $C (2, -6)$  Find (i)  $\vec{AB}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{AB} &= \vec{OB} - \vec{OA} \\ &= (-1 - 2)\underline{i} + (1 - 5)\underline{j} = -3\underline{i} - 4\underline{j}\end{aligned}$$

(ii)  $2\vec{AB} - \vec{CB}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{AB} &= \vec{OB} - \vec{OA} \\ &= -3\underline{i} - 4\underline{j} \\ \vec{CB} &= \vec{OB} - \vec{OC} \\ &= (-1 - 2)\underline{i} + (1 + 6)\underline{j} \\ &= -3\underline{i} + 7\underline{j}\end{aligned}$$


$$\begin{aligned}2\vec{AB} - \vec{CB} &= 2(-3\underline{i} - 4\underline{j}) - (-3\underline{i} + 7\underline{j}) \\ &= -6\underline{i} - 8\underline{j} + 3\underline{i} - 7\underline{j} = -3\underline{i} - 15\underline{j}\end{aligned}$$

(iii)  $2\vec{CB} - 2\vec{CA}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{CB} &= \vec{OB} - \vec{OC} \\ &= (-1 - 2)\underline{i} + (1 + 6)\underline{j} = -3\underline{i} + 7\underline{j} \\ \vec{CA} &= \vec{OA} - \vec{OC} \\ &= (2 - 2)\underline{i} + (5 + 6)\underline{j} = 0\underline{i} + 11\underline{j}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}2\vec{CB} - 2\vec{CA} &= 2(\vec{CB} - \vec{CA}) \\ &= 2(-3\underline{i} + 7\underline{j} - 0\underline{i} - 11\underline{j}) = 2(-3\underline{i} - 4\underline{j}) = -6\underline{i} - 8\underline{j}\end{aligned}$$

**Q.2** Let  $\underline{u} = \underline{i} + 2\underline{j} - \underline{k}$ ,  $\underline{v} = 3\underline{i} - 2\underline{j} + 2\underline{k}$   
 $\underline{w} = 5\underline{i} - \underline{j} + 3\underline{k}$ . Find the indicated vector or number

(i)  $\underline{u} + 2\underline{v} + \underline{w}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{u} + 2\underline{v} + \underline{w} \\ &= (\underline{i} + 2\underline{j} - \underline{k}) + 2(3\underline{i} - 2\underline{j} + 2\underline{k}) + 5\underline{i} - \underline{j} + 3\underline{k} \\ &= \underline{i} + 2\underline{j} - \underline{k} + 6\underline{i} - 4\underline{j} + 4\underline{k} + 5\underline{i} - \underline{j} + 3\underline{k} \\ &= 12\underline{i} - 3\underline{j} + 6\underline{k}\end{aligned}$$

(ii)  $\underline{v} - 3\underline{w}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{v} - 3\underline{w} \\ &= 3\underline{i} - 2\underline{j} + 2\underline{k} - 3(5\underline{i} - \underline{j} + 3\underline{k}) \\ &= 3\underline{i} - 2\underline{j} + 2\underline{k} - 15\underline{i} + 3\underline{j} - 9\underline{k} \\ &\quad = -12\underline{i} + \underline{j} - 7\underline{k}\end{aligned}$$

(iii)  $|3\underline{v} + \underline{w}|$

**Solution:**  
 $|3\underline{v} + \underline{w}|$

$$\begin{aligned}3\underline{v} + \underline{w} &= 3(3\underline{i} - 2\underline{j} + 2\underline{k}) + 5\underline{i} - \underline{j} + 3\underline{k} \\ &= 9\underline{i} - 6\underline{j} + 6\underline{k} + 5\underline{i} - \underline{j} + 3\underline{k} \\ &= 14\underline{i} - 7\underline{j} + 9\underline{k}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}|3\underline{v} + \underline{w}| &= \sqrt{(14)^2 + (-7)^2 + (9)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{196 + 49 + 81}\end{aligned}$$

$$|3\underline{v} + \underline{w}| = \sqrt{326} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

**Q.3** Find the magnitude of the vector  $\underline{v}$  and write the direction cosines of  $\underline{v}$ .

(i)  $\underline{v} = 2\underline{i} + 3\underline{j} + 4\underline{k}$

**Solution:**

$$\underline{v} = 2\underline{i} + 3\underline{j} + 4\underline{k}$$

$$|\underline{v}| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (3)^2 + (4)^2} = \sqrt{4 + 9 + 16} = \sqrt{29}$$

direction cosines are

$$\left[ \frac{2}{\sqrt{29}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{29}}, \frac{4}{\sqrt{29}} \right] \quad \text{Ans.}$$

$$\text{(ii)} \quad \underline{v} = \underline{i} - \underline{j} - \underline{k}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{v} &= \underline{i} - \underline{j} - \underline{k} \\ |\underline{v}| &= \sqrt{(1)^2 + (-1)^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{1+1+1} = \sqrt{3}\end{aligned}$$

Direction cosines are

$$\left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}} \right] \quad \text{Ans.}$$

$$\text{(iii)} \quad \underline{v} = 4\underline{i} - 5\underline{j}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{v} &= 4\underline{i} - 5\underline{j} \\ |\underline{v}| &= \sqrt{(4)^2 + (-5)^2} = \sqrt{16+25} = \sqrt{41}\end{aligned}$$

Direction cosines are

$$\left[ \frac{4}{\sqrt{41}}, \frac{-5}{\sqrt{41}}, 0 \right] \quad \text{Ans.}$$

**Q.4 Find  $\alpha$ , so that  $|\alpha \underline{i} + (\alpha + 1) \underline{j} + 2 \underline{k}| = 3$**  (Gujranwala Board 2007)

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}|\alpha \underline{i} + (\alpha + 1) \underline{j} + 2 \underline{k}| &= 3 \\ \sqrt{\alpha^2 + (\alpha + 1)^2 + (2)^2} &= 3\end{aligned}$$

Taking square on both sides

$$\alpha^2 + \alpha^2 + 1 + 2\alpha + 4 = 9$$

$$2\alpha^2 + 2\alpha + 5 - 9 = 0$$

$$2\alpha^2 + 2\alpha - 4 = 0$$

$$\alpha^2 + \alpha - 2 = 0 \quad (\text{Dividing throughout by 2})$$

$$\alpha^2 + 2\alpha - \alpha - 2 = 0$$

$$\alpha(\alpha + 2) - 1(\alpha + 2) = 0$$

$$(\alpha + 2)(\alpha - 1) = 0$$

$$\alpha + 2 = 0 \quad \alpha - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = -2, \alpha = 1 \quad \text{Ans}$$

**Q.5 Find a unit vector in the direction of  $\underline{v} = \underline{i} + 2\underline{j} - \underline{k}$**

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{v} &= \underline{i} + 2\underline{j} - \underline{k} \\ |\underline{v}| &= \sqrt{(1)^2 + (2)^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{1+4+1} = \sqrt{6}\end{aligned}$$

Required unit vector is

$$\hat{\underline{v}} = \frac{\underline{v}}{|\underline{v}|} = \frac{\underline{i} + 2\underline{j} - \underline{k}}{\sqrt{6}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \underline{i} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \underline{j} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \underline{k} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

**Q.6 If  $\underline{a} = 3\underline{i} - \underline{j} - 4\underline{k}$ ,  $\underline{b} = -2\underline{i} - 4\underline{j} - 3\underline{k}$  &  $\underline{c} = \underline{i} + 2\underline{j} - \underline{k}$ . Find a unit vector parallel to  $3\underline{a} - 2\underline{b} + 4\underline{c}$**  (Gujranwala Board 2004)

**Solution:**

$$3\underline{a} = 3(3\underline{i} - \underline{j} - 4\underline{k}) = 9\underline{i} - 3\underline{j} - 12\underline{k}$$

$$2\underline{b} = 2(-2\underline{i} - 4\underline{j} - 3\underline{k}) = -4\underline{i} - 8\underline{j} - 6\underline{k}$$

$$4\underline{c} = 4(\underline{i} + 2\underline{j} - \underline{k}) = 4\underline{i} + 8\underline{j} - 4\underline{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } \underline{v} &= 3\underline{a} - 2\underline{b} + 4\underline{c} = 9\underline{i} - 3\underline{j} - 12\underline{k} - (-4\underline{i} - 8\underline{j} - 6\underline{k}) + 4\underline{i} + 8\underline{j} - 4\underline{k} \\ &= 9\underline{i} - 3\underline{j} - 12\underline{k} + 4\underline{i} + 8\underline{j} + 6\underline{k} + 4\underline{i} + 8\underline{j} - 4\underline{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{v} = 17\underline{i} + 13\underline{j} - 10\underline{k}$$

$$\text{Now } |\underline{v}| = \sqrt{(17)^2 + (13)^2 + (-10)^2} = \sqrt{289 + 169 + 100} = \sqrt{558}$$

$$\hat{\underline{v}} = \frac{\underline{v}}{|\underline{v}|} = \frac{17\underline{i} + 13\underline{j} - 10\underline{k}}{\sqrt{558}} = \frac{17}{\sqrt{558}} \underline{i} + \frac{13}{\sqrt{558}} \underline{j} - \frac{10}{\sqrt{558}} \underline{k} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

**Q.7 Find a vector whose**

(i) **magnitude is 4 and is parallel to  $2\underline{i} - 3\underline{j} + 6\underline{k}$**

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } \underline{v} = 2\underline{i} - 3\underline{j} + 6\underline{k}$$

$$|\underline{v}| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (-3)^2 + (6)^2} = \sqrt{4 + 9 + 36} = \sqrt{49} = 7$$

Let  $\underline{u}$  be a vector parallel to  $\underline{v}$ , then

$$\underline{u} = \frac{\underline{v}}{|\underline{v}|} = \frac{2\underline{i} - 3\underline{j} + 6\underline{k}}{7} \quad (\text{It is a vector whose magnitude is 1 and parallel to } \underline{v})$$

Required vector

$$4\underline{u} = 4 \left( \frac{2\underline{i} - 3\underline{j} + 6\underline{k}}{7} \right) = \frac{8}{7} \underline{i} - \frac{12}{7} \underline{j} + \frac{24}{7} \underline{k} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

(ii) **magnitude is 2 and is parallel to  $-\underline{i} + \underline{j} + \underline{k}$**  (Lahore Board 2006)

**Solution:**

$$\text{Let } \underline{v} = -\underline{i} + \underline{j} + \underline{k}$$

$$|\underline{v}| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (1)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{3}$$

Let  $\underline{u}$  is vector parallel to  $\underline{v}$

$$\underline{u} = \frac{\underline{v}}{|\underline{v}|} = \frac{-\underline{i} + \underline{j} + \underline{k}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Required vector

$$2\mathbf{u} = \frac{2(-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{-2}{\sqrt{3}}\mathbf{i} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\mathbf{j} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\mathbf{k} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

**Q.8** If  $\mathbf{u} = 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = -\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} + Z\mathbf{k}$  represents the sides of a triangle. Find the value of Z.

**Solution:**

If  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$  &  $\mathbf{w}$  represents the sides of a triangle, then by vector addition  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{w}$

$$\begin{aligned} 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k} + (-\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) &= \mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} + Z\mathbf{k} \\ 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k} &= \mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} + Z\mathbf{k} \\ \mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k} &= \mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} + Z\mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

By comparing

$$Z = 3 \quad \text{Ans.}$$

**Q.9** The position vectors of the points A, B, C and D are  $2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ ,  $3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$ ,  $2\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$  and  $-\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$  respectively. Show that  $\vec{AB}$  is parallel to  $\vec{CD}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{AB} &= \vec{OB} - \vec{OA} \\ &= (3 - 2)\mathbf{i} + (1 + 1)\mathbf{j} + (0 - 1)\mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

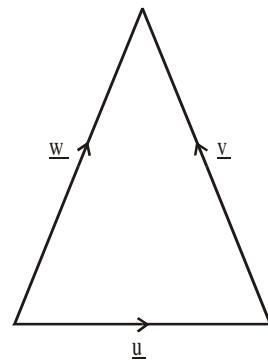
$$\vec{AB} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{CD} &= \text{Position vector of D} - \text{Position vector of C} \\ &= (-1 - 2)\mathbf{i} + (-2 - 4)\mathbf{j} + (1 + 2)\mathbf{k} \\ &= -3\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{CD} = -3(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k})$$

$$\vec{CD} = -3\vec{AB}$$

Hence  $\vec{AB}$  is parallel to  $\vec{CD}$ .



**Q.10** Two vectors  $\underline{u}$  &  $\underline{w}$  in space are parallel, if there is a scalar  $c$  such that  $\underline{v} = c\underline{w}$ . The vectors point in the same direction if  $c > 0$  and the vector point in the opposite direction if  $c < 0$

- (a) Find two vectors of length 2 parallel to vector  $\underline{v} = 2\underline{i} - 4\underline{j} + 4\underline{k}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{v} &= 2\underline{i} - 4\underline{j} + 4\underline{k} \\ |\underline{v}| &= \sqrt{(2)^2 + (-4)^2 + (4)^2} = \sqrt{4 + 16 + 16} = \sqrt{36} = 6 \\ \Rightarrow \hat{\underline{v}} &= \frac{\underline{v}}{|\underline{v}|} = \frac{2\underline{i} - 4\underline{j} + 4\underline{k}}{6} = \frac{2(\underline{i} - 2\underline{j} + 2\underline{k})}{6} = \frac{\underline{i} - 2\underline{j} + 2\underline{k}}{3}\end{aligned}$$

∴ The two vectors whose length is 2 and parallel to  $\hat{\underline{v}}$  are  $2\hat{\underline{v}}$  &  $-2\hat{\underline{v}}$

$$\text{i.e;} \quad 2\hat{\underline{v}} = \frac{2}{3} (\underline{i} - 2\underline{j} + 2\underline{k}) = \frac{2}{3} \underline{i} - \frac{4}{3} \underline{j} + \frac{4}{3} \underline{k} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

$$-2\hat{\underline{v}} = \frac{-2}{3} (\underline{i} - 2\underline{j} + 2\underline{k}) = \frac{-2}{3} \underline{i} + \frac{4}{3} \underline{j} - \frac{4}{3} \underline{k} \quad \text{Ans.}$$

- (b) Find the constant  $a$  so that the vectors  $\underline{v} = \underline{i} - 3\underline{j} + 4\underline{k}$  and  $\underline{w} = a\underline{i} + 9\underline{j} - 12\underline{k}$  are parallel. (Gujranwala Board 2004)

**Solution:**

Since  $\underline{v}$  &  $\underline{w}$  are parallel so

$$\underline{w} = c\underline{v}$$

$$a\underline{i} + 9\underline{j} - 12\underline{k} = c(\underline{i} - 3\underline{j} + 4\underline{k})$$

$$a\underline{i} + 9\underline{j} - 12\underline{k} = c\underline{i} - 3c\underline{j} + 4c\underline{k}$$

By comparing

$$a = c, \quad 9 = -3c, \quad -12 = 4c$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{9}{-3} = c \Rightarrow c = -3$$

$a = -3$

Ans.

- (c) Find a vector of length 5 in the direction opposite that of  $\underline{v} = \underline{i} - 2\underline{j} + 3\underline{k}$ . (Lahore Board 2004)

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{v} &= \underline{i} - 2\underline{j} + 3\underline{k} \\ |\underline{v}| &= \sqrt{(1)^2 + (-2)^2 + (3)^2} = \sqrt{1 + 4 + 9} = \sqrt{14} \\ \hat{\underline{v}} &= \frac{\underline{v}}{|\underline{v}|} = \frac{\underline{i} - 2\underline{j} + 3\underline{k}}{\sqrt{14}}\end{aligned}$$

∴ The vector of length 5 in opposite direction of  $\underline{v}$  is

$$\begin{aligned}-5\hat{\underline{v}} &= \frac{-5}{\sqrt{14}} (\underline{i} - 2\underline{j} + 3\underline{k}) \\ \frac{-5}{\sqrt{14}} \underline{i} + \frac{10}{\sqrt{14}} \underline{j} - \frac{15}{\sqrt{14}} \underline{k} &\quad \text{Ans.}\end{aligned}$$

(d) Find  $\underline{a}$  and  $\underline{b}$  so that the vectors  $3\underline{i} - \underline{j} + 4\underline{k}$  and  $a\underline{i} + b\underline{j} - 2\underline{k}$  are parallel.

**Solution:**

Since  $\underline{v}$  &  $\underline{w}$  are parallel so

$$\underline{w} = c\underline{v}$$

$$a\underline{i} + b\underline{j} - 2\underline{k} = c(3\underline{i} - \underline{j} + 4\underline{k})$$

$$a\underline{i} + b\underline{j} - 2\underline{k} = 3c\underline{i} - c\underline{j} + 4c\underline{k}$$

By comparing

$$a = 3c, \quad b = -c, \quad -2 = 4c$$

$$\frac{-2}{4} = c$$

$$b = -c$$

$$\boxed{\frac{-1}{2} = c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{b = \frac{1}{2}} \quad a = 3c \quad \Rightarrow a = 3\left(\frac{-1}{2}\right) \Rightarrow \boxed{a = \frac{-3}{2}}$$

**Q.11 Find the direction cosines for the given vectors.**

$$(i) \quad \underline{v} = 3\underline{i} - \underline{j} + 2\underline{k}$$

(Lahore Board 2007)

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{v} &= 3\underline{i} - \underline{j} + 2\underline{k} \\ |\underline{v}| &= \sqrt{(3)^2 + (-1)^2 + (2)^2} = \sqrt{9 + 1 + 4} = \sqrt{14}\end{aligned}$$

Direction cosines are

$$= \left[ \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}} \right]$$

$$(ii) \quad \underline{v} = 6\underline{i} - 2\underline{j} + \underline{k}$$

(Lahore Board 2006)

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{v} &= 6\underline{i} - 2\underline{j} + \underline{k} \\ |\underline{v}| &= \sqrt{(6)^2 + (-2)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{36 + 4 + 1} = \sqrt{41}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Direction cosines are } = \left[ \frac{6}{\sqrt{41}}, \frac{-2}{\sqrt{41}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{41}} \right] \quad \text{Ans.}$$

(iii)  $\vec{PQ}$ , where P (2, 1, 5) & Q = (1, 3, 1)

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{PQ} &= \vec{OQ} - \vec{OP} \\ &= (1-2)\underline{i} + (3-1)\underline{j} + (1-5)\underline{k} = -\underline{i} + 2\underline{j} - 4\underline{k} \\ |\vec{PQ}| &= \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (2)^2 + (-4)^2} = \sqrt{1+4+16} = \sqrt{21} \\ \text{Direction cosines are } &= \left[ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{21}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{21}}, \frac{-4}{\sqrt{21}} \right] \quad \text{Ans.}\end{aligned}$$

**Q.12 Which of the following triples can be the direction angles of a single vector.**

(i)  $45^\circ, 45^\circ, 60^\circ$

**Solution:**

If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are direction angles of a vector, then it must satisfy  $\cos^2\alpha + \cos^2\beta + \cos^2\gamma = 1$

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$$\begin{aligned}\cos^2\alpha + \cos^2\beta + \cos^2\gamma &= (\cos 45^\circ)^2 + (\cos 45^\circ)^2 + (\cos 60^\circ)^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \\ &= \frac{2+2+1}{4} = \frac{5}{4} \neq 1\end{aligned}$$

So given triples are not direction angles.

(ii)  $30^\circ, 45^\circ, 60^\circ$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &= 30^\circ, \beta = 45^\circ, \gamma = 60^\circ \\ \cos^2\alpha + \cos^2\beta + \cos^2\gamma &= (\cos 30^\circ)^2 + (\cos 45^\circ)^2 + (\cos 60^\circ)^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3+2+1}{4} = \frac{6}{4} \neq 1\end{aligned}$$

Hence given triples can not be direction angles.

(iii)  $45^\circ, 60^\circ, 60^\circ$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &= 45^\circ, \beta = 60^\circ, \gamma = 60^\circ \\ \cos^2\alpha + \cos^2\beta + \cos^2\gamma &= (\cos 45^\circ)^2 + (\cos 60^\circ)^2 + (\cos 60^\circ)^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \\ &= \frac{2+1+1}{4} = \frac{4}{4} = 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{As } \cos^2\alpha + \cos^2\beta + \cos^2\gamma = 1$$

Therefore, given triples can be direction angles of a vector.

## The Scalar Product of Two vectors

### Definition:

Let two non zero vectors  $\underline{u}$  &  $\underline{v}$  in the plane or in space, have same initial point. The dot product of  $\underline{u}$  and  $\underline{v}$ , written as  $\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v}$ , is defined by

$$\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v} = |\underline{u}| |\underline{v}| \cos\theta \text{ where } \theta \text{ is angle between } \underline{u} \text{ & } \underline{v} \text{ and } 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi.$$

### Orthogonal / Perpendicular vectors:

The two vectors  $\underline{u}$  &  $\underline{v}$  are orthogonal / perpendicular if and only if  $\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v} = 0$

Remember:

- (i) Dot product, inner product, scalar product are same.
- (ii)  $\underline{i} \cdot \underline{i} = \underline{j} \cdot \underline{j} = \underline{k} \cdot \underline{k} = 1$
- (iii)  $\underline{i} \cdot \underline{j} = \underline{j} \cdot \underline{k} = \underline{k} \cdot \underline{i} = 0$
- (iv) Scalar product is commutative i.e.,  $\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v} = \underline{v} \cdot \underline{u}$

## EXERCISE 7.3

**Q.1 Find the Cosine of the angle  $\theta$  between  $\underline{u}$  and  $\underline{v}$ .**

(i)  $\underline{u} = 3\underline{i} + \underline{j} - \underline{k}$        $\underline{v} = 2\underline{i} - \underline{j} + \underline{k}$

**Formula**

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v}}{|\underline{u}| |\underline{v}|}$$

**Solution:**

$$\underline{u} = 3\underline{i} + \underline{j} - \underline{k}, \quad \underline{v} = 2\underline{i} - \underline{j} + \underline{k}$$

$$\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v} = (3\underline{i} + \underline{j} - \underline{k}) \cdot (2\underline{i} - \underline{j} + \underline{k})$$

$$\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v} = 6 - 1 - 1 = 4$$

$$|\underline{u}| = \sqrt{(3)^2 + (1)^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{9 + 1 + 1} = \sqrt{11}$$

$$|\underline{v}| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (-1)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{4 + 1 + 1} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v}}{|\underline{u}| |\underline{v}|} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{11} \sqrt{6}} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{66}}$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{4}{\sqrt{66}} \quad \text{Ans.}$$