

VECTOR ASSIGNMENT

- The perimeter of the triangle whose vertices have the position vectors $(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$, $(5\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k})$ and $(2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} + 9\mathbf{k})$ is given by
 (a) $15 + \sqrt{157}$ (b) $15 - \sqrt{157}$ (c) $\sqrt{15} - \sqrt{157}$ (d) $\sqrt{15} + \sqrt{157}$
- If the vectors $6\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$, $2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 6\mathbf{k}$ and $3\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$ form a triangle, then it is
 (a) Right angled (b) Obtuse angled (c) Equilateral (d) Isosceles
- The vectors $\overrightarrow{AB} = 3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{k}$ and $\overrightarrow{AC} = 5\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$ are the sides of a triangle ABC . The length of the median through A is
 (a) $\sqrt{18}$ (b) $\sqrt{72}$ (c) $\sqrt{33}$ (d) $\sqrt{288}$
- If \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are two unit vectors inclined at an angle 2θ to each other, then $|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}| < 1$, if
 (a) $\frac{\pi}{3} < \theta < \frac{2\pi}{3}$ (b) $\theta < \frac{\pi}{3}$ (c) $\theta > \frac{2\pi}{3}$ (d) $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$
- If the position vectors of A and B are $\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 7\mathbf{k}$ and $5\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$, then the direction cosine of \overrightarrow{AB} along y -axis is
 (a) $\frac{4}{\sqrt{162}}$ (b) $-\frac{5}{\sqrt{162}}$ (c) -5 (d) 11
- The position vectors of four points A, B, C, D lying in plane are $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{d}$ respectively. They satisfy the relation $|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{d}| = |\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{d}| = |\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{d}|$, then the point D is
 (a) Centroid of $\triangle ABC$ (b) Circumcentre of $\triangle ABC$ (c) Orthocentre of $\triangle ABC$ (d) Incentre of $\triangle ABC$
- In a parallelepiped the ratio of the sum of the squares on the four diagonals to the sum of the squares on the three coterminal edges is
 (a) 2 (b) 3 (c) 4 (d) 1
- A vector of magnitude 2 along a bisector of the angle between the two vectors $2\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$ is
 (a) $\frac{2}{\sqrt{10}}(3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{k})$ (b) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{26}}(\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k})$ (c) $\frac{2}{\sqrt{26}}(\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k})$ (d) None of these
- The vector $\mathbf{i} + x\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$ is rotated through an angle θ and doubled in magnitude, then it becomes $4\mathbf{i} + (4x - 2)\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$. The value of x is
 (a) $-\frac{2}{3}$ (b) $\frac{1}{3}$ (c) $\frac{2}{3}$ (d) 2
- If I is the centre of a circle inscribed in a triangle ABC , then $|\overrightarrow{BC}| |\overrightarrow{IA}| + |\overrightarrow{CA}| |\overrightarrow{IB}| + |\overrightarrow{AB}| |\overrightarrow{IC}|$ is
 (a) 0 (b) $|\overrightarrow{IA} + \overrightarrow{IB} + \overrightarrow{IC}|$ (c) $\frac{|\overrightarrow{IA} + \overrightarrow{IB} + \overrightarrow{IC}|}{3}$ (d) None of these
- If the vector $-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ bisects the angle between the vector \mathbf{e} and the vector $3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}$, then the unit vector in the direction of \mathbf{e} is
 (a) $\frac{1}{15}(11\mathbf{i} + 10\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$ (b) $-\frac{1}{15}(11\mathbf{i} - 10\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$ (c) $-\frac{1}{15}(11\mathbf{i} + 10\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k})$ (d) $-\frac{1}{15}(11\mathbf{i} + 10\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$
- The sides of a parallelogram are $2\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$, then the unit vector parallel to one of the diagonals
 (a) $\frac{1}{7}(3\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k})$ (b) $\frac{1}{7}(3\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k})$ (c) $\frac{1}{7}(-3\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k})$ (d) $\frac{1}{7}(3\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$
- A point O is the centre of a circle circumscribed about a triangle ABC . Then $\overrightarrow{OA} \sin 2A + \overrightarrow{OB} \sin 2B + \overrightarrow{OC} \sin 2C$ is equal to
 (a) $(\overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{OB} + \overrightarrow{OC}) \sin 2A$ (b) $3 \cdot \overrightarrow{OG}$, where G is the centroid of triangle ABC
 (c) \overrightarrow{O} (d) None of these
- If $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} = \alpha \mathbf{d}$, $\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{d} = \beta \mathbf{a}$ and $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$ are non-coplanar, then the sum of $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{d}$ =
 (a) 0 (b) $(\beta - 1)\mathbf{d} + (\alpha - 1)\mathbf{a}$ (c) $(\alpha - 1)\mathbf{d} - (\beta - 1)\mathbf{a}$ (d) $(\alpha - 1)\mathbf{d} + (\beta - 1)\mathbf{a}$
- Let \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} be two non-parallel unit vectors in a plane. If the vectors $(\alpha \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})$ bisects the internal angle between \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} , then α is
 (a) $\frac{1}{2}$ (b) 1 (c) 2 (d) 4
- If \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are the position vectors of A and B respectively, then the position vector of a point C on AB produced such that $\overrightarrow{AC} = 3\overrightarrow{AB}$ is
 (a) $3\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$ (b) $3\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}$ (c) $3\mathbf{a} - 2\mathbf{b}$ (d) $3\mathbf{b} - 2\mathbf{a}$

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17. If the position vectors of the points A, B, C, D be $2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$, $-5\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{i} + 10\mathbf{j} + 10\mathbf{k}$ respectively, then
- (a) $\overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{CD}$ (b) $\overrightarrow{AB} \parallel \overrightarrow{CD}$ (c) $\overrightarrow{AB} \perp \overrightarrow{CD}$ (d) None of these
18. The position vector of a point C with respect to B is $\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$ and that of B with respect to A is $\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}$. The position vector of C with respect to A is
- (a) $2\mathbf{i}$ (b) $2\mathbf{j}$ (c) $-2\mathbf{j}$ (d) $-2\mathbf{i}$
19. A and B are two points. The position vector of A is $6\mathbf{b} - 2\mathbf{a}$. A point P divides the line AB in the ratio $1 : 2$. If $\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$ is the position vector of P , then the position vector of B is given by
- (a) $7\mathbf{a} - 15\mathbf{b}$ (b) $7\mathbf{a} + 15\mathbf{b}$ (c) $15\mathbf{a} - 7\mathbf{b}$ (d) $15\mathbf{a} + 7\mathbf{b}$
20. The points D, E, F divide BC, CA and AB of the triangle ABC in the ratio $1 : 4, 3 : 2$ and $3 : 7$ respectively and the point K divides AB in the ratio $1 : 3$, then $(\overrightarrow{AD} + \overrightarrow{BE} + \overrightarrow{CF}) : \overrightarrow{CK}$ is equal to
- (a) $1 : 1$ (b) $2 : 5$ (c) $5 : 2$ (d) None of these
21. The point B divides the arc AC of a quadrant of a circle in the ratio $1 : 2$. If O is the centre and $\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{a}$ and $\overrightarrow{OB} = \mathbf{b}$, then the vector \overrightarrow{OC} is
- (a) $\mathbf{b} - 2\mathbf{a}$ (b) $2\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$ (c) $3\mathbf{b} - 2\mathbf{a}$ (d) None of these
22. The point having position vectors $2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}, 3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}, 4\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$ are the vertices of
- (a) Right angled triangle (b) Isosceles triangle (c) Equilateral triangle (d) Collinear
23. Let p and q be the position vectors of P and Q respectively with respect to O and $|\mathbf{p}| = p, |\mathbf{q}| = q$. The points R and S divide PQ internally and externally in the ratio $2 : 3$ respectively. If \overrightarrow{OR} and \overrightarrow{OS} are perpendicular, then
- (a) $9p^2 = 4q^2$ (b) $4p^2 = 9q^2$ (c) $9p = 4q$ (d) $4p = 9q$
24. The position vectors of the points A, B, C are $(2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}), (3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$ and $(\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k})$ respectively. These points
- (a) Form an isosceles triangle (b) Form a right-angled triangle (c) Are collinear (d) Form a scalene triangle
25. $ABCDEF$ is a regular hexagon where centre O is the origin. If the position vectors of A and B are $\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ and $2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ respectively, then \overrightarrow{BC} is equal to
- (a) $\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ (b) $-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$ (c) $3\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}$ (d) None of these
26. Let $\overrightarrow{AB} = 3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ and $\overrightarrow{AC} = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$. If the point P on the line segment BC is equidistant from AB and AC , then \overrightarrow{AP} is
- (a) $2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{k}$ (b) $\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{k}$ (c) $2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}$ (d) None of these
27. If $4\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j} + 8\mathbf{k}, 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$, and $2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k}$ are the position vectors of the vertices A, B and C respectively of triangle ABC . The position vector of the point where the bisector of angle A meets BC , is
- (a) $\frac{2}{3}(-6\mathbf{i} - 8\mathbf{j} - 6\mathbf{k})$ (b) $\frac{2}{3}(6\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k})$ (c) $\frac{1}{3}(6\mathbf{i} + 13\mathbf{j} + 18\mathbf{k})$ (d) $\frac{1}{3}(5\mathbf{j} + 12\mathbf{k})$
28. Three points whose position vectors are $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$ and $\mathbf{a} + k\mathbf{b}$ will be collinear, if the value of k is
- (a) Zero (b) Only negative real number (c) Only positive real number (d) Every real number
29. The points with position vectors $10\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}, 12\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j}$ and $a\mathbf{i} + 11\mathbf{j}$ are collinear, if $a =$
- (a) -8 (b) 4 (c) 8 (d) 12
30. Let the value of $\mathbf{p} = (x + 4y)\mathbf{a} + (2x + y + 1)\mathbf{b}$ and $\mathbf{q} = (y - 2x + 2)\mathbf{a} + (2x - 3y - 1)\mathbf{b}$, where \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are non-collinear vectors. If $3\mathbf{p} = 2\mathbf{q}$, then the value of x and y will be
- (a) $-1, 2$ (b) $2, -1$ (c) $1, 2$ (d) $2, 1$
31. If $(x, y, z) \neq (0, 0, 0)$ and $(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k})x + (3\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})y + (-4\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j})z = \lambda(x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k})$, then the value of λ will be
- (a) $-2, 0$ (b) $0, -2$ (c) $-1, 0$ (d) $0, -1$
32. The vectors $\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}, \lambda\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k}, -3\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k}$ are collinear, if λ equals
- (a) 3 (b) 4 (c) 5 (d) 6
33. If three points A, B and C have position vectors $(1, x, 3), (3, 4, 7)$ and $(y, -2, -5)$ respectively and if they are collinear, then $(x, y) =$
- (a) $(2, -3)$ (b) $(-2, 3)$ (c) $(2, 3)$ (d) $(-2, -3)$
34. The position vectors of three points are $2\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} + 3\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{a} - 2\mathbf{b} + \lambda\mathbf{c}$ and $\mu\mathbf{a} - 5\mathbf{b}$ where $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$ are non-coplanar vectors. The points are collinear when
- (a) $\lambda = -2, \mu = \frac{9}{4}$ (b) $\lambda = -\frac{9}{4}, \mu = 2$ (c) $\lambda = \frac{9}{4}, \mu = -2$ (d) None of these
35. Three points whose position vectors are $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$ will be collinear if

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- (a) $\lambda \mathbf{a} + \mu \mathbf{b} = (\lambda + \mu) \mathbf{c}$ (b) $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{a} = 0$ (c) $[\mathbf{a} \ \mathbf{b} \ \mathbf{c}] = 0$ (d) None of these
36. If $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{q} = 3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$, then a vector along \mathbf{r} which is linear combination of \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{q} and also perpendicular to \mathbf{q} is
 (a) $\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}$ (b) $\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$ (c) $-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k})$ (d) None of these
37. If \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are two non zero and non-collinear vectors, then $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$ and $\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$ are
 (a) Linearly dependent vectors (b) Linearly independent vectors
 (c) Linearly dependent and independent vectors (d) None of these
38. If \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} are two non-collinear and non-zero vectors such that $(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c})\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{q} + (\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{a})\mathbf{p} + (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b})\mathbf{q} = 0$, where $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$ are the lengths of the sides of a triangle, then the triangle is
 (a) Right angled (b) Obtuse angled (c) Equilateral (d) Isosceles
39. If $\mathbf{r} = 3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{c} = -2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}$ such that $\mathbf{r} = \lambda \mathbf{a} + \mu \mathbf{b} + \nu \mathbf{c}$ then
 (a) $\mu, \frac{\lambda}{2}, \nu$ are in A.P. (b) λ, μ, ν are in A.P. (c) λ, μ, ν are in H.P. (d) μ, λ, ν are in G.P.
40. If \mathbf{a} is any vector in space, then
 (a) $\mathbf{a} = (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{i})\mathbf{i} + (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{j})\mathbf{j} + (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{k})\mathbf{k}$ (b) $\mathbf{a} = (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{i}) + (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{j}) + (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{k})$
 (c) $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{i}) + \mathbf{k}(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{j}) + \mathbf{i}(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{k})$ (d) $\mathbf{a} = (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{i}) \times \mathbf{i} + (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{j}) \times \mathbf{j} + (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{k}) \times \mathbf{k}$
41. If \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{c} are unit vectors, then $|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}|^2 + |\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{c}|^2 + |\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{a}|^2$ does not exceed
 (a) 4 (b) 9 (c) 8 (d) 6
42. If \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are two unit vectors, such that $\mathbf{a} + 2\mathbf{b}$ and $5\mathbf{a} - 4\mathbf{b}$ are perpendicular to each other then the angle between \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} is
 (a) 45° (b) 60° (c) $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$ (d) $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{7}\right)$
43. If $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{b} = 3\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$, then a vector in the direction of \mathbf{a} and having magnitude as $|\mathbf{b}|$ is
 (a) $7(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$ (b) $\frac{7}{3}(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$ (c) $\frac{7}{9}(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$ (d) None of these
44. The vector $\mathbf{b} = 3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$ is to be written as the sum of a vector \mathbf{b}_1 parallel to $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$ and a vector \mathbf{b}_2 perpendicular to \mathbf{a} . Then $\mathbf{b}_1 =$
 (a) $\frac{3}{2}(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})$ (b) $\frac{2}{3}(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})$ (c) $\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})$ (d) $\frac{1}{3}(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})$
45. The components of a vector \mathbf{a} along and perpendicular to the non-zero vector \mathbf{b} are respectively
 (a) $\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}|}, \frac{|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}|}{|\mathbf{a}|}$ (b) $\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{b}|}, \frac{|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}|}{|\mathbf{b}|}$ (c) $\frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}|}, \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}|}$ (d) $\frac{|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}|}{|\mathbf{a}|}, \frac{|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}|}{|\mathbf{b}|}$
46. Let $\mathbf{b} = 4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}$ and \mathbf{c} be two vectors perpendicular to each other in the xy -plane. All vectors in the same plane having projections 1 and 2 along \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{c} respectively, are given by
 (a) $2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}, \frac{2}{5}\mathbf{i} + \frac{11}{5}\mathbf{j}$ (b) $2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}, -\frac{2}{5}\mathbf{i} + \frac{11}{5}\mathbf{j}$ (c) $2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}, -\frac{2}{5}\mathbf{i} - \frac{11}{5}\mathbf{j}$ (d) $2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}, -\frac{2}{5}\mathbf{i} + \frac{11}{5}\mathbf{j}$
47. Let $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$ be three vectors. A vector in the plane of \mathbf{b} and \mathbf{c} whose projection on \mathbf{a} is of magnitude $\sqrt{2/3}$ is
 (a) $2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}$ (b) $2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$ (c) $-2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$ (d) $2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$
48. If \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are two vectors, then $(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b})^2$ equals
 (a) $\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} & \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a} \\ \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{b} & \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a} \end{vmatrix}$ (b) $\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a} & \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a} & \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{b} \end{vmatrix}$ (c) $\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a} \end{vmatrix}$ (d) None of these
49. Given $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{b} = -\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{c} = -\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$. A unit vector perpendicular to both $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$ and $\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c}$ is
 (a) \mathbf{i} (b) \mathbf{j} (c) \mathbf{k} (d) $\frac{\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{3}}$
50. For any two vectors \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} , $(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b})^2$ is equal to
 (a) $a^2 - b^2$ (b) $a^2 + b^2$ (c) $a^2 b^2 - (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})^2$ (d) None of these