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What is $3\alpha + 2\beta$ equal to if

$$(2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 27\hat{k}) \times (\hat{i} + \alpha\hat{j} + \beta\hat{k})$$

is a null vector?

- (a) 36 ✓
(b) 33
(c) 30
(d) 27

or?

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 6 & 27 \\ 1 & \alpha & \beta \end{pmatrix} = \hat{i}(6\beta - 27\alpha) - \hat{j}(2\beta - 27) + \hat{k}(2\alpha - 6)$$

$2\alpha - 6 = 0$

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$$2\beta - 27 = 0$$

$$\beta = \frac{27}{2}$$

$$\alpha = 3$$

$$3\alpha + 2\beta = 3(3) + 2\left(\frac{27}{2}\right) = 9 + 27 = \boxed{36}$$

Q) If $\vec{r}_1 = \lambda\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\vec{r}_2 = \hat{i} + (2-\lambda)\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ are such that

$|\vec{r}_1| > |\vec{r}_2|$, then λ satisfies which one of the following?

- (a) $\lambda = 0$ only
- (b) $\lambda = 1$
- (c) $\lambda < 1$
- (d) $\lambda > 1$ ✓

$$|\vec{r}_1| > |\vec{r}_2|$$

$$\sqrt{\lambda^2 + 2^2 + 1^2} > \sqrt{1^2 + (2-\lambda)^2 + 2^2}$$

$$\sqrt{\lambda^2 + 5} > \sqrt{9 + \lambda^2 - 4\lambda}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{a} &= x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} \\ |\vec{a}| &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda^2 + 5 > \lambda^2 - 4\lambda + 9$$

$$5 > -4\lambda + 9$$

$$4\lambda > 4 \rightarrow \boxed{\lambda > 1}$$

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Ans: (D)

Q) If $|\vec{a}| = 2$, $|\vec{b}| = 5$ and $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = 8$, then what is the value of

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

- (a) 4
- (b) 6
- (c) 8
- (d) 10

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

$$|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = 8$$

$$= 2 \times 5 \times \frac{3}{5} = 6$$

$$|\vec{a}| / |\vec{b}| \sin \theta = 8$$

$$2 \times 5 \times \sin \theta = 8$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{8}{10} = \frac{4}{5} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{3}{5}$$

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- (c) 8
- (d) 10

Ans: (B)

Q) Let \vec{a} and \vec{b} be two unit vectors and α be the angle between them. If $(\vec{a} + \vec{b})$ is also the unit vector, then what is the value of α ?

(a) $\frac{\pi}{4}$

(b) $\frac{\pi}{3}$

(c) $\frac{2\pi}{3}$

(d) $\frac{\pi}{2}$

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

$$1^2 = 1^2 + 1^2 + 2 \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$$

$$0 = 1 + 2 |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \alpha$$

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

$$\cos \alpha = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \alpha = \pi - \frac{\pi}{3} = \underline{\underline{\frac{2\pi}{3}}}$$

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Ans: (C)

Q) Which one of the following is the unit vector perpendicular to the vectors $\underline{4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}}$ and $\underline{-3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}}$?

(a) $\frac{\hat{i} + \hat{j}}{\sqrt{2}}$

(b) $\frac{\hat{i} - \hat{j}}{\sqrt{2}}$

(c) \hat{k} ✓

(d) $\frac{\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{3}}$

Let $\underline{x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}}$
 $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = 1$ — (3)

$$(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) \cdot (4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}) = 4x + 2y = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) \cdot (-3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}) = -3x + 2y = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 4x + 2y = 0 \\ -3x + 2y = 0 \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} x = 0, y = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1 \rightarrow z^2 = 1 \Rightarrow z = \pm 1$$

Reqd. unit vector $\Rightarrow \hat{0i} + \hat{0j} \pm \hat{k} = \underline{\hat{k}}$ or $\underline{-\hat{k}}$

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(b) $\frac{\hat{\mathbf{i}} - \hat{\mathbf{j}}}{\sqrt{2}}$

(c) $\hat{\mathbf{k}}$

(d) $\frac{\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \hat{\mathbf{k}}}{\sqrt{3}}$

Ans: (C)

Q) A force $\vec{F} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ acts on a particle to displace it from the point $A(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$ to the point $B(3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$.
The work done by the force will be

- (a) 5 units (b) 7 units (c) 9 units (d) 10 units

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{d} &= \vec{B} - \vec{A} = (3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) - (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) \\ &= 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}\end{aligned}\left.\right\} \text{final - initial}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Work done} &= \vec{F} \cdot \vec{d} = (\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}) \\ &= 2 + (3 \times -3) + (2 \times 8) = 2 - 9 + 16 = 9 \text{ units}\end{aligned}$$

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Ans: (c)

Q) If $|\vec{a}| = 3$, $|\vec{b}| = 4$ and $|\vec{a} - \vec{b}| = 5$, then what is the value of $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}|$?

- (a) 8 (b) 6 (c) $5\sqrt{2}$ (d) 5

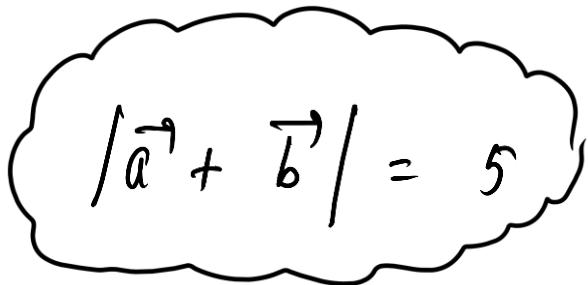
$$|\vec{a} - \vec{b}|^2 = |\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2 - 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$$

$$z^2 = 3^2 + 4^2 - 2 \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$$

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

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

$$= 3^2 + 4^2 = 5^2 = 25$$


$$|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| = 5$$

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- (a) 8
- (b) 6
- (c) $5\sqrt{2}$
- (d) 5

Ans: (d)

Q) If the magnitude of the sum of two non-zero vectors is equal to the magnitude of their difference, then which one of the following is correct?

- (a) The vectors are parallel
- (b) The vectors are perpendicular ✓
- (c) The vectors are anti-parallel
- (d) The vectors must be unit vectors

$$|\vec{a}| = a$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 + b^2 + 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} &= a^2 + b^2 - 2\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \\ 4\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} &= 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0} \end{aligned}$$

\vec{a} & \vec{b} are
perpendicular

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Ans: (b)

Q) The vectors $\overrightarrow{AB} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{k}$ & $\overrightarrow{AC} = 5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$
 are the sides of a triangle ABC. The length of the median through A is

- (a) $\sqrt{288}$ (b) $\sqrt{18}$ (c) $\sqrt{72}$ (d) $\sqrt{33}$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Median through } A &= \frac{1}{2} (\overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{AC}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (8\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}) = 4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

$$\sqrt{4^2 + (-1)^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{33}$$

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Ans: (d)

Q) The volume of the parallelopiped whose sides are given by

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = 2\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}, \overrightarrow{OB} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}, \overrightarrow{OC} = 3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{k}, \text{ is}$$

- (a) $\frac{4}{13}$
- (b) 4
- (c) $\frac{2}{7}$
- (d) none of these

$$\vec{a} = x_1 \hat{i} + y_1 \hat{j} + z_1 \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = x_2 \hat{i} + y_2 \hat{j} + z_2 \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{c} = x_3 \hat{i} + y_3 \hat{j} + z_3 \hat{k}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \vec{a} & \vec{b} & \vec{c} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & z_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & z_2 \\ x_3 & y_3 & z_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} &= 2(-1 - 0) - (-2)(-1 + 3) \\ &\quad + 0() = 2(-1) + 2(2) = 2 \end{aligned}$$

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Ans: (d)

Q) If \vec{a} and \vec{b} are two unit vectors such that $\underbrace{\vec{a} + 2\vec{b}}$ and $\underbrace{5\vec{a} - 4\vec{b}}$ are perpendicular to each other then the angle

between \vec{a} and \vec{b} is

- (a) 45° (b) 60°
 (c) $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$ (d) $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{7}\right)$

$$\vec{A} \perp \vec{B} \Rightarrow \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$|\vec{a}| = a$$

$$(\vec{a} + 2\vec{b}) \cdot (5\vec{a} - 4\vec{b}) = 0$$

$$|\vec{b}| = b$$

$$(\vec{a} \cdot 5\vec{a}) + (2\vec{b} \cdot 5\vec{a}) + \vec{a} \cdot (-4\vec{b}) + (2\vec{b}) \cdot (-4\vec{b}) = 0$$

$$5a^2 + 10 \overline{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}} - 4 \overline{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}} - 8b^2 = 0$$

$$5a^2 - 8b^2 + 6\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

$$5(1) - 8(1) + 6ab \cos\theta = 0$$

$$-3 + 6(1)(1) \cos\theta = 0$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \theta = 60^\circ$$

Q) If \vec{a} and \vec{b} are two unit vectors such that $\vec{a} + 2\vec{b}$ and $5\vec{a} - 4\vec{b}$ are perpendicular to each other then the angle between \vec{a} and \vec{b} is

- (a) 45°
- (b) 60°
- (c) $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$
- (d) $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{7}\right)$

Ans: (b)

Q) Let \vec{u} , \vec{v} and \vec{w} be vectors such that $\underbrace{\vec{u} + \vec{v} + \vec{w}}_{} = 0$. If

$$|\vec{u}| = 3, |\vec{v}| = 4 \text{ and } |\vec{w}| = 5, \text{ then } \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} + \vec{w} \cdot \vec{u} \text{ is } \rightarrow |\vec{u} + \vec{v} + \vec{w}| = 0$$

- (a) 47 (b) -25 (c) 0 (d) 25

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{u} + \vec{v} + \vec{w}|^2 &= |\vec{u}|^2 + |\vec{v}|^2 + |\vec{w}|^2 + 2 \left(\underbrace{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} + \vec{w} \cdot \vec{u}}_A \right) \\ 0^2 &= 3^2 + 4^2 + 5^2 + 2(A) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{-50}{2} = A$$

$$A = -25$$

Q) Let \vec{u} , \vec{v} and \vec{w} be vectors such that $\vec{u} + \vec{v} + \vec{w} = 0$. If

$|\vec{u}| = 3$, $|\vec{v}| = 4$ and $|\vec{w}| = 5$, then $\vec{u}.\vec{v} + \vec{v}.\vec{w} + \vec{w}.\vec{u}$ is

- (a) 47
- (b) -25
- (c) 0
- (d) 25

Ans: (b)

Q) If \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are unit vectors and θ is the angle between them, then what is $\sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$ equal to?

(a) $\frac{|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}|^2}{4}$

(b) $\frac{|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}|^2}{4}$

(c) $\frac{|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}|^2}{2}$

(d) $\frac{|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}|^2}{2}$

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

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

$$|\vec{a} - \vec{b}|^2 = 2(1 - \cos\theta)$$

$$= 2\left(\frac{2\sin^2\frac{\theta}{2}}{2}\right)$$

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

$$\frac{|\vec{a} - \vec{b}|^2}{4} = \sin^2\frac{\theta}{2}$$

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Ans: (b)

Q) The scalar $\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} + \vec{C}) \times (\vec{A} + \vec{B} + \vec{C})$ equals :

- (a) 0
- (b) $[\vec{A} \vec{B} \vec{C}] + [\vec{B} \vec{C} \vec{A}]$
- (c) $[\vec{A} \vec{B} \vec{C}]$
- (d) None of these

$$\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} + \vec{C}) \times (\vec{A} + \vec{B} + \vec{C})$$

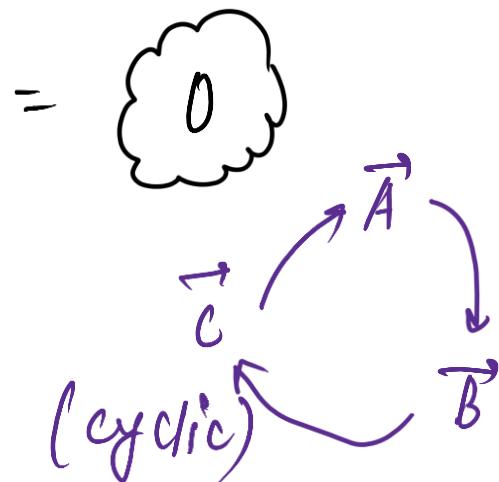
$$\vec{A} \cdot \left[(\vec{B} \times \vec{A}) + \underline{(\vec{B} \times \vec{B})} + (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) + (\vec{C} \times \vec{A}) + (\vec{C} \times \vec{B}) + \underline{(\vec{C} \times \vec{C})} \right]$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \left[(\vec{B} \times \vec{A}) + 0 + (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) + (\vec{C} \times \vec{A}) + (\vec{C} \times \vec{B}) + 0 \right]$$

$$= \underbrace{\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{A})}_{+ \vec{A} \cdot (\vec{C} \times \vec{B})} + \vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) + \underbrace{\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{C} \times \vec{A})}_{+ \vec{A} \cdot (\vec{C} \times \vec{B})}$$

$$= 0 + \vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) + 0 + \vec{A} \cdot (\vec{C} \times \vec{B})$$

$$= \vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) - \vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C})$$



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \vec{A} \cdot (\vec{C} \times \vec{B}) \\ \vec{B} \cdot (\vec{A} \times \vec{C}) \\ \vec{C} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{A}) \end{array} \right\} - \vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C})$$

Two vectors are the
same in
 $\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C})$, then
 $\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = 0$

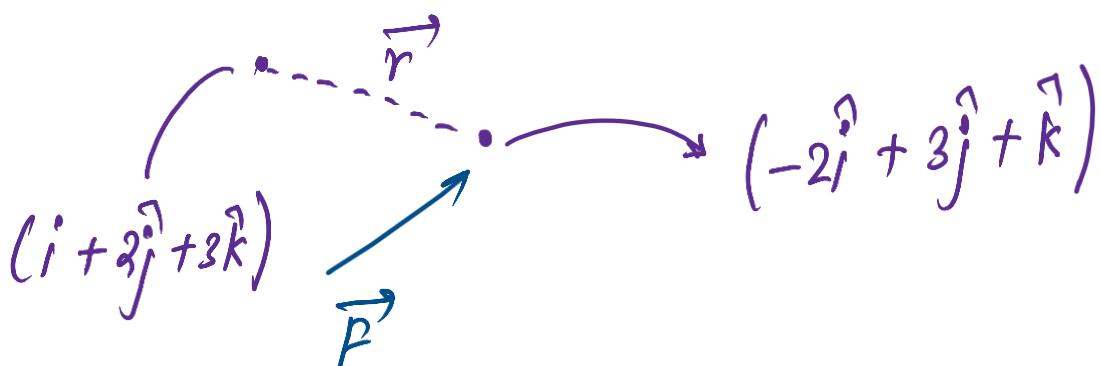
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- (c) $[\vec{A} \ \vec{B} \ \vec{C}]$
- (d) None of these

Ans: (a)

Q) What is the moment about the point $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$, of a force represented by $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, acting through the point $-2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$?

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



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

$$\text{Moment} = \vec{r} \times \vec{P}$$

$$(-3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) \times (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

Q) What is the moment about the point $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$, of a force represented by $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, acting through the point $-2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$?

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- (b) $\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$
- (c) $3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$
- (d) $3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$

Ans: (d)

$$\vec{a} \quad \vec{b}$$

Q) If the vectors $-\hat{i} - 2x\hat{j} - 3y\hat{k}$ and $\hat{i} - 3x\hat{j} - 2y\hat{k}$ are orthogonal to each other, then what is the locus of the point (x, y) ?

- (a) a straight line
- (b) an ellipse
- (c) a parabola
- (d) a circle

Orthogonal $\Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$

$$(-\hat{i} - 2x\hat{j} - 3y\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} - 3x\hat{j} - 2y\hat{k}) = 0$$

$$-1 + 6x^2 + 6y^2 = 0$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = \frac{1}{6}$$

of form, $(x-0)^2 + (y-0)^2 = r^2$ (CIRCLE)

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- (a) a straight line
- (b) an ellipse
- (c) a parabola
- (d) a circle

Ans: (d)

Q) If the magnitude of $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ equals to $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$, then which one of the following is correct?

- (a) $\vec{a} = \vec{b}$
- (b) The angle between \vec{a} and \vec{b} is 45°
- (c) \vec{a} is parallel to \vec{b}
- (d) \vec{a} is perpendicular to \vec{b}

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

$$ab \sin\theta = ab \cos\theta$$

$$\tan\theta = 1$$

$$\theta = 45^\circ$$

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Ans: (b)

Q) A force $\vec{F} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ is applied at the point P, whose position vector is $\vec{r} = 2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$. What is the magnitude of the moment of the force about the origin?

- (a) 23 units
- (b) 19 units
- (c) 18 units
- (d) 21 units

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Ans: (a)

Q) If two unit vectors \vec{p} and \vec{q} make an angle $\frac{\pi}{3}$ with each other, what is the magnitude of $\vec{p} - \frac{1}{2}\vec{q}$?

(a) 0

(b) $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

(c) 1

(d) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\vec{p} - \frac{1}{2}\vec{q}|^2 &= p^2 + \frac{1}{4}q^2 - 2(\vec{p}) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\vec{q}\right) \\
 &\equiv 1 + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{2(1)(1)\cos\frac{\pi}{3}}{2} \\
 &= \frac{5}{4} - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

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