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0.1 Logarithms

Indices

When a number is wrote in the form 2^4 , here 2 is known as base and 4 is known as power, index or exponent.

Rules of exponent

Consider we want to multiply 4 and 8 which is equal to 32

$4 \times 8 = 32$

Now $4 = 2^2$ and $8 = 2^3$.

Thus $4 \times 8 = 32$

$2^2 \times 2^3 = 32$

$(2\times2) \times (2\times2\times2) = 32$

$2^5 = 32$

From above we can conclude that if two number in exponential form, if their base is same then power or index or exponent gets added or

$a^m \times a^n = a^{(m+n)}$

Similarly it can be proved that

$a^m \div a^n = a^{(m-n)}$

Consider $(2^2)^3$

$(2^2)^3 = (2\times2)^3$

$(2^2)^3 = (2\times2) \times (2\times2) \times (2\times2)$

$(2^2)^3 = 2^6$

In general

$(a^m)^n = a^{(m\times n)}$

Logarithm

Consider the expression $16 = 2^4$. Remember that 2 is the base, and 4 is the power. An alternative, yet equivalent, way of writing this expression is

$\log_2 16 = 4$.

This is stated as 'log of 16 to base 2 equals 4'.

We see that the logarithm is the same as the power or index in the original expression.

In general we can write

$x = a^m$ then $\log_a x = m$

From above

$10 = 10^1$ thus $\log_{10} 10 = 1$

Or $2 = 2^1$ thus $\log_2 2 = 1$

In general

$\log_a a = 1$

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Exercises 0.1.01

1. Write the following using logarithms instead of powers

a) $8^2 = 64$ b) $3^5 = 243$ c) $2^{10} = 1024$ d) $5^3 = 125$

e) $10^6 = 1000000$ f) $10^{-3} = 0.001$ g) $3^{-2} = \frac{1}{9}$ h) $6^0 = 1$

i) $5^{-1} = \frac{1}{5}$ j) $\sqrt{49} = 7$ k) $27^{2/3} = 9$ l) $32^{-2/5} = 1/4$

2. Determine the value of the following logarithms

a) $\log_3 9$ b) $\log_2 32$ c) $\log_5 125$ d) $\log_{10} 10000$

e) $\log_4 64$ f) $\log_{25} 5$ g) $\log_8 2$ h) $\log_{81} 3$

i) $log_3\left(\frac{1}{27}\right)$ j) $\log_7 1$ k) $log_8\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)$ l) $\log_4 8$

m) $\log_a a^5$ n) $\log_c\sqrt{c}$ o) $\log_s s$ p) $log_e\left(\frac{1}{e^3}\right)$

The first law of logarithms

Suppose

$x = a^n$ and $y = a^m$

then the equivalent logarithmic forms are

$\log_a x = n$ and $\log_a y = m$ ....(1)

Using the first rule of indices

$xy = a^{(n+m)}$

$\log_a xy = n+m$ and

from (1) and so putting these results together we have

$\log_a xy = \log_a x + \log_a y$

The second law of logarithms

Suppose $x = a^n$, or equivalently $\log a\ x = n$. Suppose we raise both sides of $x = a^n$ to the power m:

$X^m = (a^n)^m$

Using the rules of indices we can write this as

$x^m = a^{nm}$

Thinking of the quantity x^m as a single term, the logarithmic form is

$\log_a x^m = nm = m\log_a x$

This is the second law. It states that when finding the logarithm of a power of a number, this can be evaluated by multiplying the logarithm of the number by that power.

The third law of logarithms

As before, suppose

$x = a^n$ and $y = a^m$

with equivalent logarithmic forms

$\log_a x = n$ and $\log_a y = m$ (2)

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Consider x ÷ y.

$$\frac{x}{y} = \frac{a^n}{a^m} = a^{(n-m)}$$

using the rules of indices.

In logarithmic form

$$log_a\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = log_a a^{(n-m)}$$

$$log_a\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = n - m$$

which from (2) can be written

$log_a\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = log_a x - log_a x$

This is the third law.

The logarithm of 1

Recall that any number raised to the power zero is 1: $a^0 = 1$. The logarithmic form of this is $\log_a 1 = 0$

Change of base

Example

Suppose we wish to find $\log_5 25$.

This is the same as being asked 'what is 25 expressed as a power of 5 ?'

Now $5^2 = 25$ and so

$\log_5 25 = 2$.

Example

Suppose we wish to find $\log_{25} 5$.

This is the same as being asked 'what is 5 expressed as a power of 25 ?'

We know that 5 is a square root of 25, that is $5 = \sqrt{25}$. So $25^{1/2} = 5$

$$log_{25}5 = \frac{1}{2}$$

Notice from the last two examples that by interchanging the base and the number

$$log_5 25 = \frac{1}{log_{25}5}$$

In general

$log_a b = \frac{1}{log_b a} = \frac{\log b}{\log a}$

Exercise 0.1.02

Each of the following expressions can be simplified to logN. Determine the value of N in each case. We have not explicitly written down the base. You can assume the base is 10, but the results are identical whichever base is used.

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a) log 3 + log 5 b) log 16 − log 2 c) 3 log 4 d) 2 log 3 − 3 log 2

e) log 236 + log 1 f) log 236 − log 1 g) 5 log 2 + 2 log 5 h) log 128 − 7 log 2

i) log 2 + log 3 + log j) log 12 − 2 log 2 + log 3 k) 5 log 2 + 4 log 3 − 3 log 4

l) log 10 + 2 log 3 − log 2

Common bases:

log means $\log_{10}$

ln means $\log_e$ where e is the exponential constant.

We can convert ln to log as follows

ln a = 2.303 log a

Exercises 0.1.03

Use logarithms to solve the following equations

a) $10^x = 5$ b) $e^x = 8$ c) $10^x = ½$ d) $e^x = 0.1$ e) $4^x = 12$ f) $3^x = 2$ g) $7^x = 1$

h) $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x = \frac{1}{100}$

USING LOG TABLE

Four figure logarithms

Logarithms can be used to calculate lengthy multiplication and division numerical

We can use log tables , for four figure logarithms.

Logarithm of number consists of two parts

Characteristic : Integral part of log

Mantissa : Fractional or decimal part of the log

Characteristic

If number is >1, then count number of digits before decimal, then reduce one from the number of digits

For example

6.234 : Number of digits before decimal is 1 ,

thus Characteristic number = 1-1 =0

62.34 : Number of digits before decimal are 2,

thus Characteristic number =2-1=1

623.4 : Number of digits before decimal are 3,

thus Characteristic number =3-1=2

6234.0 : Number of digits before decimal are 4,

thus Characteristic number =4-1=3

If number is <1, then count number of zero after decimal, then add one from the number of digits , and Characteristic number is negative represented as bar

For example

0.6234 : Number of zero's after decimal is zero ,

thus Characteristic number =-(0+1) = $\bar{1}$

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0.0623: Number of zero's after decimal is 1 ,

thus Characteristic number = -(1+1) =$\bar{2}$

0.00623 : Number of zero's after decimal is 2 ,

thus Characteristic number = -(2+1) = $\bar{3}$

Exercises 0.1.04

Find characteristic number of following

a)523.045 b) 0.02569 c) 569325 d) 0.0023 e) 2.37×10^{3} f) 0.876

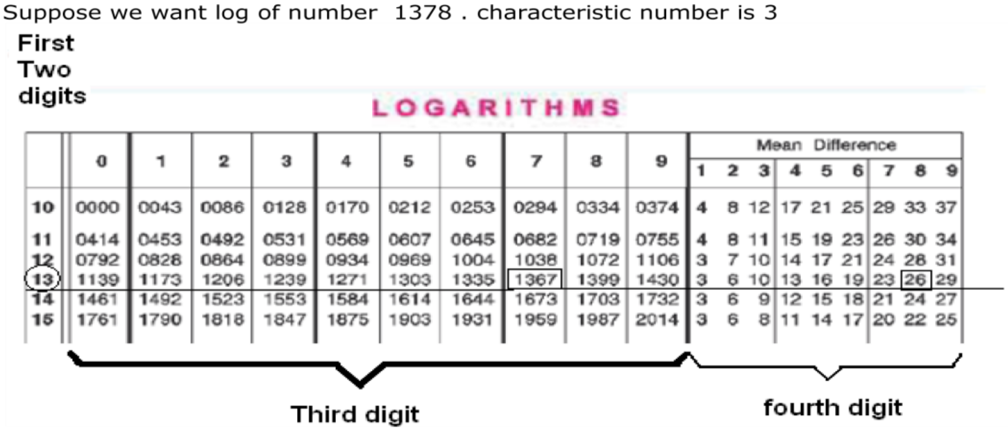
g) 2.569 h) 24.567 i) 0.00006 j) 1.236×10^{-3} k) 26.30 $\times10^{-6}$ l) .002$\times10^{4}$

Ans

a) 2 b) $\bar{2}$ c) 5 d) $\bar{3}$ e) 3 f) $\bar{1}$ g) 0 h) 1 i) $\bar{5}$ j) $\bar{3}$ k) $\bar{5}$ l)1

Finding log of number using log table

Suppose we want log of number 1378 . characteristic number is 3



	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Mean Difference								
											1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	0000	0043	0086	0128	0170	0212	0253	0294	0334	0374	4	8	12	17	21	25	29	33	37
11	0414	0453	0492	0531	0569	0607	0645	0682	0719	0755	4	8	11	15	19	23	26	30	34
12	0792	0828	0864	0899	0934	0969	1004	1038	1072	1106	3	7	10	14	17	21	24	28	31
13	1139	1173	1206	1239	1271	1303	1335	1367	1399	1430	3	6	10	13	16	19	23	26	29
14	1461	1492	1523	1553	1584	1614	1644	1673	1703	1732	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27
15	1761	1790	1818	1847	1875	1903	1931	1959	1987	2014	3	6	8	11	14	17	20	22	25

As shown in figure first two digits from left column, third digit in middle and fourth digit in right column

Now from table log of 137 refers to 1367 now add mean difference 26

We get 1367 +26 = 1393

Thus log 1378 = 3.1393

Log of 137.8 = 2.1393 (note only characteristic number changed to 2)

Log 13.78 = 1.1393 (note only characteristic number changed to 1)

Log 1.378 = 0.1393 (note only characteristic number changed to 1)

Log 0.1378 = $\bar{1}$.1393 (note only characteristic number changed to 1)

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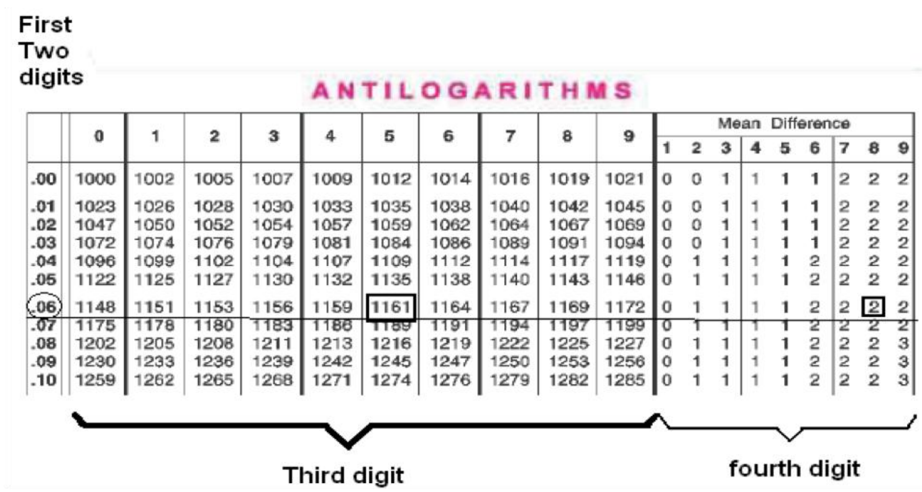
Log 0.01378 = $\bar{2}.1393$ (Note that zeros after decimal is omitted while finding log and characteristic number changed)

log5 = 0.6990 [note in table look for 50 = 6990, but characteristic is 0]

log50 = 1.6990

Finding Antilog of number



	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Mean Difference 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
.00	1000	1002	1005	1007	1009	1012	1014	1016	1019	1021	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
.01	1023	1026	1028	1030	1033	1035	1038	1040	1042	1045	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
.02	1047	1050	1052	1054	1057	1059	1062	1064	1067	1069	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
.03	1072	1074	1076	1079	1081	1084	1086	1089	1091	1094	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
.04	1096	1099	1102	1104	1107	1109	1112	1114	1117	1119	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
.05	1122	1125	1127	1130	1132	1135	1138	1140	1143	1146	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
.06	1148	1151	1153	1156	1159	1161	1164	1167	1169	1172	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
.07	1175	1178	1180	1183	1186	1189	1191	1194	1197	1199	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
.08	1202	1205	1208	1211	1213	1216	1219	1222	1225	1227	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	3
.09	1230	1233	1236	1239	1242	1245	1247	1250	1253	1256	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	3
.10	1259	1262	1265	1268	1271	1274	1276	1279	1282	1285	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	3

For Antilog of any number, digits after decimal is considered

For example

Antilog (3.0658)

Here 3 is characteristic number hence should not be considered. Antilog of 0.0658 will be 1161 +2 = 1163 as shown in figure

Now put decimal point after one digit from left = 1.163

Characteristic number 3 will be now power of 10 thus final antilog will be

Antilog (3.0658) =1.163×10^3

Antilog($\bar{1}.0658$)

As stated earlier Antilog of 0.0658 will be 1161 +2 = 1163 as shown in figure

Now put decimal point after one digit from left = 1.163

Characteristic number $\bar{1}$ will be now power of 10 thus final antilog will be

Antilog ($\bar{1}$.0658) =1.163×10^{-1}

Similarly antilog of $\bar{5}.0658$ = 1.163×10^{-5}

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	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Mean Difference								
											1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
.00	1000	1002	1005	1007	1009	1012	1014	1016	1019	1021	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
.41	2570	2576	2582	2588	2594	2600	2606	2612	2618	2624	1	1	2	2	3	4	4	5	5
.42	2630	2636	2642	2649	2655	2661	2667	2673	2679	2685	1	1	2	2	3	4	4	5	6
.43	2692	2698	2704	2710	2716	2723	2729	2735	2742	2748	1	1	2	3	3	4	4	5	6
.44	2754	2761	2767	2773	2780	2786	2793	2799	2805	2812	1	1	2	3	3	4	4	5	6
.45	2818	2825	2831	2838	2844	2851	2858	2864	2871	2877	1	1	2	3	3	4	5	5	6
.46	2884	2891	2897	2904	2911	2917	2924	2931	2938	2944	1	1	2	3	3	4	5	5	6
.47	2951	2958	2965	2972	2979	2985	2992	2999	3006	3013	1	1	2	3	3	4	5	5	6
.48	3020	3027	3034	3041	3048	3055	3062	3069	3076	3083	1	1	2	3	4	4	5	6	6
.49	3090	3097	3105	3112	3119	3126	3133	3141	3148	3155	1	1	2	3	4	4	5	6	6
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

To find antilog of 6.4632

As stated earlier 6 is characteristic number , which is power of 10 and will be dropped

From table above antilog of 4632 = 2904+1 =2905 =2.905

Thus antilog(6.4632)=2.905 $\times 10^6$

Similarly antilog ($\bar{3}.4632$) = 2.905 $\times 10^{-3}$

Using log for calculation

To calculate value of y

$$y = \frac{4568 \times 3258}{0.02568}$$

Take log on both sides

$$log y = log\left(\frac{4568 \times 3258}{0.02568}\right)$$

Using log rules we get

Log y = log 4568 + log 3258 – log 0.02568 ----(1)

Now log 4568 , characteristic number 3

From log table 6590+8 =6598

Thus log(4568) = 3.6598

Similarly log(3258) = 3.5130

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From equation (1) we have to add log of 4568 and 3258 thus

$$\begin{array}{r} \log(4568) = 3.6598 \\ + \quad \log(3258) = 3.5130 \\ \hline 7.1728 \end{array}$$

Now log (0.025686) = $\bar{2}.4097$ (note we have round-off number as 0.02569)

From equation (i) we have to subtract log from previous log value 7.1728

$$\begin{array}{r} 7.1728 \\ - \quad \bar{2}.4097 \\ \hline 8.7631 \end{array}$$

Now we will antilog of 8.7631. Digit 8 which is before decimal point refers to characteristic number and will be power of ten. From antilog table we get

Antilog (8.7631) = 5.795×10^8 which the value of y

$\therefore$ y = 5.795×10^8

Example

$$y = 125^{\frac{1}{6}}$$

Take log on both sides

$$log\, y = log(125)^{\frac{1}{6}}$$

By applying log rule

$$logy = \frac{1}{6}log(125)$$

From log table log125 = 2.0969

Now divide 2.0969 by 6 we get 0.3495 (after round-off)

Now take antilog of 0.3495 from antilog log table we get

Antilog(0.3495) =2.237×10^0

Thus $125^{\frac{1}{6}} = 2.237$

Exercises 0.1.05

Solve

a) $39^{3/4}$ b) $25^{1/3}$ c) $5^{1/2}$ d) $\frac{0.369\times0.0569}{0.00235}$ e) $\frac{(2.569\times10^7)\times(3.421\times10^{-4})}{45689}$

Answer

a) 15.61 b) 2.924 c)2.237 d) 8.933 e) 0.1923

Antilog of negative number such as -7.5231

First convert the negative number in to two parts one negative

(characteristic) and the decimal part(Mantissa) into positive.

by adding +8 and subtracting -8 as follows :
-7.5231 +8 - 8 = -8 + (8-7.5231) = -8+ 0.4769.

Find the actual digits using 0.4769 in the anti-log table. Multiply this by 10^{-8} to account for the -8 characteristic

Ans : 2.998×10^{-8}

Example 2

-12.7777

-12.7777 +13-13 = -13 +(13-12.7777) = -13 +0.2223

Find the actual digits using 0.2223 in the anti-log table. Multiply this by 10^{-13} to account for the -13 characteristic

Ans 1.668×10^{-13}

Exercises 0.1.06

Find antilog of following

a) -2.5689 b) -6. 9945 c) -3. 1129

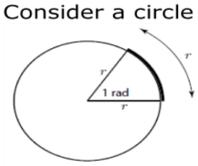
Answers

a) 2.699×10^{-3} b) 1.013×10^{-7} c) 7.711×10^{-4}

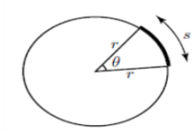
0.02 Trigonometry

Definition of a radian

Consider a circle of radius *r* as shown, In Figure we have highlighted part of the circumference of the circle chosen to have the same length as the radius. The angle at the centre, so formed, is 1 radian.



Length of arc $s = r\theta$ Here θ is in radians



Exercises 0.2.01

Determine the angle (in radians) subtended at the centre of a circle of radius 3cm by each of the following arcs:

a) arc of length 6 cm b) arc of length 3π cm

c) arc of length 1.5 cm d) arc of length 6π cm

Answers

a)2 b) π c) 0.5 d) 2π

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Equivalent angles in degrees and in radians

We know that the arc length for a full circle is the same as its circumference, $2\pi r$.

We also know that the arc length $= r\theta$.

So for a full circle

$2\pi r = r\theta$

$\theta = 2\pi$

In other words, when we are working in radians, the angle in a full circle is 2π radians, in other words

$360^0 = 2\pi$radians

This enables us to have a set of equivalences between degrees and radians

Exercises 0.2.02

1. Convert angle in radians

a)90^o b) 360^o c) 60^o d) 45^o e) 120^o f) 15^o g) 30^o h) 270^o

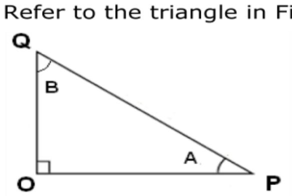
2. Convert radians to degrees

a) π/2 radians b) 3 π /4 radians c) π radians d) π /6 radians

e) 5 π radians f) 4 π /5 radians g) 7 π /4 radians h) π /10 radians

Trigonometric ratios for angles in a right-angled triangle

Refer to the triangle in Figure 1.



The side opposite the right-angle is called the hypotenuse

Recall the following important definitions:

$sinA = \frac{OQ}{QP}$ but $cosB = \frac{OQ}{QP}$

∴ sin A = cos B

We know that ∠ A + ∠ B = 90 ∴ ∠ B = 90 - ∠ A

∴ sin A = cos (90-A)

$cosA = \frac{OP}{QP}$ but $sinB = \frac{OP}{QP}$

∴ cos A = sin B

OR cos A = sin (90-A)

$tanA = \frac{OQ}{OP}$ but $cotB = \frac{OQ}{OP}$

∴ tan A = cot B

OR tan A = cot (90-A)

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Angles

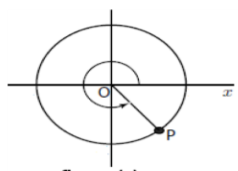


figure (a)

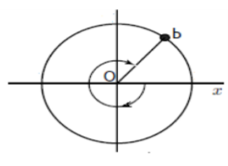
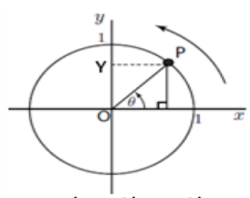


figure (b)

If angle is measured in **anticlockwise** direction from positive x-axis as shown in figure a. is **positive** If angle is measured in **clockwise** direction from positive x-axis as shown in figure b is **negative**

The sin of an angle in any quadrant



Consider Figure which shows a circle of radius 1 unit.

The side opposite θ has the same length as the projection of OP onto the y axis OY.

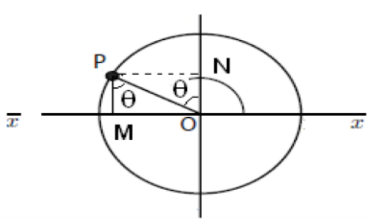
The arm OP is in the first quadrant and we have dropped a perpendicular line drawn from P to the x axis in order to form the right-angled triangle shown.

Consider angleθ. The side opposite this angle has the same length as the projection of OP onto the y axis. So we define

$$\sin\theta = \frac{\text{Projection of } OP \text{ on } y - axis}{OP}$$

Sinθ = Projection of OP on y axis

Sine of an angle in second quadrant



Consider adjacent figure here OP makes angle is 90 + θ with positive x-axis

Now as stated earlier sin(90+θ) = Projection of OP on y-axis = ON

From the geometry of figure we can find that $\cos\theta = \frac{PM}{OP}$

Thus sin(90+θ) = cosθ

By using above we can obtain various relations , which can be quickly remembered by following way

Quadrant I: **All**

All ratios sin cos tan, cosec, sec, cot have POSITIVE value

Quadrant II: **S**ilver

Only sine or cosec have POSITIVE value

Remaining have negative value

Quadrant III: **T**ea

Only tan and cot have POSITIVE value .Remaining have negative value

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Quadrant IV: Cup

Only cos and sec have POSITIVE value

Remaining have negative values

angles π + θ function do not change

For example sin(π +θ) = -sinθ

Here π +θ is in Third quadrant where sin is NEGATIVE thus negative sign appears

For angle $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}+\theta\right)$ and $\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}+\theta\right)$function changes from

sin → cos ; sec → cosec

cosec → sec; tan → cot

cos →sin ; cot → tan

and the sign of resultant depends on the quadrant of the first function

Sin(-θ)	**Angle in IV quadrant** **Sin is negative**	**-sinθ**
Cos (-θ)	**Angle in IV quadrant** **cos is positive**	**cosθ**
tan (-θ)	**Angle in IV quadrant** **tan is negative**	**-tanθ**
Cot (-θ)	**Angle in IV quadrant** **cot is negative**	**-cotθ**
$sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}+\theta\right)$	**Angle is in II quadrant** **sin positive and change function**	**cosθ**
$cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}+\theta\right)$	**Angle is in II quadrant** **cos negative and change function**	**-sinθ**
$tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2}+\theta\right)$	**Angle is in II quadrant** **tan negative and change function**	**-cotθ**
$cot\left(\frac{\pi}{2}+\theta\right)$	**Angle is in II quadrant** **cot negative and change function**	**-tanθ**
sin(π+θ)	**Angle is in III quadrant** **sin negative and same function**	**-sinθ**
cos (π+θ)	**Angle is in III quadrant** **cos negative and same function**	**-cosθ**
tan(π+θ)	**Angle is in III quadrant** **tan positive and same function**	**tan θ**
cot(π+θ)	**Angle is in III quadrant** **cot positive and same function**	**cotθ**

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By using same technique you may find formula for $(\pi - \theta)$, $\left(\frac{3\pi}{2} + \theta\right)$ and $\left(\frac{3\pi}{2} - \theta\right)$

Trigonometric identities

$$\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta = 1$$
$$1 + \tan^2\theta = \sec^2\theta$$
$$1 + \cot^2\theta = \mathrm{cosec}^2\theta$$
$$\sec^2\theta - \tan^2 = 1$$
$$\mathrm{cosec}^2\theta - \cot^2\theta = 1$$
$$\sin 2\theta = 2\sin\theta\cos\theta = \frac{2\tan\theta}{1+\tan^2\theta}$$
$$\cos 2\theta = \cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta = 2\cos^2\theta - 1 = 1 - 2\sin^2\theta = \frac{1-\tan^2\theta}{1+\tan^2\theta}$$
$$\sin(\alpha \pm \beta) = \sin\alpha\cos\beta \pm \cos\alpha\sin\beta$$
$$\cos(\alpha \pm \beta) = \cos\alpha\cos\beta \mp \sin\alpha\sin\beta \text{ (note sign changed)}$$
$$\sin\alpha + \sin\beta = 2\sin\left(\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\alpha-\beta}{2}\right)$$
$$\sin\alpha - \sin\beta = 2\cos\left(\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}\right)\sin\left(\frac{\alpha-\beta}{2}\right)$$
$$\cos\alpha + \cos\beta = 2\cos\left(\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{\alpha-\beta}{2}\right)$$
$$\cos\alpha - \cos\beta = -2\sin\left(\frac{\alpha+\beta}{2}\right)\sin\left(\frac{\alpha-\beta}{2}\right)$$
$$2\sin\alpha\cos\beta = \sin(\alpha+\beta) + \sin(\alpha-\beta)$$
$$2\cos\alpha\sin\beta = \sin(\alpha+\beta) - \sin(\alpha-\beta)$$
$$2\cos\alpha\cos\beta = \cos(\alpha+\beta) + \cos(\alpha-\beta)$$
$$-2\sin\alpha\sin\beta = \cos(\alpha+\beta) - \cos(\alpha-\beta)$$
$$\sin 3\theta = 3\sin\theta - 4\sin^3\theta$$
$$\cos 3\theta = 4\cos^3\theta - 3\cos\theta$$
$$\tan(\alpha \pm \beta) = \frac{\tan\alpha \pm \tan\beta}{1 \mp \tan\alpha\tan\beta}$$
$$\tan 2\theta = \frac{2\tan\theta}{1-\tan^2\theta}$$

0.03 Introduction to vectors

Scalars are quantities that are fully described by a magnitude (or numerical value) alone.

For example if I get 5 numbers of apple from east direction and 3 numbers of apple from west direction number of apple I will have is 5+3 = 8 numbers of apples. Thus total number of apples does not depends on the directions.

Now if I say I want 5 water. It does not make any sense, as I have not mentioned any unit. Is it 5 litre or 5 ml or 5 kL of water

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Thus scalar quantities have unit and magnitude (number) to give full description and is independent of direction

Some examples of scalars include the mass, charge, volume, time, speed, temperature, electric potential at a point inside a medium, energy . The distance between two points in three-dimensional space is a scalar, but the direction from one of those points to the other is not, since describing a direction requires two physical quantities such as the angle on the horizontal plane and the angle away from that plane. Force cannot be described using a scalar, since force is composed of direction and magnitude, however, the magnitude of a force alone can be described with a scalar, for instance the gravitational force acting on a particle is not a scalar, but its magnitude is. The speed of an object is a scalar (e.g. 180 km/h), while its velocity is not (i.e. 180 km/h *north*). Other examples of scalar quantities in Newtonian mechanics include electric charge and charge density.

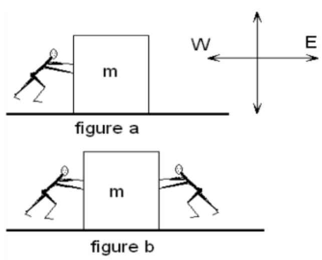


figure a
figure b

Vectors are quantities that are fully described by both a magnitude and a direction.

As shown in figure a, person is pushing a box of mass m towards East. Box will move in direction towards East. If F is the force applied by a man then acceleration of box is F/m and towards East

Now as shown in figure b, first person is pushing a box towards East while another person pushing box towards West. Now if both persons apply equal force then box does not move. As force towards East is cancelled or nullified by the force towards West.

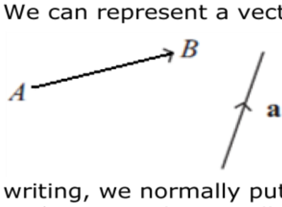
Thus to know the effective force on the box we should know the direction of force. If in above example if both person push the box in same direction(say towards East) then their forces would have got added and box would have started to move towards East.

Thus to understand vector quantity and its effect on object or at a particular point, we not only require magnitude but also direction such quantity are call vector quantity.

Some examples of vectors include weight as it is a gravitational force on object, velocity, acceleration, Electric filed, Magnetic field, Area,

Geometric Representation of vector

We can represent a vector by a line segment. This diagram shows two vectors.



We have used a small arrow to indicate that the first vector is pointing from A to B. A vector pointing from B to A would be going in the opposite direction. Sometimes we represent a vector with a small letter such as a, in a bold typeface. This is common in textbooks, but it is inconvenient in handwriting. In writing, we normally put a bar underneath, or sometimes on top of, the letter: $\bar{a}$ or $\vec{a}$. In speech, we call this the vector "a-bar".

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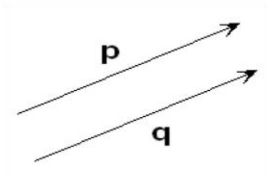
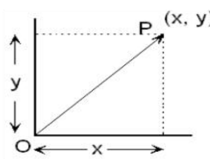
Arrow at B shows the direction called as head of vector, Length of arrow length AB is magnitude of vector let it be a , while point A is called as tail of vector.

Vector may be represented as $\overrightarrow{AB}$ it indicates tail of vector is at A and head is at B



If two vector p and q are equal of $\vec{p} = \vec{q}$ it means both the vectors have same magnitude and same direction.

Position vector

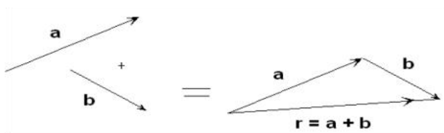


Vector OP or $\overrightarrow{OP}$ is called a position vector as it shows position of point P in co-ordinate frame. Its tail is at origin.

Adding two vectors

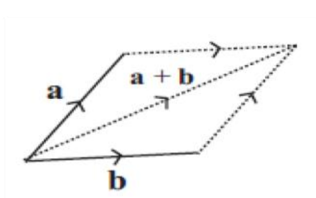
One of the things we can do with vectors is to add them together. We shall start by adding two vectors together. Once we have done that, we can add any number of vectors together by adding the first two, then adding the result to the third, and so on.

In order to add two vectors, we think of them as displacements. We carry out the first displacement, and then the second. So the second displacement must start where the first one finishes.



To add vector b in vector a, we have drown vector b from the head of a, keeping direction and magnitude same as of b. Then drawn vector from tail of vector a to head of vector b

The sum of the vectors, a + b (or the *resultant*, as it is sometimes called) is what we get when we join up the triangle. This is called the ***triangle law*** for adding vectors.



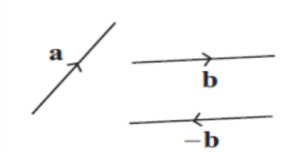
There is another way of adding two vectors. Instead of making the second vector start where the first one finishes, we make them both start at the same place, and complete a parallelogram.

This is called the ***parallelogram law*** for adding vectors. It gives the same result as the triangle law, because one of the properties of a parallelogram is that opposite sides are equal and in the same direction, so that b is repeated at the top of the parallelogram.

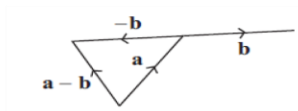
Subtracting two vectors

What is a −b? We think of this as a +(−b), and then we ask what −b might mean. This will

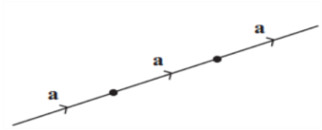
be a vector equal in magnitude to b, but in the reverse direction.



Now we can subtract two vectors. Subtracting b from a will be the same as *adding* −b to a.



Adding a vector to itself



What happens when you add a vector to itself, perhaps several times? We write, for example,

a + a + a = 3a.

In same we can write na = a + a+ a ….. n times

Or we can multiply any vector by constant (say n) and result is again a vector having magnitude n times of the previous.

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In ΔOAB, $OA = \mathbf{a}$ and $OB = \mathbf{b}$. In terms of **a** and **b**,

(a) What is AB?

(b) What is BA?

(c) What is OP, where P is the midpoint of AB?

(d) What is AP?

(e) What is BP?

(f) What is OQ, where Q divides AB in the ratio 2:3?

Ans:

(a) $\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}$ (b) $\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$ (c) $\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b})$

(d) $\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a})$ (e) $\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b})$ (f) $\frac{3}{5}\mathbf{a} + \frac{2}{5}\mathbf{b}$

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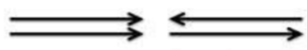
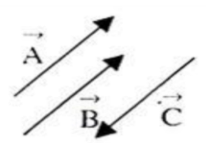
Collinear vectors:- Vectors having a common line of action are called collinear vectors. There are two types of collinear vectors. One is parallel vector and another is anti parallel vector.



Parallel Vectors:- Two or more vectors (which may have different magnitudes) are said to be parallel (θ = 0°) when they are parallel to the same line. In the figure below, the vectors $\vec{A}$ and $\vec{B}$are parallel.

Anti Parallel Vectors:-



Two or more vectors (which may have different magnitudes) acting along opposite direction are called anti-parallel vectors. In the figure below, the vectors $\vec{B}$ and $\vec{C}$are anti parallel vectors.

Equal Vectors:- Two or more, vectors are equal if they have the same magnitude (length) and direction, whatever their initial points. I**n the figure above, the vectors** A **and B are equal vectors.**

Negative Vectors:- Two vectors which have same magnitude (length) but their direction is opposite to each, other called the negative vectors of each other. In figure above vectors A and C or B and C are negative vectors.

Null Vectors:- A vector having zero magnitude an arbitrary direction is called zero vector or 'null vector' and is written as = O vector. The initial point and the end point of such a vector coincide so that its direction is indeterminate. The concept of null vector is hypothetical but we introduce it only to explain some mathematical results.

Properties of a null vector:-

(a) It has zero magnitude.

(b) It has arbitrary direction

(c) It is represented by a point.

(d) When a null vector is added or subtracted from a given vector the resultant vector is same as the given vector.

(e) Dot product of a null vector with any vector is always zero.

(f) Cross product of a null vector with any vector is also a null vector.

Co-planar Vector:- Vectors situated in one plane, irrespective of their directions, are known as co-planar vectors.

Unit Vector or vector of unit length

If a is vector and |a| represents the magnitude of vector then $\hat{a} = \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|}$

Represent unit vector. Unit vector $\hat{a}$ is called as a-cap or a-hat.

Thus if vector a has magnitude of p then $\vec{a} = p\,\hat{a}$

Unit vector along x-axis is represent by $\hat{\imath}$

Unit vector along y-axis is represent by $\hat{\jmath}$

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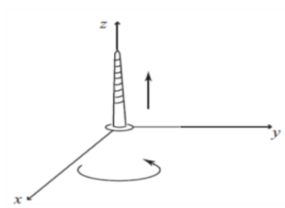
Unit vector along z-axis is represent by $\hat{k}$

Cartesian frame of reference



In three dimensions we have three axes, traditionally labeled x, y and z, all at right angles to each other. Any point P can now be described by three numbers, the coordinates with respect to the three axes.

Now there might be other ways of labeling the axes. For instance we might interchange x and y, or interchange y and z. But the labeling in the diagram is a standard one, and it is called a right-handed system. Imagine a right-handed screw, pointing along the z-axis. If you tighten the screw, by turning it from the positive x-axis towards the positive y-axis, then the screw will move along the z-axis. The standard system of labeling is that the direction of movement of the screw should be the positive z direction.

This works whichever axis we choose to start with, so long as we go round the cycle x, y, z, and then back to x again. For instance, if we start with the positive y-axis, then turn the screw towards the positive z-axis, then we'll tighten the screw in the direction of the positive x-axis.

Algebraic representation of vector

Vectors in two dimensions.

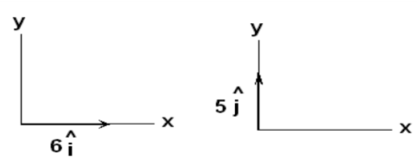
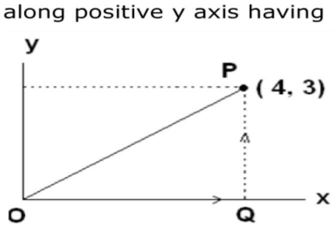


figure (a) figure (b)

The natural way to describe the position of any point is to use Cartesian coordinates. In two dimensions, we have a diagram like this, with an x-axis and a y-axis, and an origin O. To include vectors in this diagram, we have unit vector along x-axis is denoted by $\hat{\imath}$ and a unit vector along y-axis is denoted by $\hat{\jmath}$. In figure (a) vector along positive x-axis having magnitude of 6 is represented as $6\hat{\imath}$, while in figure (b) vector along positive y axis having magnitude is represented as $5\hat{\jmath}$.



$\vec{R} = \vec{OP} = 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$

In adjacent figure point P has co-ordinates (4, 3). If we want to reach from point O to P. We can walk 4 units along positive x-axis and 3 units after taking 90° turn.

Thus vector $\overrightarrow{OP}$ is result of the addition of two vectors $\overrightarrow{OQ}$ and $\overrightarrow{QP}$. Mathematically it can be represented as

$$\overrightarrow{OP} = 4\hat{\imath} + 3\hat{\jmath}$$

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$4\hat{\imath}$ can be said to be x-component of vector OP. or effectivity of vector OP along x-axis is 4 unit.

$3\hat{\jmath}$ can be said to be y-component of vector OP or effectivity of vector OP along y-axis is 3 unit.

Angle made by the vector with x-aixis

$$tan\theta = \frac{\mathbf{3}}{\mathbf{4}}$$

In general

$$\boldsymbol{tan\theta = \frac{y - component}{x - component}}$$

Example : If force of $\vec{\boldsymbol{R}} = (\boldsymbol{6\hat{\imath} + 8\hat{\jmath}})$ N then force 6N force will cause motion along positive x axis and 8 N force will cause motion along y –axis.

If mass of object is 2kg. Then acceleration along +ve x-axis will be 6/2 = 3 m/s^2 and acceleration along +ve y-axis will be 8/2 = 4 m/s^2.

Magnitude of vector R can be calculated using Pythagoras equation

$$\vec{\boldsymbol{R}} = \sqrt{\boldsymbol{6^2 + 8^2}} = \sqrt{\boldsymbol{100}} = 10$$

And unit vector is $\hat{\boldsymbol{R}} = \frac{\vec{R}}{|\vec{R}|}$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{R}} = \frac{\boldsymbol{6\hat{\imath} + 8\hat{\jmath}}}{10} = \left(\frac{\boldsymbol{6}}{10}\hat{\boldsymbol{\imath}} + \frac{\boldsymbol{8}}{10}\hat{\boldsymbol{\jmath}}\right) \boldsymbol{unit}$$

Vector R can be represented in terms of unit vector as magnitude × unit vector

$$\vec{\boldsymbol{R}} = 10\left(\frac{\boldsymbol{6}}{10}\hat{\boldsymbol{\imath}} + \frac{\boldsymbol{8}}{10}\hat{\boldsymbol{\jmath}}\right) \boldsymbol{unit}$$

In general vector in two dimension is represented as

$$\vec{\boldsymbol{A}} = \boldsymbol{x\hat{\imath} + y\hat{\jmath}}$$

Magnitude as

$$|\vec{\boldsymbol{A}}| = \sqrt{\boldsymbol{x^2 + y^2}}$$

Unit vector

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{A}} = \frac{\vec{\boldsymbol{A}}}{|\vec{\boldsymbol{A}}|}$$

Angle made by force vector

$$\boldsymbol{tan\theta = \frac{y - component}{x - component} = \frac{8}{6} = 1.333}$$

θ=53° 8′

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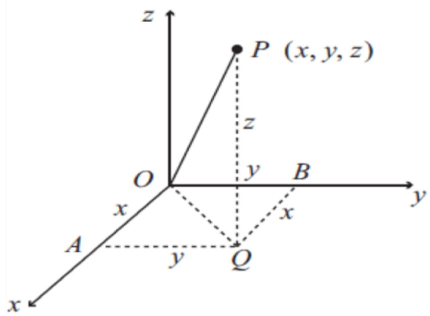
Vectors in three dimensions.



Vector OP in adjoining figure represent vectors in three dimensions and can be represented as

$$\overrightarrow{OP} = x\hat{\imath} + y\hat{\jmath} + z\hat{\jmath}$$

And magnitude as

$$|\overrightarrow{OP}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

Unit vector is

$$\widehat{OP} = \frac{\overrightarrow{OP}}{|\overrightarrow{OP}|}$$

x, y and z are component of vector along x-axis , y axis and z-axis.

Algebraic addition of vectors

$$\vec{A} = A_x\hat{\imath} + A_y\hat{\jmath} + A_z\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{B} = B_x\hat{\imath} + B_y\hat{\jmath} + B_z\hat{k}$$

Both vectors can be added to get resultant vector

$$\vec{R} = \vec{A} + \vec{B} = (A_x\hat{\imath} + A_y\hat{\jmath} + A_z\hat{k}) + (B_x\hat{\imath} + B_y\hat{\jmath} + B_z\hat{k})$$

$$\vec{R} = (A_x + B_x)\hat{\imath} + (A_y + B_y)\hat{\jmath} + (A_z + B_z)\hat{k}$$

If

$$\vec{R} = R_x\hat{\imath} + R_y\hat{\jmath} + R_z\hat{k}$$

From above we get

$R_x = A_x + B_x$, $R_y = A_x + B_x$, $R_z = A_z + B_z$

Algebraic subtraction of vectors

$$\vec{A} = A_x\hat{\imath} + A_y\hat{\jmath} + A_z\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{B} = B_x\hat{\imath} + B_y\hat{\jmath} + B_z\hat{k}$$

Both vectors can be added to get resultant vector

$$\vec{R} = \vec{A} - \vec{B} = (A_x\hat{\imath} + A_y\hat{\jmath} + A_z\hat{k}) - (B_x\hat{\imath} + B_y\hat{\jmath} + B_z\hat{k})$$

$$\vec{R} = (A_x - B_x)\hat{\imath} + (A_y - B_y)\hat{\jmath} + (A_z - B_z)\hat{k}$$

If

$$\vec{R} = R_x\hat{\imath} + R_y\hat{\jmath} + R_z\hat{k}$$

From above we get

$R_x = A_x - B_x$, $R_y = A_x - B_x$, $R_z = A_z - B_z$

Note: when two vectors are added or subtracted , their components get add or subtracted to give new vector

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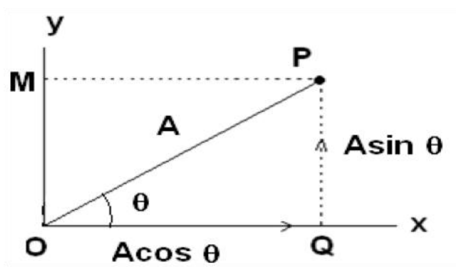
Polar representation of vector



Let vector OP makes an angle of θ with positive x-axis. Then draw a perpendicular from point P on x-axis intercept at Q and perpendicular on y-axis intercept at point M. Then OQ is called projection of vector OP on x-axis

From trigonometry OQ = Acosθ or effectivity of OP along x-axis or a component of Vector OP along x-axis Thus Vector OQ can be represented as $\boldsymbol{Acos\theta\hat{i}}$

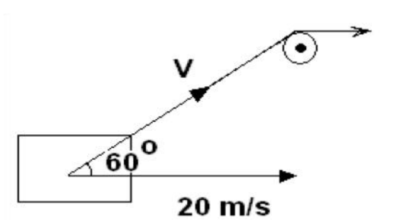
Similarly OM is projection of vector OP on y-axis. From trigonometry MO = PQ = A sinθ or effectivity of OP along y-axis or a component of vector along –y-axis. Thus vector QP can be represented as $\boldsymbol{Asin\theta\hat{j}}$

As vector OP is made up of two mutually perpendicular vectors we can get

$$\overrightarrow{\boldsymbol{OP}} = \boldsymbol{Acos\theta\ \hat{i} + Asin\theta\hat{j}}$$

Note that is the magnitude of component along OQ or x-axis is x then magnitude of vector will be |A| = x/cosθ

Example :



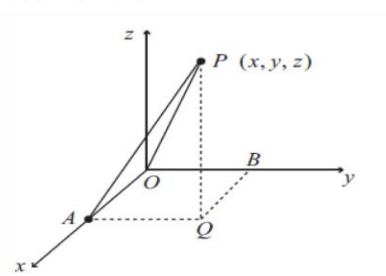
A object as shown in figure is moved with velocity along x-axis is 20m/s. By a thread making an angle of 60° passing over a pulley. What is the speed of thread V

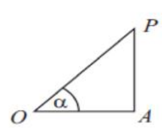
Solution

Given Vcos60 = 20

∴ V = 20/Cos60 = 40m/s

Cosine rule





Let vector OP makes an angle of $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$with x –axis, β with y-axis, γ with z-axis.

Since coordinates of p are (x,y,z) and is position vector thus magnitude is

$$|\overrightarrow{\boldsymbol{OP}}| = \sqrt{\boldsymbol{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}$$

AP is perpendicular on x axis thus OA = x

But the triangle *POA* is a

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right-angled triangle, so we can write down
the cosine of the angle *POA*. If we call this angle α, then
As shown in figure on right

$$\cos\alpha = \frac{OA}{OP} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}}$$

The quantity cos α is known as a *direction cosine*, because it is the cosine of an angle which helps to specify the direction of *P*; α is the angle that the position vector *OP* makes with the *x-axis.*

Similarly

$$\cos\beta = \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}}$$

$$\cos\gamma = \frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}}$$

we can also be proved that

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

Exercises 0.3.02

1. Find the lengths of each of the following vectors

(a) $2\hat{\imath}+4\hat{\jmath}+3\hat{k}$ (b) $5\hat{\imath}-2\hat{\jmath}+\hat{k}$ (c) $2\hat{\imath}-\hat{k}$

(d) $5\hat{\imath}$ (e) $3\hat{\imath}-2\hat{\jmath}-\hat{k}$ (f) $\hat{\imath}+\hat{\jmath}+\hat{k}$

2. Find the angles giving the direction cosines of the vectors in Question 1.

3. Determine the vector *AB* for each of the following pairs of points

(a) A (3,7,2) and B (9,12,5) (b) A (4,1,0) and B (3,4,-2)

(c) A (9,3,-2) and B (1,3,4) (d) A (0,1,2) and B (-2,1,2)

(e) A (4,3,2) and B (10,9,8)

4. For each of the vectors found in Question 3, determine a unit vector in the direction of) $\overrightarrow{AB}$

Ans:

1. (a)√29 (b)√30 (c)√5 (d) 5 (e)√14 (f)√3

2. (a) 68.2°, 42°10′ , 56° *15′* (b) 24.1°, 111.4°, 79.5°

(c), 26.6°, 90° ,116.6° (d) 0°, 90° , 90°

(e) 36.7°, 122.3°, 105.5° (f) 54.7°, 54.7°, 54.7°

3. (a) $\boldsymbol{6\hat{\imath}+5\hat{\jmath}+3\hat{k}}$ (b) $\boldsymbol{-\hat{\imath}+3\hat{\jmath}-2\hat{k}}$ (c) $\boldsymbol{-8\hat{\imath}+6\hat{k}}$

(d) $-2\hat{\imath}$ (e) $\boldsymbol{6\hat{\imath}+6\hat{\jmath}+6\hat{k}}$

4. (a) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{70}}(6\hat{\imath}+5\hat{\jmath}+3\hat{k})$ (b) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}(-\hat{\imath}+3\hat{\jmath}-2\hat{k})$

(c) $\frac{1}{10}(-8\hat{\imath}+6\hat{k})$ (d) $-\hat{\imath}$ (e) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(\hat{\imath}+\hat{\jmath}+\hat{k})$

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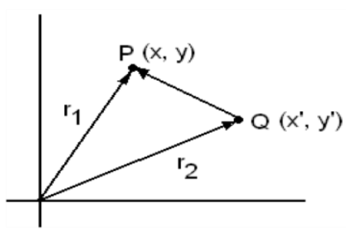
Displacement vector



As shown in figure point P coordinates are (x ,y) while point Q coordinates are (x′, y′)

$$\vec{r_1} = x\hat{\imath} + y\hat{\jmath}$$

And

Now Vector QP = $r_1 - r_2$ (***triangle law***)

$$\overrightarrow{QP} = x\hat{\imath} + y\hat{\jmath} - x'\hat{\imath} - y'\hat{\jmath}$$

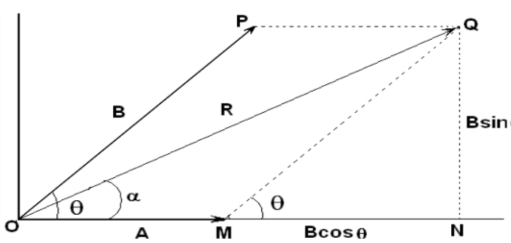
$$\overrightarrow{QP} = x\hat{\imath} - x'\hat{\imath} + y\hat{\jmath} - y'\hat{\jmath}$$

$$\overrightarrow{QP} = (x - x')\hat{\imath} + (y - y')\hat{\jmath}$$

Important result

If A and B are the two vector and θ is the angle between them then we can find a formula to get magnitude and orientation or direction of resultant vector.

We can obtain formula as follows



Let vector A be along x-axis and Vector B is making angle of θ with x-axis. Vector R is the resultant vector according to parallelogram law.

From figure Component of R along x-axis is ON and along y-axis is NQ

$$\vec{R} = \overrightarrow{ON} + \overrightarrow{NQ}$$

But

$$\overrightarrow{ON} = \overrightarrow{OM} + \overrightarrow{MN}$$

From the figure OM = A and MN = Bcosθ and MN =Bsinθ

$$\vec{R} = A\hat{\imath} + B\cos\theta\hat{\imath} + B\sin\theta\hat{\jmath}$$

$$\vec{R} = (A + B\cos\theta)\hat{\imath} + B\sin\theta\hat{\jmath}$$

$$|\vec{R}|^2 = (A + B\cos\theta)^2 + (B\sin\theta)^2$$

$$|\vec{R}|^2 = A^2 + 2AB\cos\theta + B^2\cos^2\theta + B^2\sin^2\theta$$

$$|\vec{R}|^2 = A^2 + 2AB\cos\theta + B^2$$

$$|\vec{R}| = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + 2AB\cos\theta}$$

Orientation or direction of resultant vector from triangle OQN

$$\tan\alpha = \frac{QN}{ON} = \frac{QN}{OM + MN}$$

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$$\vec{A}\cdot\vec{B} = (A_x\hat{\imath} + A_y\hat{\jmath} + A_z\hat{k})\cdot(B_x\hat{\imath} + B_y\hat{\jmath} + B_z\hat{k})$$

$$\vec{A}\cdot\vec{B} = (A_xB_x\hat{\imath}\cdot\hat{\imath} + A_xB_y\hat{\imath}\cdot\hat{\jmath} + A_xB_z\hat{\imath}\cdot\hat{k}) + (A_yB_x\hat{\jmath}\cdot\hat{\imath} + A_yB_y\hat{\jmath}\cdot\hat{\jmath} + A_yB_z\hat{\jmath}\cdot\hat{k}) + (A_zB_x\hat{k}\cdot\hat{\imath} + A_zB_y\hat{k}\cdot\hat{\jmath} + A_zB_z\hat{k}\cdot\hat{k})$$

$\hat{\imath}\cdot\hat{\imath} = \hat{\jmath}\cdot\hat{\jmath} = \hat{k}\cdot\hat{k} = 1$ and remaining all unit vector dot products give zero value thus

$$\vec{A}\cdot\vec{B} = A_xB_x + A_yB_y + A_zB_z$$

Uses of dot products

Dot product is used to check vectors are perpendicular or not

To find angle between two vectors

Projection of one vector along the another vector

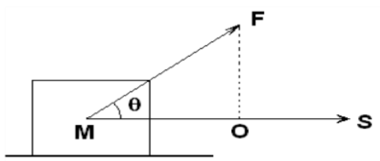
Explanation for why dot product gives scalar

According to definition of work,

work = displacement × force in the direction of displacement

Note work is scalar quantity

Consider following diagram in which force is vectors making angle of θ with displacement which is a vector.



MO is the effective force along MS which represents displacement.

MO = Fcosθ

Now according to definition of work

W= S × Fcosθ

Which can be represented as $W = \vec{S}\cdot\vec{F}$

Thus dot product gives scalar product

Exercises 0.3.04

1. If a = 4**i** + 9**j** and b = 3**i** + 2**j** find (a) a · b (b) b · a (c) a · a (d) b · b.
2. Find the scalar product of the vectors 5**i** and 8**j**.
3. If p = 4**i** + 3**j** + 2**k** and q = 2**i** − **j** + 11**k** find
(a) p · q, (b) q · p, (c) p · p, (d) q · q.
4. If r = 3i + 2j + 8k show that r · r = $|r|^2$.

5 Determine whether or not the vectors 2**i** + 4**j** and −**i** + 0.5 **j** are perpendicular.

6. Evaluate **p** · **i** where p = 4**i** + 8**j**. Hence find the angle that p makes with the x axis.

7. Obtain the component of a vector **A** = 3**i**+4**j** in the direction of 2**i**+2**j**

Answers

1. (a) 30, (b) 30, (c) 97, (d) 13.

2. 0.

3. (a) 27, (b) 27, (c) 29, (d) 126.

4. Both equal 77.

5 Their scalar product is zero. They are non-zero vectors. We deduce that they must be perpendicular.

6. p · i = 4. The required angle is 63.4°.   7. $\frac{7}{\sqrt{2}}$

Vector product or cross product

$$\vec{A} = A_x\hat{\imath} + A_y\hat{\jmath} + A_z\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{B} = B_x\hat{\imath} + B_y\hat{\jmath} + B_z\hat{k}$$

vector product or cross product is defined as

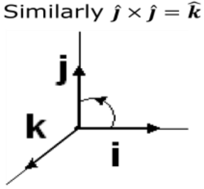
$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = |\vec{A}||\vec{B}|sin\theta\hat{n}$$

Note that cross product gives again vector , direction of resultant vector is determined by right hand screw rule.

If we take cross product of unit vectors

$\hat{\imath} \times \hat{\imath} = 1 \times 1sin0 = 0$ as magnitude of unit vector is 1 and angle between two $\hat{\imath}$ is 0,

Similarly $\hat{\jmath} \times \hat{\jmath} = \hat{k} \times \hat{k} = 0$



$\hat{\imath} \times \hat{\jmath} = 1 \times 1sin90 = \hat{k}$

as angle between x-axis and y-axis is 90°. Direction of resultant can be obtained by rotating right hand screw in the direction as shown in figure which gives the direction in +z axis

Similarly $\hat{\jmath} \times \hat{k} = \hat{\imath}$ and $\hat{k} \times \hat{\imath} = \hat{\jmath}$

But $\hat{\jmath} \times \hat{\imath} = -\hat{k}$

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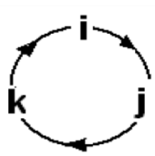

This sequence can be remembered by following the arrows for positive resultant vector in adjacent figure and if followed in opposite to direction we get Negative vector

Thus we can say that if unit vectors are parallel their cross product is 0.

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = (A_x\hat{\imath} + A_y\hat{\jmath} + A_z\hat{k}) \times (B_x\hat{\imath} + B_y\hat{\jmath} + B_z\hat{k})$$

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = (A_xB_x\hat{\imath} \times \hat{\imath} + A_xB_y\,\hat{\imath} \times \hat{\jmath} + A_xB_z\hat{\imath} \times \hat{k}) \quad + (A_yB_x\hat{\jmath} \times \hat{\imath} + A_yB_y\hat{\jmath} \times \hat{\jmath} + A_yB_z\hat{\jmath} \times \hat{k})$$

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$$+(A_zB_x\hat{k}\times\hat{\imath}+A_zB_y\hat{k}\times\hat{\jmath}+A_zB_z\hat{k}\times\hat{k})$$

Since $\hat{\imath}\times\hat{\imath}=\hat{\jmath}\times\hat{\jmath}=\hat{k}\times\hat{k}=0$ above equation reduce to

$$\vec{A}\times\vec{B}=(A_xB_y\,\hat{\imath}\times\hat{\jmath}+A_xB_z\hat{\imath}\times\hat{k})\ +(A_yB_x\hat{\jmath}\times\hat{\imath}+A_yB_z\hat{\jmath}\times\hat{k})\ +(A_zB_x\hat{k}\times\hat{\imath}+A_zB_y\hat{k}\times\hat{\jmath})$$

Now $\hat{\imath}\times\hat{\jmath}=\hat{k}$, $\hat{\imath}\times\hat{k}=-\hat{\jmath}$, $\hat{\jmath}\times\hat{\imath}=-\hat{k}$, $\hat{\jmath}\times\hat{k}=\hat{\imath}$, $\hat{k}\times\hat{\imath}=\hat{\jmath}$, $\hat{k}\times\hat{\jmath}=-\hat{\imath}$

Substituting above values we get

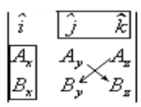
$$\vec{A}\times\vec{B}=(A_xB_y\,\hat{k}-A_xB_z\hat{\jmath})\ +(-A_yB_x\hat{k}+A_yB_z\hat{\imath})\ \ +(A_zB_x\hat{\jmath}-A_zB_y\hat{\imath})$$

By taking common $\hat{\imath}$,$\hat{\jmath}$ and $\hat{k}$ we get

$$\vec{A}\times\vec{B}=(A_yB_z-A_zB_y)\hat{\imath}-(A_xB_z-A_zB_x)\hat{\jmath}+(A_xB_y-A_yB_x)\hat{k}$$

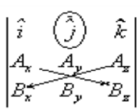
Above equation can be obtained by solving determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix}\hat{\imath} & \hat{\jmath} & \hat{k}\\ A_x & A_y & A_z\\ B_x & B_y & B_z\end{vmatrix}$$



First select $\hat{\imath}$ then follow the arrow as shown in adjacent figure

To get term $(A_yB_z-A_zB_y)\hat{\imath}$



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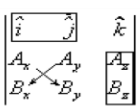


select $\hat{k}$ and then follow the arrow as shown in adjacent figure

To get term$(A_xB_y-A_yB_x)\hat{k}$

Now add all these terms to get equation as

$$\vec{A}\times\vec{B}=(A_yB_z-A_zB_y)\hat{\imath}-(A_xB_z-A_zB_x)\hat{\jmath}+(A_xB_y-A_yB_x)\hat{k}$$

Note that **A** × **B** = - **B** × **A** negative sign indicate directions are opposite

The vector product is distributive over addition. This means

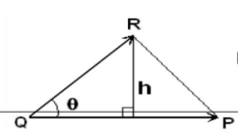
a × (b + c) = a × b + a × c

Equivalently,

(b + c) × a = b × a + c × a

Important results

From figure area of triangle QPR =



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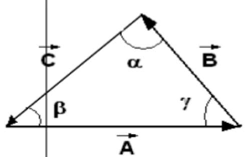

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AB sin(180 −γ) = BC sin(180-α) = CA sin(180-β)

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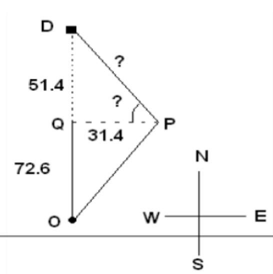

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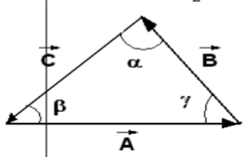

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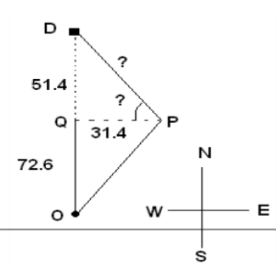

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