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Questions

If $A = 3i + 7j - 2k$, $B = i + 3j + 7k$, $C = 9i - 4j + 6k$, find the angle between (i) A and C (ii) B and C (iii) The unit vector in the direction of $(A+B+C)$.

Solution

(i) Angle Between A and C

$$A = 3i + 7j - 2k \text{ and } C = 9i - 4j + 6k$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{A} \cdot \vec{C} &= (3i + 7j - 2k) \cdot (9i - 4j + 6k) \\ &= 27i + 28j - 12k \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C} = -13$$

The angle $\cos \theta$

$$|A| = \sqrt{3^2 + 7^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{62}$$

$$|C| = \sqrt{9^2 + 4^2 + 6^2} = \sqrt{133}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}}{|A||C|} = \frac{-13}{62 \times 133} = \frac{-13}{90.81} = -0.143$$

$$\cos \theta = -0.143$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} -0.143$$

$$\theta = 98.2^\circ$$

(ii) B and C $B = i + 3j + 7k$ and $C = 9i - 4j + 6k$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{B} \cdot \vec{C} &= (i + 3j + 7k) \cdot (9i - 4j + 6k) \\ &= 9i - 12j + 42k = 39 \end{aligned}$$

The angle $\cos \theta$

$$|B| = \sqrt{1^2 + 3^2 + 7^2} = \sqrt{59}$$

$$|C| = \sqrt{9^2 + 4^2 + 6^2} = \sqrt{133}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{B} \cdot \vec{C}}{|B||C|} = \frac{39}{59 \times 133} = \frac{39}{88.58} = 0.440$$

$$\cos \theta = 0.440, \theta = \cos^{-1} 0.440 \quad \theta = 63.9^\circ$$

11) The unit vector in the direction of $(A+B+C)$.

$$(A+B+C) \\ (3i+7j-2k) + (i+3j+7k) + (9i-4j+6k)$$

$$13i+6j+11k$$

$$(A+B+C) = 13i+6j+11k$$

$$= \sqrt{13^2 + 6^2 + 11^2} = 18.06$$

$$e_{A+B+C} = \frac{13i+6j+11k}{18.06} \quad \text{OR} \quad e_{A+B+C} = \frac{13}{18.06}i + \frac{6}{18.06}j + \frac{11}{18.06}k$$

2) A particle moves along a curve, $x = -8t^2$, $y = t^2 - 4t$, $z = t + 1$, where t is time. Find the modulus of acceleration at $t = 1$.

Solution

$$x = -8t^2, \quad y = t^2 - 4t, \quad z = t + 1$$

$$r = (-8t^2)i + (t^2 - 4t)j + (t + 1)k$$

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = 16ti + (2t - 4)j + k$$

$$\frac{d^2r}{dt^2} = 16i + 2j + k //$$

$$\left| \frac{d^2r}{dt^2} \right|_{t=1} = \sqrt{16^2 + 2^2 + 1^2} = 16.2 //$$

3) If $A = 4i + 2j - 4k$, $B = 8i - 9j + k$, $C = i + 4j - 3k$, find the Vector triple product $(A \times B) \times C$.

Solution

$$A = 4i + 2j - 4k, \quad B = 8i - 9j + k, \quad C = i + 4j - 3k$$

$$(A \times B) = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 4 & 2 & -4 \\ 8 & -9 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = i(2+4) - j(4+32) + k(-4-16) \\ = 6i - 36j - 20k //$$

$$(A \times B) \times C = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 6 & -36 & -20 \\ 1 & 4 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = i(108-80) - j(-18+20) + k(24+36) \\ = 28i - 2j + 60k //$$