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**12 Maths**  
**Chapter 26**  
**Ex 26.1**

### Scalar Triple Product Ex 26.1 Q1(i)

We have

$$\begin{aligned} [\hat{i} \hat{j} \hat{k}] + [\hat{j} \hat{k} \hat{i}] + [\hat{k} \hat{i} \hat{j}] &= (\hat{i} \times \hat{j}) \cdot \hat{k} + (\hat{j} \times \hat{k}) \cdot \hat{i} + (\hat{k} \times \hat{i}) \cdot \hat{j} \\ &= \hat{k} \cdot \hat{k} + \hat{i} \cdot \hat{i} + \hat{j} \cdot \hat{j} \\ &= 1 + 1 + 1 \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } [\hat{i} \hat{j} \hat{k}] + [\hat{j} \hat{k} \hat{i}] + [\hat{k} \hat{i} \hat{j}] = 3$$

### Scalar Triple Product Ex 26.1 Q1(ii)

We have

$$\begin{aligned} [2\hat{i} \hat{j} \hat{k}] + [\hat{i} \hat{k} \hat{j}] + [\hat{k} \hat{j} 2\hat{i}] &= (2\hat{i} \times \hat{j}) \cdot \hat{k} + (\hat{i} \times \hat{k}) \cdot \hat{j} + (\hat{k} \times \hat{j}) \cdot 2\hat{i} \\ &= 2\hat{k} \cdot \hat{k} + (-\hat{j}) \cdot \hat{j} + (-\hat{i}) \cdot 2\hat{i} \\ &= 2 - 1 - 2 \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } [2\hat{i} \hat{j} \hat{k}] + [\hat{i} \hat{k} \hat{j}] + [\hat{k} \hat{j} 2\hat{i}] = -1$$

### Scalar Triple Product Ex 26.1 Q2(i)

We have

$$\begin{aligned} [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2(-1-0) + 3(-1+3) \\ &= -2 + 6 \\ &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = 4$$

### Scalar Triple Product Ex 26.1 Q2(ii)

We have

$$\begin{aligned} [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1(1+1) + 2(2+0) + 3(2-0) \\ &= 2 + 4 + 6 \\ &= 12 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = 12$$

### Scalar Triple Product Ex 26.1 Q3(i)

We know that the volume of a parallelepiped whose three adjacent edges are  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  is equal to  $|\llbracket \vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c} \rrbracket|$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned}\llbracket \vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c} \rrbracket &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2(4-1) - 3(2+3) + 4(-1-6) \\ &= 6 - 15 - 28 \\ &= -9 - 28 \\ &= -37\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the volume of the parallelepiped is  $|\llbracket \vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c} \rrbracket| = |-37| = 37$  cubic unit.

### Scalar Triple Product Ex 26.1 Q3(ii)

$$\text{Let } \vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}, \vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}, \vec{c} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

We know that the volume of a parallelepiped whose three adjacent edges are  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  is equal to  $|\llbracket \vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c} \rrbracket|$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned}\llbracket \vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c} \rrbracket &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2(-4-1) + 3(-2+3) + 4(-1-6) \\ &= -10 + 3 - 28 \\ &= -10 - 25 \\ &= -35\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the volume of the parallelepiped is  $|\llbracket \vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c} \rrbracket| = |-35| = 35$  cubic unit.

### Scalar Triple Product Ex 26.1 Q3(iii)

$$\text{Let } \vec{a} = 11\hat{i}, \vec{b} = 2\hat{j}, \vec{c} = 13\hat{k}$$

We know that the volume of a parallelepiped whose three adjacent edges are  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  is equal to  $|\llbracket \vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c} \rrbracket|$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned}\llbracket \vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c} \rrbracket &= \begin{vmatrix} 11 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 13 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 11(26-0) + 0 + 0 \\ &= 286\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the volume of the parallelepiped is  $|\llbracket \vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c} \rrbracket| = |286| = 286$  cubic unit.

### Scalar Triple Product Ex 26.1 Q1(iv)

$$\text{Let } \vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \vec{b} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \vec{c} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

We know that the volume of a parallelepiped whose three adjacent edges are  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  is equal to  $|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c}|$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned} [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1(1-2) - 1(-1-1) + 1(2+1) \\ &= -1 + 2 + 3 \\ &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the volume of the parallelepiped is  $|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c}| = |4| = 4$  cubic unit.

### Scalar Triple Product Ex 26.1 Q4(i)

We know that three vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coplanar iff their scalar triple product is zero i.e.  $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = 0$ .

Here,

$$\begin{aligned} [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & 7 \\ 5 & 6 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1(10-42) - 2(15-35) - 1(18-10) \\ &= -32 + 40 - 8 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the given vectors are coplanar.

### Scalar Triple Product Ex 26.1 Q4(ii)

We know that three vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coplanar iff their scalar triple product is zero i.e.  $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = 0$ .

Here,

$$\begin{aligned} [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] &= \begin{vmatrix} -4 & -6 & -2 \\ -1 & 4 & 3 \\ -8 & -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -4(12+3) + 6(-3+24) - 2(1+32) \\ &= -60 + 126 - 66 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the given vectors are coplanar.

### Scalar Triple Product Ex 26.1 Q4(iii)

We know that three vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coplanar iff their scalar triple product is zero i.e.  $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = 0$ .

Here,

$$\begin{aligned} [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ -2 & 3 & -4 \\ 1 & -3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 1(15-12) + 2(-10+4) + 3(6-3) \\ &= 3 - 12 + 9 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the given vectors are coplanar.

### Scalar Triple Product Ex 26.1 Q5(i)

We know that vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coplanar iff  $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = 0$ .

$\therefore \vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coplanar

$$\Rightarrow [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ \lambda & -1 & \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$= 1(\lambda - 1) + 1(2\lambda + \lambda) + 1(-2 - \lambda)$$

$$= \lambda - 1 + 3\lambda - 2 - \lambda$$

$$3 = 3\lambda$$

$$1 = \lambda$$

### Scalar Triple Product Ex 26.1 Q5(ii)

We know that vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coplanar iff  $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = 0$ .

$\therefore \vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coplanar

$$\Rightarrow [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ \lambda & \lambda & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$= 2(10 + 3\lambda) + 1(5 + 3\lambda) + 1(\lambda - 2\lambda)$$

$$= 20 + 6\lambda + 5 + 3\lambda - \lambda$$

$$-25 = 8\lambda$$

$$\lambda = -\frac{25}{8}$$

### Scalar Triple Product Ex 26.1 Q5(iii)

We know that vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coplanar iff  $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = 0$ .

$\therefore \vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coplanar

$$\Rightarrow [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 3 & \lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$= 1(2\lambda - 2) - 2(6 - 1) - 3(6 - \lambda)$$

$$= 2\lambda - 2 - 12 + 2 - 18 + 3\lambda$$

$$= 5\lambda - 30$$

$$30 = 5\lambda$$

$$\lambda = 6$$

### Scalar Triple Product Ex 26.1 Q5(iv)

We know that vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coplanar iff  $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = 0$ .

$\therefore \vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coplanar

$$\Rightarrow [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \\ \lambda & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$= 1(0 + 5) - 3(0 - 5\lambda) + 0$$

$$= 5 + 15\lambda$$

$$-5 = 15\lambda$$

$$\lambda = -\frac{1}{3}$$

### Scalar Triple Product Ex 26.1 Q6

Let

$$OA = 6\hat{i} - 7\hat{j}, OB = 16\hat{i} - 19\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}, OC = 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}, OD = 2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 10\hat{k}$$

$$AB = OB - OA = 10\hat{i} - 12\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

$$AC = OC - OA = -3\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$$

$$AD = OD - OA = -4\hat{i} + 12\hat{j} + 10\hat{k}$$

The four points are co-planar if vectors  $\overline{AB}, \overline{AC}, \overline{AD}$  are co-planar.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 10 & -12 & -4 \\ -3 & 7 & -6 \\ -4 & 12 & 10 \end{vmatrix} = 10(-160 - 24) + 25(-160 + 8) - 4(-144 + 64) \neq 0$$

Hence the points are not coplanar.

### Scalar Triple Product Ex 26.1 Q7

$AB =$  position vector of  $B -$  position vector of  $A$

$$= 4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$AC =$  position vector of  $C -$  position vector of  $A$

$$= -2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$AD =$  position vector of  $D -$  position vector of  $A$

$$= -2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

The four points are co-planar if the vectors are co-planar.

$$\text{Thus, } \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -2 & -2 \\ -2 & 4 & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 4[16 - 4] + 2[-8 - 4] - 2[4 + 8] = 48 - 24 - 24 = 0$$

Hence proved.

### Scalar Triple Product Ex 26.1 Q8

$$\text{Let } OA = 6\hat{i} - 7\hat{j}, OB = 16\hat{i} - 19\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}, OC = 3\hat{i} - 6\hat{k}, OD = 2\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 10\hat{k}$$

Thus,

$$AB = OB - OA = 10\hat{i} - 12\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

$$AC = OC - OA = -3\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$$

$$AD = OD - OA = -4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 10\hat{k}$$

The four points are co-planar if vectors  $AB, AC$  and  $AD$  are co-planar.

Thus, we have

$$\begin{vmatrix} 10 & -12 & -4 \\ -3 & 7 & -6 \\ -4 & 2 & 10 \end{vmatrix} = 10(70 + 12) + 12(-30 - 24) - 4(-6 + 28) = 820 - 648 - 88$$

### Scalar Triple Product Ex 26.1 Q9

Let

Position vector of  $A = -\hat{j} - \hat{k}$

Position vector of  $B = 4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + \lambda\hat{k}$

Position vector of  $C = 3\hat{i} + 9\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$

Position vector of  $D = -4\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$

The four points are coplanar if the vectors  $\overline{AB}, \overline{AC}, \overline{AD}$  are coplanar.

$$\overline{AB} = 4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + (\lambda + 1)\hat{k}$$

$$\overline{AC} = 3\hat{i} + 10\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

$$\overline{AD} = -4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4 & 6 & (\lambda + 1) \\ 3 & 10 & 5 \\ -4 & 5 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$4(50 - 25) - 6(15 + 20) + (\lambda + 1)(15 + 40) = 0$$

$$100 - 210 + 55 + 55\lambda = 0$$

$$55\lambda = 55$$

$$\lambda = 1$$

### Scalar Triple Product Ex 26.1 Q10

$$(\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \cdot \{(\vec{b} - \vec{c}) \times (\vec{c} - \vec{a})\}$$

$$= [(\vec{a} - \vec{b}) \quad (\vec{b} - \vec{c}) \quad (\vec{c} - \vec{a})]$$

$$= [a \quad (\vec{b} - \vec{c}) \quad (\vec{c} - \vec{a})] + [-b \quad (\vec{b} - \vec{c}) \quad (\vec{c} - \vec{a})]$$

$$= 6[a \quad b \quad c] - 6[a \quad b \quad c]$$

$$= 0$$

### Scalar Triple Product Ex 26.1 Q11

If  $\vec{a}$  represents the sides AB, If  $\vec{b}$  represents the sides BC, If  $\vec{c}$  represents the sides AC of the triangle ABC.

$\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  is perpendicular to the plane of the triangle ABC.

$\vec{b} \times \vec{c}$  is perpendicular to the plane of the triangle ABC.

$\vec{c} \times \vec{a}$  is perpendicular to the plane of the triangle ABC.

Hence  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{b} \times \vec{c} + \vec{c} \times \vec{a}$  is a vector perpendicular to the plane of the triangle ABC.

### Scalar Triple Product Ex 26.1 Q12(i)

$\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coplanar if

$$[a \quad b \quad c] = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$0 - 1(c_3) + 1(2) = 0$$

$$c_3 = 2$$

### Scalar Triple Product Ex 26.1 Q12(ii)

$\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  are coplanar if

$$[a \quad b \quad c] = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & c_2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$0 - 1 + 1(c_2) = 0$$

$$c_2 = 1$$

## Scalar Triple Product Ex 26.1 Q13

Let

$$\text{Position vector of } OA = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\text{Position vector of } OB = 4\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Position vector of } OC = 4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Position vector of } OD = 6\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

The four points are coplanar if the vectors  $\overline{AB}, \overline{AC}, \overline{AD}$  are coplanar.

$$\overline{AB} = \hat{i} + (\lambda - 2)\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$\overline{AC} = \hat{i} + 0\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

$$\overline{AD} = 3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & (\lambda - 2) & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & -3 \\ 3 & 3 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$1(9) - (\lambda - 2)(-2 + 9) + 4(3 - 0) = 0$$

$$9 - 7\lambda + 14 + 12 = 0$$

$$7\lambda = 35$$

$$\lambda = 5$$