

VECTOR ARITHMETIC - ANSWERS

(1-5) Let $\vec{u} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$, $\vec{v} = \hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + \hat{k}$, and $\vec{w} = -3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$. Find the following.

1. $\vec{u} + \vec{v} + \vec{w}$

$$\vec{u} + \vec{v} + \vec{w} = \langle 2, 3, 4 \rangle + \langle 1, -5, 1 \rangle + \langle -3, -2, -8 \rangle = \langle 0, -4, -3 \rangle$$

2. $3\vec{u} - \vec{v} - 2\vec{w}$

$$\begin{aligned} 3\vec{u} - \vec{v} - 2\vec{w} &= 3\langle 2, 3, 4 \rangle - \langle 1, -5, 1 \rangle - 2\langle -3, -2, -8 \rangle \\ &= \langle 6, 9, 12 \rangle + \langle -1, 5, -1 \rangle + \langle 6, 4, 16 \rangle = \langle 11, 18, 27 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

3. $2(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) + \vec{w}$

$$\begin{aligned} 2(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) + \vec{w} &= 2(\langle 2, 3, 4 \rangle + \langle 1, -5, 1 \rangle) + \langle -3, -2, -8 \rangle \\ &= \langle 4, 6, 8 \rangle + \langle 2, -10, 2 \rangle + \langle -3, -2, -8 \rangle = \langle 3, -6, 2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

4. $\vec{u} + 3(\vec{v} - \vec{w})$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u} + 3(\vec{v} - \vec{w}) &= \langle 2, 3, 4 \rangle + 3(\langle 1, -5, 1 \rangle - \langle -3, -2, -8 \rangle) \\ &= \langle 2, 3, 4 \rangle + \langle 3, -15, 3 \rangle + \langle 9, 6, 24 \rangle = \langle 14, -6, 31 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

5. $4\vec{w} - 3\vec{w}$

$$4\vec{w} - 3\vec{w} = \vec{w} = \langle -3, -2, -8 \rangle$$

6. $\vec{v} = -\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ and $\vec{w} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$. Find $-2\vec{v} + 4\vec{w}$

$$-2\vec{v} + 4\vec{w} = (2\hat{i} - 10\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) + (12\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) = 14\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}$$

7. Let $\vec{v} = -\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ and $\vec{w} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$. Find $\vec{v} - 2\vec{w}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{v} - 2\vec{w} &= (-\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) - (6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) = (-\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) + (-6\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) \\ &= -7\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$