



25. Let \vec{a} , \vec{b} and \vec{c} be three non-zero vectors such that no two of them are collinear and $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} = \frac{1}{3} |\vec{b}| |\vec{c}| \vec{a}$. If θ the angle between vectors \vec{b} and \vec{c} , then a value of $\sin\theta$ is

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

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

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

(4) $-\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$

Answer:

$$(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} = \frac{1}{3} |\vec{b}| |\vec{c}| \vec{a}$$

$$\text{or } -\vec{c} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = \frac{1}{3} |\vec{b}| |\vec{c}| \vec{a}$$

$$\text{or } -(\vec{c} \cdot \vec{b}) \vec{a} + (\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}) \vec{b} = \frac{1}{3} |\vec{b}| |\vec{c}| \vec{a}$$

$$\text{or } (\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}) \vec{b} = \left(\frac{1}{3} |\vec{b}| |\vec{c}| + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{b} \right) \vec{a}$$

Since \vec{a} and \vec{b} are non collinear therefore \vec{b} can not be written as scalar multiple of \vec{a}

$$\left(\frac{1}{3} |\vec{b}| |\vec{c}| + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{b} \right) = 0 \text{ and } \vec{c} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$$

$$\text{Therefore } \frac{1}{3} bc + bccos\theta = 0$$

$$\text{or } \cos\theta = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{hence } \sin\theta = \sqrt{1 - \cos^2\theta} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$$

Correct choice is (1) $\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$