

CHAPTER-2 | Motion in a Straight Line

QUIZ
PART-03

1. Which of the following is a scalar quantity?

- A. Force
- B. Displacement
- C. Speed
- D. Velocity (C)

Explanation: Speed has only magnitude and no direction, making it a scalar. Displacement, force, and velocity are vectors.

2. In two-dimensional resolution, if a vector A makes an angle with the x-axis, then its x-component is

- A. $A \sin \theta$
- B. $A \cos \theta$
- C. $-A \sin \theta$
- D. $-A \cos \theta$ (B)

Explanation: The component of a vector along the x-axis is given by $A_x = A \cos \theta$

3. For the same vector in Q2, the y component is

- A. $A \cos \theta$
- B. $A \sin \theta$
- C. $-A \cos \theta$
- D. $-A \sin \theta$ (B)

Explanation: The component along the y-axis is $A_y = A \sin \theta$

4. If a vector has components A_x and A_y - its magnitude is

- A. $A_x + A_y$
- B. $\sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2}$
- C. $|A_x - A_y|$
- D. A_x/A_y (B)

Explanation: By Pythagoras, $A = \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2}$ in 2D resolution

5. The direction of a vector in a plane is given by

- A. $\tan \theta = A_y/A_x$
- B. $\tan \theta = A_x/A_y$
- C. $\cos \theta = A_x/A_x$
- D. $\sin \theta = A_x/A_y$ (A)

Explanation: The angle a vector makes with the x-axis is found using $\tan \theta = A_y/A_x$

6. In 3D resolution of a vector, the sum of the squares of the direction cosines always equals

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. $\sqrt{2}$
- D. 2 (B)

Explanation: For direction cosines $\cos \alpha$, $\cos \beta$, $\cos \Gamma$ the relation is $\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \Gamma = 1$

7. The displacement vector between positions (X_1, Y_1) and (X_2, Y_2) is

- A. $(X_1 - Y_2) + (Y_1 - Y_2)$
- B. $(X_2 - X_1) + (Y_2 - Y_1)$
- C. $(X_1 + X_2) + (Y_1 + Y_2)$
- D. $(X_2 Y_1 - X_1 Y_2)$ (B)

Explanation: Displacement final-initial position vector
 $= (X_2 - X_1) + (Y_2 - Y_1)$

8. The magnitude of average velocity in a plane is given by

- A. $\Delta r / \Delta t$
- B. $\Delta X + \Delta Y / \Delta t$
- C. $\Delta X \cdot \Delta Y / \Delta t$
- D. $\Delta X / \Delta Y$ (A)

Explanation: Average velocity is displacement per unit time: $V_{avg} = \Delta r / \Delta t$

9. The magnitude of a vector resolved in 3D with components A_x , A_y , A_z is

- A. $A_z + A_y + A_x$
- B. $\sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2}$
- C. $A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2$
- D. $A_x / A_y A_z$ (B)

Explanation: In 3D, the vector's magnitude is the square root of the sum of the squares of its components

10. If $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ then its direction cosines correspond to

- A. $(2, 4, -5)$ with magnitude 1
- B. $(2/\sqrt{45}, 4/\sqrt{45}, -5/\sqrt{45})$
- C. $(2, 4, 5)$ with unit sum
- D. $(1/2, 1/4, 1/5)$ (B)

Explanation: Direction cosines are obtained by dividing each component by the magnitude $\sqrt{2^2 + 4^2 + (-5)^2} = \sqrt{45}$