

Let ΔPQR be a triangle. Let $\vec{a} = \vec{QR}$, $\vec{b} = \vec{RP}$ and $\vec{c} = \vec{PQ}$. If $|\vec{a}| = 12$, $|\vec{b}| = 4\sqrt{3}$ and $\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = 24$, then which of the following is (are) true?

(A) $\frac{|\vec{c}|^2}{2} - |\vec{a}| = 12$

(B) $\frac{|\vec{c}|^2}{2} + |\vec{a}| = 30$

(C) $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{c} \times \vec{a}| = 48\sqrt{3}$

(D) $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = -72$

Solution

We have, $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = \vec{0}$

$$\therefore \vec{b} + \vec{c} = -\vec{a}$$

$$\therefore (\vec{b} + \vec{c})^2 = a^2$$

$$\therefore b^2 + c^2 + 2\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = a^2$$

$$\therefore 48 + c^2 + 48 = 144$$

$$\therefore c^2 = 48, \text{ Option (A) is correct.}$$

Again, $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = \vec{0}$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + b^2 + \vec{c} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + 48 + 24 = 0$$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = -72, \text{ Option (D) is correct.}$$

Further, $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = \vec{0}$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \times \vec{a} + \vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{a} \times \vec{c} = \vec{0}$$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{c} \times \vec{a}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{c} \times \vec{a}| = 2|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = 2ab \sin \theta = 2ab \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{ab}\right)^2} = 2 \times 12 \times 4\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{-72}{12 \times 4\sqrt{3}}\right)^2}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{c} \times \vec{a}| = 2 \times 12 \times 4\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{1 - \frac{3}{4}} = 12 \times 4\sqrt{3} = 48\sqrt{3}, \text{ Option (C) is correct.}$$

Hence, (A), (C) & (D).