

4. Let $|\vec{A}_1| = 3$, $|\vec{A}_2| = 5$ and $|\vec{A}_1 + \vec{A}_2| = 5$. The value of

$(2\vec{A}_1 + 3\vec{A}_2) \cdot (3\vec{A}_1 - 2\vec{A}_2)$ is: [Main 8 April 2019 (II)]

(a) -106.5

(b) -99.5

(c) -112.5

(d) -118.5

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ans

$$R^2 = A_1^2 + A_2^2 + 2A_1A_2 \cos \theta$$

$$5^2 = 3^2 + 5^2 + 2 \times 3 \times 5 \cos \theta$$

$$\text{or } \cos \theta = -0.3$$

$$\left(2\vec{A}_1 + 3\vec{A}_2 \right) \cdot \left(3\vec{A}_1 - 2\vec{A}_2 \right) = 2A_1 \times 3A_1$$

$$+ (3A_2)(3A_1) \cos \theta - (2A_1)(2A_2) \cos \theta - 3A_2 \times 2A_2$$

$$= 6A_1^2 + 9A_1A_2 \cos \theta - 4A_1A_2 \cos \theta - 6A_2^2$$

$$= 6A_1^2 - 6A_2^2 + 5A_1A_2 \cos \theta$$

$$= 6 \times 3^2 - 6 \times 5^2 + 5 \times 3 \times 5 (-0.3) = -118.5$$