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Three Dimensional Geometry



Preface

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Chapter -11
Three Dimensional Geometry
Class – XII
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Exercise-11.1

1. If a line makes angles 90° , 135° , 45° with x, y and z-axes respectively, find its direction cosines.

Sol.

Let direction cosines of line are $= l, m$ & n

$$l = \cos 90^\circ = 0$$

$$m = \cos 135^\circ = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$n = \cos 45^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

2. Find the direction cosines of a line which makes equal angles with the coordinate axes.

Sol.

Let direction cosines of line make angle α

$$l = \cos \alpha$$

$$m = \cos \alpha$$

$$n = \cos \alpha$$

$$l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1$$

$$\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha = 1$$

$$3 \cos^2 \alpha = 1$$

$$\cos^2 \alpha = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

- 3. If a line has the direction ratios -18, 12, -4, then what are its direction cosines?**

Sol.

Direction ratios are = -18, 12 & -4

Direction cosines are:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{-18}{\sqrt{(-18)^2 + (12)^2 + (-4)^2}}, \frac{12}{\sqrt{(-18)^2 + (12)^2 + (-4)^2}}, \frac{-4}{\sqrt{(-18)^2 + (12)^2 + (-4)^2}} \\ &= \frac{-18}{22}, \frac{12}{22}, \frac{-4}{22} \\ &= \frac{-9}{11}, \frac{6}{11}, \frac{-2}{11} \end{aligned}$$

- 4. Show that the points (2, 3, 4), (-1, -2, 1), (5, 8, 7) are collinear.**

Sol.

Points are:

$$A = (2, 3, 4)$$

$$B = (-1, -2, 1)$$

$$C = (5, 8, 7)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Direction ratios of } AB &= (-1 - 2), (-2 - 3), (1 - 4) \\ &= -3, -5, -3\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Direction ratios of } BC &= (5 + 1), (8 + 2), (7 - 1) \\ &= 6, 10, 6\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Direction ratios of } BC = -2 \times \text{Direction ratios of } AB$$

Thus, AB is parallel to BC. A, B & C are collinear points.

- 5. Find the direction cosines of the sides of the triangle whose vertices are (3, 5, -4), (-1, 1, 2) and (-5, -5, -2)**

Sol.

Vertices of triangle are:

$$A = (3, 5, -4)$$

$$B = (-1, 1, 2)$$

$$C = (-5, -5, -2)$$

Direction ratios of AB are:

$$= (-1 - 3), (1 - 5), (2 + 4)$$

$$= -4, -4, 6$$

Direction cosines of AB are:

$$= \frac{-4}{\sqrt{(-4)^2 + (-4)^2 + 6^2}}, \frac{-4}{\sqrt{(-4)^2 + (-4)^2 + 6^2}}, \frac{6}{\sqrt{(-4)^2 + (-4)^2 + 6^2}}$$

$$= \frac{-4}{\sqrt{68}}, \frac{-4}{\sqrt{68}}, \frac{6}{\sqrt{68}}$$

$$= \frac{-2}{\sqrt{17}}, \frac{-2}{\sqrt{17}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{17}}$$

Direction ratios of BC are:

$$= (-5 + 1), (-5 - 1), (-2 - 2)$$

$$= -4, -6, -4$$

Direction cosines of BC are:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{-4}{\sqrt{(-4)^2 + (-6)^2 + (-4)^2}}, \frac{-6}{\sqrt{(-4)^2 + (-6)^2 + (-4)^2}}, \frac{-4}{\sqrt{(-4)^2 + (-6)^2 + (-4)^2}} \\ &= \frac{-4}{\sqrt{68}}, \frac{-6}{\sqrt{68}}, \frac{-4}{\sqrt{68}} \\ &= \frac{-2}{\sqrt{17}}, \frac{-3}{\sqrt{17}}, \frac{-2}{\sqrt{17}} \end{aligned}$$

Direction ratios of CA are:

$$\begin{aligned} &= (-5 - 3), (-5 - 5), (-2 + 4) \\ &= -8, -10, 2 \end{aligned}$$

Direction cosines of CA are:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{-8}{\sqrt{(-8)^2 + (-10)^2 + (2)^2}}, \frac{-10}{\sqrt{(-8)^2 + (-10)^2 + (2)^2}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{(-8)^2 + (-10)^2 + (2)^2}} \\ &= \frac{-8}{2\sqrt{42}}, \frac{-10}{2\sqrt{42}}, \frac{2}{2\sqrt{42}} \\ &= \frac{-4}{\sqrt{42}}, \frac{-5}{\sqrt{42}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{42}} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise-11.2

1. Show that the three lines with direction cosines

$$\frac{12}{13}, \frac{-3}{13}, \frac{-4}{13}; \frac{4}{13}, \frac{12}{13}, \frac{3}{13}; \frac{3}{13}, \frac{-4}{13}, \frac{12}{13} \text{ are mutually perpendicular.}$$

Sol.

For lines: $-\frac{12}{13}, \frac{-3}{13}, \frac{-4}{13}$ & $\frac{4}{13}, \frac{12}{13}, \frac{3}{13}$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow l_1 l_2 + m_1 m_2 + n_1 n_2 \\ &= \frac{12}{13} \times \frac{4}{13} + \frac{-3}{13} \times \frac{12}{13} + \frac{-4}{13} \times \frac{3}{13} \\ &= \frac{48}{169} - \frac{36}{169} - \frac{12}{169} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, this lines are perpendicular

For lines: $-\frac{4}{13}, \frac{12}{13}, \frac{3}{13}$ & $\frac{3}{13}, \frac{-4}{13}, \frac{12}{13}$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow l_1 l_2 + m_1 m_2 + n_1 n_2 \\ &= \frac{4}{13} \times \frac{3}{13} + \frac{12}{13} \times \frac{-4}{13} + \frac{3}{13} \times \frac{12}{13} \\ &= \frac{12}{169} - \frac{48}{169} + \frac{36}{169} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, this lines are perpendicular

For lines: $-\frac{12}{13}, \frac{-3}{13}, \frac{-4}{13}$ & $\frac{3}{13}, \frac{-4}{13}, \frac{12}{13}$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow l_1 l_2 + m_1 m_2 + n_1 n_2 \\ &= \frac{12}{13} \times \frac{3}{13} + \frac{-3}{13} \times \frac{-4}{13} + \frac{-4}{13} \times \frac{12}{13} \\ &= \frac{36}{169} + \frac{12}{169} - \frac{48}{169} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, this lines are perpendicular

\therefore All lines are mutually perpendicular

2. Show that the line through the points (1, -1, 2) (3, 4, -2) is perpendicular to the line through the points (0, 3, 2) and (3, 5, 6).

Sol.

$$\text{Let } A = (1, -1, 2)$$

$$B = (3, 4, -2)$$

$$C = (0, 3, 2)$$

$$D = (3, 5, 6)$$

$$\text{Direction ratios of } AB = (3 - 1), (4 + 1), (-2 - 2)$$

$$= 2, 5, -4$$

$$\text{Direction ratios of } CD = (3 - 0), (5 - 3), (6 - 2)$$

$$= 3, 2, 4$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2 + c_1 c_2$$

$$= 2 \times 3 + 5 \times 2 + (-4) \times 4$$

$$= 6 + 10 - 16$$

$$= 0$$

Thus, AB & CD lines are perpendicular to each other.

3. Show that the line through the points (4, 7, 8) (2, 3, 4) is parallel to the line through the points (-1, -2, 1), (1, 2, 5).

Sol.

$$\text{Let } A = (4, 7, 8)$$

$$B = (2, 3, 4)$$

$$C = (-1, -2, 1)$$

$$D = (1, 2, 5)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Direction ratios of } AB &= (2 - 4), (3 - 7), (4 - 8) \\ &= -2, -4, -4\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Direction ratios of } CD &= (1 + 1), (2 + 2), (5 - 1) \\ &= 2, 4, 4\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-2}{2} = \frac{-4}{4} = \frac{-4}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 = -1 = -1$$

Thus, AB is parallel to CD

- 4. Find the equation of the line which passes through the point $(1, 2, 3)$ and is parallel to the vector $3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$.**

Sol.

Point A = (1, 2, 3)

Position vector through point $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

Given vector, $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$

When a line passes through a point & parallel to a vector

then,

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda \vec{b}$$

$$\vec{r} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} + \lambda (3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$$

This is the required equation of line.

- 5. Find the equation of the line in vector and in Cartesian form that passes through the point with position vector $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ and is in the direction $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$.**

Sol.

$$\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

We know that, equation of line will be:

$$\vec{r} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k} + \lambda (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$$

Now,

The equation of line in vector form is:

$$\vec{r} = x\hat{i} - y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{r} = (\lambda + 2)\hat{i} + (2\lambda - 1)\hat{j} + (-\lambda + 4)\hat{k}$$

cartesian form of the equation is:

$$\frac{x - 2}{1} = \frac{y + 1}{2} = \frac{z - 4}{-1}$$

This is the equation of line in cartesian form.

- 6. Find the Cartesian equation of the line which Passes through the Point (-2, 4 -5) and parallel to the line given by $\frac{x + 3}{3} = \frac{y - 4}{5} = \frac{z + 8}{6}$**

Sol.

Point A = (-2, 4, -5)

Direction ratios of the line $\frac{x + 3}{3} = \frac{y - 4}{5} = \frac{z + 8}{6}$ is:

= 3, 5, 6

Direction ratios of the required line is $= 3k, 5k, 6k$

We know that, the equation of a line passing through the point (x_1, y_1, z_1) & with the

direction ratios a, b, c is $\frac{x - x_1}{a} = \frac{y - y_1}{b} = \frac{z - z_1}{c}$

Thus, the equation of required line will be:

$$\frac{x + 2}{3k} = \frac{y - 4}{5k} = \frac{z + 5}{6k}$$
$$\frac{x + 2}{3} = \frac{y - 4}{5} = \frac{z + 5}{6} = k$$

7. The Cartesian equation of a line is $\frac{x - 5}{3} = \frac{y + 4}{7} = \frac{z - 6}{2}$. Write its vector form.

Sol.

Cartesian equation of line is:

$$\frac{x - 5}{3} = \frac{y + 4}{7} = \frac{z - 6}{2}$$

This line is passes through the point $= (5, -4, 6)$

The position vector of this point, $\vec{a} = 5\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$

The direction ratios of this line $= 3, 7, 2$

Thus,

$$\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

The line through \vec{a} & in the direction of \vec{b} is:

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda \vec{b}$$

$$\vec{r} = 5\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k} + \lambda (3\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

This is the equation of line in vector form.

8. Find the vector and the Cartesian equations of the lines that pass through the origin and (5, -2, 3).

Sol.

The line is passes through origin.

$$\therefore \vec{a} = 0$$

The direction ratios of the line through origin & (5, -2, 3) are = (5 - 0), (-2 - 0), (3 - 0)
= 5, -2, 3

$$\vec{b} = 5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

Thus, equation of line in vector form is:

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda \vec{b}$$

$$\vec{r} = 0 + \lambda (5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$$

$$\vec{r} = \lambda (5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$$

Hence, the equation of required line in cartesian form is

$$\frac{x - 0}{5} = \frac{y - 0}{-2} = \frac{z - 0}{3}$$

$$\frac{x}{5} = \frac{y}{-2} = \frac{z}{3}$$

9. Find the vector and the Cartesian equations of the line that passes through the points (3, -2, -5), (3, -2, 6)

Sol.

Let point A = (3, -2, -5)

B = (3, -2, 6)

Line AB is passes through A.

Thus,

$$\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$$

The direction ratios of AB = $(3 - 3), (-2 + 2), (6 + 5)$
= 0, 0, 11

The equation of vector in the direction of AB is

$$\vec{b} = 0\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 11\hat{k}$$

The equation of AB in vector form is:

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda \vec{b}$$

$$\vec{r} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k} + \lambda (11\hat{k})$$

The equation of AB in cartesian form is:

$$\frac{x - 3}{0} = \frac{y + 2}{0} = \frac{z + 5}{11}$$

10. Find the angle between the following pairs of lines:

(i) $\vec{r} = 2\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + \hat{k} + \lambda (3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$ & $\vec{r} = 7\hat{i} - 6\hat{k} + \mu (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$

(ii) $\vec{r} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k} + \lambda (\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$ & $\vec{r} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 5\hat{k} + \mu (3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - 4\hat{k})$

Sol.

(i)

$$\vec{a}_1 = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{a}_2 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Angle between the given pair of lines, } \cos \theta = \frac{|\vec{a}_1 \cdot \vec{a}_2|}{|\vec{a}_1| |\vec{a}_2|}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{a_1} \cdot \vec{a_2} &= (3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \\ &= 3 \times 1 - 2 \times 2 + 6 \times 2 \\ &= 3 - 4 + 12 \\ &= 11\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}|\vec{a_1}| &= \sqrt{3^2 + 2^2 + 6^2} = 7 \\ |\vec{a_2}| &= \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 2^2} = 3\end{aligned}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{19}{7 \times 3} = \frac{11}{21}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{11}{21} \right)$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{a_1} &= \hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k} \\ \vec{a_2} &= 3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

Angle between the given pair of lines, $\cos \theta = \frac{|\vec{a_1} \cdot \vec{a_2}|}{|\vec{a_1}| |\vec{a_2}|}$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{a_1} \cdot \vec{a_2} &= (\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) (3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) \\ &= 1 \times 3 - 1 \times (-5) - 2 \times (-4) \\ &= 3 + 5 + 8 \\ &= 16\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}|\vec{a_1}| &= \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{6} \\ |\vec{a_2}| &= \sqrt{3^2 + 5^2 + 4^2} = 5\sqrt{2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\cos \theta &= \frac{16}{\sqrt{6} \times 5\sqrt{2}} \\ &= \frac{16}{10\sqrt{3}} \\ &= \frac{8}{5\sqrt{3}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{8}{5\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

11. Find the angle between the following pair of lines:

1) $\frac{x-2}{2} = \frac{y-1}{5} = \frac{z+3}{-3}$ and $\frac{x+2}{-1} = \frac{y-4}{8} = \frac{z-5}{4}$

2) $\frac{x}{2} = \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z}{1}$ and $\frac{x-5}{4} = \frac{y-2}{1} = \frac{z-3}{8}$

Sol.

1)

$$\frac{x-2}{2} = \frac{y-1}{5} = \frac{z+3}{-3} \text{ and } \frac{x+2}{-1} = \frac{y-4}{8} = \frac{z-5}{4}$$

$$\vec{a_1} = 2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{a_2} = -\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Angle between the given pair of lines, } \cos \theta = \frac{|\vec{a_1} \cdot \vec{a_2}|}{|\vec{a_1}| |\vec{a_2}|}$$

$$\vec{a_1} \cdot \vec{a_2} = (2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) \cdot (-\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$$

$$= 2 \times -1 + 5 \times 8 - 3 \times (4)$$

$$= -2 + 40 - 12$$

$$= 26$$

$$|\vec{a}_1| = \sqrt{2^2 + 5^2 + (-3)^2} = \sqrt{38}$$

$$|\vec{a}_2| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 8^2 + 4^2} = 9$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{26}{\sqrt{38} \times 9}$$

$$= \frac{26}{9\sqrt{38}}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{26}{9\sqrt{38}} \right)$$

2)

$$\frac{x}{2} = \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z}{1} \text{ and } \frac{x-5}{4} = \frac{y-2}{1} = \frac{z-3}{8}$$

$$\vec{a}_1 = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{a}_2 = 4\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 8\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Angle between the given pair of lines, } \cos \theta = \frac{|\vec{a}_1 \cdot \vec{a}_2|}{|\vec{a}_1| |\vec{a}_2|}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a}_1 \cdot \vec{a}_2 &= (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot (4\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 8\hat{k}) \\ &= 2 \times 4 + 2 \times 1 + 1 \times 8 \\ &= 8 + 2 + 8 \\ &= 18 \end{aligned}$$

$$|\vec{a}_1| = \sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + 1^2} = 3$$

$$|\vec{a}_2| = \sqrt{4^2 + 1^2 + 8^2} = 9$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{18}{27} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)$$

12. Find the values of p so that the line

$$\frac{1-x}{3} = \frac{7y-14}{2p} = \frac{z-3}{2} \text{ and } \frac{7-7x}{3p} = \frac{y-5}{1} = \frac{6-z}{5} \text{ are at right angles.}$$

Sol.

$$\frac{1-x}{3} = \frac{7y-14}{2p} = \frac{z-3}{2} \text{ and } \frac{7-7x}{3p} = \frac{y-5}{1} = \frac{6-z}{5}$$

$$\frac{x-1}{-3} = \frac{y-2}{\frac{2p}{7}} = \frac{z-3}{2} \text{ and } \frac{x-1}{-\frac{3p}{7}} = \frac{y-5}{1} = \frac{z-6}{-5}$$

Direction ratios of the above lines will be:

$$a_1 = -3, b_1 = \frac{2p}{7}, c_1 = 2$$

$$a_2 = \frac{-3p}{7}, b_2 = 1, c_2 = -5$$

Two lines are perpendicular to each other if

$$a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2 + c_1 c_2 = 0$$

$$-3 \times \left(\frac{-3p}{7} \right) + \frac{2p}{7} \times 1 + 2 \times (-5) = 0$$

$$\frac{9p}{7} + \frac{2p}{7} - 10 = 0$$

$$\frac{11p}{7} = 10$$

$$p = \frac{70}{11}$$

13. Show that the lines $\frac{x-5}{7} = \frac{y+2}{-5} = \frac{z}{1}$ and $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z}{3}$ are perpendicular to each other.

Sol.

$$\frac{x-5}{7} = \frac{y+2}{-5} = \frac{z}{1} \text{ and } \frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z}{3}$$

Direction ratios of the above lines will be:

$$a_1 = 7, b_1 = -5, c_1 = 1$$

$$a_2 = 1, b_2 = 2, c_2 = 3$$

Two lines are perpendicular to each other if

$$a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2 + c_1 c_2 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 7 \times 1 + (-5) \times 2 + 1 \times 3 \\ = 7 - 10 + 3 \\ = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the lines are perpendicular to each other.

14. Find the shortest distance between the lines

$$\vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \text{ and}$$

$$\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}) + \mu(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

Sol.

$$\vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \text{ and } \vec{r} = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}) + \mu(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

$$\vec{a}_1 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b}_1 = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{a}_2 = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b}_2 = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Shortest distance between the above lines, } d = \frac{\left| (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2) \cdot (\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) \right|}{\left| \vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2 \right|}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1 &= 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k} - (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \\ &= \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2 &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -3\hat{i} + 3\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left| \vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2 \right| = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + 3^2} = 3\sqrt{2}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \frac{\left| (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2) \cdot (\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) \right|}{\left| \vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2 \right|} \\ d &= \frac{\left| (-3\hat{i} + 3\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) \right|}{3\sqrt{2}} \\ d &= \frac{\left| -3 \times 1 - 3 \times 0 + 3 \times (-2) \right|}{3\sqrt{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$d = \left| \frac{-3 - 6}{3\sqrt{2}} \right|$$

$$d = \left| \frac{-3}{\sqrt{2}} \right|$$

$$d = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$d = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

15. Find the shortest distance between the lines:

$$\frac{x+1}{7} = \frac{y+1}{-6} = \frac{z+1}{1} \text{ and } \frac{x-3}{1} = \frac{y-5}{-2} = \frac{z-7}{1}$$

Sol.

$$\frac{x+1}{7} = \frac{y+1}{-6} = \frac{z+1}{1} \text{ and } \frac{x-3}{1} = \frac{y-5}{-2} = \frac{z-7}{1}$$

Direction ratios of the above lines will be:

$$a_1 = 7, b_1 = -6, c_1 = 1$$

$$a_2 = 1, b_2 = -2, c_2 = 1$$

$$x_1 = -1, y_1 = -1, z_1 = -1$$

$$x_2 = 3, y_2 = 5, z_2 = 7$$

Shortest distance between two lines,

$$d = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x_2 - x_1 & y_2 - y_1 & z_2 - z_1 \\ a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\sqrt{(b_1c_2 - b_2c_1)^2 + (c_1a_2 - c_2a_1)^2 + (a_1b_2 - a_2b_1)^2}}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} x_2 - x_1 & y_2 - y_1 & z_2 - z_1 \\ a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 6 & 8 \\ 7 & -6 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 4(-6 + 2) - 6(7 - 1) + 8(-14 + 6)$$

$$= -16 - 36 - 64$$

$$= -116$$

$$\sqrt{(b_1c_2 - b_2c_1)^2 + (c_1a_2 - c_2a_1)^2 + (a_1b_2 - a_2b_1)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{16 + 36 + 64}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{29}$$

Now,

$$d = \frac{-116}{2\sqrt{29}} = -2\sqrt{29}$$

16. Find the shortest distance between the lines whose vector equations are:

$$\vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \text{ and}$$

$$\vec{r} = (4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) + \mu(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

Sol.

$$\vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \text{ and}$$

$$\vec{r} = (4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) + \mu(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

$$\vec{a}_1 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b}_1 = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{a}_2 = 4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b}_2 = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\text{Shortest distance between the above lines, } d = \frac{|\left(\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2\right) \cdot \left(\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1\right)|}{\left|\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2\right|}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1 &= 4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k} - (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \\ &= 3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -9\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 9\hat{k}$$

$$\left|\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2\right| = \sqrt{(-9)^2 + 3^2 + 9^2} = 3\sqrt{19}$$

Now,

$$d = \frac{\left|\left(\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2\right) \cdot \left(\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1\right)\right|}{\left|\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2\right|}$$

$$d = \left| \frac{(-9\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 9\hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})}{3\sqrt{19}} \right|$$

$$d = \left| \frac{-9 \times 3 + 3 \times 3 + 9 \times 3}{3\sqrt{19}} \right|$$

$$d = \left| \frac{-27 + 9 + 27}{3\sqrt{19}} \right|$$

$$d = \frac{3}{\sqrt{19}}$$

17. Find the shortest distance between the lines whose vector equations are:

$$\vec{r} = (1 - t)\hat{i} + (t - 2)\hat{j} + (3 - 2t)\hat{k} \text{ and}$$

$$\vec{r} = (s + 1)\hat{i} + (2s - 1)\hat{j} - (2s + 1)\hat{k}$$

Sol.

$$\vec{r} = (1 - t)\hat{i} + (t - 2)\hat{j} + (3 - 2t)\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{r} = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + t(-\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$$

$$\vec{r} = (s + 1)\hat{i} + (2s - 1)\hat{j} - (2s + 1)\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{r} = (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) + s(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$$

$$\vec{a}_1 = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b}_1 = -\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{a}_2 = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b}_2 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Shortest distance between the above lines, } d = \left| \frac{(\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2) \cdot (\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1)}{|\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2|} \right|$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1 &= \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k} - (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \\ &= \hat{j} - 4\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

$$|\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2| = \sqrt{2^2 + (-4)^2 + (-3)^2} = \sqrt{29}$$

$$d = \left| \frac{(\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2) \cdot (\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1)}{|\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2|} \right|$$

$$d = \left| \frac{(2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{j} - 4\hat{k})}{\sqrt{29}} \right|$$

$$d = \left| \frac{2 \times 0 - 4 \times 1 - 3 \times (-4)}{\sqrt{29}} \right|$$

$$d = \left| \frac{-4 + 12}{\sqrt{29}} \right|$$

$$d = \frac{8}{\sqrt{29}}$$

Exercise-11.3

- 1. In each of the following cases; determine the direction cosines of the normal to the plane and the distance from the origin.**

(a) $z = 2$

(b) $x + y + z = 1$

(c) $2x + 3y - z = 5$

(d) $5y + 8 = 0$

Sol.

(a) Given, $z = 2$

The direction ratios of normal are $= 0, 0,$ and 1

The equation of the plane is:

$$0x + 0y + z = 2$$

We know that,

In the form $lx + my + nz = d$, where l, m, n are the direction cosines of normal to the plane and d is the distance of the perpendicular drawn from the origin.

Therefore, the direction cosines are $= 0, 0, 1$ & $d = 2$ units

(b) $x + y + z = 1$

The direction ratios of normal are $= 1, 1,$ and 1

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{3}$$

By dividing the equation with $\sqrt{3}$, equation becomes as:

$$\frac{x}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{z}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

In the form $lx + my + nz = d$, where l, m, n are the direction cosines of normal to the plane and d is the distance of the perpendicular drawn from the origin.

Thus, the direction cosines of the normal are $= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

The distance of normal from the origin is $= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

(c) $2x + 3y - z = 5$

The direction ratios of normal are $= 2, 3$, and -1

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{2^2 + 3^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{14}$$

By dividing the equation with $\sqrt{14}$, equation becomes as:

$$\frac{2x}{\sqrt{14}} + \frac{3y}{\sqrt{14}} - \frac{z}{\sqrt{14}} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{14}}$$

In the form $lx + my + nz = d$, where l, m, n are the direction cosines of normal to the plane and d is the distance of the perpendicular drawn from the origin.

Thus, the direction cosines of the normal are $= \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}$

The distance of normal from the origin is $= \frac{5}{\sqrt{14}}$

(d) $5y + 8 = 0$

Thus equation is:

$$\Rightarrow 0x - 5y + 0z = 8$$

The direction ratios of normal are $= 0, -5$, and 0

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{0^2 + (-5)^2 + 0^2} = 5$$

By dividing the equation with 5 , equation becomes as:

$$y = -\frac{8}{5}$$

$$-y = \frac{8}{5}$$

In the form $lx + my + nz = d$, where l, m, n are the direction cosines of normal to the plane and d is the distance of the perpendicular drawn from the origin.

Thus, the direction cosines of the normal are $= 0, -1, 0$

The distance of normal from the origin is $= \frac{8}{5}$

- 2. Find the vector equation of a plane which is at a distance of 7 units from the origin and normal to the vector $3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$.**

Sol.

$$\vec{n} = 3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$$

$$|\vec{n}| = \sqrt{3^2 + 5^2 + (-6)^2} = \sqrt{70}$$

Thus,

$$\hat{n} = \frac{\vec{n}}{|\vec{n}|} = \frac{3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}}{\sqrt{70}}$$

We know that, the equation of the plane with position vector is:

$$\vec{r} \cdot \hat{n} = d$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot \left(\frac{3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}}{\sqrt{70}} \right) = 7$$

This is the vector equation of the plane.

- 3. Find the Cartesian equation of the following planes:**

$$(a) \vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 2$$

$$(b) \vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) = 1$$

$$(c) \vec{r} \cdot [(s - 2t)\hat{i} + (3 - t)\hat{j} + (2s + t)\hat{k}] = 15$$

Sol.

(a) Equation of the plane is:

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 2$$

For any arbitrary point P (x, y, z) on the plane, position vector is:

$$\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} - z\hat{k}$$

Thus, equation of plane becomes as:

$$(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} - z\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 2$$

$$x + y - z = 2$$

This is the Cartesian equation of the plane.

(b) Equation of plane is:

$$\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) = 1$$

For any arbitrary point P (x, y, z) on the plane, position vector is:

$$x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} - z\hat{k}$$

Thus, equation becomes as:

$$(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} - z\hat{k}) \cdot (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) = 1$$

$$2x + 3y - 4z = 1$$

This is the Cartesian equation of the plane.

(c) Equation of plane is:

$$\vec{r} \cdot [(s - 2t)\hat{i} + (3 - t)\hat{j} + (2s + t)\hat{k}] = 15$$

For any arbitrary point P (x, y, z) on the plane, position vector is:

$$\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$$

Thus, the equation becomes as:

$$(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) \cdot [(s - 2t)\hat{i} + (3 - t)\hat{j} + (2s + t)\hat{k}] = 15$$

$$(s - 2t)x + (3 - t)y + (2s + t)z = 15$$

This is the Cartesian equation of the given plane.

4. In the following cases, find the coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular drawn from the origin.

(a) $2x + 3y + 4z - 12 = 0$

(b) $3y + 4z - 6 = 0$

(c) $x + y + z = 1$

(d) $5y + 8 = 0$

Sol.

(a) Let the coordinates of the foot of perpendicular P from the origin to the plane is:

$$P = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$$

$$2x + 3y + 4z - 12 = 0$$

$$2x + 3y + 4z = 12$$

The direction ratios of normal are = 2, 3, 4

$$\sqrt{2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{29}$$

By dividing the equation by $\sqrt{29}$, we have

$$\frac{2}{\sqrt{29}}x + \frac{3}{\sqrt{29}}y + \frac{4}{\sqrt{29}}z = \frac{12}{\sqrt{29}}$$

In the form $lx + my + nz = d$, l, m, n are the direction cosines of normal to the plane and d is the distance of normal from the origin.

The coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular are:

$$= (ld, md, nd)$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{29}} \cdot \frac{12}{\sqrt{29}} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{29}} \cdot \frac{12}{\sqrt{29}} + \frac{4}{\sqrt{29}} \cdot \frac{12}{\sqrt{29}} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{24}{29}, \frac{36}{29}, \frac{48}{29} \right)$$

- (b) Let the coordinates of the foot of perpendicular P from the origin to the plane is:

$$P = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$$

$$3y + 4z - 6 = 0$$

$$0x + 3y + 4z = 6$$

The direction ratios of normal are $= 0, 3, 4$

$$\sqrt{0^2 + 3^2 + 4^2} = 5$$

By dividing the equation by 5, we have

$$0x + \frac{3}{5}y + \frac{4}{5}z = \frac{6}{5}$$

In the form $lx + my + nz = d$, l, m, n are the direction cosines of normal to the plane and d is the distance of normal from the origin.

The coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular are:

$$= (ld, md, nd)$$

$$= \left(0, \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{6}{5}, \frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{6}{5} \right)$$

$$= \left(0, \frac{18}{25}, \frac{24}{25} \right)$$

(C) Let the coordinates of the foot of perpendicular P from the origin to the plane is:

$$P = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$$

$$x + y + z = 1$$

The direction ratios of normal are = 1, 1, 1

$$\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{3}$$

By dividing the equation by $\sqrt{3}$, we have

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}y + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

In the form $lx + my + nz = d$, l, m, n are the direction cosines of normal to the plane and d is the distance of normal from the origin.

The coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular are:

$$= (ld, md, nd)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \right)$$

(d) Let the coordinates of the foot of perpendicular P from the origin to the plane is:

$$P = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$$

$$5y + 8 = 0$$

$$0x + 5y + 0z = 8$$

The direction ratios of normal are = 0, 5, 0

$$\sqrt{0^2 + 5^2 + 0^2} = 5$$

By dividing the equation by 5, we have

$$0x - y + 0z = \frac{8}{5}$$

In the form $lx + my + nz = d$, l, m, n are the direction cosines of normal to the plane and d is the distance of normal from the origin.

The coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular are:

$$= (ld, md, nd)$$

$$= \left(0, (-1) \cdot \frac{8}{5}, 0 \right)$$

$$= \left(0, -\frac{8}{5}, 0 \right)$$

5. Find the vector and Cartesian equation of the planes

(a) That passes through the point $(1, 0, -2)$ and the normal to the plane is

$$\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}.$$

(b) That passes through the point $(1, 4, 6)$ and the normal vector to the plane

$$\text{is } \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}.$$

Sol.

(a) The position vector of point $(1, 0, -2)$ is:

$$\vec{a} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{k}$$

The normal vector perpendicular to the plane, $\vec{n} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$

The vector equation of the plane is:

$$(\vec{r} - \vec{a}) \cdot \vec{n} = 0$$

$$[\vec{r} - (\hat{i} - 2\hat{k})] \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 0$$

Here, $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$

Thus, vector equation of plane becomes as:

$$[(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) - (\hat{i} - 2\hat{k})] \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 0$$

$$[(x-1)\hat{i} + y\hat{j} - (z+2)\hat{k}] \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 0$$

$$(x-1) + y - (z+2) = 0$$

$$x + y - z = 3$$

This is the Cartesian equation of the required plane.

(b) The position vector of point (1, 4, 6) is:

$$\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$$

The normal vector perpendicular to the plane, $\vec{n} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$

The vector equation of the plane is:

$$(\vec{r} - \vec{a}) \cdot \vec{n} = 0$$

$$[\vec{r} - (\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})] \cdot (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 0$$

Here, $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$

Thus, vector equation of plane becomes as:

$$\left[(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) - (\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) \right] \cdot (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 0$$

$$\left[(x-1)\hat{i} + (y-4)\hat{j} + (z-6)\hat{k} \right] \cdot (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 0$$

$$(x-1) + (y-4) + (z-6) = 0$$

$$x - 2y + z = -1$$

This is the Cartesian equation of the required plane.

6. Find the equations of the planes that pass through three points.

(a) $(1, 1, -1), (6, 4, -5), (-4, -2, 3)$

(b) $(1, 1, 0), (1, 2, 1), (-2, 2, -1)$

Sol.

(a) $A = (1, 1, -1)$

$B = (6, 4, -5)$

$C = (-4, -2, 3)$

Now,

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 6 & 4 & -5 \\ -4 & -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \\ = 1(12 - 10) - 1(18 - 20) - 1(-12 + 16) \\ = 2 + 2 - 4 \\ = 0$$

A, B, C are collinear points. Thus, there will be infinite number of planes passing through the given points.

(b) $A = (1, 1, 0)$

$$B (1, 2, 1)$$

$$C (-2, 2, -1)$$

Now,

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= 1(-2 - 2) - 1(-1 + 2) + 0$$
$$= -4 - 1$$
$$= -5 \neq 0$$

Thus, a plane passes through the points A, B, and C.

The equation of the plane through the points is:

$$\begin{vmatrix} x-1 & y-1 & z \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$
$$(x-1)(-1-1) - (y-1)(0+3) + z(0+3) = 0$$
$$-2x + 2 - 3y + 3 + 3z = 0$$
$$-2x - 3y + 3z + 5 = 0$$
$$2x + 3y - 3z = 5$$

This is the Cartesian equation of the required plane.

7. Find the intercepts cut off by the plane $2x + y - z = 5$

Sol.

$$2x + y - z = 5$$

Divide the equation by 5

$$\frac{2}{5}x + \frac{1}{5}y - \frac{1}{5}z = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{5}x + \frac{1}{5}y - \frac{1}{5}z = 1$$
$$\frac{1}{2}$$

Thus, the intercepts cut off by the plane are $= \left(\frac{5}{2}, 5, -5 \right)$

- 8. Find the equation of the plane with intercept 3 on the y-axis and parallel to ZOY plane.**

Sol.

The equation of the plane ZOY is: $y = 0$

A plane parallel to the given plane is: $y = a$

We have, $y = 3$

We get, $a = 3$

Hence, the equation of the required plane is $y = 3$

- 9. Find the equation of the plane through the intersection of the planes $3x - y + 2z - 4 = 0$ and $x + y + z - 2 = 0$ and the point $(2, 2, 1)$**

Sol.

Equations of planes are:

$$3x - y + 2z - 4 = 0 \text{ and } x + y + z - 2 = 0$$

The equation of plane through the intersection of the above planes is:

$$(3x - y + 2z - 4) + \alpha (x + y + z - 2) = 0$$

Point = (2, 2, 1)

$$(3 \times 2 - 2 + 2 \times 1 - 4) + \alpha (2 + 2 + 1 - 2) = 0$$

$$2 + 3\alpha = 0$$

$$\alpha = -\frac{2}{3}$$

The equation of required plane becomes as:

$$(3x - y + 2z - 4) - \frac{2}{3}(x + y + z - 2) = 0$$

$$3(3x - y + 2z - 4) - 2(x + y + z - 2) = 0$$

$$9x - 3y + 6z - 12 - 2x - 2y - 2z + 4 = 0$$

$$7x - 5y + 4z - 8 = 0$$

- 10. Find the vector equation of the plane passing through the intersection of the planes $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) = 7$, $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = 9$ and through the point (2, 1, 3)**

Sol.

Equations of planes are:

$$\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) = 7 \quad \& \quad \vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = 9$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) - 7 = 0 \quad \& \quad \vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) - 9 = 0$$

The equation of a plane passing through the intersection of the given planes is:

$$\left[\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) - 7 \right] + \lambda \left[\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) - 9 \right] = 0$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot \left[(2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) - 7 + \lambda (2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) - 9 \right] = 0$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot \left[(2 + 2\lambda)\hat{i} + (2 + 5\lambda)\hat{j} + (3\lambda - 3)\hat{k} \right] = 9\lambda + 7$$

Point = (2, 1, 3)

Position vector of plane passing through the give point is:

$$\vec{r} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

Now, the equation of desired plane becomes as:

$$(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \cdot [(2 + 2\lambda)\hat{i} + (2 + 5\lambda)\hat{j} + (3\lambda - 3)\hat{k}] = 9\lambda + 7$$

$$(2 + 2\lambda)2 + (2 + 5\lambda) + (3\lambda - 3)3 = 9\lambda + 7$$

$$4 + 4\lambda + 2 + 5\lambda + 9\lambda - 9 = 9\lambda + 7$$

$$9\lambda = 10$$

$$\lambda = \frac{10}{9}$$

Now,

$$\vec{r} \cdot [(2 + 2\lambda)\hat{i} + (2 + 5\lambda)\hat{j} + (3\lambda - 3)\hat{k}] = 9\lambda + 7$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot \left[\left(2 + 2 \times \frac{10}{9}\right)\hat{i} + \left(2 + 5 \times \frac{10}{9}\right)\hat{j} + \left(3 \times \frac{10}{9} - 3\right)\hat{k} \right] = 9\lambda + 7$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot \left[\frac{38}{9}\hat{i} + \frac{68}{9}\hat{j} + \frac{3}{9}\hat{k} \right] = 10 + 7$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot (38\hat{i} + 68\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = 153$$

This is the vector equation of the required plane.

- 11. Find the equation of the plane through the line of intersection of the planes $x + y + z = 1$ and $2x + 3y + 4z = 5$ which is perpendicular to the plane $x - y + z = 0$**

Sol.

Equations of planes are:

$$x + y + z = 1 \text{ and } 2x + 3y + 4z = 5$$

The equation of the plane passing through the intersection of the given planes is:

$$(x + y + z - 1) + \lambda (2x + 3y + 4z - 5) = 0$$
$$(2\lambda + 1)x + (3\lambda + 1)y + (4\lambda + 1)z - (5\lambda + 1) = 0$$

The direction ratios of this plane are:

$$a_1 = (2\lambda + 1)$$

$$b_1 = (3\lambda + 1)$$

$$c_1 = (4\lambda + 1)$$

The given plane $x - y + z = 0$ is perpendicular to the equation of desired plane

Direction ratios of plane, $x - y + z = 0$ are:

$$a_2 = 1$$

$$b_2 = -1$$

$$c_2 = 1$$

Both planes are perpendicular. Thus,

$$a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2 + c_1 c_2 = 0$$
$$(2\lambda + 1) - (3\lambda + 1) + (4\lambda + 1) = 0$$
$$3\lambda + 1 = 0$$
$$\lambda = -\frac{1}{3}$$

Equation of desired plane becomes as:

$$\left(2 \times \left(\frac{-1}{3}\right) + 1\right)x + \left(3 \times \left(\frac{-1}{3}\right) + 1\right)y + \left(4 \times \left(\frac{-1}{3}\right) + 1\right)z - \left(5 \times \left(\frac{-1}{3}\right) + 1\right) = 0$$
$$\frac{1}{3}x - \frac{1}{3}z + \frac{2}{3} = 0$$
$$x - z + 2 = 0$$

This is the required equation of the plane.

12. Find the angle between the planes whose vector equations are

$$\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) = 5 \text{ and } \vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) = 3$$

Sol.

The equations of the given planes are:

$$\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) = 5$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) = 3$$

Now,

$$\vec{n}_1 = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{n}_2 = 3\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Angle between the given pair of lines, } \cos \theta = \frac{|\vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2|}{|\vec{n}_1| |\vec{n}_2|}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2 &= (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) \\ &= 2 \times 3 + 2 \times (-3) - 3 \times 5 \\ &= 6 - 6 - 15 \\ &= -15 \end{aligned}$$

$$|\vec{n}_1| = \sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + (-3)^2} = \sqrt{17}$$

$$|\vec{n}_2| = \sqrt{3^2 + (-3)^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{43}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{|\vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2|}{|\vec{n}_1| |\vec{n}_2|}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{-15}{\sqrt{17} \cdot \sqrt{43}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{15}{\sqrt{731}}$$

13. In the following cases, determine whether the given planes are parallel or perpendicular, and in case they are neither, find the angles between them:

- a) $7x + 5y + 6z + 30 = 0$ and $3x - y - 10z + 4 = 0$
- b) $2x + y + 3z - 2 = 0$ and $x - 2y + 5 = 0$
- c) $2x - 2y + 4z + 5 = 0$ and $3x - 3y + 6z - 1 = 0$
- d) $2x - y + 3z - 1 = 0$ and $2x - y + 3z + 3 = 0$
- e) $4x + 8y + z - 8 = 0$ and $y + z - 4 = 0$

Sol.

- a) The equations of planes are:

$$7x + 5y + 6z + 30 = 0 \text{ and } 3x - y - 10z + 4 = 0$$

$$a_1 = 7, b_1 = 5, c_1 = 6$$

$$a_2 = 3, b_2 = -1, c_2 = -10$$

Now,

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{7}{3}, \quad \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{-5}{1}, \quad \frac{c_1}{c_2} = \frac{-3}{5}$$

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} \neq \frac{b_1}{b_2} \neq \frac{c_1}{c_2}$$

Thus, these lines are not parallel

$$a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2 + c_1 c_2$$

$$= 7 \times 3 + 5 \times (-1) + 6 \times (-10)$$

$$= 21 - 5 - 60$$

$$= -44 \neq 0$$

hence, these lines are not \perp

Now,

$$\cos Q = \left| \frac{a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2 + c_1 c_2}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2 + c_1^2} \cdot \sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2 + c_2^2}} \right|$$

$$\cos Q = \left| \frac{-44}{\sqrt{7^2 + 5^2 + 6^2} \cdot \sqrt{3^2 + (-1)^2 + (-10)^2}} \right|$$

$$Q = \cos^{-1} \left| \frac{-44}{\sqrt{110} \cdot \sqrt{110}} \right|$$

$$Q = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{2}{5} \right)$$

b) The equations of planes are:

$$2x + y + 3z - 2 = 0 \text{ and } x - 2y + 5 = 0$$

$$a_1 = 2, b_1 = 1, c_1 = 3$$

$$a_2 = 1, b_2 = -2, c_2 = 0$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2 + c_1 c_2 \\ &= 2 \times 1 + 1 \times (-2) + 3 \times (0) \\ &= 2 - 2 - 0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, these lines are perpendicular to each other.

c) The equations of planes are:

$$2x - 2y + 4z + 5 = 0 \text{ and } 3x - 3y + 6z - 1 = 0$$

$$a_1 = 2, b_1 = -2, c_1 = 4$$

$$a_2 = 3, b_2 = -3, c_2 = 6$$

Now,

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{2}{3}, \quad \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{-2}{-3}, \quad \frac{c_1}{c_2} = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$$

Thus, these lines are parallel to each other.

d) The equations of planes are:

$$2x - y + 3z - 1 = 0 \text{ and } 2x - y + 3z + 3 = 0$$

$$a_1 = 2, b_1 = -1, c_1 = 3$$

$$a_2 = 2, b_2 = -1, c_2 = 3$$

Now,

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{2}{2}, \quad \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{-1}{-1}, \quad \frac{c_1}{c_2} = \frac{3}{3}$$

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$$

Thus, these lines are parallel to each other.

e) The equations of planes are:

$$4x + 8y + z - 8 = 0 \text{ and } y + z - 4 = 0$$

$$a_1 = 4, b_1 = 8, c_1 = 1$$

$$a_2 = 0, b_2 = 1, c_2 = 1$$

Now,

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{4}{0}, \quad \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{8}{1}, \quad \frac{c_1}{c_2} = \frac{1}{1}$$

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} \neq \frac{b_1}{b_2} \neq \frac{c_1}{c_2}$$

Thus, these lines are not parallel

$$a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2 + c_1 c_2$$

$$= 4 \times 0 + 8 \times 1 + 1 \times 1$$

$$= 8 + 1$$

$$= 9$$

Hence, these lines are not perpendicular as well

Now,

$$\cos Q = \left| \frac{a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2 + c_1 c_2}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2 + c_1^2} \cdot \sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2 + c_2^2}} \right|$$

$$\cos Q = \left| \frac{9}{\sqrt{4^2 + 8^2 + 1^2} \cdot \sqrt{0^2 + 1^2 + 1^2}} \right|$$

$$Q = \cos^{-1} \left| \frac{9}{9\sqrt{2}} \right|$$

$$Q = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$Q = 45^\circ$$

- 14.** In the following cases, find the distance of each of the given points from the corresponding given plane.

Point Plane

(a) $(0, 0, 0)$ $3x - 4y + 12z = 3$

(b) $(3, -2, 1)$ $2x - y + 2z + 3 = 0$

(c) $(2, 3, -5)$ $x + 2y - 2z = 9$

(d) $(-6, 0, 0)$ $2x - 3y + 6z - 2 = 0$

Sol.

1.

$$P = (0, 0, 0)$$

Equation of plane is:

$$3x - 4y + 12z = 3$$

Distance between a point $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ & the plane $ax + by + cz = d$ is:

$$d = \left| \frac{ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 - D}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \right|$$

$$d = \left| \frac{3 \times 0 - 4 \times 0 + 12 \times 0 - 3}{\sqrt{3^2 + (-4)^2 + (12)^2}} \right|$$

$$d = \frac{3}{13}$$

2.

$$P = (3, -2, 1)$$

Equation of plane is:

$$2x - y + 2z + 3 = 0$$

Distance between a point $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ & the plane $ax + by + cz = d$ is:

$$d = \left| \frac{ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 - D}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \right|$$

$$d = \left| \frac{2 \times 3 + (-2) \times (-1) + 2 \times 1 + 3}{\sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + (2)^2}} \right|$$

$$d = \left| \frac{6 + 2 + 2 + 3}{\sqrt{9}} \right|$$

$$d = \frac{13}{3}$$

3.

$$P = (2, 3, -5)$$

Equation of plane is:

$$x + 2y - 2z = 9$$

Distance between a point $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ & the plane $ax + by + cz = d$ is:

$$d = \left| \frac{ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 - D}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \right|$$

$$d = \left| \frac{2 \times 1 + 3 \times 2 + (-5) \times (-2) - 9}{\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + (-2)^2}} \right|$$

$$d = \left| \frac{2 + 6 + 10 - 9}{\sqrt{9}} \right|$$

$$d = \frac{9}{3} = 3$$

4.

$$P = (-6, 0, 0)$$

Equation of plane is:

$$2x - 3y + 6z - 2 = 0$$

Distance between a point $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ & the plane $ax + by + cz = d$ is:

$$d = \left| \frac{ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 - D}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \right|$$

$$d = \left| \frac{2 \times (-6) - 3 \times 0 + 6 \times 0 - 2}{\sqrt{2^2 + (-3)^2 + 6^2}} \right|$$

$$d = \left| \frac{-12 - 2}{\sqrt{49}} \right|$$

$$d = \frac{14}{7} = 2$$

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