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Question:

Find the equation of the plane which contains the line of intersection of the planes $\mathbf{r} \cdot (\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}) - 4 = 0$ and $\mathbf{r} \cdot (-2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) + 5 = 0$ and whose intercept on X axis is equal to that of on Y axis.

Solution:

Given Planes,

$$n_1^T x = c_1, n_2^T x = c_2 \quad (1)$$

Where

$$n_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, n_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, c_1 = 4, c_2 = -5 \quad (2)$$

Let Required equation of plane

$$n_3^T x = c_3 \quad (3)$$

Since we can write,

$$P_3 = P_1 - \lambda P_2 \text{ (Where } P_1, P_2, P_3 \text{ are equation of planes)} \quad (4)$$

Because All three planes intersect at same line, Therefore

$$(n_1 - \lambda n_2)^T x = c_1 - \lambda c_2 \quad (5)$$

$$(6)$$

Given,

$$X - \text{intercept} = Y - \text{intercept} \quad (7)$$

$$(8)$$

for X-intercept

$$(n_1 - \lambda n_2)^T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = c_1 - \lambda c_2 \quad (9)$$

$$(n_1 - \lambda n_2)^T x e_1 = c_1 - \lambda c_2 \quad (10)$$

Therefore,

$$X - \text{intercept} = \frac{c_1 - \lambda c_2}{(n_1 - \lambda n_2)^T e_1} \quad (11)$$

Similarly

$$Y - \text{intercept} = \frac{c_1 - \lambda c_2}{(n_1 - \lambda n_2)^T e_2} \quad (12)$$

Comparing equations (11) and (12)

$$\frac{c_1 - \lambda c_2}{(n_1 - \lambda n_2)^T e_1} = \frac{c_1 - \lambda c_2}{(n_1 - \lambda n_2)^T e_2} \quad (13)$$

$$(n_1 - \lambda n_2)^T e_1 = (n_1 - \lambda n_2)^T e_2 \quad (14)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 + 2\lambda \\ -2 - 1\lambda \\ 3 - 1\lambda \end{pmatrix}^T e_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 2\lambda \\ -2 - 1\lambda \\ 3 - 1\lambda \end{pmatrix}^T e_2 \quad (15)$$

$$1 + 2\lambda = -2 - 1\lambda \quad (16)$$

$$\lambda = -1 \quad (17)$$

Therefore equation of required plane is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 + 2(-1) \\ -2 - 1(-1) \\ 3 - 1(-1) \end{pmatrix}^T x = 4 + 5(-1) \quad (18)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}^T x = -1 \quad (19)$$

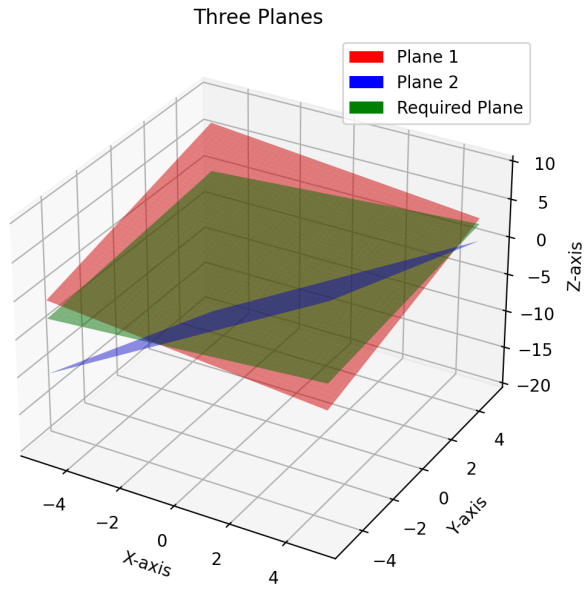


Fig. 1