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## Problem Statement

**Question :** Let  $P$  be the plane  $3x+2y+3z=16$  and let  $S: \alpha\hat{i} + \beta\hat{j} + \gamma\hat{k}$ , where  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 7$  and the distance of  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  from the plane is  $2/\sqrt{22}$ . Let  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$  be three distinct vectors in  $S$  such that  $|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}| = |\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w}| = |\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{u}|$ . Let  $V$  be the volume of the parallelopiped determined by vectors  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$ . Then the value of  $(80/3)V$  is

## Distance between point and plane, Line Equation

**Solution :**

$$P : \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = c, \quad \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad c = 16. \quad (3.1)$$

The distance of point  $\mathbf{P}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{pmatrix}$  from the plane is

$$\text{dist}(\mathbf{P}_0, P) = \frac{|\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{P}_0 - c|}{\|\mathbf{n}\|} \quad (3.2)$$

Given  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 7$  and  $\text{dist}(\mathbf{P}_0, P) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{22}}$ , we have

$$\frac{|3\alpha + 2\beta + 3\gamma - 16|}{\sqrt{22}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{22}} \implies \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{P}_0 = 18 \text{ or } \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{P}_0 = 14. \quad (3.3)$$

Thus  $S$  lies on the intersections

$$\Pi : \mathbf{m}^\top \mathbf{x} = 7, \quad \mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3.4)$$

with

$$P_+ : \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = 18, \quad P_- : \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = 14. \quad (3.5)$$

(i) Intersection of  $\mathbf{m}^\top \mathbf{x} = 7$  and  $\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = 18$ .

Write the augmented system in matrix form:

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 & 18 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_1} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -3 \end{array} \right). \quad (3.6)$$

From the second row we get  $y = 3$ . Substitute into  $x + y + z = 7$ :

$$x + 3 + z = 7 \implies z = 4 - x. \quad (3.7)$$

So the line is

$$\mathbf{L}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + k_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{a} + k_1 \mathbf{d} \quad (3.8)$$

**(ii) Intersection of  $\mathbf{m}^\top \mathbf{x} = 7$  and  $\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{x} = 14$ .**

The augmented matrix is

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 & 14 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 3R_1} \left( \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & -7 \end{array} \right). \quad (3.9)$$

So  $y = 7$ . From  $x + y + z = 7$  we get

$$x + 7 + z = 7 \implies z = -x. \quad (3.10)$$

$$\mathbf{L}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 7 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + k_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{b} + k_2 \mathbf{d} \quad (3.11)$$

hence the two lines are parallel.

## Least Squares Solution

(iii) **Perpendicular distance between the two parallel lines:**

$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{a} + p_1 \mathbf{d}$  and  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{b} + p_2 \mathbf{d}$  be 2 points on  $\mathbf{L}_1, \mathbf{L}_2$ .

$$\text{perpendicular distance} = \text{dist}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}), \mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{d} & \mathbf{d} \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.12)$$

$$\mathbf{M}^\top (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) + \mathbf{M}^\top \mathbf{M} \begin{pmatrix} p_1 \\ -p_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0, \quad (3.13)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{d} \\ \mathbf{d} \end{pmatrix} (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{d} \\ \mathbf{d} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{d} & \mathbf{d} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_1 \\ -p_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (3.14)$$

On solving we get ,

$$p_1 - p_2 = 2 \text{ take } p_1 = 2 \text{ and } p_2 = 0 \quad (3.15)$$

$$\text{Points are } \mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 7 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Distance} = D = \|\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q}\| = \sqrt{24} \quad (3.16)$$

## Area and Volume

**(iv) Area of the equilateral triangle formed by  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$ :** As the two lines are parallel and let  $s$  = length of side of triangle

$$D = \frac{\sqrt{3}s}{2} \implies s = 4\sqrt{2} \quad (3.17)$$

$$\text{Area of the equilateral triangle} = A = \frac{\sqrt{3}s^2}{4} = 8\sqrt{3} \quad (3.18)$$

**(v) Volume of the parallelepiped determined by three vectors  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$ :**  
*Volume of Parallelepiped* = 6(*Volume of Tetrahedron*) =  
 $2 \times \text{base area} \times \text{height}$

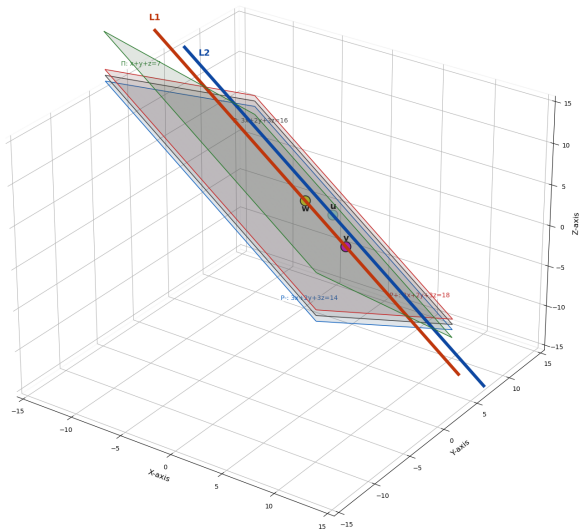
$$\text{height} = h = \frac{|\mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{O} - c|}{\|\mathbf{m}\|} = \frac{|0 - 7|}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{7}{\sqrt{3}} \quad (3.19)$$

$$\text{Volume} = 2 \times 8\sqrt{3} \times \frac{7}{\sqrt{3}} = 112 \quad (3.20)$$

$$\frac{80}{3} V = \frac{80}{3} \times 112 = \frac{8960}{3}. \quad (3.21)$$



## Final Geometric Construction with Full Labeling



## C Code

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>

// Function to compute determinant of 3x3 matrix
double determinant(double a[3][3]) {
    return a[0][0]*(a[1][1]*a[2][2] - a[1][2]*a[2][1])
        - a[0][1]*(a[1][0]*a[2][2] - a[1][2]*a[2][0])
        + a[0][2]*(a[1][0]*a[2][1] - a[1][1]*a[2][0]);
}

int main() {
    // Two planes:
    // Plane P:  $3x+2y+3z=16$ 
    // Plane S:  $x+y+z=7$ 
    // Solve intersection line between P and S
    // Choose basis for S: let
    //  $a = (1, -1, 0)$ ,  $b = (1, 0, -1)$  both satisfy  $x+y+z=0$ 
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// So general point on S:  $(7,0,0) + s*a + t*b$   
// Constraint from P:  $3x+2y+3z = 14$  or  $18$  (distance condition)
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// Pick "14" first.
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// Solve quickly: Intersection point
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double u[3] = {2,3,2};
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double v[3] = {-2,3,6};
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double w[3] = {-2,7,2};
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// Put in matrix
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double M[3][3] = {  
    {u[0], v[0], w[0]},  
    {u[1], v[1], w[1]},  
    {u[2], v[2], w[2]}};
```

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// Determinant
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double det = determinant(M);
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double V = fabs(det);
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double result = (80.0/3.0) * V;
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printf(" Chosen vectors:\n");  
printf(" u = (%.2lf, %.2lf, %.2lf)\n", u[0], u[1], u[2]);  
printf(" v = (%.2lf, %.2lf, %.2lf)\n", v[0], v[1], v[2]);  
printf(" w = (%.2lf, %.2lf, %.2lf)\n", w[0], w[1], w[2]);  
printf(" Determinant = %.2lf\n", det);  
printf(" Volume V = %.2lf\n", V);  
printf(" Final (80/3)*V = %.2lf\n", result);  
  
return 0;  
}
```

## Python : call\_c.py

```
import ctypes
import os

# Load shared library
lib = ctypes.CDLL(os.path.abspath("./libvolume.so"))

# Set return types
lib.get_determinant.restype = ctypes.c_double
lib.get_volume.restype = ctypes.c_double
lib.compute_volume.restype = ctypes.c_double
lib.get_u.restype = ctypes.c_double
lib.get_v.restype = ctypes.c_double
lib.get_w.restype = ctypes.c_double

# Fetch vectors u, v, w
u = [lib.get_u(i) for i in range(3)]
v = [lib.get_v(i) for i in range(3)]
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w = [lib.get_w(i) for i in range(3)]

# Fetch determinant, volume, and final result
det = lib.get_determinant()
V = lib.get_volume()
result = lib.compute_volume()

# Print everything
print("Vector u =", u)
print("Vector v =", v)
print("Vector w =", w)
print("Determinant =", det)
print("Volume V =", V)
print("Final  $(80/3)*V$  =", result)
```

# Python Code for Plotting

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import art3d

# ---- Create the Figure ----
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(16, 14))
ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')

# ---- Generate Grid and Define Boundaries ----
lim = 10
x_range = np.linspace(-lim, lim, 50)
y_range = np.linspace(-lim, lim, 50)
X, Y = np.meshgrid(x_range, y_range)

# ---- AESTHETIC AND COLOR DEFINITIONS ----
# Define surface colors and darker corresponding outline colors
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colors = {
    'P+': {'surface': '#E57373', 'outline': '#C62828'}, # Light Red /
        Dark Red
    'P-': {'surface': '#64B5F6', 'outline': '#1565C0'}, # Light Blue /
        Dark Blue
    '': {'surface': '#81C784', 'outline': '#2E7D32'}, # Light Green /
        Dark Green
    'P': {'surface': '#BDBDBD', 'outline': '#424242'} # Light Grey /
        Dark Grey}

# ---- PLOTTING PLANES WITH SURFACES AND OUTLINES ----
# Function to plot a plane with its surface and a dark outline
def plot_complete_plane(Z, color_pair):
    # Plot the highly transparent surface
    ax.plot_surface(X, Y, Z, alpha=0.15, color=color_pair['surface'],
        rstride=5, cstride=5, edgecolor='none')
    # Plot a crisp, dark wireframe outline
    ax.plot_wireframe(X, Y, Z, color=color_pair['outline'], linewidth=1.2,
        rstride=100, cstride=100)

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# 1. Plane :  $x + y + z = 7$ 
Z_Pi =  $7 - X - Y$ 
plot_complete_plane(Z_Pi, colors[''])

# 2. Plane P+:  $3x+2y+3z=18$ 
Z_P_plus =  $(18 - 3*X - 2*Y) / 3$ 
plot_complete_plane(Z_P_plus, colors['P+'])

# 3. Plane P-:  $3x+2y+3z=14$ 
Z_P_minus =  $(14 - 3*X - 2*Y) / 3$ 
plot_complete_plane(Z_P_minus, colors['P-'])

# 4. Original Plane P:  $3x+2y+3z=16$ 
Z_P =  $(16 - 3*X - 2*Y) / 3$ 
plot_complete_plane(Z_P, colors['P'])

# ---- EMPHASIZE AND LABEL LINES/POINTS ----
FOREGROUND_ZORDER = 10
t_start, t_end = -15, 15
t_lines = np.linspace(t_start, t_end, 100)
d = np.array([1, 0, -1]) # Direction vector

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# Line L1
a = np.array([0, 3, 4])
L1 = a + t_lines[:, np.newaxis] * d
ax.plot(L1[:, 0], L1[:, 1], L1[:, 2], color='#BF360C', lw=5, zorder=
        FOREGROUND_ZORDER) # Deep Orange

# Line L2
b = np.array([0, 7, 0])
L2 = b + t_lines[:, np.newaxis] * d
ax.plot(L2[:, 0], L2[:, 1], L2[:, 2], color='#0D47A1', lw=5, zorder=
        FOREGROUND_ZORDER) # Deep Blue

# Points u, v, w
point_size = 250
u, s = b, 4 * np.sqrt(2)
t_proj = np.dot(u - a, d) / np.dot(d, d)
M = a + t_proj * d
dist_M_v = s/2
v = M + (dist_M_v / np.linalg.norm(d)) * d
w = M - (dist_M_v / np.linalg.norm(d)) * d

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ax.scatter([u[0],v[0],w[0]], [u[1],v[1],w[1]], [u[2],v[2],w[2]],
           color=['cyan','magenta','yellow'], s=point_size, ec='black', lw
           =1.5, zorder=FOREGROUND_ZORDER + 1)

# ---- ADDING ALL LABELS (PLANES, LINES, AND POINTS) ----
# Plane Labels
plane_label_props = {'ha':'center', 'va':'center', 'fontsize':10, 'bbox':dict(
    facecolor='white', alpha=0.7, ec='none', pad=0.2)}
ax.text(-8,-8, 7-(-8)-(-8), " : x+y+z=7 ", color=colors[':']['outline'],
        **plane_label_props)
ax.text(8, 8, (18-3*8-2*8)/3, " P+: 3x+2y+3z=18 ", color=colors['P
+']['outline'], **plane_label_props)
ax.text(8,-8, (14-3*8-2*(-8))/3, " P-: 3x+2y+3z=14 ", color=colors
['P-']['outline'], **plane_label_props)
ax.text(-8, 8, (16-3*(-8)-2*8)/3, " P: 3x+2y+3z=16 ", color=colors['
P']['outline'], **plane_label_props)
# Line Endpoint Labels
line_label_props = {'ha':'center', 'va':'center', 'fontsize':14, 'fontweight':
    'bold'}

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l1_start_pos = a + t_start * d
l2_start_pos = b + t_start * d
ax.text(l1_start_pos[0], l1_start_pos[1], l1_start_pos[2] + 1.5, "L1", color
        ='#BF360C', **line_label_props)
ax.text(l2_start_pos[0] + 2, l2_start_pos[1], l2_start_pos[2] , "L2", color
        ='#0D47A1', **line_label_props)
# Point Labels (u, v, w)
point_label_props = {'ha':'center', 'va':'bottom', 'fontsize':14, 'fontweight
                    ':'bold'}
ax.text(u[0], u[1], u[2] + 0.5, 'u', color='black', **point_label_props)
ax.text(v[0], v[1], v[2] + 0.5, 'v', color='black', **point_label_props)
ax.text(w[0], w[1], w[2] - 1.5, 'w', color='black', **point_label_props) #
    slight offset for w

# ---- FINAL PLOT SETUP ----
ax.view_init(elev=28, azimuth=-55)

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ax.set_xlim(-15, 15); ax.set_ylim(-15, 15); ax.set_zlim(-15, 15)
ax.set_xlabel('X-axis', fontsize=12); ax.set_ylabel('Y-axis', fontsize=12);
    ax.set_zlabel('Z-axis', fontsize=12)
ax.set_title('Final Geometric Construction with Full Labeling', fontsize
    =20, pad=20)

# Clean background
ax.xaxis.pane.fill=False; ax.yaxis.pane.fill=False; ax.zaxis.pane.fill=False
ax.grid(True, linestyle=':', alpha=0.5)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.savefig("../figs/fig5_.png")
plt.show()
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