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question

Find the angle between the pair of lines:

$$\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{y-1}{5} = \frac{z+3}{4}$$

$$\frac{x+1}{1} = \frac{y-4}{1} = \frac{z+5}{2}$$

solution

Given lines can be represented as

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} -3\\1\\-3 \end{pmatrix} + k_1 \begin{pmatrix} 3\\5\\4 \end{pmatrix} \tag{0.1}$$

$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{pmatrix} -1\\4\\-3 \end{pmatrix} + k_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1\\1\\2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{0.2}$$

where k_1 and k_2 are any real numbers.

clearly direction vector of lines are m_1 and m_2

$$\mathbf{m_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \tag{0.3}$$

and

$$\mathbf{m_2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{0.4}$$

angle between them is

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{m_1} \mathbf{m_2}^T}{\|\mathbf{m_1}\| \|\mathbf{m_2}\|} \tag{0.5}$$

SO

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{\mathbf{m_1 m_2}^{T}}{\|\mathbf{m_1}\| \|\mathbf{m_2}\|} \tag{0.6}$$

$$\mathbf{m_1}\mathbf{m_2}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = 16 \tag{0.7}$$

$$|m_1| = \sqrt{50}, |m_2| = \sqrt{6} \tag{0.8}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{16}{\sqrt{300}} = 22.52^{\circ} \tag{0.9}$$

Angle between two given line is 22.52°

