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Question:

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

Solution:

Given Planes,

$$\mathbf{n_1}^T \mathbf{x} = c_1, \mathbf{n_2}^T \mathbf{x} = c_2 \tag{1}$$

Where

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

Let Required equation of plane

$$\mathbf{n_3}^T \mathbf{x} = c_3 \tag{3}$$

Since we can write,

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

Because All three planes intersect at same line, Therefore

$$(\mathbf{n_1} - \lambda \mathbf{n_2})^T \mathbf{x} = c_1 - \lambda c_2 \tag{5}$$

(6)

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Given,

$$X - intercept = Y - intercept \tag{7}$$

(8)

for X-intercept

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

$$(\mathbf{n_1} - \lambda \mathbf{n_2})^T x \mathbf{e_1} = c_1 - \lambda c_2 \tag{10}$$

Therefore,

$$X - intercept = \frac{c_1 - \lambda c_2}{(\mathbf{n}_1 - \lambda \mathbf{n}_2)^T \mathbf{e}_1}$$
 (11)

Similarly

$$Y - intercept = \frac{c_1 - \lambda c_2}{(\mathbf{n}_1 - \lambda \mathbf{n}_2)^T \mathbf{e}_2}$$
 (12)

Comparing equations (11) and (12)

$$\frac{c_1 - \lambda c_2}{(\mathbf{n}_1 - \lambda \mathbf{n}_2)^T \mathbf{e}_1} = \frac{c_1 - \lambda c_2}{(\mathbf{n}_1 - \lambda \mathbf{n}_2)^T \mathbf{e}_2}$$
(13)

$$(\mathbf{n}_1 - \lambda \mathbf{n}_2)^T \mathbf{e}_1 = (\mathbf{n}_1 - \lambda \mathbf{n}_2)^T \mathbf{e}_2$$
 (14)

$$\mathbf{n_1}^T \mathbf{e_1} - \lambda \mathbf{n_2}^T \mathbf{e_1} = \mathbf{n_1}^T \mathbf{e_2} - \lambda \mathbf{n_2}^T \mathbf{e_2}$$
 (15)

$$\lambda \mathbf{n_2}^T \mathbf{e_2} - \lambda \mathbf{n_2}^T \mathbf{e_1} = \mathbf{n_1}^T \mathbf{e_2} - \mathbf{n_1}^T \mathbf{e_1}$$
 (16)

$$\lambda = \frac{{\bf n_1}^T {\bf e_2} - {\bf n_1}^T {\bf e_1}}{{\bf n_2}^T {\bf e_2} - \lambda {\bf n_2}^T {\bf e_1}}$$
(17)

$$\lambda = \frac{\mathbf{n_1^T}(\mathbf{e_2} - \mathbf{e_1})}{n_2^T(\mathbf{e_2} - \mathbf{e_1})}$$
(18)

$$\lambda = \frac{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}^{T} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}^{T} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}$$
(19)

$$\lambda = \frac{-1 - 2}{2 + 1} \tag{20}$$

$$\lambda = -1 \tag{21}$$

Therefore equation of required plane is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1+2(-1) \\ -2-1(-1) \\ 3-1(-1) \end{pmatrix}^{T} \mathbf{x} = 4+5(-1)$$
 (22)

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}^T x = -1$$
 (23)

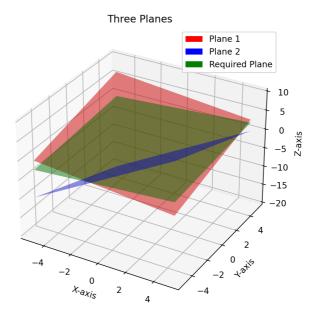


Fig. 1