

# 4.10.13

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## Question:

Find the equation of the plane passing through the line of intersection of the planes  $\mathbf{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 1$  and  $\mathbf{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}) + 4 = 0$  and parallel to the  $X$  axis.

## Solution:

let P1 and P2 be the plane equations whose normals are:

Plane	Normal vector
P1	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
P2	$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$

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Given equations of planes are:-

$$P_1 : \quad \mathbf{r}^\top \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \quad (0.1)$$

$$P_2 : \quad \mathbf{r}^\top \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = -4 \quad (0.2)$$

expressing the plane equations in matrix form:-

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & -4 & -4 \end{array} \right] \quad (0.3)$$

Using row reductions:

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1 \quad (0.4)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & | & -6 \end{bmatrix} \quad (0.5)$$

$$\therefore \text{equation of planes:} \quad (0.6)$$

$$\mathbf{r}^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 \quad (0.7)$$

$$\mathbf{r}^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = -6 \quad (0.8)$$

Solving the equations to find the line of intersection of planes

$$\mathbf{r}(\lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{7}{6} \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3/4 \\ -1/6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.9)$$

normal to plane is orthogonal to the line and x-axis

$$\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{e}_1 = 0 \quad (0.10)$$

$$\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{n}_1 = 0 \quad (0.11)$$

where,

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.12)$$

$$\mathbf{n}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3/4 \\ -1/6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.13)$$

Solving using row reductions:-

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 4 & -3 & -1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (0.14)$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 4R_1 \quad (0.15)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & -1 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (0.16)$$

plane equation using normal and a point on the line:

$$\mathbf{n}^T(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) = 0 \quad (0.17)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -3/4 \\ -7/4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.18)$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.19)$$

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \quad (0.20)$$

Hence, equation of the plane is:  $y - 3z + 6 = 0$

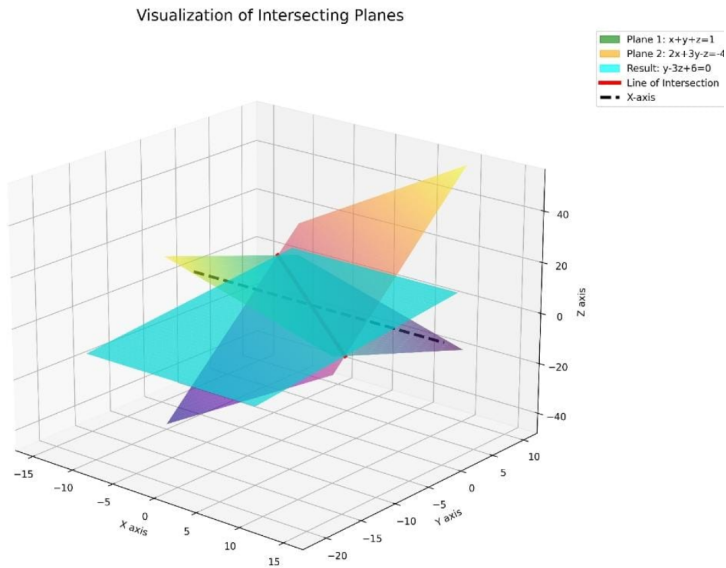


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