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Question

Find the equation of the plane passing through the points $(2, 5, -3)$, $(-2, -3, 5)$, and $(5, 3, -3)$. Also, find the point of intersection of this plane with the line passing through points $(3, 1, 5)$ and $(-1, -3, -1)$.

Equation I

Let the given points be:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ -3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Theoretical Solution

For equation of plane:

$$(\mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{B} \quad \mathbf{C})^T \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 & 5 \\ 5 & -3 & 3 \\ -3 & 5 & -3 \end{pmatrix}^T \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 & -3 \\ -2 & -3 & 5 \\ 5 & 3 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 5 & -3 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & 5 & 1 \\ 5 & 3 & -3 & 1 \end{array} \right) \quad (4)$$

Theoretical solution

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 5 & -3 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & 5 & 1 \\ 5 & 3 & -3 & 1 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \xleftarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 - \frac{5}{2}R_1} \\ \xleftarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + R_1} \end{array} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 5 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -\frac{19}{2} & \frac{9}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} \end{array} \right) \quad (5)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 5 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & -\frac{19}{2} & \frac{9}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} \end{array} \right) \xleftarrow{R_2 \leftarrow \frac{1}{2}R_2} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 5 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -\frac{19}{2} & \frac{9}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} \end{array} \right) \quad (6)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 5 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -\frac{19}{2} & \frac{9}{2} & -\frac{3}{2} \end{array} \right) \xleftarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + \frac{19}{2}R_2} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 5 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 14 & 8 \end{array} \right) \quad (7)$$

Theoretical Solution

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 5 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 14 & 8 \end{array} \right) \xleftrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow \frac{R_3}{14}} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 5 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{4}{7} \end{array} \right) \quad (8)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 5 & -3 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{4}{7} \end{array} \right) \xleftrightarrow{\begin{array}{l} R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + 3R_3 \\ R_2 \leftarrow R_2 - R_3 \end{array}} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 5 & 0 & \frac{19}{7} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{3}{7} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{4}{7} \end{array} \right) \quad (9)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 5 & 0 & \frac{19}{7} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{3}{7} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{4}{7} \end{array} \right) \xleftrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow R_1 - 5R_2} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & 0 & \frac{4}{7} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{3}{7} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{4}{7} \end{array} \right) \quad (10)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 0 & 0 & \frac{4}{7} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{3}{7} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{4}{7} \end{array} \right) \xleftrightarrow{R_1 \leftarrow \frac{R_1}{2}} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{7} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{3}{7} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{4}{7} \end{array} \right) \quad (11)$$

Theoretical Solution

The equation of plane can be given as:

$$\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{x} = c \quad (12)$$

Therefore the equation of plane can be given as

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}^T \mathbf{x} = 7 \quad (13)$$

Where

$$n = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } c = 7 \quad (14)$$

Theoretical Solution

The equation of line passing through the points $(3, 1, 5)$ and $(-1, -3, -1)$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{h} + k\mathbf{m} \quad (15)$$

Multiply with \mathbf{n}^T on both sides:

$$\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{h} + k\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{m} \quad (16)$$

From Eq.12

$$c = \mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{h} + k\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{m} \quad (17)$$

$$\frac{c - \mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{h}}{\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{m}} = k \quad (18)$$

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 - (-1) \\ 1 - (-3) \\ 5 - (-1) \end{pmatrix} \quad (19)$$

Theoretical Solution

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (20)$$

Now substitute the corresponding values in Eq.18

$$\frac{7 - \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}}{\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}} = k \quad (21)$$

$$\frac{7 - 29}{44} = k \quad (22)$$

Theoretical Solution

Solving this we get

$$k = \frac{-1}{2} \quad (23)$$

Now substitute the value of k in Eq.15

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 - 2 \\ 1 - 2 \\ 5 - 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (24)$$

Therefore the point of intersection is:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (25)$$

C Code

```
#include <stdio.h>

void solve(double *out) {
    int A[3] = {2, 5, -3};
    int B[3] = {-2, -3, 5};
    int C[3] = {5, 3, -3};
    int P[3] = {3, 1, 5};
    int Q[3] = {-1, -3, -1};

    // vectors
    int AB[3] = {B[0]-A[0], B[1]-A[1], B[2]-A[2]};
    int AC[3] = {C[0]-A[0], C[1]-A[1], C[2]-A[2]};

    // normal = AB x AC
    int n[3];
    n[0] = AB[1]*AC[2] - AB[2]*AC[1];
    n[1] = AB[2]*AC[0] - AB[0]*AC[2];
    n[2] = AB[0]*AC[1] - AB[1]*AC[0];
    int d = -(n[0]*A[0] + n[1]*A[1] + n[2]*A[2]);
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// direction of PQ
int v[3] = {Q[0]-P[0], Q[1]-P[1], Q[2]-P[2]};
int num = -(n[0]*P[0] + n[1]*P[1] + n[2]*P[2] + d);
int den = n[0]*v[0] + n[1]*v[1] + n[2]*v[2];

double t = (double)num / den;
double X = P[0] + t*v[0];
double Y = P[1] + t*v[1];
double Z = P[2] + t*v[2];
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// output: n0, n1, n2, d, X, Y, Z
out[0] = n[0];
out[1] = n[1];
out[2] = n[2];
out[3] = d;
out[4] = X;
out[5] = Y;
out[6] = Z;
}
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import ctypes
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D

# Load the shared library
lib = ctypes.CDLL('./intersection.so') # use plane.dll on Windows

# Prepare output buffer (7 doubles)
out = (ctypes.c_double * 7)()
lib.solve(out)

# Extract results
n = [out[0], out[1], out[2], out[3]]
intersection = [out[4], out[5], out[6]]
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Python Code

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print(fEquation of plane: {n[0]}x + {n[1]}y + {n[2]}z + {n[3]} =  
    0)  
print(fIntersection point: {intersection})  
  
# --- Plotting ---  
A = np.array([2,5,-3])  
B = np.array([-2,-3,5])  
C = np.array([5,3,-3])  
P = np.array([3,1,5])  
Q = np.array([-1,-3,-1])  
I = np.array(intersection)  
  
fig = plt.figure()  
ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection=3d)  
  
# Plot the plane  
xx, yy = np.meshgrid(range(-2,7), range(-4,7))  
zz = (-n[0]*xx - n[1]*yy - n[3]) / n[2]
```

Python Code

```
ax.plot_surface(xx, yy, zz, alpha=0.3, color=cyan)

# Plot line PQ
t_vals = np.linspace(-1,2,20)
linePQ = np.array([P + t*(Q-P) for t in t_vals])
ax.plot(linePQ[:,0], linePQ[:,1], linePQ[:,2], g, label=Line PQ)

# Plot points
ax.scatter(*A, color=r, s=50, label=A(2,5,-3))
ax.scatter(*B, color=b, s=50, label=B(-2,-3,5))
ax.scatter(*C, color=m, s=50, label=C(5,3,-3))
ax.scatter(*I, color=k, s=80, marker=o, label=Intersection F
(1,-1,2))
ax.text(2, 5, -3, A, color=red, fontsize=12)
ax.text(-2, -3, 5, B, color=blue, fontsize=12)
ax.text(5, 3, -3, C, color=purple, fontsize=12)
ax.text(1, -1, 2, F, color=black, fontsize=12)
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ax.set_xlabel(X-axis)
ax.set_ylabel(Y-axis)
ax.set_zlabel(Z-axis)
ax.legend()
plt.savefig(./figure1.png)
plt.show()
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Plot

