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Solve for real numbers:

$$\sin^2 x \cdot \cos^2 t + \sin^2 y \cdot \cos^2 x + \sin^2 z \cdot \cos^2 y + \sin^2 t \cdot \cos^2 z = 2$$

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Solution 1 by Adrian Popa-Romania

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^2 x \cdot (1 - \sin^2 t) + \sin^2 y \cdot \cos^2 x + \sin^2 z \cdot \cos^2 y + \sin^2 t \cdot \cos^2 z &= 2 \Leftrightarrow \\ \sin^2 x \cdot \cos^2 t + (1 - \cos^2 y) \cdot \cos^2 x + \sin^2 z \cdot (1 - \sin^2 y) + (1 - \cos^2 t) \cdot \cos^2 z &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sin^2 x \cdot \sin^2 t + \cos^2 y \cdot \cos^2 x + \sin^2 z \cdot \sin^2 y + \cos^2 t \cdot \cos^2 z$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sin x \cdot \sin t = 0, \cos y \cdot \cos x = 0, \sin z \cdot \sin y = 0, \cos t \cdot \cos z = 0$$

$$\text{i) } \sin x = \cos y = \sin z = \cos t = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(x, y, z, t) = \left(m\pi, n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}, p\pi, q\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} \right), m, n, p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{ii) } \sin t = \cos z = \sin y = \cos x = 0$$

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$$(x, y, z, t) = \left(m'\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}, n'\pi, p'\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}, q'\pi\right), m', n', p', q' \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Solution 2 by Fayssal Abdelli-Bejaia-Algerie

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^2 x \cdot (1 - \sin^2 t) + \sin^2 y \cdot \cos^2 x + \sin^2 z \cdot \cos^2 y + \sin^2 t \cdot \cos^2 z &= 2 \Leftrightarrow \\ \sin^2 x \cdot \cos^2 t + (1 - \cos^2 y) \cdot \cos^2 x + \sin^2 z \cdot (1 - \sin^2 y) + (1 - \cos^2 t) \cdot \cos^2 z &= 2 \\ \Leftrightarrow \sin^2 x \cdot \sin^2 t + \cos^2 y \cdot \cos^2 x + \sin^2 z \cdot \sin^2 y + \cos^2 t \cdot \cos^2 z \\ \Leftrightarrow \sin x \cdot \sin t = 0, \cos y \cdot \cos x = 0, \sin z \cdot \sin y = 0, \cos t \cdot \cos z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{II)} \quad \sin x = \cos y = \sin z = \cos t = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(x, y, z, t) = \left(m\pi, n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}, p\pi, q\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}\right), m, n, p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$$

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