

## Home assignment 3

**Problem 1.** Find the equation of a cone passing through the lines  $y = \pm x$ ,  $z = 0$  and the point  $(1, 2, 3)$ , for which the axis  $Oz$  is the axis of symmetry.

### Solution.

From problem description we can conclude that the coordinate system is canonical and equation of cone has form:

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 0.$$

The lines

$$y = \pm x, \quad z = 0$$

belong to the surface and can be presented in form:

$$(x - y)(x + y) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x^2 - y^2, \quad z = 0.$$

The cone section by plane  $z = 0$  gives us following curve:

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 0,$$

hence  $a^2 = b^2$ . So, let's rewrite equation of cone in form:

$$x^2 + \frac{z^2}{c^2/a^2} - y^2 = 0.$$

Substituting the coordinates of point in last equation we find:

$$1^2 + \frac{3^2}{c^2/a^2} - 2^2 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{c^2}{a^2} = 3.$$

Equation of cone is:

$$x^2 + \frac{z^2}{3} - y^2 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 3x^2 - 3y^2 + z^2 = 0.$$

**Problem 2.** Find the equation for a plane parallel to the  $yOz$  plane and intersecting a one-sheet hyperboloid

$$\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{4} - z^2 = 1$$

along a hyperbola whose real semiaxis is equal to 1.

**Solution.**

Let equation of desired plane is  $x = 3\alpha$ . Then we have:

$$\alpha^2 + \frac{y^2}{4} - z^2 = 1$$

or

$$\frac{y^2}{4} - z^2 = 1 - \alpha^2.$$

Let  $1 - \alpha^2 = \beta^2 > 0$ :

$$\frac{y^2}{4\beta^2} - \frac{z^2}{\beta^2} = 1 \Rightarrow \beta = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 1 - \alpha^2 = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow \alpha^2 = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{3}.$$

Let  $1 - \alpha^2 = -\beta^2 < 0$ :

$$\frac{z^2}{\beta^2} - \frac{y^2}{4\beta^2} = 1 \Rightarrow \beta = 1 \Rightarrow 1 - \alpha^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \alpha^2 = 2 \Rightarrow x = \pm 3\sqrt{2}.$$

So, we have four parallel planes:  $x = \pm 3\sqrt{2}$  and  $x = \pm \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{3}$ .

**Problem 3.** Determine the type of each of the following surfaces, write its canonical equation and find the canonical coordinate system:

a.  $4x^2 + y^2 + 4z^2 - 4xy + 4yz - 8zx - 28x + 2y + 16z + 45 = 0$ ;

b.  $2x^2 + 2y^2 - 5z^2 + 2xy - 2x - 4y - 4z + 2 = 0$ .

**Solution.**

a.  $4x^2 + y^2 + 4z^2 - 4xy + 4yz - 8zx - 28x + 2y + 16z + 45 = 0$

Invariants:

$$S = 9, \quad \delta = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -2 & -4 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 \\ -4 & 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 0, \quad \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -2 & -4 & -14 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -4 & 2 & 4 & 8 \\ -14 & 1 & 8 & 45 \end{vmatrix} = 0,$$

$$K_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -4 \\ -4 & 4 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 0,$$

$$K_3 = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -2 & -14 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \\ -14 & 1 & 45 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -4 & -14 \\ -4 & 4 & 8 \\ -14 & 8 & 45 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 \\ 1 & 8 & 45 \end{vmatrix} = -324.$$

Hence the surface is *parabolic cylinder*.

Reduced equation:

$$9x'^2 - 2\sqrt{-\frac{-324}{9}}y' = 0.$$

Canonical equation:

$$x'^2 = \frac{4}{3}y'.$$

Characteristic equation:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4-\lambda & -2 & -4 \\ -2 & 1-\lambda & 2 \\ -4 & 2 & 4-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = -\lambda^3 + 9\lambda^2.$$

Roots of characteristic equation:

$$\lambda_1 = 9, \quad \lambda_{2,3} = 0.$$

Principal direction of cylinder:

$$\lambda_1 = 9 : \begin{pmatrix} -5 & -2 & -4 \\ -2 & -8 & 2 \\ -4 & 2 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \\ \gamma_1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \{\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1\} = \{2, -1, -2\}.$$

Rewrite the equation of cylinder in form:

$$(2x - y - 2z)^2 - 28x + 2y + 16z + 45 = 0,$$

the rectilinear generatrix of cylinder is section of two planes:

$$2x - y - 2z = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad -28x + 2y + 16z + 45 = 0.$$

Direction of generatrix is

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{e}_1 & \mathbf{e}_2 & \mathbf{e}_3 \\ 2 & -1 & -2 \\ -28 & 2 & 16 \end{vmatrix} = -12\mathbf{e}_1 + 24\mathbf{e}_2 - 24\mathbf{e}_3 \Rightarrow \{\alpha_3, \beta_3, \gamma_3\} = \{-1, 2, -2\}.$$

Direction  $\{\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2\}$  can be found as

$$\{\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2\} = \{\alpha_3, \beta_3, \gamma_3\} \times \{\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1\} = \{-2, -2, -1\}.$$

Check the direction of  $\{\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2\}$  along the axis of the parabola:

$$S(a_1\alpha_2 + a_2\beta_2 + a_3\gamma_2) = -9(-14 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 2 + 8 \cdot 1) = 162 > 0,$$

so, the vector  $\{\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2\}$  is directed in the opposite direction of the parabola axis (section of surface by plane perpendicular to generatrix of cylinder).

Unit vectors:

$$\mathbf{e}'_1 = \left\{ \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3} \right\}, \quad \mathbf{e}'_2 = \left\{ -\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3} \right\}, \quad \mathbf{e}'_3 = \left\{ -\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3} \right\}.$$

b.  $2x^2 + 2y^2 - 5z^2 + 2xy - 2x - 4y - 4z + 2 = 0$

Invariants:

$$S = -1, \quad \delta = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 \end{vmatrix} = -15, \quad \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 & -2 \\ -1 & -2 & -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -12.$$

Hence the surface is *two-sheet hyperboloid*.

Characteristic equation:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2-\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -5-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = -\lambda^3 - \lambda^2 + 17\lambda - 15.$$

Roots of characteristic equation:

$$\lambda_1 = 1, \quad \lambda_2 = 3, \quad \lambda = -5.$$

Reduced equation:

$$x'^2 + 3y'^2 - 5z'^2 + \frac{4}{5} = 0.$$

Canonical equation:

$$\frac{x'^2}{4/5} + \frac{y'^2}{4/15} - \frac{z'^2}{4/25} = -1.$$

Center:

$$\begin{cases} 4x + 2y - 2 = 0 \\ 2x + 4y - 4 = 0 \\ -10z - 4 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow O' \left( 0, 1, -\frac{2}{5} \right).$$

Axes directions:

$$\lambda_1 = 1 : \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \\ \gamma_1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \{\alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1\} = \{1, -1, 0\},$$

$$\lambda_2 = 3 : \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_2 \\ \beta_2 \\ \gamma_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \{\alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2\} = \{1, 1, 0\},$$

$$\lambda_3 = -5 : \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_3 \\ \beta_3 \\ \gamma_3 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \{\alpha_3, \beta_3, \gamma_3\} = \{0, 0, 1\}.$$

Unit vectors:

$$\mathbf{e}'_1 = \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0 \right\}, \quad \mathbf{e}'_2 = \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0 \right\}, \quad \mathbf{e}'_3 = \{0, 0, 1\}.$$

**Problem 4.** Find the equation for the diametral plane of a hyperbolic paraboloid

$$\frac{x^2}{6} - \frac{y^2}{9} = 2z,$$

passing through the line  $x = y, z = 1$ , and find the direction of chords to which the plane is conjugate.

**Solution.**

Equation of diametral plane conjugate to the chords with direction vector  $\{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$ :

$$F'_x = \frac{x}{3}, \quad F'_y = -\frac{2y}{9}, \quad F'_z = -2,$$

$$\frac{\alpha x}{3} - \frac{2\beta y}{9} - 2\gamma = 0.$$

From problem description one can conclude that diametral plane contains the  $Oz$ -axis and line  $x = y, z = 1$  and orthogonal to  $xOy$ -plane. Hence  $\gamma = 0$ .

Section of diametral plane and plane  $z = 1$  gives us:

$$\frac{\alpha x}{3} - \frac{2\beta y}{9} = 0.$$

From here

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{3}, \quad \beta = \frac{1}{2},$$

so the equation of diametral plane is:

$$x - y = 0,$$

the direction of chords is  $\{2, 3, 0\}$ .