

## Maharashtra State Board 12th Maths Solutions Chapter 6 Line and Plane Ex 6.1

Question 1.

Find the vector equation of the line passing through the point having position vector  $-2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and parallel to vector  $4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ .

Solution:

The vector equation of the line passing through A ( $\vec{a}$ ) and parallel to the vector  $\vec{b}$  is  $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda \vec{b}$ , where  $\lambda$  is a scalar.

$\therefore$  the vector equation of the line passing through the point having position vector  $-2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and parallel to the vector  $4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  is

$$\vec{r} = (-2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) + \lambda(4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}).$$

Question 2.

Find the vector equation of the line passing through points having position vectors  $3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}$  and  $6\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ .

Solution:

The vector equation of the line passing through the A ( $\vec{a}$ ) and B ( $\vec{b}$ ) is  $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda(\vec{b} - \vec{a})$ ,  $\lambda$  is a scalar

$\therefore$  the vector equation of the line passing through the points having position vectors  $3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}$  and  $6\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  is

$$\text{is } \vec{r} = (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}) + \lambda[(6\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) - (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 7\hat{k})]$$

$$\text{i.e. } \vec{r} = (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}) + \lambda(3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}).$$

Question 3.

Find the vector equation of line passing through the point having position vector  $5\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and having direction ratios -3, 4, 2.

Solution:

Let A be the point whose position vector is  $\vec{a} = 5\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ .

Let  $\vec{b}$  be the vector parallel to the line having direction ratios -3, 4, 2

$$\text{Then, } \vec{b} = -3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

The vector equation of the line passing through A ( $\vec{a}$ ) and parallel to  $\vec{b}$  is  $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda \vec{b}$ , where  $\lambda$  is a scalar.

$\therefore$  the required vector equation of the line is

$$\vec{r} = 5\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} + \lambda(-3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}).$$

Question 4.

Find the vector equation of the line passing through the point having position vector  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and perpendicular to vectors  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ .

Solution:

$$\text{Let } \vec{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{c} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

The vector perpendicular to the vectors  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{b} \times \vec{c} &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \hat{i}(1 + 1) - \hat{j}(1 - 2) + \hat{k}(-1 - 2) \\ &= 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

Since the line is perpendicular to the vector  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$ , it is parallel to  $\vec{b} \times \vec{c}$ . The vector equation of the line passing through A ( $\vec{a}$ ) and parallel to  $\vec{b} \times \vec{c}$  is

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda(\vec{b} \times \vec{c}), \text{ where } \lambda \text{ is a scalar.}$$

$$\text{Here, } \vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

Hence, the vector equation of the required line is

$$\vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$$

Question 5.

Find the vector equation of the line passing through the point having position vector  $-\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and parallel to the

$$\text{line } \vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}).$$

Solution:

Let A be point having position vector  $\vec{a} = -\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

The required line is parallel to the line

$$\vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

$\therefore$  it is parallel to the vector

$$\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

The vector equation of the line passing through A( $\vec{a}$ ) and parallel to  $\vec{b}$  is  $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b}$  where  $\lambda$  is a scalar.

$\therefore$  the required vector equation of the line is

$$\vec{r} = (-\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) + \lambda(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}).$$

Question 6.

Find the Cartesian equations of the line passing through A(-1, 2, 1) and having direction ratios 2, 3, 1.

Solution:

The cartesian equations of the line passing through ( $x_1, y_1, z_1$ ) and having direction ratios a, b, c are

$$\frac{x - x_1}{a} = \frac{y - y_1}{b} = \frac{z - z_1}{c}$$

$\therefore$  the cartesian equations of the line passing through the point (-1, 2, 1) and having direction ratios 2, 3, 1 are

$$\frac{x - (-1)}{2} = \frac{y - 2}{3} = \frac{z - 1}{1}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{x + 1}{2} = \frac{y - 2}{3} = \frac{z - 1}{1}.$$

Question 7.

Find the Cartesian equations of the line passing through A(2, 2, 1) and B(1, 3, 0).

Solution:

The cartesian equations of the line passing through the points ( $x_1, y_1, z_1$ ) and ( $x_2, y_2, z_2$ ) are

$$\frac{x - x_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{y - y_1}{y_2 - y_1} = \frac{z - z_1}{z_2 - z_1}$$

Here, ( $x_1, y_1, z_1$ ) = (2, 2, 1) and ( $x_2, y_2, z_2$ ) = (1, 3, 0)

$\therefore$  the required cartesian equations are

$$\frac{x - 2}{1 - 2} = \frac{y - 2}{3 - 2} = \frac{z - 1}{0 - 1}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{x - 2}{-1} = \frac{y - 2}{1} = \frac{z - 1}{-1}.$$

Question 8.

A(-2, 3, 4), B(1, 1, 2) and C(4, -1, 0) are three points. Find the Cartesian equations of the line AB and show that points A, B, C are collinear.

Solution:

We find the cartesian equations of the line AB. The cartesian equations of the line passing through the points ( $x_1, y_1, z_1$ ) and ( $x_2, y_2, z_2$ ) are

$$\frac{x - x_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{y - y_1}{y_2 - y_1} = \frac{z - z_1}{z_2 - z_1}$$

Here, ( $x_1, y_1, z_1$ ) = (-2, 3, 4) and ( $x_2, y_2, z_2$ ) = (1, 1, 2)

$\therefore$  the required cartesian equations of the line AB are

$$\frac{x - (-2)}{1 - (-2)} = \frac{y - 3}{1 - 3} = \frac{z - 4}{2 - 4}$$

$$\therefore \frac{x + 2}{3} = \frac{y - 3}{-2} = \frac{z - 4}{-2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{x + 2}{3} = \frac{y - 3}{-2} = \frac{z - 4}{-2}$$

$$C = (4, -1, 0)$$

$$\text{For } x = 4, \frac{x+2}{3} = \frac{4+2}{3} = 2$$

$$\text{For } y = -1, \frac{y-3}{-2} = \frac{-1-3}{-2} = 2$$

$$\text{For } z = 0, \frac{z-4}{-2} = \frac{0-4}{-2} = 2$$

$\therefore$  coordinates of C satisfy the equations of the line AB.

$\therefore$  C lies on the line passing through A and B.

Hence, A, B, C are collinear.

Question 9.

Show that lines  $x+1-10\lambda=y+3-1\lambda=z-4+1\lambda$  and  $x+10-1\lambda=y+1-3\lambda=z-14$  intersect each other. Find the co-ordinates of their point of intersection.

Solution:

The equations of the lines are

$$\frac{x+1}{-10} = \frac{y+3}{-1} = \frac{z-4}{1} = \lambda \quad \dots \text{ (Say) } \dots (1)$$

$$\text{and } \frac{x+10}{-1} = \frac{y+1}{-3} = \frac{z-1}{4} = \mu \quad \dots \text{ (Say) } \dots (2)$$

From (1),  $x = -1 - 10\lambda$ ,  $y = -3 - \lambda$ ,  $z = 4 + \lambda$

$\therefore$  the coordinates of any point on the line (1) are

$$(-1 - 10\lambda, -3 - \lambda, 4 + \lambda)$$

From (2),  $x = -10 - \mu$ ,  $y = -1 - 3\mu$ ,  $z = 1 + 4\mu$

$\therefore$  the coordinates of any point on the line (2) are

$$(-10 - \mu, -1 - 3\mu, 1 + 4\mu)$$

Lines (1) and (2) intersect, if

$$(-1 - 10\lambda, -3 - \lambda, 4 + \lambda) = (-10 - \mu, -1 - 3\mu, 1 + 4\mu)$$

$\therefore$  the equations  $-1 - 10\lambda = -10 - \mu$ ,  $-3 - \lambda = -1 - 3\mu$

and  $4 + \lambda = 1 + 4\mu$  are simultaneously true.

Solving the first two equations, we get,  $\lambda = 1$  and  $\mu = 1$ . These values of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  satisfy the third equation also.

$\therefore$  the lines intersect.

Putting  $\lambda = 1$  in  $(-1 - 10\lambda, -3 - \lambda, 4 + \lambda)$  or  $\mu = 1$  in  $(-10 - \mu, -1 - 3\mu, 1 + 4\mu)$ , we get

the point of intersection  $(-11, -4, 5)$ .

Question 10.

A line passes through  $(3, -1, 2)$  and is perpendicular to

lines  $\vec{r} = (\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$  and  $\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) + \mu(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$ . Find its equation.

Solution:

The line  $\vec{r} = (\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$  is

parallel to the vector  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and the line

$\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) + \mu(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$  is parallel to the vector

$$\vec{c} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}.$$

The vector perpendicular to the vectors  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{b} \times \vec{c} &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \hat{i}(-4 + 2) - \hat{j}(4 - 1) + \hat{k}(-4 + 2) \\ &= -2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

Since the required line is perpendicular to the given lines, it is perpendicular to both  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$ .

$\therefore$  it is parallel to  $\vec{b} \times \vec{c}$

The equation of the line passing through  $A(\vec{a})$  and parallel to  $\vec{b} \times \vec{c}$  is

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda(\vec{b} \times \vec{c}), \text{ where } \lambda \text{ is a scalar.}$$

$$\text{Here, } \vec{a} = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$\therefore$  the equation of the required line is

$$\vec{r} = (3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) + \lambda(-2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) \quad \text{or}$$

$$\vec{r} = (3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) + \mu(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}), \text{ where } \mu = -\lambda.$$

Question 11.

Show that the line  $x-2=1=y-4=2=z+4$  passes through the origin.

Solution:

The equation of the line is

$$x-2=1=y-4=2=z+4$$

The coordinates of the origin O are (0, 0, 0)

$$\text{For } x=0, \frac{x-2}{1} = \frac{0-2}{1} = -2$$

$$\text{For } y=0, \frac{y-4}{2} = \frac{0-4}{2} = -2$$

$$\text{For } z=0, \frac{z+4}{-2} = \frac{0+4}{-2} = -2$$

$\therefore$  coordinates of the origin O satisfy the equation of the line.

Hence, the line passes through the origin.

## Maharashtra State Board 12th Maths Solutions Chapter 6 Line and Plane Ex 6.2

Question 1.

Find the length of the perpendicular from (2, -3, 1) to the line  $x+1=2=y-3=3=z+1$

Solution:

Let PM be the perpendicular drawn from the point P (2, -3, 1) to the line  $x+1=2=y-3=3=z+1 = \lambda$  ... (Say)

The coordinates of any point on the line are given by  $x = -1 + 2\lambda$ ,  $y = 3 + 3\lambda$ ,  $z = -1 - \lambda$

Let the coordinates of M be

$$(-1 + 2\lambda, 3 + 3\lambda, -1 - \lambda) \dots (1)$$

The direction ratios of PM are

$$-1 + 2\lambda - 2, 3 + 3\lambda + 3, -1 - \lambda - 1$$

$$\text{i.e. } 2\lambda - 3, 3\lambda + 6, -\lambda - 2$$

The direction ratios of the given line are 2, 3, -1.

Since PM is perpendicular to the given line, we get

$$2(2\lambda - 3) + 3(3\lambda + 6) - 1(-\lambda - 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore 4\lambda - 6 + 9\lambda + 18 + \lambda + 2 = 0$$

$$\therefore 14\lambda + 14 = 0 \therefore \lambda = -1.$$

Put  $\lambda = -1$  in (1), the coordinates of M are

$$(-1 - 2, 3 - 3, -1 + 1) \text{ i.e. } (-3, 0, 0).$$

$\therefore$  length of perpendicular from P to the given line

$$\begin{aligned} = PM &= \sqrt{(-3-2)^2 + (0+3)^2 + (0-1)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{25+9+1} \\ &= \sqrt{35} \text{ units.} \end{aligned}$$

Alternative Method:

We know that the perpendicular distance from the point P  $|\vec{\alpha}|$  to the line  $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda \vec{b}$  is given by

$$\sqrt{|\vec{\alpha} - \vec{a}|^2 - \left[ \frac{(\vec{\alpha} - \vec{a}) \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|} \right]^2} \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Here, } \vec{\alpha} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}, \vec{a} = -\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}, \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \vec{\alpha} - \vec{a} &= (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}) - (-\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}) \\ &= 3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{\alpha} - \vec{a}|^2 = 3^2 + (-6)^2 + 2^2 = 9 + 36 + 4 = 49$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } (\vec{\alpha} - \vec{a}) \cdot \vec{b} &= (3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}) \\ &= (3)(2) + (-6)(3) + (2)(-1) \\ &= 6 - 18 - 2 = -14 \end{aligned}$$

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 3^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{14}$$

Substituting these values in (1), we get  
length of perpendicular from P to given line

$$\begin{aligned} = PM &= \sqrt{49 - \left( \frac{-14}{\sqrt{14}} \right)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{49 - 14} = \sqrt{35} \text{ units.} \end{aligned}$$

Question 2.

Find the co-ordinates of the foot of the perpendicular drawn from the point  $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$  to the line  $\vec{r} = (11\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}) + \lambda(10\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 11\hat{k})$ . Also find the length of the perpendicular.

Solution:

Let M be the foot of perpendicular drawn from the point P  $(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$  on the line

$$\vec{r} = (11\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}) + \lambda(10\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 11\hat{k}).$$

Let the position vector of the point M be

$$\begin{aligned} (11\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}) + \lambda(10\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 11\hat{k}) \\ = (11 + 10\lambda)\hat{i} + (-2 - 4\lambda)\hat{j} + (-8 - 11\lambda)\hat{k}. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\overrightarrow{PM}$  = Position vector of M - Position vector of P

$$\begin{aligned} &= [(11 + 10\lambda)\hat{i} + (-2 - 4\lambda)\hat{j} + (-8 - 11\lambda)\hat{k}] - (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) \\ &= (9 + 10\lambda)\hat{i} + (-1 - 4\lambda)\hat{j} + (-13 - 11\lambda)\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

Since PM is perpendicular to the given line which is parallel to  $\vec{b} = 10\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 11\hat{k}$ ,

$$\overrightarrow{PM} \perp \vec{b} \therefore \overrightarrow{PM} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

$$\therefore [(9 + 10\lambda)\hat{i} + (-1 - 4\lambda)\hat{j} + (-13 - 11\lambda)\hat{k}] \cdot (10\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 11\hat{k}) = 0$$

$$\therefore 10(9 + 10\lambda) - 4(-1 - 4\lambda) - 11(-13 - 11\lambda) = 0$$

$$\therefore 90 + 100\lambda + 4 + 16\lambda + 143 + 121\lambda = 0$$

$$\therefore 237\lambda + 237 = 0$$

$$\therefore \lambda = -1$$

Putting this value of  $\lambda$ , we get the position vector of M as  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ .

$\therefore$  coordinates of the foot of perpendicular M are (1, 2, 3).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \overrightarrow{PM} &= (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) - (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) \\ &= -\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore |\overrightarrow{PM}| &= \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (3)^2 + (-2)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{1 + 9 + 4} = \sqrt{14} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the coordinates of the foot of perpendicular are (1, 2, 3) and length of perpendicular =  $\sqrt{14}$  units.



Question 3.

Find the shortest distance between the lines  $\vec{r} = (4\hat{i} - \hat{j}) + \lambda(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$  and  $\vec{r} = (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) + \mu(\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k})$

Solution:

We know that the shortest distance between the skew lines  $\vec{r} = \vec{a_1} + \lambda\vec{b_1}$  and  $\vec{r} = \vec{a_2} + \mu\vec{b_2}$  is given by

$$d = \left| \frac{(\vec{a_2} - \vec{a_1}) \cdot (\vec{b_1} \times \vec{b_2})}{|\vec{b_1} \times \vec{b_2}|} \right|$$

$$\text{Here, } \vec{a_1} = 4\hat{i} - \hat{j}, \vec{a_2} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k},$$

$$\vec{b_1} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}, \vec{b_2} = \hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}.$$

$$\therefore \vec{b_1} \times \vec{b_2} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 4 & -5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (-10 + 12)\hat{i} - (-5 + 3)\hat{j} + (4 - 2)\hat{k}$$

$$= 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\text{and } \vec{a_2} - \vec{a_1} = (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) - (4\hat{i} - \hat{j})$$

$$= -3\hat{i} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore (\vec{a_2} - \vec{a_1}) \cdot (\vec{b_1} \times \vec{b_2}) = (-3\hat{i} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

$$= -3(2) + 0(2) + 2(2)$$

$$= -6 + 0 + 4 = -2$$

$$\text{and } |\vec{b_1} \times \vec{b_2}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + 2^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{4 + 4 + 4} = 2\sqrt{3}$$

$\therefore$  required shortest distance between the given lines

$$= \left| \frac{-2}{2\sqrt{3}} \right| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ units.}$$

Question 4.

Find the shortest distance between the lines  $x+1=7=y+1=-6=z+11$  and  $x-3=1=y-5=-2=z-7$

Solution:

The shortest distance between the lines

$$\frac{x-x_1}{l_1} = \frac{y-y_1}{m_1} = \frac{z-z_1}{n_1} \text{ and } \frac{x-x_2}{l_2} = \frac{y-y_2}{m_2} = \frac{z-z_2}{n_2} \text{ is}$$

given by

$$d = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x_2 - x_1 & y_2 - y_1 & z_2 - z_1 \\ l_1 & m_1 & n_1 \\ l_2 & m_2 & n_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\sqrt{(m_1 n_2 - m_2 n_1)^2 + (l_2 n_1 - l_1 n_2)^2 + (l_1 m_2 - l_2 m_1)^2}}$$

The equations of the given lines are

$$\frac{x+1}{7} = \frac{y+1}{-6} = \frac{z+1}{1} \text{ and } \frac{x-3}{1} = \frac{y-5}{-2} = \frac{z-7}{1}$$

$$\therefore x_1 = -1, y_1 = -1, z_1 = -1, x_2 = 3, y_2 = 5, z_2 = 7,$$

$$l_1 = 7, m_1 = -6, n_1 = 1, l_2 = 1, m_2 = -2, n_2 = 1$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} x_2 - x_1 & y_2 - y_1 & z_2 - z_1 \\ l_1 & m_1 & n_1 \\ l_2 & m_2 & n_2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 6 & 8 \\ 7 & -6 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 4(-6 + 2) - 6(7 - 1) + 8(-14 + 6)$$

$$= -16 - 36 - 64 = -116$$

$$\text{and } (m_1 n_2 - m_2 n_1)^2 + (l_2 n_1 - l_1 n_2)^2 + (l_1 m_2 - l_2 m_1)^2$$

$$= (-6 + 2)^2 + (1 - 7)^2 + (-14 + 6)^2$$

$$= 16 + 36 + 64 = 116$$

Hence, the required shortest distance between the given lines =  $\left| \frac{-116}{\sqrt{116}} \right| = \sqrt{116} = 2\sqrt{29}$  units

### Question 5.

Find the perpendicular distance of the point (1, 0, 0) from the line  $x-1=2=y+1=3=z+1$ . Also find the co-ordinates of the foot of the perpendicular.

Solution:

Let PM be the perpendicular drawn from the point (1, 0, 0) to the line  $x-1=2=y+1=3=z+1$  =  $\lambda$  ... (Say)

The coordinates of any point on the line are given by  $x = -1 + 2\lambda$ ,  $y = 3 + 2\lambda$ ,  $z = 8 - \lambda$

Let the coordinates of M be

$$(-1 + 2\lambda, 3 + 2\lambda, 8 - \lambda) \dots (1)$$

The direction ratios of PM are

$$-1 + 2\lambda - 1, 3 + 2\lambda - 0, 8 - \lambda - 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } 2\lambda - 2, 3 + 2\lambda, 8 - \lambda$$

The direction ratios of the given line are 2, 3, 8.

Since PM is perpendicular to the given line, we get

$$2(2\lambda - 2) + 3(3 + 2\lambda) - 1(8 - \lambda) = 0$$

$$\therefore 4\lambda - 4 + 9\lambda + 9 - 8 + \lambda = 0$$

$$\therefore 14\lambda + 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore \lambda = -\frac{1}{14}$$

Put  $\lambda$  in (1), the coordinates of M are

$$(-1 - \frac{2}{14}, 3 - \frac{3}{14}, 8 + \frac{1}{14}) \text{ i.e. } (-\frac{7}{7}, \frac{42-3}{14}, \frac{112+1}{14})$$

$\therefore$  length of perpendicular from P to the given line

= PM

$$= \sqrt{(-\frac{7}{7} - 1)^2 + (\frac{39}{14} - 0)^2 + (\frac{113}{14} - 0)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(\frac{-14-7}{7})^2 + (\frac{39}{14})^2 + (\frac{113}{14})^2}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{35}}{14} \text{ units.}$$

Alternative Method :

We know that the perpendicular distance from the point

$$\frac{|\vec{r_0} \cdot \vec{a} - \vec{r_1} \cdot \vec{a}|}{|\vec{a}|} \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Here, } \vec{r_0} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}, \vec{a} = -\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}, \vec{r_1} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{r_0} - \vec{a} = (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}) - (-\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k})$$

$$= 3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{r_0} - \vec{a}|^2 = 3^2 + (-6)^2 + 2^2 = 9 + 36 + 4 = 49$$

$$\text{Also, } (\vec{r_0} - \vec{a}) \cdot \vec{a} = (3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot (-\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k})$$

$$= (3)(-1) + (-6)(3) + (2)(-1)$$

$$= -6 - 18 - 2$$

$$= -26$$

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 3^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{14}$$

Substituting these values in (1), we get

length of perpendicular from P to given line

= PM

$$= \frac{26}{\sqrt{14}}$$

$$= \frac{13\sqrt{14}}{7}$$

$$= \frac{13\sqrt{14}}{7} \text{ units}$$

or

$$\frac{13\sqrt{14}}{7} \text{ units, } (3, -4, 2).$$

### Question 6.

A(1, 0, 4), B(0, -11, 13), C(2, -3, 1) are three points and D is the foot of the perpendicular from A to BC. Find the co-ordinates of D.

Solution:

Equation of the line passing through the points  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  is

$$\frac{x-x_1}{x_2-x_1} = \frac{y-y_1}{y_2-y_1} = \frac{z-z_1}{z_2-z_1}$$

∴ the equation of the line BC passing through the points

B(0, -11, 13) and C(2, -3, 1) is

$$\frac{x-0}{2-0} = \frac{y+11}{-3+11} = \frac{z-13}{1-13}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{x}{2} = \frac{y+11}{8} = \frac{z-13}{-12} = \lambda \quad \dots \text{ (Say)}$$

AD is the perpendicular from the point A(1, 0, 4) to the line BC.

The coordinates of any point on the line BC are given by  $x = 2\lambda$ ,  $y = -11 + 8\lambda$ ,  $z = 13 - 12\lambda$

Let the coordinates of D be  $(2\lambda, -11 + 8\lambda, 13 - 12\lambda)$  ... (1)

∴ the direction ratios of AD are

$$2\lambda - 1, -11 + 8\lambda - 0, 13 - 12\lambda - 4 \text{ i.e.}$$

$$2\lambda - 1, -11 + 8\lambda, 9 - 12\lambda$$

The direction ratios of the line BC are 2, 8, -12.

Since AD is perpendicular to BC, we get

$$2(2\lambda - 1) + 8(-11 + 8\lambda) - 12(9 - 12\lambda) = 0$$

$$\therefore 42\lambda - 2 - 88 + 64\lambda - 108 + 144\lambda = 0$$

$$\therefore 212\lambda - 198 = 0$$

$$\therefore \lambda = \frac{198}{212} = \frac{99}{106}$$

Putting  $\lambda = \frac{99}{106}$  in (1), the coordinates of D are

$$\left(\frac{198}{106}, -11 + \frac{792}{106}, 13 - \frac{1188}{106}\right)$$

$$\text{i.e. } \left(\frac{198}{106}, \frac{-374}{106}, \frac{190}{106}\right), \text{ i.e. } \left(\frac{99}{53}, \frac{-187}{53}, \frac{95}{53}\right).$$

Question 7.

By computing the shortest distance, determine whether following lines intersect each other.

$$(i) \vec{r} = (\hat{i} - \hat{j}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} + \hat{k}) \text{ and } \vec{r} = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j}) + \mu(\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k})$$

Solution:

The shortest distance between the lines

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a}_1 + \lambda \vec{b}_1 \text{ and } \vec{r} = \vec{a}_2 + \mu \vec{b}_2 \text{ is given by}$$

$$d = \left| \frac{(\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2)}{|\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2|} \right|$$

$$\text{Here, } \vec{a}_1 = \hat{i} - \hat{j}, \vec{a}_2 = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j}, \vec{b}_1 = 2\hat{i} + \hat{k}, \vec{b}_2 = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2 &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (0 - 1)\hat{i} - (-2 - 1)\hat{j} + (2 - 0)\hat{k} \\ &= -\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and } \vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1 = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j}) - (\hat{i} - \hat{j}) = \hat{i}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2) &= \hat{i} \cdot (-\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \\ &= 1(-1) + 0(3) + 0(2) = -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } |\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2| &= \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 3^2 + 2^2} \\ &= \sqrt{1 + 9 + 4} = \sqrt{14} \end{aligned}$$

∴ the shortest distance between the given lines

$$= \left| \frac{-1}{\sqrt{14}} \right| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}} \text{ unit}$$

Hence, the given lines do not intersect.



(ii)  $x-5= \frac{y-7}{-5}= \frac{z+3}{-5}$  and  $x-8= \frac{y-7}{1}= \frac{z-5}{3}$

Solution:

The shortest distance between the lines

$$\frac{x-5}{4} = \frac{y-7}{-5} = \frac{z+3}{-5} \text{ and } \frac{x-8}{7} = \frac{y-7}{1} = \frac{z-5}{3} \text{ is given by}$$

$$d = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x_2 - x_1 & y_2 - y_1 & z_2 - z_1 \\ l_1 & m_1 & n_1 \\ l_2 & m_2 & n_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\sqrt{(m_1 n_2 - m_2 n_1)^2 + (l_2 n_1 - l_1 n_2)^2 + (l_1 m_2 - l_2 m_1)^2}}$$

The equation of the given lines are

$$\frac{x-5}{4} = \frac{y-7}{-5} = \frac{z+3}{-5} \text{ and } \frac{x-8}{7} = \frac{y-7}{1} = \frac{z-5}{3}$$

$$\therefore x_1 = -1, y_1 = -1, z_1 = -1, x_2 = 3, y_2 = 5, z_2 = 7,$$

$$l_1 = 7, m_1 = -6, n_1 = 1, l_2 = 1, m_2 = -2, n_2 = 1$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} x_2 - x_1 & y_2 - y_1 & z_2 - z_1 \\ l_1 & m_1 & n_1 \\ l_2 & m_2 & n_2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 6 & 8 \\ 7 & -6 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 4(-6+2) - 6(7-1) + 8(-14+6)$$

$$= -16 - 36 - 64$$

$$= -116$$

$$\text{and}$$

$$(m_1 n_2 - m_2 n_1)^2 + (l_2 n_1 - l_1 n_2)^2 + (l_1 m_2 - l_2 m_1)^2$$

$$= (-6+2)^2 + (1-7)^2 + (-14+6)^2$$

$$= 16 + 36 + 64$$

$$= 116$$

Hence, the required shortest distance between the given lines

$$= \frac{-116}{\sqrt{116}}$$

$$= \sqrt{116}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{29} \text{ units}$$

or

The shortest distance between the lines

$$= 2\sqrt{29} \text{ units}$$

Hence, the given lines do not intersect.

Question 8.

If lines  $x-1= \frac{y+1}{3}= \frac{z-1}{4}$  and  $x-3= \frac{y-k}{2}= \frac{z}{1}$  intersect each other then find k.

Solution:

The lines

$$\frac{x-x_1}{l_1} = \frac{y-y_1}{m_1} = \frac{z-z_1}{n_1} \text{ and } \frac{x-x_2}{l_2} = \frac{y-y_2}{m_2} = \frac{z-z_2}{n_2}$$

$$\text{intersect, if } \begin{vmatrix} x_2 - x_1 & y_2 - y_1 & z_2 - z_1 \\ l_1 & m_1 & n_1 \\ l_2 & m_2 & n_2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

The equations of the given lines are

$$\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+1}{3} = \frac{z-1}{4} \text{ and } \frac{x-3}{1} = \frac{y-k}{2} = \frac{z}{1}$$

$$\therefore x_1 = 1, y_1 = -1, z_1 = 1, x_2 = 3, y_2 = k, z_2 = 0,$$

$$l_1 = 2, m_1 = 3, n_1 = 4, l_2 = 1, m_2 = 2, n_2 = 1.$$

Since these lines intersect, we get

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\therefore 2(3-8) - (k+1)(2-4) - 1(4-3) = 0$$

$$\therefore -10 + 2(k+1) - 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore 2(k+1) = 11$$

$$\therefore k+1 = \frac{11}{2}$$

$$\therefore k = \frac{9}{2}$$

## Maharashtra State Board 12th Maths Solutions Chapter 6 Line and Plane Ex 6.3

Question 1.

Find the vector equation of a plane which is at 42 unit distance from the origin and which is normal to the vector  $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ .

Solution:

If  $\hat{n}$  is a unit vector along the normal and p is the length of the perpendicular from origin to the plane, then the vector equation of the plane is  $\vec{r} \cdot \hat{n} = p$

Here,  $\vec{n} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  and  $p = 42$

$$\therefore |\vec{n}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 1^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{9} = 3$$

$$\hat{n} = \frac{\vec{n}}{|\vec{n}|} = \frac{1}{3}(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$$

$\therefore$  the vector equation of the required plane is

$$\vec{r} \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{3}(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) \right] = 42$$

$$\text{i.e. } \vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) = 126.$$

Question 2.

Find the perpendicular distance of the origin from the plane  $6x - 2y + 3z - 7 = 0$ .

Solution:

The equation of the plane is

$$6x - 2y + 3z - 7 = 0$$

$\therefore$  its vector equation is

$$\vec{r} \cdot (6\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = 7 \dots (1)$$

where  $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$

$\therefore \vec{n} = 6\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  is normal to the plane

$$|\vec{n}| = \sqrt{6^2 + (-2)^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{49} = 7$$

Unit vector along  $\vec{n}$  is

$$\hat{n} = \frac{\vec{n}}{|\vec{n}|} = \frac{6\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}}{7}$$

Dividing both sides of (1) by 7, we get

$$\vec{r} \cdot \left( \frac{6\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}}{7} \right) = \frac{7}{7}$$

$$\therefore \vec{r} \cdot \hat{n} = 1$$

Comparing with normal form of equation of the plane  $\vec{r} \cdot \hat{n} = p$ , it follows that length of perpendicular from origin is 1 unit.

Alternative Method:

The equation of the plane is  $6x - 2y + 3z - 7 = 0$  i.e.  $6x - 2y + 3z = 7$

$$\text{i.e. } \left( \frac{6}{\sqrt{6^2 + (-2)^2 + 3^2}} \right)x - \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{6^2 + (-2)^2 + 3^2}} \right)y + \left( \frac{3}{\sqrt{6^2 + (-2)^2 + 3^2}} \right)z = \frac{7}{\sqrt{6^2 + (-2)^2 + 3^2}}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{6}{7}x - \frac{2}{7}y + \frac{3}{7}z = \frac{7}{7} = 1$$

This is the normal form of the equation of plane.

$\therefore$  perpendicular distance of the origin from the plane is  $p = 1$  unit.

Question 3.

Find the coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular drawn from the origin to the plane  $2x + 6y - 3z = 63$ .

Solution:

The equation of the plane is  $2x + 6y - 3z = 63$ . Dividing each term by  $\sqrt{2^2 + 6^2 + (-3)^2} = \sqrt{49} = 7$ , we get

$$\frac{2}{7}x + \frac{6}{7}y - \frac{3}{7}z = \frac{63}{7} = 9$$

This is the normal form of the equation of plane.

∴ the direction cosines of the perpendicular drawn from the origin to the plane are

$$l = \frac{2}{7}, m = \frac{6}{7}, n = -\frac{3}{7}$$

and length of perpendicular from origin to the plane is  $p = 9$ .

∴ the coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular from the origin to the plane are  $(lp, mp, np)$  i.e.  $(\frac{18}{7}, \frac{54}{7}, -\frac{27}{7})$ .

Question 4.

Reduce the equation  $\vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}) = 78$  to normal form and hence find

(i) the length of the perpendicular from the origin to the plane

(ii) direction cosines of the normal.

Solution:

The normal form of equation of a plane is  $\vec{r} \cdot \hat{n} = p$  where  $\hat{n}$  is unit vector along the normal and  $p$  is the length of perpendicular drawn from origin to the plane.

$$\text{Given plane is } \vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}) = 78 \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\vec{n} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 12\hat{k} \text{ is normal to the plane}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{n}| = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2 + 12^2} = \sqrt{169} = 13$$

Dividing both sides of (1) by 13, we get

$$\vec{r} \cdot \left( \frac{3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}}{13} \right) = \frac{78}{13}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \vec{r} \cdot \left( \frac{3}{13}\hat{i} + \frac{4}{13}\hat{j} + \frac{12}{13}\hat{k} \right) = 6$$

This is the normal form of the equation of plane. Comparing with  $\vec{r} \cdot \hat{n} = p$ ,

(i) the length of the perpendicular from the origin to plane is 6.

(ii) direction cosines of the normal are  $\frac{3}{13}, \frac{4}{13}, \frac{12}{13}$ .

Question 5.

Find the vector equation of the plane passing through the point having position vector  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and perpendicular to the vector  $4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$ .

Solution:

The vector equation of the plane passing through the point A ( $\vec{a}$ ) and perpendicular to the vector  $\vec{n}$  is  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{n}$

$$\text{Here, } \vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \vec{n} = 4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \cdot \vec{n} = (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot (4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$$

$$= (1)(4) + (1)(5) + (1)(6)$$

$$= 4 + 5 + 6 = 15$$

$$\therefore \text{the vector equation of the required plane is } \vec{r} \cdot (4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) = 15.$$

Question 6.

Find the Cartesian equation of the plane passing through A(-1, 2, 3), the direction ratios of whose normal are 0, 2, 5.

Solution:

The cartesian equation of the plane passing through  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ , the direction ratios of whose normal are  $a, b, c$ , is

$$a(x - x_1) + b(y - y_1) + c(z - z_1) = 0$$

∴ the cartesian equation of the required plane is

$$0(x + 1) + 2(y - 2) + 5(z - 3) = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } 0 + 2y - 4 + 5z - 15 = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } 2y + 5z = 19.$$

Question 7.

Find the Cartesian equation of the plane passing through A(7, 8, 6) and parallel to the XY plane.

Solution:

The cartesian equation of the plane passing through  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ , the direction ratios of whose normal are  $a, b, c$ , is

$$a(x - x_1) + b(y - y_1) + c(z - z_1) = 0$$

The required plane is parallel to XY-plane.

∴ it is perpendicular to Z-axis i.e. Z-axis is normal to the plane. Z-axis has direction ratios 0, 0, 1.

The plane passes through (7, 8, 6).

∴ the cartesian equation of the required plane is

$$0(x - 7) + 0(y - 8) + 1(z - 6) = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } z = 6.$$

Question 8.

The foot of the perpendicular drawn from the origin to a plane is M(1, 0, 0). Find the vector equation of the plane.

Solution:

The vector equation of the plane passing ; through A( $\vec{a}$ ) and perpendicular to  $\vec{n}$  is  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{n}$ .

M(1, 0, 0) is the foot of the perpendicular drawn from ; origin to the plane. Then the plane is passing through M : and is perpendicular to OM.

If  $\vec{m}$  is the position vector of M, then  $\vec{m} = \hat{i}$

Normal to the plane is

$$\vec{n} = \overrightarrow{OM} = \hat{i}$$

$$\vec{m} \cdot \vec{n} = \hat{i} \cdot \hat{i} = 1$$

$\therefore$  the vector equation of the required plane is  $\vec{r} \cdot \hat{i} = 1$

Question 9.

Find the vector equation of the plane passing through the point A(-2, 7, 5) and parallel to vectors  $4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ .

Solution:

The vector equation of the plane passing through the point A( $\vec{a}$ ) and parallel to the vectors  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  is

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Here, } \vec{a} = -2\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = 4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}, \vec{c} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{b} \times \vec{c} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 4 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (-1 - 3)\hat{i} - (4 - 3)\hat{j} + (4 + 1)\hat{k}$$

$$= -4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) &= (-2\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) \cdot (-4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) \\ &= (-2)(-4) + (7)(-1) + (5)(5) \\ &= 8 - 7 + 25 = 26 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  from (1), the vector equation of the required plane is

$$\vec{r} \cdot (-4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) = 26.$$

Question 10.

Find the Cartesian equation of the plane  $\vec{r} = (5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) + \mu(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$

Solution:

The equation represents a plane passing through a point having position vector  $\vec{a}$  and parallel to vectors  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$ .

$$\text{Here, } \vec{a} = 5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}, \vec{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \vec{c} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{b} \times \vec{c} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (3 + 2)\hat{i} - (3 - 1)\hat{j} + (-2 - 1)\hat{k}$$

$$= 5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k} = \vec{a}$$

$$\text{Also, } \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = |\vec{a}|^2$$

$$= (5)^2 + (-2)^2 + (3)^2 = 38$$

The vector equation of the plane passing through A( $\vec{a}$ )

and parallel to  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  is

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$$

$\therefore$  the vector equation of the given plane is

$$\vec{r} \cdot (5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) = 38$$

If  $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$ , then this equation becomes

$$(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) \cdot (5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) = 38$$

$$\therefore 5x - 2y - 3z = 38.$$

This is the cartesian equation of the required plane.

Question 11.

Find the vector equation of the plane which makes intercepts 1, 1, 1 on the co-ordinates axes.

Solution:

The vector equation of the plane passing through  $A(\vec{a})$ ,  $B(\vec{b})$ ,  $C(\vec{c})$ , where A, B, C are non-collinear

$$\text{is } \vec{r} \cdot (\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}) = \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}) \dots (1)$$

The required plane makes intercepts 1, 1, 1 on the coordinate axes.

$\therefore$  it passes through the three non-collinear points A (1, 0, 0), B = (0, 1, 0), C = (0, 0, 1)

$$\therefore \vec{a} = \hat{i}, \vec{b} = \hat{j}, \vec{c} = \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{AB} = \vec{b} - \vec{a} = \hat{j} - \hat{i} = -\hat{i} + \hat{j}$$

$$\therefore \vec{AC} = \vec{c} - \vec{a} = \hat{k} - \hat{i} = -\hat{i} + \hat{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (1-0)\hat{i} - (-1-0)\hat{j} + (0+1)\hat{k} \\ &= \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}) &= \hat{i} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \\ &= 1 \times 1 + 0 \times 1 + 0 \times 1 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  from (1), the vector equation of the required plane is  $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 1$ .

## Maharashtra State Board 12th Maths Solutions Chapter 6 Line and Plane Ex 6.4

Question 1.

Find the angle between planes  $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) = 13$  and  $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 31$ .

Solution:



The acute angle  $\theta$  between the planes  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_1 = d_1$  and  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_2 = d_2$  is given by

$$\cos \theta = \left| \frac{\vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2}{|\vec{n}_1| |\vec{n}_2|} \right| \quad \dots (1)$$

Here,  $\vec{n}_1 = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{n}_2 = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2 &= (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \\ &= (1)(2) + (1)(-1) + (2)(1) \\ &= 2 - 1 + 2 = 3 \end{aligned}$$

Also,  $|\vec{n}_1| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{6}$

$$|\vec{n}_2| = \sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{6}$$

$\therefore$  from (1), we have

$$\cos \theta = \left| \frac{3}{\sqrt{6} \cdot \sqrt{6}} \right| = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2} \cos 60^\circ$$

$$\therefore \theta = 60^\circ.$$

Question 2.

Find the acute angle between the line  $\vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k})$  and the plane  $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 0$

Solution:

The acute angle  $\theta$  between the line  $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b}$  and the plane  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = d$  is given by

$$\sin \theta = \left| \frac{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{n}}{|\vec{b}| |\vec{n}|} \right| \quad \dots (1)$$

Here,  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{n} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \vec{b} \cdot \vec{n} &= (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}) \cdot (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \\ &= (2)(2) + (3)(-1) + (-6)(1) \\ &= 4 - 3 - 6 = -5 \end{aligned}$$

Also,  $|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 3^2 + (-6)^2} = \sqrt{49} = 7$

$$|\vec{n}| = \sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{6}$$

$\therefore$  from (1), we have

$$\sin \theta = \left| \frac{-5}{7\sqrt{6}} \right| = \frac{5}{7\sqrt{6}}$$

$$\therefore \theta = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{5}{7\sqrt{6}} \right).$$

Question 3.

Show that lines  $\vec{r} = (2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$  and  $\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \mu(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$  are coplanar. Find the equation of the plane determined by them.

Solution:

The lines  $\vec{r} = \vec{a}_1 + \lambda_1 \vec{b}_1$  and  $\vec{r} = \vec{a}_2 + \lambda_2 \vec{b}_2$  are coplanar if  $\vec{a}_1 \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2) = \vec{a}_2 \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2)$

Here  $\vec{a}_1 = 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{a}_2 = 2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ ,  
 $\vec{b}_1 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b}_2 = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$   
 $\therefore \vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1 = (2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) - (2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$   
 $= 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$

$$\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (8 - 9)\hat{i} - (4 - 6)\hat{j} + (3 - 4)\hat{k}$$

$$= -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{a}_1 \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2) = (2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) \cdot (-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$$

$$= 0(-1) + 2(2) + (-3)(-1)$$

$$= 0 + 4 + 3 = 7$$

and  $\vec{a}_2 \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2) = (2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \cdot (-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$

$$= 2(-1) + 6(2) + 3(-1)$$

$$= -2 + 12 - 3 = 7$$

$$\therefore \vec{a}_1 \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2) = \vec{a}_2 \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2)$$

Hence, the given lines are coplanar.

The plane determined by these lines is given by

$$\therefore \vec{r} \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2) = \vec{a}_1 \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2)$$

$$\text{i.e. } \vec{r} \cdot (-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$$

Hence, the given lines are coplanar and the equation of the plane determined by these lines is

$$\vec{r} \cdot (-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 7$$

Question 4.

Find the distance of the point  $4\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  from the plane  $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}) = 21$ .

Solution:

The distance of the point A( $\vec{a}$ ) from the plane  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = p$  is given by  $d = \frac{|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{n} - p|}{|\vec{n}|}$  ... (1)

Here,  $\vec{a} = 4\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{n} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$ ,  $p = 21$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \cdot \vec{n} = (4\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k})$$

$$= (4)(2) + (-3)(3) + (1)(-6)$$

$$= 8 - 9 - 6 = -7$$

$$\text{Also, } 2^2 + 3^2 + (-6)^2 = \sqrt{49} = 7$$

$\therefore$  from (1), the required distance

$$= \frac{|-7 - 21|}{7} = 4 \text{ units}$$

Question 5.

Find the distance of the point (1, 1, -1) from the plane  $3x + 4y - 12z + 20 = 0$ .

Solution:

The distance of the point ( $x_1, y_1, z_1$ ) from the plane  $ax + by + cz + d = 0$  is  $\frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 + d|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$

$\therefore$  the distance of the point (1, 1, -1) from the plane  $3x + 4y - 12z + 20 = 0$  is  $\frac{|3(1) + 4(1) - 12(-1) + 20|}{\sqrt{3^2 + 4^2 + (-12)^2}}$

$$= \frac{|3 + 4 + 12 + 20|}{\sqrt{9 + 16 + 144}} = \frac{39}{13}$$

$$= 3 \text{ units}$$

## Maharashtra State Board 12th Maths Solutions Chapter 6 Line and Plane Miscellaneous Exercise 6A

Question 1.

Find the vector equation of the line passing through the point having position vector  $3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}$  and parallel to  $6\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ .

Solution:

The vector equation of the line passing through  $A(\vec{a})$  and parallel to the vector  $\vec{b}$  is  $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b}$ , where  $\lambda$  is a scalar.

$\therefore$  the vector equation of the line passing through the point having position vector

$3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}$  and parallel to the vector  $6\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$  is

$$\vec{r} = (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}) + \lambda(6\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}).$$

Question 2.

Find the vector equation of the line which passes through the point (3, 2, 1) and is parallel to the vector  $2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ .

Solution:

The vector equation of the line passing through  $A(\vec{a})$  and parallel to the vector  $\vec{b}$  is  $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b}$ , where  $\lambda$  is a scalar.

$\therefore$  the vector equation of the line passing through the point having position vector  $3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and parallel to the vector

$$2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k} \text{ is } \vec{r} = (3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$$

Question 3.

Find the Cartesian equations of the line which passes through the point (-2, 4, -5) and parallel to the line  $x+23=y-35=z+56$

Solution:

The line  $x+23=y-35=z+56$  has direction ratios 3, 5, 6. The required line has direction ratios 3, 5, 6 as it is parallel to the given line.

It passes through the point (-2, 4, -5).

The cartesian equations of the line passing through  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and having direction ratios a, b, c are

$$\frac{x - x_1}{a} = \frac{y - y_1}{b} = \frac{z - z_1}{c}$$

$\therefore$  the required cartesian equations of the line are

$$\frac{x - (-2)}{3} = \frac{y - 4}{5} = \frac{z - (-5)}{6}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{x + 2}{3} = \frac{y - 4}{5} = \frac{z + 5}{6}.$$

Question 4.

Obtain the vector equation of the line  $x+53=y+45=z+56$ .

Solution:

The cartesian equations of the line are  $x+53=y+45=z+56$ .

This line is passing through the point A(-5, -4, -5) and having direction ratios 3, 5, 6.

Let  $\vec{a}$  be the position vector of the point A w.r.t. the origin and  $\vec{b}$  be the vector parallel to the line.

Then  $\vec{a} = -5\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$ .

The vector equation of the line passing through  $A(\vec{a})$  and parallel to  $\vec{b}$  is  $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b}$  where  $\lambda$  is a scalar.

$\therefore$  the vector equation of the required line is  $\vec{r} = (-5\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) + \lambda(3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$

Question 5.

Find the vector equation of the line which passes through the origin and the point (5, -2, 3).

Solution:

Let  $\vec{b}$  be the position vector of the point B(5, -2, 3).

Then  $\vec{b} = 5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

Origin has position vector  $\vec{o} = 0\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$ .

The vector equation the line passing through  $A(\vec{a})$  and  $B(\vec{b})$  is  $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda(\vec{b} - \vec{a})$  where  $\lambda$  is a scalar.

$\therefore$  the vector equation of the required line is  $\vec{r} = \vec{o} + \lambda(\vec{b} - \vec{o}) = \lambda(5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$

#### Question 6.

Find the Cartesian equations of the line which passes through points (3, -2, -5) and (3, -2, 6).

Solution:

Let A = (3, -2, -5), B = (3, -2, 6)

The direction ratios of the line AB are

$3 - 3, -2 - (-2), 6 - (-5)$  i.e. 0, 0, 11.

The parametric equations of the line passing through  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and having direction ratios a, b, c are

$x = x_1 + a\lambda, y = y_1 + b\lambda, z = z_1 + c\lambda$

$\therefore$  the parametric equations of the line passing through (3, -2, -5) and having direction ratios are 0, 0, 11 are

$x = 3 + (0)\lambda, y = -2 + 0(\lambda), z = -5 + 11\lambda$

i.e.  $x = 3, y = -2, z = 11\lambda - 5$

$\therefore$  the cartesian equations of the line are

$x = 3, y = -2, z = 11\lambda - 5, \lambda$  is a scalar.

#### Question 7.

Find the Cartesian equations of the line passing through A(3, 2, 1) and B(1, 3, 1).

Solution:

The direction ratios of the line AB are  $3 - 1, 2 - 3, 1 - 1$  i.e. 2, -1, 0.

The parametric equations of the line passing through  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and having direction ratios a, b, c are

$x = x_1 + a\lambda, y = y_1 + b\lambda, z = z_1 + c\lambda$

$\therefore$  the parametric equations of the line passing through (3, 2, 1) and having direction ratios 2, -1, 0 are

$x = 3 + 2\lambda, y = 2 - \lambda, z = 1 + 0(\lambda)$

$x - 3 = 2\lambda, y - 2 = -\lambda, z = 1$

$\therefore \frac{x-3}{2} = \frac{y-2}{-1} = \lambda, z = 1$

$\therefore$  the cartesian equations of the line are

$\frac{x-3}{2} = \frac{y-2}{-1}, z = 1.$

#### Question 8.

Find the Cartesian equations of the line passing through the point A(1, 1, 2) and perpendicular to

vectors  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ .

Solution:

Let the required line have direction ratios p, q, r.

It is perpendicular to the vectors  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ .

$\therefore$  it is perpendicular to lines whose direction ratios are 1, 2, 1 and 3, 2, -1.

$\therefore p + 2q + r = 0, 3p + 2q - r = 0$

$$\therefore \frac{p}{\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{q}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{r}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{p}{-4} = \frac{q}{4} = \frac{r}{-4}$$

$$\therefore \frac{p}{-1} = \frac{q}{1} = \frac{r}{-1}$$

$\therefore$  the required line has direction ratios -1, 1, -1.

The cartesian equations of the line passing through  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and having direction ratios a, b, c are

$\frac{x-x_1}{a} = \frac{y-y_1}{b} = \frac{z-z_1}{c}$

$\therefore$  the cartesian equations of the line passing through the point (1, 1, 2) and having direction ratios -1, 1, -1 are

$\frac{x-1}{-1} = \frac{y-1}{1} = \frac{z-2}{-1}$

#### Question 9.

Find the Cartesian equations of the line which passes through the point (2, 1, 3) and perpendicular

to lines  $\frac{x-1}{1} = \frac{y-2}{2} = \frac{z-3}{3}$  and  $\frac{x-3}{2} = \frac{y-2}{3} = \frac{z-5}{5}$ .

Solution:

Let the required line have direction ratios p, q, r.

It is perpendicular to the vector  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ .

$\therefore$  it is perpendicular to lines whose direction ratios are 1, 2, 1 and 3, 2, -1.

$\therefore p + 2q + r = 0, 3p + 2q - r = 0$

$$\therefore \frac{p}{\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{q}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{r}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{p}{-4} = \frac{q}{4} = \frac{r}{-1}$$

$$\therefore \frac{p}{2} = \frac{q}{-7} = \frac{r}{4}$$

$\therefore$  the required line has direction ratios 2, -7, 4.

The cartesian equations of the line passing through  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and having direction ratios a, b, c are

$$x-x_1a=y-y_1b=z-z_1c$$

$\therefore$  the cartesian equation of the line passing through the point (2, -7, 4) and having directions ratios 2, -7, 4 are

$$x-22=y-1-7=z-24$$

Question 10.

Find the vector equation of the line which passes through the origin and intersect the line  $x - 1 = y - 2 = z - 3$  at right angle.

Solution:

The given line is  $x-1=y-2=z-3 = \lambda \dots$  (Say)

$\therefore$  coordinates of any point on the line are

$$x = \lambda + 1, y = \lambda + 2, z = \lambda + 3$$

$\therefore$  position vector of any point on the line is

$$(\lambda + 1)\hat{i} + (\lambda + 2)\hat{j} + (\lambda + 3)\hat{k} \dots (1)$$

If  $\vec{b}$  is parallel to the given line whose direction ratios are 1, 1, 1, then  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ .

Let the required line passing through O meet the given line at M.

$\therefore$  position vector of M

$$= \vec{m} = (\lambda + 1)\hat{i} + (\lambda + 2)\hat{j} + (\lambda + 3)\hat{k} \dots [\text{By (1)}]$$

The required line is perpendicular to given line

$$\therefore \vec{OM} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

$$\therefore \vec{m} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

$$\therefore [(\lambda + 1)\hat{i} + (\lambda + 2)\hat{j} + (\lambda + 3)\hat{k}] \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 0$$

$$\therefore (\lambda + 1) \times 1 + (\lambda + 2) \times 1 + (\lambda + 3) \times 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore 3\lambda + 6 = 0 \quad \therefore \lambda = -2$$

$$\therefore \vec{m} = (-2 + 1)\hat{i} + (-2 + 2)\hat{j} + (-2 + 3)\hat{k} \\ = -\hat{i} + \hat{k}$$

The vector equation of the line passing through  $A(\vec{a})$  and  $B(\vec{b})$  is  $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda(\vec{b} - \vec{a})$ ,  $\lambda$  is a scalar.

$\therefore$  the vector equation of the line passing through  $O(\vec{o})$  and  $M(\vec{m})$  is

$$\vec{r} = \vec{o} + \lambda(\vec{m} - \vec{o}) = \lambda\vec{m} = \lambda(-\hat{i} + \hat{k}) \text{ where } \lambda \text{ is a scalar.}$$

Hence, vector equation of the required line is .

Question 11.

Find the value of  $\lambda$  so that lines  $1-x3=7y-142\lambda=z-32$  and  $7-7x3\lambda=y-51=6-z5$  are at right angle.

Solution:

The equations of the given lines are



$$\frac{1-x}{3} = \frac{7y-14}{2\lambda} = \frac{z-3}{2} \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\text{and } \frac{7-7x}{3\lambda} = \frac{y-5}{1} = \frac{6-z}{5} \quad \dots (2)$$

Equation (1) can be written as :

$$\frac{-(x-1)}{3} = \frac{7(y-2)}{2\lambda} = \frac{z-3}{2}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{x-1}{-3} = \frac{y-2}{(2\lambda/7)} = \frac{z-3}{2}$$

The direction ratios of this line are

$$a_1 = -3, b_1 = \frac{2\lambda}{7}, c_1 = 2$$

Equation (2) can be written as :

$$\frac{-7(x-1)}{3\lambda} = \frac{y-5}{1} = \frac{-(z-6)}{5}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{x-1}{-(3\lambda/7)} = \frac{y-5}{1} = \frac{z-6}{-5}$$

The direction ratios of this line are

$$a_2 = \frac{-3\lambda}{7}, b_2 = 1, c_2 = -5$$

Since the lines (1) and (2) are at right angles,

$$a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2 + c_1 c_2 = 0$$

$$\therefore (-3) \left( \frac{-3\lambda}{7} \right) + \left( \frac{2\lambda}{7} \right) (1) + 2(-5) = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{9\lambda}{7} + \frac{2\lambda}{7} - 10 = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{11\lambda}{7} = 10 \quad \therefore \lambda = \frac{70}{11}$$

Question 12.

Find the acute angle between lines  $x-11=y-2=z-32$  and  $x-12=y-21=z-31$ .

Solution:

Let  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  be the vectors in the direction of the lines

$$\frac{x-1}{1} = \frac{y-2}{-1} = \frac{z-3}{2} \text{ and } \frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{1} = \frac{z-3}{1} \text{ respectively.}$$

$$\text{Then } \vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}, \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} &= (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \\ &= (1)(2) + (-1)(1) + (2)(1) \\ &= 2 - 1 + 2 = 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{6}$$

If  $\theta$  is the angle between the lines, then

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{6} \sqrt{6}} = \frac{1}{2} = \cos 60^\circ$$

$$\therefore \theta = 60^\circ.$$

Question 13.

Find the acute angle between lines  $x = y, z = 0$  and  $x = 0, z = 0$ .

Solution:

The equations  $x = y, z = 0$  can be written as  $x = y, z = 0$

$\therefore$  the direction ratios of the line are 1, 1, 0.

The direction ratios of the line  $x = 0, z = 0$ , i.e., Y-axis are 0, 1, 0.

$\therefore$  its direction ratios are 0, 1, 0.

Let  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  be the vectors in the direction of the lines  $x = y, z = 0$  and  $x = 0, z = 0$ .

$$\text{Then } \vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j}, \quad \vec{b} = \hat{j}$$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = (\hat{i} + \hat{j}) \cdot \hat{j} = (1)(0) + (1)(1) + (0)(0) = 1$$

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$|\vec{b}| = |\hat{j}| = 1$$

If  $\theta$  is the acute angle between the lines, then

$$\cos \theta = \left| \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} \times 1} \right| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \cos 45^\circ.$$

$$\therefore \theta = 45^\circ.$$

Question 14.

Find the acute angle between lines  $x = -y, z = 0$  and  $x = 0, z = 0$ .

Solution:

The equations  $x = -y, z = 0$  can be written as  $x = -y, z = 0$ .

$\therefore$  the direction ratios of the line are 1, 1, 0.

The direction ratios of the line  $x = 0, z = 0$ , i.e., Y-axis are 0, 1, 0.

$\therefore$  its direction ratios are 0, 1, 0.

Let  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  be the vectors in the direction of the lines  $x = y, z = 0$  and  $x = 0, z = 0$

$$\text{Then } \vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j}, \quad \vec{b} = \hat{j}$$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = (\hat{i} + \hat{j}) \cdot \hat{j}$$

$$= (1)(0) + (1)(1) + (0)(0)$$

$$= 1$$

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$|\vec{b}| = |\hat{j}| = 1$$

If  $\theta$  is the acute angle between the lines, then

$$\cos \theta = \left| \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} \times 1} \right| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \cos 45^\circ.$$

$$\therefore \theta = 45^\circ.$$

Question 15.

Find the co-ordinates of the foot of the perpendicular drawn from the point (0, 2, 3) to the line  $x+3=5y-12=z+4=3\lambda$ .

Solution:

Let P = (0, 2, 3)

Let M be the foot of the perpendicular drawn from P to the line  $x+3=5y-12=z+4=3\lambda$  .....(Say)

The coordinates of any point on the line are given by

$$x = 5\lambda - 3, y = 2\lambda + 1, z = 3\lambda - 4$$

$$\text{Let } M = (5\lambda - 3, 2\lambda + 1, 3\lambda - 4) \dots(1)$$

The direction ratios of PM are

$$5\lambda - 3 - 0, 2\lambda + 1 - 2, 3\lambda - 4 - 3 \text{ i.e. } 5\lambda - 3, 2\lambda - 1, 3\lambda - 7$$

Since, PM is perpendicular to the line whose direction ratios are 5, 2, 3,

$$5(5\lambda - 3) + 2(2\lambda - 1) + 3(3\lambda - 7) = 0$$

$$25\lambda - 15 + 4\lambda - 2 + 9\lambda - 21 = 0$$

$$38\lambda - 38 = 0 \therefore \lambda = 1$$

Substituting  $\lambda = 1$  in (1), we get.

$$M = (5 - 3, 2 + 1, 3 - 4) = (2, 3, -1).$$

Hence, the coordinates of the foot of perpendicular are (2, 3, -1).

Question 16.

By computing the shortest distance determine whether following lines intersect each other.

(i)  $\vec{r} = (\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k})$  and  $\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) + \mu(\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$

Solution:

The shortest distance between the lines

$\vec{r} = \vec{a}_1 + \lambda\vec{b}_1$  and  $\vec{r} = \vec{a}_2 + \mu\vec{b}_2$  is given by

$$d = \left| \frac{(\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2)}{|\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2|} \right|$$

Here,  $\vec{a}_1 = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{a}_2 = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ ,  
 $\vec{b}_1 = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b}_2 = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ .

$$\therefore \vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (2 - 1)\hat{i} - (-4 - 1)\hat{j} + (4 + 1)\hat{k}$$

$$= \hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

and

$$\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1 = (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) - (\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k})$$

$$\therefore (\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2) = \hat{i} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$$

$$= 1(-1) + 0(3) + 0(2)$$

$$= -1$$

and

$$|\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 3^2 + 2^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{1 + 9 + 4}$$

$$= \sqrt{14}$$

Shortest distance between the lines is 0.

$\therefore$  the lines intersect each other.

(ii)  $x - 5 = y - 7 = z + 3$  and  $x - 6 = y - 8 = z + 2$ .

Solution:

The shortest distance between the lines

$\frac{x - 5}{4} = \frac{y - 7}{5} = \frac{z + 3}{5}$  and  $x - 6 = y - 8 = z + 2$  is given by

$$d = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x_2 - x_1 & y_2 - y_1 & z_2 - z_1 \\ l_1 & m_1 & n_1 \\ l_2 & m_2 & n_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\sqrt{(m_1 n_2 - m_2 n_1)^2 + (l_2 n_1 - l_1 n_2)^2 + (l_1 m_2 - l_2 m_1)^2}}$$

The equation of the given lines are

$$\frac{x - 5}{4} = \frac{y - 7}{5} = \frac{z + 3}{5} \text{ and } x - 6 = y - 8 = z + 2$$

$$\therefore x_1 = 5, y_1 = 7, z_1 = 3, x_2 = 6, y_2 = 8, z_2 = 2,$$

$$l_1 = 4, m_1 = 5, n_1 = 1, l_2 = 1, m_2 = -2, n_2 = 1$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} x_2 - x_1 & y_2 - y_1 & z_2 - z_1 \\ l_1 & m_1 & n_1 \\ l_2 & m_2 & n_2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 6 & 8 \\ 4 & 5 & 5 \\ -6 & -8 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 4(-6 + 2) - 6(7 - 1) + 8(-14 + 6) \\ &= -16 - 36 - 64 \\ &= -116 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &(m_1n_2 - m_2n_1)^2 + (l_2n_1 - l_1n_2)^2 + (l_1m_2 - l_2m_1)^2 \\ &= (-6 + 2)^2 + (1 - 7)^2 + (1 - 7)^2 + (-14 + 6)^2 \\ &= 16 + 36 + 64 \\ &= 116 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the required shortest distance between the given lines

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left| \frac{-116}{\sqrt{116}} \right| \\ &= \sqrt{116} \\ &= 2\sqrt{29} \text{ units} \end{aligned}$$

or

Shortest distance between the lines is 0.

∴ the lines intersect each other.

Question 17.

If lines  $x-12=y+13=z-14$  and  $x-21=y+m2=z-21$  intersect each other then find m.

Solution:

The lines  $\frac{x-x_1}{a_1} = \frac{y-y_1}{b_1} = \frac{z-z_1}{c_1}$  and  $\frac{x-x_2}{a_2} = \frac{y-y_2}{b_2} = \frac{z-z_2}{c_2}$  intersect, if

$$\therefore \begin{vmatrix} x_2 - x_1 & y_2 - y_1 & z_2 - z_1 \\ a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad \dots (1)$$

Here,  $(x_1, y_1, z_1) \equiv (1, -1, 1)$ ,

$(x_2, y_2, z_2) \equiv (2, -m, 2)$ ,

$a_1 = 2, b_1 = 3, c_1 = 4$ ,

$a_2 = 1, b_2 = 2, c_2 = 1$

Substituting these values in (1), we get

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2-1 & -m+1 & 2-1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\therefore \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1-m & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\therefore 1(3 - 8) - (1 - m)(2 - 4) + 1(4 - 3) = 0$$

$$\therefore -5 + 2 - 2m + 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore -2m = 2$$

$$\therefore m = -1.$$

Question 18.

Find the vector and Cartesian equations of the line passing through the point  $(-1, -1, 2)$  and parallel to the line  $2x - 2 = 3y + 1 = 6z - 2$ .

Solution:

Let  $\vec{a}$  be the position vector of the point A  $(-1, -1, 2)$  w.r.t. the origin.

$$\text{Then } \vec{a} = -\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

The equation of given line is

$$x - 2 = 3y + 1 = 6z - 2.$$

$$\therefore 2(x-1) = 3\left(y + \frac{1}{3}\right) = 6\left(z - \frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$\therefore \frac{x-1}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} = \frac{y + \frac{1}{3}}{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)} = \frac{z - \frac{1}{3}}{\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)}$$

The direction ratios of this line are

$$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{6} \text{ i.e. } 3, 2, 1$$

Let  $\vec{b}$  be the vector parallel to this line.

$$\text{Then } \vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

The vector equation of the line passing through A ( $\vec{a}$ ) and parallel to  $\vec{b}$  is

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda \vec{b}, \text{ where } \lambda \text{ is a scalar}$$

$\therefore$  the vector equation of the required line is

$$\vec{r} = (-\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) + \lambda(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}).$$

The line passes through  $(-1, -1, 2)$  and has direction ratios 3, 2, 1

$\therefore$  the cartesian equations of the line are

$$\frac{x - (-1)}{3} = \frac{y - (-1)}{2} = \frac{z - 2}{1}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{x+1}{3} = \frac{y+1}{2} = \frac{z-2}{1}.$$

Question 19.

Find the direction cosines of the line  $\vec{r} = (-2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - \hat{k}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j})$ .

Solution:

$$\text{The line } \vec{r} = \left(-2\hat{i} + \frac{5}{2}\hat{j} - \hat{k}\right) + \lambda(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}) \text{ is}$$

parallel to  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$ .

$\therefore$  direction ratios of the line are 2, 3, 0.

$\therefore$  direction cosines of the line are

$$\frac{2}{\sqrt{2^2 + 3^2 + 0}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{2^2 + 3^2 + 0}}, 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{2}{\sqrt{13}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}}, 0.$$

Question 20.

Find the Cartesian equation of the line passing through the origin which is perpendicular to  $x - 1 = y - 2 = z - 1$  and intersects the  $x - 1 = y + 1 = z - 1$ .

Solution:

Let the required line have direction ratios a, b, c

Since the line passes through the origin, its cartesian equations are

$$xa = yb = zc \dots (1)$$

This line is perpendicular to the line

$x - 1 = y - 2 = z - 1$  whose direction ratios are 1, 1, 1.



$$\therefore a + b + c = 0 \quad \dots (2)$$

The lines  $\frac{x-x_1}{a_1} = \frac{y-y_1}{b_1} = \frac{z-z_1}{c_1}$  and

$\frac{x-x_2}{a_2} = \frac{y-y_2}{b_2} = \frac{z-z_2}{c_2}$  intersect, if

$$\begin{vmatrix} x_2 - x_1 & y_2 - y_1 & z_2 - z_1 \\ a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Applying this condition for the lines  $\frac{x}{a} = \frac{y}{b} = \frac{z}{c}$  and

$$\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+1}{3} = \frac{z-1}{4}, \text{ we get}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1-0 & -1-0 & 1-0 \\ a & b & c \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\therefore 1(4b - 3c) + 1(4a - 2c) + 1(3a - 2b) = 0$$

$$\therefore 4b - 3c + 4a - 2c + 3a - 2b = 0$$

$$\therefore 7a + 2b - 5c = 0$$

From (2) and (3), we get

$$\frac{a}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -5 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{b}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -5 & 7 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{c}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 7 & 2 \end{vmatrix}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{a}{-7} = \frac{b}{12} = \frac{c}{-5}$$

$\therefore$  the required line has direction ratios  $-7, 12, -5$ .

From (1), cartesian equation of required line are

$$\frac{x}{-7} = \frac{y}{12} = \frac{z}{-5}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{x}{7} = \frac{y}{-12} = \frac{z}{5}.$$

Question 21.

Write the vector equation of the line whose Cartesian equations are  $y = 2$  and  $4x - 3z + 5 = 0$ .

Solution:

$4x - 3z + 5 = 0$  can be written as

$$4x = 3z - 5 = 3\left(z - \frac{5}{3}\right)$$

$$\therefore \frac{4x}{12} = \frac{3\left(z - \frac{5}{3}\right)}{12}$$

$$\therefore \frac{x}{3} = \frac{z - \frac{5}{3}}{4}$$

$\therefore$  the cartesian equations of the line are

$$\frac{x}{3} = \frac{z - \frac{5}{3}}{4}, y = 2.$$

This line passes through the point  $A(0, 2, \frac{5}{3})$  position vector is  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{j} + \frac{5}{3}\hat{k}$

Also the line has direction ratio  $3, 0, 4$ .

If  $\vec{b}$  is a vector parallel to the line, then  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{k}$

The vector equation of the line passing through  $A(\vec{a})$  and parallel to  $\vec{b}$  is  $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b}$  where  $\lambda$  is a scalar,

$\therefore$  the vector equation of the required line is

$$\vec{r} = (2\hat{j} + \frac{5}{3}\hat{k}) + \lambda(3\hat{i} + 4\hat{k}).$$

Question 22.

Find the co-ordinates of points on the line  $x-1=y-2=z-3$  which are at the distance 3 unit from the base point A(1, 2, 3).

Solution:

The cartesian equations of the line are  $x-1=y-2=z-3 = \lambda$

The coordinates of any point on this line are given by

$$x = \lambda + 1, y = -2\lambda + 2, z = 2\lambda + 3$$

Let M( $\lambda + 1, -2\lambda + 2, 2\lambda + 3$ ) ... (1)

be the point on the line whose distance from A(1, 2, 3) is 3 units.

$$\therefore \sqrt{(\lambda + 1 - 1)^2 + (-2\lambda + 2 - 2)^2 + (2\lambda + 3 - 3)^2} = 3$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{\lambda^2 + 4\lambda^2 + 4\lambda^2} = 3$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{9\lambda^2} = 3$$

$$\therefore 9\lambda^2 = 9$$

$$\therefore \lambda^2 = 1 \quad \therefore \lambda = \pm 1$$

When  $\lambda = 1$ , M = (1 + 1, -2 + 2, 2 + 3) ... [By (1)]

i. e. M = (2, 0, 5)

When  $\lambda = -1$ , M = (1 - 1, 2 + 2, -2 + 3) ... [By (1)]

i. e. M = (0, 4, 1)

Hence, the coordinates of the required points are (2, 0, 5) and (0, 4, 1).

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Question 1.

If the line  $x-1=y-2=z-3$  is perpendicular to the line  $x-1k=y+2z=z-3k-1$  then the value of k is:

A)  $\frac{11}{4}$    B)  $-\frac{11}{4}$    C)  $\frac{11}{2}$    D)  $\frac{4}{11}$

Solution:

(b)  $-\frac{11}{4}$

Question 2.

The vector equation of line  $2x - 1 = 3y + 2 = z - 2$  is

A)  $\vec{r} = \left( \frac{1}{2}\vec{i} - \frac{2}{3}\vec{j} + 2\vec{k} \right) + \lambda(3\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 6\vec{k})$

B)  $\vec{r} = \vec{i} - \vec{j} + (2\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k})$

C)  $\vec{r} = \left( \frac{1}{2}\vec{i} - \vec{j} \right) + \lambda(\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 6\vec{k})$

D)  $\vec{r} = (\vec{i} + \vec{j}) + \lambda(\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 6\vec{k})$

Solution:

$$(a) \vec{r} = (12\hat{i} - 23\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) + \lambda(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$$

Question 3.

The direction ratios of the line which is perpendicular to the two lines  $x-7=2=y+1=7-3=z-6$  and  $x+5=1=y+3=2=z-6$  are

- (A) 4, 5, 7  
(B) 4, -5, 7  
(C) 4, -5, -7  
(D) -4, 5, 8

Solution:

- (A) 4, 5, 7

Question 4.

The length of the perpendicular from (1, 6, 3) to the line  $x=1=y-1=2=z-2$

- (A) 3  
(B)  $\sqrt{11}$   
(C)  $\sqrt{13}$   
(D) 5

Solution:

- (C)  $\sqrt{13}$

Question 5.

The shortest distance between the lines  $\vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k})$  and  $\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}) + \mu(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$  is

Question is modified.

The shortest distance between the lines  $\vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k})$  and  $\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}) + \mu(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$  is

A)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$  B)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  C)  $\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$  D)  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

Solution:

- (c)  $\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{2}$

Question 6.

The lines  $x-2=1=y-3=1=z-4=k$  and  $x-1=k=y-4=2=z-5$ . and coplanar if

- (A) k = 1 or -1  
(B) k = 0 or -3  
(C) k = + 3  
(D) k = 0 or -1

Solution:

- (B) k = 0 or -3

Question 7.

The lines  $x=1=y=2=z=3$  and  $x-1=2=y-2=4=z-3=6$  and are

- (A) perpendicular  
(B) intersecting  
(C) skew  
(D) coincident

Solution:

- (B) intersecting

Question 8.

Equation of X-axis is

- (A) x = y = z  
(B) y = z  
(C) y = 0, z = 0  
(D) x = 0, y = 0

Solution:

- (C) y = 0, z = 0

Question 9.

The angle between the lines  $2x = 3y = -z$  and  $6x = -y = -4z$  is

(A )  $45^\circ$

(B )  $30^\circ$

(C )  $0^\circ$

(D )  $90^\circ$

Solution:

(D )  $90^\circ$

Question 10.

The direction ratios of the line  $3x + 1 = 6y - 2 = 1 - z$  are

(A ) 2, 1, 6

(B ) 2, 1, -6

(C ) 2, -1, 6

(D ) -2, 1, 6

Solution:

(B ) 2, 1, -6

Question 11.

The perpendicular distance of the plane  $2x + 3y - z = k$  from the origin is  $14\sqrt{14}$  units, the value of k is

(A ) 14

(B ) 196

(C )  $214\sqrt{14}$

(D )  $14\sqrt{2}$

Solution:

(A ) 14

Question 12.

The angle between the planes and  $\vec{r} \cdot (\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}) + 4 = 0$  and  $\vec{r} \cdot (2\vec{i} + \vec{j} - 3\vec{k}) + 7 = 0$  is

A)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

B)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$

C)  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)$

D)  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{9}{14}\right)$

Solution:

(d)  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{9}{14}\right)$

Question 13.

If the planes  $\vec{r} \cdot (2\vec{i} - \lambda\vec{j} + \vec{k}) = 3$  and  $\vec{r} \cdot (4\vec{i} - \vec{j} + \mu\vec{k}) = 5$  are parallel, then the values of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are respectively.

A)  $\frac{1}{2}, -2$

B)  $-\frac{1}{2}, 2$

C)  $-\frac{1}{2}, -2$

D)  $\frac{1}{2}, 2$

Solution:

(d)  $12, 2$

Question 14.

The equation of the plane passing through (2, -1, 3) and making equal intercepts on the coordinate axes is

(A )  $x + y + z = 1$

(B )  $x + y + z = 2$

(C )  $x + y + z = 3$

(D )  $x + y + z = 4$

Solution:

(D )  $x + y + z = 4$

Question 15.

Measure of angle between the planes  $5x - 2y + 3z - 7 = 0$  and  $15x - 6y + 9z + 5 = 0$  is

(A )  $0^\circ$

(B )  $30^\circ$

(C )  $45^\circ$

(D )  $90^\circ$

Solution:

(A )  $0^\circ$

Question 16.

The direction cosines of the normal to the plane  $2x - y + 2z = 3$  are

- A)  $\frac{2}{3}, \frac{-1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}$       B)  $\frac{-2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{-2}{3}$   
C)  $\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}$       D)  $\frac{2}{3}, \frac{-1}{3}, \frac{-2}{3}$

Solution:

(a)  $23, -13, 23$

Question 17.

The equation of the plane passing through the points (1, -1, 1), (3, 2, 4) and parallel to Y-axis is :

- (A)  $3x + 2z - 1 = 0$   
(B)  $3x - 2z = 1$   
(C)  $3x + 2z + 1 = 0$   
(D)  $3x + 2z = 2$

Solution:

(B)  $3x - 2z = 1$

Question 18.

The equation of the plane in which the line  $x-54=y-74=z+3-5$  and  $x-87=y-41=z+53$  lie, is

- (A)  $17x - 47y - 24z + 172 = 0$   
(B)  $17x + 47y - 24z + 172 = 0$   
(C)  $17x + 47y + 24z + 172 = 0$   
(D)  $17x - 47y + 24z + 172 = 0$

Solution:

(A)  $17x - 47y - 24z + 172 = 0$

Question 19.

If the line  $x+12=y-m3=z-46$  lies in the plane  $3x - 14y + 6z + 49 = 0$ , then the value of m is:

- (A) 5  
(B) 3  
(C) 2  
(D) -5

Solution:

(A) 5

Question 20.

The foot of perpendicular drawn from the point (0,0,0) to the plane is (4, -2, -5) then the equation of the plane is

- (A)  $4x + y + 5z = 14$   
(B)  $4x - 2y - 5z = 45$   
(C)  $x - 2y - 5z = 10$   
(D)  $4x + y + 6z = 11$

Solution:

(B)  $4x - 2y - 5z = 45$

II. Solve the following :

Question 1.

Find the vector equation of the plane which is at a distance of 5 unit from the origin and which is normal to the vector  $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

Solution:

If  $\hat{n}$  is a unit vector along the normal and p is the length of the perpendicular from origin to the plane, then the vector equation of the plane  $\vec{r} \cdot \hat{n} = p$



Here,  $\vec{n} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $p = 5$

$$\therefore |\vec{n}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 1^2 + (2)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{9}$$

$$= 3$$

$$\hat{n} = \frac{\vec{n}}{|\vec{n}|}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

$\therefore$  the vector equation of the required plane is

$$\vec{r} \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{3} (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \right] = 5$$

$$\text{i.e. } \vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) = 15.$$

Question 2.

Find the perpendicular distance of the origin from the plane  $6x + 2y + 3z - 7 = 0$

Solution:

The distance of the point  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  from the plane  $ax + by + cz + d$  is  $\frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 + d|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$

$\therefore$  the distance of the point  $(1, 1, -1)$  from the plane  $6x + 2y + 3z - 7 = 0$  is

$$\left| \frac{6(1) + 2(1) - 3(-1) - 7}{\sqrt{3^2 + 4^2 + (-12)^2}} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{6 + 4 + 6 - 7}{\sqrt{9 + 16 + 144}} \right|$$

$$= \frac{23}{\sqrt{169}}$$

$$= \frac{23}{13}$$

= 1 units.

Question 3.

Find the coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular drawn from the origin to the plane  $2x + 3y + 6z = 49$ .

Solution:

The equation of the plane is  $2x + 3y + 6z = 49$

Dividing each term by

$$2^2 + 3^2 + 6^2 = 49$$

$$= 49$$

$$= 7$$

we get

$$2x + 3y + 6z = 49 \div 7 = 7$$

This is the normal form of the equation of plane.

$\therefore$  the direction cosines of the perpendicular drawn from the origin to the plane are

$$l = \frac{2}{7}, m = \frac{3}{7}, n = \frac{6}{7}$$

and length of perpendicular from origin to the plane is  $p = 7$ .

the coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular from the origin to the plane are

$$(lp, mp, np) \text{ i.e. } (2, 3, 6)$$

Question 4.

Reduce the equation  $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 24\hat{k}) = 13$  to normal form and hence find

(i) the length of the perpendicular from the origin to the plane

(ii) direction cosines of the normal.

Solution:

The normal form of equation of a plane is  $\vec{r} \cdot \hat{n} = p$  where  $\hat{n}$  is unit vector along the normal and  $p$  is the length of perpendicular drawn from origin to the plane.

Given plane is  $r \cdot (6\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 24\hat{k}) = 13 \dots (1)$

$\vec{n} = 6\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 24\hat{k}$  is normal to the plane

$$\therefore |\vec{n}| = \sqrt{6^2 + 8^2 + 24^2} = \sqrt{76} = 13$$

Dividing both sides of (1) by 13, get

$$\vec{r} \cdot \left( \frac{3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}}{13} \right) = \frac{76}{13}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \vec{r} \cdot \left( \frac{3}{13}\hat{i} + \frac{4}{13}\hat{j} + \frac{12}{13}\hat{k} \right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

This is the normal form of the equation of plane.

Comparing with  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = p$ ,

(i) the length of the perpendicular from the origin to plane is  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

(ii) direction cosines of the normal are  $\frac{3}{13}, \frac{4}{13}, \frac{12}{13}$

Question 5.

Find the vector equation of the plane passing through the points A(1, -2, 1), B (2, -1, -3) and C (0, 1, 5).

Solution:

The vector equation of the plane passing through three non-collinear points A( $\vec{a}$ ), B( $\vec{b}$ ) and C( $\vec{c}$ )

$$\text{is } \vec{r} \cdot (\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}) = \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}) \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Here, } \vec{a} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}, \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}, \vec{c} = \hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{AB} = \vec{b} - \vec{a} = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) - (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \\ = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{AC} = \vec{c} - \vec{a} = (\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) - (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \\ = -\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 1 & -4 \\ -1 & 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \\ = (4 + 12)\hat{i} - (4 - 4)\hat{j} + (3 + 1)\hat{k} \\ = 16\hat{i} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Now, } \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}) = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot (16\hat{i} + 4\hat{k}) \\ = (1)(16) + (-2)(0) + (1)(4) = 20$$

$\therefore$  from (1), the vector equation of the required plane is

$$\vec{r} \cdot (16\hat{i} + 4\hat{k}) = 20.$$

Question 6.

Find the Cartesian equation of the plane passing through A(1, -2, 3) and the direction ratios of whose normal are 0, 2, 0.

Solution:

The Cartesian equation of the plane passing through ( $x_1, y_1, z_1$ ), the direction ratios of whose normal are a, b, c, is

$$a(x - x_1) + b(y - y_1) + c(z - z_1) = 0$$

$\therefore$  the cartesian equation of the required plane is

$$0(x + 1) + 2(y + 2) + 5(z - 3) = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } 0 + 2y - 4 + 10z - 15 = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } y + 2 = 0.$$

Question 7.

Find the Cartesian equation of the plane passing through A(7, 8, 6) and parallel to the plane  $\vec{r} \cdot (6\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}) = 0$

Solution:

The cartesian equation of the plane  $\vec{r} \cdot (6\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}) = 0$  is  $6x + 8y + 7z = 0$  The required plane is parallel to it

$\therefore$  its cartesian equation is

$$6x + 8y + 7z = p \dots (1)$$

A (7, 8, 6) lies on it and hence satisfies its equation

$$\therefore (6)(7) + (8)(8) + (7)(6) = p$$

i.e.,  $p = 42 + 64 + 42 = 148$ .

$\therefore$  from (1), the cartesian equation of the required plane is  $6x + 8y + 7z = 148$ .

Question 8.

The foot of the perpendicular drawn from the origin to a plane is  $M(1, 2, 0)$ . Find the vector equation of the plane.

Solution:

The vector equation of the plane passing through  $A(\vec{a})$  and perpendicular to  $\vec{n}$  is  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{n}$ .

$M(1, 2, 0)$  is the foot of the perpendicular drawn from origin to the plane. Then the plane is passing through M and is perpendicular to OM.

If  $\vec{m}$  is the position vector of M, then  $\vec{m} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j}$ .

Normal to the plane is

$$\vec{n} = \vec{OM} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j}$$

$$\vec{m} \cdot \vec{n} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}) \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}) = 5$$

$\therefore$  the vector equation of the required plane is

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}) = 5$$

Question 9.

A plane makes non zero intercepts a, b, c on the co-ordinates axes. Show that the vector equation of the plane

$$\text{is } \vec{r} \cdot (b\hat{c} + c\hat{a} + a\hat{b}) = abc$$

Solution:

The vector equation of the plane passing through  $A(\vec{a})$ ,  $B(\vec{b})$ ,  $C(\vec{c})$ , where A, B, C are non collinear is

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}) = \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}) \dots (1)$$

The required plane makes intercepts 1, 1, 1 on the coordinate axes.

$\therefore$  it passes through the three non collinear points  $A = (1, 0, 0)$ ,  $B = (0, 1, 0)$ ,  $C = (0, 0, 1)$

$$\therefore \vec{a} = \hat{i}, \vec{b} = \hat{j}, \vec{c} = \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{AB} = \vec{b} - \vec{a} = \hat{j} - \hat{i} = -\hat{i} + \hat{j}$$

$$\therefore \vec{AC} = \vec{c} - \vec{a} = \hat{k} - \hat{i} = -\hat{i} + \hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (1 - 0)\hat{i} - (-1 - 0)\hat{j} + (0 + 1)\hat{k}$$

$$= \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

Also,

$$\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC})$$

$$= \hat{i} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

$$= 1 \times 1 + 0 \times 1 + 0 \times 1$$

$$= 1$$

$$\therefore \text{ from (1) the vector equation of the required plane is } \vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 1.$$

Question 10.

Find the vector equation of the plane passing through the point  $A(-2, 3, 5)$  and parallel to vectors  $4\hat{i} + 3\hat{k}$  and  $\hat{i} + \hat{j}$

Solution:

The vector equation of the plane passing through the point  $A(\vec{a})$  and parallel to the vectors  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  is

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \quad \dots(1)$$

Here,  $\vec{a} = -2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$

$$\vec{b} = 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{k},$$

$$\vec{c} = \hat{i} + \hat{j}$$

$$\therefore \vec{b} \times \vec{c} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 4 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (-1 - 3)\hat{i} - (4 - 3)\hat{j} + (3 + 1)\hat{k}$$

$$= -4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = (-2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) \cdot (-4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$$

$$= (-2)(-4) + (3)(-1) + (5)(4)$$

$$= 8 - 3 + 20$$

$$= 25$$

$\therefore$  From (1), the vector equation of the required plane is  $\vec{r} \cdot (-3\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) = 35$ .

Question 11.

Find the Cartesian equation of the plane  $\vec{r} = \lambda(\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) + \mu(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$

Solution:

The equation  $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b} + \mu\vec{c}$  represents a plane passing through a point having position vector  $\vec{a}$  and parallel to vectors  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$ .

Here,

$$\vec{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k},$$

$$\vec{c} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{b} \times \vec{c} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (3 + 2)\hat{i} - (3 - 1)\hat{j} + (-2 - 1)\hat{k}$$

$$= 5\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$= \vec{a}$$

Also,

$$\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$$

$$= \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} = |\vec{a}|^2$$

$$= (5)^2 + (4)^2 + (1)^2$$

$$= 36$$

The vector equation of the plane passing through A( $\vec{a}$ ) and parallel to  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  is

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$$

$\therefore$  the vector equation of the given plane is

$$\vec{r} \cdot (5\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 36$$

If  $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$ , then this equation becomes

$$(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) \cdot (5\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 36$$

$$\therefore 5x - 4y - z = 36$$

This is the cartesian equation of the required plane.

Question 12.

Find the vector equations of planes which pass through A(1, 2, 3), B (3, 2, 1) and make equal intercepts on the co-ordinates axes.

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Find the cartesian equations of the planes which pass through A(1, 2, 3), B(3, 2, 1) and make equal intercepts on the coordinate axes.

Solution:

Case 1 : Let all the intercepts be 0.

Then the plane passes through the origin.

Then the cartesian equation of the plane is

$$ax + by + cz = 0 \dots(1)$$

(1, 2, 3) and (3, 2, 1) lie on the plane.

$$\therefore a + 2b + 3c = 0 \text{ and } 3a + 2b + c = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{a}{\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{b}{\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{c}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{a}{-4} = \frac{b}{8} = \frac{c}{-4}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{a}{1} = \frac{b}{-2} = \frac{c}{1}$$

$\therefore$  a, b, c are proportional to 1, -2, 1

$\therefore$  from (1), the required cartesian equation is  $x - 2y + z = 0$ .

Case 2 : Let the plane make non zero intercept p on each axis.

then its equation is  $xp + yp + zp = 1$

$$\text{i.e. } x + y + z = p \dots(2)$$

Since this plane pass through (1, 2, 3) and (3, 2, 1)

$$\therefore 1 + 2 + 3 = p \text{ and } 3 + 2 + 1 = p$$

$$\therefore p = 6$$

$\therefore$  from (2), the required cartesian equation is

$$x + y + z = 6$$

Hence, the cartesian equations of required planes are  $x + y + z = 6$  and  $x - 2y + z = 0$ .

Question 13.

Find the vector equation of the plane which makes equal non-zero intercepts on the co-ordinates axes and passes through (1, 1, 1).

Solution:

Case 1 : Let all the intercepts be 0.

Then the plane passes through the origin.

Then the vector equation of the plane is  $ax + by + cz \dots (1)$

(1, 1, 1) lie on the plane.

$$\therefore 1a + 1b + 1c = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{\hat{i}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{\hat{j}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{\hat{k}}{\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\hat{i}}{1} = \frac{\hat{j}}{1} = \frac{\hat{k}}{1}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{\hat{i}}{1} = \frac{\hat{j}}{1} = \frac{\hat{k}}{1}$$

$\therefore \hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$  are proportional to 1, 1, 1

$\therefore$  from (1), the required cartesian equation is  $x - y + z = 0$

Case 2 : Let the plane make non zero intercept p on each axis.

then its equation is  $\hat{i}^p + \hat{j}^p + \hat{k}^p = 1 = 1$

$$\text{i.e. } \hat{i}^p + \hat{j}^p + \hat{k}^p = p \dots (2)$$

Since this plane passes through (1, 1, 1)

$$\therefore 1 + 1 + 1 = p$$

$$\therefore p = 3$$

$\therefore$  from (2), the required cartesian equation is  $\hat{i}^3 + \hat{j}^3 + \hat{k}^3 = 3$

Hence, the cartesian equations of required planes are  $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i}^3 + \hat{j}^3 + \hat{k}^3) = 3$

Question 14.

Find the angle between planes  $\vec{r} \cdot (-2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) = 17$  and  $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 71$ .

Solution:

The acute angle between the planes

$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_1 = d_1$  and  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_2 = d_2$  is given by

$$\cos \theta = \left| \frac{\vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2}{|\vec{n}_1| |\vec{n}_2|} \right| \dots (1)$$

Here,

$$\vec{n}_1 = -2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k},$$

$$\vec{n}_2 = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2$$

$$= (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

$$= (1)(2) + (1)(1) + (2)(1)$$

$$= 2 + 1 + 2$$

$$= 5$$



Also,

$$|\bar{n}_1| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$|\bar{n}_2| = \sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{6}$$

∴ from (1), we have

$$\cos \theta = \left| \frac{3}{\sqrt{6}\sqrt{6}} \right|$$

$$= \frac{3}{6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cos 90^\circ$$

$$\therefore \theta = 90^\circ.$$

Question 15.

Find the acute angle between the line  $\vec{r} = \lambda(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k})$  and the plane  $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 23$

Solution:

The acute angle  $\theta$  between the line  $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b}$  and the plane  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = d$  is given by

$$\sin \theta = \left| \frac{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{n}}{|\vec{b}| |\vec{n}|} \right| \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\text{Here, } \vec{b} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \vec{n} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{b} \cdot \vec{n} = (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

$$= (2)(2) + (3)(-1) + (-6)(1)$$

$$= 4 - 3 - 6$$

$$= -5$$

$$\text{Also, } |\vec{b}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{2} = 1$$

$$|\vec{n}| = \sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{4}$$

∴ from (1), we have

$$\sin \theta = \left| \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{-3} \right| = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$$

$$\therefore \theta = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \right).$$

Question 16.

Show that lines  $\vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 4\hat{j}) + \lambda(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$  and  $\vec{r} = (3\hat{j} - \hat{k}) + \mu(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$

Solution:

Question 17.

Find the distance of the point  $3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  from the plane  $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) = 21$

Solution:

The distance of the point A( $\vec{a}$ ) from the plane  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = p$  is given by  $d = \frac{|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{n} - p|}{|\vec{n}|} \dots\dots(1)$

$$\text{Here, } \vec{a} = 3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}, \vec{n} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}, p = 21$$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \cdot \vec{n} = (3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$$

$$= (3)(2) + (3)(3) + (1)(-6)$$

$$= 6 + 9 - 6$$

$$= 9$$

$$\text{Also, } |\vec{n}| = \sqrt{3^2 + 3^2 + (-6)^2} = \sqrt{-12} = 0$$

∴ from (1), the required distance

$$= \frac{|-12 - 21|}{12}$$

$$= 0 \text{ units.}$$

Question 18.

Find the distance of the point (13, 13, -13) from the plane  $3x + 4y - 12z = 0$ .

Solution:

The distance of the point  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  from the plane  $ax + by + cz + d = 0$  is  $\left| \frac{ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 + d}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \right|$

∴ the distance of the point (1, 1, -1) from the plane  $3x + 4y - 12z = 0$  is  $\left| \frac{3(1) + 4(1 - 12(-1))}{\sqrt{3^2 + 4^2 + (-12)^2}} \right|$

$$= \left| \frac{3 + 4 + 12}{\sqrt{9 + 16 + 144}} \right|$$

$$= \frac{19}{\sqrt{169}}$$

$$= \frac{19}{13}$$

$$= 19 \text{ units.}$$

Question 19.

Find the vector equation of the plane passing through the origin and containing the line  $\vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + \hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$ .

Solution:

The vector equation of the plane passing through  $A(\vec{a})$  and perpendicular to the vector  $\vec{n}$  is  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{n} \dots (1)$

We can take  $\vec{a} = \vec{O}$  since the plane passes through the origin.

The point M with position vector  $\vec{m} = \hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  lies on the line and hence it lies on the plane.

∴  $\vec{OM} = \vec{m} = \hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  lies on the plane.

The plane contains the given line which is parallel to  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$

Let  $\vec{n}$  be normal to the plane. Then  $\vec{n}$  is perpendicular to  $\vec{OM}$  as well as  $\vec{b}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \vec{n} = \vec{OM} \times \vec{b} &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (4 - 2)\hat{i} - (1 - 1)\hat{j} + (2 - 4)\hat{k} \\ &= 2\hat{i} - 2\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

∴ from (1), the vector equation of the required plane is

$$\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} - 2\hat{k}) = \vec{O} \cdot \vec{n} = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} - \hat{k}) = 0.$$

Question 20.

Find the vector equation of the plane which bisects the segment joining A(2, 3, 6) and B(4, 3, -2) at right angle.

Solution:

The vector equation of the plane passing through  $A(\vec{a})$  and perpendicular to the vector  $\vec{n}$  is  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{n} \dots (1)$

The position vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  of the given points A and B are  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$

If M is the midpoint of segment AB, the position vector  $\vec{m}$  of M is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{m} &= \frac{\vec{a} + \vec{b}}{2} = \frac{(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) + (4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})}{2} \\ &= \frac{6\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}}{2} = 3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

The plane passes through  $M(\vec{m})$ .

AB is perpendicular to the plane

If  $\vec{n}$  is normal to the plane, then  $\vec{n} = \vec{AB}$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \vec{n} &= \vec{b} - \vec{a} = (4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) - (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) \\ &= 2\hat{i} - 8\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \vec{m} \cdot \vec{n} &= (3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot (2\hat{i} - 8\hat{k}) \\ &= (3)(2) + (3)(0) + (2)(-8) \\ &= 6 + 0 - 16 = -10.\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  from (1), the vector equation of the required plane is

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = \vec{m} \cdot \vec{n}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} - 8\hat{k}) = -10$$

$$\text{i.e. } \vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} - 4\hat{k}) = -5.$$

Question 21.

Show that lines  $x = y, z = 0$  and  $x + y = 0, z = 0$  intersect each other. Find the vector equation of the plane determined by them.

Solution:

Given lines are  $x = y, z = 0$  and  $x + y = 0, z = 0$ .

It is clear that  $(0, 0, 0)$  satisfies both the equations.

$\therefore$  the lines intersect at O whose position vector is  $\vec{O}$

Since  $z = 0$  for both the lines, both the lines lie in XY- plane.

Hence, we have to find equation of XY-plane.

Z-axis is perpendicular to XY-plane.

$\therefore$  normal to XY plane is  $\hat{k}$ .

$O(\vec{O})$  lies on the plane.

By using  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{n}$ , the vector equation of the required plane is  $\vec{r} \cdot \hat{k} = \vec{O} \cdot \hat{k}$

i.e.  $\vec{r} \cdot \hat{k} = 0$ .

Hence, the given lines intersect each other and the vector equation of the plane determined by them is  $\vec{r} \cdot \hat{k} = 0$ .