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Course: Multivariable Calculus For Data Science -II (MDS 554)
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Unit 1: Vectors and Geometry of Spaces

The problems are taken from the book "***Multivariable Calculus***", ***By James Stewart***, 7th Edition
From Chapter-12, Vectors and Geometry of Spaces. Only few answers are given.
Note: Students are advised to give their answers in their own words. The final date of submission is……….
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Assignment Problem Set –I(Exercise 12.1,12.2, and 12.3 (3D Co-ordinate and Vector, Dot Product)):

3D Co-ordinate System:

1. (i) Find an equation of a sphere with centre (-3,2,5) and radius 4. What is the intersection of this sphere with the yz plane? **Ans: $(y-2)^2 + (z-5)^2 = 7, x = 0$(a circle)**

(ii) If $\vec{r} = (x, y, z)$ and $\vec{r_0} = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$, describe the set of all points (x, y, z) such that $|\vec{r} - \vec{r_0}| = 1$.
Ans: Sphere with centre radius 1 and centre (x_0, y_0, z_0).

(iii) Find equations of the spheres with center (2, - 3, 6) that touch the -xy-plane
Ans: (i) $(x-2)^2 + (y+3)^2 + (z-6)^2 = 6^2$

Vectors and Vector Geometry:

1. (i) Find a unit vector that has be same direction as the vector $\vec{a} = 8\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$. Also find a a vector that has the same direction as $\vec{a}$ but has length 6.
(ii) What is the angle between the vector $\vec{i} + \sqrt{3}\,\vec{j}$ and the positive direction of the x-axis?
(iii) If $\vec{v}$ lies in the first quadrant and makes an angle $\pi/3$ with the positive x-axis and $|\vec{v}| = 4$, find $\vec{v}$ in component form. **Ans: $(2, 3\sqrt{3})$**
(iv) A quarterback throws a football with angle of elevation $\theta = 40°$ and speed $\vec{v} = 60$ ft/s. Find the horizontal and vertical components of the velocity vector. **Ans: $\vec{v}\cos\theta$ and $\vec{v}\sin\theta$**

2. **(i) The position vectors of *P*, *Q*, *R*, *S* are $(2, 0, 4)$, $(5, 3\sqrt{3}, 4)$, $(0, -2\sqrt{3}, 1)$ and $(2, 0, 1)$ respectively. Prove that *RS* is parallel to *PQ* and *PQ* : *RS* = 3 : 2.**
(ii) Show that the following three points are collinear $\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$, $2\vec{i} + 5\vec{j} - \vec{k}$ and $3\vec{i} + 8\vec{j} - 6\vec{k}$.
(iii) Show that the three points whose position vectors are $7\vec{j} + 10\vec{k}$, $-\vec{i} + 6\vec{j} + 6\vec{k}$ and $-4\vec{i} + 9\vec{j} + 6\vec{k}$ forms an isosceles right-angled triangle.

3. (i) If *A, B* and *C* are vertices of a triangle , find $\vec{AB} + \vec{BC} + \vec{CA}$. **Ans: $\vec{O}$**
(ii) Let *C* be the point on the line segment *AB* that is twice as far from *B* as it is from *A*. If $\vec{a} = \vec{OA}$, $\vec{b} = \vec{OB}$, and $\vec{c} = \vec{OC}$, show that $\vec{c} = \frac{2}{3}\vec{a} + \frac{1}{3}\vec{b}$.
(iii) If *D* be the middle point of *BC* of the triangle *ABC*, show that: $\vec{AB} + \vec{AC} = 2\,\vec{AD}$.

4. (i) Find the direction cosines and direction angles of the vector $\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} - 3\vec{k}$
(ii) If $\vec{OP} = \vec{i} + 3\vec{j} - 7\vec{k}$ and $\vec{OQ} = 5\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$, find $\vec{PQ}$ and determine its direction cosines.
(iii) If a vector has direction angles $\alpha = \pi/4$ and $\beta = \pi/3$, find the direction angle γ.

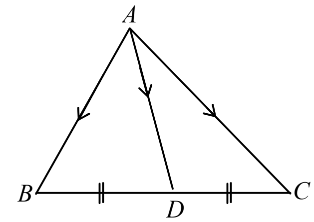
5. **(i) Find the linear combination between the following system of vectors:**
$\vec{a} - \vec{b} + \vec{c}$, $\vec{b} + \vec{c} - \vec{a}$, $\vec{c} + \vec{a} + \vec{b}$, $2\vec{a} - 3\vec{b} + 4\vec{c}$, where, $\vec{a}$, $\vec{b}$, $\vec{c}$ being any three non coplanar vectors.
(ii) Are the vectors $-\vec{a} + 4\vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$, $2\vec{a} - 3\vec{b} - 5\vec{c}$, $2\vec{a} + 7\vec{b} - 3\vec{c}$ coplanar? where $\vec{a}$, $\vec{b}$, $\vec{c}$ are any vectors.

Hints of Selected Problems

1. **If *D* be the middle point of *BC* of the triangle *ABC*, show that: $\vec{AB} + \vec{AC} = 2\,\vec{AD}$.**

Hint:

Since D be the middle point of BC of the triangle ABC, then $BD = DC$.



$\therefore\ \overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{AC} = (\overrightarrow{AD} + \overrightarrow{DB}) + (\overrightarrow{AD} + \overrightarrow{DC})$

$= \overrightarrow{AD} + \overrightarrow{DB} + \overrightarrow{AD} + (-\overrightarrow{DB}) = 2\,\overrightarrow{AD}.$

$\therefore\ \overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{AC} = 2\overrightarrow{AD}$.

2. The position vectors of P, Q, R, S are $(2, 0, 4)$, $(5, 3\sqrt{3}, 4)$, $(0, -2\sqrt{3}, 1)$ and $(2, 0, 1)$ respectively. Prove that RS is parallel to PQ and $PQ : RS = 3 : 2$.

Hint:

Let O be the fixed origin, so that $\overrightarrow{OP} = (2, 0, 4)$, $\overrightarrow{OQ} = (5, 3\sqrt{3}, 4)$ and $\overrightarrow{OR} = (0, -2\sqrt{3}, 1)$, $\overrightarrow{OS} = (2, 0, 1)$.

Now, $\overrightarrow{RS} = \overrightarrow{OS} - \overrightarrow{OR} = (2, 2\sqrt{3}, 0)$, $\overrightarrow{PQ} = \overrightarrow{OQ} - \overrightarrow{OP} = (3, 3\sqrt{3}, 0)$

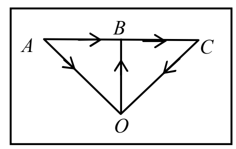
$\therefore\quad \overrightarrow{PQ} = 3\,(1, \sqrt{3}, 0) = \dfrac{3}{2}(2, 2\sqrt{3}, 0) = \dfrac{3}{2}\,\overrightarrow{RS}.$

Therefore, $\overrightarrow{PQ} = \dfrac{3}{2}\,\overrightarrow{RS}$. Hence, $\overrightarrow{PQ}$ is parallel to $\overrightarrow{RS}$.

Again, $RS = |\overrightarrow{RS}| = 4$, $PQ = |\overrightarrow{PQ}| = 6$. $\therefore$ $PQ : RS = 6 : 4 = 3 : 2$. Thus $\overrightarrow{PQ} \parallel \overrightarrow{RS}$ and $PQ : RS = 3 : 2$.

3. Show that the following three points are collinear $\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$, $2\vec{i} + 5\vec{j} - \vec{k}$ and $3\vec{i} + 8\vec{j} - 6\vec{k}$.

Hint:



Let O be the origin and A, B, C are given points such that

$\overrightarrow{OA} = \vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$, $\overrightarrow{OB} = 2\vec{i} + 5\vec{j} - \vec{k}$, $\overrightarrow{OC} = 3\vec{i} + 8\vec{j} - 6\vec{k}$.

Then $\overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{OB} - \overrightarrow{OA} = \ = \vec{i} + 3\vec{j} - 5\vec{k}$.

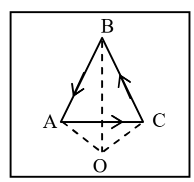
and $\overrightarrow{BC} = \overrightarrow{OC} - \overrightarrow{OB} = \vec{i} + 3\vec{j} - 5\vec{k} = \overrightarrow{AB}$.

$\therefore\quad \overrightarrow{BC} = \overrightarrow{AB}$ and B is the common point to both $\overrightarrow{BC}$ and $\overrightarrow{AB}$.

Consequently, the points A, B, C are collinear.

4. Show that the three points whose position vectors are $7\vec{j} + 10\vec{k}$, $-\vec{i} + 6\vec{j} + 6\vec{k}$ and $-4\vec{i} + 9\vec{j} + 6\vec{k}$ forms an isosceles right-angled triangle.

Hint:



Let O be the origin such that

$\overrightarrow{OA} = 7\vec{j} + 10\vec{k} = (0, 7, 10)$, $\overrightarrow{OB} = -\vec{i} + 6\vec{j} + 6\vec{k} = (-1, 6, 6)$

and $\overrightarrow{OC} = -4\vec{i} + 9\vec{j} + 6\vec{k} = (-4, 9, 6)$

$\therefore\quad \overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{OB} - \overrightarrow{OA} = (-1, -1, -4)$

$\overrightarrow{BC} = \overrightarrow{OC} - \overrightarrow{OB} = (-3, 3, 0),$

$\overrightarrow{CA} = \overrightarrow{OA} - \overrightarrow{OC} = (4, -2, 4)$

$\therefore\quad AB = |\overrightarrow{AB}| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-1)^2 + (-4)^2} = \sqrt{18} = 3\sqrt{2}$

$BC = |\overrightarrow{BC}| = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + 3^2 + 0^2} = \sqrt{18} = 3\sqrt{2}$.

$CA = |\overrightarrow{CA}| = \sqrt{4^2 + (-2)^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{36} = 6$

Since AB = BC i.e. two sides are equal and $(AB)^2 + (BC)^2 = (CA)^2$ i.e. $\angle ABC = 90°$. Hence the three points A,B,C are the vertices of isosceles right angled triangle.

5. If $\overrightarrow{OP} = \vec{i} + 3\vec{j} - 7\vec{k}$ and $\overrightarrow{OQ} = 5\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$, find $\overrightarrow{PQ}$ and determine its direction cosines.

Hint:

Given that $\overrightarrow{OP} = \vec{i} + 3\vec{j} - 7\vec{k}$ and $\overrightarrow{OQ} = 5\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$

$\therefore\quad \overrightarrow{PQ} = \overrightarrow{OQ} - \overrightarrow{OP} = 4\vec{i} - 5\vec{j} + 11\vec{k}$ and $PQ = |\overrightarrow{PQ}| = \sqrt{4^2 + (-5)^2 + (11)^2} = \sqrt{162} = 9\sqrt{2}$.

Direction cosines of $\overrightarrow{PQ} = \dfrac{4}{PQ}, \dfrac{-5}{PQ}, \dfrac{11}{PQ}$ i.e. $\dfrac{4}{9\sqrt{2}}, \dfrac{-5}{9\sqrt{2}}, \dfrac{11}{9\sqrt{2}}$

6. Find the linear combination between the following system of vectors:

$\vec{a} - \vec{b} + \vec{c}$, $\vec{b} + \vec{c} - \vec{a}$, $\vec{c} + \vec{a} + \vec{b}$, $2\vec{a} - 3\vec{b} + 4\vec{c}$, where, $\vec{a}$, $\vec{b}$, $\vec{c}$ being any three non coplanar vectors.

Hint:

Let $\vec{r}_1 = \vec{a} - \vec{b} + \vec{c}$, $\vec{r}_2 = \vec{b} + \vec{c} - \vec{a}$, $\vec{r}_3 = \vec{c} + \vec{a} + \vec{b}$, $r_4 = 2\vec{a} - 3\vec{b} + 4\vec{c}$.

Suppose, the linear relationship between four vectors is

$\vec{r_4} = x\vec{r_1} + y\vec{r_2} + z\vec{r_3}$,...... (1) where x, y, z are scalar quantities, to be determined.

From (1) , $2\vec{a} - 3\vec{b} + 4\vec{c} = x(\vec{a} - \vec{b} + \vec{c}) + y(\vec{b} + \vec{c} - \vec{a}) + z(\vec{c} + \vec{a} + \vec{b})$

or, $2\vec{a} - 3\vec{b} + 4\vec{c} = (x - y + z)\vec{a} + (-x + y + z)\vec{b} + (x + y + z)\vec{c}$

Equating the coefficients of like vectors, we get

$x - y + z = 2$.... (2) , $-x + y + z = -3$..... (3) and $x + y + z = 4$...... (4)

Solving (2), (3) & (4), we get $x = \frac{7}{2}$, $y = 1$ and $z = -\frac{1}{2}$.

Substituting the value of x, y and z in (1), we get $\vec{r_4} = \frac{7}{2}\vec{r_1} + \vec{r_2} - \frac{1}{2}\vec{r_3}$.

7. Are the vectors $-\vec{a} + 4\vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$, $2\vec{a} - 3\vec{b} - 5\vec{c}$, $2\vec{a} + 7\vec{b} - 3\vec{c}$ coplanar? where $\vec{a}$, $\vec{b}$, $\vec{c}$ are any vectors.

Hint:

Let $\vec{r_1} = -\vec{a} + 4\vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$, $\vec{r_2} = 2\vec{a} - 3\vec{b} - 5\vec{c}$ and $\vec{r_3} = 2\vec{a} + 7\vec{b} - 3\vec{c}$.

If the given three vectors are coplanar, then any one of them can be expressed as the linear combination of others. So let $\vec{r_3} = x\vec{r_1} + y\vec{r_2}$, where x and y are scalars.

Now, $\vec{r_3} = x\vec{r_1} + y\vec{r_2}$ gives

$2\vec{a} + 7\vec{b} - 3\vec{c} = x(-\vec{a} + 4\vec{b} + 3\vec{c}) + y(2\vec{a} - 3\vec{b} - 5\vec{c})$

or, $2\vec{a} + 7\vec{b} - 3\vec{c} = (-x + 2y)\vec{a} + (4x - 3y)\vec{b} + (3x - 5y)\vec{c}$.

Equating the coefficients of like vectors, we get

$-x + 2y = 2$ ...... (1) , $4x - 3y = 7$ ..... (2) and $3x - 5y = -3$ ..... (3)

Solving (1) and (2), we get $x = 4$ and $y = 3$.

Substituting the value of x and y in the remaining equation $3x - 5y = -3$, we get

$3.4 - 5.\,3 = -3$ i.e ., $-3 = -3$, which is true.

Hence the given vectors are coplanar.

Dot Product of Vectors:

1. Determine whether the given vectors are orthogonal, parallel, or neither.

(i) $\vec{a} = (-5, 3, 7)$ and $\vec{b} = (6, -8, 2)$ **Ans: Neither**

(ii) $\vec{a} = -\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 5\vec{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 3\vec{i} + 4\vec{j} - \vec{k}$ **Ans: Orthogonal**

(iii) $\vec{a} = 2\vec{i} + 6\vec{j} - 4\vec{k}$ and $\vec{b} = -3\vec{i} - 9\vec{j} + 6\vec{k}$ **Ans: Parallel**

2. (i) Find $\vec{a}\cdot\vec{b}$ if $|\vec{a}| = 6$, $|\vec{b}| = 5$ and the angle between $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ is $2\pi/3$. **Ans: -15**

(ii) Find the cosine of the angle between following pair of vectors: $\vec{a} = \vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \vec{i} + 3\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$.

(iii) Find the values of x such that the angle between the vectors (2,1, - 1), an (1, x, 0) is 45°.

(iv) Show that the line AB is perpendicular to CD if A, B, C, D are the points (2, 3,4), (5, 4,– 1), (3, 6,2) and (1, 2, 0).

(v) Find the angles of a triangle whose vertices are $7\vec{j} + 10\vec{k}$, $-\vec{i} + 6\vec{j} + 6\vec{k}$ and $-4\vec{i} + 9\vec{j} + 6\vec{k}$ respectively.

3. (i) Give the geometrical meaning of scalar product. Find the scalar projection and vector projection of $\vec{a} = \vec{i} - \vec{j} + \vec{k}$ onto $\vec{b} = \vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}$

(ii) If $\vec{a} = (3, 0, -1)$, find a vector $\vec{b}$ such that the scalar projection of $\vec{a}$ on $\vec{b}$ is 2. **Ans: (0,0, $-2\sqrt{10}$)**

4. Find the angle between a diagonal of a cube and one of its edges. **Ans: $\cos^{-1}(1/\sqrt{3})$**

5. Find the work done by a force $\vec{F} = 8\vec{i} - 6\vec{j} + 9\vec{k}$ that moves an object from the point (0, 10, 8) to the point (6, 12, 20) along a straight line. The distance is measured in meters and the force in newtons. **Ans: 144J**

6. (i) Suppose that all sides of a quadrilateral are equal in length and opposite sides are parallel. Use vector methods to show that the diagonal are perpendicular.

(ii) In a right angled triangle ABC, right angle at A, use vector methods to show that $(AB)^2 + (AC)^2 = (BC)^2$.

(iii) Use vector methods to Show that a parallelogram whose diagonals are equal is a rectangle.

7. (i) Use formula $\vec{a}.\vec{b} = |\vec{a}|\,|\vec{b}|\cos\theta$ to prove Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality $|\vec{a}.\vec{b}| \le |\vec{a}|\,|\vec{b}|$.

(ii) Give a geometric interpretation of the Triangle Inequality $|\vec{a} + \vec{b}| \le |\vec{a}| + |\vec{b}|$ for vectors. Use Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality to prove the Triangle Inequality.

[**Hint**: Use $|\vec{a}+\vec{b}|^2 = (\vec{a}+\vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{a}+\vec{b})$ and use Property of the dot product.]

(iii) Prove the Parallelogram Law $|\vec{a}+\vec{b}|^2 + |\vec{a}-\vec{b}|^2 = 2|\vec{a}|^2 + 2|\vec{b}|^2$ for vectors. Give a geometric interpretation of the Parallelogram Law.

(iv) If $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ are two vectors of unit length and θ is the angle between them, show that $\frac{1}{2}|\vec{a}-\vec{b}| = \sin\frac{\theta}{2}$

8. (i) If $\vec{u}+\vec{v}$ and $\vec{u}-\vec{v}$ are orthogonal, show that the vectors $\vec{u}$ and $\vec{v}$ must have the same length.

(ii) If $\vec{c} = |\vec{a}|\vec{b} + |\vec{b}|\vec{a}$, where $\vec{a}$, $\vec{b}$ and $\vec{c}$ are all nonzero vectors, show that $\vec{c}$ bisects the angle between $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$.

9. Using vector method, prove the projection law in any triangle that:

(i) b = c cosA + a cosC (ii) c = a cosB + b cosA (iii) a = b cos C + c cos B

10. Using vector method, prove the cosine laws of Trigonometry.

(i) $b^2 = c^2+a^2 - 2ca\cos B$ (ii) $a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc\cos A$

Hints of Selected Problems

1. Find the cosine of the angle between following pair of vectors: $\vec{a} = \vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \vec{i} + 3\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$.

Hint:

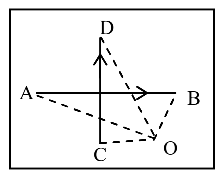
Since $\vec{a} = \vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \vec{i} + 3\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$

$\therefore |\vec{a}| = \sqrt{1^2 + (-2)^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{14}$, $|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{14}$ and $\vec{a}\cdot\vec{b} = 1\times 1 - 2\times 3 + 3\times 2 = 1$.

If θ is the required angle between $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$, then $\cos\theta = \dfrac{\vec{a}\cdot\vec{b}}{|\vec{a}|\,|\vec{b}|} = \dfrac{1}{\sqrt{14}\times\sqrt{14}} = \dfrac{1}{14}$.

2. Show that the line AB is perpendicular to CD if A, B, C, D are the points (2, 3,4), (5, 4,– 1), (3, 6,2) and (1, 2, 0)

Hint:



Let O be the origin.

Then $\vec{OA} = (2, 3, 4)$, $\vec{OB} = (5, 4, -1)$

$\vec{OC} = (3, 6, 2)$, $\vec{OD} = (1, 2, 0)$

Now, $\vec{AB} = \vec{OB} - \vec{OA} = (3, 1, -5)$

and $\vec{CD} = \vec{OD} - \vec{OC} = (-2, -4, -2)$

Now, $\vec{AB}\cdot\vec{CD} = (3, 1, -5)\cdot(-2, -4, -6) = -6 - 4 + 10 = 0$. So $\vec{AB}$ is perpendicular to $\vec{CD}$

3. Find the angles of a triangle whose vertices are $7\vec{j} + 10\vec{k}$, $-\vec{i} + 6\vec{j} + 6\vec{k}$ and $-4\vec{i} + 9\vec{j} + 6\vec{k}$ respectively.

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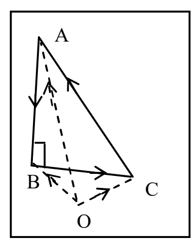


Let O be the origin and A, B, C be the vertices of the triangle.

Then, $\vec{OA} = 7\vec{j} + 10\vec{k}$, $\vec{OB} = -\vec{i} + 6\vec{j} + 6\vec{k}$, $\vec{OC} = -4\vec{i} + 9\vec{j} + 6\vec{k}$.

$\therefore \vec{AB} = \vec{OB} - \vec{OA} = -\vec{i} - \vec{j} - 4\vec{k}$.

$\therefore AB = |\vec{AB}| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-1)^2 + (-4)^2} = \sqrt{18}$

Again, $\vec{BC} = \vec{OC} - \vec{OB} = -3\vec{i} + 3\vec{j}$.

$\therefore BC = |\vec{BC}| = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{18}$

Again, $\vec{CA} = \vec{OA} - \vec{OC} = 4\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$

$\therefore CA = |\vec{CA}| = \sqrt{4^2 + (-2)^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{36} = 6$.

Now we see that $\vec{AB}\cdot\vec{BC} = 0$, $\vec{BC}\cdot\vec{CA} = -18$ and $\vec{CA}\cdot\vec{AB} = -18$

For $\angle B$: Since $\vec{AB}\cdot\vec{BC} = 0$ $\therefore \angle B = 90°$.

For $\angle A$: $\cos(\pi - A) = \dfrac{\vec{CA}\cdot\vec{AB}}{|\vec{CA}|\,|\vec{AB}|} = \dfrac{-18}{6\times\sqrt{18}} = -\dfrac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$, so $-\cos A = -\dfrac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow \cos A = \dfrac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ $\therefore A = 45°$.

For $\angle C$: $\cos(\pi - C) = \dfrac{\vec{BC}\cdot\vec{CA}}{|\vec{BC}|\,|\vec{CA}|} = \dfrac{-18}{\sqrt{18}\times 6} = \dfrac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}$, so $-\cos C = -\dfrac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow \cos C = \dfrac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ $\therefore C = 45°$

Thus $A = 45°$, $B = 90°$, $C = 45°$.

4. If $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ are two vectors of unit length and θ is the angle between them, show that $\frac{1}{2}|\vec{a}-\vec{b}| = \sin\frac{\theta}{2}$.

Hint:

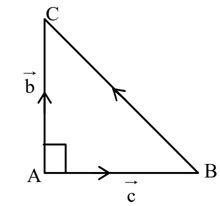
Since $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ are unit vectors, so $|\vec{a}| = 1$, $|\vec{b}| = 1$ and $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}|\,|\vec{b}|\ \cos\theta = \cos\theta$ .... (i)

Now, L.H.S $= \frac{1}{2}\ |\vec{a} - \vec{b}| = \frac{1}{2}\ \sqrt{(\vec{a} - \vec{b})^2} = \frac{1}{2}\ \sqrt{a^2 - 2\vec{a}\cdot\vec{b} + b^2} = \frac{1}{2}\ \sqrt{(1)^2 - 2\cos\theta + (1)^2}$

$= \frac{1}{2}\ \sqrt{2(1 - \cos\theta)} = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2 \times 2\sin^2\theta/2} = \sin\frac{\theta}{2}$ = R.H.S.

5. In a right angled triangle ABC, right angle at A, show that $(AB)^2 + (AC)^2 = (BC)^2$.

Hint:



Let ABC be a triangle with A as origin.

Suppose $\overrightarrow{AB} = \vec{c}$ and $\overrightarrow{AC} = \vec{b}$.

Since $\angle A = 90°$. So $\vec{b}\cdot\vec{c} = bc\cos 90° = 0$......... (i)

Again by Triangle law of vector addition

$\overrightarrow{BC} = \overrightarrow{BA} + \overrightarrow{AC} = -\vec{c} + \vec{b}$ .... (ii)

Now, $BC^2 = (\overrightarrow{BC})^2 = (\vec{b} - \vec{c})^2 = b^2 - 2(\vec{b}\cdot\vec{c})^2 + c^2$ ($\because$ by formula)

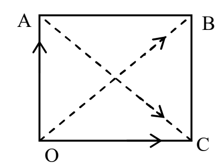
$= b^2 - 2.0 + c^2 = b^2 + c^2$ ($\because$ by (i))

$= (AC)^2 + (AB)^2$. Hence proved.

6. Use vector methods to Show that a parallelogram whose diagonals are equal is a rectangle.

Hint:

Let OABC is a parallelogram and OB and AC are two diagonal such that OB = OC.Now, by vector addition,



$\overrightarrow{OB} = \overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{AB}$ ......(i) and $\overrightarrow{AC} = \overrightarrow{AO} + \overrightarrow{OC}$ ....(ii)

Now, According to question, OB = AC.

$\Rightarrow (OB)^2 = (AC)^2$ ....(iii)

Since OABC is a parallelogram $\therefore \overrightarrow{OC} = \overrightarrow{AB}$ ...(iv)

Also, we have the relation $(\overrightarrow{OB})^2 = (OB)^2$ etc. and $(\vec{a} + \vec{b})^2 = a^2 + 2\vec{a}\cdot\vec{b} + b^2$.

Hence using the relation (i) and (ii) on (iii), we get

$(\overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{AB})^2 = (-\overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{AB})^2$ [$\because$ By (iv)]

or, $(OA)^2 + 2\,\overrightarrow{OA}\cdot\overrightarrow{AB} + (AB)^2 = (OA)^2 - 2\,\overrightarrow{OA}\cdot\overrightarrow{AB} + (AB)^2$

or, $4\overrightarrow{OA}\cdot\overrightarrow{AB} = 0$

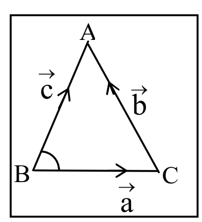
or, $\overrightarrow{OA}\cdot\overrightarrow{AB} = 0 \therefore \overrightarrow{OA} \perp \overrightarrow{AB}$ and hence $\angle OAB = 90°$. So OABC is a rectangle.

7.Using vector method, prove the projection law in any triangle that:

(i) b = c cosA + a cosC (ii) c = a cosB + b cosA (iii) a = b cos C + c cos B

Hint:

To prove b = c cosA + a cosC .



Let ABC be a triangle such that

$\overrightarrow{BC} = \vec{a}$, $\overrightarrow{CA} = \vec{b}$, $\overrightarrow{BA} = \vec{c}$

Then, $\vec{b} = \overrightarrow{CA} = \overrightarrow{CB} + \overrightarrow{BA} = -\vec{a} + \vec{c} = \vec{c} - \vec{a}$

Taking dot products both sides by $\vec{b}$, we get

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

$b^2 = cb\cos(\pi - A) - ab\cos(\pi - C)$

or, $b^2 = b\,[c\cos A + a\cos C]$

or, $b = c\cos A + a\cos C$.

8. Using vector method, prove the cosine laws of Trigonometry.

(i) $b^2 = c^2+a^2 - 2ca\cos B$ (ii) $a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc\cos A$

Hint:

To prove $b^2 = c^2 + a^2 - 2ca\cos B$.

Let ABC be a triangle such that

$\overrightarrow{BC} = \vec{a}$, $\overrightarrow{CA} = \vec{b}$, $\overrightarrow{BA} = \vec{c}$

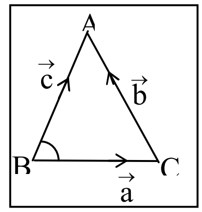
Then, $\overrightarrow{CA} = \overrightarrow{CB} + \overrightarrow{BA} = -\vec{a} + \vec{c}$

or, $\vec{b} = \vec{c} - \vec{a}$

$\therefore\ b^2 = (\vec{b})^2 = (\vec{c} - \vec{a})^2$

$= c^2 - 2\vec{c}.\vec{a} + a^2 = c^2 - 2\text{ ca cosB} + a^2$

$\therefore\quad b^2 = c^2 + a^2 - 2\text{ca cosB}$. Hence proved.



Assignment Problem Set – IIExercise 12.4,12.5 (Cross Product, Plane and Lines)):

Use Cross Product:

1. (i) Find the cross product $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ and verify that it is orthogonal to both $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ for the vectors $\vec{a} = t\,\vec{i} + \cos t\,\vec{j} + \sin t\,\vec{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \vec{i} - \sin t\,\vec{j} + \cos t\,\vec{k}$

(ii) Find two unit vectors orthogonal to both $\vec{a} = \vec{j} - \vec{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \vec{i} + \vec{j}$

(iii) Find the unit vector perpendicular to each of the pair of vectors: $\vec{a} = (3, 1, 2)$ and $\vec{b} = (2, -2, 4)$

2. **(i) Find the sine of the angle between the pair of vectors: $3\vec{i} + \vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$ and $2\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$**

(ii) If $\vec{a}.\vec{b} = \sqrt{3}$ and $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = (1, 2, 2)$, find the angle between $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$.

(iii) Find all vectors $\vec{v}$ such that $(1, 2, 1) \times \vec{v} = (3, 1, -5)$

(iv) Show that $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|^2 = |\vec{a}|^2 . |\vec{b}|^2 - (\vec{a}.\vec{b})^2$

(v) If $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = 0$, show that $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{b} \times \vec{c} = \vec{c} \times \vec{a}$

3. (i) Find the area of the triangle determined by the vectors $3\vec{i} + 4\vec{j}$ and $-5\vec{i} + 7\vec{j}$.

(ii) Find the area of the parallelogram determined by the vector $\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$ and $-3\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + \vec{k}$

(iii) Prove that the area of the parallelogram whose three of four vertices are (1, 1, 2), (2, – 1, 1) and (3, 2, – 1) is $5\sqrt{3}$ sq. units

(iv) Find the area of the parallelogram with vertices A(-2, 1), B(0, 4), C(4, 2) and D(2, -1) **Ans: 16**

(v Show that the area of the triangle PQR whose vertices are P(1, 2, 3), Q(3, 4, 5) and R(1, 3, 7) is $2\sqrt{6}$ sq. units.

(vi) Find a non zero vector orthogonal to the plane through the points P(1, 0, 1), Q(-2, 1, 3), R(4, 2, 5). Also find the area of the triangle PQR. **Ans: (0,18,-9) ; $\frac{9}{2}\sqrt{5}$**

4. Prove the sine law of trigonometry by vector method that: $\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$

Hints of Selected Problems

1. Find the unit vector perpendicular to each of the pair of vectors (3, 1, 2) and (2, –2, 4) .

Hint:

Let $\vec{a} = (3, 1, 2) = 3\vec{i} + \vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$, $\vec{b} = (2, -2, 4) = 2\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$

Since $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ is a vector perpendicular to both $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$.

$$\therefore\ \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (4+4)\,\vec{i} - \vec{j}\,(12-4) + \vec{k}\,(-6-2) = 8\vec{i} - 8\vec{j} - 8\vec{k}$$

$\therefore$ (8, – 8, – 8) is a required vector perpendicular to both $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$.

Also, unit vector perpendicular to both $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$

$$= \frac{\vec{a} \times \vec{b}}{|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|} = \frac{8\vec{i} - 8\vec{j} - 8\vec{k}}{|8\vec{i} - 8\vec{j} - 8\vec{k}|} = \frac{8\vec{i} - 8\vec{j} - 8\vec{k}}{\sqrt{8^2 + (-8)^2 + (-8)^2}} = \frac{\vec{i} - \vec{j} - \vec{k}}{\sqrt{3}}.$$

2. Find the sine of the angle between the pair of vectors: $3\vec{i} + \vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$ and $2\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$

Hint:

Since $\vec{a} = (3\vec{i} + \vec{j} + 2\vec{k}) = (3, 1, 2)$ and $\vec{b} = 2\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 4\vec{k} = (2, -2, 4)$

Now, $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = (3, 1, 2) \times (2, -2, 4) = (8, -8, -8)$ (How??) and $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = 8\sqrt{3}$

Again, $|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{14}$ and $|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{24} = 2\sqrt{6}$

If θ is the angle between $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$, then, $\sin\theta = \dfrac{|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|}{|\vec{a}||\vec{b}|} = \dfrac{8\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{14}\sqrt{24}} = \dfrac{2}{\sqrt{7}}$.

3. Find the area of the triangle determined by the vectors $3\vec{i} + 4\vec{j}$ and $-5\vec{i} + 7\vec{j}$.

Hint:

Suppose $\vec{a} = 3\vec{i} + 4\vec{j} = (3, 4, 0)$ and $\vec{b} = -5\vec{i} + 7\vec{j} = (-5, 7, 0)$

$\therefore \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = (3, 4, 0) \times (-5, 7, 0) = (0, 0, 41)$ and $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = \sqrt{0^2 + 0^2 + (41)^2} = 41$.

$\therefore$ Area of the triangle $= \dfrac{1}{2}|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = \dfrac{41}{2} = 20.5$ sq. units.

4 Show that the area of the triangle PQR whose vertices are P(1, 2, 3), Q(3, 4, 5) and R(1, 3, 7) is $2\sqrt{6}$ sq. units.

Solution:

Let us take O as the origin. Since P, Q, R be the vertices of the triangle PQR.

$\therefore \overrightarrow{OP} = (1, 2, 3), \overrightarrow{OQ} = (3, 4, 5)$ and $\overrightarrow{OR} = (1, 4, 7)$

Now, $\overrightarrow{PQ} = \overrightarrow{OQ} - \overrightarrow{OP} = (2, 2, 2)$ and $\overrightarrow{OR} = OR - OQ = (-2, 0, 2)$

Now, $\overrightarrow{PQ} \times \overrightarrow{OR} = (2, 2, 2) \times (-2, 0, 2) = (4, -8, 4)$ and $|\overrightarrow{PQ} \times \overrightarrow{QR}| = \sqrt{96} = 4\sqrt{6}$.

Hence, required Area of the triangle PQR $= \dfrac{1}{2}|\overrightarrow{PQ} \times \overrightarrow{QR}| = \dfrac{1}{2} \times 4\sqrt{6} = 2\sqrt{6}$ sq. units.

5. Find the area of the parallelogram determined by the vector $\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$ and $-3\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + \vec{k}$.

Solution:

Suppose $\vec{a} = \vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 3\vec{k} = (1, 2, 3)$

and $\vec{b} = -3\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + \vec{k} = (-3, -2, 1)$

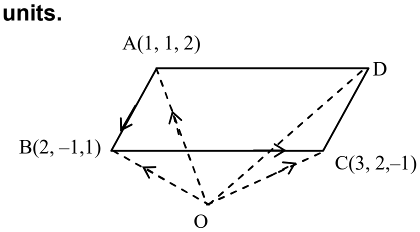
Now, $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = (8, -10, 4)$

We know that $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$ always represents the area of the parallelogram forming by the sides $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$.

$\therefore$ Required area $= |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = |(8, -10, 4)| = \sqrt{8^2 + (-10)^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{64 + 100 + 6} = 6\sqrt{5}$ sq. units.

6. Prove that the area of the parallelogram whose three of four vertices are (1, 1, 2), (2, – 1, 1) and (3, 2, – 1) is $5\sqrt{3}$ sq. units.

Solution:



Let O be the origin and ABCD be a parallelogram.

Let us take $\overrightarrow{OA} = (1, 1, 2), \overrightarrow{OB} = (2, -1, 1)$ and $\overrightarrow{OC} = (3, 2, -1)$.

Now, $\overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{OB} - \overrightarrow{OA} = (1, -2, -1)$ and $\overrightarrow{BC} = \overrightarrow{OC} - \overrightarrow{OB} = (1, 3, -2)$

$\therefore \overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{BC} = (1, -2, -1) \times (1, 3, -2) = (7, 1, 5)$.(How??)

$\therefore$ Area of the parallelogram $= |\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{BC}| = |(7, 1, 5)| = \sqrt{75} = 5\sqrt{3}$ sq. units **Ans**.

7. If $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = \vec{0}$, prove that $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{b} \times \vec{c} = \vec{c} \times \vec{a}$.

Hence prove the sine law of trigonometry by vector method that: $\dfrac{\sin A}{a} = \dfrac{\sin B}{b} = \dfrac{\sin C}{c}$

Solution:

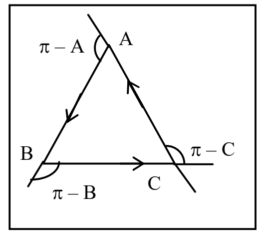
Multiplying both sides of $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = \vec{0}$ ....(i) vectorially by $\vec{a}$, we get

$\vec{a} \times (\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}) = \vec{a} \times \vec{0}$

or, $\vec{a} \times \vec{a} + \vec{a} \times \vec{b} + \vec{a} \times \vec{c} = \vec{0}$

or, $\vec{0} + \vec{a} \times \vec{b} - \vec{c} \times \vec{a} = \vec{0}$ $\quad [\because\ \vec{a} \times \vec{c} = -\vec{c} \times \vec{a}]$

$\therefore\ \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{c} \times \vec{a}$ $[\because \vec{a} \times \vec{a} = \vec{0}]$ ....(ii)



Similarly, multiplying both sides of (i) vectorially by $\vec{b}$, we get

$\vec{b} \times \vec{c} = \vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ ....(iii)

Combining (ii) and (iii), we get

$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{b} \times \vec{c} = \vec{c} \times \vec{a}$. Hence proved.

Finally for last part: Now $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = |\vec{b} \times \vec{c}| = |\vec{c} \times \vec{a}|$

or, ab sin (π – C) = bc sin (π – A) = ca sin (π– B)

or, ab sin C = bc sin A = ca sin B

Dividing by abc, we get

$\frac{\sin C}{c} = \frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b}$ or, $\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin c}{c}$.

Use of Scalar Triple Product:

1. (i) Give the geometrical meaning of scalar triple product. Find the volume of the parallelepiped determined by the vectors $\vec{a} = \vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$, $\vec{b} = -\vec{i} + \vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$, and $\vec{c} = 2\vec{i} + \vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$ **Ans: 9**

(ii) Find the volume of the parallelepiped with adjacent edges *PQ, PR* and *PS*, where *P*(-2, 1, 0), *Q*(2, 3, 2), *R*(1, 4, -1), *S*(3, 6, 1) **Ans: 16**

2. Use the scalar triple product to

(i) Verify that the vectors $\vec{u} = \vec{i} + 5\vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$, $\vec{v} = 3\vec{j} - \vec{j}$, and $\vec{w} = 5\vec{i} + 9\vec{j} - 4\vec{k}$ are coplanar.

(ii) Show that the following four points (2, 3, –1), (1, –2, 3), (3, 4, –2) and (1,– 6, 4) **are coplanar.**

(iii) Show that the vectors $\vec{a} = \vec{i} + 3\vec{j} + \vec{k}$, $\vec{b} = 2\vec{i} - \vec{j} - \vec{k}$ and $\vec{c} = 7\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$ are parallel to the same plane.

(iv) Determine whether the points *A*(1, 3, 2), *B*(3, -1, 6), *C*(5, 2, 0), and *D*(3, 6, -4) lie in the same plane.

(v) The position vectors of the points *A*, *B*, *C* and *D* are $3\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} - \vec{k}$, $2\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} - 4\vec{k}$, $-\vec{i} + \vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$ and $4\vec{i} + 5\vec{j} + \lambda\vec{k}$ respectively, if the points *A*, *B*, *C*, *D* are coplanar, find the value of λ.

(vi)If the vectors $a\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}$, $\vec{i} + b\vec{j} + \vec{k}$ and $\vec{i} + \vec{j} + c\vec{k}$ ($a \neq b$, $c \neq 1$) are coplanar, find the value of

$\frac{1}{1-a} + \frac{1}{1-b} + \frac{1}{1-c}$

(vii) If $\begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & 1+a^3 \\ b & b^2 & 1+b^3 \\ c & c^2 & 1+c^3 \end{vmatrix}$ **= 0 and the vectors $\vec{\alpha} = (1, a, a^2)$, $\vec{\beta} = (1, b, b^2)$ and $\vec{\gamma} = (1, c, c^2)$ are non coplanar.**

Find the value of *abc*.

(viii) If $\vec{a}$, $\vec{b}$, $\vec{c}$ are linearly independent, then show that $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$, $\vec{b} + \vec{c}$, $\vec{c} + \vec{a}$ are also linearly independent.

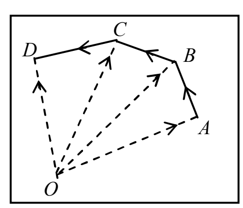
Hints of Selected Problems

1. Show that the following four points are coplanar:

(2, 3, –1), (1, –2, 3), (3, 4, –2) and (1,– 6, 4).

Hint:

Let *A*, *B*, *C*, *D* be the four points with position vectors with reference to the origin *O* be (2, 3, –1), (1, –2, 3), (3, 4, –2) and (1,– 6, 4) respectively.



Then we have,

$\overrightarrow{OA} = (2, 3, -1)$, $\overrightarrow{OB} = (1, -2, 3)$

$\overrightarrow{OC} = (3, 4, -2)$ and $\overrightarrow{OD} = (1, -6, 4)$.

Now, $\overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{OB} - \overrightarrow{OA} = (-1, -5, 4)$

$\overrightarrow{BC} = \overrightarrow{OC} - \overrightarrow{OB} = (2, 6, -5)$

and $\overrightarrow{CD} = \overrightarrow{OD} - \overrightarrow{OC} = (-2, -10, 8)$.

If the given four points are coplanar, then the three vectors $\overrightarrow{AB}$, $\overrightarrow{BC}$, $\overrightarrow{CD}$ are also coplanar. For this, their scalar triple product must vanish i.e., $\overrightarrow{AB} \,.\, \overrightarrow{BC} \times \overrightarrow{CD} = 0$.

But $\overrightarrow{AB} \,.\, \overrightarrow{BC} \times \overrightarrow{CD} = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -5 & 4 \\ 2 & 6 & -5 \\ -2 & -10 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = 0$. Hence the above four points are coplanar.

2. Show that the vectors $\vec{a} = \vec{i} + 3\vec{j} + \vec{k}$, $\vec{b} = 2\vec{i} - \vec{j} - \vec{k}$ and $\vec{c} = 7\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$ are parallel to the same plane.

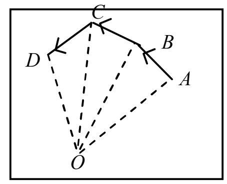
Hint:

The three vectors $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$ and $\vec{c}$ are parallel to the same plane if they are coplanar.

Here, $[\vec{a}\ \vec{b}\ \vec{c}] = \vec{a} \,.\, \vec{b} \times \vec{c} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 7 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 0.$

3. The position vectors of the points *A*, *B*, *C* and *D* are $3\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} - \vec{k}$, $2\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} - 4\vec{k}$, $-\vec{i} + \vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$ and $4\vec{i} + 5\vec{j} + \lambda\vec{k}$ respectively, if the points *A*, *B*, *C*, *D* are coplanar, find the value of λ.

Hint:



Here, $\overrightarrow{OA} = 3\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} - \vec{k}$, $\overrightarrow{OB} = 2\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} - 4\vec{k}$, $\overrightarrow{OC} = -\vec{i} + \vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$

and $\overrightarrow{OD} = 4\vec{i} + 5\vec{j} + \lambda\vec{k}$.

Now, $\overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{OB} - \overrightarrow{OA} = -\vec{i} + 5\vec{j} - 3\vec{k}$

$\overrightarrow{BC} = -3\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 6\vec{k}$

$\overrightarrow{CD} = 5\vec{i} + 4\vec{j} + (\lambda - 2)\vec{k}$.

If the points *A*, *B*, *C*, *D* are coplanar, then the three vectors $\overrightarrow{AB}$, $\overrightarrow{BC}$, $\overrightarrow{CD}$ are also coplanar. For this, $[\overrightarrow{AB}\ \ \overrightarrow{BC}\ \ \overrightarrow{CD}] = 0$

or, $(-\vec{i} + 5\vec{j} - 3\vec{k}).[(-3\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 6\vec{k}) \times \{5\vec{i} + 4\vec{j} + (\lambda - 2)\vec{k}\}] = 0 \quad \therefore \quad \lambda = -\dfrac{146}{17}$.

4. If the vectors $a\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}$, $\vec{i} + b\vec{j} + \vec{k}$ and $\vec{i} + \vec{j} + c\vec{k}$ ($a \neq b$, $c \neq 1$) are coplanar, find the value of $\dfrac{1}{1-a} + \dfrac{1}{1-b} + \dfrac{1}{1-c}$.

Hint:

Since the given three vectors are coplanar, so their scalar triple product is zero

i.e. $(a\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}).\,(\vec{i} + b\vec{j} + \vec{k}) \times (\vec{i} + \vec{j} + c\vec{k}) = 0$.

or, $\begin{vmatrix} a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & c \end{vmatrix} = 0$

Which gives $a + b + c = abc + 2$. ...... (1)

$$\text{Now, } \frac{1}{1-a} + \frac{1}{1-b} + \frac{1}{1-c} = \frac{3 + bc + ca + ab - 2(a+b+c)}{(1-a)\,(1-b)\,(1-c)}$$

$$= \frac{3 + bc + ca + ab - (a+b+c) - (a+b+c)}{(1-a)\,(1-b)\,(1-c)}$$

$$= \frac{3 + bc + ca + ab - (a+b+c) - (abc+2)}{(1-a)\,(1-b)\,(1-c)} \quad [\because \text{ by using (1)}]$$

$$= \frac{1 + bc + ca + ab - a - b - c - abc}{(1-a)\,(1-b)\,(1-c)} = \frac{(1-a)\,(1-b-c-bc)}{(1-a)\,(1-b)\,(1-c)} = \frac{(1-a)\,(1-b)\,(1-c)}{(1-a)\,(1-b)\,(1-c)} = 1.$$

5. If $\begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & 1+a^3 \\ b & b^2 & 1+b^3 \\ c & c^2 & 1+c^3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$ and the vectors $\vec{\alpha} = (1, a, a^2)$, $\vec{\beta} = (1, b, b^2)$ and $\vec{\gamma} = (1, c, c^2)$ are non coplanar. Find the value of *abc*.

Hint:

Since $\vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta}, \vec{\gamma}$ are non coplanar, so $[\vec{\alpha}\ \vec{\beta}\ \vec{\gamma}] \neq 0$. $\therefore\ \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$ .... (1)

But given that

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & 1+a^3 \\ b & b^2 & 1+b^3 \\ c & c^2 & 1+c^3 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \qquad \text{or, } \begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & 1 \\ b & b^2 & 1 \\ c & c^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & a^3 \\ b & b^2 & b^3 \\ c & c^2 & c^3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

or, $\Delta + abc\,\Delta = 0$ or, $\Delta\ (1 + abc) = 0$

Since by (1), $\Delta \neq 0$, so $1 + abc = 0 \quad \therefore\ abc = -1$.

6. a) Prove that $[\vec{a} + \vec{b}\ \ \vec{b} + \vec{c}\ \ \vec{c} + \vec{a}] = 2[\vec{a}\ \ \vec{b}\ \ \vec{c}\,]$, where $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ being any three vectors.

b) If $\vec{a}$, $\vec{b}$, $\vec{c}$ are coplanar, then $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$, $\vec{b} + \vec{c}$, $\vec{c} + \vec{a}$ are also coplanar.

c) If $\vec{a}$, $\vec{b}$, $\vec{c}$ are linearly independent, then $\vec{a} + \vec{b}$, $\vec{b} + \vec{c}$, $\vec{c} + \vec{a}$ are also linearly independent.

Solutions:

(a) Now,

$$
\begin{aligned}
[\vec{a}+\vec{b}\ \ \vec{b}+\vec{c}\ \ \vec{c}+\vec{a}] &= (\vec{a}+\vec{b}).\{(\vec{b}+\vec{c})\times(\vec{c}+\vec{a})\} \\
&= (\vec{a}+\vec{b}).[\vec{b}\times\vec{c}+\vec{b}\times\vec{a}+\vec{c}\times\vec{c}+\vec{c}\times\vec{a}] \\
&= (\vec{a}+\vec{b}).[\vec{b}\times\vec{c}+\vec{b}\times\vec{a}+\vec{c}\times\vec{a}]\ (\because \vec{c}\times\vec{c}=\vec{0}) \\
&= \vec{a}.[\vec{b}\times\vec{c}+\vec{b}\times\vec{a}+\vec{c}\times\vec{a}] + \vec{b}.[\vec{b}\times\vec{c}+\vec{b}\times\vec{a}+\vec{c}\times\vec{a}] \\
&= \vec{a}.\vec{b}\times\vec{c}+\vec{a}.\vec{b}\times\vec{a}+\vec{a}.\vec{c}\times\vec{a}+\vec{b}.\vec{b}\times\vec{c}+\vec{b}.\vec{b}\times\vec{a}+\vec{b}.\vec{c}\times\vec{a} \\
&= [\vec{a}.\vec{b}\times\vec{c}+0+0+0+0+\vec{b}.\vec{c}\times\vec{a}] \\
&= \vec{a}.\vec{b}\times\vec{c}+\vec{b}.\vec{c}\times\vec{a}. \\
&= [\vec{a}\ \vec{b}\ \vec{c}]+[\vec{b}\ \vec{c}\ \vec{a}] = [\vec{a}\ \vec{b}\ \vec{c}]+[\vec{a}\ \vec{b}\ \vec{c}] = 2[\vec{a}\ \vec{b}\ \vec{c}].
\end{aligned}
$$

(b) Since $\vec{a}$, $\vec{b}$, $\vec{c}$ are coplanar, $\therefore$ $[\vec{a}\ \vec{b}\ \vec{c}] = 0$. ....(1)

Then by part (a), $[\vec{a}+\vec{b}\ \ \vec{b}+\vec{c}\ \ \vec{c}+\vec{a}] = 2[\vec{a}\ \vec{b}\ \vec{c}] = 2.0 = 0$.

$\therefore$ $\vec{a}+\vec{b}$, $\vec{b}+\vec{c}$, $\vec{c}+\vec{a}$ are also coplanar.

(c) Since $\vec{a}$, $\vec{b}$, $\vec{c}$ are linearly independent vectors $\therefore$ $[\vec{a}\ \vec{b}\ \vec{c}] \neq 0$...... (1)

Then by part (a), $[\vec{a}+\vec{b}\ \ \vec{b}+\vec{c}\ \ \vec{c}+\vec{a}] = 2[\vec{a}\ \vec{b}\ \vec{c}] \neq 0$ $[\because$ by (1)$]$

This shows that $\vec{a}+\vec{b}$, $\vec{b}+\vec{c}$, $\vec{c}+\vec{a}$ are also linearly independent.

Vector Triple Product

1. **Verify that: $\vec{a}\times(\vec{b}\times\vec{c}) = (\vec{a}.\vec{c})\,\vec{b} - (\vec{a}.\vec{b})\,\vec{c}$, where $\vec{a} = \vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + \vec{k}$, $\vec{b} = 2\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}$ and $\vec{c} = \vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - \vec{k}$.**

2. **If $\vec{a} = \vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + \vec{k}$, $\vec{b} = 2\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}$ and $\vec{c} = \vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - \vec{k}$, find**

   $\vec{a}\times(\vec{b}\times\vec{c})$, $(\vec{a}\times\vec{b})\times\vec{c}$ and $|\vec{a}\times(\vec{b}\times\vec{c})|$. Also, show that $\vec{a}\times(\vec{b}\times\vec{c}) \neq (\vec{a}\times\vec{b})\times\vec{c}$.

3. **(i) Prove that: $b^2\vec{a} = (\vec{a}.\vec{b})\,\vec{b} + \vec{b}\times(\vec{a}\times\vec{b})$.**

   (ii) Show that : $\vec{a}\times(\vec{b}\times\vec{c}) + \vec{b}\times(\vec{c}\times\vec{a}) + \vec{c}\times(\vec{a}\times\vec{b}) = \vec{0}$.

   Hint: Use formula $\vec{a}\times(\vec{b}\times\vec{c}) = (\vec{a}.\vec{c})\,\vec{b} - (\vec{a}.\vec{b})\,\vec{c}$.

4. **Prove that**

   $2\vec{a} = \vec{i}\times(\vec{a}\times\vec{i}) + \vec{j}\times(\vec{a}\times\vec{j}) + \vec{k}\times(\vec{a}\times\vec{k})$, where $\vec{i}$, $\vec{j}$, $\vec{k}$ are mutually unit vectors along the co–ordinate axes.

Hint:

Now, $\vec{i}\times(\vec{a}\times\vec{i})+\vec{j}\times(\vec{a}\times\vec{j})+\vec{k}\times(\vec{a}\times\vec{k})$

$$
\begin{aligned}
&= (\vec{i}.\vec{i})\,\vec{a}-(\vec{i}.\vec{a})\,\vec{i}+(\vec{j}.\vec{j})\,\vec{a}-(\vec{j}.\vec{a})\,\vec{j}+(\vec{k}.\vec{k})\,\vec{a}-(\vec{k}.\vec{a})\,\vec{k} \\
&= 1\vec{a}-(\vec{i}.\vec{a})\,\vec{i}+1\vec{a}-(\vec{j}.\vec{a})\,\vec{j}+1\vec{a}-(\vec{k}.\vec{a})\,\vec{k} \\
&= 3\vec{a}-[(\vec{i}.\vec{a})\,\vec{i}+(\vec{j}.\vec{a})\,\vec{j}+(\vec{k}.\vec{a})\,\vec{k}] \text{ .... (1)}
\end{aligned}
$$

Let $\vec{a} = a_1\vec{i}+a_2\vec{j}+a_3\vec{k}$, then $\vec{i}.\vec{a} = \vec{i}.(a_1\vec{i}+a_2\vec{j}+a_3\vec{k}) = a_1$. etc

LHS $= 3\vec{a}-(a_1\vec{i}+a_2\vec{j}+a_3\vec{k}) = 3\vec{a}-\vec{a} = 2\vec{a}$.

5. **Show that: $(\vec{a}\times\vec{b})\times\vec{c} = \vec{a}\times(\vec{b}\times\vec{c})$ if, and only if, $(\vec{a}\times\vec{c})\times\vec{b} = \vec{0}$.**

Hint: Now, $(\vec{a}\times\vec{b})\times\vec{c} = \vec{a}\times(\vec{b}\times\vec{c}) \Leftrightarrow$ $-\vec{c}\times(\vec{a}\times\vec{b}) = \vec{a}\times(\vec{b}\times\vec{c})$

$$
\begin{aligned}
&\Leftrightarrow -\{(\vec{c}.\vec{b})\,\vec{a}-(\vec{c}.\vec{a})\,\vec{b}\} = (\vec{a}.\vec{c})\,\vec{b}-(\vec{a}.\vec{b})\,\vec{c} \\
&\Leftrightarrow -(\vec{c}.\vec{b})\,\vec{a}+(\vec{c}.\vec{a})\,\vec{b} = (\vec{a}.\vec{c})\,\vec{b}-(\vec{a}.\vec{b})\,\vec{c} \\
&\Leftrightarrow (\vec{a}.\vec{b})\,\vec{c}-(\vec{c}.\vec{b})\,\vec{a} = \vec{0} \\
&\Leftrightarrow (\vec{b}.\vec{c})\vec{a}-(\vec{b}.\vec{a})\vec{c} = \vec{0} \\
&\Leftrightarrow \vec{b}\times(\vec{a}\times\vec{c}) = \vec{0} \\
&\Leftrightarrow (\vec{a}\times\vec{c})\times\vec{b} = \vec{0}.
\end{aligned}
$$

6. Prove that the vector $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{a})$ is coplanar with $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$.

Hint:

Let $\vec{r} = \vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{a})$, so that $\vec{r}$ is perpendicular to both $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b} \times \vec{a}$. $\therefore \vec{r}.\vec{a} = 0$ and $\vec{r}.(\vec{b} \times \vec{a}) = 0$.

From the second relation, we have $[\vec{r}\ \vec{b}\ \vec{a}] = 0$.

This shows that the scalar triple product of $\vec{r}$, $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ is zero. Hence $\vec{r}$ is coplanar with $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ i.e. $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{a})$ is coplanar with the vectors $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$.

7. If $\vec{a}$, $\vec{b}$, $\vec{c}$ be three unit vectors such that $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \frac{1}{2}\vec{b}$, find the angle which $\vec{a}$ makes with $\vec{b}$ and $\vec{c}$, $\vec{b}$ and $\vec{c}$ being non parallel.

Solution:

Since $|\vec{a}| = 1, |\vec{b}| = 1, |\vec{c}| = 1$. By given condition, we have

$$\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \frac{1}{2}\vec{b}$$

or, $(\vec{a}.\vec{c})\,\vec{b} - (\vec{a}.\vec{b})\,\vec{c} = \frac{1}{2}\vec{b}$

or, $\left(\vec{a}.\vec{c} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\vec{b} + [-(\vec{a}.\vec{b})]\,\vec{c} = \vec{0}$.

Since $\vec{b}$ and $\vec{c}$ are non parallel, so either $\vec{a}.\vec{c} - \frac{1}{2} = 0$ or $\vec{a}.\vec{b} = 0$.

Case I: **If $\vec{a}.\vec{c} - \frac{1}{2} = 0$**, then $\vec{a}.\vec{c} = \frac{1}{2}$.

Now, if θ is the angle between $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{c}$, then

$|\vec{a}|\,|\vec{c}|\cos\theta = \frac{1}{2}$ or, $\cos\theta = \frac{1}{2}$ $\therefore \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$. Hence the angle between $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{c}$ is $\pi/3$.

Case II: If $\vec{a}.\vec{b} = 0$ then $|\vec{a}|\,|\vec{b}|\cos\phi = 0$, where ϕ is the angle between $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$.

or, $1.1\cos\phi = 0$ $\therefore$ $\phi = \frac{\pi}{2}$. Hence, the angle between $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ is $\pi/2$.

Equation of the Line

1. Find a vector equation of a straight line through the
   (i) given point point $\vec{a}$ and parallel to the vector $\vec{b}$. **Ans: $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + t\,\vec{b}$**
   (ii) two points $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$. **Ans: $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + t\,(\vec{b} - \vec{a})$**
2. Find a vector equation and parametric equation for the line through the point
   (i) (2, 2.4, 3.5) and parallel to the vector $3\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - \vec{k}$ **Ans: $\vec{r} = (2\vec{i} + 2.4\vec{j} + 3.5\vec{k}) + t(3\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - \vec{k})$**
   (ii) (1, 0, 6) and perpendicular to the plane $x + 3y + z = 5$. **Ans: $\vec{r} = (\vec{i} + 6\vec{k}) + t(\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} + \vec{k})$**
3. Find a vector equation for the line segment from (2, -1, 4) to (4, 6, 1).
   Ans: $\vec{r} = (2\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 4\vec{k}) + t(2\vec{i} + 7\vec{j} - 3\vec{k}), 0 \le t \le 1$
4. Find the parametric equations and symmetric equation for the lines through
   (i) the points (-8, 1,4)and (3, -2, 4) **Ans: $x = -8 + 11t$, $y = 1 - 3t$, $z = 4$; $\frac{x+8}{11} = \frac{y-1}{-3}$, $z = 4$**
   (ii) (2, 1,0) and perpendicular to both the vectors $\vec{i} + \vec{j}$ and $\vec{j} + \vec{k}$
   Hint: Find equation for the lines through $\vec{a} = (2, 1, 0)$ and parallel to $\vec{b} = (\vec{i} + \vec{j}) \times (\vec{j} + \vec{k})$
   (iii) (1, -1, 1) and parallel to the line $x + 2 = \frac{1}{2}y = z - 3$ **Ans: $x = 1 + t$, $y = -1 + 2t$, $z = 1 + t$**
   (iv) the line of intersection of the planes $x + 2y + 3z = 1$ and $x - y + z = 1$
5. **(a)** Determine whether the lines L_1 and L_2 are parallel, skew or intersecting. If they intersect, find the point of intersection.
   (i). $L_1 : x = 3 + 2t, y = 4 - t, z = 1 + 3t$ and L_2: $x = 1 + 4s, y = 3 - 2s, z = 4 + 5s$ **Ans: Skewed**
   (ii). $L_1 : \frac{x-2}{1} = \frac{y-3}{-2} = \frac{z-1}{-3}$ and $L_2 : \frac{x-3}{1} = \frac{y+4}{3} = \frac{z-2}{-7}$ **Ans: (4,-1,-5)**

   (b) Prove that the lines $L_1 : \frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+1}{-3} = \frac{z+10}{8}$, $L_2 : \frac{x-4}{1} = \frac{y+3}{-4} = \frac{z+1}{7}$ intersect, find also their point of intersection .

Hints of Selected Problems

1.Find the symmetric equation for the lines of intersection of the planes $x + 2y + 3z - 6 = 0 = 3x+4y+5z-2$.

Hint:

The equation of the line is $x + 2y + 3z - 6 = 0 = 3x+4y+5z-2$ ....(1)
To transform the equation (1) in symmetrical form, we need
(i) direction ratios of the line. and (ii) the co-ordinates of any point on it.

The direction ratios of the line:

Let l, m, n be the direction ratios of the line (1). Since the line lies on both the planes. So it is perpendicular to the normal of these planes. So applying the conditions of perpendicularity, we get

$1l + 2m + 3n = 0$ and $3l + 4m + 5n = 0$.

Solving by rules of cross multiplication, we get

$$\frac{l}{10-12} = \frac{m}{9-5} = \frac{n}{4-6} \quad \text{or ,} \quad \frac{l}{-2} = \frac{m}{4} = \frac{n}{-2}$$

or, $\frac{l}{1} = \frac{m}{-2} = \frac{n}{1} = k$ (say) $\therefore$ $l = k, m = -2k, n = k$.

Thus the direction ratios of the line are proportional to 1, –2, 1.

The co-ordinates of any point on it.

Suppose the line meets the plane $z = 0$ at $(x_1, y_1, 0)$. Then, $x_1 + 2y_1 - 6 = 0$ and $3x_1 + 4y_1 - 2 = 0$.

Solving, we get $\frac{x_1}{-4+24} = \frac{y_1}{-18+2} = \frac{1}{4-6} \Rightarrow \frac{x_1}{20} = \frac{y_1}{-16} = \frac{1}{-2}$ $\therefore x_1 = -10, y_1 = 8$.

Hence the line (1) intersect the plane $z = 0$ at point $(-10, 8, 0)$.

Hence the equation of straight line in symmetrical form is $\frac{x+10}{1} = \frac{y-8}{-2} = \frac{z-0}{1}$.

2.Find the equation of the line through the point (1, 2, 4) and parallel to the line $3x + 2y - z = 4$, $x - 2y - 2z = 5$.

Hint:

The required equation of the line through (1, 2, 4) is $\frac{x-1}{l} = \frac{y-2}{m} = \frac{z-4}{n}$ ....(1)

where l, m, n are the direction ratios of the line (1).
If the line (1) is parallel to the line $3x + 2y - z = 4$, $x - 2y - 2z = 5$
Then it is perpendicular to the normal to each of the plane.
Hence applying the condition of perpendicularity, we get

$3l + 2m - n = 0$ and $l - 2m - 2n = 0$

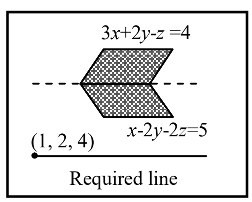
Solving by rules of cross multiplication, we get

$$\frac{l}{-4-2} = \frac{m}{-1+6} = \frac{n}{-6-2}$$

or, $\frac{l}{-6} = \frac{m}{5} = \frac{n}{-8}$

or, $\frac{l}{6} = \frac{m}{-5} = \frac{n}{8} = k$(say).

$\therefore$ $l = 6k, m = -5k, n = 8k$.



Substituting the value of l, m, n in (1), the required equation of the line is $\frac{x-1}{6} = \frac{y-2}{-5} = \frac{z-4}{8}$.

3. Prove that the lines $L_1 : \frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+1}{-3} = \frac{z+10}{8}$, $L_2 : \frac{x-4}{1} = \frac{y+3}{-4} = \frac{z+1}{7}$ intersect, find also their point of intersection .

Hint:

Let $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+1}{-3} = \frac{z+10}{8} = r$ and $\frac{x-4}{1} = \frac{y+3}{-4} = \frac{z+1}{7} = r'$.

Then the co-ordinates of any point on the given two lines are $(2r+1, -3r-1, 8r-10)$ and $(r'+4, -4r'-3, 7r'-1)$ respectively. The two lines will intersect if they meet at a single point. For the point of intersection, for suitable values of r and r', we have

$2r + 1 = r' + 4$ $\therefore$ $2r - r' = 3$ .... (1)
$-3r - 1 = -4r' - 3$ $\quad -3r + 4r' = -2$ .... (2)
and $8r - 10 = 7r' - 1$ $\quad 8r - 7r' = 9$ .... (3)

Solving (1) and (2), we get $r = 2$ and $r' = 1$.
As $r = 2$ and $r' = 1$ satisfy the equation (3). Hence two given lines intersect.
The co-ordinates of point of intersection is $(2r+1, -3r-1, 8r-10)$ or, $(5, -7, 6)$.

Equation of the Planes

1.Find an equation of the plane.

(i) through the point $\left(-1, \frac{1}{2}, 3\right)$ and with normal vector $\vec{i}+4\vec{j}+\vec{k}$ **Ans: $x+4y+z=4$.**

(ii) through the point (1, -1, -1) and parallel to the plane $5x-y-z=6$ **Ans: $5x-y-z=7$**

(iii) that contains the line $x=1+t, y=2-t, z=4-3t$ and is parallel to the plane $5x+2y+z=1$.

(iv) through the points (3, -1, 2), (8, 2, 4), and (-1, -2, -3) **Ans: $-13x+17y+7z=-42$**

2. Determine the equation of the plane

(i) that passes through the point (6, 0, -2) and contains the line $x=4-2t, y=3+5t, z=7+4t$

Ans: $33x+10y+4z=190$

(ii) that passes through the pint (1, -1, 1) and contains the line $x=2y=3z$.

(iii)that passes through the point (-1, 2, 1) and contains the line of intersection of the planes $x+y-z=2$ and $2x-y+3z=1$. **Ans: $x-2y+4z=-1$**

3.Find an equation of the plane.

(i)that passes through the points (0,-2, 5) and (-1, 3, 1) and is perpendicular to the plane $2z=5x+4y$

(ii)that passes through the point (– 1, 3, 2) and is perpendicular to the planes $x+2y+2z=5$ and $3x+3y+2z=8$. **Ans: $2x-4y+3z+8$**

(iii) through the point (2, 0, 1) and perpendicular to the line $x=3t, y=2-t, z=3+4t$

(iv)that passes through the line of intersection of the planes $x-z=1$ and $y+2z=3$ and is perpendicular to the plane $x+y-2z=1$.

Hints of Selected Problems

1. Find the equation of the plane through three points (1, 1, 0), (1, 2, 1) and (–2, 2, – 1).

Solution:

Any equation of the plane through the point (1, 1, 0) is

$a(x-1)+b(y-1)+c(z-0)=0$...... (1)

But (1) passes through the point (1, 2, 1) and (–2, 2, – 1).

So we have, $a(1-1)+b(2-1)+c(1-0)=0$

$\Rightarrow \quad a.0+b.1+c.1=0$ .... (2)

and $\quad a(-2-1)+b(2-1)+c(-1-0)=0$

$\Rightarrow \quad a.(-3)+b.1+c(-1)=0$ .... (3)

From (2) and (3) by cross multiplication, we have

$$\frac{a}{1.(-1)-1.1}=\frac{b}{1.(-3)-0.(-1)}=\frac{c}{0.1-(-3).1} \quad \Rightarrow \frac{a}{-2}=\frac{b}{-3}=\frac{c}{3}=k \text{ (say)}$$

$\therefore \quad a=-2k, b=-3k, c=3k$.......... (4)

Substituting the values of a, b, c, in (1), we get

$-2k(x-1)-3k(y-1)+3kz=0$ or, $2x+3y-3z=5$.

2. Obtain the equation of the plane through the intersection of the plane $x+2y-3z=5$ and $5x+7y+3z=10$ and passing through the point (1, 2, 3) .

Solution:

The given planes are

$x+2y-3z-5=0,\ 5x+7y+3z-10=0$ .... (1)

The equation of the plane through the intersection of the planes (1) is

$(x+2y-3z-5)+\lambda(5x+7y+3z-10)=0.$ .... (2)

If (2) passes through the point (1, 2, 3), then

$(1+4-9-5)+\lambda(5+14+9-10)=0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lambda=\frac{9}{18}=\frac{1}{2}.$

Substituting the value of λ in (2), the required equation of the plane is

$(x+2y-3z-5)+\frac{1}{2}(5x+7y+3z-10)=0$ or, $7x+11y-3z-20=0$.

3. Find the equation of the plane which passes through the point (– 1, 3, 2) and is perpendicular to each of the planes $x+2y+2z=5$, $3x+3y+2z=8$.

Solution:

Any equation of the plane through the point (– 1, 3, 2) is

$a(x+1)+b(y-3)+c(z-2)=0$ .... (1)

If this plane is perpendicular to each of the planes

$x+2y+2z=5$ and $3x+3y+2z=8$, then applying the condition of perpendicularity, we get

$a.1+b.2+c.2=0$ .... (2) and $a.3+b.3+c.2=0$ .... (3)

By cross multiplication on (2) and (3), we have

$$\frac{a}{4-6}=\frac{b}{6-2}=\frac{c}{3-6} \Rightarrow \quad \frac{a}{-2}=\frac{b}{4}=\frac{c}{-3}=k \text{ (say)}$$

$\therefore \quad a = -2k, b = 4k, c = -3k.$

Substituting these values of a, b, c in (1), we get

$-2k(x + 1) + 4k(y - 3) - 3k(z - 2) = 0$ or, $2x - 4y + 3z + 8 = 0$

which is the required equation of the plane.

4. Find the equation of the plane through the points (2, 2, 1) and (9, 3, 6) and is perpendicular to the plane $2x + 3y + 6z = 9$.

Solution:

Any equation of the plane through the point (2, 2, 1) is

$a(x - 2) + b(y - 2) + c(z - 1) = 0$ .... (1)

If this plane passes through (9, 3, 6), then

$a(9 - 2) + b(3 - 2) + c(6 - 1) = 0$

or, $a.7 + b.1 + c.5 = 0$ .... (2)

Again, if the plane (1) is perpendicular to the plane $2x + 3y + 6z = 9$.

So applying the perpendicularity condition, we have

$a.2 + b.3 + c.6 = 0$ .... (3)

By cross multiplication on (2) and (3), we get

$$\frac{a}{6 - 15} = \frac{b}{10 - 42} = \frac{c}{21 - 2} \Rightarrow \frac{a}{-9} = \frac{b}{-32} = \frac{c}{19} = k \text{ (say)}$$

$\therefore \quad a = -9k, b = -32k, c = 19k.$

Substituting the values of a, b, c in equation (1), we get

$-9k(x - 2) - 32k(y - 2) + 19k(z - 1) = 0$

or, $9x + 32y - 19z - 63 = 0$, which is the required equation of the plane.

Point of Intersection of Line and Plane:

1. (i) Where does the line through (1, 0, 1) and (4, -2, 2) intersect the plane $x + y + z = 6$?

(ii) Find the point at which the lines $\vec{r} = (1, 1, 0) + t(1, -1, 2)$ and $\vec{r} = (2, 0, 2) + s(-1, 1, 0)$ intersect.

2. Find direction numbers and direction cosines for the line of intersection of the planes $x + y + z = 1$ and $x + z = 0$.

Ans:1,0,-1

3. Determine whether the planes are parallel, perpendicular, or neither. If neither, find the angle between them.

(i). $x + 4y - 3z = 1$, $-3x + 6y + 7z = 0$ **Ans: perpendicular**

(ii). $x + y + z = 1$, $x - y + z = 1$ **Ans: Neither, 70.5°**

(iii). $x = 4y - 2z$, $8y = 1 + 2x + 4z$ **Ans: Parallel**

4. Find the points in which the line $\frac{x + 1}{-1} + \frac{y - 12}{5} = \frac{z - 7}{2}$ cuts the surface $11x^2 - 5y^2 + z^2 = 0$.

Ans: (2, –3, 1) and (1, 2, 3)

Hints of Selected Problem

1.Find the point where the line joining (2, –3, 1), (3, –4, –5) cuts the plane $2x + y + z = 7$.

Solution:

The equation of straight line joining two points (2, – 3, 1) and (3, – 4, – 5) is

$$\frac{x - 2}{3 - 2} = \frac{y - (-3)}{-4 - (-3)} = \frac{z - 1}{-5 - 1} \quad \text{or,} \quad \frac{x - 2}{1} = \frac{y + 3}{-1} = \frac{z - 1}{-6} = r \text{(say)}.$$

Then the co-ordinates of any point on this line are $(r + 2, -r - 3, -6r + 1)$ ....(1)

If this point lies on the plane $2x + y + z = 7$, then we must have

$2(r + 2) + (-r - 3) + (-6r + 1) = 7$ $\therefore r = -1.$

Substituting the value of r in (1), required point is $(-1 + 2, 1 - 3, 6 + 1)$ i.e. $(1, -2, 7)$.

Distance from a point to a plane:

1. Find equation for the plane consisting of all points that are equidistant from the points (1, 0, -2) and (3, 4, 0). **Ans: $x + 2y + z = 5$**

2.(i) Find the distance from the point (1, -2, 4) to the plane $3x + 2y + 6z = 5$ **Ans: 18/7**

(ii) **Formula:** The distance between the parallel planes $ax + by + cz + d_1 = 0$ and $ax + by + cz + d_2 = 0$ is

$D = \frac{|d_1 - d_2|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$. Using this formula, find the distance between the parallel planes

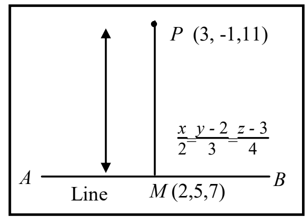
$2x - 3y + z = 4$ and $4x - 6y + 2z = 3$ **Ans:** $\frac{5}{2\sqrt{14}}$

(iii) Find the distance from the point (4, 1, -2) to the given line $x = 1 + t$, $y = 3 - 2t$, $z = 4 - 3t$ **Ans:** $\sqrt{61/14}$

Hints of Selected Problem

1. Find the length of the perpendicular from the point (3, – 1, 11) to the line $\frac{x}{2} = \frac{y-2}{3} = \frac{z-3}{4}$.

Solution:



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

Let $\frac{x}{2} = \frac{y-2}{3} = \frac{z-3}{4} = r$(say).

Then the co-ordinate of any point on the line (1) is

$(2r, 3r+2, 4r+3)$ ....(2)

Let the foot of the perpendicular from $P(3, -1, 11)$ be M.
Then the co-ordinates of M is of the form $(2r, 3r+2, 4r+3)$.
The direction ratios of PM are $2r - 3,\ 3r + 2 + 1,\ 4r + 3 - 11$ i.e. $2r - 3,\ 3r + 3,\ 4r - 8$.
Also, the direction ratios of the line AB are 2, 3,4. But PM is perpendicular to AB. So applying the perpendicularity condition, we get

$2(2r-3) + 3(3r+3) + 4(4r-8) = 0$ or, $29r - 29 = 0$ $\therefore$ $r = 1$.

Hence the co-ordinates of M are (from 2)

$(2.1, 3.1 + 2, 4.1 + 3)$ i.e. $(2, 5, 7)$.

Hence the required perpendicular distance $PM = \sqrt{(3-2)^2 + (-1-5)^2 + (11-7)^2} = \sqrt{53}$.

Distance Between Skew Lines:

1.(i) Show that the lines with symmetric equation $x = y = z$ and $x + 1 = y/2 = z/3$ are skew, and find the distance between these lines. **Ans:** $\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$

(ii) Let L_1 be the line through the origin and the point (2, 0, -1). Let L_2 be the line through the points (1, -1, 1) and (4, 1, 3). Find the distance between L_1 and L_2. **Ans:** $\frac{13}{\sqrt{69}}$

Hints of Similar Problem

1. Show that the shortest distance between the lines with symmetric equation

$$\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{3} = \frac{z-3}{4} \text{ and } \frac{x-2}{3} = \frac{y-4}{4} = \frac{z-5}{5} \text{ is } \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}.$$

Solution:

The given lines are

$$\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{3} = \frac{z-3}{4} \text{ .... (1)} \qquad \text{and} \qquad \frac{x-2}{3} = \frac{y-4}{4} = \frac{z-5}{5} \text{ .... (2)}$$

Now, the equation of the plane containing the first line and parallel to the second line is

$$\begin{vmatrix} x-1 & y-2 & z-3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

or, $(x-1)(15-16) + (y-2)(12-10) + (z-3)(8-9) = 0$
or, $-1(x-1) + 2(y-2) - 1(z-3) = 0$
or, $-x + 2y - z + 1 - 4 + 3 = 0$
or, $x - 2y + z = 0$ ..... (3)

Also, (2, 4, 5) is a point on second line.

$\therefore$ Length of S.D. =Perpendicular distance from the point (2, 4, 5) to the plane (3)

$$= \left|\frac{2 - 2.4 + 5}{\sqrt{1^2 + (-2)^2 + 1^2}}\right| = \left|-\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\right| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}.$$