

Chapter -11  
Coordinates in Space

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- # If 'd' be the distance between any two points  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  in the space then,
- $$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$$

- # If P(x, y, z) divides the line joining the any two points A  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and B  $(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  in the ratio  $m_1 : m_2$  then

$$(x, y, z) = \left( \frac{m_1 x_2 + m_2 x_1}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{m_1 y_2 + m_2 y_1}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{m_1 z_2 + m_2 z_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right)$$

If P divides externally then,

$$(x, y, z) = \left( \frac{m_1 x_2 - m_2 x_1}{m_1 - m_2}, \frac{m_1 y_2 - m_2 y_1}{m_1 - m_2}, \frac{m_1 z_2 - m_2 z_1}{m_1 - m_2} \right)$$

If P(x, y, z) is the midpoint of line joining A  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and B  $(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  then,

$$(x, y, z) = \left( \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}, \frac{z_1 + z_2}{2} \right)$$

### Exercise - 11.1

1. Find the distance between the points.

a.  $(-1, 4, 3)$  and  $(2, 2, -3)$

Solution:

Using the distance formula,

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(2+1)^2 + (2-4)^2 + (-3-3)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{9 + 4 + 36}$$

$$= 7$$

b.  $(4, -1, 5)$  and  $(-4, 3, 6)$

Solution:

Using the distance formula,

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(-4-4)^2 + (3+1)^2 + (6-5)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{64 + 16 + 1} = 9$$

2.a. Show that the points  $(2, 0, -4)$ ,  $(4, 2, 4)$  and  $(10, 2, -2)$  are the vertices of an equilateral triangle.

Solution:

Let the given points be  $A(2, 0, -4)$ ,  $B(4, 2, 4)$  and  $C(10, 2, -2)$

Now, distance between AB is;

$$= \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$$

$A(2, 0, -4)$

$$= \sqrt{(4-2)^2 + (2-0)^2 + (4+4)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{4 + 4 + 64}$$

$$= \sqrt{72}$$

Again,

$B(4, 2, 4)$

$C(10, 2, -2)$

Distance between BC is;

$$= \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(10-4)^2 + (2-2)^2 + (-2-4)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{36 + 36} = \sqrt{72}$$

Distance between AC is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{(10 - 2)^2 + (2 - 0)^2 + (-2 + 4)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{64 + 4 + 4} \\
 &= \sqrt{72}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since,  $AB = BC = AC$ . So, the given points are the vertices of an equilateral triangle.

b. Show that the point  $(0, 7, 10)$ ,  $(-1, 6, 6)$  and  $(-4, 9, 6)$  are the vertices of a right angled isosceles triangle.

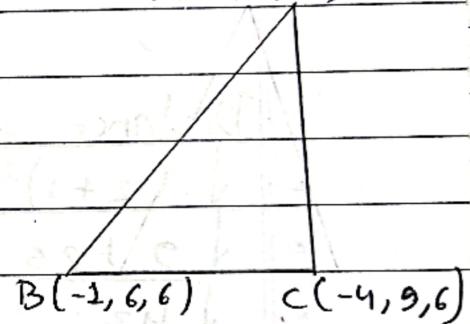
Solution:

Let the given points be  $A(0, 7, 10)$ ,  $B(-1, 6, 6)$  and  $C(-4, 9, 6)$

Now,

Distance of AB is.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sqrt{(-1 - 0)^2 + (6 - 7)^2 + (6 - 10)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{1 + 1 + 16} \\
 &= \sqrt{18}
 \end{aligned}$$



Distance of BC is

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sqrt{(-4 + 1)^2 + (9 - 6)^2 + (6 - 6)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{9 + 9 + 0} \\
 &= \sqrt{18}
 \end{aligned}$$

Distance of AC is

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sqrt{(-4 + 2)^2 + (-4 - 0)^2 + (9 - 7)^2 + (6 - 10)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{16 + 4 + 16} \\
 &= 6
 \end{aligned}$$

Here,  $AB = BC = \sqrt{18}$  and  $AC = 6$ . Hence it is an isosceles triangle.

Now,  $(AC)^2 = (AB)^2 + (BC)^2$

or,  $6^2 = (\sqrt{18})^2 + (\sqrt{18})^2$

$$\text{or, } 36 = 36.$$

Hence, it is an ~~isos~~ right angled triangle.

- 3.a. Show that the points  $(1, 2, 3)$ ,  $(-1, -2, -1)$ ,  $(2, 3, 2)$  and are the vertices of a parallelogram.

Solution:

Let the points be  $A(1, 2, 3)$ ,  $B(-1, -2, -1)$ ,  $C(2, 3, 2)$  and  $D(4, 7, 6)$

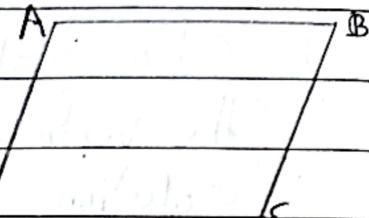
Now,

Distance of the side  $AB$  is

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

$$= \sqrt{4 + 16 + 25} \quad (\text{length})$$

$$= \sqrt{36} \quad \sqrt{36}$$



Distance of the side point  $BC$  is

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

$$= \sqrt{9 + 25 + 9}$$

$$= \sqrt{43}$$

Distance of the points  $CD$  is

$$= \sqrt{(4-2)^2 + (7-3)^2 + (6-2)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{4 + 16 + 16}$$

$$= \sqrt{36}$$

Distance between the point  $AD$  is

$$= \sqrt{(4-1)^2 + (7-2)^2 + (6-3)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{9 + 25 + 9}$$

$$= \sqrt{43}$$

Here,

Length of  $AB$  = Length of  $CD$  and Length of  $BC$  = Length of  $AD$ . So, the given points are the vertices of a ||gm.

b. Show that the points  $(1, 1, 1)$ ,  $(-2, 4, 1)$ ,  $(-1, 5, 5)$  and  $(2, 2, 5)$  are the vertices of a square.

Solution:

Let the given points be  $A(1, 1, 1)$ ,  $B(-2, 4, 1)$ ,  $C(-1, 5, 5)$  and  $D(2, 2, 5)$ .

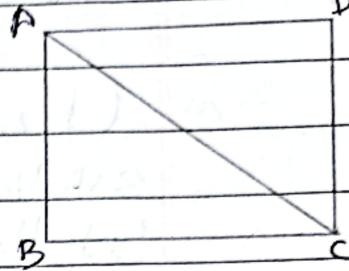
Now,

Distance between the points AB is

$$= \sqrt{(-2-1)^2 + (4-1)^2 + (1-1)^2}$$

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

$$= \sqrt{18}$$



Distance between the points BC is

$$= \sqrt{(-1+2)^2 + (5-4)^2 + (5-1)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{1+1+16}$$

$$= \sqrt{18}$$

Distance of between the points CD is

$$= \sqrt{(2+1)^2 + (2-5)^2 + (5-5)^2}$$

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

$$= \sqrt{18}$$

Distance between the points AD is

$$= \sqrt{(2-1)^2 + (2-1)^2 + (5-2)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{1+1+16}$$

$$= \sqrt{18}$$

Distance of the diagonal AC is

$$= \sqrt{(-1-1)^2 + (5-1)^2 + (5-1)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{4+16+16}$$

$$= 6$$

$$\text{Here, } AB = BC = CD = AD = \sqrt{18}$$

$$\text{Now, } (AC)^2 = (AB)^2 + (BC)^2$$

$$\text{or, } 6^2 = (\sqrt{18})^2 + (\sqrt{18})^2$$

$$\text{or, } 36 = 36 \quad [\text{right angle proved}]$$

Hence, the given points are the vertices of a square

4. Show that the following points are collinear.

$$\text{a. } (1, 2, 3), (-2, 3, 4) \text{ and } (7, 0, 1)$$

Solution:

Let the given points be A(1, 2, 3), B(-2, 3, 4) and C(7, 0, 1)

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} AB &= \sqrt{(-2-1)^2 + (3-2)^2 + (4-3)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{9+1+1} \\ &= \sqrt{11} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} BC &= \sqrt{(7+2)^2 + (0-3)^2 + (1-4)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{81+9+9} \\ &= \sqrt{99} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} AC &= \sqrt{(7-1)^2 + (0-2)^2 + (1-3)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{36+4+4} \\ &= \sqrt{44} \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} AB + AC &= \sqrt{11} + \sqrt{44} \\ &= \sqrt{99} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore BC$  proved,

Hence, A, B, C are collinear.

b.  $(-2, 3, 5)$ ,  $(1, 2, 3)$  and  $(7, 0, -1)$

Solution:

Let the given points be  $A(-2, 3, 5)$ ,  $B(1, 2, 3)$  and  $C(7, 0, -1)$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}AB &= \sqrt{(1+2)^2 + (2-3)^2 + (3-5)^2} \\&= \sqrt{9+1+4} \\&= \sqrt{14}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}BC &= \sqrt{(7-1)^2 + (0-2)^2 + (-1-3)^2} \\&= \sqrt{36+4+16} \\&= \sqrt{56}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}AC &= \sqrt{(7+2)^2 + (0-3)^2 + (-1-5)^2} \\&= \sqrt{81+9+36} \\&= \sqrt{126}\end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned}AB + BC &= \sqrt{14} + \sqrt{56} \\&= \sqrt{126} \\&= AC\end{aligned}$$

Hence, A, B and C are collinear.

5.a. Find the locus of a point which moves such that its distance from the fixed point  $(-1, 2, -2)$  is always 5.

Solution:

Let  $P(x, y, z)$  be the point on the locus and it's distance from  $A(1, 2, -2)$  is always 5.

i.e.  $AP = 5$

$$\text{or, } \sqrt{(x-1)^2 + (y-2)^2 + (z+2)^2} = 5$$

$$\text{or, } \sqrt{x^2 - 2x + 1 + y^2 - 4y + 4 + z^2 + 4z + 4} = 5$$

$$\text{or, } x^2 - 2x + y^2 + z^2 - 2xy - 2x - 4y + 4z - 16 = 0 \text{ which is the required equation.}$$

- b. Find the locus of a point which moves such that it is equidistant from two fixed points  $(-2, 2, 3)$  and  $(4, -1, 5)$

Solution:

Let the points be  $A(-2, 2, 3)$  and  $B(4, -1, 5)$

Let  $P(a, b, c)$  be the point of locus.

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} PA &= \sqrt{(-2-a)^2 + (2-b)^2 + (3-c)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{1+2a+a^2 + 4-4b+b^2 + 9-6c+c^2} \end{aligned}$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned} PB &= \sqrt{(4-a)^2 + (-1-b)^2 + (5-c)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{16-8a+a^2 + 1+2b+b^2 + 25-10c+c^2} \end{aligned}$$

By question:

$$(PA)^2 = (PB)^2$$

$$\therefore 1+a^2+2a+4-4b+b^2+9-6c+c^2 = 16-8a+a^2+1+2b+b^2+25$$

$$-10c+c^2$$

$$\text{or, } 14+2a-4b+b^2-6c = 42-8a+2b+b^2-10c$$

$$\text{or, } 10a-6b+4c = 28$$

or,  $5a-3b+2c-14=0$  is the required equation.

6. Find the coordinates of the points which is equidistant from the four points  $O, A, B$  and  $C$  where  $O$  is the origin and  $A, B$  and  $C$  are the points on the  $x$ -,  $y$ - and  $z$ -axis respectively at distance  $a, b$  and  $c$  from the origin.

Solution:

Let  $P(x, y, z)$  be the coordinate of point which is equidistant from the four points  $O(0, 0, 0)$ ,  $A(a, 0, 0)$ ,  $B(0, b, 0)$  and  $C(0, 0, c)$

$$\text{i.e. } OP = AP = BP = CP$$

Now,

$$(OP)^2 = (AP)^2$$

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

$$\text{or, } x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = x^2 - 2ax + a^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

$$\text{or, } 0 = -2ax + a^2$$

$$\text{or, } 0 = a(-2x+a) \quad a(2x+a)$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{a}{2}$$

Also,

$$(OP)^2 = (BP)^2$$

$$\text{or, } (x-a)^2 + (y-a)^2 + (z-a)^2 = (x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 + (z-a)^2$$

$$\text{or, } x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = x^2 + y^2 - 2yb + b^2 + z^2$$

$$\text{or, } 0 = -2yb + b^2$$

$$\text{or, } 0 = b(-2y+b)$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{b}{2}$$

Also,

$$(OP)^2 = (CP)^2$$

$$\text{or, } (x-a)^2 + (y-a)^2 + (z-c)^2 = (x-a)^2 + (y-a)^2 + (z-c)^2$$

$$\text{or, } x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2zc + c^2$$

$$\text{or, } 0 = -2zc + c^2$$

$$\text{or, } 0 = c(-2z+c)$$

$$\therefore z = \frac{c}{2}$$

Hence, the required point is  $P\left(\frac{a}{2}, \frac{b}{2}, \frac{c}{2}\right)$

7. Find the coordinates of a point which divides the line segment joining each of the following pair of points internally in the ratio 1:2 and externally in the ratio 3:2

a. (1, -2, 3) and (2, 2, 3)

Solution:

Let the point  $P(x, y, z)$  divides the line joining the point  $A(1, -2, 3)$  and  $B(2, 2, 3)$  in the ratio 1:2 internally.

Here,  $m_1 = 2$  and  $m_2 = 2$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}(x, y, z) &= \left( \frac{m_1 x_2 + m_2 x_1}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{m_1 y_2 + m_2 y_1}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{m_1 z_2 + m_2 z_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right) \\&= \left( \frac{1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 1}{1+2}, \frac{1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot (-2)}{1+2}, \frac{1 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 3}{1+2} \right) \\&= \left( 1, -2, 3 \right)\end{aligned}$$

Again,

for the external division, let  $x'$ ,  $y'$ , and  $z'$  divides the Point A(2, -2, 3) and B(1, 2, 3) in the ratio 3:2.

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}(x', y', z') &= \left( \frac{m_1 x_2 - m_2 x_1}{m_1 - m_2}, \frac{m_1 y_2 - m_2 y_1}{m_1 - m_2}, \frac{m_1 z_2 - m_2 z_1}{m_1 - m_2} \right) \\&= \left( \frac{3 \cdot 2 - 2 \cdot 1}{3-2}, \frac{3 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot (-2)}{3-2}, \frac{3 \cdot 3 - 2 \cdot 3}{3-2} \right) \\&\therefore (x', y', z') = \left( 1, 10, 3 \right)\end{aligned}$$

b. (2, 0, 1) and (4, -2, 5)

Solution:

Let the point P(x, y, z) divides the line A(2, 0, 1) and B(4, -2, 5) in the ratio 1:2 internally and P'(x', y', z') divides the line in the ratio 3:2 externally.

Now, for internal division:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{For } (x, y, z) &= \left( \frac{m_1 x_2 + m_2 x_1}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{m_1 y_2 + m_2 y_1}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{m_1 z_2 + m_2 z_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right) \\&= \left( \frac{1 \cdot 4 + 2 \cdot 2}{1+2}, \frac{1 \cdot (-2) + 2 \cdot 0}{1+2}, \frac{1 \cdot 5 + 2 \cdot 1}{1+2} \right) \\&= \left( \frac{8}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{7}{3} \right)\end{aligned}$$

For external division:

$$\begin{aligned} P'(x', y', z') &= \left( \frac{m_1 x_2 - m_2 x_1}{m_1 - m_2}, \frac{m_1 y_2 - m_2 y_1}{m_1 - m_2}, \frac{m_1 z_2 - m_2 z_1}{m_1 - m_2} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{3 \cdot 4 - 2 \cdot 2}{3 - 2}, \frac{3 \cdot (-2) - 2 \cdot 0}{3 - 2}, \frac{3 \cdot 5 - 2 \cdot 1}{3 - 2} \right) \\ \therefore (x', y', z') &= (8, -6, 13) \end{aligned}$$

8. Find the coordinates of the mid-point of the join of each of the following pair of points.

a.  $(-4, 3, 6)$  and  $(2, 1, -3)$

Solution:

Let  $(x, y, z)$  be the mid-points of the line joining the lines  $A(-4, 3, 6)$  and  $B(2, 1, -3)$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} (x, y, z) &= \left( \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}, \frac{z_1 + z_2}{2} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{-4+2}{2}, \frac{3+1}{2}, \frac{6-3}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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

b.  $(2, 5, -8)$  and  $(4, -1, 6)$

Solution:

Let the point  $(x, y, z)$  be the midpoints of the line joining the points  $A(2, 5, -8)$  and  $B(4, -1, 6)$ .

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} (x, y, z) &= \left( \frac{2+4}{2}, \frac{5-1}{2}, \frac{-8+6}{2} \right) \\ &= (3, 2, -1) \end{aligned}$$

9. If  $A(3, 4, 5)$ ,  $B(-1, 2, 0)$  and  $C(-3, 4, 2)$  are the vertices of the triangle  $ABC$ , find the length of the median joining the vertex  $A(3, 4, 5)$  and the middle point of its opposite side.

Solution:

Let  $P$  be the mid-point of the line  $BC$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} P(x, y, z) &= \left( \frac{-3-1}{2}, \frac{4+2}{2}, \frac{-2+0}{2} \right) \\ &= (-2, 3, -1) \end{aligned}$$

Here

$AP$  is the median and the distance between them is given by;

$$\begin{aligned} &\sqrt{(-2-3)^2 + (3-4)^2 + (-1-5)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{25 + 1 + 36} \\ &= \sqrt{62} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the distance or length of the median is  $\sqrt{62}$  units.

- 10-a. Find the ratio in which the line joining the points  $(-2, 4, 7)$  and  $(3, -5, -8)$  is divided by the  $xy$ -plane.

Solution:

Let  $P(a, b, 0)$  on  $xy$ -plane divides the line joining  $A(-2, 4, 7)$  and  $B(3, -5, -8)$  in the ratio  $m_1 : m_2$ .

We know,

$$(a, b, 0) = \left( \frac{m_1 x_2 + m_2 x_1}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{m_1 y_2 + m_2 y_1}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{m_1 z_2 + m_2 z_1}{m_1 + m_2} \right)$$

$$\text{or, } (a, b, 0) = \left( \frac{m_1 \cdot 3 - 2m_2}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{m_1 \cdot (-5) + m_2 \cdot 4}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{m_1 \cdot (-8) + m_2 \cdot 7}{m_1 + m_2} \right)$$

$$\text{or, } (a, b, 0) = \left( \frac{3m_1 - 2m_2}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{-5m_1 + 4m_2}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{-8m_1 + 7m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right)$$

$$\text{or, } -8m_1 + 7m_2 = 0$$

$$m_1 + m_2$$

$$\text{or, } -8m_1 + 7m_2 = 0$$

$$\text{or, } 7m_2 = 8m_1$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{m_1}{m_2} = \frac{7}{8}$$

Hence, the required ratio is 7:8.

- b. Find the ratio in which the yz-plane divides the line joining the points (4, 6, 7) and (-1, 2, 5). Find also the coordinate of the points on the yz-plane.

Solution:

Let P(0, a, b) be the point on yz-plane which divides the line joining the points A(4, 6, 7) and B(-1, 2, 5) in the ratio  $m_1 : m_2$ .

Then,

$$(0, a, b) = \left( \frac{m_1(-1) + m_2 \cdot 4}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{m_1 \cdot 2 + m_2 \cdot 6}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{m_1 \cdot 5 + m_2 \cdot 7}{m_1 + m_2} \right)$$

$$\text{so, or, } (0, a, b) = \left( \frac{-m_1 + 4m_2}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{2m_1 + 6m_2}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{5m_1 + 7m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right)$$

So,

$$0 = \frac{-m_1 + 4m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$\text{or, } 0 = -m_1 + 4m_2$$

~~$$\text{or, } m_1 = 4m_2$$~~

$$\text{or, } \frac{m_1}{m_2} = \frac{4}{1}$$

Hence,  $m_1 = 4$  and  $m_2 = 1$ .

Now, putting the value of  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  in the above equation to find the value of  $a$  and  $b$ .

We know,

$$a = 2m_1 + 6m_2$$

$$m_1 + m_2$$

$$\text{or, } a = \frac{2 \times 4 + 6 \times 1}{4+1}$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{14}{5}$$

Also,

$$b = \frac{5m_1 + 7m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$\text{or, } b = \frac{5 \cdot 4 + 7 \cdot 1}{4+1}$$

$$= \frac{27}{5}$$

Hence, the required coordinates are  $\left( 0, \frac{14}{5}, \frac{27}{5} \right)$

- c. Given three collinear points  $A(3, 2, -4)$ ,  $B(5, 4, -6)$  and  $C(9, 8, -10)$ , find the ratio in which  $B$  divides  $AC$ .

Solution:

Let  $B(5, 4, -6)$  divides the line  $AC$  joining  $A(3, 2, -4)$  and  $C(9, 8, -10)$  in the ratio  $m_1 : m_2$ .

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} B(5, 4, -6) &= \left( \frac{m_1 \cdot 9 + m_2 \cdot 3}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{m_1 \cdot 8 + m_2 \cdot 2}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{m_1(-10) + m_2(-4)}{m_1 + m_2} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{9m_1 + 3m_2}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{8m_1 + 2m_2}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{-10m_1 - 4m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Here,

$$5 = \frac{9m_1 + 3m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$\text{or, } 5m_1 + 5m_2 = 9m_1 + 3m_2$$

$$\text{or, } 2m_2 = 4m_1$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{m_1}{m_2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore m_1 : m_2 = 1 : 2$$

- 11.a. Find the point where the line through the point  $(1, 2, 3)$  and  $(4, -4, 9)$  meets the  $zx$  plane.

Solution:

Let  $P(a, 0, b)$  be the point on  $zx$  plane where  $A(1, 2, 3)$  and  $B(4, -4, 9)$  meet. Let  $P$  divides  $AB$  in the ratio  $m_1 : m_2$ .

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} (a, 0, b) &= \left( \frac{m_1 \cdot 4 + m_2 \cdot 1}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{m_1 \cdot (-4) + m_2 \cdot 2}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{m_1 \cdot 9 + m_2 \cdot 3}{m_1 + m_2} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{4m_1 + m_2}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{-4m_1 + 2m_2}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{9m_1 + 3m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Here,

$$0 = \frac{-4m_1 + 2m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$\text{or, } 4m_1 = 2m_2$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{m_1}{m_2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Now, putting the value of  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  above to get the value of  $a$  and  $b$ .

$$\text{So, } a = \left( \frac{4m_1 + m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right), \quad b = \frac{m_1 \cdot 9 + m_2 \cdot 3}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$\text{or, } a = \left( \frac{4 \cdot 1 + 2}{1 + 2} \right) = \frac{1 \cdot 9 + 2 \cdot 3}{3} = 5$$

$$\text{Hence, } a = 2$$

The required point on  $zx$  plane is  $(2, 0, 5)$ .

b. Find the points where the line joining the points  $(2, -3, 1)$  and  $(3, -4, -5)$  meet cuts the plane  $2x + y + z = 7$ .

Solution:

Given plane is  $2x + y + z = 7$

Let the plane divides the line AB in the ratio  $m_1 : m_2$  at the point P(a, b, c)

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} (a, b, c) &= \left( \frac{m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{m_1 y_1 + m_2 y_2}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{m_1 z_1 + m_2 z_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{m_1 \cdot 3 + m_2 \cdot 2}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{m_1 (-4) + m_2 (-3)}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{m_1 (-5) + m_2 \cdot 1}{m_1 + m_2} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{3m_1 + 2m_2}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{-4m_1 - 3m_2}{m_1 + m_2}, \frac{-5m_1 + m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Here,

$(a, b, c)$  lies on the plane. So, it must satisfy the equation  $2x + y + z = 7$

$$\text{or, } 2 \left( \frac{3m_1 + 2m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right) + \left( \frac{-4m_1 - 3m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right) + \left( \frac{-5m_1 + m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right) = 7$$

$$\text{or, } 6m_1 + 4m_2 - 4m_1 - 3m_2 - 5m_1 + m_2 = 7m_1 + 7m_2$$

$$\text{or, } -3m_1 + 2m_2 = 7m_1 + 7m_2$$

$$\text{or, } -7m_1 + 2m_2 = 7m_1 + 3m_2$$

$$\text{or, } -5m_1 = 10m_2$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{-5}{20} = \frac{m_1}{m_2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{m_1}{m_2} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

Now, putting the value of  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  in the above calculations to get the value of  $a, b$  and  $c$ .

$$(a, b, c) = \left( \frac{3 \cdot (-1) + 2 \cdot 2}{-1 + 2}, \frac{+4 \cdot 1 - 3 \cdot 2}{-1 + 2}, \frac{+5 \cdot 1 + 2}{-1 + 2} \right)$$

$$\text{or, } (a, b, c) = \left( \frac{-3+4}{2}, \frac{4-6}{2}, \frac{5+2}{2} \right)$$

$$= (1, -2, 7)$$

Hence, the required points are  $(1, -2, 7)$

12. Show that the following represent the vertices of a llgm.

- a.  $(3, 0, 1), (2, 2, 2), (-1, 3, 3)$  and  $(0, 1, 2)$

Solution:

Let the vertices of a llgm be  $A(3, 0, 1)$ ,  $B(2, 2, 2)$ ,  $C(-1, 3, 3)$  and  $D(0, 1, 2)$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} AB &= \sqrt{(2-3)^2 + (2-0)^2 + (2-1)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{1+4+1} \\ &= \sqrt{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} BC &= \sqrt{(-1-2)^2 + (3-2)^2 + (3-2)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{9+1+1} \\ &= \sqrt{11} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} CD &= \sqrt{(0+1)^2 + (1-3)^2 + (2-3)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{1+4+1} \\ &= \sqrt{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} AD &= \sqrt{(0-3)^2 + (1-0)^2 + (2-1)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{9+1+1} \\ &= \sqrt{11} \end{aligned}$$

Here,  $AB = CD$  and  $BC = AD$ . So, the given points are the points of a parallelogram.

b.  $(2, 3, 4), (-1, 6, 10), (-7, 4, 7)$  and  $(-5, 1, 1)$

Solution:

Let the given points be A  $(2, 3, 4)$ , B  $(-1, 6, 10)$ , C  $(-7, 4, 7)$  and D  $(-5, 1, 1)$ .

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} AB &= \sqrt{(-1-2)^2 + (6-3)^2 + (10-4)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4+9+36} \\ &= \sqrt{49} \end{aligned}$$

$= 7$  units

$$\begin{aligned} BC &= \sqrt{(-7+1)^2 + (4-6)^2 + (7-10)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{36+4+9} \\ &= \sqrt{49} \\ &= 7 \text{ units} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} CD &= \sqrt{(-5+7)^2 + (1-4)^2 + (1-7)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4+9+36} \\ &= \sqrt{49} \\ &= 7 \text{ units} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} AD &= \sqrt{(-5-2)^2 + (1-3)^2 + (1-4)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{36+4+9} \\ &= \sqrt{49} \\ &= 7 \text{ units} \end{aligned}$$

Here,

All the opposite sides are equal in length. Hence, the given points represents the parallelogram.

13. Two vertices of a triangle ABC are  $A(2, -4, 3)$  and  $B(3, -1, -2)$  and its centroid is  $(1, 0, 3)$ . Find the third vertex C.

Solution:

Let the vertices of a triangle be  $A(2, -4, 3)$ ,  $B(3, -1, -2)$  and  $C(x, y, z)$ . Let  $P(1, 0, 3)$  be the centroid of the triangle ABC.

Now, using centroid formula;

$$P(1, 0, 3) = \left( \frac{x_1 + x_2 + x_3}{3}, \frac{y_1 + y_2 + y_3}{3}, \frac{z_1 + z_2 + z_3}{3} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow (1, 0, 3) = \left( \frac{2+3+x}{3}, \frac{-4-1+y}{3}, \frac{3-2+z}{3} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow (1, 0, 3) = \left( \frac{5+x}{3}, \frac{-5+y}{3}, \frac{1+z}{3} \right)$$

Comparing the corresponding elements, we get;

$$2 = \frac{5+x}{3} \quad 0 = \frac{-5+y}{3} \quad 3 = \frac{1+z}{3}$$

$$\therefore x = -2 \quad \therefore y = 5 \quad \therefore z = 8$$

Hence,

The required coordinates of the third vertex is  $(-2, 5, 8)$

14. Three vertices of a parallelogram ABCD are  $A(-5, 5, 2)$ ,  $B(-9, -1, 2)$  and  $C(-3, -3, 0)$ . Find the coordinates of the fourth vertex.

Solution:

Let the vertices of a llgm be  $A(-5, 5, 2)$ ,  $B(-9, -1, 2)$ ,  $C(-3, -3, 0)$  and  $D(x, y, z)$ .

Now,

Distance Mid-point of diagonal AC is given by;

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

$$= \left( \frac{-5-3}{2}, \frac{-3+5}{2}, \frac{2+0}{2} \right)$$

$$= (-4, 1, 2)$$

Again,

Mid-point of diagonal  $BD$  is given by;

$$= \left( \frac{-9+x}{2}, \frac{-1+y}{2}, \frac{2+z}{2} \right)$$

Since, the given points represent the parallelogram, their diagonal should bisect each other. It means both the mid-diagonal should have same mid-point.

$$\text{So, } (-4, 1, 2) = \left( \frac{-9+x}{2}, \frac{-1+y}{2}, \frac{2+z}{2} \right)$$

Comparing the corresponding elements, we get;

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

$$\text{on } -8+9=x \quad \text{or, } 2+1=y \quad \text{on } 2-2=z \\ \therefore x=1 \quad \therefore y=3 \quad \therefore z=0$$

Hence,

The points of the fourth vertex is  $D(1, 3, 0)$