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## ANALYTIC GEOMETRY

- PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTIONS (2008-2022)
- ASSIGNMENTS

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## ANALYTIC GEOMETRY

### PLANE

1. The plane  $x - 2y + 3z = 0$  is rotated through a right angle about its line of intersection with the plane  $2x + 3y - 4z - 5 = 0$ . Find the equation of the plane in its new position.
2. Find the equation of the plane which passes through the points  $(0, 1, 1)$  and  $(2, 0, -1)$  and is parallel to the line joining the points  $(-1, 1, -2)$ ,  $(3, -2, 4)$ . Find also the distance between the line and the plane.
3. Obtain the equation of the plane passing through the point  $(2, 3, 1)$  and  $(4, 5, 3)$  parallel to  $x$ -axis.
4. Find the equation of the plane parallel to  $3x - y + 3z = 8$  and passing through the point  $(1, 1, 1)$ .

### STRAIGHT LINE

1. A line is drawn through a variable point on the ellipse,  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ ,  $z = 0$  to meet two fixed lines  $y = mx$ ,  $z = c$  and  $y = -mx$ ,  $z = -c$ . Find the locus of the line.
2. Find the equations of the straight line through the point  $(3, 1, 2)$  to intersect the straight line  $x + 4 = y + 1 = 2(z + 2)$  and parallel to the plane  $4x + y + 5z = 0$ .
3. Prove that two of the straight lines represented by the equation  $x^3 + bx^2y + cxy^2 + y^3 = 0$  will be right angles if  $b + c = -2$ .
4. Find the shortest distance between the line  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{4} = z-3$  and  $y - mx = z = 0$ . For what values of ' $m$ ', will the two lines intersect.
5. Find the surface generated by a line which intersects the lines  $y = a = z$ ,  $x + 3z = a = y + z$  and parallel to the plane  $x + y = 0$ .
6. Find the shortest distance between the skew lines:

$$\frac{x-3}{3} = \frac{8-y}{1} = \frac{z-3}{1} \text{ and } \frac{x+3}{-3} = \frac{y+7}{2} = \frac{z-6}{4}$$

7. Find the shortest distance between the lines  $a_1x + b_1y + c_1z + d_1 = 0$ ,  $a_2x + b_2y + c_2z + d_2 = 0$  and the  $z$ -axis.
8. Find the projection of straight line  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-1}{3} = \frac{z+1}{-1}$  on the plane  $x + y + 2z = 6$ .
9. Show that the lines intersect  $\frac{x+1}{-3} = \frac{y-3}{2} = \frac{z+2}{1}$  and  $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y-7}{-3} = \frac{z+7}{2}$ . Find the intersection point and the equation of the plane containing them.

## SPHERE

1. A sphere  $S$  has points  $(0, 1, 0)$ ,  $(3, -5, 2)$  at opposite ends of a diameter. Find the equation of the sphere having the intersection of the sphere  $S$  with the plane  $5x - 2y + 4z + 7 = 0$  as great circle. (20)
2. Find the equations (in symmetric form) of the tangent line to the circle  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 5x - 7y + 2z - 8 = 0$ ,  $3x - 2y + 4z + 3 = 0$  at the point  $(-3, 5, 4)$ . (12)
3. Find the equation of the sphere having its centre on the plane  $4x - 5y - z = 3$  and passing through the circle  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 12z - 3y + 4z + 8 = 0$ ,  $3x + 4y - 5z + 3 = 0$ . (12)
4. Show that every sphere through the circle  $x^2 + y^2 - 2ax + r^2 = 0$ ,  $z = 0$  cuts orthogonally every sphere through the circle  $x^2 + z^2 = r^2$ ,  $y = 0$  (20)
5. Show that the plane  $x + y - 2z = 3$  cuts the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - x + y = 2$  in a circle of radius 1 and find the equation of the sphere which has this circle as a great circle.
6. Show that the equation of the sphere which touches the sphere  $4(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 10x - 25y - 2z = 0$  at the point  $(1, 2, -2)$  and passes through the point  $(-1, 0, 0)$  is  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2x - 6y + 1 = 0$ . (10)
7. A sphere  $S$  has points  $(0, 1, 0)$ ,  $(3, -5, 2)$  at opposite ends of a diameter. Find the equation of the sphere having the intersection of the sphere  $S$  with the plane.  $5x - 2y + 4z + 7 = 0$  as a great circle.
8. Find the coordinates of the points on the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 4x + 2y = 4$ , the tangent planes at which are parallel to the plane  $2x - y + 2z = 1$ . (10)
9. For what positive value of 'a', the plane  $ax - 2y + z + 12 = 0$  touches the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x - 4y + 2z - 3 = 0$  and hence find the point of contact. (10)
10. Find the equation of the sphere which passes through the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ ;  $z = 0$  and is cut by the plane.  $x + 2y + 2z = 0$  in a circle of radius 3. (10)
11. A plane passes through a fixed point  $(a, b, c)$  and cuts the axes at the points  $A, B, C$  respectively. Find the locus of the centre of the sphere which passes through the origin  $O$  and  $A, B, C$ . (15)
12. Find the equation of the sphere in  $xyz$  plane passing through the points  $(0, 0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1, -1)$ ,  $(-1, 2, 0)$  and  $(1, 2, 3)$ . (12)
13. (i) The plane  $x + 2y + 3z = 12$  cuts the axes of coordinates in  $A, B, C$ . Find the equations of the circle circumscribing the triangle  $ABC$ .  
(ii) Prove that the plane  $z = 0$  cuts the enveloping conc. of the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 11$  which has the vertex at  $(2, 4, 1)$  is a rectangular hyperbola.

## CONE + CYLINDER

1. Find the length of the normal chord through a point  $P$  of the ellipsoid  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$  and prove that if it is equal to  $4PG_3$  where  $G_3$  is the point where the normal chord through  $P$  meets the  $xy$  plane, then  $P$  lies on the cone:  
$$\frac{x}{a^6}(2c^2 - a^2) + \frac{y}{b^6}(2c^2 - b^2) + \frac{z}{c^4} = 0. \quad (15)$$
2. Find the equation of the cone with  $(0, 0, 1)$  as the vertex and  $2x^2 - y^2 = 4$ ,  $z = 0$  as the guiding curve. (13)
3. Show that the cone  $3yz - 2zy - 2xy = 0$  has an infinite set of three mutually perpendicular generators.

4. If  $6x = 3y = 2z$  represents one of the three mutually perpendicular generators of the cone  $5yz - 8zx - 3xy = 0$  then obtain the equations of the other two generators. (13)
5. Examine whether the plane  $x + y + z = 0$  cuts the cone  $yz + zx + xy = 0$  in perpendicular lines. (13)
6. Prove that the equation,  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 + 2ux + 2vy + 2wz + d = 0$ , represents a cone if  $\frac{u^2}{a} + \frac{v^2}{b} + \frac{w^2}{c} = d$ . (13)
7. A cone has for its guiding curve the circle  $x^2 + y^2 + 2ax + 2by = 0, z = 0$  and passes through a fixed point  $(0, 0, c)$ . If the section of the cone by the plane  $y = 0$  is a rectangular hyperbola, prove that the vertex lies on the fixed circle  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2ax + 2by + 2cz = 0$ . (15)
8. A variable plane is parallel to the plane  $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 0$  and meets the axes in A, B, C respectively. Prove that the circle ABC lies on the cone  $yz\left(\frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b}\right) + zx\left(\frac{c}{a} + \frac{a}{c}\right) + xy\left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a}\right) = 0$  (20)
9. Show that the cone  $yz + zx + xy = 0$  cuts the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$  in two equal circles, and find their area.
10. If  $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z}{3}$  represent one of a set of three mutually perpendicular generators of the cone  $5yz - 8zx - 3xy = 0$ , find the equations of the other two. (20)

## CONICOID + PARABOLOID

1. Prove that in general, three normals can be drawn from a given point to the paraboloid  $x^2 + y^2 = 2az$ , but if the point lies on the surface  $27a(x^2 + y^2) + 8(a - z)^2 = 0$  then two of the three normals coincide. [15]
2. Find the equation of the tangent plane at point  $(1, 1, 1)$  to the conicoid  $3x^2 - y^2 = 2z$ . [10]
3. Find the locus of the point of intersection of three mutually perpendicular tangent planes to  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1$ . [10]
4. Two perpendicular tangent planes to the paraboloid  $x^2 + y^2 = 2z$  intersect in a straight line in the plane  $x = 0$ . Obtain the curve to which this straight line touches. [15]
5. Show that the lines drawn from the origin parallel to the normals to the central conicoid  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1$ , at its point of intersection with the plane  $lx + my + nz = p$  generate the cone  $p^2 \left( \frac{x^2}{a} + \frac{y^2}{b} + \frac{z^2}{c} \right) = \left( \frac{lx}{a} + \frac{my}{b} + \frac{nz}{c} \right)^2$  [15]
6. Show that the locus of a point from which the three mutually tangent lines can be drawn to the paraboloid  $x^2 + y^2 + 2z = 0$  is  $x^2 + y^2 + 4z = 1$ . [20]
7. Three points P, Q, R are taken on the ellipsoid  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$  so that the lines joining P, Q, R to the origin are mutually perpendicular. Prove that the plane PQR touches a fixed sphere. [20]
8. Show that the plane  $3x + 4y + 7z + \frac{5}{2} = 0$  touches the paraboloid  $3x^2 + 4y^2 = 10z$  and find the point of contact.

9. Prove that the normals from the points  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  to the paraboloid  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 2z$  lies on the cone  $\frac{\alpha}{x-\alpha} + \frac{\beta}{y-\beta} + \frac{a^2-b^2}{z-\gamma} = 0$ .
10. Show that the enveloping cylinders of the ellipsoid  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1$  with generators perpendicular to  $z$ -axis meet the plane  $z = 0$  in parabolas.

## GENERATING LINES

1. Find the equations to the generating lines of the paraboloid  $(x+y+z)(2x+y-z) = 6z$  which pass through the point  $(1, 1, 1)$ . [13]
2. Find the equations of the two generating lines through any point  $(a \cos \theta, b \sin \theta, 0)$  of the principal elliptic section  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1, z = 0$ , of the hyperboloid by the plane  $z = 0$ .
3. A variable generator meets two generators of the system through the extremities  $B$  and  $B'$  of the minor axis of the principal elliptic section of the hyperboloid  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$  in  $P$  and  $P'$ . Prove that  $BP \cdot B'P' = a^2 + c^2$ . [20]
4. Show that the generators through any one of the ends of an equi-conjugate diameter of the principal elliptic section of the hyperboloid  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$  are inclined to each other at an angle of  $60^\circ$  if  $a^2 + b^2 = 6c^2$ . Find also the condition for the generators to be perpendicular to each other. [20]

## REDUCTION OF GENERAL 2<sup>nd</sup> DEGREE EQUATION

1. Reduce the following equation to the standard form and hence determine the nature of the conicoid:
- $$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - yz - zx - xy - 3x - 6y - 9z + 21 = 0$$

# ASSIGNMENT

## ANALYTIC GEOMETRY

### BASICS

1. Find the locus of a point which moves so that sum of its distances from the points  $(a, 0, 0)$  and  $(-a, 0, 0)$  is constant.

**Ans.**  $x^2 \left( 1 - \frac{a^2}{k^2} \right) + y^2 + z^2 = k^2 - a^2$

2. Prove that the four points whose coordinates are  $(5, -1, 1)$ ,  $(7, -4, 7)$ ,  $(1, -6, 10)$ ,  $(-1, -3, 4)$  are the vertices of a rhombus.

3. Find the distance of the point whose spherical polar coordinates are  $\left( 2\sqrt{2}, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{6} \right)$  from the point whose Cartesian coordinates are  $(2\sqrt{3}, -1, -4)$ .

**Ans.**  $\sqrt{43}$

4. Show that the points  $A(1, 2, 3)$ ,  $B(4, 0, 4)$  and  $C(-2, 4, 2)$  are collinear.

5. Find the ratio in which the coordinate plane divide the line joining the points  $(-2, 4, 7)$ ,  $(3, -5, 8)$ .

**Ans.**  $xy$  plane:  $-7 : 8$ ;  $yz$  plane:  $2 : 3$ ;  $zx$  plane:  $4 : 5$

6. Find the direction cosine of a line that makes equal angles with the axes.

**Ans.**  $\left( \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$

7. If  $A, B, C, D$  are the points  $(3, 4, 5)$ ,  $(4, 6, 3)$ ,  $(-1, 2, 4)$  and  $(1, 0, 5)$ , find the projection of  $CD$  on  $AB$ .

**Ans.**  $4/3$

8. Show that the straight line whose dc's are given by the equation:  $ul + vm + wn = 0$ ,  $al^2 + bm^2 + cn^2 = 0$  are

(i) perpendicular if  $u^2(b + c) + v^2(c + a) + w^2(a + b) = 0$

(ii) parallel if  $\left( \frac{u^2}{a} \right) + \left( \frac{v^2}{b} \right) + \left( \frac{w^2}{c} \right) = 0$

9. Prove that the straight line whose direction cosines are given by relations  $al + bm + cn = 0$  and  $fmn + gnl + hlm = 0$  are

perpendicular if  $\frac{f}{a} + \frac{g}{b} + \frac{h}{c} = 0$  and parallel if  $\sqrt{af} \pm \sqrt{bg} \pm \sqrt{ch} = 0$ .

10. If  $l_1, m_1, n_1$  and  $l_2, m_2, n_2$  are the dc's of two lines, then the direction ratio of another which is perpendicular to both the given lines are  $(m_1n_2 - m_2n_1)$ ,  $(n_1l_2 - n_2l_1)$ ,  $(l_1m_2 - l_2m_1)$ . Prove further if the given line are at right angles to each other then there  $dr$ 's are the actual  $dc$ 's.

11. A line makes angles  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  and  $\delta$  with the four diagonals of a cube. Prove that  $\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma + \cos^2 \delta = \frac{4}{3}$ .

12. If two pairs of opposite edges of a tetrahedron are perpendicular, show that the third pair is also perpendicular.

13. Prove that three concurrent lines with direction cosines  $(l_1, m_1, n_1)$ ,  $(l_2, m_2, n_2)$  and  $(l_3, m_3, n_3)$  are coplanar if

$$\begin{vmatrix} l_1 & m_1 & n_1 \\ l_2 & m_2 & n_2 \\ l_3 & m_3 & n_3 \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

14. A plane makes intercepts  $OA, OB, OC$  whose measures are  $a, b, c$  on the axes  $OX, OY, OZ$ . Find the area of the triangle  $ABC$ .

Ans.  $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2}$

15.  $(l_1, m_1, n_1)$  and  $(l_2, m_2, n_2)$  are the dc's of two concurrent lines, show that the dc's of two lines bisecting the angles between them are proportional to  $(l_1 \pm l_2)$ ,  $(m_1 \pm m_2)$ ,  $(n_1 \pm n_2)$ .
16. The direction cosines of a variable line in two adjacent positions are  $l, m, n$ ;  $l + \delta l, m + \delta m, n + \delta n$ . Show that the small angle  $\delta\theta$  between the two positions is given by  $(\delta\theta)^2 = (\delta l)^2 + (\delta m)^2 + (\delta n)^2$ .

## PLANE

1. A variable plane moves such that the sum of reciprocals of its intercepts on the three coordinate axes is constant. Show that it passes through a fixed point.
2. A plane meets the coordinate axes in  $A, B, C$  such that the centroid of the triangle  $ABC$  is the point  $(p, q, r)$ . Show that the equation of the plane is  $\left(\frac{x}{p}\right) + \left(\frac{y}{q}\right) + \left(\frac{z}{r}\right) = 3$ .
3. A plane makes intercepts  $-6, 3, 4$  upon the coordinate axes. What is the length of perpendicular from the origin on it.

Ans.  $\frac{12}{\sqrt{29}}$

4. Show that the four points  $(0, -1, 0)$ ,  $(2, 1, -1)$ ,  $(1, 1, 1)$  and  $(3, 3, 0)$  are coplanar.
5. Find the equation of the plane passing through the lines of intersection of the planes  $2x - y = 0$  and  $3z - y = 0$  and perpendicular to the plane  $4x + 5y - 3z = 8$ .

Ans.  $28x - 17y + 9z = 0$

6. Find the equation of the plane perpendicular to  $yz$  plane and passing through the points  $(1, -2, 4)$  and  $(3, -4, 5)$ .

Ans.  $y + 2z - 6 = 0$

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

Ans.  $2x - 4y + 3z + 8$

8. Find the distance between the parallel planes  $2x - 2y + z + 3 = 0$  and  $4x - 4y + 2z + 5 = 0$

Ans.  $1/6$

9. The sum of the distances of any number of fixed points from a plane is zero. Show that the plane always passes through a fixed point.

10. Show that the plane  $14x - 8y + 13 = 0$  bisects the obtuse angle between planes  $3x + 4y - 5z + 1 = 0$  and  $5x + 12y - 13z = 0$ .

11. The plane  $lx + my = 0$  is rotated through an angle  $\alpha$  about its line of intersection with the plane  $z = 0$ . Prove that the equation of the plane in its new position is  $lx + my \pm z\sqrt{l^2 + m^2} \tan \alpha = 0$ .
12. Prove that  $\frac{3}{y-z} + \frac{4}{z-x} + \frac{5}{x-y} = 0$  represents a pair of planes.
13. Through a point  $P(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  a plane is drawn at right angles to  $OP$  to meet the axes in  $A, B, C$ . Prove that the area of the triangle  $ABC$  is  $\frac{p^5}{(2\alpha\beta\gamma)}$  where  $OP = p$ .
14. A variable plane is at a constant distance  $p$  from the origin and meets the axes in  $A, B$  and  $C$ . Show that the locus of the centroid of the tetrahedron  $OABC$  is  $x^{-2} + y^{-2} + z^{-2} = 16p^{-2}$ .
15. A triangle, the length of whose sides are  $a, b$  and  $c$  is placed so that the middle points of the sides are on the axes. Show that the lengths  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  intercepted on the axes are given by  $8\alpha^2 = b^2 + c^2 - a^2$ ,  $8\beta^2 = c^2 + a^2 - b^2$ ,  $8\gamma^2 = a^2 + b^2 - c^2$ . Find the coordinates of its vertices.

Ans.  $(-\alpha, \beta, \gamma), (\alpha, -\beta, \gamma), (\alpha, \beta, -\gamma)$

## STRAIGHT LINE-I

1. Find the ratio in which the join of  $(2, 3, 1)$  and  $(-2, 1, -3)$  is cut by the plane  $x - 2y + 3z + 4 = 0$ . Find also the coordinates of the point of intersection.
2. Find the image of the point  $P(3, 5, 7)$  in the plane  $2x + y + z = 6$ .

Ans.  $(-1, 3, 5)$

3. Find the distance of the point  $(1, -2, 3)$  from the plane  $x - y + z = 5$  measured parallel to the line  $\frac{x}{2} = \frac{y}{3} = \frac{-z}{6}$

Ans. 1

4. Find the equation of the line through  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  at right angles to the lines  $\frac{x}{l_1} = \frac{y}{m_1} = \frac{z}{n_1}$  and  $\frac{x}{l_2} = \frac{y}{m_2} = \frac{z}{n_2}$

Ans.  $\frac{x - \alpha}{m_1 n_2 - m_2 n_1} = \frac{y - \beta}{n_1 l_2 - n_2 l_1} = \frac{z - \gamma}{l_1 m_2 - l_2 m_1}$

5. Find the incentre of the tetrahedron formed by the planes  $x = 0, y = 0, z = 0$  and  $x + y + z = a$ .
6.  $P$  is a point on the plane  $lx + my + nz = p$ . A point  $Q$  is taken on the line  $OP$  such that  $OP \cdot OQ = p^2$ , prove that the locus of  $Q$  is  $p(lx + my + nz) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ .
7. A variable plane makes intercepts on the coordinate axes, the sum of whose squares is constant and equal to  $k^2$ . Show that the locus of the foot of the perpendicular from the origin to the plane is  $(x^{-2} + y^{-2} + z^{-2})(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = k^2$ .
8. Find the equation of the line through the points  $(a, b, c)$  and  $(a', b', c')$  and prove that it passes through the origin, if  $aa' + bb' + cc' = rr'$ , where  $r$  and  $r'$  are the distances of these points from the origin.



9. Find the symmetric form of the equation of line given by  $x = ay + b$ ,  $z = cy + d$ .

Ans.  $\frac{x-b}{a} = \frac{y-0}{1} = \frac{z-d}{c}$

10. Find the symmetric form of the line  $3x + 2y + z = 5$ ,  $x + y - 2z = 3$ .

Ans.  $\frac{x+1}{-5} = \frac{y-4}{7} = \frac{z}{1}$

11. Find the equation to the plane through the points  $(2, -1, 0)$ ,  $(3, -4, 5)$  parallel to the line  $2x = 3y = 4z$ .

Ans.  $29x - 27y - 22z - 85 = 0$

12. Find the equation of the plane through the line of intersection of the planes  $ax + by + cz + d = 0$ ,  $a'x + b'y + c'z + d' = 0$  and parallel to x-axis.

Ans.  $(ba' - ab')y + (ca' - c'a)z + (da' - d'a) = 0$

13. Prove that the plane through the point  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  and the line  $x = py + q = rz + s$  is given by  $\begin{vmatrix} x & py+q & rz+s \\ \alpha & p\beta+q & r\gamma+s \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$

14. Prove that the equation of the two planes inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the  $xy$  plane and containing the line  $y = 0$ ,  $z \cos \beta = x \sin \beta$  is  $(x^2 + y^2) \tan^2 \beta + z^2 - 2zx \tan \beta = y^2 \tan^2 \alpha$ .

15. Find the equation of a system of planes perpendicular to the line with direction ratios,  $a, b, c$ .

Ans.  $ax + by + cz + k = 0$

16. Find the foot and hence length of the perpendicular from  $(5, 7, 3)$  to the line  $\frac{1}{3}(x-15) = \frac{1}{8}(y-29) = -\frac{1}{5}(z-5)$ . Find also the equation of the plane in which the perpendicular and the given straight line lie.

17. Find the equations of the perpendicular from the origin to the line  $ax + by + cz + d = 0 = a'x + b'y + c'z + d'$ .

18. Find the distance of the point  $(3, 8, 2)$  from the line  $\frac{1}{2}(x-1) = \frac{1}{4}(y-3) = \frac{1}{3}(z-2)$  measured parallel to the plane  $3x + 2y - 2z + 15 = 0$ .

Ans. 7

19. Prove that the lines  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{3} = \frac{z-3}{4}$  and  $\frac{x-2}{3} = \frac{y-3}{4} = \frac{z-4}{5}$  are coplanar. Also find their point of intersection.

Ans.  $(-1, -1, -1)$

20. Show that the lines  $x + y + z - 3 = 0 = 2x + 3y + 4z - 5$  and  $4x - y + 5z - 7 = 0 = 2x - 5y - z - 3$  are coplanar and find the plane in which they lie.

Ans.  $x + 2y + 3z = 2$

21. Find the equation of the plane through the line  $\frac{x}{l} = \frac{y}{m} = \frac{z}{n}$  and perpendicular to the plane containing the lines

$\frac{x}{m} = \frac{y}{n} = \frac{z}{l}$  and  $\frac{x}{n} = \frac{y}{l} = \frac{z}{m}$ .

Ans.  $(m-n)x + (n-l)y + (l-m)z = 0$

## STRAIGHT LINE-II

1. Find the equation of the line which intersect the lines  $2x + y - 4 = 0 = y + 2z$  and  $x + 3z = 4, 2x + 5z = 8$  and passes through the point  $(2, -1, 1)$ .

**Ans.**  $x + y + z = 2, x + 2z = 4$

2. A line with DR's  $(7, -5, 2)$  is drawn to intersect the line  $\frac{x-7}{-1} = \frac{y+2}{1} = \frac{z-5}{3}, \frac{x-3}{2} = \frac{y-5}{4} = \frac{z+3}{-3}$ . Find the coordinates of the points of intersection and the length intercepted on it.

3. Show that the equation of the line through  $(a, b, c)$  which is parallel to the plane  $lx + my + nz = 0$  and intersects the line  $A_1x + B_1y + C_1z + D_1 = 0 = A_2x + B_2y + C_2z + D_2$  is

$$l(x-a) + m(y-b) + n(z-c) = 0, \frac{A_1x + B_1y + C_1z + D_1}{A_1a + B_1b + C_1c + D_1} = \frac{A_2x + B_2y + C_2z + D_2}{A_2a + B_2b + C_2c + D_2}$$

4. Show that the equation of the straight line through the origin cutting each of the lines

$$\frac{x-x_1}{l_1} = \frac{y-y_1}{m_1} = \frac{z-z_1}{n_1} \text{ and } \frac{x-x_2}{l_2} = \frac{y-y_2}{m_2} = \frac{z-z_2}{n_2} \text{ is } \begin{vmatrix} x & y & z \\ x_1 & y_1 & z_1 \\ l_1 & m_1 & n_1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} x & y & z \\ x_2 & y_2 & z_2 \\ l_2 & m_2 & n_2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

## INTERSECTION OF THREE PLANES

5. Examine the nature of intersection of planes:  $2x - y + z = 4, 5x + 7y + 2z = 0, 3x + 4y - 2z + 3 = 0$

**Ans.** Point  $(1, -1, 1)$

6. Show that the planes  $2x + 4y + 2z = 7, 5x + y - z = 9; x - y - z = 6$  form a triangular prism.
7. Prove that the planes  $2x - 3y - 7z = 0, 2x - 14y - 13z = 0, 8x - 31y - 33z = 0$  pass through one line and find its equation.
8. Prove that the planes  $x = cy + bz, y = az + cx, z = bx + ay$  pass through one line if  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2abc = 1$  and find its equations.

**Ans.**  $\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-a^2}} = \frac{y}{\sqrt{1-b^2}} = \frac{z}{\sqrt{1-c^2}}$

9. For what value of  $\lambda$  do the planes  $x - y + z + 1 = 0, \lambda x + 3y + 2z - 3 = 0, 3x + \lambda y + z - 2 = 0$

- (i) Intersect in a point
- (ii) Intersect along a line
- (iii) Form a triangular prism

**Ans.** (i) Point:  $\lambda \neq 4, \lambda \neq -3$ ; Line:  $\lambda = -3$ ; (iii)  $\lambda = 4$

10. How far is the point  $(4, 1, 1)$  from the line of intersection of  $x + y + z - 4 = 0 = x - 2y - z - 4$ .

**Ans.**  $\frac{3}{14}\sqrt{42}$

11. Find the equation of the two planes through the origin which are parallel to the line  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+3}{-1} = \frac{z-1}{-2}$  are distance  $\frac{5}{3}$  from it.

Ans.  $x - 2y + 2z = 0$  and  $2x + 2y + z = 0$

12. Find the length and equations of the perpendicular from the origin to the line  $x + 2y + 3z + 4 = 0 = 2x + 3y + 4z + 5$ . Also find the coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular.

Ans.  $\frac{\sqrt{21}}{3}, \left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{-1}{3}, \frac{-4}{3}\right), \frac{x}{2} = \frac{y}{-1} = \frac{z}{-4}$

13. Find the equation of the right circular cylinder of radius 2 whose axis passes through (1, 2, 3) and has direction cosines proportional to (2, 3, 6).

Ans.  $196 = (3x + 2y - 7)^2 + 9(2y - z - 7)^2 + 4(3x - z)^2$

## SKEW LINES

14. Find the SD between the lines  $\frac{x-3}{1} = \frac{y-5}{-2} = \frac{z-2}{1}$  and  $\frac{x-1}{7} = \frac{y+1}{-6} = \frac{z+1}{1}$ .

Ans.  $\frac{34}{\sqrt{29}}$

15. Find the length and the equation common perpendicular to the two lines  $\frac{x+3}{-4} = \frac{y-1}{3} = \frac{z}{2}$  and  $\frac{x+2}{-4} = \frac{y}{1} = \frac{z-7}{1}$ .

Ans.  $9, \begin{cases} 32x + 34y + 13z - 108 = 0 \\ 4x + 11y + 5z - 27 = 0 \end{cases}$

16. Find the SD between the lines  $\frac{x-3}{3} = \frac{y-8}{-1} = \frac{z-3}{1}$  and  $\frac{x+3}{-3} = \frac{y+7}{2} = \frac{z-6}{4}$ . Find also its equation and the points where it meets the given lines.

Ans.  $3\sqrt{30}, \frac{x-3}{2} = \frac{y-8}{5} = \frac{z-3}{1}$

17. Show that the SD between any two opposite edges of the tetrahedron formed by the planes  $y + z = 0, z + x = 0, x + y = 0, x + y + z = a$  is  $\frac{2a}{\sqrt{6}}$  and the three lines of SD intersect at the point  $x = y = z = -a$ .

18. Two straight lines  $\frac{x-\alpha_1}{l_1} = \frac{y-\beta_1}{m_1} = \frac{z-\gamma_1}{n_1}, \frac{x-\alpha_2}{l_2} = \frac{y-\beta_2}{m_2} = \frac{z-\gamma_2}{n_2}$  are cut by a third line whose dc's are  $\lambda, \mu, \nu$ .

Show that 'd' the length intercepted on the third line is given by  $d \begin{vmatrix} l_1 & m_1 & n_1 \\ l_2 & m_2 & n_2 \\ \lambda & \mu & \nu \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \alpha_1 - \alpha_2 & \beta_1 - \beta_2 & \gamma_1 - \gamma_2 \\ l_1 & m_1 & n_1 \\ l_2 & m_2 & n_2 \end{vmatrix}$ . Deduce the length of SD between the first two lines.

Ans.  $SD = d = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} \alpha_1 - \alpha_2 & \beta_1 - \beta_2 & \gamma_1 - \gamma_2 \\ l_1 & m_1 & n_1 \\ l_2 & m_2 & n_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\sqrt{(\Sigma(m_1 n_2 - m_2 n_1))^2}}$

## STRAIGHT LINE

1. Prove that the locus of a variable line which intersect the three given lines  $y = mx, z = c; y = -mx, z = -c; y = z, mx = -c$  is the surface  $y^2 - m^2x^2 = z^2 - c^2$ .
2. Find the surface generated by a line which intersects the line  $y = a = z$  and  $x + 3z = a = y + z$  and is parallel to the plane  $x + y = 0$ .
3. Find the surface generated by a straight line which intersects the line  $x + y = 0 = z, x - y - z = 0 = x + y - 2a$  and the parabola  $y = 0 = x^2 - 2az$ .
4. Prove that the locus of a line which meets the lines  $y = \pm mx, z = \pm c$  and the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = a^2, z = 0$  is  $c^2m^2(cy - mxz)^2 + c^2(yz - cmx)^2 = a^2m^2(z^2 - c^2)^2$
5. A straight line is drawn through a variable point on the ellipse  $\left(\frac{x^2}{a^2}\right) + \left(\frac{y^2}{b^2}\right) = 1, z = 0$  to meet two fixed line  $y = mx, z = c$  and  $y = -mx, z = -c$ . Find the locus of the straight line.

**Ans.**  $(cmx - yz)^2c^2b^2 + (mxz - cy)^2c^2a^2m^2 = a^2b^2m^2(z^2 - c^2)^2$

## SPHERE

1. Find the centre and the radius of the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x + 4y - 6z = 11$ .
2. Find the equation of the sphere which passes through  $(a, 0, 0), (0, b, 0), (0, 0, c)$  and  $(0, 0, 0)$ .
3. Obtain the equation of sphere having its centre on the line  $5x + 2z = 0 = 2x - 3y$  and passing through the points  $(0, -2, -4)$  and  $(2, -1, -1)$ .
4. A sphere of radius ' $k$ ' passes through the origin and meets the axes in  $A, B, C$ . Prove that the centroid of the triangle  $ABC$  lies on the sphere  $9(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = 4k^2$ .
5. A plane passes through a fixed point  $(p, q, r)$  and cuts the axes in  $A, B, C$ , show that the locus of the centre of the sphere  $OABC$  is

$$\frac{p}{x} + \frac{q}{y} + \frac{r}{z} = 2$$

6. Find the equation of the sphere that passes through the points  $(4, 1, 0), (2, -3, 4), (1, 0, 0)$  and touches the plane  $2x + 2y - z = 11$ .
7. A sphere of constant radius  $2k$  passes through the origin and meets the axes in  $A, B, C$ . Find the locus of the centroid of the tetrahedron  $OABC$ .
8. Find the equation of the sphere which passes through the points  $(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0)$  and  $(0, 0, 1)$  and has its radius as small as possible.

9. OA, OB, OC are three mutually perpendicular lines through the origin having direction cosines  $l_1, m_1, n_1; l_2, m_2, n_2$  and  $l_3, m_3, n_3$ . If  $OA = a, OB = b, OC = c$ . Find the equation of sphere OABC.

(10) Find the radius and centre of the circle  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 8x + 4y + 8z - 45 = 0, x - 2y + 2z = 3$

Ans.  $4\sqrt{5}, \left(\frac{13}{3}, \frac{-8}{3}, \frac{-10}{3}\right)$

11. Find the equation of the sphere whose centre is the point  $(1, 2, 3)$  and which touches the plane  $3x + 2y + z + 4 = 0$ . Find also the radius of the circle in which the sphere is cut by the plane  $x + y + z = 0$ .

Ans.  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x - 4y - 6z = 0$

12. Find the equation of the sphere through the circle  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9, x + y - 2z + 4 = 0$  and the origin.

Ans.  $4x^2 + 4y^2 + 4z^2 + 9x + 9y - 18z = 0$

13. Prove that the plane  $x + 2y - z = 4$  cuts the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - x + z + 2 = 0$  in a circle of radius unity and find the equations of the sphere which has this circle for one of its great circles.

Ans.  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x - 2y + 2 = 0$

14. Prove that the circle  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x + 3y + 4z - 5 = 0, 5y + 6z + 1 = 0$  and  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 3x - 4y + 5z - 6 = 0, x + 2y - 7z = 0$  lies on the same sphere and find its equation. Also find the value of 'a' for which  $x + y + z = a\sqrt{3}$  touches the sphere.

Ans.  $a = \sqrt{3} \pm 3$

15. Find the equations of the sphere which pass through circle  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 5, x + 2y + 3z = 3$  and touch the plane  $4x + 3y = 15$ .

Ans.  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - \frac{4}{5}x - \frac{8}{5}y - \frac{12}{5}z - \frac{13}{5} = 0$

16. P is the variable point on the given line and A, B, C are its projections on the axes. Show that the sphere O, ABC passes through a fixed circle.

Ans.  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - \alpha x - \beta y - \gamma z = 0, lx + my + nz = 0$ .

17. A variable is parallel to the given plane  $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 0$  and meets the axes in A, B, C respectively. Prove that the circle ABC

lies on the cone  $yz\left(\frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b}\right) + zx\left(\frac{c}{a} + \frac{a}{c}\right) + xy\left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a}\right) = 0$

18. Find the equation of the sphere which passes through the point  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  and the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = a^2, z = 0$ .

19. Find the plane, the centre and the radius of the circle common to the two spheres  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 4z + 1 = 0$  and  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 4x - 2y - 1 = 0$

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

20. POP' is a variable diameter of the ellipse  $z = 0, \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$  and a circle is described in the plane PP' zz' on PP' as diameter, prove that as PP' varies the circle generates the surface  $(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \left[ \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} \right] = x^2 + y^2$ .

21. A sphere whose center lies in the positive octant passes through the origin and cuts the planes  $x = 0, y = 0, z = 0$  in circles of radii  $a\sqrt{2}, b\sqrt{2}, c\sqrt{2}$  respectively. Find the equation of this sphere.

**Ans.**  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x\sqrt{(b^2 + c^2 - a^2)} - 2y\sqrt{c^2 + a^2 - b^2} - 2z\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 - c^2} = 0$

22. A is point on OX and B on OY, so that the angle OAB is constant and equal to  $\alpha$ . On AB as diameter a circle is drawn whose plane is parallel to OZ. Prove that as AB varies the circle generates the cone  $2xy - z^2 \sin 2\alpha = 0$ .
23. Sphere are described to contain the circle  $z = 0, x^2 + y^2 = a^2$ . Prove that the locus of the extremities of their diameters which are parallel to the x-axis is the rectangular hyperbola  $x^2 - z^2 = a^2, y = 0$ .

## Tangent Planes

24. Show that the plane  $2x + y - z = 12$  touches the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 24$  and find its point of contact.

**Ans.**  $(4, 2, -2)$

25. Find the equation of the tangent planes to the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 4x + 2y - 6z + 5 = 0$ , which are parallel to the plane  $2x + y - z = 0$ .

**Ans.**  $2x + y - z \pm 3\sqrt{6} = 0$

26. If three mutually perpendicular chords of lengths  $d_1, d_2, d_3$  be drawn through the point  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  to the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$ , prove that  $d_1^2 + d_2^2 + d_3^2 = 12a^2 - 8(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2)$ .

27. Find the equations of the tangent line to the circle  $3x^2 + 3y^2 + 3z^2 - 2x - 3y - 4z - 22 = 0, 3x + 4y + 5z - 26 = 0$  at the point  $(1, 2, 3)$ .

28. Find the equation of a sphere touching the three coordinate planes. How many such spheres can be drawn.

29. A sphere touches the three coordinate planes and passes through the point  $(2, 1, 5)$ . Find its equation.

**Ans.**  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 10(x + y + z) + 30 = 0$

30. Prove that the centres of the spheres which touch the lines  $y = mx, z = c, y = -mx, z = -c$  lie upon the conicoid  $mxy + cz(1 + m^2) = 0$

31. Find the locus of the centres of spheres of constant radius which pass through a given point and touch a given line.

**Ans.**  $x^2 - 2az + a^2 = 0$  and  $y^2 + z^2 = k^2$

32. Find the locus of the centres of spheres which pass through a given point and touch a given plane.

**Ans.**  $x^2 + y^2 - 2az + a^2 = 0$

## Touching Sphere

33. Show that the spheres  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 100$  and  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 24x - 30y - 32z + 400 = 0$  touch externally and find their point of contact.

Ans.  $\left(\frac{24}{5}, 6, \frac{32}{5}\right)$

34. Show that the spheres  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 64$  and  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 12x + 4y - 6z + 48 = 0$  touch internally and find their point of contact.

Ans.  $\left(\frac{48}{7}, \frac{-1}{7}, \frac{24}{7}\right)$

## Pole/Polar

35. Find the pole of the plane  $lx + my + nz = p$  w.r.t. the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$ .

Ans.  $\left(\frac{a^2 l}{p}, \frac{a^2 m}{p}, \frac{a^2 n}{p}\right)$

36. Prove that the polar plane of any point on the line  $\frac{x}{2} = \frac{y-1}{3} = \frac{z+3}{4}$  with respect to the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$  passes through the line  $\left(\frac{1}{13}\right)(2x+3) = \left(\frac{-1}{3}\right)(y-1) = -z$ .

## Angle of Intersection

37. Show that the two spheres  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 6y + 2z + 8 = 0$  and  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 6x + 8y + 4z + 20 = 0$  are orthogonal. Find their plane of intersection.

Ans.  $3x + y + z + 6 = 0$ .

38. Two points  $P$  and  $Q$  are conjugate with respect to a sphere  $S$ ; prove that the sphere on  $PQ$  as diameter cuts  $S$  orthogonally.

39. Find the equation of the sphere which touches the plane  $3x + 2y - z + 2 = 0$  at the point  $(1, -2, 1)$  and cuts orthogonally the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 4x + 6y + 4 = 0$

Ans.  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 7x + 10y - 5z + 12 = 0$ .

40. Two spheres of radii  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  cut orthogonally. Prove that the radius of the common circle is  $\frac{r_1 r_2}{\sqrt{r_1^2 + r_2^2}}$ .

41. Find the equation of a sphere which cuts the four given spheres orthogonally.

Ans. 
$$\begin{vmatrix} x^2 + y^2 + z^2 & x & y & z & 1 \\ d_1 & u_1 & v_1 & w_1 & -1 \\ d_2 & u_2 & v_2 & w_2 & -1 \\ d_3 & u_3 & v_3 & w_3 & -1 \\ d_4 & u_4 & v_4 & w_4 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

42. Find the length of the tangent drawn from the point  $(1, 2, 3)$  to the sphere

$$5(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) - x + 10y + 20z + 8 = 0$$

Ans. PT =  $\sqrt{\frac{157}{5}}$

## Coaxial System

43. Prove that every sphere that passes through the limiting points of a coaxial system cuts every sphere of that system orthogonally.

44. Find the limiting points of coaxial systems defined by the spheres

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2x + 2y + 4z + 2 = 0 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + x + y + 2z + 2 = 0$$

Ans.  $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$  and  $\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$

## CONE

1. Find the equation of the cone whose vertex is at the origin and base is the circle  $x = a, y^2 + z^2 = b^2$  and show that the section of the cone by a plane parallel to the plane  $X-Y$  is a hyperbola.

Ans.  $b^2x^2 + a^2y^2 - a^2z^2 = 0$

2. The plane  $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 1$  meets the coordinate axes at  $A, B, C$ . Prove that the equation of the cone generated by lines drawn from  $O$  to meet the circle  $ABC$  is

$$yz\left(\frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b}\right) + zx\left(\frac{c}{a} + \frac{a}{c}\right) + xy\left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a}\right) = 0$$

3. Planes through  $OX, OY$  include an angle  $\alpha$ .

Show that their line of intersection lies on the cone  $z^2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = x^2y^2\tan^2\alpha$ .

4. Find the equation of the cone which passes through three coordinate axes and the lines  $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{-2} = \frac{z}{3}; \frac{x}{3} = \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z}{-1}$

Ans.  $3yz + 10zx + 6xy = 0$

5.  $OP$  and  $OQ$  are two lines which remain perpendicular and move so that the plane  $OPQ$  passes through  $OZ$ . If  $OP$

describes the cone  $f\left(\frac{y}{x}, \frac{z}{x}\right) = 0$ , prove that  $OQ$  describes the cone  $f\left\{\frac{y}{x}, \left(-\frac{x}{z} - \frac{y^2}{zx}\right)\right\} = 0$

6. Find the equation of a cone whose vertex is  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  and base  $y^2 = 4ax, z = 0$ .

Ans.  $(\beta z - \gamma y)^2 = 4a(\alpha z - x\gamma)(z - \gamma)$

7. A cone has as base the circle  $x^2 + y^2 + 2ax + 2by = 0, z = 0$  and passes through the fixed point  $(0, 0, c)$ . If the section of the cone by  $zx$  plane is a rectangular hyperbola, prove that the vertex lies on a fixed circle.



8. Prove that the equation  $4x^2 - y^2 + 2z^2 + 2xy - 3yz + 12x - 11y + 6z + 4 = 0$  represents a cone. Hence find its vertex.

Ans.  $(-1, -2, -3)$

9. Prove that the angle between the lines given by  $x + y + z = 0$ ,  $ayz + bzx + cxy = 0$  is  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  if  $a + b + c = 0$  and  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  if

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} = 0.$$

10. If the plane  $2x - y + cz = 0$  cuts the cone  $yz + zx + xy = 0$  in perpendicular lines, find the value of 'c'.

Ans. 2

11. If  $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z}{3}$  represent one of a set of three mutually perpendicular generators of the cone  $5yz - 8zx - 3xy = 0$ , find the equations of the other two.

Ans.  $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{1} = \frac{z}{-1}$  &  $\frac{x}{5} = \frac{y}{-4} = \frac{z}{1}$

12. Show that the locus of points from which three mutually perpendicular lines can be drawn to intersect a given circle  $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$ ,  $z = 0$  is a surface of revolution.

Ans.  $x^2 + y^2 + 2z^2 = a^2$

13. Find the locus of points from which three mutually perpendicular lines can be drawn to intersect the conic  $z = 0$ ,  $ax^2 + by^2 = 1$

Ans.  $ax^2 + by^2 + (a + b)z^2 = 1$

14. Three points  $P, Q, R$  are taken on the ellipsoid  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ . So that line joining  $P, Q, R$  to the origin are mutually perpendicular. Prove that the plane  $PQR$  touches a fixed sphere.

Ans.  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \lambda^2$

15. Prove that the cones  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 0$  and  $\frac{x^2}{a} + \frac{y^2}{b} + \frac{z^2}{c} = 0$  are reciprocal to each other.

16. A line  $OP$  is such that the two planes through  $OP$  each of which cuts the cone  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 0$  in perpendicular generators are perpendicular, prove that the locus of  $OP$  is a cone and find it.

Ans.  $(2a + b + c)x^2 + (2b + c + a)y^2 + (2c + a + b)z^2 = 0$

17. Show that the general equation to a cone which touches the coordinate planes is  $a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 + c^2z^2 - 2bcyz - 2cazx - 2abxy = 0$

18. Prove that the tangent lines from the origin of coordinates to the sphere  $(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 + (z - c)^2 = k^2$  lie on the cone given by the equation  $(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - k^2)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = (ax + by + cz)^2$ .

19. Show that the three mutually perpendicular tangent lines can be drawn to the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = r^2$  from any point on the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \frac{3}{2}r^2$ .

20. Find the equation to the right circular cone whose vertex is  $(2, -3, 5)$ , axis makes equal angles with the coordinate axes and semi vertical angle is  $30^\circ$ .

Ans.  $5(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) - 8(xy + yz + zx) - 4x + 86y - 58z + 278 = 0$

21. Find the equation of the cone formed by rotating the line  $2x + 3y = 6$ ,  $z = 0$  about the  $y$  axis.

## CYLINDER

- Find the equation of the cylinder with generators parallel to  $z$ -axis and passing through the curve  $ax^2 + by^2 = 2cx$ ,  $lx + my + nz = p$ .
- Find the equation of the surface generated by a straight line which is parallel to the line  $y = mx$ ,  $z = nx$  and intersect the ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1, z = 0$ .

**Ans.**  $b^2 (nx - z)^2 + a^2 (ny - mz)^2 = a^2 b^2 n^2$

- Find the equation of right circular cylinder whose axis is  $x = 2y = -z$  and radius is 4.

**Ans.**  $5x^2 + 8y^2 + 5z^2 + 4yz + 8xz - 4xy = 144$

- Find the equation of right circular cylinder whose axis is  $x - 2 = z$ ,  $y = 0$  and passes through the point  $(3, 0, 0)$ .

**Ans.**  $x^2 + 2y^2 + z^2 - 2zx - 4x + 2z + 3 = 0$

- Find the equation of the right circular cylinder which passes the circle  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$ ,  $x - y + z = 3$ .

**Ans.**  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + xy - xz + yz - 9 = 0$

- Show that the equation of the right circular cylinder described on the circle through the three points  $A(1, 0, 0)$ ,  $B(0, 1, 0)$  and  $C(0, 0, 1)$  as the guiding curve is  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - yz - zx - xy = 1$ .

- Find the equation of the enveloping cylinder of the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x + 4y = 1$  whose generators are parallel to the line  $x = y = z$ .

**Ans.**  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - yz - zx - xy - 4x + 5y - z - 2 = 0$

- Show that the enveloping cylinder of the conicoid  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1$  with generators perpendicular to  $z$ -axis meets the plane  $z = 0$  in parabolas.

**Ans.**  $ab(mx - ly)^2 = ab^2 + bm^2, z = 0$

- Find the equation of the enveloping cone of the ellipsoid  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$  and deduce from it the equation of the enveloping cylinder whose generators are parallel to the line  $\frac{x}{l} = \frac{y}{m} = \frac{z}{n}$ .

**Ans.**  $\left(\sum \frac{x^2}{a^2} - 1\right)\left(\sum \frac{l^2}{a^2}\right) = \left(\frac{lx}{a^2} + \frac{my}{b^2} + \frac{nz}{c^2}\right)^2$

- Find the equation of the enveloping cylinder of the ellipsoid  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1$  whose generators are parallel to the line  $x = y = z$ .

**Ans.**  $(b+c)x^2 + (c+a)y^2 + (a+b)z^2 - 2abxy - 2bcyz - 2cazx - (a+b+c) = 0$

## CONICOID

- Find the equation of the tangent planes to the hyperboloid  $2x^2 - 6y^2 + 3z^2 = 5$  which pass through the line  $x + 9y - 3z = 0 = 3x - 3y + 6z - 5$ .
- Tangent planes are drawn to the conicoid  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1$  through  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ . Show that the perpendicular from the centre to the conicoid to these planes generate the cone.

$$(\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z)^2 = \frac{x^2}{a} + \frac{y^2}{b} + \frac{z^2}{c}$$

3. A tangent plane to the ellipsoid  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$  meets the coordinate axis in the points P, Q and R. Find the locus of the centroid of the triangle PQR.
4. Find the locus of the foot of the central perpendicular on varying tangent planes to the ellipsoid  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ .
5. If  $2r$  is the distance between the parallel tangent planes to the ellipsoid  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ , prove that a line through the origin perpendicular to the planes lies on the cone  $x^2(a^2 - r^2) + y^2(b^2 - r^2) + z^2(c^2 - r^2) = 0$ .
6. Show that the tangent planes at the extremities of any diameter of an ellipsoid are parallel.
7. Through a fixed point  $(k, 0, 0)$  pairs of perpendicular lines are drawn to the conicoid  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1$ . Show that the planes through any pair touches the cone  $\frac{(x-k)^2}{(b+c)(ak^2-1)} + \frac{y^2}{c(ak^2-1)-a} + \frac{z^2}{b(ak^2-1)-a} = 0$ .
8. Find the surface generated by straight lines drawn through a fixed point  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  at right angles to their polar with respect to the conicoid  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1$ .
9. Find the locus of straight lines through a fixed point  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  whose polar lines with respect to the quadrics  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1$  and  $a'x^2 + b'y^2 + c'z^2 = 1$  are coplanar.
10. Prove that the centres of sections of the  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1$ , by the planes which are at a constant distance  $p$  from the origin lie on the surface  $(ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2) = p^2(a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 + c^2z^2)$ .
11. Show that a line joining a point  $P$  to the centre of a conicoid  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1$  passes through the centre of the section of the conicoid by the polar plane of  $P$ .
12. Find the locus of the centres of the sections  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1$  which touches  $\alpha x^2 + \beta y^2 + \gamma z^2 = 1$ .
13. Prove that the middle points of the chords of  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1$ , which are parallel to  $x = 0$  and touch  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = r^2$  lie on the surface  $by^2(bx^2 + by^2 + cz^2 - br^2) + cz^2(cx^2 + by^2 + cz^2 - cr^2) = 0$ .
14. Find the length of the normal chord through  $P$  of the ellipsoid  $\sum \frac{x^2}{a^2} = 1$  and prove that if it is equal to  $4PG_3$ , where  $G_3$  is the point where the normal chord through  $P$  meets the  $XY$  plane, then  $P$  lies on the cone  $\frac{x^2}{a^6}(2c^2 - a^2) + \frac{y^2}{b^6}(2c^2 - b^2) + \frac{z^2}{c^4} = 0$ .
15. The normal at a variable point  $P$  of the ellipsoid  $\sum \left( \frac{x^2}{a^2} \right) = 1$  meets the  $xy$  plane in  $G_3$  and  $G_3Q$  is drawn parallel to  $z$ -axis and equal to  $G_3P$ . Prove that the locus of  $Q$  is given by  $\frac{x^2}{a^2 - c^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2 - c^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ . Find the locus of  $R$ , if  $OR$  is drawn from the centre equal and parallel to  $G_3P$ .
16. Normals at  $P$  and  $P'$ , points of the ellipsoid  $\sum \left( \frac{x^2}{a^2} \right) = 1$ , meet the  $xy$  plane in  $G_2$  and  $G_3$  and make angles  $\theta$  and  $\theta'$  with  $PP'$ . Prove that  $PG_3 \cos \theta + P'G_3 \cos \theta' = 0$ .
17. Prove that the lines drawn from the origin parallel to the normal of  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1$  at its point of intersection with the plane  $lx + my + nz = p$  generate the cone. 
$$p^2 \left( \frac{x^2}{a} + \frac{y^2}{b} + \frac{z^2}{c} \right) = \left( \frac{lx}{a} + \frac{my}{b} + \frac{nz}{c} \right)^2$$

18. If  $P, Q, R, P', Q', R'$  are the feet of the six normals from a point to the ellipsoid  $\sum \frac{x^2}{a^2} = 1$ , and the plane  $PQR$  is given by  $lx + my + nz = p$ , prove that the plane  $P'Q'R'$  is given by  $\frac{x}{a^2l} + \frac{y}{b^2m} + \frac{z}{c^2n} = \frac{1}{p} = 0$ .
19. If  $OP, OQ$  and  $OR$  be the conjugate semi-diameters of the ellipsoid  $\sum \frac{x^2}{a^2} = 1$  and  $P, Q, R$  be  $(x_1, y_1, z_1), (x_2, y_2, z_2)$  and  $(x_3, y_3, z_3)$  respectively, then
- Find the equation of the plane  $PQR$ .
  - Prove that if the plane  $lx + my + nz = p$ , passes through the points  $P, Q, R$  then  $a^2l^2 + b^2m^2 + c^2n^2 = 3p^2$ .
  - Prove that the pole of the plane  $PQR$  lies on the ellipsoid.
20. If the axes are rectangular, find the locus of the equal conjugate diameters of the ellipsoid  $\sum \frac{x^2}{a^2} = 1$ .
21. Prove that the locus of the section of the ellipsoid  $\sum \frac{x^2}{a^2} = 1$  by the plane  $PQR$  is the ellipsoid  $\sum \frac{x^2}{a^2} = \frac{1}{3}$ .
22. Find locus of the asymptotic line drawn from the origin to the conicoid  $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1$ .

## PARABOLOID

1. Show that the plane  $8x - 6y - z = 5$  touches the paraboloid  $\left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{y^2}{3}\right) = z$ , and find the point of contact.
- Ans.**  $(8, 9, 5)$
2. Find the condition that  $\frac{x^2}{a_1^2} + \frac{y^2}{b_1^2} = 2\left(\frac{z}{c_1}\right)$ ,  $\frac{x^2}{a_2^2} + \frac{y^2}{b_2^2} = 2\left(\frac{z}{c_2}\right)$ ;  $\frac{x^2}{a_3^2} + \frac{y^2}{b_3^2} = \frac{2z}{c_3}$  have a common tangent plane.
- Ans.**  $\begin{vmatrix} a_1^2 & b_1^2 & c_1 \\ a_2^2 & b_2^2 & c_2 \\ a_3^2 & b_3^2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$
3. Two perpendicular tangent planes to the paraboloid  $\frac{x^2}{a} + \frac{y^2}{b} = 2z$  intersect in a line lying on the plane  $x = 0$ . Prove that the line touches the parabola  $x = 0, y^2 = (a + b)(2z + a)$ .
4. Find the equation of the plane which cuts the paraboloid  $x^2 - 2y^2 = 3z$  in the conic with centre  $(1, 2, 3)$ .
- Ans.**  $2x - 8y - 3z + 23 = 0$
5. Show that the feet of the normals from the point  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  on the paraboloid  $x^2 + y^2 = 2az$  lie on a sphere.
- Ans.**  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - (\gamma + a)z - \left\{\frac{(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)}{2\beta}\right\}y = 0$
6. Prove that the equations of the chord through the point  $(1, 2, 3)$  which is bisected by the diametral plane  $10x - 24y = 21$  of the paraboloid  $5x^2 - 6y^2 = 7z$  are  $(x - 1) = \frac{1}{2}(y - 2) = \frac{1}{3}(z - 3)$ .
7. Find the locus of the point from which three mutually perpendicular tangents can be drawn to the paraboloid.

## GENERATING LINES

1. Find the equations of the generators of the hyperboloid  $\left(\frac{x^2}{a^2}\right) + \left(\frac{y^2}{b^2}\right) - \left(\frac{z^2}{c^2}\right) = 1$  which pass through the point  $(a \cos \theta, b \sin \theta, 0)$ .

**Ans.**  $\frac{x - a \cos \theta}{a \sin \theta} = \frac{y - b \sin \theta}{-b \cos \theta} = \frac{z}{\pm c}$  (learn this result)

2.  $CP, CQ$  are any two conjugate semi-diameters of the ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1, z = c$ ,  $CP', CQ'$  are the conjugate diameters of the ellipse  $\left(\frac{x^2}{a^2}\right) + \left(\frac{y^2}{b^2}\right) = 1, z = -c$ , drawn in the same directions as  $CP$  and  $CQ$ . Prove that the hyperboloid  $\left(\frac{2x^2}{a}\right) + \left(\frac{2y^2}{b^2}\right) - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$  is generated by either  $PQ'$  or  $P'Q$ .

3. Prove that in general two generators of the hyperboloids  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$  can be drawn to cut a given generator at right angles.

4. Find the locus of the point of intersection of perpendicular generators of a hyperboloid of one sheet.

**Ans.**  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2 + b^2 - c^2$

5. If  $A$  and  $A'$  are the extremities of the major axis of the principal elliptic section and any generator meets the two generators of the same system through  $A$  and  $A'$  in  $P$  and  $P'$  respectively, then prove that  $AP \cdot A'P' = b^2 + c^2$ .

6. Show that the equations  $y - \lambda z + \lambda + 1 = 0, (\lambda + 1)x + y + \lambda = 0$  represent for different values of  $\lambda$  generators of one system of the hyperboloid  $yz + zx + xy + 1 = 0$  and find the equations to the generators of the other system.

7. Find the locus of the point of intersection of perpendicular generators of the hyperbolic paraboloid.

**Ans.**  $[a^2 - b^2 + 2z = 0]$

8. Planes are drawn through the origin  $O$  and the generators through any point  $P$  of the paraboloid  $x^2 - y^2 = az$ . Prove that the angle between them is  $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2r}{a}\right)$ , where ' $r$ ' is the length of ' $OP$ '.

9. Find the vertices of the skew quadrilateral formed by the four generators of the hyperboloid  $\frac{x^2}{4} + y^2 - z^2 = 49$  passing through  $(10, 5, 1)$  and  $(14, 2, -2)$ .

