

DIRECTION COSINES OF LINE : *

If line makes angles α, β, γ with x, y & z axis respectively then $\pi - \alpha, \pi - \beta$ & $\pi - \gamma$ is another set of angle that line makes with principle axes. Hence if ℓ, m & n are direction cosines of line then $-\ell, -m$ & $-n$ are also direction cosines of the same line.

A B

Q Find D.C. of line passing through $(1, 1, 1)$ & $(3, 2, 3)$

$$\text{Soln} \quad \overrightarrow{AB} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k} ; |\overrightarrow{AB}| = 3$$

$$\text{d.c's of line} \quad \pm \left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3} \right)$$

DIRECTION RATIOS OF A LINE :

3 numbers which are proportional to direction cosines of a line are called the direction ratio's of a line. Hence

$$\text{if } a, b, c \text{ are d.r. of a line, then } \frac{\ell}{a} = \frac{m}{b} = \frac{n}{c}$$

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DIRECTION COSINE & DIRECTION RATIOS :

$$\text{If } \frac{\ell}{a} = \frac{m}{b} = \frac{n}{c} = \lambda \text{ (say)} \Rightarrow \ell = a\lambda; m = b\lambda; n = c\lambda$$

$$\text{Now } (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)\lambda^2 = 1 \quad (\text{as } \ell^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{\pm 1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

$$\ell = \pm \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}; m = \pm \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}; n = \pm \frac{c}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

Note :

(x_1, y_1, z_1)

(i) Direction ratios of a line joining two points A and B are proportional to $x_2 - x_1; y_2 - y_1; z_2 - z_1$

$(x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1, z_2 - z_1)$

Since $\overrightarrow{AB} = (x_2 - x_1)\hat{i} + (y_2 - y_1)\hat{j} + (z_2 - z_1)\hat{k}$.

Hence the direction ratios of a vector $\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$ are proportional to the numbers a_1, a_2 and a_3 .

(ii) If a line is having direction cosines $\ell, m, n \Rightarrow$ it is travelling along the vector $\ell\hat{i} + m\hat{j} + n\hat{k}$. **and**
Hence angle between two lines with direction cosines ℓ_1, m_1, n_1 and ℓ_2, m_2, n_2 is $-\ell\hat{i} - m\hat{j} - n\hat{k}$

$$\cos\theta = \ell_1\ell_2 + m_1m_2 + n_1n_2$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2 + c_1^2} \times \sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2 + c_2^2}} \text{ (in terms of direction ratios)}$$

- (a) If L_1 is perpendicular to L_2 then $\ell_1\ell_2 + m_1m_2 + n_1n_2 = 0$ or $a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2 = 0$
(b) If L_1 is parallel to L_2 then $\frac{\ell_1}{\ell_2} = \frac{m_1}{m_2} = \frac{n_1}{n_2}$ or $\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$

(iii) Direction cosine of axes :

Since the positive x-axes makes angle $0^\circ, 90^\circ, 90^\circ$ with axes of x, y and z respectively,

\therefore D.C.'s of x axes are 1, 0, 0.

D.C.'s of y-axis are 0, 1, 0

D.C.'s of z-axis are 0, 0, 1

Q Find the direction cosines of a line perpendicular to two lines whose dr's are 1, 2, 3 and -2, 1, 4.

M-1

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{a} &= \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} \\ \vec{b} &= -2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = 5(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(5) - \hat{j}(10) + \hat{k}(5)$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= 5\hat{i} - 10\hat{j} + 5\hat{k} \\ &= 5(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \text{dcs} \\ \text{of line} \end{matrix} \pm \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \right)$$

M-2 Req. dirⁿ ratios of line be a, b, c

$$\vec{v} = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$$

$$\text{now } \vec{v} \cdot \vec{a} = 0 \text{ and } \vec{v} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

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

$$\frac{a}{2(4) - 1(3)} = \frac{b}{-2(3) - 1(4)} = \frac{c}{1(1) - (-2 \times 2)}$$

Q The direction cosines ℓ, m, n of two lines are connected by the relations $\ell + m + n = 0$ and $2\ell m + 2\ell n - mn = 0$. Find them and the angles between them.

Sol

$$\boxed{\ell = -m-n} \quad \text{---(1)}$$

$$2(-m-n)m + 2(-m-n)n - mn = 0$$

$$2m^2 + 5mn + 2n^2 = 0 \Rightarrow (2m+n)(m+2n) = 0$$

C-I

$$2m+n = 0$$

$$\boxed{n = -2m}$$

$$\ell = -m - (-2m)$$

$$\ell = m$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ell : m : n &\equiv m : m : -2m \\ &\equiv \underbrace{1 : 1 : -2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{\text{dcl}}_1 : \pm \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \right)$$

$$\vec{v}_1 = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 = |v_1| |v_2| \cos \theta .$$

$$1 - 2 - 2 = \sqrt{6} \sqrt{6} \cos \theta \Rightarrow \cos \theta = -\frac{3}{6} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\theta = \underline{120^\circ} \text{ or } \underline{60^\circ}$$

$$\underline{\text{C-II}}$$

$$2n+m = 0$$

$$m = -2n$$

$$n = -\frac{m}{2}$$

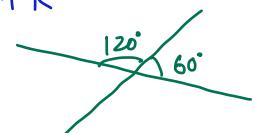
$$\ell = -m + \frac{m}{2} = -\frac{m}{2}$$

$$\ell : m : n \equiv -\frac{m}{2} : m : -\frac{m}{2}$$

$$\equiv \underbrace{1 : -2 : 1}$$

$$\underline{\text{dcl}}_2 : \pm \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}, -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \right)$$

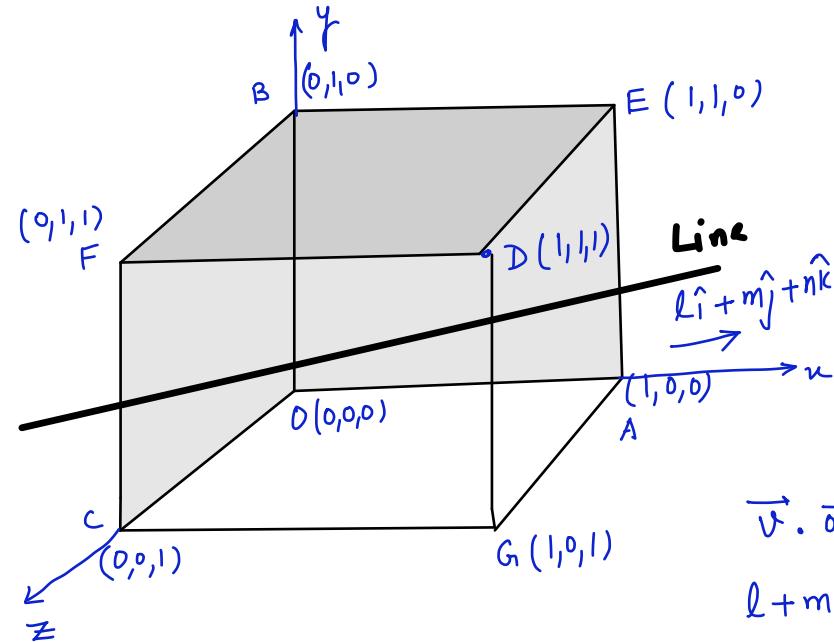
$$\vec{v}_2 = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$





A variable line has dc's ℓ , m , n and $\ell + \delta\ell$, $m + \delta m$, $n + \delta n$ in two adjacent positions. If $\delta\theta$ be the angle between the lines in these two positions then prove that $(\delta\theta)^2 = (\delta\ell)^2 + (\delta m)^2 + (\delta n)^2$.

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



$$l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1$$

by

Body diagonals

$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{OD} &= \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k} \\ \overrightarrow{BG} &= \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k} \\ \overrightarrow{AF} &= -\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k} \\ \overrightarrow{CE} &= \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k} \\ \overrightarrow{v} &= l\hat{i} + m\hat{j} + n\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

$$\overrightarrow{v} \cdot \overrightarrow{OD} = |v| |\overrightarrow{OD}| \cos \alpha$$

$$l + m + n = 1 \cdot \sqrt{3} \cos \alpha$$

$$l - m + n = 1 \cdot \sqrt{3} \cos \beta$$

$$-l + m + n = 1 \cdot \sqrt{3} \cos \gamma$$

$$l + m - n = 1 \cdot \sqrt{3} \cos \delta$$

Square & add

$$4 = 3(\sum \cos^2 \alpha)$$

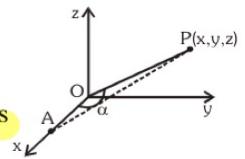
Important point :

Direction cosines of a line have two sets but direction ratios of a line have infinite possible sets.

PROJECTIONS :

(a) Projection of line segment OP on co-ordinate axes :

Let line segment make angle α with x-axis



Thus, the projections of line segment OP on axes are the absolute values of the co-ordinates of P. i.e.

Projection of OP on x-axis = $|x|$

Projection of OP on y-axis = $|y|$

Projection of OP on z-axis = $|z|$

Now, in ΔOAP , angle A is a right angle and $OA = x$

$$OP = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

$$\therefore \cos \alpha = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} = \frac{x}{|OP|}$$

if $|OP| = r$, then $x = |OP|\cos\alpha = \ell r$

Similarly $y = |OP|\cos\beta = mr$, $z = nr$, where ℓ, m, n are DC's of line

(b) Projection of a line segment AB on coordinate axes :

Projection of the point A(x_1, y_1, z_1) on x-axis is E($x_1, 0, 0$). Projection of point B(x_2, y_2, z_2) on x-axis is F($x_2, 0, 0$).

Hence projection of AB on x-axis is $EF = |x_2 - x_1|$.

Similarly, projection of AB on y and z-axis are $|y_2 - y_1|, |z_2 - z_1|$ respectively.

(c) Projection of line segment AB on a line having direction cosines ℓ, m, n :

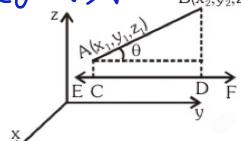
Let A(x_1, y_1, z_1) and B(x_2, y_2, z_2).

$$\vec{AB} = (x_2 - x_1)\hat{i} + (y_2 - y_1)\hat{j} + (z_2 - z_1)\hat{k}$$

Now projection of AB on EF = CD = AB $\cos\theta$

$$= \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2} \times \frac{|(x_2 - x_1)\ell + (y_2 - y_1)m + (z_2 - z_1)n|}{\sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}}$$

$$= |(x_2 - x_1)\ell + (y_2 - y_1)m + (z_2 - z_1)n|$$



Projection of \vec{AB} on \vec{CD} is
 $= |\vec{b}_1 \cdot \vec{b}_2|$ where \vec{b}_1 is d.r. of \vec{AB} & \vec{b}_2 is d.r. of \vec{CD}

Q Find the length of projection of the line segment joining the points $(-1, 0, 3)$ and $(2, 5, 1)$ on the line whose direction ratios are $6, 2, 3$.

Sol

The direction cosines ℓ, m, n of the line are given by $\frac{\ell}{6} = \frac{m}{2} = \frac{n}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{\ell^2 + m^2 + n^2}}{\sqrt{6^2 + 2^2 + 3^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{49}} = \frac{1}{7}$

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

The required length of projection is given by

$$= |\ell(x_2 - x_1) + m(y_2 - y_1) + n(z_2 - z_1)| = \left| \frac{6}{7}[2 - (-1)] + \frac{2}{7}(5 - 0) + \frac{3}{7}(1 - 3) \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{6}{7} \times 3 + \frac{2}{7} \times 5 + \frac{3}{7} \times -2 \right| = \left| \frac{18}{7} + \frac{10}{7} - \frac{6}{7} \right| = \left| \frac{18+10-6}{7} \right| = \frac{22}{7}$$

Ans.

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Q Find the intercept made by lines

$$l_1: \vec{r} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k} + \lambda(3\hat{i} - \hat{j})$$

$$l_2: \vec{r} = 4\hat{i} - \hat{k} + \mu(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{k})$$

on a line with dr's $(2, 1, 2)$?

PLANES :

DEFINITION OF PLANE :

A plane is a surface such that a line segment joining any two points on the surface lies wholly on it.

A linear equation in three variables of the type $Ax + By + Cz + D = 0$, denotes the general equation of a plane.

Where A, B, C are not simultaneously zero. Dividing by A we get $x + \frac{B}{A}y + \frac{C}{A}z + \frac{D}{A} = 0$. Thus equation of the

plane involves only 3 arbitrary constants, hence in order to determine a unique plane 3 independent conditions are needed.

Note :

- (i) Equation of y-z plane is $x = 0$.
- (ii) Equation of z-x plane is $y = 0$.
- (iii) Equation of x-y plane is $z = 0$.
- (iv) Equation of the plane parallel to x-y plane at a distance c is $z = c$ or $z = -c$.
- (v) Equation of the plane parallel to y-z plane at a distance c is $x = c$ or $x = -c$.
- (vi) Equation of the plane parallel to z-x plane at a distance c is $y = c$ or $y = -c$.

DIFFERENT FORMS OF THE EQUATIONS OF PLANES

(a) Equation of a plane passing through a fixed point

If \vec{r}_0 is p.v. of point on the plane & \vec{n} be vector normal to the plane, then

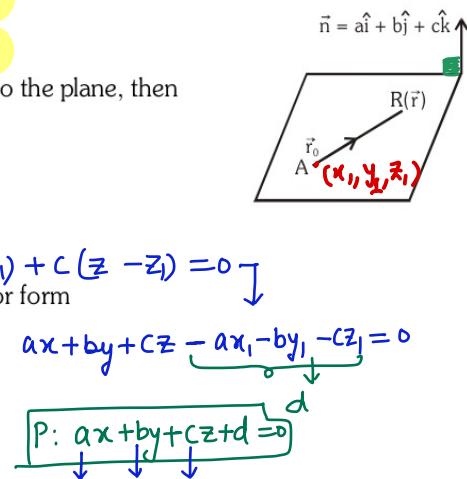
$$\begin{aligned} \vec{AR} \cdot \vec{n} &= 0 \\ (\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0) \cdot \vec{n} &= 0 \\ \vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} - \vec{r}_0 \cdot \vec{n} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \text{.....(i)}$$

$$\begin{cases} \vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} \\ \vec{r}_0 = x_1\hat{i} + y_1\hat{j} + z_1\hat{k} \\ \vec{n} = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k} \end{cases}$$

Hence $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = d$ is the general equation of a plane in vector form

$$\text{If } \vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{r}_0 = x_1\hat{i} + y_1\hat{j} + z_1\hat{k}$$

$$\text{then (i) becomes } a(x - x_1) + b(y - y_1) + c(z - z_1) = 0$$



This is the equation of the plane containing the point (x_1, y_1, z_1) , where $a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$ is a vector normal to it, where a, b, c are the dr's of a normal to the plane.

eg: $P: 2(x+1) - 3(y+2) + 4(z-3) = 0$
 $2(x-(-1)) - 3(y-(-2)) - 12(z-\frac{1}{3}) = 0$
 $A(-1, -2, \frac{1}{3}) ; \vec{n} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}$

Plane Parallel to the Coordinate Planes :

- (i) Equation of yz plane is $x = 0$.
- (ii) Equation of zx plane is $y = 0$.
- (iii) Equation of xy plane is $z = 0$.
- (iv) Equation of the plane parallel to xy plane at a distance c is $z = c$ or $z = -c$.
- (v) Equation of the plane parallel to yz plane at a distance c is $x = c$ or $x = -c$
- (vi) Equation of the plane parallel to zx plane at a distance c is $y = c$ or $y = -c$.

Equations of Planes Parallel to the Axes :

If $a = 0$, the plane is parallel to x -axis i.e. equation of the plane parallel to x -axis is $by + cz + d = 0$.

Similarly, equations of planes parallel to y -axis and parallel to z -axis are $ax + cz + d = 0$ and $ax + by + d = 0$, respectively.

Q (a) Convert the plane $3x + 4y + z = 9$ into vector form.

(b) Convert $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 3$ into cartesian form

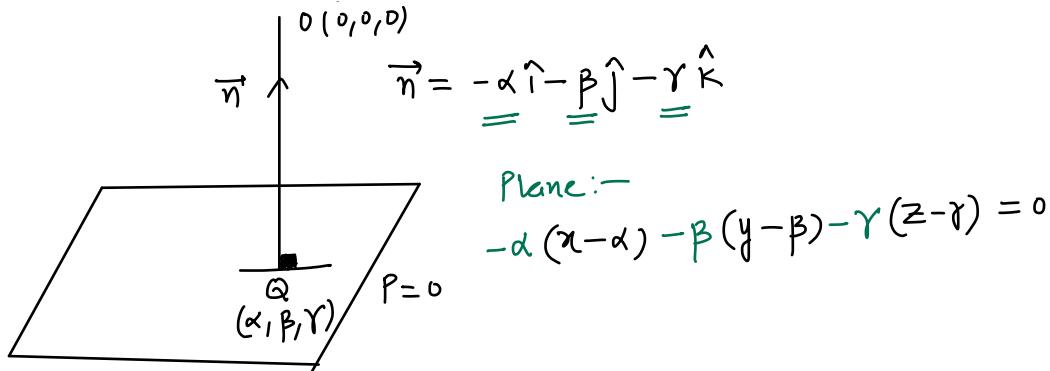
(b) $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$

$$x + y + z = 3$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 9$$

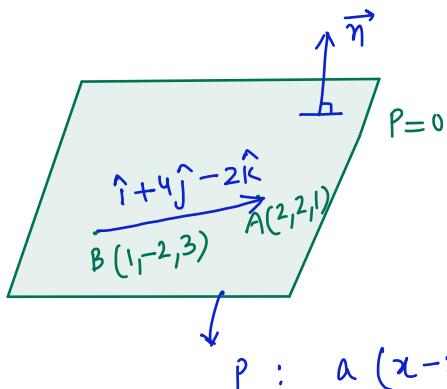
Q Find the equation of the plane if the feet of normal from origin on a plane is α, β and γ .

Sol:



Q Find the equation of the plane passing through the points A(2, 2, 1) and B(1, -2, 3) and perpendicular to the plane $x - 2y + 3z + 4 = 0$.

Sol



$$P_1: x - 2y + 3z + 4 = 0$$

$$\vec{n}_1 = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \vec{n} \perp \vec{n}_1 \\ \vec{n} \perp \vec{BA} \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \vec{n} = \vec{n}_1 \times \vec{BA} \\ \vec{n} = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k} \end{array} \right.$$

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

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

Sol $P : 3(x-2) - 4(y+3) + 2(z-1) = 0$

Q Find the equation of the plane through the point (1, 0, -2) and perpendicular to the planes $2x + y - z = 2$ and $x - y - z = 3$.

Sol $\vec{n} = \vec{n}_1 \times \vec{n}_2 = (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) \times (\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}) = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$

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

Q Two planes are given by equations $x + 2y - 3z = 0$ and $2x + y + z + 3 = 0$. Find

$$\vec{n}_1 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{n}_2 = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

(a) DC's of their normals and the acute angle between them.

$$\vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2 = |\vec{n}_1| |\vec{n}_2| \cos \theta$$

$$dc's : \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{-3}{\sqrt{14}}$$

$$2+2-3 = \sqrt{14} \sqrt{6} \cos \theta \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{84}}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{84}}\right)$$

(b) DC's of the line of intersection.

(c) Equation of the plane perpendicular to both of them through the point (2, 2, 1)

$$(b) \quad \vec{n}_1 \times \vec{n}_2 = 5\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

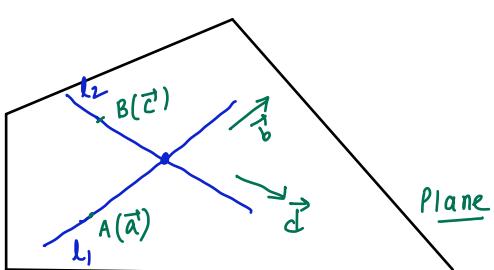
$$dc's \pm \left(\frac{5}{\sqrt{83}}, \frac{-7}{\sqrt{83}}, \frac{-3}{\sqrt{83}} \right)$$

$$(c) \quad \vec{n} = \vec{n}_1 \times \vec{n}_2$$

$$P: 5(x-2) - 7(y-2) - 3(z-1) = 0$$

Q Find the condition for coplanarity of two lines

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda \vec{b} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{r} = \vec{c} + \mu \vec{d}$$



$$[\vec{BA} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{d}] = 0$$

$$[\vec{a}-\vec{c} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{d}] = 0$$

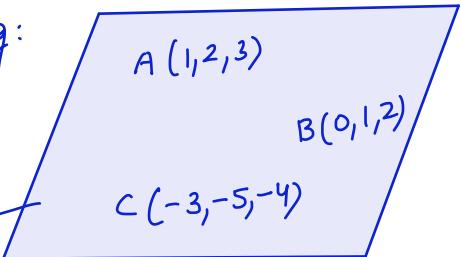
$$[\vec{a} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{d}] - [\vec{c} \quad \vec{b} \quad \vec{d}] = 0.$$

Equation of a Plane through three points :

The equation of the plane through three non-collinear points $(x_1, y_1, z_1), (x_2, y_2, z_2), (x_3, y_3, z_3)$ is

$$\begin{vmatrix} x - x_1 & y - y_1 & z - z_1 \\ x_2 - x_1 & y_2 - y_1 & z_2 - z_1 \\ x_3 - x_1 & y_3 - y_1 & z_3 - z_1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

e.g:



$$P: \begin{vmatrix} x - 1 & y - 2 & z - 3 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -4 & -7 & -7 \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

Intercept form of the plane :

$$\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 1$$

Rem

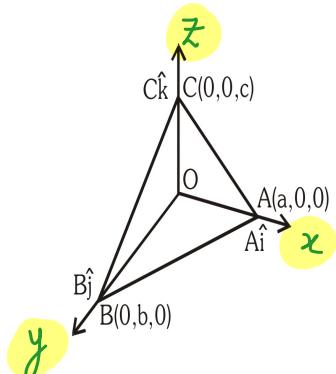
where $A(a, 0, 0); B(0, b, 0)$ and $C(0, 0, c)$

Note : (1) Vector area of $\Delta ABC = \frac{1}{2} [(ab(\hat{i} \times \hat{j}) + bc(\hat{j} \times \hat{k}) + ca(\hat{k} \times \hat{i}))]$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [(bc\hat{i} + ca\hat{j} + ab\hat{k})]$$

i.e. Area of the $\Delta ABC = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2}$

Rem



Q Let $ABCD$ be a tetrahedron such that edges AB , AC , AD are mutually \perp . Let the areas of $\triangle ABC$, $\triangle ACD$, $\triangle ADB$ are $3, 4, 5$ sq. units respectively. Then find the area of $\triangle BCD$?

HW :- JM Q1 to 19

J A Q1 to 3