

Cartesian Form

- (i) If Φ is the angle between the line $\frac{x-x_1}{a_1} = \frac{y-y_1}{b_1} = \frac{z-z_1}{c_1}$ and the plane $a_2x + b_2y + c_2z + d_2 = 0$ then

$$\sin \Phi = \frac{|a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2|}{\left(\sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2 + c_1^2}\right)\left(\sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2 + c_2^2}\right)}$$

- (ii) The line $\frac{x-x_1}{a_1} = \frac{y-y_1}{b_1} = \frac{z-z_1}{c_1}$ is perpendicular to the plane $a_2x + b_2y + c_2z + d_2 = 0$ only when $\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$.
- (iii) The line $\frac{x-x_1}{a_1} = \frac{y-y_1}{b_1} = \frac{z-z_1}{c_1}$ is perpendicular to the plane $a_2x + b_2y + c_2z + d_2 = 0$ only when $a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2 = 0$.

(13) Equation of a Plane passing through a given point and parallel to two given Lines

Vector Form

The vector equation of a plane passing through a point having p.v. \vec{a} and parallel to the vectors \vec{b} and \vec{c} is given by

$$(\vec{r} - \vec{a}) \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = 0.$$

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The cartesian equation of a plane passing through a point $A(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and parallel to two non – parallel lines having d.r.'s b_1, b_2, b_3 and c_1, c_2, c_3 is given by

$$\begin{vmatrix} x - x_1 & y - y_1 & z - z_1 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

(14) Condition for the Coplanarity of two Lines

Vector Form

- (i) Two lines $\vec{r} = \vec{a}_1 + \lambda\vec{b}_1$ and $\vec{r} = \vec{a}_2 + \lambda\vec{b}_2$ are coplanar only when $(\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2) = 0$.
- (ii) If two lines $\vec{r} = \vec{a}_1 + \lambda\vec{b}_1$ and $\vec{r} = \vec{a}_2 + \lambda\vec{b}_2$ are coplanar, then the equation of the plane containing both of these lines is given by $[(\vec{r} - \vec{a}_1) \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2) = 0]$ or $[(\vec{r} - \vec{a}_2) \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2) = 0]$.

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- (i) Two lines $\frac{x-x_1}{a_1} = \frac{y-y_1}{b_1} = \frac{z-z_1}{c_1}$ and $\frac{x-x_2}{a_2} = \frac{y-y_2}{b_2} = \frac{z-z_2}{c_2}$ are coplanar only when $\begin{vmatrix} x_2 - x_1 & y_2 - y_1 & z_2 - z_1 \\ a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$.
- (ii) The equation of the common plane is $\begin{vmatrix} x - x_1 & y - y_1 & z - z_1 \\ a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$ or $\begin{vmatrix} x - x_2 & y - y_2 & z - z_2 \\ a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$.