

Cartesian Form

(i) Let p be the length of perpendicular drawn from a point $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ to the plane $ax + by + cz + d = 0$. Then,

$$p = \frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 + d|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

(ii) Let p be the length of perpendicular drawn from the origin to the plane $ax + by + cz + d = 0$. Then,

$$p = \frac{|d|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

(8) Equation of a Plane parallel to a given Plane

Vector Form

Any plane parallel to $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = q_1$ is given by $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = q_2$, where the constant q_2 is determined by a given condition.

Cartesian Form

Any plane parallel to $ax + by + cz + d = 0$ is given by $ax + by + cz + k = 0$, where the constant k is determined by a given condition.

(9) Plane passing through the intersection of two planes

Vector Form

The vector equation of a plane passing through the intersection of two planes

$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_1 = q_1$ and $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_2 = q_2$ is given by

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\vec{n}_1 + \lambda \vec{n}_2) = (q_1 + \lambda q_2).$$

Cartesian Form

The equation of a plane passing through the intersection of two planes

$a_1x + b_1y + c_1z + d_1 = 0$ and $a_2x + b_2y + c_2z + d_2 = 0$ is given by

$$a_1x + b_1y + c_1z + d_1 + \lambda(a_2x + b_2y + c_2z + d_2) = 0.$$

(10) Equation of a Plane passing through Three Non-collinear Points

Vector Form

The vector equation of a plane passing through three non – collinear points having

p.v.'s $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ is given by

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

Cartesian Form

The cartesian equation of a plane passing through three non – collinear points

$A(x_1, y_1, z_1), B(x_2, y_2, z_2)$ and $C(x_3, y_3, z_3)$ is given by