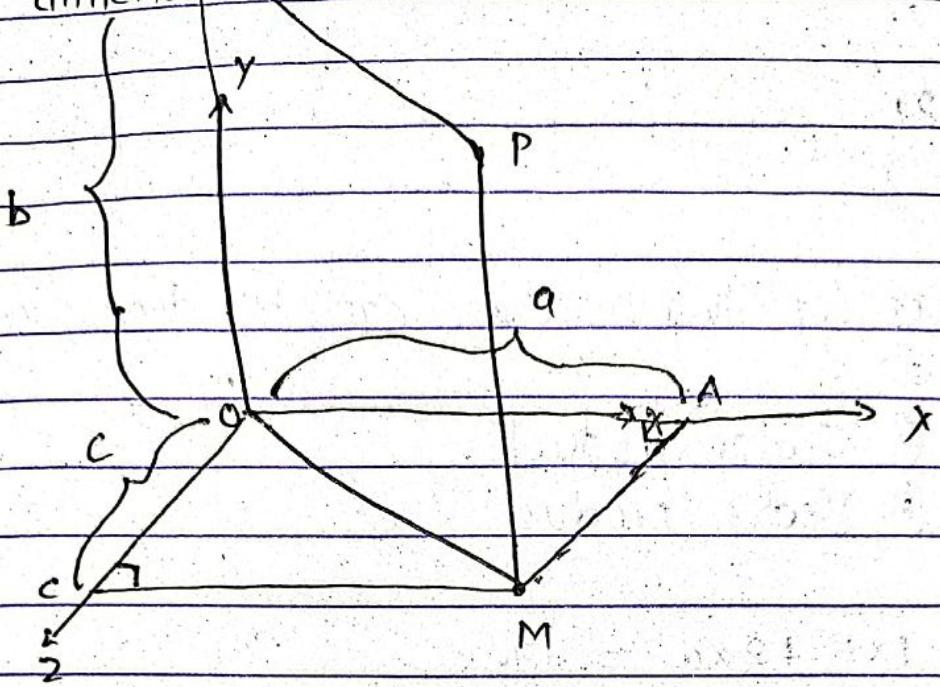


Three dimension co-ordinate



Take O as origin P be a point on space.

Draw $\perp PM$ from P on ~~the~~ xz plane.

Join OM

Draw $\perp MA$ & MC from M on ox & oy .

Draw $\perp PB$ from P on oy .

Measure OA, OB, OC

if $OA = a, OB = b \& OC = c$

Then the coordinate of P is (a, b, c)

Product of two vector

$$\vec{a} = (1, 2)$$

$$\vec{b} = (5, 6)$$

The product of two vectors can be done in following two ways:

- ① Scalar product
- ② Vector product

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 1 \times 5 + 2 \times 6 = 17$$

① ~~Scalar~~ product (Dot)

$\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2)$ & $\vec{b} = (b_1, b_2)$ be two vectors then their dot product is

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} &= a_1 \times b_1 + a_2 \times b_2 \\ &= [a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2]\end{aligned}$$

which is scalar.

Hence the name scalar product is justified.

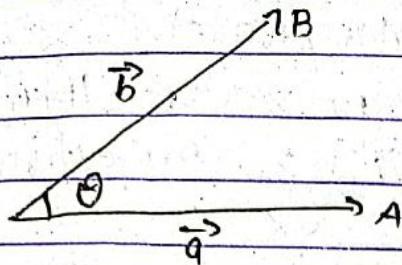
Similarly for space vector

$$\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3) \& \vec{b} = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = (a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3)$$

Geometrical meaning of dot

Angle between two vectors.



Let $OA = \vec{a}$ and $OB = \vec{b}$ then

if θ is angle betwⁿ OA and OB then

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|}, \quad \vec{a} \neq 0, \vec{b} \neq 0$$

Writing $\hat{a} = \text{unit vector along } \vec{a}$

$$= \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|}$$

$$\hat{b} = \frac{\vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|}$$

Then,

$$\cos \theta = \hat{a} \cdot \hat{b}$$

Dot product of standard unit vector

$$\vec{i} = (1, 0), \vec{j} = (0, 1)$$

$$\text{Then, } \vec{i} \cdot \vec{i} = (1, 0) \cdot (1, 0) = 1 + 0 = 1$$

$$\vec{i} \cdot \vec{j} = 1$$

$$\vec{i} \cdot \vec{j} = (1, 0) \cdot (0, 1) = 0 + 0 = 0$$

Note: if "two vectors or \perp " then $\theta = 90^\circ$ & $\cos 90 = 0$

$$0 = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$$

$$\frac{0}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

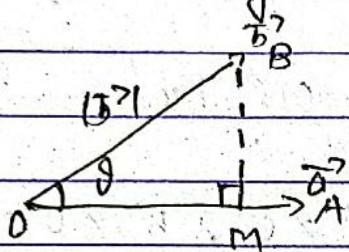
Geometrical meaning of scalar product

If \vec{a} & \vec{b} be non zero vectors then

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = (\text{Magnitude of } \vec{a}) \times \text{projection of } \vec{b} \text{ on } \vec{a}$$

OR

$$= (\text{Magnitude of } \vec{b}) \times \text{projection of } \vec{a} \text{ on } \vec{b}$$



$$\cos \theta = \frac{OM}{OB}$$

$$\therefore OM = OB \cos \theta$$

Proof:

$$\text{Let } OA = \vec{a}, OB = \vec{b}$$

Draw \perp BM from B on OA

$$\text{Then } \cos \theta = \frac{OM}{OB}$$

$$\therefore OM = OB \cos \theta$$

$$OM = OB \cos \theta$$

$$\text{or, Projection of } \vec{OB} \text{ on } \vec{OA} = |\vec{b}| \left(\frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|} \right)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}|}$$

$$\therefore \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}| \times (\text{Projection of } B \text{ on } A)$$

Similarly

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 15^{\circ} \times (\text{Projection of } \vec{a} \text{ on } \vec{b})$$

Fact: Scalar projection of \vec{b} on $\vec{a} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}|}$

Vector projection \vec{b} on $\vec{a} = \text{scalar projection} \times$
unit vector along \vec{a}

$$= \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}|} \left(\frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} \right)$$

* Class work *

Find scalar projection and vector projection of \vec{a} on \vec{b}
where $\vec{a} = (1, 2)$, $\vec{b} = (0, 7)$

Scalar projection of \vec{a} on $\vec{b} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|}$

$$= (1, 2) \cdot (0, 7)$$

$$= \frac{14}{\sqrt{0^2 + 7^2}}$$

$$= \frac{14}{7} = 2$$

Vector projection of \vec{b} on $\vec{a} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}|} \left(\frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} \right)$

$$= 2 \left(\frac{(1, 2)}{\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2}} \right) \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2}$$

$$= (0, 2)$$

Vector product (cross)

Let $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$ & $\vec{b} = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$

be two space vectors. Then their vector product or cross product denoted by $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ & is defined by;

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = (a_1 a_2 a_3)$$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = (a_1, a_2, a_3) \cdot (b_1, b_2, b_3)$$

$$= (a_2 b_3 - b_2 a_3, a_3 b_1 - b_3 a_1, a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1)$$

Example which is vector.

Since the product is vector. so the name 'vector product' is justified..

Vector Product in terms of determinants

If $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$ & $\vec{b} = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$ then

$\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ can be expressed in terms of determinant

as

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = (a_1, a_2, a_3) \times (b_1, b_2, b_3)$$

$$\approx \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (a_2 b_3 - b_2 a_3) \vec{i} + (a_3 b_1 - a_1 b_3) \vec{j} + (a_1 b_2 - b_1 a_2) \vec{k}$$

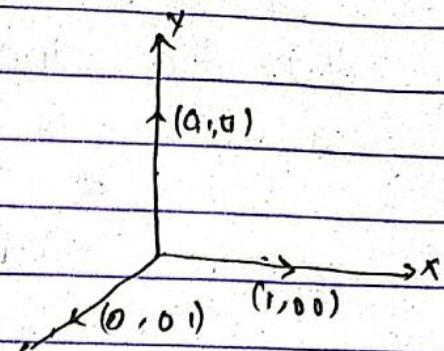
$$= (a_2 b_3 - b_2 a_3, a_3 b_1 - a_1 b_3, a_1 b_2 - b_1 a_2)$$

* Example:

Find cross product of $\vec{i} = (1, 0, 0)$ & $\vec{j} = (0, 1, 0)$

Now,

$$\vec{i} \times \vec{j} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= \vec{k}$$



Note: $\vec{i} \times \vec{j} = \vec{k}$

$$\vec{j} \times \vec{k} = \vec{i}$$

$$\vec{k} \times \vec{i} = \vec{j}$$

Thus, cross product of three standard unit vectors $\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k}$ along x, y, z axis preserve cyclic order.

Similarly,

$$\vec{j} \times \vec{i} = -(\vec{i} \times \vec{j}) = -\vec{k}$$

$$\vec{i} \times \vec{k} = -\vec{j}$$

$$\vec{k} \times \vec{j} = -\vec{i}$$

Note: If \vec{a} and \vec{b} are two space vector then

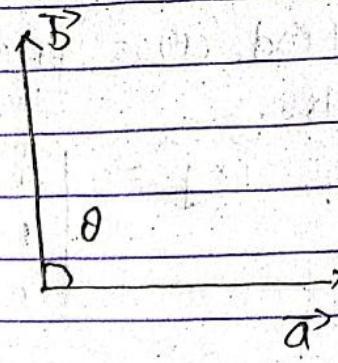
$\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ always represents the vector perpendicular to both \vec{a} and \vec{b} .

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2}$$

Sine angle between two vectors

If \vec{a} and \vec{b} be two vectors, then the sine angle between \vec{a} & \vec{b} is

$$\sin \theta = \frac{|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|}$$



Note: $-1 \leq \sin \theta \leq +1$

Also,

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \hat{n} |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \sin \theta$$

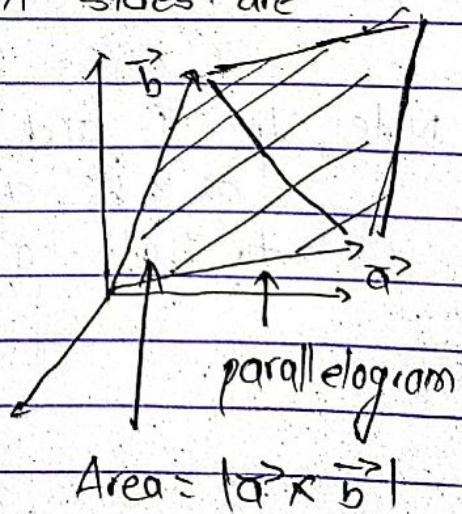
where \hat{n} is the unit vector along $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$

Geometrical meaning of cross product

Geometrically $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$ always represent area of parallelogram whose adjacent sides are \vec{a} and \vec{b}

Also area of triangle determined by the vector \vec{a} & \vec{b} is

$$\frac{1}{2} |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}|$$



$$\text{Area} = |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| / 2$$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \text{vector}$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \text{scalar}$$

$$\vec{a} \vec{b} = \text{undefined}$$

$$(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} = \text{meaningless}$$

↓ ↓
scalar vector

Product of three vectors

The product of three vectors \vec{a} , \vec{b} & \vec{c} can be treated on the following concepts.

- (I) $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} \rightarrow \text{vector}$
- (II) $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c} \rightarrow \text{scalar}$
- (III) $(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} \rightarrow \text{meaningless}$
- (IV) $(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} \rightarrow \text{undefined}$
- (V) $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \vec{c} \rightarrow \text{undefined}$
- (VI) $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \rightarrow \text{vector}$
- (VII) $(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c} \rightarrow \text{meaningless}$

Scalar product of three vectors

Let \vec{a} , \vec{b} , \vec{c} be three vectors then the scalar triple product of \vec{a} , \vec{b} , \vec{c} is denoted by $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$ or $(\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c})$ and is defined by

$$[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \quad \text{--- } \textcircled{*}$$

Since in $\textcircled{*}$

$\vec{b} \times \vec{c}$ is vector

and \vec{a} is also vector

Hence the product

$\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$ is also scalar.

Hence the name "scalar" triple product is justified.

Scalar triple product in terms of determinant.

Let $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$

$\vec{b} = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$

$\vec{c} = (c_1, c_2, c_3)$

Then their scalar triple product can be expressed in terms of determinant.

$$[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Hint: $\vec{b} \times \vec{c} = (b_2 c_3 - c_2 b_3, b_3 c_1 - b_1 c_3, b_1 c_2 - b_2 c_1)$

$$\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = (a_1, a_2, a_3) \cdot (b_2 c_3 - c_2 b_3, b_3 c_1 - b_1 c_3, b_1 c_2 - b_2 c_1)$$

$$= a_1(b_2 c_3 - c_2 b_3) + a_2(b_3 c_1 - b_1 c_3) + a_3(b_1 c_2 - b_2 c_1)$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Properties of scalar triple product

① In the scalar triple product, the position of dot and cross can be interchanged.

Eg: $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c}$

the position of

② If any two vectors are interchanged then a minus sign is introduced.

Eg: $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = - [\vec{b} \vec{a} \vec{c}]$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] &= \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= - \vec{b} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{c}) \\ &= - [\vec{b} \vec{a} \vec{c}] \end{aligned}$$

③ Scalar triple product of three standard unit vector $\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k}$ is

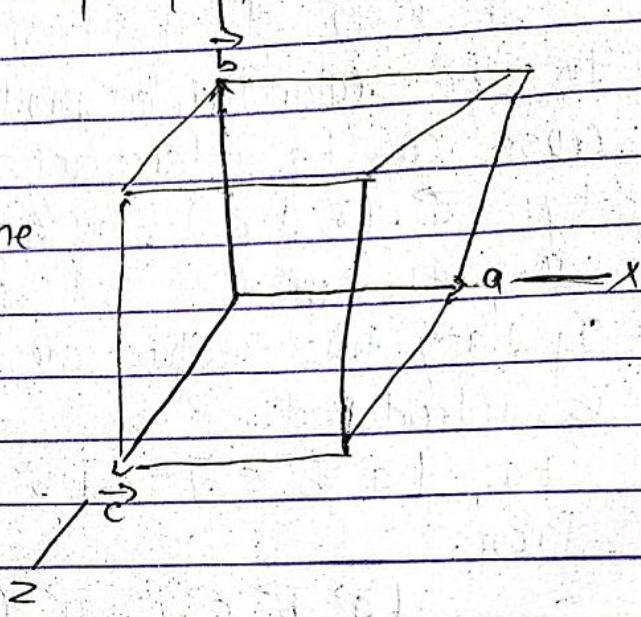
$$\begin{aligned} [\vec{i} \vec{j} \vec{k}] &= \vec{i} \cdot (\vec{j} \times \vec{k}) \\ &= \vec{i} \cdot \vec{i} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Geometrical meaning of scalar triple product

Geometrically

$$[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] \text{ i.e. } \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$$

always represents the volume of parallelopiped with sides \vec{a} , \vec{b} & \vec{c} .



H.W. If $\vec{a} = (1, 2, 3)$, $\vec{b} = (2, 0, 1)$ & $\vec{c} = (4, 5, 1)$

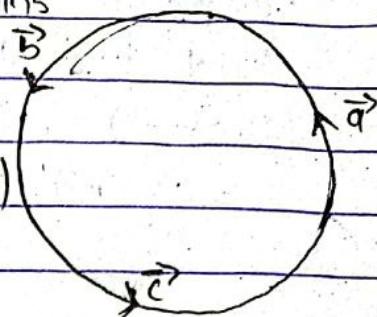
Find

- (1) Projection of \vec{a} on \vec{c} & \vec{c} on \vec{b}
- (2) Area of \triangle determined by \vec{b} & \vec{c}
- (3) Area of parallelogram with side \vec{b} & \vec{c}
- (4) Sine and cosine angles between \vec{a} & \vec{c}
- (5) Volume of parallelopiped with side \vec{a} , \vec{b} , \vec{c} .

(iv) The value of scalar triple product remains unchanged by interchanging the vectors in cyclic order.

i.e. $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \vec{b} \cdot (\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) = \vec{c} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$

i.e. $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = [\vec{b} \vec{c} \vec{a}] = [\vec{c} \vec{a} \vec{b}]$



(v) The value of scalar triple product changes its sign if the position of any two vectors are interchanged.

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

(vi) The value of scalar triple product is zero if two vectors are equal.

i.e. $[\vec{a} \vec{a} \vec{c}] = 0, [\vec{b} \vec{c} \vec{c}] = 0$

(vii) The value of scalar triple product is zero if any two vectors are parallel.

More precisely

$[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$ if \vec{b} and \vec{c} are parallel

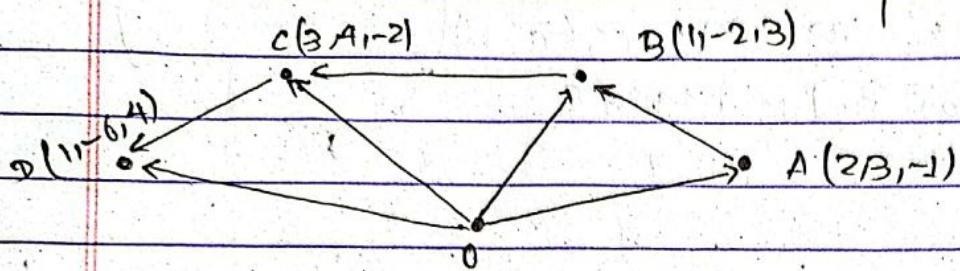
i.e. $\vec{b} = k\vec{c}$

(viii) The value of determinant is 0 if three vectors are coplanar and conversely

i.e. $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = 0$ if and only if $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are coplanar.

Example

Show that the four vectors $(2, 3, -1)$, $(1, -2, 3)$, $(3, 4, -2)$ and $(1, -6, 4)$ are coplanar.



Let O be the origin then

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = (2, 3, -1)$$

$$\overrightarrow{OB} = (1, -2, 3)$$

$$\overrightarrow{OC} = (3, 4, -2)$$

$$\overrightarrow{OD} = (1, -6, 4)$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{AB} &= \overrightarrow{OB} - \overrightarrow{OA} \\ &= (1, -2, 3) - (2, 3, -1) \\ &= (-1, -5, 4)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{BC} &= \overrightarrow{OC} - \overrightarrow{OB} \\ &= (3, 4, -2) - (1, -2, 3) \\ &= (2, 6, -5)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{CD} &= \overrightarrow{OD} - \overrightarrow{OC} \\ &= (1, -6, 4) - (3, 4, -2) \\ &= (-2, -10, 6)\end{aligned}$$

If four vector \overrightarrow{OA} , \overrightarrow{OB} , \overrightarrow{OC} , \overrightarrow{OD} are coplanar then three vectors \overrightarrow{AB} , \overrightarrow{BC} , \overrightarrow{CD} are also coplanar.

So, their scalar triple product is zero.

$$\text{Now, } [\vec{AB}, \vec{BC}, \vec{CD}] = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -5 & 4 \\ 2 & 6 & -5 \\ -2 & -10 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -1 \begin{vmatrix} 6 & -5 \\ -10 & 6 \end{vmatrix} + 5 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ -2 & 6 \end{vmatrix} + 4 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ -2 & -10 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -14 + 10 + 38$$

$$= -8$$

So the points A, B, C, and D are not coplanar.

Example

1. Compute the scalar triple product

$$(2\vec{i} - 3\vec{j} + \vec{k}) \cdot (\vec{i} - \vec{j} + \vec{k}) \times (2\vec{i} + \vec{j} - \vec{k})$$

Ans: -6

2. Show that the four points (4, 5, 1), (0, -1, 1), (3, 4, 9) & (-4, 4, 4) lie on one plane.

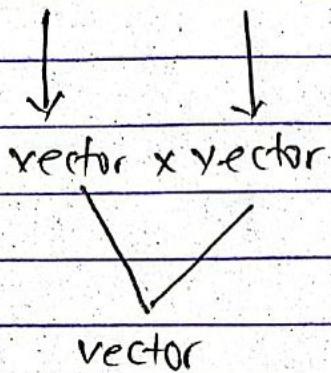
3. Find the value of λ so that the vectors $2\vec{i} - \vec{j} + \vec{k}$, $\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - 3\vec{k}$ and $3\vec{i} + \lambda\vec{j} + 5\vec{k}$ are coplanar.

Vector triple product

If \vec{a} , \vec{b} , \vec{c} be three vectors then the product of the form

~~$\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$~~ or $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c}$ are called vector triple product.

Since in $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$



Hence the name vector triple product is justified.

Formula : (Determination of $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$)

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

* Example

Verify the formula

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

where

$$\vec{a} = (1, 2, 0)$$

$$\vec{b} = (2, 3, -1)$$

$$\vec{c} = (0, 2, 3)$$

$$\text{RHS} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 11\vec{i} - 6\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$$

$$= (11, -6, 4)$$

$$\text{L.H.S.} = \vec{a} \times \vec{b} \times \vec{c}$$

$$= (1, 2, 6) \times (11, -6, -4)$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 11 & -6 & -4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (8, -4, -28)$$

Equation of straight line in cartesian form

Slope intercept form

$$y = mx + c$$
$$\Rightarrow y - c = mx$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{y - c}{m} = \frac{x}{1}$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{x - 0}{1} = \frac{y - c}{m}$$

Two point form

$$y - y_1 = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} (x - x_1)$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{x - x_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{y - y_1}{y_2 - y_1}$$

Vector equation of straight line

Q. Find the vector equation of straight line passes through origin.

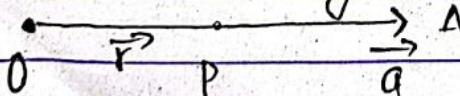
OR

Show that the vector equation of st. line with direction \vec{a} and through origin is of the form

$$\vec{r} = t \vec{a}$$

→ Sol:

Let O be the origin and $\vec{OA} = \vec{a}$ be the given vector



Let P be any point on \vec{OA} such that

$$\vec{OP} = \vec{r}$$

Since \vec{OP} and \vec{OA} are collinear

$$\therefore \vec{OP} = t \vec{OA} \text{ for some scalar } t.$$

or, $\vec{r} = t\vec{a}$, which is eqn of st. line through origin.

Verification:

Let $\vec{r} = (x, y, z)$, $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$.

Then $\vec{r} = t\vec{a}$ gives

$$(x, y, z) = t(a_1, a_2, a_3)$$

$$(x, y) = (ta_1, ta_2)$$

Equating

$$x = ta_1, y = ta_2$$

$$\frac{x}{a_1} = t, \frac{y}{a_2} = t$$

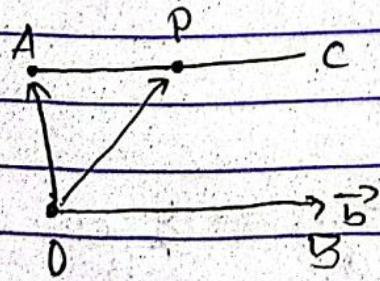
$$\therefore \frac{x}{a_1} = \frac{y}{a_2}$$

which is cartesian form

Form II

Vector equation of st. line passing through the point A (where $\vec{OA} = \vec{a}$) and parallel to vector \vec{b} is

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a} + t\vec{b}$$



Proof:

Let $\vec{OB} = \vec{b}$ be the given vector

Let $\vec{OA} = \vec{a}$

We find the equation of AC which is parallel to \vec{OB} .

Now

From triangle law of vector addition

$$\vec{OP} = \vec{OA} + \vec{AP}$$

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \vec{AP} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

But \vec{AP} is parallel to \vec{OB}

$$\therefore \vec{AP} = t \vec{OB}$$

$$= t \vec{b}$$

Hence equation (1) becomes

$$\vec{AP} \quad \boxed{\vec{r} = \vec{a} + t \vec{b}}$$

Verification

$$\text{Here } \vec{r} = \vec{a} + t \vec{b}$$

$$\text{or } (x, y) = (a_1, a_2) + t(b_1, b_2)$$

$$\text{or, } (x, y) - (a_1, a_2) = (t b_1, t b_2)$$

$$\text{or, } (x - a_1, y - a_2) = (t b_1, t b_2)$$

Equating;

$$x - a_1 = t b_1$$

$$y - a_2 = t b_2$$

$$\text{or, } t = \frac{x - a_1}{b_1}$$

$$\text{or, } t = \frac{y - a_2}{b_2}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{x - a_1}{b_1} = \frac{y - a_2}{b_2} = t$$

which is of the form $\frac{x - x_1}{a} = \frac{y - y_1}{b}$

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{x - x_1}{a} = \frac{y - y_1}{b}$$

In three dimension if

$\vec{r} = (x, y, z)$, $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$ and $\vec{b} = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$ then above equation becomes.

$$\frac{x-a_1}{b_1} = \frac{y-a_2}{b_2} = \frac{z-a_3}{b_3}$$

This looks like

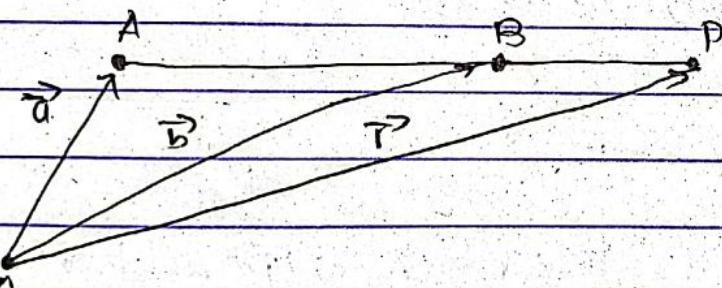
$$\frac{x-x_1}{l} = \frac{y-y_1}{m} = \frac{z-z_1}{n} \text{ as studies in our Bachelor level.}$$

Form III

Vector equation of st. line passing through two points

A and B (where $\vec{OA} = \vec{a}$ and $\vec{OB} = \vec{b}$) is $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + t(\vec{b} - \vec{a})$

→ Soln;



let O be the origin. Now we find the vector equation of line AB
Here $\vec{OA} = \vec{a}$, $\vec{OB} = \vec{b}$

let P be any point on the line AB (Produced if necessary)
such that $\vec{OP} = \vec{r}$

Then by triangle law of vector addition

$$\vec{OP} \equiv \vec{OA} + \vec{AP}$$

$$\text{or, } \vec{r} = \vec{a} + \vec{AP} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

But $\vec{AP} = t \vec{AB}$ [∴ \vec{AP} & \vec{AB} are collinear]

$$= t (\vec{OB} - \vec{OA})$$

$$= t (\vec{b} - \vec{a}) \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Hence eqn ① becomes

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a} + t(\vec{b} - \vec{a})$$

Verification

Here, $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + t(\vec{b} - \vec{a})$

Let $\vec{r} = (x, y, z)$, $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$, $\vec{b} = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$

Then ① becomes

$$(x, y, z) = (a_1, a_2, a_3) + t(b_1 - a_1, b_2 - a_2, b_3 - a_3)$$

$$\text{or, } (x - a_1, y - a_2, z - a_3) = (t(b_1 - a_1), t(b_2 - a_2), t(b_3 - a_3))$$

Equating

$$t(b_1 - a_1) = x - a_1, \quad t(b_2 - a_2) = y - a_2, \quad t(b_3 - a_3) = z - a_3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x - a_1}{b_1 - a_1} = \frac{y - a_2}{b_2 - a_2} = \frac{z - a_3}{b_3 - a_3} = t$$

* Example

Find the equation of line which is parallel to $\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$ and passes through (1, 2, 3)

→ Soln:

Here the line passes through A(1, 2, 3) i.e.

$$\vec{a} = (1, 2, 3)$$

& parallel to $\vec{b} = \vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$

The required eqn is $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + t\vec{b}$

where, $(x, y, z) = (1, 2, 3) + t(1, -2, 3)$

$$\text{or, } (x, y, z) = (1+t, 2-2t, 3+3t)$$

$$\text{or, } (x-1, y-2, z-3) = (t, -2t, 3t)$$

$$\text{or, } x-1=t, \quad y-2=-2t, \quad z-3=3t$$

$$\text{or, } x-1 = t, \frac{y-2}{-2} = t, \frac{z-3}{3} = t$$

$$\therefore x-1 = \frac{y-2}{-2} = \frac{z-3}{3}$$

Example

Find the vector eqn where cartesian eqn is

$$\frac{x-2}{5} = \frac{y-6}{7} = \frac{z-1}{2}$$

→ Soln,

$$\frac{x-2}{5} = \frac{y-6}{7} = \frac{z-1}{2} = t \text{ (say)}$$

$$\therefore x-2 = 5t, y-6 = 7t, z-1 = 2t$$

$$\text{or, } x = 5t+2, y = 7t+6, z = 2t+1$$

$$\text{let } \vec{r} = (x, y, z)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r} &= (x, y, z) \\ &= (2+5t, 6+7t, 1+2t) \\ &= (2, 6, 1) + (5t, 7t, 2t) \\ &= (2, 6, 1) + t(5, 7, 2)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Letting } (2, 6, 1) = \vec{a}$$

$$(5, 7, 2) = \vec{b}$$

Then above eqn looks like

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a} + t\vec{b}$$

Find the vector eqn of

Find by vector method, the eqn of line in double intercept form

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

→ Proof

Let the st. line makes intercepts a and b on x -axis and y -axis at A and B .

$$\therefore \vec{OA} = \vec{a} = (a, 0)$$

$$\vec{OB} = \vec{b} = (0, b)$$

Then the vectors eqn of st. line in two point form is

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a} + t(\vec{b} - \vec{a})$$

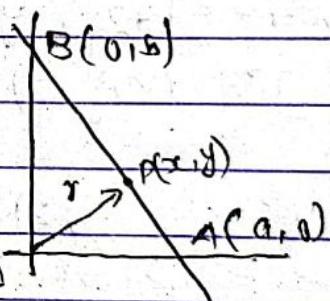
$$= (a, 0) + t((0, b) - (a, 0))$$

$$= (a, 0) + (-at, bt)$$

$$\therefore (x, y) = (a - at, bt)$$

$$\therefore x = a - at \quad y = tb$$

$$\frac{x}{a} = 1 - t \quad \text{--- (i)} \quad t = \frac{y}{b} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$



Substituting $t = \frac{y}{b}$ in eqn (i) we get

$$\frac{x}{a} = 1 - \frac{y}{b}$$

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

which is required eqn.

Note:

If a line AB makes angle α , β , γ with positive direction of x, y, and z axis then $\cos\alpha$, $\cos\beta$, $\cos\gamma$ are called direction cosine of the line AB. If is denoted by l, m, n.

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

Direction ratios: Any three numbers that are proportional to direction cosines l, m, n are called direction ratio.

Thus if a, b, c are direction ratio, then

$$\frac{a}{l} = \frac{b}{m} = \frac{c}{n} = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} = \sqrt{l^2 + m^2 + n^2}$$

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

Note: We had

The eqn of st. line

$$\frac{x-x_1}{l} = \frac{y-y_1}{m} = \frac{z-z_1}{n}$$

where (x_1, y_1, z_1) is the point on the line & l, m, n are direction ratios of the line. (may be direction cosines)

Plane

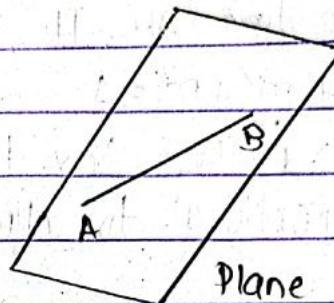
A plane is the locus of points in which if we take any two points A, B on the locus then straight line AB also lie on the locus.

The standard equation of plane is

$$ax + by + cz + d = 0 \quad \text{simultaneously}$$

where a, b, c are not all zero.

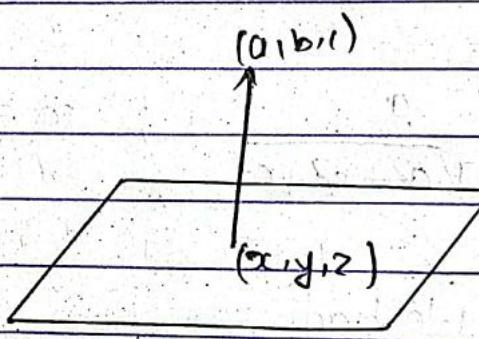
where a, b, c are called direction ratios of normal to the plane.



The equation of plane passing through origin is

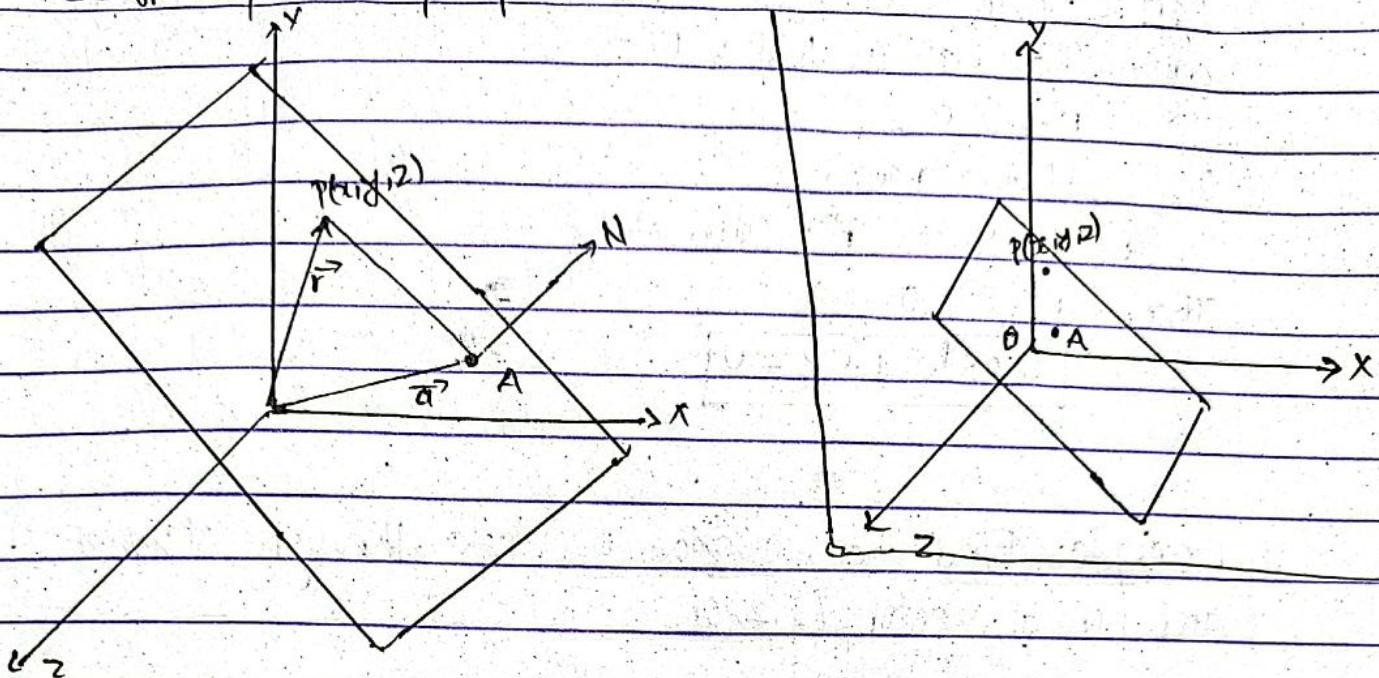
$$ax + by + cz = 0$$

Fact: $(x, y, z) \cdot (a, b, c) = 0$



Note: The direction ratio of the line joining two points $A(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ & $B(x_2, y_2, z_2)$ is $x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1, z_2 - z_1$.

Vector equation of plane



To find the vector equation of plane passing through $A(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ and normal vector $\vec{n} = (a, b, c)$

→ Soln:

$$\text{Let } \vec{a} = \vec{OA} = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$$

let $P(x, y, z)$ be any point on plane so that

$$\vec{r} = \vec{OP} = (x, y, z)$$

$$\text{so that } \vec{AP} = \vec{OP} - \vec{OA} = \vec{r} - \vec{a}$$

let \vec{n} be the normal vector to the plane such that

$$\vec{n} = \vec{AN} = (a, b, c)$$

Then \vec{AP} and \vec{n} are \perp

$$\vec{AP} \cdot \vec{n} = 0$$

$$\text{or, } (\vec{r} - \vec{a}) \cdot \vec{n} = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{n} = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

which is eqn of plane.

Fact: If $\vec{a} = (0, 0, 0)$ then the plane passes through origin. Then eqn (1) looks like
 $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = 0$

Its cartesian form

$$\vec{r} = (x, y, z) \quad \vec{n} = (a, b, c)$$

Then, $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = 0$ gives

$$ax + by + cz = 0$$

Example: Find the equation of plane through A(5, 6, 7) and normal vector (1, 2, 6)

→ Soln:

$$\text{Here } \vec{OA} = \vec{a} = (5, 6, 7)$$

$$\text{Normal vector} = \vec{n} = (1, 2, 6)$$

Let $\vec{r} = (x, y, z)$ be any point on the plane.

Then vector equation of plane is

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{n}$$

$$(x, y, z) \cdot (1, 2, 6) = (5, 6, 7) \cdot (1, 2, 6)$$

$$\text{or, } x + 2y + 6z = 5 + 12 + 42$$

$$\text{or, } x + 2y + 6z = 59$$

Plane through three points

Example: Find the equation of plane through three points
 $(3, -1, 2)$, $(8, 2, 4)$ & $(-1, -2, -3)$

Soln:

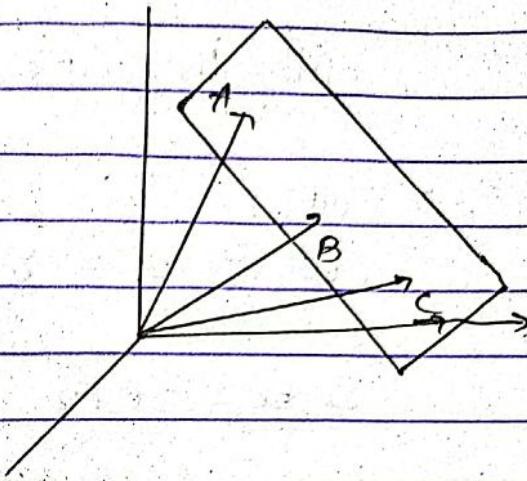
\vec{AB} let O be the origin.

$$\text{Now, } \vec{AB} = \vec{OB} - \vec{OA}$$

$$= (5, 3, 2)$$

$$\vec{BC} = \vec{OC} - \vec{OB}$$

$$= (-9, -4, -7)$$



Now

$\vec{AB} \times \vec{BC}$ is a vector perpendicular to both \vec{AB} & \vec{BC}

∴ Normal vector to the plane

$$\vec{n} = \vec{AB} \times \vec{BC}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 5 & 3 & 2 \\ -9 & -4 & -7 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -13i + 17j + 7k$$

$$= (-13, 17, 7)$$

Equation of plane is $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{n}$ where $\vec{a} = \vec{OA} = (3, -1, 2)$

$$-13x + 17y + 7z = -39 - 17 + 14$$

$$-13x + 17y + 7z = -42$$

$$13x - 17y - 7z = 42$$

is the required equation of plane passing through given points

Point of intersection of a line and plane

To find the point of intersection of line

$$\frac{x-2}{3} = \frac{y-3}{4} = \frac{z-1}{2} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

with the plane $x+y-z=2 \quad \text{--- (2)}$

→ Soln:

Let $\frac{x-2}{3} = \frac{y-3}{4} = \frac{z-1}{2} = t \text{ say}$

$$\therefore x = 3t+2, y = 4t+3, z = 2t+1$$

For point of intersection the point

$(x, y, z) = (3t+2, 4t+3, 2t+1)$ should also lie
on plane (1)

$$\therefore (3t+2) + (4t+3) - (2t+1) = 2$$

$$\text{or, } 3t+2 - 5t = -2$$

$$\text{or, } t = -\frac{2}{5}$$

Putting $t = -\frac{2}{5}$

$$(x, y, z) = \left(3\left(-\frac{2}{5}\right) + 2, 4\left(-\frac{2}{5}\right) + 3, 2\left(-\frac{2}{5}\right) + 1 \right)$$

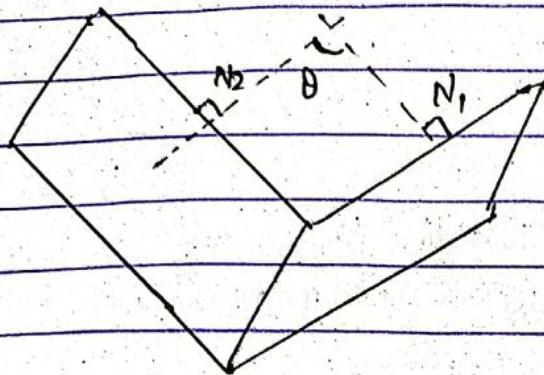
$$= \left(\frac{4}{5}, \frac{7}{5}, \frac{1}{5} \right)$$

∴ The required point on the plane is

$$\left(\frac{4}{5}, \frac{7}{5}, \frac{1}{5} \right)$$

Angle between two planes

Angle between two planes is defined as the acute angle between their normals.



$$\text{let } P_1: 2x - 3y + 4z + 5 = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$P_2: x + 5y + z + 1 = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

be two planes.

Then

Normal vectors to the plane are

$$\vec{n}_1 = (2, 3, 4)$$

$$\vec{n}_2 = (1, 5, 1)$$

If θ is the angle b/w planes, then

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

$$|\vec{n}_1| |\vec{n}_2|$$

$$= \frac{2+15+4}{\sqrt{29} \times \sqrt{27}}$$

$$= \frac{21}{\sqrt{29} \times \sqrt{27}}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{21}{\sqrt{29} \sqrt{27}} \right)$$

$$= 41.36^\circ$$

Equation of line through the intersection of two planes.

Find the equation of the line of intersection of two planes

$$x + 2y + 3z = 7$$

$$3x + y - z = 1$$

To find line, we need ① Point on the line (x_1, y_1, z_1)

Step Here ② Direction ratios l, m, n , of the line

$$P_1 : x + 2y + 3z = 7 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$P_2 : 3x + y - z = 1 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Let $z=0$ be the point of intersection of

① and ②

Then,

$$x + 2y = 7$$

$$3x + y = 1$$

Solving, we get

$$y = 4, x = -1$$

$$\therefore \text{Point } (x_1, y_1, z_1) = (-1, 4, 0)$$

Step To find direction ratios of required line.

Let l, m, n be the direction ratios of required line.

Since the normals to the planes are

$$\vec{n}_1 = (1, 2, 3)$$

$$\vec{n}_2 = (3, 1, -1)$$

Since the line is perpendicular to the

normals to both the planes P_1 and P_2 , so applying the condition of perpendicularity

$$\therefore (1, 2, 3) \cdot (l, m, n) = 0$$

$$\& (3, 1, -1) \cdot (l, m, n) = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } l + 2m + 3n = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$3l + m - n = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Solving (1) and (2) for l, m, n by cross multiplication

$$\begin{array}{ccc|c} & l & m & n \\ \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \end{matrix} & \times & \times & \times \\ & 1 & -1 & 3 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{l}{-2-3} = \frac{m}{0+1} = \frac{n}{1-6}$$

$$\therefore \frac{l}{-5} = \frac{m}{10} = \frac{n}{-5}$$

$$\text{or. } \frac{l}{-1} = \frac{m}{2} = \frac{n}{-1} = k \quad (\text{say})$$

$$l = -k, \quad m = 2k, \quad n = -k$$

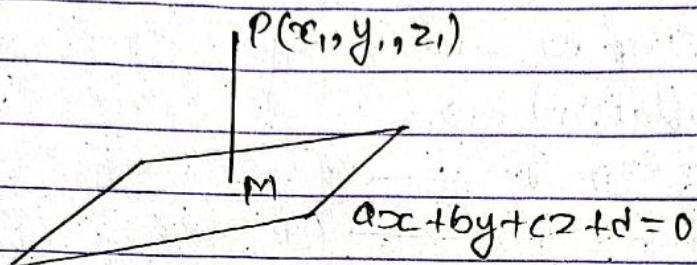
\therefore So, the required eqn of line is

$$\frac{x-x_1}{l} = \frac{y-y_1}{m} = \frac{z-z_1}{n}$$

$$\text{or. } \frac{x+1}{-k} = \frac{y-4}{2k} = \frac{z-0}{k}$$

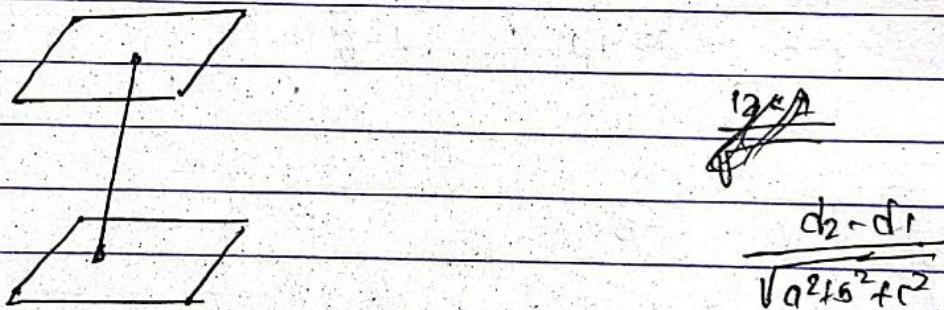
$$\therefore \frac{x+1}{-1} = \frac{y-4}{2} = \frac{z}{-1} \quad \text{is the required eqn of line.}$$

Length of \perp from $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ to the plane
 $ax + by + cz + d = 0$



$$\text{The } \perp \text{ length } PM = \frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 + d|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

Distance betw the two parallel planes.



Find the distance betw parallel planes

$$P_1: ax + 2y + 3z = 7 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$P_2: ax + 2y + 3z = 12 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Any point on the plane (1) is

$$x=0, y=0, z=7/3$$

$\therefore (0, 0, 7/3)$ is point on plane (1)

Then the length of \perp from $(0, 0, 7/3)$ on plane

P_2 is

$$= \left| \frac{1 \times 0 + 2 \times 0 + 3 \times \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2}} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{-5}{\sqrt{14}} \right| = \frac{5}{\sqrt{14}}$$

Vector Function

Vector function of scalar variable

Let $t \in \mathbb{R}$ be a scalar variable defined on some interval $[a, b]$ and let \vec{r} is a vector depend on t where,

$$\vec{r} = (x(t), y(t))$$

then we say that \vec{r} is a vector function of scalar variable t and we write $\vec{r} = \vec{r}(t)$.

Example:

Vector function of parabola

$$y^2 = 4ax \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Here $x = at^2$ & $y = 2at$ satisfy --- (1)

So we write

$$\vec{r} = (x(t), y(t))$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = (at^2, 2at)$$

* vector function of circle

$$x^2 + y^2 = a^2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Here $x = a\cos t$ and $y = a\sin t$ satisfy (1)

Squaring and adding

$$x^2 + y^2 = a^2$$

So we write

$$\vec{r} = (x(t), y(t))$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = (a\cos t, a\sin t)$$

By same argument

$$x = a\cos t, y = b\sin t$$

represents eqn of ellipse $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$

so, $\vec{r} = (a\cos t, b\sin t)$ is vector eqn of ellipse.

* Limit of vector function

A vector function $\vec{r} = \vec{r}(t)$ is said to have limit \vec{L} as $t \rightarrow t_0$ if

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{r}(t) = \vec{L}$$

Example:

$$\text{let } \vec{r}(t) = (at^2, 2at)$$

$$\text{Then } \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \vec{r}(t)$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (at^2, 2at)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left(\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} at^2, \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} at \right) \\
 &= (0, 0) \\
 &= \vec{0}
 \end{aligned}$$

Continuity

A vector function $\vec{r} = \vec{r}(t)$ is said to be continuous at point $t = t_0$ if

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \vec{r}(t) = \vec{r}(t_0)$$

i.e. limiting value = functional value.

Derivative of a vector function

Let $\vec{r} = \vec{r}(t)$ be a vector function of scalar variable t . Then the derivative of \vec{r} at point $t = t_0$ is denoted by $\vec{r}'(t)$ or $\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$ and is defined by

$$\vec{r}'(t_0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0} \frac{\vec{r}(t) - \vec{r}(t_0)}{t - t_0} \quad \text{--- ①}$$

provided limit exists.

(letting $t - t_0 = \delta t$, $t = t_0 + \delta t$)

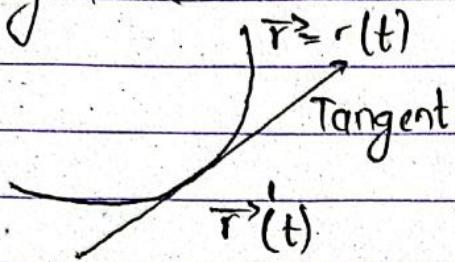
Also if $t \rightarrow t_0$, $\delta t \rightarrow 0$

Hence eqn ① becomes

$$\vec{r}'(t_0) = \lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\vec{r}(t_0 - \delta t) - \vec{r}(t_0)}{\delta t}$$

Geometrically, the derivative of the vector function $\vec{r} = \vec{r}(t)$ at $t = t_0$ represents the slope of tangent at point $t = t_0$

tangent. (when t increasing in direction of tangent)



Example

$$\text{let } \vec{r} = t^2 \vec{i} - t \vec{j} + t \vec{k} \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$\text{Find } \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \cdot \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}$$

\rightarrow Soln;

$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = 2t \vec{i} - \vec{j} + \vec{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = \cancel{2 \vec{i}} \cancel{- \vec{j}} \cancel{+ \vec{k}} \\ & = 2 \vec{i} - 0 \vec{j} + 0 \vec{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \cdot \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = 2t \cancel{2 + 0 + 0} = 4t$$

Some formulae on derivative

If \vec{r}, \vec{r}_1 & \vec{r}_2 be vector functions of scalar variable t , let ϕ be the scalar function of t .

Then,

$$\textcircled{i} \quad \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{r}_1 \pm \vec{r}_2) = \frac{d\vec{r}_1}{dt} \pm \frac{d\vec{r}_2}{dt}$$

$$\textcircled{ii} \quad \frac{d}{dt} \vec{a} = \vec{0}, \text{ where } \vec{a} \text{ is constant vector}$$

$$\textcircled{iii} \quad \frac{d}{dt} (\phi \vec{r}) = \phi \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} + \vec{r} \frac{d\phi}{dt} \vec{r}$$

In particular if $\phi = \text{constant} = k$ (say)

$$\frac{d}{dt} (k \vec{r}) = k \left(\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right)$$

$$\textcircled{iv} \quad \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{r}_1 \cdot \vec{r}_2) = \vec{r}_1 \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}_2}{dt} + \vec{r}_2 \frac{d\vec{r}_1}{dt} \cdot \vec{r}_2$$

(derivative of dot product)

$$\textcircled{v} \quad \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{r}_1 \times \vec{r}_2) = \vec{r}_1 \times \frac{d\vec{r}_2}{dt} + \frac{d\vec{r}_1}{dt} \times \vec{r}_2$$

(derivative of cross product)

vi) Derivative of scalar triple product

$$\frac{d}{dt} [\vec{r}_1 \vec{r}_2 \vec{r}_3] = \left[\frac{d\vec{r}_1}{dt} \vec{r}_2 \vec{r}_3 \right] + \left[\vec{r}_1 \frac{d\vec{r}_2}{dt} \vec{r}_3 \right] + \left[\vec{r}_1 \vec{r}_2 \frac{d\vec{r}_3}{dt} \right]$$

(vii) Derivative of vector triple product

$$\frac{d}{dt} [\vec{r}_1 \times (\vec{r}_2 \times \vec{r}_3)] = \left[\frac{d\vec{r}_1}{dt} \times (\vec{r}_2 \times \vec{r}_3) \right] + \left[\vec{r}_1 \times \left(\frac{d\vec{r}_2}{dt} \times \vec{r}_3 \right) \right] \\ + \vec{r}_1 \times \left(\vec{r}_2 \times \frac{d\vec{r}_3}{dt} \right)$$

Q. Show that

$$\frac{d}{dt} [\vec{r}_1 \vec{r}_2 \vec{r}_3] = \left[\frac{d\vec{r}_1}{dt} \vec{r}_2 \vec{r}_3 \right] + \left[\vec{r}_1 \frac{d\vec{r}_2}{dt} \vec{r}_3 \right] + \left[\vec{r}_1 \vec{r}_2 \frac{d\vec{r}_3}{dt} \right]$$

$$\text{L.H.S} = \frac{d}{dt} [\vec{r}_1 \cdot (\vec{r}_2 \times \vec{r}_3)] \\ = \frac{d\vec{r}_1}{dt} \cdot (\vec{r}_2 \times \vec{r}_3) + \vec{r}_1 \cdot \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{r}_2 \times \vec{r}_3) \\ = \left[\frac{d\vec{r}_1}{dt} \vec{r}_2 \vec{r}_3 \right] + \vec{r}_1 \cdot \left[\frac{d\vec{r}_2}{dt} \vec{r}_3 + \vec{r}_2 \frac{d\vec{r}_3}{dt} \right] \\ = \frac{d\vec{r}_1}{dt} \vec{r}_2 \vec{r}_3 + \vec{r}_1 \cdot \left(\frac{d\vec{r}_2}{dt} \vec{r}_3 \right) + \vec{r}_1 \cdot \left(\vec{r}_2 \frac{d\vec{r}_3}{dt} \right) \\ = \left[\frac{d\vec{r}_1}{dt} \vec{r}_2 \vec{r}_3 \right] + \left[\vec{r}_1 \frac{d\vec{r}_2}{dt} \vec{r}_3 \right] + \left[\vec{r}_1 \vec{r}_2 \frac{d\vec{r}_3}{dt} \right]$$

Q2. Show that (derivative of vector triple product)

$$\frac{d}{dt} [\vec{r}_1 \times (\vec{r}_2 \times \vec{r}_3)] = \frac{d\vec{r}_1}{dt} \times (\vec{r}_2 \times \vec{r}_3) + \vec{r}_2 \times \frac{d}{dt} (\vec{r}_3 \times \vec{r}_1)$$

$$= \left(\frac{d\vec{r}_1}{dt} \times (\vec{r}_2 \times \vec{r}_3) \right) + \left(\vec{r}_3 \times \frac{d(\vec{r}_2 \times \vec{r}_1)}{dt} \right) + \left(\vec{r}_1 \times \frac{d(\vec{r}_2 \times \vec{r}_3)}{dt} \right)$$

$$= \left[\frac{d\vec{r}_1}{dt} \times (\vec{r}_2 \times \vec{r}_3) \right] + \left[\vec{r}_1 \times \left(\frac{d\vec{r}_2}{dt} \times \vec{r}_3 \right) \right] + \left[\vec{r}_1 \times \left(\vec{r}_2 \times \frac{d\vec{r}_3}{dt} \right) \right]$$

Vector with constant magnitude

A vector function of scalar variable t is said to be constant magnitude if $|\vec{r}|$ is constant for all t .

In particular,

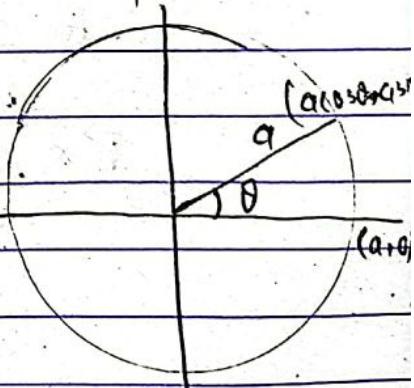
$$\vec{r} = (a \cos t, a \sin t)$$

$$\text{Here, } |\vec{r}| = \sqrt{a^2 \cos^2 t + a^2 \sin^2 t} = a$$

This represents circle with radius a .

Note:

A vector function \vec{r} of scalar variable t has constant magnitude if $\vec{r} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = 0$.



Vector with constant direction

A vector function \vec{r} of scalar variable t is said to be constant direction if \vec{r} is collinear for all t .

In particular,

$$\vec{r} = (2t, 3t, 4t)$$

We get different point on line so \vec{r} has constant direction.

Note: A vector function \vec{r} of scalar variable t has constant direction if $\vec{r} \times \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = 0$

* Example:

$$\vec{r} = (2t, 3t, 4t)$$

$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = (2, 3, 4)$$

$$\vec{r} \times \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{d}{dt} & & & \\ 2t & 3t & 4t & \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= t \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= t \cancel{\vec{0}} - t \vec{0}$$

Example

If \vec{r} is a unit vector, prove that

$$\left| \vec{r} \times \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right| = \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right|$$

→ **SOLN:**

Here \vec{r} is a unit vector. So, \vec{r} has constant magnitude.

$$\therefore \vec{r} \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = 0$$

This shows that \vec{r} and $\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$ are perpendicular (i.e. have angle 90°)

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S.} &= \left| \vec{r} \times \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right| \\ &= |\vec{r}| \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right| \sin 90^\circ \\ &= \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right| \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{|a \times b|}{|a||b|} = \sin \theta$$

Example

$$\text{If } \vec{r} = \vec{a} e^{mt} + \vec{b} e^{nt}$$

where \vec{a} and \vec{b} are constant vectors.

Prove that

$$\frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2} - (m+n) \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} + mn \vec{r} = \vec{0}$$

→ Soln;

$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \vec{a} m e^{mt} + \vec{b} n e^{nt}$$

$$\frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2} = \vec{a} m^2 e^{mt} + \vec{b} n^2 e^{nt}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{L.H.S.} &= \frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2} - (m+n) \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} + mn \vec{r} \\ &= \vec{a} m^2 e^{mt} - (m+n)(\vec{a} m e^{mt} + \vec{b} n e^{nt}) + \cancel{mn(\vec{a} e^{mt} + \vec{b} e^{nt})} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Example:

If $\vec{r} = (a \cos t, a \sin t, 0)$

Find $\frac{d}{dt} [\vec{r} \cdot \vec{r} \cdot \vec{r}]$ $\left[\vec{r} \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \cdot \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} \right]$

→ Soln;

$$\vec{r} = (a \cos t, a \sin t, 0)$$

$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = (-a \sin t, a \cos t, 0)$$

$$\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = (-a \cos t, -a \sin t, 0)$$

Now,

$$\left[\vec{r} \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} \right] = \begin{vmatrix} a \cos t & a \sin t & 0 \\ -a \sin t & a \cos t & 0 \\ -a \cos t & -a \sin t & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 0 \quad (\because c_3 = 0)$$

Evaluate:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\vec{r}}{r} \right), \text{ where } r = |\vec{r}|$$

Soln:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\vec{r}}{r} \right) &= \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{r} \vec{r} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{r} \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} + \vec{r} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{r} \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} + \vec{r} \left(-\frac{1}{r^2} \vec{r} \right) \frac{dt}{dt} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} (\phi \vec{r}) &= \phi \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \\ &+ \vec{r} d\phi \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{r} \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} - \frac{\vec{r}}{r^2} \frac{dr}{dt}$$

Formula:

If \vec{r} be the position vector of a particle at time t .

$$\text{i.e. } \vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$$

Then, $\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$ & $\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}$ always represents

velocity & acceleration of moving particle at time t .

#

Example:

Find the velocity and acceleration of a particle which moves along the curve

$x = 2\sin 3t$, $y = 2\cos 3t$, $z = 8t$ at time $t = \pi/2$. Find also their magnitude.

→ Soln:

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

$$= (2\sin 3t\hat{i} + 2\cos 3t\hat{j} + 8t\hat{k})$$

$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = (6\cos 3t\hat{i} - 6\sin 3t\hat{j} + 8\hat{k})$$

$$\text{At } t = \pi/2$$

$$\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = 6\cos 3\pi/2\hat{i} - 6\sin 3\pi/2\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}$$

$$= 0 - 6(-1)\vec{j} + 8\vec{k}$$

$$= 6\vec{j} + 8\vec{k}$$

$$\therefore \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right| = \sqrt{6^2 + 8^2} = \sqrt{100} = 10$$

Again diff. ① w.r.t. t (for acceleration vector)

$$\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = -18 \sin 3t \vec{i} - 18 \cos 3t \vec{j} + 0 \vec{k}$$

At $\pi/2$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} \right) &= -18(-1)\vec{i} - 18 \cdot 0 \vec{j} + 0 \vec{k} \\ &= 18\vec{i} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \left| \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} \right| = |18\vec{i}| = \sqrt{18^2 + 0^2 + 0^2} = 18$$

C.N. If $\frac{d\vec{a}}{dt} = \vec{c} \times \vec{a}$, $\frac{d\vec{b}}{dt} = \vec{c} \times \vec{b}$

Show that $\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = \vec{c} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{l.h.s.} &= \frac{d}{dt}(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = \vec{a} \times \frac{d\vec{b}}{dt} + \frac{d\vec{a}}{dt} \times \vec{b} \\ &= \vec{a} \times (\vec{c} \times \vec{b}) + (\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) \times \vec{b} \\ &\quad \cancel{= (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) \vec{c} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}) \vec{b} + (\vec{c} \cdot \vec{b})} \\ &\quad \cancel{\vec{a} \times (\vec{c} \cdot \vec{b}) \vec{b}} \\ &= (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) \vec{c} + (\vec{c} \cdot \vec{b}) \vec{a} \\ &\quad \cancel{= (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) \vec{c} -} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) \vec{c} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}) \vec{b} - \vec{b} \times (\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) \\
 &= (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) \vec{c} - (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}) \vec{b} - (\vec{b} \times \vec{a}) \vec{c} + (\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c}) \vec{a} \\
 &= (\vec{c} \cdot \vec{b}) \vec{a} - (\vec{c} \cdot \vec{a}) \vec{b} \\
 &= \vec{c} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \\
 &= \text{R.H.S}
 \end{aligned}$$

Proved

Integration of vector function

We know, if $\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \right) = \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}$,

i.e. derivative of $\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$ w.r.t. t is $\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}$

① Then we say that antiderivative of

$\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}$ is $\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}$ and we write

$$\int \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} dt = \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} + c$$

② Similarly,

$$\cancel{\frac{d(\vec{r}_1 \cdot \vec{r}_2)}{dr}}$$

$$\frac{d(\vec{r}_1 \cdot \vec{r}_2)}{dr} = \frac{d\vec{r}_1}{dt} \cdot \vec{r}_2 + \vec{r}_1 \frac{d\vec{r}_2}{dt}$$

Then,

$$\int \left(\frac{d\vec{r}_1}{dt} \cdot \vec{r}_2 + \vec{r}_1 \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}_2}{dt} \right) dt = \vec{r}_1 \cdot \vec{r}_2 + c$$

$$③ \frac{d(\vec{r}_1 \times \vec{r}_2)}{dr} = \frac{d\vec{r}_1}{dt} \times \vec{r}_2 + \vec{r}_1 \times \frac{d\vec{r}_2}{dt}$$

Then

$$\int \left(\frac{d\vec{r}_1}{dt} \times \vec{r}_2 + \vec{r}_1 \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}_2}{dt} \right) dt = \vec{r}_1 \times \vec{r}_2 + \vec{c}$$

If $\vec{r}_1 = \vec{a}$, a constant vector

$$\text{if } \vec{r}_2 = \vec{r} \text{ so that } \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \vec{0}$$

Then the formula becomes

$$\int \vec{a} \times \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = (\vec{a} \times \vec{r}) + c$$

Q. If $\vec{r}_1 = 2\vec{i} + t\vec{j} - \vec{k}$, $\vec{r}_2 = 2\vec{i} - 3\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$
 $\vec{r}_3 = t\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$

Find (a) $\int_0^2 (\vec{r}_1 \times \vec{r}_2) dt$

(b) $\int_0^2 [\vec{r}_1 \vec{r}_2 \vec{r}_3] dt$

→ Soln:

(a) $\vec{r}_1 \times \vec{r}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 2 & t & -1 \\ t & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$

$$= \vec{i}(3t+2) - \vec{j}(6+t) + \vec{k}(4-t^2)$$

$$\therefore \int_0^2 [\vec{r}_1 \times \vec{r}_2] dt = \int_0^2 [i(3t+2) - j(6+t) + k(4-t^2)] dt$$

$$= \left[\vec{i}(3t^2 + 2t) - \vec{j}\left(6t + \frac{t^2}{2}\right) + \vec{k}\left(4t - \frac{t^3}{3}\right) \right]_0^2$$

$$= \left[\vec{i}\left(\frac{9 \times 4}{2} + 2 \times 2\right) - \vec{j}\left(12 - \frac{4^2}{4}\right) + \vec{k}\left(8 - \frac{8}{3}\right) \right] -$$

$$[\vec{i}0 - \vec{j}0 + \vec{k}0]$$

$$= 10\vec{i} - 14\vec{j} + \frac{16}{3}\vec{k}$$

$$\textcircled{B} \quad [\vec{r}, \vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2] = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & t & -1 \\ t & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 8t^3 + \cancel{t^2} + (4t-6) \cancel{+} -1(-3t-4) \\ = -4t^2 + 9t + 38$$

$$\therefore \int_0^2 (-4t^2 + 9t + 38) dt = \left[-\frac{4t^3}{3} + \frac{9t^2}{2} + 38t \right]_0^2 \\ = 94 - \frac{82}{3} \\ = 250/3$$

Some Defⁿ

We know, if $\vec{r} = \vec{r}(t) = r_1 \vec{i} + r_2 \vec{j} + r_3 \vec{k}$ where r_1, r_2, r_3 are scalar function of t .

Then $\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = \cancel{\vec{r}'}(t)$ always represents the vector along the

dt

tangent.

Then the unit vector along the tangent is denoted by $\vec{T}(t)$ and is given by

$$\vec{T}(t) = \frac{\vec{r}'(t)}{|\vec{r}'(t)|}$$

Curvature

If $\vec{r} = \vec{r}(t)$ be a continuous curve,
Then the curvature measures how quickly the curve
changes its direction or tangent.
It measures the bendness of the curve.

Formula:

The curvature of a curve is defined as the rate of change of unit tangent vector w.r.t arc length.
It is denoted by $k(t)$.

$$\text{Thus, } k(t) = \left| \frac{d\vec{T}}{ds} \right| = \left| \frac{\frac{d\vec{T}}{dt}}{\frac{ds}{dt}} \right|$$

The radius of curvature is the reciprocal of curvature.

Some formula:

If $\vec{r} = \vec{r}(t)$ be a vector function:
Then, the curvature $k(t)$ is defined by

$$k(t) = \frac{\| \vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t) \|}{\| \vec{r}'(t) \|^3}$$

Example

Find the curvature of the curve

$$\vec{r}(t) = (t^2, t, 2t^2) \text{ at point } (1, 1, 2)$$

\Rightarrow

\rightarrow Soln:

$$\vec{r}'(t) = (t^2, t, 2t^2)$$

$$\vec{r}''(t) = (2t, 1, 4t)$$

$$\vec{r}'''(t) = (2, 0, 4)$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t)| &= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 2t & 1 & 4t \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \vec{i}(4-0) - \vec{j}(8t-8t) + \vec{k}(0-2) \\ &= 4\vec{i} - 0\vec{j} - 2\vec{k} \\ &= (4, 0, -2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore K(t) = \frac{|\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t)|}{|\vec{r}'(t)|^3}$$

$$= \frac{|(4, 0, -2)|}{|2t, 1, 4t|^3}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{4^2 + 0^2 + (-2)^2}}{(7\sqrt{4t^2 + 1})^3}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{20}}{(21)^{3/2}}$$

At $t=1$

$$K(1) = \frac{\sqrt{20}}{(21)^{3/2}}$$

Radius of curvature = Reciprocal of curvature
 $= \frac{(21)^{3/2}}{\sqrt{20}}$

Example: Find curvature and radius of curvature

$$\vec{r} = a \cos t \hat{i} + a \sin t \hat{j} + 0 \hat{k} \text{ at } t=0$$

Ans $k(0) = \frac{1}{a}$, and radius of curvature = a

Radius of

Curvature formula

1. In cartesian form (x,y) form

If $y = f(x)$ be a function then the radius of curvature is

$$R = \frac{(1 + y_1^2)^{3/2}}{y_2} \quad \text{where } y_1 = \frac{dy}{dx}, y_2 = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}, y_2 \neq 0$$

Similarly if $x = f(y)$ be the curve then

$$R = \frac{(1 + x_1^2)^{3/2}}{x_2} \quad \text{where } x_1 = \frac{dx}{dy}, x_2 = \frac{d^2x}{dy^2}, x_2 \neq 0$$

$$\cosh x = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \quad \cosh^2 x - \sinh^2 x = 1$$

Date _____
Page _____

Exercise

- ③ Find the radius of curvature and curvature κ at point (x, y) & where $y = c \cosh(\frac{x}{c})$

→ Soln:

$$y = c \cosh\left(\frac{x}{c}\right)$$

Diff. w.r.t. x

$$y_1 = c \sinh\left(\frac{x}{c}\right) = \frac{\sinh x}{c}$$

$$y_2 = \cosh\left(\frac{x}{c}\right) = \frac{\cosh x}{c}$$

Now,

$$P = (1+y_1^2)^{3/2}$$

$$= \frac{(1+(\sinh x/c)^2)^{3/2}}{y_2 \cosh x/c}$$

$$= \frac{(\cosh^2 x/c)^{3/2}}{y_2 \cosh x/c}$$

$$= \frac{(\cosh x/c)^3}{y_2 \cosh x/c}$$

$$= \frac{\cosh^2 x/c \cdot c}{y_2}$$

$$= (\cosh x/c)^2 \cdot c$$

$$= \frac{y^2}{c}$$

$\nabla \cdot \vec{V} \rightarrow$ divergence
 $\nabla \times \vec{V} \rightarrow$ curl
 $\nabla \phi \rightarrow$ gradient

Date _____
 Page _____

II Vector calculus

~~Diver~~ Vector differential operator.

The vector differential operator denoted by ∇ (nabla) and is given by

$$\nabla = \vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \nabla = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)$$

1. Diver Gradient of scalar point function.

Let $\phi(x, y, z)$ be a scalar point function. Then its gradient is denoted by $\nabla \phi$ and is defined by

$$\nabla \phi = \left(\vec{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right) \phi$$

$$= \vec{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

$$= \sum \vec{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$$

Example : Let $\phi = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$. Find $\nabla \phi$.

→ Sol'n;

$$\text{Here, } \nabla \phi = \vec{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

$$= \vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$$

$$+ \vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$$

$$= \vec{i}(2x) + \vec{j}(2y) + \vec{k}(2z)$$

$$= 2(x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k})$$

Note: $\nabla\phi$ is a vector.

Divergent of vector point function

Let $\vec{v} = v_1\vec{i} + v_2\vec{j} + v_3\vec{k}$ be a vector point function of $x, y, \& z$. Then its divergent is given by

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x} i + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} j + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} k \right) \cdot \vec{v}$$

$$= \vec{i} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial z}$$

$$= \sum \frac{\vec{i} \cdot \partial \vec{v}}{\partial x} \quad \text{OR} \quad \boxed{\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{i} \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial v_3}{\partial z}}$$

Eg: Let $\vec{v} = x^2\vec{i} + y^2\vec{j} + z^2\vec{k}$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{v} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} i + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} j + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} k \cdot (x^2 i + y^2 j + z^2 k)$$

$$= \frac{\partial x^2}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial y^2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial z^2}{\partial z}$$

$$= 2x + 2y + 2z$$

Example:

Let $\vec{v} = x^2y\vec{i} + y^2z\vec{j} + z^2x\vec{k}$

Find $\nabla \cdot \vec{v}$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \vec{v} &= \left(\vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (x^2y\vec{i} + y^2z\vec{j} + z^2x\vec{k}) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(x^2y) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(y^2z) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(z^2x) \\ &= 2xy + 2yz + 2zx\end{aligned}$$

3. Curl of a vector point function

Let $\vec{v} = v_1\vec{i} + v_2\vec{j} + v_3\vec{k}$ be a vector point function of x, y & z . Then its curl is denoted by $\nabla \times \vec{v}$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \vec{v} &= \left(\vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \times (\vec{v}) \\ &= \vec{i} \times \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \times \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \times \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial z} \\ &= \sum \vec{i} \times \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial x}\end{aligned}$$

Calculation of $\nabla \times \vec{v}$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \vec{v} &= \left(\vec{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right) \times (v_1\vec{i} + v_2\vec{j} + v_3\vec{k}) \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

$$= \vec{i} \left(\frac{\partial v_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial z} \right) - \vec{j} \left(\frac{\partial v_3}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial z} \right) + \vec{k} \left(\frac{\partial v_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial y} \right)$$

Example:

Let $\vec{v} = x^3y\vec{i} + y^3z\vec{j} + z^3x\vec{k}$. Find $\nabla \times \vec{v}$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times \vec{v} &= \vec{i} \left(\frac{\partial z^3x}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial y^3z}{\partial z} \right) + \vec{j} \left(\frac{\partial x^3y}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial z^3x}{\partial x} \right) \\ &\quad + \vec{k} \left(\frac{\partial y^3z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial x^3y}{\partial y} \right) \\ &= \vec{i} (0 - y^3) + \vec{j} (-z^3) + \vec{k} (0 - x^3) \\ &= -\vec{i} y^3 - \vec{j} z^3 - \vec{k} x^3 \\ &= -y^3\vec{i} - z^3\vec{j} - x^3\vec{k} \\ &= -(y^3\vec{i} + z^3\vec{j} + x^3\vec{k})\end{aligned}$$

Example:

Let $\vec{r} = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k}$ and $r = |\vec{r}|$. Then

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \nabla \cdot \vec{r} = 3 \quad \textcircled{2} \quad \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{r}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \nabla \times \vec{r} = 0$$

Soln;

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{r} = \left(\vec{i} \frac{\partial x}{\partial x} + \vec{j} \frac{\partial y}{\partial y} + \vec{k} \frac{\partial z}{\partial z} \right) \cdot (x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k})$$

$$= \frac{\partial(x)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial(y)}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial(z)}{\partial z}$$

$$= 1 + 1 + 1$$

$$= 3$$

$$\textcircled{i} \quad \nabla \times \vec{r} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{r} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \vec{i}(0-0) + \vec{j}(0-0) + \vec{k}(0-0)$$

$$= \vec{0}$$

$$\textcircled{ii} \quad r = |\vec{r}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dr}{dx} = \frac{\partial(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{1/2}}{\partial x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{-1/2} \times 2x$$

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

$$= \frac{x}{r}$$

Similarly, $\frac{dr}{dy} = \frac{y}{r}$ and $\frac{dr}{dz} = \frac{z}{r}$

Example : If $\vec{F} = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k}$ and $r = |\vec{r}|$. Find

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \nabla \cdot (r^3 \vec{F})$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \text{Div } \left(\frac{\vec{I}}{r} \right) = ?$$

→ Soln:

$$\text{We know, } \frac{dr}{dx} = \frac{x}{r}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{1} \quad & \nabla \cdot (r^3 \vec{F}) = \sum \vec{i} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (r^3 \vec{F}) \quad \left\{ \because \nabla \cdot \vec{v} = \sum \vec{i} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial x} \right. \\
 &= \sum \vec{i} \cdot \left[r^3 \frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial x} + \vec{F} \frac{\partial r^3}{\partial x} \right] \quad \left. \text{by definition of divergence.} \right. \\
 &= \sum \vec{i} \cdot \left[r^3 \vec{i} + \vec{F} \left(3r^2 \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \right) \right] \\
 &= \sum \vec{i} \cdot \left(r^3 \vec{i} + \vec{F} \frac{3r^2 x}{r} \right) \\
 &= \sum \vec{i} \cdot \left(r^3 \vec{i} + \vec{F} 3xr \right) \\
 &= \sum r^3 (\vec{i} \cdot \vec{i}) + 3 \sum \vec{i} \cdot (\vec{F} 3xr) \\
 &= \sum r^3 (1) + 3 \sum x r (\vec{i} \cdot \vec{i}) \\
 &= 3r^3 + 3 \sum x r x \quad \left[\because \vec{i} \cdot \vec{i} = x \right] \\
 &= 3r^3 + 3 \sum x^2 r \\
 &= 3r^3 + \cancel{3r^3 x^2} - 3r \sum x^2 \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \sum x^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \\ = r^2 \end{array} \right] \\
 &= 3r^3 + 3r r^2 \\
 &= 3r^3 + 3r^3 \\
 &= 6r^3
 \end{aligned}$$