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Preface

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Analytic Geometry

1. Straight Lines

- 1.1 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 fixed lines $y = mx$, $z = c$ and $y = -mx$, $z = -c$. Find the locus of the line
(2009 : 12 Marks)

Solution:

Approach : Use general equation of line intersecting two lines given in planar form.

Given fixed lines are

$$y - mx = 0, z - c = 0 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$y + mx = 0, z + c = 0 \quad \dots(ii)$$

General equation of line intersecting both

$$(y - mx) + k_1(z - c) = 0 = (y + mx) + k_2(z + c) \quad \dots(iii)$$

If it meets ellipse we eliminate k_1 and k_2

Putting $z = 0$ in (iii)

$$y - mx - k_1c = 0; y + mx + k_2c = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y}{-k_2m + k_1m} = \frac{x}{-(k_1 + k_2)} = \frac{c}{2m}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-(k_1 + k_2)c}{2m}; y = \frac{(k_1 - k_2)c}{2}$$

Putting this in equation of ellipse

$$\frac{(k_1 + k_2)^2 c^2}{4m^2 a^2} + \frac{(k_1 - k_2)^2 c^2}{4b^2} = 1$$

$$(k_1 + k_2)^2 c^2 b^2 + (k_1 - k_2)^2 c^2 a^2 m^2 = 4a^2 b^2 m^2$$

Substituting k_1 and k_2 from (iii)

$$\left\{ \left(\frac{mx - y}{z - c} \right) + \left(-\frac{mx + y}{z + c} \right) \right\}^2 c^2 b^2 + \left\{ \left(\frac{mx - y}{z - c} \right) + \left(\frac{mx + y}{z + c} \right) \right\}^2 \times c^2 a^2 = 4a^2 b^2 m^2$$

$$\Rightarrow [(mx - y)(z + c) - (mx + y)(z - c)]^2 c^2 b^2 + [(mx - y)(z + c) + (mx + y)(z - c)]^2 m^2 c^2 a^2 = 4a^2 b^2 m^2 (z^2 - c^2)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow [cmx - yz]^2 c^2 b^2 + [mxz - cy]^2 m^2 c^2 a^2 = a^2 b^2 m^2 (z^2 - c^2)^2$$

which is required locus.

- 1.2 Prove that two of the straight lines represented by the equation

$$x^3 + bx^2y + cxy^2 + y^3 = 0$$

will be at right angles, if $b + c = -2$.

(2012 : 12 Marks)

Solution:

The given equation is a homogeneous equation of third degree and hence it represents three straight lines through the origin.

Let $y = mx$ be any of these lines.

Replacing $\frac{y}{x}$ by m in $x^3 + bx^2y + cxy^2 + y^3 = 0$ or $1 + b\frac{y}{x} + c\frac{y^2}{x^2} + \frac{y^3}{x^3} = 0$, we get

$$m^3 + cm^2 + bm + 1 = 0 \quad \dots(i)$$

Let m_1, m_2, m_3 be its roots, then

$$m_1 \cdot m_2 \cdot m_3 = -1$$

But, two of these lines, say with slopes, m_1 and m_2 , are at right angles,

then,

$$m_1 \cdot m_2 = -1$$

Thus,

$$(-m_3) = 1 \text{ or } m_3 = 1$$

But m_3 is a root of (i)

$$\therefore 1 + c + b + 1 = 0$$

$$\text{or } b + c = -2$$

- 1.3 Verify if the lines $\frac{x-a+d}{\alpha-\delta} = \frac{y-a}{\alpha} = \frac{z-a-d}{\alpha+\delta}$ and $\frac{x-b+c}{\beta-\gamma} = \frac{y-b}{\beta} = \frac{z-b-c}{\beta+\gamma}$ are coplanar. If yes, then find the equation of the plane in which they lie?

(2014 : 7 Marks)

Solution:

Two straight lines

$$\frac{x-x_1}{a_1} = \frac{y-y_1}{b_1} = \frac{z-z_1}{c_1} \text{ and } \frac{x-x_2}{a_2} = \frac{y-y_2}{b_2} = \frac{z-z_2}{c_2}$$

are coplanar if

$$\begin{vmatrix} x_2 - x_1 & y_2 - y_1 & z_2 - z_1 \\ a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

And equation of plane containing them, is

$$\begin{vmatrix} x - x_1 & y - y_1 & z - z_1 \\ a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Here, in our case,

$$\begin{vmatrix} (b-c)-(a-d) & b-a & b+c-(a+d) \\ \alpha-\delta & \alpha & \alpha+\delta \\ \beta-\gamma & \beta & \beta+\gamma \end{vmatrix} \begin{array}{l} C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2 \\ C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_2 \end{array} = \begin{vmatrix} d-c & b-a & c-d \\ -\delta & \alpha & \delta \\ -\gamma & \beta & \gamma \end{vmatrix} = 0 \text{ as } C_1 = -C_3$$

Hence, the given lines are coplanar.

The equation of the plane containing them, is

$$\begin{vmatrix} x - (a-d) & y - a & z - (a+d) \\ \alpha - \delta & \alpha & \alpha + \delta \\ \beta - \gamma & \beta & \beta + \gamma \end{vmatrix} = 0. \text{ Applying } \begin{array}{l} C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2 \\ C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} x - y + d & y - a & z - y - d \\ -\delta & \alpha & \delta \\ -\gamma & \beta & \gamma \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} x - 2y + z & y - a & z - y - d \\ 0 & \alpha & \delta \\ 0 & \beta & \gamma \end{vmatrix} = 0 \text{ as } C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_3$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 2y + z = 0$$

2. Shortest Distance between Two Skew Lines

- 2.1 Find the shortest distance between the lines $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{4} = z-3$ and $y-mx = z=0$. For what value of m will the two lines intersect?

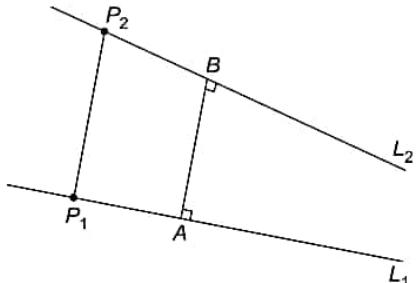
(2016 : 10 Marks)

Solution:

Lines are :

$$L_1: \frac{k-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{4} = \frac{z-3}{1}$$

$$L_2: \frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{m} = \frac{z}{0} \quad [y-mx=0, z=0]$$

 $P_1(1, 2, 3)$ on L_1 ; $P_2(0, 0, 0)$ on L_2 Shortest distance (SD) is the projection of P_1P_2 on AB which is perpendicular to both lines. Direction ratio's of AB :

$$\begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & m & 0 \end{vmatrix} = i(0-m) - j(0-1) + k(2m-4)$$

$$= -mi + j + (2m-4)k$$

$$SD = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m^2+1+(2m-4)^2}} [-m(1-0) + 1(2-0) + (2m-4)(3-0)]$$

$$= \frac{5m-10}{\sqrt{5m^2-16m+17}}$$

The lines will intersect if, $SD = 0$, i.e., $5m-10 = 0 \Rightarrow m = 2$.

- 2.2 Find the shortest distance between the skew lines, $\frac{x-3}{3} = \frac{8-y}{1} = \frac{z-3}{1}$ and $\frac{x+3}{-3} = \frac{y+7}{2} = \frac{z-6}{4}$.

(2017 : 10 Marks)

Solution:Shortest distance lies along a direction which is perpendicular to both lines and given by the cross-product of vectors along given two lines, L_1, L_2 .

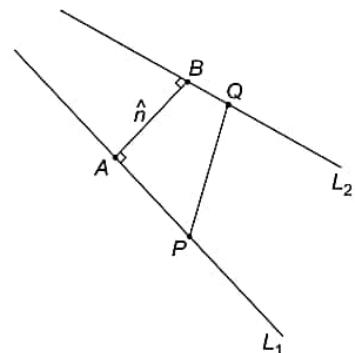
$$\vec{n} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \\ -3 & 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= i(-4-2) - j(12+3) + k(6-3)$$

$$= -6i - 15j + 3k$$

$$= -3(2i + 5j - k)$$

$$\therefore \hat{n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}}(2i + 5j - k)$$

S.D. is the projection of PQ along \hat{n} .

$$SD = \overrightarrow{AB} \cdot \hat{n}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}}[(3-(-3))2 + (8-(-7))5 - (3-6) \cdot 1]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}}(12+75+3) = \frac{90}{\sqrt{30}} \\
 &= 3\sqrt{30}
 \end{aligned}$$

2.3 Find the shortest distance between the lines

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_1x + b_1y + c_1z + d_1 &= 0 \\
 a_2x + b_2y + c_2z + d_2 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

and the z-axis.

(2018 : 12 Marks)

Solution:

The equation of z-axis is $x = y = 0$

∴ Any plane, P , through z-axis can be written as

$$x + \mu y = 0 \quad \dots(i)$$

Further, any plane P_2 , through given set of planes is

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

$$\text{i.e.,} \quad (a_1 + \lambda a_2)x + (b_1 + \lambda b_2)y + (c_1 + \lambda c_2)z + d_1 + \lambda d_2 = 0 \quad \dots(ii)$$

For shortest distance P_1 and P_2 should be parallel.

$$\therefore \frac{a_1 + \lambda a_2}{1} = \frac{b_1 + \lambda b_2}{\mu} = \frac{c_1 + \lambda c_2}{0}$$

$$\text{i.e.,} \quad c_1 + \lambda c_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{-c_1}{c_2}$$

∴ equation of P_2 is

$$\left(a_1 - \frac{c_1}{c_2}a_2\right)x + \left(b_1 - \frac{c_1}{c_2}b_2\right)y + \left(d_1 - \frac{c_1}{c_2}d_2\right) = 0$$

Shortest distance,

$$d = \frac{|d_1 + \lambda d_2 - 0|}{\sqrt{(a_1 + \lambda a_2)^2 + (b_1 + \lambda b_2)^2 + 0^2}}$$

$$d = \frac{|c_2 d_1 + c_1 d_2|}{\sqrt{(c_2 a_1 - c_1 a_2)^2 + (c_2 b_1 - c_1 b_2)^2}}$$

2.4 Show that the lines $\frac{x+1}{-3} = \frac{y-3}{2} = \frac{z+2}{1}$ and $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y-7}{-3} = \frac{z+7}{2}$ intersect. Find the coordinates of the point of intersection and the equation of the plane containing them.

(2019 : 10 Marks)

Solution:

Any point on the line

$$\frac{x+1}{-3} = \frac{y-3}{2} = \frac{z+2}{1} \quad (-1 - 3r, 3 + 2r, -2 + r) \quad \dots(1)$$

is

Similarly, any part on the line

$$\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y-7}{-3} = \frac{z+7}{2} \quad (r^2, 7 - 3r, -7 + 2r) \quad \dots(2)$$

If the two given lines intersect then for some value of r and r' the two above points (i) and (ii) must coincide.
i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} -1 - 3r &= r^1; \\ 3 + 2r &= 7 - 3r^1; \\ -2 + r &= -7 + 2r^1 \end{aligned}$$

Solving the first two of these equations, we get

$$r = -1, r' = 2$$

These values of r and r' satisfy the third equation also. Hence, the given lines intersect.

Substituting these values r and r' in (1) or (2) we get the required coordinates of the point of intersection as $(2, 1, -3)$ (I)

Also, the equation of the plane containing the given lines is

$$\begin{vmatrix} x+1 & y-3 & z+2 \\ -3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+1)(4+3) - (y-3)(-6-1) + (z+2)(9-2) = 0$$

$$x + y + z = 0$$

which is the required equation. ... (II)

3. Plane and its Properties

- 3.1 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 $4x + y + 5z = 0$.

(2011 : 10 Marks)

Solution:

Let the required line intersects the given line

$$x + y = y + 1 = 2(z - 2) \quad \dots (i)$$

at (x_1, y_1, z_1)

∴ The equations of the required line passing through $(3, 1, 2)$ and (x_1, y_1, z_1) are

$$\frac{x-3}{x_1-3} = \frac{y-1}{y_1-1} = \frac{z-2}{z_1-1} \quad \dots (ii)$$

The direction ratios of the line (ii) are $x_1 - 3, y_1 - 1, z_1 - 1$.

Because the line (ii) is parallel to the plane $4x + y + 5z = 0$, therefore the normal to the plane with direction ratios 4, 1, 5 is perpendicular to the line (ii).

$$\therefore 4(x_1 - 3) + 1(y_1 - 1) + 5(z_1 - 1) = 0$$

$$\text{or } 4x_1 + y_1 + 5z_1 - 23 = 0 \quad \dots (iii)$$

Because the point (x_1, y_1, z_1) lies on (i),

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore & x_1 + 4 = y_1 + 1 = 2(z_1 - 2) \\ \Rightarrow & x_1 = 2z_1 - 8, y_1 = 2z_1 - 5 \end{aligned} \quad \dots (iv)$$

∴ from (iii), we get

$$4(2z_1 - 8) + 2z_1 - 5 + 5z_1 - 23 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow z_1 = 4$$

$$\therefore \text{from (iv), } x_1 = 0, y_1 = 3$$

∴ from (ii), the equations of the required line are :

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

- 3.2 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.

(2013 : 10 Marks)

Solution:The general equation of plane through $(0, 1, 1)$

$$\begin{aligned} l(x-0) + m(y-1) + n(z-1) &= 0 \\ lx + m(y-1) + n(z-1) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \dots(i)$$

 $(2, 0, -1)$ lies on this plane.

$$\therefore 2l - m - 2n = 0 \quad \dots(ii)$$

Direction ratios of line passing through $(-1, 1, -2)$, $(3, -2, 4)$.

$$a_1 = 3 - 1 = 4, b_1 = (-2 - 1) = -3, c_1 = (4 - (-2)) = 6$$

 \therefore Direction ratios are $4 :: -3 :: 6$

This is parallel to plane.

$$\therefore 4l - 3m + 6n = 0 \quad \dots(iii)$$

From (ii) and (iii)

$$\frac{l}{-12} = \frac{m}{-20} = \frac{n}{-2} \Rightarrow l:m:n :: 6:10:1$$

 \therefore Equation of plane is

$$\begin{aligned} 6l + 10(y-1) + (z-1) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 6x + 10y + z - 11 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Equation of plane parallel to this plane and passing through line

$$\begin{aligned} 6(x+1) + 10(y-1) + 1(z+2) &= 0 \\ 6x + 10y + z - 2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

 \therefore distance between line and plane

= distance between two plane

$$= \frac{|d_1 - d_2|}{\sqrt{l^2 + m^2 + n^2}} = \frac{9}{\sqrt{6^2 + 10^2 + 1^2}}$$

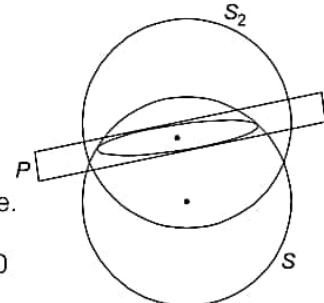
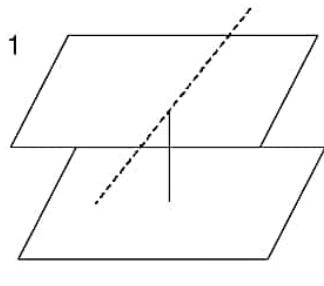
This must be on the plane for the intersection of this sphere to be a great circle.

$$\therefore 5\left(\frac{5\lambda - 3}{2}\right) - (4 - 2\lambda) + 2(4\lambda - 2) + 7 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 45\lambda = 17 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{17}{45}$$

 \therefore The given sphere is

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - \frac{10}{9}x + \frac{146}{45}y - \frac{22}{45}z - \frac{106}{45} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 45(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) - 50x + 146y - 22z - 106 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



- 3.3 Obtain the equation of the plane passing through the points $(2, 3, 1)$ and $(4, -5, 3)$ parallel to x -axis.
(2015 : 6 Marks)

Solution:The equation of any plane through $(2, 3, 1)$ is

$$a(x-2) + b(y-3) + c(z-1) = 0 \quad \dots(i)$$

It passes through $(4, -5, 3)$

$$\therefore a(4-2) + b(-5-3) + c(3-1) = 0$$

$$\text{i.e., } a - 4b + c = 0 \quad \dots(ii)$$

If the plane (i) is parallel to x -axis, then it is perpendicular to yz -plane, i.e., $x = 0$, i.e.,

$$1x + 0y + 0z = 0$$

$$\therefore 1a + 0b + 0c = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$$

\therefore from (ii), $-4b + c = 0$, i.e., $c = 4b$

$$\therefore \frac{a}{0} = \frac{b}{1} = \frac{c}{4}$$

Hence, (i) becomes $0 + 1(y - 3) + 4(z - 1) = 0$

$$y + 4z - 7 = 0$$

- 3.4 Find the surface generated by a line which intersects the lines $y = a = z$, $x + 3z = a = y + z$ and parallel to the plane $x + y = 0$.

(2016 : 10 Marks)

Solution:

Topic : Equation of a straight line intersecting two given lines.

Given lines are :

$$y - a = 0 = z - a \quad \dots(i)$$

$$x + 3z - a = 0 = y + z - a \quad \dots(ii)$$

Hence, the equation of a line intersecting the given lines (i) and (ii) will be

$$(y - a) + \lambda(z - a) = 0 \quad \dots(i)*$$

$$\text{and } (x + 3z - a) + \mu(y + z - a) = 0 \quad \dots(ii)*$$

$$\Rightarrow y + \lambda z - (a + \lambda a) = 0$$

$$\text{and } x + \mu y + (3 + \mu)z - (a + \mu a) = 0 \quad \dots(iii)$$

Line (iii) is parallel to the plane $x + y = 0$... (iv)

If direction ratio's of line (iii) are l, m, n , then

$$\frac{l}{3 + \mu - \mu\lambda} = \frac{m}{\lambda - 0} = \frac{n}{0 - 1}$$

$$\therefore (iv) \Rightarrow 1 \cdot (3 + \mu - \mu\lambda) + 1 \cdot \lambda + 0 \cdot (-1) = 0 \\ 3 + \mu + \lambda - \mu\lambda = 0 \quad \dots(v)$$

The required locus of the line is obtained by eliminating λ and μ between (i)*, (ii)* and (v).

$$3 - \frac{y-a}{z-a} - \frac{x+3z-a}{y+z-a} - \frac{y-a}{z-a} \cdot \frac{x+3z-a}{y+z-a} = 0$$

Solving and simplifying : $(y + z)(x + y) = 2a(x + z)$

- 3.5 Find the projection of straight line $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-1}{3} = \frac{z+1}{-1}$ on the plane $x + y + 2z = 6$.

(2018 : 10 Marks)

Solution:

$$\text{Given line is } \frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-1}{3} = \frac{z+1}{-1} = r$$

Let this line meets given plane at $(2r + 1, 3r + 1, -r - 1)$.

The point lies on given plane, i.e.,

$$2r + r + 3r + 1 - 2r - z = 6$$

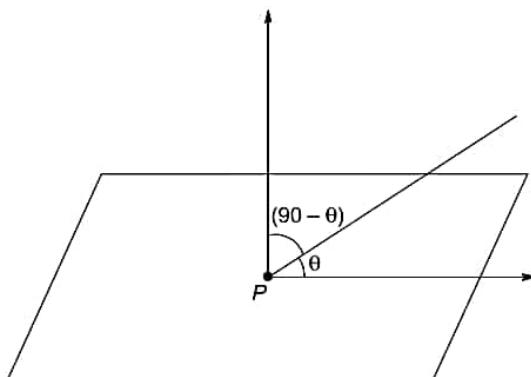
$$\Rightarrow r = 2$$

\therefore The point is $(5, 7, -3)$.

Let equation of line of projection is

$$\frac{x-5}{l} = \frac{y-7}{m} = \frac{z+3}{1}$$

Angle between given line and normal of plane is $(90 - \theta)$.



$$\therefore \cos(90 - \theta) = \sin \theta = \frac{2 \times 1 + 3 \times 1 - 1 \times 2}{\sqrt{14} \sqrt{6}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{84}}$$

\therefore Angle between given line and its projection on given plane is θ .

$$\therefore \cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{75}}{\sqrt{84}} = \frac{2l + 3m - 1}{\sqrt{l^2 + m^2 + 1} \sqrt{14}} \quad \dots(i)$$

Also, since projected line lies on given plane

$$\therefore l \times 1 + m \times 1 + 1 \times 2 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -l - 2 \quad \dots(ii)$$

Putting this value of m in eqn. (i), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{25}{2} &= \frac{(-l - 7)^2}{2l^2 + 4l + 5} \\ \Rightarrow l &= \frac{-3}{7}, m = \frac{-5}{4} \end{aligned}$$

\therefore equation of projected line is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x-5}{\left(\frac{-3}{4}\right)} &= \frac{y-7}{\left(\frac{-5}{4}\right)} = \frac{z+3}{1} \\ \text{or } \frac{x-5}{3} &= \frac{y-7}{5} = \frac{z+3}{-4} \end{aligned}$$

3.6 Find the equation of plane parallel to $3x - y + 3z = 8$ and passing through the point $(1, 1, 1)$.

(2018 : 12 Marks)

Solution:

Given, equation of plane is $3x - y + 3z = 8$

Any plane parallel to given plane has equation

$$3x - y + 3z = P \quad \dots(i)$$

Now (i) passing through $(1, 1, 1)$

$$\therefore 3 \times 1 - 1 + 3 \times 1 = P \Rightarrow P = 5$$

\therefore Equation of plane is $3x - y + 3z = 5$.

4. Sphere and its Properties

- 4.1 Find the equation of the sphere having its centre on the plane $4x - 5y - z = 3$ and passing through the circle

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 12x - 3y + 4z + 8 = 0$$

$$3x + 4y - 5z + 3 = 0$$

(2009 : 12 Marks)

Solution:

Approach : General equation of sphere through any circle is used. The parameter can be found by the centre satisfying equation of plane.

General equation of a sphere passing through the circle is

$$S + \lambda P = 0$$

$$\text{or } (x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 12x - 3y + 4z + 8) + \lambda(3x + 4y - 5z + 3) = 0$$

$$\text{i.e., } x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + (3\lambda - 12)x + (4\lambda - 3)y + (4 - 5\lambda)z + 3\lambda + 8 = 0$$

The centre of the sphere is $\left(\frac{3\lambda - 12}{2}, \frac{4\lambda - 3}{2}, \frac{4 - 5\lambda}{2}\right)$. This lies on the given plane if

$$-\left[4\left(\frac{3\lambda - 12}{2}\right) - 5\left(\frac{4\lambda - 3}{2}\right) - \left(\frac{4 - 5\lambda}{2}\right)\right] = 3$$

\Rightarrow

$$3\lambda + 37 = 6$$

\Rightarrow

$$\lambda = \frac{-31}{3}$$

\therefore Required sphere is

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 43x - \frac{133}{3}y + \frac{167}{3}z - 23 = 0$$

- 4.2 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 great circle.

(2010 : 12 Marks)

Solution:

Given : Equation of circle is $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - x + y = 2$, Plane $\equiv x + y - 2z = 3$

$$\text{Centre of given circle} = \left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$$

$$\text{Radius} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + 2} = \sqrt{2 + \frac{1}{2}}$$

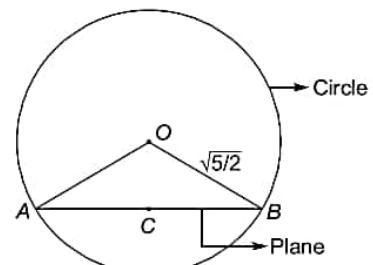
$$= \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}$$

Let O be the centre of this circle.

Distance of plane from centre

$$\frac{\left|\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} - 3\right|}{\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 2^2}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{6}}$$

\therefore Radius of circle with BC as radius



$$\sqrt{\frac{5}{2} - \frac{9}{6}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{2}} = 1$$

Equation of sphere with circle as great circle.

$$\begin{aligned} & x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - x + y - 2 + \lambda(x + y - 2z - 3) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - x + y - 2 + \lambda x + \lambda y - 2\lambda z - \lambda 3 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + (1 - \lambda)x + (1 + \lambda)y - 2\lambda z - 3\lambda + 2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Radius of this sphere = 1

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow & \left(\frac{1-\lambda}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1+\lambda}{2}\right)^2 + \lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 2 = 1^2 \\ \Rightarrow & \frac{1+\lambda^2+2\lambda}{4} + \frac{1+\lambda^2-2\lambda}{4} + \lambda^2 + 3\lambda + 2 = 1 \\ \Rightarrow & \frac{3\lambda^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + 3\lambda = -1 \\ \Rightarrow & \frac{3\lambda^2}{2} + 3\lambda + \frac{3}{2} = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & \lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 1 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & (\lambda + 1)^2 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & \lambda = -1 \end{aligned}$$

Using this value of λ , the equation of sphere is

$$\begin{aligned} & x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - x + y - 2 - 1(x + y - 2z - 3) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - x + y - z - x - y + 2z + 3 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x + 2z + 1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

4.3 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

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2x - 6y + 1 = 0$$

(2011 : 10 Marks)

Solution:

The equation of the given sphere is

$$4(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 10x - 25y - 2z = 0 \quad \dots(i)$$

The equation of the tangent plane to the sphere (i) at the point (1, 2, -2) is

$$4(x \cdot 1 + y \cdot 2 + z \cdot (-2)) + 5 \cdot (x + 1) - \frac{25}{2}(y + 2) - (z - 2) = 0$$

$$\text{or } 18x - 9y - 18z + 14 = 0 \quad \dots(ii)$$

∴ The equation of the sphere which touches the sphere (i) at (1, 2, -2) is

$$4(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 10x - 25y - 2z + \lambda(18x - 9y - 18z + 14) = 0 \quad \dots(iii)$$

If (iii) passes through (-1, 0, 1) then,

$$4(1 + 0 + 0) + 10(-1) - 0 - 0 + \lambda(-18 - 0 - 0 + 14) = 0$$

$$4 - 10 + \lambda(-4) = 0$$

$$-6 = 4\lambda \Rightarrow \lambda = -\frac{3}{2}$$

Put $\lambda = -\frac{3}{2}$ in (iii),

$$4(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 10x - 25y - 2z - \frac{3}{2}(18x - 9y - 18z + 14) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 8(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 20x - 50y - 4z - 54x + 27y + 54z - 42 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow 8(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) - 34x - 23y + 50z - 42 = 0$, which is the required equation of the sphere.

- 4.4 Show that 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 $2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = 3r^2$.

(2013 : 15 Marks)

Solution:

Let (α, β, γ) be any point. Equation of enveloping cone from this point to sphere

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = r^2 \quad \dots(i)$$

is

$$SS_1 = T_1^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - r^2)(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 - r^2) = (\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z - r^2)^2$$

This cone will have three mutually perpendicular generators if coefficient of x^2 + coefficient of y^2 + coefficient of $z^2 = 0$.

i.e.,

$$\Rightarrow (\beta^2 + \gamma^2 - r^2) + (\alpha^2 + \gamma^2 - r^2) + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 - r^2) = 0$$

\Rightarrow

$$2(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2) = 3r^2$$

Since this is also the condition that three tangent lines from (α, β, γ) to sphere are mutually perpendicular, so locus of (α, β, γ) is

$$2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = 3r^2$$

- 4.5 Find the co-ordinates 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 $2x - y + 2z = 1$.

(2014 : 10 Marks)

Solution:

Let, the equation of planes P_1 and P_2 parallel to

$$2x - y + 2z = 1$$

$$2x - y + 2z + \lambda = 0$$

Now, of

$$2x - y + 2z + \lambda = 0$$

be tangent to sphere length perpendicular to P_1 and P_2 = radius of sphere.

$$\left| \frac{2(2) - 1(-1) + 2(0) + \lambda}{\sqrt{4+1+4}} \right| = 3$$

So,

$$\lambda = 14, -4$$

Now, to find points of constant of tangent plane, P_1 , P_2 and sphere (point A and B in diagram) equation of line ' L_1 ' normal to tangent plane and passing through centre $(2, -1, 0)$ is

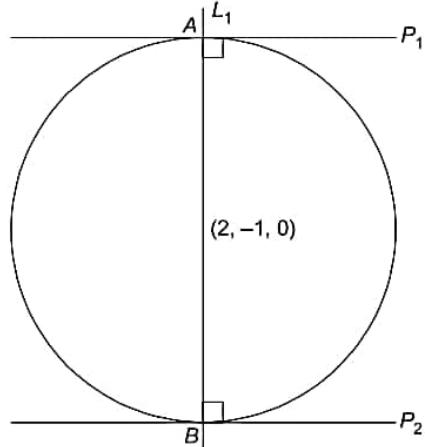
$$\frac{x-2}{2} = \frac{y+1}{-1} = \frac{z-0}{2} = r$$

For A and B $\Rightarrow r = \pm 3$

$$\text{So, } \frac{x-2}{2/3} = \frac{y+1}{-1/3} = \frac{z}{2/3} = \pm 3$$

Or

$$(x, y, z) = (4, -2, 2), (0, 0, -2)$$



- 4.6 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.

(2015 : 10 Marks)

Solution:

$$\text{Plane : } ax - 2y + z + 12 = 0 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x - 4y + 2z - 3 = 0 \quad \dots(ii)$$

Centre $(1, 2, -1)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Radius} &= \sqrt{1+(2)^2+(-1)^2-(-3)} \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

Since plane is a tangent plane.

$$CA = \text{radius} = \left| \frac{a \cdot 1 - 2 \cdot 2 + (-1) + 12}{\sqrt{a^2 + 4 + 1}} \right| = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+7)^2 = 9(a^2+5)$$

$$\text{i.e., } a^2 + 14a + 49 = 9a^2 + 45$$

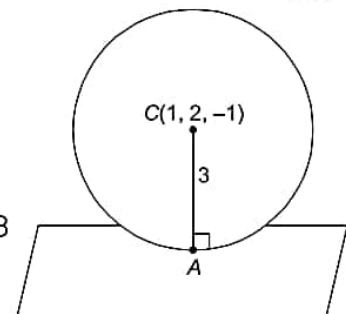
$$\Rightarrow 4a^2 - 7a - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4a^2 - 8a + a - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4a(a-2) + (a-2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a-2)(4a+1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 2 \text{ or } a = -\frac{1}{4}$$



Now, equation of straight line CA is

$$\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{-2} = \frac{z+1}{1} \quad (\text{perpendicular to given plane and taking } a=2)$$

Any point on this line $(2t+1, -2t+2, t-1) \dots (*)$

It satisfies the equation of plane

$$\therefore 2(2t+1) - 2(-2t+2) + (t-1) + 12 = 0$$

$$(4t+4t+t) + 2 - 4 - 1 + 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t = -1$$

$$\therefore \text{Point of contact : } (-1, 4, -2)$$

...from (*)

- 4.7 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.

(2016 : 10 Marks)

Solution:

Let the equation of sphere be

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2ux + 2vy + 2wz + d = 0 \quad \dots(i)$$

It passes through $x^2 + y^2 = 4, z = 0$

$$z = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + 2ux + 2vy + d = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u = 0, v = 0, d = -4$$

$\therefore (i)$ becomes

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2wz - 4 = 0 \quad \dots(ii)$$

Plane, $x + 2y + 2z = 0$ cut the above sphere in the radius of 3.

$$OA^2 + AB^2 = OB^2$$

$$\left[\frac{0+2(0)+2(-W)}{\sqrt{1+4+4}} \right]^2 + (3)^2 = \left(\sqrt{0+0+W^2-(-4)^2} \right)$$

$$\frac{4W^2}{9} + 9 = W^2 + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5W^2}{9} = 5 \Rightarrow W = \pm 3$$

Hence, the required equation of sphere

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \pm 6z - 4 = 0$$

- 4.8 A plane passes through a fixed point (a, b, c) and cuts the axis 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 .

(2017 : 15 Marks)

Solution:

Let points $A(x_1, 0, 0)$, $B(0, y_1, 0)$, $C(0, 0, z_1)$.

Eqn. of sphere is $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2ux + 2vy + 2wz + d = 0$

As it passes through $O(0, 0, 0)$, A, B and C .

$$\therefore d = 0, u = -\frac{x_1}{2}, v = -\frac{y_1}{2}, w = -\frac{z_1}{2}$$

Centre of sphere, $C(-u, -v, -w) \equiv C(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$

$$\text{i.e., } C\left(\frac{x_1}{2}, \frac{y_1}{2}, \frac{z_1}{2}\right) = \text{locus to be found.}$$

Equation of plane through A, B, C is

$$\frac{x}{x_1} + \frac{y}{y_1} + \frac{z}{z_1} = 1$$

As it passes through fixed point (a, b, c)

$$\therefore \frac{a}{x_1} + \frac{b}{y_1} + \frac{c}{z_1} = 1$$

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{a}{2\alpha} + \frac{b}{2\beta} + \frac{c}{2\gamma} = 1$$

Hence, the required locus of $C(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ is $\left[\frac{a}{x} + \frac{b}{y} + \frac{c}{z} = 2 \right]$.

- 4.9 Show that the plane $2x - 2y + z + 12 = 0$ touches the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x - 4y + 2z - 3 = 0$. Find the point of contact.

(2017 : 10 Marks)

Solution:

Centre of sphere, $O(1, 2, -1)$

$$\text{Radius} = \sqrt{1+4+1-(-3)} = 3$$

Perpendicular distance of point O from plane

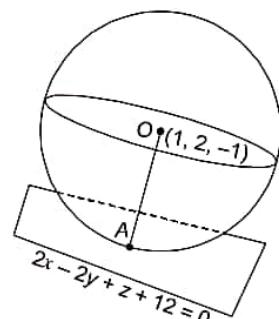
$$\begin{aligned} d &= \frac{2(1)-2(2)+(-1)+12}{\sqrt{4+4+1}} \\ &= \frac{9}{3} = 3 \end{aligned}$$

which is equal to radius, hence plane touches the sphere, at A .

A line through $O(1, 2, -1)$ and perpendicular to given plane is

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

A general point on it, $(2r+1, -2r+2, r-1)$. If this lies on the plane, then



$$2(2r+1) - 2(-2r+2) + (r-1) + 12 = 0 \\ 9r + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow r = -1$$

∴ Point of contact is $(-1, 4, -2)$.

- 4.10 Find the equation of sphere in xyz plane passing through the points $(0, 0, 0)$, $(0, 1, -1)$, $(-1, 2, 0)$ and $(1, 2, 3)$.

(2018 : 12 Marks)

Solution:

Let the equation of sphere be

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2ux + 2vy + 2wz + d = 0$$

Since, it passes through $(0, 0, 0)$, ∴ $d = 0$

Also, $(0, 1, -1)$, $(-1, 2, 0)$ and $(1, 2, 3)$ lie on this sphere. So, they satisfy equation of sphere.

i.e.,

$$v - w = -1 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$2u - 4v = 5 \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$u + 2v + 3w = -7 \quad \dots(iii)$$

Solving (i), (ii) and (iii), we get

$$v = \frac{-25}{14}, w = \frac{-11}{14}, u = \frac{-15}{14}$$

∴ Equation of given sphere is

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - \frac{15}{7}x - \frac{25}{7}y - \frac{11}{7}z = 0$$

$$\text{or } 7(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) - 15x - 25y - 11z = 0$$

- 4.11 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 .

(2019 : 10 Marks)

Solution:

The given plane $x + 2y + 3z = 12$... (1)

meets the x -axis, i.e., $y = 0, z = 0$ in the point A whose coordinates are $(12, 0, 0)$.

Similarly, the co-ordinates of B and C where the given plane meets y -axis are $(0, 6, 0)$ and z -axis are $(0, 0, 4)$.

Thus, the point A, B, C are $(12, 0, 0)$, $(0, 6, 0)$ and $(0, 0, 4)$ respectively.

Let the equation of the circle circumscribing the triangle ABC be

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2ux + 2vy + 2wz + d = 0 \quad \dots(2)$$

If it passes through A, B, C then we have

$$(12)^2 + 2u(12) + d = 0 \Rightarrow 24u + d + 144 = 0 \quad \dots(3)$$

$$(6)^2 + 2v(6) + d = 0 \Rightarrow 12v + d + 36 = 0 \quad \dots(4)$$

$$\text{and } (4)^2 + 2w(4) + d = 0 \Rightarrow 8w + d + 16 = 0 \quad \dots(5)$$

From (3), (4) and (5), we get

$$2u = -\left[12 - \left(\frac{d}{12}\right)\right]$$

$$2v = -\left[6 - \left(\frac{d}{6}\right)\right] \text{ and}$$

$$2w = -\left[4 - \left(\frac{d}{4}\right)\right]$$

Substituting these values of $2u, 2v, 2w$ in (2), we get the required equation as

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - \left[12 - \left(\frac{d}{12}\right)\right]x - \left[6 - \left(\frac{d}{6}\right)\right]y \\-\left[4 - \left(\frac{d}{4}\right)\right]z + d = 0\end{aligned}$$

where i can take any value. Hence the result.

5. Cone and its Properties

5.1 Prove that the normals from the point (α, β, γ) to the paraboloid $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 2z$ be on the cone

$$\frac{\alpha}{x-\alpha} - \frac{\beta}{y-\beta} + \frac{a^2-b^2}{z-\gamma} = 0$$

(Note : There is an error in the question of (+) sign instead of (-) before second term.)

(2009 : 20 Marks)

Solution:

Approach : From the general equation of normal passing through a point (α, β, γ) eliminate the direction cosines.

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 2z \quad \dots(i)$$

is given equation of paraboloid equation of tangent plane to paraboloid at (f, g, h) is

$$\frac{fx}{a^2} + \frac{gy}{b^2} = (z+h)$$

∴ Normal to paraboloid at (f, g, h) has direction cosines $\left(\frac{f}{a^2}, \frac{g}{b^2}, -1\right)$ and the equation of normal is

$$\frac{a^2(x-f)}{f} = \frac{b^2(y-g)}{g} = \frac{z-h}{-1}$$

It passes through a point (α, β, γ) if

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{a^2(\alpha-f)}{f} &= \frac{b^2(\beta-g)}{g} = \frac{\gamma-h}{-1} = r \text{ (let)} \\&\Rightarrow f = \frac{a^2\alpha}{a^2+r}; g = \frac{b^2\beta}{b^2+r}; h = \gamma + r\end{aligned}$$

Now let any normal through (α, β, γ) be

$$\frac{x-\alpha}{l} = \frac{y-\beta}{m} = \frac{z-\gamma}{n} \quad \dots(ii)$$

Then,

$$\frac{l}{f/a^2} = \frac{m}{g/b^2} = \frac{n}{-1} \text{ (any normal must have such d.c.'s)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{l(a^2+r)}{\alpha} = \frac{m(b^2+r)}{\beta} = \frac{n}{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n}{-1} = \frac{a^2-b^2}{\frac{\alpha}{l}-\frac{\beta}{m}}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - \left[12 - \left(\frac{d}{12} \right) \right] x - \left[6 - \left(\frac{d}{6} \right) \right] y$$

$$- \left[4 - \left(\frac{d}{4} \right) \right] z + d = 0$$

where d can take any value. Hence the result.

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\therefore Normal to paraboloid at (f, g, h) has direction cosines $\left(\frac{f}{a^2}, \frac{g}{b^2}, -1 \right)$ and the equation of normal is

$$\frac{a^2(x-f)}{f} = \frac{b^2(y-g)}{g} = \frac{z-h}{-1}$$

It passes through a point (α, β, γ) if

$$\frac{a^2(\alpha-f)}{f} = \frac{b^2(\beta-g)}{g} = \frac{\gamma-h}{-1} = r \text{ (let)}$$

$$\Rightarrow f = \frac{a^2\alpha}{a^2+r}; g = \frac{b^2\beta}{b^2+r}; h = \gamma + r$$

Now let any normal through (α, β, γ) be

$$\frac{x-\alpha}{l} = \frac{y-\beta}{m} = \frac{z-\gamma}{n} \quad \dots(ii)$$

Then,

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$$\Rightarrow \frac{l(a^2+r)}{\alpha} = \frac{m(b^2+r)}{\beta} = \frac{n}{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n}{-1} = \frac{a^2-b^2}{\frac{\alpha}{a}-\frac{\beta}{b}}$$

Mode Easy

$$l \left(\frac{\alpha}{l} - \frac{\beta}{m} \right) = b^2 - a^2$$

\therefore Replacing l, m, n from (ii)

$$\frac{\alpha}{x-\alpha} - \frac{\beta}{y-\beta} + \frac{a^2-b^2}{z-\gamma} = 0$$

5.2 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.

(2011 : 20 Marks)

Solution:

The given equations are

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

$$yz + zx + xy = 0 \quad \dots(i)$$

Multiply (ii) by 2 and add it to (i), we get

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2(yz + 2x + xy) = a^2 \quad \dots(ii)$$

or $(x+y+z)^2 = x^2 \Rightarrow x+y+z = \pm a$

\therefore The equations of the required circles are

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2, x+y+z = a \quad \dots(iii)$$

and $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2, x+y+z = -a \quad \dots(iv)$

Area of Circle (i)

Centre of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$ is $(0, 0, 0)$.

If I_1 is the length of perpendicular from the centre $(0, 0, 0)$ of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$ to the plane $x+y+z=a$, then

$$I_1 = \sqrt{\frac{|0+0+0-a|}{\sqrt{1+1+1}}} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{3}}$$

\therefore radius of the circle (iii) is

$$R_1 = \sqrt{a^2 - I_1^2} = \sqrt{a^2 - \frac{a^2}{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}a$$

\therefore Area of circle (iii) = πR_1^2

$$= \pi \cdot \frac{2}{3}a^2 = \frac{2\pi}{3}a^2$$

Similarly area of circle (iv) is $\frac{2\pi}{3}a^2$.

5.3 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

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

(2012 : 20 Marks)

Solution:

The equation of any plane parallel to the given plane $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 0$ is

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

... (i)

It is given that the plane (i) meets the co-ordinate axes in A, B and C.
 $\therefore A, B$ and C are $(a, 0, 0)$, $(0, b, 0)$ and $(0, 0, c)$ respectively.

Equation of any sphere passing through the points O, A, B, C is
 $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - kax - kbz - kc^2 = 0$

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - k(ax + by + cz) = 0$$

or $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - k(ax + by + cz) = 0$... (ii)

The equation (i) and (ii) together represents the circle ABC.

Eliminating k from (i) and (ii), the required cone is :

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - \left(\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c}\right)(ax + by + cz) = 0$$

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

- 5.4 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.

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2ax + 2by = 0$$

$$2ax + 2by + cz = 0$$

(2013 : 15 Marks)

Solution:Let $P(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ be the vertex.Any line through P

$$\frac{x-\alpha}{l} = \frac{y-\beta}{m} = \frac{z-\gamma}{n}$$

... (i)

It passes through $z = 0$

$$\frac{x-\alpha}{l} = \frac{y-\beta}{m} = \frac{-\gamma}{n}$$

... (i)

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-ly}{n} + \alpha y = \left(\frac{-my}{n} + \beta\right)$$

.. Point of intersection with $z = 0$

$$\left(\alpha - \frac{ly}{n}, \beta - \frac{my}{n}, 0\right)$$

It lies on $x^2 + y^2 + 2ax + 2by = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\alpha - \frac{ly}{n}\right)^2 + \left(\beta - \frac{my}{n}\right)^2 + 2a\left(\alpha - \frac{ly}{n}\right) + 2b\left(\beta - \frac{my}{n}\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha n - ly)^2 + (\beta n - my)^2 + 2a(\alpha n - ly) + 2b(\beta n - my) = 0$$

Eliminating l, m, n from (i)

$$[\alpha(z-\gamma) - \gamma(x-\alpha)]^2 + [\beta(z-\gamma) - \gamma(y-\beta)]^2 + 2a(z-\gamma)[\alpha(z-\gamma) - (x-\alpha)\gamma] + 2b(z-\gamma)[\beta(z-\gamma) - (y-\beta)\gamma] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha z - \gamma x)^2 + (\beta z - \gamma y)^2 + 2a(z-\gamma)(\alpha z - \gamma x) + 2b(z-\gamma)(\beta z - \gamma y) = 0$$

Intersection with $y = 0$ of (ii)

$$(\alpha z - \gamma x)^2 + (\beta z - \gamma y)^2 + 2a(z-\gamma)(\alpha z - \gamma x) + 2b(z-\gamma)(\beta z - \gamma y) = 0$$

This is rectangular hyperbola iff

Coefficient of x^2 + Coefficient of $z^2 = 0$ \Rightarrow

$$y^2 + \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2a\alpha + 2b\beta = 0$$

... (iii)

MADE EASY(ii) passes through fixed point $(0, 0, c)$

$$\therefore (cc)^2 + (\beta c)^2 + 2a(c-\gamma)c + 2b(c-\gamma)\beta c = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^2 + \beta^2 + 2a\alpha + 2b\beta)c^2 - 2a\alpha c - 2b\beta c = 0$$

Using (ii), (iii) & (iv) are equivalent to

$$-r^2 c^2 - 2(a\alpha + b\beta)c = 0$$

$$\gamma c(2a\alpha + 2b\beta + c\gamma) = 0$$

$$(2a\alpha + 2b\beta + c\gamma) = 0$$

 \Rightarrow as $c\gamma$ is not identically zero. \therefore (iii) and (iv) are required conditions.Locus of $P(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ is

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2ax + 2by = 0$$

$$2ax + 2by + cz = 0$$

5.5 Examine whether the plane $x + y + z = 0$ cuts the cone $xy + zx + yz = 0$ in perpendicular lines.

(2014 : 10 Marks)

Solution:From the equation of plane and the cone it is clear that the lines of intensities passes through origin.
 Let equation of lines be

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

... (i)

(i) must satisfy equation of plane and cone.

$$a + b + c = 0$$

... (ii)

$$ab + bc + ca = 0$$

... (iii)

From (ii) and (iii)

$$ab + (a+b)x - (a+b) = 0$$

$$(a+b)^2 - ab = 0$$

$$a^2 + b^2 + ab = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{a}{b}\right) + 1 = 0$$

... (iv)

$$\frac{a_1 a_2}{b_1 b_2} = 1; \text{ similarly } \frac{a_1 a_2}{c_1 c_2} = 1$$

$$\Sigma a_i a_2 = 3a_1 a_2 = 3b_1 b_2 = 3c_1 c_2$$

So, only those lines of intersection which are in yz , xz or xy planes will be perpendicular.5.6 Prove that the equation $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 + 2ux + 2vy + 2wz + d = 0$ represents a cone if

$$\frac{u^2}{a} + \frac{v^2}{b} + \frac{w^2}{c} = d.$$

(2014 : 10 Marks)

Solution:

Let

$$F(x, y, z, t) = ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 + 2uxt + 2vyt + 2wzt + dt = 0$$

 $\therefore \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 0$ for $t = 1$ gives

$$2ax + 2u = 0 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{u}{a}$$

... (i)

Similarly $\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 0$ for $t = 1$ gives $y = -\frac{v}{b}$... (ii)

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = 0 \text{ for } t=1 \text{ gives } z = -\frac{w}{c} \quad \dots(iii)$$

and $\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = 0 \text{ for } t=1 \text{ gives } ux + vy + wz + d = 0 \quad \dots(iv)$

Substituting the values x, y, z from (i), (ii), (iii) in (iv), we get the required condition as

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(-\frac{u}{a} \right) + v \left(-\frac{v}{b} \right) + w \left(-\frac{w}{c} \right) + d = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & \frac{u^2}{a} + \frac{v^2}{b} + \frac{w^2}{c} = d \end{aligned}$$

which is the required result.

- 5.7 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 points of intersection with the plane $bx + my + nz = p$ generate the cone

$$P^2 \left(\frac{x^2}{a} + \frac{y^2}{b} + \frac{z^2}{c} \right) = \left(\frac{lx}{a} + \frac{my}{b} + \frac{nz}{c} \right)^2 \quad (2014 : 15 \text{ Marks})$$

Solution:

Let (α, β, γ) be the point of intersection of the given conicoid and the given plane, then we have

$$a\alpha^2 + b\beta^2 + c\gamma^2 = 1 \quad \dots(i)$$

and $l\alpha + m\beta + n\gamma = p \quad \dots(ii)$

Also, the equations of the normals to the given conicoid at (α, β, γ) are

$$\frac{x-\alpha}{a\alpha} = \frac{y-\beta}{b\beta} = \frac{z-\gamma}{c\gamma}$$

\therefore The equations of the line through the origin parallel to this line are

$$\frac{x}{a\alpha} = \frac{y}{b\beta} = \frac{z}{c\gamma} \quad \dots(iii)$$

From (i) and (iii), we have

$$a\alpha^2 + b\beta^2 + c\gamma^2 = \left(\frac{l\alpha + m\beta + n\gamma}{P} \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow P^2(a\alpha^2 + b\beta^2 + c\gamma^2) = (l\alpha + m\beta + n\gamma)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow P^2 \left(\frac{(a\alpha)^2}{a} + \frac{(b\beta)^2}{b} + \frac{(c\gamma)^2}{c} \right) = \left[\frac{l(a\alpha)}{a} + \frac{m(b\beta)}{b} + \frac{n(c\gamma)}{c} \right]^2$$

$$\Rightarrow P^2 \left(\frac{x^2}{a} + \frac{y^2}{b} + \frac{z^2}{c} \right) = \left(\frac{lx}{a} + \frac{my}{b} + \frac{nz}{c} \right)^2$$

from (iii), eliminating α, β, γ

Hence, the line (iii) generates the above cone. Hence Proved.

- 5.8 If $6x = 3y = 2z$ represents one of the three mutually perpendicular generators of the cone $5yz - 8xz - 3xy = 0$ then obtain the equations of the other two generators.

(2015 : 13 Marks)

Solution:

If $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z}{3}$ is one of the three mutually perpendicular generators, then it is normal to the plane through the

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vertex cutting the cone in two perpendicular generators and therefore the equation of the plane is $x + 2y + 3z = 0$

Now, we are to find the lines of intersection of this plane and the given cone. $\dots(i)$

Let one of the line be

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

$$l + 2m + 3n = 0$$

$$5mn - 8nl - 3lm = 0$$

and Eliminating l between these,

$$5mn - (8n + 3n)(-(2m + 3n)) = 0$$

$$24n^2 + 30mn + 6m^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m^2 + 5mn + 4n^2 = 0 \text{ or } (m+n)(m+4n) = 0$$

If $m = -n$, from (ii), $l = -n$

$$\frac{l}{1} = \frac{m}{-1} = \frac{n}{-1}$$

If $m = -4n$, from (ii), $l = 5n$

$$\frac{l}{5} = \frac{m}{-4} = \frac{n}{1}$$

Hence, other two generators are :

$$\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{1} = \frac{z}{-1} \text{ and } \frac{x}{5} = \frac{y}{-4} = \frac{z}{1}$$

And evidently these three form a set of mutually perpendicular generators.

- 5.9 Show that the cone $3yz - 2zx - 2xy = 0$ has an infinite set of three mutually perpendicular generators.

If $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{1} = \frac{z}{2}$ is a generator belonging to one such set, find the other two.

(2016 : 10 Marks)

Solution:

Condition for a cone to have three mutually perpendicular generators :

Cone, $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 + 2fyz + 2gzx + 2hy = 0$ has an infinite set of three mutually perpendicular generators, if

$$a + b + c = 0$$

Here, $a = 0, b = 0, c = 0 \therefore a + b + c = 0$

$$\text{Part 2 : } \frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{1} = \frac{z}{2} \quad \dots(i)$$

is one of three mutually perpendicular generators of cone.

$$3yz - 2zx - 2xy = 0 \quad \dots(ii)$$

Let a line perpendicular to (i) be

$$\frac{x}{l} = \frac{y}{m} = \frac{z}{n} \quad \dots(iii)$$

$$l + m + 2n = 0 \quad \dots(iv)$$

(iii) is generator of (ii)

$$\Rightarrow 3mn - 2nl - 2lm = 0 \quad \dots(v)$$

Eliminating l between (iv) and (v)

$$3mn - (n+m)(-(m+2n)) = 0$$

$$\text{or } 4n^2 + 9m + 2m^2 = 0$$

$$\text{or } (2m+n)(m+4n) = 0$$

or

$$m = -4n \text{ or } m = -\frac{n}{2}$$

If $m = -4n$, from (iv), $I = 2n \Rightarrow \frac{I}{2} = \frac{m}{-4} = \frac{n}{1}$

If $m = -\frac{n}{2}$, from (iv), $2I = -3n \Rightarrow \frac{I}{3} = \frac{m}{1} = \frac{n}{-2}$

Hence, the other two generators are

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

5.10 Find the locus of the point of intersection of three mutually perpendicular tangent planes to the conicoid $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1$. (2016 : 15 Marks)

Solution:

$$ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1$$

The three equations of tangent planes to conicoid (i) are

$$I_1x + m_1y + n_1z = \left(\frac{l_1^2}{a} + \frac{m_1^2}{b} + \frac{n_1^2}{c} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \dots(\text{i})$$

$$I_2x + m_2y + n_2z = \left(\frac{l_2^2}{a} + \frac{m_2^2}{b} + \frac{n_2^2}{c} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \dots(\text{ii})$$

$$I_3x + m_3y + n_3z = \left(\frac{l_3^2}{a} + \frac{m_3^2}{b} + \frac{n_3^2}{c} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \dots(\text{iii})$$

If the above three planes are at right angles to each other, then

$$l_1^2 + l_2^2 + l_3^2 = 1$$

$$m_1^2 + m_2^2 + m_3^2 = 1$$

$$n_1^2 + n_2^2 + n_3^2 = 1$$

and

$$l_1m_1 + l_2m_2 + l_3m_3 = 0$$

$$m_1n_1 + m_2n_2 + m_3n_3 = 0$$

$$n_1l_1 + n_2l_2 + n_3l_3 = 0 \quad \dots(\text{v})$$

To find the locus of the point of intersection of three planes, we need to eliminate l_i , m_i , n_i from (ii), (iii), (iv) with the help of (v).

Squaring each of (ii), (iii), (iv) and adding

$$x^2 \Sigma l_i^2 + y^2 \Sigma m_i^2 + z^2 \Sigma n_i^2 + 2xy \Sigma l_i m_i + 2yz \Sigma m_i n_i + 2zx \Sigma l_i n_i = \frac{1}{a} \Sigma l_i^2 + \frac{1}{b} \Sigma m_i^2 + \frac{1}{c} \Sigma n_i^2$$

$$\text{or } x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}$$

which is also called the directors sphere.

5.11 Find the equation of the tangent plane at point $(1, 1, 1)$ to the conicoid $3x^2 - y^2 = 2z$.

(2017 : 10 Marks)

Solution:

The equation of the tangent plane to the conicoid, $ax^2 + by^2 = 2cz$ at point (α, β, γ)

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Here, equation of conicoid,
tangent plane at $(1, 1, 1)$

$$ax + b\beta y = c(z + \gamma) \quad \dots(\text{i})$$

$$3x^2 - y^2 = 2z$$

$$3x - 1.1y = \frac{2}{2}(z + 1)$$

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

i.e., Method II : Without using formula
Any line through point $(1, 1, 1)$ is

$$\frac{x-1}{l} = \frac{y-1}{m} = \frac{z-1}{n} = r \quad \dots(\text{ii})$$

Any point on it $(lr + 1, mr + 1, nr + 1)$.

If this line cut the paraboloid (i) at this point then it satisfies the equation of paraboloid (i).
 $r^2(3l^2 - m^2) + 2r(3l - m) + 2 = 2$

Line touches paraboloid if both values of r given by above equation are zero, for which $3l - m - n = 0$. The locus of all such lines gives the tangent plane. Eliminating l , m , n with help of eqn. (ii)
 $\Rightarrow 3(x-1) - (y-1) - (z-1) = 0$
 $i.e., 3x - y - z = 1$

5.12 Find the locus of the point of intersection of three mutually perpendicular tangent planes to $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1$. (2017 : 10 Marks)

Solution:

$$ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1 \quad \dots(\text{i})$$

The three equations of tangent planes to conicoid (i) are

$$I_1x + m_1y + n_1z = \left(\frac{l_1^2}{a} + \frac{m_1^2}{b} + \frac{n_1^2}{c} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \dots(\text{ii})$$

$$I_2x + m_2y + n_2z = \left(\frac{l_2^2}{a} + \frac{m_2^2}{b} + \frac{n_2^2}{c} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \dots(\text{iii})$$

$$I_3x + m_3y + n_3z = \left(\frac{l_3^2}{a} + \frac{m_3^2}{b} + \frac{n_3^2}{c} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \dots(\text{iv})$$

If the above three planes are at right angles to each other, then

$$l_1^2 + l_2^2 + l_3^2 = 1$$

$$m_1^2 + m_2^2 + m_3^2 = 1$$

$$n_1^2 + n_2^2 + n_3^2 = 1$$

and

$$l_1m_1 + l_2m_2 + l_3m_3 = 0$$

$$m_1n_1 + m_2n_2 + m_3n_3 = 0$$

$$n_1l_1 + n_2l_2 + n_3l_3 = 0 \quad \dots(\text{v})$$

To find the locus of the point of intersection of three planes, we need to eliminate l_i , m_i , n_i from (ii), (iii), (iv) with the help of (v).

Squaring each of (ii), (iii), (iv) and adding

$$x^2 \sum l_i^2 + y^2 \sum m_i^2 + z^2 \sum n_i^2 + 2xy \sum l_i m_i + 2xz \sum m_i n_i = \frac{1}{a} \sum l_i^2 + \frac{1}{b} \sum m_i^2 + \frac{1}{c} \sum n_i^2$$

or,

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2}$$

which is also called the directors sphere.

- 5.13 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. (2018 : 13 Marks)

Solution:

Given (0, 0, 1) is the vertex of cone.

Equation of line through this vertex is

$$L_1: \frac{x-0}{l} = \frac{y-0}{m} = \frac{z-1}{n} \quad \dots(i)$$

Now, L_1 meets guiding curve.

$$\therefore \frac{x}{l} = \frac{y}{m} = \frac{0-1}{n} \Rightarrow x = \frac{-l}{n}, y = \frac{-m}{n}, z = 0$$

Putting these values in equation of guiding curve, we get

$$2\left(\frac{-l}{n}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{-m}{n}\right)^2 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2l^2}{n^2} - \frac{m^2}{n^2} = 4$$

From (i), putting values of $\frac{l}{n}$ and $\frac{m}{n}$, we have

$$2\left(\frac{x}{z-1}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{y}{z-1}\right)^2 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 - y^2 = 4(z^2 - 2z + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 - y^2 - 4z^2 + 8z = 4 \text{ is the equation of given cone.}$$

- 5.14 Prove that the plane $z = 0$ cuts the enveloping cone of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 11$ which has the vertex at (2, 4, 1) in a rectangular hyperbola. (2019 : 10 Marks)

Solution:

The equation of the sphere is

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 11 = 0$$

and the vertex is (2, 4, 1).

Here,

$$S = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 11, x_1 = 2, y_1 = 4, z_1 = 1$$

$$S_1 = x_1^2 + y_1^2 + z_1^2 - 11 = 4 + 16 + 1 - 11$$

$$S_1 = x_1^2 + y_1^2 + z_1^2 - 11 = 10$$

$$T = xx_1 + yy_1 + zz_1 - 11$$

$$= 2x + 4y + z - 11$$

∴ Equation of the enveloping cone is

$$(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 11)(10) = (2x + 4y + z - 11)^2 \text{ using } SS_1 = T^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 10(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 11) - (2x + 4y + z - 11)^2 = 0$$

This meets the plane $z = 0$ in the curve

$$10(x^2 + y^2 - 11) - (2x + 4y - 11)^2 = 0$$

This represents a rectangular hyperbola in the XY-plane if co-efficient of x^2 + coefficient of y^2 = 0.
 $(10-4) + (10-16) = 0$ which is true. Hence the result.

6. Paraboloid and its Properties

- 6.1 Show that the plane $3x + 3y + 7z + \frac{5}{2} = 0$ touches the paraboloid $3x^2 + 4y^2 = 10z$ and find the point of contact. (2010 : 20 Marks)

Solution:

Given plane

$$P \equiv 3x + 3y + 7z + \frac{5}{2} = 0 \quad \dots(1)$$

and

$$\text{Paraboloid} \equiv 3x^2 + 4y^2 = 10z$$

Now, let point of contact be (x_1, y_1, z_1) .

∴ If given plane touches paraboloid at this point of contact, then the plane should be tangent plane to the paraboloid.

Now, equation of tangent plane at (x_1, y_1, z_1) is

$$3xx_1 + 4yy_1 = \frac{10(z+z_1)}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3xx_1 + 4yy_1 - 5z - 5z_1 = 0 \quad \dots(2)$$

Comparing (1) and (2), we get

$$\frac{3}{3x_1} = \frac{4}{4y_1} = \frac{7}{-5} = \frac{5/2}{-521}$$

$$\therefore \frac{3}{3x_1} = \frac{-7}{5} \Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{-5}{7}$$

$$\frac{4}{4y_1} = \frac{7}{-5} \Rightarrow y_1 = \frac{-5}{7}$$

$$\frac{7}{-5} = \frac{5}{-5 \times 221} \Rightarrow z_1 = \frac{5}{14}$$

$$\therefore \text{Point of contact } (x_1, y_1, z_1) \equiv \left(\frac{-5}{7}, \frac{-5}{7}, \frac{5}{14}\right)$$

- 6.2 Show that the locus of a point from which the three mutually perpendicular tangent lines can be drawn to the paraboloid $x^2 + y^2 + 2z = 0$ is $x^2 + y^2 + 4z = 1$. (2012 : 20 Marks)

Solution:

Let $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ be the point from which three mutually perpendicular lines can be drawn to the paraboloid

$$x^2 + y^2 + 2z = 0 \quad \dots(i)$$

Then, the enveloping cone of (i) with the vertex at $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ is

$$SS_1 = T^2 \quad \dots(ii)$$

where

$$S = x^2 + y^2 + 2z$$

$$S_1 = x_1^2 + y_1^2 + 2z_1$$

$$T = xx_1 + yy_1 + z + z_1$$

- ∴ from (ii), we have
 $(x^2 + y^2 + 2z)(x_1^2 + y_1^2 + 2z_1) = (xx_1 + yy_1 + (z + z_1))^2$
 For three mutually perpendicular generators, coefficient of x^2 + coefficient of y^2 + coefficient of $z^2 = 0$
 $x_1^2 + y_1^2 + 4z_1 - 1 = 0$
 or
 $x_1^2 + y_1^2 + 4z_1 = 0$
 ∴ Locus of (x_1, y_1, z_1) is
 $x^2 + y^2 + 4z = 1$
- 6.3 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.
 (2015 : 13 Marks)

Solution:

$$\text{Let the line of intersection of the two planes be : } my + nz = \lambda, x = 0 \quad \dots(i)$$

Since this lies on the plane $x = 0$ (given).

∴ Equation of the plane through the line (i) is

$$(my + nz - \lambda) + kx = 0 \quad \dots(ii)$$

or
 $kx + my + nz = \lambda$

If the plane (ii) touches the paraboloid, then

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{2pn}{c} = 0 \text{ (condition)}$$

i.e.,
 $k^2 + m^2 + 2\lambda n = 0 \quad \dots(iii)$

This being quadratic in k , gives two values of k , say k_1 and k_2 such that

$$k_1 \cdot k_2 = \frac{m^2 + 2\lambda n}{I} \quad \dots(iv)$$

Also from (ii), the direction ratio's of the normal to the two tangent planes whose line of intersection is (ii) are k_1, m, n and k_2, m, n .

Also, as these two tangent planes are perpendicular

$$k_1 \cdot k_2 + m \cdot m + n \cdot n = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (m^2 + 2\lambda n) + m^2 + n^2 = 0 \quad \text{[from (iv)]}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2m^2 + n^2 + 2\lambda n = 0 \quad \dots(v)$$

Now, we are to prove that the line (i) touches a parabola (to be found). So, we are to find the envelope of (i) which satisfies the condition (v).

Eliminating λ between (i) and (v), the equations of the line of intersection of two tangent planes is :

$$2m^2 + n^2 + 2(my + nz)n = 0, x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^2 + 2y\left(\frac{m}{n}\right) + (1+2z) = 0, x = 0$$

It is quadratic in $\frac{m}{n}$, so its envelope is given by :

$$B^2 - 4AC = 0, x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2y)^2 - 4 \cdot 2(1+2z) = 0, x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 = 2(2z+1), x = 0$$

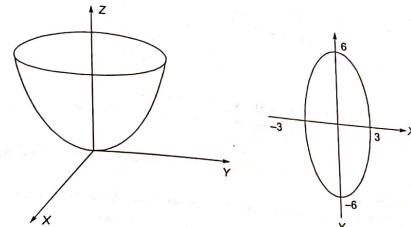
This is the required curve.

- 6.4 Find the volume of the solid above the xy -plane and directly below the portion of the elliptic paraboloid $x^2 + \frac{y^2}{4} = z$ which is cut off by the plane $z = 9$.

(2017 : 15 Marks)

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Solution:
 Equation of ϕ surface, cut off cut plane



$$x^2 + \frac{y^2}{4} = 9; z = 9$$

$$\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{36} = 1; z = 9$$

Making the transformation,

$$x = 3r \cos \theta$$

$$y = 6r \sin \theta$$

$$r: 0 \text{ to } 1; \theta: 0 \text{ to } 2\pi$$

$$\frac{J(x,y)}{J(r,\theta)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 3\cos\theta & -3r\sin\theta \\ 6\sin\theta & 6r\cos\theta \end{vmatrix} = 18r$$

$$V = \iint_D z dx dy = \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{r=0}^1 (9r^2) 18r dr d\theta \quad \left(\because z = x^2 + \frac{y^2}{4} \right)$$

$$= 9 \times 18 \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^1 r^3 dr$$

$$= 9 \times 18 \times 2\pi \times \frac{1}{4} = 81\pi$$

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

(2017 : 15 Marks)

Solution:

Comparing with

$$F(x, y, z) \equiv ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 + 2fyz + 2gzx + 2hxy + 2ux + 2vy + 2wz + d = 0$$

The discriminating cubic is :

$$\begin{vmatrix} a-\lambda & h & g \\ h & b-\lambda & f \\ g & f & c-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \text{ or } \begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1-\lambda & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 1-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4\lambda^3 - 12\lambda^2 + 9\lambda = 0 \text{ or } \lambda(2\lambda - 3)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore \lambda = \frac{3}{2}, 0$$

As this discriminating cube has two roots equal and third root equal to zero, so it is either a paraboloid of revolution or a right circular cylinder.

The d.r.'s of the axis are given by $al + hm + gn = 0$, $hl + bm + fn = 0$, $gl + fm + cn = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e., } l - \frac{m}{2} - \frac{n}{2} &= 0, -\frac{l}{2} + m - \frac{n}{2} = 0, -\frac{l}{2} - \frac{m}{2} + n = 0 \\ \text{i.e., } 2l - m - n &= 0, -l + 2m - n = 0, -l - m + 2n = 0 \end{aligned}$$

These gives:

$$l = m = n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Now,

$$K = ul + vm + wn = \left(\frac{3}{2} + (-3) + \left(-\frac{9}{2} \right) \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = -3\sqrt{3} \neq 0$$

∴ Reduced equation:

$$\lambda_1 x^2 + \lambda_2 y^2 + 2kz = 0$$

$$\text{or } x^2 + y^2 = 4\sqrt{3}z$$

which represents a paraboloid of revolution.

- 6.6 Find the equations to the generating lines of the paraboloid $(x+y+z)(2x+y-z)=6z$ which pass through $(1, 1, 1)$.

(2018 : 13 Marks)

Solution:

The given equation of paraboloid can be re-written in $\lambda - \mu$ form as

$$x + y + z = z\lambda, 2x + y - z = \frac{6}{\lambda} \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{and } x + y + z = \frac{6}{\mu}, 2x + y - z = z\mu \quad \dots(ii)$$

Since these lines pass through $(1, 1, 1)$, therefore

$$1 + 1 + 1 = 1\lambda \Rightarrow \lambda = 3$$

So for (i), the equation are

$$x + y + z = 3z \Rightarrow x + y - 2z = 0 \quad \dots(iii)$$

$$\text{and } 2x + y - z = \frac{6}{3} \Rightarrow 2x + y - z = z \quad \dots(iv)$$

Similarly, for (ii), the equation are

$$1 + 1 + 1 = \frac{6}{\mu} \Rightarrow \mu = 2$$

$$x + y + z = 3 \quad \dots(v)$$

$$2x + y - 3z = 0 \quad \dots(vi)$$

i.e.,

and

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From (iii) and (iv), eqn. of line is symmetrical form

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

From (v) and (vi), eqn. of line is symmetrical form

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

- 6.7 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 $27a(x^2 + y^2) + 8(a-z)3 = 0$ then two of the three normals coincide.

(2019 : 15 Marks)

Solution:

The equations of the normal at (x_1, y_1, z_1) to the paraboloid $x^2 + y^2 = 2az$ are

$$\frac{x-x_1}{x_1} = \frac{y-y_1}{y_1} = \frac{z-z_1}{-a}$$

This passes through a given point (α, β, γ) if

$$\frac{\alpha-x_1}{x_1} = \frac{\beta-y_1}{y_1} = \frac{\gamma-z_1}{z_1} = \lambda \text{ (say)}$$

These gives

$$\alpha - x_1 = \lambda x_1 \Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{\alpha}{1+\lambda}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } y_1 = \frac{\beta}{1+\lambda}, z_1 = \gamma + a\lambda \quad \dots(1)$$

Also, (x_1, y_1, z_1) lies on the given paraboloid, so

$$x_1^2 + y_1^2 = 2az_1 \Rightarrow \left[\frac{\alpha}{1+\lambda} \right]^2 + \left[\frac{\beta}{1+\lambda} \right]^2 = 2a(\gamma + a\lambda) \quad [\text{from (1)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 2a(\gamma + a\lambda)(1+\lambda)^2 \quad \dots(2)$$

This being a cubic in λ gives three values of λ and so from (1) there are three points on the paraboloid normals at which pass through (α, β, γ) .

The equation (2) can be rewritten as

$$\lambda^3 = 2a(1+\lambda)^2(\gamma + a\lambda) - (\alpha^2 + \beta^2) = 0 \quad \dots(3)$$

The condition that this equation has two equal roots is obtained by eliminating λ between $f(\lambda) = 0$ and $f'(\lambda) = 0$.

$$\text{From (3), } f(\lambda) = 0 \text{ means } 2a(1+\lambda)^2(a) + 4a(1+\lambda)(\gamma + a\lambda) = 0$$

$$= a(1+\lambda) + 2(\gamma + a\lambda) = 0$$

$$= (a+2\gamma) + \lambda(3a) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{-(a+2\gamma)}{(3a)}$$

Substituting this value of λ in (3), we get

$$2a \left[1 - \frac{a+2\gamma}{3a} \right]^2 \left[\gamma - \frac{a(a+2\gamma)}{3a} \right] = \alpha^2 + \beta^2$$

$$2a[2(a-\gamma)]^2[a(\gamma-a)] = 27a^3(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)$$

$$27a(\alpha^2 + \beta^2) + 8(a - \gamma)^3 = 0$$

∴ Locus of the point (α, β, γ) is

$$27a(x^2 + y^2) + 8(a - z)^3 = 0. \text{ Hence, proved.}$$

7. Ellipsoid and its Properties

- 7.1 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.
(2011 : 20 Marks)

Solution:

Let the equation of the plane PQR be

$$lx + my + nz = 1 \quad \dots(i)$$

The equation of the given ellipsoid is

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1 \quad \dots(ii)$$

The equation of the cone with vertex at $(0, 0, 0)$ and the curve of intersection of (i) and the ellipsoid (ii) as the guiding curve is

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = (lx + my + nz)^2 \quad \dots(iii)$$

If the cone (iii) has three mutually perpendicular generators then

Coefficient of x^2 + Coefficient of y^2 + Coefficient of $z^2 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \left(l^2 - \frac{1}{a^2}\right) + \left(m^2 - \frac{1}{b^2}\right) + \left(n^2 - \frac{1}{c^2}\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} = \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \quad (\text{say}) \quad \dots(iv)$$

If the plane (i) touches the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \lambda^2$, then the length of the perpendicular from the centre $(0, 0, 0)$ of the sphere to (i) must be equal to the radius λ of the sphere.

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{1}{\sqrt{l^2 + m^2 + n^2}} = \lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}, \text{ which is true by virtue of (iv).}$$

Hence, the plane (i) touches the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \lambda^2$.

- 7.2 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

$$\frac{x^2}{a^6}(2c^2 - a^2) + \frac{y^2}{b^6}(2c^2 - b^2) + \frac{z^2}{c^4} = 0$$

(2019 : 15 Marks)

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Solution:

Let P be (α, β, γ) , then the equations of the normal to the given ellipsoid at $P(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ are

$$\frac{x - \alpha}{P\alpha/a^2} = \frac{y - \beta}{P\beta/b^2} = \frac{z - \gamma}{P\gamma/c^2} = \gamma \text{ (say)} \quad \dots(1)$$

where

$$\frac{1}{P^2} = \frac{\alpha^2}{a^4} + \frac{\beta^2}{b^4} + \frac{\gamma^2}{c^4} \quad \dots(2)$$

∴ The co-ordinates of any point Q on the normal (1) are $\left(\alpha + \frac{P\alpha}{a^2}\gamma, \beta + \frac{P\beta}{b^2}\gamma, \gamma + \frac{P\gamma}{c^2}\gamma\right)$ where g is the distance of Q from P .

If Q lies on the given ellipsoid i.e., PQ is the normal chord, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{a^2} \left(\alpha + \frac{P\alpha}{a^2}\gamma \right)^2 + \frac{1}{b^2} \left(\beta + \frac{P\beta}{b^2}\gamma \right)^2 + \frac{1}{c^2} \left(\gamma + \frac{P\gamma}{c^2}\gamma \right)^2 = 1 \\ & = \gamma^2 P^2 \left(\frac{\alpha^2}{a^6} + \frac{\beta^2}{b^6} + \frac{\gamma^2}{c^6} \right) + 2\gamma P \left(\frac{\alpha^2}{a^4} + \frac{\beta^2}{b^4} + \frac{\gamma^4}{c^4} \right) + \left(\frac{\alpha^2}{a^2} + \frac{\beta^2}{b^2} + \frac{\gamma^2}{c^2} \right) = 1 \\ & = \gamma^2 P^2 \left(\frac{\alpha^2}{a^6} + \frac{\beta^2}{b^6} + \frac{\gamma^2}{c^6} \right) + 2\gamma P \left(\frac{1}{P^2} \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

From (2) and $\sum \frac{\alpha^2}{a^2} = 1$ as $P(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ lies on the given coincoid.

$$\gamma = \frac{-2}{P^3 \left(\frac{\alpha^2}{a^6} + \frac{\beta^2}{b^6} + \frac{\gamma^2}{c^6} \right)} = \text{length of normal chord } PQ \quad \dots(3)$$

Also, let the normal at $P(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ meets the coordinate planes viz. yz , zx and xy planes at G_1 , G_2 and G_3 then putting $x = 0$, $y = 0$ and $z = 0$ in succession in the eqn. (1), we have respectively,

$$PG_1 = -\frac{a^2}{P}, PG_2 = -\frac{b^2}{P} \text{ and } PG_3 = \frac{c^2}{P} \quad \dots(4)$$

Given,

$$PQ = 4PG_3$$

$$PQ = 4 \left(-\frac{c^2}{P} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-2}{P^3 \left(\frac{\alpha^2}{a^6} + \frac{\beta^2}{b^6} + \frac{\gamma^2}{c^6} \right)} = 4 \left(-\frac{c^2}{P} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\gamma^2 P^2 \left(\frac{\alpha^2}{a^6} + \frac{\beta^2}{b^6} + \frac{\gamma^2}{c^6} \right) = \frac{1}{P^2} = \frac{\alpha^2}{a^4} + \frac{\beta^2}{b^4} + \frac{\gamma^2}{c^4} \quad \dots\text{from (2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\alpha^2}{a^6}(2c^2 - a^2) + \frac{\beta^2}{b^6}(2c^2 - b^2) + \frac{\gamma^2}{c^4}(2c^2 - c^2) = 0$$

∴ The locus of $P(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ is

$$\frac{x^2}{a^6}(2c^2 - a^2) + \frac{y^2}{b^6}(2c^2 - b^2) + \frac{z^2}{c^4}(2c^2 - c^2) = 0. \text{ Hence, Proved.}$$

8. Hyperboloid of One and Two Sheets and its Properties

8.1 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 $(14, 2, -2)$.

(2010 : 20 Marks)

Solution:

Given, the equation of hyperboloid is

$$\frac{x^2}{4} + y^2 - z^2 = 49.$$

It can be rewritten as

$$\left(\frac{x}{2} - z\right) \left(\frac{x}{2} + z\right) = (7 - y)(7 + y)$$

∴ The equation of two systems of generating lines are:

$$\left(\frac{x}{2} - z\right) = \lambda(7 - y), \lambda \left(\frac{x}{2} + z\right) = (7 + y) \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\left(\frac{x}{2} - z\right) = \mu(7 + y), \mu \left(\frac{x}{2} + z\right) = (7 - y) \quad \dots(2)$$

(1) and (2) pass through $(10, 5, 1)$ and $(14, 2, -2)$ for $\lambda = 2$, $\mu = \frac{1}{3}$ and $\lambda = \frac{9}{5}$, $\mu = 1$.

So, the two systems of generating lines are

$$\left(\frac{x}{2} - z\right) = 2(7 - y), 2 \left(\frac{x}{2} + z\right) = 7 + y \quad \dots(3)$$

and

$$\left(\frac{x}{2} - z\right) = \frac{1}{3}(7 + y), \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{x}{2} + z\right) = 7 - y \quad \dots(4)$$

$$\left(\frac{x}{2} - z\right) = \frac{9}{5}(7 - y), \frac{9}{5} \left(\frac{x}{2} + z\right) = 7 + y \quad \dots(5)$$

$$\left(\frac{x}{2} - z\right) = 1(7 + y), \frac{x}{2} + z = 7 - y \quad \dots(6)$$

Solving (3) and (6), we get the vertices as $(14, \frac{7}{3}, -\frac{7}{3})$.

Solving (4) and (5), we get the vertices as $(\frac{21}{2}, \frac{77}{16}, \frac{21}{16})$.

∴ Other two vertices are $(14, \frac{7}{3}, -\frac{7}{3})$ and $(\frac{21}{2}, \frac{77}{16}, \frac{21}{16})$.

8.2 Show that the generators through any one of the ends of an equiconjugate 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° if $a^2 + b^2 = 6c^2$. Find also the condition for the generators to be perpendicular to each other.

(2011 : 20 Marks)

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Solution: Let $(a \cos \theta, b \sin \theta, 0)$ be the given point on the diameter. The equations of the two generators through this point are

$$\frac{x - a \cos \theta}{a \sin \theta} = \frac{y - b \sin \theta}{-b \cos \theta} = \frac{z}{\pm c}$$

The direction ratios of two generators are $(a \sin \theta, -b \cos \theta, c)$ and $(a \sin \theta, -b \cos \theta, -c)$ respectively. Let α be the angle between two generators and let θ be the parameter of the end points of conjugate diameters.

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \alpha &= \frac{l_1 l_2 + m_1 m_2 + n_1 n_2}{\sqrt{l_1^2 + m_1^2 + n_1^2} \sqrt{l_2^2 + m_2^2 + n_2^2}} \\ &= \frac{a^2 \sin^2 \theta + b^2 \cos^2 \theta + c^2}{\sqrt{a^2 \sin^2 \theta + b^2 \cos^2 \theta + c^2} \sqrt{a^2 \sin^2 \theta + b^2 \cos^2 \theta + c^2}} \\ &= \frac{a^2 \sin^2 \theta + b^2 \cos^2 \theta - c^2}{a^2 \sin^2 \theta + b^2 \cos^2 \theta + c^2} \end{aligned}$$

Putting $\alpha = 60^\circ$ and $\theta = 45^\circ$ (Q equiconjugate diameters means equal length of conjugate diameters, i.e., $\sqrt{a^2 \cos^2 \theta + b^2 \sin^2 \theta}$ which is equal to $\sqrt{a^2 \sin^2 \theta + b^2 \cos^2 \theta}$ and is possible for $\theta = 45^\circ$). ∴ from (i), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \cos 60^\circ &= \frac{\frac{a^2}{2} + \frac{b^2}{2} - c^2}{\frac{a^2}{2} + \frac{b^2}{2} + c^2} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{a^2 + b^2 - 2c^2}{a^2 + b^2 + 2c^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + 2c^2 = 2a^2 + 2b^2 - 4c^2 \\ &\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 = 6c^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Again, put } \alpha = 90^\circ \text{ and } \theta = 45^\circ \text{ in (i), we get} \\ 0 &= \frac{\frac{a^2}{2} + \frac{b^2}{2} - c^2}{\frac{a^2}{2} + \frac{b^2}{2} + c^2} \\ &\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 = 2c^2, \end{aligned}$$

which is the required condition for the generators to be perpendicular to each other.

8.3 A variable generator meets two generators of the same 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 $BP \cdot B'P = a^2 + c^2$.

(Note : There is minor error in actual question. It must be $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ or $BP \cdot B'P = a^2 + \frac{1}{C^2}$.) (20 Marks)

Solution:

The generator through any general point $(a \cos \theta, b \sin \theta)$ on the principal elliptic section is

$$\frac{x - a \cos \theta}{a \sin \theta} = \frac{y - b \sin \theta}{-b \cos \theta} = \frac{z}{\pm c}$$

... (i) (Both systems)

Taking the positive system for the extremity of minor axis $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ and $\frac{3\pi}{2}$

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{x-a}{a} = \frac{y-b}{0} = \frac{z}{c} \quad \dots(\text{ii})$$

$$\text{and } \frac{x}{a} = \frac{y+b}{0} = \frac{z}{c} \quad \dots(\text{iii})$$

Any point on these lines is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x}{a} &= \frac{y-b}{a} = \frac{z}{c} = r \text{ and } \frac{x}{a} = \frac{y+b}{0} = \frac{z}{c} = r_2 \\ x &= ar, y = b, z = cr_1 \text{ and } x = -ar, y = -b, z = cr_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e., } x = ar, y = b, z = cr_1 \text{ and } x = -ar, y = -b, z = cr_2$$

Note that the distance of such a point from B is $\sqrt{l^2 + m^2 + n^2}r_1 = \sqrt{a^2 + c^2}r_1$.

For P, P' this general point must be on the variable generator whose equation is given by (i) (taking the other system).

$$\therefore \frac{ar_1 - a\cos\theta}{a\sin\theta} = \frac{b - b\sin\theta}{-b\cos\theta} = -r_1$$

$$\text{and } \frac{-ar_1 - a\cos\theta}{a\sin\theta} = \frac{-b - b\sin\theta}{-b\cos\theta} = -r_2$$

$$\Rightarrow r_1 = \frac{\cos\theta}{1 + \sin\theta}$$

$$r_2 = -\left(\frac{1 + \sin\theta}{\cos\theta}\right)$$

$$\therefore BP = \sqrt{a^2 + c^2}|r_1|$$

$$B'P' = \sqrt{a^2 + c^2}|r_2|$$

$$\therefore BP \cdot B'P' = (a^2 + c^2) \frac{\cos\theta}{1 + \sin\theta} \times \frac{1 + \sin\theta}{\cos\theta}$$

$$= a^2 + c^2$$

8.4 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 $z = 0$.

(2014 : 15 Marks)

Solution:

Any point on the elliptic section of the hyperboloid is $(a \cos \theta, b \sin \theta, 0)$.

\therefore Equations of any line through this point is

$$\frac{x - a \cos\theta}{l} = \frac{y - b \sin\theta}{m} = \frac{z - 0}{n} = r \text{ (say)} \quad \dots(\text{i})$$

Any point on this line is $(lr + a \cos\theta, mr + b \sin\theta, 0)$, and it lies on given hyperboloid, if

$$\frac{(lr + a \cos\theta)^2}{a^2} + \frac{(mr + b \sin\theta)^2}{b^2} - \frac{r^2 l^2}{c^2} = 1$$

$$\text{Or } \left(\frac{l^2}{a^2} + \frac{m^2}{b^2} - \frac{n^2}{c^2} \right) r^2 + 2 \left(\frac{l \cos\theta}{a} + \frac{m \sin\theta}{b} \right) r = 0 \quad \dots(\text{ii})$$

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If the line (i) generator of given hyperboloid, then (i) lies wholly on the hyperboloid and the condition for which from (ii) are

$$\left(\frac{l^2}{a^2} + \frac{m^2}{b^2} - \frac{n^2}{c^2} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{l \cos\theta}{a} + \frac{m \sin\theta}{b} = 0$$

from (iv) we get,

$$\frac{l}{a \sin\theta} = \frac{m}{-b \cos\theta} \text{ or } \frac{l/a}{\sin\theta} = \frac{(m/l) - b}{\cos\theta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{l/a}{\sin\theta} = \frac{(m/l) - b}{\cos\theta} = \frac{\sqrt{(l^2/a^2) + (m^2/b^2)}}{\sqrt{\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta}} = \frac{\sqrt{n^2/c^2}}{1} \quad \text{from (iii)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{l}{a \sin\theta} = \frac{m}{-b \cos\theta} = \frac{n}{\pm c}$$

\therefore The equation to the required generated from (i) are

$$\frac{x - a \cos\theta}{a \sin\theta} = \frac{y - b \sin\theta}{-b \cos\theta} = \frac{z}{\pm c}$$

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