

# 3-D Geometry

: CSE-2013:

- ① 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 point of intersection and the equation of plane containing them.

→ The condition for intersection is  $\begin{vmatrix} x_1 - x_2 & y_1 - y_2 & z_1 - z_2 \\ l_1 & m_1 & n_1 \\ l_2 & m_2 & n_2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$  where ③  
 $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  &  $(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  are points on the first line & second line respectively  
 and  $l_1, m_1, n_1$  &  $l_2, m_2, n_2$  are drs of line ① & line ②.

Line ① passes through  $(-1, 3, -2)$  and has drs  $-3, 2, 1$ .

Line ② passes through  $(0, 7, -7)$  and has drs  $1, -3, 2$ .

$$\text{Putting in LHS of ③} = \begin{vmatrix} -1-0 & 3-7 & -2+7 \\ -3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & -4 & 5 \\ -3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ = -1[4+3] - 4[1+6] + 5[9-2] = 0$$

∴ The two given lines are intersecting lines.

Any point on line ① is  $(-3r_1-1, 2r_1+3, r_1-2)$  & on the second line is  $(r_2, -3r_2+7, 2r_2-7)$ . If these points be the points of intersection, then,

$$-3r_1-1 = r_2 ; \quad 2r_1+3 = -3r_2+7 ; \quad r_1-2 = 2r_2-7 \quad \text{--- ④}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{matrix} 3r_1 + r_2 + 1 = 0 \\ 2r_1 + 3r_2 - 4 = 0 \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \frac{r_1}{-7} = \frac{r_2}{14} = \frac{1}{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow r_1 = -1, r_2 = 2$$

Putting in ④ LHS:

$$r_1 - 2 - 2r_2 + 7$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 - 2 - 4 + 7 = 0 = \text{RHS}$$

∴ The point of intersection is  $(-3r_1-1, 2r_1+3, r_1-2)$   
 $= (2, 1, -3)$

The equation of plane containing the two lines is given

$$\text{by } \begin{vmatrix} x-x_1 & y-y_1 & z-z_1 \\ l_1 & m_1 & n_1 \\ l_2 & m_2 & n_2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} x+1 & y-3 & z+2 \\ -3 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+1)7 + (y-3)(7) + (z+2)(7) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x+y+z=0}}$$

- ② The plane  $x+2y+3z=12$  cuts the axes of coordinates in A, B & C.  
 (i) Find the equation of the circle circumscribing the triangle ABC.

→ The plane equation can be re-written as

$$\frac{x}{12} + \frac{y}{6} + \frac{z}{4} = 1 \rightarrow \text{Intercept form.}$$

∴ Its intercepts on x, y, z axes are 12, 6, 4.

∴ A(12, 0, 0), B(0, 6, 0) & C(0, 0, 4).

Equation of sphere: through A, B and C is

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

It passes through A, B, C. Then

$$A(12, 0, 0) \Rightarrow 144 + 24u + d = 0 \Rightarrow u = \frac{d-144}{24} = \frac{d}{24} - 6$$

$$B(0, 6, 0) \Rightarrow 36 + 12v + d = 0 \Rightarrow v = \frac{d-36}{12} = \frac{d}{12} - 3$$

$$C(0, 0, 4) \Rightarrow 16 + 8w + d = 0 \Rightarrow w = \frac{d-16}{8} = \frac{d}{8} - 2$$

Putting back in eq<sup>n</sup> of sphere, we get

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2\left[\frac{d}{24} - 6\right]x + 2\left[\frac{d}{12} - 3\right]y + 2\left[\frac{d}{8} - 2\right]z + d = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + \frac{d}{12} - 12x + \frac{d}{6} - 6y + \frac{d}{4} - 4z + d = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 12x - 6y - 4z + \frac{3}{2}d = 0 \quad \text{where } d \text{ can take any value} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

The given plane is  $x+2y+3z+12=0$ . This plane and the sphere (1) gives the equation of required circle.

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

→ Let  $S = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 11$ . The ~~point~~ vertex is given as (2, 4, 1).  
 Let  $x_1 = 2, y_1 = 4, z_1 = 1$

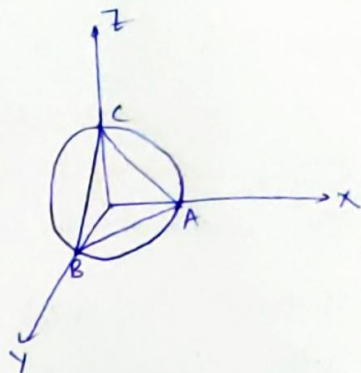
$$\text{Let } S_1 \equiv x_1^2 + y_1^2 + z_1^2 - 11 = 4 + 16 + 1 - 11 = 10$$

Tangent plane to the given sphere at  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  is given by

$$T \equiv xx_1 + yy_1 + zz_1 - 11 = 0 \Rightarrow T \equiv 2x_0 + 4y_0 + z_0 - 11$$

Then, the enveloping cone of the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 11$  with vertex (2, 4, 1) is given by

$$T^2 = SS_1.$$





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

$$\Rightarrow 4x^2 + 16y^2 + z^2 + 16xy + 8yz + 4xz + 121 - 44x - 88y - 22z = 10(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 11)$$

$$\Rightarrow 6x^2 - 6y^2 + 9z^2 - 16xy - 8yz - 4xz + 44x + 88y + 22z - 242 = 0$$

It represents a rectangular hyperboloid iff coeff of  $x^2$  + coeff of  $y^2$  is equal to zero when it meets the plane  $z=0$ .

It meets plane  $z=0$ , then

$$6(x^2 - y^2) - 16xy + 44x + 88y - 242 = 0 \quad \text{--- ①}$$

coeff of  $x^2 = 6$ , coeff of  $y^2 = -6$ .  $\Rightarrow$  coeff of  $x^2$  + coeff of  $y^2 = 6 - 6 = 0$ .

$\therefore$  The equation ① represents a rectangular hyperboloid.

- ③ 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.

$\rightarrow$  Given paraboloid:  $x^2 + y^2 = 2az$ .

Let the given point be  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ . Now, the equation of tangent plane at any point  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  to the given paraboloid is

$$xx_1 + yy_1 = a(z + z_1) \Rightarrow xx_1 + yy_1 - az = az_1.$$

$\therefore$  D.Rs of normal to the tangent plane at  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  is  $x_1, y_1, -a$ .

Then, equation of normal to the paraboloid at  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  is

$$\frac{x - x_1}{x_1} = \frac{y - y_1}{y_1} = \frac{z - z_1}{-a} \quad \text{--- ②}$$

If this normal passes through  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ , then

$$\frac{\alpha - x_1}{x_1} = \frac{\beta - y_1}{y_1} = \frac{\gamma - z_1}{-a} = r \text{ (say)} \Rightarrow \alpha = x_1(1+r), \beta = y_1(1+r), \gamma = z_1 - ar.$$

$$\therefore x_1 = \frac{\alpha}{1+r}, y_1 = \frac{\beta}{1+r}, z_1 = \gamma + ar.$$

$(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  lie on the given paraboloid. Hence

$$(x_1)^2 + (y_1)^2 = 2az_1 \Rightarrow \frac{\alpha^2}{(1+r)^2} + \frac{\beta^2}{(1+r)^2} = 2a(\gamma + ar) \quad \text{--- ③}$$

The equation (3) is a cubic in  $r$  and hence gives three values of ' $r$ ' i.e. 3 feet of perpendicular from  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  to the given paraboloid.

∴ Three normals can be drawn to the given paraboloid from  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ .  
Now: If the two normals coincide, we have two values of ' $r$ ' are equal.

Let (3) be written as

$$f(r) = 2a(1+r)^2(r+ar) - (\alpha^2 + \beta^2) = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

The condition that  $f(r)$  has two equal roots is obtained by eliminating  $r$  between  $f(r)=0$  and  $f'(r)=0$

$$f'(r) = 4a(1+r)(r+ar) + 2a^2(1+r)^2 = 0.$$

$$= (1+r)[4a(r+ar) + 2a^2(1+r)] = 0.$$

$$= 2r + 2a \quad 2a \quad 2(r+ar) + a(1+r) = 0$$

$$= (2a+a)r = -(a+2r) \Rightarrow r = -\frac{(a+2r)}{3a}.$$

Putting in  $f(r)$ :  $2a\left(1 - \frac{a+2r}{3a}\right)^2\left(r - a\frac{(a+2r)}{3a}\right) - (\alpha^2 + \beta^2) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 2[2a - 2r]^2[r - a] - 27(\alpha^2 + \beta^2) = 0$$

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

∴ Required locus of  $(\alpha, \beta, r)$  is:

$$27(\alpha^2 + \beta^2) + 8(a - z)^3 = 0 \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

∴ The two normals coincide if the point lies on surface (5).

(4b) 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

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



$$\Rightarrow \frac{\alpha^2}{a^4} + \frac{\beta^2}{b^4} + \frac{\gamma^2}{c^4} = 2c^2 \left[ \frac{\alpha^2}{a^6} + \frac{\beta^2}{b^6} + \frac{\gamma^2}{c^6} \right] \quad [\text{from (3)}]$$

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

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

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

$\therefore$  Required locus of  $P(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  is :

$$\frac{\alpha^2}{a^6} (2c^2 - a^2) + \frac{\beta^2}{b^6} (2c^2 - b^2) + \frac{\gamma^2}{c^4} = 0. \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$\therefore P$  lies on the cone given by (5)