

9 With respect to a fixed origin O the lines l_1 and l_2 are given by the equations

$$l_1: \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 2 \\ -12 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad l_2: \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 10 \\ p \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} q \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

where λ and μ are parameters and p and q are constants. Given that l_1 and l_2 are perpendicular,

a show that $q = 4$.

(2 marks)

Given further that l_1 and l_2 intersect, find:

b the value of p

(6 marks)

c the coordinates of the point of intersection.

(2 marks)

The point A lies on l_1 and has position vector $\begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ -1 \\ -14 \end{pmatrix}$. The point C lies on l_2 .

Given that a circle, with centre C , cuts the line l_1 at the points A and B ,

d find the position vector of B . (3 marks)

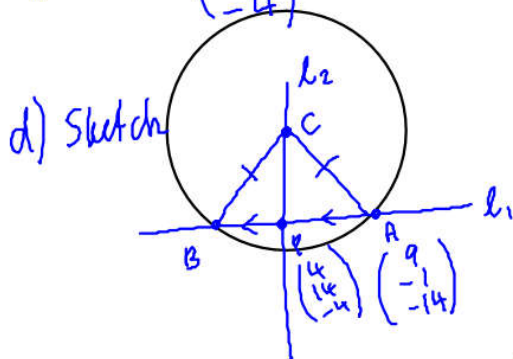
Problem-solving

Draw a diagram showing the lines l_1 and l_2 and the circle, and use circle properties.

$$\begin{aligned} a) \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} q \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} &= 0 \\ -q + 6 - 2 &= 0 \\ q &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b) \begin{pmatrix} 8 - \lambda \\ 2 + 3\lambda \\ -12 + 2\lambda \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} -4 + 4\mu \\ 10 + 2\mu \\ p - \mu \end{pmatrix} \\ 8 - \lambda &= -4 + 4\mu \\ 2 + 3\lambda &= 10 + 2\mu \\ -12 + 8 &= p - 2 \\ -4 + 2 &= p, \quad p = -2 \end{aligned} \quad \mu = 2, \lambda = 4$$

$$c) \lambda = 4 \quad \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 14 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \vec{AP} &= \vec{PB} \\ p - a &= b - p \\ 2p - a &= b \\ 2 \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 14 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ -1 \\ -14 \end{pmatrix} &= b \\ \begin{pmatrix} 14 \\ 27 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} &= b \end{aligned}$$

11 The line l has a Cartesian equation $\frac{x-3}{5} = \frac{y+2}{3} = \frac{4-z}{1}$

$$\frac{4-z}{1} = \frac{x-3}{3} = \frac{z-4}{-1}$$

The plane Π has Cartesian equation $4x + 3y - 2z = -10$.

The line intersects the plane at the point P .

a Find the position vector of P .

(5 marks)

b Find the acute angle between the line and the plane at the point of intersection.

(5 marks)

$$l \quad \underline{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \Pi \quad \underline{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = -10$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 3+5\lambda \\ -2+3\lambda \\ 4-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3+5\lambda \\ -2+3\lambda \\ 4-\lambda \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = -10$$

$$12+20\lambda -6+9\lambda -8+2\lambda = -10$$

$$31\lambda -2 = -10$$

$$31\lambda = -8$$

$$\lambda = -\frac{8}{31}$$

$$b) \sin \theta = \frac{|\underline{d} \cdot \underline{n}|}{|\underline{d}| |\underline{n}|}$$

$$= \frac{\left| \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \right|}{\sqrt{35} \sqrt{29}} = \frac{31}{\sqrt{35} \sqrt{29}}$$

$$\theta = \underline{\underline{76.7^\circ}}$$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 3 + 5 \times -\frac{8}{31} \\ -2 + 3 \times -\frac{8}{31} \\ 4 - -\frac{8}{31} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{53}{31} \\ -\frac{86}{31} \\ \frac{132}{31} \end{pmatrix}$$

Find the equation of the line of intersection of the planes π_1 and π_2 .

π_1 has the equation $2x - 2y - z = 2$

π_2 has the equation $\mathbf{r} \cdot (\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) = 5$

$$2x - 2y - z = 2$$

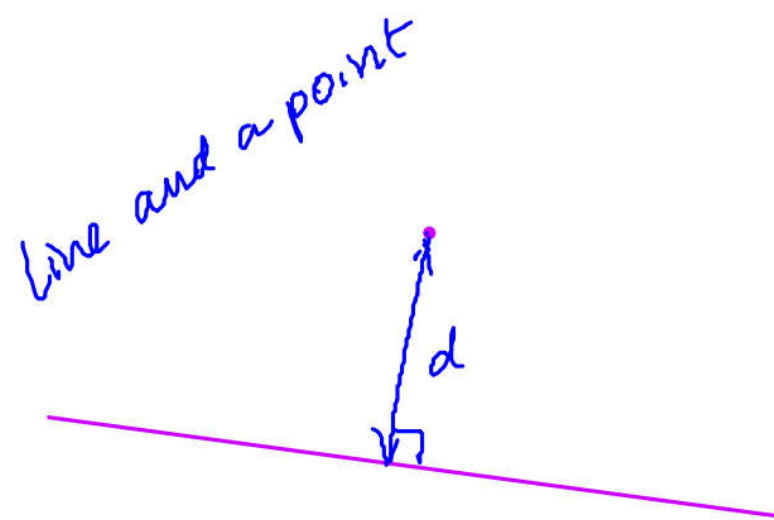
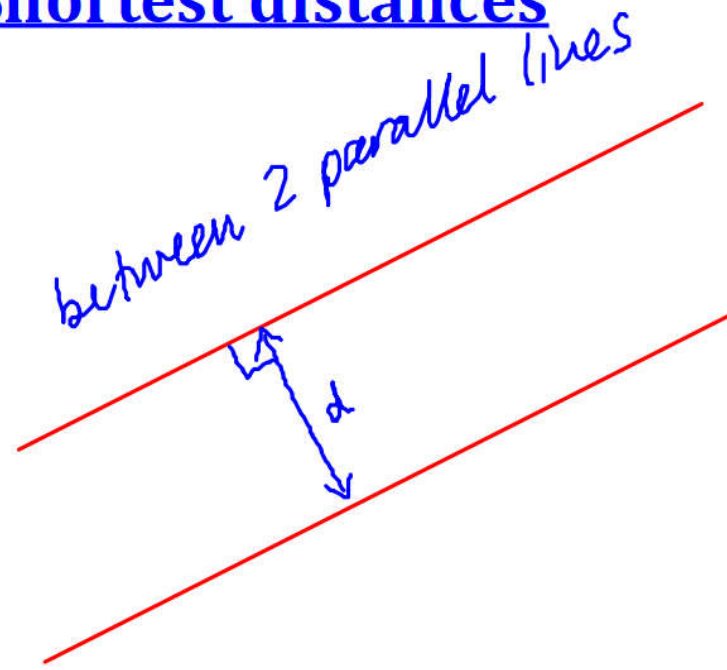
$$x - 3y + z = 5$$

2 common points: $(4, 1, 4)$ and $(-1, -2, 0)$

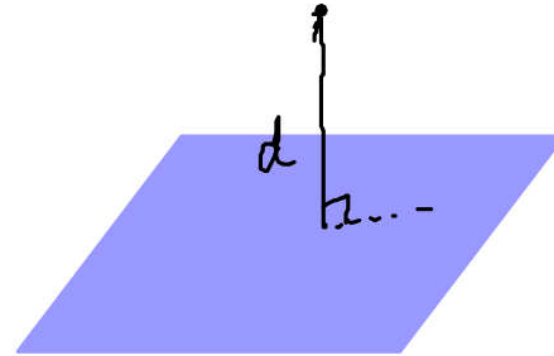
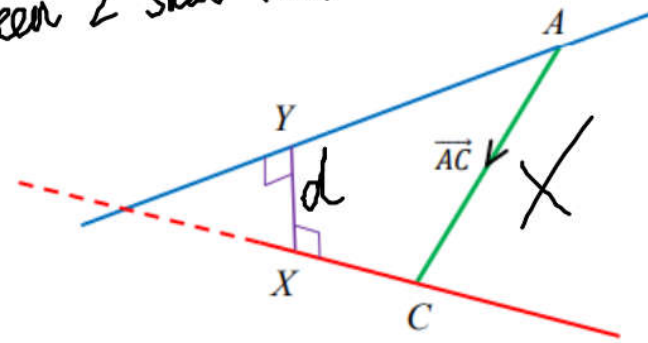
$$\underline{d} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

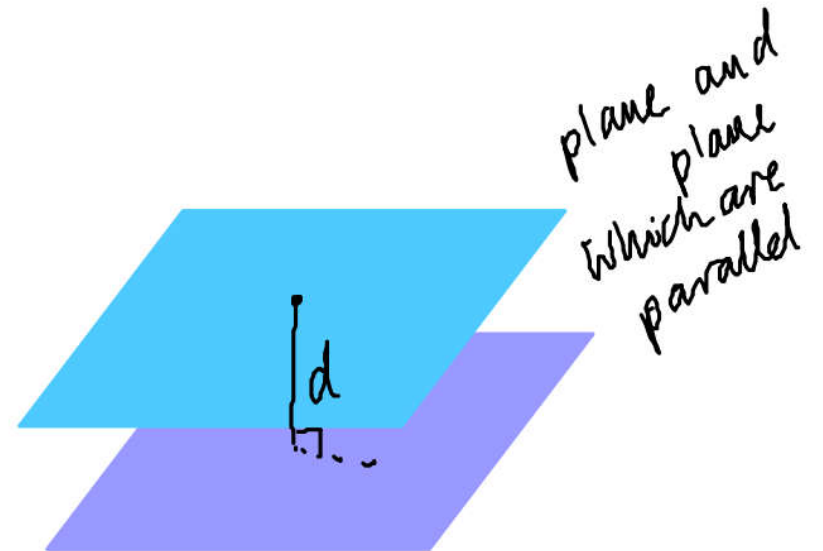
Shortest distances



between 2 skew lines

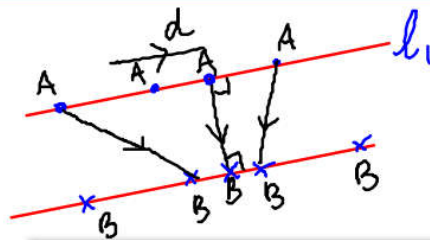


plane and a point.



plane and plane which are parallel

Shortest distance between two parallel lines



- find general point on l_1 \underline{a}
- find general point on l_2 \underline{b}
- find vector between them \vec{AB}
- ensure that this vector is perp to l_1 (and l_2)

Show that the shortest distance between the parallel lines with equations:
 $\underline{r} = \underline{i} + 2\underline{j} - \underline{k} + \lambda(5\underline{i} + 4\underline{j} + 3\underline{k})$ and $\underline{r} = 2\underline{i} + \underline{k} + \mu(5\underline{i} + 4\underline{j} + 3\underline{k})$,
 where λ and μ are scalars, is $\frac{21\sqrt{2}}{10}$

$$\underline{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 5\lambda \\ 2 + 4\lambda \\ -1 + 3\lambda \end{pmatrix} = \underline{a}$$

general point on l_1

$$\underline{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 + 5\mu \\ 4\mu \\ 1 + 3\mu \end{pmatrix} = \underline{b}$$

general point on l_2

$$\vec{AB} = \underline{b} - \underline{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 + 5\mu - 1 - 5\lambda \\ 4\mu - 2 - 4\lambda \\ 1 + 3\mu - (-1) - 3\lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 5\mu - 5\lambda \\ -2 + 4\mu - 4\lambda \\ 2 + 3\mu - 3\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

"Trick"

Let $t = \mu - \lambda$

$$\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 5t \\ -2 + 4t \\ 2 + 3t \end{pmatrix}$$

\vec{AB} and \underline{d} are perp.

$$\vec{AB} \cdot \underline{d} = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 + 5t \\ -2 + 4t \\ 2 + 3t \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$5 + 25t - 8 + 16t + 6 + 9t = 0$$

$$50t = -3$$

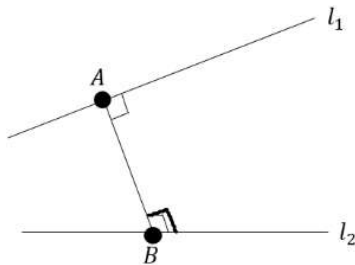
$$t = -\frac{3}{50}$$

$$\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 7/10 \\ -56/25 \\ 11/50 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.7 \\ 2.24 \\ 1.82 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$AB = \sqrt{0.7^2 + 2.24^2 + 1.82^2}$$

$$= \frac{21\sqrt{2}}{10}$$

Shortest distance between two skew lines (also in FP1)



- find general point on l_1 \underline{a}
- find general point on l_2 \underline{b}
- find vector between them \vec{AB}
- ensure that this vector is perp to l_1 and l_2

The lines l_1 and l_2 have equations $r = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $r = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ respectively,

where λ and μ are scalars.

Find the shortest distance between these two lines.

general point on l_1

$$\underline{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \lambda \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

general point on l_2

$$\underline{b} = \begin{pmatrix} -1+2\mu \\ 3-\mu \\ -1-\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

vector between the lines

$$\vec{AB} = \underline{b} - \underline{a} = \begin{pmatrix} -1+2\mu-1 \\ 3-\mu-\lambda \\ -1-\mu-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} -2+2\mu \\ 3-\mu-\lambda \\ -1-\mu-\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

\vec{AB} is perp to l_1

$$\vec{AB} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -2+2\mu \\ 3-\mu-\lambda \\ -1-\mu-\lambda \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$3-\mu-\lambda-1-\mu-\lambda=0$$

$$-2\mu-2\lambda=-2$$

\vec{AB} is perp to l_2

$$\vec{AB} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$-4+4\mu-3+\mu+\lambda+1+\mu+\lambda=0$$

$$6\mu+2\lambda=6$$

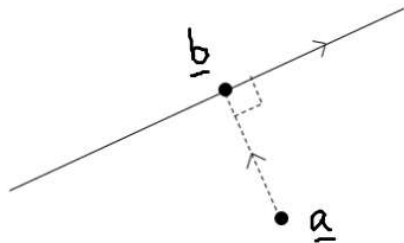
sim. eq. $\underline{\mu=1, \lambda=0}$

$$\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|\vec{AB}| = \sqrt{2^2+2^2}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{2\sqrt{2}}}$$

Shortest distance between a point and a line



- find general point on l_1
- find vector between point and general point $\vec{AB} = \underline{b} - \underline{a}$
- ensure that this vector is perp to l_1

The line l has equation $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-1}{-2} = \frac{z+3}{-1}$, and the point A has coordinates $(1, 2, -1)$.

- Find the shortest distance between A and l .
- Find the Cartesian equation of the line that is perpendicular to l and passes through A .

$l \quad \underline{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 2\lambda \\ 1 - 2\lambda \\ -3 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \underline{b}$
 $\underline{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\vec{AB} = \underline{b} - \underline{a}$

general point on the line
 fixed point.

 $= \begin{pmatrix} 1 + 2\lambda - 1 \\ 1 - 2\lambda - 2 \\ -3 - \lambda + 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2\lambda \\ -1 - 2\lambda \\ -2 - \lambda \end{pmatrix}$

\vec{AB} and line are perpendicular

$$\vec{AB} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2\lambda \\ -1 - 2\lambda \\ -2 - \lambda \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$4\lambda + 2 + 4\lambda + 2 + \lambda = 0$$

$$9\lambda = -4$$

$$\lambda = -\frac{4}{9}$$

$$\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} -8/9 \\ -1/9 \\ -14/9 \end{pmatrix} \quad |\vec{AB}| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{8}{9}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{14}{9}\right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{29}}{3} \text{ units}$$

b) direction is $\begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 1 \\ 14 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\underline{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 1 \\ 14 \end{pmatrix} \quad \frac{x-1}{8} = \frac{y-2}{1} = \frac{z+1}{14}$$

Ex 9F Q1-4, 7, 9, 11