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ASSIGNMENT 1

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Download all python codes from

https://github.com/vaibhavchhabra25/EE3900—course/blob/main/Assignment-1/codes/figure.py

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https://github.com/vaibhavchhabra25/EE3900-course/blob/main/Assignment-1/main.tex

1 Problem

(Vectors-2.19) Find the ratio in which the line segment joining the points $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 10 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}$ is divided by the YZ plane.

2 Solution

Let
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and $\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 10 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}$.

Let **P** be the intersecting point of line **AB** and the YZ plane. Let the ratio in which **P** divides **AB** be k:1. Then,

$$\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{A} = k(\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{P}) \tag{2.0.1}$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{\mathbf{A} + k\mathbf{B}}{k+1} \tag{2.0.2}$$

Vector equation of YZ plane with normal vector n and perpendicular distance from origin d is

$$n^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{X} = d \tag{2.0.3}$$

Since P lies on YZ plane,

$$n^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{P} = d \tag{2.0.4}$$

$$\Longrightarrow n^{\mathsf{T}} \left(\frac{\mathbf{A} + k\mathbf{B}}{k+1} \right) = d \tag{2.0.5}$$

$$\Longrightarrow n^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{A} + k n^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{B} = d(k+1) \tag{2.0.6}$$

For YZ plane,
$$n = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and $d = 0$. So,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{A} + k \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{B} = 0 \qquad (2.0.7)$$

$$\implies \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 8 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} + k \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 10 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$(2.0.8)$$

$$\Longrightarrow 4 + 6k = 0 \tag{2.0.9}$$

$$\implies k = -2/3 \tag{2.0.10}$$

So, YZ plane divides line segment **AB** externally in the ratio 2:3.

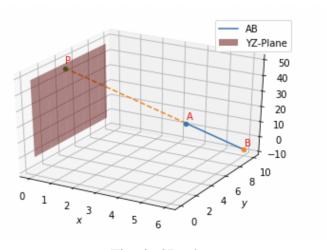


Fig. 0: 3D plot