



Chapter – 12

Introduction to 3-D Geometry

NCERT Exercises:

Exercise 12.1

Ques 1: A point is on the x -axis. What are its y -coordinates and z -coordinates?

Ans 1: If a point is on the x -axis, then its y -coordinates and z -coordinates are zero.

Ques 2: A point is in the XZ -plane. What can you say about its y -coordinate?

Ans 2: If a point is in the XZ plane, then its y -coordinate is zero.

Ques 3: Name the octants in which the following points lie:

$(1, 2, 3)$, $(4, -2, 3)$, $(4, -2, -5)$, $(4, 2, -5)$, $(-4, 2, -5)$, $(-4, 2, 5)$, $(-3, -1, 6)$, $(2, -4, -7)$

Ans 3: The x -coordinate, y -coordinate, and z -coordinate of point $(1, 2, 3)$ are all positive.

Therefore, this point lies in octant I.

The x -coordinate, y -coordinate, and z -coordinate of point $(4, -2, 3)$ are positive, negative, and positive respectively.

Therefore, this point lies in octant IV.

The x -coordinate, y -coordinate, and z -coordinate of point $(4, -2, -5)$ are positive, negative, and negative respectively.

Therefore, this point lies in octant VIII.

The x -coordinate, y -coordinate, and z -coordinate of point $(4, 2, -5)$ are positive, positive, and negative respectively.

Therefore, this point lies in octant V.

The x -coordinate, y -coordinate, and z -coordinate of point $(-4, 2, -5)$ are negative, positive, and negative respectively.

Therefore, this point lies in octant VI.

The x -coordinate, y -coordinate, and z -coordinate of point $(-4, 2, 5)$ are negative, positive, and



positive respectively.

Therefore, this point lies in octant II.

x -coordinate, y -coordinate, and z -coordinate of point $(-3, -1, 6)$ are negative, negative, and positive respectively.

Therefore, this point lies in octant III.

The x -coordinate, y -coordinate, and z -coordinate of point $(2, -4, -7)$ are positive, negative, and negative respectively.

Therefore, this point lies in octant VIII.

Ques 4: Fill in the blanks:

- (i) The x -axis and y -axis taken together determine a plane known as _____.
- (ii) The coordinates of points in the XY -plane are of the form _____.
- (iii) Coordinate planes divide the space into _____ octants.

Ans 4:

- (i) The x -axis and y -axis taken together determine a plane known as xy - plane.
- (ii) The coordinates of points in the XY -plane are of the form $(x, y, 0)$.
- (iii) Coordinate planes divide the space into eight octants.



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Exercise 12.2

Ques 1: Find the distance between the following pairs of points:

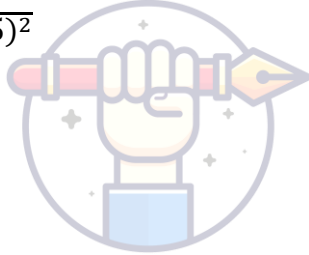
- (i) (2, 3, 5) and (4, 3, 1) (ii) (-3, 7, 2) and (2, 4, -1)
(iii) (-1, 3, -4) and (1, -3, 4) (iv) (2, -1, 3) and (-2, 1, 3)

Ans 1: The distance between points $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $P(x_2, y_2, z_2)$ is given by

$$PQ = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$$

- (i) Distance between points (2, 3, 5) and (4, 3, 1)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sqrt{(4 - 2)^2 + (3 - 3)^2 + (1 - 5)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(2)^2 + (0)^2 + (-4)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4 + 16} \\ &= \sqrt{20} \\ &= 2\sqrt{5} \end{aligned}$$



- (ii) Distance between points (-3, 7, 2) and (2, 4, -1)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sqrt{(2 + 3)^2 + (4 - 7)^2 + (-1 - 2)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(5)^2 + (-3)^2 + (-3)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{25 + 9 + 9} \\ &= \sqrt{43} \end{aligned}$$



(iii) Distance between points $(-1, 3, -4)$ and $(1, -3, 4)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sqrt{(1 + 1)^2 + (-3 - 3)^2 + (4 + 4)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(2)^2 + (-6)^2 + (8)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4 + 36 + 64} = \sqrt{104} = 2\sqrt{26} \end{aligned}$$

(iv) Distance between points $(2, -1, 3)$ and $(-2, 1, 3)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sqrt{(-2 - 2)^2 + (1 + 1)^2 + (3 - 3)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(-4)^2 + (2)^2 + (0)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4 + 16} \\ &= \sqrt{20} \\ &= 2\sqrt{5} \end{aligned}$$

Ques 2: Show that the points $(-2, 3, 5)$, $(1, 2, 3)$ and $(7, 0, -1)$ are collinear.

Ans 2: Let points $(-2, 3, 5)$, $(1, 2, 3)$, and $(7, 0, -1)$ be denoted by P, Q, and R respectively. Points P, Q, and R are collinear if they lie on a line.

$$\begin{aligned} PQ &= \sqrt{(1 + 2)^2 + (2 - 3)^2 + (3 - 5)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(3)^2 + (-1)^2 + (-2)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{9 + 1 + 4} \\ &= \sqrt{14} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} QR &= \sqrt{(7 - 1)^2 + (0 - 2)^2 + (-1 - 3)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(6)^2 + (-2)^2 + (-4)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{36 + 4 + 16} \\ &= 2\sqrt{14} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}PR &= \sqrt{(7+2)^2 + (0-3)^2 + (-1-5)^2} \\&= \sqrt{(9)^2 + (-3)^2 + (-6)^2} \\&= \sqrt{81 + 9 + 36} \\&= 3\sqrt{14}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Here, } PQ + QR = 2\sqrt{14} + \sqrt{14} = 3\sqrt{14} = PR,$$

Hence points P, Q, R are collinear

Ques 3: Verify the following:

- (i) $(0, 7, -10)$, $(1, 6, -6)$ and $(4, 9, -6)$ are the vertices of an isosceles triangle.
- (ii) $(0, 7, 10)$, $(-1, 6, 6)$ and $(-4, 9, 6)$ are the vertices of a right angled triangle.
- (iii) $(-1, 2, 1)$, $(1, -2, 5)$, $(4, -7, 8)$ and $(2, -3, 4)$ are the vertices of a parallelogram.

Ans 3:

- (i) Let points $(0, 7, -10)$, $(1, 6, -6)$, and $(4, 9, -6)$ be denoted by A, B, and C respectively.

$$\begin{aligned}AB &= \sqrt{(1-0)^2 + (6-7)^2 + (-6+10)^2} \\&= \sqrt{(1)^2 + (-1)^2 + (4)^2} \\&= \sqrt{1 + 1 + 16} \\&= \sqrt{18} \\&= 3\sqrt{2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}BC &= \sqrt{(4-1)^2 + (9-6)^2 + (-6+6)^2} \\&= \sqrt{(3)^2 + (3)^2} \\&= \sqrt{9 + 9} \\&= \sqrt{18} \\&= 3\sqrt{2}\end{aligned}$$



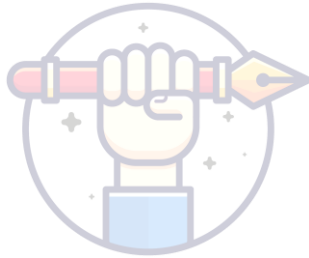
$$\begin{aligned} CA &= \sqrt{(0-4)^2 + (7-9)^2 + (-10+6)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(-4)^2 + (-2)^2 + (-4)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{16 + 4 + 16} \\ &= \sqrt{36} \\ &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

Here, $AB = BC \neq CA$

Thus, the given points are the vertices of an isosceles triangle.

(ii) Let $(0, 7, 10)$, $(-1, 6, 6)$, and $(-4, 9, 6)$ be denoted by A, B, and C respectively.

$$\begin{aligned} AB &= \sqrt{(-1-0)^2 + (6-7)^2 + (6-10)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-1)^2 + (-4)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{1 + 1 + 16} \\ &= \sqrt{18} \\ &= 3\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} BC &= \sqrt{(-4+1)^2 + (9-6)^2 + (6-6)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(3)^2 + (0)^2 + (3)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{9 + 9} \\ &= \sqrt{18} \\ &= 3\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} CA &= \sqrt{(0+4)^2 + (7-9)^2 + (10-6)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(4)^2 + (-2)^2 + (4)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{16 + 4 + 16} \\ &= \sqrt{36} = 6 \end{aligned}$$



$$\text{Now } AB^2 + BC^2 = (3\sqrt{2})^2 + (3\sqrt{2})^2 = 18 + 18 = 36 = CA^2$$

Therefore, by Pythagoras theorem, ABC is a right triangle.

Hence, the given points are the vertices of a right-angled triangle.

- (ii) Let $(-1, 2, 1)$, $(1, -2, 5)$, $(4, -7, 8)$, and $(2, -3, 4)$ be denoted by A, B, C, and D respectively.

$$AB = \sqrt{(1+1)^2 + (-2-2)^2 + (5-1)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{4 + 4 + 16}$$

$$= \sqrt{36}$$

$$= 6$$

$$BC = \sqrt{(4-1)^2 + (-7+2)^2 + (8-5)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{9 + 9 + 25}$$

$$= \sqrt{43}$$

$$CD = \sqrt{(2-4)^2 + (-3+7)^2 + (4-8)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{16 + 4 + 16}$$

$$= \sqrt{36}$$

$$= 6$$

$$DA = \sqrt{(-1-2)^2 + (2+3)^2 + (1-4)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{9 + 25 + 25} = \sqrt{36}$$

$$= \sqrt{43}$$

$$\text{Here, } AB = CD = 6, BC = AD = \sqrt{43}$$

Hence, the opposite sides of quadrilateral ABCD, whose vertices are taken in order, are equal.

Therefore, ABCD is a parallelogram.

Hence, the given points are the vertices of a parallelogram.



Ques 4: Find the equation of the set of points which are equidistant from the points (1, 2, 3) and (3, 2, -1).

Ans 4: Let P (x, y, z) be the point that is equidistant from points A(1, 2, 3) and B(3, 2, -1). Accordingly, PA = PB

$$PA^2 = PB^2$$

$$(x - 1)^2 + (y - 2)^2 + (z - 3)^2 = (x - 3)^2 + (y - 2)^2 + (z + 1)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x + 1 + y^2 - 4y + 4 + z^2 - 6z + 9 = x^2 - 6x + 9 + y^2 - 4y + 4 + z^2 + 2z + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow -2x - 4y - 6z + 14 = -6x - 4y + 2z + 14$$

$$\Rightarrow -2x - 6z + 6x - 2z = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x - 8z = 0$$

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

Thus, the required equation is $x - 2z = 0$.

Ques 5: Find the equation of the set of points P, the sum of whose distances from A (4, 0, 0) and B (-4, 0, 0) is equal to 10.

Ans 5: Let the coordinates of P be (x, y, z).

The coordinates of points A and B are (4, 0, 0) and (-4, 0, 0) respectively.

It is given that PA + PB = 10.

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{(x - 4)^2 + y^2 + z^2} + \sqrt{(x + 4)^2 + y^2 + z^2} = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{(x - 4)^2 + y^2 + z^2} = 10 - \sqrt{(x + 4)^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

On squaring both sides, we obtain

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{(x - 4)^2 + y^2 + z^2} = 100 - 20\sqrt{(x + 4)^2 + y^2 + z^2} + (x - 4)^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{x^2 - 8x + 16 + y^2 + z^2}$$

$$= 100 - 20\sqrt{x^2 - 8x + 16 + y^2 + z^2} + x^2 - 8x + 16 + y^2 + z^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 20\sqrt{x^2 - 8x + 16 + y^2 + z^2} = 100 + 16x$$

$$\Rightarrow 5\sqrt{x^2 - 8x + 16 + y^2 + z^2} = 25 + 4x$$



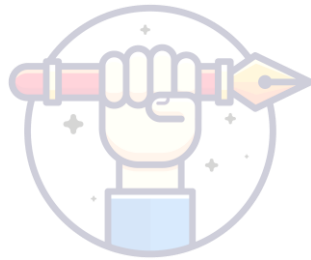
On squaring both sides again, we obtain

$$25(x^2 + 8x + 16 + y^2 + z^2) = 625 + 16x^2 + 200x$$

$$\Rightarrow 25x^2 + 200x + 400 + 25y^2 + 25z^2 = 625 + 16x^2 + 200x$$

$$\Rightarrow 9x^2 + 25y^2 + 25z^2 - 225 = 0$$

Thus, the required equation is $9x^2 + 25y^2 + 25z^2 - 225 = 0$.





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Exercise 12.3

Ques 1: Find the coordinates of the point which divides the line segment joining the points $(-2, 3, 5)$ and $(1, -4, 6)$ in the ratio (i) 2:3 internally, (ii) 2:3 externally.

Ans 1:

- (i) The coordinates of point R that divides the line segment joining points P (x_1, y_1, z_1) and Q (x_2, y_2, z_2) internally in the ratio $m: n$ are

$$\left(\frac{mx_2 + nx_1}{m + n}, \frac{my_2 + ny_1}{m + n}, \frac{mz_2 + nz_1}{m + n} \right).$$

Let R (x, y, z) be the point that divides the line segment joining points $(-2, 3, 5)$ and $(1, -4, 6)$ internally in the ratio 2:3

$$x = \frac{2(1) + 3(-2)}{2 + 3}, y = \frac{2(-4) + 3(3)}{2 + 3}, z = \frac{2(6) + 3(5)}{2 + 3}$$

$$\text{i.e. } x = -\frac{4}{5}, y = \frac{1}{5} \text{ and } z = \frac{27}{5}$$

Thus, the coordinates of the required point are $\left(-\frac{4}{5}, \frac{1}{5}, \frac{27}{5}\right)$.

- (ii) The coordinates of point R that divides the line segment joining points P (x_1, y_1, z_1) and Q (x_2, y_2, z_2) externally in the ratio $m: n$ are

$$\left(\frac{mx_2 - nx_1}{m - n}, \frac{my_2 - ny_1}{m - n}, \frac{mz_2 - nz_1}{m - n} \right) ..$$

Let R (x, y, z) be the point that divides the line segment joining points $(-2, 3, 5)$ and $(1, -4, 6)$ externally in the ratio 2:3

$$x = \frac{2(1) - 3(-2)}{2 - 3}, y = \frac{2(-4) - 3(3)}{2 - 3}, z = \frac{2(6) - 3(5)}{2 - 3}$$

$$\text{i.e. } x = -8, y = 17 \text{ and } z = 3$$

Thus, the coordinates of the required point are $(-8, 17, 3)$.



Ques 2: Given that P (3, 2, -4), Q (5, 4, -6) and R (9, 8, -10) are collinear. Find the ratio in which Q divides PR.

Ans 2: Let point Q (5, 4, -6) divide the line segment joining points P (3, 2, -4) and R (9, 8, -10) in the ratio $k:1$.

Therefore, by section formula,

$$(5, 4, -6) = \left(\frac{k(9) + 3}{k + 1}, \frac{k(8) + 2}{k + 1}, \frac{k(-10) - 4}{k + 1} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{9k + 3}{k + 1} = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 9k + 3 = 5k + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 4k = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Thus, point Q divides PR in the ratio 1:2.

Ques 3: Find the ratio in which the YZ-plane divides the line segment formed by joining the points (-2, 4, 7) and (3, -5, 8).

Ans 3: Let the YZ plane divide the line segment joining points (-2, 4, 7) and (3, -5, 8) in the ratio $k:1$.

Hence, by section formula, the coordinates of point of intersection are given by

$$\left(\frac{k(3) - 2}{k + 1}, \frac{k(-5) + 4}{k + 1}, \frac{k(8) + 7}{k + 1} \right)$$

On the YZ plane, the x - coordinate of any point is zero.

$$\frac{3k - 2}{k + 1} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3k - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{2}{3}$$

Thus, the YZ plane divides the line segment formed by joining the given points in the ratio 2:3.



Ques 4: Using section formula, show that the points A (2, -3, 4), B (-1, 2, 1) and C $\left(0, \frac{1}{3}, 2\right)$ are collinear.

Ans 4: The given points are A (2, -3, 4), B (-1, 2, 1), and C $\left(0, \frac{1}{3}, 2\right)$.

Let P be a point that divides AB in the ratio $k:1$.

Hence, by section formula, the coordinates of P are given by

$$\left(\frac{k(-1) + 2}{k + 1}, \frac{k(2) - 3}{k + 1}, \frac{k(1) + 4}{k + 1}\right)$$

Now, we find the value of k at which point P coincides with point C.

By taking $\frac{-k + 2}{k + 1} = 0$ we obtain $k = 2$

For $k = 2$, the coordinates of point P are $\left(0, \frac{1}{3}, 2\right)$

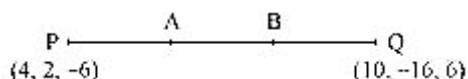
i. e., C $\left(0, \frac{1}{3}, 2\right)$ is a point that divides AB externally in the ratio 2: 1 and is the same as point P.

Hence, points A, B, and C are collinear.



Ques 5: Find the coordinates of the points which trisect the line segment joining the points P (4, 2, -6) and Q (10, -16, 6).

Ans 5: Let A and B be the points that trisect the line segment joining points



P (4, 2, -6) and Q (10, -16, 6)

Point A divides PQ in the ratio 1:2.

Therefore, by section formula, the coordinates of point A are given by

$$\left(\frac{1(10) + 2(4)}{1 + 2}, \frac{1(-16) + 2(2)}{1 + 2}, \frac{1(6) + 2(-6)}{1 + 2} \right) = (6, -4, -2)$$

Point B divides PQ in the ratio 2:1.

Therefore, by section formula, the coordinates of point B are given by

$$\left(\frac{2(10) + 1(4)}{1 + 2}, \frac{2(-16) + 1(2)}{1 + 2}, \frac{2(6) + 1(-6)}{1 + 2} \right) = (8, -10, 2)$$

Thus, (6, -4, -2) and (8, -10, 2) are the points that trisect the line segment joining points P (4, 2, -6) and Q (10, -16, 6).



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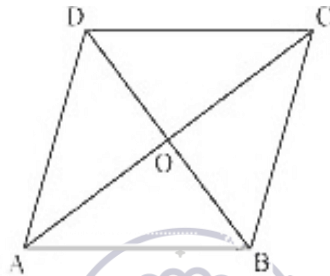
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Miscellaneous Exercise on Chapter 12

Ques 1: Three vertices of a parallelogram ABCD are A (3, -1, 2), B (1, 2, -4) and C (-1, 1, 2). Find the coordinates of the fourth vertex.

Ans 1: The three vertices of a parallelogram ABCD are given as A (3, -1, 2), B (1, 2, -4), and C (-1, 1, 2).

Let the coordinates of the fourth vertex be D (x, y, z).



We know that the diagonals of a parallelogram bisect each other.

Therefore, in parallelogram ABCD, AC and BD bisect each other.

∴ Mid-point of AC = Mid-point of BD

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

$$\Rightarrow (1, 0, 2) = \left(\frac{x + 1}{2}, \frac{y + 2}{2}, \frac{z - 4}{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x + 1}{2} = 1, \frac{y + 2}{2} = 0, \frac{z - 4}{2} = 2$$

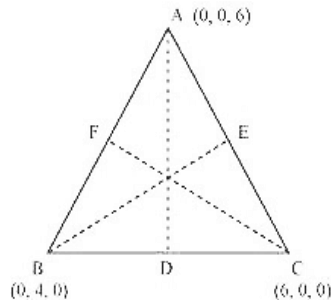
$$\Rightarrow x = 1, y = -2, \text{ and } z = 8$$

Thus, the coordinates of the fourth vertex are (1, -2, 8).



Ques 2: Find the lengths of the medians of the triangle with vertices A (0, 0, 6), B (0, 4, 0) and (6, 0, 0).

Ans 2: Let AD, BE, and CF be the medians of the given triangle ABC.



Since AD is the median, D is the mid-point of BC.

$$\left(\frac{0+6}{2}, \frac{4+0}{2}, \frac{0+0}{2} \right) = (3, 2, 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Coordinates of point D} &= AD = \sqrt{(0-3)^2 + (0-2)^2 + (6-0)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{9+4+36} = \sqrt{49} = 7 \end{aligned}$$

Since BE is the median, E is the midpoint of AC

$$\text{Coordinates of point E} = \frac{0+6}{2}, \frac{0+0}{2}, \frac{6+0}{2} = (3, 0, 3)$$

$$BE = \sqrt{(3-0)^2 + (0-4)^2 + (3-0)^2} = \sqrt{9+16+9} = \sqrt{34}$$

Since CF is the median, F is the mid-pt of AB

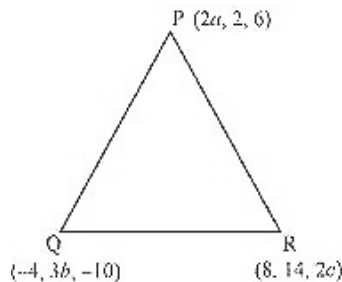
$$\text{Coordinates of point F} = \frac{0+0}{2}, \frac{0+4}{2}, \frac{6+0}{2} = (0, 2, 3)$$

Thus, the lengths of the medians of $\triangle ABC$ are 7, $\sqrt{34}$ and 7



Ques 3: If the origin is the centroid of the triangle PQR with vertices P (2a, 2, 6), Q (−4, 3b, −10) and R (8, 14, 2c), then find the values of a, b and c.

Ans 3:



It is known that the coordinates of the centroid of the triangle, whose vertices are

(x_1, y_1, z_1) , (x_2, y_2, z_2) and (x_3, y_3, z_3) , are $\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2 + x_3}{3}, \frac{y_1 + y_2 + y_3}{3}, \frac{z_1 + z_2 + z_3}{3}\right)$.

Therefore, coordinates of the centroid of ΔPQR

$$\left(\frac{2a - 4 + 8}{3}, \frac{2 + 3b + 14}{3}, \frac{6 - 10 + 2c}{3}\right) = \left(\frac{2a + 4}{3}, \frac{3b + 16}{3}, \frac{2c - 4}{3}\right)$$

It is given that origin is the centroid of ΔPQR .

$$(0, 0, 0) = \left(\frac{2a + 4}{3}, \frac{3b + 16}{3}, \frac{2c - 4}{3}\right)$$

$$\frac{2a - 4}{3} = 0, \frac{3b + 16}{3} = 0, \text{ and } \frac{2c - 4}{3} = 0$$

$$a = -2, b = -\frac{16}{3} \text{ and } c = 2$$

Thus, the respective values of a, b, and c are $-2, -\frac{16}{3}, 2$



Ques 4: Find the coordinates of a point on y-axis which are at a distance of $5\sqrt{2}$ from the point P (3, -2, 5).

Ans 4: If a point is on the y-axis, then x-coordinate and the z-coordinate of the point are zero. Let A (0, b, 0) be the point on the y-axis at a distance of $5\sqrt{2}$ from point P (3, -2, 5).

Accordingly, $AP = 5\sqrt{2}$

$$AP^2 = 50$$

$$\Rightarrow (3 - 0)^2 + (-2 - b)^2 + (5 - 0)^2 = 50$$

$$\Rightarrow 9 + 4 + b^2 + 4b + 25 = 50$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 + 4b - 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 + 6b - 2b - 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (b + 6)(b - 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b = -6 \text{ or } 2$$

Thus, the coordinates of the required points are (0, 2, 0) and (0, -6, 0).

Ques 5: A point R with x-coordinate 4 lies on the line segment joining the points P (2, -3, 4) and Q (8, 0, 10). Find the coordinates of the point R.

[Hint suppose R divides PQ in the ratio k: 1. The coordinates of the point R are given by $\frac{8k+2}{k+1}, \frac{-3}{k+1}, \frac{10k+4}{k+1}$]

Ans 5: The coordinates of points P and Q are given as P (2, -3, 4) and Q (8, 0, 10).

Let R divide line segment PQ in the ratio k:1.

Hence, by section formula, the coordinates of point R are given by

$$\left[\frac{k(8) + 2}{k + 1}, \frac{k(0) - 3}{k + 1}, \frac{k(10) + 4}{k + 1} \right] = \left[\frac{8k + 2}{k + 1}, \frac{-3}{k + 1}, \frac{10k + 4}{k + 1} \right]$$

It is given that the x-coordinate of point R is 4.

$$\frac{8k + 2}{k + 1} = 4$$

$$8k + 2 = 4k + 4$$



$$4k = 2$$

$$k = \frac{1}{2}$$

Therefore, the coordinates of point R are $\left(4, -\frac{3}{\frac{1}{2}+1}, \frac{10\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)+4}{\frac{1}{2}+1}\right) = (4, -2, 6)$

Ques 6: If A and B be the points (3, 4, 5) and (-1, 3, -7), respectively, find the equation of the set of points P such that $PA^2 + PB^2 = k^2$, where k is a constant.

Ans 6: The coordinates of points A and B are given as (3, 4, 5) and (-1, 3, -7) respectively.

Let the coordinates of point P be (x, y, z).

On using distance formula, we obtain

$$PA^2 = (x - 3)^2 + (y - 4)^2 + (z - 5)^2$$

$$= x^2 + 9 - 6x + y^2 + 16 - 8y + z^2 + 25 - 10z$$

$$= x^2 - 6x + y^2 - 8y + z^2 - 10z + 50$$

$$PB^2 = (x + 1)^2 + (y - 3)^2 + (z + 7)^2$$

$$= x^2 + 2x + y^2 - 6y + z^2 + 14z + 59$$

Now, if $PA^2 + PB^2 = k^2$, then

$$= (x^2 - 6x + y^2 - 8y + z^2 - 10z + 50) + (x^2 + 2x + y^2 - 6y + z^2 + 14z + 59) = k^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 + 2y^2 + 2z^2 - 4x - 14y + 4z + 109 = k^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x - 7y + 2z) = k^2 - 109$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x - 7y + 2z = \frac{k^2 - 109}{2}$$

Thus, the required equation is $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x - 7y + 2z = \frac{k^2 - 109}{2}$