

$$\therefore a = (-2) + 3 = 1,$$

$$b = -(-2) - 4 = -2$$

$$c = -6(-2) - 5 = 7$$

Therefore, co-ordinates of point of intersection of given line and plane are

$$P \equiv (1, -2, 7)$$

21. Question

Find the distance of the point (2, 3, 4) from the plane $3x + 2y + 2z + 5 = 0$, measured parallel to the line $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{y-2}{6} = \frac{z}{2}$.

Answer

Given :

$$\text{Equation of plane : } 3x + 2y + 2z + 5 = 0$$

Equation of line :

$$\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{y-2}{6} = \frac{z}{2}$$

$$\text{Point : } P = (2, 3, 4)$$

To Find : Distance of point P from the given plane parallel to the given line.

Formula :

1) Equation of line :

Equation of line passing through $A = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$ & having direction ratios (a, b, c) is

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

2) Distance formula :

The distance between two points $A = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$ & $B = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$ is

$$d = \sqrt{(a_1 - b_1)^2 + (a_2 - b_2)^2 + (a_3 - b_3)^2}$$

For the given line,

$$\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{y-2}{6} = \frac{z}{2}$$

Direction ratios are (a, b, c) = (3, 6, 2)

Let Q be the point on the plane such that \overline{PQ} is parallel to the given line.

Therefore direction ratios of given line and line PQ will be same.

Therefore equation of line PQ with point $P = (2, 3, 4)$ and with direction ratios (3, 6, 2) is

$$\frac{x-2}{3} = \frac{y-3}{6} = \frac{z-4}{2}$$

Let co-ordinates of Q be (u, v, w)

As point Q lies on the line PQ, we can write,

$$\frac{u-2}{3} = \frac{v-3}{6} = \frac{w-4}{2} = k(\text{say})$$

$$\Rightarrow u = 3k+2, v = 6k+3, w = 2k+4 \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

Also point Q lies on the plane

$$3u + 2v + 2w = -5$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(3k+2) + 2(6k+3) + 2(2k+4) = -5 \dots\dots\text{from (1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 9k + 6 + 12k + 6 + 4k + 8 = -5$$

$$\Rightarrow 25k = -25$$

$$\Rightarrow k = -1$$

$$\therefore u = 3(-1) + 2 = -1,$$

$$v = 6(-1) + 3 = -3$$

$$w = 2(-1) + 4 = 2$$

Therefore, co-ordinates of point Q are

$$Q = (-1, -3, 2)$$



Now distance between points P and Q by distance formula is

$$\begin{aligned}d &= \sqrt{(2+1)^2 + (3+3)^2 + (4-2)^2} \\&= \sqrt{(3)^2 + (6)^2 + (2)^2} \\&= \sqrt{9 + 36 + 4} \\&= \sqrt{49} \\&= 7\end{aligned}$$

Therefore distance of point P from the given plane measured parallel to the given line is

$$d = 7 \text{ units}$$

22. Question

Find the distance of the point (0, -3, 2) from the plane $x + 2y - z = 1$, measured parallel to the line $\frac{x+1}{3} = \frac{y+1}{2} = \frac{z}{3}$.

Answer

Given :

Equation of plane : $x + 2y - z = 1$

Equation of line :

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

Point : P = (0, -3, 2)

To Find : Distance of point P from the given plane parallel to the given line.

Formula :

1) Equation of line :

Equation of line passing through A = (x_1, y_1, z_1) & having direction ratios (a, b, c) is

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

2) Distance formula :

The distance between two points A = (a_1, a_2, a_3) & B = (b_1, b_2, b_3) is

$$d = \sqrt{(a_1 - b_1)^2 + (a_2 - b_2)^2 + (a_3 - b_3)^2}$$

For the given line,

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

Direction ratios are (a, b, c) = (3, 2, 3)

Let Q be the point on the plane such that \overline{PQ} is parallel to the given line.

Therefore direction ratios of given line and line PQ will be same.

Therefore equation of line PQ with point P = (0, -3, 2) and with direction ratios (3, 2, 3) is

$$\frac{x-0}{3} = \frac{y+3}{2} = \frac{z-2}{3}$$

Let co-ordinates of Q be (u, v, w)

As point Q lies on the line PQ, we can write,

$$\frac{u}{3} = \frac{v+3}{2} = \frac{w-2}{3} = k(\text{say})$$

$$\Rightarrow u = 3k, v = 2k-3, w = 3k+2 \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

Also point Q lies on the plane

$$u + 2v - w = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (3k) + 2(2k-3) - (3k+2) = 1 \dots\dots\text{from (1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3k + 4k - 6 - 3k - 2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 4k = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{9}{4}$$

$$\therefore u = 3\left(\frac{9}{4}\right) = \frac{27}{4}$$



$$v = 2\left(\frac{9}{4}\right) - 3 = \frac{6}{4}$$

$$w = 3\left(\frac{9}{4}\right) + 2 = \frac{35}{4}$$

Therefore, co-ordinates of point Q are

$$Q \equiv \left(\frac{27}{4}, \frac{6}{4}, \frac{35}{4}\right)$$

Now distance between points P and Q by distance formula is

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \sqrt{\left(0 - \frac{27}{4}\right)^2 + \left(-3 - \frac{6}{4}\right)^2 + \left(2 - \frac{35}{4}\right)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\left(\frac{-27}{4}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{-18}{4}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{-27}{4}\right)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{45.5625 + 20.25 + 45.5625} \\ &= \sqrt{111.375} \\ &= 10.55 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore distance of point P from the given plane measured parallel to the given line is

$$d = 10.55 \text{ units}$$

23. Question

Find the equation of the line passing through the point P(4, 6, 2) and the point of intersection of the line $\frac{x-1}{3} = \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z+1}{7}$ and the plane $x + y - z = 8$.

Answer

Given :

$$\text{Equation of plane : } x + y - z = 8$$

Equation of line :

$$\frac{x-1}{3} = \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z+1}{7}$$

$$\text{Point : } P = (4, 6, 2)$$

To Find : Equation of line.

Formula :

Equation of line passing through A = (x₁, y₁, z₁) &

B = (x₂, y₂, z₂) is

$$\frac{x-x_1}{x_1-x_2} = \frac{y-y_1}{y_1-y_2} = \frac{z-z_1}{z_1-z_2}$$

let Q (a, b, c) be point of intersection of plane and line.

As point Q lies on the line, we can write,

$$\frac{a-1}{3} = \frac{b}{2} = \frac{c+1}{7} = k(\text{say})$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 3k+1, b = 2k, c = 7k-1$$

Also point Q lies on the plane,

$$a + b - c = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow (3k+1) + (2k) - (7k-1) = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow 3k + 1 + 2k - 7k + 1 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow -2k = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow k = -3$$

$$\therefore a = 3(-3) + 1 = -8,$$

$$b = -2(-3) = -6$$

$$c = 7(-3) - 1 = -22$$

Therefore, co-ordinates of point of intersection of given line and plane are Q = (-8, -6, -22)

Now, equation of line passing through P(4,6,2) and



Q(-8, -6, -22) is

$$\frac{x-4}{4+8} = \frac{y-6}{6+6} = \frac{z-2}{2+22}$$

$$\therefore \frac{x-4}{12} = \frac{y-6}{12} = \frac{z-2}{24}$$

$$\therefore \frac{x-4}{1} = \frac{y-6}{1} = \frac{z-2}{2}$$

This is the equation of required line

24. Question

Show that the distance of the point of intersection of the line $\frac{x-2}{3} = \frac{y+1}{4} = \frac{z-2}{12}$ and the plane $x - y + z = 5$ from the point (-1, -5, -10) is 13 units.

Answer

Given :

Equation of plane : $x - y + z = 5$

Equation of line :

$$\frac{x-2}{3} = \frac{y+1}{4} = \frac{z-2}{12}$$

Point : P = (-1, -5, -10)

To Prove : Distance of point P from the given plane parallel to the given line is 13 units.

Formula :

1) Equation of line :

Equation of line passing through A = (x₁, y₁, z₁) & having direction ratios (a, b, c) is

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

2) Distance formula :

The distance between two points A = (a₁, a₂, a₃) & B = (b₁, b₂, b₃) is

$$d = \sqrt{(a_1 - b_1)^2 + (a_2 - b_2)^2 + (a_3 - b_3)^2}$$

For the given line,

$$\frac{x-2}{3} = \frac{y+1}{4} = \frac{z-2}{12}$$

Direction ratios are (a, b, c) = (3, 4, 12)

Let Q be the point on the plane such that \overline{PQ} is parallel to the given line.

Therefore direction ratios of given line and line PQ will be same.

Therefore equation of line PQ with point P = (-1, -5, -10) and with direction ratios (3, 4, 12) is

$$\frac{x+1}{3} = \frac{y+5}{4} = \frac{z+10}{12}$$

Let co-ordinates of Q be (u, v, w)

As point Q lies on the line PQ, we can write,

$$\frac{u+1}{3} = \frac{v+5}{4} = \frac{w+10}{12} = k(\text{say})$$

$$\Rightarrow u = 3k-1, v = 4k-5, w = 12k-10 \dots\dots(1)$$

Also point Q lies on the plane

$$u - v + w = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow (3k-1) - (4k-5) + (12k-10) = 5 \dots\dots\text{from (1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3k - 1 - 4k + 5 + 12k - 10 = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 11k = 11$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 1$$

$$\therefore u = 3(1) - 1 = 2,$$

$$v = 4(1) - 5 = -1$$

$$w = 12(1) - 10 = 2$$

Therefore, co-ordinates of point Q are

$$Q \equiv (2, -1, 2)$$

Now distance between points P and Q by distance formula is

$$\begin{aligned}
 d &= \sqrt{(-1 - 2)^2 + (-5 + 1)^2 + (-10 - 2)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{(-3)^2 + (-4)^2 + (-12)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{9 + 16 + 144} \\
 &= \sqrt{169} \\
 &= 13
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore distance of point P from the given plane measured parallel to the given line is

$$d = 13 \text{ units}$$

Hence proved.

25. Question

Find the distance of the point A(-1, -5, -10) from the point of intersection of the line $\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) + \lambda(3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$ and the plane $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 5$.

HINT: Convert the equations of the line and the plane to Cartesian form.

Answer

Given :

$$\text{Equation of plane : } \vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 5$$

Equation of line :

$$\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) + \lambda(3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

$$\text{Point : } P = (-1, -5, -10)$$

To Find : Distance of point P from the given plane parallel to the given line.

Formula :

1) Equation of line :

Equation of line passing through A = (x₁, y₁, z₁) & having direction ratios (a, b, c) is

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

2) Distance formula :

The distance between two points A = (a₁, a₂, a₃) & B = (b₁, b₂, b₃) is

$$d = \sqrt{(a_1 - b_1)^2 + (a_2 - b_2)^2 + (a_3 - b_3)^2}$$

for the given plane,

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 5$$

$$\text{Here, } \vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$$

$$(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow x - y + z = 5 \dots\dots\dots \text{eq(1)}$$

For the given line,

$$\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) + \lambda(3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

$$\text{Here, } \vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})\lambda = (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) - (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

$$\therefore 3\lambda\hat{i} + 4\lambda\hat{j} + 2\lambda\hat{k} = (x - 2)\hat{i} + (y + 1)\hat{j} + (z - 2)\hat{k}$$

Comparing coefficients of \hat{i}, \hat{j} & \hat{k}

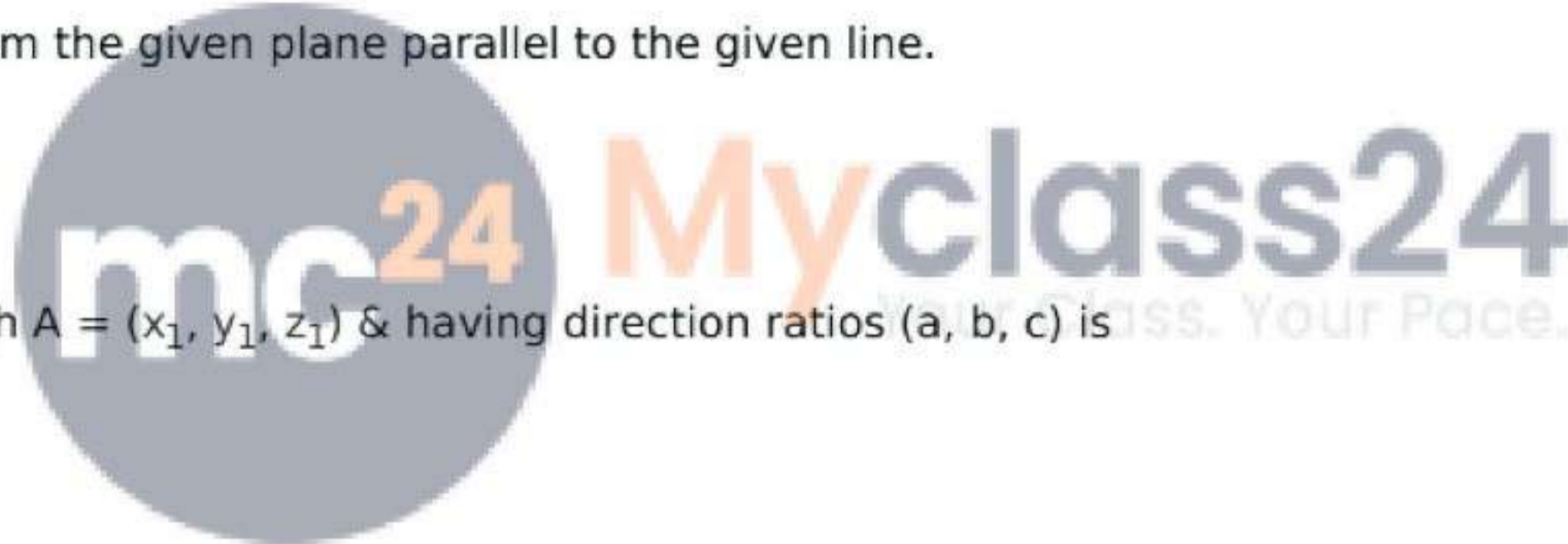
$$\Rightarrow 3\lambda = (x - 2), 4\lambda = (y + 1) \text{ \& } 2\lambda = (z - 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{x-2}{3} = \frac{y+1}{4} = \frac{z-2}{2} \dots\dots\dots \text{eq(2)}$$

Direction ratios for above line are (a, b, c) = (3, 4, 2)

Let Q be the point on the plane such that \overline{PQ} is parallel to the given line.

Therefore direction ratios of given line and line PQ will be same.



Therefore equation of line PQ with point P = (-1, -5, -10) and with direction ratios (3, 4, 2) is

$$\frac{x + 1}{3} = \frac{y + 5}{4} = \frac{z + 10}{2}$$

Let co-ordinates of Q be (u, v, w)

As point Q lies on the line PQ, we can write,

$$\frac{u + 1}{3} = \frac{v + 5}{4} = \frac{w + 10}{2} = k(\text{say})$$

$$\Rightarrow u = 3k - 1, v = 4k - 5, w = 2k - 10 \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

Also point Q lies on the given plane

Therefore from eq(1), we can write,

$$u - v + w = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow (3k - 1) - (4k - 5) + (2k - 10) = 5 \dots\dots\text{from (3)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3k - 1 - 4k + 5 + 2k - 10 = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 11$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 11$$

$$\therefore u = 3(11) - 1 = 32,$$

$$v = 4(11) - 5 = 39$$

$$w = 2(11) - 10 = 12$$

Therefore, co-ordinates of point Q are

$$Q \equiv (32, 39, 12)$$

Now the distance between points P and Q by distance formula is

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \sqrt{(-1 - 32)^2 + (-5 - 39)^2 + (-10 - 12)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(-33)^2 + (-44)^2 + (-22)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{1089 + 1936 + 484} \\ &= \sqrt{3509} \\ &= 59.24 \end{aligned}$$



Therefore distance of point P from the given plane measured parallel to the given line is

$$d = 59.24 \text{ units}$$

26. Question

Prove that the normals to the planes $4x + 11y + 2z + 3 = 0$ and $3x - 2y + 5z = 8$ are perpendicular to each other.

Answer

Given :

Equations of plane are :

$$4x + 11y + 2z + 3 = 0$$

$$3x - 2y + 5z = 8$$

To Prove : \vec{n}_1 & \vec{n}_2 are perpendicular.

Formula :

1) Dot Product :

If \vec{a} & \vec{b} are two vectors

$$\vec{a} = a_1\hat{i} + a_2\hat{j} + a_3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$$

then,

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = (a_1 \times b_1) + (a_2 \times b_2) + (a_3 \times b_3)$$

Note :

Direction ratios of the plane given by

$$ax + by + cz = d$$

are (a, b, c).

For plane

$$4x + 11y + 2z + 3 = 0$$

direction ratios of normal vector are (4, 11, 2)

therefore, equation of normal vector is

$$\vec{n}_1 = 4\hat{i} + 11\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

And for plane

$$3x - 2y + 5z = 8$$

direction ratios of the normal vector are (3, -2, 5)

therefore, the equation of normal vector is

$$\vec{n}_2 = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

Now,

$$\vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2 = (4\hat{i} + 11\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$$

$$= (4 \times 3) + (11 \times (-2)) + (2 \times 5)$$

$$= 12 - 22 + 10$$

$$= 0$$

$$\therefore \vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2 = 0$$

Therefore, normals to the given planes are perpendicular.

27. Question

Show that the line $\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$ is parallel to the plane $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 7$.

Answer

Given :

$$\text{Equation of plane : } \vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 7$$

Equation of a line :

$$\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$$

To Prove : Given line is parallel to the given plane.

Comparing given plane i.e.

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 7$$

with $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{n}$, we get,

$$\vec{n} = \hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

This is the vector perpendicular to the given plane.

Now, comparing the given the equation of line i.e.

$$\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$$

with $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b}$, we get,

$$\vec{b} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

Now,

$$\vec{n} \cdot \vec{b} = (\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$$

$$= (1 \times 1) + (5 \times (-1)) + (1 \times 4)$$

$$= 1 - 5 + 4$$

$$= 0$$

$$\therefore \vec{n} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$$

Therefore, a vector normal to the plane is perpendicular to the vector parallel to the line.

Hence, the given line is parallel to the given plane.

28. Question

Find the equation of a plane which is at a distance of $3\sqrt{3}$ units from the origin and the normal to which is equally inclined to the coordinate axes.

Answer

Given :

$$d = 3\sqrt{3}$$

$$\alpha = \beta = \gamma$$

To Find : Equation of plane

Formulae :

1) Distance of plane from the origin :

If $\vec{n} = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$ is the vector normal to the plane, then distance of the plane from the origin is

$$d = \frac{p}{|\vec{n}|}$$

Where, $|\vec{n}| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$

2) $l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1$

Where $l = \cos \alpha, m = \cos \beta, n = \cos \gamma$

3) Equation of plane :

If $\vec{n} = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$ is the vector normal to the plane, then equation of the plane is

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = p$$

$$\text{As } \alpha = \beta = \gamma$$

$$\therefore \cos \alpha = \cos \beta = \cos \gamma$$

$$\Rightarrow l = m = n$$

$$l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1$$

$$\therefore 3l^2 = 1$$

$$\therefore l = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Therefore equation of normal vector of the plane having direction cosines l, m, n is

$$\vec{n} = l\hat{i} + m\hat{j} + n\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{j} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{n}| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= \sqrt{1}$$

$$= 1$$

Now,

distance of the plane from the origin is

$$d = \frac{p}{|\vec{n}|}$$

$$\therefore 3\sqrt{3} = \frac{p}{1}$$

$$\therefore p = 3\sqrt{3}$$

Therefore equation of required plane is

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = p$$

$$\therefore (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{j} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{k}\right) = 3\sqrt{3}$$

$$\therefore \frac{x}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{z}{\sqrt{3}} = 3\sqrt{3}$$

$$\therefore x + y + z = 3\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{3}$$

$$\therefore x + y + z = 9$$

This is the required equation of the plane.



29. Question

A vector \vec{n} of magnitude 8 units is inclined to the x-axis at 45° , y-axis at 60° and an acute angle with the z-axis, if a plane passes through a point $(\sqrt{2}, -1, 1)$ and is normal to find its equation in vector form.

Answer

Given :

$$|\vec{n}| = 8$$

$$\alpha = 45^\circ$$

$$\beta = 60^\circ$$

$$P = (\sqrt{2}, -1, 1)$$

To Find : Equation of plane

Formulae :

$$1) l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1$$

Where $l = \cos \alpha, m = \cos \beta, n = \cos \gamma$

2) Equation of plane :

If $\vec{n} = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$ is the vector normal to the plane, then equation of the plane is

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = p$$

$$\text{As } \alpha = 45^\circ \text{ \& } \beta = 60^\circ$$

$$\therefore l = \cos \alpha = \cos 45^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ and}$$

$$m = \cos \beta = \cos 60^\circ = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{But, } l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + n^2 = 1$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + n^2 = 1$$

$$\therefore n^2 = 1 - \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\therefore n^2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\therefore n = \frac{1}{2}$$

Therefore direction cosines of the normal vector of the plane are (l, m, n)

Hence direction ratios are (kl, km, kn)

Therefore the equation of normal vector is

$$\vec{n} = kl\hat{i} + km\hat{j} + kn\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{n}| = \sqrt{(kl)^2 + (km)^2 + (kn)^2}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{n}| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{k}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{k}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{k}{2}\right)^2}$$

$$\therefore 8 = \sqrt{\frac{k^2}{2} + \frac{k^2}{4} + \frac{k^2}{4}}$$

$$\therefore 8 = \sqrt{k^2}$$

$$\therefore k = 8$$

$$\vec{n} = \left(\frac{8}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\hat{i} + \left(\frac{8}{2}\right)\hat{j} + \left(\frac{8}{2}\right)\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{n} = 4\sqrt{2}\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

Now, equation of the plane is

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = p$$

$$\therefore \vec{r} \cdot (4\sqrt{2}\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) = p \dots\dots\dots\text{eq(1)}$$



But $\vec{r} = (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k})$

$\therefore (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) \cdot (4\sqrt{2}\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) = p$

$\Rightarrow 4\sqrt{2}x + 4y + 4z = p$

As point P ($\sqrt{2}, -1, 1$) lies on the plane by substituting it in above equation,

$4\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{2}) + 4(-1) + 4(1) = p$

$\Rightarrow 8 - 4 + 4 = p$

$\Rightarrow p = 8$

From eq(1)

$\therefore \vec{r} \cdot (4\sqrt{2}\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) = 8$

Dividing throughout by 4

$\therefore \vec{r} \cdot (\sqrt{2}\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 2$

This is the equation of required plane.

30. Question

Find the vector equation of a line passing through the point $(2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k})$ and perpendicular to the plane $\vec{r} \cdot (6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) - 2 = 0$.

Also, find the point of intersection of this line and the plane.

Answer

Given :

$\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$

Equation of plane : $\vec{r} \cdot (6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) = -2$

To Find :

Equation of line

Point of intersection

Formula :

Equation of line passing through point A with position vector \vec{a} and parallel to vector \vec{b} is *Your Pace.*

$\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b}$

Where, $\vec{r} = (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k})$

From the given equation of the plane

$\vec{r} \cdot (6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) = -2$ eq(1)

The normal vector of the plane is

$\vec{n} = 6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$

As the given line is perpendicular to the plane therefore \vec{n} will be parallel to the line.

$\therefore \vec{n} = \vec{b}$

Now, the equation of the line passing through $\vec{a} = (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k})$ and parallel to $\vec{b} = (6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$ is

$\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b}$

$\therefore \vec{r} = (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) + \lambda(6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$

.....eq(2)

This is the required equation line.

Substituting $\vec{r} = (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k})$ in eq(1)

$(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) \cdot (6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) = -2$

$\Rightarrow 6x - 3y + 5z = -2$ eq(3)

Also substituting $\vec{r} = (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k})$ in eq(2)

$(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) = (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) + \lambda(6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$

$\therefore (6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k})\lambda = (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) - (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k})$

$\therefore 6\lambda\hat{i} - 3\lambda\hat{j} + 5\lambda\hat{k} = (x - 2)\hat{i} + (y + 3)\hat{j} + (z + 5)\hat{k}$

Comparing coefficients of \hat{i}, \hat{j} & \hat{k}

$$\Rightarrow 6\lambda = (x - 2), -3\lambda = (y + 3) \text{ \& } 5\lambda = (z + 5)$$

$$\lambda = \frac{x-2}{6} = \frac{y+3}{-3} = \frac{z+5}{5} \dots\dots\dots \text{eq(4)}$$

Let Q(a, b, c) be the point of intersection of given line and plane

As point Q lies on the given line.

Therefore from eq(4)

$$\frac{a - 2}{6} = \frac{b + 3}{-3} = \frac{c + 5}{5} = k(\text{say})$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 6k+2, b = -3k-3, c = 5k-5$$

Also point Q lies on the plane.

Therefore from eq(3)

$$6a - 3b + 5c = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow 6(6k+2) - 3(-3k-3) + 5(5k-5) = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow 36k + 12 + 9k + 9 + 25k - 25 = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow 70k = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{35}$$

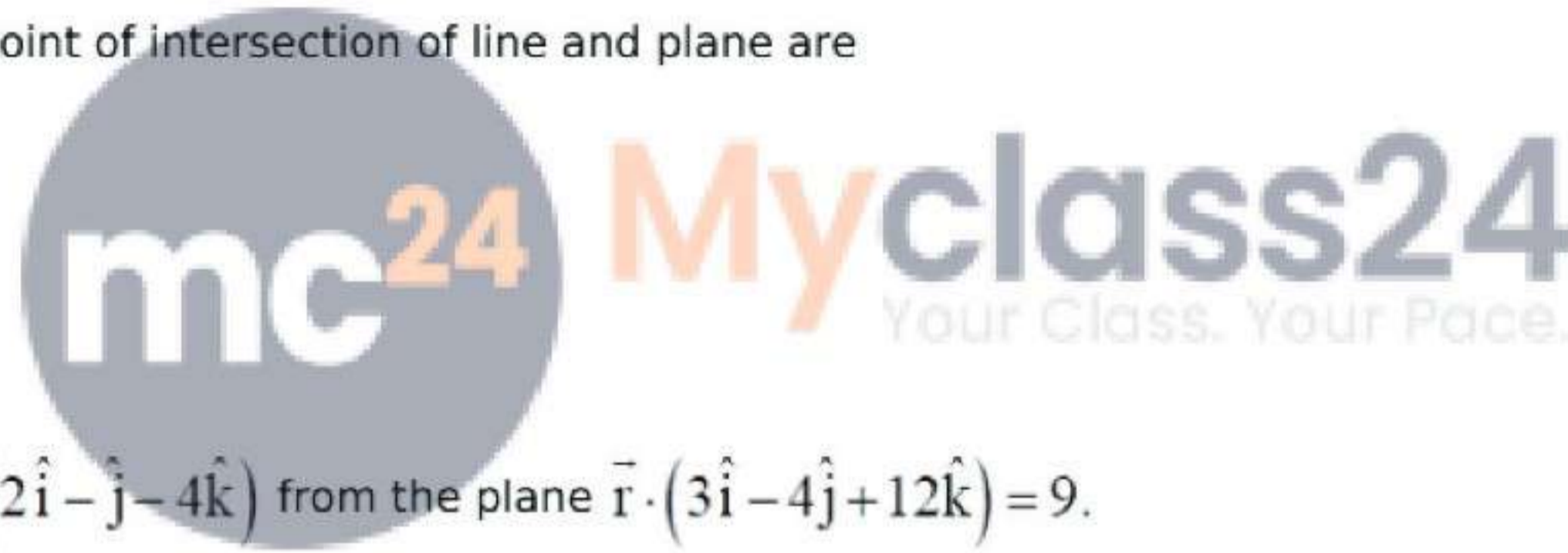
$$\therefore a = 6\left(\frac{1}{35}\right) + 2 = \frac{76}{35}$$

$$b = -3\left(\frac{1}{35}\right) - 3 = \frac{-108}{35}$$

$$c = 5\left(\frac{1}{35}\right) - 5 = \frac{-170}{35} = \frac{-34}{7}$$

Therefore co-ordinates of the point of intersection of line and plane are

$$Q \equiv \left(\frac{76}{35}, \frac{-108}{35}, \frac{-34}{7}\right)$$



Exercise 28C

1. Question

Find the distance of the point $(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 4\hat{k})$ from the plane $\vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}) = 9$.

Answer

$$\text{Formula : Distance} = \frac{|Ax_1 + By_1 + Cz_1 + D|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + C^2}}$$

where (x_1, y_1, z_1) is point from which distance is to be calculated

Therefore ,

Plane $r \cdot (3i - 4j + 12k) = 9$ can be written in cartesian form as

$$3x - 4y + 12z = 9$$

$$3x - 4y + 12z - 9 = 0$$

$$\text{Point} = (2i - j - 4k)$$

Which can be also written as

$$\text{Point} = (2, -1, -4)$$

$$\text{Distance} = \frac{|(2 \times 3) + (-1 \times -4) + (-4 \times 12) + (-9)|}{\sqrt{(3)^2 + (-4)^2 + 12^2}}$$

$$= \frac{|6 + 4 - 48 - 9|}{\sqrt{9 + 16 + 144}}$$

$$= \frac{|-47|}{\sqrt{169}}$$

$$= \frac{47}{13} \text{ units}$$

2. Question

Find the distance of the point $(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$ from the plane $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) + 17 = 0$.

Answer

$$\text{Formula : Distance} = \frac{|Ax_1 + By_1 + Cz_1 + D|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + C^2}}$$

where (x_1, y_1, z_1) is point from which distance is to be calculated

Therefore ,

Plane $r.(i + j + k) + 17 = 0$ can be written in cartesian form as

$$x + y + z + 17 = 0$$

$$\text{Point} = (i + 2j + 5k)$$

Which can be also written as

$$\text{Point} = (1, 2, 5)$$

$$\text{Distance} = \frac{|(1 \times 1) + (2 \times 1) + (5 \times 1) + (17)|}{\sqrt{(1)^2 + (1)^2 + 1^2}}$$

$$= \frac{|1 + 2 + 5 + 17|}{\sqrt{1 + 1 + 1}}$$

$$= \frac{|25|}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \frac{25\sqrt{3}}{3} \text{ units}$$

3. Question

Find the distance of the point $(3, 4, 5)$ from the plane $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = 13$.

Answer

$$\text{Formula : Distance} = \frac{|Ax_1 + By_1 + Cz_1 + D|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + C^2}}$$

where (x_1, y_1, z_1) is point from which distance is to be calculated

Therefore ,

Plane $r.(2i - 5j + 3k) = 13$ can be written in cartesian form as

$$2x - 5y + 3z = 13$$

$$2x - 5y + 3z - 13 = 0$$

$$\text{Point} = (3, 4, 5)$$

$$\text{Distance} = \frac{|(3 \times 2) + (4 \times -5) + (5 \times 3) - (13)|}{\sqrt{(2)^2 + (-5)^2 + 3^2}}$$

$$= \frac{|6 - 20 + 15 - 13|}{\sqrt{4 + 25 + 9}}$$

$$= \frac{|-12|}{\sqrt{38}}$$

$$= \frac{12\sqrt{38}}{38} = \frac{6\sqrt{38}}{19} \text{ units}$$

4. Question

Find the distance of the point $(1, 1, 2)$ from the plane $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) + 5 = 0$.

Answer

$$\text{Formula : Distance} = \frac{|Ax_1 + By_1 + Cz_1 + D|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + C^2}}$$

where (x_1, y_1, z_1) is point from which distance is to be calculated

Therefore ,

Plane $r.(2i - 2j + 4k) + 5 = 0$ can be written in cartesian form as

$$2x - 2y + 4z + 5 = 0$$

$$\text{Point} = (1, 1, 2)$$

$$\text{Distance} = \frac{|(1 \times 2) + (1 \times -2) + (2 \times 4) + (5)|}{\sqrt{(2)^2 + (-2)^2 + (4)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{|2 - 2 + 8 + 5|}{\sqrt{4 + 4 + 16}}$$

$$= \frac{|13|}{\sqrt{24}}$$

$$= \frac{13}{2\sqrt{6}} = \frac{13\sqrt{6}}{12} \text{ units}$$

5. Question

Find the distance of the point (2, 1, 0) from the plane $2x + y + 2z + 5 = 0$.

Answer

$$\text{Formula : Distance} = \frac{|Ax_1 + By_1 + Cz_1 + D|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + C^2}}$$

where (x_1, y_1, z_1) is point from which distance is to be calculated

Therefore ,

$$2x + y + 2z + 5 = 0$$

$$\text{Point} = (2, 1, 0)$$

$$\text{Distance} = \frac{|(2 \times 2) + (1 \times 1) + (0 \times 2) + (5)|}{\sqrt{(2)^2 + (1)^2 + (2)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{|4 + 1 + 0 + 5|}{\sqrt{4 + 1 + 4}}$$

$$= \frac{|10|}{\sqrt{9}}$$

$$= \frac{10}{3} \text{ units}$$

6. Question

Find the distance of the point (2, 1, -1) from the plane $x - 2y + 4z = 9$.

Answer

$$\text{Formula : Distance} = \frac{|Ax_1 + By_1 + Cz_1 + D|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + C^2}}$$

where (x_1, y_1, z_1) is point from which distance is to be calculated

Therefore ,

$$x - 2y + 4z = 9$$

$$x - 2y + 4z - 9 = 0$$

$$\text{Point} = (2, 1, -1)$$

$$\text{Distance} = \frac{|(2 \times 1) + (1 \times -2) + (-1 \times 4) - (9)|}{\sqrt{(1)^2 + (-2)^2 + (4)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{|2 - 2 - 4 - 9|}{\sqrt{1 + 4 + 16}}$$

$$= \frac{|-13|}{\sqrt{21}}$$

$$= \frac{13}{\sqrt{21}} = \frac{13\sqrt{21}}{21} \text{ units}$$

7. Question

Show that the point (1, 2, 1) is equidistant from the planes $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) = 5$ and $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) + 3 = 0$.

Answer

$$\text{Formula : Distance} = \frac{|Ax_1 + By_1 + Cz_1 + D|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + C^2}}$$

where (x_1, y_1, z_1) is point from which distance is to be calculated

Therefore ,

First Plane $r \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) = 5$ can be written in cartesian form as

$$x + 2y - 2z = 5$$

$$x + 2y - 2z - 5 = 0$$

$$\text{Point} = (1, 2, 1)$$

$$\text{Distance for first plane} = \frac{|(1 \times 1) + (2 \times 2) + (1 \times -2) - (5)|}{\sqrt{(1)^2 + (2)^2 + (-2)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{|1 + 4 - 2 - 5|}{\sqrt{1 + 4 + 4}}$$

$$= \frac{|-2|}{\sqrt{9}}$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \text{ units}$$

Second Plane $r \cdot (2i - 2j + k) + 3 = 0$ can be written in cartesian form as

$$2x - 2y + z + 3 = 0$$

$$\text{Point} = (1, 2, 1)$$

$$\text{Distance for second plane} = \frac{|(1 \times 2) + (2 \times -2) + (1 \times 1) + (3)|}{\sqrt{(2)^2 + (-2)^2 + (1)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{|2 - 4 + 1 + 3|}{\sqrt{4 + 4 + 1}}$$

$$= \frac{|2|}{\sqrt{9}}$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \text{ units}$$

Hence proved.

8. Question

Show that the points $(-3, 0, 1)$ and $(1, 1, 1)$ are equidistant from the plane $3x + 4y - 12z + 13 = 0$.

Answer

$$\text{Formula : Distance} = \frac{|Ax_1 + By_1 + Cz_1 + D|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + C^2}}$$

where (x_1, y_1, z_1) is point from which distance is to be calculated

Therefore ,

$$\text{Plane} = 3x + 4y - 12z + 13 = 0$$

$$\text{First Point} = (-3, 0, 1)$$

$$\text{Distance for first point} = \frac{|(-3 \times 3) + (0 \times 4) + (1 \times -12) + (13)|}{\sqrt{(3)^2 + (4)^2 + (-12)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{|-9 + 0 - 12 + 13|}{\sqrt{9 + 16 + 144}}$$

$$= \frac{|-8|}{\sqrt{169}}$$

$$= \frac{8}{13} \text{ units}$$

$$\text{Plane} = 3x + 4y - 12z + 13 = 0$$

$$\text{Second Point} = (1, 1, 1)$$

$$\text{Distance for first point} = \frac{|(1 \times 3) + (1 \times 4) + (1 \times -12) + (13)|}{\sqrt{(3)^2 + (4)^2 + (-12)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{|3 + 4 - 12 + 13|}{\sqrt{9 + 16 + 144}}$$

$$= \frac{|8|}{\sqrt{169}}$$

$$= \frac{8}{13} \text{ units}$$

Hence proved.

9. Question

Find the distance between the parallel planes $2x + 3y + 4z = 4$ and $4x + 6y + 8z = 12$.

Answer

Formula : The distance between two parallel planes, say

Plane 1: $ax + by + cz + d_1 = 0$ &

Plane 2: $ax + by + cz + d_2 = 0$ is given by the formula

$$\text{Distance} = \frac{|d_2 - d_1|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

where (d_1, d_2) are constants of the planes

Therefore ,

First Plane $2x + 3y + 4z = 4$

$2x + 3y + 4z - 4 = 0$ (1)

Second plane $4x + 6y + 8z = 12$

$4x + 6y + 8z - 12 = 0$

$2(2x + 3y + 4z - 6) = 0$

$2x + 3y + 4z - 6 = 0$ (2)

Using equation (1) and (2)

$$\text{Distance between both planes} = \frac{|-6 - (-4)|}{\sqrt{(2)^2 + (3)^2 + (4)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{|-6 + 4|}{\sqrt{4 + 9 + 16}}$$

$$= \frac{|-2|}{\sqrt{29}}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{29}} = \frac{2\sqrt{29}}{29} \text{ units}$$

10. Question

Find the distance between the parallel planes $x + 2y - 2z + 4 = 0$ and $x + 2y - 2z - 8 = 0$.

Answer

Formula : The distance between two parallel planes, say

Plane 1: $ax + by + cz + d_1 = 0$ &

Plane 2: $ax + by + cz + d_2 = 0$ is given by the formula

$$\text{Distance} = \frac{|d_2 - d_1|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

where (d_1, d_2) are constants of the planes

Therefore ,

First Plane $x + 2y - 2z + 4 = 0$ (1)

Second plane $x + 2y - 2z - 8 = 0$ (2)

Using equation (1) and (2)

$$\text{Distance between both planes} = \frac{|-8 - (4)|}{\sqrt{(1)^2 + (2)^2 + (2)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{|-12|}{\sqrt{1 + 4 + 4}}$$

$$= \frac{12}{\sqrt{9}}$$

$$= \frac{12}{3} = 4 \text{ units}$$

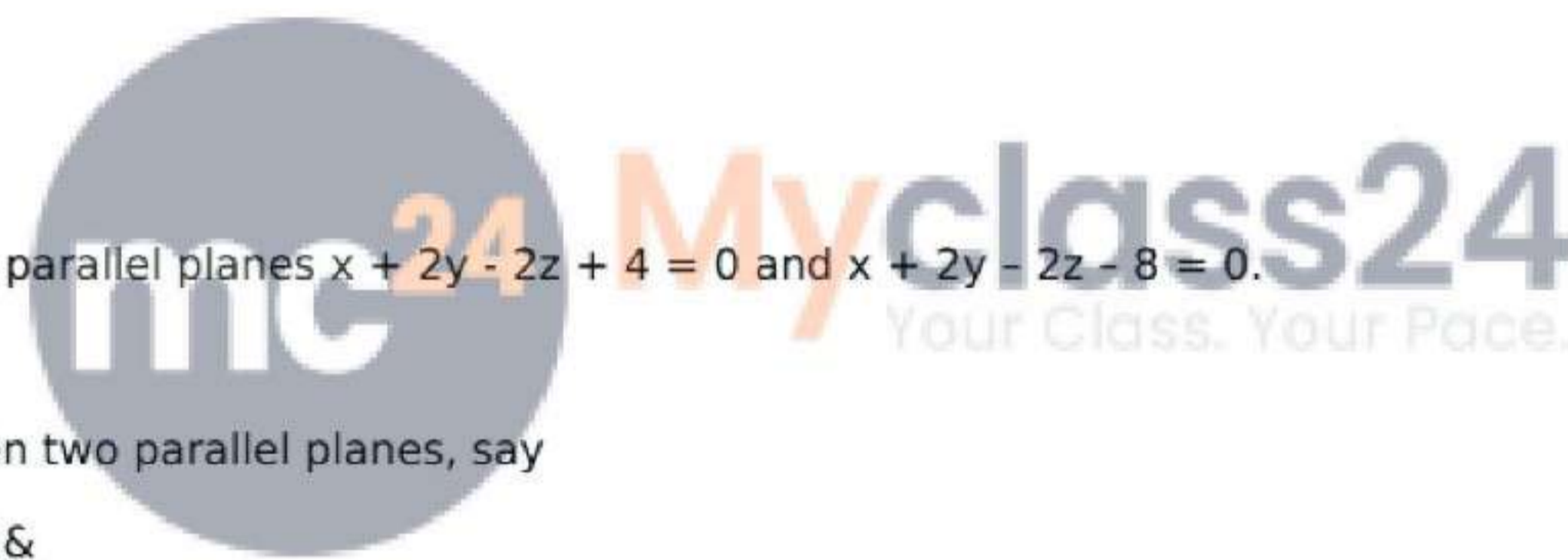
11. Question

Find the equation of the planes parallel to the plane $x - 2y + 2z - 3 = 0$, each one of which is at a unit distance from the point $(1, 1, 1)$.

Answer

Formula : Plane = $r \cdot (n) = d$

Where r = any random point



n = normal vector of plane

d = distance of plane from origin

If two planes are parallel, then their normal vectors are same

Therefore,

Parallel Plane $x - 2y + 2z - 3 = 0$

Normal vector = $(i - 2j + 2k)$

∴ Normal vector of required plane = $(i - 2j + 2k)$

Equation of required planes $r \cdot (i - 2j + 2k) = d$

In cartesian form $x - 2y + 2z = d$

It should be at unit distance from point $(1,1,1)$

$$\text{Distance} = \frac{|(1 \times 1) + (1 \times -2) + (1 \times 2) - d|}{\sqrt{(1)^2 + (-2)^2 + (2)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{|1 - 2 + 2 - d|}{\sqrt{1 + 4 + 4}}$$

$$= \frac{|1 - d|}{\sqrt{9}}$$

$$1 = \frac{\pm(1 - d)}{3}$$

$$3 = \pm(1 - d)$$

For + sign $\Rightarrow 3 = 1 - d \Rightarrow d = -2$

For - sign $\Rightarrow 3 = -1 + d \Rightarrow d = 4$

Therefore equations of planes are :-

For $d = -2$ For $d = 4$

$$x - 2y + 2z = d \quad x - 2y + 2z = d$$

$$x - 2y + 2z = -2 \quad x - 2y + 2z = 4$$

$$x - 2y + 2z + 2 = 0 \quad x - 2y + 2z - 4 = 0$$

$$\text{Required planes} = x - 2y + 2z + 2 = 0$$

$$x - 2y + 2z - 4 = 0$$

12. Question

Find the equation of the plane parallel to the plane $2x - 3y + 5z + 7 = 0$ and passing through the point $(3, 4, -1)$. Also, find the distance between the two planes.

Answer

Formula : Plane = $r \cdot (n) = d$

Where r = any random point

n = normal vector of plane

d = distance of plane from origin

The distance between two parallel planes, say

Plane 1: $ax + by + cz + d_1 = 0$ &

Plane 2: $ax + by + cz + d_2 = 0$ is given by the formula

$$\text{Distance} = \frac{|d_2 - d_1|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

If two planes are parallel, then their normal vectors are same

Therefore,

Parallel Plane $2x - 3y + 5z + 7 = 0$

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

∴ Normal vector of required plane = $(2i - 3j + 5k)$

Equation of required plane $r \cdot (2i - 3j + 5k) = d$

In cartesian form $2x - 3y + 5z = d$

Plane passes through point $(3, 4, -1)$ therefore it will satisfy it.



$$2(3) - 3(4) + 5(-1) = d$$

$$6 - 12 - 5 = d$$

$$d = -11$$

Equation of required plane $2x - 3y + 5z = -11$

$$2x - 3y + 5z + 11 = 0$$

Therefore ,

$$\text{First Plane } 2x - 3y + 5z + 7 = 0 \dots\dots (1)$$

$$\text{Second plane } 2x - 3y + 5z + 11 = 0 \dots\dots (2)$$

Using equation (1) and (2)

$$\text{Distance between both planes} = \frac{|11-7|}{\sqrt{(2)^2 + (-3)^2 + (5)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{|4|}{\sqrt{4 + 9 + 25}}$$

$$= \frac{4}{\sqrt{38}}$$

$$= \frac{4\sqrt{38}}{38} = \frac{2\sqrt{38}}{19} \text{ units}$$

13. Question

Find the equation of the plane mid - parallel to the planes $2x - 3y + 6z + 21 = 0$ and $2x - 3y + 6z - 14 = 0$

Answer

Formula : The equation of mid parallel plane is , say

$$\text{Plane 1: } ax + by + cz + d_1 = 0 \&$$

Plane 2: $ax + by + cz + d_2 = 0$ is given by the formula

$$\text{Mid parallel plane} = ax + by + cz + \frac{(d_1 + d_2)}{2} = 0$$

where (d_1, d_2) are constants of the planes

Therefore ,

$$\text{First Plane } 2x - 3y + 6z + 21 = 0 \dots\dots (1)$$

$$\text{Second plane } 2x - 3y + 6z - 14 = 0 \dots\dots (2)$$

Using equation (1) and (2)

$$\text{Mid parallel plane} = 2x - 3y + 6z + \frac{21-14}{2} = 0$$

$$4x - 6y + 12z + 7 = 0$$

Exercise 28D

1. Question

Show that the planes $2x - y + 6z = 5$ and $5x - 2.5y + 15z = 12$ are parallel.

Answer

Formula : Plane = $r \cdot (n) = d$

Where r = any random point

n = normal vector of plane

d = distance of plane from origin

If two planes are parallel , then their normal vectors are either same or proportional to each other

Therefore ,

$$\text{Plane 1 : } -2x - y + 6z = 5$$

$$\text{Normal vector (Plane 1) } = (2i - j + 6k) \dots\dots(1)$$

$$\text{Plane 2 : } -5x - 2.5y + 15z = 12$$

$$\text{Normal vector (Plane 2) } = (5i - 2.5j + 15k) \dots\dots(2)$$

Multiply equation(1) by 5 and equation(2) by 2

$$\text{Normal vector (Plane 1) } = 5(2i - j + 6k)$$



$$= 10i - 5j + 30k$$

$$\text{Normal vector (Plane 2)} = 2(5i - 2.5j + 15k)$$

$$= 10i - 5j + 30k$$

Since, both normal vectors are same. Therefore both planes are parallel

2. Question

Find the vector equation of the plane through the point $(3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - \hat{k})$ and parallel to the plane $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) + 5 = 0$.

Answer

$$\text{Formula : Plane} = r \cdot (n) = d$$

Where r = any random point

n = normal vector of plane

d = distance of plane from origin

If two planes are parallel, then their normal vectors are same.

Therefore,

$$\text{Parallel Plane } r \cdot (2i - 3j + 5k) + 5 = 0$$

$$\text{Normal vector} = (2i - 3j + 5k)$$

$$\therefore \text{Normal vector of required plane} = (2i - 3j + 5k)$$

$$\text{Equation of required plane } r \cdot (2i - 3j + 5k) = d$$

$$\text{In cartesian form } 2x - 3y + 5z = d$$

Plane passes through point $(3, 4, -1)$ therefore it will satisfy it.

$$2(3) - 3(4) + 5(-1) = d$$

$$6 - 12 - 5 = d$$

$$d = -11$$

$$\text{Equation of required plane } r \cdot (2i - 3j + 5k) = -11$$

$$r \cdot (2i - 3j + 5k) + 11 = 0$$



3. Question

Find the vector equation of the plane passing through the point (a, b, b) and parallel to the plane $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 2$.

There is a error in question the point should be (a, b, c) instead of (a, b, b) to get the required answer.

Answer

$$\text{Formula : Plane} = r \cdot (n) = d$$

Where r = any random point

n = normal vector of plane

d = distance of plane from origin

If two planes are parallel, then their normal vectors are same.

Therefore,

$$\text{Parallel Plane } r \cdot (i + j + k) = 2$$

$$\text{Normal vector} = (i + j + k)$$

$$\therefore \text{Normal vector of required plane} = (i + j + k)$$

$$\text{Equation of required plane } r \cdot (i + j + k) = d$$

$$\text{In cartesian form } x + y + z = d$$

Plane passes through point (a, b, c) therefore it will satisfy it.

$$(a) + (b) + (c) = d$$

$$d = a + b + c$$

$$\text{Equation of required plane } r \cdot (i + j + k) = a + b + c$$

4. Question

Find the vector equation of the plane passing through the point $(1, 1, 1)$ and parallel to the plane $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) = 5$.

Answer

Formula : Plane = $r \cdot (n) = d$

Where r = any random point

n = normal vector of plane

d = distance of plane from origin

If two planes are parallel , then their normal vectors are same.

Therefore ,

Parallel Plane $r \cdot (2i - j + 2k) = 5$

Normal vector = $(2i - j + 2k)$

\therefore Normal vector of required plane = $(2i - j + 2k)$

Equation of required plane $r \cdot (2i - j + 2k) = d$

In cartesian form $2x - y + 2z = d$

Plane passes through point $(1,1,1)$ therefore it will satisfy it.

$$2(1) - (1) + 2(1) = d$$

$$d = 2 - 1 + 2 = 3$$

Equation of required plane $r \cdot (2i - j + 2k) = 3$

5. Question

Find the equation of the plane passing through the point $(1, 4, -2)$ and parallel to the plane $2x - y + 3z + 7 = 0$.

Answer

Formula : Plane = $r \cdot (n) = d$

Where r = any random point

n = normal vector of plane

d = distance of plane from origin

If two planes are parallel , then their normal vectors are same.

Therefore ,

Parallel Plane $2x - y + 3z + 7 = 0$

Normal vector = $(2i - j + 3k)$

\therefore Normal vector of required plane = $(2i - j + 3k)$

Equation of required plane $r \cdot (2i - j + 3k) = d$

In cartesian form $2x - y + 3z = d$

Plane passes through point $(1,4, -2)$ therefore it will satisfy it.

$$2(1) - (4) + 3(-2) = d$$

$$d = 2 - 4 - 6 = -8$$

Equation of required plane $2x - y + 3z = -8$

$$2x - y + 3z + 8 = 0$$

6. Question

Find the equations of the plane passing through the origin and parallel to the plane $2x - 3y + 7z + 13 = 0$.

Answer

Formula : Plane = $r \cdot (n) = d$

Where r = any random point

n = normal vector of plane

d = distance of plane from origin

If two planes are parallel , then their normal vectors are same.

Therefore ,

Parallel Plane $2x - 3y + 7z + 13 = 0$

Normal vector = $(2i - 3j + 7k)$

\therefore Normal vector of required plane = $(2i - 3j + 7k)$

Equation of required plane $r \cdot (2i - 3j + 7k) = d$

In cartesian form $2x - 3y + 7z = d$



Plane passes through point (0,0,0) therefore it will satisfy it.

$$2(0) - (0) + 3(0) = d$$

$$d = 0$$

$$\text{Equation of required plane } 2x - 3y + 7z = 0$$

7. Question

Find the equations of the plane passing through the point (-1, 0, 7) and parallel to the plane $3x - 5y + 4z = 11$.

Answer

$$\text{Formula : Plane} = r \cdot (n) = d$$

Where r = any random point

n = normal vector of plane

d = distance of plane from origin

If two planes are parallel, then their normal vectors are same.

Therefore,

$$\text{Parallel Plane } 3x - 5y + 4z = 11$$

$$\text{Normal vector} = (3i - 5j + 4k)$$

$$\therefore \text{Normal vector of required plane} = (3i - 5j + 4k)$$

$$\text{Equation of required plane } r \cdot (3i - 5j + 4k) = d$$

$$\text{In cartesian form } 3x - 5y + 4z = d$$

Plane passes through point (-1,0,7) therefore it will satisfy it.

$$3(-1) - 5(0) + 4(7) = d$$

$$d = -3 + 28 = 25$$

$$\text{Equation of required plane } 3x - 5y + 4z = 25$$

8. Question

Find the equations of planes parallel to the plane $x - 2y + 2z = 3$ which are at a unit distance from the point (1, 2, 3).

Answer

$$\text{Formula : Plane} = r \cdot (n) = d$$

Where r = any random point

n = normal vector of plane

d = distance of plane from origin

If two planes are parallel, then their normal vectors are same

Therefore,

$$\text{Parallel Plane } x - 2y + 2z - 3 = 0$$

$$\text{Normal vector} = (i - 2j + 2k)$$

$$\therefore \text{Normal vector of required plane} = (i - 2j + 2k)$$

$$\text{Equation of required planes } r \cdot (i - 2j + 2k) = d$$

$$\text{In cartesian form } x - 2y + 2z = d$$

It should be at unit distance from point (1,2,3)

$$\text{Distance} = \frac{|(1 \times 1) + (2 \times -2) + (3 \times 2) - d|}{\sqrt{(1)^2 + (-2)^2 + (2)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{|1 - 4 + 6 - d|}{\sqrt{1 + 4 + 4}}$$

$$= \frac{|3 - d|}{\sqrt{9}}$$

$$1 = \frac{\pm(3 - d)}{3}$$

$$3 = \pm(3 - d)$$

$$\text{For + sign} \Rightarrow 3 = 3 - d \Rightarrow d = 0$$

$$\text{For - sign} \Rightarrow 3 = -3 + d \Rightarrow d = 6$$

Therefore equations of planes are :-

For d = 0 For d = 6

$$x - 2y + 2z = d \quad x - 2y + 2z = d$$

$$x - 2y + 2z = 0 \quad x - 2y + 2z = 6$$

Required planes = $x - 2y + 2z = 0$

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

9. Question

Find the distance between the planes $x + 2y + 3z + 7 = 0$ and $2x + 4y + 6z + 7 = 0$.

Answer

Formula : The distance between two parallel planes, say

$$\text{Plane 1: } ax + by + cz + d_1 = 0 \text{ \&}$$

Plane 2: $ax + by + cz + d_2 = 0$ is given by the formula

$$\text{Distance} = \frac{|d_2 - d_1|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

where (d_1, d_2) are constants of the planes

Therefore ,

$$\text{First Plane } x + 2y + 3z + 7 = 0$$

$$2(x + 2y + 3z + 7) = 0$$

$$2x + 4y + 6z + 14 = 0 \dots\dots (1)$$

$$\text{Second plane } 2x + 4y + 6z + 7 = 0 \dots\dots (2)$$

Using equation (1) and (2)

$$\text{Distance between both planes} = \frac{|7 - (14)|}{\sqrt{(2)^2 + (4)^2 + (6)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{|-7|}{\sqrt{4 + 16 + 36}}$$

$$= \frac{|-7|}{\sqrt{56}}$$

$$= \frac{7}{\sqrt{56}} \text{ units}$$



Exercise 28E

1. Question

Find the equation of the plane through the line of intersection of the planes $x + y + z = 6$ and $2x + 2y + 4z + 5 = 0$, and passing through the point $(1, 1, 1)$.

Answer

Equation of plane through the line of intersection of planes in Cartesian form is

$$A_1x + B_1y + C_1z + D_1 + \lambda(A_2x + B_2y + C_2z + D_2) = 0 \quad (1)$$

For the standard equation of planes,

$$A_1x + B_1y + C_1z + D_1 \text{ and } A_2x + B_2y + C_2z + D_2$$

So, putting in equation (1), we have

$$x + y + z - 6 + \lambda(2x + 2y + 4z + 5) = 0$$

$$(1 + 2\lambda)x + (1 + 2\lambda)y + (1 + 4\lambda)z - 6 + 5\lambda = 0 \quad (2)$$

Now plane passes through $(1,1,1)$ then it must satisfy the plane equation,

$$(1 + 2\lambda).1 + (1 + 2\lambda).1 + (1 + 4\lambda).1 - 6 + 5\lambda = 0$$

$$1 + 2\lambda + 1 + 2\lambda + 1 + 4\lambda - 6 + 5\lambda = 0$$

$$3 + 8\lambda - 6 + 5\lambda = 0$$

$$13\lambda = 3$$

$$\lambda = \frac{3}{13}$$

Putting in equation (2)

$$\left(1+2\cdot\frac{3}{13}\right)x+\left(1+2\cdot\frac{3}{13}\right)y+\left(1+4\cdot\frac{3}{13}\right)z-6+5\cdot\frac{3}{13}=0$$

$$\left(\frac{13+6}{13}\right)x+\left(\frac{13+6}{13}\right)y+\left(\frac{13+12}{13}\right)z+\frac{-78+15}{13}=0$$

$$19x + 19y + 25z - 63 = 0$$

So, the required equation of plane is $19x + 19y + 25z = 63$.

2. Question

Find the equation of the plane through the line of intersection of the planes $x - 3y + z + 6 = 0$ and $x + 2y + 3z + 5 = 0$, and passing through the origin.

Answer

Equation of plane through the line of intersection of planes in Cartesian form is

$$A_1x + B_1y + C_1z + D_1 + \lambda(A_2x + B_2y + C_2z + D_2) = 0 \quad (1)$$

For the standard equation of planes,

$$A_1x + B_1y + C_1z + D_1 \text{ and } A_2x + B_2y + C_2z + D_2$$

So, putting in equation (1), we have

$$x - 3y + z + 6 + \lambda(x + 2y + 3z + 5) = 0$$

$$(1 + \lambda)x + (-3 + 2\lambda)y + (1 + 3\lambda)z + 6 + 5\lambda = 0 \quad (2)$$

Now plane passes through (0,0,0) then it must satisfy the plane equation,

$$(1 + \lambda).0 + (-3 + 2\lambda).0 + (1 + 3\lambda).0 + 6 + 5\lambda = 0$$

$$5\lambda = -6$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-6}{5}$$

Putting in equation (2)

$$\left(1 + \frac{-6}{5}\right)x + \left(-3 + 2\cdot\frac{-6}{5}\right)y + \left(1 + 3\cdot\frac{-6}{5}\right)z + 6 + 5\cdot\frac{-6}{5} = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{5+(-6)}{5}\right)x + \left(\frac{-15-12}{5}\right)y + \left(\frac{5+(-18)}{5}\right)z + \frac{30+(-30)}{5} = 0$$

$$-x - 27y - 13z = 0$$

$$x + 27y + 13z = 0$$

So, required equation of plane is $x + 27y + 13z = 0$.

3. Question

Find the equation of the plane passing through the intersection of the planes $2x + 3y - z + 1 = 0$ and $x + y - 2z + 3 = 0$, and perpendicular to the plane $3x - y - 2z - 4 = 0$.

Answer

Equation of plane through the line of intersection of planes in Cartesian form is

$$A_1x + B_1y + C_1z + D_1 + \lambda(A_2x + B_2y + C_2z + D_2) = 0 \quad (1)$$

For the standard equation of planes,

$$A_1x + B_1y + C_1z + D_1 \text{ and } A_2x + B_2y + C_2z + D_2$$

So, putting in equation (1), we have

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

$$(2 + \lambda)x + (3 + \lambda)y + (-1 - 2\lambda)z + 1 + 3\lambda = 0 \quad (2)$$

Now as the plane $3x - y - 2z - 4 = 0$ is perpendicular to the given plane,

$$\text{For } \theta = 90^\circ, \cos 90^\circ = 0$$

$$A_1A_2 + B_1B_2 + C_1C_2 = 0 \quad (3)$$

On comparing with standard equations in Cartesian form,

$$A_1 = 2 + \lambda, B_1 = 3 + \lambda, C_1 = -1 - 2\lambda \text{ and } A_2 = 3, B_2 = -1, C_2 = -2$$

Putting values in equation (3), we have

$$(2 + \lambda) \cdot 3 + (3 + \lambda) \cdot (-1) + (-1 - 2\lambda) \cdot (-2) = 0$$

$$6 + 3\lambda - 3 - \lambda + 2 + 4\lambda = 0$$

$$5 + 6\lambda = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-5}{6}$$

Putting in equation(2)

$$\left(2 + \frac{-5}{6}\right)x + \left(3 + \frac{-5}{6}\right)y + \left(-1 - 2 \cdot \frac{-5}{6}\right)z + 1 + 3 \cdot \frac{-5}{6} = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{12-5}{6}\right)x + \left(\frac{18-5}{6}\right)y + \left(\frac{-6+10}{6}\right)z + \frac{6-15}{6} = 0$$

$$7x + 13y + 4z - 9 = 0$$

$$7x + 13y + 4z = 9$$

So, required equation of plane is $7x + 13y + 4z = 9$.

4. Question

Find the equation of the plane passing through the line of intersection of the planes $2x - y = 0$ and $3z - y = 0$, and perpendicular to the plane $4x + 5y - 3z = 9$.

Answer

Equation of plane through the line of intersection of planes in Cartesian form is

$$A_1x + B_1y + C_1z + D_1 + \lambda(A_2x + B_2y + C_2z + D_2) = 0 \quad (1)$$

For the standard equation of planes,

$$A_1x + B_1y + C_1z + D_1 \text{ and } A_2x + B_2y + C_2z + D_2$$

So, putting in equation (1), we have

$$2x - y + \lambda(3z - y) = 0$$

$$2x + (-1 - \lambda)y + 3\lambda z = 0 \quad (2)$$

Now as the plane is perpendicular the given plane,

$$\text{For } \theta = 90^\circ, \cos 90^\circ = 0$$

$$A_1A_2 + B_1B_2 + C_1C_2 = 0 \quad (3)$$

On comparing with standard equations in Cartesian form,

$$A_1 = 2, B_1 = -1 - \lambda, C_1 = 3\lambda \text{ and } A_2 = 4, B_2 = 5, C_2 = -3$$

Putting values in equation(3),

$$2 \cdot 4 + (-1 - \lambda) \cdot 5 + 3\lambda \cdot (-3) = 0$$

$$8 - 5 - 5\lambda - 9\lambda = 0$$

$$-14\lambda = -3$$

$$\lambda = \frac{3}{14}$$

Putting in equation(2)

$$2x + \left(-1 - \frac{3}{14}\right)y + 3\left(\frac{3}{14}\right)z = 0$$

$$2x + \left(\frac{-14-3}{14}\right)y + \frac{9}{14}z = 0$$

$$28x - 17y + 9z = 0$$

So, required equation of plane is $28x - 17y + 9z = 0$.

5. Question

Find the equation of the plane passing through the intersection of the planes $x - 2y + z = 1$ and $2x + y + z = 8$, and parallel to the line with direction ratios 1, 2, 1. Also, find the perpendicular distance of (1, 1, 1) from the plane.

Answer



Equation of plane through the line of intersection of planes in Cartesian form is

$$A_1x + B_1y + C_1z + D_1 + \lambda(A_2x + B_2y + C_2z + D_2) = 0 \quad (1)$$

For the standard equation of planes,

$$A_1x + B_1y + C_1z + D_1 \text{ and } A_2x + B_2y + C_2z + D_2$$

So, putting in equation (1), we have

$$x - 2y + z - 1 + \lambda(2x + y + z - 8) = 0$$

$$(1 + 2\lambda)x + (-2 + \lambda)y + (1 + \lambda)z - 1 - 8\lambda = 0 \quad (2)$$

For plane the normal is perpendicular to line given parallel to this i.e.

$$A_1A_2 + B_1B_2 + C_1C_2 = 0$$

Where A_1, B_1, C_1 are direction ratios of plane and A_2, B_2, C_2 are of line.

$$(1 + 2\lambda).1 + (-2 + \lambda).2 + (1 + \lambda).1 = 0$$

$$1 + 2\lambda - 4 + 2\lambda + 1 + \lambda = 0$$

$$-2 + 5\lambda = 0$$

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

Putting the value of λ in equation (2)

$$\left(1 + 2 \cdot \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)\right)x + \left(-2 + \frac{2}{5}\right)y + \left(1 + \frac{2}{5}\right)z - 1 - 8 \cdot \left(\frac{2}{5}\right) = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{5+4}{5}\right)x + \left(\frac{-10+2}{5}\right)y + \left(\frac{5+2}{5}\right)z + \frac{-5-16}{5} = 0$$

$$9x - 8y + 7z - 21 = 0$$

$$9x - 8y + 7z = 21$$

For the equation of plane $Ax + By + Cz = D$ and point (x_1, y_1, z_1) , a distance of a point from a plane can be calculated as

$$\frac{|Ax_1 + By_1 + Cz_1 - D|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + C^2}}$$

$$\frac{|9 \cdot 1 - 8 \cdot 1 + 7 \cdot 1 - 21|}{\sqrt{(9)^2 + (-8)^2 + (7)^2}} \Rightarrow \frac{|9 - 8 + 7 - 21|}{\sqrt{81 + 64 + 49}} = \frac{|13|}{\sqrt{194}}$$

So, the required equation of the plane is $9x - 8y + 7z = 21$, and distance of the plane from $(1, 1, 1)$ is

$$d = \frac{13}{\sqrt{194}}$$

6. Question

Find the equation of the plane passing through the line of intersection of the planes $x + 2y + 3z - 5 = 0$ and $3x - 2y - z + 1 = 0$ and cutting off equal intercepts on the x-axis and z-axis.

Answer

Equation of plane through the line of intersection of planes in Cartesian form is

$$A_1x + B_1y + C_1z + D_1 + \lambda(A_2x + B_2y + C_2z + D_2) = 0 \quad (1)$$

For the standard equation of planes in Cartesian form

$$A_1x + B_1y + C_1z + D_1 \text{ and } A_2x + B_2y + C_2z + D_2$$

So, putting in equation 1 we have

$$x + 2y + 3z - 5 + \lambda(3x - 2y - z + 1) = 0$$

$$(1 + 3\lambda)x + (2 - 2\lambda)y + (3 - \lambda)z - 5 + \lambda = 0$$

Now equation of plane in intercept form

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

As given equal intercept means $a = c$

First, we transform equation of a plane in intercept form

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

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

On comparing with the standard equation of a plane in intercept form

$$a = \frac{5-\lambda}{(1+3\lambda)}, c = \frac{5-\lambda}{(3-\lambda)}$$

Now as $a=b=c$

$$\frac{5-\lambda}{(1+3\lambda)} = \frac{5-\lambda}{(3-\lambda)} \Rightarrow 3-\lambda = 1+3\lambda$$

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

Putting in equation (2), we have

$$\left(1+3 \cdot \frac{1}{2}\right)x + \left(2-2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}\right)y + \left(3-\frac{1}{2}\right)z - 5 + \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{2+3}{2}\right)x + \left(\frac{4-2}{2}\right)y + \left(\frac{6-1}{2}\right)z + \frac{-10+1}{2} = 0$$

$$5x + 2y + 5z - 9 = 0$$

$$5x + 2y + 5z = 9$$

So, required equation of plane is $5x + 2y + 5z = 9$.

7. Question

Find the equation of the plane through the intersection of the planes $3x - 4y + 5z = 10$ and $2x + 2y - 3z = 4$ and parallel to the line $x = 2y = 3z$.

Answer

Equation of plane through the line of intersection of planes in Cartesian form is

$$A_1x + B_1y + C_1z + D_1 + \lambda(A_2x + B_2y + C_2z + D_2) = 0 \quad (1)$$

For the standard equation of planes in Cartesian form

$$A_1x + B_1y + C_1z + D_1 \text{ and } A_2x + B_2y + C_2z + D_2$$

So, putting in equation (1), we have

$$3x - 4y + 5z - 10 + \lambda(2x + 2y - 3z - 4) = 0$$

$$(3 + 2\lambda)x + (-4 + 2\lambda)y + (5 - 3\lambda)z - 10 - 4\lambda = 0$$

Given line is parallel to plane then the normal of plane is perpendicular to line,

$$A_1A_2 + B_1B_2 + C_1C_2 = 0$$

Where A_1, B_1, C_1 are direction ratios of plane and A_2, B_2, C_2 are of line.

$$(3 + 2\lambda) \cdot 2 + (-4 + 2\lambda) \cdot 2 + (5 - 3\lambda) \cdot (-3) = 0$$

$$18 + 12\lambda - 12 + 6\lambda + 10 - 6\lambda = 0$$

$$16 + 12\lambda = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-16}{12} \Rightarrow \frac{-4}{3}$$

Putting the value of λ in equation (2)

$$\left(3+2 \cdot \left(\frac{-4}{3}\right)\right)x + \left(-4+2 \cdot \left(\frac{-4}{3}\right)\right)y + \left(5-3 \cdot \left(\frac{-4}{3}\right)\right)z - 10 - 4 \cdot \left(\frac{-4}{3}\right) = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{9-8}{3}\right)x + \left(\frac{-12-8}{3}\right)y + \left(\frac{15+12}{3}\right)z + \frac{-30+16}{3} = 0$$

$$x - 20y + 27z - 14 = 0$$

So, required equation of plane is $x - 20y + 27z - 14 = 0$.

8. Question

Find the vector equation of the plane through the intersection of the planes $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 0$ and $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) = 0$, and passing through the point (2, 1, -1).

Answer

Equation of plane through the line of intersection of two planes in vector form is

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\vec{n}_1 + \lambda \vec{n}_2) = d_1 + \lambda d_2 \text{ where } \vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} \quad (1)$$

Where the standard equation of planes are

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_1 = d_1 \text{ and } \vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_2 = d_2$$

Putting values in equation(1)

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k} + \lambda(\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})) = 0 + \lambda \cdot 0$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + (3 + \lambda)\hat{j} + (-1 + 2\lambda)\hat{k}) = 0 \quad (2)$$

Now as the plane passes through (2, 1, -1)

$$\vec{r} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

Putting in equation (2)

$$(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} + (3 + \lambda)\hat{j} + (-1 + 2\lambda)\hat{k}) = 0$$

$$2 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot (3 + \lambda) + (-1) \cdot (-1 + 2\lambda) = 0$$

$$2 + 3 + \lambda + 1 - 2\lambda = 0$$

$$\lambda = 6$$

Putting the value of λ in equation (2)

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + (3 + 6)\hat{j} + (-1 + 2(6))\hat{k}) = 0$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 9\hat{j} + 11\hat{k}) = 0$$

So, required equation of plane is $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 9\hat{j} + 11\hat{k}) = 0$.

9. Question

Find the vector equation of the plane through the point (1, 1, 1), and passing through the intersection of the planes $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + 1 = 0$ and $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) - 5 = 0$.

Answer

Equation of plane through the line of intersection of two planes in vector form is

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\vec{n}_1 + \lambda \vec{n}_2) = d_1 + \lambda d_2 \text{ where } \vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} \quad (1)$$

Where the standard equation of planes are

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_1 = d_1 \text{ and } \vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_2 = d_2$$

Putting values in equation(1)

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k} + \lambda(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k})) = -1 + \lambda \cdot 5$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot ((1 + 2\lambda)\hat{i} + (-1 + \lambda)\hat{j} + (3 - \lambda)\hat{k}) = -1 + 5\lambda \quad (2)$$

Now as the plane passes through (1, 1, 1)

$$\vec{r} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$



Putting in equation (2)

$$(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot ((1 + 2\lambda)\hat{i} + (-1 + \lambda)\hat{j} + (3 - \lambda)\hat{k}) = -1 + 5\lambda$$

$$1 \cdot (1 + 2\lambda) + 1 \cdot (-1 + \lambda) + 1 \cdot (3 - \lambda) = -1 + 5\lambda$$

$$1 + 2\lambda - 1 + \lambda + 3 - \lambda + 1 - 5\lambda = 0$$

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

$$\lambda = \frac{4}{3}$$

Putting the value of λ in equation (2)

$$\vec{r} \cdot \left(\left(1 + 2 \cdot \frac{4}{3}\right)\hat{i} + \left(-1 + \frac{4}{3}\right)\hat{j} + \left(3 - \frac{4}{3}\right)\hat{k} \right) = -1 + 5 \cdot \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot \left(\left(\frac{3+8}{3}\right)\hat{i} + \left(\frac{-3+4}{3}\right)\hat{j} + \left(\frac{9-4}{3}\right)\hat{k} \right) = \frac{-3+20}{3}$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot (11\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) = 17$$

So, required equation of plane is $\vec{r} \cdot (11\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) = 17$.

10. Question

Find the vector equation of the plane passing through the intersection of the planes $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) = 3$ and $\vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) + 11 = 0$, and passing through the point $(-2, 1, 3)$.

Answer

Equation of plane through the line of intersection of two planes in vector form is

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\vec{n}_1 + \lambda \vec{n}_2) = d_1 + \lambda d_2 \text{ where } \vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} \quad (1)$$

Where the standard equation of planes are

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_1 = d_1 \text{ and } \vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_2 = d_2$$

Putting values in equation(1)

$$\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + 4\hat{k} + \lambda(3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 4\hat{k})) = 3 - \lambda \cdot 11$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot ((2 + 3\lambda)\hat{i} + (-7 - 5\lambda)\hat{j} + (4 + 4\lambda)\hat{k}) = 3 - 11\lambda \quad (2)$$

Now as the plane passes through $(-2, 1, 3)$

$$\vec{r} = -2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

Putting in equation (2)

$$(-2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \cdot ((2 + 3\lambda)\hat{i} + (-7 - 5\lambda)\hat{j} + (4 + 4\lambda)\hat{k}) = 3 - 11\lambda$$

$$-2 \cdot (2 + 3\lambda) + 1 \cdot (-7 - 5\lambda) + 3 \cdot (4 + 4\lambda) = 3 - 11\lambda$$

$$-4 - 6\lambda - 7 - 5\lambda + 12 + 12\lambda - 3 + 11\lambda = 0$$

$$-14 + 12 + 12\lambda = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{6}$$

Putting the value of λ in equation (2)

$$\vec{r} \cdot \left(\left(2 + 3 \cdot \frac{1}{6}\right)\hat{i} + \left(-7 - 5 \cdot \frac{1}{6}\right)\hat{j} + \left(4 + 4 \cdot \frac{1}{6}\right)\hat{k} \right) = 3 - 11 \cdot \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot \left(\left(\frac{12+3}{6}\right)\hat{i} + \left(\frac{-42-5}{6}\right)\hat{j} + \left(\frac{24+4}{6}\right)\hat{k} \right) = \frac{18-11}{6}$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot (15\hat{i} - 47\hat{j} + 28\hat{k}) = 7$$



So, required equation of plane is $\vec{r} \cdot (15\hat{i} - 47\hat{j} + 28\hat{k}) = 7$.

11. Question

Find the equation of the plane through the line of intersection of the planes $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) = 1$ and $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} - \hat{j}) + 4 = 0$ and perpendicular to the plane $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) + 8 = 0$.

Answer

Equation of plane through the line of intersection of two planes in vector form is

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\vec{n}_1 + \lambda \vec{n}_2) = d_1 + \lambda d_2 \text{ where } \vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} \quad (1)$$

Where the standard equation of planes are

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_1 = d_1 \text{ and } \vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_2 = d_2$$

Putting values in equation (1), we have

$$\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k} + \lambda(\hat{i} - \hat{j})) = 1 - \lambda \cdot 4$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot ((2 + \lambda)\hat{i} + (-3 - \lambda)\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) = 1 - 4\lambda \quad (2)$$

Given a plane perpendicular to this plane, So if n_1 and n_2 are normal vectors of planes

$$\vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2 = 0$$

$$(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot ((2 + \lambda)\hat{i} + (-3 - \lambda)\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) = 0$$

$$2 \cdot (2 + \lambda) + (-1) \cdot (-3 - \lambda) + 1 \cdot 4 = 0$$

$$4 + 2\lambda + 3 + \lambda + 4 = 0$$

$$11 + 3\lambda = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-11}{3}$$

Putting the value of λ in equation (2)

$$\vec{r} \cdot \left(\left(2 + \frac{-11}{3} \right) \hat{i} + \left(-3 - \frac{-11}{3} \right) \hat{j} + 4\hat{k} \right) = 1 - 4 \cdot \frac{-11}{3}$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot \left(\left(\frac{6 - 11}{3} \right) \hat{i} + \left(\frac{-9 + 11}{3} \right) \hat{j} + 4\hat{k} \right) = \frac{3 + 44}{3}$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot (-5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}) = 47$$

So required equation of plane is $\vec{r} \cdot (-5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}) = 47$.

12. Question

Find the Cartesian and vector equations of the planes through the line of intersection of the planes $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} - \hat{j}) + 6 = 0$ and $\vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) = 0$, which are at a unit distance from the origin.

Answer

Equation of plane through the line of intersection of two planes in vector form is

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\vec{n}_1 + \lambda \vec{n}_2) = d_1 + \lambda d_2 \text{ where } \vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} \quad (1)$$

Where the standard equation of planes are

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_1 = d_1 \text{ and } \vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_2 = d_2$$

Putting values in equation (1)

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \lambda(3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k})) = 6 + \lambda \cdot 0$$



$$\vec{r}((1+3\lambda)\hat{i}+(-1+3\lambda)\hat{j}+(-4\lambda)\hat{k})=6 \quad (2)$$

For the equation of plane $Ax + By + Cz=D$ and point (x_1,y_1,z_1) , a distance of a point from a plane can be calculated as

$$\frac{|Ax_1 + By_1 + Cz_1 - D|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + C^2}}$$

$$\frac{|(1+3\lambda)0 + (-1+3\lambda) \cdot 0 + (-4\lambda) \cdot 0 - 6|}{\sqrt{(1+3\lambda)^2 + (-1+3\lambda)^2 + (-4\lambda)^2}} = 1$$

$$\frac{|-6|}{\sqrt{1+9\lambda^2 + 6\lambda + 1+9\lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 16\lambda^2}} = 1$$

$$\sqrt{2+34\lambda^2} = -6$$

$$2+34\lambda^2 = (-6)^2$$

$$34\lambda^2 = 36 - 2$$

$$34\lambda^2 = 34$$

$$\lambda^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1, -1$$

Putting value of λ in equation (2)

$$\lambda=1$$

$$\vec{r}((1+3 \cdot 1)\hat{i}+(-1+3 \cdot 1)\hat{j}+(-4 \cdot 1)\hat{k})=6$$

$$\vec{r}(4\hat{i}+2\hat{j}-4\hat{k})=6 \Rightarrow \vec{r}(2\hat{i}+\hat{j}-2\hat{k})=3$$

$$\lambda=-1$$

$$\vec{r}((1+3 \cdot (-1))\hat{i}+(-1+3 \cdot (-1))\hat{j}+(-4 \cdot (-1))\hat{k})=6$$

$$\vec{r}(-2\hat{i}-4\hat{j}+4\hat{k})=6 \Rightarrow \vec{r}(\hat{i}+2\hat{j}-2\hat{k})=-3$$

For equations in Cartesian form put

$$\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$$

$$\text{For } \lambda=1$$

$$(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) \cdot (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k} - 3) = 0$$

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

$$2x + y - 2z - 3 = 0$$

$$\text{For } \lambda=-1$$

$$(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k} + 3) = 0$$

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

$$x + 2y - 2z + 3 = 0$$

So, required equation of plane

$$\text{in vector form are } \vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) = 3 \text{ for } \lambda = 1$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) = -3 \text{ for } \lambda = -1$$

In Cartesian form are $2x + y - 2z - 3 = 0$ & $x + 2y - 2z + 3 = 0$

Exercise 28F

1. Question

Find the acute angle between the following planes :



$$(i) \vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) = 5 \text{ and } \vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 9$$

$$(ii) \vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 6 \text{ and } \vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}) + 3 = 0$$

$$(iii) \vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) = 1 \text{ and } \vec{r} \cdot (-\hat{i} + \hat{j}) = 4$$

$$(iv) \vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) = 8 \text{ and } \vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}) + 7 = 0$$

Answer

To find the angle between two planes, we simply find the angle between the normal vectors of planes. So if n_1 and n_2 are normal vectors and θ is the angle between both then,

$$\cos\theta = \frac{|\vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2|}{|\vec{n}_1| |\vec{n}_2|}$$

(i) On comparing with the standard equation of planes in vector form

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_1 = d_1 \text{ and } \vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_2 = d_2$$

$$\vec{n}_1 = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{n}_2 = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

Then

$$\cos\theta = \frac{|(\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) \cdot (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})|}{|\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}| |2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}|} = \frac{|1 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 2 + (-2) \cdot (-1)|}{(\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + (-2)^2}) (\sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + (-1)^2})} = \frac{|2 + 2 + 2|}{\sqrt{1+1+4} \sqrt{4+4+1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{6}{\sqrt{6} \cdot \sqrt{9}} \right| = \left| \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3} \right|$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{6}}{3} \right)$$



(ii) On comparing with the standard equation of planes in vector form

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_1 = d_1 \text{ and } \vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_2 = d_2$$

$$\vec{n}_1 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{n}_2 = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

Then

$$\cos\theta = \frac{|(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}) \cdot (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k})|}{|\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}| |2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}|} = \frac{|1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot (-1) + (-1) \cdot (-1)|}{(\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + (-1)^2}) (\sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + (-1)^2})} = \frac{|2 - 2 + 1|}{\sqrt{1+4+1} \sqrt{4+1+1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{6} \cdot \sqrt{6}} \right| = \left| \frac{1}{6} \right|$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{6} \right)$$

(iii) On comparing with the standard equation of planes in vector form

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_1 = d_1 \text{ and } \vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_2 = d_2$$

$$\vec{n}_1 = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{n}_2 = -\hat{i} + \hat{j}$$

Then

$$\cos\theta = \frac{|(2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) \cdot (-\hat{i} + \hat{j})|}{|2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}| |-\hat{i} + \hat{j}|} = \frac{|2 \cdot (-1) + (-3) \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot 0|}{(\sqrt{2^2 + (-3)^2 + 4^2}) (\sqrt{(-1)^2 + 1^2})} = \frac{|-2 + (-3)|}{(\sqrt{4+9+16}) (\sqrt{1+1})}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{-5}{\sqrt{29} \sqrt{2}} \right| = \left| \frac{-5}{\sqrt{58}} \right|$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{\sqrt{58}}\right)$$

(iv) On comparing with the standard equation of planes in vector form

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_1 = d_1 \text{ and } \vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_2 = d_2$$

$$\vec{n}_1 = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{n}_2 = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}$$

Then

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\left| (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}) \right|}{\left| 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k} \right| \left| 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 12\hat{k} \right|} \Rightarrow \frac{2.3 + (-3).4 + 6.(-12)}{\left(\sqrt{2^2 + (-3)^2 + 6^2} \right) \left(\sqrt{3^2 + 4^2 + (-12)^2} \right)}$$

$$= \frac{6 + (-12) + (-72)}{\left(\sqrt{4 + 9 + 36} \right) \left(\sqrt{9 + 16 + 144} \right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-78}{\sqrt{49} \sqrt{169}} = \frac{-78}{7.13}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{6}{7}\right)$$

2. Question

Show that the following planes are at right angles:

$$(i) \vec{r} \cdot (4\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}) = 5 \text{ and } \vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) + 10 = 0$$

$$(ii) \vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) = 13 \text{ and } \vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) + 7 = 0$$

Answer

To show the right angle between two planes, we simply find the angle between the normal vectors of planes. So if n_1 and n_2 are normal vectors and θ is the angle between both then

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\left| \vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2 \right|}{\left| \vec{n}_1 \right| \left| \vec{n}_2 \right|} \text{ for right angle } \theta = 90^\circ$$

$$\cos 90^\circ = 0$$

$$\vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2 = 0 \quad (1)$$

(i) On comparing with standard equation

$$\vec{n}_1 = 4\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} - 8\hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{n}_2 = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

$$\text{LHS} = \vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2 \Rightarrow (4\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) = 4.3 + (-7).(-4) + (-8).5$$

$$\Rightarrow 12 + 28 - 40 = 40 - 40 \Rightarrow 0 = \text{RHS}$$

Hence proved planes at right angles.

(ii) On comparing with the standard equation of a plane

$$\vec{n}_1 = 2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 6\hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{n}_2 = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$$

$$\text{LHS} = \vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2 \Rightarrow (2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) = 2.3 + 6.4 + 6.(-5)$$

$$\Rightarrow 6 + 24 - 30 = 30 - 30 \Rightarrow 0 = \text{RHS}$$

Hence proved planes at right angles.

3. Question

Find the value of λ for which the given planes are perpendicular to each other:

$$(i) \vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \lambda\hat{k}) = 7 \text{ and } \vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) = 9$$

$$(ii) \vec{r} \cdot (\lambda\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = 5 \text{ and } \vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}) + 11 = 0$$

Answer

For planes perpendicular $\cos 90^\circ = 0$

$$\vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2 = 0 \quad (1)$$

(i) On comparing with the standard equation of a plane

$$\vec{n}_1 = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \lambda\hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{n}_2 = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2 = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \lambda\hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) = 0$$

$$2 \cdot 3 + (-1) \cdot 2 + (-\lambda) \cdot 2 = 0$$

$$6 - 2 - 2\lambda = 0$$

$$2\lambda = 4$$

$$\lambda = 2$$

(ii) On comparing with the standard equation of a plane

$$\vec{n}_1 = \lambda\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{n}_2 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2 = (\lambda\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}) = 0$$

$$\lambda \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot (-7) = 0 \quad \lambda + 4 - 21 = 0 \quad \lambda = 17$$

4. Question

Find the acute angle between the following planes:

(i) $2x - y + z = 5$ and $x + y + 2z = 7$

(ii) $x + 2y + 2z = 3$ and $2x - 3y + 6z = 8$

(iii) $x + y - z = 4$ and $x + 2y + z = 9$

(iv) $x + y - 2z = 6$ and $2x - 2y + z = 11$

Answer

To find angle in Cartesian form, for standard equation of planes

$$A_1x + B_1y + C_1z + D_1 = 0 \text{ and } A_2x + B_2y + C_2z + D_2 = 0$$

$$\cos \theta = \left| \frac{A_1A_2 + B_1B_2 + C_1C_2}{\sqrt{(A_1^2 + B_1^2 + C_1^2)} \sqrt{(A_2^2 + B_2^2 + C_2^2)}} \right|$$

(i) On comparing with the standard equation of planes

$$A_1 = 2, B_1 = -1, C_1 = 1 \text{ and } A_2 = 1, B_2 = 1, C_2 = 2$$

$$\cos \theta = \left| \frac{2 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 2}{\sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2} \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 2^2}} \right| \Rightarrow \left| \frac{2 + (-1) + 2}{\sqrt{4 + 1 + 1} \sqrt{1 + 1 + 4}} \right| = \left| \frac{3}{\sqrt{6} \sqrt{6}} \right|$$

$$= \frac{3}{6} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{3}$$

(ii) On comparing with the standard equation of planes

$$A_1 = 1, B_1 = 2, C_1 = 2 \text{ and } A_2 = 2, B_2 = -3, C_2 = 6$$

$$\cos \theta = \left| \frac{1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot (-3) + 2 \cdot 6}{\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 2^2} \sqrt{2^2 + (-3)^2 + 6^2}} \right| \Rightarrow \left| \frac{2 + (-6) + 12}{\sqrt{1 + 4 + 4} \sqrt{4 + 9 + 36}} \right| = \left| \frac{8}{\sqrt{9} \sqrt{49}} \right|$$

$$= \frac{8}{3 \cdot 7} \Rightarrow \frac{8}{21}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{8}{21} \right)$$

(iii) On comparing with standard equation of planes

$$A_1 = 1, B_1 = 1, C_1 = -1 \text{ and } A_2 = 1, B_2 = 2, C_2 = 1$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 2 + (-1) \cdot 1}{\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + (-1)^2} \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 1^2}} \Rightarrow \frac{1 + 2 + (-1)}{\sqrt{1+1+1} \sqrt{1+4+1}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}\sqrt{6}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}\right)$$

(iv) On comparing with the standard equation of planes

$$A_1 = 1, B_1 = 1, C_1 = -2 \text{ and } A_2 = 2, B_2 = -2, C_2 = 1$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{1 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot (-2) + (-2) \cdot 1}{\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + (-2)^2} \sqrt{2^2 + (-2)^2 + 1^2}} \Rightarrow \frac{2 + (-2) + (-2)}{\sqrt{1+1+4} \sqrt{4+4+1}} = \frac{-2}{\sqrt{6}\sqrt{9}}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{6} \cdot 3}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{3\sqrt{6}}\right)$$

5. Question

Show that each of the following pairs of planes are at right angles:

(i) $3x + 4y - 5z = 7$ and $2x + 6y + 6z + 7 = 0$

(ii) $x - 2y + 4z = 10$ and $18x + 17y + 4z = 49$

Answer

To find angle in Cartesian form, for standard equation of planes

$$A_1x + B_1y + C_1z + D_1 = 0 \text{ and } A_2x + B_2y + C_2z + D_2 = 0 \quad \cos\theta = \frac{A_1A_2 + B_1B_2 + C_1C_2}{\sqrt{(A_1^2 + B_1^2 + C_1^2)} \sqrt{(A_2^2 + B_2^2 + C_2^2)}}$$

For $\theta = 90^\circ$, $\cos 90^\circ = 0$

$$A_1A_2 + B_1B_2 + C_1C_2 = 0$$

(i) On comparing with the standard equation of a plane

$$A_1 = 3, B_1 = 4, C_1 = -5 \text{ and } A_2 = 2, B_2 = 6, C_2 = 6$$

$$\text{LHS} = A_1A_2 + B_1B_2 + C_1C_2 \Rightarrow 3 \cdot 2 + 4 \cdot 6 + (-5) \cdot 6 = 6 + 24 - 30$$

$$= 0 = \text{RHS}$$

Hence proved that the angle between planes is 90° .

(ii) On comparing with the standard equation of a plane

$$A_1 = 1, B_1 = -2, C_1 = 4 \text{ and } A_2 = 18, B_2 = 17, C_2 = 4$$

$$\text{LHS} = A_1A_2 + B_1B_2 + C_1C_2 \Rightarrow 1 \cdot 18 + (-2) \cdot 17 + 4 \cdot 4 = 18 + (-34) + 16$$

$$= 0 = \text{RHS}$$

Hence proved that angle between planes is 90° .

6. Question

Prove that the plane $2x + 2y + 4z = 9$ is perpendicular to each of the planes $x + 2y + 2z - 7 = 0$ and $5x + 6y + 7z = 23$.

Answer

To show that planes are perpendicular

$$A_1A_2 + B_1B_2 + C_1C_2 = 0$$

Where A_1, B_1, C_1 are direction ratios of plane and A_2, B_2, C_2 are of other plane.

$$2.1 + 2.2 + 4.2 = 2 + 4 + 8 = 14 \neq 0$$

Hence, planes are not perpendicular.

Similarly for the other plane

$$2.5 + 2.6 + 2.7 = 10 + 12 + 14 = 36 \neq 0$$

Hence, planes are not perpendicular.

7. Question

Show that the planes $2x - 2y + 4z + 5 = 0$ and $3x - 3y + 6z - 1 = 0$ are parallel.

Answer

To show that planes are parallel

$$\frac{A_1}{A_2} = \frac{B_1}{B_2} = \frac{C_1}{C_2}$$

On comparing with the standard equation of a plane

$$A_1 = 2, B_1 = -2, C_1 = 4 \text{ and } A_2 = 3, B_2 = -3, C_2 = 6$$

$$\frac{A_1}{A_2} = \frac{2}{3}, \frac{B_1}{B_2} = \frac{-2}{-3} \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3}, \frac{C_1}{C_2} = \frac{4}{6} \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3}$$

So,

$$\frac{A_1}{A_2} = \frac{B_1}{B_2} = \frac{C_1}{C_2} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Hence proved that planes are parallel.

8. Question

Find the value of λ for which the planes $x - 4y + \lambda z + 3 = 0$ and $2x + 2y + 3z = 5$ are perpendicular to each other.

Answer

To find an angle in Cartesian form, for the standard equation of planes

$$A_1x + B_1y + C_1z + D_1 = 0 \text{ and } A_2x + B_2y + C_2z + D_2 = 0$$

$$\cos\theta = \left| \frac{A_1A_2 + B_1B_2 + C_1C_2}{\sqrt{(A_1^2 + B_1^2 + C_1^2)}\sqrt{(A_2^2 + B_2^2 + C_2^2)}} \right|$$

For $\theta = 90^\circ$, $\cos 90^\circ = 0$

$$A_1A_2 + B_1B_2 + C_1C_2 = 0$$

On comparing with the standard equation of the plane,

$$A_1 = 1, B_1 = -4, C_1 = \lambda \text{ and } A_2 = 2, B_2 = 2, C_2 = 3$$

$$A_1A_2 + B_1B_2 + C_1C_2 \Rightarrow 1.2 + (-4).2 + \lambda.3 = 0$$

$$2 + (-8) + 3\lambda = 0$$

$$-6 + 3\lambda = 0$$

$$\lambda = 2$$

9. Question

Write the equation of the plane passing through the origin and parallel to the plane $5x - 3y + 7z + 11 = 0$.

Answer

Let the equation of plane be

$$A_1x + B_1y + C_1z + D_1 = 0$$

Direction ratios of parallel planes are related to each other as

$$\frac{A_1}{A_2} = \frac{B_1}{B_2} = \frac{C_1}{C_2} = k (\text{constant})$$

Putting the values from the equation of a given parallel plane,

$$\frac{A_1}{5} = \frac{B_1}{-3} = \frac{C_1}{7} = k$$

$$A_1 = 5k, B_1 = -3k, C_1 = 7k$$

Putting in equation plane

$$5kx - 3ky + 7kz + D_1 = 0$$

As the plane is passing through (0,0,0), it must satisfy the plane,

$$5k \cdot 0 - 3k \cdot 0 + 7k \cdot 0 + D_1 = 0$$

$$D_1 = 0$$

$$5kx - 3ky + 7kz = 0$$

$$5x - 3y + 7z = 0$$

So, required equation of plane is $5x - 3y + 7z = 0$.

10. Question

Find the equation of the plane passing through the point (a, b, c) and parallel to the plane $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 2$.

Answer

Let the equation of a plane

$$\vec{r} \cdot (x_1 \hat{i} + y_1 \hat{j} + z_1 \hat{k}) = d \quad (1)$$

Direction ratios of parallel planes are related to each other as

$$\frac{A_1}{A_2} = \frac{B_1}{B_2} = \frac{C_1}{C_2} = \lambda (\text{constant})$$

Putting the values from the equation of a given parallel plane,

$$\frac{x_1}{1} = \frac{y_1}{1} = \frac{z_1}{1} = \lambda$$

$$x_1 = y_1 = z_1 = \lambda$$

Putting values in equation (1), we have

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\lambda \hat{i} + \lambda \hat{j} + \lambda \hat{k}) = d \quad (2)$$

A plane passes through (a,b,c) then it must satisfy the equation of a plane

$$(a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}) \cdot (\lambda \hat{i} + \lambda \hat{j} + \lambda \hat{k}) = d$$

$$\lambda (a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = d$$

$$\lambda (a \cdot 1 + b \cdot 1 + c \cdot 1) = d$$

$$\lambda (a + b + c) = d$$

Putting value in equation (2)

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot \lambda = \lambda (a + b + c)$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = a + b + c$$

So, required equation of plane is $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = a + b + c$.

11. Question

Find the equation of the plane passing through the point (1, -2, 7) and parallel to the plane $5x + 4y - 11z = 6$.

Answer

Let the equation of plane be

$$A_1x + B_1y + C_1z + D_1 = 0$$

Direction ratios of parallel planes are related to each other as

