

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

$$\frac{x-1}{-3} = \frac{y+2}{2} = \frac{z-3}{6}$$

The line parallel to the line $\frac{x-2}{-3} = \frac{y+3}{2} = \frac{z+5}{6}$ and passing through the point

$$(1, -2, 3) \text{ is given by } \frac{x-1}{-3} = \frac{y+2}{2} = \frac{z-3}{6}$$

5. Question

Find the Cartesian equations of the line which passes through the point $(-2, 4, -5)$ and which is parallel to the line $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{4-y}{5} = \frac{z+8}{6}$.

Answer

Given : A line $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{4-y}{5} = \frac{z+8}{6}$.

To find : equations of a line parallel to the line $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{4-y}{5} = \frac{z+8}{6}$,

and passing through the point $(-2, 4, -5)$.

Formula used : If a line is given by $\frac{x-a}{l} = \frac{y-b}{m} = \frac{z-c}{n}$ then equation of parallel

line passing through the point (p, q, r) is given by $\frac{x-p}{l} = \frac{y-q}{m} = \frac{z-r}{n}$

The given line is $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{y-4}{-5} = \frac{z+8}{6}$

Here $l = 3$, $m = -5$, $n = 6$ and $p = -2$, $q = 4$, $r = -5$

The line parallel to the line $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{4-y}{5} = \frac{z+8}{6}$, and passing through the point

$(-2, 4, -5)$ is given by

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

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

The line parallel to the line $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{4-y}{5} = \frac{z+8}{6}$, and passing through the point

$$(-2, 4, -5) \text{ is given by } \frac{x+2}{3} = \frac{y-4}{-5} = \frac{z+5}{6}$$

6. Question

Write the vector equation of a line whose Cartesian equations are $\frac{x-5}{3} = \frac{y+4}{7} = \frac{6-z}{2}$.

Answer

Given : A line $\frac{x-5}{3} = \frac{y+4}{7} = \frac{6-z}{2}$.

To find : vector equation of a line $\frac{x-5}{3} = \frac{y+4}{7} = \frac{6-z}{2}$.

Formula used : If a line is given by $\frac{x-a}{l} = \frac{y-b}{m} = \frac{z-c}{n} = \lambda$ then vector equation of the line is given by $\vec{r} = a\vec{i} + b\vec{j} + c\vec{k} + \lambda (l\vec{i} + m\vec{j} + n\vec{k})$

Here $a = 5$, $b = -4$, $c = 6$ and $l = 3$, $m = 7$, $n = -2$

Substituting the above values, we get

$$\vec{r} = 5\vec{i} - 4\vec{j} + 6\vec{k} + \lambda (3\vec{i} + 7\vec{j} - 2\vec{k})$$

The vector equation of a line $\frac{x-5}{3} = \frac{y+4}{7} = \frac{6-z}{2}$ is given by

$$\vec{r} = 5\vec{i} - 4\vec{j} + 6\vec{k} + \lambda (3\vec{i} + 7\vec{j} - 2\vec{k})$$

7. Question

The Cartesian equations of a line are $\frac{3-x}{5} = \frac{y+4}{7} = \frac{2z-6}{4}$. Write the vector equation of the line.

Answer

Given : A line $\frac{3-x}{5} = \frac{y+4}{7} = \frac{2z-6}{4}$.

To find : vector equation of a line $\frac{3-x}{5} = \frac{y+4}{7} = \frac{2z-6}{4}$.

Formula used : If a line is given by $\frac{x-a}{l} = \frac{y-b}{m} = \frac{z-c}{n} = \lambda$ then vector equation of the line is given by $\vec{r} = a\vec{i} + b\vec{j} + c\vec{k} + \lambda (l\vec{i} + m\vec{j} + n\vec{k})$

The given line is $\frac{x-3}{-5} = \frac{y+4}{7} = \frac{z-3}{2}$

Here $a = 3$, $b = -4$, $c = 3$ and $l = -5$, $m = 7$, $n = 2$

Substituting the above values, we get

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

The vector equation of a line is given by $\frac{x-3}{-5} = \frac{y+4}{7} = \frac{z-3}{2}$

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

8. Question

Write the vector equation of a line passing through the point (1, -1, 2) and parallel to the line whose

equations are $\frac{x-3}{1} = \frac{y-1}{2} = \frac{z+1}{-2}$.

Answer

Given : A line $\frac{x-3}{1} = \frac{y-1}{2} = \frac{z+1}{-2}$.

To find : vector equation of a line passing through the point (1, -1, 2) and parallel

to the line whose equations are $\frac{x-3}{1} = \frac{y-1}{2} = \frac{z+1}{-2}$.

Formula used : If a line is parallel to $\frac{x-a}{l} = \frac{y-b}{m} = \frac{z-c}{n}$ and passing through the point (p,q,r) then vector equation of the line is given by $\vec{r} = p\vec{i} + q\vec{j} + r\vec{k} + \lambda (l\vec{i} + m\vec{j} + n\vec{k})$

The given line is $\frac{x-3}{1} = \frac{y-1}{2} = \frac{z+1}{-2}$

Here $p = 1$, $q = -1$, $c = 2$ and $l = 1$, $m = 2$, $n = 2$

Substituting the above values, we get

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

The vector equation of a line passing through the point (1, -1, 2) and

parallel to the line whose equations are $\frac{x-3}{1} = \frac{y-1}{2} = \frac{z+1}{-2}$, is given by

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

9. Question

If P(1, 5, 4) and Q(4, 1, -2) be two given points, find the direction ratios of PQ.

Answer

Given : P(1, 5, 4) and Q(4, 1, -2) be two given points

To find : direction ratios of PQ

Formula used : if $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $Q(x_2, y_2, z_2)$ be two given points then direction

ratios of PQ is given by $x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1, z_2 - z_1$

$x_1 = 1, y_1 = 5, z_1 = 4$ and $x_2 = 4, y_2 = 1, z_2 = -2$

Direction ratios of PQ is given by $x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1, z_2 - z_1$

Direction ratios of PQ is given by $4 - 1, 1 - 5, -2 - 4$

Direction ratios of PQ is given by $3, -4, -6$

Direction ratios of PQ is given by $3, -4, -6$

10. Question

The equations of a line are $\frac{4-x}{2} = \frac{y+3}{2} = \frac{z+2}{1}$. Find the direction cosines of a line parallel to this line.

Answer

Given : A line $\frac{4-x}{2} = \frac{y+3}{2} = \frac{z+2}{1}$.

To find : Direction cosines of the line parallel to $\frac{4-x}{2} = \frac{y+3}{2} = \frac{z+2}{1}$.

Formula used : If a line is given by $\frac{x-a}{l} = \frac{y-b}{m} = \frac{z-c}{n}$ then direction cosines are given by $\frac{l}{\sqrt{l^2+m^2+n^2}}$, $\frac{m}{\sqrt{l^2+m^2+n^2}}$, $\frac{n}{\sqrt{l^2+m^2+n^2}}$

The line is $\frac{x-4}{-2} = \frac{y+3}{2} = \frac{z+2}{1}$

Parallel lines have same direction ratios and direction cosines

Here $l = -2, m = 2, n = 1$

Direction cosines of the line $\frac{x-4}{-2} = \frac{y+3}{2} = \frac{z+2}{1}$ is

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

Direction cosines of the line parallel to the line $\frac{x-4}{-2} = \frac{y+3}{2} = \frac{z+2}{1}$ is

$$\frac{-2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}$$

11. Question

The Cartesian equations of a line are $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+2}{3} = \frac{5-z}{1}$. Find its vector equation.

Answer

Given : A line $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+2}{3} = \frac{5-z}{1}$.

To find : vector equation of a line $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+2}{3} = \frac{5-z}{1}$.

Formula used : If a line is given by $\frac{x-a}{l} = \frac{y-b}{m} = \frac{z-c}{n} = \lambda$ then vector equation of the line is given by $\vec{r} = a\vec{i} + b\vec{j} + c\vec{k} + \lambda (l\vec{i} + m\vec{j} + n\vec{k})$

The given line is $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+2}{3} = \frac{z-5}{-1}$

Here $a = 1$, $b = -2$, $c = 5$ and $l = 2$, $m = 3$, $n = -1$

Substituting the above values, we get

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

The vector equation of a line $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+2}{3} = \frac{5-z}{1}$ is given by

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

12. Question

Find the vector equation of a line passing through the point $(1, 2, 3)$ and parallel to the vector $(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$.

Answer

Given : A vector $(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$.

To find : vector equation of a line passing through the point $(1, 2, 3)$ and parallel to the vector $(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$.

Formula used : If a line is parallel to the vector $(l\vec{i} + m\vec{j} + n\vec{k})$

and passing through the point (p, q, r) then vector equation of the line is given by

$$\vec{r} = p\vec{i} + q\vec{j} + r\vec{k} + \lambda (l\vec{i} + m\vec{j} + n\vec{k})$$

Here $p = 1$, $q = 2$, $c = 3$ and $l = 3$, $m = 2$, $n = -2$

Substituting the above values, we get

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

The vector equation of a line passing through the point $(1, 2, 3)$ and

parallel to the vector $(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$, is $\vec{r} = \vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 3\vec{k} + \lambda(3\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - 2\vec{k})$

13. Question

The vector equation of a line is $\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k})$. Find its Cartesian equation.

Answer

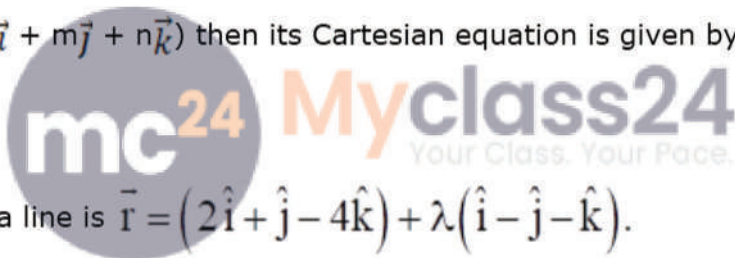
Given : The vector equation of a line is $\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k})$.

To find : Cartesian equation of the line

Formula used : If the vector equation of the line is given by

$\vec{r} = p\vec{i} + q\vec{j} + r\vec{k} + \lambda(l\vec{i} + m\vec{j} + n\vec{k})$ then its Cartesian equation is given by

$$\frac{x-p}{l} = \frac{y-q}{m} = \frac{z-r}{n}$$



The vector equation of a line is $\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k})$.

Here $p = 2$, $q = 1$, $r = -4$ and $l = 1$, $m = -1$, $n = -1$

Cartesian equation is given by

$$\frac{x-2}{1} = \frac{y-1}{-1} = \frac{z-(-4)}{-1}$$

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

Cartesian equation of the line is given by $\frac{x-2}{1} = \frac{y-1}{-1} = \frac{z+4}{-1}$

14. Question

Find the Cartesian equation of a line which passes through the point $(-2, 4, -5)$ and which is parallel

to the line $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{y-4}{5} = \frac{z+8}{6}$.

Answer

Given : A line $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{y-4}{5} = \frac{z+8}{6}$.

To find : cartesian equations of a line parallel to the line $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{y-4}{5} = \frac{z+8}{6}$.

and passing through the point $(-2, 4, -5)$.

Formula used : If a line is given by $\frac{x-a}{l} = \frac{y-b}{m} = \frac{z-c}{n}$ then equation of parallel

line passing through the point (p,q,r) is given by $\frac{x-p}{l} = \frac{y-q}{m} = \frac{z-r}{n}$

The given line is $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{y-4}{5} = \frac{z+8}{6}$

Here $l = 3$, $m = 5$, $n = 6$ and $p = -2$, $q = 4$, $r = -5$

The line parallel to the line $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{y-4}{5} = \frac{z+8}{6}$, and passing through the point

$(-2,4,-5)$ is given by

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

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

The line parallel to the line $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{y-4}{5} = \frac{z+8}{6}$, and passing through the point

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

15. Question

Find the Cartesian equation of a line which passes through the point having position vector $(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$ and is in the direction of the vector $(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$.

Answer

Given : A line which passes through the point having position vector $(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$

and is in the direction of the vector $(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$.

To find : cartesian equations of a line

Formula used : If a line which passes through the point having position vector

$p\vec{i} + q\vec{j} + r\vec{k}$ and is in the direction of the vector $l\vec{i} + m\vec{j} + n\vec{k}$ then its Cartesian

equation is given by

$$\frac{x-p}{l} = \frac{y-q}{m} = \frac{z-r}{n}$$

A line which passes through the point having position vector $(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$

and is in the direction of the vector $(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$.

Here $l = 1$, $m = 2$, $n = -1$ and $p = 2$, $q = -1$, $r = 4$

$$\frac{x-2}{1} = \frac{y-(-1)}{2} = \frac{z-4}{-1}$$

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

The Cartesian equation of a line which passes through the point having

position vector $(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$ and is in the direction of the vector $(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$, is

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

16. Question

Find the angle between the lines $\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + \hat{k}) + \lambda(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$ and $\vec{r} = (7\hat{i} - 6\hat{k}) + \mu(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$.

Answer

Given : the lines $\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + \hat{k}) + \lambda(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$ and $\vec{r} = (7\hat{i} - 6\hat{k}) + \mu(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$.

To find : angle between the lines

Formula used : If the lines are $a\vec{i} + b\vec{j} + c\vec{k} + \lambda(p\vec{i} + q\vec{j} + r\vec{k})$ and $d\vec{i} + e\vec{j} + f\vec{k} +$

$\lambda(l\vec{i} + m\vec{j} + n\vec{k})$ then the angle between the lines 'θ' is given by

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{pl + qm + rn}{\sqrt{p^2 + q^2 + r^2} \sqrt{l^2 + m^2 + n^2}}$$

the lines $\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + \hat{k}) + \lambda(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$ and $\vec{r} = (7\hat{i} - 6\hat{k}) + \mu(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$.

Here $p = 3$, $q = 2$, $r = 6$ and $l = 1$, $m = 2$, $n = 2$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{3(1) + 2(2) + 6(2)}{\sqrt{3^2 + 2^2 + 6^2} \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 2^2}} = \cos^{-1} \frac{3 + 4 + 12}{\sqrt{9 + 4 + 36} \sqrt{1 + 4 + 4}}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{3 + 4 + 12}{\sqrt{49} \sqrt{9}} = \cos^{-1} \frac{19}{7 \times 3} = \cos^{-1} \frac{19}{21}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{19}{21}$$

The angle between the lines $\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + \hat{k}) + \lambda(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$ and $\vec{r} = (7\hat{i} - 6\hat{k}) + \mu(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$ is $\cos^{-1} \frac{19}{21}$

17. Question

Find the angle between the lines $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{y-1}{5} = \frac{z+3}{4}$ and $\frac{x+1}{1} = \frac{y-4}{1} = \frac{z-5}{2}$.

Answer

Given : the lines $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{y-1}{5} = \frac{z+3}{4}$ and $\frac{x+1}{1} = \frac{y-4}{1} = \frac{z-5}{2}$.

To find : angle between the lines

Formula used : If the lines are $\frac{x-a}{p} = \frac{y-b}{q} = \frac{z-c}{r}$ and $\frac{x-c}{l} = \frac{y-d}{m} = \frac{z-e}{n}$

then the angle between the lines ' θ ' is given by

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{pl + qm + rn}{\sqrt{p^2 + q^2 + r^2} \sqrt{l^2 + m^2 + n^2}}$$

The lines are $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{y-1}{5} = \frac{z+3}{4}$ and $\frac{x+1}{1} = \frac{y-4}{1} = \frac{z-5}{2}$.

Here $p = 3$, $q = 5$, $r = 4$ and $l = 1$, $m = 1$, $n = 2$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{3(1) + 5(1) + 4(2)}{\sqrt{3^2 + 5^2 + 4^2} \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 2^2}} = \cos^{-1} \frac{3 + 5 + 8}{\sqrt{9 + 25 + 16} \sqrt{1 + 1 + 4}}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{3 + 5 + 8}{\sqrt{50} \sqrt{6}} = \cos^{-1} \frac{16}{10\sqrt{3}} = \cos^{-1} \frac{8}{5\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{8\sqrt{3}}{15}$$

The angle between the lines $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{y-1}{5} = \frac{z+3}{4}$ and $\frac{x+1}{1} = \frac{y-4}{1} = \frac{z-5}{2}$.

is $\cos^{-1} \frac{8\sqrt{3}}{15}$

18. Question

Show that the lines $\frac{x-5}{7} = \frac{y+2}{-5} = \frac{z}{1}$ and $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z}{3}$ are at right angles.

Answer

Given : the lines $\frac{x-5}{7} = \frac{y+2}{-5} = \frac{z}{1}$ and $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z}{3}$.

To prove : the lines are at right angles.

Formula used : If the lines are $\frac{x-a}{p} = \frac{y-b}{q} = \frac{z-c}{r}$ and $\frac{x-c}{l} = \frac{y-d}{m} = \frac{z-e}{n}$

then the angle between the lines 'θ' is given by

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{pl + qm + rn}{\sqrt{p^2 + q^2 + r^2} \sqrt{l^2 + m^2 + n^2}}$$

The lines $\frac{x-5}{7} = \frac{y+2}{-5} = \frac{z}{1}$ and $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z}{3}$.

Here $p = 7$, $q = -5$, $r = 1$ and $l = 1$, $m = 2$, $n = 3$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{7(1) + (-5)(2) + 1(3)}{\sqrt{7^2 + (-5)^2 + 1^2} \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2}} = \cos^{-1} \frac{7 - 10 + 3}{\sqrt{49 + 25 + 1} \sqrt{1 + 4 + 9}}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{0}{\sqrt{75} \sqrt{14}} = \cos^{-1} 0 = 90^\circ$$

$$\theta = 90^\circ$$

The Lines $\frac{x-5}{7} = \frac{y+2}{-5} = \frac{z}{1}$ and $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z}{3}$ are at right angles.

19. Question

The direction ratios of a line are 2, 6, -9. What are its direction cosines?

Answer

Given : A line has direction ratios 2, 6, -9

To find : Direction cosines of the line

Formula used : If (l,m,n) are the direction ratios of a given line then direction cosines are given by

$$\frac{l}{\sqrt{l^2 + m^2 + n^2}} , \frac{m}{\sqrt{l^2 + m^2 + n^2}} , \frac{n}{\sqrt{l^2 + m^2 + n^2}}$$

Here $l = 2$, $m = 6$, $n = -9$

Direction cosines of the line with direction ratios 2, 6, -9 is

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{2^2 + 6^2 + (-9)^2}} , \frac{6}{\sqrt{2^2 + 6^2 + (-9)^2}} , \frac{-9}{\sqrt{2^2 + 6^2 + (-9)^2}} \\ &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{4 + 36 + 81}} , \frac{6}{\sqrt{4 + 36 + 81}} , \frac{-9}{\sqrt{4 + 36 + 81}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{121}} , \frac{6}{\sqrt{121}} , \frac{-9}{\sqrt{121}} \\ &= \frac{2}{11} , \frac{6}{11} , \frac{-9}{11} \end{aligned}$$

Direction cosines of the line with direction ratios 2, 6, -9 is $\frac{2}{11}, \frac{6}{11}, \frac{-9}{11}$

20. Question

A line makes angles 90° , 135° and 45° with the positive directions of x-axis, y-axis and z-axis respectively. what are the direction cosines of the line?

Answer

Given : A line makes angles 90° , 135° and 45° with the positive directions of x-axis, y-axis and z-axis respectively.

To find : Direction cosines of the line

Formula used : If a line makes angles α° , β° and γ° with the positive directions of x-axis, y-axis and z-axis respectively. then direction cosines are given by $\cos \alpha$, $\cos(180^\circ - \beta)$, $\cos(180^\circ - \gamma)$

$$\alpha = 90^\circ, \beta = 135^\circ \text{ and } \gamma = 45^\circ$$

Direction cosines of the line is

$$\cos 90^\circ, \cos(180^\circ - 135^\circ), \cos(180^\circ - 45^\circ)$$

$$\cos 90^\circ, \cos 45^\circ, \cos(135^\circ)$$

$$0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Direction cosines of the line is $0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$



21. Question

What are the direction cosines of the y-axis?

Answer

To find : Direction cosines of the y- axis

Formula used : If a line makes angles α° , β° and γ° with the positive directions of x-axis, y-axis and z-axis respectively. then direction cosines are given by $\cos \alpha$, $\cos \beta$, $\cos \gamma$

y-axis makes 90° with the x and z axes

$$\alpha = 90^\circ, \beta = 0^\circ \text{ and } \gamma = 90^\circ$$

Direction cosines of the line is

$$\cos 90^\circ, \cos 0^\circ, \cos 90^\circ$$

$$0, 1, 0$$

Direction cosines of the line is 0, 1, 0

22. Question

What are the direction cosines of the vector $(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$?

Answer

Given : A vector $(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$?

To find : Direction cosines of the vector

Formula used : If a vector is $l\vec{i} + m\vec{j} + n\vec{k}$ then direction cosines are given by $\frac{l}{\sqrt{l^2 + m^2 + n^2}}$, $\frac{m}{\sqrt{l^2 + m^2 + n^2}}$, $\frac{n}{\sqrt{l^2 + m^2 + n^2}}$

Here $l = 2$, $m = 1$, $n = -2$

Direction cosines of the line with direction ratios 2, 1, -2 is

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

Direction cosines of the vector is $\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{-2}{3}$



23. Question

What is the angle between the vector $\vec{r} = (4\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + \hat{k})$ and the x-axis?

Answer

Given : the vector $\vec{r} = (4\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + \hat{k})$

To find : angle between the vector and the x-axis

Formula used : If the vector $l\vec{i} + m\vec{j} + n\vec{k}$ and x-axis then the angle between the

lines ' θ ' is given by

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{l}{\sqrt{l^2 + m^2 + n^2}}$$

Here $l = 4$, $m = 8$, $n = 1$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{4}{\sqrt{4^2 + 8^2 + 1^2}} = \cos^{-1} \frac{4}{\sqrt{16 + 64 + 1}}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{4}{\sqrt{81}} = \cos^{-1} \frac{4}{9}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{4}{9}$$

The angle between the vector and the x-axis is $\cos^{-1} \frac{4}{9}$

Objective Questions

1. Question

The direction ratios of two lines are 3, 2, -6 and 1, 2, 2, respectively. The acute angle between these lines is

A. $\cos^{-1} \left(\frac{5}{18} \right)$

B. $\cos^{-1} \left(\frac{3}{20} \right)$

C. $\cos^{-1} \left(\frac{5}{21} \right)$

D. $\cos^{-1} \left(\frac{8}{21} \right)$



Answer

Direction ratio are given implies that we can write the parallel vector towards that line, lets consider the first parallel vector to be $|\vec{a}| = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$ and second parallel vector be $|\vec{b}| = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$.

For the angle, we can use the formula $\cos \alpha = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|}$

For that, we need to find the magnitude of these vectors

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{3^2 + 2^2 + (-6)^2}$$

$$= 7$$

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{1 + 2^2 + 2^2}$$

$$= 3$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})}{7 \times 3}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{3 + 4 - 12}{21}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{-5}{21}$$

$$\alpha = \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{5}{21}\right)$$

The negative sign does not affect anything in cosine as cosine is positive in the fourth quadrant.

$$\alpha = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{21}\right)$$

2. Question

The direction ratios of two lines are a, b, c and $(b - c), (c - a), (a - b)$ respectively. The angle between these lines is

A. $\frac{\pi}{3}$

B. $\frac{\pi}{2}$

C. $\frac{\pi}{4}$

D. $\frac{3\pi}{4}$



Answer

Direction ratio are given implies that we can write the parallel vector towards that line, lets consider the first parallel vector to be $|\vec{a}| = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$ and second parallel vector be

$$|\vec{b}| = (b - c)\hat{i} + (c - a)\hat{j} + (a - b)\hat{k}$$

For the angle, we can use the formula $\cos \alpha = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| \times |\vec{b}|}$

For that, we need to find the magnitude of these vectors

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

$$= \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$$

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{(b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2 + (a - b)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{(a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}) \cdot ((b - c)\hat{i} + (c - a)\hat{j} + (a - b)\hat{k})}{\sqrt{2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)} \times \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{ab - ac + bc - ba + ca - cb}{\sqrt{2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)} \times \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{0}{\sqrt{2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)} \times \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

$$\alpha = \cos^{-1}(0)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

3. Question

The angle between the lines $\frac{x-2}{2} = \frac{y-1}{7} = \frac{z+3}{-3}$ and $\frac{x+2}{-1} = \frac{y-4}{2} = \frac{z-5}{4}$ is

A. $\frac{\pi}{6}$

B. $\frac{\pi}{3}$

C. $\frac{\pi}{2}$

D. $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{8}\right)$



Answer

Direction ratio are given implies that we can write the parallel vector towards those line, lets consider first parallel vector to be $|\vec{a}| = 2\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ and second parallel vector be $|\vec{b}| = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$.

For the angle we can use the formula $\cos \alpha = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| \times |\vec{b}|}$

For that we need to find magnitude of these vectors

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{3^2 + 2^2 + (7)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{62}$$

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{1 + 2^2 + 4^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{21}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{(2\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) \cdot (-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k})}{\sqrt{21} \times \sqrt{62}}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{-2 + 14 - 12}{\sqrt{21} \times \sqrt{62}}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{0}{\sqrt{21} \times \sqrt{62}}$$

$$\alpha = \cos^{-1} 0$$

Negative sign does not affect anything in cosine as cosine is positive in fourth quadrant

$$\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

4. Question

If the lines $\frac{x-1}{-3} = \frac{y-2}{2k} = \frac{z-3}{2}$ and $\frac{x-1}{3k} = \frac{y-1}{1} = \frac{z-6}{-5}$ are perpendicular to each other then $k = ?$

A. $\frac{-5}{7}$

B. $\frac{5}{7}$

C. $\frac{10}{7}$

D. $\frac{-10}{7}$



Answer

If the lines are perpendicular to each other then the angle between these lines will be

$\frac{\pi}{2}$, then the cosine will be 0

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

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{3^2 + (2k)^2 + 2^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{13 + 4k^2}$$

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

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{(3k)^2 + 1 + 5^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{9k^2 + 26}$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{(3k\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) \cdot (-3\hat{i} + 2k\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})}{\sqrt{13 + 4k^2} \times \sqrt{9k^2 + 26}}$$

$$0 = \frac{-9k + 2k - 10}{\sqrt{13 + 4k^2} \times \sqrt{9k^2 + 26}}$$

$$k = -\frac{10}{7}$$

5. Question

A line passes through the points A(2, -1, 4) and B(1, 2, -2). The equations of the line AB are

A. $\frac{x-2}{-1} = \frac{y+1}{2} = \frac{z-4}{-6}$

B. $\frac{x+2}{-1} = \frac{y+1}{2} = \frac{z-4}{6}$

C. $\frac{x-2}{1} = \frac{y+1}{2} = \frac{z-4}{6}$

D. none of these

Answer

To write the equation of a line we need a parallel vector and a fixed point through which the line is passing

$$\text{Parallel vector} = ((2-1)\hat{i} + (-1-2)\hat{j} + (4+2)\hat{k})$$

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

$$\text{Or} = -(\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$$

$$\text{Fixed point is } 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

Equation

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

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

Or



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

6. Question

The angle between the lines $\frac{x}{2} = \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z}{1}$ and $\frac{x-5}{4} = \frac{y-2}{1} = \frac{z-3}{8}$ is

A. $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)$

B. $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{6}\right)$

C. $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$

D. $\frac{\pi}{3}$

Answer

Direction cosine of the lines are given $2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $4\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 8\hat{k}$

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

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + 1}$$

$$|\vec{a}| = 3$$

$$\vec{b} = 4\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 8\hat{k}$$

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{4^2 + 1 + 8^2}$$

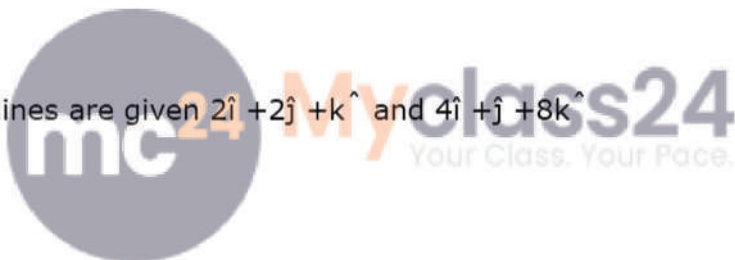
$$= 9$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| \times |\vec{b}|}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{(2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot (4\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 8\hat{k})}{3 \times 9}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{8 + 8 + 2}{27}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{2}{3}$$



7. Question

The angle between the lines $\vec{r} = (3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$ and $\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) + \mu(3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - 4\hat{k})$ is

A. $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{8\sqrt{3}}{15}\right)$

B. $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{6\sqrt{2}}{5}\right)$

C. $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{8}\right)$

D. $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{5\sqrt{2}}{6}\right)$

Answer

Let $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$ and $|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{1 + 1 + 2^2} = \sqrt{6}$

$$|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{3^2 + 5^2 + 4^2} = 5\sqrt{2}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| \times |\vec{b}|}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{(3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k})}{5\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{6}}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{3 + 5 + 8}{5\sqrt{12}}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{8\sqrt{3}}{15}$$

8. Question

A line is perpendicular to two lines having direction ratios 1, -2, -2 and 0, 2, 1. The direction cosines of the line are

A. $\frac{-2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}$

B. $\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{-1}{3}$

C. $\frac{2}{3}, \frac{-1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}$

D. none of these

Answer

If a line is perpendicular to two given lines we can find out the parallel vector by cross product of the given two vectors.

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

$$\vec{b} = 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) \times (2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

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

So the direction cosines are

$$\hat{n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^2 + 1 + 2^2}}$$

$$\hat{n} = \frac{1}{3}$$



Direction cosine

$$\frac{2}{3}, \frac{-1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}$$

9. Question

A line passes through the point A(5, -2, 4) and it is parallel to the vector $(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$. The vector equation of the line is

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

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

C. $\vec{r} \cdot (5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) = \sqrt{14}$

D. none of these

Answer

Fixed point is $5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ and parallel vector is $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

Equation $5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k} + \alpha(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$

10. Question

The Cartesian equations of a line are $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+2}{3} = \frac{z-5}{-1}$. Its vector equation is

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

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

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

D. none of these

Answer

Fixed point $(1, -2, 5)$ and the parallel vector is $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$

Equation $(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) + \alpha(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k})$

11. Question

A line passes through the point A(-2, 4, -5) and is parallel to the line $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{y-4}{5} = \frac{z+8}{6}$. The vector equation of the line is

A. $\vec{r} = (-3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}) + \lambda(-2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k})$

B. $\vec{r} = (-2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) + \lambda(3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$

C. $\vec{r} = (3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) + \lambda(-2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k})$

D. none of these

Answer

Fixed point is $-2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$ and the parallel vector is $3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$

Equation is $\vec{r} = (-2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) + \lambda(3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$

12. Question

The coordinates of the point where the line through the points A(5, 1, 6) and B(3, 4, 1) crosses the yz-plane is

A. $(0, 17, -13)$

B. $\left(0, \frac{-17}{2}, \frac{13}{2}\right)$

C. $\left(0, \frac{17}{2}, \frac{-13}{2}\right)$

D. none of these

Answer

We first need to find the equation of a line passing through the two given points

taking fixed point as $5\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$

and the parallel vector will be $(5 - 3)\hat{i} + (1 - 4)\hat{j} + (6 - 1)\hat{k} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$

equation of the line in cartesian form

$$\frac{x - 5}{2} = \frac{y - 1}{-3} = \frac{z - 6}{5}$$

Assume above equation to be equal to k , a constant

$$\frac{x - 5}{2} = \frac{y - 1}{-3} = \frac{z - 6}{5} = k$$

And y - z plane have x -coordinate as zero we may get

$$\frac{0 - 5}{2} = \frac{y - 1}{-3} = \frac{z - 6}{5} = k$$

$$k = -\frac{5}{2}$$

Now we can find y and z

$$\frac{y - 1}{-3} = -\frac{5}{2}$$

$$y - 1 = \frac{15}{2}$$

$$y = \frac{17}{2}$$

$$\frac{z - 6}{5} = -\frac{5}{2}$$

$$z - 6 = -\frac{25}{2}$$



$$z = -\frac{13}{2}$$

The coordinate where the line meets y-z plane is $\left(0, \frac{17}{2}, -\frac{13}{2}\right)$

13. Question

The vector equation of the x-axis is given by

A. $\vec{r} = \hat{i}$

B. $\vec{r} = \hat{j} + \hat{k}$

C. $\vec{r} = \lambda \hat{i}$

D. none of these

Answer

Vector equation need a fixed point and a parallel vector

For x-axis fixed point can be anything ranging from negative to positive including origin

And parallel vector is \hat{i}

Equation would be $\lambda \hat{i}$

14. Question

The Cartesian equations of a lines are $\frac{x-2}{2} = \frac{y+1}{3} = \frac{z-3}{-2}$. What is its vector equation?

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

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

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

D. none of these

Answer

Fixed point is $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ and the vector is $2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$

Equation $(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$

15. Question

The angle between two lines having direction ratios 1, 1, 2 and $(\sqrt{3}-1), (-\sqrt{3}-1), 4$ is

A. $\frac{\pi}{6}$

B. $\frac{\pi}{2}$

C. $\frac{\pi}{3}$

D. $\frac{\pi}{4}$

Answer

Let $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = (\sqrt{3} - 1)\hat{i} + (-\sqrt{3} - 1)\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{6} \quad |\vec{b}| = \sqrt{(4 - 2\sqrt{3}) + (4 + 2\sqrt{3}) + 16} = 2\sqrt{6}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot ((\sqrt{3} - 1)\hat{i} + (-\sqrt{3} - 1)\hat{j} + 4\hat{k})}{\sqrt{6} \times 2\sqrt{6}}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{3} - 1 - \sqrt{3} - 1 + 8}{12}$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\alpha = 60^\circ$$

16. Question

The straight line $\frac{x-2}{3} = \frac{y-3}{1} = \frac{z+1}{0}$ is

A. parallel to the x-axis

B. parallel to the y-axis

C. parallel to the z-axis

D. perpendicular to the z-axis

Answer

It is perpendicular to z-axis because $\cos 90^\circ$ is 0 which implies that it makes 90° with z-axis

17. Question

If a line makes angles α , β and γ with the x-axis, y-axis and z-axis respectively then $(\sin^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \beta + \sin^2 \gamma) = ?$

- A. 1
- B. 3
- C. 2
- D. $\frac{3}{2}$

Answer

$$\begin{aligned}\sin^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \beta + \sin^2 \gamma &= 1 - \cos^2 \alpha + 1 - \cos^2 \beta + 1 - \cos^2 \gamma \\ &= 3 - (\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma)\end{aligned}$$

$(\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma)$ is the square of the direction ratios of all three axes which is always equal to 1

$$= 3 - 1$$

$$= 2$$

18. Question

If (a_1, b_1, c_1) and (a_2, b_2, c_2) be the direction ratios of two parallel lines then

A. $a_1 = a_2, b_1 = b_2, c_1 = c_2$

B. $\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$

C. $a_1^2 + b_1^2 + c_1^2 = a_2^2 + b_2^2 + c_2^2$

D. $a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2 + c_1 c_2 = 0$

Answer

We know that if there is two parallel lines then their direction ratios must have a relation

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$$

19. Question

If the points $A(-1, 3, 2)$, $B(-4, 2, -2)$ and $C(5, 5, \lambda)$ are collinear then the value of λ is

- A. 5
- B. 7

C. 8

D. 10

Answer

Determinant of these point should be zero

$$\begin{vmatrix} -1 & 3 & 2 \\ -4 & 2 & -2 \\ 5 & 5 & \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$-1(2\lambda + 10) - 3(-4\lambda + 10) + 2(-20 - 10) = 0$$

$$10\lambda - 10 - 30 - 60 = 0$$

$$\lambda = 10$$

