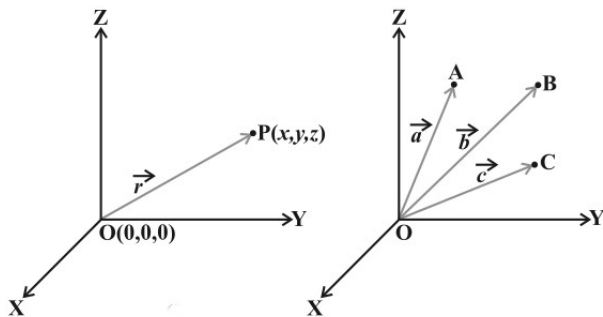


# Chapter 11

## Three Dimensional Geometry

We can identify each and every point of space with the help of three mutually perpendicular coordinate axes  $OX$ ,  $OY$  and  $OZ$ .

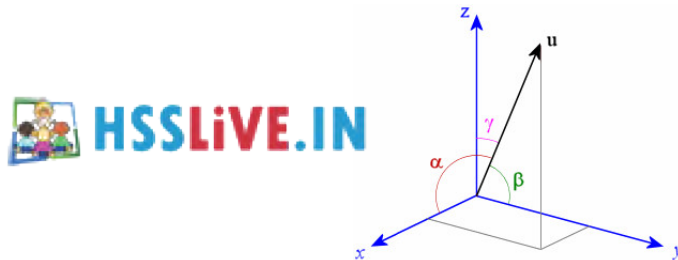


In this chapter we shall study the following concepts.

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## 11.1 Direction cosines and ratios



- If a directed line  $L$  passing through the origin makes angles  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  with  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ -axes, respectively, called **direction angles**.
- The cosine of these angles, namely,  $\cos \alpha$ ,  $\cos \beta$  and  $\cos \gamma$  are called **direction cosines** of the directed line  $L$ . The direction cosines are usually denoted by  $l$ ,  $m$ , and  $n$ . i.e.,

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

- If  $l, m, n$  are the direction cosines of a line  $L$ , then  $l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1$
- Let  $a, b, c$  are proportional to the direction cosines  $l, m, n$ , then  $a, b, c$  are called the **direction ratios**.
- If  $a, b, c$  are direction ratios of a line  $L$ , then  $a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$  is a **vector parallel to the line  $L$** .
- If  $l, m, n$  are direction cosines of a line  $L$ , then  $l\hat{i} + m\hat{j} + n\hat{k}$  is a **unit vector parallel to the line  $L$** .
- If  $l, m, n$  be the direction cosines and  $a, b, c$  be the direction ratios of a line, then

$$l = \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}, m = \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}, n = \frac{c}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

- If  $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $Q(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  be two points on a space, then the direction ratios of the line segment joining the points  $P$  and  $Q$  are:

$$a = x_2 - x_1, b = y_2 - y_1, c = z_2 - z_1$$

The direction cosines of the line segment joining the points  $P$  and  $Q$  are:

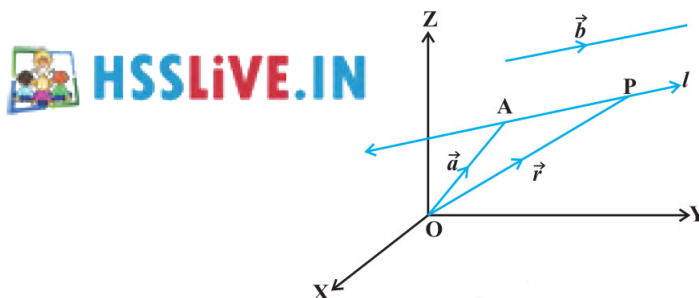
$$l = \frac{x_2 - x_1}{|PQ|}, m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{|PQ|}, n = \frac{z_2 - z_1}{|PQ|}$$

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

## Problems

1. If a line makes angle  $90^\circ$ ,  $60^\circ$  and  $30^\circ$  with the positive direction of  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ -axis respectively, find its direction cosines.
2. If a line makes angle  $90^\circ$ ,  $135^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$  with the positive direction of  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ -axis respectively, find its direction cosines.
3. Find the direction cosines of  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ -axis.
4. Find the direction cosines of a line which makes equal angles with the coordinate axes.
5. If a line has direction ratios  $2, -1, -2$ , determine its direction cosines.
6. If a line has the direction ratios  $-18, 12, -4$ , then what are its direction cosines ?
7. Find the direction cosines of the line passing through the two points  $(-2, 4, -5)$  and  $(1, 2, 3)$ .
8. Find the direction cosines of the sides of the triangle whose vertices are  $(3, 5, -4)$ ,  $(-1, 1, 2)$  and  $(-5, -5, -2)$ .
9. Show that the points  $A(2, 3, -4)$ ,  $B(1, -2, 3)$  and  $C(3, 8, -11)$  are collinear.
10. Show that the points  $(2, 3, 4)$ ,  $(-1, -2, 1)$ ,  $(5, 8, 7)$  are collinear.

## 11.2 Equation of line: A given point and a parallel vector



- **Vector Form:** The vector equation of a straight line passing through a fixed point  $A$  with position vector  $\vec{a}$  and parallel to a given vector  $\vec{b}$  is

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

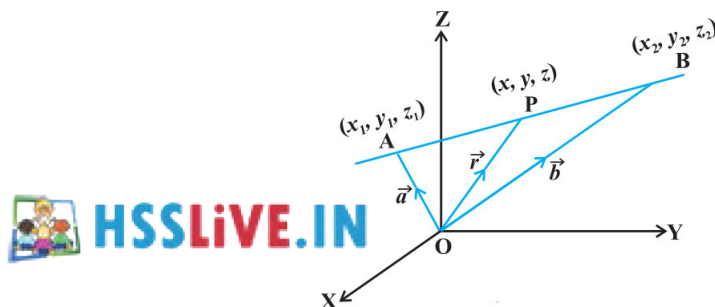
- **Cartesian Form:** The cartesian equation of a straight line passing through a fixed point  $A(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and parallel to a given vector  $\vec{b} = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$  is

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

## Problems

1. Find the Vector and the Cartesian equations of the line through the point  $(5, 2, 4)$  and which is parallel to the vector  $3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$ .
2. Find the equation of the line which passes through the point  $(1, 2, 3)$  and is parallel to the vector  $3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ .
3. The Cartesian equation of a line is  $\frac{x+3}{2} = \frac{y-5}{4} = \frac{z+6}{2}$ . Find the vector equation for the line.
4. The Cartesian equation of a line is  $\frac{x-5}{3} = \frac{y+4}{7} = \frac{z-6}{2}$ . Find the vector equation for the line.
5. Find the equation of a line parallel to  $x$ -axis and passing through the origin.
6. Find the equation of the line in vector and in cartesian form that passes through the point with position vector  $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  and is in the direction  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ .
7. Find the cartesian equation of the line which passes through the point  $(-2, 4, -5)$  and parallel to the line given by  $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{y-4}{5} = \frac{z+8}{6}$ .
8. Find the vector equation of the line passing through the point  $(1, 2, -4)$  and perpendicular to the two lines:  $\frac{x-8}{3} = \frac{y+19}{-16} = \frac{z-10}{7}$  and  $\frac{x-15}{3} = \frac{y-29}{8} = \frac{z-5}{-5}$ .

## 11.3 Equation of line: Given 2 points



- **Vector Form:** The vector equation of a straight line passing through two fixed points  $A$  and  $B$  with position vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  respectively is

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda(\vec{b} - \vec{a})$$

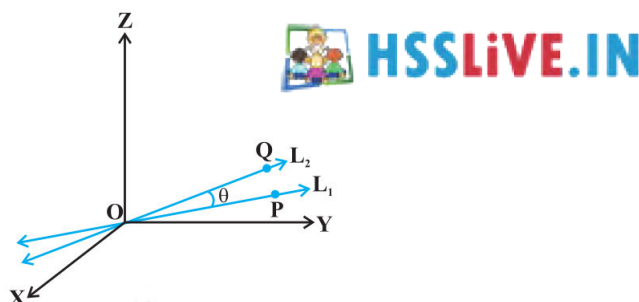
- **Cartesian Form:** The cartesian equation of a straight line passing through two fixed points  $A(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $B(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  is

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

## Problems

1. Find the vector equation for the line passing through the points  $(-1, 0, 2)$  and  $(3, 4, 6)$ .
2. Find the vector and the cartesian equations of the lines that passes through the origin and  $(5, -2, 3)$ .
3. Find the vector and the cartesian equations of the line that passes through the points  $(3, -2, -5), (3, -2, 6)$ .

## 11.4 Angle between two lines: Vector Form



- Let  $L_1 : \vec{r} = \vec{a}_1 + \lambda \vec{b}_1$  and  $L_2 : \vec{r} = \vec{a}_2 + \mu \vec{b}_2$  are two straight lines in space. Then the acute angle( $\theta$ ) between the lines  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  is given by

$$\cos \theta = \left| \frac{\vec{b}_1 \cdot \vec{b}_2}{|\vec{b}_1| |\vec{b}_2|} \right|$$

## Problems

1. Find the angle between the pair of lines given by  $\vec{r} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k} + \lambda(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$  and  $\vec{r} = 5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \mu(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$
2. Find the angle between the pair of lines given by  $\vec{r} = 2\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + \hat{k} + \lambda(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$  and  $\vec{r} = 7\hat{i} - 6\hat{k} + \mu(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$
3. Find the angle between the pair of lines given by  $\vec{r} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k} + \lambda(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$  and  $\vec{r} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 56\hat{k} + \mu(3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - 4\hat{k})$


## 11.5 Angle between two lines: Cartesian Form

- Let  $L_1 : \frac{x - x_1}{a_1} = \frac{y - y_1}{b_1} = \frac{z - z_1}{c_1}$  and  $L_2 : \frac{x - x_2}{a_2} = \frac{y - y_2}{b_2} = \frac{z - z_2}{c_2}$  are two straight lines in space. Then the acute angle( $\theta$ ) between the lines  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  is given by

$$\cos \theta = \left| \frac{a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2 + c_1 c_2}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2 + c_1^2} \sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2 + c_2^2}} \right|$$

- If lines  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are parallel, then  $\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$
- If the lines  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are perpendicular, then  $a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2 = 0$

## Problems

1. Find the angle between the pair of lines  $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{y-1}{5} = \frac{z+3}{4}$  and  $\frac{x+1}{1} = \frac{y-4}{1} = \frac{z-5}{2}$ .
2. Find the angle between the following pair of lines  $\frac{x-2}{2} = \frac{y-1}{5} = \frac{z+3}{-3}$  and  $\frac{x+2}{-1} = \frac{y-4}{8} = \frac{z-5}{4}$  
3. Find the angle between the following pair of lines  $\frac{x-5}{4} = \frac{y-2}{1} = \frac{z-3}{8}$  and  $\frac{x}{2} = \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z}{1}$
4. 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 perpendicular to each other.
5. Find the values of  $p$  so that the lines  $\frac{1-x}{3} = \frac{7y-14}{2p} = \frac{z-3}{2}$  and  $\frac{7-7x}{3p} = \frac{y-5}{1} = \frac{6-z}{5}$  are at right angles.
6. 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. Find the value of  $k$ .

## 11.6 Angle between two lines: Direction ratios or cosines

- The acute angle( $\theta$ ) between the lines with direction ratios  $a_1, b_1, c_1$  and  $a_2, b_2, c_2$  is given by

$$\cos \theta = \left| \frac{a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2 + c_1^2} \sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2 + c_2^2}} \right|$$

- The acute angle( $\theta$ ) between the lines with direction cosines  $l_1, m_1, n_1$  and  $l_2, m_2, n_2$  is given by

$$\cos \theta = \left| \frac{l_1l_2 + m_1m_2 + n_1n_2}{\sqrt{l_1^2 + m_1^2 + n_1^2} \sqrt{l_2^2 + m_2^2 + n_2^2}} \right|$$

- If lines with direction ratios  $a_1, b_1, c_1$  and  $a_2, b_2, c_2$  are parallel, then  $\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$
- If lines with direction ratios  $a_1, b_1, c_1$  and  $a_2, b_2, c_2$  are perpendicular, then  $a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2 = 0$

- If lines with direction cosines  $l_1, m_1, n_1$  and  $l_2, m_2, n_2$  are parallel, then  $\frac{l_1}{l_2} = \frac{m_1}{m_2} = \frac{n_1}{n_2}$
- If lines with direction cosines  $l_1, m_1, n_1$  and  $l_2, m_2, n_2$  are perpendicular, then  $l_1 l_2 + m_1 m_2 + n_1 n_2 = 0$

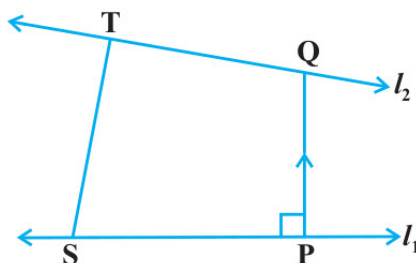


## Problems

1. Show that the three lines with direction cosines  $\frac{12}{13}, \frac{-3}{13}, \frac{-4}{13}; \frac{4}{13}, \frac{12}{13}, \frac{3}{13}; \frac{3}{13}, \frac{-4}{13}, \frac{12}{13}$  are mutually perpendicular.
2. Show that the line through the points  $(1, -1, 2), (3, 4, -2)$  is perpendicular to the line through the points  $(0, 3, 2)$  and  $(3, 5, 6)$ .
3. Show that the line joining the origin to the point  $(2, 1, 1)$  is perpendicular to the line determined by the points  $(3, 5, -1), (4, 3, -1)$ .
4. Show that the line through the points  $(4, 7, 8), (2, 3, 4)$  is parallel to the line through the points  $(-1, -2, 1), (1, 2, 5)$ .
5. Find the angle between the lines whose direction ratios are  $a, b, c$  and  $b-c, c-a, a-b$ .
6. If the coordinates of the points  $A, B, C, D$  be  $(1, 2, 3), (4, 5, 7), (-4, 3, -6)$  and  $(2, 9, 2)$  respectively, then find the angle between the lines  $AB$  and  $CD$ .
7. If  $l_1, m_1, n_1$  and  $l_2, m_2, n_2$  are the direction cosines of two mutually perpendicular lines, show that the direction cosines of the line perpendicular to both of these are  $m_1 n_2 - m_2 n_1, n_1 l_2 - n_2 l_1, l_1 m_2 - l_2 m_1$

## 11.7 Shortest distance between two skew lines

In a space, there are lines which are neither intersecting nor parallel. Such pair of lines are called **Skew lines**.



- **Vector Form:** Let  $l_1 : \vec{r} = \vec{a}_1 + \lambda \vec{b}_1$  and  $l_2 : \vec{r} = \vec{a}_2 + \mu \vec{b}_2$  are two skew lines in space. Then the shortest distance between the lines is given by

$$d = \left| \frac{(\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2) \cdot (\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1)}{|\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2|} \right|$$

- **Cartesian Form:** Let  $l_1 : \frac{x-x_1}{a_1} = \frac{y-y_1}{b_1} = \frac{z-z_1}{c_1}$  and  $l_2 : \frac{x-x_2}{a_2} = \frac{y-y_2}{b_2} = \frac{z-z_2}{c_2}$  are two skew lines in space. Then the shortest distance between the lines is given by

$$d = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x_2 - x_1 & y_2 - y_1 & z_2 - z_1 \\ a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\sqrt{(b_1c_2 - b_2c_1)^2 + (c_1a_2 - c_2a_1)^2 + (a_1b_2 - a_2b_1)^2}}$$



## Problems

- Find the shortest distance between the lines  $\frac{x+1}{7} = \frac{y+1}{-6} = \frac{z+1}{1}$  and  $\frac{x-3}{1} = \frac{y-5}{-2} = \frac{z-7}{1}$ .
- Find the shortest distance between the lines  $\vec{r} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \lambda(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k})$  and  $\vec{r} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k} + \mu(3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$
- Find the shortest distance between the lines  $\vec{r} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k} + \lambda(\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$  and  $\vec{r} = 4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k} + \mu(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k})$
- Find the shortest distance between the lines  $\vec{r} = 6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} + \lambda(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$  and  $\vec{r} = -4\hat{i} - \hat{k} + \mu(3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$
- Find the shortest distance between the lines  $\vec{r} = (1-t)\hat{i} + (t-2)\hat{j} + (3-2t)\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{r} = (s+1)\hat{i} + (2s-1)\hat{j} - (2s+1)\hat{k}$

## 11.8 Shortest distance between two parallel lines

Let  $l_1 : \vec{r} = \vec{a}_1 + \lambda\vec{b}$  and  $l_2 : \vec{r} = \vec{a}_2 + \mu\vec{b}$  are two parallel lines in space. Then the shortest distance between the lines is given by

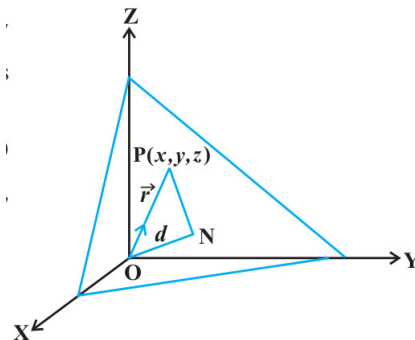
$$d = \frac{|\vec{b} \times (\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1)|}{|\vec{b}|}$$

## Problems

- Find the distance between the lines  $\vec{r} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k} + \lambda(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$  and  $\vec{r} = 3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k} + \mu(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$



## 11.9 Equation of plane: In Normal Form



- **Vector Form:** Vector equation of a plane at a distance  $d$  from the origin and  $\hat{n}$  is the unit vector normal to the plane through the origin is

$$\vec{r} \cdot \hat{n} = d$$

- **Cartesian Form:** Equation of a plane which is at a distance of  $d$  from the origin and the direction cosines of the normal to the plane as  $l, m, n$  is

$$lx + my + nz = d$$



- For a plane  $ax + by + cz = d$

– Direction ratios of normal =  $a, b, c$

– Direction cosines of normal:  $l = \frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}, m = \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}, n = \frac{c}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$

– Distance from origin =  $\frac{d}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$

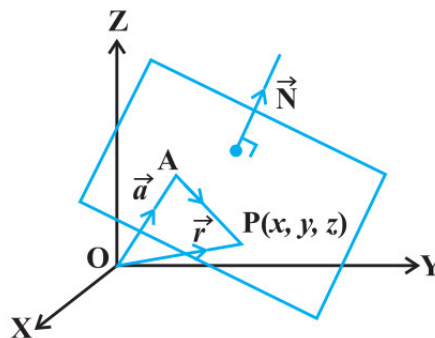
### Problems

1. Find the vector equation of the plane which is at a distance of  $\frac{6}{\sqrt{29}}$  from the origin and its normal vector from the origin is  $2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ . Also find its cartesian form.
2. Find the vector equation of the plane which is at a distance of 7 from the origin and its normal vector from the origin is  $3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$ .
3. In each of the following cases, determine the direction cosines of the normal to the plane and the distance from the origin.
  - (a)  $z = 2$
  - (b)  $x + y + z = 1$
  - (c)  $2x + 3y - z = 5$
  - (d)  $5y + 8 = 0$

4. Find the distance of the plane  $2x - 3y + 4z - 6 = 0$  from the origin.
5. Find the Cartesian equation of the following planes:
  - (a)  $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 2$
  - (b)  $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) = 1$
  - (c)  $\vec{r} \cdot ((s - 2t)\hat{i} + (3 - t)\hat{j} + (2s + t)\hat{k}) = 2$
6. Find the direction cosines of the unit vector perpendicular to the plane  $\vec{r} \cdot (6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) + 1 = 0$
7. Find the coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular drawn from the origin to the plane  $2x - 3y + 4z - 6 = 0$ .
8. In the following cases, find the coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular drawn from the origin.
  - (a)  $2x + 3y + 4z - 12 = 0$
  - (b)  $3y + 4z - 6 = 0$
  - (c)  $x + y + z = 1$
  - (d)  $5y + 8 = 0$



## 11.10 Equation of plane: Perpendicular to Vector and Passing Through a Point



- **Vector Form:** Vector equation of a plane passing through the point  $A$  whose position vector is  $\vec{a}$  and perpendicular to the vector  $\vec{N}$  is

$$(\vec{r} - \vec{a}) \cdot \vec{N} = 0$$

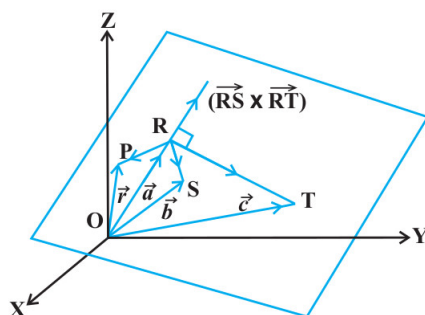
- **Cartesian Form:** The Cartesian Equation of a plane passing through  $A(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and perpendicular to a line with direction ratios  $a, b, c$  is

$$a(x_1 - x_2) + b(y_2 - y_1) + c(z_2 - z_1)$$

## Problems

- Find the vector and cartesian equations of the plane which passes through the point  $(5, 2, -4)$  and perpendicular to the line with direction ratios  $2, 3, -1$ .
- Find the vector and cartesian equations of the planes
  - that passes through the point  $(1, 0, -2)$  and the normal to the plane is  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$
  - that passes through the point  $(1, 4, 6)$  and the normal to the plane is  $\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$
- Find the vector equation of the line passing through  $(1, 2, 3)$  and perpendicular to the plane  $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) + 9 = 0$ .
- Find the equation of the plane passing through  $(a, b, c)$  and parallel to the plane  $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 2$
- If  $O$  be the origin and the coordinates of  $P$  be  $(1, 2, -3)$ , then find the equation of the plane passing through  $P$  and perpendicular to  $OP$ .

## 11.11 Equation of plane: Passing Through 3 Non Collinear Points



- Vector Form:** Vector equation of a plane passing through three points  $R, S, T$  whose position vectors are  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  is

$$(\vec{r} - \vec{a}) \cdot [(\vec{b} - \vec{a}) \times (\vec{c} - \vec{a})] = 0$$

- Cartesian Form:** The Cartesian Equation of a plane passing through  $R(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ ,  $R(x_2, y_2, z_2)$ ,  $R(x_3, y_3, z_3)$  is given by

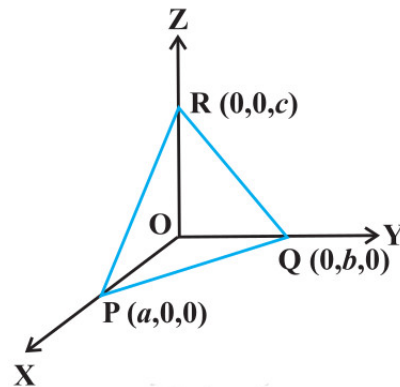
$$\begin{vmatrix} x - x_1 & y - y_1 & z - z_1 \\ x_2 - x_1 & y_2 - y_1 & z_2 - z_1 \\ x_3 - x_1 & y_3 - y_1 & z_3 - z_1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

## Problems



- Find the vector equations of the plane passing through the points  $R(2, 5, -3)$ ,  $S(-2, -3, 5)$  and  $T(5, 3, -3)$
- Find the equations of the planes that passes through three points.
  - $(1, 1, -1), (6, 4, -5), (-4, -2, 3)$
  - $(1, 1, 0), (1, 2, 1), (2, 2, -1)$

## 11.12 Equation of plane: Intercept Form



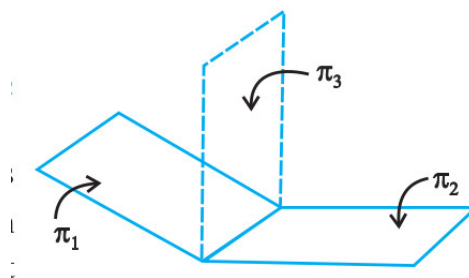
- Equation of a plane with intercepts  $a, b, c$  on  $x, y$  and  $z$ -axis respectively is

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

### Problems

- Find the equation of the plane with intercepts 2, 3 and 4 on the  $x, y$  and  $z$ -axis respectively.
- Find the intercepts cut off by the plane  $2x + y - z = 5$
- Find the equation of the plane with intercept 3 on the  $y$ -axis and parallel to  $ZOX$  plane.

## 11.13 Equation of plane: Passing Through Intersection Of Planes



- Vector Form:** Vector equation of a plane passing through the intersection of planes  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_1 = d_1$  and  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_2 = d_2$  and also through the point  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  is

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\vec{n}_1 + \lambda \vec{n}_2) = d_1 + \lambda d_2$$



- Cartesian Form:** The Cartesian Equation of a plane passing through the intersection of planes  $a_1x + b_1y + c_1z = d_1$  and  $a_2x + b_2y + c_2z = d_2$  and also through the point  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  is

$$(a_1x + b_1y + c_1z - d_1) + \lambda(a_2x + b_2y + c_2z - d_2) = 0$$

## Problems

1. Find the equation of the plane through the intersection of the planes  $3x - y + 2z - 4 = 0$  and  $x + y + z - 2 = 0$  and the point  $(2, 2, 1)$ .
2. Find the vector equation of the plane passing through the intersection of the planes  $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) = 7$ ,  $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = 9$  and through the point  $(2, 1, 3)$ .
3. Find the vector equation of the plane passing through the intersection of the planes  $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 6$ ,  $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) = -5$  and through the point  $(1, 1, 1)$ .
4. Find the equation of the plane passing through the intersection of the planes  $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 1$ ,  $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}) + 4 = 0$  and parallel to  $x$ -axis.
5. Find the equation of the plane through the line of intersection of the planes  $x + y + z = 1$  and  $2x + 3y + 4z = 5$  which is perpendicular to the plane  $x - y + z = 0$ .

## 11.14 Coplanarity of 2 lines

- **Vector Form:** Two lines  $\vec{r} = \vec{a}_1 + \lambda \vec{b}_1$  and  $\vec{r} = \vec{a}_2 + \mu \vec{b}_2$  are coplanar if

$$(\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2) = 0$$

- **Cartesian Form:** Two lines  $\frac{x - x_1}{a_1} = \frac{y - y_1}{b_1} = \frac{z - z_1}{c_1}$  and  $\frac{x - x_2}{a_2} = \frac{y - y_2}{b_2} = \frac{z - z_2}{c_2}$  are coplanar if

$$\begin{vmatrix} x_2 - x_1 & y_2 - y_1 & z_2 - z_1 \\ a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$



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## Problems

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

## 11.15 Angle between two planes

- **Vector Form:** The Angle( $\theta$ ) between two planes  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_1 = d_1$  and  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_2 = d_2$  is given by

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

- **Cartesian Form:** The Angle( $\theta$ ) between two planes  $a_1x + b_1y + c_1z = d_1$  and  $a_2x + b_2y + c_2z = d_2$  is given by

$$\cos \theta = \left| \frac{a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2 + c_1^2} \sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2 + c_2^2}} \right|$$

- If Planes are parallel, then  $\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$
- If the Planes are perpendicular, then  $a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2 = 0$

## Problems

- Find the angle between the two planes  $2x + y - 2z = 5$  and  $3x - 6y - 2z = 7$  using vector method.
- Find the angle between the planes whose vector equations are  $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) = 5$ ,  $\vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) = 3$
- Find the angle between the two planes  $3x - 6y + 2z = 7$  and  $2x + 2y - 2z = 5$ .
- In the following cases, determine whether the given planes are parallel or perpendicular, and in case they are neither, find the angles between them.
  - $7x + 5y + 6z + 30 = 0$  and  $3x - y - 10z + 4 = 0$
  - $2x + y + 3z - 2 = 0$  and  $x - 2y + 5 = 0$
  - $2x - 2y + 4z + 5 = 0$  and  $3x - 3y + 6z - 1 = 0$
  - $2x - y + 3z - 1 = 0$  and  $2x - y + 3z + 3 = 0$
  - $4x + 8y + z - 8 = 0$  and  $y + z - 4 = 0$



## 11.16 Distance of point from a plane

- Vector Form:** The distance of a point with position vector  $\vec{a}$  from the plane  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = d$  is given by

$$Distance = \left| \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{n} - d}{|\vec{n}|} \right|$$

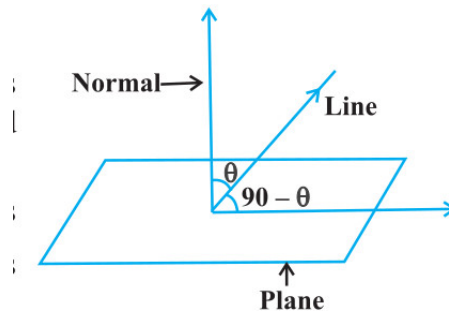
- Cartesian Form:** The distance of the point  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  from the plane  $ax + by + cz = d$  is given by

$$Distance = \left| \frac{ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 - d}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \right|$$

## Problems

- Find the distance of a point  $(2, 5, -3)$  from the plane  $\vec{r} \cdot (6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) = 4$
- In the following cases, find the distance of each of the given points from the corresponding given plane.
  - $(0, 0, 0)$ ;  $3x - 4y + 12z = 3$
  - $(3, -2, 1)$ ;  $2x - y + 2z + 3 = 0$
  - $(2, 3, -5)$ ;  $x + 2y - 2z = 9$
  - $(-6, 0, 0)$ ;  $2x - 3y + 6z - 2 = 0$
- Find the distance between the point  $P(6, 5, 9)$  and the plane determined by the points  $A(3, -1, 2)$ ,  $B(5, 2, 4)$  and  $C(-1, -1, 6)$ .

## 11.17 Angle between a Line and a Plane



- The angle( $\Phi$ ) between a line  $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b}$  and the plane  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = d$  is given by

$$\sin \Phi = \left| \frac{\vec{b} \cdot \vec{n}}{|\vec{b}| |\vec{n}|} \right|$$

### Problems



- Find the angle between the line  $\frac{x+1}{2} = \frac{y}{3} = \frac{z-3}{6}$  and the plane  $10x+2y-11z = 3$ .