

**CHAPTER 11**  
**THREE DIMENSIONAL GEOMETRY**

**SAY 2018**

1. Consider the plane  $2x - 3y + z = 5$ .
- Find the equation of the plane passing through the point  $(1,1,3)$  and parallel to the above plane. (2)
  - Find the distance between the above parallel planes. (2)
2. a) Show that the lines
- $$\frac{x-2}{1} = \frac{y+1}{2} = \frac{z-3}{1} \text{ and } \frac{x-3}{2} = \frac{y-1}{1} = \frac{z-4}{2} \text{ are coplanar.} \quad (2)$$
- Find the equation of the plane that contain above lines. (2)
  - Show that the above line intersect at the Point  $(3,1,4)$  (2)

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- Find the equation of a plane which makes  $x, y, z$  intercepts respectively as  $1, 2, 3$ . (2)
  - Find the equation of a plane passing through the point  $(1, 2, 3)$  which is parallel to above plane. (2)
4. a) Find the angle between the lines:
- $$\frac{x-2}{2} = \frac{y-1}{5} = \frac{z+3}{-3} \text{ and } \frac{x+2}{-1} = \frac{y-4}{8} = \frac{z-5}{4} \quad (2)$$
- Find the shortest distance between the pair of lines:

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

$$\vec{r} = 4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k} + \mu(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \quad (2)$$

**SAY 2017**

- Which of the following is a plane perpendicular to  $x + 3y + 4z = 7$ ?
  - $4x + 3y + z = 7$
  - $4x - z = 7$
  - $3x + 4y + z = 0$
  - $x + y + z = 0$
 (1)
- Find the shortest distance between the lines
 
$$\vec{r} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} + t(-\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) \text{ and } \vec{r} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k} + s(\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}) \quad (3)$$
- a) Distance of the point  $(1, 0, 0)$  from the plane  $x + 2y + 2z = 0$ 
  - $\frac{2}{3}$
  - $\frac{1}{3}$
  - $\frac{1}{2}$
  - 1
 (1)
- Find the Cartesian equation of a line passing through  $(1, 2, -4)$  and perpendicular to the lines
 
$$\frac{x-2}{2} = \frac{y-1}{-1} = \frac{z-1}{1} \text{ and } \frac{x-5}{1} = \frac{y}{1} = \frac{z-2}{1} \quad (3)$$

**MARCH 2017**

6. a) The line  $x - 1 = y = z$  is perpendicular to the lines
- $$\vec{r} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} + \lambda(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$$
- $$\vec{r} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k} + \mu(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \quad (3)$$
- Distance of the point  $(0, 0, 1)$  from the plane

$$x + y + z = 3$$

- a)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$                       b)  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$   
 c)  $\sqrt{3}$                       d)  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$                       (1)

- b) 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  $x - y + z = 0$                       (3)

**SAY 2016**

7. a) The equation of the line which passes through the point (1,2,3) and parallel to the vector  $3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  is  
 i)  $3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k} + \lambda(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$   
 ii)  $2\hat{i} - 5\hat{k} + \lambda(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$   
 iii)  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} + \lambda(-2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$   
 iv)  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} + \lambda(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$                       (1)
- b) Find the angle between the pair of lines  $\vec{r} = 2\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + \hat{k} + \lambda(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$  and  $\vec{r} = 7\hat{i} - 6\hat{k} + \mu(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$                       (3)
8. a) The distance of the plane  $x + y + z + 1 = 0$  from the point (1,1,1) is  
 i) 4 units                      ii)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$  units  
 iii)  $\frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}$  units                      iv)  $\frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}}$  units                      (1)
- b) Find the equation of the plane passing through (1,0,-2) and perpendicular to each of the planes  $2x + y - z = 2$  and  $x - y - z = 3$ . (3)

**MARCH 2016**

9. Find the shortest distance between the lines

$$\vec{r} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k} + \mu(3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \text{ and}$$

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

- a) Equation of the plane with intercepts 2,3,4 on the x,y and z axis respectively is                      (1)  
 i)  $2x + 3y + 4z = 1$     ii)  $2x + 3y + 4z = 12$   
 iii)  $6x + 4y + 3z = 1$     iv)  $6x + 4y + 3z = 12$
- b) Find the Cartesian equation of the plane passing through the points  $A(2,5,-3)$   $B(-2,-3,5)$  and  $C(5,3,-3)$ .                      (3)

**SAY 2015**

10. a) Find the value of 'p' if the lines  $\frac{x-5}{7} = \frac{y+2}{-5} = \frac{z}{1}$  and  $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{p} = \frac{z}{3}$  are perpendicular.                      (1)
- b) Find the shortest distance between the lines:  
 $\vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$  and  
 $\vec{r} = (4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) + \mu(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k})$                       (3)
11. Consider a plane which passes through the point (5,2,-4) and perpendicular to the line  $\vec{r} = (\hat{i} + \hat{j}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k})$   
 a) Write the equation in Cartesian form.                      (1)  
 b) Find its distance from the point (1,2,-1)                      (1)  
 c) Find the angle made by it with the line  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{1} = \frac{z-3}{-2}$                       (2)

**MARCH 2015**

12. a) Write the Cartesian equation of the straight line through the point (1,2,3) and along the vector  $3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ .                      (1)
- b) Write a general point on this straight line.                      (1)
- c) Find the point of intersection of this straight

line with the plane  $2x + 3y - z + 2 = 0$  (2)

- d) Find the distance from  $(1, 2, 3)$  to the plane  $2x + 3y - z + 2 = 0$ . (1)

**SAY 2014**

13. a) If  $a_1, b_1, c_1$  and  $a_2, b_2, c_2$  are the direction ratios of two lines, then write the condition of its perpendicularity. (1)

- b) Find the angle between the lines:

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

(3)

14. Consider the planes  $2x + y - 2z = 5$  and  $3x - 6y - 2z = 7$

- a) Find their normal vector. (2)  
b) Find the angle between these two planes. (2)

**MARCH 2014**

15. The foot of the perpendicular drawn from origin to a plane is  $(4, -2, 5)$ .

- a) How far is the plane from the origin? (1)  
b) Find a unit vector perpendicular to that plane. (1)  
c) Obtain the equation of the plane in general form. (1)

16. Given straight line

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

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

- a) Find the angle between the lines (2)  
b) Obtain a unit vector perpendicular to both the lines. (2)  
c) Form the equation of the line perpendicular to the given lines and passing through the point  $(1, 1, 1)$ . (1)

**SAY 2013**

17. Fill in the blanks: (1 x 3=3)

- a) If  $l, m, n$  are the direction cosines of a line then  $l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = \dots\dots\dots$  (1)

- b) The distance from the origin to the plane  $2x - 3y + 4z - 6 = 0$  is  $\dots\dots\dots$

- c) If  $\theta$  is the angle between the planes  $2x + y - 2z = 5$  and  $3x - 6y - 2z = 7$  then  $\cos \theta = \dots\dots\dots$

18. Consider the vector equation of two planes  $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 3$  and  $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 4$

Find the vector equation of the plane through the intersection of the above two planes and the point  $(1, 2, -1)$ . (3)

**MARCH 2013**

19. Consider the lines  $\frac{x-3}{3} = \frac{y-8}{-1} = \frac{z-3}{1}$  and

$$\frac{x+3}{-3} = \frac{y+7}{2} = \frac{z-6}{4}.$$

- a) Express the equations of the lines into vector form. (1)

- b) Find the shortest distance between the lines. (3)

20. a) Find the equation of the plane through the points  $(3, -1, 2)$ ,  $(5, 2, 4)$  and  $(-1, -1, 6)$  (2)

- b) Find the perpendicular distance from the point  $(6, 5, 9)$  to this plane. (2)

**SAY 2012**

21. a) Find the angle between the lines having direction ratios  $1, 1, 2$  and  $\sqrt{3} - 1, -\sqrt{3} - 1, 4$  (2)

- b) If the lines  $\frac{x-1}{3} = \frac{y-1}{2\lambda} = \frac{z-3}{2}$  and

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

are perpendicular, find the value of  $\lambda$ . (2)

22. a) The foot of the perpendicular from the origin to a plane is  $P(4, -2, 5)$ . Write  $\overrightarrow{OP}$  (1)
- b) Find the equation of the above plane in vector form and Cartesian form. (3)

**2012 MARCH**

23. Consider the points A  $(3, -4, -5)$  and B  $(2, -3, 1)$
- a) Find the vector and Cartesian equations of the line passing through the points A and B. (2)
- b) Find the point where the line crosses the XY plane (2)
24. a) Find the Cartesian equation of the plane passing through the point  $(1, 2, -3)$  and perpendicular to the vector  $2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ . (2)
- b) Find the angle between the above plane and the line  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-3}{3} = \frac{z}{6}$  (2)

**SAY 2011**

25. a) Consider the lines  $\frac{x}{2} = \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z}{1}$  and  $\frac{x-5}{4} = \frac{y-2}{1} = \frac{z-3}{8}$ .
- a) Write the direction ratios of this line (1)
- b) Find the angle between these two lines. (3)
- b) Find the vector and Cartesian equations of the plane that passes through the point  $(1, 0, -2)$  and normal to  $\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ . (3)

**OR**

- a) Write the vector equation of a line passing through the points  $(-3, 1, 2)$  and  $(2, 3, 4)$ . (1)
- b) Find the shortest distance between the lines

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

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

**MARCH 2011**

26. a) Find the equation of the plane with inter-

cepts 2, 3 and 4 on X, Y and Z axes respectively. (1)

- b) Find the distance of the point  $(-1, -2, 3)$  from the plane  $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) = 4$  (3)

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

- a) Find the angle between them. (1)
- b) Find the shortest distance between them. (3)

**OR**

Consider the points A  $(2, 2, -1)$  B  $(3, 4, 2)$  and C  $(7, 0, 6)$

- a) Find AB. (1)
- b) Find the vector and Cartesian equation of the plane passing through these points. (3)

**SAY 2010**

28. a) Find the vector equation of the plane passing through the intersection of the two planes  $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 6$  and  $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) = -5$  and through the point  $(1, 1, 1)$ . (3)
- b) Express the vector equation  $\vec{r} \cdot (5\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) = 2$  of a plane in Cartesian form and hence find its perpendicular distance from the origin. (2)

**OR**

Given the plane  $5x - 2y + 4z - 9 = 0$

- a) Find the foot of the perpendicular drawn from the origin to the plane. (3)
- b) Write the vector equation and Cartesian equation of this perpendicular. (2)

**MARCH 2010**

29. a) The coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular from (1,2,1) on the x-axis is ..... (1)
- b) The ratio in which the line segment joining the points (-2,4,7) and (3,-5,8) is divided by the yz plane is ..... (1)
- c) If A,B,C are angles which a line makes with the co-ordinate axes, then the value of  $\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B + \sin^2 C = \dots\dots\dots$  (1)

30. a) Out of syllabus.
- b) Find the shortest distance between the skew-lines whose vector equations are:

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

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

- c) Find the angle between the planes  $2x - y + z = 4$  and  $x + 3y - z = 9$  (2)

OR

- a) Out of syllabus.
- b) Find the equation of the plane passing through the points (1,-1,1) and (2,3,0) and perpendicular to the plane  $x + 2y + 3z = 8$ . (4)
- c) Find the equation of the line passing through the point (2,4,5) and perpendicular to the plane  $3x + 5y - 2z = 11$  (2)

**SAY 2009**

31. a) Find the co-ordinates of the point which divides the join of (4, 1, -3) and (2, -3,5) in the ratio 3:1 internally. (2)
- b) i) Find the direction ratios of the line through the points P(1, -1, 2) and Q(3, 4, -2). (1)

- ii) If R(0, 3, 2) and S(3, 5, 6), show that PQ is perpendicular to RS. (2)

32. a) A line passes through the point (3,-2,5) and parallel to the vector  $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ .

- i) What is the vector equation of the line? (1)
- ii) What is the Cartesian equation of the line? (1)

- b) Find the shortest distance between the skew lines whose vector equations are

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

$$\vec{r} = (4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) + \mu(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \quad (4)$$

**MARCH 2009**

33. a) Out of syllabus
- b) Out of syllabus

OR

34. Consider the planes  $3x - 4y + 5z = 10$  and  $2x + 2y - 3z = 4$

- a) Write the equation of the plane through the line of intersection of the above planes. (1)
- b) Write the direction ratio of the line  $x = 2y = 3z$  (1)
- c) If the above line is parallel to the obtained plane. Show that the plane is  $x - 20y + 27z = 14$  (4)

**MARCH 2008**

35. Consider the points (-1,2,4) and (1,0,5).
- i) Find the direction cosines of the line joining the two points. (2)
- ii) Out of syllabus
36. i) Out of syllabus

- ii) Out of syllabus.
- iii) Out of syllabus.

37. a) Find the equation of the plane through the point  $(1,2,3)$ , perpendicular to the planes  $x - y + z = 2$  and  $2x + y - 3z = 5$  (3)
- b) Find the distance between the parallel planes  $x + 2y + 2z - 8 = 0$  and  $6y - 3x - 6z = 57$  (3)
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