

Important Questions Class 12 Maths Chapter 11

Three Dimensional Geometry

1 Mark Questions

1. Find the directions cosines of x, y and z axis.

Ans. 1,0,0, 0,1,0 0,0,1

2. Find the vector equation for the line passing through the points (-1,0,2) and (3,4,6)

Ans. Let \vec{a} and \vec{b} be the p.v of the points A (-1,0,2) and B (3, 4 6)

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r} &= \vec{a} + \lambda(\vec{b} - \vec{a}) \\ &= (-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}) + \lambda(4\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 4\hat{k})\end{aligned}$$

3. Find the angle between the vector having direction ratios 3,4,5 and 4, -3, 5.

Ans. Let $a_1 = 3, b_1 = 4, c_1 = 5$ and $a_2 = 4, b_2 = -3, c_2 = 5$

$$\begin{aligned}\cos \theta &= \left(\frac{a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2 + c_1 c_2}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2 + c_1^2} \sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2 + c_2^2}} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \\ \theta &= 60^\circ\end{aligned}$$

4. What is the direction ratios of the line segment joining P(x_1, y_1, z_1) and Q (x_2, y_2, z_2)

Ans. $x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1$, and $z_2 - z_1$ are the direction ratio of the line segment PQ.

5. 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.

Ans. Comparing the given equation with the standard equation form

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

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

6. Show that the lines

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

are coplanar.

Ans. $x_1 = -3, y_1 = 1, z_1 = 5$

$a_1 = -3, b_1 = 1, c_1 = 5$

$x_2 = -1, y_2 = 2, z_2 = 5$

$a_2 = -1, b_2 = 2, c_2 = 5$

$$\begin{vmatrix} x_2 - x_1 & y_2 - y_1 & z_2 - z_1 \\ a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -3 & 1 & 5 \\ -1 & 2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Therefore lines are coplanar.

7. If a line has the direction ratios -18, 12, -4 then what are its direction cosines

Ans. $a = -18, b = 12, c = -4$

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = (-18)^2 + (12)^2 + (-4)^2 = 484$$

$$l = \frac{-18}{\sqrt{484}} = \frac{-18}{22} = \frac{-9}{11}$$

$$m = \frac{12}{22} = \frac{6}{11}$$

$$n = \frac{-4}{22} = \frac{-2}{11}$$

8. Find the angle between the pair of line given by

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

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

Ans.

$$\vec{b}_1 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b}_2 = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\left| \vec{b}_1 \cdot \vec{b}_2 \right|}{\left| \vec{b}_1 \right| \left| \vec{b}_2 \right|} = \frac{19}{21}$$

9. Prove that the points A(2,1,3) B(5, 0,5)and C(-4, 3,-1) are collinear

Ans. The equations of the line AB are

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

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

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

If A, B, C are collinear, C lies in equation (1)

$$\frac{-4-2}{3} = \frac{3-1}{-1} = \frac{-1-3}{2}$$

$$-2 = -2 = -2$$

Hence A,B,C are collinear

10. Find the direction cosines of the line passing through the two points (2,4,-5) and (1,2,3).

Ans. Let P(-2,4,-5) Q (1,2,3)

$$PQ = \sqrt{(1+2)^2 + (2-4)^2 + (3+5)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{9+4+64}$$

$$= \sqrt{77}$$

the direction cosines of the line

Joining two point is

$$\frac{1+2}{\sqrt{77}}, \frac{2-4}{\sqrt{77}}, \frac{3+4}{\sqrt{77}}$$

$$\frac{3}{\sqrt{33}}, \frac{-2}{\sqrt{77}}, \frac{8}{\sqrt{77}}$$

11. Find the equation of the plane with intercepts 2,3 and 4 on the x, y and z axis respectively.

Ans. Let the equation of the plane be

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

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

$$6x + 4y + 3z = 12$$

12. If the equations of a line AB is

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

find the directions ratio of line parallel to AB.

Ans.

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

the direction ratios of a line parallel to AB are 1, -2, 4

13. If the line has direction ratios 2,-1,-2 determine its direction Cosines.

Ans.

$$\frac{2}{\sqrt{(2)^2 + (-1)^2 + (-2)^2}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{(2)^2 + (-1)^2 + (-2)^2}}, \frac{-2}{\sqrt{(2)^2 + (-1)^2 + (-2)^2}} = \frac{2}{3}, \frac{-1}{3}, \frac{-2}{3}$$

14. The Cartesian equation of a line is

$$\frac{x-5}{3} = \frac{y+4}{7} = \frac{z-6}{2}$$

. Write its vector form

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

$$\vec{a} = 5\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

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

15. Cartesian equation of a line AB is

$$\frac{2x-1}{2} = \frac{4-y}{7} = \frac{z+1}{2}$$

write the direction ratios of a line parallel to AB.

Ans. Given equation of a line can be written is

$$\frac{x - \frac{1}{2}}{1} = \frac{y - 4}{-7} = \frac{z + 1}{2}$$

The direction ratios of a line parallel to AB are 1, -7, 2.

4 Mark Questions

1. Find the vector and Cartesian equation of the line through the point (5, 2, -4) and which is parallel to the vector $3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$

Ans:

$$\vec{a} = 5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}, \vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$$

Vector equation of line is

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

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

Cartesian equation is

$$x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} = 5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k} + \lambda(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 8\hat{k})$$

$$x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} = (5 + 3\lambda)\hat{i} + (2 + 2\lambda)\hat{j} + (-4 - 8\lambda)\hat{k}$$

$$x = 5 + 3\lambda, y = 2 + 2\lambda, z = -4 - 8\lambda$$

$$\frac{x-5}{3} = \frac{y-2}{2} = \frac{z+4}{-8}$$

2. Find the angle between the lines

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

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

Ans:

Let θ is the angle between the given lines

$$\vec{b}_1 = \hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{b}_2 = 3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

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

$$\frac{(\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - 4\hat{k})}{|\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}| |3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}|}$$

$$= \frac{|3 + 5 + 8|}{\sqrt{6}\sqrt{50}} = \frac{16}{\sqrt{50}}$$

$$\frac{16}{\sqrt{6} \cdot 5\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{16}{\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{5} \times \sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \frac{816\sqrt{3}}{2 \times 3 \times 5}$$

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

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

3. Find the shortest distance between the lines

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

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

Ans:

$$\vec{a}_1 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}, \vec{b}_1 = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{a}_2 = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}, \vec{b}_2 = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

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

$$\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1 = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

$$d = \frac{|(\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) \cdot (-3\hat{i} + 3\hat{k})|}{|-3\hat{i} + 3\hat{k}|}$$

$$= \frac{|-3 - 6|}{\sqrt{9 + 9}} = \frac{|9|}{3\sqrt{2}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$$

4. Find the direction cosines of the unit vector \perp to the plane

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

passing through the origin.

Ans:

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

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

$$|-6\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}| = \sqrt{36 + 9 + 4} = 7$$

Dividing equation 1 by 7

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

$$\hat{n} = \frac{-6}{7}\hat{i} + \frac{3}{7}\hat{j} + \frac{2}{7}\hat{k} \quad [\because \vec{r} \cdot \hat{n} = d]$$

Hence direction cosines of \hat{n} is $\frac{-6}{7}, \frac{3}{7}, \frac{2}{7}$

5. Find the angle between the two planes $3x - 6y + 2z = 7$ and $2x + 2y - 2z = 5$

Ans: Comparing the given eq of the planes with the equations

$$A_1x + B_1y + C_1z + D = 0, A_2x + B_2y + C_2z + D_2 = 0$$

$$A_1 = 3, B_1 = -6, C_1 = 2$$

$$A_2 = 2, B_2 = 2, C_2 = -2$$

6. Find the shortest between the l_1 and l_2 whose vector equations are

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

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

Ans:

$$\vec{a}_1 = \hat{i} + \hat{j}, \vec{b}_1 = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

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

$$\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1 = \hat{i} - \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & -5 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 7\hat{k}$$

$$|\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2| = \sqrt{59}$$

$$d = \frac{|(\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2) \cdot (\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1)|}{|\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2|} = \frac{|3 - 0 + 7|}{\sqrt{59}} = \frac{10}{\sqrt{59}}$$

7. Find the angel between lines

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

$$\vec{r} = (7\hat{i} - 6\hat{k}) + \mu(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

Ans:

$$\vec{b}_1 = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b}_2 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

The angle θ between them is given by

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

$$\frac{|(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})|}{|3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}| |\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}|}$$

$$\frac{|3 + 4 + 12|}{\sqrt{49} \sqrt{9}}$$

$$= \frac{19}{7 \times 3} = \frac{19}{21}$$

8. Show that the lines

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

Are perpendicular to each others

Ans:

$$\frac{x-5}{7} = \frac{y-(-2)}{-5} = \frac{z-0}{1}$$

$$\frac{x-0}{1} = \frac{y-0}{2} = \frac{z-0}{3}$$

$$a_1 = 7, b_1 = -5, c_1 = 1$$

$$a_2 = 1, b_2 = 2, c_2 = 3$$

For \perp

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

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$$= 7 \times 1 + (-5 \times 2) + 1 \times 3$$

$$= 7 - 10 + 3$$

$$= 0$$

$$\text{hence } l_1 \perp l_2$$

9. Find the vector equations of the plane passing through the points R(2,5,-3), Q(-2,-3,5) and T (5,3,-3)

Ans: Let

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

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

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

Vector equation is

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

$$[\vec{r} - (2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})] \cdot [(-4\hat{i} - 8\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}) \times (3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j})] = 0$$

10. Find the Cartesian equation of the plane

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

$$\cos \theta = \left| \frac{A_1 A_2 + B_1 B_2 + C_1 C_2}{\sqrt{A_1^2 + B_1^2 + C_1^2} \sqrt{A_2^2 + B_2^2 + C_2^2}} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{-10}{7 \times 2\sqrt{3}} \right|$$

$$= \frac{5}{7\sqrt{3}} = \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{21}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{5\sqrt{3}}{21} \right)$$

Ans: Let

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

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

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

$$x + y - z = 2$$

Which is the required equation of plane.

11. find the distance between the lines l_1 and l_2 given by

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

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

Ans:

$$\vec{a}_1 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

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

$$\text{since } \vec{b}_1 = \vec{b}_2$$

Hence line are parallel

$$\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1 = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b} \times (\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

$$\frac{|-9\hat{i} + 14\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}|}{\sqrt{49}}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{293}}{\sqrt{49}} = \frac{\sqrt{293}}{7}$$

12. Find the angle between lines

$$\frac{x}{2} = \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z}{1}, \frac{x-5}{4} = \frac{y-2}{1} = \frac{z-3}{8}$$

Ans:

$$\frac{x-0}{2} = \frac{y-0}{2} = \frac{z-0}{1}$$

$$\frac{x-5}{4} = \frac{y-2}{1} = \frac{z-3}{8}$$

$$a_1 = 2, b_1 = 2, c_1 = 1$$

$$a_2 = 4, b_2 = 1, c_2 = 8$$

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

$$= \frac{|2(4) + 2(1) + 1(8)|}{\sqrt{2^2 + 2^2 + 1} \sqrt{4^2 + 1^2 + 8^2}}$$

$$= \frac{|8 + 2 + 8|}{\sqrt{9} \sqrt{81}}$$

$$= \frac{18}{27}$$

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

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$$

13. Find the shortest distance between the lines

$$\frac{x+1}{7} = \frac{y+1}{-6} = \frac{z+1}{1} \text{ and } \frac{x-3}{1} = \frac{y-5}{-2} = \frac{z-7}{1}$$

Ans: $\vec{a}_1 = -\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}$

$$\vec{a}_2 = 3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b}_1 = 7\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 1\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b}_2 = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1 = 4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 7 & -6 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -4\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}$$

$$|\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2| = \sqrt{(-4)^2 + (-6)^2 + (-8)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{116}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{29}$$

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

$$= \frac{|-116|}{2\sqrt{29}} = \frac{116}{2\sqrt{29}}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{29}$$

14. Find the vector and Cartesian equations of the plane which passes through the point (5,2,-4) and \perp to the line with direction ratios (2,3,-1)

Ans:

$$\vec{a} = 5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

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

Vector equation is

$$\begin{aligned}(\vec{r} - \vec{a}) \cdot \vec{N} &= 0 \\ [\vec{r} - (5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k})] \cdot (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Cartesian equation is

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

$$[x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} - 5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}] \cdot [2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}] = 0$$

$$((x-5)\hat{i} + (y-2)\hat{j} + (z+4)\hat{k}) \cdot (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 0$$

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

$$2x - 10 + 3y - 6 - z - 4 = 0$$

$$2x + 3y - z = 20$$

15. Find the Cartesian equation of the plane

$$\vec{r}[(5-2t)\hat{i} + (3-t)\hat{j} + (25+t)\hat{k}] = 15$$

Ans:

$$\vec{r}[(5-2t)\hat{i} + (3-t)\hat{j} + (25+t)\hat{k}] = 15$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) \cdot [(5-2t)\hat{i} + (3-t)\hat{j} + (25+t)\hat{k}] &= 15 \\
 (5-2t)x + (3-t)y + (25+t)z &= 15
 \end{aligned}$$

16. Find the distance of a point (2,5,-3) from the plane

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

Ans:

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

$$\vec{N} = 6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}, d = 4$$

$$d = \frac{|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{N} - d|}{|\vec{N}|} \quad [\because \vec{r} \cdot \vec{N} = d]$$

$$= \frac{|(2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) \cdot (6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) - 4|}{|6\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}|}$$

$$= \frac{|12 - 15 - 6 - 4|}{\sqrt{36 + 9 + 4}} = \frac{13}{7}$$

17. Find the shortest distance

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

Ans:

$$\vec{a}_1 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{b}_1 &= \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} \\ \bar{a}_2 &= 4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k} \\ \bar{b}_2 &= 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k} \\ \bar{a}_2 - \bar{a}_1 &= 3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{b}_1 \times \bar{b}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -9\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 9\hat{k}$$

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

$$= \frac{|9|}{|3\sqrt{19}|} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{19}}$$

18. Find the vector equation of a plane which is at a distance of 7 units from the origin and normal to the vector $3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$

Ans: $3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$

$$|\vec{n}| = \sqrt{70}$$

$$\hat{n} = \frac{\vec{n}}{|\vec{n}|}$$

$$= \frac{3}{\sqrt{70}}\hat{i} + \frac{5}{\sqrt{70}}\hat{j} - \frac{6}{\sqrt{70}}\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot \hat{n} = 7$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot \left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{70}}\hat{i} + \frac{5}{\sqrt{70}}\hat{j} - \frac{6}{\sqrt{70}}\hat{k} \right) = 7$$

19. Find the Cartesian equation of plane

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

Ans:

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

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

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

$$x + y - z = 2$$

20. Find the angle between the line

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

and the plane $10x + 2y - 11z = 3$

Ans:

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

$$\text{and } \vec{r} \cdot (10\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 11\hat{k}) = 3$$

$$\text{here } \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$$

$$\text{and } \vec{n} = 10\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 11\hat{k}$$

$$\sin \phi = \frac{|\vec{b} \cdot \vec{n}|}{|\vec{b}| |\vec{n}|}$$

$$= \frac{|20 + 6 - 66|}{|7 \times 15|} = \frac{|-40|}{|7 \times 15|} = \frac{8}{21}$$

21. Find the value of P so that the lines

$$\frac{1-x}{3} = \frac{7y-14}{2p} = \frac{z-3}{2} \text{ and } \frac{7-7x}{3p} = \frac{y-5}{1} = \frac{6-z}{5}$$

are at right angles.

Ans:

$$\frac{x-1}{-3} = \frac{y-2}{\frac{2p}{7}} = \frac{z-3}{2} \dots(i)$$

$$\frac{-(x-1)}{\frac{-3p}{7}} = \frac{y-5}{1} = \frac{z-6}{-5} \dots(ii)$$

$$a_1 = -3, b_1 = \frac{2p}{7}, c_1 = 2$$

$$a_2 = \frac{-3p}{7}, b_2 = 1, c_2 = -5$$

for \perp

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

$$-3 \left(\frac{-3p}{7} \right) + \frac{2p}{7} (1) + 2(-5) = 0$$

$$\frac{9p}{7} + \frac{2p}{7} - \frac{10}{1} = 0$$

$$\frac{9p + 2p - 70}{7} = 0$$

$$11p = 70$$

$$p = \frac{70}{11}$$

22. Find the shortest distance between the lines whose vector equation are

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

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

Ans:

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

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

$$\vec{a}_1 = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b}_1 = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{a}_2 = \hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b}_2 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{a}_2 - \bar{a}_1 = \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

$$\bar{b}_1 \times \bar{b}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

$$|\bar{b}_1 \times \bar{b}_2| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (-4)^2 + (-3)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{29}$$

$$d = \frac{|(\bar{a}_2 - \bar{a}_1) \cdot (\bar{b}_1 \times \bar{b}_2)|}{|\bar{b}_1 \times \bar{b}_2|} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{29}}$$

23. Find x such that four points A(3,2,1) B(4,x,5) C(4,2,-2) and D (6,5,-1) are coplanar.

Ans: The equation of plane through A(3,2,1), C(4,2,-2) and D (6,5,-1) is

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

$$\begin{vmatrix} x-3 & y-2 & z-1 \\ 4-3 & 2-2 & -2-1 \\ 6-3 & 5-2 & -1-1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$9x - 7y + 3z - 16 = 0 \dots (i)$$

The point A,B,C,D are coplanar

$$9 \times 4 - 7x + 3 \times 5 - 16 = 0$$

$$x = 5$$

24. Find the angle between the two planes $2x + y - 2z = 5$ and $3x - 6y - 2z = 7$ using vector method.

Ans.

$$\vec{N}_1 = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{N}_2 = 3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

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

$$= \frac{|(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})|}{\sqrt{4+1+4} \sqrt{9+36+4}}$$

$$\frac{4}{21}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{4}{21} \right)$$

25. Find the angle b/w the line

$$\frac{x-2}{2} = \frac{y-1}{5} = \frac{z+3}{-3} \text{ and } \frac{x+2}{-1} = \frac{y-4}{8} = \frac{z-5}{4}$$

Ans:

$$\vec{b}_1 = 2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b}_2 = -\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

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

$$= \frac{|2(-1) + 5(8) + (-3)(4)|}{\sqrt{38} \sqrt{81}}$$

$$= \frac{26}{9\sqrt{38}}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{26}{9\sqrt{38}} \right)$$

6 Marks Questions

1. Find the vector equation of the plane passing through the intersection of plane

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

And the point (1,1,1)

Ans.

$$\vec{n}_1 = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}, \vec{n}_2 = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$
$$\vec{d}_1 = -5, d_2 = 6$$

Using the relation

$$\vec{r} \cdot (n_1 + \lambda n_2) = d_1 + \lambda d_2$$

$$r \cdot [(1 + 2\lambda)\hat{i} + (1 + 3\lambda)\hat{j} + (1 + 4\lambda)\hat{k}] = 6 - 5\lambda \dots (1)$$

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

$$(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k})[(1+2\lambda)\hat{i} + (1+3\lambda)\hat{j} + (1+4\lambda)\hat{k}] = 6 - 5\lambda$$

$$(1+2\lambda)x + (1+3\lambda)y + (1+4\lambda)z = 6 - 5\lambda$$

$$(x+y+z-6) + \lambda(2x+3y+4z+5) = 0 \dots (2)$$

plane passes through the point (1,1,1)

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

put λ in eq (1)

$$\vec{r} \cdot \left[\left(1 + \frac{3}{7}\right)\hat{i} + \left(1 + \frac{9}{14}\right)\hat{j} + \left(1 + \frac{6}{7}\right)\hat{k} \right] = 6 - \frac{15}{14}$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot \left(\frac{10}{7}\hat{i} + \frac{23}{14}\hat{j} + \frac{13}{7}\hat{k} \right) = \frac{69}{14}$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot (20\hat{i} + 23\hat{j} + 26\hat{k}) = 69$$

2. Find the coordinate where the line thorough (3,-4,-5) and ((2,-3,1) crosses the plane $2x + y + z = 7$

Ans. Given points are A(3,-4,-5)

B(2,-3,1)

Direction ration of AB are 3-2, -4+3, -5-1

1,-1,-6

Eq. of line AB

$$\frac{x-3}{1} = \frac{y+4}{-1} = \frac{Z+5}{-6} = \lambda(\text{say})$$

$$x = \lambda + 3, y = -\lambda - 4, Z = -6\lambda - 5$$

let

$$(\lambda + 3, -\lambda - 4, -6\lambda - 5) \text{ lies in}$$

$$\text{the plane } 2x + y + Z = 7$$

$$2(\lambda + 3) + (-\lambda - 4) + (-6\lambda - 5) = 7$$

$$\lambda = -2$$

(1, -2, 7) are the required point

3. 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)

Ans. Equation of any plane through the intersection of given planes can be taken as

$$(3x - y + 2z - 4) + \lambda(x + y + z - 2) = 0 \dots (i)$$

The point (2,2,1) lies in this plane

$\lambda = -2/3$ put in eq(i)

$$(3x - y + 2z - 4) - \frac{2}{3}(x + y + z - 2) = 0$$

$$7x - 5y + 4z - 8 = 0$$

4. If the points $(1,1,p)$ and $(-3,0,1)$ be equidistant from the plane

$$\vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}) + 13 = 0$$

, then find the value of p .

Ans. The given plane is

$$\vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}) + 13 = 0$$

$$(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}) + 13 = 0$$

$$3x + 4y - 12z + 13 = 0 \dots (i)$$

This plane is equidistant from the points $(1,1,P)$ and $(-3,0,1)$

$$\frac{|3(1) + 4(1) - 12p + 13|}{\sqrt{3^2 + 4^2 + (-12)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{|3(-3) + 4(0) - 12(1) + 13|}{\sqrt{3^2 + 4^2 + (-12)^2}}$$

$$|20 - 12p| = |-8|$$

$$20 - 12p = \pm 8$$

$$p = -1 \text{ or } \frac{7}{3}$$

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 \perp of the plane $x - y + z = 0$

Ans. Equations of any plane through the intersection of given planes are be written is

$$(x + y + z - 1) + \lambda(2x + 3y + 4z - 5) = 0$$

$$(1+2\lambda)x+(1+3\lambda)y+(1+4\lambda)z-1-5\lambda=0\dots(1)$$

This plane is at right angle to the plane $x-y+z$

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

$$\lambda = -1/3$$

put λ in equation (1)

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

$$x-z+2=0$$

6. Find the distance of the point $(-1,-5,-10)$ 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

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

Ans.

$$r = (2i - j + 2k) + \lambda(3i + 4j + 2k)$$

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

coordinates are

$$3\lambda + 2, 4\lambda - 1, 2\lambda + 2$$

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

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

$$x - y + z = 5 \dots (ii)$$

coordinate lies in eq. (ii)

$$\lambda = 0$$

we get (2, -1, 2)

Are the coordinate of the point of intersection of the given line and the plane

$$(-1, -5, -10) \text{ and } (2, -1, 2)$$

$$\text{req. distance} = \sqrt{(2+1)^2 + (-1+5)^2 + (2+10)^2}$$

$$= 13$$

7. Find the equation of the plane that contains the point (1,-1,2) and is \perp to each of the plane $2x+3y-2z=5$ and $x+2y-3z = 8$

Ans. The equation of the plane containing the given point is

$$A(x-1)+B(y-2)+C(Z-3)= 0 \dots i$$

$$\Rightarrow Ax + By + Cz = A + 2B + 3C$$

Condition of \perp to the plane given in (i) with the plane

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

$$2A+3B-2C=0$$

$$A+2B-3C=0$$

On solving

$$A=-5c, B=4C$$

$$5x-4y-Z=7$$

8. Find the vector equation of the line passing through (1,2,3) and \parallel to the planes

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

Ans.

line passing through (1, 2, 3)

$$\text{i.e. } \vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

and \parallel to the planes

$$\vec{b}_1 = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b}_2 = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

\therefore The line is normal to the vector

$$\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

\therefore The req. eq. of the line is

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

9. Find the equation of the line where the line through the points A(3,4,1) and B(5,1,6) crosses the XY plane.

Ans. The vector equation of the line through the point A and B is

$$\vec{r} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + k + \lambda[(5-3)\hat{i} + (1-4)\hat{j} + (6-1)\hat{k}]$$

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

Let P be the point where the line AB crosses the XY plane. Then the position vector \vec{r} of the point P is the form

$$x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$$

$$x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} = (3 + 2\lambda)\hat{i} + (4 - 3\lambda)\hat{j} + (1 + 5\lambda)\hat{k}$$

$$x = 3 + 2\lambda \quad | \quad y = 4 - 3\lambda$$

$$x = \frac{13}{5}, y = \frac{23}{5}$$

$$\text{req. point is } \left(\frac{13}{5}, \frac{23}{5}, 0 \right)$$

10. Prove that if a plane has the intercepts a,b,c is at a distance of p units from the origin then

$$\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} = \frac{1}{p^2}$$

Ans. The equation of the plane in the intercepts form is $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 1$ distance of this plane from the origin is given to be p

$$p = \frac{\left| \frac{1}{a} \cdot 0 + \frac{1}{b} \cdot 0 + \frac{1}{c} \cdot 0 - 1 \right|}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{b}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{c}\right)^2}}$$

$$p = \sqrt{\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2}$$