

CBSE NCERT Solutions for Class 12 Maths Chapter 11*Back of Chapter Questions***Exercise 11.1**

1. If a line makes angles 90° , 135° , 45° with the x, y and z-axes respectively, find its direction cosines.

Solution:

Considering direction cosines of the line as l, m, and n.

$$l = \cos 90^\circ = 0$$

$$m = \cos 135^\circ = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$n = \cos 45^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Hence, the direction cosines of the line are 0 , $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ and $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$.

2. Find the direction cosines of a line which makes equal angles with the coordinate axes.

Solution:

Consider, the direction cosine of the line making an angle α with each of the coordinate axes.

$$\therefore l = \cos \alpha, m = \cos \alpha, n = \cos \alpha$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \cos^2 \alpha = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 \alpha = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \alpha = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Therefore, the direction cosines of the line, which is equally inclined to the coordinate axes, are $\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$, $\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ and $\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$.

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

Solution:

Considering direction cosines of the line as l, m , and n .

The line has direction ratios of $-18, 12$ and -4 then its direction cosines are

$$l = \frac{-18}{\sqrt{(-18)^2 + (12)^2 + (-4)^2}}$$

$$m = \frac{12}{\sqrt{(-18)^2 + (12)^2 + (-4)^2}}$$

$$n = \frac{-4}{\sqrt{(-18)^2 + (12)^2 + (-4)^2}}$$

Therefore, $l = \frac{-18}{22}$

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

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

Thus, the direction cosines are $-\frac{9}{11}, \frac{6}{11}$ and $-\frac{2}{11}$

4. Show that the points $(2, 3, 4), (-1, -2, 1), (5, 8, 7)$ are collinear.

Solution:

Given: $A(2, 3, 4), B(-1, -2, 1)$ and $C(5, 8, 7)$.

We know that the direction ratios of line joining the points (x_1, y_1, z_1) and (x_2, y_2, z_2) are given by $x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1$ and $z_2 - z_1$.

The direction ratios of AB are $(-1 - 2), (-2 - 3)$ and $(1 - 4)$

$\Rightarrow -3, -5$ and -3 .

The direction ratios of BC are $(5 - (-1)), (8 - (-2))$ and $(7 - 1)$.

$\Rightarrow 6, 10$ and 6 .

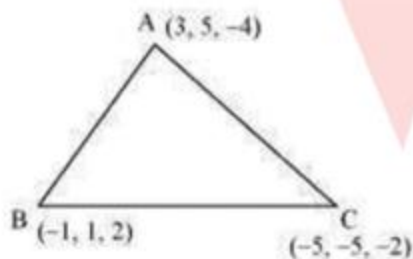
It is seen that the direction ratios of BC are -2 times that of AB therefore, they are proportional.

Thus, AB is parallel to BC. Since point B is common to both AB and BC, points A, B and C are collinear.

5. Find the direction cosines of the sides of the triangle whose vertices are $(3, 5, -4), (-1, 1, 2)$ and $(-5, -5, -2)$

Solution:

Given that the vertices of ΔABC are $A(3, 5, -4), B(-1, 1, 2)$ and $C(-5, -5, -2)$.



We know that the direction ratios of line joining the points (x_1, y_1, z_1) and (x_2, y_2, z_2) are given by $x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1$ and $z_2 - z_1$

The direction ratios of side AB with the points, $A(3, 5, -4), B(-1, 1, 2)$ are:

$\Rightarrow (-1 - 3), (1 - 5)$ and $(2 - (-4))$

$\Rightarrow -4, -4$ and 6 .

Then $\sqrt{(-4)^2 + (-4)^2 + (6)^2} = \sqrt{16 + 16 + 36}$

$= \sqrt{68}$

$$= 2\sqrt{17}$$

Therefore, the direction cosines of AB are

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-4}{\sqrt{(-4)^2+(-4)^2+(6)^2}}, \frac{-4}{\sqrt{(-4)^2+(-4)^2+(6)^2}}, \frac{6}{\sqrt{(-4)^2+(-4)^2+(6)^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-4}{2\sqrt{17}}, -\frac{4}{2\sqrt{17}}, \frac{6}{2\sqrt{17}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-2}{\sqrt{17}}, \frac{-2}{\sqrt{17}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{17}}$$

The direction ratios of BC with the points, B(-1, 1, 2) and C(-5, -5, -2) are:

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

$$\Rightarrow -4, -6 \text{ and } -4.$$

Therefore, the direction cosines of BC are

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-4}{\sqrt{(-4)^2+(-6)^2+(-4)^2}}, \frac{-6}{\sqrt{(-4)^2+(-6)^2+(-4)^2}}, \frac{-4}{\sqrt{(-4)^2+(-6)^2+(-4)^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-4}{2\sqrt{17}}, \frac{-6}{2\sqrt{17}}, \frac{-4}{2\sqrt{17}}$$

The direction ratios of CA with the points, A(3, 5, -4) and C(-5, -5, -2) are:

$$\Rightarrow (-5 - 3), (-5 - 5) \text{ and } (-2 - (-4))$$

$$\Rightarrow -8, -10 \text{ and } 2.$$

Therefore, the direction cosines of AC are

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-8}{\sqrt{(-8)^2+(10)^2+(2)^2}}, \frac{-10}{\sqrt{(-8)^2+(10)^2+(2)^2}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{(-8)^2+(10)^2+(2)^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-8}{2\sqrt{42}}, \frac{-10}{2\sqrt{42}}, \frac{2}{2\sqrt{42}}$$

Exercise 11.2

- Show that the three lines with direction cosines

$$\frac{12}{13}, \frac{-3}{13}, \frac{-4}{13}; \frac{4}{13}, \frac{12}{13}, \frac{3}{13}; \frac{3}{13}, \frac{-4}{13}, \frac{12}{13} \text{ are mutually perpendicular.}$$

Solution:

We know that two lines with direction cosines, l_1, m_1, n_1 and l_2, m_2, n_2 are perpendicular to each other

$$\text{When } l_1 l_2 + m_1 m_2 + n_1 n_2 = 0$$

(i) For the lines with direction cosines, $\frac{12}{13}, \frac{-3}{13}, \frac{-4}{13}$ and $\frac{4}{13}, \frac{12}{13}, \frac{3}{13}$

$$\begin{aligned} l_1 l_2 + m_1 m_2 + n_1 n_2 &= \frac{12}{13} \times \frac{4}{13} + \left(\frac{-3}{13}\right) \times \frac{12}{13} + \left(\frac{-4}{13}\right) \times \frac{3}{13} \\ &= \frac{48}{169} - \frac{36}{169} - \frac{12}{169} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the lines are perpendicular.

(ii) For the lines with direction cosines $\frac{4}{13}, \frac{12}{13}, \frac{3}{13}$ and $\frac{3}{13}, \frac{-4}{13}, \frac{12}{13}$

$$\begin{aligned} l_1 l_2 + m_1 m_2 + n_1 n_2 &= \frac{4}{13} \times \frac{3}{13} + \frac{12}{13} \times \left(\frac{-4}{13}\right) + \frac{3}{13} \times \frac{12}{13} \\ &= \frac{12}{169} - \frac{48}{169} + \frac{36}{169} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the lines are perpendicular.

(iii) For the lines with direction cosines, $\frac{3}{13}, \frac{-4}{13}, \frac{12}{13}$ and $\frac{12}{13}, \frac{-3}{13}, \frac{-4}{13}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} l_1 l_2 + m_1 m_2 + n_1 n_2 &= \left(\frac{3}{13}\right) \times \left(\frac{12}{13}\right) + \left(\frac{-4}{13}\right) \times \left(\frac{-3}{13}\right) + \left(\frac{12}{13}\right) \times \left(\frac{-4}{13}\right) \\ &= \frac{36}{169} + \frac{12}{169} - \frac{48}{169} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the lines are perpendicular.

Thus, all the lines are mutually perpendicular.

2. Show that the line through the points $(1, -1, 2)$ and $(3, 4, -2)$ is perpendicular to the line through the points $(0, 3, 2)$ and $(3, 5, 6)$.

Solution:

Consider, AB as the line joining the points $(1, -1, 2)$ and $(3, 4, -2)$ and CD as the line joining the points $(0, 3, 2)$ and $(3, 5, 6)$.

The direction ratios a_1, b_1, c_1 of AB are $(3 - 1), (4 - (-1))$ and $(-2 - 2)$
 $\Rightarrow 2, 5$ and -4 .

The direction ratios a_2, b_2, c_2 of CD are $(3 - 0), (5 - 3)$ and $(6 - 2)$.
 $\Rightarrow 3, 2$ and 4 .

AB and CD will be perpendicular to each other, if $a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2 &= 2 \times 3 + 5 \times 2 + (-4) \times 4 \\ &= 6 + 10 - 16 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, AB and CD are perpendicular to each other.

3. Show that the line through the points $(4, 7, 8), (2, 3, 4)$ is parallel to the line through the points $(-1, -2, 1), (1, 2, 5)$.

Solution:

Consider, AB, the line through the points $(4, 7, 8)$ and $(2, 3, 4)$ and CD be the line through the points $(-1, -2, 1)$ and $(1, 2, 5)$.

The directions ratios a_1, b_1, c_1 of AB are $(2 - 4), (3 - 7)$ and $(4 - 8)$
 $\Rightarrow -2, -4$ and -4 .

The direction ratios, a_2, b_2, c_2 of CD are $(1 - (-1)), (2 - (-2))$ and $(5 - 1)$
 $\Rightarrow 2, 4$ and 4 .

AB will be parallel to CD, when $\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{-2}{2} = -1$$

$$\frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{-4}{4} = -1$$

$$\frac{c_1}{c_2} = \frac{-4}{4} = -1$$

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

Therefore, AB is parallel to CD.

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

Solution:

Given that the line passes through the point $A(1, 2, 3)$.

Thus, the position vector through A is

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

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

We know that the line which passes through point A and parallel to \vec{b} is given by $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b}$, where λ is a constant.

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

This is the required equation of the line.

5. 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 $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$

Solution:

Given that the line passes through the point with position vector

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

$$\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k} \quad \dots(ii)$$

We know that a line through a point with position vector \vec{a} and parallel to \vec{b} is given by the equation, $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b}$

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

This is the required equation of the line in vector form.

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

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

Eliminating λ , we obtain the Cartesian form equation as

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

This is the required equation of the given line in Cartesian form.

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

Solution:

Given that the line passes through the point $(-2, 4, -5)$ and is parallel to $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{y-4}{5} = \frac{z+8}{6}$

The direction ratios of the line $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{y-4}{5} = \frac{z+8}{6}$ are 3, 5 and 6.

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

Therefore, its direction ratios are $3k, 5k$ and $6k$ where $k \neq 0$

We know that the equation of the line through the point (x_1, y_1, z_1) and with direction ratios a, b, c is given by $\frac{x-x_1}{a} = \frac{y-y_1}{b} = \frac{z-z_1}{c}$

Therefore the equation of the required line is

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

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

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

Solution:

The Cartesian equation of the line is

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

The given line passes through the point $(5, -4, 6)$. [from (1)]

The position vector of this point is $\vec{a} = 5\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$

The direction ratios of the given line are 3, 7 and 2. [from (1)]

This means that the line is in the direction of vector $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

We know that the line through position vector \vec{a} and in the direction of the vector \vec{b} is given by the equation $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b}$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

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

This is the required equation of the given line in vector form.

8. Find the vector and the Cartesian equations of the lines that passes through the origin and $(5, -2, 3)$.

Solution:

The required line passes through the origin. Therefore, its position vector is given by,

$$\vec{a} = \vec{0} \quad \dots(i)$$

The direction ratios of the line through origin and $(5, -2, 3)$ are:

$$(5 - 0) = 5,$$

$$(-2 - 0) = -2,$$

$$(3 - 0) = 3$$

The line is parallel to the vector given by the equation $\vec{b} = 5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

The equation of the line in vector form through a point with position vector \vec{a} and parallel to \vec{b} is $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r} = \vec{0} + \lambda(5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$$

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

The equation of the line through the point (x_1, y_1, z_1) and direction ratios a, b, c is given by

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

Thus, the equation of the required line in the Cartesian form is

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

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

9. Find the vector and the Cartesian equations of the line that passes through the points $(3, -2, -5), (3, -2, 6)$.

Solution:

Consider the line passing through the points $P(3, -2, -5)$ and $Q(3, -2, 6)$ be PQ.

As PQ passes through $P(3, -2, -5)$, its position vector is given by

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

The direction ratios of PQ are given by,

$$(3 - 3) = 0,$$

$$(-2 - (-2)) = 0,$$

$$(6 - (-5)) = 11$$

Therefore, equation of the vector in the direction of PQ is

$$\vec{b} = 0.\hat{i} + 0.\hat{j} + 11\hat{k} = 11\hat{k}$$

Thus, the equation of PQ in vector form is given by $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

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

The equation of PQ in Cartesian form is

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x-3}{0} = \frac{y+2}{0} = \frac{z+5}{11}$$

Cartesian equations of the line that passes through the points is $\frac{x-3}{0} = \frac{y+2}{0} = \frac{z+5}{11}$

10. Find the angle between the following pairs of lines:

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

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

Solution:

(i) Consider Q as the angle between the given lines

The angle between the given pair of lines is given by, $\cos Q = \frac{|\vec{b}_1 \cdot \vec{b}_2|}{|\vec{b}_1||\vec{b}_2|}$

The given lines are parallel to the vectors, $\vec{b}_1 = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b}_2 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ respectively.

Therefore,

$$|\vec{b}_1| = \sqrt{3^2 + 2^2 + 6^2} = 7$$

$$|\vec{b}_2| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (2)^2 + (2)^2} = 3$$

$$\vec{b}_1 \cdot \vec{b}_2 = (3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

$$= 3 \times 1 + 2 \times 2 + 6 \times 2$$

$$= 3 + 4 + 12$$

$$= 19$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos Q = \frac{19}{7 \times 3}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{19}{21} \right)$$

(ii) The given lines are parallel to the vectors, $\vec{b}_1 = \hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b}_2 = 3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$ respectively.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore |\vec{b}_1| &= \sqrt{(1)^2 + (-1)^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{6} \\ |\vec{b}_2| &= \sqrt{(3)^2 + (-5)^2 + (-4)^2} = \sqrt{50} = 5\sqrt{2} \\ \vec{b}_1 \cdot \vec{b}_2 &= (\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) \\ &= 1 \cdot 3 - 1(-5) - 2(-4) \\ &= 3 + 5 + 8 \\ &= 16 \\ \cos Q &= \frac{|\vec{b}_1 \cdot \vec{b}_2|}{|\vec{b}_1| |\vec{b}_2|} \\ \Rightarrow \cos Q &= \frac{16}{\sqrt{6} \cdot 5\sqrt{2}} = \frac{16}{\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{3} \cdot 5\sqrt{2}} = \frac{16}{10\sqrt{3}} \\ \Rightarrow \cos Q &= \frac{8}{5\sqrt{3}} \\ \Rightarrow Q &= \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{8}{5\sqrt{3}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

11. Find the angle between the following pair of lines:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad \frac{x-2}{2} &= \frac{y-1}{5} = \frac{z+3}{-3} \text{ and } \frac{x+2}{-1} = \frac{y-4}{8} = \frac{z-5}{4} \\ \text{(ii)} \quad \frac{x}{2} &= \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z}{1} \text{ and } \frac{x-5}{4} = \frac{y-2}{1} = \frac{z-3}{8} \end{aligned}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad \text{Let } \vec{b}_1 \text{ and } \vec{b}_2 \text{ be the vectors parallel to the pair of lines,} \\ \frac{x-2}{2} = \frac{y-1}{5} = \frac{z+3}{-3} \text{ and } \frac{x+2}{-1} = \frac{y-4}{8} = \frac{z-5}{4} \\ \therefore \vec{b}_1 = 2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 3\hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{b}_2 = -\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 4\hat{k} \\ |\vec{b}_1| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (5)^2 + (-3)^2} = \sqrt{38} \\ |\vec{b}_2| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (8)^2 + (4)^2} = \sqrt{81} = 9 \\ \vec{b}_1 \cdot \vec{b}_2 = (2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) \cdot (-\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2(-1) + 5 \times 8 + (-3) \cdot 4 \\
 &= -2 + 40 - 12 \\
 &= 26
 \end{aligned}$$

The angle Q between the given pair of lines is given by the relation,

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

$$\Rightarrow \cos Q = \frac{26}{9\sqrt{38}}$$

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

(ii) Let \vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2 be the vectors parallel to the given pair of lines,

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

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

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

$$\therefore |\vec{b}_1| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (2)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{9} = 3$$

$$|\vec{b}_2| = \sqrt{4^2 + 1^2 + 8^2} = \sqrt{81} = 9$$

$$\vec{b}_1 \cdot \vec{b}_2 = (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot (4\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 8\hat{k})$$

$$= 2 \times 4 + 2 \times 1 + 1 \times 8$$

$$= 8 + 2 + 8$$

$$= 18$$

If Q is the angle between the given pair of lines, then $\cos Q = \frac{|\vec{b}_1 \cdot \vec{b}_2|}{|\vec{b}_1| |\vec{b}_2|}$

$$\Rightarrow \cos Q = \frac{18}{3 \times 9} = \frac{2}{3}$$

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

12. Find the values of p so the line $\frac{1-x}{3} = \frac{7y-14}{2p} = \frac{z-3}{2}$ and $\frac{7-7x}{3p} = \frac{y-5}{1} = \frac{6-z}{5}$ are at right angles.

Solution:

Given equations can be written in the standard form as

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

The direction ratios of the lines are $-3, \frac{2p}{7}, 2$ and $\frac{-3p}{7}, 1, -5$ respectively.

Two lines with direction ratios, a_1, b_1, c_1 and a_2, b_2, c_2 are perpendicular to each other, if $a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2 = 0$

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{9p}{7} + \frac{2p}{7} = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow 11p = 70$$

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

Therefore, the value of p is $\frac{70}{11}$.

13. 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.

Solution:

Equations for the given lines are given as: $\frac{x-5}{7} = \frac{y+2}{-5} = \frac{z}{1}$ and $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z}{3}$

Direction ratios for the respective lines are: $7, -5, 1$ and $1, 2, 3$.

Two lines with direction ratios, a_1, b_1, c_1 and a_2, b_2, c_2 are perpendicular to each other, When $a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2 = 0$

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

$$= 7 - 10 + 3$$

$$= 0$$

Hence, the given lines are perpendicular to each other.

14. Find the shortest distance between the lines

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

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

Solution:

Equations for the given lines can be written as:

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

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

We know that the shortest distance between the lines, $\vec{r} = \vec{a}_1 + \lambda\vec{b}_1$ and $\vec{r} = \vec{a}_2 + \mu\vec{b}_2$, is given by,

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

Comparing the given equations, we get

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2 = (-2 - 1)\hat{i} - (2 - 2)\hat{j} + (1 + 2)\hat{k} = -3\hat{i} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2| = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + (3)^2} = \sqrt{9 + 9} = \sqrt{18} = 3\sqrt{2}$$

Substituting all the values in the equation (i), we get

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

$$\Rightarrow d = \left| \frac{-3.1 + 3(-2)}{3\sqrt{2}} \right|$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \left| \frac{-9}{3\sqrt{2}} \right|$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{3 \times \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{2}} = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

Thus, the shortest distance between the two lines is $\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$ units.

15. Find the shortest distance between the lines

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

Solution:

Given lines are:

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

We know that the shortest distance between the two lines is:

$$\frac{x-x_1}{a_1} = \frac{y-y_1}{b_1} = \frac{z-z_1}{c_1} \text{ and } \frac{x-x_2}{a_2} = \frac{y-y_2}{b_2} = \frac{z-z_2}{c_2} \text{ is given by,}$$

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

Comparing the given equations, we get

$$x_1 = -1, \quad y_1 = -1, \quad z_1 = -1$$

$$a_1 = 7, \quad b_1 = -6, \quad c_1 = 1$$

$$x_2 = 3, \quad y_2 = 5, \quad z_2 = 7$$

$$a_2 = 1, \quad b_2 = -2, \quad c_2 = 1$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \begin{vmatrix} x_2-x_1 & y_2-y_1 & z_2-z_1 \\ a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 6 & 8 \\ 7 & -6 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 4(-6+2) - 6(7-1) + 8(-14+6)$$

$$= -16 - 36 - 64$$

$$= -116$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{(b_1c_2 - b_2c_1)^2 + (c_1a_2 - c_2a_1)^2 + (a_1b_2 - a_2b_1)^2} \\ = \sqrt{(-6+2)^2 + (1+7)^2 + (-14+6)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{16 + 36 + 64}$$

$$= \sqrt{116}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{29}$$

Substituting all the values in equation (i), we get

$$d = \frac{-116}{2\sqrt{29}} = \frac{-58}{\sqrt{29}} = \frac{-2 \times 29}{\sqrt{29}} = -2\sqrt{29}$$

As distance is always non-negative, the distance between the lines $\frac{x+1}{7} = \frac{y+1}{-6} = \frac{z+1}{1}$ and $\frac{x-3}{1} = \frac{y-5}{-2} = \frac{z-7}{1}$ is $2\sqrt{29}$ units.

16. Find the shortest distance between the lines whose vector equations are

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

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

Solution:

Vector equations of the given lines are:

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

We know that the shortest distance between the lines, $\vec{r} = \vec{a}_1 + \lambda\vec{b}_1$ and $\vec{r} = \vec{a}_2 + \mu\vec{b}_2$.
The given lines are given by,

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

Comparing the given equations with $\vec{r} = \vec{a}_1 + \lambda\vec{b}_1$ and $\vec{r} = \vec{a}_2 + \mu\vec{b}_2$

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

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

$$\vec{a}_2 = 4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$$

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

$$\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1 = (4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) - (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = 3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (-3 - 6)\hat{i} - (1 - 4)\hat{j} + (3 + 6)\hat{k} = -9\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 9\hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2| = \sqrt{(-9)^2 + (3)^2 + (9)^2} = \sqrt{81 + 9 + 81} = \sqrt{171} = 3\sqrt{19}$$

$$(\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2) \cdot (\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) = (-9\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 9\hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$$

$$= -9 \times 3 + 3 \times 3 + 9 \times 3$$

$$= 9$$

Substituting all the values in equation (i), we get

$$d = \left| \frac{9}{3\sqrt{19}} \right| = \frac{3}{\sqrt{19}}$$

Thus, the shortest distance between the two given lines is $\frac{3}{\sqrt{19}}$ units.

17. Find the shortest distance between the lines whose vector equations are

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

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

Solution:

The given vector equations are;

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

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

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

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

We know that the shortest distance between the lines, $\vec{r} = \vec{a}_1 + \lambda\vec{b}_1$ and $\vec{r} = \vec{a}_2 + \mu\vec{b}_2$, is given by,

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

For the given equations we have:

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

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

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

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

$$\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1 = (\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}) - (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = (-2 + 4)\hat{i} - (2 + 2)\hat{j} + (-2 - 1)\hat{k} = 2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (-4)^2 + (-3)^2} = \sqrt{4 + 16 + 9} = \sqrt{29}$$

$$\therefore (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2) \cdot (\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) = (2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) = -4 + 12 = 8$$

Substituting all the values in equation (iii), we get

$$d = \left| \frac{8}{\sqrt{29}} \right| = \frac{8}{\sqrt{29}}$$

Thus, the shortest distance between the lines is $\frac{8}{\sqrt{29}}$ units.

Exercise 11.3

1. 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) $5y + 8 = 0$

Solution:

(a) Given:

The equation of the plane is $z = 2$

The above equation can be rewritten as $0x + 0y + z = 2 \dots(i)$

The direction ratios of the normal are 0, 0 and 1.

$$\therefore \sqrt{0^2 + 0^2 + 1^2} = 1$$

Dividing both sides of equation (i) by 1, we get:

$$0 \times x + 0 \times y + 1 \times z = 2$$

Thus, this is of the form $lx + my + nz = d$ where l, m, n are the direction cosines of normal to the plane and d is the distance of the perpendicular drawn from the origin.

Hence, the direction cosines are 0, 0 and 1.

The distance of the plane from the origin is 2 units.

(b) Given:

The equation of the plane is $x + y + z = 1$... (i)

The direction ratios of normal are 1, 1 and 1.

$$\therefore \sqrt{(1)^2 + (1)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{3}$$

Dividing both sides of equation (i) by $\sqrt{3}$, we get:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}y + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \dots (ii)$$

Thus, this equation is of the form $lx + my + nz = d$, where l, m, n are the direction cosines of normal to the plane and d is the distance of normal from the origin.

Hence, the direction cosines of the normal are $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ and $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ and the distance of normal from the origin is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ units.

(c) Given:

The equation of the plane is $2x + 3y - z = 5$... (i)

The direction ratios of normal are 2, 3 and -1.

$$\therefore \sqrt{(2)^2 + (3)^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{14}$$

Dividing both sides of equation (i) by $\sqrt{14}$, we get:

$$\frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}x + \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}y - \frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}z = \frac{5}{\sqrt{14}}$$

Thus, this equation is of the form $lx + my + nz = d$, where l, m, n are the direction cosines of normal to the plane and d is the distance of normal from the origin.

Hence, the direction cosines of the normal to the plane are $\frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}}$ and $\frac{-1}{\sqrt{14}}$ and the distance of normal from the origin is $\frac{5}{\sqrt{14}}$ units.

(d) Given:

The equation of the plane is $5y + 8 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 0x - 5y + 0z = 8 \dots (i)$$

The direction ratios of normal are 0, -5 and 0.

$$\therefore \sqrt{0 + (-5)^2 + 0} = 5$$

Dividing both sides of equation (i) by 5, we get:

$$-y = \frac{8}{5}$$

Thus, this equation is of the form $lx + my + nz = d$, where l, m, n are the direction cosines of normal to the plane and d is the distance of normal from the origin.

Hence, the direction cosines of the normal to the plane are $0, -1$ and 0 and the distance of normal from the origin is $\frac{8}{5}$ units.

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

Solution:

Given:

The normal vector is, $\vec{n} = 3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$

$$\therefore \hat{n} = \frac{\vec{n}}{|\vec{n}|} = \frac{3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}}{\sqrt{(3)^2 + (5)^2 + (6)^2}} = \frac{3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}}{\sqrt{70}}$$

We know that the equation of the plane with position vector \vec{r} given by $\vec{r} \cdot \hat{n} = d$

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

Hence, the vector equation of the required plane is $\vec{r} \cdot \left(\frac{3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}}{\sqrt{70}} \right) = 7$

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

Solution:

(a) Given:

The equation of the plane is $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 2 \dots(i)$

For any arbitrary point $P(x, y, z)$ on the plane, the position vector \vec{r} is given by,

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

Thus, by substituting the value of \vec{r} in equation (i), we get:

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

$$(x \times 1) + (y \times 1) + (z \times -1) = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x + y - z = 2$$

Therefore, $x + y - z = 2$ is the required cartesian equation of the given plane.

(b) Given:

The equation of the plane is $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) = 1 \dots(i)$

For any arbitrary point $P(x, y, z)$ on the plane, the position vector \vec{r} is given by,

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

Thus, by substituting the value of \vec{r} in equation (i), we obtain

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

$$\Rightarrow 2x + 3y - 4z = 1$$

Therefore, $2x + 3y - 4z = 1$ is the required cartesian equation of the given plane.

(c) Given:

The equation of the plane is $\vec{r} \cdot [(s - 2t)\hat{i} + (3 - t)\hat{j} + (2s + t)\hat{k}] = 15 \dots(i)$

For any arbitrary point $P(x, y, z)$ on the plane, position vector \vec{r} is given by,

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

Thus, by substituting the value of \vec{r} in equation (i), we obtain

$$(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) \cdot [(s - 2t)\hat{i} + (3 - t)\hat{j} + (2s + t)\hat{k}] = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow (s - 2t)x + (3 - t)y + (2s + t)z = 15$$

Therefore, $(s - 2t)x + (3 - t)y + (2s + t)z = 15$ is the required cartesian equation of the given plane.

4. 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) $5y + 8 = 0$

Solution:

(A) Given:

The equation of the plane is $2x + 3y + 4z - 12 = 0$

Consider the coordinates of the foot of perpendicular P from the origin to the plane be (x_1, y_1, z_1) .

$$2x + 3y + 4z - 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x + 3y + 4z = 12 \quad \dots(i)$$

The direction ratios of normal are 2, 3 and 4.

$$\therefore \sqrt{(2)^2 + (3)^2 + (4)^2} = \sqrt{29}$$

On dividing both sides of equation (i) by $\sqrt{29}$, we obtain

$$\frac{2}{\sqrt{29}}x + \frac{3}{\sqrt{29}}y + \frac{4}{\sqrt{29}}z = \frac{12}{\sqrt{29}}$$

Thus, this equation is of the form $lx + my + nz = d$, where l, m, n are the direction cosines of normal to the plane and d is the distance of normal from the origin.

The coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular are given by (ld, md, nd) .

$$\text{So, } \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{29}} \times \frac{12}{\sqrt{29}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{29}} \times \frac{12}{\sqrt{29}}, \frac{4}{\sqrt{29}} \times \frac{12}{\sqrt{29}} \right) = \left(\frac{24}{29}, \frac{36}{29}, \frac{48}{29} \right).$$

Hence, the coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular are $\left(\frac{24}{29}, \frac{36}{29}, \frac{48}{29} \right)$.

(B) Given:

The equation of the plane is $3y + 4z - 6 = 0$

Consider the coordinates of the foot of perpendicular P from the origin to the plane be (x_1, y_1, z_1) .

$$3y + 4z - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0x + 3y + 4z = 6 \quad \dots(i)$$

The direction ratios of the normal are 0, 3 and 4.

$$\therefore \sqrt{0 + 3^2 + 4^2} = 5$$

On dividing both sides of equation (i) by 5, we obtain

$$0x + \frac{3}{5}y + \frac{4}{5}z = \frac{6}{5}$$

Thus, this equation is of the form $lx + my + nz = d$, where l, m, n are the direction cosines of normal to the plane and d is the distance of normal from the origin.

The coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular are given by (ld, md, nd) .

$$\text{So, } \left(0, \frac{3}{5} \times \frac{6}{5}, \frac{4}{5} \times \frac{6}{5}\right) = \left(0, \frac{18}{25}, \frac{24}{25}\right)$$

Hence, the coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular are $\left(0, \frac{18}{25}, \frac{24}{25}\right)$.

(C) Given:

The equation of the plane is $x + y + z = 1$

Consider the coordinates of the foot of perpendicular P from the origin to the plane be (x_1, y_1, z_1) .

$$x + y + z = 1 \quad \dots(i)$$

The direction ratios of the normal are 1, 1, and 1.

$$\therefore \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{3}$$

On dividing both sides of equation (i) by $\sqrt{3}$, we obtain

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

Thus, this equation is of the form $lx + my + nz = d$, where l, m, n are the direction cosines of normal to the plane and d is the distance of normal from the origin.

The coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular are given by (ld, md, nd) .

$$\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$$

Hence, the coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular are $\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$.

(D) Given:

The equation of the plane is $5y + 8 = 0$

Consider the coordinates of the foot of perpendicular P from the origin to the plane be (x_1, y_1, z_1) .

$$5y + 8 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0x - 5y + 0z = 8 \quad \dots(i)$$

The direction ratios of the normal are 0, -5, and 0.

$$\therefore \sqrt{0 + (-5)^2 + 0} = 5$$

On dividing both sides of equation (i) by 5, we obtain

$$-y = \frac{8}{5}$$

Thus, this equation is of the form $lx + my + nz = d$, where l, m, n are the direction cosines of normal to the plane and d is the distance of normal from the origin.

The coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular are given by (ld, md, nd) .

$$\left(0, -1 \times \frac{8}{5}, 0\right) = \left(0, -\frac{8}{5}, 0\right).$$

Hence, the coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular are $\left(0, -\frac{8}{5}, 0\right)$

5. Find the vector and Cartesian equation of the planes

(a) that passes through the point $(1, 0, -2)$ and the normal to the plane is $\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$.

(b) that passes through the point $(1, 4, 6)$ and the normal vector to the plane is $\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$.

Solution:

(a) Given:

The position vector of point $(1, 0, -2)$ is $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{k}$

So, the normal vector \vec{N} perpendicular to the plane is $\vec{N} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$

The vector equation of the plane is given by, $(\vec{r} - \vec{a}) \cdot \vec{N} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow [\vec{r} - (\hat{i} - 2\hat{k})] \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 0 \quad \dots(i)$$

\vec{r} is the position vector of any point $P(x, y, z)$ in the plane.

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

Hence, equation (i) becomes

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

$$\Rightarrow [(x-1)\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + (z+2)\hat{k}] \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x + y - z - 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x + y - z = 3$$

Therefore, $x + y - z = 3$ is the cartesian equation of the required plane.

(b) The position vector of the point $(1, 4, 6)$ is $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$

The normal vector \vec{N} perpendicular to the plane is $\vec{N} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$

The vector equation of the plane is given by, $(\vec{r} - \vec{a}) \cdot \vec{N} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow [\vec{r} - (\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})] \cdot (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 0 \quad \dots(i)$$

\vec{r} is the position vector of any point $P(x, y, z)$ in the plane.

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

Hence, equation (i) becomes

$$[(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) - (\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})] \cdot (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow [(x - 1)\hat{i} + (y - 4)\hat{j} + (z - 6)\hat{k}] \cdot (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 1) - 2(y - 4) + (z - 6) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 2y + z + 1 = 0$$

Therefore, $x - 2y + z + 1 = 0$ is the Cartesian equation of the required plane.

6. Find the equations of the planes that passes through three points.

(a) $(1, 1, -1), (6, 4, -5), (-4, -2, 3)$

(b) $(1, 1, 0), (1, 2, 1), (-2, 2, -1)$

Solution:

(a) The given points are $A(1, 1, -1), B(6, 4, -5)$ and $C(-4, -2, 3)$.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 6 & 4 & -5 \\ -4 & -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = (12 - 10) - (18 - 20) - (-12 + 16)$$

$$= 2 + 2 - 4$$

$$= 0$$

Since A, B, C are collinear points, there will be infinite number of planes passing through the given points.

(b) The given points are $A(1, 1, 0), B(1, 2, 1)$ and $C(-2, 2, -1)$.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = (-2 - 2) - (2 + 2) = -8 \neq 0$$

Therefore, a plane will pass through the points A, B, and C.

We know that the equation of the plane through the points (x_1, y_1, z_1) , (x_2, y_2, z_2) and (x_3, y_3, z_3) is

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

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} x - 1 & y - 1 & z \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow -2x - 3y + 3z = -5$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x + 3y - 3z = 5$$

Thus, $2x + 3y - 3z = 5$ is the Cartesian equation of the required plane.

7. Find the intercepts cut off by the plane $2x + y - z = 5$

Solution:

Given:

$$2x + y - z = 5 \quad \dots(i)$$

On dividing both sides of equation (i) by 5, we obtain

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{\frac{5}{2}} + \frac{y}{5} + \frac{z}{-5} = 1 \quad \dots(ii)$$

We know that the equation of a plane in intercept form is $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 1$, where a, b, c are the intercepts cut off by the plane at x, y and z axes respectively.

Thus, for the given equation,

$$a = \frac{5}{2}, b = 5 \text{ and } c = -5$$

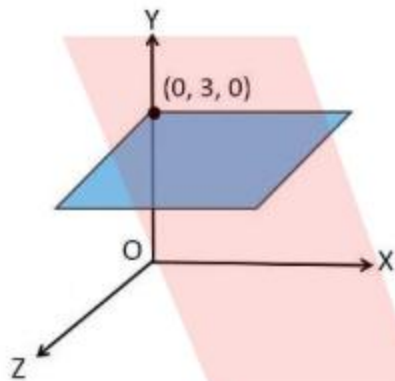
Therefore, the intercepts cut off by the plane are $\frac{5}{2}$, 5 and -5

8. Find the equation of the plane with intercept 3 on the y-axis and parallel to ZOY plane.

Solution:

Given:

The plane is parallel to ZOY plane is as shown in figure.



The equation of the plane with intercepts a, b, c on x, y, and z axis respectively.

Thus, the intercept on x-axis = 0

$$\therefore a = 0$$

And, the intercept on z-axis = 0

$$\therefore c = 0$$

Since the y-intercept of the plane is 3,

$$\therefore b = 3$$

So, equation of a plane

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

$$0 + \frac{y}{3} + 0 = 1$$

$$\frac{y}{3} = 1$$

$$y = 3$$

Hence, the equation of the required plane is $y = 3$

9. 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 $(2, 2, 1)$.

Solution:

The equation of any plane through the intersection of the planes,

$3x - y + 2z - 4 = 0$ and $x + y + z - 2 = 0$ is

$$(3x - y + 2z - 4) + \alpha(x + y + z - 2) = 0, \text{ where } \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \dots(i)$$

The plane passes through the point $(2, 2, 1)$.

Thus, this point will satisfy equation (i)

$$\therefore (3 \times 2 - 2 + 2 \times 1 - 4) + \alpha(2 + 2 + 1 - 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 + 3\alpha = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = -\frac{2}{3}$$

By substituting $\alpha = -\frac{2}{3}$ in equation (i), we obtain

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

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

$$\Rightarrow (9x - 3y + 6z - 12) - 2(x + y + z - 2) = 0$$

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

Therefore, $7x - 5y + 4z - 8 = 0$ is the required equation of the plane.

10. Find the vector equation of the plane passing through the intersection of the planes

$$\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) = 7, \vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = 9 \text{ and through the point } (2, 1, 3).$$

Solution:

It is given that the plane passes through $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) = 7$ and $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = 9$

The equations of the planes are

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) - 7 = 0 \dots(i)$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) - 9 = 0 \quad \dots(\text{ii})$$

So, the equation of any plane through the intersection of the planes given in equations (i) and (ii) is given by,

$$[\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) - 7] + \lambda[\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) - 9] = 0, \text{ where } \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot [(2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})] = 9\lambda + 7$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot [(2 + 2\lambda)\hat{i} + (2 + 5\lambda)\hat{j} + (3\lambda - 3)\hat{k}] = 9\lambda + 7 \quad \dots(\text{iii})$$

The plane passes through the point (2, 1, 3).

Therefore, its position vector is given by,

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

By substituting in equation (iii), we obtain

$$(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) \cdot [(2 + 2\lambda)\hat{i} + (2 + 5\lambda)\hat{j} + (3\lambda - 3)\hat{k}] = 9\lambda + 7$$

$$\Rightarrow (2 + 2\lambda) + (2 + 5\lambda) + (3\lambda - 3) = 9\lambda + 7$$

$$\Rightarrow 18\lambda - 3 = 9\lambda + 7$$

$$\Rightarrow 9\lambda = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{10}{9}$$

Hence, by substituting $\lambda = \frac{10}{9}$ in equation (iii), we obtain

$$\vec{r} \cdot \left(\frac{38}{9}\hat{i} + \frac{68}{9}\hat{j} + \frac{3}{9}\hat{k} \right) = 17$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r} \cdot (38\hat{i} + 68\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = 153$$

Therefore, $\vec{r} \cdot (38\hat{i} + 68\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = 153$ is the vector equation of the required plane.

11. 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 $x - y + z = 0$

Solution:

The equation of the plane through the intersection of the planes, $x + y + z = 1$ and $2x + 3y + 4z = 5$ is

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

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

The direction ratios, a_1, b_1, c_1 of this plane are $(2\lambda + 1), (3\lambda + 1)$ and $(4\lambda + 1)$.

The plane in equation (i) is perpendicular to $x - y + z = 0$

Its direction ratios, a_2, b_2, c_2 are $1, -1$ and 1 .

Since the planes are perpendicular,

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

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

$$\Rightarrow 3\lambda + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = -\frac{1}{3}$$

By substituting $\lambda = -\frac{1}{3}$ in equation (i), we obtain

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

$$\Rightarrow x - z + 2 = 0$$

Therefore, $x - z + 2 = 0$ is the required equation of the plane.

12. Find the angle between the planes whose vector equations are

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

Solution:

The equations of the given planes are $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) = 5$ and $\vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) = 3$

We know that if \vec{n}_1 and \vec{n}_2 are $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_1 = d_1$ and $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n}_2 = d_2$ normal to the planes, then the angle between them is given by Q,

$$\cos Q = \frac{|\vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2|}{|\vec{n}_1| |\vec{n}_2|} \dots(i)$$

Here, $\vec{n}_1 = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ and $\vec{n}_2 = 3\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$

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

$$= 2 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot (-3) + (-3) \cdot 5 = -15$$

$$|\vec{n}_1| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (2)^2 + (-3)^2} = \sqrt{17}$$

$$|\vec{n}_2| = \sqrt{(3)^2 + (-3)^2 + (5)^2} = \sqrt{43}$$

By substituting the value of $\vec{n} \cdot \vec{n}_2$, $|\vec{n}_1|$ and $|\vec{n}_2|$

$$\cos Q = \left| \frac{-15}{\sqrt{17} \cdot \sqrt{43}} \right|$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos Q = \frac{15}{\sqrt{731}}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{15}{\sqrt{731}} \right)$$

Hence, the angle between the planes for the given vector equations is $\cos^{-1} \left(\frac{15}{\sqrt{731}} \right)$.

13. In the following cases, determine whether the given planes are parallel or perpendicular and in case they are neither, find the angles between them.

(a) $7x + 5y + 6z + 30 = 0$ and $3x - y - 10z + 4 = 0$

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

(c) $2x - 2y + 4z + 5 = 0$ and $3x - 3y + 6z - 1 = 0$

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

(e) $4x + 8y + z - 8 = 0$ and $y + z - 4 = 0$

Solution:

The direction ratios of normal to the plane, $L_1: a_1x + b_1y + c_1z = 0$ are a_1, b_1, c_1 and $L_2: a_2x + b_2y + c_2z = 0$ are a_2, b_2, c_2

$$L_1 \parallel L_2, \text{ if } \frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$$

$$L_1 \perp L_2, \text{ if } a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2 = 0$$

Thus, the angle between L_1 and L_2 is given by,

$$Q = \cos^{-1} \left| \frac{a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2 + c_1^2} \cdot \sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2 + c_2^2}} \right|$$

(a) The given equations of the planes are $7x + 5y + 6z + 30 = 0$ and $3x - y - 10z + 4 = 0$

Here, $a_1 = 7, b_1 = 5, c_1 = 6$

$a_2 = 3, b_2 = -1, c_2 = -10$

$$a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2 = 7 \times 3 + 5 \times (-1) + 6 \times (-10) = -44 \neq 0$$

Hence, the given planes are not perpendicular.

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{7}{3}, \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{5}{-1} = -5, \frac{c_1}{c_2} = \frac{6}{-10} = \frac{-3}{5}$$

It can be observed that, $\frac{a_1}{a_2} \neq \frac{b_1}{b_2} \neq \frac{c_1}{c_2}$

Therefore, the given planes are not parallel.

So, the angle between them is given by,

$$Q = \cos^{-1} \left| \frac{7 \times 3 + 5 \times (-1) + 6 \times (-10)}{\sqrt{(7)^2 + (5)^2 + (6)^2} \times \sqrt{(3)^2 + (-1)^2 + (-10)^2}} \right|$$

$$= \cos^{-1} \left| \frac{21 - 5 - 60}{\sqrt{110} \times \sqrt{110}} \right|$$

$$= \cos^{-1} \frac{44}{110}$$

$$Q = \cos^{-1} \frac{2}{5}$$

(b) The given equations of the planes are $2x + y + 3z - 2 = 0$ and $x - 2y + 5 = 0$

Here, $a_1 = 2, b_1 = 1, c_1 = 3$ and $a_2 = 1, b_2 = -2, c_2 = 0$

$$\therefore a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2 = 2 \times 1 + 1 \times (-2) + 3 \times 0 = 0$$

Therefore, the given planes are perpendicular to each other.

(c) The given equations of the given planes are $2x - 2y + 4z + 5 = 0$ and $3x - 3y + 6z - 1 = 0$

Here, $a_1 = 2, b_1 = -2, c_1 = 4$ and $a_2 = 3, b_2 = -3, c_2 = 6$

$$a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2 = 2 \times 3 + (-2)(-3) + 4 \times 6 = 6 + 6 + 24 = 36 \neq 0$$

Hence, the given planes are not perpendicular to each other.

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{2}{3}, \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{-2}{-3} = \frac{2}{3} \text{ and } \frac{c_1}{c_2} = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

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

Therefore, the given planes are parallel to each other.

(d) The given equations of the planes are $2x - y + 3z - 1 = 0$ and $2x - y + 3z + 3 = 0$

$$a_1 = 2, b_1 = -1, c_1 = 3 \text{ and } a_2 = 2, b_2 = -1, c_2 = 3$$

Here,

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1, \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{-1}{-1} = 1 \text{ and } \frac{c_1}{c_2} = \frac{3}{3} = 1$$

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

Therefore, the given lines are parallel to each other.

(e) The given equations of the given planes are $4x + 8y + z - 8 = 0$ and $y + z - 4 = 0$

$$a_1 = 4, b_1 = 8, c_1 = 1 \text{ and } a_2 = 0, b_2 = 1, c_2 = 1$$

Here,

$$a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2 = 4 \times 0 + 8 \times 1 + 1 = 9 \neq 0$$

Hence, the given lines are not perpendicular to each other.

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{4}{0}, \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{8}{1} = 8, \frac{c_1}{c_2} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

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

Thus, the given lines are not parallel to each other.

So, the angle between the planes is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \cos^{-1} \left| \frac{4 \times 0 + 8 \times 1 + 1 \times 1}{\sqrt{4^2 + 8^2 + 1^2} \times \sqrt{0^2 + 1^2 + 1^2}} \right| \\ &= \cos^{-1} \left| \frac{9}{9 \times \sqrt{2}} \right| \\ &= \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = 45^\circ \end{aligned}$$

14. In the following cases, find the distance of each of the given points from the corresponding given plane.

Point Plane

(a) $(0, 0, 0)$ $3x - 4y + 12z = 3$

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

(c) $(2, 3, -5)$ $x + 2y - 2z = 9$

(d) $(-6, 0, 0) \quad 2x - 3y + 6z - 2 = 0$

Solution:

We know that the distance between a point $p(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and a plane $Ax + By + Cz = D$ is given by,

$$d = \left| \frac{Ax_1 + By_1 + Cz_1 - D}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + C^2}} \right| \dots(i)$$

(a) The given point is $(0, 0, 0)$ and the plane is $3x - 4y + 12z = 3$

$$\therefore d = \left| \frac{3 \times 0 - 4 \times 0 + 12 \times 0 - 3}{\sqrt{(3)^2 + (-4)^2 + (12)^2}} \right| = \frac{3}{\sqrt{169}} = \frac{3}{13}$$

(b) The given point is $(3, -2, 1)$ and the plane is $2x - y + 2z + 3 = 0$

$$\therefore d = \left| \frac{2 \times 3 - (-2) + 2 \times 1 + 3}{\sqrt{(2)^2 + (-1)^2 + (2)^2}} \right| = \left| \frac{13}{3} \right| = \frac{13}{3}$$

(c) The given point is $(2, 3, -5)$ and the plane is $x + 2y - 2z = 9$

$$\therefore d = \left| \frac{2 + 2 \times 3 - 2(-5) - 9}{\sqrt{(1)^2 + (2)^2 + (-2)^2}} \right| = \frac{9}{3} = 3$$

(d) The given point is $(-6, 0, 0)$ and the plane is $2x - 3y + 6z - 2 = 0$

$$\therefore d = \left| \frac{2(-6) - 3 \times 0 + 6 \times 0 - 2}{\sqrt{(2)^2 + (-3)^2 + (6)^2}} \right| = \left| \frac{-14}{\sqrt{49}} \right| = \frac{14}{7} = 2$$

Miscellaneous

1. Show that the line joining the origin to the point $(2, 1, 1)$ is perpendicular to the line determined by the points $(3, 5, -1), (4, 3, -1)$.

Solution:

Let OA be the line joining the origin, $O(0, 0, 0)$ and the point, $A(2, 1, 1)$.

Also, let BC be the line joining the points, $B(3, 5, -1)$ and $C(4, 3, -1)$.

The direction ratios of OA are 2, 1 and 1 and the direction ratios of BC are $(4 - 3) = 1, (3 - 5) = -2$ and $(-1 + 1) = 0$

Now,

$$a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2 = 2 \times 1 + 1(-2) + 1 \times 0 = 2 - 2 = 0$$

$$a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2 = 0$$

Therefore, OA is perpendicular to BC.

2. 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 $m_1n_2 - m_2n_1, n_1l_2 - n_2l_1, l_1m_2 - l_2m_1$.

Solution:

It is given that l_1, m_1, n_1 and l_2, m_2, n_2 are the direction cosines of two mutually perpendicular lines. Thus,

$$l_1l_2 + m_1m_2 + n_1n_2 = 0 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$l_1^2 + m_1^2 + n_1^2 = 1 \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$l_2^2 + m_2^2 + n_2^2 = 1 \quad \dots(iii)$$

Let l, m, n be the direction cosines of the line which is perpendicular to the line with direction cosines l_1, m_1, n_1 and l_2, m_2, n_2 .

$$\therefore ll_1 + mm_1 + nn_1 = 0$$

$$ll_2 + mm_2 + nn_2 = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{l}{m_1n_2 - m_2n_1} = \frac{m}{n_1l_2 - n_2l_1} = \frac{n}{l_1m_2 - l_2m_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{l^2}{(m_1n_2 - m_2n_1)^2} = \frac{m^2}{(n_1l_2 - n_2l_1)^2} = \frac{n^2}{(l_1m_2 - l_2m_1)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{l^2 + m^2 + n^2}{(m_1n_2 - m_2n_1)^2 + (n_1l_2 - n_2l_1)^2 + (l_1m_2 - l_2m_1)^2} \quad \dots(iv)$$

l, m, n are the direction cosines of the line.

$$\therefore l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1 \quad \dots(v)$$

We know that,

$$(l_1^2 + m_1^2 + n_1^2)(l_2^2 + m_2^2 + n_2^2) - (l_1l_2 + m_1m_2 + n_1n_2)^2 \\ = (m_1n_2 - m_2n_1)^2 + (n_1l_2 - n_2l_1)^2 + (l_1m_2 - l_2m_1)^2$$

From (i), (ii) and (iii), we obtain

$$\Rightarrow 1 \times 1 - 0 = (m_1n_2 - m_2n_1)^2 + (n_1l_2 - n_2l_1)^2 + (l_1m_2 - l_2m_1)^2$$

$$\therefore (m_1n_2 - m_2n_1)^2 + (n_1l_2 - n_2l_1)^2 + (l_1m_2 - l_2m_1)^2 = 1 \quad \dots(vi)$$

Substituting the values from equations (v) and (vi) in equation (iv), we obtain

$$\frac{l^2}{(m_1n_2 - m_2n_1)^2} = \frac{m^2}{(n_2l_2 - n_2l_1)^2} = \frac{n^2}{(l_1m_2 - l_2m_1)^2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow l = m_1n_2 - m_2n_1, m = n_1l_2 - n_2l_1, n = l_1m_2 - l_2m_1$$

Hence, the direction cosines of the required line are $m_1n_2 - m_2n_1, n_1l_2 - n_2l_1$ and $l_1m_2 - l_2m_1$.

3. Find the angle between the lines whose direction ratios are a, b, c and $b - c, c - a, a - b$.

Solution:

The angle Q between the lines with direction cosines, a, b, c and $b - c, c - a, a - b$ is given by,

$$\cos Q = \left| \frac{a(b - c) + b(c - a) + c(a - b)}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \sqrt{(b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2 + (a - b)^2}} \right|$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos Q = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = \cos^{-1}0$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = 90^\circ$$

Hence, the angle between the lines is 90° .

4. Find the equation of a line parallel to x-axis and passing through the origin.

Solution:

The line parallel to x-axis and passing through the origin is x-axis itself.

Let A be a point on x-axis.

Thus, the coordinates of A are given by $(a, 0, 0)$, where $a \in \mathbb{R}$.

Direction ratios of OA are $(a - 0) = a, 0, 0$

The equation of OA is given by,

$$\frac{x-0}{a} = \frac{y-0}{0} = \frac{z-0}{0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{0} = \frac{z}{0} = a$$

Therefore, the equation of line parallel to x-axis and passing through origin is

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

5. 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.

Solution:

It is given that the coordinates of A, B, C and D are (1, 2, 3), (4, 5, 7), (-4, 3, -6) and (2, 9, 2) respectively.

The direction ratios of AB are $(4 - 1) = 3$, $(5 - 2) = 3$ and $(7 - 3) = 4$

The direction ratios of CD are $(2 - (-4)) = 6$, $(9 - 3) = 6$ and $(2 - (-6)) = 8$

It can be seen that $\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{c_1}{c_2} = \frac{1}{2}$

Therefore, AB is parallel to CD.

Hence, the angle between AB and CD is either 0° or 180° .

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.

Solution:

Given: Two 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 $a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2 = 0$

The direction of ratios of 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 $-3, 2k, 2$ and $3k, 1, -5$ respectively.

We know that, two lines with direction ratios, a_1, b_1, c_1 and a_2, b_2, c_2 are perpendicular if $a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2 = 0$

$$\therefore -3(3k) + 2k \times 1 + 2(-5) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -9k + 2k - 10 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 7k = -10$$

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

Therefore, for $k = -\frac{10}{7}$, the given lines are perpendicular to each other.

7. Find the vector equation of the line passing through $(1, 2, 3)$ and perpendicular to the plane $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) + 9 = 0$

Solution:

Given: The position vector of the point $(1, 2, 3)$ is $\vec{r}_1 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

The direction ratios of the normal to the $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) + 9 = 0$ plane are 1, 2 and the normal vector is $\vec{N} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$

The equation of a line passing through a point and perpendicular to the given plane is given by $\vec{r} = \vec{r}_1 + \lambda \vec{N}$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

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

Therefore, the required equation is $\vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k})$.

8. Find the equation of the plane passing through (a, b, c) and parallel to the plane

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

Solution:

It is given that equation parallel to the plane is $\vec{r}_1 \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 2$

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = \lambda \dots(i)$$

The plane passes through the point (a, b, c) .

Therefore, the position vector \vec{r} of this point is $\vec{r} = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$

Thus, equation (i) becomes

$$(a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = \lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b + c = \lambda$$

Substituting $\lambda = a + b + c$ in equation (i), we obtain

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = a + b + c \quad \dots(ii)$$

This is the vector equation of the required plane.

Substituting $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$ in equation (ii), we obtain

$$(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = a + b + c$$

$$\Rightarrow x + y + z = a + b + c$$

Hence, the equation of the plane in cartesian form is $x + y + z = a + b + c$

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

Solution:

Given lines are:

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

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

We know that, the shortest distance between two lines, $\vec{r} = \vec{a}_1 + \lambda\vec{b}_1$ and $\vec{r} = \vec{a}_2 + \lambda\vec{b}_2$ is given by

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

Comparing $\vec{r} = \vec{a}_1 + \lambda\vec{b}_1$ and $\vec{r} = \vec{a}_2 + \lambda\vec{b}_2$ to equations (i) and (ii), we obtain

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

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

$$\vec{a}_2 = -4\hat{i} - \hat{k}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1 = (-4\hat{i} - \hat{k}) - (6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) = -10\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

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

$$= (4 + 4)\hat{i} - (-2 - 6)\hat{j} + (-2 + 6)\hat{k} = 8\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2| = \sqrt{(8)^2 + (8)^2 + (4)^2} = 12$$

$$(\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2) \cdot (\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) = (8\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) \cdot (-10\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$$

$$= -80 - 16 - 12 = -108$$

Substituting all the values in equation (1), we obtain

$$d = \left| \frac{-108}{12} \right| = 9$$

Hence, the shortest distance between the two given lines is 9 units.

10. Find the coordinates of the point where the line through (5, 1, 6) and (3, 4, 1) crosses the YZ-plane.

Solution:

It is given that the line passes through (5, 1, 6) and (3, 4, 1) crosses the YZ-plane

We know that, the equation of the line passing through the points (x_1, y_1, z_1) and (x_2, y_2, z_2)

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

The line passing through the points (5, 1, 6) and (3, 4, 1) is given by

$$\frac{x-5}{3-5} = \frac{y-1}{4-1} = \frac{z-6}{1-6}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x = 5 - 2k, y = 3k + 1, z = 6 - 5k$$

Any point on the line is of the form $(5 - 2k, 3k + 1, 6 - 5k)$.

The equation of YZ-plane is $x = 0$

As the line passes through YZ-plane, we get

$$5 - 2k = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 3k + 1 = 3 \times \frac{5}{2} + 1 = \frac{17}{2}$$

$$6 - 5k = 6 - 5 \times \frac{5}{2} = \frac{-13}{2}$$

Therefore, the required point is $\left(0, \frac{17}{2}, \frac{-13}{2}\right)$.

11. Find the coordinates of the point where the line through $(5, 1, 6)$ and $(3, 4, 1)$ crosses the ZX - plane.

Solution:

It is given that the line passes through $(5, 1, 6)$ and $(3, 4, 1)$ crosses the ZX-plane

We know that, the equation of the line passing through the points (x_1, y_1, z_1) and (x_2, y_2, z_2)

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

The line passing through the points $(5, 1, 6)$ and $(3, 4, 1)$ is given by

$$\frac{x-5}{3-5} = \frac{y-1}{4-1} = \frac{z-6}{1-6}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x = 5 - 2k, y = 3k + 1, z = 6 - 5k$$

Any point on the line is of the form $(5 - 2k, 3k + 1, 6 - 5k)$.

As the line passes through ZX-plane, we get

$$3k + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k = -\frac{1}{3}$$

Now,

$$\Rightarrow x = 5 - 2k = 5 - 2\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{17}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow z = 6 - 5k = 6 - 5\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{23}{3}$$

Hence, the required point is $\left(\frac{17}{3}, 0, \frac{23}{3}\right)$

12. Find the coordinates of the point where the line through $(3, -4, -5)$ and $(2, -3, 1)$ crosses the plane $2x + y + z = 7$.

Solution:

The given line passes through $(3, -4, -5)$ and $(2, -3, 1)$ crosses the plane $2x + y + z = 7$.

We know that the equation of the line through the points, (x_1, y_1, z_1) and (x_2, y_2, z_2)

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

As the line passing through the points $(3, -4, -5)$ and $(2, -3, 1)$, its equation is given by

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x-3}{-1} = \frac{y+4}{1} = \frac{z+5}{6} = k$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3 - k, y = k - 4, z = 6k - 5$$

Thus, any point on the line is of the form $(3 - k, k - 4, 6k - 5)$.

This point lies on the plane, $2x + y + z = 7$

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

$$\Rightarrow 5k - 3 = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 2$$

Hence, the coordinates of the required point are $(3 - 2, 2 - 4, 6 \times 2 - 5)$ i.e., $(1, -2, 7)$.

13. Find the equation of the plane passing through the point $(-1, 3, 2)$ and perpendicular to each of the planes $x + 2y + 3z = 5$ and $3x + 3y + z = 0$.

Solution:

The equation of the plane passing through the point $(-1, 3, 2)$ is $(x + 1) + b(y - 3) + c(z - 2) = 0$... (i) where, a, b, c are the direction ratios of normal to the plane.

We know that, two planes $a_1x + b_1y + c_1z + d_1 = 0$ and $a_2x + b_2y + c_2z + d_2 = 0$ are perpendicular, if $a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2 = 0$

So, equation (i) is perpendicular to the plane $x + 2y + 3z = 5$

$$\therefore a \times 1 + b \times 2 + c \times 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a + 2b + 3c = 0 \quad \dots \text{(ii)}$$

Also, equation (i) is perpendicular to the plane, $3x + 3y + z = 0$

$$\therefore a \times 3 + b \times 3 + c \times 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3a + 3b + c = 0 \quad \dots \text{(iii)}$$

From equations (ii) and (iii), we get

$$\frac{a}{2 \times 1 - 3 \times 3} = \frac{b}{3 \times 3 - 1 \times 1} = \frac{c}{1 \times 3 - 2 \times 3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{-7} = \frac{b}{8} = \frac{c}{-3} = k(\text{say})$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -7k, b = 8k, c = -3k$$

Substituting the values of $a, b,$ and c in equation (i), we get

$$-7k(x + 1) + 8k(y - 3) - 3k(z - 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (-7x - 7) + (8y - 24) - 3z + 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -7x + 8y - 3z - 25 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 7x - 8y + 3z + 25 = 0$$

Therefore, $7x - 8y + 3z + 25 = 0$ is the required equation of the plane.

14. 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 .

Solution:

The given points are $(1, 1, p)$ and $(-3, 0, 1)$

The position vector through the point $(1, 1, p)$ is $\vec{a}_1 = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + p\hat{k}$

Similarly, the position vector through the point $(-3, 0, 1)$ is

$$\vec{a}_2 = -4\hat{i} + \hat{k}$$

The equation of the given plane is $\vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}) + 13 = 0$

We know that, the perpendicular distance between a point whose position vector is \vec{a} and the plane, $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{N} = d$, is given by $D = \frac{|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{N} - d|}{|\vec{N}|}$

In this condition, $\vec{N} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}$ and $d = -13$

Thus, the distance between the point $(1, 1, p)$ and the given plane is

$$D_1 = \frac{|(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + p\hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}) + 13|}{|3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}|}$$

$$\Rightarrow D_1 = \frac{|3 + 4 - 12p + 13|}{\sqrt{3^2 + 4^2 + (-12)^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow D_1 = \frac{|20 - 12p|}{13} \dots (i)$$

Similarly, the distance between the point $(-3, 0, 1)$ and the given plane is

$$D_2 = \frac{|(-3\hat{i} + \hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}) + 13|}{|3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 12\hat{k}|}$$

$$\Rightarrow D_2 = \frac{|-9 - 12 + 13|}{\sqrt{3^2 + 4^2 + (-12)^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow D_2 = \frac{8}{13} \dots (ii)$$

Since, it is given that the distance between the required plane and the points, $(1, 1, p)$ and $(-3, 0, 1)$ is equal.

$$\therefore D_1 = D_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{|20 - 12p|}{13} = \frac{8}{13}$$

$$\Rightarrow 20 - 12p = 8 \text{ or } -(20 - 12p) = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow 12p = 12 \text{ or } 12p = 28$$

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

Hence, the value of p is 1 or $\frac{7}{3}$.

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

Solution:

Given planes are $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 1$ and $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}) + 4 = 0$

Now, $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 1$

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

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

The equation of any plane passing through the line of intersection of these planes is

$[\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) - 1] + \lambda[\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}) + 4] = 0$

$\vec{r} \cdot [(2\lambda + 1)\hat{i} + (3\lambda + 1)\hat{j} + (1 - \lambda)\hat{k}] + (4\lambda + 1) = 0 \dots(i)$

Its direction ratios are $(2\lambda + 1)$, $(3\lambda + 1)$ and $(1 - \lambda)$.

The required plane is parallel to x -axis.

Therefore, its normal is perpendicular to x -axis.

The direction ratios of x -axis are 1, 0 and 0.

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

$\Rightarrow 2\lambda + 1 = 0$

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

Substituting $\lambda = -\frac{1}{2}$ in equation (i), we get

$\Rightarrow \vec{r} \cdot \left[-\frac{1}{2}\hat{j} + \frac{3}{2}\hat{k}\right] + (-3) = 0$

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

Thus, its cartesian equation is $y - 3z + 6 = 0$

Therefore, $y - 3z + 6 = 0$ is the equation of the required plane.

16. 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 .

Solution:

Given:

The coordinates of the points, O and P are $(0, 0, 0)$ and $(1, 2, -3)$ respectively.

Thus, the direction ratios of OP are $(1 - 0) = 1, (2 - 0) = 2$ and $(-3 - 0) = -3$

We know that, the equation of the plane passing through the point (x_1, y_1, z_1) is

$$a(x - x_1) + b(y - y_1) + c(z - z_1) = 0$$

where a, b and c are the direction ratios of normal.

Here, the direction ratios of normal are $1, 2$ and -3 and the point P is $(1, 2, -3)$.

Therefore, the equation of the required plane is

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

$$\Rightarrow x + 2y - 3z - 14 = 0$$

Hence, $x + 2y - 3z - 14 = 0$ is the required equation of the plane.

17. Find the equation of the plane which contains the line of intersection of the planes

$\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) - 4 = 0, \vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) + 5 = 0$ and which is perpendicular to the plane

$$\vec{r} \cdot (5\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}) + 8 = 0$$

Solution:

The given equations of the planes are

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) - 4 = 0 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) + 5 = 0 \quad \dots(ii)$$

The equation of the plane passing through the line intersection of the plane given in equation (i) and equation (ii) is

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

$$\vec{r} \cdot [(2\lambda + 1)\hat{i} + (\lambda + 2)\hat{j} + (3 - \lambda)\hat{k}] + (5\lambda - 4) = 0 \quad \dots(iii)$$

The plane in equation (iii) is perpendicular to the plane, $\vec{r} \cdot (5\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}) + 8 = 0$

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

$$\Rightarrow 19\lambda - 7 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{7}{19}$$

Substituting $\lambda = \frac{7}{19}$ in equation (iii), we get

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r} \cdot \left[\frac{33}{19}\hat{i} + \frac{45}{19}\hat{j} + \frac{50}{19}\hat{k} \right] - \frac{41}{19} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r} \cdot (33\hat{i} + 45\hat{j} + 50\hat{k}) - 41 = 0 \quad \dots(\text{iv})$$

This is the vector equation of the required plane.

The Cartesian equation of this plane can be obtained by substituting $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$ in equation (iii).

$$(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) \cdot (33\hat{i} + 45\hat{j} + 50\hat{k}) - 41 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 33x + 45y + 50z - 41 = 0$$

Therefore, $33x + 45y + 50z - 41 = 0$ is the required equation of the plane.

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

Solution:

The equation of the given line is

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

The equation of the given plane is

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

Substituting the value of \vec{r} from equation (i) in equation (ii), we get

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 0$$

Substituting this value in equation (i), we get the equation of the line as

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

This means that the position vector of the point of intersection of the line and the plane is

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

This shows that the point of intersection of the given line and plane is given by the coordinate, $(2, -1, 2)$.

The distance d between the points $(2, -1, 2)$ and $(-1, -5, -10)$, is

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

Therefore, the distance of the given point is 13.

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

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

Solution:

The given equation of the planes are $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) = 5$ and $\vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 6$

Let the required line be parallel to vector \vec{b} given by,

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

The position vector of the point $(1, 2, 3)$ is $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

The equation of line passing through $(1, 2, 3)$ and parallel to \vec{b} is given by,

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

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r}(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}) \dots(i)$$

The equations of the given planes are

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

$$\vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 6 \dots(iii)$$

The line in equation (i) and plane in equation (ii) are parallel.

Therefore, the normal to the plane of equation (ii) and the given line are perpendicular.

$$\Rightarrow (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot \lambda(b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda(b_1 - b_2 + 2b_3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b_1 - b_2 + 2b_3 = 0 \quad \dots(\text{iv})$$

Similarly, $(3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot \lambda(b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda(3b_1 + b_2 + b_3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3b_1 + b_2 + b_3 = 0 \quad \dots(\text{v})$$

From equations (iv) and (v), we obtain

$$\frac{b_1}{(-1 \times 1) - (1 \times 2)} = \frac{b_2}{(2 \times 3) - (1 \times 1)} = \frac{b_3}{(1 \times 1) - (3 \times -1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b_1}{-3} = \frac{b_2}{5} = \frac{b_3}{4}$$

Therefore, the direction ratios of \vec{b} are $-3, 5$ and 4 .

$$\therefore \vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k} = -3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

Substituting the value of \vec{b} in equation (i), we get

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

Hence, $\vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(-3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$ is the required equation of the line.

20. 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 $\frac{x-15}{3} = \frac{y-29}{8} = \frac{z-5}{-5}$

Solution:

Given: Two lines are $\frac{x-8}{3} = \frac{y+19}{-16} = \frac{z-10}{7}$ and $\frac{x-15}{3} = \frac{y-29}{8} = \frac{z-5}{-5}$

Let the required line be parallel to the vector \vec{b} given by $\vec{b} = b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}$

The position vector of the point $(1, 2, -4)$ is $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$

The equation of the line passing through $(1, 2, -4)$ and parallel to vector \vec{b} is

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

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r}(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) + \lambda(b_1\hat{i} + b_2\hat{j} + b_3\hat{k}) \quad \dots(\text{i})$$

The equations of the lines are

$$\frac{x-8}{3} = \frac{y+19}{-16} = \frac{z-10}{7} \dots(\text{ii})$$

$$\frac{x-15}{3} = \frac{y-29}{8} = \frac{z-5}{-5} \dots(\text{iii})$$

Since, equation (i) and equation (ii) are perpendicular to each other,

$$\therefore 3b_1 - 16b_2 + 7b_3 = 0 \dots(\text{iv})$$

Also, equation (i) and equation (iii) are perpendicular to each other.

$$\therefore 3b_1 + 8b_2 - 5b_3 = 0 \dots(\text{v})$$

From equations (iv) and (v), we get

$$\frac{b_1}{(-16 \times -5) - (8 \times 7)} = \frac{b_2}{(7 \times 3) - (3 \times -5)} = \frac{b_3}{(3 \times 8) - (3 \times -16)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b_1}{24} = \frac{b_2}{36} = \frac{b_3}{72}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b_1}{2} = \frac{b_2}{3} = \frac{b_3}{6}$$

\therefore Direction ratios of \vec{b} are 2, 3 and 6.

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

Substituting $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$ in equation (i), we get

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

Hence, $\vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$ is the required equation of the line.

21. Prove that if a plane has the intercepts a, b, c and is at a distance of P units from the origin, then $\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} = \frac{1}{p^2}$

Solution:

Given: A plane has the intercepts a, b, c and is at a distance of P units from the origin

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

Proof:

The equation of a plane having intercepts a, b, c with x, y and z axes respectively is given by,

$$\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 1 \quad \dots(i)$$

The distance (p) of the plane from the origin is given by,

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

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

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

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

Hence, it is proved.

22. Distance between the two planes: $2x + 3y + 4z = 4$ and $4x + 6y + 8z = 12$ is

- (A) 2 units
- (B) 4 units
- (C) 8 units
- (D) $\frac{2}{\sqrt{29}}$ units

Solution:

(D)

The given equations of the planes are

$$2x + 3y + 4z = 4 \quad \dots(i)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 2x + 3y + 4z = 6 \quad \dots(ii)$$

Here, the given planes are parallel.

We know that, the distance between two parallel planes $ax + by + cz = d_1$ and $ax + by + cz = d_2$ is given by

$$D = \left| \frac{d_2 - d_1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \right|$$

$$\Rightarrow D = \left| \frac{6 - 4}{\sqrt{(2)^2 + (3)^2 + (4)^2}} \right|$$

$$D = \frac{2}{\sqrt{29}}$$

Hence, the distance between the lines is $\frac{2}{\sqrt{29}}$ units.

Therefore, the correct answer is D .

23. The planes: $2x - y + 4z = 5$ and $5x - 2.5y + 10z = 6$ are
- (A) Perpendicular
 - (B) Parallel
 - (C) Intersect y -axis
 - (D) Passes through $(0, 0, \frac{5}{4})$

Solution:

(B)

The given equations of the planes are

$$2x - y + 4z = 5 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$5x - 2.5y + 10z = 6 \quad \dots(ii)$$

From the above equations we get,

$$\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$\frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{-1}{-2.5} = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$\frac{c_1}{c_2} = \frac{4}{10} = \frac{2}{5}$$

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

Thus, the given planes are parallel.

Therefore, the correct answer is *B*.

