

Three Dimensional Geometry

Question1

Let A be a point having position vector $\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}$ and $\mathbf{r} = (\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}) + t(\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$ be a line. If P is a point on this line and is at a minimum distance from the plane $\mathbf{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) = 0$, then the equation of the plane through P and perpendicular to AP , is

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Options:

A.

$$\mathbf{r} \cdot (-\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) = 8$$

B.

$$\mathbf{r} \cdot (\hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 4$$

C.

$$\mathbf{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 8$$

D.

$$\mathbf{r} \cdot (\hat{i} - \hat{j}) = 12$$

Answer: A

Solution:

Given, normal vector to the plane is $\mathbf{n} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$

And direction vector to the line is $\mathbf{b} = \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$

Since, $\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{n} = (\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) \cdot (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$

$$= 3 - 10 = -7 \neq 0$$



\Rightarrow line is not perpendicular to the plane Now, $\mathbf{P}(t) = \hat{\mathbf{i}} + (-3 + t)\hat{\mathbf{j}} - 2t\hat{\mathbf{k}}$

for minimum distance, $\mathbf{p}(t) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 2 + (-9 + 3t) - 10t = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -7t - 7 = 0 \Rightarrow t = -1$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{p} = \hat{\mathbf{i}} - 4\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 2\hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore AP &= (\hat{\mathbf{i}} - 4\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 2\hat{\mathbf{k}}) - (\hat{\mathbf{i}} - 3\hat{\mathbf{j}}) \\ &= -\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 2\hat{\mathbf{k}} \end{aligned}$$

\therefore Equation of plane

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

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow ((x\hat{\mathbf{i}} + y\hat{\mathbf{j}} + z\hat{\mathbf{k}}) - (\hat{\mathbf{i}} - 4\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 2\hat{\mathbf{k}})) \\ \cdot (-\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 2\hat{\mathbf{k}}) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow ((x - 1)\hat{\mathbf{i}} + (y + 4)\hat{\mathbf{j}} + (z - 2)\hat{\mathbf{k}}) \\ \cdot (-\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 2\hat{\mathbf{k}}) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow -y - 4 + 2z - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -y + 2z - 8 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -y + 2z = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{r} \cdot (-\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 2\hat{\mathbf{k}}) = 8$$

Question2

If L is a line common to the planes $3x + 4y + 7z = 1$, $x - y + z = 5$, then the direction ratios of the line L are

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Options:

A.

(16, 0, -1)

B.

(11, 4, -7)



C.

(2, 5, 1)

D.

(4, -7, 11)

Answer: B

Solution:

Given, equation of planes

$$3x + 4y + 7z = 1 \quad \dots (i)$$

$$\text{And } x - y + z = 5 \quad \dots (ii)$$

\therefore Direction ratio of normal to the plane (i) is 3, 4, 7.

and direction ratio of normal to the plane (ii) is 1, -1, 1

\therefore Direction ratio of L ,

$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{n}_1 \times \mathbf{n}_2$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ 3 & 4 & 7 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{\mathbf{i}}(4 + 7) - \hat{\mathbf{j}}(3 - 7) + \hat{\mathbf{k}}(-3 - 4)$$

$$= 11\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 4\hat{\mathbf{j}} - 7\hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

\therefore Direction ratio of L are 11, 4, -7

Question3

If the points $(1, 1, \lambda)$ and $(-3, 0, 1)$ are equidistant from the plane $3x + 4y - 12z + 13 = 0$, then the values of λ are

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Options:

A.

$$-1, \frac{7}{3}$$

B.

$$1, \frac{-7}{3}$$

C.

$$-1, \frac{-7}{3}$$

D.

$$1, \frac{7}{3}$$

Answer: D

Solution:

Given, points $(1, 1, \lambda)$ and $(-3, 0, 1)$ are equidistant from the plane

$$3x + 4y - 12z + 13 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore & \left| \frac{3(1) + 4(1) - 12(\lambda) + 13}{\sqrt{9 + 16 + 144}} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{3(-3) + 4(0) - 12(1) + 13}{\sqrt{9 + 16 + 144}} \right| \\ \Rightarrow & \frac{|20 - 12\lambda|}{\sqrt{169}} = \frac{|-8|}{\sqrt{169}} \\ \Rightarrow & |20 - 12\lambda| = 8 \end{aligned}$$

Taking positive sign, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 20 - 12\lambda &= 8 \\ \Rightarrow -12\lambda &= -12 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1 \end{aligned}$$

And taking negative sign, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 20 - 12\lambda &= -8 \Rightarrow -12\lambda = -28 \\ \Rightarrow 12\lambda &= 28 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{7}{3} \\ \therefore \lambda &= 1, \frac{7}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Question4

The shortest distance between the lines



$$\mathbf{r} = (3\hat{\mathbf{i}} - 5\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 2\hat{\mathbf{k}}) + t(4\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 3\hat{\mathbf{j}} - \hat{\mathbf{k}}) \text{ and}$$
$$\mathbf{r} = (\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 2\hat{\mathbf{j}} - 4\hat{\mathbf{k}}) + s(6\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 3\hat{\mathbf{j}} - 2\hat{\mathbf{k}}) \text{ is}$$

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Options:

A.

7

B.

8

C.

9

D.

12

Answer: B

Solution:

Given,

$$\mathbf{r}_1 = (3\hat{\mathbf{i}} - 5\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 2\hat{\mathbf{k}}) + t(4\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 3\hat{\mathbf{j}} - \hat{\mathbf{k}})$$

$$\text{So, } \mathbf{a}_1 = (3\hat{\mathbf{i}} - 5\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 2\hat{\mathbf{k}}),$$

$$\mathbf{b}_1 = (4\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 3\hat{\mathbf{j}} - \hat{\mathbf{k}})$$

$$\text{And } \mathbf{r}_2 = (\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 2\hat{\mathbf{j}} - 4\hat{\mathbf{k}}) + s(6\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 3\hat{\mathbf{j}} - 2\hat{\mathbf{k}})$$

$$\text{So, } \mathbf{a}_2 = (\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 2\hat{\mathbf{j}} - 4\hat{\mathbf{k}}), \mathbf{b}_2 = (6\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 3\hat{\mathbf{j}} - 2\hat{\mathbf{k}})$$

Since, shortest distance,

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

$$\text{Now, } \mathbf{a}_2 - \mathbf{a}_1 = \langle 1, 2, -4 \rangle - \langle 3, -5, 2 \rangle$$

$$= \langle 1 - 3, 2 - (-5), -4 - 2 \rangle$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \langle -2, 7, -6 \rangle \\
 \mathbf{b}_1 \times \mathbf{b}_2 &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ 4 & 3 & -1 \\ 6 & 3 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= (-6 - (-3))\hat{\mathbf{i}} - (-8 - (-6))\hat{\mathbf{j}} + (12 - 18)\hat{\mathbf{k}} \\
 &= -3\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 2\hat{\mathbf{j}} - 6\hat{\mathbf{k}} \\
 |\mathbf{b}_1 \times \mathbf{b}_2| &= \sqrt{(-3)^2 + 2^2 + (-6)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{9 + 4 + 36} = \sqrt{49} = 7 \\
 \text{So, } d &= \frac{|\langle -2, 7, -6 \rangle \cdot \langle -3, 2, -6 \rangle|}{7} \\
 &= \frac{|6 + 14 + 36|}{7} = \frac{56}{7} = 8
 \end{aligned}$$

Question5

If $A(0, 3, 4)$, $B(1, 5, 6)$, $C(-2, 0, -2)$ are the vertices of a $\triangle ABC$ and the bisector of angle A meets the side BC at D , then $AD =$

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Options:

A.

$$\frac{\sqrt{21}}{5}$$

B.

$$\frac{\sqrt{42}}{10}$$

C.

10

D.

4

Answer: B

Solution:



$$AB = \sqrt{(1-0)^2 + (5-3)^2 + (6-4)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{1+4+4} = \sqrt{9} = 3$$

$$AC = \sqrt{(-2-0)^2 + (0-3)^2 + (-2-4)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{4+9+36} = \sqrt{49} = 7$$

Using the angle bisector theorem,

$$\frac{BD}{DC} = \frac{AB}{AC} = \frac{3}{7}$$

Since, D divides BC in the ratio $3 : 7$, using the section formula

$$D = \left(\frac{7 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot (-2)}{7+3}, \frac{7 \cdot 5 + 3 \cdot 0}{7+3}, \frac{7 \cdot 6 + 3 \cdot (-4)}{7+3} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{7-6}{10}, \frac{35}{10}, \frac{42-6}{10} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{10}, \frac{35}{10}, \frac{36}{10} \right) = (0.1, 3.5, 3.6)$$

Now,

$$AD = \sqrt{(0.1-0)^2 + (3.5-3)^2 + (3.6-4)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{(0.1)^2 + (0.5)^2 + (-0.4)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{0.01 + 0.25 + 0.16} = \sqrt{0.42}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{42}{100}} = \frac{\sqrt{42}}{10}$$

Question 6

If the direction cosines of two lines satisfy the equation $2l + m - n = 0$, $l^2 - 2m^2 + n^2 = 0$ and θ is the angle between the lines, then $\cos \theta =$

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Options:

A.

$$\frac{1}{5}$$

B.



$$\frac{\pi}{4}$$

C.

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

D.

$$\frac{\pi}{3}$$

Answer: A

Solution:

Given two lines $2l + m - n = 0$

$$\Rightarrow n = 2l + m \text{ and } l^2 - 2m^2 + n^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow l^2 - 2m^2 + (2l + m)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow l^2 - 2m^2 + 4l^2 + 4lm + m^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5l^2 + 4lm - m^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5\left(\frac{l}{m}\right)^2 + 4\left(\frac{l}{m}\right) - 1 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } x = \frac{l}{m}, 5x^2 + 4x - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{4^2 - 4(5)(-1)}}{2(5)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{36}}{10} = \frac{-4 \pm 6}{10}$$

$$\therefore x_1 = \frac{2}{10} \text{ and } x_2 = \frac{-10}{10} = -1$$

$$\text{Case I } \frac{l}{m} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 5l$$

$$\text{So, } n = 2l + m = 2l + 5l = 7l$$

Direction cosine (l_1, m_1, n_1) are proportional to $(l, 5l, 7l)$, i.e., $(1, 5, 7)$

$$\text{Case II } \frac{l}{m} = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow m = -l$$

$$\text{So, } n = 2l + m = 2l - l = l$$

Direction cosine (l_2, m_2, n_2) are proportional to $(l, -l, l)$ i.e., $(1, -1, 1)$

Now,



$$\begin{aligned} \cos \theta &= \frac{l_1 l_2 + m_1 m_2 + n_1 n_2}{\sqrt{l_1^2 + m_1^2 + n_1^2} \cdot \sqrt{l_2^2 + m_2^2 + n_2^2}} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1 \times 1 + 5 \times (-1) + 7 \times 1}{\sqrt{1^2 + 5^2 + 7^2} \cdot \sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2}} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1 - 5 + 7}{\sqrt{1 + 25 + 49} \cdot \sqrt{1 + 1 + 1}} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{3}{\sqrt{75} \cdot \sqrt{3}} = \frac{3}{5 \cdot 3} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{15} = \frac{1}{5} \\ \therefore \cos \theta &= \frac{1}{5} \end{aligned}$$

Question 7

If the equation of the plane passing through the points $(2, 1, 2)$, $(1, 2, 1)$ and perpendicular to the plane $2x - y + 2z = 1$ is $ax + by + cz + d = 0$, then $\frac{a+b}{c+d} =$

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Options:

A.

0

B.

1

C.

-1

D.

2

Answer: C

Solution:

Let $P_1 = (2, 1, 2)$ and $P_2 = (1, 2, 1)$



$$\text{So, } \mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2 = P_2 - P_1$$

$$\Rightarrow (1, 2, 1) - (2, 1, 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - 2, 2 - 1, 1 - 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (-1, 1, -1)$$

The plane $2x - y + 2z = 1$ has a normal vector $\mathbf{n}_1 = (2, -1, 2)$.

Since, the required plane is perpendicular to $2x - y + 2z = 1$, its normal vector $\mathbf{n} = (a, b, c)$ must be perpendicular to \mathbf{n}_1 .

So, \mathbf{n} must be perpendicular to $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2$.

$\therefore \mathbf{n}$ is parallel to the cross product of $\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2$ and \mathbf{n}_1 .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2 \times \mathbf{n}_1 &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (2 - 1)\hat{\mathbf{i}} - (-2 + 2\hat{\mathbf{j}}) + (1 - 2\hat{\mathbf{k}}) \\ &= \hat{\mathbf{i}} - \hat{\mathbf{k}} = \langle 1, 0, -1 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Now, equation of the point $(2, 1, 2)$ and the normal vector $(1, 0, -1)$ is

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x - z = 0$$

Comparing this with $ax + by + cz + d = 0$, we have

$$a = 1, b = 0, c = -1, d = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{a+b}{c+d} = \frac{1+0}{-1+0} = -1$$

Question 8

A plane π passing through the points $2\hat{\mathbf{i}} - 3\hat{\mathbf{j}}, 3\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 4\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ is parallel to the vector $2\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 3\hat{\mathbf{j}} - 4\hat{\mathbf{k}}$. If a line joining the points $\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 2\hat{\mathbf{j}}$ and $\hat{\mathbf{j}} - 2\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ intersects the plane π at the point $a\hat{\mathbf{i}} + b\hat{\mathbf{j}} + c\hat{\mathbf{k}}$, then $a + b + 2c =$

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Options:

A. 31

B. 29

C. 23



D. 19

Answer: A

Solution:

To find the equation of the plane π that passes through the points $(2, -3, 0)$ and $(3, 0, 4)$, and is parallel to the vector $\langle 2, 3, -4 \rangle$, we start with the general equation of a plane:

$$a(x - 2) + b(y + 3) + c(z - 0) = 0.$$

Substituting the point $(3, 0, 4)$ into the plane equation gives:

$$a(1) + b(3) + c(4) = 0 \quad (\text{i}).$$

Since the plane is parallel to the vector $\langle 2, 3, -4 \rangle$, the plane's normal vector must be orthogonal to $\langle 2, 3, -4 \rangle$. Thus,

$$2a + 3b - 4c = 0 \quad (\text{ii}).$$

To find a, b, c such that both conditions are satisfied, compare ratios:

$$\frac{a}{-12} = \frac{-b}{-4} = \frac{c}{3}.$$

Simplifying gives:

$$\frac{a}{-24} = \frac{b}{12} = \frac{c}{-3}.$$

From this, solve for proportional constants:

$$\frac{a}{8} = \frac{b}{-4} = \frac{c}{1}.$$

Choosing $c = 1$, we find $a = 8$ and $b = -4$.

The equation of the plane becomes:

$$8(x - 2) - 4(y + 3) + z = 0,$$

or simplified:

$$8x - 4y + z - 28 = 0.$$

Next, find the line equation that passes through points $(1, 2, 0)$ and $(0, 1, -2)$. The direction vector of the line is $\langle -1, -1, -2 \rangle$.

The parametric equation of the line is:

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

Therefore, the line is:

$$P(x, y, z) = (-\lambda + 1, -\lambda + 2, -2\lambda).$$

Substitute these into the plane equation:

$$8(-\lambda + 1) - 4(-\lambda + 2) + (-2\lambda) - 28 = 0.$$



Simplifying:

$$-8\lambda + 8 + 4\lambda - 8 - 2\lambda - 28 = 0,$$

$$-6\lambda = 28 \Rightarrow \lambda = -\frac{14}{3}.$$

Substituting $\lambda = -\frac{14}{3}$ into the line equations gives the intersection point $P(a, b, c) = \left(\frac{17}{3}, \frac{20}{3}, \frac{28}{3}\right)$.

Finally, $a + b + 2c$ is:

$$a + b + 2c = \frac{17}{3} + \frac{20}{3} + \frac{56}{3} = \frac{93}{3} = 31.$$

Question9

$\hat{r} \cdot (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 5$ and $\hat{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 3$ are two planes. A plane π passing through the line of intersection of these two planes, passes through the point $(0, 1, 2)$. If the equation of π is

$\hat{r} \cdot (a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}) = m$, then $\frac{bc}{a^2} =$

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Options:

A. $\frac{1}{2}$

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

C. 4

D. -4

Answer: D

Solution:

Equation of plane passing through the point of intersection of $x - y + z - 5 = 0$ and $2x + y - z - 3 = 0$ is $x - y + z - 5 + \lambda(2x + y - z - 3) = 0$ π is passing through $(0, 1, 2)$.



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

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = -1$$

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

$$-x - 2y + 2z - 2 = 0$$

$$x + 2y - 2z + 2 = 0$$

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

$$a = 1, b = 2, c = -2$$

$$\therefore \frac{bc}{a^2} = -\frac{4}{1}$$

$$\therefore \frac{bc}{a^2} = -4$$

Question10

If $A(-2, 4, a)$, $B(1, b, 3)$, $C(c, 0, 4)$ and $D(-5, 6, 1)$ are collinear points, then $a + b + c =$

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Options:

A. 4

B. 8

C. 12

D. -4

Answer: B



Solution:

$$\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{OB} - \mathbf{OA} = 3\hat{\mathbf{i}} + (b - 4)\hat{\mathbf{j}} + (3 - a)\hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\mathbf{CD} = \mathbf{OD} - \mathbf{OC} = (-5 - C)\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 6\hat{\mathbf{j}} - 3\hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

\mathbf{AB} and \mathbf{CD} are collinear

$$\frac{3}{-5-C} = \frac{b-4}{6} = \frac{3-a}{-3} = \lambda$$

$$-5 - C = \frac{3}{\lambda}, b - 4 = 6\lambda \text{ and } 3 - a = -3\lambda$$

$$c = -5 - \frac{3}{\lambda}, b = 6\lambda + 4 \text{ and } a = 3 + 3\lambda$$

$$a + b + c = -5 - \frac{3}{\lambda} + 6\lambda + 4 + 3 + 3\lambda$$

$$a + b + c = 2 + 9\lambda - \frac{3}{\lambda}$$

By intersection if we put $\lambda = 1$ then, $a + b + c = 2 + 9 - 3 = 8$

Question11

$A(1, -2, 1)$ and $B(2, -1, 2)$ are the end points of a line segment. If $D(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ is the foot of the perpendicular drawn from $C(1, 2, 3)$ to AB , then $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 =$

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Options:

A. 18

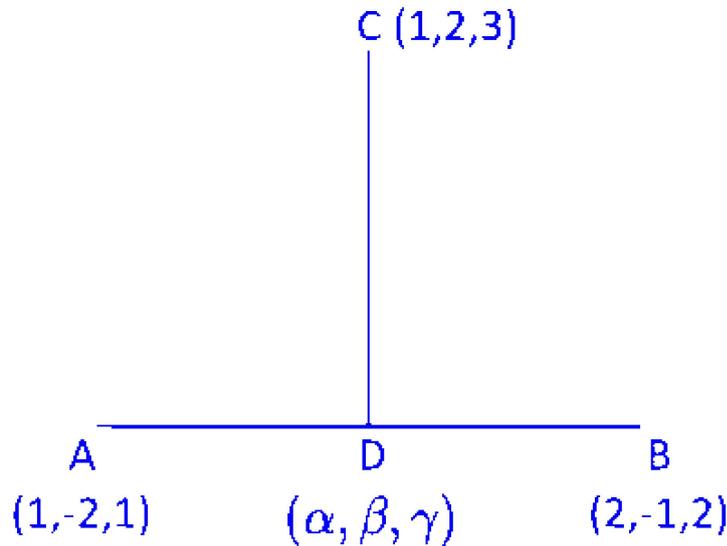
B. 14

C. 9

D. 27

Answer: A

Solution:



Direction ratio of

$$AB \equiv (2 - 1, -1 + 2, 2 - 1) = (1, 1, 1)$$

Equation of AB

$$\frac{x-1}{1} = \frac{y+2}{1} = \frac{z-1}{1} = D(\text{ say })$$

$$D \equiv (\lambda + 1, \lambda - 2, \lambda + 1) = D(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$$

$$\alpha = \lambda + 1, \beta = \lambda - 2, \gamma = \lambda + 1$$

Direction ratio of $CD = \alpha - 1, \beta - 2, \gamma - 3$ $AB \perp CD$

$$\alpha - 1 + \beta - 2 + \gamma - 3 = 0$$

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 6$$

$$3\lambda = 6 \Rightarrow \lambda = 2$$

$$\alpha = 3, \beta = 0, \gamma = 3$$

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = 9 + 0 + 9 = 18$$

Question12

The foot of the perpendicular drawn from the point $(-2, -1, 3)$ to a plane π is $(1, 0, -2)$. If a, b, c are the intercepts made by the plane π on X, Y, Z -axis respectively, then $3a + b + 5c =$

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Options:



A. 39

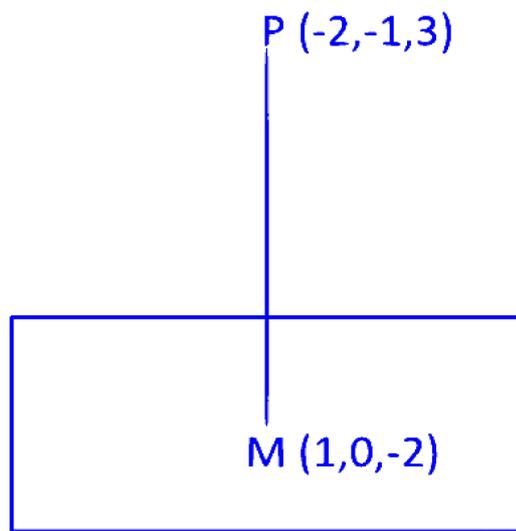
B. 26

C. 13

D. 0

Answer: C

Solution:



Direction ratio of $PM = 3, 1, -5$

Let equation of plane passing through

(x_1, y_1, z_1)

$$3(x - x_1) + 1(y - y_1) - 5(z - z_1) = 0$$

$$3x + y - 5z = 3x_1 + y_1 - 5z_1$$

$M(1, 0, -2)$ lies on the plane

$$13 = 3x_1 + y_1 - 5z_1$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x + y - 5z = 13$$

intercept on axis is

$$\frac{13}{3}, 13, \frac{-13}{5}$$

$$3a + b + 5c = 13 + 13 - 13 = 13$$

Question 13

\mathbf{n} is a unit vector normal to the plane π containing the vectors $\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 3\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ and $2\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} - \hat{\mathbf{k}}$. If this plane π passes through the point $(-3, 7, 1)$ and p is the perpendicular distance from the origin to this plane π , then $\sqrt{p^2 + 5} =$

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Options:

A. 59

B. 8

C. 64

D. 51

Answer: B

Solution:

To find the unit vector normal to the plane π , we first calculate the cross product of the vectors $\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 3\hat{\mathbf{k}}$ and $2\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} - \hat{\mathbf{k}}$. The cross product is calculated as follows:

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = (-3)\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 7\hat{\mathbf{j}} + \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

Now, we find the unit vector \mathbf{n}_{unit} by dividing this normal vector by its magnitude. The magnitude of $-3\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 7\hat{\mathbf{j}} + \hat{\mathbf{k}}$ is:

$$\sqrt{(-3)^2 + 7^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{9 + 49 + 1} = \sqrt{59}$$

Thus, the unit vector is:

$$\mathbf{n}_{\text{unit}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{59}}(-3\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 7\hat{\mathbf{j}} + \hat{\mathbf{k}})$$

The equation of the plane is given by:



$$-3x + 7y + z + d = 0$$

Since the plane passes through the point $(-3, 7, 1)$, we substitute these coordinates into the plane's equation:

$$-3(-3) + 7(7) + 1 + d = 09 + 49 + 1 + d = 0d = -59$$

Therefore, the equation of the plane is:

$$-3x + 7y + z - 59 = 0$$

The perpendicular distance p from the origin to the plane can be calculated using the formula for the distance from a point to a plane:

$$p = \frac{|0(-3) + 0(7) + 0(1) - 59|}{\sqrt{(-3)^2 + 7^2 + 1^2}} = \frac{59}{\sqrt{59}} = \sqrt{59}$$

Given p , we calculate:

$$\sqrt{p^2 + 5} = \sqrt{(\sqrt{59})^2 + 5} = \sqrt{59 + 5} = \sqrt{64} = 8$$

Question14

If the harmonic conjugate of $P(2, 3, 4)$ with respect to the line segment joining the points $A(3, -2, 2)$ and $B(6, -17, -4)$ is $Q(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$, then $\alpha + \beta + \gamma =$

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Options:

A. $-\frac{2}{5}$

B. $-\frac{3}{5}$

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

D. $\frac{8}{5}$

Answer: B

Solution:

To find the harmonic conjugate $Q(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ of the point $P(2, 3, 4)$ with respect to the line segment joining points $A(3, -2, 2)$ and $B(6, -17, -4)$, we start by noting that P divides AB in some ratio $\lambda : 1$.

First, let's determine this ratio using the x-coordinate:

$$2 = \frac{6\lambda + 3}{\lambda + 1}$$



Solving for λ :

$$2(\lambda + 1) = 6\lambda + 32\lambda + 2 = 6\lambda + 32\lambda - 6\lambda = 3 - 2 - 4\lambda = 1\lambda = -\frac{1}{4}$$

This indicates that P divides AB in the ratio $-\frac{1}{4} : 1$.

For the harmonic conjugate Q , the ratio changes sign, yielding a division ratio of $1 : 4$ (a harmonized ratio for $-\frac{1}{4} : 1$).

We calculate the coordinates of Q using the section formula in the new ratio $1 : 4$:

$$Q = \left(\frac{1 \cdot 6 + 4 \cdot 3}{1+4}, \frac{1 \cdot (-17) + 4 \cdot (-2)}{1+4}, \frac{1 \cdot (-4) + 4 \cdot 2}{1+4} \right)$$

Calculating each coordinate:

$$x = \frac{6+12}{5} = \frac{18}{5}$$

$$y = \frac{-17-8}{5} = \frac{-25}{5} = -5$$

$$z = \frac{-4+8}{5} = \frac{4}{5}$$

Thus, $Q = \left(\frac{18}{5}, -5, \frac{4}{5} \right)$.

Finally, we find $\alpha + \beta + \gamma$:

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = \frac{18}{5} - 5 + \frac{4}{5} = \frac{18}{5} - \frac{25}{5} + \frac{4}{5} = -\frac{3}{5}$$

Question 15

If L is the line of intersection of two planes $x + 2y + 2z = 15$ and $x - y + z = 4$ and the direction ratio of the line L are (a, b, c) , then $\frac{(a^2+b^2+c^2)}{b^2} =$

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Options:

A. 14

B. 10

C. 22

D. 26

Answer: D



Solution:

The line L is the intersection of the two planes given by the equations $x + 2y + 2z = 15$ and $x - y + z = 4$. The direction ratios of the line L are determined by the cross product of the normal vectors of these planes.

The normal vector of the first plane is $\langle 1, 2, 2 \rangle$ and for the second plane is $\langle 1, -1, 1 \rangle$. We calculate the cross product of these two vectors, represented by the determinant:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

This determinant is computed as follows:

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

Thus, the direction ratios (a, b, c) of line L are $(4, 1, -3)$.

Finally, we need to find the value of:

$$\frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{b^2}$$

Substituting the values, we get:

$$\frac{4^2 + 1^2 + (-3)^2}{1^2} = \frac{16 + 1 + 9}{1} = 26$$

Therefore, the result is 26.

Question 16

The foot of the perpendicular drawn from $A(1, 2, 2)$ on the plane $x + 2y + 2z - 5 = 0$ is $B(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$. If $\pi(x, y, z) = x + 2y + 2z + 5 = 0$ is a plane, then $-\pi(A) : \pi(B) =$

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Options:

A. 15 : 32

B. -7 : 5

C. -15 : 47

D. -27 : 20

Answer: B

Solution:

Given that the foot of the perpendicular from $A(1, 2, 2)$ to the plane $x + 2y + 2z - 5 = 0$ is $B(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$, we can begin by determining the direction ratios of the perpendicular.

Start by using the formula for the foot of the perpendicular:

$$\frac{\alpha-1}{1} = \frac{\beta-2}{2} = \frac{\gamma-2}{2} = \frac{-(1+4+4-5)}{1+4+4}$$

Simplifying, we get:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\alpha-1}{1} = \frac{\beta-2}{2} = \frac{\gamma-2}{2} = \frac{-4}{9}$$

Solving these equations, we find:

$$\alpha = \frac{5}{9}, \quad \beta = \frac{-8}{9} + 2 = \frac{10}{9}, \quad \gamma = \frac{-8}{9} + 2 = \frac{10}{9}$$

Now, calculate $\pi(A)$:

$$\pi(A) = 1 + 2 \times 2 + 2 \times 2 + 5 = 14$$

Next, find $\pi(B)$:

$$\pi(B) = \frac{5}{9} + 2 \left(\frac{10}{9}\right) + 2 \left(\frac{10}{9}\right) + 5 = \frac{5}{9} + \frac{20}{9} + \frac{20}{9} + 5 = 10$$

Finally, compute the ratio $\frac{-\pi(A)}{\pi(B)}$:

$$\frac{-\pi(A)}{\pi(B)} = \frac{-14}{10} = \frac{-7}{5}$$

Question 17

A plane π_1 passing through the point $3\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ is perpendicular to the vector $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ and another plane π_2 passing through the point $2\hat{i} + 7\hat{k} - 8\hat{k}$ is perpendicular to the vector $3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$. If p_1 and p_2 are the perpendicular distances from the origin to the planes π_1 and π_2 respectively, then $p_1 - p_2 =$

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Options:

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3



D. 4

Answer: C

Solution:

Equation of plane π_1 is

$$1(x - 3) + 2(y + 7) - 2(z - 5) = 0$$

$$x + 2y - 2z - 3 + 14 + 10 = 0$$

$$x + 2y - 2z + 21 = 0 \quad \dots \text{ (i)}$$

Equation of plane π_2 is

$$3(x - 2) + 2(y - 7) + 6(z + 8) = 0$$

$$3x + 2y + 6z - 6 - 14 + 48 = 0$$

$$3x + 2y + 6z + 28 = 0 \quad \dots \text{ (ii)}$$

$$P_1 = \frac{21}{\sqrt{1+4+4}} = 7 \text{ units}$$

$$P_2 = \frac{28}{\sqrt{9+4+36}} = 4 \text{ units}$$

$$P_1 - P_2 = (7 - 4) \text{ units} = 3 \text{ units}$$

Question 18

$A(2, 3, k)$, $B(-1, k, -1)$ and $C(4, -3, 2)$ are the vertices of $\triangle ABC$.
If $AB = AC$ and $k > 0$, then $\triangle ABC$ is

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Options:

- A. an equilateral triangle
- B. a right-angled isosceles triangle
- C. an isosceles triangle but not right angled
- D. an obtuse angled isosceles triangle

Answer: B

Solution:

Given, $A \equiv (2, 3, K), B \equiv (-1, K, -1)$

and $C \equiv (4, -3, 2)$

$$AB = AC \Rightarrow |AB|^2 = |AC|^2$$

$$9 + (K - 3)^2 + (1 + K)^2 = 4 + 36 + (K - 2)^2$$

$$9 + K^2 + 9 - 6K + 1 + K^2 + 2K$$

$$40 + K^2 + 4 - 4K$$

$$2K^2 - 4K + 19 - 40 - K^2 + 4K - 4 = 0$$

$$K^2 = 44 - 19 = 25 \Rightarrow K = 5$$

$A \equiv (2, 3, 5), B \equiv (-1, 5, -1), C \equiv (4, -3, 2)$

$$AC = AB = \sqrt{9 + 4 + 36} = 7$$

$$BC = \sqrt{25 + 64 + 9} = 7\sqrt{2}$$

Sides are $(7, 7, 7\sqrt{2})$

Question 19

If a, b and c are the intercepts made on X, Y, Z -axes respectively by the plane passing through the points $(1, 0, -2), (3, -1, 2)$ and $(0, -3, 4)$, then $3a + 4b + 7c =$

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Options:

A. -5

B. 5

C. -15



D. 15

Answer: C

Solution:

Equation of plane

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

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

$$\Rightarrow (x-1)(-6+12) - y(12+4)$$

$$+(z+2)(-6-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 6x - 6 - 16y - 7z - 14 = 0$$

$$6x - 16y - 7z = 20$$

$$x\text{-intercept} = \frac{20}{6} = a$$

$$y\text{-intercept} = \frac{-20}{16} = b$$

$$z\text{-intercept} = \frac{-20}{7} = c$$

$$3a + 4b + 7c = 10 - 5 - 20 = -15$$

Question20

If $\hat{i} + \hat{j}$, $\hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\hat{k} + \hat{i}$, $\hat{i} - \hat{j}$, $\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ are the position vectors of the points A, B, C, D, E respectively, then the point of intersection of the line AB and the plane passing through C, D, E is.

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Options:

A. $\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \hat{\mathbf{k}}$

B. $\frac{1}{2}\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{\mathbf{k}}$

C. $\frac{1}{2}\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \hat{\mathbf{k}}$

D. $\frac{1}{2}\hat{\mathbf{i}} - \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{\mathbf{k}}$

Answer: B

Solution:

We have,

$$OA = \hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}}, OB = \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$OC = \hat{\mathbf{k}} + \hat{\mathbf{i}}, OD = \hat{\mathbf{i}} - \hat{\mathbf{j}} \text{ and } OE = \hat{\mathbf{j}} - \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\therefore CD = (\hat{\mathbf{i}} - \hat{\mathbf{j}}) - (\hat{\mathbf{k}} + \hat{\mathbf{i}}) = -\hat{\mathbf{j}} - \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$CE = (\hat{\mathbf{j}} - \hat{\mathbf{k}}) - (\hat{\mathbf{k}} + \hat{\mathbf{i}}) = -\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} - 2\hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$DE = (\hat{\mathbf{j}} - \hat{\mathbf{k}}) - (\hat{\mathbf{i}} - \hat{\mathbf{j}}) = -\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 2\hat{\mathbf{j}} - \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{CD} \times \mathbf{CE} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 3\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} - \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

Vector equation of plane,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r} \cdot (3\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} - \hat{\mathbf{k}}) &= (\hat{\mathbf{k}} + \hat{\mathbf{i}}) \cdot (3\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} - \hat{\mathbf{k}}) \\ \Rightarrow \mathbf{r} \cdot (3\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} - \hat{\mathbf{k}}) &= 2 \quad \dots (i) \end{aligned}$$

Vector equation line,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r} &= (\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}}) + t[(\hat{\mathbf{j}} + \hat{\mathbf{k}}) - (\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}})] \\ \Rightarrow \mathbf{r} &= (1 - t)\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} + t\hat{\mathbf{k}} \quad \dots (ii) \end{aligned}$$

From Eqs. (i) and (ii), we get

$$\begin{aligned} [(1 - t)\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} + t\hat{\mathbf{k}}] \cdot (3\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} - \hat{\mathbf{k}}) &= 2 \\ \Rightarrow 3(1 - t) + 1 - t &= 2 \Rightarrow 3 - 3t + 1 - t = 2 \\ \Rightarrow -4t &= -2 \Rightarrow t = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

On putting $t = \frac{1}{2}$ in Eq. (ii), we get



$$\mathbf{r} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{\mathbf{k}}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}\hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{\mathbf{k}}, \text{ which is the required}$$

point of intersection.

Question21

A plane (π) passing through the point $(1, 2, -3)$ is perpendicular to the planes $x + y - z + 4 = 0$ and $2x - y + z + 1 = 0$. If the equation of the plane (π) is $ax + by + cz + 1 = 0$, then $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 =$

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Options:

- A. 4
- B. 3
- C. 2
- D. 1

Answer: C

Solution:

Normal vector to the plane

$$x + y - z + 4 = 0 \text{ is } \hat{\mathbf{i}} + \hat{\mathbf{j}} - \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

Normal vector to the plane

$$2x - y + z + 1 = 0 \text{ is } 2\hat{\mathbf{i}} - \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

Given planes are perpendicular to the plane (π)

\therefore Normal vector to the plane (π) is given by



$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

$$= -3(0\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

Direction Ratio's of $-3(0\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$ is $(0, 1, 1)$

Plane (π) is passing through the point $(1, 2, -3)$

$$\therefore \text{Plane } (\pi) 0(x - 1) + 1(y - 2) + 1(z + 3) = 0$$

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

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

Given Plane $(\pi) ax + by + cz + 1 = 0$

$$\therefore a = 0, b = 1 \text{ and } c = 1$$

$$\text{Now, } a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 0^2 + 1^2 + 1^2$$

$$= 0 + 1 + 1 = 2$$

Question22

If the ratio of the perpendicular distances of a variable point $P(x, y, z)$ from the X -axis and from the YZ - plane is $2 : 3$, then the equation of the locus of P is

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Options:

A. $4x^2 - 9y^2 - 9z^2 = 0$

B. $9x^2 - 4y^2 - 4z^2 = 0$

C. $4x^2 - 4y^2 - 9z^2 = 0$

D. $9x^2 - 9y^2 - 4z^2 = 0$

Answer: A

Solution:

We have a variable point $P(x, y, z)$

Distance of P from X -axis

$$= \sqrt{0^2 + y^2 + z^2} = \sqrt{y^2 + z^2}$$

and distance of P from YZ -plane = $|x|$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{\sqrt{y^2+z^2}}{|x|} = \frac{2}{3} \quad [\text{given}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y^2+z^2}{x^2} = \frac{4}{9} \Rightarrow 4x^2 - 9y^2 - 9z^2 = 0$$

which is the equation of locus of P .

Question23

The direction cosines of two lines are connected by the relations $l - m + n = 0$ and $2lm - 3mn + nl = 0$. If θ is the angle between these two lines, then $\cos \theta =$

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Options:

A. $\frac{1}{4}$

B. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{19}}$

C. $\frac{1}{3}$

D. $\frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}}$

Answer: B

Solution:

We have,

$$l - m + n = 0 \Rightarrow m = n + l \quad \dots (i)$$

$$\text{and } 2lm - 3mn + nl = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2l(n+l) - 3(n+l)n + nl = 0$$



$$\Rightarrow 2l^2 - 3n^2 = 0 \quad [\text{from Eq. (i)}]$$

$$(\sqrt{2}l + \sqrt{3}n)(\sqrt{2}l - \sqrt{3}n) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}l, \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}l$$

$$\text{Since, } n = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}l$$

$$\Rightarrow m = \left(\frac{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \right) l \quad [\text{from Eq. (i)}]$$

$$\text{and } n = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}l \Rightarrow m = \left(\frac{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \right) l \quad [\text{from Eq. (i)}]$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{l}{1} = \frac{n}{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}} = \frac{m}{\left(\frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} \right)} \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{l}{1} = \frac{n}{-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}} = \frac{m}{\left(\frac{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \right)}$$

Now,

$$\cos \theta = \frac{11 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \right) + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \right)}{\sqrt{(1)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} \right)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{1 - \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3}}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{5}{3} + \frac{5+2\sqrt{6}}{3} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{5}{3} + \frac{5-2\sqrt{6}}{3} \right) + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} \right)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{2/3}{\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}(5 + \sqrt{6}) \cdot \frac{2}{3}(5 - \sqrt{6})}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{19}}$$

Question 24

A plane π passes through the points $(5, 1, 2)$, $(3, -4, 6)$ and $(7, 0, -1)$. If p is the perpendicular distance from the origin to the plane π and l, m and n are the direction cosines of a normal to the plane π , the $|3l + 2m + 5n| =$

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Options:

A. $3p$

B. $2p$

C. p

D. $\frac{p}{2}$

Answer: C

Solution:

We have,

(c) We have,

$$A \equiv (5, 1, 2), B \equiv (3, -4, 6), C \equiv (7, 0, -1)$$

So, normal vector to plane π is

$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{AB} \times \mathbf{AC}$$

$$\text{Here, } \mathbf{AB} = -2\hat{\mathbf{i}} - 5\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 4\hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\mathbf{AC} = 2\hat{\mathbf{i}} - 1\hat{\mathbf{j}} - 3\hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\text{So, } \mathbf{n} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ -2 & -5 & 4 \\ 2 & -1 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{n} = 19\hat{\mathbf{i}} + 2\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 12\hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

Now, equations of plane through point A with normal vector $(19, 2, 12)$ is

$$19(x - 5) + 2(y - 1) + 12(z - 2) = 0$$

$$\text{So, } P = \frac{|-95 - 2 - 24|}{\sqrt{361 + 4 + 144}} = \frac{121}{\sqrt{509}}$$

$$\text{Direction cosines of } \mathbf{n} \text{ is } l = \frac{19}{\sqrt{509}},$$

$$m = \frac{2}{\sqrt{509}}, n = \frac{12}{\sqrt{509}}$$

Hence,



$$|3l + 2m + 5n| = \left| \frac{57+4+60}{\sqrt{509}} \right| = \frac{121}{\sqrt{509}} = P$$

Question 25

If M is the foot of the perpendicular drawn from $P(-1, 2, -1)$ to the plane passing through the point $A(3, -2, 1)$ and perpendicular to the vector $4\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$, then the length of PM is

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Options:

A. $\frac{16}{3}$

B. $\frac{18}{5}$

C. $\frac{22}{9}$

D. $\frac{28}{9}$

Answer: D

Solution:

Now, first to find equation of plane passing through point $A(3, -2, 1)$ and perpendicular to the vector $4\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$.

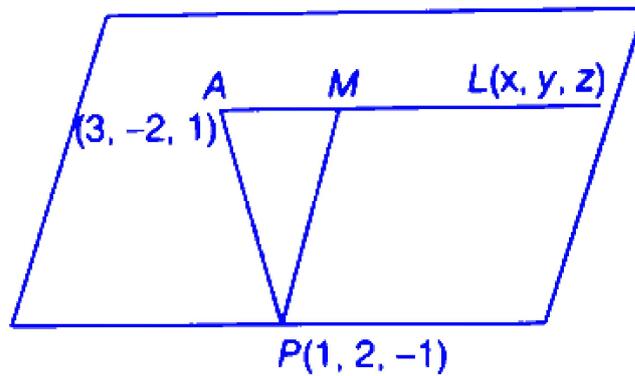
$$\text{So, } \mathbf{n} \cdot (4\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) = (4\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

$$\Rightarrow (x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) \cdot (4\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) = 12 - 14 - 4 = -6$$

$$4x + 7y - 4z = -6$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x + 7y - 4z + 6 = 0$$





Since, M is the foot of the perpendicular drawn from $P(1, 2, -1)$ to the plane $4x + 7y - 4z + 6 = 0$

So,

$$PM = \left| \frac{4(1) + 7(2) - 4(-1) + 6}{\sqrt{16 + 49 + 16}} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{4 + 14 + 4 + 6}{\sqrt{81}} \right| = 28/9$$

Question 26

If $A = (1, -1, 2)$, $B = (3, 4, -2)$, $C = (0, 3, 2)$ and $D = (3, 5, 6)$, then the angle between the lines AB and CD is

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Options:

- A. 30°
- B. 45°
- C. 60°
- D. 90°

Answer: D

Solution:

Given, $A = (1, -1, 2)$, $B = (3, 4, -2)$, $C = (0, 3, 2)$ and $D = (3, 5, 6)$

Now, DR's of the lines **AB** is $(2, 5, -4)$ and DR's of the lines **CD** is $(3, 2, 4)$ Let ' θ ' be the angle between them, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\cos \theta &= \frac{\mathbf{AB} \cdot \mathbf{CD}}{|\mathbf{AB}| \cdot |\mathbf{CD}|} \\ &= \frac{6 + 10 - 16}{\sqrt{2^2 + 5^2 + 4^2} \sqrt{3^2 + 2^2 + 4^2}} \\ \Rightarrow \cos \theta &= 0 \\ \therefore \theta &= 90^\circ\end{aligned}$$

Question27

Consider the following statements:

Assertion (A) : The direction ratios of a line L_1 are $2, 5, 7$ and the direction ratios of another line L_2 are $\frac{4}{\sqrt{19}}, \frac{10}{\sqrt{19}}, \frac{14}{\sqrt{19}}$. Then, the lines L_1, L_2 are parallel.

Reason : (R) If the direction ratios of a line L_1 are a_1, b_1, c_1 the direction ratios of a line L_2 are a_2, b_2, c_2 and $a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2 = 0$, then the lines of L_1, L_2 are parallel.

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Options:

- A. (A) and (R) are true, (R) is the correct explanation of (A)
- B. (A) and (R) are true, (R) is not the correct explanation of (A)
- C. (A) is true, (R) is false
- D. (A) is false, (R) is true

Answer: C

Solution:

Assertion (A) DR'S of a line L_1 is $2, 5, 7$ and

DR'S of a line L_2 is $\frac{4}{\sqrt{19}}, \frac{10}{\sqrt{19}}, \frac{14}{\sqrt{19}}$



$$\text{Thus, } \frac{2}{\frac{4}{\sqrt{19}}} = \frac{5}{\frac{10}{\sqrt{19}}} = \frac{7}{\frac{14}{\sqrt{19}}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Hence, the lines L_1 and L_2 are parallel. Reason (R) If the DR'S of a line L_1 are a_1, b_1, c_1 and the DR'S of a line L_2 are a_2, b_2, c_2 and $a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2 = 0$, then the lines are not parallel.

So, Assertion (A) is true but Reason (R) is false.

Question28

A line L is parallel to both the planes $2x + 3y + z = 1$ and $x + 3y + 2z = 2$. If line L makes an angle α with the positive direction of X -axis, then $\cos \alpha =$

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Options:

A. $1/\sqrt{3}$

B. $1/\sqrt{2}$

C. $1/2$

D. $\sqrt{3}/2$

Answer: A

Solution:

The given planes are $2x + 3y + z = 1$ and $x + 3y + 2z = 2$

$$\text{Thus, } \hat{\mathbf{n}} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{\mathbf{i}}(3) + \hat{\mathbf{j}}(-3) + \hat{\mathbf{k}}(3)$$

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

$$\text{and } \hat{\mathbf{a}} = \frac{\mathbf{n}}{|\mathbf{n}|} = \frac{3\hat{\mathbf{i}} - 3\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 3\hat{\mathbf{k}}}{\sqrt{9+9+9}} = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{i}} - \hat{\mathbf{j}} + \hat{\mathbf{k}}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{a} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{\mathbf{i}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{\mathbf{j}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

Since, the line ' L ' makes an angle α with the positive direction of X -axis, then

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

Question 29

If the direction cosines (l, m, n) of two lines are connected by the relations $l + m + n = 0$ and $lm = 0$, then the angle between those lines is

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Options:

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

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

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

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

Answer: A

Solution:

Given the direction cosines (l, m, n) of two lines, we have the following relationships:

$$l + m + n = 0$$

$$lm = 0$$

From the equation $lm = 0$, we infer that either $l = 0$ or $m = 0$.

Case 1: $l = 0$

Substitute $l = 0$ into the first equation: $m + n = 0$.

This gives $m = -n$.

Now, using the condition for direction cosines, $l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1$, we substitute $m = -n$ and $l = 0$:

$$0^2 + (-n)^2 + n^2 = 1 \implies 2n^2 = 1 \implies n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Therefore, the set of direction cosines is:

$$\langle l, m, n \rangle = \left\langle 0, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right\rangle$$

Case 2: $m = 0$



Substitute $m = 0$ into the first equation: $l + n = 0$.

This gives $l = -n$.

Again using $l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1$ with $l = -n$ and $m = 0$:

$$(-n)^2 + 0^2 + n^2 = 1 \implies 2n^2 = 1 \implies n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Thus, the set of direction cosines is:

$$\langle l, m, n \rangle = \left\langle -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right\rangle$$

Finding the Angle θ Between the Lines

The cosine of the angle θ between the two lines can be calculated using the dot product of their direction cosine vectors. Let us compute it:

$$\cos \theta = 0 \times \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) + \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \times 0 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Thus, the angle θ is:

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

Question30

The sum of the squares of the perpendicular distances of a point (x, y, z) from the coordinate axes is k times the square of the distance of the point from the origin Then, $k =$

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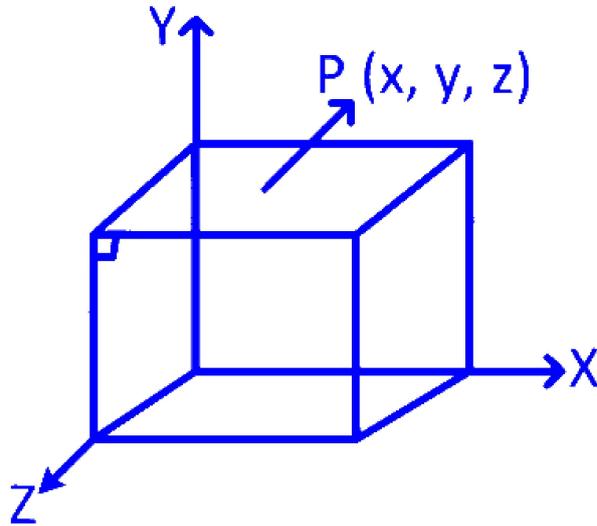
Options:

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 1
- D. 4

Answer: A

Solution:





Perpendicular distance on X -axis

$$= y^2 + z^2$$

Perpendicular distance on Y -axis

$$= x^2 + z^2$$

Perpendicular distance on Z -axis

$$= x^2 + y^2$$

$$\therefore 2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = k(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$$

Hence, $2 = k$

Question31

Equation of the plane through the mid-point of the line segment joining the points $A(4, 5, -10)$ and $B(-1, 2, 1)$ and perpendicular to AB is

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Options:

A. $10x + 6y - 22z + 135 = 0$

B. $10x + 6y - 22z - 135 = 0$

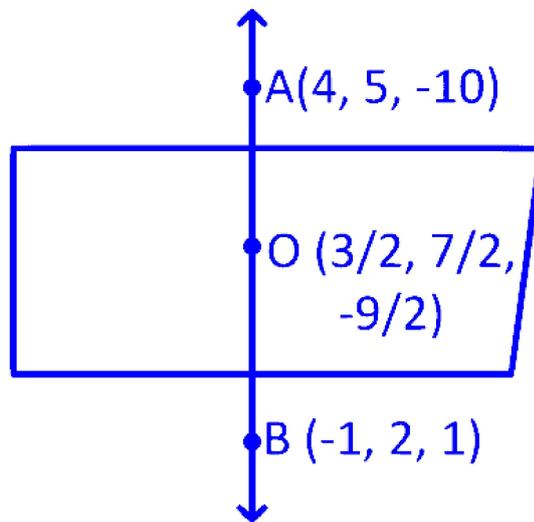
C. $5x + 3y + 11z = 135$



$$D. 10x + 6y - 22z + 185 = 0$$

Answer: B

Solution:



$$\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a} = -5\hat{\mathbf{i}} - 3\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 11\hat{\mathbf{k}}$$

Plane is,

$$\bar{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{n}$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{r}} \cdot (-5\hat{\mathbf{i}} - 3\hat{\mathbf{j}} + 11\hat{\mathbf{k}}) = -\frac{15}{2} - \frac{21}{2} - \frac{99}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -5x - 3y + 11z = -\frac{135}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -10x - 6y + 22z + 135 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 10x + 6y - 22z - 135 = 0$$
