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TOPIC - 3D-line (Problem)

Analytical Geometry of 3-D

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Study Material

Coplanar lines  $\rightarrow$  Condition under which  
two given 3D-lines should be coplanar.

Let the equation of two given 3D-lines  
be

$$\frac{x-\alpha}{l} = \frac{y-\beta}{m} = \frac{z-\gamma}{n} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{x-\alpha_1}{l_1} = \frac{y-\beta_1}{m_1} = \frac{z-\gamma_1}{n_1} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

The equation of any plane passing through  
1st line is

Since equation of plane passing through  
 $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  is given by  
 $a(x-x_1) + b(y-y_1) + c(z-z_1) = 0$

(ii) If  $\frac{x-\alpha_1}{l_1} = \frac{y-\beta_1}{m_1} = \frac{z-\gamma_1}{n_1}$  be the equation  
of 3D-line passing through  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  
 $l, m, n$  are direction cosines of a 3D-line  
parallel to it

Now equation of any plane passing through  
the first line is

$$a(x-\alpha) + b(y-\beta) + c(z-\gamma) = 0 \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

$$\text{where } al + bm + cn = 0 \quad \text{--- (iv)}$$

Since plane (iii) will contain the pt. line (ii) if the point  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  lies on it and the line is perpendicular to the normal to it.

The condition for this is

$$a(\alpha - \alpha_1) + b(\beta - \beta_1) + c(\gamma - \gamma_1) = 0 \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

and  $a\alpha_1 + b\beta_1 + c\gamma_1 = 0$

Now eliminating  $a, b, c$  between

$$a\alpha + b\beta + c\gamma = 0$$

$$a(\alpha - \alpha_1) + b(\beta - \beta_1) + c(\gamma - \gamma_1) = 0$$

$$a\alpha_1 + b\beta_1 + c\gamma_1 = 0$$

We have

$$\begin{vmatrix} \alpha & \beta & \gamma \\ \alpha - \alpha_1 & \beta - \beta_1 & \gamma - \gamma_1 \\ \alpha_1 & \beta_1 & \gamma_1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Which is the required condition.

Also elimination  $a, b, c$  between (ii) (5) and (6) we get.

$$\begin{vmatrix} x - \alpha & y - \beta & z - \gamma \\ l & m & n \\ l_1 & m_1 & n_1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

This is the required ~~equation~~ equation of

Plane containing given  
two lines

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Ex: → Prove that the lines

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

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

~~are~~ are coplanar. Find their point of  
intersection and the plane in which  
they lie.

Solution → Given lines are

$$\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{3} = \frac{z-3}{4} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{x-2}{3} = \frac{y-3}{4} = \frac{z-4}{5} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Since 1st passes through  $(1, 2, 3)$

and direction ratios are  $(2, 3, 4)$

2nd passes through  $(2, 3, 4)$

and direction ratios are  $(3, 4, 5)$

Since we know two lines

$$\frac{x-\alpha}{l} = \frac{y-\beta}{m} = \frac{z-\gamma}{n}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{x-\alpha_1}{l_1} = \frac{y-\beta_1}{m_1} = \frac{z-\gamma_1}{n_1}$$

are coplanar if  $\begin{vmatrix} \alpha-\alpha_1 & \beta-\beta_1 & \gamma-\gamma_1 \\ l & m & n \\ l_1 & m_1 & n_1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$

$$\text{Here } \alpha - \alpha_1 = 1 - 2 = -1 \quad l = 2 \quad m = 3 \quad n = 4$$

$$\beta - \beta_1 = 2 - 3 = -1 \quad l_1 = 3 \quad m_1 = 4 \quad n_1 = 5$$

$$\gamma - \gamma_1 = 3 - 4 = -1$$

$$\text{Now } \left| \begin{array}{ccc} \alpha - \alpha_1 & \beta - \beta_1 & \gamma - \gamma_1 \\ l & m & n \\ l_1 & m_1 & n_1 \end{array} \right|$$

$$= \left| \begin{array}{ccc} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{array} \right|$$

$$= -1 \left| \begin{array}{cc} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{array} \right| + \left| \begin{array}{cc} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 5 \end{array} \right| - \left| \begin{array}{cc} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{array} \right|$$

$$= -(15 - 16) + (10 - 12) - (8 - 9)$$

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

This given two lines lie in the same plane.

for point of intersection

$$\text{Say } \frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{3} = \frac{z-3}{4} = \lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2\lambda + 1$$

$$y = 3\lambda + 2$$

$$z = 4\lambda + 3$$

Also say

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

$$\Rightarrow x = 3k+2, \quad y = 4k+3, \quad z = 5k+4$$

If these two lines intersect, the co-ordinates of P will satisfy both (i) and (ii), therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2x+1 &= 3k+2 \Rightarrow 3k-2x = -1 \Rightarrow 3k-6x = -3 \\ 3x+2 &= 4k+3 \Rightarrow 4k-3x = -1 \quad \frac{-8k+6x}{+} = -2 \\ 4x+3 &= 5k+4 \Rightarrow 5k-4x = -1 \quad k = -1 \end{aligned}$$

put  $k = -1$

$$3 - 2x = -1$$

$$-2x = -2$$

Thus point of intersection  $x = -1$

of these two st. line is  $(-1, -1, -1)$

Problem Find the equation of the plane passing through  $\frac{x}{m} = \frac{y}{n} = \frac{z}{p}$  and perpendicular to the plane containing

$$\frac{x}{m} = \frac{y}{n} = \frac{z}{p} \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{x}{n} = \frac{y}{p} = \frac{z}{m}$$

Solution  $\rightarrow$  Let the equation of Required plane be

$$ax+by+cz+d=0$$

Since the plane contains the line,

$$\frac{x}{m} = \frac{y}{n} = \frac{z}{p}$$

$\Rightarrow$  it passes through the origin  $(0,0,0)$

$$\Rightarrow d = 0$$

Now Equation of the Plane

Becomes  $ax + by + cz = 0$

Since the above line lies in

$$ax + by + cz = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Therefore } al + bm + cn = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Now the Equation of any line passing through the origin and perpendicular to

(1) is

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

Let the plane containing the last two lines be denoted by  $\pi$ .

Since the plane (1) is perpendicular to  $\pi$ , therefore the line

$$\frac{x}{a} = \frac{y}{b} = \frac{z}{c} \text{ lies in } \pi$$

The three lines

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

$$\frac{x}{m} = \frac{y}{n} = \frac{z}{l}$$

and  $\frac{x}{a} = \frac{y}{b} = \frac{z}{c}$  are coplanar.

The condition for this is

a	b	c	= 0
m	n	l	
n	l	m	

$$\therefore a(mn - l^2) - b(m^2 - nl) + c(ml - n^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a(mn - l^2) + b(al - m^2) + c(ml - n^2) = 0 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Adding (A) and (B)

by cross-multiplication, we get -

$$\frac{a}{m(lm-n^2) - n(ml-m^2)} = \frac{b}{n(mn-l^2) - l(lm-n^2)} = \frac{c}{l(nl - ml - m^2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{(m-n)(ml+mn+nl)} = \frac{b}{(n-l)(lm+mn+nl)} = \frac{c}{(l-m)(lm+mn+nl)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{m-n} = \frac{b}{n-l} = \frac{c}{l-m}$$

Putting these values of  $a, b, c$  in

$$ax + by + cz = 0$$

$$a(m-n)x + b(n-l)y + c(l-m)z = 0$$