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**Ex 28.1**

## Straight Line in Space Ex 28.1 Q1

Vector equation of a line

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

The Cartesian equation of a line is

$$\frac{x - x_1}{a_1} = \frac{y - y_1}{a_2} = \frac{z - z_3}{a_3}$$

Using the above formula,

Vector equation of the line,

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

The Cartesian equation of the line

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

## Straight Line in Space Ex 28.1 Q2

The direction ratios of the line are

$$(3 + 1, 4 - 0, 6 - 2) = (4, 4, 4)$$

Since the line passes through  $(-1, 0, 2)$

The vector equation of the line,

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r} = (-\vec{i} + 0\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}) + \lambda(4\vec{i} + 4\vec{j} + 4\vec{k})$$

$\therefore$  The vector equation of the line,

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

## Straight Line in Space Ex 28.1 Q3

We know that, vector equation of line passing through a fixed point  $\vec{a}$  and parallel to vector  $\vec{b}$  is

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda \vec{b}, \text{ where } \lambda \text{ is scalar}$$

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

So, equation of required line is

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

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

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

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

Comparing the coefficients of  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$ , so

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

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

Cartesian form of equation of the line is,

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

### **Straight Line in Space Ex 28.1 Q4**

We know that, equation of line passing through a vector  $\vec{a}$  and parallel to a vector  $\vec{b}$  is given by,

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda \vec{b}, \text{ where } \lambda \text{ is scalar,}$$

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

Required equation of line is,

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

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

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

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

On equating coefficients of  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}$  and  $\hat{k}$ ,

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

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

So, cartesian form of equation of the line is

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

### **Straight Line in Space Ex 28.1 Q5**

$ABCD$  is a parallelogram.

$\Rightarrow AC$  and  $BD$  bisect each other at point  $O$  (say).

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Position vector of point } O &= \frac{\vec{a} + \vec{c}}{2} \\ &= \frac{(4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 10\hat{k}) + (-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})}{2} \\ &= \frac{3\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 9\hat{k}}{2}\end{aligned}$$

Let position vector of point  $O$  and  $B$  are represented by  $\vec{o}$  and  $\vec{b}$ .

Equation of the line  $BD$  is the line passing through  $O$  and  $B$  is given by

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda(\vec{b} - \vec{a}) \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Since equation of the line passing through} \\ \text{two points } \vec{a} \text{ and } \vec{b} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r} &= \vec{b} + \lambda(\vec{o} - \vec{b}) \\ &= (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) + \lambda \left( \frac{3\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 9\hat{k}}{2} - 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k} \right) \\ \vec{r} &= (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) + \lambda(3\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 9\hat{k} - 4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}) \\ \vec{r} &= (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) + \lambda(-\hat{i} + 13\hat{j} - 17\hat{k})\end{aligned}$$

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

$$(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) = (2 - \lambda)\hat{i} + (-3 + 13\lambda)\hat{j} + (4 - 17\lambda)\hat{k}$$

Equation the coefficients of  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$ , so

$$\Rightarrow x = 2 - \lambda, y = -3 - 13\lambda, z = 4 - 17\lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x-2}{-1} = \lambda, \frac{y+3}{13} = \lambda, \frac{z-4}{-17} = \lambda$$

So equation of the line  $BD$  in cartesian form,

$$\frac{x-2}{-1} = \frac{y+3}{13} = \frac{z-4}{-17}$$

### **Straight Line in Space Ex 28.1 Q6**

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

$$\frac{x - x_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{y - y_1}{y_2 - y_1} = \frac{z - z_1}{z_2 - z_1} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Here,  $(x_1, y_1, z_1) = A(1, 2, -1)$

$(x_2, y_2, z_2) = B(2, 1, 1)$

Using equation (i), equation of line AB,

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

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

$$x = \lambda + 1, y = -\lambda + 2, z = 2\lambda - 1$$

Vector form of equation of line AB is,

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

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

### Straight Line in Space Ex 28.1 Q7

We know that vector equation of a line passing through  $\vec{a}$  and parallel to vector  $\vec{b}$  is given by,

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

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

So, required vector equation of line is,

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

Now,

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

Equating the coefficients of  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$ ,

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

$$\Rightarrow x - 1 = \lambda, \frac{y - 2}{-2} = \lambda, \frac{z - 3}{3} = \lambda$$

So, required equation of line is cartesian form,

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

### Straight Line in Space Ex 28.1 Q8

We know that, equation of a line passing through a point  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and having direction ratios proportional to  $a, b, c$  is

$$\frac{x - x_1}{a} = \frac{y - y_1}{b} = \frac{z - z_1}{c} \quad \dots (i)$$

Here,  $(x_1, y_1, z_1) = (2, -1, 1)$  and

Given line  $\frac{x - 3}{2} = \frac{y + 1}{7} = \frac{z - 2}{-3}$  is parallel to required line.

$$\Rightarrow a = 2\mu, b = 7\mu, c = -3\mu$$

So, equation of required line using equation (i),

$$\frac{x - 2}{2\mu} = \frac{y + 1}{7\mu} = \frac{z - 1}{-3\mu}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x - 2}{2} = \frac{y + 1}{7} = \frac{z - 1}{-3} = \lambda \text{ (say)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2\lambda + 2, y = 7\lambda - 1, z = -3\lambda + 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} &= (2\lambda + 2)\hat{i} + (7\lambda - 1)\hat{j} + (-3\lambda + 1)\hat{k} \\ \vec{r} &= (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) \end{aligned}$$

### **Straight Line in Space Ex 28.1 Q9**

The Cartesian equation of the line is

$$\frac{x - 5}{3} = \frac{y + 4}{7} = \frac{z - 6}{2} \quad \dots (1)$$

The given line passes through the point  $(5, -4, 6)$ . The position vector of this point is

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

Also, the direction ratios of the given line are 3, 7, and 2.

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

It is known 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.

### **Straight Line in Space Ex 28.1 Q10**

We know that, equation of a line passing through a point  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and having direction ratios proportional to  $a, b, c$  is

$$\frac{x - x_1}{a} = \frac{y - y_1}{b} = \frac{z - z_1}{c} \quad \dots (i)$$

Here,  $(x_1, y_1, z_1) = (1, -1, 2)$  and

Given line  $\frac{x - 3}{1} = \frac{y - 1}{2} = \frac{z + 1}{-2}$  is parallel to required line, so

$$\Rightarrow a = \mu, b = 2\mu, c = -2\mu$$

So, equation of required line using equation (i) is,

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

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

$$x = \lambda + 1, y = 2\lambda - 1, z = -2\lambda + 2$$

$$\text{So, } x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} = (\lambda + 1)\hat{i} + (2\lambda - 1)\hat{j} + (-2\lambda + 2)\hat{k}$$

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

### Straight Line in Space Ex 28.1 Q11

Given, line is,

$$\frac{4 - x}{2} = \frac{y}{6} = \frac{1 - z}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x - 4}{-2} = \frac{y}{6} = \frac{z - 1}{-3} = \lambda \text{ (say)}$$

$$x = -2\lambda + 4, y = 6\lambda, z = -3\lambda + 1$$

$$\text{So, } x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} = (-2\lambda + 4)\hat{i} + (6\lambda)\hat{j} + (-3\lambda + 1)\hat{k}$$

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

Direction ratios of the line are  $= -2, 6, -3$

Direction cosines of the line are,

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-2}{\sqrt{(-2)^2 + (6)^2 + (-3)^2}}, \frac{6}{\sqrt{(-2)^2 + (6)^2 + (-3)^2}}, \frac{-3}{\sqrt{(-2)^2 + (6)^2 + (-3)^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-2}{7}, \frac{6}{7}, \frac{-3}{7}$$

### Straight Line in Space Ex 28.1 Q12

$$x = ay + b,$$

$$z = cy + d$$

$$\frac{x-b}{a} = \frac{y}{1} = \frac{z-d}{c} = \lambda(\text{say})$$

So DR's of line are (a, 1, c)

From above equation, we can write

$$x = a\lambda + b$$

$$y = \lambda$$

$$z = c\lambda + d$$

So vector equation of line is

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

### Straight Line in Space Ex 28.1 Q13

We know that, equation of a line passing through  $\vec{a}$  and parallel to vector  $\vec{b}$  is,

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda\vec{b} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

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

and,  $\vec{b} =$  line joining  $(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$  and  $(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$

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

Equation of the line is

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

For cartesian form of equation put  $x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$ ,

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

Equating coefficients of  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$ , so

$$x = 1 + \lambda, y = -2 + 2\lambda, z = -3 - 2\lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x-1}{1} = \lambda, \frac{y+2}{2} = \lambda, \frac{z+3}{-2} = \lambda$$

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

### Straight Line in Space Ex 28.1 Q14



Distance of point  $P$  from  $Q = \sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2 + (z_1 - z_2)^2}$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow 25 = 9\lambda^2 + 9 - 18\lambda + 4\lambda^2 + 16 - 16\lambda + 4\lambda^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 17\lambda^2 - 34\lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 17\lambda(\lambda - 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 0 \text{ or } 2$$

So, points on the line are  $(3(0) - 2, 2(0) - 1, 2(0) + 3)$

$$(3(2) - 2, 2(2) - 1, 2(2) + 3)$$

$$= (-2, -1, 3), (4, 3, 7)$$

### Straight Line in Space Ex 28.1 Q15

Let the given points are  $A, B, C$  with position vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  respectively, so

$$\vec{a} = -2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}, \vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}, \vec{c} = 7\hat{i} - \hat{k}$$

We know that, equation of a line passing through  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are,

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r} &= \vec{a} + \lambda(\vec{b} - \vec{a}) \\ &= (-2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}) + \lambda((\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) - (-2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j})) \\ &= (-2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}) + \lambda(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} + 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}) \\ \vec{r} &= (-2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}) + \lambda(3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \quad \text{--- (i)}\end{aligned}$$

If  $A, B, C$  are collinear then  $\vec{c}$  must satisfy equation (i),

$$7\hat{i} - \hat{k} = (-2 + 3\lambda)\hat{i} + (3 - \lambda)\hat{j} + (3\lambda)\hat{k}$$

Equation the coefficients of  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$ ,

$$-2 + 3\lambda = 7 \quad \Rightarrow \lambda = 3$$

$$3 - \lambda = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \lambda = 3$$

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

Since, value of  $\lambda$  are not equal, so,

Given points are not collinear.

### Straight Line in Space Ex 28.1 Q16

We know that, equation of a line passing through a point  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and having direction ratios proportional to  $a, b, c$  is

$$\frac{x - x_1}{a} = \frac{y - y_1}{b} = \frac{z - z_1}{c} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Here,  $(x_1, y_1, z_1) = (1, 2, 3)$  and

Given line  $\frac{-x - 2}{1} = \frac{y + 3}{7} = \frac{2z - 6}{3}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x + 2}{-1} = \frac{y + 3}{7} = \frac{z - 3}{\frac{3}{2}}$$

It parallel to the required line, so

$$a = \mu, b = 7\mu, c = \frac{3}{2}\mu$$

So, equation of required line using equation (i) is,

$$\frac{x - 1}{-\mu} = \frac{y - 2}{7\mu} = \frac{z - 3}{\frac{3}{2}\mu}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x - 1}{-1} = \frac{y - 2}{7} = \frac{z - 3}{\frac{3}{2}}$$

Given equation of line is,

$$3x + 1 = 6y - 2 = 1 - z$$

Dividing all by 6,

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\left(x + \frac{1}{3}\right) = 1\left(y - \frac{1}{3}\right) = +\frac{1}{6}(z - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x + \frac{1}{3}}{2} = \frac{y - \frac{1}{3}}{1} = \frac{z - 1}{-6} = \lambda \text{ (say)} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Comparing it with equation of line passing through  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and direction ratios  $a, b, c$ ,

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

$$\Rightarrow (x_1, y_1, z_1) = \left(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, 1\right)$$

$$a = 2, b = 1, c = -6$$

So, direction ratios of the line are  $= 2, 1, -6$

From equation (i),

$$x = \left(2\lambda - \frac{1}{3}\right), y = \left(\lambda + \frac{1}{3}\right), z = (-6\lambda + 1)$$

So, vector equation of the given line is,

$$x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} = \left(2\lambda - \frac{1}{3}\right)\hat{i} + \left(\lambda + \frac{1}{3}\right)\hat{j} + (-6\lambda + 1)\hat{k}$$

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