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Solutions
Class 12 Maths
Chapter 29
Ex 29.2

The Plane 29.2 Q1

Given, intercepts on the coordinate axes are 2, -3 and 4

We know that,

The equation of a plane whose intercepts on the coordinate axes are a , b and c respectively, is given by

$$\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 1 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Here, $a = 2$, $b = -3$, $c = 4$

So,

Equation of required plane is

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

$$\frac{6x - 4y + 3z}{12} = 1$$

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

The Plane 29.2 Q2(i)

Reduce the equation $4x + 3y - 6z - 12 = 0$ in intercept form :

$$4x + 3y - 6z - 12 = 0$$

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

Divide by 12,

$$\frac{4x}{12} + \frac{3y}{12} - \frac{6z}{12} = \frac{12}{12}$$

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

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

This is of the form,

$$\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 1 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Comparing equation (i) and (ii),

$$a = 3, b = 4, c = -2$$

Intercepts on the coordinate axes are 3, 4, -2

The Plane 29.2 Q2(ii)

Reduce $2x + 3y - z = 6$ in the intercept form:

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

Divide by 6,

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

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

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

We know intercept form of plane with a, b, c as intercepts on coordinate axes is,

$$\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 1 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Comparing equation (i) and (ii),

$$a = 3, b = 2, c = -6$$

So, intercepts on coordinate axes by the given plane are 3, 2, -6

The Plane 29.2 Q2(iii)

We have to find intercepts on coordinate axes by plane $2x - y + z = 5$

$$2x - y + z = 5$$

Divide by 5,

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

$$\left(\frac{x}{\frac{5}{2}}\right) + \left(\frac{y}{-5}\right) + \frac{z}{5} = 1 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

We know that if a, b, c are intercepts on coordinate axes by the plane, then equation of such plane is given by,

$$\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 1 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Comparing the equation (i) and (ii),

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

So, intercepts on coordinate axes by the plane are $\frac{5}{2}, -5, 5$.

Here, it is given that the plane meets axes in A, B and C

$$\text{Let, } A = (a, 0, 0), B = (0, b, 0), C = (0, 0, c)$$

We have centroid of $\square ABC$ is (α, β, γ) we know that, centroid of $\square ABC$ is given by

$$\text{Centroid} = \frac{x_1 + x_2 + x_3}{3}, \frac{y_1 + y_2 + y_3}{3}, \frac{z_1 + z_2 + z_3}{3}$$

$$(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \left(\frac{a+0+0}{3}, \frac{0+b+0}{3}, \frac{0+0+c}{3} \right)$$

$$(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \left(\frac{a}{3}, \frac{b}{3}, \frac{c}{3} \right)$$

So,

$$\frac{a}{3} = \alpha \Rightarrow a = 3\alpha \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\frac{b}{3} = \beta \Rightarrow b = 3\beta \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

$$\frac{c}{3} = \gamma \Rightarrow c = 3\gamma \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

We know that, if a, b, c are intercepts by plane on coordinate axes, then equation of the plane is given by

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

Put a, b, c from equation (i), (ii) and (iii),

$$\frac{x}{3\alpha} + \frac{y}{3\beta} + \frac{z}{3\gamma} = 1$$

Multiplying by 3 on both the sides,

$$\frac{3x}{3\alpha} + \frac{3y}{3\beta} + \frac{3z}{3\gamma} = 3$$

$$\frac{x}{\alpha} + \frac{y}{\beta} + \frac{z}{\gamma} = 3$$

The Plane 29.2 Q4

Intercepts on the coordinate axes are equal.

We know that, if a, b, c are intercepts on coordinate axes by a plane, then equation of the plane is given by,

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

Here, it is given that $a = b = c = p$ (Say)

$$\frac{x}{p} + \frac{y}{p} + \frac{z}{p} = 1$$

$$\frac{x + y + z}{p} = 1$$

$$x + y + z = p \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

It is given that plane is passing through the point $(2, 4, 6)$, so, using equation (i)

$$x + y + z = p$$

$$2 + 4 + 6 = p$$

$$12 = p$$

Put, value of p in equation (i)

$$x + y + z = 12$$

So, the required equation of the plane is given by,

$$x + y + z = 12$$

The Plane 29.2 Q5

Here, it is given that plane meets the coordinate axes at A, B and C with centroid of $\triangle ABC$ is $(1, -2, 3)$

The equation of plane with intercepts a, b and c on the coordinate axes is given by,

$$\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 1 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

We know that, centroid of a triangle is given by

$$\text{Centroid} = \left(\frac{x_1 + x_2 + x_3}{3}, \frac{y_1 + y_2 + y_3}{3}, \frac{z_1 + z_2 + z_3}{3} \right)$$

$$(1, -2, 3) = \left(\frac{a + 0 + 0}{3}, \frac{0 + b + 0}{3}, \frac{0 + 0 + c}{3} \right)$$

$$(1, -2, 3) = \left(\frac{a}{3}, \frac{b}{3}, \frac{c}{3} \right)$$

Comparing *LHS* and *RHS*,

$$\frac{a}{3} = 1 \Rightarrow a = 3 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$\frac{b}{3} = -2 \Rightarrow b = -6 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

$$\frac{c}{3} = 3 \Rightarrow c = 9 \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

Put, a, b, c in equation (i), we get the equation of required plane

$$\frac{x}{3} + \frac{y}{-6} + \frac{z}{9} = 1$$

$$\frac{6x - 3y + 2z}{18} = 1$$

$$6x - 3y + 2z = 18$$