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**Solutions**  
**Class 12 Maths**  
**Chapter 29**  
**Ex 29.5**

Dividing by 4,

$$3x - 4z + 1 = 0$$

$$(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) + 1 = 0$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} - 4\hat{k}) + 1 = 0$$

Equation of the required plane,

$$\vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} - 4\hat{k}) + 1 = 0$$

### The Plane Ex 29.5 Q2

Let P(2, 5, -3), Q(-2, -3, 5) and R(5, 3, -3) be the three points on a plane having position vectors  $\vec{p}$ ,  $\vec{q}$  and  $\vec{s}$  respectively. Then the vectors  $\vec{PQ}$  and  $\vec{PR}$  are in the same plane.

Therefore,  $\vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR}$  is a vector perpendicular to the plane.

Let  $\vec{n} = \vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR}$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{PQ} &= (-2 - 2)\hat{i} + (-3 - 5)\hat{j} + (5 - (-3))\hat{k} \\ &\Rightarrow \vec{PQ} = -4\hat{i} - 8\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{PR} &= (5 - 2)\hat{i} + (3 - 5)\hat{j} + (-3 - (-3))\hat{k} \\ &\Rightarrow \vec{PR} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\vec{n} = \vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR}$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -4 & -8 & 8 \\ 3 & -2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 16\hat{i} + 24\hat{j} + 32\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

The plane passes through the point P with

$$\text{position vector } \vec{p} = 2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

Thus, its vector equation is

$$\begin{aligned}(\vec{r} - (2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})) \cdot (16\hat{i} + 24\hat{j} + 32\hat{k}) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \vec{r} \cdot (16\hat{i} + 24\hat{j} + 32\hat{k}) - (32 + 120 - 96) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \vec{r} \cdot (16\hat{i} + 24\hat{j} + 32\hat{k}) - 56 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \vec{r} \cdot (16\hat{i} + 24\hat{j} + 32\hat{k}) &= 56 \\ \Rightarrow \vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) &= 7\end{aligned}$$

### The Plane Ex 29.5 Q3

Let  $A(a, 0, 0)$ ,  $B(0, b, 0)$  and  $C(0, 0, c)$  be three points on a plane having their position vectors  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  respectively. Then vectors  $\vec{AB}$  and  $\vec{AC}$  are in the same plane. Therefore,  $\vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}$  is a vector perpendicular to the plane. Let  $\vec{n} = \vec{AB} \times \vec{AC}$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{AB} &= (0 - a)\hat{i} + (b - 0)\hat{j} + (0 - 0)\hat{k} \\ \Rightarrow \vec{AB} &= -a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{AC} &= (0 - a)\hat{i} + (0 - 0)\hat{j} + (c - 0)\hat{k} \\ \Rightarrow \vec{AC} &= -a\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + c\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{n} &= \vec{AB} \times \vec{AC} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -a & b & 0 \\ -a & 0 & c \end{vmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{n} &= bc\hat{i} + ac\hat{j} + ab\hat{k} \\ \Rightarrow \hat{n} &= \frac{bc\hat{i} + ac\hat{j} + ab\hat{k}}{\sqrt{b^2c^2 + a^2c^2 + a^2b^2}}\end{aligned}$$

The plane passes through the point P with position vector  $\vec{a} = a\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}$

Thus, the vector equation in the normal form is

$$\begin{aligned}\{\vec{r} - (a\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 0\hat{k})\} \cdot \left( \frac{bc\hat{i} + ac\hat{j} + ab\hat{k}}{\sqrt{b^2c^2 + a^2c^2 + a^2b^2}} \right) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \vec{r} \cdot \frac{(bc\hat{i} + ac\hat{j} + ab\hat{k})}{\sqrt{b^2c^2 + a^2c^2 + a^2b^2}} &= \frac{abc}{\sqrt{b^2c^2 + a^2c^2 + a^2b^2}} \\ \Rightarrow \vec{r} \cdot \frac{(bc\hat{i} + ac\hat{j} + ab\hat{k})}{\sqrt{b^2c^2 + a^2c^2 + a^2b^2}} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{b^2c^2 + a^2c^2 + a^2b^2}{a^2b^2c^2}}} \\ \Rightarrow \vec{r} \cdot \frac{(bc\hat{i} + ac\hat{j} + ab\hat{k})}{\sqrt{b^2c^2 + a^2c^2 + a^2b^2}} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2}}} \dots (1)\end{aligned}$$

The vector equation of a plane normal to the unit vector

$$\hat{n} \text{ and at a distance 'd' from the origin is } \vec{r} \cdot \hat{n} = d \dots (2)$$

Given that the plane is at a distance 'p' from the origin.

Comparing equations (1) and (2), we have,

$$\begin{aligned}d = p &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2}}} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{p^2} &= \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2}\end{aligned}$$

Let  $P(1, 1, -1)$ ,  $Q(6, 4, -5)$  and  $R(-4, -2, 3)$  be three points on a plane having position vectors  $\vec{p}$ ,  $\vec{q}$  and  $\vec{s}$  respectively. Then the vectors  $\vec{PQ}$  and  $\vec{PR}$  are in the same plane.

Therefore,  $\vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR}$  is a vector perpendicular to the plane.

Let  $\vec{n} = \vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR}$

$$\vec{PQ} = (6-1)\hat{i} + (4-1)\hat{j} + (-5-(-1))\hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{PQ} = 5\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

Similarly,

$$\vec{PR} = (-4-1)\hat{i} + (-2-1)\hat{j} + (3-(-1))\hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{PR} = -5\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

Thus

$$\text{Here, } \vec{PQ} = -\vec{PR}$$

Therefore, the given points are collinear.

Thus,  $\vec{n} = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$  where,  $5a + 3b - 4c = 0$

The plane passes through the point P with

$$\text{position vector } \vec{p} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

Thus, its vector equation is

$$\{\vec{r} - (\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k})\} \cdot (a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}) = 0, \text{ where, } 5a + 3b - 4c = 0$$

## The Plane Ex 29.5 Q5

Let,  $A, B, C$  be the points with position vector  $(3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$ ,  $(2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$  and  $(7\hat{i} + 6\hat{k})$  respectively. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{AB} &= \text{Position vector of } B - \text{Position vector of } A \\ &= (2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}) - (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \\ &= 2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - \hat{k} - 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 2\hat{k} \\ &= -\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{BC} &= \text{Position vector of } C - \text{Position vector of } B \\ &= (7\hat{i} + 6\hat{k}) - (2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}) \\ &= 7\hat{i} + 6\hat{k} - 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

$$\overrightarrow{BC} = 5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$$

A vector normal to  $A, B, C$  is a vector perpendicular to  $\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{BC}$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{n} &= \overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{BC} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -1 & -6 & -3 \\ 5 & 2 & 7 \end{vmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{n} &= \hat{i}(-42 + 6) - \hat{j}(-7 + 15) + \hat{k}(-2 + 30) \\ &= -36\hat{i} - 8\hat{j} + 28\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

We know that, equation of a plane passing through vector  $\vec{a}$  and perpendicular to vector  $\vec{n}$  is given by,

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{n} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Put  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{n}$  in equation (i),

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r} \cdot (-36\hat{i} - 8\hat{j} + 28\hat{k}) &= (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot (-36\hat{i} - 8\hat{j} + 28\hat{k}) \\ &= (3)(-36) + (4)(-8) + (2)(28) \\ &= -108 - 32 + 56 \\ &= -140 + 56\end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot (-36\hat{i} - 8\hat{j} + 28\hat{k}) = -84$$

Dividing by  $(-4)$ , we get

$$\vec{r} \cdot (9\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}) = 21$$

Equation of required plane is,

$$\vec{r} \cdot (9\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}) = 21$$