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Chapter 29
Ex 29.9

The Plane Ex 29.9 Q1

We know that distance of a point \vec{a} from a plane $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} - d = 0$ is given by

$$D = \frac{|\vec{a}\vec{n} - d|}{|\vec{n}|} \text{ unit}$$

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

plane $\vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}) - 9 = 0$

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} - d = 0$$

So, required distance

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \frac{|(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}) - 9|}{\sqrt{(3)^2 + (-4)^2 + (12)^2}} \\ &= \frac{|(2)(3) + (-1)(-4) + (-4)(12) - 9|}{\sqrt{9 + 16 + 144}} \\ &= \frac{|6 + 4 - 48 - 9|}{\sqrt{169}} \\ &= \left| -\frac{47}{13} \right| \\ &= \frac{47}{13} \text{ units} \end{aligned}$$

Required distance is $\frac{47}{13}$ units

The Plane Ex 29.9 Q2

We know that, distance of a point \vec{a} to a plane $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} - d = 0$ is given by

$$D = \frac{|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{n} - d|}{|\vec{n}|} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Let D_1 be the distance of point $(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$
from the plane $\vec{r} \cdot (5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}) + 9 = 0$, then

$$\begin{aligned} D_1 &= \frac{|(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \cdot (5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}) + 9|}{\sqrt{(5)^2 + (2)^2 + (-7)^2}} && \text{[Using equation (i)]} \\ &= \frac{|(1)(5) + (-1)(2) + (3)(-7) + 9|}{\sqrt{25 + 4 + 49}} \\ &= \frac{|5 - 2 - 21 + 9|}{\sqrt{78}} \\ &= \left| -\frac{9}{\sqrt{78}} \right| \end{aligned}$$

$$D_1 = \frac{9}{\sqrt{78}} \text{ units} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Again, let D_2 be the distance of point $(3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$ from the plane
 $\vec{r} \cdot (5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}) + 9 = 0$, then, using equation (i), we get

$$\begin{aligned} D_2 &= \frac{|(3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \cdot (5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}) + 9|}{\sqrt{(5)^2 + (2)^2 + (-7)^2}} \\ &= \frac{|(3)(5) + (3)(2) + (3)(-7) + 9|}{\sqrt{25 + 4 + 49}} \\ &= \frac{|15 + 6 - 21 + 9|}{\sqrt{78}} \\ &= \left| \frac{9}{\sqrt{78}} \right| \\ &= \frac{9}{\sqrt{78}} \text{ units} \quad \text{--- (iii)} \end{aligned}$$

From equation (ii) and (iii)

$$D_1 = D_2$$

Distance of point $(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$ from plane $\vec{r} \cdot (5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}) + 9 = 0$

= Distance of point $(3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$ from plane $\vec{r} \cdot (5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}) + 9 = 0$

We know that, distance of a point (x_1, y_1, z_1) from a plane $ax + by + cz + d = 0$ is given by

$$D = \frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 + d|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

So, distance of point $(2, 3, -5)$ from the plane $x + 2y - 2z - 9 = 0$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \frac{|2 + (2)(3) - 2(-5) - 9|}{\sqrt{(1)^2 + (2)^2 + (-2)^2}} && \text{[Using equation (i)]} \\ &= \frac{|2 + 6 + 10 - 9|}{\sqrt{1 + 4 + 4}} \\ &= \frac{|9|}{\sqrt{9}} \\ &= \frac{|9|}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$D = 3 \text{ units}$$

Given equation of plane is

$$x + 2y - 2z + 8 = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

We know that, equation of the plane parallel to plane (i) is given by

$$x + 2y - 2z + \lambda = 0 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

We know that, distance (D) of a point (x_1, y_1, z_1) from a plane $ax + by + cz + d = 0$ is given by

$$D = \frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 + d|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

Given, $D = 2$ unit is the distance of the plane (ii) from the point $(2, 1, 1)$, so

Using (i),

$$2 = \frac{|2 + (2)(1) - 2(1) + \lambda|}{\sqrt{(1)^2 + (2)^2 + (-2)^2}}$$

$$2 = \frac{|2 + 2 - 2 + \lambda|}{\sqrt{1 + 4 + 4}}$$

$$2 = \frac{|2 + \lambda|}{\sqrt{9}}$$

Squaring both the sides, we get

$$4 = \frac{(2 + \lambda)^2}{9}$$

$$36 = (2 + \lambda)^2$$

$$2 + \lambda = \pm 6$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 + \lambda = 6 \quad \text{or} \quad 2 + \lambda = -6$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 4 \quad \text{or} \quad \lambda = -8$$

Put $\lambda = 4$ in equation (ii),

$$x + 2y - 2z + 4 = 0$$

Put $\lambda = -8$ in equation (ii),

$$x + 2y - 2z - 8 = 0$$

Hence, equation of the required plane are

$$x + 2y - 2z + 4 = 0$$

$$x + 2y - 2z - 8 = 0$$

We know that distance (D) of a point (x_1, y_1, z_1) from a plane $ax + by + cz + d = 0$ is given by

$$D = \frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 + d|}{\sqrt{(a)^2 + (b)^2 + (c)^2}} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Let D_1 be the distance of the point $(1, 1, 1)$ from plane $3x + 4y - 12z + 13 = 0$, so using (i), we get

$$\begin{aligned} D_1 &= \frac{|(3)(1) + (4)(1) - 12(1) + 13|}{\sqrt{(3)^2 + (4)^2 + (-12)^2}} \\ &= \frac{|3 + 4 - 12 + 13|}{\sqrt{9 + 16 + 144}} \\ &= \frac{|8|}{\sqrt{169}} \end{aligned}$$

$$D = \frac{8}{13} \text{ units} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Let D_2 be the distance of a point $(-3, 0, 1)$ from the plane $3x + 4y - 12z + 13 = 0$, so using equation (i),

$$\begin{aligned} D_2 &= \frac{|(3)(-3) + (4)(0) - 12(1) + 13|}{\sqrt{(3)^2 + (4)^2 + (-12)^2}} \\ &= \frac{|-9 + 0 - 12 + 13|}{\sqrt{9 + 16 + 144}} \\ &= \frac{|-8|}{\sqrt{169}} \end{aligned}$$

$$D_2 = \frac{8}{13} \text{ units} \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

Hence, from equation (ii) and (iii)

$$D_1 = D_2$$

Given equation of plane is

$$x - 2y + 2z - 3 = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

We know that, equation of a plane parallel to plane (i) is given by,

$$x - 2y + 2z + \lambda = 0 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

We know that distance (D) of a point (x_1, y_1, z_1) from a plane $ax + by + cz + d = 0$ is given by,

$$D = \frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 + d|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

Given that, distance of plane (ii) from a point $(1, 1, 1)$ is one unit, so using (iii),

$$1 = \frac{|(1) - 2(1) + 2(1) + \lambda|}{\sqrt{(1)^2 + (-2)^2 + (2)^2}}$$
$$= \frac{|1 - 2 + 2 + \lambda|}{\sqrt{1 + 4 + 4}}$$

$$1 = \frac{|1 + \lambda|}{\sqrt{9}}$$

$$1 = \frac{|1 + \lambda|}{3}$$

Squaring both the sides,

$$1 = \frac{(1 + \lambda)^2}{9}$$

$$9 = (1 + \lambda)^2$$

$$1 + \lambda = \pm 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \lambda = 3 \quad \text{or} \quad 1 + \lambda = -3$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 2 \quad \text{or} \quad \lambda = -4$$

Put the value of λ in equation (ii) to get the equations of required planes,

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

$$x - 2y + 2z - 4 = 0$$

We know that, distance (D) of a point (x_1, y_1, z_1) from a plane $ax + by + cz + d = 0$ is given by,

$$D = \frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 + d|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

So, distance of point $(2, 3, 5)$ from xy -plane (we know that equation of xy -plane is $z = 0$) is

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{|(2)(0) + (3)(0) + (5)(1) + 0|}{\sqrt{(0)^2 + (0)^2 + (1)^2}} \quad \text{[Using (i)]} \\ &= \frac{|0 + 0 + 5|}{\sqrt{0 + 0 + 1}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 5 \text{ unit}$$

Distance of the point $(2, 3, 5)$ from xy -plane = 5 unit

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We know that, distance (D) of a point \vec{a} from a plane $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} - d = 0$ is given by,

$$D = \frac{|\vec{a} \cdot \vec{n} - d|}{|\vec{n}|} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

So, distance of point $(3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$ from plane $\vec{r} \cdot (5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + 9 = 0$ is

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \frac{|(3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \cdot (5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + 9|}{\sqrt{(5)^2 + (2)^2 + (-7)^2}} \\ &= \frac{|(3)(5) + (3)(2) + (3)(-7) + 9|}{\sqrt{25 + 4 + 49}} \\ &= \frac{|15 + 6 - 21 + 9|}{\sqrt{78}} \\ &= \frac{9}{\sqrt{78}} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, required distance is

$$= \frac{9}{\sqrt{78}} \text{ units}$$

The Plane Ex 29.9 Q9

Distance of point (1,1,1) from origin is $\sqrt{3}$

Distance of point (1,1,1) from plane is $\left| \frac{1+\lambda}{\sqrt{3}} \right|$

$$\text{Product} = \left| \frac{1+\lambda}{\sqrt{3}} \right| \times \sqrt{3} = 5$$

$$|1+\lambda| = 5$$

so $\lambda=4$ or -6

The Plane Ex 29.9 Q10

Consider

$$3x - 4y + 12z - 6 = 0 \quad \dots\dots (1)$$

$$4x + 3z - 7 = 0 \quad \dots\dots (2)$$

The distance of a point (x_1, y_1, z_1) from the plane $3x - 4y + 12z - 6 = 0$ is

$$\begin{aligned} D_1 &= \left| \frac{ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 + d}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{3x_1 - 4y_1 + 12z_1 - 6}{\sqrt{3^2 + (-4)^2 + 12^2}} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{3x_1 - 4y_1 + 12z_1 - 6}{\sqrt{169}} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{3x_1 - 4y_1 + 12z_1 - 6}{13} \right| \end{aligned}$$

The distance of the point (x_1, y_1, z_1) from the plane $4x + 3z - 7 = 0$ is

$$\begin{aligned} D_2 &= \left| \frac{ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 + d}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{4x_1 + 3z_1 - 7}{\sqrt{4^2 + 3^2}} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{4x_1 + 3z_1 - 7}{\sqrt{25}} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{4x_1 + 3z_1 - 7}{5} \right| \end{aligned}$$

Since the point (x_1, y_1, z_1) are equidistant from the planes $3x - 4y + 12z - 6 = 0$ and $4x + 3z - 7 = 0$

So

$$D_1 = D_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{3x_1 - 4y_1 + 12z_1 - 6}{13} \right| &= \left| \frac{4x_1 + 3z_1 - 7}{5} \right| \\ \frac{3x_1 - 4y_1 + 12z_1 - 6}{13} &= \pm \frac{4x_1 + 3z_1 - 7}{5} \end{aligned}$$

Taking positive sign

$$\frac{3x_1 - 4y_1 + 12z_1 - 6}{13} = \frac{4x_1 + 3z_1 - 7}{5}$$

$$15x_1 - 20y_1 + 60z_1 - 30 = 52x_1 + 39z_1 - 91$$

$$37x_1 + 20y_1 - 21z_1 - 61 = 0$$

Taking negative sign

$$\frac{3x_1 - 4y_1 + 12z_1 - 6}{13} = -\frac{4x_1 + 3z_1 - 7}{5}$$

$$15x_1 - 20y_1 + 60z_1 - 30 = -52x_1 - 39z_1 + 91$$

$$67x_1 - 20y_1 + 99z_1 - 121 = 0$$

The Plane Ex 29.9 Q11

The equation of any plane passing through $A(2, 5, -3)$

is $a(x - 2) + b(y - 5) + c(z + 3) = 0 \dots (1)$

The above plane passes through the point $B(-2, -3, 5)$

and hence, we have,

$$a(-2 - 2) + b(-3 - 5) + c(5 + 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -4a - 8b + 8c = 0 \dots (2)$$

Again the required plane passes through the point $C(5, 3, -3)$

and hence, we have,

$$a(5 - 2) + b(3 - 5) + c(-3 + 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3a - 2b + 0c = 0 \dots (3)$$

Solving equations (2) and (3) by cross multiplication, we have,

$$\frac{a}{(-8) \times 0 - (-2) \times 8} = \frac{b}{3 \times 8 - (-4) \times 0} = \frac{c}{(-4) \times (-2) - 3 \times (-8)} = \lambda (\text{say})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{0 + 16} = \frac{b}{24 + 0} = \frac{c}{8 + 24} = \lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{16} = \frac{b}{24} = \frac{c}{32} = \lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{2} = \frac{b}{3} = \frac{c}{4} = \lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 2\lambda, b = 3\lambda \text{ and } c = 4\lambda$$

Substituting the above values in equation (1), we have,

$$2\lambda(x - 2) + 3\lambda(y - 5) + 4\lambda(z + 3) = 0$$

Since $\lambda \neq 0$, we have,

$$2(x - 2) + 3(y - 5) + 4(z + 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x - 4 + 3y - 15 + 4z + 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x + 3y + 4z - 7 = 0$$

Thus the equation of the plane is

$$2x + 3y + 4z - 7 = 0$$

The distance from the point $P(7, 2, 4)$ to the plane is

$$d = \left| \frac{ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 + d}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \right|$$

$$\therefore \text{Distance, } d = \left| \frac{2x + 3y + 4z - 7}{\sqrt{2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2}} \right|$$

$$\Rightarrow d_{(7,2,4)} = \left| \frac{2 \times 7 + 3 \times 2 + 4 \times 4 - 7}{\sqrt{2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2}} \right|$$

$$\Rightarrow d_{(7,2,4)} = \left| \frac{29}{\sqrt{29}} \right|$$

$$\Rightarrow d_{(7,2,4)} = \sqrt{29} \text{ units}$$

The Plane Ex 29.9 Q12

Given that a plane is making intercepts $-6, 3$ and 4 respectively on the coordinate axes.

Thus the equation of the plane is

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

We need to find the length of the perpendicular from the origin on the plane.

If the plane $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 1$ is at a distance 'p', then

$$\frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \dots (2)$$

Comparing equation (1) with the general equation, we get,
 $a = -6, b = 3$ and $c = 4$

Thus, equation (2) becomes,

$$\frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{1}{(-6)^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{4 + 16 + 9}{144}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{p^2} = \frac{29}{144}$$

$$\Rightarrow p^2 = \frac{144}{29}$$

$$\Rightarrow p = \frac{12}{\sqrt{29}} \text{ units}$$