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Solutions Class
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Chapter 29
Ex 29.14

The Plane Ex 29.14 Q1

Consider

$$l_1: \frac{x-2}{-1} = \frac{y-5}{2} = \frac{z-0}{3}$$

$$l_2: \frac{x-0}{2} = \frac{y+1}{-1} = \frac{z-1}{2}$$

Clearly line l_1 passes through the point $P(2, 5, 0)$

The equation of a plane containing line l_2 is

$$a(x-0) + b(y+1) + c(z-1) = 0 \quad \dots\dots (1)$$

Where $2a - b + 2c = 0$

If it is parallel to line l_1 then

$$-a + 2b + 3c = 0$$

Therefore

$$\frac{a}{-7} = \frac{b}{-8} = \frac{c}{3}$$

Substituting values of a, b, c in the equation (1) we obtain

$$a(x-0) + b(y+1) + c(z-1) = 0$$

$$-7(x-0) - 8(y+1) + 3(z-1) = 0$$

$$-7x - 8y - 8 + 3z - 3 = 0$$

$$7x + 8y - 3z + 11 = 0 \quad \dots\dots (2)$$

This is the equation of the plane containing line l_2 and parallel to line l_1

Shortest distance between l_1 and l_2 = Distance between point $P(2, 5, 0)$ and plane

(2)

$$= \frac{|14 + 40 + 11|}{\sqrt{7^2 + 8^2 + (-3)^2}} = \frac{65}{\sqrt{122}}$$

The Plane Ex 29.14 Q2

$$l_1: \frac{x+1}{7} = \frac{y+1}{-6} = \frac{z+1}{1}$$

$$l_2: \frac{x-3}{1} = \frac{y-5}{-2} = \frac{z-7}{1}$$

Let the equation of the plane containing l_1 be $a(x+1) + b(y+1) + c(z+1) = 0$

Plane is parallel to l_1 : $7a - 6b + c = 0 \dots\dots(i)$

Plane is parallel to l_2 : $a - 2b + c = 0 \dots\dots(ii)$

Solving (i) and (ii),

$$\frac{a}{-6+2} = \frac{b}{1-7} = \frac{c}{-14+6}$$

$$\frac{a}{-4} = \frac{b}{-6} = \frac{c}{-8}$$

\therefore Equation of the plane is $-4(x+1) - 6(y+1) - 8(z+1) = 0$

$4(x+1) + 6(y+1) + 8(z+1) = 0$ is the equation of the plane.

The Plane Ex 29.14 Q3

The equation of a plane containing the line $3x - y - 2z + 4 = 0 = 2x + y + z + 1$ is $x(2\lambda + 3) + y(\lambda - 1) + z(\lambda - 2) + \lambda + 4 = 0$(i)

If it is parallel to the line then $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-3}{4} = \frac{z+2}{1}$ then,

$$2(2\lambda + 3) + 4(\lambda - 1) + (\lambda - 2) = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 0$$

Putting $\lambda = 0$ in (i) we get,

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

As this equation of the plane containing the second line and parallel to the first line.

Clearly the line $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-3}{4} = \frac{z+2}{1}$ passes through the point $(1, 3, -2)$

So, the shortest distance 'd' between the given lines is equal to the length of perpendicular from $(1, 3, -2)$ on the plane (ii).

$$d = \left| \frac{3 - 3 + 4 + 4}{\sqrt{1+9+4}} \right| = \frac{8}{\sqrt{14}}$$