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Lines and Planes

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1. Determine the vector, parametric and symmetric equations of the line passing through the points

$A(-3, 2, 8)$  and  $B(4, 3, 6)$ .

$$\vec{d}_1 = \vec{AB} = (4, 3, 6) - (-3, 2, 8) = (7, 1, -2)$$

vector equation:

$$\vec{r} = (-3, 2, 8) + t(7, 1, -2), t \in \mathbb{R}$$

parametric equations.

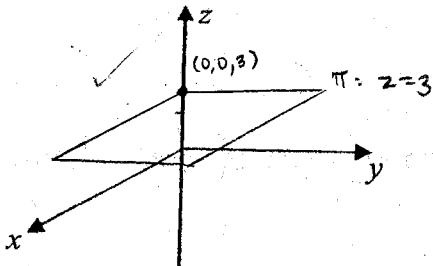
$$\begin{aligned} x &= -3 + 7t \\ y &= 2 + t \\ z &= 8 - 2t \end{aligned}, t \in \mathbb{R}$$

symmetric equation:

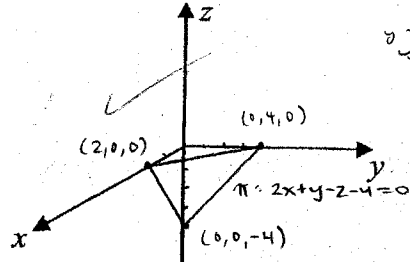
$$t = \frac{x+3}{7} = \frac{y-2}{1} = \frac{z-8}{-2}, t \in \mathbb{R}$$

2. Sketch the following planes. Be sure to label your sketches.

a)  $z = 3$



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



x-int:  $2x = 4 \Rightarrow x = 2$   
y-int:  $y = 4$   
z-int:  $-z = 4 \Rightarrow z = -4$

3. Determine the Cartesian equation of the plane having x-, y-, and z-intercepts of 2, 5, and 3 respectively

X(2, 0, 0)

Y(0, 5, 0)

Z(0, 0, 3)

$$\vec{d}_1 = \vec{XY} = (0, 5, 0) - (2, 0, 0) = (-2, 5, 0)$$

$$\vec{d}_2 = \vec{YZ} = (0, 0, 3) - (0, 5, 0) = (0, -5, 3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{n} &= \vec{d}_1 \times \vec{d}_2 \\ &= (-2, 5, 0) \times (0, -5, 3) \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (15, 6, 10) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \pi: 15x + 6y + 10z + D = 0$$

sub in (2, 0, 0):

$$\begin{aligned} 15(2) + 6(0) + 10(0) + D &= 0 \\ 30 + D &= 0 \\ D &= -30 \end{aligned}$$

$$\pi: \vec{r} = (2, 0, 0) + s(-2, 5, 0) + t(0, -5, 3)$$

$$\therefore \pi: 15x + 6y + 10z - 30 = 0$$

4. Find the point of intersection, if any, of the lines  $l_1: \frac{x+5}{3} = \frac{y-2}{2} = \frac{z+7}{6}$  and  $l_2: x = \frac{y+6}{-5} = \frac{z+3}{-1}$ .

Check your solution.

$$l_1: \begin{aligned} x &= -5 + 3s \\ y &= 2 + 2s \\ z &= -7 + 6s \end{aligned}$$

$$l_2: \begin{aligned} x &= t \\ y &= -6 - 5t \\ z &= -3 - t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -5 + 3s &= t & \textcircled{1} \\ 2 + 2s &= -6 - 5t & \textcircled{2} \\ -7 + 6s &= -3 - t & \textcircled{3} \end{aligned}$$

$\textcircled{1} \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 2 + 2s &= -6 - 5(-5 + 3s) \\ 2 + 2s &= -6 + 25 - 15s \\ 17s &= 17 \\ s &= 1 & \textcircled{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{4} \rightarrow \textcircled{3}: \\ t &= -5 + 3(1) \\ &= -2 & \textcircled{5} \end{aligned}$$

check  $\textcircled{4}, \textcircled{5}$  in  $\textcircled{3}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LS} &= -7 + 6s = -7 + 6(1) = -1 \\ \text{RS} &= -3 - t = -3 - (-2) = -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{LS} &= \text{RS} \\ \therefore s &= 1, t = -2 \end{aligned}$$

Determine Point of Intersection:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= -5 + 3(1) = -2 \\ y &= 2 + 2(1) = 4 \\ z &= -7 + 6(1) = -1 \end{aligned}$$

check point of intersection:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= -2 \\ y &= -6 - 5(-2) = 4 \\ z &= -3 - (-2) = -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{point of intersection is } (-2, 4, -1)$$

5. Determine possible values of  $k$  such that the two planes are coincident.

to be coincident, must be parallel so  $\vec{n}_1 = m\vec{n}_2$

$$(1, 3, -1) = m(3, k^2, -3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 3m & \textcircled{1} \\ 3 &= k^2m & \textcircled{2} \\ -1 &= -3m & \textcircled{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1}: m &= \frac{1}{3} \\ \textcircled{3}: m &= \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$\textcircled{1}, \textcircled{3} \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 3 &= k^2 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \\ q &= k^2 \\ k &= \pm 3 \end{aligned}$$

to be coincident, ratio between D values must be the same as ratio between coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} 9 &= k^3 m \\ 9 &= k^3 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \\ 27 &= k^3 \\ k &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{for the two planes to be coincident, } k \text{ must equal } 3$$

6. Describe the intersections of the following, and justify your answers. (drawings are optional but appreciated) **DO NOT SOLVE**

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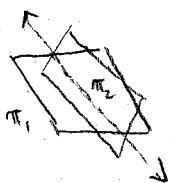
a)  $\pi_1: x - 3y + 2z - 5 = 0$

$\pi_2: 2x - y + 4z + 7 = 0$

$\pi_1 \nparallel \pi_2$

$\pi_1 \neq \pi_2$

$\therefore$  two non parallel, non coincident planes intersect in a line



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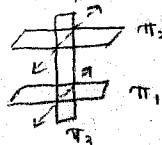
b)  $\pi_2: 2x - 6y + 4z + 7 = 0$

$\pi_3: 3x + y - 2z + 11 = 0$

$\pi_1 \parallel \pi_2$

$\pi_1 \neq \pi_2 \neq \pi_3$

$\therefore \pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  are two parallel and distinct planes.  $\pi_3$  intersects both planes creating two different lines. All 3 planes do not intersect.



7. Solve the following system of equations. State the solution and give the geometric interpretation of the system.

$\pi_1: x + 2y + 3z = -4$

$\pi_2: 2x + 3y + 4z = -5$

$\pi_3: 3x + 4y + 5z = -6$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & -4 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & -5 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & -6 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} R_1 \\ 2R_1 - R_2 \\ 3R_1 - R_3 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 & -6 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} R_1 \\ R_2 \\ R_3 \div 2 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -3 \end{array} \right]$$

$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} R_1 \\ R_2 \\ R_2 - R_3 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & -4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$

$\therefore 0z = 0$   
always true  
set  $z = t$

$y + 2z = -3$

$y + 2t = -3$

$y = -3 - 2t$

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

$x + 2(-3 - 2t) + 3t = -4$

$x - 6 - 4t + 3t = -4$

$x = 2 + t$

$\therefore$  the intersection is  $\vec{r} = (2, -3, 0) + t(1, -2, 1), t \in \mathbb{R}$

three nonparallel, non coincident planes intersect in a line

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$\pi_1: x - y + z = 1$

8. Given three planes:  $\pi_2: x + y + 2z = 2$

$\pi_3: x + ky - z = 1$

Determine a value of  $k$  such that these planes intersect in a triangular prism. (also known as the "Toblerone Effect"; -)

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$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & k & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} R_1 \\ R_1 - R_2 \\ R_1 - R_3 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -k & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} R_1 \\ R_2 \\ 2R_2 + R_3 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -5-k & 0 & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

if the planes intersect in a triangular prism then their normals are coplanar

$\vec{n}_1 \times \vec{n}_2 \cdot \vec{n}_3 = 0$

$0 = (1, -1, 1) \times (1, 1, 2) \cdot (1, k, -1)$

$= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \cdot (1, k, -1)$

$= (-3, -1, 2) \cdot (1, k, -1)$

$= -3 - k - 2$

$5 = -k$

$k = -5$

$\therefore$  for the planes to intersect in a triangular prism,  $k$  must be  $-5$

9. Determine the intersection of the line  $x = 4 + 2t, y = 1 - 2t, z = 2 + 3t$  and the plane  $2x + 5y - z = 29$

Determine the value of  $t$ :

substitute the line into the plane

$2(4 + 2t) + 5(1 - 2t) - (2 + 3t) = 29$

$8 + 4t + 5 - 10t - 2 - 3t = 29$

$-9t = 18$

$t = -2$

substitute into the parametric equations for the point of intersection:

$x = 4 + 2(-2)$

$= 0$

$y = 1 - 2(-2)$

$= 5$

$z = 2 + 3(-2)$

$= -4$

$\therefore$  the point of intersection is  $(0, 5, -4)$

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