



Blue Print (As per PU Board)

Topic	1 mark questions	2 marks questions	3 marks questions	5 marks questions	Total Marks
3 Dimensional Geometry	1	1	1	1	11

One mark questions

1. Find the direction cosines of the normal to the plane $x + y + z = 1$

Answer: $ax + by + cz = 1 \quad \therefore a = 1, b = 1, c = 1 \quad \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{3}$

$\div (x + y + z = 1)$ by $\sqrt{3} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}y + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$. DC's are $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

2. Find the equation of plane with intercept 3 on the y axis and parallel to zox plane

Answer: Equation of plane parallel zox plane is $y = k, k = y$ intercept

$\therefore k = 3 \Rightarrow$ Equation is $y = 3$

3. Find the direction cosines of a line which makes equal angles with the coordinate axes

Answer: $\alpha = \beta = \gamma \quad l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha = 1$

$\therefore 3 \cos^2 \alpha = 1 \quad \therefore \cos^2 \alpha = \frac{1}{3} \quad \therefore \cos \alpha = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

The DC's are $\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

Two marks questions

4. Find the vector equation of the line $\frac{x+3}{2} = \frac{y-5}{4} = \frac{z+6}{2}$

Answer: we have, $\vec{a} = -3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}, \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ (1 mark)

$\therefore \vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda \vec{b}$

$\vec{r} = (-3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$ (1 mark)

5. Show that the points $(2, 3, 4), (-1, -2, 1)$ and $(5, 8, 7)$ are collinear

Answer: We have $A(2, 3, 4) B(-1, -2, 1) C(5, 8, 7)$

The direction ratios of line AB are $(-3, -5, -3)$

The direction ratios of line BC are $(6, 10, 6)$ (1 mark)

The ratio of direction ratios of AB and BC are

$\frac{-3}{6} = -\frac{5}{10} = -\frac{3}{6} \equiv \frac{1}{2}$ in proportion and B is a common point $\therefore A, B, C$ are collinear (1 mark)

6. Find the values of p so that the lines $\frac{1-x}{3} = \frac{7y-14}{2p} = \frac{z-3}{2}$ and $\frac{7-7x}{3p} = \frac{y-5}{1} = \frac{6-z}{5}$ are at right angles

Answer: $\frac{1-x}{3}, \frac{7y-14}{2p}, \frac{z-3}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{x-1}{-3} = \frac{y-2}{\left(\frac{2p}{7}\right)} = \frac{z-3}{2}$

$\frac{7-7x}{3p} = \frac{y-5}{1} = \frac{6-z}{5} \Rightarrow \frac{(x-1)}{\left(\frac{-3p}{7}\right)} = \frac{y-5}{1} = \frac{z-6}{-5}$



$$a_1 = -3, b_1 = \frac{2p}{7}, c_1 = 2, \quad a_2 = \frac{-3p}{7}, b_2 = 1, c_2 = -5 \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

Condition for perpendicular lines, $a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2 = 0$

$$-3 \times \frac{-3p}{7} + \frac{2p}{7} \times 1 + 2 \times -5 = 0$$

$$\frac{9p}{7} + \frac{2p}{7} - 10 = 0$$

$$11p - 70 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow p = \frac{70}{11} \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

Three marks questions

7. Find the coordinates of foot of the perpendicular drawn from the origin to the plane $2x - 3y + 4z - 6 = 0$

Answer: Let the foot of perpendicular be (x_1, y_1, z_1)

Direction ratios are (x_1, y_1, z_1)

$$\text{Equation of plane in normal form } \frac{2}{\sqrt{29}}x - \frac{3}{\sqrt{29}}y + \frac{4}{\sqrt{29}}z = \frac{6}{\sqrt{29}} \quad \dots(1)$$

Where $\frac{2}{\sqrt{29}}, -\frac{3}{\sqrt{29}}$ and $\frac{4}{\sqrt{29}}$ are direction cosines (1 mark)

Since direction ratios and direction cosines are proportional, we have $\frac{x_1}{\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{29}}\right)} = \frac{y_1}{\left(\frac{-3}{\sqrt{29}}\right)} = \frac{z_1}{\left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{29}}\right)} = k$

$$\therefore x_1 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{29}}k, y_1 = \frac{-3}{\sqrt{29}}k, z_1 = \frac{4}{\sqrt{29}}k \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

Substituting these in $2x - 3y + 4z - 6 = 0$ we get

$$k = \frac{6}{\sqrt{29}}$$

$$\therefore \text{The foot of perpendicular is } \left(\frac{12}{29}, \frac{-18}{29}, \frac{24}{29}\right) \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

8. Find the shortest distance between the lines $\vec{r} = 6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} + \lambda(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$

and $\vec{r} = -4\hat{i} - \hat{k} + \mu(3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$

Answer: $\vec{a}_1 = 6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}, \vec{b}_1 = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

$\vec{a}_2 = -4\hat{i} - \hat{k}, \vec{b}_2 = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$

$$\therefore \vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1 = -10\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k} \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

$$\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 3 & -2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 8\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2| = \sqrt{8^2 + 8^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{144} = 12 \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

$$\therefore S.D = \frac{(\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2)}{|\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2|}$$

$$S.D = \frac{|-80 - 16 - 12|}{12} = \frac{108}{12} = 9 \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$



9. Find the shortest distance between the lines $\vec{r} = (1-t)\hat{i} + (t-2)\hat{j} + (3-2t)\hat{k}$ and $\vec{r} = (s+1)\hat{i} + (2s-1)\hat{j} + (2s+1)\hat{k}$

Answer: The given equations can be written as

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{r} &= \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} + t(-\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) \\ \vec{r} &= \hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k} + s(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) \\ \vec{a}_1 &= \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}, \quad \vec{b}_1 = -\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k} \\ \vec{a}_2 &= \hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}, \quad \vec{b}_2 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k} \\ \vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1 &= \hat{j} - 4\hat{k} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

(1 mark)

$$\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2| = \sqrt{4+16+9} = \sqrt{29}$$

(1 mark)

$$\therefore S.D = \frac{|(\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2)|}{|\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2|} = \frac{(-4+12)}{\sqrt{29}} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{29}} \text{ units}$$

(1 mark)

Five marks questions

10. Derive the equation of a line through a given point and parallel to a given vector \vec{b} , both in vector form and Cartesian form

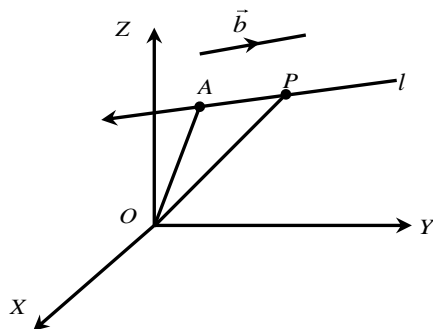


Fig. (1 mark)

Answer: Consider a line l , passing through the point $A(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and parallel to a vector \vec{b} .

Let P be any point on l . Coordinates of $P = (x, y, z)$

Let $\vec{OP} = \vec{r}$, $\vec{OA} = \vec{a}$

\vec{AP} is parallel to \vec{b} .

$$\therefore \vec{AP} = \lambda \vec{b}, \quad \lambda = \text{constant}$$

(1 mark)

$$\vec{OP} - \vec{OA} = \lambda \vec{b}$$

$$\vec{r} - \vec{a} = \lambda \vec{b}$$

$$\therefore \vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda \vec{b}, \text{ vector equation of the line.}$$

(1 mark)

$$\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}, \quad \vec{a} = x_1\hat{i} + y_1\hat{j} + z_1\hat{k}, \quad \vec{b} = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda \vec{b} \Rightarrow x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} = (x_1\hat{i} + y_1\hat{j} + z_1\hat{k}) + \lambda(a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k})$$

$$x = x_1 + \lambda a, \quad y = y_1 + \lambda b, \quad z = z_1 + \lambda c$$

(1 mark)

Eliminating λ ,

$$\therefore \text{We get } \frac{x-x_1}{a} = \frac{y-y_1}{b} = \frac{z-z_1}{c} \text{ Cartesian equation.}$$

(1 mark)



Derive the equation of line passing through two given points.

Answer: Consider a line l passing through two points $A(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $B(x_2, y_2, z_2)$.

Let $P(x, y, z)$ be any point on the line.

$$\therefore \vec{OP} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} = \vec{r} \quad \text{Let } \vec{OB} = \vec{b} = x_2\hat{i} + y_2\hat{j} + z_2\hat{k}, \vec{OA} = \vec{a} = x_1\hat{i} + y_1\hat{j} + z_1\hat{k} \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

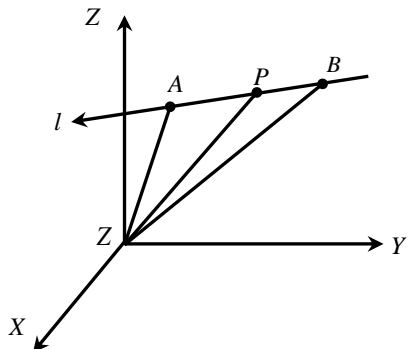


Fig. (1 mark)

The vectors \vec{AP} and \vec{AB} are collinear vectors.

$$\vec{AP} = \lambda \vec{AB} \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

$$\vec{OP} - \vec{OA} = \lambda(\vec{OB} - \vec{OA})$$

$$\vec{r} - \vec{a} = \lambda(\vec{b} - \vec{a})$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda(\vec{b} - \vec{a}) \quad \dots(1)$$

Which is required equation of line in vector form.

Substituting \vec{r}, \vec{b} and \vec{a} in (1)

$$x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} = x_1\hat{i} + y_1\hat{j} + z_1\hat{k} + \lambda((x_2 - x_1)\hat{i} + (y_2 - y_1)\hat{j} + (z_2 - z_1)\hat{k}) \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

$$\therefore x = x_1 + \lambda(x_2 - x_1)$$

$$y = y_1 + \lambda(y_2 - y_1)$$

$$z = z_1 + \lambda(z_2 - z_1)$$

Eliminating λ , we get

$$\frac{x - x_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{y - y_1}{y_2 - y_1} = \frac{z - z_1}{z_2 - z_1} \quad \text{Cartesian form.} \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

11. Derive the formula to find shortest distance between parallel lines.

Answer: consider two parallel lines l_1 and l_2 with $\vec{r} = \vec{a}_1 + \lambda\vec{b}$... (1) and $\vec{r} = \vec{a}_2 + \mu\vec{b}$... (2).

l_1 and l_2 passes through the points A and B with position vectors \vec{a}_1 and \vec{a}_2 both are parallel to \vec{b} .

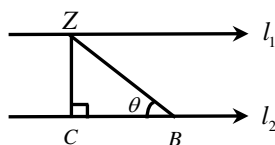


Fig. (1 mark)

Draw a perpendicular AC from the point A to (l_2).

Let θ be the angle between the line (2) and AB . (1 mark)

$$\sin \theta = \frac{AC}{AB} \Rightarrow AC = AB \sin \theta$$

$$|\vec{AB} \times \vec{b}| = |\vec{AB}| |\vec{b}| \sin \theta$$

$$= (|\vec{AB}| \sin \theta) |\vec{b}| \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$



$$= |\vec{AC}| |\vec{b}| \quad \text{from (3)}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{AC}| = \frac{|\vec{AB} \times \vec{b}|}{|\vec{b}|} \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

$$\therefore \text{Shortest Distance} = |\vec{AC}| = \frac{|(\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) \times \vec{b}|}{|\vec{b}|} \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$