

## STRAIGHT LINE IN SPACE (XII, R. S. AGGARWAL)

### EXERCISE 27 A [Pg.No.: 1121 ]

1. A line passes through the point  $(3, 4, 5)$  and is parallel to the vector  $(2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$ . Find the equations of the line in the vector as well as Cartesian forms

Sol. Position vector of point  $A(3, 4, 5)$  is  $\vec{OA} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$

Eqn. of line passing through  $A$  and parallel to the vector

$\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$  is given by,

$$\vec{r} = \vec{OA} + r\vec{b}$$

$$\text{i.e., } \vec{r} = (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) + r(2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}).$$

Cartesian form,

Eqn. of line passing through  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  and parallel to the vector  $\vec{b} = a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}$  is given by,

$$\frac{x - \alpha}{a} = \frac{y - \beta}{b} = \frac{z - \gamma}{c}$$

$$\text{Hence, required equation is, } \frac{x - 3}{2} = \frac{y - 4}{2} = \frac{z - 5}{-3}$$

2. A line passes through the point  $(2, 1, -3)$  and is parallel to the vector  $(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$ . Find the equations of the line in vector and Cartesian forms.

Sol. Vector equation of the given.

The line passes through the point  $A(2, 1, -3)$  and is parallel to the vector  $\vec{m} = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$  also the position vector of  $A$  is  $\vec{r}_1 = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ .

$\therefore$  Vector equation of the given line is  $\vec{r} = \vec{r}_1 + \lambda\vec{m}$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r} = (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{Therefore, Cartesian equation of the given line, } \frac{x - 2}{1} = \frac{y - 1}{-2} = \frac{z + 3}{3}$$

3. Find the vector equation of the line passing through the point with position vector  $(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 5\hat{k})$  and parallel to the vector  $(\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k})$ . Deduce the Cartesian equations of the line.

Sol. Vector equations of the given line passes through the point  $A(2, 1, -5)$  and is parallel to the vector  $\vec{m} = (\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k})$ . Also the position vector of  $A$  is  $\vec{r}_1 = (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 5\hat{k})$ .

$\therefore$  Vector equation of the given line is  $\vec{r} = \vec{r}_1 + \lambda\vec{m}$

$$\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}) \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{Cartesian equation of the given line, } \frac{x - 2}{1} = \frac{y - 1}{3} = \frac{z - (-5)}{-1} \Rightarrow \frac{x - 2}{1} = \frac{y - 1}{3} = \frac{z + 5}{-1}$$

Hence  $\frac{x-2}{1} = \frac{y-1}{3} = \frac{z+5}{-1}$  are the required equations of the given line in the Cartesian form.

4. A line is drawn in the direction of  $(\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$  and it passes through a point with position vector  $(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 4\hat{k})$ . Find the equations of the line in the vector as well as Cartesian forms

Sol. Eqn. of line passing through the point having position vector  $\vec{a}$  and parallel to the vector  $\vec{b}$  is given by,  $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \mu \vec{b}$

Hence, required vector equation of line is,  $\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) + \mu(\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$

Now,  $x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} = (2 + \mu)\hat{i} + (-1 + \mu)\hat{j} + (-4 - 2\mu)\hat{k}$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2 + \mu, y = -1 + \mu \text{ \& } z = -4 - 2\mu \Rightarrow \frac{x-2}{1} = \frac{y+1}{1} = \frac{z+4}{-2} = \mu$$

Hence, Cartesian equation of line is  $\frac{x-2}{1} = \frac{y+1}{1} = \frac{z+4}{-2}$

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

Sol. Cartesian equations of the line is  $\frac{x-3}{2} = \frac{y+2}{-5} = \frac{z-6}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{x-3}{2} = \frac{y-(-2)}{-5} = \frac{z-6}{4}$

Here,  $x_1 = 3, y_1 = -2, z_1 = 6$ . So,  $\vec{r}_1 = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$

Here,  $a = 2, b = -5, c = 4 \therefore \vec{m} = 2\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$

Vector equation of the given line is  $\vec{r} = \vec{r}_1 + \lambda \vec{m} \Rightarrow \vec{r} = (3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$

6. The Cartesian equations of a line are  $3x+1=6y-2=1-z$ . Find the fixed point through which it passes, its direction ratios and also its vector equation.

Sol. Cartesian equations of the line is,  $3x+1=6y-2=1-z$

$$\Rightarrow 3\left(x + \frac{1}{3}\right) = 6\left(y - \frac{2}{6}\right) = -(z-1) \Rightarrow \frac{x - \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)}{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{y - \frac{1}{3}}{\frac{1}{6}} = \frac{z-1}{-1}$$

$$\text{Multiplying the denominator by 6, then } \frac{x - \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)}{2} = \frac{y - \frac{1}{3}}{1} = \frac{z-1}{-6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r}_1 = \left(-\frac{1}{3}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{3}\hat{j} + \hat{k}\right), \vec{m} = (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 6\hat{k}). \text{ So, the fixed point } \left(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, 1\right)$$

The vector equations of the line is  $\vec{r} = \vec{r}_1 + \lambda \vec{m} \Rightarrow \vec{r} = \left(-\frac{1}{3}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{3}\hat{j} + \hat{k}\right) + \lambda(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 6\hat{k})$

7. Find the Cartesian equations of the line which passes through the point  $(1, 3, -2)$  and is parallel to the line given by  $\frac{x+1}{3} = \frac{y-4}{5} = \frac{z+3}{-6}$ . Also, find the vector form of the equations so obtained.

Sol. The given equations of parallel line is  $\frac{x+1}{3} = \frac{y-4}{5} = \frac{z+3}{-6}$

Here,  $a = 3, b = 5, c = -6$

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Let be the points  $\vec{r}_1 = (\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$ ,  $\vec{m} = (3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 6\hat{k})$ .

The vector equation of the line is  $\vec{r} = \vec{r}_1 + \lambda \vec{m}$ .

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) + \lambda(3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}) \quad \dots(i)$$

Cartesian equation of the given line is,  $\frac{x-1}{3} = \frac{y-3}{5} = \frac{z+2}{-6}$

Hence  $\frac{x-1}{3} = \frac{y-3}{5} = \frac{z+2}{-6}$  are the required equation of the given line in Cartesian form.

8. Find the equations of the line passing through the point  $(1, -2, 3)$  and parallel to the line

$$\frac{x-6}{3} = \frac{y-2}{-4} = \frac{z+7}{5}$$

**Sol.** Let the points be  $\vec{r}_1 = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$

$$\frac{x-6}{3} = \frac{y-2}{-4} = \frac{z+7}{5} \Rightarrow \vec{m} = (3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$$

$\Rightarrow$  Vector equation of a line is,  $\vec{r} = \vec{r}_1 + \lambda \vec{m} \Rightarrow \vec{r} = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$

Cartesian equation of the given line is,  $\frac{x-1}{3} = \frac{y+2}{-4} = \frac{z-3}{5}$

Hence,  $\frac{x-1}{3} = \frac{y+2}{-4} = \frac{z-3}{5}$  are the Cartesian equation of the given line.

9. Find the Cartesian and vector equations of a line which passes through the point  $(1, 2, 3)$  and is parallel

to the line  $\frac{-x-2}{1} = \frac{y+3}{7} = \frac{2z-6}{3}$ .

**Sol.** Let be the points  $\vec{r}_1 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and parallel to the line  $\frac{-(x+2)}{1} = \frac{y+3}{7} = \frac{2(z-3)}{3}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-x-2}{1} = \frac{y+3}{7} = \frac{2z-6}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{(x+2)}{-1} = \frac{(y+3)}{7} = \frac{(z-3)}{3/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x+2}{-1} = \frac{y+3}{7} = \frac{z-3}{3/2} \Rightarrow \frac{x+2}{-2} = \frac{y+3}{14} = \frac{z-3}{3} \Rightarrow \vec{m} = -2\hat{i} + 14\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

Vector equation of the line  $\vec{r} = \vec{r}_1 + \lambda \vec{m} \Rightarrow \vec{r} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} + \lambda(-2\hat{i} + 14\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$

Hence,  $\frac{x-1}{-2} = \frac{y-2}{14} = \frac{z-3}{3}$  are Cartesian equation of given the line.

10. Find the equations of the line passing through the point  $(-1, 3, -2)$  and perpendicular to each of the

line  $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z}{3}$  and  $\frac{x+2}{-3} = \frac{y-1}{2} = \frac{z+1}{5}$

**Sol.** Let the direction ratios of the required line be a, b, c

This line being perpendicular to each of the given lines, we have

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

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

Cross multiplying (i) and (iii), we have  $\frac{a}{-10-6} = \frac{b}{-9-5} = \frac{c}{2+6} = k(\text{let})$

$$\Rightarrow a = 4k, b = -14k \text{ \& } c = 8k$$

Since, the line passes through  $(-1, 3, -2)$   $\therefore$  eqn. of line is,  $\frac{x+1}{4k} = \frac{y-3}{-14k} = \frac{z+2}{8k}$

i.e.,  $\frac{x+1}{4} = \frac{y-3}{-14} = \frac{z+2}{8}$ , this is the required eqn. of line.

11. Find the equations of the line passing through the point  $(1, 2, -4)$  and perpendicular to each of the lines

$$\frac{x-8}{8} = \frac{y+9}{-16} = \frac{z-10}{7} \text{ and } \frac{x-15}{3} = \frac{y-29}{8} = \frac{z-5}{-5}$$

**Sol.** Let the direction ratio of the required line be  $a, b, c$  then, this line being perpendicular to each at the given lines, we have

$$8a - 16b + 7c = 0 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$3a + 8b - 5c = 0 \quad \dots(ii)$$

Cross multiplying (i) and (ii) we get,  $\frac{a}{80-56} = \frac{b}{21+40} = \frac{c}{64+48} = \lambda$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{24} = \frac{b}{61} = \frac{c}{112} = \lambda \Rightarrow a = 24\lambda, b = 61\lambda, c = 112\lambda$$

Thus the required line has direction ratio  $24\lambda, 61\lambda, 112\lambda$  and it passes through the point  $(1, 2, -4)$ .

Hence the required line equation is,  $\frac{x-1}{24\lambda} = \frac{y-2}{61\lambda} = \frac{z+4}{112\lambda} \Rightarrow \frac{x-1}{24} = \frac{y-2}{61} = \frac{z+4}{112}$

12. Prove that the lines  $\frac{x-4}{1} = \frac{y+3}{-4} = \frac{z+1}{7}$  and  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+1}{-3} = \frac{z+10}{8}$  intersect each other and find the point of their intersection.

**Sol.** The given line are  $\frac{x-4}{1} = \frac{y+3}{-4} = \frac{z+1}{7} = \lambda$  (say)  $\dots(i)$

and  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+1}{-3} = \frac{z+10}{8} = \mu$  (say)  $\dots(ii)$

$P(\lambda+4, -4\lambda-3, 7\lambda-1)$  in any point on (i)

$Q(2\mu+1, -3\mu-1, 8\mu+10)$  in any point on (ii)

Thus, the given lines will intersect then  $\lambda+4 = 2\mu+1, -4\lambda-3 = -3\mu-1, 7\lambda-1 = 8\mu+10$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda-2\mu = -3 \quad \dots(i), \quad -4\lambda+3\mu = 2 \quad \dots(ii), \quad 7\lambda-8\mu = -9 \quad \dots(iii)$$

Solving equation (i) and (ii), we get  $\lambda = 1$ , and  $\mu = 2$

Also these value of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  satisfy (iii) hence the given lines intersect.

Putting  $\lambda = 1$  in  $P$  or  $\mu = 2$  in  $Q$ , we get the point of intersection of the given line as  $(5, -7, 6)$

13. Show that the lines  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{3} = \frac{z-3}{4}$  and  $\frac{x-4}{5} = \frac{y-1}{2} = z$  intersect each other. Also, find the point of their intersection.

**Sol.** The given equation of a line are  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{3} = \frac{z-3}{4} = \lambda$  (say)  $\dots(1)$

and  $\frac{x-4}{5} = \frac{y-1}{2} = z = k$  (say)  $\dots(2)$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2\lambda+1, y = 3\lambda+2, z = 4\lambda+3$$

$\therefore P(2\lambda+1, 3\lambda+2, 4\lambda+3)$  in any point on (1) and  $Q(5k+4, 2k+1, k)$  in any point on (2).

Thus, the given lines will intersect if

$$\Rightarrow 2\lambda+1 = 5k+4 \Rightarrow 2\lambda-5k = 3 \quad \dots(i)$$

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$$\Rightarrow 3\lambda + 2 = 2k + 1 \Rightarrow 3\lambda - 2k = -1 \quad \dots(ii) \Rightarrow 4\lambda + 3 = k \Rightarrow 4\lambda - k = -3 \quad \dots(iii)$$

Solving equation (i) and (ii), then we get  $\lambda = -1, k = -1$ .

Also these value of  $\lambda$  and  $k$  satisfy (iii) hence the given lines intersect.

Hence, two lines intersect to each other putting the value of  $\lambda$  in point  $P$ , then putting  $\lambda = -1$  in  $P$  or  $k = -1$  in  $Q$ .

We get the point of intersection of the given line as

$$P = \{2(-1)+1, 3(-1)+2, 4(-1)+3\} = (-2+1, -3+2, -4+3) = (-1, -1, -1)$$

Hence required point is  $(-1, -1, -1)$ .

14. Show that the lines  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+1}{3} = z$  and  $\frac{x+1}{5} = \frac{y-2}{1}, z=2$  do not intersect each other.

**Sol.** The given line are  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+1}{3} = \frac{z}{1} = \lambda$  (say)  $\dots(1)$

$$\frac{x+1}{5} = \frac{y-2}{1} = \frac{z-2}{1} = \mu$$
 (say)  $\dots(2)$

$P(2\lambda+1, 3\lambda-1, \lambda)$  in any point on (1).  $Q(5\mu-1, \mu+2, \mu+2)$  in any point on (2).

If possible, let the given lines intersected.

Then,  $P$  and  $Q$  coincide form some particular value of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ , in that case, we have,

$$2\lambda+1=5\mu-1, 3\lambda-1=\mu+2, \text{ and } \lambda=\mu+2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\lambda-5\mu=-2 \quad \dots(i), \quad 3\lambda-\mu=3 \quad \dots(ii) \quad \& \quad \lambda-\mu=2 \quad \dots(iii)$$

Solving equation (i) and (ii), we get  $\lambda = \frac{17}{13}$  and  $\mu = \frac{12}{13}$

However, these value of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  do not satisfy (iii). Hence, the given lines do not intersect.

15. The Cartesian equations of a line are  $3x+1=6y-2=1-z$ . Find the fixed point through which it passes, its direction ratios and also its vector equation.

**Sol.** Cartesian equations of the line is,  $3x+1=6y-2=1-z$

$$\Rightarrow 3\left(x+\frac{1}{3}\right)=6\left(y-\frac{2}{6}\right)=-(z-1) \Rightarrow \frac{x-\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)}{\frac{1}{3}}=\frac{y-\frac{1}{3}}{\frac{1}{6}}=\frac{z-1}{-1}$$

$$\text{Multiplying the denominator by 6, then } \frac{x-\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)}{2}=\frac{y-\frac{1}{3}}{1}=\frac{z-1}{-6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r}_1 = \left(-\frac{1}{3}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{3}\hat{j} + \hat{k}\right), \vec{m} = (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 6\hat{k}). \quad \text{So, the fixed point } \left(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, 1\right)$$

$$\text{The vector equations of the line is } \vec{r} = \vec{r}_1 + \lambda\vec{m} \Rightarrow \vec{r} = \left(-\frac{1}{3}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{3}\hat{j} + \hat{k}\right) + \lambda(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 6\hat{k})$$

16. Find the length and the foot of the perpendicular drawn from the point  $(2, -1, 5)$  to the line

$$\frac{x-11}{10} = \frac{y+2}{-4} = \frac{z+8}{-11}$$

**Sol.** The given equation of the line  $\frac{x-11}{10} = \frac{y+2}{-4} = \frac{z+8}{-11} = \lambda$

$$\Rightarrow x=10\lambda+11, y=-4\lambda-2, z=-11\lambda-8$$

∴ Co-ordinate of  $N(10\lambda + 11, -4\lambda - 2, -11\lambda - 8)$

∴ Direction ratios of  $PN$

$$= (10\lambda + 11 - 2), (-4\lambda - 2 + 1), (-11\lambda - 8 - 5)$$

$$= (10\lambda + 9, -4\lambda - 1, -11\lambda - 13)$$

$PN \perp$  given line  $AB$

$$10(10\lambda + 9) + (-4)(-4\lambda - 1) + (-11)(-11\lambda - 13) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 100\lambda + 90 + 16\lambda + 4 + 121\lambda + 143 = 0 \Rightarrow 237\lambda + 237 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = -1$$

Co-ordinates of  $N = 10(-1) + 11, -4(-1) - 2, -11(-1) - 8 = (-10 + 11, 4 - 2, 11 - 8) = (1, 2, 3)$

$$\Rightarrow \text{length of } PN = \sqrt{(1-2)^2 + (2+1)^2 + (3-5)^2} = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (3)^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{1+9+4} = \sqrt{14} \text{ units}$$

17. Find the vector and Cartesian equations of the line passing through the points  $A(3, 4, -6)$  and  $B(5, -2, 7)$ .

**Sol.** Let,  $\vec{A} = \vec{r}_1 = (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 6\hat{k})$ ,  $\vec{B} = \vec{r}_2 = (5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 7\hat{k})$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1) = (5\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}) - (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 6\hat{k})$$

$$\therefore \text{Vector equation of line is, } \vec{r} = \vec{r}_1 + \lambda(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1) \Rightarrow \vec{r} = (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 13\hat{k})$$

$$\therefore \text{Cartesian equation of a line is, } \frac{x-x_1}{x_2-x_1} = \frac{y-y_1}{y_2-y_1} = \frac{z-z_1}{z_2-z_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x-3}{5-3} = \frac{y-4}{-2-4} = \frac{z-(-6)}{7+6} \Rightarrow \frac{x-3}{2} = \frac{y-4}{-6} = \frac{z+6}{13}$$

18. Find the vector and Cartesian equations of the line passing through the points  $A(2, -3, 0)$  and  $B(-2, 4, 3)$ .

**Sol.** Vector equations of the given line

Let the position vector of  $A$  &  $B$  be  $\vec{r}_1$  &  $\vec{r}_2$  be the direction ratios respectively then

$$\vec{r}_1 = (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 0\hat{k}) \text{ and } \vec{r}_2 = (-2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1) = (-2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) - (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}) = (-4\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$$

$$\therefore \text{Vector equation of a line } AB \text{ is, } \vec{r} = \vec{r}_1 + \lambda(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1) \text{ for some scalar } \lambda$$

$$\text{i.e., } \vec{r} = (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}) + \lambda(-4\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \quad \dots(i)$$

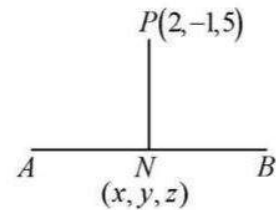
$$\text{Cartesian equation of a line is, } \frac{x-x_1}{x_2-x_1} = \frac{y-y_1}{y_2-y_1} = \frac{z-z_1}{z_2-z_1}$$

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

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{x-2}{-4} = \frac{y+3}{7} = \frac{z}{3} \text{ are the Cartesian equation of the given line.}$$

19. Find the vector and Cartesian equations of the line joining the points whose position vectors are  $(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$  and  $(\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$ .

**Sol.** Let the position vector of  $A$  &  $B$  be  $\vec{r}_1$  &  $\vec{r}_2$  respectively then,  $\vec{r}_1 = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$  &  $\vec{r}_2 = (\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$



$$\Rightarrow (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1) = (\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) - (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) = (5\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$$

$\therefore$  Vector equation of a line is,  $\vec{r} = \vec{r}_1 + \lambda(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1)$  for some scalar  $\lambda$ .

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r} = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) + \lambda(5\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$$

Cartesian equation of the given line is,  $\frac{x-x_1}{x_2-x_1} = \frac{y-y_1}{y_2-y_1} = \frac{z-z_1}{z_2-z_1}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x-1}{1-1} = \frac{y-(-2)}{3-(-2)} = \frac{z-1}{-2-1} \Rightarrow \frac{x-1}{0} = \frac{y+2}{5} = \frac{z-1}{-3}$$

Hence,  $\frac{x-1}{0} = \frac{y+2}{5} = \frac{z-1}{-3}$  are the Cartesian equation of the given line.

20. Find the vector equation of a line passing through the point  $A(3, -2, 1)$  and parallel to the line joining the points  $B(-2, 4, 2)$  and  $C(2, 3, 3)$ . Also, find the Cartesian equations of the line.

**Sol.** Let be the points  $\vec{r}_1 = (3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$  and parallel to the line joining the points  $\vec{B} = (-2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$  &  $\vec{C} = (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$

$\Rightarrow \vec{BC} =$  position vector of  $C$  - position vector of  $B$

$$= (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) - (-2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) = (4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \quad \therefore \vec{m} = (4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

$\therefore$  Vector equation of a line is  $\vec{r} = \vec{r}_1 + \lambda \vec{m} \Rightarrow \vec{r} = (3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) + \lambda(4\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k})$

Cartesian equation of the given line,  $\frac{x-x_1}{a} = \frac{y-y_1}{b} = \frac{z-z_1}{c} \Rightarrow \frac{x-3}{4} = \frac{y+2}{-1} = \frac{z-1}{1}$

Hence  $\frac{x-3}{4} = \frac{y+2}{-1} = \frac{z-1}{1}$  are the Cartesian equations of the given line.

21. Find the vector equation of a line passing through the point having the position vector  $(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$  and parallel to the line joining the points with position vector  $(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$  and  $(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k})$ . Also, find the Cartesian equivalents of this equation.

**Sol.** Let be the points  $\vec{r}_1 = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$  and parallel to the line joining the position vector  $\vec{A} = (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$  and  $\vec{B} = (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k})$ .

$\Rightarrow \vec{AB} =$  Position vector of  $B$  - of position vector of  $A$

$$= (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) - (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) = (\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 9\hat{k}) = \vec{m}$$

$\therefore$  Vector equation of a line is,  $\vec{r} = \vec{r}_1 + \lambda \vec{m} \Rightarrow \vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 9\hat{k})$

$\therefore$  Cartesian equation of the given line is,  $\frac{x-x_1}{a} = \frac{y-y_1}{b} = \frac{z-z_1}{c} \Rightarrow \frac{x-1}{1} = \frac{y-2}{4} = \frac{z+3}{-9}$

Hence,  $\frac{x-1}{1} = \frac{y-2}{4} = \frac{z+3}{-9}$  are the Cartesian equations of the given line.

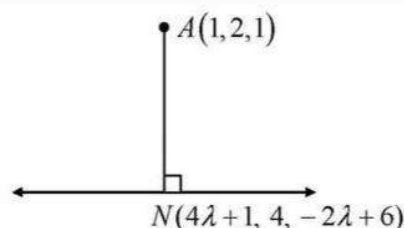
22. Find the coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular drawn from the point  $A(1, 2, 1)$  to the line joining the points  $B(1, 4, 6)$  and  $C(5, 4, 4)$ .

**Sol.** The equation of line  $BC$  is

$$\frac{x-1}{5-1} = \frac{y-4}{4-4} = \frac{z-6}{4-6} = \lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x-1}{4} = \frac{y-4}{0} = \frac{z-6}{-2} = \lambda \quad \dots(1)$$

The general point on this line is,  $(4\lambda+1, 4, -2\lambda+6)$ .



Let  $N$  be the foot of the perpendicular drawn from the point  $A(1, 2, 1)$  to the given line.

Any point on line  $BC$  will be,  $N(4\lambda+1, 4, -2\lambda+6)$  for some value of  $\lambda$ .

Direction ratio of  $AN$  are  $(4\lambda+1-1, 4-2, -2\lambda+6-1) \Rightarrow (4\lambda, 2, -2\lambda+5)$

Direction of given line (1) are  $4, 0, -2$ .

Since,  $AN$  perpendicular to given line (1), we have,

$$4(4\lambda) + 0 \cdot 2 - 2(-2\lambda+5) = 0 \Rightarrow 16\lambda + 4\lambda - 10 = 0 \Rightarrow 20\lambda = 10 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{2}$$

So, the required point of  $N(3, 4, 5)$ .

Hence, the required coordinates of foot of the perpendicular is  $(3, 4, 5)$ .

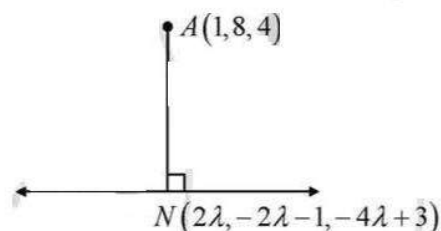
23. Find the coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular drawn from the point  $A(1, 8, 4)$  to the line joining the points  $B(0, -1, 3)$  and  $C(2, -3, -1)$ .

**Sol.** The given line  $BC$  is

$$\frac{x-0}{2-0} = \frac{y-(-1)}{-3-(-1)} = \frac{z-3}{-1-3} = \lambda$$

$$\frac{x}{2} = \frac{y+1}{-2} = \frac{z-3}{-4} = \lambda \text{ (say)} \dots(i)$$

The general point on this line is  $(2\lambda, -2\lambda-1, -4\lambda+3)$ .



Let  $N$  be the foot of the perpendicular drawn from the point  $A(1, 8, 4)$  to the given line.

Then, this point is  $N(2\lambda, -2\lambda-1, -4\lambda+3)$  for some value of  $\lambda$ .

Direction ratio of  $AN$  are  $(2\lambda-1, -2\lambda-1-8, -4\lambda+3-4) \Rightarrow (2\lambda-1, (-2\lambda-9), (-4\lambda-1))$

Direction ratio of given line (i) are  $(2, -2, -4)$

Since  $AN \perp$  given line (i) we have,  $2(2\lambda-1) - 2(-2\lambda-9) - 4(-4\lambda-1) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 4\lambda - 2 + 4\lambda + 18 + 16\lambda + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow 24\lambda + 20 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{-20}{24} = \frac{-5}{6}$$

So, the required point of  $N\left(\frac{-5}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{19}{3}\right)$ .

Hence the required co-ordinate foot of the perpendicular is  $\left(\frac{-5}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{19}{3}\right)$ .



24. Find the image of the point  $(0, 2, 3)$  in the line  $\frac{x+3}{5} = \frac{y-1}{2} = \frac{z+4}{3}$ .

**Sol.** The given line is  $\frac{x+3}{5} = \frac{y-1}{2} = \frac{z+4}{3}$  ... (1)

Let  $N$  be the foot of the perpendicular drawn from the point  $P(0, 2, 3)$  to the given line.

$\therefore N$  has the co-ordinate  $(5\lambda - 3, 2\lambda + 1, 3\lambda - 4)$

The direction ratio of  $PN$  are

$$5\lambda - 3 - 0, 2\lambda + 1 - 2, 3\lambda - 4 - 3$$

$$\Rightarrow (5\lambda - 3), (2\lambda - 1), (3\lambda - 7)$$

Also the direction ratio of the given line (i) are  $5, 2, 3$  since  $PN$  is perpendicular to the given line (i) we have  $5(5\lambda - 3) + 2(2\lambda - 1) + 3(3\lambda - 7) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 25\lambda - 15 + 4\lambda - 2 + 9\lambda - 21 = 0 \Rightarrow 38\lambda - 38 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1$$

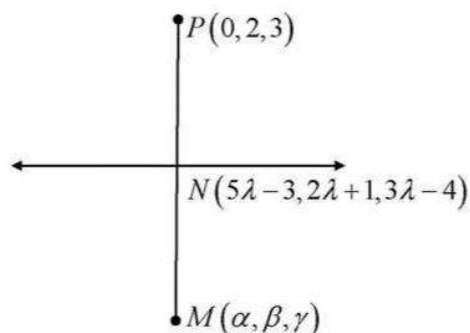
Putting  $\lambda = 1$  we get the point  $N(2, 3, -1)$

Let  $M(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  be the image of  $P(0, 2, 3)$ , in the given line.

Then  $N(2, 3, -1)$  is the mid point of  $PM$ .

$$\therefore \frac{\alpha + 0}{2} = 2, \frac{\beta + 2}{2} = 3 \text{ and } \frac{\gamma + 3}{2} = -1 \Rightarrow \alpha = 4, \beta = 4 \text{ and } \gamma = -5$$

Hence, the image of  $P(0, 2, 3)$  is  $M(4, 4, -5)$ .



25. Find the image of the point  $(5, 9, 3)$  in the line  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{3} = \frac{z-3}{4}$ .

**Sol.** The given equation of the line  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{3} = \frac{z-3}{4} = \lambda$  ... (i)

$$\Rightarrow x = 2\lambda + 1, y = 3\lambda + 2, z = 4\lambda + 3$$

co-ordinate of  $Q, (2\lambda + 1 - 5), (3\lambda + 2 - 9), (4\lambda + 3 - 3),$

$$Q = (2\lambda - 4, 3\lambda - 7, 4\lambda)$$

Since,  $PQ$  is perpendicular to the given line (i) we have

$$2(2\lambda - 4) + 3(3\lambda - 7) + 4(4\lambda) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4\lambda - 8 + 9\lambda - 21 + 16\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow 29\lambda - 29 = 0 \Rightarrow 29\lambda = 29 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1$$

Putting the value of  $\lambda = 1$ ,

we get the point  $Q = (2 + 1, 3 + 2, 4 + 3) = (3, 5, 7)$ .

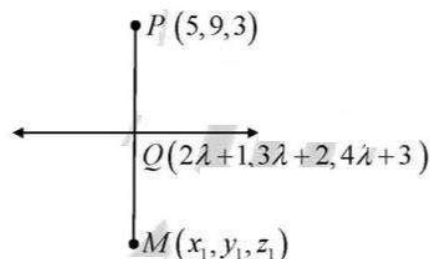
Let  $M(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  be the image of  $P(5, 9, 3)$  in the given line then  $N(3, 5, 7)$  is the mid point of  $P.M$ .

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5 + x_1}{2} = 3 \Rightarrow 5 + x_1 = 6 \Rightarrow x_1 = 6 - 5 \Rightarrow x_1 = 1$$

$$\text{and } \frac{9 + y_1}{2} = 5 \Rightarrow 9 + y_1 = 10 \Rightarrow y_1 = 10 - 9 \Rightarrow y_1 = 1$$

$$\text{and } \frac{3 + z_1}{2} = 7 \Rightarrow 3 + z_1 = 14 \Rightarrow z_1 = 14 - 3 \Rightarrow z_1 = 11$$

Hence image of point is  $(1, 1, 11)$



26. Find the image of the point  $(2, -1, 5)$  in the line  $\vec{r} = (11\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}) + \lambda(10\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 11\hat{k})$ .

**Sol.** The given line is  $\vec{r} = (11\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 8\hat{k}) + \lambda(10\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 11\hat{k})$  ... (i)

Cartesian equation the given line.

$$\frac{x-11}{10} = \frac{y+2}{-4} = \frac{z+8}{-11} = \lambda \quad \dots (ii)$$

Let  $N$  be the foot at the perpendicular drawn from the point

$P(2, -1, 5)$  to the given line.

$\therefore M$  has the coordinate  $(11+10\lambda, -2-4\lambda, -8-11\lambda)$

The direction ratio of  $PN$  are,

$$11+10\lambda-2, -2-4\lambda+1, -8-11\lambda-5 \quad \text{i.e., } (9+10\lambda), (-1-4\lambda), (-13-11\lambda)$$

Also the direction ratio at the given line are  $10, -4, -11$ .

Since  $PN$  is perpendicular to the given line (i), we have

$$10(9+10\lambda) - 4(-1-4\lambda) - 11(-13-11\lambda) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 90 + 100\lambda + 4 + 16\lambda + 143 + 121\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow 237\lambda + 237 = 0 \Rightarrow 237\lambda = -237 \Rightarrow \lambda = -1$$

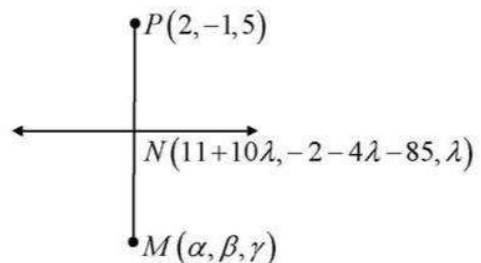
Putting  $\lambda = -1$ , we get the point  $N(1, 2, 3)$ .

Let  $M(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  be the image of  $P(2, -1, 5)$  in the given line.

The  $N(1, 2, 3)$  is the mid point of  $P.M$ .

$$\therefore \frac{\alpha+2}{2} = 1, \frac{\beta-1}{2} = 2 \text{ and } \frac{\gamma+5}{2} = 3 \Rightarrow \alpha+2=2, \beta-1=4 \text{ and } \gamma+5=6$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = 0, \beta = 5, \text{ and } \gamma = 1. \text{ Hence, the image of } P(2, -1, 5) \text{ is } M(0, 5, 1).$$



## EXERCISE 27 B [Pg.No.: 1129]

1. Prove that the points  $A(2, 1, 3)$ ,  $B(-4, 3, -1)$  and  $C(5, 0, 5)$  are collinear.

**Sol.** Let  $A = (2, 1, 3)$ ,  $B = (-4, 3, -1)$  &  $C = (5, 0, 5)$

The equation of the line  $AB$  are

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x-2}{-4-2} = \frac{y-1}{3-1} = \frac{z-3}{-1-3} \Rightarrow \frac{x-2}{-6} = \frac{y-1}{2} = \frac{z-3}{-4} \quad \dots (i)$$

The given points  $A, B, C$  are collinear

$$\Rightarrow \text{lies on the line } AB \Rightarrow C(5, 0, 5) \text{ satisfied (i)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5-2}{-6} = \frac{0-1}{2} = \frac{5-3}{-4} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{-6} = \frac{-1}{2} = \frac{2}{-4} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{-2} = \frac{-1}{2} = \frac{1}{-2}$$

Hence the given points  $A, B$  and  $C$  are collinear.

2. Show that the points  $A(2, 3, -4)$ ,  $B(1, -2, 3)$  and  $C(3, 8, -11)$  are collinear

**Sol.** The eqn. of line  $AB$  is.  $\frac{x-2}{1-2} = \frac{y-3}{-2-3} = \frac{z+4}{3-(-4)}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x-2}{-1} = \frac{y-3}{-5} = \frac{z+4}{7} \dots (i)$$

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Putting  $x = 3, y = 8$  &  $z = -11$  in eqn. (i), we have  $\frac{3-2}{-1} = \frac{8-3}{-5} = \frac{-11+4}{7}$ , which is true

Thus, the point  $e(3, 8, -11)$  lies on the line AB.

$\therefore$  Hence, the given points A, B and C are collinear.

3. Find the value of  $\lambda$  for which the points  $A(2, 5, 1), B(1, 2, -1)$  and  $C(3, \lambda, 3)$  are collinear

Sol. The equation of AB is,

$$\frac{x-2}{1-2} = \frac{y-5}{2-5} = \frac{z-1}{-1-1} \dots\dots\dots (i)$$

$\therefore$  points A, B & C are collinear

$\therefore c(3, \lambda, 3)$  satisfies the equation (i).

$$\therefore \frac{3-2}{1-2} = \frac{\lambda-5}{2-5} = \frac{3-1}{-1-1} \Rightarrow -1 = \frac{\lambda-5}{-3} \Rightarrow 3 = \lambda - 5 \Rightarrow \lambda = 8 \text{ Ans.}$$

4. Find the values of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  so that points  $A(3, 2, -4), B(9, 8, -10)$  and  $C(\lambda, \mu, -6)$  are collinear

Sol. Eqn. of line passing through  $A(3, 2, -4)$  and  $B(9, 8, -10)$  is given by

$$\frac{x-3}{9-3} = \frac{y-2}{8-2} = \frac{z+4}{-10+4}$$

Since, the line passes through  $c(\lambda, \mu, -6)$

$$\therefore \frac{\lambda-3}{6} = \frac{\mu-2}{6} = \frac{-6+4}{-6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda - 3 = 2 \quad \& \quad \mu - 2 = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 5 \quad \& \quad \mu = 4 \text{ Ans.}$$

5. Using the vector method, find the values of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  so that the points  $A(-1, 4, -2), B(\lambda, \mu, 1)$  and  $C(0, 2, -1)$  are collinear

Sol. Let,  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  be the position vector of the given point A, B, C respectively then

$$\vec{a} = (-\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}), \vec{b} = (\lambda\hat{i} + \mu\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \text{ \& \& } \vec{c} = (0\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$$

$\Rightarrow \vec{AC} =$  Position vector of C - Position vector of A

$$= (2\hat{j} - \hat{k}) - (-\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

$\therefore$  Vector equation of a line  $\vec{r} = \vec{r}_1 + t(\vec{AC})$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{r} = (-\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) + (t\hat{i} - 2t\hat{j} + t\hat{k}) \Rightarrow \vec{r} = \hat{i}(-1+t) + \hat{j}(4-2t) + \hat{k}(-2+t) \dots(i)$$

If the line AC passes through the point B we have

$$\vec{b} = \hat{i}(-1+t) + \hat{j}(4-2t) + \hat{k}(-2+t) \text{ (for some scalar } t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda\hat{i} + \mu\hat{j} + \hat{k} = \hat{i}(-1+t) + \hat{j}(4-2t) + \hat{k}(-2+t)$$

Equating coefficient both side  $\hat{i}, \hat{j}$  and  $\hat{k}$  we get

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = -1+t \quad \dots(A) \quad \mu = 4-2t \quad \dots(B)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = -2+t \Rightarrow t = 3$$

From equation (A),  $\lambda = -1+3 \Rightarrow \lambda = 2$

From equation (B),  $\mu = 4-2t \Rightarrow \mu = 4-2(3) \Rightarrow \mu = -2$ . Hence  $\lambda = 2$  and  $\mu = -2$ .

6. The position vectors of three points A, B and C are  $(-4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$ ,  $(\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$  and  $(-9\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 4\hat{k})$  respectively. Show that the points A, B and C are collinear

Sol. The co-ordinates of given points are A(-4, 2, -3), B(1, 3, -2) and C(-9, 1, -4)

Eqn. of line passing through A (-4, 2, -3) and B(1, 3, -2) is

$$\frac{x+4}{1+4} = \frac{y-2}{3-2} = \frac{z+3}{-2+3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x+4}{5} = \frac{y-2}{1} = \frac{z+3}{1} \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

Putting x = -9, y = 1 & z = -4, we get

$$\frac{-9+4}{5} = \frac{1-2}{1} = \frac{-4+3}{1} \text{ which is true. thus, C(-9, 1, -4) lies on line AB}$$

Hence, the points A, B & C are Collinear.

### EXERCISE 27 C [Pg.No.: 1134]

Find the angle between each of the following pairs of lines

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

Sol. The given lines are of the form,

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a}_1 + \lambda \vec{b}_1 \text{ and } \vec{r} = \vec{a}_2 + \mu \vec{b}_2$$

where,  $\vec{b}_1 = \hat{i} - \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b}_2 = 3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$

Let,  $\theta$  be the angle between the lines.  $\therefore \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{|\vec{b}_1 \cdot \vec{b}_2|}{|\vec{b}_1| |\vec{b}_2|}$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{|3+5+8|}{\sqrt{6}\sqrt{50}} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{16}{\sqrt{300}} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{16}{10\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{8\sqrt{3}}{15}$$

2.  $\vec{r} = (3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} + 3\hat{k})$  and  $\vec{r} = 5\hat{i} + \mu(-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$

Sol.  $\vec{r} = (3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} + 3\hat{k})$  and  $\vec{r} = 5\hat{i} + \mu(-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$

Let,  $\vec{m}_1 = (\hat{i} + 3\hat{k})$  and  $\vec{m}_2 = (-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$

$$\therefore \cos \theta = \left( \frac{\vec{m}_1 \cdot \vec{m}_2}{|\vec{m}_1| |\vec{m}_2|} \right) \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{(\hat{i} + 3\hat{k}) \cdot (-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})}{\sqrt{(1)^2 + (3)^2} \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (1)^2 + (1)^2}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{-1+3}{\sqrt{1+9}\sqrt{1+1+1}} \right) \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{10}\sqrt{3}} \right) \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{30}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{30}} \right) \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{30}} \times \frac{\sqrt{30}}{\sqrt{30}} \right) \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{2\sqrt{30}}{30} \right) \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{30}}{15} \right)$$

Hence, the angle between the given line is  $\cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{30}}{15} \right)$ .

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

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

$$\text{Let } \vec{m}_1 = (2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \text{ \& } \vec{m}_2 = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$$

$$\therefore \cos \theta = \left( \frac{\vec{m}_1 \cdot \vec{m}_2}{|\vec{m}_1| |\vec{m}_2|} \right) \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{(2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})}{\sqrt{(2)^2 + (-2)^2 + (1)^2} \sqrt{(1)^2 + (2)^2 + (-2)^2}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{2 - 4 - 2}{\sqrt{4+4+1}\sqrt{1+4+4}} \right) \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{-4}{3 \times 3} \right) \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{-4}{9} \right) \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{-4}{9} \right)$$

Hence, the angle between the given line is  $\cos^{-1} \left( \frac{-4}{9} \right)$ .

**Find the angle between each of the following pairs of lines:**

4.  $\frac{x+1}{1} = \frac{y-4}{1} = \frac{z-5}{2}$  and  $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{y-2}{5} = \frac{z+5}{4}$

Sol.  $\frac{x+1}{1} = \frac{y-4}{1} = \frac{z-5}{2}$  and  $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{y-2}{5} = \frac{z+5}{4}$

The directions ratios of the given line (1, 1, 2) & (3, 5, 4)

$$\therefore \cos \theta = \left( \frac{a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2 + c_1 c_2}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2 + c_1^2} \sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2 + c_2^2}} \right) \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{1(3) + 1(5) + 2(4)}{\sqrt{(1)^2 + (1)^2 + (2)^2} \sqrt{(3)^2 + (5)^2 + (4)^2}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{3+5+8}{\sqrt{1+1+4}\sqrt{9+25+16}} \right) \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{16}{\sqrt{6}\sqrt{50}} \right) \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{16}{\sqrt{300}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{16}{10\sqrt{3}} \right) \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{8}{5\sqrt{3}} \right) \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{8}{5\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{8}{5\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{5\sqrt{3}} \right) \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{8\sqrt{3}}{15} \right)$$

Hence the angle between the given line  $\cos^{-1} \left( \frac{8\sqrt{3}}{15} \right)$ .

5.  $\frac{x-4}{3} = \frac{y+1}{4} = \frac{z-6}{5}$  and  $\frac{x-5}{1} = \frac{2y+5}{-2} = \frac{z-3}{1}$

Sol.  $\frac{x-4}{3} = \frac{y+1}{4} = \frac{z-6}{5}$  and  $\frac{x-5}{1} = \frac{2y+5}{-2} = \frac{z-3}{1}$

The given equation of a line is,  $\frac{x-4}{3} = \frac{y+1}{4} = \frac{z-6}{5}$  &  $\frac{x-5}{1} = \frac{y+5/2}{-1} = \frac{z-3}{1}$

The directions ratio of the given line are (3, 4, 5) & (1, -1, 1)

$$\therefore \cos \theta = \left( \frac{a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2 + c_1 c_2}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2 + c_1^2} \sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2 + c_2^2}} \right) \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{3(1) + 4(-1) + 5(1)}{\sqrt{(3)^2 + (4)^2 + (5)^2} \sqrt{(1)^2 + (-1)^2 + (1)^2}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{3-4+5}{\sqrt{9+16+25}\sqrt{1+1+1}} \right) \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{4}{\sqrt{50}\sqrt{3}} \right) \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{4}{\sqrt{150}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{4}{5\sqrt{6}} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{4}{5 \times \sqrt{6}} \times \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{6}} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{15} \Rightarrow \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{15} \right)$$

Hence the angles between the given lines is  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{15}\right)$

6.  $\frac{3-x}{-2} = \frac{y+5}{1} = \frac{1-z}{3}$  and  $\frac{x}{3} = \frac{1-y}{-2} = \frac{z+2}{-1}$

Sol.  $\frac{3-x}{-2} = \frac{y+5}{1} = \frac{1-z}{3}$  and  $\frac{x}{3} = \frac{1-y}{-2} = \frac{z+2}{-1}$

The given equation of the line are,  $\frac{3-x}{-2} = \frac{y+5}{1} = \frac{1-z}{3}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-(x-3)}{-2} = \frac{y+5}{1} = \frac{-(z-1)}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{x-3}{2} = \frac{y+5}{1} = \frac{z-1}{-3}$$

Another given equation of the line are,  $\frac{x}{3} = \frac{1-y}{-2} = \frac{z+2}{-1} \Rightarrow \frac{x}{3} = \frac{-(y-1)}{-2} = \frac{z+2}{-1}$

The direction ratio of the given line are (2, 1, -3) & (3, -2, -1)

$$\therefore \cos \theta = \left( \frac{a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2 + c_1 c_2}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2 + c_1^2} \sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2 + c_2^2}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{2(3) + 1(2) + (-3)(-1)}{\sqrt{(2)^2 + (1)^2 + (-3)^2} \sqrt{(3)^2 + (2)^2 + (-1)^2}} \right) \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{6+2+3}{\sqrt{4+1+9} \sqrt{9+4+1}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{11}{\sqrt{14}\sqrt{14}} \right) \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{11}{14} \right) \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{11}{14} \right)$$

Hence the angles between the given lines is  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{11}{14}\right)$ .

7.  $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{z}{-1}, y = 0$  and  $\frac{x}{3} = \frac{y}{4} = \frac{z}{5}$

Sol. Direction ratios of line  $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{z}{-1}, y = 0$  are 1, 0, -1

Direction ratios of line  $\frac{x}{3} = \frac{y}{4} = \frac{z}{5}$  are 3, 4, 5

Let,  $\theta$  = Angle b/w the lines

$$\therefore \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{|1 \times 3 + 0 \times 4 + (-1) \times 5|}{\sqrt{1^2 + 0^2 + (-1)^2} \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2 + 5^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{50}} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{2}{10} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{5} \text{ Ans.}$$

8.  $\frac{5-x}{3} = \frac{y+3}{-2}, z = 5$  and  $\frac{x-1}{1} = \frac{1-y}{3} = \frac{z-5}{2}$

Sol. Given lines are,

$$\frac{5+x}{3} = \frac{y+3}{-2}, z = 5 \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

$$\text{and } \frac{x-1}{1} = \frac{1-y}{3} = \frac{z-5}{2} \dots\dots\dots(ii)$$

$$\text{from (i) } \frac{x-5}{-3} = \frac{y+3}{-2} = \frac{z-5}{0}$$

Here, Direction ratios are -3, -2, 0

from (ii),  $\frac{x-1}{1} = \frac{y-1}{-3} = \frac{z-5}{2}$

Here, Direction ratios are 1, -3, 2

Let,  $\theta$  = Angle between the lines.

$$\therefore \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{-3 \times 1 + (-2) \times (-3) + 0 \times 2}{\sqrt{(-3)^2 + (-2)^2} \sqrt{1^2 + (-3)^2 + 2^2}} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{-3+6}{\sqrt{13}\sqrt{14}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{3}{\sqrt{182}} \text{ Ans.}$$

9. Show that the lines  $\frac{x-3}{2} = \frac{y+1}{-3} = \frac{z-2}{4}$  and  $\frac{x+2}{2} = \frac{y-4}{4} = \frac{z+5}{2}$  are perpendicular to each other.

**Sol.** The given equation of the line are  $\frac{x-3}{2} = \frac{y+1}{-3} = \frac{z-2}{4}$

Another equation of the line are  $\frac{x+2}{2} = \frac{y-4}{4} = \frac{z+5}{2}$

The directions ratio of the given line are (2, -3, 4) & (2, 4, 2).

Two lines are perpendicular to each other. So,  $a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 2(2) + (-3)(4) + (4)(2) = 0 \Rightarrow 4 - 12 + 8 = 0 \Rightarrow 12 - 12 = 0$$

Hence, the given lines are perpendicular to each other.

10. Find the value of  $k$  for which the lines  $\frac{x-1}{-3} = \frac{y-2}{2k} = \frac{z-3}{2}$  and  $\frac{x-1}{3k} = \frac{y-1}{1} = \frac{6-z}{5}$  are perpendicular to each other.

**Sol.** The given equation of the line is  $\frac{x-1}{-3} = \frac{y-2}{2k} = \frac{z-3}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Another equation of the line is } \frac{x-1}{3k} = \frac{y-1}{1} = \frac{6-z}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x-1}{3k} = \frac{y-1}{1} = \frac{-(z-6)}{5} \Rightarrow \frac{x-1}{3k} = \frac{y-1}{1} = \frac{z-6}{-5}$$

The direction ratios of the given line are -3, 2k, 2 and 3k, 1, -5.

Given lines are perpendicular to each other. So,  $a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow -3(3k) + 2k(1) + 2(-5) = 0 \Rightarrow -9k + 2k - 10 = 0 \Rightarrow -7k = 10 \Rightarrow k = \frac{-10}{7}$$

11. Show that the lines  $x = -y = 2z$  and  $x+2 = 2y-1 = -z+1$  are perpendicular to each other

Hints : The given lines are  $\frac{x}{2} = \frac{y}{-2} = \frac{z}{1}$  and  $\frac{x+2}{2} = \frac{y-1}{2} = \frac{z-1}{-2}$

**Sol.** The given lines are  $x = -y = 2z \Rightarrow \frac{x}{2} = \frac{y}{-2} = \frac{z}{1}$

and,  $x+2 = 2y-1 = -z+1$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x+2}{2} = \frac{y-1/2}{1} = \frac{z-1}{-2}$$

Direction ratios of line  $x = -y = 2z$  are 2, -2, 1

Direction ratios of line  $x+2 = 2y-1 = -z+1$  are 2, 1, -2

$$\text{Now, } 2 \times 2 + (-2) \times 1 + 1 \times (-2) = 4 - 2 - 2 = 0$$

Hence, both the lines are perpendicular.

12. Find the angle between two lines whose direction ratios are

(i) 2, 1, 2, and 4, 8, 1

(ii) 5, -12, 13, and -3, 4, 5

(iii) 1, 1, 2, and  $(\sqrt{3}-1), (-\sqrt{3}-1), 4$

(iv)  $a, b, c$  and  $(b-c), (c-a), (a-b)$

Sol. (i) Let,  $A = (2, 1, 2)$  i.e.,  $(a_1 = 2, b_1 = 1, c_1 = 2)$  and  $B = (4, 8, 1)$  i.e.  $(a_2 = 4, b_2 = 8, c_2 = 1)$

$$\therefore \cos \theta = \left( \frac{2(4) + 1(8) + 2(1)}{\sqrt{(2)^2 + (1)^2 + (2)^2} \sqrt{(4)^2 + (8)^2 + (1)^2}} \right) \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{8 + 8 + 2}{\sqrt{4 + 1 + 4} \sqrt{16 + 64 + 1}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{18}{\sqrt{9} \sqrt{81}} \right) \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{18}{3 \times 9} \right) \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right)$$

Hence, the angle between the given line is  $\cos^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right)$ .

(ii) 5, -12, 13 and -3, 4, 5

Direction ratio of the first line are 5, -12, 13

$$\cos \theta = \frac{5 \times (-3) + (-12)(4) + 13 \times 5}{\sqrt{(5)^2 + (-12)^2 + (13)^2} \sqrt{(-3)^2 + (4)^2 + (5)^2}} = \frac{-15 - 48 + 65}{13\sqrt{2} \times 5\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{2}{65.2} = \frac{1}{65} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{65} \right)$$

Hence, the angle between the given line is  $\cos^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{65} \right)$ .

(iii) Let  $A = (1, 1, 2)$  i.e.  $(a_1 = 1, b_1 = 1, c_1 = 2)$  and  $[(\sqrt{3}-1), (-\sqrt{3}-1), 4]$

i.e.,  $[a_2 = (\sqrt{3}-1), b_2 = (-\sqrt{3}-1), c_2 = 4]$

$$\therefore \cos \theta = \left( \frac{a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2 + c_1 c_2}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2 + c_1^2} \sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2 + c_2^2}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{1(\sqrt{3}-1) + 1(-\sqrt{3}-1) + 2(4)}{\sqrt{(1)^2 + (1)^2 + (2)^2} \sqrt{(\sqrt{3}-1)^2 + (-\sqrt{3}-1)^2 + (4)^2}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}-1-\sqrt{3}-1+8}{\sqrt{1+1+4} \sqrt{3+1-2\sqrt{3}+3+1+2\sqrt{3}+16}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{-2+8}{\sqrt{6} \sqrt{24}} \right) \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{6}{\sqrt{144}} \right) \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{6}{12} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \right) \therefore \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

Hence, the angle between the given line is  $\frac{\pi}{3}$ .

(iv)  $A(a, b, c)$  i.e.,  $(a_1 = a, b_1 = b, c_1 = c)$

and  $[(b-c), (c-a), (a-b)]$  i.e.,  $[a_2 = (b-c), b_2 = (c-a), c_2 = (a-b)]$



$$\therefore \cos \theta = \left( \frac{a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2 + c_1 c_2}{\sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2 + c_1^2} \sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2 + c_2^2}} \right) = \left( \frac{a(b-c) + b(c-a) + c(a-b)}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \sqrt{(b-c)^2 + (c-a)^2 + (a-b)^2}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \left( \frac{ab - ac + bc + ac - ab - bc}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2} \sqrt{b^2 + c^2 + c^2 - 2bc + a^2 - 2ac + a^2 + b^2 + 2abb}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1}(0) \therefore \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Hence, the angle between the given line is  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ .

13. If  $A(1, 2, 3)$ ,  $B(4, 5, 7)$ ,  $C(-4, 3, -6)$  and  $D(2, 9, 2)$  are four given points then find the angle between the lines AB and CD

Sol. Direction ratios of AB are  $4-1, 5-2, 7-3$   
i.e, 3, 3, 4

Direction ratios of CD are  $2-(-4), 9-3, 2-(-6)$   
i.e, 6, 6, 8

Here,  $\frac{3}{6} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{4}{8} \therefore$  Both the lines are parallel

Hence, Angle between the lines = 0.

**EXERCISE 27 D [Pg.No.: 1143 ]**

In problems 1–8, find the shortest distance between the given lines.

1.  $\vec{r} = (\hat{i} + \hat{j}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}), \vec{r} = (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) + \mu(3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}).$

Sol.  $\vec{r} = (\hat{i} + \hat{j}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}), \vec{r} = (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) + \mu(3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$

$$\text{Shortest distance} = \frac{|(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1) \cdot (\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2)|}{|\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2|}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1) = (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) - (\hat{i} + \hat{j}) = (\hat{i} - \hat{k})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow (\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2) &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 3 & -5 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -5 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - \hat{j} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + \hat{k} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & -5 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \hat{i}(-2+5) - \hat{j}(2-3) + \hat{k}(-10+3) = (3\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 7\hat{k}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2| = \sqrt{(3)^2 + (-1)^2 + (-7)^2} = \sqrt{9+1+49} = \sqrt{59}$$

$$\therefore \text{Shortest distance} = \frac{|(\hat{i} - \hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 7\hat{k})|}{\sqrt{59}} = \frac{|3+7|}{\sqrt{59}} = \frac{10}{\sqrt{59}} \text{ units.}$$

2.  $\vec{r} = (-4\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + \hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}), \vec{r} = (-3\hat{i} - 8\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) + \mu(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$

Sol.  $\vec{r} = (-4\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + \hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}), \vec{r} = (-3\hat{i} - 8\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) + \mu(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$

$$\text{Shortest distance} = \frac{|(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1) \cdot (\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2)|}{|\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2|}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1) = (-3\hat{i} - 8\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) - (-4\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + \hat{k}) = (\hat{i} - 12\hat{j} - 4\hat{k})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow (\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2) &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - \hat{j} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + \hat{k} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \hat{i}(3+3) - \hat{j}(3+2) + \hat{k}(3-2) = (6\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + \hat{k}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2| = \sqrt{(6)^2 + (-5)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{36+25+1} = \sqrt{62}$$

$$\therefore \text{Shortest distance} = \frac{|(\hat{i} - 12\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) \cdot (6\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + \hat{k})|}{\sqrt{62}} = \frac{|6+60-4|}{\sqrt{62}} = \frac{62}{\sqrt{62}} \times \frac{\sqrt{62}}{\sqrt{62}} = \frac{62\sqrt{62}}{62} = \sqrt{62} \text{ units}$$

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

Sol.  $\vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}), \vec{r} = (4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) + \mu(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k})$

$$\text{shortets distance} = \frac{|(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1) \cdot (\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2)|}{|\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2|}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1) = (4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) - (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = (3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow (\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2) &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - \hat{j} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \hat{k} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -3 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \hat{i}(-3-6) - \hat{j}(1-4) + \hat{k}(3+6) = (-9\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 9\hat{k}) \\ \Rightarrow |\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2| &= \sqrt{(-9)^2 + (3)^2 + (9)^2} = \sqrt{81+9+81} = \sqrt{171} = 3\sqrt{19} \\ \therefore \text{Shortest distance} &= \left| \frac{(3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \cdot (-9\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 9\hat{k})}{3\sqrt{19}} \right| = \left| \frac{-27+9+27}{3\sqrt{19}} \right| = \left| \frac{9}{3\sqrt{19}} \right| = \frac{3}{\sqrt{19}} \text{ units.}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}4. \quad \vec{r} &= (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \\ \vec{r} &= (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}) + \mu(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})\end{aligned}$$

Sol. The given lines are

$$\begin{aligned}L_1: \vec{r} &= (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \\ L_2: \vec{r} &= (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}) + \mu(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})\end{aligned}$$

The equations are at the form  $\vec{r} = \vec{a}_1 + \lambda\vec{b}_1$  and  $\vec{r} = \vec{a}_2 + \mu\vec{b}_2$ , where

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{a}_1 &= \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}, \quad \vec{a}_2 = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k} \\ \vec{b}_1 &= \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{b}_2 = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now } \vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1 = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}) - (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{And } \vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2 &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \hat{i} - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \hat{j} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \hat{k} \\ &= (-1-2)\hat{i} - (2-2)\hat{j} + (1+2)\hat{k} = -3\hat{i} + 3\hat{k}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2| = \sqrt{(-3)^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{9+9} = \sqrt{18} = 3\sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{Now } (\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2) = (\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) \cdot (-3\hat{i} + 3\hat{k}) = -3 - 6 = -9$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{S.D. } \left| \frac{(\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2)}{|\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2|} \right| &= \left| \frac{-9}{3\sqrt{2}} \right| \text{ units} \\ &= \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ units} = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2} \text{ units}\end{aligned}$$

$$5. \quad \vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}), \quad \vec{r} = (3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) + \mu(-2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}).$$

Sol. Comparing the given equation with the standard equations  $\vec{r} = \vec{r}_1 + \lambda\vec{m}_1$  and  $\vec{r} = \vec{r}_2 + \mu\vec{m}_2$

$$\therefore \vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1 = (3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) - (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\text{and } \vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 3 & 6 \\ -2 & 3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(9-18) - \hat{j}(6+12) + \hat{k}(6+6) = -9\hat{i} - 18\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2| = \sqrt{(-9)^2 + (-18)^2 + (12)^2} = \sqrt{81 + 324 + 144} = \sqrt{549}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{S.D.} &= \left| \frac{(-9\hat{i} - 18\hat{j} + 12\hat{k})(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k})}{\sqrt{549}} \right| = \left| \frac{-9 \times 2 + (-18) \times (1) + 12 \times (-1)}{3\sqrt{61}} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{-18 - 18 - 12}{3\sqrt{61}} \right| = \left| \frac{-18 - 18 - 12}{3\sqrt{61}} \right| = \frac{16}{\sqrt{61}} \text{ units} \end{aligned}$$

6.  $\vec{r} = (6\hat{i} + 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 6\hat{k}), \vec{r} = (-9\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 10\hat{k}) + \mu(4\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$

Sol.  $\vec{r} = (6\hat{i} + 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 6\hat{k}), \vec{r} = (-9\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 10\hat{k}) + \mu(4\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$

$$\text{Shortest distance} = \left| \frac{(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1) \cdot (\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2)}{|\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2|} \right|$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1) = (-9\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 10\hat{k}) - (6\hat{i} + 0\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = (-15\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 13\hat{k})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow (\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2) &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & -1 & 6 \\ 4 & 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 6 \\ 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix} - \hat{j} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 4 & 6 \end{vmatrix} + \hat{k} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \hat{i}(-6 - 4) - \hat{j}(12 - 16) + \hat{k}(2 + 4) = (-10\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2| = \sqrt{(-10)^2 + (4)^2 + (6)^2} = \sqrt{100 + 16 + 36} = \sqrt{152} = 2\sqrt{38}$$

$$\therefore \text{Shortest distance} = \left| \frac{(-15\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 13\hat{k}) \cdot (-10\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})}{2\sqrt{38}} \right| = \left| \frac{150 + 4 - 78}{2\sqrt{38}} \right| = \left| \frac{76}{2\sqrt{38}} \right| = \sqrt{38}$$

7.  $\vec{r} = (3 - t)\hat{i} + (4 + 2t)\hat{j} + (t - 2)\hat{k}, \vec{r} = (1 + s)\hat{i} + (3s - 7)\hat{j} + (2s - 2)\hat{k}$

Sol.  $\vec{r} = (3 - t)\hat{i} + (4 + 2t)\hat{j} + (t - 2)\hat{k}$  i.e.,  $\vec{r} = (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) + t(-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$

$$\vec{r} = (1 + s)\hat{i} + (3s - 7)\hat{j} + (2s - 2)\hat{k} \text{ i.e., } \vec{r} = (\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) + s(\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

$$\text{Shortest distance} = \left| \frac{(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1) \cdot (\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2)}{|\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2|} \right|$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1) = (\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) - (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) = (-2\hat{i} - 11\hat{j})$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(4 - 3) - \hat{j}(-2 - 1) + \hat{k}(-3 - 2) = (\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k})$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (3)^2 + (-5)^2} = \sqrt{1 + 9 + 25} = \sqrt{35}$$

$$\therefore \text{Shortest distance} = \left| \frac{(-2\hat{i} - 11\hat{j}) \cdot (\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k})}{\sqrt{35}} \right| = \left| \frac{-2 - 33}{\sqrt{35}} \right| = \frac{35}{\sqrt{35}} = \sqrt{35} \text{ units}$$

8.  $\vec{r} = (\lambda - 1)\hat{i} + (\lambda + 1)\hat{j} - (\lambda + 1)\hat{k}, \vec{r} = (1 - \mu)\hat{i} + (2\mu - 1)\hat{j} + (\mu + 2)\hat{k}$

Sol.  $\vec{r} = (\lambda - 1)\hat{i} + (\lambda + 1)\hat{j} - (\lambda + 1)\hat{k}$  i.e.,  $\vec{r} = (-\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k})$

$$\vec{r} = (1-\mu)\hat{i} + (2\mu-1)\hat{j} + (\mu+2)\hat{k} \text{ i.e., } \vec{r} = (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) + \mu(-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

$$\text{Shortest distance} = \frac{|(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1) \cdot (\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2)|}{|\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2|}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1) = (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) - (-\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) = (2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow |\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2| &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - \hat{j} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \hat{k} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \hat{i}(1+2) - \hat{j}(1-1) + \hat{k}(2+1) = (3\hat{i} + 3\hat{k}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2| = \sqrt{(3)^2 + (3)^2} = \sqrt{9+9} = 3\sqrt{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{Shortest distance} = \frac{|(2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} + 3\hat{k})|}{3\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\therefore \text{Shortest distance} = \frac{|(2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} + 3\hat{k})|}{3\sqrt{2}} = \frac{|6+9|}{3\sqrt{2}} = \frac{15}{3\sqrt{2}} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}} \text{ i.e., } \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

9. Compute the shortest distance between the lines

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

Determine whether these lines intersect or not

- Sol. Comparing the given equations with the standard equations

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a}_1 + \lambda\vec{b}_1 \text{ and } \vec{r} = \vec{a}_2 + \mu\vec{b}_2$$

$$\text{We get } \vec{a}_1 = \hat{i} - \hat{j}, \vec{b}_1 = 2\hat{i} - \hat{k}, \vec{a}_2 = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j}, \vec{b}_2 = \hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\text{Now } \vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1 = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j}) - (\hat{i} - \hat{j}) \Rightarrow \vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1 = \hat{i}$$

$$\text{And } \vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \hat{i} - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \hat{j} + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \hat{k} = -\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 1^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{1+1+4} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$\text{Here } (\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2) = \hat{i} \cdot (-\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) = -1 \neq 0$$

Hence the given lines do not intersect

$$\text{Now S.D.} = \frac{|(\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2)|}{|\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2|} = \frac{|-1|}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$$

10. Show that the lines  $\vec{r} = (3\hat{i} - 15\hat{j} + 9\hat{k}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$ , and  $\vec{r} = (-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 9\hat{k}) + \mu(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$  do not intersect.

$$\text{Sol. } \vec{r} = (3\hat{i} - 15\hat{j} + 9\hat{k}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) \text{ and } \vec{r} = (-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 9\hat{k}) + \mu(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$$

$$\text{Shortest distance} = \frac{|(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1) \cdot (\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2)|}{|\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2|}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1) = (-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 9\hat{k}) - (3\hat{i} - 15\hat{j} + 9\hat{k}) = (-4\hat{i} + 16\hat{j})$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & -7 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(21-5) - \hat{j}(-6-10) + \hat{k}(2+14) = (16\hat{i} + 16\hat{j} + 16\hat{k})$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2| = \sqrt{(16)^2 + (16)^2 + (16)^2} = 16\sqrt{3}$$

$$\therefore \text{Shortest distance} = \frac{|(-4\hat{i} + 16\hat{j}) \cdot (16\hat{i} + 16\hat{j} + 16\hat{k})|}{16\sqrt{3}} = \frac{|-64 + 256|}{16\sqrt{3}} = \frac{192}{16\sqrt{3}} \neq 0$$

Hence the given lines are don't intersect proved.

11. Show that the lines  $\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$  and  $\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \mu(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$  intersect

Also, find their point of intersection

Sol. Comparing the given equation with the standard equation

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a}_1 + \lambda\vec{b}_1 \text{ and } \vec{r} = \vec{a}_2 + \mu\vec{b}_2 \text{ we get } \vec{a}_1 = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{k}, \vec{b}_1 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{a}_2 = 2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{b}_2 = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Now, } \vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1 = (2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) - (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{k}) = 6\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$$

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

$$= (8-9)\hat{i} - (4-6)\hat{j} + (3-4)\hat{k} = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\text{Here } (\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2) = (6\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) \cdot (-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 12 - 6 = 6 \neq 0$$

Thus the lines do not intersect

12. Show that the lines  $\vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$  and  $\vec{r} = (4\hat{i} + \hat{j}) + \mu(5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$

Intersect

Also, find the their point of intersection

$$\text{Sol. } \vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) \text{ and } \vec{r} = (4\hat{i} + \hat{j}) + \mu(5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

$$\text{Shortest distance} = \frac{|(\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1) \cdot (\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2)|}{|\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2|}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1) = (4\hat{i} + \hat{j}) - (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = (3\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - \hat{j} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 5 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \hat{k} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 5 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i}(3-8) - \hat{j}(2-20) + \hat{k}(4-15) = (-5\hat{i} + 18\hat{j} - 11\hat{k})$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2| = \sqrt{(-5)^2 + (18)^2 + (-11)^2} = \sqrt{25 + 324 + 121} = \sqrt{470}$$

$$\therefore \text{Shortest distance} = \frac{\left| (3\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) \cdot (-5\hat{i} + 18\hat{j} - 11\hat{k}) \right|}{\sqrt{470}} = \frac{|-15 - 18 + 33|}{\sqrt{470}} = 0$$

Hence, the given lines are intersect to each other.  $\vec{r} = \vec{r}$

$$\Rightarrow (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) = (4\hat{i} + \hat{j}) + \mu(5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{i}(1+2\lambda) + \hat{j}(2+3\lambda) + \hat{k}(3+4\lambda) = \hat{i}(4+5\mu) + \hat{j}(1+2\mu) + \hat{k}(\mu)$$

Equating co-efficient both side  $\hat{i}$ ,  $\hat{j}$  and  $\hat{k}$  we get

$$1+2\lambda = 4+5\mu, \quad 2+3\lambda = 1+2\mu, \quad 3+4\lambda = \mu$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\lambda - 5\mu = 4-1, \quad 3\lambda - 2\mu = 1-2, \quad 4\lambda - \mu = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\lambda - 5\mu = 3 \quad \dots(A), \quad 3\lambda - 2\mu = -1 \quad \dots(B), \quad 4\lambda - \mu = 3 \quad \dots(C)$$

Solving equation A and B, we get  $\lambda = -1, \mu = -1$

Putting the value of  $\lambda$  in

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r} &= (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) - 1(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) \\ &= \hat{i}(1-2) + \hat{j}(2-3) + \hat{k}(3-4) = (-\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}) \quad \therefore \text{Point } (-1, -1, -1) \end{aligned}$$

13. Find the shortest distance between the lines  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  whose vector equations are

$$\vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{r} = (3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) + \mu(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$$

Sol. The given lines are

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

$$\vec{r} = (3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) + \mu(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$$

These equations are of the form  $\vec{r} = \vec{a}_1 + \lambda\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{r} = \vec{a}_2 + \mu\vec{b}$

Where  $\vec{a}_1 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{a}_2 = 3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$

Clearly the given lines are parallel

$$\text{Now, } \vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1 = (3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) - (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \vec{b} \times (\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \hat{i} - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \hat{j} + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \hat{k} \\ &= (-3-6)\hat{i} - (-2-12)\hat{j} + (2-6)\hat{k} = -9\hat{i} + 14\hat{j} - 4\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now } |\vec{b} \times (\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1)| = \sqrt{(-9)^2 + 14^2 + (-4)^2} = \sqrt{81 + 196 + 16} = \sqrt{293}$$

$$\text{And } |\vec{b}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 3^2 + 6^2} = \sqrt{49} = 7$$

Shortest distance between  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ ,

$$\text{S.D.} = \frac{|\vec{b} \times (\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1)|}{|\vec{b}|} = \frac{\sqrt{293}}{7} \text{ units}$$

14. Find the distance between the parallel lines  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  whose vector equations are

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

**Sol.**  $\vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}), \vec{r} = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}) + \mu(\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k})$

$$\text{Shortest distance} = \frac{|\vec{m} \times (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1)|}{|\vec{m}|} \Rightarrow (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1) = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}) - (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = (\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k})$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{m} \times (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & -4 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -3 & -4 \end{vmatrix} - \hat{j} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -4 \end{vmatrix} + \hat{k} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i}(4+3) - \hat{j}(-4-1) + \hat{k}(-3+1) = (7\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{m} \times (\vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1)| = \sqrt{(7)^2 + (5)^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{49 + 25 + 4} = \sqrt{78}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{m}| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (-1)^2 + (1)^2} = \sqrt{3} \quad \therefore \text{Shortest distance} = \frac{\sqrt{78}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}\sqrt{26}}{\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{26} \text{ units.}$$

15. Find the vector equation of a line passing through the point  $(2, 3, 2)$  and parallel to the line  $\vec{r} = (-2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$ . Also find the distance between these lines

**Sol.** The vector equation of line passing through the point  $(2, 3, 2)$  and parallel to the line

$$\vec{r} = (-2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) \text{ is given by}$$

$$\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) + \mu(2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$$

Comparing the given equations with the standard equations

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a}_1 + \lambda\vec{b} \text{ and } \vec{r} = \vec{a}_2 + \mu\vec{b} \text{ we get } \vec{a}_1 = -2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}, \vec{a}_2 = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Now, } \vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1 = (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) - (-2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}) = 4\hat{i} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\text{And } \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{b} \times (\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & -3 & 6 \\ 4 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \hat{i} - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \hat{j} + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \hat{k}$$

$$= -6\hat{i} - (4 - 24)\hat{j} + 12\hat{k} = -6\hat{i} + 20\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Now } |\vec{b} \times (\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1)| = \sqrt{(-6)^2 + 20^2 + 12^2} = \sqrt{36 + 400 + 144} = \sqrt{580}$$

$$\text{And } |\vec{b}| = \sqrt{2^2 + (-3)^2 + 6^2} = 7$$

$$\text{S.D.} = \frac{|\vec{b} \times (\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1)|}{|\vec{b}|} = \frac{\sqrt{580}}{7} \text{ units}$$

16. Write the vector equation of each of the following lines and hence determine the distance between them

$$\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{3} = \frac{z+4}{6} \text{ and } \frac{x-3}{4} = \frac{y-3}{6} = \frac{z+5}{12}$$

**Sol.** Given lines are



$$L_1: \frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{3} = \frac{z+4}{6} \quad \text{and} \quad L_2: \frac{x-3}{4} = \frac{y-3}{6} = \frac{z+5}{12}$$

Vector equations of the lines are

$$L_1: \vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$$

$$\text{And } L_2: \vec{r} = (3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) + 2\mu(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$$

Clearly the given lines are parallel Here  $\vec{a}_1 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{a}_2 = 3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$

$$\text{And } \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Now, } \vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1 = (3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) - (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{b} \times (\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 3 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \hat{i} - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \hat{j} + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \hat{k}$$

$$= (-3-6)\hat{i} - (-2-12)\hat{j} + (2-6)\hat{k} = -9\hat{i} + 14\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Now } |\vec{b} \times (\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1)| = \sqrt{(-9)^2 + 14^2 + (-4)^2} = \sqrt{81 + 96 + 16} = \sqrt{293}$$

$$\text{And } |\vec{b}| = \sqrt{2^2 + 3^2 + 6^2} = \sqrt{49} = 7$$

17. Write the vector equations of the following lines and hence find the shortest distance between them

$$\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{3} = \frac{z-3}{4} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{x-2}{3} = \frac{y-3}{4} = \frac{z-5}{5}$$

Sol. Given lines are  $L_1: \frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{3} = \frac{z-3}{4}$ ,  $L_2: \frac{x-2}{3} = \frac{y-3}{4} = \frac{z-5}{5}$

Vector equations of the lines are

$$L_1: \vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \mu(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$$

$$\text{And } L_2: \vec{r} = (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) + \delta(3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k})$$

$$\text{Here } \vec{a}_1 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}, \vec{a}_2 = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}, \vec{b}_1 = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}, \vec{b}_2 = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Now } \vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1 = (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) - (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$$

$$\text{And } \vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \hat{i} - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} \hat{j} + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \hat{k}$$

$$= (15-16)\hat{i} - (10-12)\hat{j} + (8-9)\hat{k} = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$$

$$\therefore (\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2) = (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot (-\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}) = -1 + 2 - 2 = -1$$

$$\text{And } |\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 2^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$\text{S.D.} = \frac{|(\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2)|}{|\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2|} = \frac{|-1|}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \times \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{6}} \text{ units}$$

**Find the shortest distance between the lines given below**

18.  $\frac{x-1}{-1} = \frac{y+2}{1} = \frac{z-3}{-2}$  and  $\frac{x-1}{1} = \frac{y+1}{2} = \frac{z+1}{-2}$

Sol. Given lines are

$$L_1: \frac{x-1}{-1} = \frac{y+2}{1} = \frac{z-3}{-2}, \quad L_2: \frac{x-1}{1} = \frac{y+1}{2} = \frac{z+1}{-2}$$

The shortest distance between the skew lines

$$\frac{x-x_1}{a_1} = \frac{y-y_1}{b_1} = \frac{z-z_1}{c_1} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{x-x_2}{a_2} = \frac{y-y_2}{b_2} = \frac{z-z_2}{c_2}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} x_2-x_1 & y_2-y_1 & z_2-z_1 \\ a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Is given by S.D.  $\frac{\begin{vmatrix} x_2-x_1 & y_2-y_1 & z_2-z_1 \\ a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\sqrt{(a_1b_2-a_2b_1)^2 + (b_1c_2-b_2c_1)^2 + (a_1c_2-a_2c_1)^2}}$

$$\therefore \text{S.D.} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1-1 & 1-2 & 1-(-3) \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \end{vmatrix}}{\sqrt{(-1 \times 2 - 1 \times 1)^2 + (1 \times -2 - 2 \times -2)^2 + (-1 \times -2 - 1 \times -2)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \end{vmatrix}}{\sqrt{9+4+16}} = \frac{(2+2)+4(-2-1)}{\sqrt{29}} \text{ units}$$

$$= \left| \frac{4-12}{\sqrt{29}} \right| \text{ units} = \left| \frac{-8}{\sqrt{29}} \right| \text{ units} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{29}} \times \frac{\sqrt{29}}{\sqrt{29}} \text{ units} = \frac{8\sqrt{29}}{29} \text{ units}$$

19.  $\frac{x-12}{-9} = \frac{y-1}{4} = \frac{z-5}{2}$  and  $\frac{x-23}{-6} = \frac{y-19}{-4} = \frac{z-25}{3}$

Sol. Given lines are  $L_1: \frac{x-12}{-9} = \frac{y-1}{4} = \frac{z-5}{2}$  and  $L_2: \frac{x-23}{-6} = \frac{y-19}{-4} = \frac{z-25}{3}$

Vector equations of the lines are

$$L_1: \vec{r} = (12\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) + \delta(-9\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}), \quad L_2: \vec{r} = (23\hat{i} + 19\hat{j} + 25\hat{k}) + \mu(-6\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$$

Here,  $\vec{a}_1 = 12\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{a}_2 = 23\hat{i} + 19\hat{j} + 25\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b}_1 = -9\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b}_2 = -6\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

Now,  $\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1 = (23\hat{i} + 19\hat{j} + 25\hat{k}) - (12\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) = 11\hat{i} + 18\hat{j} + 20\hat{k}$

$$\text{And } \vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -9 & 4 & 2 \\ -6 & -4 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ -4 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \hat{i} - \begin{vmatrix} -9 & 2 \\ -6 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \hat{j} + \begin{vmatrix} -9 & 4 \\ -6 & -4 \end{vmatrix} \hat{k}$$

$$= (12+8)\hat{i} - (-27+12)\hat{j} + (36+24)\hat{k} = 20\hat{i} + 15\hat{j} + 60\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Now } (\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2) = (11\hat{i} + 18\hat{j} + 20\hat{k}) \cdot (20\hat{i} + 15\hat{j} + 60\hat{k})$$

$$= 11 \times 20 + 18 \times 15 + 20 \times 60 = 220 + 270 + 1200 = 1690$$

$$\text{And } |\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2| = \sqrt{20^2 + 15^2 + 60^2} = \sqrt{5^2(4^2 + 3^2 + 12^2)} = 5\sqrt{169} = 5 \times 13 = 65$$

$$\text{S.D.} = \left| \frac{(\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2)}{|\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2|} \right| = \left| \frac{1690}{65} \right| \text{ units} = 26 \text{ units}$$

**EXERCISE 27 E [Pg.No.: 1150 ]**

**Find the length and the equations of the line of shortest distance between the lines given by**

1.  $\frac{x-3}{3} = \frac{y-8}{-1} = z-3$  and  $\frac{x+3}{-3} = \frac{y+7}{2} = \frac{z-6}{4}$

**Sol.** The given equations are

$$\frac{x-3}{3} = \frac{y-8}{-1} = \frac{z-3}{1} = \lambda \quad \dots (i) \qquad \frac{x+3}{-3} = \frac{y+7}{2} = \frac{z-6}{4} = \mu \quad \dots (ii)$$

$P(3\lambda+3, -\lambda+8, \lambda+3)$  is any point on (i)

$Q(-3\mu-3, 2\mu-7, 4\mu+6)$  is any point on (ii)

The direction ratios of PQ are  $(-3\mu-3\lambda-6, 2\mu+\lambda-15, 4\mu-\lambda+3)$

If PQ is the shortest distance then PQ is perpendicular to each of (i) and (ii)

$$\therefore 3(-3\mu-3\lambda-6) + (-1)(2\mu+\lambda-15) + 1(4\mu-\lambda+3) = 0$$

$$\text{And } -3(-3\mu-3\lambda-6) + 2(2\mu+\lambda-15) + 4(4\mu-\lambda+3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -11\lambda - 7\mu = 0 \text{ and } 7\lambda + 29\mu = 0$$

Solving these equation we get  $\lambda = 0$  and  $\mu = 0$

Thus PQ will be the line of shortest distance when  $\lambda = 0$  and  $\mu = 0$

Substituting  $\lambda = 0$  and  $\mu = 0$  in P and Q respectively we get the points

$P(3, 8, 3)$  and  $Q(-3, -7, 6)$

$\therefore$  shortest distance = PQ

$$= \sqrt{(-3-3)^2 + (-7-8)^2 + (6-3)^2} = \sqrt{36 + 225 + 9} = 3\sqrt{30} \text{ units}$$

$$\text{Equation of line of shortest distance is } \frac{x-3}{-3-3} = \frac{y-8}{-7-8} = \frac{z-3}{6-3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x-3}{-6} = \frac{y-8}{-15} = \frac{z-3}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{x-3}{2} = \frac{y-8}{5} = \frac{z-3}{-1}$$

2.  $\frac{x-3}{-1} = \frac{y-4}{2} = \frac{z+2}{1}$  and  $\frac{x-1}{1} = \frac{y+7}{3} = \frac{z+2}{2}$

**Sol.** The given equations are

$$\frac{x-3}{-1} = \frac{y-4}{2} = \frac{z+2}{1} = \lambda \text{ (say)} \quad \dots (i)$$

$$\frac{x-1}{1} = \frac{y+7}{3} = \frac{z+2}{2} = \mu \text{ (say)} \quad \dots (ii)$$

$P(-\lambda+3, 2\lambda+4, \lambda+2)$  is any point on (i),  $Q(\mu+1, 3\mu-7, 2\mu-2)$  is any point on (ii).

The direction ratio of PQ are  $(-\lambda+3-\mu-1, 2\lambda+4-3\mu-7, \lambda+2-2\mu-2)$

$$\Rightarrow (-\lambda-\mu+2, 2\lambda-3\mu+1, \lambda-2\mu)$$

If PQ is the line of shortest distance then PQ is perpendicular to each of (i) and (ii).

$$\therefore -1(-\lambda - \mu + 2) + 2(2\lambda - 3\mu + 11) + 1(\lambda - 2\mu) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda + \mu - 2 + 4\lambda - 6\mu + 22 + \lambda - 2\mu = 0 \Rightarrow 6\lambda - 7\mu + 20 = 0 \quad \dots(iii)$$

$$\therefore 1(-\lambda - \mu + 2) + 3(2\lambda - 3\mu + 11) + 2(\lambda - 2\mu) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\lambda - \mu + 2 + 6\lambda - 9\mu + 33 + 2\lambda - 4\mu = 0 \Rightarrow 7\lambda - 14\mu + 35 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda - 2\mu + 5 = 0 \quad \dots(iv)$$

Solving equation (iii) and (iv) then we get  $\lambda = -1, \mu = 2$

Thus,  $PQ$  will be the line of shortest distance when  $\lambda = -1$  and  $\mu = 2$ .

Substituting  $\lambda = -1$  and  $\mu = 2$  in  $P$  and  $Q$  respectively. We get the point  $P(4, 2, -3)$  and  $Q(3, -1, 2)$ .

$$\therefore \text{S.D.} = PQ = \sqrt{(3-4)^2 + (-1-2)^2 + (2+3)^2} = \sqrt{1+9+25} = \sqrt{35} \text{ unit}$$

Equation of the line of shortest distance means equation of  $PQ$  given by

$$\frac{x-4}{3-4} = \frac{y-2}{-1-2} = \frac{z+3}{2+3} \Rightarrow \frac{x-4}{1} = \frac{y-2}{-3} = \frac{z+3}{5}$$

$$3. \quad \frac{x+1}{2} = \frac{y-1}{1} = \frac{z-9}{-3} \text{ and } \frac{x-3}{2} = \frac{y+15}{-7} = \frac{z-9}{5}$$

**Sol.** The given equation are

$$\frac{x+1}{2} = \frac{y-1}{1} = \frac{z-9}{-3} = \lambda \text{ (say)} \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\frac{x-3}{2} = \frac{y+15}{-7} = \frac{z-9}{5} = \mu \text{ (say)} \quad \dots(ii)$$

$P(2\lambda - 1, \lambda + 1, -3\lambda + 9)$  is any point on (i),  $Q(2\mu + 3, -7\mu - 15, 5\mu + 9)$  is any point on (ii).

The direction ratio of  $PQ$  are  $(2\lambda - 1 - 2\mu - 3, \lambda + 1 + 7\mu + 15, -3\lambda + 9 - 5\mu - 9)$ .

$$\Rightarrow (2\lambda - 2\mu - 4, \lambda + 7\mu + 16, -3\lambda - 5\mu)$$

If  $PQ$  is the line of shortest distance then  $PQ$  is perpendicular to each of (i) and (ii).

$$\therefore 2(2\lambda - 2\mu - 4) + 1(\lambda + 7\mu + 16) - 3(-3\lambda - 5\mu) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4\lambda - 4\mu - 8 + \lambda + 7\mu + 16 + 9\lambda + 15\mu = 0 \Rightarrow 14\lambda + 18\mu + 8 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 7\lambda + 9\mu + 4 = 0 \quad \dots(iii)$$

$$\therefore 2(2\lambda - 2\mu - 4) - 7(\lambda + 7\mu + 16) + 5(-3\lambda - 5\mu) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4\lambda - 4\mu - 8 - 7\lambda - 49\mu - 112 - 15\lambda - 25\mu = 0 \Rightarrow -18\lambda - 78\mu - 120 = 0 \Rightarrow 9\lambda + 39\mu + 60 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3\lambda + 13\mu + 20 = 0 \quad \dots(iv)$$

Solving equation (iii) and (iv) we get  $\lambda = 2$ , and  $\mu = -2$ .

Thus,  $PQ$  will be the line of shortest distance when  $\lambda = 2$  and  $\mu = -2$ .

Substituting  $\lambda = 2, \mu = -2$  in  $P$  and  $Q$  respectively. We get the point  $P(3, 3, 3)$  and  $Q(-1, -1, -1)$ .

$$\therefore \text{S.D.} = PQ = \sqrt{(-1-3)^2 + (-1-3)^2 + (-1-3)^2} = \sqrt{16+16+16} = \sqrt{48} = 4\sqrt{3} \text{ units}$$

Equation of the line of shortest distance means equation of  $PQ$  given by

$$\frac{x-3}{-1-3} = \frac{y-3}{-1-3} = \frac{z-3}{-1-3} \Rightarrow \frac{x-3}{-4} = \frac{y-3}{-4} = \frac{z-3}{-4} \Rightarrow \frac{x-3}{1} = \frac{y-3}{1} = \frac{z-3}{1}$$

$$\therefore x=3, y=3, z=3 \text{ Hence, } x=y=z.$$

4.  $\frac{x-6}{3} = \frac{y-7}{-1} = \frac{z-4}{1}$  and  $\frac{x}{-3} = \frac{y+9}{2} = \frac{z-2}{4}$

**Sol.** The given equation are

$$\frac{x-6}{3} = \frac{y-7}{-1} = \frac{z-4}{1} = \lambda \text{ (say)} \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\frac{x}{-3} = \frac{y+9}{2} = \frac{z-2}{4} = \mu \text{ (say)} \quad \dots(ii)$$

$P(3\lambda+6, -\lambda+7, \lambda+4)$  is any point on (i),  $Q(-3\mu, 2\mu-9, 4\mu+2)$  is any point on (ii).

The direction ratio of  $PQ$  are,  $(3\lambda+6+3\mu, -\lambda+7-2\mu+9, \lambda+4-4\mu-2)$ .

$$PQ(3\lambda+3\mu+6, -\lambda-2\mu+16, \lambda-4\mu+2)$$

If  $PQ$  is the line of shortest distance then  $PQ$  is perpendicular to each of (i) and (ii).

$$\therefore 3(3\lambda+3\mu+6) - 1(-\lambda-2\mu+16) + 1(\lambda-4\mu+2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 9\lambda+9\mu+18+\lambda+2\mu-16+\lambda-4\mu+2=0$$

$$\Rightarrow 11\lambda+7\mu+4=0 \quad \dots(iii)$$

$$\therefore -3(3\lambda+3\mu+6) + 2(-\lambda-2\mu+16) + 4(\lambda-4\mu+2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -9\lambda-9\mu-18-2\lambda-4\mu+32+4\lambda-16\mu+8=0$$

$$\Rightarrow -7\lambda-29\mu+22=0 \quad \dots(iv)$$

Solving equation (iii) and (iv) then we get  $\lambda = -1, \mu = 1$ .

Thus,  $PQ$  will be the line of shortest distance when  $\lambda = -1, \mu = 1$ .

Substituting  $\lambda = -1$ , and  $\mu = 1$  in  $P$  and  $Q$  respectively.

We get from point  $P(3, 8, 3)$  and  $Q(-3, -7, 6)$ .

$$\therefore \text{S.D.} = PQ = \sqrt{(-3-3)^2 + (-7-8)^2 + (6-3)^2} = \sqrt{36+225+9} = \sqrt{270} = 3\sqrt{30} \text{ units}$$

Equations of the line of shortest distance means equation of  $PQ$  given by

$$\frac{x-3}{-3-3} = \frac{y-8}{-7-8} = \frac{z-3}{6-3} \Rightarrow \frac{x-3}{-6} = \frac{y-8}{-15} = \frac{z-3}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{x-3}{2} = \frac{y-8}{5} = \frac{z-3}{-1}$$

5. Show that the lines  $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y-2}{2} = \frac{z+3}{3}$  and  $\frac{x-2}{2} = \frac{y-6}{3} = \frac{z-3}{4}$  intersect and find their point of intersection.

**Sol.** The given lines are  $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y-2}{2} = \frac{z+3}{3} = \lambda \text{ (say)} \quad \dots(i)$

$$\frac{x-2}{2} = \frac{y-6}{3} = \frac{z-3}{4} = \mu \text{ (say)} \quad \dots(ii)$$

$P(\lambda, 2\lambda+2, 3\lambda-3)$  is any point on (i)  $Q(2\mu+2, 3\mu+6, 4\mu+3)$  is any point on (ii) if the lines (i) and (ii) intersect, then  $P$  and  $Q$  must coincide for same particular value of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ .

This give,  $\lambda = 2\mu+2, 2\lambda+2 = 3\mu+6, 3\lambda-3 = 4\mu+3$

$$\lambda - 2\mu = 2 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$2\lambda - 3\mu = 4 \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$3\lambda - 4\mu = 6 \quad \dots(iii)$$

Solving (i) and (ii) we get  $\lambda = 2, \mu = 0$  and these value of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  also satisfying (iii).

Hence, the given lines intersect. The point of intersection of the given lines is  $(2, 6, 3)$ , which is obtained by putting  $\lambda = 2$  in  $P$  or  $\mu = 0$  in  $Q$ .

6. Show that the lines  $\frac{x-1}{3} = \frac{y+1}{2} = \frac{z-1}{5}$  and  $\frac{x-2}{2} = \frac{y-1}{3} = \frac{z+1}{-2}$

Do not intersect each other

Sol. The equations of the given lines are

$$L_1: \frac{x-1}{3} = \frac{y+1}{2} = \frac{z-1}{5} = \lambda \quad \dots\dots (i)$$

$$L_2: \frac{x-2}{2} = \frac{y-1}{3} = \frac{z+1}{-2} = \mu \quad \dots\dots (ii)$$

Any point on the line (i) is  $P(3\lambda+1, 2\lambda-1, 5\lambda+1)$

Any point on the line (ii) is  $Q(2\mu+2, 3\mu+1, -2\mu+1)$

If both the lines intersect the  $P$  and  $Q$  must coincide for some particular values of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$

$$\text{Now } 3\lambda+1 = 2\mu+2 \Rightarrow 3\lambda-2\mu=1 \quad \dots (iii)$$

$$2\lambda-1 = 3\mu+1 \Rightarrow 2\lambda-3\mu = -2 \quad \dots (iv)$$

$$5\lambda+1 = -2\mu+1 \Rightarrow 5\lambda+2\mu = 0 \quad \dots (v)$$

Adding (iii) and (v) we have  $6\lambda = 1 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{6}$

Putting  $\lambda = \frac{1}{6}$  in equation (iii)  $3 \times \frac{1}{6} - 2\mu = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} - 1 = 2\mu \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} = 2\mu \Rightarrow \mu = -\frac{1}{4}$$

Putting  $\lambda = \frac{1}{6}$  &  $\mu = -\frac{1}{4}$  in (iv)  $2 \times \frac{1}{6} - 3 \times \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right) = -2$

$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{3}{4} = -2$  which is false Hence, the given lines do not intersect each other

## EXERCISE 27 F [Pg.No.: 1151]

1. If a line has direction ratios  $2, -1, -2$  then what are its direction cosines?

Sol. Direction ratios of the line are  $2, -1, -2$

$$\text{Now } \sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{9} = 3 \quad \therefore l = \frac{2}{3}, m = -\frac{1}{3} \text{ and } n = -\frac{2}{3}$$

Hence direction cosines are  $\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}$

2. Find the direction cosines of the  $\frac{4-x}{2} = \frac{y}{6} = \frac{1-z}{3}$

Sol. Given line is  $\frac{4-x}{2} = \frac{y}{6} = \frac{1-z}{3}$  i.e.  $\frac{x-4}{-2} = \frac{y}{6} = \frac{z-1}{-3}$

here, direction ratios of the line are  $-2, 6, -3$

$$\text{Now } \sqrt{(-2)^2 + 6^2 + (-3)^2} = 7$$

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$$\therefore \ell = -\frac{2}{7}, m = \frac{6}{7} \text{ and } n = -\frac{3}{7}$$

$$\text{Hence direction cosines are } -\frac{2}{7}, \frac{6}{7}, -\frac{3}{7}$$

3. if the equations of a line are  $\frac{3-x}{-3} = \frac{y+2}{-2} = \frac{z+2}{6}$ , find the direction cosines of line parallel to the given line

Sol. Given line is  $\frac{3-x}{-3} = \frac{y+2}{-2} = \frac{z+2}{6}$  i.e.  $\frac{x-3}{3} = \frac{y+2}{-2} = \frac{z+2}{6}$

Direction ratios at a line parallel to given line are 3, -2, 6

$$\text{Now } \sqrt{3^2 + (-2)^2 + 6^2} = \sqrt{49} = 7$$

$$\therefore \ell = \frac{3}{7}, m = -\frac{2}{7} \text{ and } n = \frac{6}{7}$$

$$\text{Hence direction cosines are } \frac{3}{7}, -\frac{2}{7}, \frac{6}{7}$$

4. Write the equations of a line parallel to the line  $\frac{x-2}{-2} = \frac{y+3}{2} = \frac{z+5}{6}$  and passing through the point (1, -2, 3)

Sol. Equation line parallel to the line  $\frac{x-\alpha}{a} = \frac{y-\beta}{b} = \frac{z-\gamma}{c}$  and passing through the point (x, y, z) is given by

$$\frac{x-x_1}{a} = \frac{y-y_1}{b} = \frac{z-z_1}{c}$$

Therefore equation of line parallel the line  $\frac{x-2}{-3} = \frac{y+3}{2} = \frac{z+5}{6}$  and passing through the point (1, -2, 3) is

$$\frac{x-1}{-3} = \frac{y+2}{2} = \frac{z-3}{6}$$

Now, position vector of the point (1, -2, 3),  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

And a vector ll to the line is  $\vec{b} = -3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$

Hence vector equation of line  $\vec{r} = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \mu(-3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$

5. find the Cartesian equations of the line which posses through the point (-2, 4, -5) and which is parallel to the line  $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{y-4}{-5} = \frac{z+5}{6}$

Sol. Equation of line parallel to the line  $\frac{x-\alpha}{a} = \frac{y-\beta}{b} = \frac{z-\gamma}{c}$  passing through the point (x<sub>1</sub>, y<sub>1</sub>, z<sub>1</sub>) is given by

$$\frac{x-x_1}{a} = \frac{y-y_1}{b} = \frac{z-z_1}{c}$$

There force equation of line parallel to the line  $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{y-4}{-5} = \frac{z+5}{6}$  and passing through the point m(-2, 4, -5) is given by

$$\frac{x+2}{3} = \frac{y-4}{-5} = \frac{z+5}{6}$$

6. Write the vector equation of a line whose Cartesian equations are  $\frac{x-5}{3} = \frac{y+4}{7} = \frac{6-z}{2}$

Sol. Given line is  $L: \frac{x-5}{3} = \frac{y+4}{7} = \frac{6-z}{2}$  i.e.  $L: \frac{x-5}{3} = \frac{y+4}{7} = \frac{z-6}{-2}$

Clearly  $(5, -4, 6)$  line on the line position vector of  $A(5, -4, 6)$  is  $\vec{a} = 5\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$

A vector parallel to the line  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$

Hence the vector equation of line is  $\vec{r} = (5\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) + \mu(3\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$

7. the Cartesian equations of a line are  $\frac{3-x}{5} = \frac{y+4}{7} = \frac{2z-6}{4}$ , write the vector equation of the line

Sol. Given line is  $\frac{3-x}{5} = \frac{y+4}{7} = \frac{2z-6}{4}$  i.e.  $\frac{x-3}{-5} = \frac{y+4}{7} = \frac{z-3}{2}$

Clearly  $(3, -4, 3)$  lies on the line

Now position vector of  $(3, -4, 3)$  is  $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

A vector parallel to the given line  $\vec{b} = -5\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

Hence equation of line is  $\vec{r} = (3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \mu(-5\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$

8. Write the vector equation of a line passing through the point  $(1, -1, 2)$  and parallel to the line whose equations are  $\frac{x-3}{1} = \frac{y-1}{2} = \frac{z+1}{-2}$

Sol. Position vector of the point  $(1, -1, 2)$  is  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

A vector parallel to the line whose equations are  $\frac{x-3}{1} = \frac{y-1}{2} = \frac{z+1}{-2}$  is  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$

Hence vector equation of line is  $\vec{r} = (\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) + \mu(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$

9. If  $P(1, 5, 4)$  and  $Q(4, 1, -2)$  be two given points find the direction ratios of PQ

Sol. Given points are  $P(1, 5, 4)$  and  $Q(4, 1, -2)$

Direction ratios of PQ are  $4-1, 1-5, -2-4$  i.e.  $3, -4, -6$

10. The equations of a line are  $\frac{4-x}{2} = \frac{y+3}{2} = \frac{z+2}{1}$ . Find the direction cosines of a line parallel to this line

Sol. Given line is  $\frac{4-x}{2} = \frac{y+3}{2} = \frac{z+2}{1}$  i.e.  $\frac{x-4}{-2} = \frac{y+3}{2} = \frac{z+2}{1}$

D.r's of line parallel to the line are  $-2, 2, 1$

Now  $\sqrt{(-2)^2 + 2^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{9} = 3$

$\therefore \ell = -\frac{2}{3}, m = \frac{2}{3}$  and  $n = \frac{1}{3}$

Hence direction cosines are  $-\frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}$

11. the Cartesian equations of a line are  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+2}{3} = \frac{5-z}{1}$  Find its vector equation

Sol. Given line is  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+2}{3} = \frac{5-z}{1}$  i.e.  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+2}{3} = \frac{z-5}{-1}$

Clearly  $(1, -2, 5)$  lies on the position vector of point  $(1, -2, 5)$  is  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$



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D.r.'s of line are 2, 3, -1

$\therefore$  A vector parallel to the line is  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$

Hence vector equation of line is  $\vec{r} = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) + \mu(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k})$

12. Find the vector equation of a line passing through the point (1, 2, 3) and parallel to the vector  $(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$

Sol. Position vector of the point (1, 2, 3) is  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

Equation  $\vec{b} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  is vector parallel to the line

Hence required equation at line is  $\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \mu\vec{b}$  i.e.  $\vec{r} = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \mu(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$

13. The vector equation of a line is  $\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k})$ . Find its cartesian equation

Sol. Given line is  $\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) + \lambda(\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k})$

$$\Rightarrow x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k} = (2 + \lambda)\hat{i} + (1 - \lambda)\hat{j} + (-4 - \lambda)\hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2 + \lambda, y = 1 - \lambda \text{ and } z = -4 - \lambda \Rightarrow \frac{x-2}{1} = \frac{y-1}{-1} = \frac{z+4}{-1} = \lambda$$

Hence Cartesian equation of line is  $\frac{x-2}{1} = \frac{y-1}{-1} = \frac{z+4}{-1}$

14. Find the Cartesian equation of a line which passes through the point (-2, 4, -5) and which is parallel to the line  $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{y-4}{5} = \frac{z+8}{6}$

Sol. Equation of line passes through the point  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  and parallel to the line  $\frac{x-x_1}{a} = \frac{y-y_1}{b} = \frac{z-z_1}{c}$  is given by

$$\frac{x-\alpha}{a} = \frac{y-\beta}{b} = \frac{z-\gamma}{c}$$

$\therefore$  equation of line passes through (-2, 4, -5) and parallel to the line  $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{y-4}{5} = \frac{z+5}{6}$

15. Find the Cartesian equation of a line which passes through the point having position vector  $(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$  and is in the direction of the vector  $(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$

Sol. The required line passes through the point (2, -1, 4) and it has direction ratios 1, 2, -1

$$\therefore \text{it equation is } \frac{x-2}{1} = \frac{y+1}{2} = \frac{z-4}{-1}$$

16. Find the angle between the lines  $\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + \hat{k}) + \lambda(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$  and  $\vec{r} = (7\hat{i} - 6\hat{k}) + \mu(\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$

Sol. The angle between the lines and  $\vec{r} = a_1 + \lambda b_1$  and  $\vec{r} = a_2 + \lambda b_2$  is given by  $\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{b}_1 \cdot \vec{b}_2}{|\vec{b}_1| |\vec{b}_2|}$

$$\therefore \cos \theta = \frac{|(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) \cdot (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})|}{\{\sqrt{3^2 + 2^2 + 6^2}\} \{\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 2^2}\}} = \frac{(3+4+12)}{(7 \times 3)} = \frac{19}{21} \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{19}{21} \right)$$

17. Find the angle between the lines  $\frac{x+3}{3} = \frac{y-1}{5} = \frac{z+3}{4}$  and  $\frac{x+1}{1} = \frac{y-4}{1} = \frac{z-5}{2}$

Sol. Hence  $(a_1) = 3, b_1 = 5, c_1 = 4$  and  $(a_2 = 1, b_2 = 1, c_2 = 2)$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \cos \theta &= \frac{|a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2 + c_1 c_2|}{\left\{\sqrt{a_1^2 + b_1^2 + c_1^2}\right\} \left\{\sqrt{a_2^2 + b_2^2 + c_2^2}\right\}} \\ &= \frac{|(3 \times 1) + (5 \times 1) + (4 \times 2)|}{\left\{\sqrt{3^2 + 5^2 + 4^2}\right\} \left\{\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 2^2}\right\}} = \frac{16}{(\sqrt{15} \times \sqrt{6})} = \frac{16}{10\sqrt{3}} = \frac{8}{5\sqrt{3}} \\ \Rightarrow \theta &= \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{8}{5\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} \right) = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{8\sqrt{3}}{15} \right)\end{aligned}$$

18. Show that the lines  $\frac{x-5}{7} = \frac{y+2}{-5} = \frac{z}{1}$  and  $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z}{3}$  are at right angles

Sol. Here  $(a_1 = 7, b_1 = -5, c_1 = 1)$  and  $(a_2 = 1, b_2 = 2, c_2 = 3)$

$$(a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2 + c_1 c_2) = (7 \times 1) + (-5) \times 2 + (1 \times 3) = 0$$

Hence the given lines are at right angles

19. The direction ratios of a line are 2, 6, -6. What are its direction cosines?

Sol. We have  $\sqrt{2^2 + 6^2 + (-6)^2} = \sqrt{121} = 11$

$$\therefore \text{d.c.'s of the given line are } \frac{2}{11}, \frac{6}{11}, \frac{-6}{11}$$

20. A line makes angle  $90^\circ, 135^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$  with the positive directions of x-axis y-axis and z-axis respectively. What are the direction cosines of the line?

Sol. D.c.'s of the line are  $\cos 90^\circ, \cos 135^\circ$  and  $\cos 45^\circ$ , i.e.  $\left(0, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$

21. What are the direction cosines of the y-axis?

Sol. Clearly, the y-axis makes an angle of  $90^\circ, 0^\circ, 90^\circ$  with the x-axis y-axis and z-axis respectively

So, its d.c.'s are  $\cos 90^\circ, \cos 0^\circ, \cos 90^\circ$ , i.e. 0, 1, 0

22. What are the direction cosines of the vector  $(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$ ?

Sol. D.r.'s of the given vector are 2, 1, -2 and  $\sqrt{2^2 + 1^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{9} = 3$

$$\therefore \text{d.c.'s of the given vector are } \frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{-2}{3}$$

23. What is the angle between the vector  $\vec{r} = (4\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + \hat{k})$  and the x-axis?

Sol. D.r.'s of the given vector are 4, 8, 1 and  $\sqrt{4^2 + 8^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{81} = 9$

$$\therefore \text{d.c.'s of the given vector are } \frac{4}{9}, \frac{8}{9}, \frac{1}{9}$$

Let  $\alpha$  be the angle between the given vectors and the x-axis

$$\text{The } \cos \alpha = \frac{4}{9} \Rightarrow \alpha = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{4}{9} \right)$$