

Calculate the intersection between the lines $r: \begin{cases} x + 3y = 13 \\ y = z \end{cases}$ and $s: \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

and the planes XOY and XOZ.

Solution:

To obtain the intersection between a line and a plane we only have to solve the system formed by their equations. Next, we calculate the requested intersections:

- Intersection between the line r and the plane XOY:

$$\begin{cases} x + 3y = 13 \\ y = z \\ z = 0 \end{cases} \Longrightarrow \begin{cases} x = 13 \\ y = 0 \\ z = 0 \end{cases}$$

The intersection between the line r and the plane XOY is the point (13,0,0).

- Intersection between the line r and the plane XOZ:

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The intersection between the line r and the plane XOZ is the point (13,0,0).

- Intersection between the line *s* and the plane *XOY*:

First of all we calculate the implicit equation of the line s:

s:
$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = 3 + 3\mu \\ y = 2\mu \\ z = 2 \end{cases}$$

Making the expressions of the parameter μ equal:

$$\frac{x-3}{3} = \frac{y}{2} \Rightarrow 2x - 6 = 3y$$

Therefore, the implicit equations of the line *s* are $\begin{cases} 2x - 3y = 6 \\ z = 2 \end{cases}$

We solve the following system to obtain the intersection between the line *s* and the plane *XOY*:

 $\begin{cases} 2x - 3y = 6 \\ z = 2 \\ z = 0 \end{cases}$ The system is incompatible, so the plane and the line do not

intersect \Rightarrow the line and the plane are parallel.

- Intersection between the line s and the plane XOZ:

Similarly, we solve the system formed by the implicit equations of the line and the plane:

$$\begin{cases} 2x - 3y = 6\\ z = 2\\ y = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = 3\\ y = 0\\ z = 2 \end{cases}$$

The intersection between the line s and the plane XOZ is the point (3,0,2).

Calculate the values of the real parameters *a* and *b* so that the plane α : 10x - 30y - 8z = 10 contains the line that passes through the points (4, *a*, 4) and (7, *b*, -1).

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Solution:

The line that passes through the points A(4, a, 4) and B(7, b, -1) will lie in the plane α that contains the points A and B.

The plane α contains the point A(4, a, 4) if:

$$10 \cdot 4 - 30a - 8 \cdot 4 = 10 \Rightarrow -30a = 2 \Rightarrow a = -\frac{1}{15}$$

The plane α contains the point B(7, b, -1) if:

$$10 \cdot 7 - 30b + 8 = 10 \Rightarrow -30b = -68 \Rightarrow b = \frac{34}{15}$$

Therefore, the line that passes through the points (4, a, 4) and (7, b, -1) lies in the plane α if $a = -\frac{1}{15}$ and $b = \frac{34}{15}$.

Calculate the values of the parameters *a* and *b* so that the plane that passes through the points *P* = (6,0,0), *Q* = (2,0,2) and *R* = (6,3,0) contains the line $r: \begin{cases} 3x - 3y - 12 = 0 \\ y(b-a) - 3z + 3a = 0 \end{cases}$

Find the vertical projection of the line r so that it is included in the plane $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$.





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Solution:

First, we obtain the plane π that contains the points *P*, *Q* and *R*. To obtain the equation of the plane we use two vectors included in it, for example $\overrightarrow{PQ} = (-4,0,2)$ and $\overrightarrow{PR} = (0,3,0)$.

$$\begin{vmatrix} x-6 & -4 & 0 \\ y & 0 & 3 \\ z & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow (x-6) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} - y \begin{vmatrix} -4 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + z \begin{vmatrix} -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow -6(x-6) - 12z = 0$$

$$\pi: x + 2z - 6 = 0$$

Next, we consider the following linear equations system:

$$r \cap \pi : \begin{cases} 3x - 3y - 12 = 0\\ y(b - a) - 3z + 3a = 0\\ x + 2z - 6 = 0 \end{cases}$$

being M the coefficient matrix and M' the augmented matrix.

$$(M|M') = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -3 & 0 & | & -12 \\ 0 & b - a & -3 & | & 3a \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & | & -6 \end{pmatrix}$$

The line *r* lies in the plane π if rank(M) = rank(M') = 2 < number of unknowns= 3.

The rank of the matrix *M* is greater or equal to 2, since $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & -3 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \neq 0$. So, the following three minors must be null:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & -3 & 0 \\ 0 & b - a & -3 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow 2b - 2a + 3 = 0 \text{ eta} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -3 & -12 \\ 0 & b - a & 3a \\ 1 & 0 & -6 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow$$
$$2b + a = 0$$

Solving the system $\begin{cases} 2b - 2a + 3 = 0\\ 2b + a = 0 \end{cases}$ formed by the two equations we obtain that values of the parameters are a = 1 and $b = -\frac{1}{2}$.

Finally, we obtain the equation of the line r using these two values:

$$r: \begin{cases} 3x - 3y - 12 = 0\\ -\frac{3}{2}y - 3z + 3 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x - y = 4\\ y + 6z = 6 \end{cases}$$

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Determine the coordinate z so that the plane α : $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

contains the point P = (3,4,z).

Find the vertical projection of the point P so that it is included in the plane ABC.





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Solution:

The plane α contains the point P = (3,4,z), if the point satisfices the equation of the plane. Therefore, the following system must be compatible:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3\\4\\z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1\\3\\2 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 6\\-1\\0 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 2\\1\\0 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 3 = 1 + 6\lambda + 2\mu\\4 = 3 - \lambda + \mu\\z = 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 1 = 3\lambda + \mu\\1 = -\lambda + \mu \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \lambda = 0\\\mu = 1\\z = 2 \end{cases}$$

Coordinate z = 2, so, the point *P* that is included in plane α is (3,4,2).



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EXERCISE 5
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Calculate the values of the parameters a and b so that the line that passes through

the points Q = (10, a, 6) and R = (1, b, 1) and the plane XOZ are parallel.

- 1. Determine the coordinate z so that the line r contains the point $M = \P$
- 2. Determine the coordinates x and y so that the line r contains the point P=(x,y,5).

Find the vertical projection of the point M so that it is included in the line r. Find the horizontal projection of the line r so that it is parallel to the vertical projection plane. Find the projections of a point P with an elevation of 5, so that it is in the line r.





Calculate the values of the parameters *a* and *b* so that the line that passes through the points Q = (10, a, 6) and R = (1, b, 1) and the plane *XOZ* are parallel.

- 1. Determine the coordinate z so that the line r contains the point M = (5,2,z).
- 2. Determine the coordinates x and y so that the line r contains the point P = (x, y, 5).

Solution:

We calculate the direction vector of the line r: $\vec{v}_r = \vec{QR} = R - Q =$

(-9, b - a, -5). The line *r* and the plane OXZ are parallel if the vector \vec{v}_r and the normal vector of the plane *OXZ* are perpendicular.

Therefore, the scalar product of both vectors must be zero:

$$\vec{v}_r \perp \vec{n}_\pi \Rightarrow \vec{v}_r \cdot \vec{n}_\pi = 0$$

 $\vec{n}_{\pi} = (0,1,0)$ is the normal vector of the plane *OXZ*, so the scalar product is:

$$\vec{v}_r \cdot \vec{n}_{\pi} = 0 \Rightarrow = (-9, b - a, -5) \cdot (0, 1, 0) = b - a = 0 \Rightarrow a = b$$

Then, the vector equation of the line r is:

$$r: \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ b \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} -9 \\ 0 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

1.-The line *r* will contain the point M = (5,2,z) if there exists a value of the parameter $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ for which the point satisfies the equation of the line.

So, if
$$M \in r$$
 is satisficed, then $\exists \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$: $\begin{pmatrix} 5\\2\\z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1\\b\\1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} -9\\0\\-5 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 5 = 1 - 9\lambda\\2 = b\\z = 1 - 5\lambda \end{cases}$
 $b = 2, \lambda = -\frac{4}{9}$

By substituting the obtained values in the point M we obtain that $M = (5, 2, \frac{29}{9})$.

2.- Similarly, the line *r* will contain the point P = (x, y, 5) if there exists a value of the parameter $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ for which the point satisfies the parametric equations of the line.

So, if
$$P \in r$$
 is satisficed, then $\exists \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$: $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ b \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} -9 \\ 0 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = 1 - 9\lambda \\ y = b \\ 5 = 1 - 5\lambda \end{cases} \Rightarrow \lambda = -\frac{4}{5}$

By substituting $\lambda = -\frac{4}{5}$ in the point *P*, we obtain that the line *r* contains the point $P = (\frac{41}{5}, b, 5) \quad \forall b \in \mathbb{R}$.



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Find the relative position of the line $r: \frac{x}{-4} = y - 2 = \frac{z-3}{2}$ and the plane α , being α the plane that passing through the point P = (3,2,0) has as normal vector $\vec{n} = (4,12,3)$.

Solution:

We obtain the implicit equations of the line r using its parametric equations:

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$$r: \begin{cases} \frac{x}{-4} = y - 2\\ \frac{x}{-4} = \frac{z - 3}{2} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x + 4y - 8 = 0\\ x + 2z - 6 = 0 \end{cases}$$

On the other hand, the implicit equation of a plane with associated vector \vec{n} that passes through the point *P* is:

$$\alpha: 4(x-3) + 12(y-2) + 3(z-0) = 0 \Rightarrow 4x + 12y + 3z - 36 = 0$$

We solve the system $r \cap \alpha$ to determine the relative position of the line r and the plane α :

$$\begin{cases} x + 4y - 8 = 0\\ x + 2z - 6 = 0\\ 4x + 12y + 3z - 36 = 0 \end{cases}$$

being M the coefficient matrix and M' the augmented matrix.

$$(M|M') = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 & | & 8\\ 1 & 0 & 2 & | & 6\\ 4 & 12 & 3 & | & 36 \end{pmatrix}$$

 $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 4 & 12 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = -4 \neq 0, \text{ therefore } rank(M) = 3 = rank(M') = \text{number of}$

unknowns \Rightarrow the system $r \cap \alpha$ is compatible determinate, so the line and the plane intersect in a point.

Solving the system $r \cap \alpha$ we obtain that the intersection point is I = (-6,7/2,6).

Universidad del País Vasco Find the intersection between β , the plane that contains the points A = (9,2,3), B = (6,3,1) and C = (5,1,3), and the plane α : 4x - 4y - 3z = 4.

Find the intersection between the planes ABC and $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$.



Find the intersection between β , the plane that contains the points A = (9,2,3), B = (6,3,1) and C = (5,1,3), and the plane α : 4x - 4y - 3z = 4.

Solution:

We will obtain the equation of the plane with normal vector $\vec{n} = (n_1, n_2, n_3)$ that passes through the point A = (9,2,3).

First, we determine the direction vectors $\vec{u} = B - A = (-3, 1, -2)$ and

 $\vec{v} = C - B = (-1, -2, 2)$ of the plane β , and we obtain its normal vector as the vector product of them:

$$\vec{n} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -3 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -2\vec{i} + 8\vec{j} + 7\vec{k}$$

So, the equation of β is:

$$-2(x-9) + 8(y-2) + 7(z-3) = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\beta: -2x + 8y + 7z - 19 = 0$$

To obtain the intersection between the plane α and the plane β , we solve the system formed by their equations:

 $\begin{cases} -2x + 8y + 7z = 19 \\ 4x - 4y - 3z = 4 \end{cases}$, being *M* the coefficient matrix and *M'* the augmented matrix the followings:

$$(M|M') = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 8 & 7 & | & 19 \\ 4 & -4 & -3 & | & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

The rank of the matrix *M* is 2, moreover $\begin{vmatrix} -2 & 8 \\ 4 & -4 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0 \Rightarrow rank(M) = rank(M') = 2 < 3 =$ number of unknowns \Rightarrow The system is compatible indeterminate, being the intersection of the planes the line which implicit equation is: $\begin{cases} -2x + 8y + 7z - 19 = 0 \\ 4x - 4y - 3z - 4 = 0 \end{cases}$

Let be *r* the line that passes through the points (13,3,3) and (13,3,0), and *s* the one that passes through (6,1,6) and (1,1,1). Determine the lines that containing the point P = (9,2,4) intersect the lines *r* and *s*.

Draw all the lines that contain the point P and intersect the lines r and s.



Let be *r* the line that passes through the points (13,3,3) and (13,3,0), and *s* the one that passes through (6,1,6) and (1,1,1). Determine the lines that containing the point *P* = (9,2,4) intersect the lines *r* and *s*.

Solution:

First of all we will obtain the plane π that passing through the point *P*(9,2,4) contains the line *r*. To do this, we consider the following not parallel two vectors:

- Direction vector of the line $r: \vec{v}_r = (13,3,3) - (13,3,0) = (0,0,3).$

- Vector
$$\vec{v}_{p1} = (13,3,3) - (9,2,4) = (4,1,-1)$$

Therefore, the plane π is:

$$\pi: \begin{cases} x = 9 + 4\mu \\ y = 2 + \mu \\ z = 4 + 3\lambda - \mu \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} x - 9 & 0 & 4 \\ y - 2 & 0 & 1 \\ z - 4 & 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \pi: -3x + 12y + 3 = 0$$

Similarly, we obtain the plane π' that passing through the point *P*(9,2,4) contains the line *s*. We consider the following not parallel two vectors:

- Direction vector of the line *s*: $\vec{v}_s = (6,1,6) - (1,1,1) = (5,0,5)$.

- Vector
$$\vec{v}_{p2} = (6,1,6) - (9,2,4) = (-3,-1,2).$$

So, the plane π' is given by:

$$\pi' : \begin{cases} x = 9 + 5\lambda - 3\mu \\ y = 2 - \mu \\ z = 4 + 5\lambda + 2\mu \end{cases} \begin{vmatrix} x - 9 & 5 & -3 \\ y - 2 & 0 & -1 \\ z - 4 & 5 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \pi' : x - 5y - z + 5 = 0$$

The lines that containing the point *P* intersect the lines *r* and *s* are the intersection between the planes π and π' ($\pi \cap \pi'$):

$$\begin{cases} -3x + 12y + 3 = 0\\ x - 5y - z + 5 = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} -3x + 12y = -3\\ x - 5y = z - 5 \end{cases}$$

The system is compatible indeterminate, since: $A = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 12 \\ 1 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow |A| = 3$

The solution of the system is the following line:

$$x = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} -3 & 12 \\ z - 5 & -5 \end{vmatrix}}{3} = 25 - 4z$$
$$y = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} -3 & -3 \\ 1 & z - 5 \end{vmatrix}}{3} = -z + 6$$
$$r: \begin{cases} x = 25 - 4z \\ y = -z + 6 \\ z = z \end{cases}$$



Determine the lines that intersecting the lines $r: \begin{cases} 3x - 5y = 4 \\ y = 2 \end{cases}$ and $s: \begin{cases} x = 4 \\ z = 4 \end{cases}$ are parallel to the line $t: \frac{x}{2} = \frac{y-1}{3} = \frac{z-2}{-2}.$

Solution:

The requested lines are parallel to the line *t*, so the direction vector of them must be parallel to the direction vector of the line *t*, which is $\vec{v_t} = (2,3,-2)$. Therefore, the direction vector of the requested line is (2,3,-2).

On the other hand, using the implicit equations of line r, we compute its parametric equations and a generic point included in it:

$$r: \begin{cases} 3x - 5y = 4 \\ y = 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 14/3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{14}{3}, 2, \lambda \end{pmatrix} \text{ is a generic point}$$

included in r.

In the same way, we calculate a generic point included in s:

$$s: \begin{cases} x = 4 \\ z = 4 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow B = (4, \mu, 4) \text{ is a generic point included}$$

in s.

The requested lines intersect the lines r and s, if they pass through a point included in r and through another point included in s. So, we compute the lines that pass through the generic points A and B:

$$\frac{x-4}{4-14/3} = \frac{y-\mu}{\mu-2} = \frac{z-4}{4-\lambda} \Rightarrow \frac{x-4}{-2/3} = \frac{y-\mu}{\mu-2} = \frac{z-4}{4-\lambda}$$

The direction vector of this line is $\left(-\frac{2}{3}, \mu - 2, 4 - \lambda\right)$, and this vector must be parallel to the vector (2,3, -2), so:

$$\frac{-2/3}{2} = \frac{\mu - 2}{3} = \frac{4 - \lambda}{-2} \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{10}{3} \text{ and } \mu = 1$$

Substituting the obtained values in the equation of the line, we obtain that:

$$\frac{x-4}{-2/3} = \frac{y-1}{1-2} = \frac{z-4}{4-\frac{10}{3}} \Rightarrow \frac{x-4}{-2/3} = \frac{y-1}{-1} = \frac{z-4}{2/3} = \delta$$

Then, the parametric equations of the requested lines are:

$$\begin{cases} x = 4 - \frac{2}{3}\delta\\ y = 1 - \delta\\ z = 4 + \frac{2}{3}\delta \end{cases}$$