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AB is the intersection of two symmetric sheets of concrete. Draw these two planes and their intersections with a vertical plane that contains the line "p", and the intersection with the horizontal plane. Data: the slope of the planes = 45° .



Let *s* be a line that passes through the points B(9,0,2) and C(5,4,2), and *r* a line that passes through D(13,4,5) and E(17,0,1). Find the plane that is equidistant to the point A(11,5,8) and to the line *s*, and parallel to the line *r*.



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Solution:

First of all we will calculate the implicit equation of the plane *ABD*. We will use the point A(13,3,2) and the normal vector \vec{n}_{ABC} . This vector can be calculated by doing the vector product of $\overrightarrow{AB} = (-5, -2,3)$ and $\overrightarrow{AD} = (-4,2,-2)$.

$$\begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -5 & -2 & 3 \\ -4 & 2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = -2\vec{i} - 22\vec{j} - 18\vec{k} \Rightarrow \vec{n}_{ABC} = (1,11,9)$$

Hence, the implicit equation of the plane ABD is this one:

 $(x - 13) + 11(y - 3) + 9(z - 2) = 0 \Rightarrow$ ABD: x + 11y + 9z - 64 = 0

We need the point P = (x, y, 3) included in the line and the direction vector of this line $\vec{v}_r = (a, b, c)$ to calculate the line included in the plane *ABD*.

As the line *r* is included in the plane, its direction vector \vec{v}_r is perpendicular to the vector, \vec{n}_{ABC} . As the line is parallel to the plane *XOY*, the vector \vec{v}_r is perpendicular to the vector (0,0,1). Therefore:

$$\begin{cases} \vec{v}_r \perp \vec{n}_{ABC} \Rightarrow (a, b, c) \cdot (1, 11, 9) = 0\\ \vec{v}_r \perp (0, 0, 1) \Rightarrow (a, b, c) \cdot (0, 0, 1) = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a = -11b\\ c = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \vec{v}_r = (-11b, b, 0)$$

We will consider $\vec{v}_r = (-11,1,0)$ as the direction vector. We only have to determine the point P = (x, y, 3) and to do this, it is enough to take into account that the point is included in the line. Furthermore, as the line is included in the plane *ABD*, the point is also in the plane. This means that the *x* and *y* coordinates of the point have to satisfy:

$$x + 11y = 64 - 27 \Rightarrow x + 11y = 37$$

For example, taking x = 4 and y = 3, the point is P = (4,3,3).

Universidad Euskal Herriko dei Pas Vasco Unibersitatea Hence, the direction vector of the searched line is $\vec{v}_r = (-11,1,0)$ and the point P = (4,3,3) is included in the line. The parametric equations of the line are the following:

$$\begin{cases} x = 44 - 11t \\ y = 3 + t \\ z = 3 \end{cases}$$

And the implicit equations of the line are:

$$\begin{cases} x + 11y - 37 = 0 \\ z = 3 \end{cases}$$

- Define the trajectory of a drop that leaves from the midpoint of the segment BC.

We start by calculating the midpoint of the segment BC:

$$M = \frac{B+C}{2} = (6,1,3)$$

The drop will follow the trajectory of the line of maximum slope. We have to follow the next procedure:

- Calculate the plane *BDC* that contains the line *BC*. Obtain the line of intersection r between this plane and the plane *OXY*.

We will consider the vectors $\overrightarrow{BD} = (1,4,-5)$ and $\overrightarrow{BC} = (-4,0,-4)$ to calculate the plane *BDC*. We will use the point *B*(8,1,5) to determine the plane. Therefore, the implicit equation of plane *BDC* is:

$$\begin{vmatrix} x - 8 & 1 & -4 \\ y - 1 & 4 & 0 \\ z - 5 & -5 & -4 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow BDC: -2x + 3y + 2z + 3 = 0$$

The line r is the intersection between the planes *BDC* and *OXY*, being its implicit equations:

$$r: \begin{cases} 2x + 3y + 2z + 3 = 0\\ z = 0 \end{cases}$$

- We calculate the plane π , that contains the point *M* and is perpendicular to *r*:

As the plane is perpendicular to the line, the direction vector of the line \vec{v}_r and the normal vector of the plane \vec{n}_{π} are parallel. We can consider that these two vectors are the same, taking this value:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -2 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 3\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} \Rightarrow \vec{n}_{\pi} = \vec{v}_{r} = (3,2,0)$$

Therefore, the plane π is given by:

$$\pi: 3x + 2y - 20 = 0$$

- We calculate the line of maximum slope.

This line is the intersection between the planes π and *BDC*:

$$\begin{cases} 3x + 2y - 20 = 0\\ -2x + 3y + 2z + 3 = 0 \end{cases}$$



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Solution:

We start the exercise by calculating the line *r* that passes through the points A(9,5,0) and B(6,3,3). The direction vector of this line is: $\overrightarrow{AB} = B - A = (6,3,3) - (9,5,0) = (-3,-2,3)$. Hence, the line *r* is given by this expression:

$$r:\frac{x-9}{-3} = \frac{y-5}{-2} = \frac{z-0}{3}$$

We calculate two planes that contain the line *r*:

$$r: \begin{cases} \frac{x-9}{-3} = \frac{y-5}{-2} \\ \frac{x-9}{-3} = \frac{z}{3} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2x-3y-33 = 0 \\ x+z-9 = 0 \end{cases}$$

The sheaf of planes that contains the line r is:

$$(2x - 3y - 33) + \lambda(x + z - 9) = 0, \qquad \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow$$
$$\pi: (2 + \lambda)x + 3y - \lambda z - 33 - 9\lambda = 0, \qquad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

The normal vector of the planes of the sheaf of planes is $\vec{n}_{\pi} = (2 + \lambda, 3, -\lambda)$. This is also the normal vector of the planes α and β that we are looking for. These planes form an angle of 45° with the horizontal plane (plane z = 0). The normal vector of this plane is $\vec{n}_{OXY} = (0,0,1)$. By applying the formula to calculate the angle between two planes, we get:

$$\theta = \arccos\left(\frac{|\vec{n}_{OXY} \cdot \vec{n}_{\pi}|}{|\vec{n}_{OXY}||\vec{n}_{\pi}|}\right) \Rightarrow \cos\theta = \frac{|\vec{n}_{OXY} \cdot \vec{n}_{\pi}|}{|\vec{n}_{OXY}||\vec{n}_{\pi}|} \Rightarrow \cos45^{\circ} = \frac{|-\lambda|}{\sqrt{(2+\lambda)^{2} + \lambda^{2} + 3^{2}}}$$
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{(2+\lambda)^{2} + \lambda^{2} + 3^{2}}} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\lambda^{2}}{(2+\lambda)^{2} + \lambda^{2} + 3^{2}} \Rightarrow (2+\lambda)^{2} + \lambda^{2} + 3^{2} = 2\lambda^{2} \Rightarrow \lambda = -\frac{13}{4}$$

One of the planes is this one:

$$\alpha: -\frac{5}{4}x + 3y + \frac{13}{4}z - \frac{15}{4} = 0$$

Taking into account that the planes are perpendicular and their normal vector is $\vec{n}_{\pi} = (2 + \lambda, 3, -\lambda)$, the normal vector of the plane β can be calculated:

$$\vec{n}_{\alpha} \perp \vec{n}_{\beta} \Rightarrow = \left(-\frac{5}{4}, 3, \frac{13}{4}\right) \cdot (2 + \lambda, 3, -\lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{9}{2}\lambda = \frac{13}{2} \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{13}{9}$$

And β is given by:

$$\beta : \frac{31}{9}x + 3y - \frac{13}{9}z - \frac{15}{4} = 0$$

Finally, the intersection between the planes α and β with the line that passes through the points P(6,3,a) and Q(4,5,a) is calculated. We define the line *s* that contains these two points.

 $\overrightarrow{PQ} = Q - P = (4,5,a) - (6,3,a) = (-2,2,0)$. And we write the parametric equations of the line *s*:

$$s: \begin{cases} x = 4 - 2t \\ y = 5 + 2t \\ z = a \end{cases}$$

We calculate the point of intersection of s with the plane α :

$$-\frac{5}{4}(4-2t) + 3(5+2t) + \frac{13}{4}a - \frac{15}{4} = 0 \implies 34t = -25 - 13a \implies t = \frac{-25 - 13a}{34}$$

Hence, the point of intersection is: $S_1\left(\frac{93+13a}{17}, \frac{60-13a}{17}, a\right)$.

In the same way, we calculate the point of intersection of *s* with the plane β :

$$\frac{31}{9}(4-2t) + 3(5+2t) - \frac{13}{9}a - \frac{15}{4} = 0 \implies -8t = -\frac{901}{4} + 13a \implies t = \frac{901 - 52a}{32}$$

Being the point of intersection: $S_2\left(\frac{-837+52a}{16}, \frac{981-52a}{16}, a\right)$.

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Solution:

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First, we calculate the parametric equations of the lines *s* and *r*:

$$\overrightarrow{BC} = (-4,4,0) \Rightarrow s: \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\overrightarrow{DE} = (4,-4,-4) \Rightarrow r: \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 17 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Next, we calculate the plane π that contains the point *A* and is perpendicular to the line *s*. As the plane π and the line *s* are perpendicular, the vectors \vec{n}_{π} and \vec{v}_s are parallel. Therefore, $\vec{n}_{\pi} = (-1,1,0)$. And π is given by:

$$\pi: -1(x - 11) + 1(y - 5) + 0(z - 8) \Rightarrow \pi: x - y - 6 = 0$$

We follow the process by calculating the point of intersection *P* between the plane π and the line *s*. After having calculated *P*, the midpoint *M* of the segment \overline{AP} is calculated:

$$\begin{cases} x - y - 6 = 0\\ x = 9 - \lambda\\ y = \lambda\\ z = 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow P = \left(\frac{15}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, 2\right)$$
$$M = \frac{A + P}{2} = \frac{(11, 5, 8) + \left(\frac{15}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, 2\right)}{2} = \left(\frac{37}{4}, \frac{13}{4}, 5\right)$$

Now we find the plane π' , that contains *M* and is perpendicular to the line *s*. Let $\vec{v}_{\pi'} = (a, b, c)$ be the normal vector of π' . As this plane and the line *s* are perpendicular, their scalar product is zero:

$$\vec{v}_{\pi'} \cdot \vec{v}_S = 0 \Rightarrow (a, b, c) \cdot (-1, 1, 0) = 0 \Rightarrow -a + b = 0 \Rightarrow a = b \ \forall c \Rightarrow \vec{v}_{\pi'} = (a, a, c)$$

As π' and r are parallel, the normal vector of the plane and the direction vector of the line are perpendicular (scalar product zero):

$$\vec{v}_{\pi'} \cdot \vec{v}_r = 0 \Rightarrow (a, a, c) \cdot (1, -1, -1) \Rightarrow a - a - c = 0) \Rightarrow c = 0$$

As a consequence, the normal vector of the plane π' is given by $\vec{v}_{\pi'} = (a, a, 0)$ da. We will consider $\vec{v}_{\pi'} = (1,1,0)$ as its normal vector.

Finally, the equation of the plane π' can be calculated using its normal vector and the point *M* included in this plane:

$$\pi' : 1\left(x - \frac{37}{4}\right) + 1\left(y - \frac{13}{4}\right) + 0(z - 5) \Rightarrow x + y - \frac{50}{4} = 0$$