

Topic:- Vector and 3D

One marker Question.

Q1 Find the angle between two vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} with magnitude $\sqrt{3}$ and 4 respectively and $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 2\sqrt{3}$

Sol: Here $|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{3}$, $|\vec{b}| = 4$ and $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 2\sqrt{3}$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| \cdot |\vec{b}|} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3} \times 4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} = \cos \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

Q2. If a vector makes α , β and γ angles from Ox , Oy , Oz axes respectively, Then prove that $\sin^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \beta + \sin^2 \gamma = 1$

Sol: Let the d.c.'s of vectors are l , m and n

$\therefore l = \cos \alpha$, $m = \cos \beta$ and $n = \cos \gamma$

Now, $l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1$.

$$\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma = 1$$

$$1 - \sin^2 \alpha + 1 - \sin^2 \beta + 1 - \sin^2 \gamma = 1$$

$$\sin^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \beta + \sin^2 \gamma = 1 + 1 + 1 - 1$$

$$\sin^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \beta + \sin^2 \gamma = 2$$

Q3: Find the value of λ , when the projection of $\vec{a} = \lambda \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 4 \hat{k}$ on $\vec{b} = 2 \hat{i} + 6 \hat{j} + 3 \hat{k}$ is 4 unit.

Sol: we have $\vec{a} = \lambda \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 4 \hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = 2 \hat{i} + 6 \hat{j} + 3 \hat{k}$

Projection of \vec{a} on \vec{b} = $\frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|}$

$$= \frac{(\lambda \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 4 \hat{k})(2 \hat{i} + 6 \hat{j} + 3 \hat{k})}{|2 \hat{i} + 6 \hat{j} + 3 \hat{k}|}$$

$$= \frac{2\lambda + 6 + 12}{\sqrt{4+36+9}} = \frac{2\lambda + 18}{7}$$

$$\therefore \frac{2\lambda + 18}{7} = 4 \Rightarrow 2\lambda = 10$$

$$\boxed{\lambda = 5}$$

Q4. Write the value of p for which $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 9\hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + p\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ are parallel vectors.

Sol: Since $\vec{a} \parallel \vec{b} \Rightarrow \vec{a} = \lambda \vec{b}$

$$\Rightarrow 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 9\hat{k} = \lambda(\hat{i} + p\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$$

on Comparing, we get

$$\lambda = 3, \lambda p = 20, 3\lambda = 9$$

$$p = \frac{2}{\lambda} = \frac{2}{3}.$$

Q5. What is the angle which the vector $\sqrt{2}\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ makes with y -axis?

Sol: Let $\vec{a} = \sqrt{2}\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$

$$\therefore \hat{a} = \frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \frac{\sqrt{2}\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{2+1+1}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}\hat{i}}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{j} + \frac{1}{2}\hat{k}$$

$$\therefore \cos \alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \cos \beta = \frac{1}{2}, \cos \gamma = \frac{1}{2}$$

\therefore The cosine of the angle which the vector $\sqrt{2}\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ makes with y -axis is

$$\cos \beta = \frac{1}{2} = \cos \pi/3$$

$$\therefore \text{Required angle} = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

2 Marks Question

- Q6.** Find the Volume of the parallelepiped whose edges are represented by the vectors $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$.

Sol: Given, $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$
 Then $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 & -4 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$
 $= 2(4+1) + 3(2+3) - 4(1-6)$

Required Volume = 45

- Q7.** Show that the vectors $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ are coplanar.

Sol: Given, $\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$
 Then $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -4 & 5 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$
 $= 3(3-2) + 4(-6-1) + 5(4+4)$
 $= 0$

Hence, given vectors are coplanar

- Q8.** Find the value of λ so that the planes $2x + \lambda y + 3z = 15$ and $x - y + 7\lambda z = 13$ are perpendicular to each other.

Sol: Since two planes are perpendicular to each other

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore a_1 a_2 + b_1 b_2 + c_1 c_2 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 2(1) + \lambda(-1) + 3(7\lambda) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow 20\lambda &= -2 \\ \Rightarrow \lambda &= -\frac{1}{10} \end{aligned}$$

Q9.

Find the distance between the planes $2x - y + 3z - 4 = 0$ and $6x - 3y + 9z + 13 = 0$.

Sol:

On putting $(0, 0, 0)$ in both the equation of planes, we get the opposite signs in L.H.S. of both sides.

So, the planes are on the opposite side of the margin.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Distance between two parallel planes} &= |OM| + |ON| \\ &= |2(0) + (-1)0 + 3(0) - 4| + |6(0) + (-3)0 + 0 + 13| \\ &\quad \sqrt{(2)^2 + (-1)^2 + (3)^2} \quad \sqrt{(6)^2 + (-3)^2 + (9)^2} \\ &= \frac{4}{\sqrt{14}} + \frac{13}{\sqrt{14}} \\ &= \frac{25}{\sqrt{14}} \text{ units.} \end{aligned}$$

Q10.

Find the angle between $\vec{r} = -\hat{i} + \lambda(3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$ and $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + \hat{k}) - 5 = 0$

Sol:

First equation is the equation of straight line and the other one is the equation of plane.

So, required angle is

$$\begin{aligned} \sin \theta &= \frac{3(-2) + (-1)(-4) + 4(1)}{\sqrt{9+1+16} \cdot \sqrt{4+16+1}} \\ &= \frac{6+4+4}{\sqrt{26} \cdot \sqrt{21}} \\ &= \frac{14}{\sqrt{546}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{14}{\sqrt{546}} \right)$$

4 Marks Question

Q11. For any three Vectors $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$, prove that
 $[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} + \vec{c} \ \vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}] = 0$

Sol: $[\vec{a} \ \vec{b} + \vec{c} \ \vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}]$

$$\begin{aligned} &= [\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} + \vec{c})] \cdot [\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}] \\ &= [(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) + (\vec{a} \times \vec{c})] \cdot [\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}] \quad (\text{Distributive law}) \\ &= (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{a} + (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{b} + (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{c} + (\vec{a} \times \vec{c}) \cdot \vec{a} \\ &\quad + (\vec{a} \times \vec{c}) \cdot \vec{b} + (\vec{a} \times \vec{c}) \cdot \vec{c} \quad (\text{Distributive law}) \\ &= [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{a}] + [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{b}] + [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] + [\vec{a} \vec{c} \vec{a}] \\ &\quad + [\vec{a} \vec{c} \vec{b}] + [\vec{a} \vec{c} \vec{c}] \\ &= [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] + [\vec{a} \vec{c} \vec{b}] \\ &= [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] - [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $[\vec{a} \vec{b} + \vec{c} \ \vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}] = 0$

Q12. Show that the points A (-1, 4, -3), B (3, 2, -5)
C (-3, 8, -5) and D (-3, 2, 1) are coplanar.

Sol: Clearly, the position vectors of A, B, C, D are
 $(-\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$, $(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$, $(-3\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} - 5\hat{k})$,
 $(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k})$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{AB} &= (\text{P.v of } B) - (\text{P.v of } A) \\ &= (3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) - (-\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) \\ &= (4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{AC} &= (\text{P.v of } C) - (\text{P.v of } A) \\ &= (-3\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) - (-\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) \\ &= -2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 2\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{AD} &= (\text{P.v of } D) - (\text{P.v of } A) \\ &= (-3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) - (-\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) \\ &= -2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 2\hat{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\vec{AB} \vec{AC} \vec{AD}] &= \begin{vmatrix} 4 & -2 & -2 \\ -2 & 4 & -2 \\ -2 & -2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= 2 \times (-2) \times (-2) \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= 0 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= 0 \times 0 = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

\vec{AB} , \vec{AC} , \vec{AD} are coplanar
The points A, B, C, D are coplanar.

- Q13. Find the coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular drawn from the point A(1, 2, 1) to the line joining B(1, 4, 6) and C(5, 4, 4)

Sol: Drawn $AN \perp BC$

Let N divide BC in the ratio $k:1$
Then, the coordinates of N are

$$\left(\frac{5k+1}{k+1}, \frac{4k+4}{k+1}, \frac{4k+6}{k+1} \right)$$

d.r's of AN are

$$\left(\frac{5k+1}{k+1} - 1, \frac{4k+4}{k+1} - 2, \frac{4k+6}{k+1} - 1 \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{4k}{k+1}, \frac{2k+2}{k+1}, \frac{3k+5}{k+1} \right)$$

And the d.r's of BC are $(5-1), (4-4), (4-6)$
i.e. $4, 0, -2$

Since $AN \perp BC$, we have

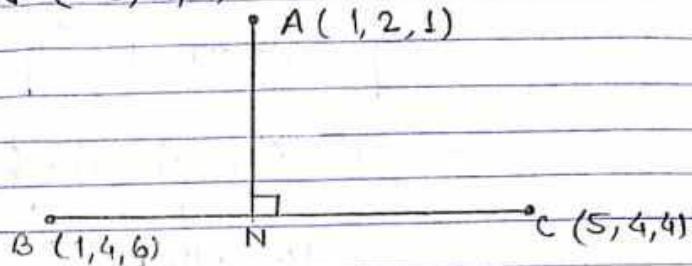
$$\left(4 \times \frac{4k}{k+1} \right) + 0 \times \left(\frac{2k+2}{k+1} \right) + 2 \times \left(\frac{3k+5}{k+1} \right) = 0$$

$$16k + 0 - 6k - 10 = 0$$

$$10k = 10$$

$$k = 1$$

Putting $k = 1$, we get the coordinates of
N $(3, 4, 5)$



Q14. find the shortest distance between the lines whose vectors equations are:

$$\vec{r} = (1-t)\hat{i} + (t-2)\hat{j} + (3-2t)\hat{k}, \text{ and}$$

$$\vec{r} = (s+1)\hat{i} + (2s-1)\hat{j} - (2s+1)\hat{k}.$$

Sol: The given equation can be written as

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

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

Comparing the given equation with the standard equation

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a}_1 + t\vec{b}_1 \text{ and } \vec{r} = \vec{a}_2 + s\vec{b}_2, \text{ we get}$$

$$\vec{a}_1 = (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}), \quad \vec{b}_1 = (-\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$$

$$\vec{a}_2 = (\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}), \quad \vec{b}_2 = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$$

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{b}_1 + \vec{b}_2| &= \sqrt{2^2 + (-4)^2 + (-3)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4 + 16 + 9} \\ &= \sqrt{29} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore SD &= \left| \frac{(\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) \cdot \vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2}{|\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2|} \right| \\ &= \frac{|(\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) \cdot (2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})|}{\sqrt{29}} \\ &= \frac{|0 - 4 + 12|}{\sqrt{29}} \\ &= \frac{8\sqrt{29}}{29} \text{ unit.} \end{aligned}$$

Q15. Show that the lines $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{3} = \frac{z-3}{4}$ and

$$\frac{x-4}{5} = \frac{y-1}{2} = z \text{ intersect each other. Find}$$

their point of intersection.

Sol: The equation of given lines are

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

$$\frac{x-4}{5} = \frac{y-1}{2} = \frac{z-0}{1} = \mu \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

any point on the line (i) is $P(2\lambda+1, 3\lambda+2, 4\lambda+3)$

any point on the line (ii) is $Q(5\mu+4, 2\mu+1, \mu)$

If, The lines intersects then P and Q must coincide for some particular values of λ and μ .

This gives

$$2\lambda+1 = 5\mu+4, 3\lambda+2 = 2\mu+1 \text{ and } 4\lambda+3 = \mu$$

$$2\lambda - 5\mu = 3 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$3\lambda - 2\mu = -1 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

$$4\lambda - \mu = -3 \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

on solving (i) and (ii), we get $\lambda = -1$ and $\mu = -1$

These values of λ and μ also satisfy (iii)

Hence, the given line intersects

putting $\lambda = -1$, we get $P(-1, -1, -1)$

putting value of $\mu = -1$, we get $Q(-1, -1, -1)$

Hence, the point of intersection of the given lines is $(-1, -1, -1)$

6 Marks Question:

Q16. Find the vector and cartesian equation of the line passing through the points $(1, 2, -4)$ and perpendicular to each of the lines.

$$\frac{x-8}{3} = \frac{y+19}{-16} = \frac{z-10}{7} \text{ and } \frac{x+15}{3} = \frac{y+29}{8} = \frac{z-5}{-5}$$

Sol: The given lines are,

$$\frac{x-8}{3} = \frac{y+19}{-16} = \frac{z-10}{7} \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{x+15}{3} = \frac{y+29}{8} = \frac{z-5}{-5} \text{ (ii)}$$

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

Then, it being perpendicular to each other of the lines (i) and (ii), we have

$$3a - 16b + 7c = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$3a + 8b - 5c = 0$$

on solving these equation by cross multiplication we get

$$\frac{a}{80-56} = \frac{b}{(21+15)} = \frac{c}{(24+48)}$$

$$\frac{a}{24} = \frac{b}{36} = \frac{c}{72}$$

$$\frac{a}{2} = \frac{b}{3} = \frac{c}{6}$$

Thus the direction ratios 2, 3, 6.

The equation of the line passing through the point A (1, 2, -4) and having 2, 3, 6 as its direction ratios.

Equation in cartesian form are

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

position vector of point A is $\vec{r}_1 = (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k})$

Also, The required line has direction ratios 2, 3, 6 and so it is parallel to vector $\vec{m} = (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$

The equation in vector form is

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r} &= \vec{r}_1 + \lambda \vec{m} \\ &= (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) + \lambda (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})\end{aligned}$$

Q17. Find the image of the point P(1, 6, 3) in the

$$\text{line } \frac{x-1}{1} = \frac{y-1}{2} = \frac{z-2}{3}$$

Sol: The equation of the given line are

$$\frac{x-1}{1} = \frac{y-1}{2} = \frac{z-2}{3} = r \text{ (say)}$$

The general point on this line is
(r , $2r+1$, $3r+2$)

Let N be the foot of perpendicular drawn from the point $P(1, 6, 3)$ on the given line.

Then, this point is $N(r, 2r+1, 3r+2)$ for some fixed value of r .

D.r's of PN are $(r-1, 2r-5, 3r-1)$

D.r's of the given line are $1, 2, 3$

Since PN is perpendicular to given line. i.e.

$$1 \cdot (r-1) + 2(2r-5) + 3(3r-1) = 0$$

$$14r = 14$$

$$r = 1$$

So, the point N is given by $N(1, 3, 5)$

Let $Q(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ be the image of $P(1, 6, 3)$ in the given line.

Then, N is the midpoint of PQ

$$\frac{\alpha+1}{2} = \frac{\beta+6}{2} = \frac{\gamma+3}{2} = 5$$

$$\alpha = 1, \beta = 0, \text{ and } \gamma = 7$$

Hence, the image of the point $P(1, 6, 3)$ in the given line is $Q(1, 0, 7)$

Q18. A variable plane is at a constant distance p from the origin and meets the coordinate axes in A, B, C . Show that the locus of the centroid of the tetrahedron $OABC$ is $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 16p^2$

Sol: Let the equation of the variable plane be

$$\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 1 \quad (i)$$

this plane meets the x-axis, y-axis and z-axis at the point A (a, 0, 0), B (0, b, 0) and C (0, 0, c) respectively.

Let (α, β, γ) be the coordinates of the centroid of the tetrahedron OABC

$$\text{then } \alpha = \frac{0+a+0+0}{4} = \frac{a}{4}$$

$$\beta = \frac{0+0+b+0}{4} = \frac{b}{4} \text{ and}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{0+0+0+c}{4} = \frac{c}{4}$$

$$a = 4\alpha, \quad b = 4\beta, \quad c = 4\gamma$$

P = distance of the plane (i) from $(0, 0, 0)$

$$P = \frac{\left| \frac{0}{a} + \frac{0}{b} + \frac{0}{c} - 1 \right|}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2}}}$$

$$\frac{1}{P} = \frac{1}{P^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2}} \\ = \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{P^2} = \frac{1}{16\alpha^2} + \frac{1}{16\beta^2} + \frac{1}{16\gamma^2} \text{ (using ii)}$$

$$\frac{1}{\alpha^2} + \frac{1}{\beta^2} + \frac{1}{\gamma^2} = \frac{16}{P^2}$$

$$\alpha^{-2} + \beta^{-2} + \gamma^{-2} = 16P^{-2}$$

Hence, the required locus is

$$x^{-2} + y^{-2} + z^{-2} = 16P^{-2}$$

Q19. Find the equation of the plane passing through the line of intersection of the planes $2x+y-z=3$ and $5x-3y+4z+9=0$ and parallel to the line $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-3}{4} = \frac{z-5}{5}$

Sol: Let the required equation of the plane be,

$$(2x+y-z-3) + \lambda(5x-3y+4z+9) = 0$$

$$(2+5\lambda)x + (1-3\lambda)y + (-1+4\lambda)z - 3+9\lambda = 0$$

The plane given by (i) is parallel to the line

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

So, the normal to the plane (i) is perpendicular to the line (i)

$$2(2+5\lambda) + 4(1-3\lambda) + 5(-1+4\lambda) = 0$$

$$18\lambda = -3$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-3}{18} = \frac{-1}{6}$$

Putting $\lambda = \frac{-1}{6}$ in (i), we get

$$\left(\frac{2-5}{6}\right)x + \left(\frac{1+3}{6}\right)y + \left(-\frac{1-4}{6}z\right) - \frac{9 \times 1}{6} = 0$$

$$\frac{7x}{6} + \frac{9y}{6} - \frac{10z}{6} - \frac{27}{6} = 0$$

$$7x + 9y - 10z - 27 = 0$$

Hence the required equation of the plane is $7x + 9y - 10z - 27 = 0$

Q20. Find the equation of the plane passing through the point $A(1, 2, 1)$ and perpendicular to the line joining the points $P(1, 4, 2)$ and $Q(2, 3, 5)$ also. find the distance of this plane from the line $\frac{x+3}{2} = \frac{y-5}{-1} = \frac{z-7}{-1}$

Sol: The general equation of a plane passing through the point $A(1, 2, 1)$ is given by

$$a(x-1) + b(y-2) + c(z-1) = 0 \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Dir's of normal to the plane (i) are a, b, c
Dir's of the line PQ are $(2, -1) (3, -4)$
 $(5, -2)$ i.e $1, -1, -3$.

Required plane is perpendicular to line PQ ,
The normal of this plane must parallel
to PQ

$$\frac{a}{1} = \frac{b}{-1} = \frac{c}{3} = \lambda$$

$$a = \lambda, b = -\lambda \text{ and } c = 3\lambda$$

Putting the values in equation (i)

$$\lambda(x-1) + \lambda(y-2) + 3\lambda(z-1) = 0$$

$$(x-1) - (y-2) + 3(z-1) = 0$$

$$x - y + 3z = 2 \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Hence the required equation of the plane
is $x - y + 3z = 2$

$$\text{the given line is } \frac{x+3}{2} = \frac{y-5}{-1} = \frac{z-7}{-1} \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

This line passes through the point $(-3, 5, 7)$

Distance between the plane (ii) and
the line (iii)

= Distance of any point on this line
from the plane.

= length of perpendicular from (-3, 5, 7)
on the plane. (ii)

$$= \frac{|-3-5+21-2|}{\sqrt{1+1+9}}$$

$$= \frac{11}{\sqrt{11}} = 11 \text{ units}$$

Hence, the distance between the
desired plane and the given line is $\sqrt{11}$ units.