

7. The lines l_1 and l_2 have equations

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

If the lines l_1 and l_2 intersect, find

(a) the value of α ,

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(b) an equation for the plane containing the lines l_1 and l_2 , giving your answer in the form $ax + by + cz + d = 0$, where a , b , c and d are constants.

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For other values of α , the lines l_1 and l_2 do not intersect and are skew lines.

Given that $\alpha = 2$,

(c) find the shortest distance between the lines l_1 and l_2 .

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$$a) \quad \underline{r}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \lambda \\ -1 + 3\lambda \\ 2 + 4\lambda \end{pmatrix} \quad \underline{r}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ -4 + 3\mu \\ 2\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{From (3)} \quad 2 + 4\lambda = 2\mu$$

$$1 + 2\lambda = \mu$$

$$\text{Sub in (2)} \quad -1 + 3\lambda = -4 + 3(1 + 2\lambda)$$

$$-1 + 3\lambda = -4 + 3 + 6\lambda$$

$$0 = 3\lambda$$

$$0 = \lambda$$

$$1 = \mu$$

$$\alpha = 1 - \lambda$$

$$\alpha = 1 - 0$$

$$\alpha = 1$$

Point of intersection $(1, -1, 2)$



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b) Let normal be $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$

\perp to l_1 and l_2

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad -a + 3b + 4c = 0 \quad *$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad 3b + 2c = 0$$

$$c = -\frac{3b}{2}$$

Sub in $*$ $-a + 3b - 6b = 0$

$$a = -3b$$

$$\text{normal} = \begin{pmatrix} -3b \\ b \\ -\frac{3b}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 1 \\ -\frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Plane $-6x + 2y - 3z + d = 0$

$(1, -1, 2)$
on plane

$$-6(1) + 2(-1) - 3(2) + d = 0$$

$$-6 - 2 - 6 + d = 0$$

$$d = 14$$

$$-6x + 2y - 3z + 14 = 0$$



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General Points $\begin{pmatrix} 1-\lambda \\ -1+3\lambda \\ 2+4\lambda \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -4+3\mu \\ 2\mu \end{pmatrix}$

Let closest points be A and B

$$\vec{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 - (1-\lambda) \\ -4 + 3\mu - (-1+3\lambda) \\ 2\mu - (2+4\lambda) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1+\lambda \\ -3+3\mu-3\lambda \\ -2+2\mu-4\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

When $\vec{AB} \perp$ to both lines

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1+\lambda \\ -3+3\mu-3\lambda \\ -2+2\mu-4\lambda \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$-1 - \lambda - 9 + 9\mu - 9\lambda - 8 + 8\mu - 16\lambda = 0$$

$$\underline{-18 - 26\lambda + 17\mu = 0} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1+\lambda \\ -3+3\mu-3\lambda \\ -2+2\mu-4\lambda \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$-9 + 9\mu - 9\lambda - 4 + 4\mu - 8\lambda = 0$$

$$\underline{-13 - 17\lambda + 13\mu = 0} \quad (2)$$

$$\lambda = -\frac{13}{49}$$

$$\mu = \frac{32}{49}$$

$$\vec{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{62}{49} \\ -\frac{88}{49} \\ \frac{46}{49} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{OB} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -\frac{100}{49} \\ \frac{64}{49} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|AB| = \sqrt{\left(2 - \frac{62}{49}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{100}{49} - \frac{88}{49}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{64}{49} - \frac{46}{49}\right)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\left(\frac{36}{49}\right)^2 + \left(-\frac{12}{49}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{18}{49}\right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{42}{49}$$

(a) Find an equation of Π in the form $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n} = p$, where \mathbf{n} is a vector perpendicular to Π and p is a constant.

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(b) Show that the coordinates of N are $(3, 1, -1)$.

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(c) Find the perpendicular distance from N to the line PR . Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

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- (c) Find the perpendicular distance from A to the plane P . (4)

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3. The position vectors of the points A , B and C relative to an origin O are $\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$, $7\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{k}$ and $4\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}$ respectively.

Find

(a) $\overrightarrow{AC} \times \overrightarrow{BC}$,

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(4)

- (b) the area of triangle ABC ,

(2)

- (c) an equation of the plane ABC in the form $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n} = p$

(2)



