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STRAIGHT LINE IN SPACE & Their Properties

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THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. Two non-parallel planes always intersect in a straight line. Thus, if $a_1 x + b_1 y + c_1 z + d_1 = 0$ and $a_2 x + b_2 y + c_2 z + d_2 = 0$ are equations of two non-parallel planes, then these two equations taken together represent a line i.e.,

$$a_1 x + b_1 y + c_1 z + d_1 = 0 = a_2 x + b_2 y + c_2 z + d_2$$

is the equation of a line.

This is known as an un-symmetrical form of a line.

2. The equation of a line passing through a point (x_1, y_1, z_1) and having direction cosines (or direction ratios), l, m, n are given by

$$\frac{x - x_1}{l} = \frac{y - y_1}{m} = \frac{z - z_1}{n}$$

The coordinates of an arbitrary point on this line are $(x_1 + lr, y_1 + mr, z_1 + nr)$, where r is a parameter.

This is known as symmetrical form of a line.

3. The vector equation of a line passing through a point having position vector \vec{a} and parallel to vector \vec{b} is

$$\vec{r} = \vec{a} + \lambda \vec{b}, \text{ where } \lambda \text{ is a parameter.}$$

4. The equations of a line passing through points (x_1, y_1, z_1) and (x_2, y_2, z_2) are given by

$$\frac{x - x_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{y - y_1}{y_2 - y_1} = \frac{z - z_1}{z_2 - z_1}$$

EXERCISE-1

1. The cartesian equation of a straight line passing through a fixed point (x_1, y_1, z_1) and having direction ratios proportional to a, b, c is given by

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

2. The cartesian equation of a line passing through two given points $(x_1, y_1, z_1), (x_2, y_2, z_2)$ are given by

$$\frac{x - x_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{y - y_1}{y_2 - y_1} = \frac{z - z_1}{z_2 - z_1}$$

3. Find the direction cosines of the line $\frac{x-2}{2} = \frac{2y-5}{-3}, z = -1$. Also, find the vector equation of the line.

4. Find the point on the line $\frac{x+2}{3} = \frac{y+1}{2} = \frac{z-3}{2}$ at a distance of $3\sqrt{2}$ from the point $(1, 2, 3)$.

5. Find the vector equation for the line which passes through the point $(1, 2, 3)$ and parallel to the vector $\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$. Reduce the corresponding equation in cartesian form.
6. Find the vector equation of a line passing through $(2, -1, 1)$ and parallel to the line whose equations are $\frac{x-3}{2} = \frac{y+1}{7} = \frac{z-2}{-3}$
7. The cartesian equations of a line are $\frac{x-5}{3} = \frac{y+4}{7} = \frac{z-6}{2}$
8. Find the direction cosines of the line $\frac{4-x}{2} = \frac{y}{6} = \frac{1-z}{3}$.
9. Find the points on the line $\frac{x+2}{3} = \frac{y+1}{2} = \frac{z-3}{2}$ at a distance of 5 units from the point $P(1, 2, 3)$.
10. Show that the points whose position vectors are $-2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$, $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ and $7\hat{i} - \hat{k}$ are collinear.
11. Find the cartesian and vector equations of a line which passes through the point $(1, 2, 3)$ and is parallel to the line $\frac{-x-2}{1} = \frac{y+3}{7} = \frac{2z-6}{3}$.
12. 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.
13. Find the equation of the line passing through the point $(-1, 3, -2)$ and perpendicular to the lines $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z}{3}$ and $\frac{x+2}{-3} = \frac{y-1}{2} = \frac{z+1}{5}$
14. A line passes through $(2, -1, 3)$ and is perpendicular to the line $\vec{r} = (\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) + \lambda (2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$ and $\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}) + \mu (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$. Obtain its equation.
15. Find the angle between the following pairs of lines :
- (i) $\frac{x+4}{3} = \frac{y-1}{5} = \frac{z+3}{3}$ and $\frac{x+1}{1} = \frac{y-4}{1} = \frac{z-5}{2}$
- (ii) $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{3} = \frac{z-3}{-3}$ and $\frac{x+3}{-1} = \frac{y-5}{8} = \frac{z-1}{4}$
- (iii) $\frac{5-x}{-2} = \frac{y+3}{1} = \frac{1-z}{3}$ and $\frac{x}{3} = \frac{1-y}{-2} = \frac{z+5}{-1}$
- (iv) $\frac{x-2}{3} = \frac{y+3}{-2} = z = 5$ and $\frac{x+1}{1} = \frac{2y-3}{3} = \frac{z-5}{2}$
- (v) $\frac{x-5}{1} = \frac{2y+6}{-2} = \frac{z-3}{1}$ and $\frac{x-2}{3} = \frac{y+1}{4} = \frac{z-6}{5}$

16. Find the angle between the pairs of lines with direction ratios proportional to
 (i) 5, -12, 13 and -3, 4, 5
 (ii) 2, 2, 1 and 4, 1, 8
 (iii) 1, 2, -2, and -2, 2, 1
 (iv) a, b, c and b - c, c - a, a - b
17. Find the equation of the line passing through the point $\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ and perpendicular to the lines $\vec{r} = \hat{i} + \lambda(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$ and $\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) + \mu(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$.
18. Determine the equations of the line passing through the point (1, 2, -4) and perpendicular to the two lines

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

19. If the lines $\frac{x-1}{-3} = \frac{y-2}{2\lambda} = \frac{z-3}{2}$ and $\frac{x-1}{3\lambda} = \frac{y-1}{1} = \frac{z-6}{-5}$ are perpendicular, find the value of λ .
20. If the coordinates of the points A, B, C, D be (1, 2, 3), (4, 5, 7), (-4, 3, -6) and (2, 9, 2) respectively, then find the angle between the lines AB and CD.
21. Find the value of λ so that the following lines are perpendicular to each other.

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

22. Show that the lines $\frac{x+1}{3} = \frac{y+3}{5} = \frac{z+5}{7}$ and $\frac{x-2}{1} = \frac{y-4}{3} = \frac{z-6}{5}$ intersect. Find their point of intersection.
23. Determine whether the following pair of lines intersect or not :

$$\frac{x-5}{4} = \frac{y-7}{4} = \frac{z+3}{-5}, \quad \frac{x-8}{7} = \frac{y-4}{1} = \frac{3-5}{3}$$

24. Find the image of the point (1, 6, 3) in the line $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y-1}{2} = \frac{z-2}{3}$. Also, write the equation of the line joining the given point and its image and find the length of the segment joining the given point and its image.

EXERCISE-2

1. Find the perpendicular distance of the point (3, -1, 11) from the line $\frac{x}{2} = \frac{y-2}{-3} = \frac{z-3}{4}$.
2. Find the perpendicular distance of the point (1, 0, 0) from the line $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+1}{-3} = \frac{z+10}{8}$. Also, find the coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular.

3. Find the equation of the perpendicular drawn from the point $P(-1, 3, 2)$ to the line $\vec{r} = (2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) + \lambda(2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$. Also find the coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular from P.

4. Find the foot of the perpendicular from $(0, 2, 7)$ on the line

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

5. Find the foot of the perpendicular from $(1, 2, -3)$ to the line

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

6. Find the equation of line passing through the point A $(0, 6, -9)$ and B $(-3, -6, 3)$. If D is the foot of perpendicular drawn from a point C $(7, 4, -1)$ on the line AB, then find the coordinates of the point D and the equation of line CD.

7. Find the shortest distance between the line

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

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

8. Find the shortest distance between the lines whose vector equations are

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

$$\text{and } \vec{r} = (2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}) + \mu(4\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}).$$