

Topic Z1 Vectors (Post-TT B) [49]

1.

Two intersecting lines, lying in a plane p , have equations

$$\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-3}{1} = \frac{z-4}{-3} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{x-1}{-1} = \frac{y-3}{2} = \frac{z-4}{4}.$$

(i) Obtain the equation of p in the form $2x - y + z = 3$. [3]

(ii) Plane q has equation $2x - y + z = 21$. Find the distance between p and q . [3]

(Total 6 marks)

2.

A tetrahedron $ABCD$ is such that AB is perpendicular to the base BCD . The coordinates of the points A , C and D are $(-1, -7, 2)$, $(5, 0, 3)$ and $(-1, 3, 3)$ respectively, and the equation of the plane BCD is $x + 2y - 2z = -1$.

(i) Find, in either order, the coordinates of B and the length of AB . [5]

(ii) Find the acute angle between the planes ACD and BCD . [6]

(Total 11 marks)

3.

Lines l_1 and l_2 have equations

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

respectively.

(i) Find the equation of the plane Π_1 which contains l_1 and is parallel to l_2 , giving your answer in the form $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n} = p$. [5]

(ii) Find the equation of the plane Π_2 which contains l_2 and is parallel to l_1 , giving your answer in the form $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n} = p$. [2]

(iii) Find the distance between the planes Π_1 and Π_2 . [2]

(iv) State the relationship between the answer to part (iii) and the lines l_1 and l_2 . [1]

(Total 10 marks)

4.

The planes Π_1 and Π_2 have equations

$$\mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 3 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = 5$$

respectively. They intersect in the line l .

- (i) Find cartesian equations of l . [4]

The plane Π_3 has equation $\mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 1$.

- (ii) Show that Π_3 is parallel to l but does not contain it. [3]
- (iii) Verify that $(2, 0, 1)$ lies on planes Π_1 and Π_3 . Hence write down a vector equation of the line of intersection of these planes. [3]

(Total 10 marks)

5.

With respect to the origin O , the position vectors of the points U , V and W are \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} respectively. The mid-points of the sides VW , WU and UV of the triangle UVW are M , N and P respectively.

- (i) Show that $\overrightarrow{UM} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} - 2\mathbf{u})$. [2]
- (ii) Verify that the point G with position vector $\frac{1}{3}(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$ lies on UM , and deduce that the lines UM , VN and WP intersect at G . [5]
- (iii) Write down, in the form $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{a} + t\mathbf{b}$, an equation of the line through G which is perpendicular to the plane UVW . (It is not necessary to simplify the expression for \mathbf{b} .) [2]
- (iv) It is now given that $\mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$, $\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Find the perpendicular distance from O to the plane UVW . [3]

(Total 12 marks)