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Example

1. Given the straight line $\frac{x + 5}{1} = \frac{y + 3}{4} = \frac{z - 6}{-9}$.

What are its direction ratios?



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2. Given the straight line $\frac{x + 5}{1} = \frac{y + 3}{4} = \frac{z - 6}{-9}$

Obtain the equation of the straight line passing through (2,4,-1) and line parallel to the given line.



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3. Equation of the plane passing through the intersection of the

planes $x + y + z = 6$ and $2x + 3y + 4z + 5 = 0$ and

the point (1,1,1) is



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4. Find the equation of the plane through the points $(2,2,1)$, $(9,3,6)$ and perpendicular to the plane $2x+6y+6z-1=0$.

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5. Consider the points $(-1,2,4)$ and $(1,0,5)$. Find the direction cosines of the line joining the two points.

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6. The angle between the straight line

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

and the plane $r \cdot (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 4$ is



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7. Consider the cartesian equation of the line

$$\frac{x - 5}{3} = \frac{y + 4}{7} = \frac{z - 6}{2}$$

Write the co-ordinates of the point, in which the line passes through.



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8. Consider the cartesian equation of the line

$$\frac{x - 5}{3} = \frac{y + 4}{7} = \frac{z - 6}{2}$$

Write the direction ratios of the line.



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9. The cartesian equation of a line is

$$\frac{x - 5}{3} = \frac{y + 4}{7} = \frac{z - 6}{2}. \text{ Write its vector form.}$$



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10. Find the equation of the plane passing through the line of intersection of the planes $2x - y = 0, 3z - y = 0$ and perpendicular to the plane $4x + 5y - 3z = 8$



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11. Prove that the points $(2,4,4), (1,5,4), (2,6,2)$ and $(0,6,4)$ are coplanar.



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12. Find the angle between the lines whose direction ratios are a, b, c and $b-c, c-a, a-b$

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13. Consider the pair of lines whose equations are .

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

$$\frac{x + 1}{-1} = \frac{y - 4}{8} = \frac{z - 5}{4}$$

Write the direction ratios of the lines.

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14. Consider the pair of lines whose equations are .

$$\frac{x - 2}{2} = \frac{y - 1}{5} = \frac{z + 3}{-3} \quad \text{and}$$
$$\frac{x + 1}{-1} = \frac{y - 4}{8} = \frac{z - 5}{4}$$

Find the angle between these two lines.



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15. Find the equation of the plane passing through the intersection of the planes

$$x + y + 4z + 5 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 2x - y + 3z + 6 = 0 \quad \text{and}$$

contains the point (1,0,0).



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16. Prove that if a plane has the intercepts a, b, c and it is at a distance p units

from the origin, then $\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} = \frac{1}{p^2}$

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17. If O be the origin and the co-ordinates of P be $(1,2,-3)$, then find the equation of the plane passing through P and perpendicular to OP .

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18. Consider the equation of the line $3x+4=4y-1=1-4z$.(i)
Find the direction ratios of this line.





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19. Consider the equation of the line $3x+4=4y-1=1-4z$.

What is the vector equation of a line passing through $(2,4,6)$ and parallel to the above line?



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20. Find the equation of the plane through the point

$(1,2,3)$ and perpendicular to the plane $x - y + z = 2$

and $2x + y - 3z = 5$



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21. Find the distance between the planes

$$x - 2y + 2z - 8 = 0 \text{ and } 6y - 3x - 6z = 57$$



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22. Consider the vector $4\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ (i) Find the direction cosines of the given vector



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23. Find the angle between the planes $2x - y + z = 6$ and $x + y + 2z = 7$.



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24. Determine the point in XY plane which is equidistant from three point $A(2, 0, 3)$, $B(0, 3, 2)$ and $C(0, 0, 1)$



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25. The perpendicular distance of the point $(6, 5, 8)$ from y -axis is



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26. Find the position vector of the point where the line $\vec{r} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k} + t(\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k})$ meets the plane

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 5$$

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27. Let α, β, γ be the angle made by a line with the positive direction of the X,Y,Z axes respectively.(i) Write the direction cosines of the line.

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28. If a line makes α, β, γ with x,y,z axis respectively, then prove that $\sin^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \beta + \sin^2 \gamma = 2$

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29. Suppose α, β, γ are the angles made a line with the three axes respectively. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct answer from the barcket $\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma = \dots$ (2,0,1,3)

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30. A straight line is passing through (3,8,3) and is parallel to the vector $3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + k(\hat{i})$ Form its equation

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31. A straight line is passing through (3,8,3) and is parallel to the vector $3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + k$ Show that it is not

coplanar with the lines $\frac{x+3}{-3} = \frac{y+7}{2} = \frac{z-6}{4}$



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32. A straight line is passing through (3,8,3) and is parallel to the vector $3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + k$. Calculate the shortest distance between these lines $\frac{x+3}{-3} = \frac{y+7}{2} = \frac{z-6}{4}$.



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33. A variable plane is at a constant distance P from origin and meets the axes in A(p,0,0), B(0,q,0), C(0,0,r).
(ii) Find The centroid of $\triangle ABC$.



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34. Find The equation of the plane passing through the points(2,1,0),(3,-2,-2) and (3,1,7).



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35. Find x such that the four points A(3,2,1)B(4,x,5),C(4,2,-2)and D(6,5-1)are coplanar.



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36. Find the equation of the plane containing the lines

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

and

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



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37. Consider the planes $3x-4y+5z=10$ and $2x+2y-3z=4$

a. Write the equation of the planes through the line of intersection of the above planes.



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38. Write the direction ratios of the line $x=2y=3z$.



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39. Find the direction cosines of the vector $2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$

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40. Find the distance of the point (2,3,4) from the plane

$$\vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) = -11.$$

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41. Find the shortest distance between the lines

$$\vec{r} = (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - \hat{k}) + \lambda(3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \text{ and}$$

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

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42. Find the vector equation of the plane passing through the intersection of the planes $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 6$ and $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}) = -5$ at the point (1,1,1) .



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43. Distance between the two planes: '2 x+3 y+4 z=4' and '4 x+6 y+8 z=(12)' is



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44. Find the shortest distance between the skew lines

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



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45. If a line makes α, β, γ with x,y,z axis respectively, then

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



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46. Find the coordinates of the points where the line through $(3,-4,-5)$ and

$(2,-3,1)$ crosses the plane, passing through the point $(2,2,1)$

(3,0,1) and

(4,-1,0).



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47. If a line in the space makes angle α , β and γ with the coordinates axes, then $\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma$ is equal to a)1 b)2 c)0 d)3

A. 1

B. 2

C. 0

D. 3

Answer:



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48. The direction ratios of the line

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

are a) 6,-2,-2 b) 1,2,2 c) 6,1,-2

d) 0,0,0

A. (6,-2,-2)

B. (1,2,2)

C. (6,1,-2)

D. (0,0,0)

Answer:



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49. If the vector equation of a line is

$\bar{r} = i + j + k + \mu(2i - 3j - 4k)$, then the Cartesian equation of the line is

A. $\frac{x + 2}{2} = \frac{y + 2}{4} = \frac{z + 2}{1}$

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

C. $\frac{x + 2}{1} = \frac{y + 2}{4} = \frac{z + 2}{1}$

D. $\frac{x - 1}{2} = \frac{y - 1}{1} = \frac{z - 1}{-4}$

Answer:



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50. If the Cartesian equation of a plane is $x + y + z = 12$, then the vector equation of the plane is.... a) $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 12$ b) $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 12$
c) $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) = 12$ d) $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 12$

A. $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 12$

B. $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) = 12$

C. $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) = 12$

D. $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 12$

Answer:



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51. Cartesian equation of two lines are

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

.Write the vector equation of the lines.



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52. Cartesian equation of two lines are

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

.find the shortest distance between the lines.



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53. Consider the lines

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

$$\bar{r} = (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) + \mu(\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

Write the Cartesian equation.



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54. Consider the lines

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

$$\bar{r} = (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) + \mu(\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

Find the angle between the lines.



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55. Let the vector equation of a plane be $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = 12$ (i) Write the cartesian equation of the plane.

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56. Let the vector equation of a plane be $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = 12$. Find the distance from the point (2,1,3) to the plane

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57. Find the equation of the plane through the point (1,2,3) and perpendicular to the plane $x - y + z = 2$

and $2x + y - 3z = 5$



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58. Find the distance between the planes

$$x - 2y + 2z - 8 = 0 \text{ and } 6y - 3x - 6z = 57$$



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59. Consider the Cartesian equation of line

$$\frac{x - 3}{2} = \frac{y + 1}{3} = \frac{z - 5}{-2}$$
 Find the vector equation of

the line.



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60. Consider the Cartesian equation of a line

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

Find the intersecting point with the plane

$$5x + 2y - 6z - 7 = 0$$



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61. Consider the Cartesian equation of line

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

Find the angle made by the line with the plane

$$5x + 2y - 6z - 7 = 0$$



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62. Consider the vector equation of two planes

$$\bar{r} \cdot (2i + j + k) = 3, \bar{r} \cdot (i - j - k) = 4$$

Find vector equation of any plane through the intersection of the above two planes.



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63. Consider the vector equation of two planes

$$\bar{r} \cdot (2i + j + k) = 3, \bar{r} \cdot (i - j - k) = 4$$

Find vector equation of the plane through the intersection of the above planes and the point (1,2,-1).



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64. Consider the straight lines

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

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

Show that these lines are not coplanar.



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65. Consider the straight lines

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

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

Compute the shortest distance between the lines.



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66. Find the foot and hence the length of the perpendicular from $P(5,7,3)$ to the line $\frac{x-15}{3} = \frac{y-29}{8} = \frac{z-5}{-5}$. Find also the equation of the plane in which the perpendicular and the given straight line lie.

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67. The length of the shortest distance between the two lines $r = (-3i + 6j) + s(-4i + 3j + 2k)$ and $r = (-2i + 7k) + t(-4i + j + k)$ is

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68. A line passes through the point $(3,-2,5)$ and parallel to the vector $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ What is the vector equation of the line?

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69. If a plane intersects the co-ordinate axes at a,b,c respectively, write the equation of the plane.

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70. Find the vector and cartesian equations of the plane that passes through the point $(1, 0, -2)$ and normal to the plane is $\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$

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71. Write all the direction cosines of x-axis.

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72. If a line makes α, β, γ with x,y,z axis respectively, then prove that $\sin^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \beta + \sin^2 \gamma = 2$

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73. A line makes equal angles with the coordinate axis .
Find the direction cosines.

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74. Find the equation of the plane through the intersection of the planes $3x - y + 2z - 4 = 0$ and $x + y + z - 2 = 0$ and the point $(2,2,1)$



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75. The Cartesian equation of two lines are given by

$$\frac{x + 1}{7} = \frac{y + 1}{-6} = \frac{z + 1}{1}, \frac{x - 3}{1} = \frac{y - 5}{-2} = \frac{z - 7}{1}$$

Write the vector equation of these lines.



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76. Find the equation of a plane which makes x, y, z intercepts respectively as 1, 2, 3

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77. Find the angle between the lines

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

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78. The lines $x-1=y=z$ is perpendicular to the line.....a)

$$\frac{x - 2}{1} = \frac{y - 1}{2} = \frac{z}{-3} \quad \text{b) } x - 2 = y - 2 = z \quad \text{c)}$$
$$\frac{x - 2}{1} = \frac{y - 1}{2} = \frac{z}{3} \quad \text{d) } x=y=z/2$$

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

$$\text{B. } x-2=y-2=z$$

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

$$\text{D. } x = y = \frac{z}{2}$$

Answer:



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79. Find the shortest distance between the lines whose

vector

equations

are

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

and

$$\vec{r} = (4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}) + \mu(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k})$$



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80. Distance of the point(0,0,1) from the plane

$$x + y + z = 3 \text{ a) } \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ units b) } \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ units c) } \sqrt{3} \text{ units d) } \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

units

A. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

B. $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$

C. $\sqrt{3}$

D. $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

Answer:



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81. Find the equation of the plane through the line of intersection of the planes $x+y+z=1$ and $2x+3y+4z=5$ which is perpendicular to $x-y+z=0$

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Exercise

1. Find the shortest distance between the lines l_1 and l_2

$$\bar{r} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \lambda(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) \text{ and}$$

$$\bar{r} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k} + \mu(3\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$$

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2. Show that the line AB is perpendicular CD if A,B,C,D are the points (2,3,4),(5,4,-1),(3,6,2),(1,2,0) respectively.

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3. Find the values of p so that the lines

$$\frac{1-x}{3} = \frac{7y-14}{2p} = \frac{z-3}{2} \quad \text{and}$$
$$\frac{7-7x}{3p} = \frac{y-5}{1} = \frac{6-z}{5} \quad \text{are at right angles.}$$

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4. The foot of the perpendicular drawn from origin to a Plane is (4,-2,5).

How far is the plane from origin?



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5. Find the equation of the plane passing through the point $(-1,-1,2)$ and perpendicular to the plane $3x+2y-3z=1$ and $5x-4y+z=5$.



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