

Chapter : 26. FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS OF 3-DIMENSIONAL GEOMETRY

Exercise : 26

Question: 1

Find the direction ratios of the line

Solution:

(i) direction ratios are:- (2, -6, 3)

So, the direction cosines are- (l, m, n), where, $l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1$,

So, l, m, and n are:-

$$l = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2^2 + (-6)^2 + 3^2}}$$

$$m = -\frac{6}{\sqrt{2^2 + (-6)^2 + 3^2}}$$

$$n = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2^2 + (-6)^2 + 3^2}}$$

$$(l, m, n) = \left(\frac{2}{7}, -\frac{6}{7}, \frac{3}{7}\right)$$

The direction cosines are:- $\left(\frac{2}{7}, -\frac{6}{7}, \frac{3}{7}\right)$

(ii) direction ratios are:- (2, -1, -2)

So, the direction cosines are:- (l, m, n), where, $l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1$,

So, l, m, and n are:-

$$l = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + (-2)^2}}$$

$$m = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + (-2)^2}}$$

$$n = \frac{-2}{\sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + (-2)^2}}$$

$$(l, m, n) = \left(\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, \frac{-2}{3}\right)$$

The direction cosines are:- $\left(\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, \frac{-2}{3}\right)$

(iii) direction ratios are:- (-9, 6, -2)

So, the direction cosines are- (l, m, n), where, $l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1$,

So, l, m, and n are:-

$$l = -\frac{9}{\sqrt{(-9)^2 + 6^2 + (-2)^2}}$$

$$m = \frac{6}{\sqrt{(-9)^2 + 6^2 + (-2)^2}}$$

$$n = \frac{-2}{\sqrt{(-9)^2 + 6^2 + (-2)^2}}$$

$$(l, m, n) = \left(\frac{-9}{11}, \frac{6}{11}, \frac{-2}{11}\right)$$

The direction cosines are:- $\left(\frac{-9}{11}, \frac{6}{11}, \frac{-2}{11}\right)$

Question: 2

Find the direction

Solution:

Given two line segments, we have the direction ratios,

Of the line joining these 2 points as,

$$AB = -\hat{i} + \hat{j} + k, \text{ (direction ratio)}$$

The unit vector in this direction will be the direction cosines, i.e.,

$$\text{Unit vector in this direction is:- } (-\hat{i} + \hat{j} + k) / \sqrt{3}$$

$$\text{The direction cosines are } \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

(ii) Given two line segments, we have the direction ratios,

Of the line joining these 2 points as,

$$AB = -4\hat{i} + (-12)\hat{j} + 6k$$

The direction ratio in the simplest form will be, (2, 6, -3)

The unit vector in this direction will be the direction cosines, i.e.,

$$\text{Unit vector in this direction is:- } (2\hat{i} + 6\hat{j} - 3k) / \sqrt{2^2 + 6^2 + (-3)^2}$$

$$\text{The direction cosines are } \left(\frac{2}{7}, \frac{6}{7}, -\frac{3}{7}\right)$$

(iii) Given two line segments, we have the direction ratios,

Of the line joining these 2 points as,

$$AB = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 3k, \text{ (direction ratio)}$$

The unit vector in this direction will be the direction cosines, i.e.,

$$\text{Unit vector in this direction is:- } (2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 3k) / \sqrt{2^2 + (-3)^2 + 3^2}$$

$$\text{The direction cosines are } \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{22}}, -\frac{3}{\sqrt{22}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{22}}\right)$$

Question: 3

Show that the line

Solution:

Given: A(1, -1, 2) and B(3, 4, -2)

The line joining these two points is given by,

$$AB = 2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

C(0, 3, 2) and D(3, 5, 6),

The line joining these two points,

$$CD = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$$

To prove that the two lines are perpendicular we need to show that the angle between these two lines is $\frac{\pi}{2}$

So, $\mathbf{AB} \cdot \mathbf{CD} = 0$ (dot product)

Thus, $(2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}) \cdot (3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}) = 6 + 10 - 16 = 0$.

Thus, the two lines are perpendicular.

Question: 4

Show that the line

Solution:

Given: $O(0, 0, 0)$ and $A(2, 1, 1)$

The line joining these two points is given by,

$$\mathbf{OA} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$$

$B(3, 5, -1)$ and $D(4, 3, -1)$,

The line joining these two points,

$$\mathbf{BC} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 0\mathbf{k}$$

To prove that the two lines are perpendicular we need to show that the angle between these two lines is $\frac{\pi}{2}$

So, $\mathbf{OA} \cdot \mathbf{BC} = 0$ (dot product)

Thus, $(2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) \cdot (\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 0\mathbf{k}) = 2 - 2 + 0 = 0$.

Thus, the two lines are perpendicular.

Question: 5

Find the value of

Solution:

Given: $A(3, 5, -1)$ and $B(5, p, 0)$

The line joining these two points is given by,

$$\mathbf{AB} = 2\mathbf{i} + (p-5)\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$$

$C(2, 1, 1)$ and $D(3, 3, -1)$,

The line joining these two points,

$$\mathbf{CD} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$$

As the two lines are perpendicular, we know that the angle between these two lines is $\frac{\pi}{2}$

So, $\mathbf{AB} \cdot \mathbf{CD} = 0$ (dot product)

Thus, $(2\mathbf{i} + (p-5)\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) \cdot (\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}) = 0$.

$$2 + 2(p-5) - 2 = 0$$

$$2p = 5$$

Thus, $p = 5$.

Question: 6

If O is the origin

Solution:

Given $O(0, 0, 0)$, $P(2, 3, 4)$ So, $\mathbf{OP} = 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$

$Q(1, -2, 1)$, So, $\mathbf{OQ} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$

To prove that $OP \perp OQ$ we have,

$OP \cdot OQ = 0$, i.e. the angle between the line segments is $\frac{\pi}{2}$

So, the dot product i.e. $|OP||OQ|\cos\theta = 0, \cos\theta = 0$,

$$OP \cdot OQ = 0$$

$$\text{Thus, } (2i + 3j + 4k) \cdot (i - 2j + k) = 2 - 6 + 4 = 0$$

Hence, proved.

Question: 7

Show that t

Solution:

Given $A(1, 2, 3)$, $B(4, 5, 7)$, the line joining these two points will be

$$AB = 3i + 3j + 4k$$

And the line segment joining, $C(-4, 3, -6)$ and $D(2, 9, 2)$ will be

$$CD = 6i + 6j + 8k$$

If $CD = r(AB)$, where r is a scalar constant then,

The two lines are parallel.

$$\text{Here, } CD = 2(AB),$$

Thus, the two lines are parallel.

Question: 8

If the line

Solution:

Given: $A(7, p, 2)$ and $B(q, -2, 5)$, line segment joining these two points will be, $AB = (q-7)i + (-2-p)j + 3k$

And the line segment joining $C(2, -3, 5)$ and $D(-6, -15, 11)$ will be, $CD = -8i - 12j + 6k$

Then, the angle between these two line segments will be 0 degree. So, the cross product will be 0.

$$AB \times CD = 0$$

$$\therefore ((q-7)i + (-2-p)j + 3k) \times (-8i - 12j + 6k) = 0$$

Thus, solving this we get,

$$p = 4 \text{ and } q = 3$$

Question: 9

Show that t

Solution:

We have to show that the three points are collinear, i.e. they all lie on the same line,

If we define a line which is having a parallel line to AB and the points A and B lie on it, if point C also satisfies the line then, the three points are collinear,

$$\text{Given } A(2, 3, 4) \text{ and } B(-1, -2, 1), AB = -3i - 5j - 3k$$

The points on the line AB with A on the line can be written as,

$$R = (2, 3, 4) + a(-3, -5, -3)$$

$$\text{Let } C = (2-3a, 3-5a, 4-3a)$$

$$\therefore (5, 8, 7) = (2-3a, 3-5a, 4-3a)$$

∴ If $a = -1$, then L.H.S = R.H.S, thus

The point C lies on the line joining AB,

Hence, the three points are collinear.

Question: 10

Show that t

Solution:

We have to show that the three points are collinear, i.e. they all lie on the same line,

If we define a line which is having a parallel line to AB and the points A and B lie on it, if point C also satisfies the line then, the three points are collinear,

Given $A(-2, 4, 7)$ and $B(3, -6, -8)$, $\vec{AB} = 5\mathbf{i} - 10\mathbf{j} - 15\mathbf{k}$

The points on the line AB with A on the line can be written as,

$$R = (-2, 4, 7) + a(5, -10, -15)$$

$$\text{Let } C = (-2+5a, 4-10a, 7-15a)$$

$$\therefore (1, -2, -2) = (-2+5a, 4-10a, 7-15a)$$

∴ If $a = 3/5$, then L.H.S = R.H.S, thus

The point C lies on the line joining AB,

Hence, the three points are collinear.

Question: 11

Find the value

Solution:

We have to show that the three points are collinear, i.e. they all lie on the same line,

If we define a line which is having a parallel line to AB and the points A and B lie on it, as the points are collinear so C must satisfy the line,

Given $A(-1, 3, 2)$ and $B(-4, 2, -2)$, $\vec{AB} = -3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}$

The points on the line AB with A on the line can be written as,

$$R = (-1, 3, 2) + a(-3, -1, -4)$$

$$\text{Let } C = (-1-3a, 3-a, 2-4a)$$

$$\therefore (5, 5, p) = (-1-3a, 3-a, 2-4a)$$

∴ As L.H.S = R.H.S, thus

$$\therefore 5 = -1 - 3a, a = -2$$

Substituting $a = -2$ we get, $p = 2-4(-2) = 10$

Hence, $p = 10$.

Question: 12

Find the angle

Solution:

Let

$$R_1 = \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{i} - \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{j} - \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{k}$$

$$\text{And } R_2 = \frac{3}{7}\mathbf{i} + \frac{2}{7}\mathbf{j} + \frac{6}{7}\mathbf{k}$$

$$R_1 \cdot R_2 = |R_1||R_2|\cos\theta$$

Here, as R_1 and R_2 are the unit vectors with a direction given by the direction cosines hence, $|R_1|$ and $|R_2|$ are 1.

$$\text{So, } \cos\theta = R_1 \cdot R_2 / 1$$

$$\therefore \cos\theta = \frac{6}{21} - \frac{2}{21} - \frac{12}{21} = \frac{8}{21}$$

$$\therefore \theta = \cos^{-1} - \frac{8}{21}$$

The angle between the lines is $\cos^{-1} - \frac{8}{21}$

Question: 13

Find the angle be

Solution:

The angle between the two lines is given by

$$\cos\theta = \frac{R_1 \cdot R_2}{|R_1| |R_2|}$$

where R_1 and R_2 denote the vectors with the direction ratios,

So, here we have,

$$R_1 = ai + bj + ck \text{ and } R_2 = (b-c)i + (c-a)j + (a-b)k$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{a(b-c) + b(c-a) + c(a-b)}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2+c^2} \sqrt{(b-c)^2 + (c-a)^2 + (a-b)^2}} = 0$$

$$\cos\theta = 0$$

$$\text{Hence, } \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Question: 14

Find the angle be

Solution:

The angle between the two lines is given by

$$\cos\theta = \frac{R_1 \cdot R_2}{|R_1| |R_2|}$$

where R_1 and R_2 denote the vectors with the direction ratios,

So, here we have,

$$R_1 = 2i - 3j + 4k \text{ and } R_2 = i + 2j + k$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{2-6+4}{\sqrt{2^2+(-3)^2+4^2} \sqrt{1^2+2^2+1^2}} = 0$$

$$\cos\theta = 0$$

$$\text{Hence, } \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Question: 15

Find the angle be

Solution:

The angle between the two lines is given by

$$\cos\theta = \frac{R_1 \cdot R_2}{|R_1| |R_2|}$$

where R_1 and R_2 denote the vectors with the direction ratios,

So, here we have,

$$R_1 = i + j + 2k \text{ and } R_2 = (\sqrt{3} - 1)i - (\sqrt{3} + 1)j + (4)k$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}-1-\sqrt{3}-1+8}{\sqrt{1^2+1^2+2^2}\sqrt{(\sqrt{3}-1)^2+(-(\sqrt{3}+1))^2+4^2}} = \frac{6}{\sqrt{6}\sqrt{24}}$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

Question: 16

Find the angle between

Solution:

The angle between the two lines is given by

$$\cos\theta = \frac{R_1 \cdot R_2}{|R_1||R_2|}$$

where R_1 and R_2 denote the vectors with the direction ratios,

So, here we have,

$$R_1 = 3i - 2j + k \text{ and } R_2 = 4i + 5j + 7k$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{12-10+7}{\sqrt{3^2+(-2)^2+1^2}\sqrt{4^2+5^2+7^2}} = \frac{9}{\sqrt{14}\sqrt{90}}$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{3}{2\sqrt{35}}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{3}{2\sqrt{35}}$$

Question: 17

Find the angle between

Solution:

(i) The angle between the two lines is given by

$$\cos\theta = \frac{R_1 \cdot R_2}{|R_1||R_2|}$$

where R_1 and R_2 denote the vectors with the direction ratios,

So, here we have,

$$R_1 = i - j + k \text{ and } R_2 = i \text{ for x-axis}$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{1-0+0}{\sqrt{1^2+(-1)^2+1^2}\sqrt{1^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

With y-axis, i. e. $R_2 = j$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{0-1+0}{\sqrt{1^2+(-1)^2+1^2}\sqrt{1^2}} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\cos\theta = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

With z-axis, i. e. $R_2 = k$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{0-0+1}{\sqrt{1^2+(-1)^2+1^2}\sqrt{1^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

(ii) The angle between the two lines is given by

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\mathbf{R}_1 \cdot \mathbf{R}_2}{|\mathbf{R}_1||\mathbf{R}_2|}$$

where $\mathbf{R}_1$ and $\mathbf{R}_2$ denote the vectors with the direction ratios,

So, here we have,

$\mathbf{R}_1 = \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{R}_2 = \mathbf{i}$ for x- axis

$$\cos\theta = \frac{0-0+0}{\sqrt{0^2+1^2+(-1)^2}\sqrt{1^2}} = 0$$

$$\cos\theta = 0$$

$$\text{Hence, } \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

With y- axis, i. e. $\mathbf{R}_2 = \mathbf{j}$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{0+1+0}{\sqrt{0^2+1^2+(-1)^2}\sqrt{1^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

With z- axis, i. e. $\mathbf{R}_2 = \mathbf{k}$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{0+0-1}{\sqrt{0^2+1^2+(-1)^2}\sqrt{1^2}} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\cos\theta = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \theta = \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

(iii) The angle between the two lines is given by

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\mathbf{R}_1 \cdot \mathbf{R}_2}{|\mathbf{R}_1||\mathbf{R}_2|}$$

where $\mathbf{R}_1$ and $\mathbf{R}_2$ denote the vectors with the direction ratios,

So, here we have,

$\mathbf{R}_1 = \mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 8\mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{R}_2 = \mathbf{i}$ for x- axis

$$\cos\theta = \frac{1-0+0}{\sqrt{1^2+(-4)^2+8^2}\sqrt{1^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{81}}$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \theta = \cos^{-1}\frac{1}{9}$$

With y- axis, i. e. $\mathbf{R}_2 = \mathbf{j}$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{0-4+0}{\sqrt{1^2+(-4)^2+8^2}\sqrt{1^2}} = -\frac{4}{9}$$

$$\cos\theta = -\frac{4}{9}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{9}\right)$$

With z- axis, i. e. $R^2 = k$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{0-0+8}{\sqrt{1^2+(-4)^2+8^2}\sqrt{1^2}} = \frac{8}{9}$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{8}{9}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{8}{9}\right)$$

Question: 18

Find the coordina

Solution:

Given: A(1, 8, 4)

Line segment joining B(0, -1, 3) and C(2, -3, -1) is

$$BC = 2i - 2j - 4k$$

Let the foot of the perpendicular be R then,

As R lies on the line having point B and parallel to BC,

$$\text{So, } R = (0, -1, 3) + a(2, -2, -4)$$

$$R(2a, -1-2a, 3-4a)$$

The line segment AR is

$$AR = (2a-1)i + (-1-2a-8)j + (3-4a-4)k$$

As the lines AR and BC are perpendicular thus, (as R is the foot of the perpendicular on BC)

$$AR \cdot BC = 0$$

$$\therefore 2(2a-1) + (-2)(-9-2a) + (-4)(-1-4a) = 0$$

$$\therefore 24a + 20 = 0$$

$$\therefore a = -\frac{5}{6}$$

Substituting a in R we get,

$$R\left(-\frac{5}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, \frac{19}{3}\right)$$