

W4 – Equations of Planes in Scalar Form

Unit 6

MCV4U

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1) Write the scalar equation of each plane given the normal \vec{n} and a point P on the plane.

a) $\vec{n} = [1, -3, -4]$, P(-2, 5, 7)

b) $\vec{n} = [0, -3, 5]$, P(8, -7, 3)

2) Write a scalar equation of each plane, given its vector or parametric equation.

a) $[x \ y \ z] = [7, -3, 4] + s[1, -2, -3] + t[4, -3, 1]$

b) $\pi_1 \begin{cases} x = 4 + t + 2s \\ y = 3 - 2t - 3s \\ z = -1 + 3t + s \end{cases}$

3) For each situation, write the vector and scalar equations of the plane.

a) has normal $\vec{n} = (7, 9, -1)$ and includes the point (3, -2, 4)

b) contains direction vectors $\vec{a} = [-1, 2, 8]$ and $\vec{b} = [2, -1, 3]$ and includes the point (2, -7, 8)

c) parallel to the xz -plane and includes the point $(7, 8, -1)$

d) contains the points $(3, 8, -1)$, $(-8, 9, -4)$, and $(1, -3, 2)$

e) contains the line $[x, y, z] = [4, -3, -2] + s[3, -2, 1]$ and parallel to the line defined by the parametric equations $\ell \begin{cases} x = 5 + 3s \\ y = 1 - s \\ z = 2 + 4s \end{cases}$

f) contains the point $(2, -1, 8)$ and perpendicular to the line $[x, y, z] = [1, -2, -3] + s[5, -4, 7]$

g) parallel to the plane $-3x + 2y + 5z + 8 = 0$ and includes the point $(5, -7, 8)$

h) contains the lines $[x, y, z] = [4, -1, 0] + s[-2, 1, 3]$ and $[x, y, z] = [-2, 4, 3] + s[-6, 5, 7]$

4) Determine the angle between the planes $x + 2y - 3z - 4 = 0$ and $x + 2y - 1 = 0$. (*Hint: the angle between 2 intersecting planes should be equal to the angle between their normals*)

5) Write the vector equation and parametric equations of the plane: $3x - y + 2z - 4 = 0$

6) Find a vector that is normal and one that is parallel to each plane.

a) $x + 2y + 2z - 5 = 0$

b) $5x + 2z = 7$

c) $5y = 8$

7) Consider the plane $-x + 4y + 2z + 6 = 0$

a) Determine a normal vector, \vec{n} , to the plane.

b) Determine the coordinates of two points, S and T , on the plane.

c) Determine \overrightarrow{ST}

d) Show that \overrightarrow{ST} is perpendicular to \vec{n} .

8) State the scalar equation of each of the following

a) the xy -plane

b) the xz -plane

c) the yz -plane

ANSWER KEY:

1. a) $x - 3y - 4z + 45 = 0$ b) $-3y + 5z - 36 = 0$ 2. a) $-11x - 13y + 5z + 18 = 0$ b) $7x + 5y + z - 42 = 0$

3. a) $7x + 9y - z + 1 = 0$ b) $14x + 19y - 3z + 129 = 0$ c) $y - 8 = 0$ d) $-30x + 39y + 123z - 99 = 0$

e) $-7x - 9y + 3z + 7 = 0$ f) $5x - 4y + 7z - 70 = 0$ g) $-3x + 2y + 5z - 11 = 0$ h) $2x + y + z - 7 = 0$

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5. $[x, y, z] = [0, 0, 2] + t[1, 3, 0] + s[0, 2, 1]$, parametric: $x = t$, $y = 3t + 2s$, $z = 2 + s$

6.a) perpendicular: $[2, 4, 4]$; parallel: $[-2, 0, 1]$ b) perpendicular: $[5, 0, 2]$, parallel: $[-2, 0, 5]$ c) perpendicular: $[0, 5, 0]$; parallel: $[2, 0, 1]$

7.a) $\vec{n} = [-1, 4, 2]$ b) $S(0, 0, -3)$, $T(6, 0, 0)$ c) $\overrightarrow{ST} = [6, 0, 3]$ d) $\overrightarrow{ST} \cdot \vec{n} = 0$

8.a) $z = 0$ b) $y = 0$ c) $x = 0$