

4. A line with direction cosines proportional to 2, 1, 2 meets each of the lines $x = y + a = z$ and $x + a = 2y = 2z$. The co-ordinates of each of the point of intersection are given by

- A. $(3a, 3a, 3a), (a, a, a)$
- B. $(3a, 2a, 3a), (a, a, a)$
- C. $(3a, 2a, 3a), (a, a, 2a)$
- D. $(2a, 3a, 3a), (2a, a, a)$

B. $(3a, 2a, 3a), (a, a, a)$

Any point on the line $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y+a}{1} = \frac{z}{1} = t_1$ (say) is $(t_1, t_1 - a, t_1)$ and any point on the line $\frac{x+a}{2} = \frac{y}{1} = \frac{z}{1} = t_2$ (say) is $(2t_2 - a, t_2, t_2)$

Now direction cosine of the lines intersecting the above lines is proportional to $(2t_2 - a - t_1, t_2 - t_1 + a, t_2 - t_1)$.

Hence $2t_2 - a - t_1 = 2k$, $t_2 - t_1 + a = k$ and $t_2 - t_1 = 2k$

On solving these, we get $t_1 = 3a$, $t_2 = a$. Hence points are $(3a, 2a, 3a)$ and (a, a, a) .