

## Exemplar Problem

### Three Dimensional Geometry

**22. Find the equation of the plane which is perpendicular to the plane  $5x + 3y + 6z + 8 = 0$  and which contains the line of intersection of the planes  $x + 2y + 3z - 4 = 0$  and  $2x + y - z + 5 = 0$ .**

**Solution:**

The given planes are

$$P_1: 5x + 3y + 6z + 8 = 0$$

$$P_2: x + 2y + 3z - 4 = 0$$

$$P_3: 2x + y - z + 5 = 0$$

Now, the equation of the plane passing through the line of intersection of  $P_1$  and  $P_3$  is

$$(x + 2y + 3z - 4) + \lambda(2x + y - z + 5) = 0$$

$$(1 + 2\lambda)x + (2 + \lambda)y + (3 - \lambda)z - 4 + 5\lambda = 0 \dots (i)$$

From the question its understood that plane (i) is perpendicular to  $P_1$ , then

$$5(1 + 2\lambda) + 3(2 + \lambda) + 6(3 - \lambda) = 0$$

$$5 + 10\lambda + 6 + 3\lambda + 18 - 6\lambda = 0$$

$$7\lambda + 29 = 0$$

$$\lambda = -29/7$$

Putting the value of  $\lambda$  in equation (i), we get

$$\left[1 + 2\left(\frac{-29}{7}\right)\right]x + \left[2 - \frac{29}{7}\right]y + \left[3 + \frac{29}{7}\right]z - 4 + 5\left(\frac{-29}{7}\right) = 0$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{-15}{7}x - \frac{15}{7}y + \frac{50}{7}z - 4 - \frac{145}{7} = 0$$

$$-15x - 15y + 50z - 28 - 145 = 0$$

$$-15x - 15y + 50z - 173 = 0 \Rightarrow 51x + 15y - 50z + 173 = 0$$

Thus, the required equation of plane is  $51x + 15y - 50z + 173 = 0$ .