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**Problem Sheet 3**

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- (1) Determine a set of parametric equations of the line that contains the point  $M_0(3, 5)$  and is parallel to the vector  $\mathbf{a}$ , where  $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . {Ans:  $x = 3 + 2t, y = 5 + t$ }
- (2) Determine the equation of the line  $L$  that contains the point  $M_0(1, -3)$  and is parallel to the line that contains the points  $A(5, 1)$  and  $B(-2, 4)$ . {Ans:  $3x + 7y + 18 = 0$ }
- (3) Determine an equation of the line that contains the point  $M_0(5, 2)$  and is perpendicular to the vector  $\mathbf{n}$ , where  $\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ . {Ans:  $-2x + 3y + 4 = 0$ }
- (4) Find an equation of the line  $L$  passing through the point  $M_0(1, 2)$  and perpendicular to the line  $2x - y - 3 = 0$ . {Ans:  $x + 2y - 5 = 0$ }
- (5) Find an equation of the line that contains the points  $A(7, 3)$  and  $B(5, 8)$  and determine also its parametric equations. {Ans:  $5x + 2y - 41 = 0; x = 5 + 2t, y = 8 - 5t$ }
- (6) Determine an equation of the line that passes through  $M_0(-2, 4)$  and whose angle of inclination is  $\frac{\pi}{3}$ . {Ans:  $y = \sqrt{3}x + 4 + 2\sqrt{3}$ }
- (7) Find the intercept form of the equation of the line passing through the points  $A(-2, -2)$  and  $B(1, -8)$ . {Ans:  $\frac{x}{-3} + \frac{y}{-6} = 1$ }
- (8) Find the equation of a line  $L$  through the origin and perpendicular to the line  $3x + 4y + 6 = 0$ . {Ans:  $4x - 3y = 0$ }
- (9) Find the acute angle formed by the two intersecting lines  $4x - 2y - 1 = 0$  and  $3x + y - 1 = 0$ . {Ans:  $\frac{\pi}{4}$ }
- (10) Find the normal form of the equation of the line  $7x - 24y + 50 = 0$  and find the distance from the origin to the line. {Ans:  $-\frac{7}{25}x + \frac{24}{25}y - 2 = 0; 2$ }
- (11) Find the deviation, and hence the distance, of the point  $M_1(2, 1)$  from the line  $3x + 4y - 5 = 0$ . {Ans:  $1; 1$ }

- (12) Find an equation of the plane passing through the points  $A(1, 2, 1)$ ,  $B(0, -2, 3)$  and  $C(-1, 2, -1)$ . {Ans:  $4x - 3y - 4z + 6 = 0$ }
- (13) Find an equation of the plane that contains the point  $M_0(2, -4, 3)$  and is parallel to the plane determined by the vectors  $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ . {Ans:  $22x + y - 13z - 1 = 0$ }
- (14) Find the general form of the equation of the plane  $\pi$  passing through  $M_0(2, 2, 1)$  and perpendicular to the vector  $\overrightarrow{OM_0}$ . {Ans:  $2x + 2y + z - 9 = 0$ }
- (15) Determine a unit vector perpendicular to the plane  $3x + 6y - 2z + 10 = 0$ . {Ans:  $\frac{3}{7}\mathbf{e}_1 + \frac{6}{7}\mathbf{e}_2 - \frac{2}{7}\mathbf{e}_3$ }
- (16) Determine, if possible, the intercept form of the equation of the plane  $3x + 4y + 6z - 12 = 0$ . Sketch the plane. {Ans:  $\frac{x}{4} + \frac{y}{3} + \frac{z}{2} = 1$ }
- (17) Find the equation of the plane  $\pi$  which passes through the point  $M_0(6, 3, 4)$  and is parallel to the plane  $2x + y - 2z + 8 = 0$ . {Ans:  $2x + y - 2z - 7 = 0$ }
- (18) Show that the planes  $x - 3y + 2z + 6 = 0$  and  $2x - 6y + 3z - 11 = 0$  are not parallel.
- (19) Show that the planes  $3x + 4y - 2z + 10 = 0$  and  $2x + y + 5z - 13 = 0$  are perpendicular.
- (20) Find the two angles that are formed when the planes  $3x - 2y + 6z + 5 = 0$  and  $3x + 5y - 8z + 3 = 0$  intersect. {Ans:  $\frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4}$ }
- (21) Find the distance of the point  $M(1, 3, -2)$  from the plane  $2x + 2y - z + 3 = 0$ . {Ans:  $\frac{13}{3}$ }
- (22) Determine the members of the family of parallel planes  $3x - 12y + 4z + d = 0$  such that the distance of  $M(1, 3, 2)$  from the planes is 2. {Ans:  $d = -1, 51$ }
- (23) Show that the two planes  $2x - y - z + 2 = 0$  and  $6x - 3y - 3z + 10 = 0$  are parallel and find the distance between them. {Ans:  $\frac{4}{3\sqrt{6}}$ }
- (24) Determine a set of parametric equations of the line that contains the point  $M_0(4, -1, 6)$  and is parallel to the vector  $\mathbf{d} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ . {Ans:  $x = 4 + t, y = -1 + 5t, z = 6 + 3t$ }
- (25) Determine the equation of the line  $L$  passing through the points  $A(4, 3, 4)$  and  $B(-2, 5, 1)$ . {Ans:  $\frac{x-4}{-6} = \frac{y-3}{2} = \frac{z-4}{-3}$ }

- (26) Find the equation of the line defined by the two planes  $2x + y - z + 1 = 0$  and  $3x - y - z - 6 = 0$ . {Ans:  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+3}{1} = \frac{z}{5}$ }