

MATH-120 - RECITATION PROBLEMS - WEEK 06

① Find the equations of the planes satisfying the given conditions:

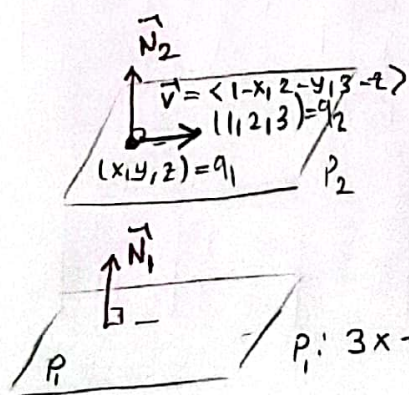
(a) Passing through $(1, 2, 3)$ and parallel to the plane $3x + y - 2z = 15$.

(b) Passing through the point $(-2, 0, 1)$ and the line of intersection of the planes $2x + 3y - z = 0$ and $x - 4y + 2z = -5$.

(c) Containing the line of intersection of the planes $x + y = 2$, $y - z = 3$ and perpendicular to the plane $2x + 3y + 4z = 5$.

Soln:

(a)



Since P_1 and P_2 are parallel, their normal vectors must be parallel.

The normal vector of P_1 is $\vec{N}_1 = \langle 3, 1, -2 \rangle$. So,

we can take $\vec{N}_2 = \vec{N}_1 = \langle 3, 1, -2 \rangle$.

Let $q_1 = (x, y, z)$ be a point on P_2 . Then,

$\vec{v} = \vec{q}_1 \vec{q}_2 = \langle 1-x, 2-y, 3-z \rangle$ is perpendicular to $\vec{N}_2$.

So, $\vec{N}_2 \cdot \vec{v} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \langle 3, 1, -2 \rangle \cdot \langle 1-x, 2-y, 3-z \rangle = 0$

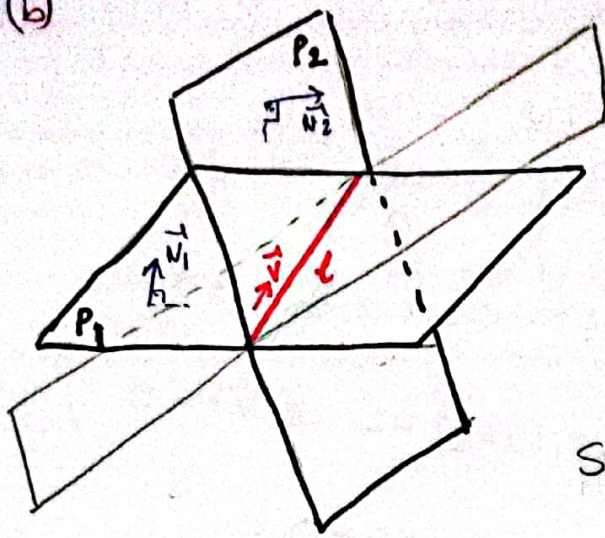
$$\Leftrightarrow 3 \cdot (1-x) + 1 \cdot (2-y) - 2 \cdot (3-z) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3 - 3x + 2 - y - 6 + 2z = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{3x + y - 2z = -1}$$

Thus, the plane equation of P_2 is $3x + y - 2z = -1$.

(b)



Let l be the line of the intersection of the planes

$$P_1: 2x + 3y - z = 0 \text{ and } P_2: x - 4y + 2z = -5$$

$\vec{v}$: the direction vector of l .

Since l lies on P_1 and P_2 ,

$\vec{v} \perp \vec{n}_1$ and $\vec{v} \perp \vec{n}_2$ where $\vec{n}_1, \vec{n}_2$ are normal vectors of P_1 and P_2 , respectively.

$$\vec{n}_1 = \langle 2, 3, -1 \rangle \text{ and } \vec{n}_2 = \langle 1, -4, 2 \rangle$$

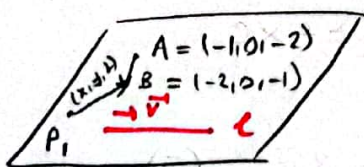
Since $\vec{v} \perp \vec{n}_1$ and $\vec{v} \perp \vec{n}_2$, $\vec{v} \parallel \vec{n}_1 \times \vec{n}_2$.

$$\text{Choose } \vec{v} = \vec{n}_1 \times \vec{n}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & -4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \vec{i} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ -4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - \vec{j} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + \vec{k} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \langle 2, -5, -11 \rangle$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} P_1: \textcircled{1} 2x + 3y - z = 0 \\ P_2: \textcircled{2} x - 4y + 2z = -5 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Choose } y = 0. \\ \textcircled{1} \Rightarrow 2x - z = 0 \\ \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow x + 2z = -5 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x = -1 \\ z = -2 \end{array}$$

So, the point $A = (-1, 0, -2) \in P_1 \cap P_2$, i.e. $A \in l$.



$$\vec{AB} = \langle -1, 0, 1 \rangle \text{ and } \vec{v} \text{ on the desired}$$

plane P . So, we can take $\vec{n} = \vec{AB} \times \vec{v}$

as a normal vector of P .

$$\Rightarrow \vec{n} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & -5 & -11 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -5 & -11 \end{vmatrix} - \hat{j} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & -11 \end{vmatrix} + \hat{k} \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \langle 5, -9, 5 \rangle$$

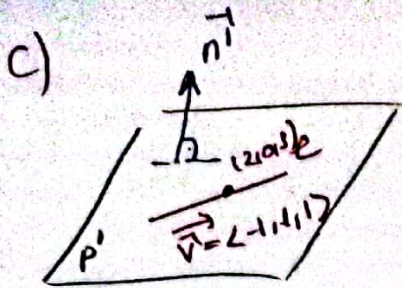
Thus, the eqn of the plane P is

$$\vec{n} \cdot \langle x+2, y, z+1 \rangle = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \langle 5, -9, 5 \rangle \cdot \langle x+2, y, z+1 \rangle = 0$$

$$P: 5x+10 - 9y + 5z + 5 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 5x - 9y + 5z = -15$$



Let \$l: x+y=2, y-z=3\$

Let \$y=t\$.

Then, \$x=2-t\$ and \$z=t-3\$

So, \$l: \begin{cases} x=2-t \\ y=t \\ z=-3+t \end{cases}\$ for \$t \in \mathbb{R}\$.

\$\Rightarrow l: \langle 2, 0, -3 \rangle + t \cdot \underbrace{\langle -1, 1, 1 \rangle}_{\vec{v} = \text{direction vector of } l}\$.

So, \$P'\$ be a plane passing through the line \$l\$ and perpendicular to the plane \$P: 2x+3y+4z=5\$.

\$\vec{n} = \langle 2, 3, 4 \rangle\$ (normal vector of \$P\$)

Let \$\vec{n}' = \langle a, b, c \rangle\$ be a normal vector of \$P'\$.

Since \$P \perp P'\$, \$\vec{n} \cdot \vec{n}' = 0 \Leftrightarrow \langle 2, 3, 4 \rangle \cdot \langle a, b, c \rangle = 0\$
 \$\Rightarrow \boxed{2a+3b+4c=0} \quad (1)\$

Since \$\vec{v} \perp \vec{n}'\$, \$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{n}' = 0 \Leftrightarrow \langle -1, 1, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle a, b, c \rangle = 0\$
 \$\Rightarrow \boxed{-a+b+c=0} \quad (2)\$

\$\Downarrow\$
 \$b+c=a\$

\$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow 2 \cdot (b+c) + 3b + 4c = 0\$
 \$\Rightarrow 5b = -6c \Rightarrow \begin{cases} b = -6k \\ c = 5k \end{cases}, k \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \boxed{a = -k}\$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{n} = \langle a, b, c \rangle = \langle -k, -bk, 5k \rangle = k \langle -1, -b, 5 \rangle$$

for some $k \in \mathbb{R}$.

Take $k=1 \Rightarrow \vec{n} = \langle -1, -b, 5 \rangle$ (normal vector of P')

Since $(2, 0, -3) \in \ell$ and $\ell \subset P'$, the plane equation of P' is $\vec{n} \cdot \langle x-2, y, z+3 \rangle = 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow \langle -1, -b, 5 \rangle \cdot \langle x-2, y, z+3 \rangle = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -x+2-b y+5 z+15=0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{-x-b y+5 z=17}$$

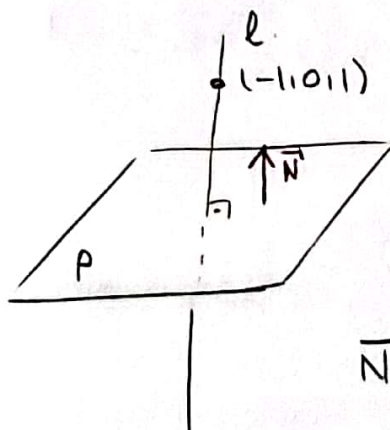
② Find equations of the line specified in vector and scalar parametric forms and in standard form.

(a) Through $(-1, 0, 1)$ and perpendicular to the plane $2x - y + 7z = 12$

(b) Through $(2, -1, -1)$ and parallel to the planes $x + y = 0$ and $x - y + 2z = 0$.

Soln:

a)



$$P: 2x - y + 7z = 12$$

$\vec{N} = \langle 2, -1, 7 \rangle$ is the normal vector of P.

$\vec{N}$ is parallel to the direction vector of the desired line. $\vec{v}_1 \parallel \vec{N}$

$\nearrow$ position vector

$$L: \langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle -1, 0, 1 \rangle + t \cdot \langle 2, -1, 7 \rangle$$

$$= \langle -1 + 2t, -t, 1 + 7t \rangle \quad (\text{vector eqn.})$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x = -1 + 2t \\ y = -t \\ z = 1 + 7t \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{parametric} \\ \text{eqn.} \end{array} \quad t = \underbrace{\frac{x+1}{2} = \frac{y}{-1} = \frac{z-1}{7}}_{\text{standard form.}}$$

b)

If a line parallel to $x+y=0$ and $x-y+2z=0$, its direction vector is parallel to the cross product of the normal vectors to these two planes.

$$\vec{N}_1 = \langle 1, 1, 0 \rangle \text{ for } x+y=0$$

$$\vec{N}_2 = \langle 1, -1, 2 \rangle \text{ for } x-y+2z=0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{N}_1 \times \vec{N}_2 &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - \hat{j} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + \hat{k} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \hat{i} \cdot (2) - \hat{j} (2) + \hat{k} (-1-1) \\ &= \langle 2, -2, -2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

So, we can take $\langle 2, -2, -2 \rangle$ as the direction vector of the desired line. Since the line passes

through $(2, -1, -1)$, the desired line equation is

$$\begin{aligned} L: \langle x, y, z \rangle &= \overset{\text{position vector}}{\langle 2, -1, -1 \rangle} + t \cdot \langle 2, -2, -2 \rangle \\ &= \langle 2+2t, -1-2t, -1-2t \rangle, \quad t \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned}$$

(in vector form)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= 2+2t \\ y &= -1-2t \\ z &= -1-2t \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{in} \\ \text{scalar} \\ \text{parametric} \\ \text{form} \end{array} \quad t = \frac{x-2}{2} = \frac{y+1}{-2} = \frac{z+1}{-2} \left\} \begin{array}{l} \text{in} \\ \text{standard} \\ \text{form} \end{array}$$

③ Find the required distances:

(a) From $(1, 2, 0)$ to the plane $3x - 4y - 5z = 2$

(b) From origin to the line $x + y + z = 0$, $2x - y - 5z = 1$

(c) Between the line $x - z = \frac{y+3}{2} = \frac{z-1}{4}$ and the

plane $2y - z = 1$ (First show that the line and the plane are parallel.)

(d) Between the lines $L_1: x + 2y = 3$, $y + 2z = 3$ and

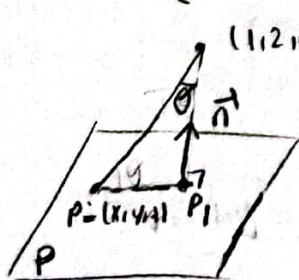
$L_2: x + y + z = 6$, $x - 2z = -5$.

$$s = \frac{|Ax_0 + By_0 + Cz_0 - D|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + C^2}}$$

Soln:

(a) The point $(1, 2, 0)$ does not lie on $3x - 4y - 5z = 2$

$$(3 \cdot 1 - 4 \cdot 2 - 5 \cdot 0 = -6 \neq 2)$$



$$P: 3x - 4y - 5z = 2$$

$$\vec{P_1P_0} \parallel \vec{n} = \langle 3, -4, -5 \rangle, \vec{PP_0} = \langle 1-x, 2-y, -z \rangle$$

Let $s = |\vec{P_1P_0}|$ be. Then, s is the length of the projection of $\vec{PP_0}$ in the direction $\vec{n}$.

$$s = \left| \frac{\vec{PP_0} \cdot \vec{n}}{\|\vec{n}\|} \right| = \frac{|3 - 3x - 8 + 4y + 5z|}{\sqrt{3^2 + 4^2 + 5^2}}$$

$$\vec{PP_0} \cdot \vec{n} = |\vec{PP_0}| \cdot |\vec{n}| \cos \theta$$

$$s = |\vec{PP_0}| \cos \theta = \frac{|\vec{PP_0} \cdot \vec{n}|}{|\vec{n}|}$$

$$= \frac{|-5 - 3x + 4y + 5z|}{\sqrt{50}} = \frac{|-7 + 2 - 3x + 4y + 5z|}{5\sqrt{2}} = \frac{7}{5\sqrt{2}}$$

(b)

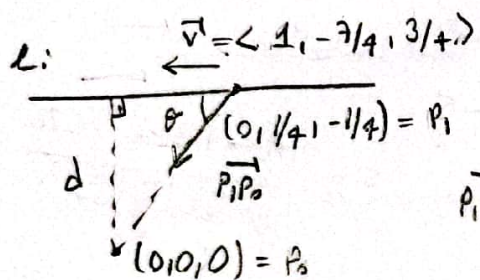
We have a line $x+y+z=0$ & $2x-y-5z=1$.

Then, $y = -x - z = 2x - 5z - 1$

$$\Rightarrow 3x - 1 = 4z$$

Say $x = t$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $z = \frac{3t-1}{4}$ and $y = -t - \frac{3t-1}{4} = \frac{-7t+1}{4}$

Then, $l: \langle t, \frac{-7t+1}{4}, \frac{3t-1}{4} \rangle = t \langle 1, -\frac{7}{4}, \frac{3}{4} \rangle + \langle 0, \frac{1}{4}, -\frac{1}{4} \rangle$
 $= t \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{p}_1$
 direction vector

$l: \vec{v} = \langle 1, -7/4, 3/4 \rangle$

 $(0, 1/4, -1/4) = P_1$
 $(0, 0, 0) = P_2$
 $\vec{P_1P_2} = \langle 0, -1/4, 1/4 \rangle$

$$\|\vec{v} \times \vec{P_1P_2}\| = \|\vec{v}\| \cdot \|\vec{P_1P_2}\| \sin \theta = \|\vec{v}\| \cdot \|\vec{P_1P_2}\| \cdot \frac{d}{\|\vec{P_1P_2}\|} \Rightarrow d = \frac{\|\vec{v} \times \vec{P_1P_2}\|}{\|\vec{v}\|}$$

$$\vec{v} \times \vec{P_1P_2} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & -7/4 & 3/4 \\ 0 & -1/4 & 1/4 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} \begin{vmatrix} -7/4 & 3/4 \\ -1/4 & 1/4 \end{vmatrix} - \hat{j} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3/4 \\ 0 & 1/4 \end{vmatrix} + \hat{k} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -7/4 \\ 0 & -1/4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i} \left(-\frac{7}{16} + \frac{3}{16} \right) - \hat{j} \left(\frac{1}{4} \right) + \hat{k} \left(-\frac{1}{4} \right)$$

$$= \langle -1/4, -1/4, -1/4 \rangle$$

$$\|\vec{v} \times \vec{P_1P_2}\| = \sqrt{1/16 \cdot 3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \quad \text{and} \quad \|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{1 + \frac{49}{16} + \frac{9}{16}} = \frac{\sqrt{34}}{4}$$

$$\text{So, } d = \frac{\sqrt{3}/4}{\sqrt{34}/4} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{34}}$$

(c)

Firstly, let's find the direction vector of the given line:

$$L_1: t = \frac{x-2}{1} = \frac{y+3}{2} = \frac{z-1}{4}, t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x = t + 2, y = 2t - 3, z = 4t - 1$$

So, the direction vector of L_1 is

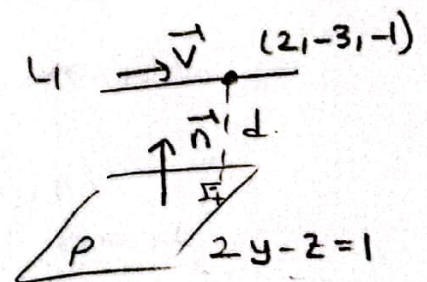
$$V = \langle 1, 2, 4 \rangle.$$

L_1 passing through the point $(2, -3, -1)$.

The plane $2y - z = 1$ has normal vector $\vec{n} = \langle 0, 2, -1 \rangle$.

$$\vec{V} \cdot \vec{n} = \langle 1, 2, 4 \rangle \cdot \langle 0, 2, -1 \rangle$$

$$= 0 + 4 - 4 = 0.$$



So, the line L_1 and the plane are parallel.

The distance from the line to the plane is equal to the distance from $(2, -3, -1)$ to the plane $2y - z = 1$.

$$\text{So is } d = \frac{|2(-3) - (-1) - 1|}{\sqrt{2^2 + 1^2}} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{5}}.$$

(d)

Firstly, consider the direction vectors of the given lines:

$$L_1: \begin{cases} x+2y=3 \\ y+2z=3 \end{cases} \quad \begin{aligned} y &= \frac{3-x}{2} = 3-2z = t, t \in \mathbb{R} \\ x &= 3-2t \\ y &= t \\ z &= \frac{3-t}{2} \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{aligned} & \\ & \\ & \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} L_1: & \langle 3, 0, 3/2 \rangle + t \langle -2, 1, 1/2 \rangle \\ \vec{v}_1 &= \langle -2, 1, 1/2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$L_2: \begin{cases} x+y+z=6 \\ x-2z=-5 \end{cases} \quad \begin{aligned} x &= 6-y-z = -5+2z \\ \Rightarrow 3z &= 6-y+5 = 11-y \\ z &= t \Rightarrow y = 11-3t, t \in \mathbb{R} \\ x &= 6-y-z = 6-(11-3t)-t = -5+2t \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So, } \begin{cases} x = -5+2t \\ y = 11-3t \\ z = t \\ t \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases} \quad \left. \begin{aligned} & \\ & \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} L_2: & (x, y, z) = (-5, 11, 0) + t(2, -3, 1) \\ \vec{v}_2 &= \langle 2, -3, 1 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

L_1 and L_2 are not parallel since $\nexists \lambda$ s.t. $\vec{v}_1 = \lambda \vec{v}_2$.

$$(L_1 \cap L_2 = \emptyset)$$

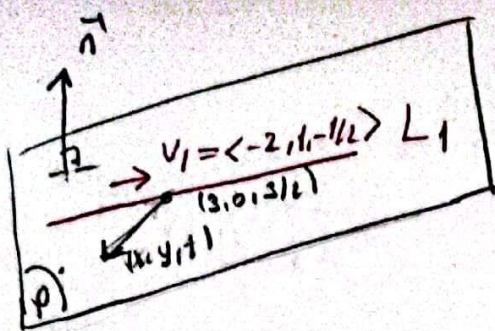
L_1 and L_2 does not intersect:

$$(L_1 \cap L_2 \neq \emptyset)$$

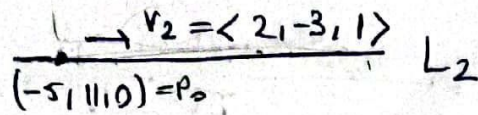
On the other hand, assume that L_1 and L_2 intersect.

Let $(a, b, c) \in L_1 \cap L_2$. Then, for some fixed $t, s \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} (a, b, c) &= (3, 0, 3/2) + t(-2, 1, 1/2) = (-5, 11, 0) + s(2, -3, 1) \\ \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 3-2t = -5+2s \\ 0 = 11-3s+t \\ 3/2-t/2 = s \end{cases} & \quad \begin{aligned} 2s+2t &= 8 \Rightarrow s+t=4 & + \frac{-7}{2} \\ t+3s &= 11 \\ \hline 2s &= 7 & s=7/2 \\ & & t=1/2 \end{aligned} \\ \Rightarrow 3/2 - 1/4 &= 5 \Rightarrow 3/2 - 1/4 \neq 5 \quad \text{✓} \end{aligned}$$



Now, let's consider the plane P which consists of the line L_1 and parallel to the line L_2 .



So, $\vec{v}_1 \perp \vec{n}$ and $\vec{v}_2 \perp \vec{n}$. Then, $\vec{n} \parallel \vec{v}_1 \times \vec{v}_2$

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{v}_1 \times \vec{v}_2 &= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -2 & 1 & -1/2 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \vec{i} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1/2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - \vec{j} \begin{vmatrix} -2 & -1/2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \vec{k} \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \vec{i} \left(1 - \frac{3}{2}\right) - \vec{j} (-2 + 1) + \vec{k} (6 - 2) \\ &= \left\langle -\frac{1}{2}, 1, 4 \right\rangle\end{aligned}$$

Choose $\vec{n} = \vec{v}_1 \times \vec{v}_2 = \langle -1/2, 1, 4 \rangle$. Then, the plane equation P is $\langle -1/2, 1, 4 \rangle \cdot \langle x-3, y, z-\frac{3}{2} \rangle = 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow -\frac{x}{2} + \frac{3}{2} + y + 4z - 6 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -\frac{x}{2} + y + 4z = \frac{9}{2}$$

The distance between L_1 and L_2 is equal to the distance between any point on L_2 and the plane P . Since L_2 is parallel to P which contains L_1 . Choose $(-5, 11, 0) \in L_2$.

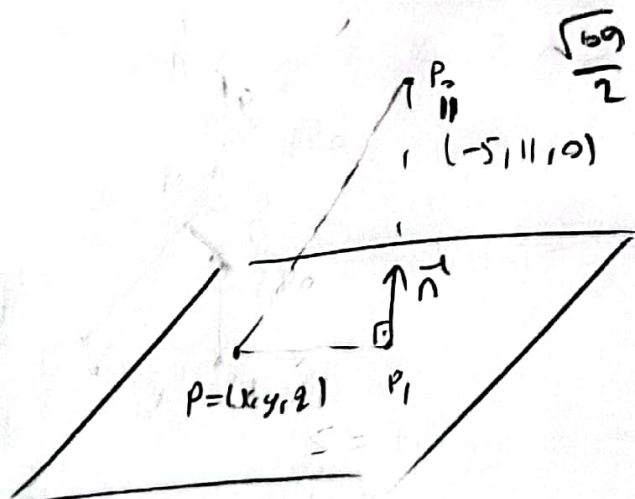
$$S = \frac{\left| -\frac{1}{2} \cdot (-5) + 1 \cdot 11 + 4 \cdot 0 - \frac{9}{2} \right|}{\sqrt{\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 1^2 + 4^2}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{9}{2}}{\sqrt{\frac{69}{4}}} = \frac{18}{\sqrt{69}}$$

$$S = \left| \frac{\vec{PP_2} \cdot \vec{n}}{|\vec{n}|} \right|$$

$$= \frac{\left| (-5-x) \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) + (11-y) \cdot 1 + (-2) \cdot 4 \right|}{\sqrt{\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 1^2 + 4^2}}$$

$$= \frac{\left| \frac{5}{2} + \frac{x}{2} + 11 - y - 42 \right|}{\sqrt{\frac{69}{4}}} = \frac{\left| \frac{5}{2} - \frac{9}{2} + 11 \right| \cdot 2}{\sqrt{69}} = \frac{18}{\sqrt{69}}$$



$$S = |\vec{PP_2}| \cos(\theta)$$