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Chapter 11 : Introduction to Three Dimensional Geometry

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Question 1:

A point is on the x -axis. What are its y -coordinates and z -coordinates?

Answer

If a point is on the x -axis, then its y -coordinates and z -coordinates are zero.

Question 2:

A point is in the XZ -plane. What can you say about its y -coordinate?

Answer

If a point is in the XZ plane, then its y -coordinate is zero.

Question 3:

Name the octants in which the following points lie:

$(1, 2, 3)$, $(4, -2, 3)$, $(4, -2, -5)$, $(4, 2, -5)$, $(-4, 2, -5)$, $(-4, 2, 5)$,
 $(-3, -1, 6)$, $(2, -4, -7)$

Answer

The x -coordinate, y -coordinate, and z -coordinate of point $(1, 2, 3)$ are all positive. Therefore, this point lies in octant **I**.

The x -coordinate, y -coordinate, and z -coordinate of point $(4, -2, 3)$ are positive, negative, and positive respectively. Therefore, this point lies in octant **IV**.

The x -coordinate, y -coordinate, and z -coordinate of point $(4, -2, -5)$ are positive, negative, and negative respectively. Therefore, this point lies in octant **VIII**.

The x -coordinate, y -coordinate, and z -coordinate of point $(4, 2, -5)$ are positive, positive, and negative respectively. Therefore, this point lies in octant **V**.

The x -coordinate, y -coordinate, and z -coordinate of point $(-4, 2, -5)$ are negative, positive, and negative respectively. Therefore, this point lies in octant **VI**.

The x -coordinate, y -coordinate, and z -coordinate of point $(-4, 2, 5)$ are negative, positive, and positive respectively. Therefore, this point lies in octant **II**.

The x -coordinate, y -coordinate, and z -coordinate of point $(-3, -1, 6)$ are negative, negative, and positive respectively. Therefore, this point lies in octant **III**.

The x -coordinate, y -coordinate, and z -coordinate of point $(2, -4, -7)$ are positive, negative, and negative respectively. Therefore, this point lies in octant **VIII**.

Question 4:

Fill in the blanks:

Answer

- (i) The x -axis and y -axis taken together determine a plane known as XY - plane .
- (ii) The coordinates of points in the XY-plane are of the form $(x, y, 0)$.
- (iii) Coordinate planes divide the space into eight octants.





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Question 1:

Find the distance between the following pairs of points:

- (i) (2, 3, 5) and (4, 3, 1) (ii) (-3, 7, 2) and (2, 4, -1)
(iii) (-1, 3, -4) and (1, -3, 4) (iv) (2, -1, 3) and (-2, 1, 3)

Answer

The distance between points $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $P(x_2, y_2, z_2)$ is given by

$$PQ = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$$

- (i) Distance between points (2, 3, 5) and (4, 3, 1)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sqrt{(4-2)^2 + (3-3)^2 + (1-5)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(2)^2 + (0)^2 + (-4)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4+16} \\ &= \sqrt{20} \\ &= 2\sqrt{5} \end{aligned}$$

- (ii) Distance between points (-3, 7, 2) and (2, 4, -1)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sqrt{(2+3)^2 + (4-7)^2 + (-1-2)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(5)^2 + (-3)^2 + (-3)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{25+9+9} \\ &= \sqrt{43} \end{aligned}$$

- (iii) Distance between points (-1, 3, -4) and (1, -3, 4)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sqrt{(1+1)^2 + (-3-3)^2 + (4+4)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(2)^2 + (-6)^2 + (8)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4+36+64} = \sqrt{104} = 2\sqrt{26} \end{aligned}$$

- (iv) Distance between points (2, -1, 3) and (-2, 1, 3)

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sqrt{(-2-2)^2 + (1+1)^2 + (3-3)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(-4)^2 + (2)^2 + (0)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{16+4} \\ &= \sqrt{20} \\ &= 2\sqrt{5} \end{aligned}$$

Question 2:

Show that the points $(-2, 3, 5)$, $(1, 2, 3)$ and $(7, 0, -1)$ are collinear.

Answer

Let points $(-2, 3, 5)$, $(1, 2, 3)$, and $(7, 0, -1)$ be denoted by P, Q, and R respectively.

Points P, Q, and R are collinear if they lie on a line.

$$\begin{aligned} PQ &= \sqrt{(1+2)^2 + (2-3)^2 + (3-5)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(3)^2 + (-1)^2 + (-2)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{9+1+4} \\ &= \sqrt{14} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} QR &= \sqrt{(7-1)^2 + (0-2)^2 + (-1-3)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(6)^2 + (-2)^2 + (-4)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{36+4+16} \\ &= \sqrt{56} \\ &= 2\sqrt{14} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} PR &= \sqrt{(7+2)^2 + (0-3)^2 + (-1-5)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(9)^2 + (-3)^2 + (-6)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{81+9+36} \\ &= \sqrt{126} \\ &= 3\sqrt{14} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Here, } PQ + QR = \sqrt{14} + 2\sqrt{14} = 3\sqrt{14} = PR$$

Hence, points P(-2, 3, 5), Q(1, 2, 3), and R(7, 0, -1) are collinear.

Question 3:

Verify the following:

- (i) (0, 7, -10), (1, 6, -6) and (4, 9, -6) are the vertices of an isosceles triangle.
- (ii) (0, 7, 10), (-1, 6, 6) and (-4, 9, 6) are the vertices of a right angled triangle.
- (iii) (-1, 2, 1), (1, -2, 5), (4, -7, 8) and (2, -3, 4) are the vertices of a parallelogram.

Answer

(i) Let points (0, 7, -10), (1, 6, -6), and (4, 9, -6) be denoted by A, B, and C respectively.

$$\begin{aligned} AB &= \sqrt{(1-0)^2 + (6-7)^2 + (-6+10)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(1)^2 + (-1)^2 + (4)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{1+1+16} \\ &= \sqrt{18} \\ &= 3\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} BC &= \sqrt{(4-1)^2 + (9-6)^2 + (-6+6)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(3)^2 + (3)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{9+9} = \sqrt{18} = 3\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} CA &= \sqrt{(0-4)^2 + (7-9)^2 + (-10+6)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(-4)^2 + (-2)^2 + (-4)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{16+4+16} = \sqrt{36} = 6 \end{aligned}$$

Here, $AB = BC \neq CA$

Thus, the given points are the vertices of an isosceles triangle.

(ii) Let (0, 7, 10), (-1, 6, 6), and (-4, 9, 6) be denoted by A, B, and C respectively.

$$\begin{aligned}AB &= \sqrt{(-1-0)^2 + (6-7)^2 + (6-10)^2} \\&= \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-1)^2 + (-4)^2} \\&= \sqrt{1+1+16} = \sqrt{18} \\&= 3\sqrt{2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}BC &= \sqrt{(-4+1)^2 + (9-6)^2 + (6-6)^2} \\&= \sqrt{(-3)^2 + (3)^2 + (0)^2} \\&= \sqrt{9+9} = \sqrt{18} \\&= 3\sqrt{2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}CA &= \sqrt{(0+4)^2 + (7-9)^2 + (10-6)^2} \\&= \sqrt{(4)^2 + (-2)^2 + (4)^2} \\&= \sqrt{16+4+16} \\&= \sqrt{36} \\&= 6\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } AB^2 + BC^2 = (3\sqrt{2})^2 + (3\sqrt{2})^2 = 18 + 18 = 36 = AC^2$$

Therefore, by Pythagoras theorem, ABC is a right triangle.

Hence, the given points are the vertices of a right-angled triangle.

(iii) Let $(-1, 2, 1)$, $(1, -2, 5)$, $(4, -7, 8)$, and $(2, -3, 4)$ be denoted by A, B, C, and D respectively.

$$\begin{aligned}AB &= \sqrt{(1+1)^2 + (-2-2)^2 + (5-1)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4+16+16} \\ &= \sqrt{36} \\ &= 6\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}BC &= \sqrt{(4-1)^2 + (-7+2)^2 + (8-5)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{9+25+9} = \sqrt{43}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}CD &= \sqrt{(2-4)^2 + (-3+7)^2 + (4-8)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{4+16+16} \\ &= \sqrt{36} \\ &= 6\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}DA &= \sqrt{(-1-2)^2 + (2+3)^2 + (1-4)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{9+25+9} = \sqrt{43}\end{aligned}$$

Here, $AB = CD = 6$, $BC = AD = \sqrt{43}$

Hence, the opposite sides of quadrilateral ABCD, whose vertices are taken in order, are equal.

Therefore, ABCD is a parallelogram.

Hence, the given points are the vertices of a parallelogram.

Question 4:

Find the equation of the set of points which are equidistant from the points (1, 2, 3) and (3, 2, -1).

Answer

Let P (x, y, z) be the point that is equidistant from points A(1, 2, 3) and B(3, 2, -1).

Accordingly, $PA = PB$

$$\Rightarrow PA^2 = PB^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-1)^2 + (y-2)^2 + (z-3)^2 = (x-3)^2 + (y-2)^2 + (z+1)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x + 1 + y^2 - 4y + 4 + z^2 - 6z + 9 = x^2 - 6x + 9 + y^2 - 4y + 4 + z^2 + 2z + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow -2x - 4y - 6z + 14 = -6x - 4y + 2z + 14$$

$$\Rightarrow -2x - 6z + 6x - 2z = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x - 8z = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 2z = 0$$

Thus, the required equation is $x - 2z = 0$.

Question 5:

Find the equation of the set of points P, the sum of whose distances from A (4, 0, 0) and B (-4, 0, 0) is equal to 10.

Answer

Let the coordinates of P be (x, y, z).

The coordinates of points A and B are (4, 0, 0) and (-4, 0, 0) respectively.

It is given that $PA + PB = 10$.

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{(x-4)^2 + y^2 + z^2} + \sqrt{(x+4)^2 + y^2 + z^2} = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{(x-4)^2 + y^2 + z^2} = 10 - \sqrt{(x+4)^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

On squaring both sides, we obtain

$$\Rightarrow (x-4)^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 100 - 20\sqrt{(x+4)^2 + y^2 + z^2} + (x+4)^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 8x + 16 + y^2 + z^2 = 100 - 20\sqrt{x^2 + 8x + 16 + y^2 + z^2} + x^2 + 8x + 16 + y^2 + z^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 20\sqrt{x^2 + 8x + 16 + y^2 + z^2} = 100 + 16x$$

$$\Rightarrow 5\sqrt{x^2 + 8x + 16 + y^2 + z^2} = (25 + 4x)$$

On squaring both sides again, we obtain

$$25(x^2 + 8x + 16 + y^2 + z^2) = 625 + 16x^2 + 200x$$

$$\Rightarrow 25x^2 + 200x + 400 + 25y^2 + 25z^2 = 625 + 16x^2 + 200x$$

$$\Rightarrow 9x^2 + 25y^2 + 25z^2 - 225 = 0$$

Thus, the required equation is $9x^2 + 25y^2 + 25z^2 - 225 = 0$.

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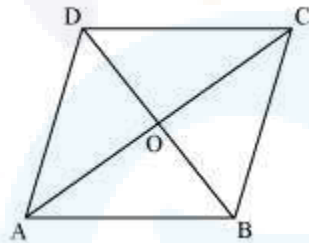
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Question 1:

Three vertices of a parallelogram ABCD are A (3, -1, 2), B (1, 2, -4) and C (-1, 1, 2). Find the coordinates of the fourth vertex.

Answer

The three vertices of a parallelogram ABCD are given as A (3, -1, 2), B (1, 2, -4), and C (-1, 1, 2). Let the coordinates of the fourth vertex be D (x, y, z).



We know that the diagonals of a parallelogram bisect each other. Therefore, in parallelogram ABCD, AC and BD bisect each other.

∴ Mid-point of AC = Mid-point of BD

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{3-1}{2}, \frac{-1+1}{2}, \frac{2+2}{2} \right) = \left(\frac{x+1}{2}, \frac{y+2}{2}, \frac{z-4}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow (1, 0, 2) = \left(\frac{x+1}{2}, \frac{y+2}{2}, \frac{z-4}{2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x+1}{2} = 1, \frac{y+2}{2} = 0, \text{ and } \frac{z-4}{2} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1, y = -2, \text{ and } z = 8$$

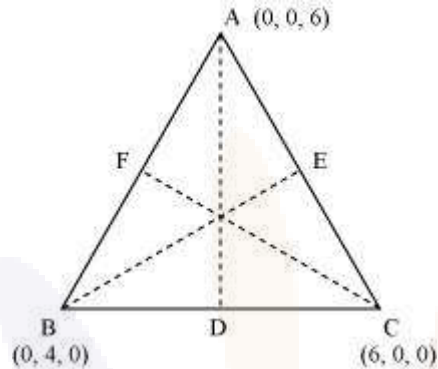
Thus, the coordinates of the fourth vertex are (1, -2, 8).

Question 2:

Find the lengths of the medians of the triangle with vertices A (0, 0, 6), B (0, 4, 0) and (6, 0, 0).

Answer

Let AD, BE, and CF be the medians of the given triangle ABC.



Since AD is the median, D is the mid-point of BC.

$$\therefore \text{Coordinates of point D} = \left(\frac{0+6}{2}, \frac{4+0}{2}, \frac{0+0}{2} \right) = (3, 2, 0)$$

$$AD = \sqrt{(0-3)^2 + (0-2)^2 + (6-0)^2} = \sqrt{9+4+36} = \sqrt{49} = 7$$

Since BE is the median, E is the mid-point of AC.

$$\therefore \text{Coordinates of point E} = \left(\frac{0+6}{2}, \frac{0+0}{2}, \frac{6+0}{2} \right) = (3, 0, 3)$$

$$BE = \sqrt{(3-0)^2 + (0-4)^2 + (3-0)^2} = \sqrt{9+16+9} = \sqrt{34}$$

Since CF is the median, F is the mid-point of AB.

$$\therefore \text{Coordinates of point F} = \left(\frac{0+0}{2}, \frac{0+4}{2}, \frac{6+0}{2} \right) = (0, 2, 3)$$

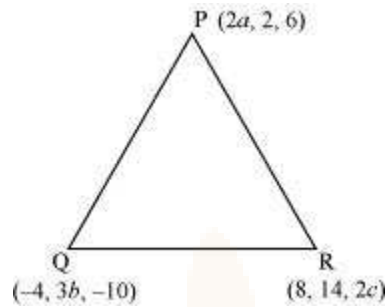
$$\text{Length of CF} = \sqrt{(6-0)^2 + (0-2)^2 + (0-3)^2} = \sqrt{36+4+9} = \sqrt{49} = 7$$

Thus, the lengths of the medians of ΔABC are $7, \sqrt{34}$, and 7 .

Question 3:

If the origin is the centroid of the triangle PQR with vertices P $(2a, 2, 6)$, Q $(-4, 3b, -10)$ and R $(8, 14, 2c)$, then find the values of a, b and c .

Answer



It is known that the coordinates of the centroid of the triangle, whose vertices are $(x_1,$

$y_1, z_1)$, (x_2, y_2, z_2) and (x_3, y_3, z_3) , are $\left(\frac{x_1+x_2+x_3}{3}, \frac{y_1+y_2+y_3}{3}, \frac{z_1+z_2+z_3}{3}\right)$.

Therefore, coordinates of the centroid of ΔPQR

$$= \left(\frac{2a-4+8}{3}, \frac{2+3b+14}{3}, \frac{6-10+2c}{3}\right) = \left(\frac{2a+4}{3}, \frac{3b+16}{3}, \frac{2c-4}{3}\right)$$

It is given that origin is the centroid of ΔPQR .

$$\therefore (0, 0, 0) = \left(\frac{2a+4}{3}, \frac{3b+16}{3}, \frac{2c-4}{3}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2a+4}{3} = 0, \frac{3b+16}{3} = 0 \text{ and } \frac{2c-4}{3} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -2, b = -\frac{16}{3} \text{ and } c = 2$$

Thus, the respective values of a , b , and c are $-2, -\frac{16}{3}$, and 2 .

Question 4:

If A and B be the points (3, 4, 5) and (-1, 3, -7), respectively, find the equation of the set of points P such that $PA^2 + PB^2 = k^2$, where k is a constant.

Answer

The coordinates of points A and B are given as (3, 4, 5) and (-1, 3, -7) respectively.

Let the coordinates of point P be (x, y, z).

On using distance formula, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}PA^2 &= (x-3)^2 + (y-4)^2 + (z-5)^2 \\ &= x^2 + 9 - 6x + y^2 + 16 - 8y + z^2 + 25 - 10z \\ &= x^2 - 6x + y^2 - 8y + z^2 - 10z + 50\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}PB^2 &= (x+1)^2 + (y-3)^2 + (z+7)^2 \\ &= x^2 + 2x + y^2 - 6y + z^2 + 14z + 59\end{aligned}$$

Now, if $PA^2 + PB^2 = k^2$, then

$$(x^2 - 6x + y^2 - 8y + z^2 - 10z + 50) + (x^2 + 2x + y^2 - 6y + z^2 + 14z + 59) = k^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 + 2y^2 + 2z^2 - 4x - 14y + 4z + 109 = k^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x - 7y + 2z) = k^2 - 109$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x - 7y + 2z = \frac{k^2 - 109}{2}$$

Thus, the required equation is $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x - 7y + 2z = \frac{k^2 - 109}{2}$.