

## Exercise 9B

1 a Let

$$\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}, \mathbf{b} = (3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) - (\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j})$$

$$= 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$$

and

$$\mathbf{c} = (4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}) - (\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j})$$

$$= 3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + \lambda(2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) + \mu(3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$$

b Let

$$\mathbf{a} = 3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{b}$$

$$= -\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - (3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$$

$$= -4\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$$

and

$$\mathbf{c} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k} - (3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$$

$$= -\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{r} = 3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} + \lambda(-4\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) + \mu(-\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k})$$

$$\text{or } \mathbf{r} = 3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} + \lambda'(4\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) + \mu(-\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k})$$

c Let

$$\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{b}$$

$$= 3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k} - (2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k})$$

$$= \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$$

$$\text{and } \mathbf{c} = 4\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k} - (2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{r} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k} + \lambda(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}) + \mu(2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$$

d Let

$$\mathbf{a} = -\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{b}$$

$$= -\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k} - (-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k})$$

$$= \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$$

and

$$\mathbf{c} = 4\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k} - (-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k})$$

$$= \mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{r} = -\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k} + \lambda(\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}) + \mu(\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})$$

2 The plane has normal vector  $\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  so a cartesian

equation of the plane takes the form

$$-x + 3y + 2z = d$$

The plane contains the point  $(4, -2, 6)$  so

$$-(4) + 3(-2) + 2(6) = d \Rightarrow d = 2$$

$$\therefore -x + 3y + 2z = 2$$

$$3 \quad \mathbf{a} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -1 \\ k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{i} \text{ component: } 2 + 3\lambda + \mu$$

$$= 7 \Rightarrow 3\lambda + \mu = 5$$

$$\mathbf{j} \text{ component: } -1 + 2\lambda - \mu$$

$$= -1 \Rightarrow 2\lambda - \mu = 0$$

Solving these simultaneous equations:

$$\lambda = 1, \mu = 2$$

$$\mathbf{k} \text{ component: } 3 + 1(-2) + 2(3)$$

$$= k \Rightarrow k = 7$$

$$\mathbf{b} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ k \\ 11 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{i} \text{ component: } 2 + 3\lambda + \mu = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 3\lambda + \mu = -1$$

$$\mathbf{k} \text{ component: } 3 - 2\lambda + 3\mu = 11$$

$$\Rightarrow -2\lambda + 3\mu = 8$$

Solving these simultaneous equations:

$$\lambda = -1, \mu = 2$$

$$\mathbf{j} \text{ component: } -1 - 2 + 2(-1) = k \Rightarrow k = -5$$

$$\mathbf{c} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} k \\ -4 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{j} \text{ component: } -1 + 2\lambda - \mu = -4$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\lambda - \mu = -3$$

$$\mathbf{k} \text{ component: } 3 - 2\lambda + 3\mu = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow -2\lambda + 3\mu = 7$$

Solving these simultaneous equations:

$$\lambda = -\frac{1}{2}, \mu = 2$$

$$\mathbf{i} \text{ component: } 2 - \frac{1}{2}(3) + 2(1) = k \Rightarrow k = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$3 \quad \mathbf{d} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ k \\ -k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{j} \text{ component: } -1 + 2\lambda - \mu = k$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\lambda - \mu = k + 1$$

$$\mathbf{k} \text{ component: } 3 - 2\lambda + 3\mu = -k$$

$$\Rightarrow -2\lambda + 3\mu = -k - 3$$

Adding these two equations together:

$$2\mu = -2 \Rightarrow \mu = -1$$

$$\mathbf{i} \text{ component: } 2 + 3\lambda + (-1) = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 3$$

$$\mathbf{j} \text{ component: } -1 + 3(2) + (-1)(-1) = k$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 6$$

$$4 \quad \mathbf{a} \quad \mathbf{i} \quad 2(1) - 3(2) + 5(1) = 1$$

$$\mathbf{ii} \quad 2(2) - 3(-4) + 5(-3) = 1$$

$$\mathbf{b} \quad \mathbf{n} = 2\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$$

5  $\mathbf{a}$   $l$  is normal to the plane and passes through  $(2, 3, -2)$  so an equation for  $l$  is

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b} \quad \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -3 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x-2}{5} = \frac{y-3}{-3} = \frac{z+2}{-4}$$

$$6 \quad x = 0, 0 \leq y, z \leq 3$$

$$x = 3, 0 \leq y, z \leq 3$$

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7 Find the plane containing  $A(2, 2, 3)$

$B(1, 5, 3)$  and  $C(4, 3, -1)$ , then show that

$D(3, 6, -1)$  lies in this plane.

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{OB} - \overrightarrow{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\overrightarrow{AC} = \overrightarrow{OC} - \overrightarrow{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

So a vector equation of the plane is

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$$

If  $D$  also lies in this plane then there exist  $\lambda, \mu$  such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{k} \text{ component: } 3 - 4\mu = -1 \Rightarrow \mu = 1$$

$$\mathbf{j} \text{ component: } 2 + 3\lambda + 1(1) = 6 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1$$

$$\text{Check } \mathbf{i} \text{ component: } 2 + 1(-1) + 1(2) = 3$$

Therefore the points are coplanar.

- 8 Find the plane containing  $A(2, 3, 4)$ ,  $B(2, -1, 3)$  and  $C(5, 3, -2)$ , then show that  $D(-1, -9, 8)$  lies in this plane.

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{OB} - \overrightarrow{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\overrightarrow{AC} = \overrightarrow{OC} - \overrightarrow{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}$$

So a vector equation of the plane is

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}$$

If  $D$  also lies in this plane then there exist  $\lambda, \mu$  such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -9 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

**i** component:  $2 + 3\mu = -1 \Rightarrow \mu = -1$

**j** component:  $3 - 4\lambda = -9 \Rightarrow \lambda = 3$

Check **k** component:  $4 + 3(-1) - (-6) = 7 \neq 8$

So the equations are not consistent.

Therefore the points are not coplanar.

9 **a**  $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + 1 \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + 2 \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

**b**  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -7 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

**i** component:  $3 - 2\lambda + 4\mu = 1 \Rightarrow \lambda - 2\mu = 1$

**j** component:  $-2 + 3\lambda + 2\mu = -7 \Rightarrow 3\lambda + 2\mu = -5$

**k** component:  $1 + 5\lambda - 3\mu = -1 \Rightarrow 5\lambda - 3\mu = -2$

$\lambda = \mu = -1$  satisfies all of the equations, so

$B(1, -7, -1)$  lies on the plane.

- c**  $A(9, 5, 0)$  and  $B(1, -7, -1)$

So an equation for the line through  $A$

and  $B$  is  $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ -12 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$

- d**  $|\overrightarrow{OA}| = |\overrightarrow{OC}|$

$$|\overrightarrow{OA}| = \sqrt{9^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{106}$$

$$\therefore |\overrightarrow{OC}| = \sqrt{(9 - 8\lambda)^2 + (5 - 12\lambda)^2 + \lambda^2} = \sqrt{106}$$

$$\Rightarrow 209\lambda^2 - 264\lambda + 106 = 106$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda(19\lambda - 24) = 0$$

$\lambda \neq 0$  (otherwise that would give  $A$ ) so  $\lambda = \frac{24}{19}$

Therefore  $C$  has position vector

$$\begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{24}{19} \begin{pmatrix} -8 \\ -12 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{21}{19} \\ -\frac{193}{19} \\ -\frac{24}{19} \end{pmatrix}$$

### Challenge

$A: 2\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$  lies on plane;  $\lambda = -2, \mu = 1$

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = 5\mathbf{i} - 7\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k}$$

$B: 7\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k}$  lies on plane;  $\lambda = 1, \mu = 2$

So line lies entirely within plane.