



## Equation of line in Space

IF  $L$  is a line in space that passes through a point  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  and it is parallel to a vector  $V = A\mathbf{i} + B\mathbf{j} + C\mathbf{k}$ .  
Then  $P(x, y, z)$  is any point lies on  $L$  only if

$$\vec{P_0P} = tV \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where  $t$  is some number

So eq(1) can be written:

$$\therefore (x - x_0)\mathbf{i} + (y - y_0)\mathbf{j} + (z - z_0)\mathbf{k} = t(A\mathbf{i} + B\mathbf{j} + C\mathbf{k})$$

$$x - x_0 = At, \quad y - y_0 = Bt, \quad z - z_0 = Ct$$

$$\Rightarrow x = At + x_0, \quad y = Bt + y_0, \quad z = Ct + z_0$$

EX Find parametric equations for the line through the point  $(-2, 0, 4)$  parallel to the vector  $V = 2\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$

Sol  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (-2, 0, 4)$

$$A\mathbf{i} + B\mathbf{j} + C\mathbf{k} = 2\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$$

$$x = 2t - 2$$

$$y = 4t$$

$$z = -2t + 4 = 4 - 2t$$

EX Find parametric equations for line through the point  $P(-3, 2, -3)$  and  $Q(1, -1, 4)$ ?

Sol

$$\vec{PQ} = (1 - (-3))\mathbf{i} + ((-1) - 2)\mathbf{j} + (4 - (-3))\mathbf{k}$$
$$= 4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k}$$

With  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (-3, 2, -3)$

$$x = 4t - 3, \quad y = -3t + 2, \quad z = 7t - 3$$

and for  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (1, -1, 4)$

$$x = 4t + 1, \quad y = -3t - 1, \quad z = 7t + 4$$

The distance from a point to a line

① First method

a- Find the point  $Q(x, y, z)$

b- Calculate the distance from  $P$  to  $Q$

ex Find the distance from point  $P(1, 1, 5)$  to the line  
 $x = 1 + t, \quad y = 3 - t, \quad z = 2t$

Sol

$$Q(x, y, z) = (1 + t, 3 - t, 2t)$$

$$\vec{PQ} = ((1 + t) - 1)\mathbf{i} + ((3 - t) - 1)\mathbf{j} + (2t - 5)\mathbf{k} = t\mathbf{i} + (2 - t)\mathbf{j} + (2t - 5)\mathbf{k}$$

$$|\vec{PQ}| = \sqrt{t^2 + (2 - t)^2 + (2t - 5)^2}$$
$$= \sqrt{t^2 + 4 - 4t + t^2 + 4t^2 - 20t + 25}$$
$$= \sqrt{6t^2 - 24t + 29}$$

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$$\text{let } (|\vec{PQ}|)^2 = f(t) = d^2$$

$$f(t) = 6t^2 - 24t + 29$$

$$\frac{dF}{dt} = 0 = 12t - 24 \Rightarrow t = 2$$

نحوض قيمة  $Q$  في النقطة  $(t=2)$

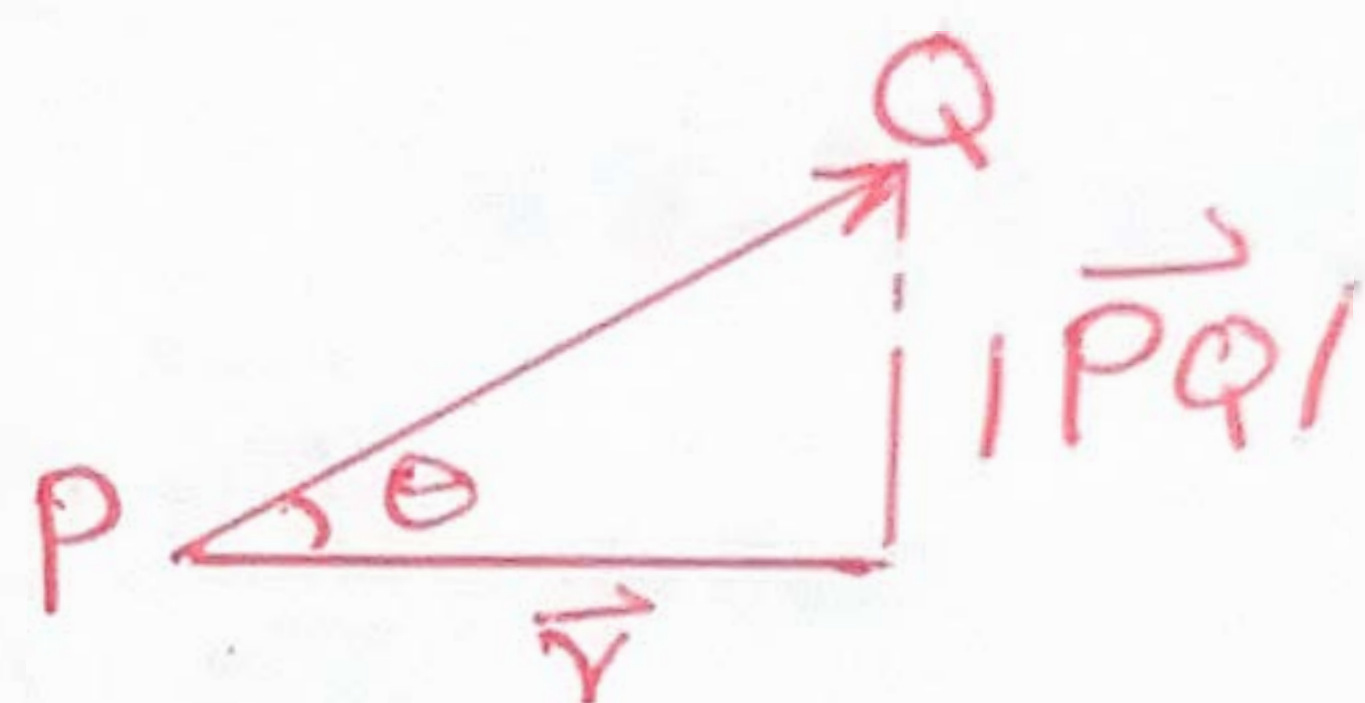
$$Q(1+2, 3-2, 2 \cdot 2)$$

$$\therefore Q = (3, 1, 4)$$

## ② Second method

The distance from a point  $Q$  to a line that passes through a point  $P$  parallel to a vector

$$d = \frac{|\vec{PQ} \times \vec{v}|}{|\vec{v}|}$$



Ex  $P(1, 1, 5)$  and line  $x = 1+t, y = 3-t, z = 2t$

Sol  $\therefore x = 1+t, y = 3-t, z = 2t + 0$

$$\therefore \vec{v} = \vec{i} - \vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$$

$$Q = (1, 3, 0)$$

$$\vec{PQ} = (1-1)\vec{i} + (3-1)\vec{j} + (0-5)\vec{k}$$

$$\therefore \vec{PQ} = 2\vec{j} - 5\vec{k}$$

$$\vec{PQ} \times \vec{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 0 & 2 & -5 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (2 \times 2 - (-1 \times -5))\vec{i} - (0 \times 2 - (1 \times -5))\vec{j} + ((0 \times -1) - (1 \times 2))\vec{k}$$

$$= -\vec{i} - 5\vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$$

$$d = \frac{|\vec{PQ} \times \vec{v}|}{|\vec{v}|} = \frac{\sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-5)^2 + (-2)^2}}{\sqrt{(1)^2 + (-1)^2 + (2)^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{30}}{\sqrt{6}} = \boxed{\sqrt{5}}$$

③ Third method

$$d = |\vec{PQ}| \cdot \sin \theta$$

Ex //  $P = (1, 1, 5)$

line  $x = 1 + t$ ,  $y = 3 - t$ ,  $z = 2t$

sol //  $\vec{V} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ ,  $Q(1, 3, 0)$

$$\vec{PQ} = (1-1)\hat{i} + (3-1)\hat{j} + (0-5)\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{PQ} = 2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\vec{PQ} \cdot \vec{V}}{|\vec{PQ}| \cdot |\vec{V}|}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{(0 \cdot 1) + (2 \cdot -1) + (-5 \cdot 2)}{\sqrt{(2)^2 + (-5)^2} \cdot \sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2 + (2)^2}} = \frac{-12}{\sqrt{29} \cdot \sqrt{6}}$$

$$\cos \theta = -0.9097 \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1}(-0.9097)$$

$$\therefore \theta = 155.5$$

$$d = |\vec{PQ}| \cdot \sin \theta$$

$$d = \sqrt{2^2 + (-5)^2} \cdot \sin \theta$$

$$= \sqrt{29} \cdot \sin(155.5)$$

$$= 2.233 = \sqrt{5} = d$$