

Q-5

(1) Prove that the four planes  $my + nz = 0$  and  $nz + lx = 0$ ,  $lx + my + nz = p$  form a tetrahedron whose volume is  $\frac{2p^3}{3lmn}$

$$my + nz = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$nz + lx = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$lx + my + nz = p \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$A = (p/m, 0/n)$$

$$B = (0/n, p/l)$$

$$C = (p/l) \cdot (p/m, p/n)$$

I think the coordinates A, B, C form a triangle as the base of the tetrahedron

$$AB = [0, p/m, 0]$$

$$AC = [0, 0, p/n]$$

the area of base is given by the length of the cross product:  $AB \times AC$

the problem is how to find the height of tetrahedron

$$P: lx + my + nz = p$$

$l, m, n$  are DCS of normal vector of plane

$p$ : distance of plane from origin

$$\sqrt{l^2 + m^2 + n^2} = 1$$

$$l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1$$