

## Equation of planes bisecting angle between two given planes.

(1) **Cartesian form:** Equations of planes bisecting angles between the planes

$a_1x + b_1y + c_1z + d_1 = 0$  and  $a_2x + b_2y + c_2z + d_2 = 0$  are

$$\frac{a_1x + b_1y + c_1z + d_1}{\sqrt{(a_1^2 + b_1^2 + c_1^2)}} = \pm \frac{a_2x + b_2y + c_2z + d_2}{\sqrt{(a_2^2 + b_2^2 + c_2^2)}}.$$

Note: If angle between bisector plane and one of the plane is less than  $45^\circ$ , then it is acute angle bisector otherwise it is obtuse angle bisector.

If  $a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2$  is negative, then origin lies in the acute angle between the given planes provided  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  are of same sign and if  $a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2$  is positive, then origin lies in the obtuse angle between the given planes.

(2) **Vector form:** The equation of the planes bisecting the angles between the planes  $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n}_1 = d_1$

and  $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n}_2 = d_2$  are  $\frac{|\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n}_1 - d_1|}{|\mathbf{n}_1|} = \frac{|\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n}_2 - d_2|}{|\mathbf{n}_2|}$  or  $\frac{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n}_1 - d_1}{|\mathbf{n}_1|} = \pm \frac{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n}_2 - d_2}{|\mathbf{n}_2|}$  or

$$\mathbf{r} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{n}}_1 \pm \hat{\mathbf{n}}_2) = \frac{d_1}{|\mathbf{n}_1|} \pm \frac{d_2}{|\mathbf{n}_2|}.$$