



Sphere:- A sphere is the locus of a point, which moves so that its distance from a fixed point is constant.

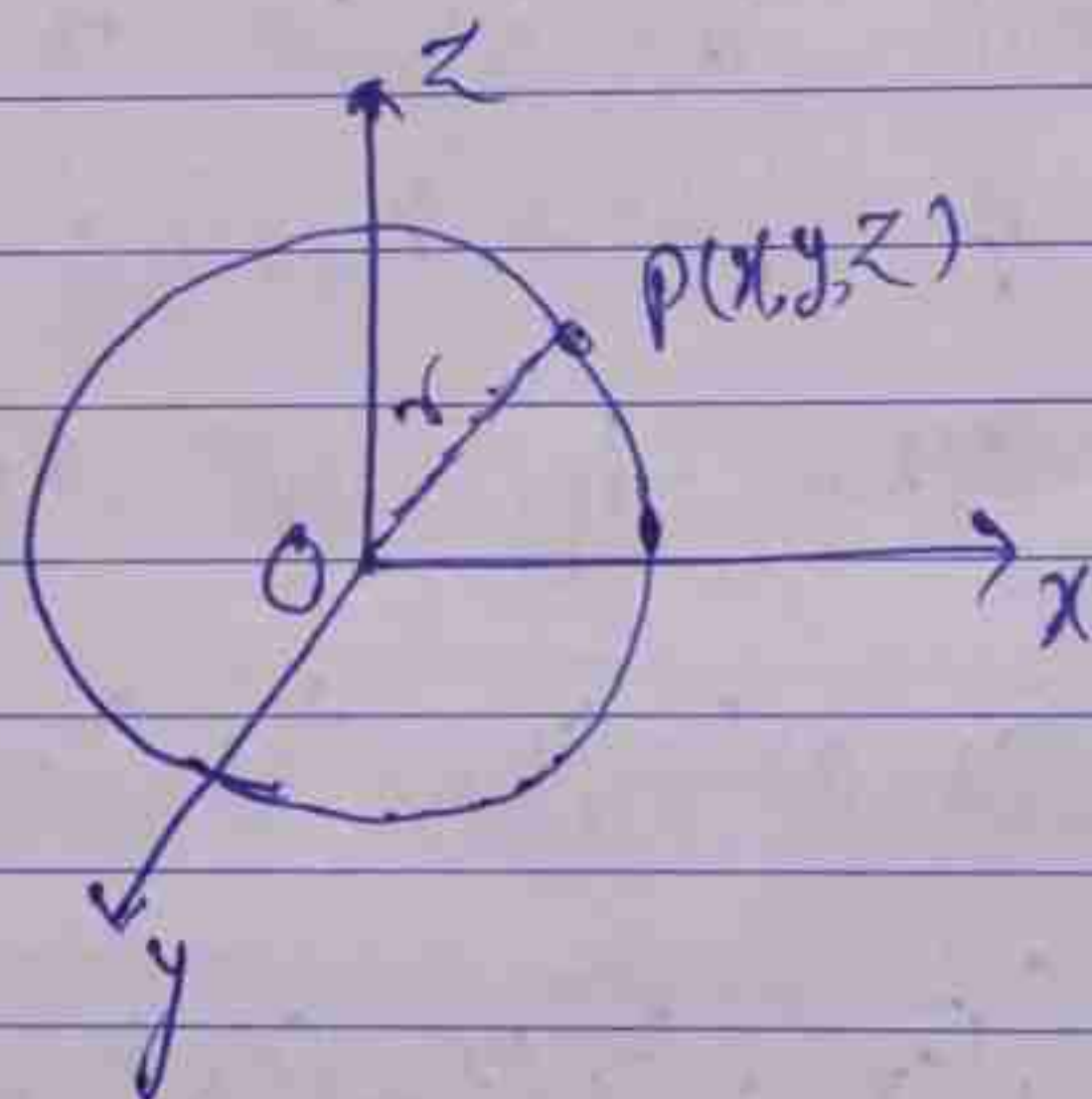
- (i) The fixed point is called the centre of the sphere.  
(ii) The constant distance is called the radius of the sphere.

Equation of the sphere (Standard Form):-

The equation of sphere whose centre is  $(0, 0, 0)$  and radius  $r$ , is

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = r^2$$

Proof: Let  $P(x, y, z)$  be any point on the sphere with centre  $O(0, 0, 0)$ .



Then by definition,

$$OP = r \text{ (radius of sphere).}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{(x-0)^2 + (y-0)^2 + (z-0)^2} = r$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = r$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = r^2$$

which is the required equation of the sphere and called standard form.

Central form of Equation of the sphere: The Equation (2)

of a sphere, whose centre is  $(a, b, c)$  and radius  $r$  is

$$(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 + (z-c)^2 = r^2$$

OR

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2ax - 2by - 2cz + (a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - r^2) = 0.$$

Proof: Let  $P(x, y, z)$  be any point

on the sphere,

Let  $Q(a, b, c)$  be the given centre of sphere having radius  $r$ ,

Then, by def<sup>n</sup> of sphere

$$\sqrt{(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 + (z-c)^2} = r$$

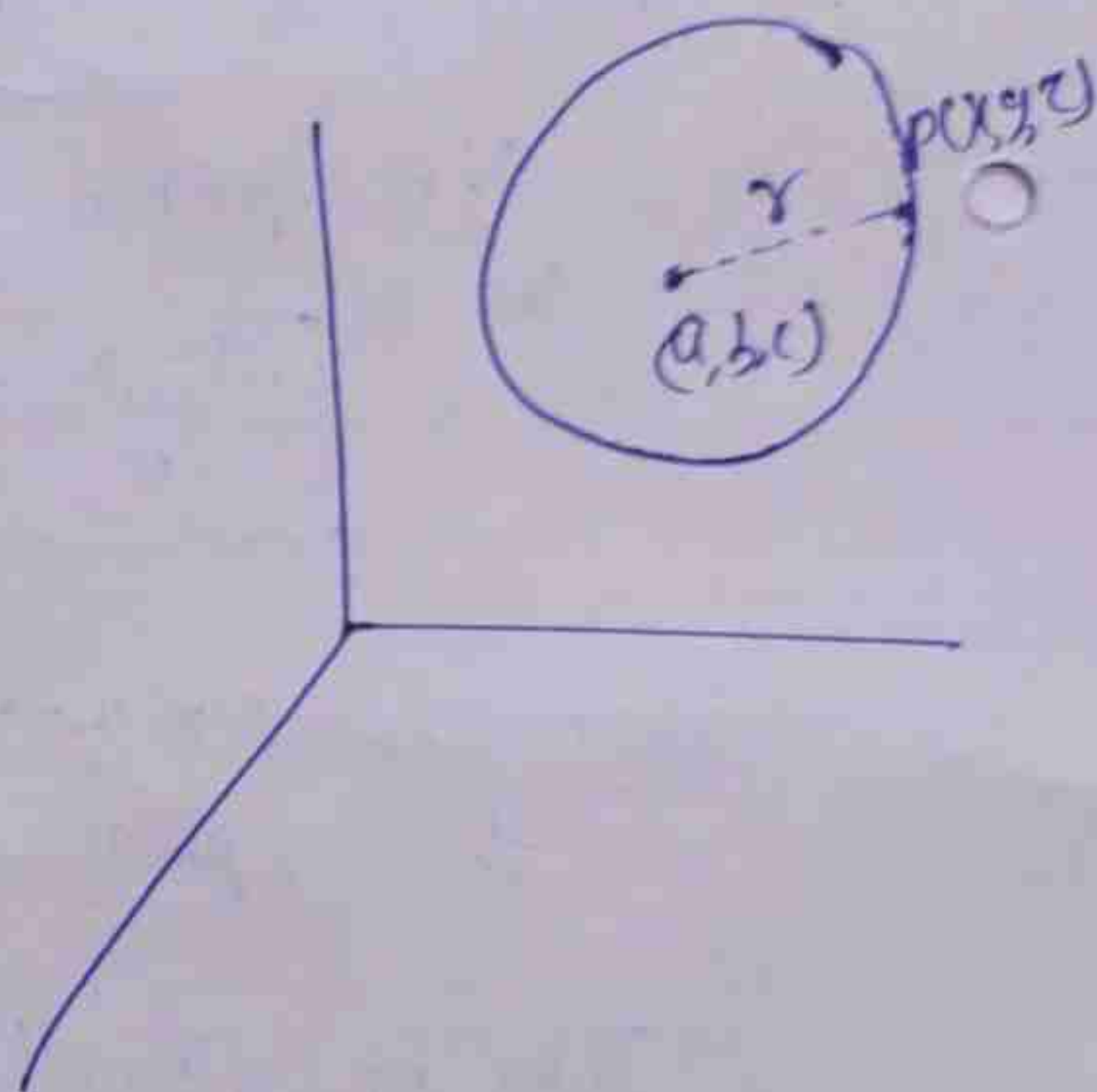
$$\Rightarrow \left( \sqrt{(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 + (z-c)^2} \right)^2 = r^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 + (z-c)^2 = r^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + a^2 - 2ax + y^2 + b^2 - 2by + z^2 + c^2 - 2cz = r^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2ax - 2by - 2cz + (a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - r^2) = 0}$$

Proved



General form of the Equation of sphere: The General

form of Equation is, 3

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2ux + 2vy + 2wz + d = 0$$

where

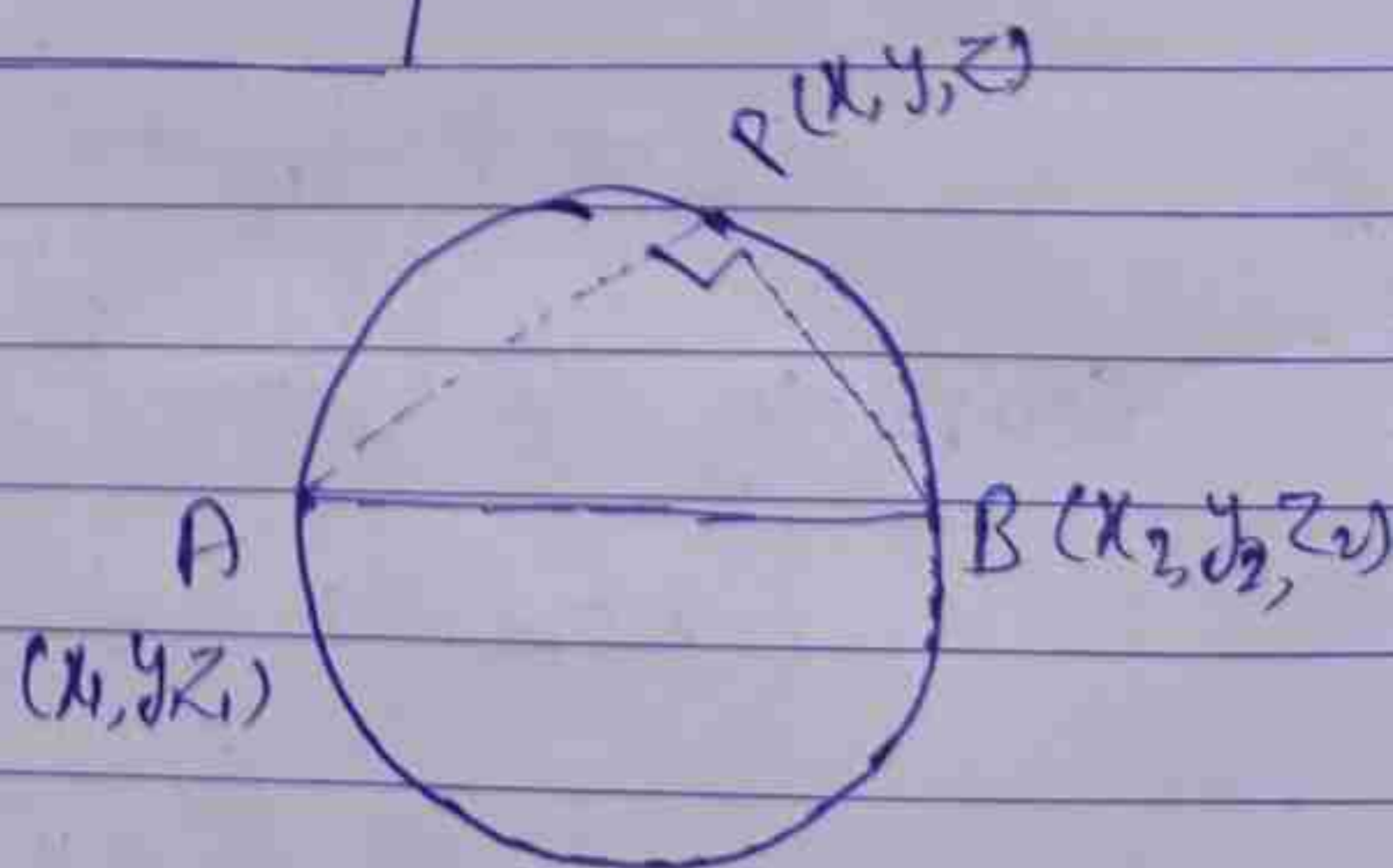
$$u = -a, v = -b, w = -c, \text{ and } d = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - r^2.$$

Here, centre is  $(-u, -v, -w)$

and radius  $\sqrt{u^2 + v^2 + w^2 - d} = \sqrt{u^2 + v^2 + w^2 - d}$

Diameter form of the Equation of sphere: The Equation of the sphere on the joining of  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  as the extremities of a diameter.

$$(x-x_1)(x-x_2) + (y-y_1)(y-y_2) + (z-z_1)(z-z_2) = 0$$



Example: Find the Equation of a sphere, whose centre is  $(2, -3, 4)$  and radius 3.

Solution:- We know Equation of sphere whose centre is  $(a, b, c)$  and radius  $r$  is

$$(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 + (z-c)^2 = r^2$$

$\therefore$  Equation of sphere whose centre is  $(2, -3, 4)$  and radius 3 is

$$(x-2)^2 + (y+3)^2 + (z-4)^2 = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 4 - 4x + y^2 + 9 + 6y + z^2 + 16 - 8z = 9$$

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$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 4x - 6y - 8z + 20 = 0}$$

Example: Find the centre and radius of the sphere given by,

(i)  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x - 4y - 6z + 4 = 0$  (ii)  $2x^2 + 2y^2 + 2z^2 - 2x + 4y + 2z + 3 = 0$

Solution:- (ii)  $2x^2 + 2y^2 + 2z^2 - 2x + 4y + 2z + 3 = 0$

i.e.  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - x + 2y + z + \frac{3}{2} = 0$

Comparing it with  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2ux + 2vy + 2wz + d = 0$

we have  $u = -\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $v = 1$ ,  $w = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $d = \frac{3}{2} = 1$

$\therefore$  centre is  $(\frac{1}{2}, -1, -\frac{1}{2})$  and

radius =  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + 1 + \frac{1}{4} + 1} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

Ans

Example: - Find the Equation of the sphere which passes through the origin and meets the axes in  $A \sim (a, 0, 0)$ ,  $B \sim (0, b, 0)$  and  $C \sim (0, 0, c)$ .

Solution: - Let the Equation of curve sphere,

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2ux + 2vy + 2wz + d = 0.$$

Since it is passes through the origin  $(0, 0, 0)$ .

$$\Rightarrow d = 0$$

Also it is passes through  $A \sim (a, 0, 0)$ .

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + 2ua + d = 0 \quad \Rightarrow a^2 + 2ua = 0$$

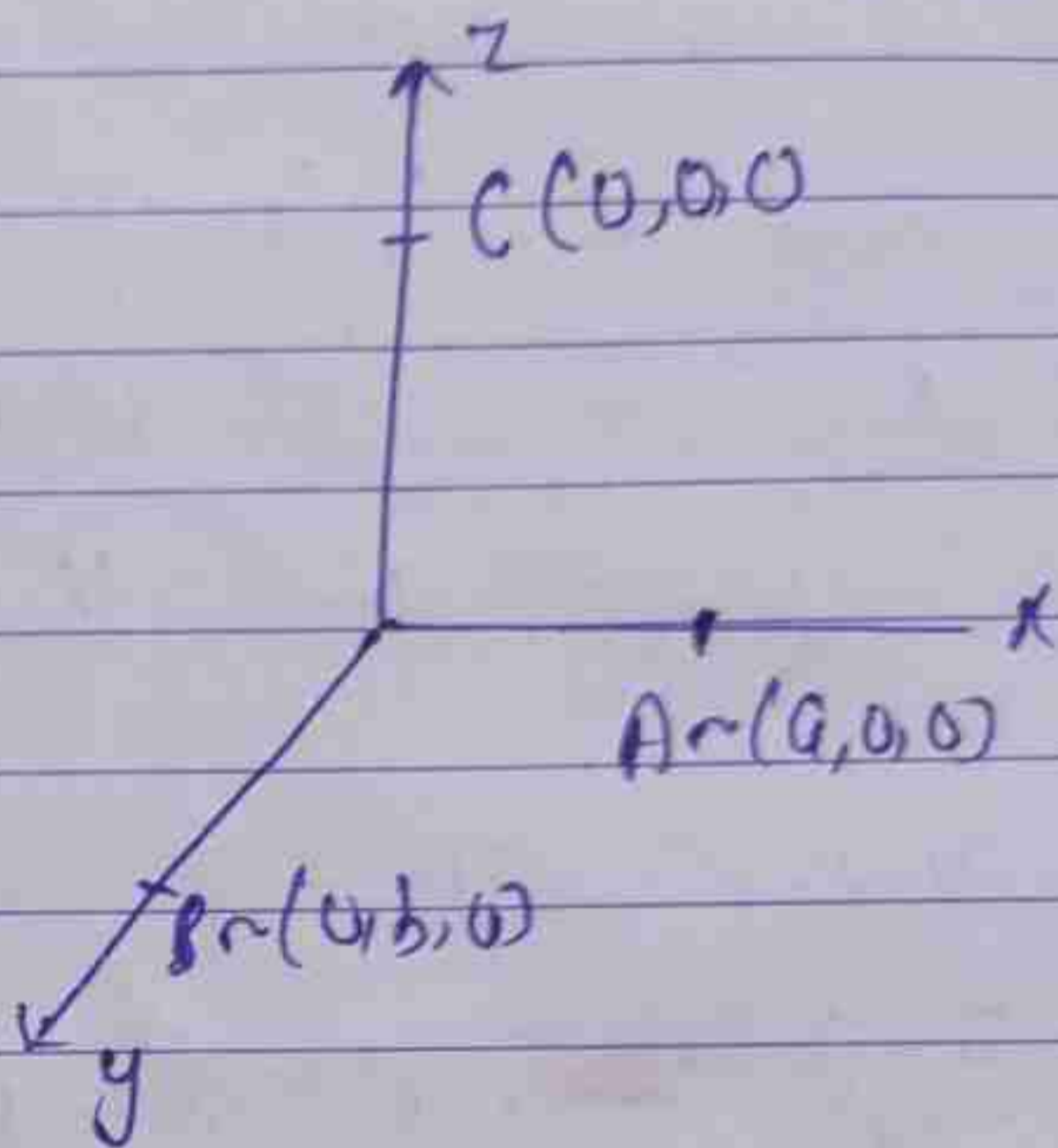
$$\Rightarrow u = -a/2$$

Similarly it is passes through B and C

$$\Rightarrow v = -b/2, \quad w = -c/2$$

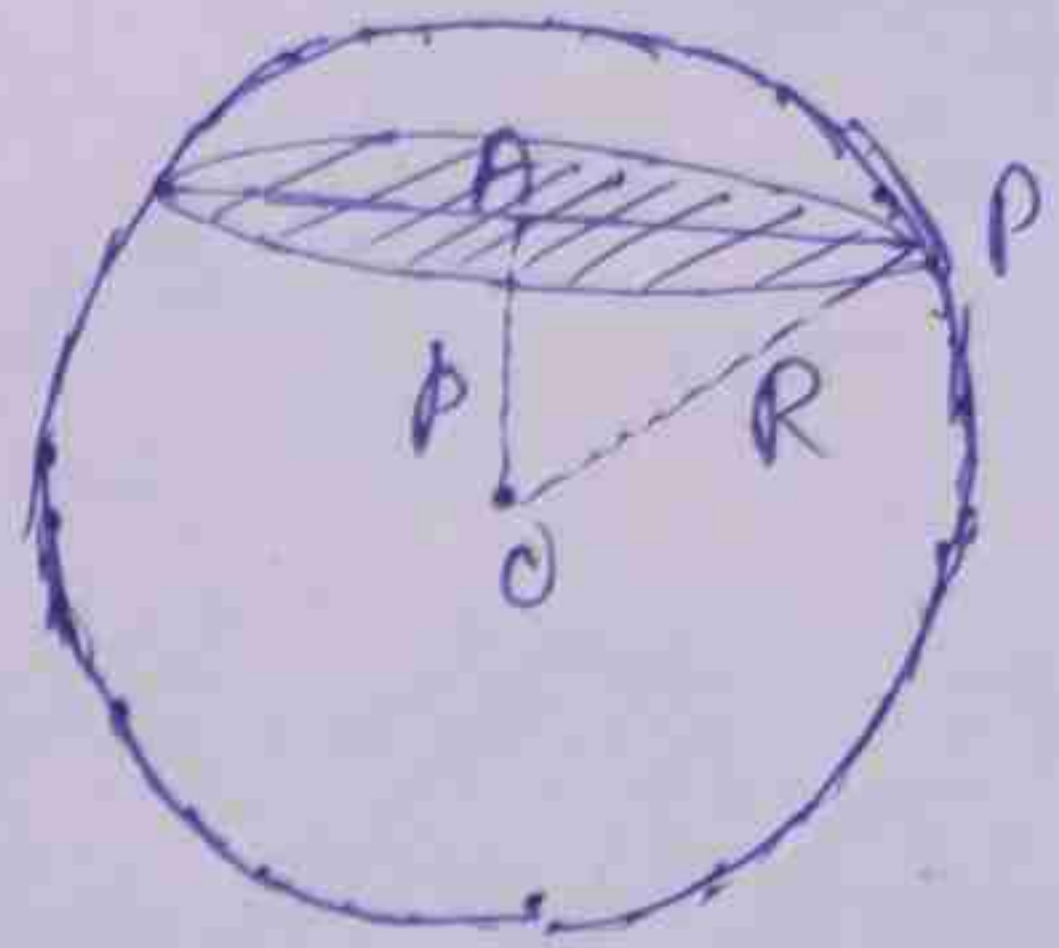
Hence, required Equation of sphere

$$\boxed{x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - ax - by - cz = 0}$$



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Plane Section of a Sphere:— Suppose that the sphere and the plane intersect and have common points. The set of points ~~common~~ common to the sphere and the plane (when they intersect) is called the plane section of a sphere and it is ~~is~~ a circle.



Now,  $AP^2 = OP^2 - OA^2$

$$\Rightarrow AP^2 = R^2 - p^2 \quad \text{ie} \quad \boxed{AP = \sqrt{R^2 - p^2}}$$

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Hence the locus of P is a circle, whose centre is the point A and radius =  $\sqrt{R^2 - p^2}$ .

Equation of a circle:— We have shown that the section of a sphere by a plane is a circle.

Thus two Equation, one of a sphere and other of a plane, together represent a circle.

ie.  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2ux + 2vy + 2wz + d = 0$  (sphere) — (1)

$$Ax + By + Cz + D = 0 \quad \text{[plane]} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

These two Equation (1) and (2) together represent a circle.

(a) The centre of circle is the foot of the perpendicular from the centre of the sphere on the plane of the circle ie point A in figure.

(b) The radius of the circle  $r = \sqrt{R^2 - p^2}$

where

$R =$  radius of sphere

$p = OA$  (perpendicular from  $O$  on the plane).

Example Find the centre and radius of the section of the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 25$  by the plane  $2x + y + 2z = 9$

Solution: The given sphere is  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 25$   
its centre is  $O(0,0,0)$  and radius  $= 5$  — (1)

The equation of plane is  $2x + y + 2z = 9$   
 $\Rightarrow 2x + y + 2z - 9 = 0$  — (2)

Equation (1) and (2) taken together represent a circle, whose centre is the foot  $A$  of the perpendicular drawn from  $O$  (centre of the sphere) to the plane (2).

Now equation of perpendicular ( $OA$ ) are

$$\frac{x-0}{2} = \frac{y-0}{1} = \frac{z-0}{2} = r \text{ (say)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{2} = \frac{y}{1} = \frac{z}{2} = r \quad \Rightarrow x = 2r, y = r, z = 2r$$

$\therefore$  Any point on this line is  $(2r, r, 2r)$  which is  $A$ .

But  $A$  lies on the sphere (1).

$$\Rightarrow 2(2r) + r + 2(2r) = 9 \quad \Rightarrow \boxed{r = 1}$$

Thus the point A is  $(2, 1, 2)$ , which is the centre of the circle. (8)

Now  $p = OA =$  perpendicular from  $O(0, 0, 0)$  on the plane (2)

$$= \frac{0+0+0-9}{\sqrt{4+1+4}} = \frac{-9}{3} = -3 = 3 \text{ (Numerically)}$$

$$\therefore \text{Radius of circle} = AP = \sqrt{R^2 - p^2} = \sqrt{25 - 9} = 4$$

Hence, the centre of circle is  $(2, 1, 2)$  and radius is 4.

Intersection of two spheres: Let the two spheres be 8

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2u_1x + 2v_1y + 2w_1z + d_1 = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2u_2x + 2v_2y + 2w_2z + d_2 = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

The points common to (1) and (2) will also lie on the surface

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2u_1x + 2v_1y + 2w_1z + d_1 - (x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2u_2x + 2v_2y + 2w_2z + d_2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{2(u_1 - u_2)x + 2(v_1 - v_2)y + 2(w_1 - w_2)z + (d_1 - d_2) = 0} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

which is a plane

Thus the common points of (1) and (2) are also the common points (1) and (3) [or (2) and (3)] and hence they lie on a circle.