

Homework #3 Solutions to some problems
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11.4/4 $x(t) = 17 - 17t$; $y(t) = -13 + 13t$; $z(t) = -31 + 31t$

11.4/6 direction vector $\overrightarrow{P_2 P_1} = \langle 3, -13, 3 \rangle$

Using P_1 as the point,

$$\boxed{x(t) = 3 + 3t; y(t) = 5 - 13t; z(t) = 7 + 3t}$$

Note: if you use P_2 instead of P_1 , you'll get different parametric equations which are also correct.

11.4/10 direction vector $\overrightarrow{PQ} = \langle 2, -2, 15 \rangle$

Using P , parametric eqs.

$$\boxed{x(t) = 2 + 2t; y(t) = 5 - 2t; z(t) = -7 + 15t}$$

Solve for t : $t = \frac{x-2}{2}$ $t = \frac{y-5}{-2}$ $t = \frac{z+7}{15}$

$$\boxed{\frac{x-2}{2} = \frac{y-5}{-2} = \frac{z+7}{15}} \text{ symmetric eqs.}$$

11.4/16 The direction vector for L_1 is $\langle 4, 1, -2 \rangle$
The direction vector for L_2 is $\langle 6, -3, 8 \rangle$

These are not scalar multiples of one another, so L_1 and L_2 are not parallel.

Parametric Eqs. for L_1 are

$$x = 11 + 4t ; y = 6 + t ; z = -5 - 2t$$

And for L_2

$$x = 13 + 6s ; y = 2 - 3s ; z = 5 + 8s$$

If L_1, L_2 intersect, then

$$\begin{cases} 11 + 4t = 13 + 6s & (1) \\ 6 + t = 2 - 3s & (2) \\ -5 - 2t = 5 + 8s & (3) \end{cases}$$

Solve (2) for t and plug into (3) to get

$$-5 - 2(-4 - 3s) = 5 + 8s$$

$$3 - 3s = 5 + 8s$$

$$-2 = 11s$$

$$s = -\frac{2}{11}$$

Then from (2),

$$t = -4 - 3\left(-\frac{2}{11}\right)$$

$$= -4 + \frac{6}{11} = \frac{-38}{11}$$

Put this s, t into (1):

$$11 + 4\left(\frac{-38}{11}\right) = 13 + 6\left(-\frac{2}{11}\right)$$

This is false
(work it out).

There is no point of intersection; skew

11.4/20 The direction vector for L_1 is $\langle 12, 20, -28 \rangle$
And for L_2 $\langle 9, 15, -21 \rangle$

These are parallel because $\langle 12, 20, -28 \rangle = \frac{4}{3} \langle 9, 15, -21 \rangle$
 L_1 and L_2 are parallel.

11.4/22 $\vec{n} \cdot (\vec{r} - \langle 3, -4, 5 \rangle) = 0$ Let $\vec{r} = \langle x, y, z \rangle$

$$\boxed{-2(x-3) + 7(y+4) + 3(z-5) = 0.}$$

11.4/30 The normal vector to $x+y-2z=0$
is $\vec{n} = \langle 1, 1, -2 \rangle$.

Answer: $(x-5) + (y-1) - 2(z-4) = 0$

11.4/37 For L , the direction vector is $\langle 2, -5, 3 \rangle$
 $\vec{v} =$

For \mathcal{P} , the normal vector is $\vec{n} = \langle 3, 2, -4 \rangle$
Since $\vec{n} \cdot \vec{v} \neq 0$, \vec{v} and \vec{n} are not
perpendicular, so L is not parallel
to \mathcal{P} .

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To find the intersection, plug the equations for L into the equation for P:

$$3(3+2t) + 2(6-5t) - 4(2+3t) = 1.$$

$$9 + 6t + 12 - 10t - 8 - 12t = 1$$

$$13 - 16t = 1 \quad -16t = -12 \quad t = \frac{12}{16} = \frac{3}{4}$$

Using the equations for L,

$$x = 3 + 2\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) = 3 + \frac{3}{2} = \frac{9}{2}$$

$$y = 6 - 5\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) = 6 - \frac{15}{4} = \frac{9}{4}$$

$$z = 2 + 3\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) = 2 + \frac{9}{4} = \frac{17}{4}$$

$\left(\frac{9}{2}, \frac{9}{4}, \frac{17}{4}\right)$ is
the point of
intersection

11.4/40 The normal vectors are

$$\vec{n} = \langle 2, -1, 1 \rangle, \quad \vec{m} = \langle 1, 1, -1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{n} \cdot \vec{m} = 2 - 1 - 1 = 0, \quad \text{so } \vec{n} \perp \vec{m}.$$

The angle is 90° or $\frac{\pi}{2}$ radians.

11.4/44 To find a point on the intersection of the two planes, let $z=0$ (this is arbitrary - any z works)

Then $2x - y = 5$ and $x + y = 1$.

Solving for x and y , we get $x=2, y=-1$

So $P_0 = (2, -1, 0)$ is on the line of intersection.

The direction vector ~~\vec{r}~~ is parallel to both planes, so it is perpendicular to both \vec{n} and \vec{m} (see #40 for notation).

We get it by taking $\vec{n} \times \vec{m}$:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{n} \times \vec{m} &= \langle 2, -1, 1 \rangle \times \langle 1, 1, -1 \rangle \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \vec{i} - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \vec{j} + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \vec{k} \\ &= 0\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} + 3\vec{k} = \langle 0, 3, 3 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Parametric eqs of line: $x=2, y=-1+3t, z=0+3t$

Symmetric eqs: $x=2, \frac{y+1}{3} = \frac{z}{3}$

11.4/51 Plan: ① Find the direction vector \vec{v} of the intersection of the given planes.

② Then \vec{PQ} and \vec{v} are both perpen. to the normal vector \vec{n} of the plane we seek, so $\vec{n} = \vec{PQ} \times \vec{v}$. ③ Find the equation by using P and \vec{n} .

① The normal vectors of the given planes are $\vec{m}_1 = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$, $\vec{m}_2 = \langle 3, -1, 0 \rangle$. The direction vector \vec{v} of their intersection is

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{v} &= \vec{m}_1 \times \vec{m}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \vec{i} - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \vec{j} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \vec{k} \\ &= \vec{i} + 3\vec{j} - 4\vec{k} = \langle 1, 3, -4 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{② } \vec{n} &= \vec{PQ} \times \vec{v} = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle \times \langle 1, 3, -4 \rangle \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -4 \end{vmatrix} \vec{i} - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -4 \end{vmatrix} \vec{j} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \vec{k} \\ &= -7\vec{i} + 5\vec{j} + 2\vec{k} = \langle -7, 5, 2 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

③ Equation of a plane containing P and perpendicular to $\langle -7, 5, 2 \rangle = \vec{n}$ is

$$\boxed{-7(x-1) + 5y + 2(z+1) = 0}$$

11.4/52 Parametric equations for the lines:

$$t = x - 1 \quad x = t + 1 \quad s = x - 2 \quad x = s + 2$$

$$t = \frac{1}{2}(y + 1) \quad y = 2t - 1 \quad \text{and} \quad s = \frac{1}{3}(y - 2) \quad y = 3s + 2$$

$$t = z - 2 \quad z = t + 2 \quad s = \frac{1}{2}(z - 4) \quad z = 2s + 4$$

To find the point of intersection:

$$\begin{cases} t + 1 = s + 2 & (1) \\ 2t - 1 = 3s + 2 & (2) \\ t + 2 = 2s + 4 & (3) \end{cases}$$

Using (1) and (3), we get $s = -1$, $t = 0$. This works in (2) also.

Putting $t = 0$ into the parametric equations for the first line gives $(x, y, z) = (1, -1, 2)$ as the point of intersection

The direction vectors of the two lines are

$$\vec{v}_1 = \langle 1, 2, 1 \rangle, \quad \vec{v}_2 = \langle 1, 3, 2 \rangle.$$

Then $\vec{v}_1 \times \vec{v}_2$ is the normal vector of the plane containing the two lines.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}_1 \times \vec{v}_2 &= \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \vec{i} - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \vec{j} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \vec{k} \\ &= \vec{i} - \vec{j} + \vec{k} = \langle 1, -1, 1 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

The equation of the plane is

$$1 \cdot (x - 1) - 1(y + 1) + 1(z - 2) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{x - y + z = 4}$$