

Assignment 8: 4.11.32

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Question:

Find the equation of the line passing through $(2, -1, 2)$ and $(5, 3, 4)$ and of the plane passing through $(2, 0, 3)$, $(1, 1, 5)$ and $(3, 2, 4)$. Also, find their point of intersection. (12, 2018)

Solution:

Given:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

We know, for line $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{h} + k\mathbf{m}$ and plane $\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{y} = 1$,

$$\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{A} \quad (6)$$

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} \quad (7)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} P & Q & R \end{pmatrix}^\top \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

Thus

$$\begin{pmatrix} P & Q & R \end{pmatrix}^\top \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (9)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (10)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 & | & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 5 & | & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 & | & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xleftrightarrow{R_2=2R_2-R_1; R_3=2R_3-3R_1} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 7 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 & | & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (11)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_3=R_3-2R_2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 7 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -12 & | & -3 \end{pmatrix} \xleftrightarrow{R_1=4R_1+R_3; R_2=12R_2+7R_3} \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 24 & 0 & | & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & -12 & | & -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (12)$$

$$\xleftrightarrow{R_1=R_1/8; R_2=R_2/24; R_3=-R_3/12} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 1/8 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & -3/8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 1/4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (13)$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{1}{8} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (14)$$

So we have:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + k \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2+3k \\ -1+4k \\ 2+2k \end{pmatrix} \quad (15)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{y} = 8 \quad (16)$$

At point of intersection,

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{S} \quad (17)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2+3k \\ -1+4k \\ 2+2k \end{pmatrix} = 8 \quad (18)$$

$$k = 1/5 \quad (19)$$

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{pmatrix} 13/5 \\ -1/5 \\ 12/5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (20)$$

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