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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:

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{1}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2}$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 2\\0\\3 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3}$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \tag{4}$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 3\\2\\4 \end{pmatrix} \tag{5}$$

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

$$\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{A} \tag{6}$$

$$\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} \tag{7}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} P & Q & R \end{pmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{8}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} \implies \mathbf{n}^{\mathsf{T}} (\mathbf{h} + k\mathbf{m}) = 1$$
 (10)

$$k = \frac{1 - \mathbf{n}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{h}}{\mathbf{n}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{m}} \tag{11}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{h} + \left(\frac{1 - \mathbf{n}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{h}}{\mathbf{n}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{m}}\right) \mathbf{m} \tag{12}$$

Thus

$$\begin{pmatrix} P & Q & R \end{pmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{13}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (14)

$$\begin{pmatrix}
2 & 0 & 3 & | & 1 \\
1 & 1 & 5 & | & 1 \\
3 & 2 & 4 & | & 1
\end{pmatrix}
\xrightarrow{R_2 = 2R_2 - R_1; R_3 = 2R_3 - 3R_1}
\begin{pmatrix}
2 & 0 & 3 & | & 1 \\
0 & 2 & 7 & | & 1 \\
0 & 4 & 2 & | & -1
\end{pmatrix}$$
(15)

$$\stackrel{R_3=R_3-2R_2}{\longleftrightarrow} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 7 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -12 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \stackrel{R_1=4R_1+R_3; R_2=12R_2+7R_3}{\longleftrightarrow} \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 24 & 0 & -9 \\ 0 & 0 & -12 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$
(16)

$$\stackrel{R_1 = R_1/8; R_2 = R_2/24; R_3 = -R_3/12}{\longleftrightarrow} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1/8 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -3/8 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1/4 \end{pmatrix}$$
(17)

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{1}{8} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{18}$$

So we have:

$$\mathbf{n}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{h} = \frac{1}{8} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{9}{8}$$
 (19)

$$\mathbf{n}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{m} = \frac{1}{8} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{5}{8}$$
 (20)

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \left(\frac{1 - 9/8}{-5/8} \right) \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 13/5 \\ -1/5 \\ 12/5 \end{pmatrix} \tag{21}$$

