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Question:

Find the equation of the plane through the intersection of the planes $\mathbf{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}) - 6 = 0$ and $\mathbf{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) = 0$, whose perpendicular distance from origin is unity.

Solution:

TABLE I

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|----------------|---|
| \mathbf{n}_1 | $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ |
| \mathbf{n}_2 | $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$ |

Solution: The given planes are

$$\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{n}_1 - 6 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{n}_2 = 0 \quad (2)$$

Let the required plane be

$$\mathbf{x}^\top (\mathbf{n}_1 + \lambda \mathbf{n}_2) - 6 = 0 \quad (3)$$

the normal vector is

$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{n}_1 + \lambda \mathbf{n}_2 \quad (4)$$

$$\|\mathbf{n}\|^2 = \mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{n}_1^\top \mathbf{n}_1 + 2\lambda \mathbf{n}_1^\top \mathbf{n}_2 + \lambda^2 \mathbf{n}_2^\top \mathbf{n}_2 \quad (5)$$

Perpendicular distance from origin is

$$\frac{|-6|}{\|\mathbf{n}\|} = 1 \quad (6)$$

$$\|\mathbf{n}\| = 6 \quad (7)$$

Hence,

$$\mathbf{n}_1^\top \mathbf{n}_1 + 2\lambda \mathbf{n}_1^\top \mathbf{n}_2 + \lambda^2 \mathbf{n}_2^\top \mathbf{n}_2 = 36 \quad (8)$$

$$10 + 26\lambda^2 = 36 \quad (9)$$

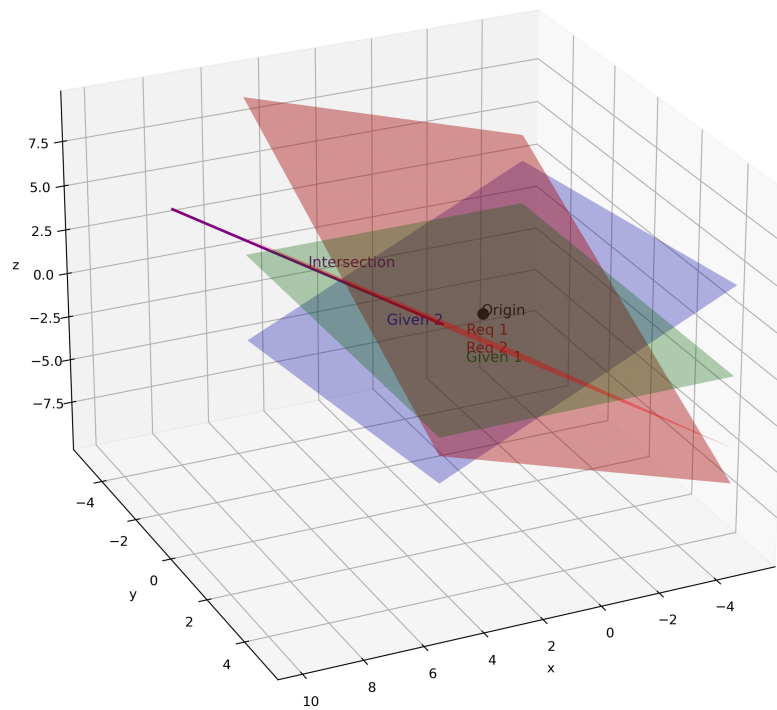
$$\lambda = \pm 1 \quad (10)$$

Thus, the required planes are

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}^\top \mathbf{x} = 3 \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}^\top \mathbf{x} = -3 \quad (12)$$

Plot using C libraries:



Plot using Python:

