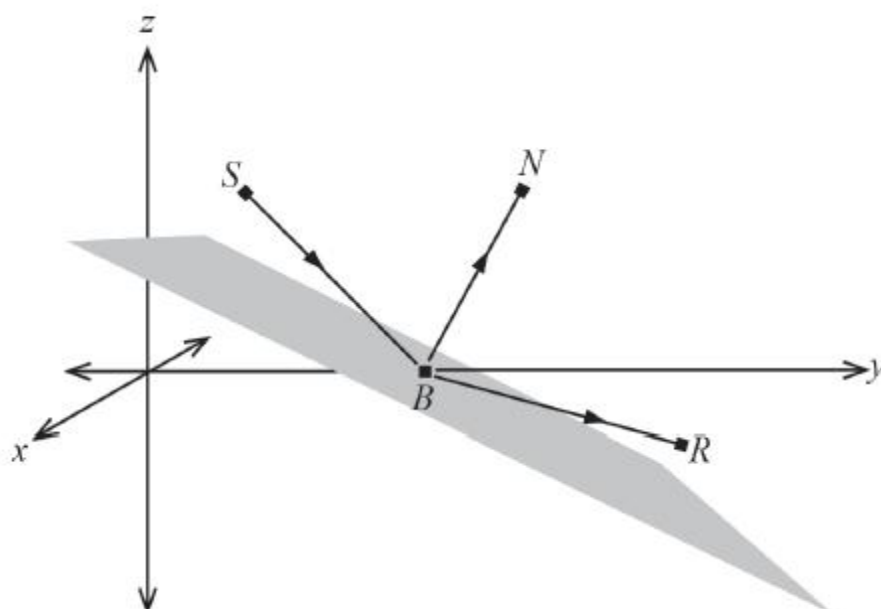


# Question 20

(7 marks)

A laser pointer at point  $S$  directs a highly focused beam of light towards a mirror. The beam bounces off the mirror at point  $B$  and is then reflected away from the mirror toward point  $R$ .

The mirror's surface is given by the equation  $\vec{r} \cdot (\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}) = 9$  and the laser pointer is positioned at point  $S$  with position vector  $-2\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} + 6\vec{k}$ . The laser pointer is held so that the beam is pointed in the direction  $\vec{d}_1 = \vec{i} + \vec{j} - \vec{k}$ .



- (a) Determine the position vector for point  $B$ .

(4 marks)

The laser beam is reflected away from the mirror so that:

- the angle of the incoming beam  $\vec{SB}$  to the normal of the mirror is equal to the angle of the reflected beam  $\vec{BR}$  to the normal of the mirror i.e.  $s\angle SBN = s\angle NBR$ .
- the incoming beam  $\vec{SB}$ , the normal of the mirror and the reflected beam  $\vec{BR}$  are all contained in one plane.

Let  $\hat{d}_2$  = the unit vector in the direction of the reflected beam  $\vec{BR}$  i.e.  $|\hat{d}_2| = 1$ .

- (b) Determine the unit vector  $\hat{d}_2$  giving components correct to 0.01. (3 marks)