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Question

The vector equation of the line $\frac{x-5}{3} = \frac{y+4}{7} = \frac{z-6}{2}$ is?

Theoretical Solution

Given:

$$\frac{x-5}{3} = \frac{y+4}{7} = \frac{z-6}{2} \quad (1)$$

Let **A** be the parallel vector of the given line.

Let **B** be the position vector of a point on the given line.

From Equation 1,

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Putting $x=8$ in Equation 1 to get an arbitrary point on the line,

$$\frac{8-5}{3} = \frac{y+4}{7} = \frac{z-6}{2} \Rightarrow x=8, y=3, z=8. \quad (3)$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 3 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

Theoretical Solution

From Equations 1 and 4,
The Vector Equation of the given line is:

$$\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{B} + k\mathbf{A}, \text{ Where } k \text{ is a real parameter OR } k \in \mathbb{R} \quad (5)$$

$$\mathbf{L} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 3 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} + k \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (6)$$

Python Code

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import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D

# Direction vector A and point B
A = np.array([3, 7, 2])
B = np.array([8, 3, 8])

# Parameter k for the line
k = np.linspace(-10, 10, 400)

# Compute line points:  $L = B + kA$ 
line_points = B.reshape(3,1) + np.outer(A, k)

# Create a perpendicular offset so vector A doesn't overlap the
line
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# Find a vector perpendicular to A by crossing with an
    arbitrary vector
arbitrary = np.array([1, 0, 0])
if np.allclose(np.cross(A, arbitrary), 0):
    arbitrary = np.array([0, 1, 0])
offset_dir = np.cross(A, arbitrary)
offset_dir = offset_dir / np.linalg.norm(offset_dir)
offset = offset_dir * 2 # magnitude of offset for visibility

# Base point for drawing A offset from the line
base_point = B + offset
arrow_end = base_point + A

# Plot setup
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
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# Plot the line L
ax.plot(line_points[0], line_points[1], line_points[2], color='
    blue', label='Line L')

# Mark point B on the line
ax.scatter(B[0], B[1], B[2], color='red', s=50, label='Point B
    (8,3,8)')

# Draw vector A at the offset base_point
ax.quiver(base_point[0], base_point[1], base_point[2],
    A[0], A[1], A[2], color='green', length=5, normalize=
    False, label='Vector A')
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# Labels and legend
ax.set_xlabel('X')
ax.set_ylabel('Y')
ax.set_zlabel('Z')
ax.set_title('Line L and Parallel Vector A with Point B')
ax.legend()

# Save the figure
plt.savefig('fig1.png')
plt.close()
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Line

Line L and Parallel Vector A with Point B

