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ASSIGNMENT 1

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1 PROBLEM

Find the equation of the plane which contains the line intersection of the planes

$$(2 \quad 1 \quad -1) \mathbf{x} = -5$$
 (1.0.2)

and which is perpendicular to the plane

$$(5 \quad 3 \quad -6) \mathbf{x} = -8$$
 (1.0.3)

2 solution

we converted these line vectors into the augmented form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & | 4 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & | -5 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.1}$$

Now we apply the row elemintary operation to convert left part of matrix to the identity matrix,

$$\stackrel{R_2 = R_2 - 2R_1}{\longleftrightarrow} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & | 4 \\ 0 & -3 & -7 & | -13 \end{pmatrix}$$
(2.0.2)

$$\stackrel{R_2 = \frac{-R_3}{3}}{\longleftrightarrow} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & |4| \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{7}{3} & |\frac{13}{3} \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2.0.3)

$$\stackrel{R_1 = R_1 - 2R_2}{\longleftrightarrow} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{-5}{3} \left| \frac{-14}{3} \right| \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{7}{3} & \left| \frac{13}{3} \right| \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2.0.4)

From the above equation we can get the direction vector of the straight line which is the intersection of the two planes.

The equation of the line

$$\mathbf{m} = a + b\lambda \tag{2.0.5}$$

Where

$$a = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-14}{3} \\ \frac{13}{3} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.6}$$

$$\lambda b = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5\lambda}{3} \\ \frac{-7\lambda}{3} \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.7}$$

Then from (2.0.5)

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-14}{3} + \frac{5\lambda}{3} \\ \frac{13}{3} - \frac{7\lambda}{3} \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2.0.8)

Perform $\mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{n_1} = 0$ where $\mathbf{n_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\mathbf{m}^T \mathbf{n_1} = 0 \tag{2.0.9}$$

$$\left(\frac{-14}{3} + \frac{5\lambda}{3} \quad \frac{13}{3} - \frac{7\lambda}{3} \quad \lambda\right) \begin{pmatrix} 5\\3\\-6 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \tag{2.0.10}$$

$$\left(\frac{-14}{3} + \frac{5\lambda}{3}\right)5 + \left(\frac{13}{3} - \frac{7\lambda}{3}\right)3 + \lambda(-6) = 0 \quad (2.0.11)$$

$$\frac{25\lambda}{3} - 13\lambda = \frac{70}{3} - 13\tag{2.0.12}$$

$$\frac{(25-39)\lambda}{3} = \frac{31}{3} \tag{2.0.13}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-31}{14} = -2.214\tag{2.0.14}$$

Substitute the λ in the **m** then

$$\mathbf{m} = \begin{pmatrix} -8.357\\ 9.5\\ -2.214 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.15}$$

Unit vector $\mathbf{n} = \frac{\mathbf{m}}{\|\mathbf{m}\|}$

$$\|\mathbf{m}\| = \sqrt{(-8.357)^2 + (9.5)^2 + (-2.214)^2}$$
 (2.0.16)

$$||\mathbf{m}|| = 12.844$$
 (2.0.17)

Then unit vector

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} -0.650\\ 0.739\\ -0.172 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.0.18}$$

3 Answer

The equation of the plane $\mathbf{n}^T \mathbf{x} = 1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -0.650 \\ 0.739 \\ -0.172 \end{pmatrix}^{T} \mathbf{x} = 1 \tag{3.0.1}$$

$$(-0.65 \quad 0.739 \quad -0.172)\mathbf{x} = 1$$
 (3.0.2)