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A direction vector for the line containing A and B is

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = \langle 6, 4, 2 \rangle. \text{ Let } (x, y, z) \text{ be a point on } x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 9$$

where the normal line is parallel to $\langle 6, 4, 2 \rangle$.

$$\text{Let } f(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 - z^2 \Rightarrow \nabla f(x, y, z) = \langle 2x, 2y, -2z \rangle$$

Since $\nabla f(x, y, z)$ is a direction vector for the normal line,

we have $\langle 2x, 2y, -2z \rangle = k \langle 6, 4, 2 \rangle$ for some scalar k .

So $x = 3k$, $y = 2k$, $z = -k$ and since $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 9$ we have

$$(3k)^2 + (2k)^2 - (-k)^2 = 9 \Leftrightarrow 12k^2 = 9 \Leftrightarrow k^2 = \frac{3}{4} \Leftrightarrow k = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$k = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Rightarrow (x, y, z) = \left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}, \sqrt{3}, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$$

$$k = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Rightarrow (x, y, z) = \left(-\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}, -\sqrt{3}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$$