Question:

Find the values of p so that the lines $\frac{1-x}{3} = \frac{7y-14}{2p} = \frac{z-3}{2}$ and $\frac{7-7x}{3p} = \frac{y-5}{1} = \frac{6-z}{5}$ are at right angles.

Solution:

Variable	Description
\mathbf{m}_1	Direction vector of Line 1
m ₂	Direction vector of line 2

TABLE 0: Variables Used

Line 1:

$$\frac{1-x}{3} = \frac{7y-14}{2p} = \frac{z-3}{2} \implies \frac{x-1}{-3} = \frac{y-2}{\frac{2p}{7}} = \frac{z-3}{2}$$
 (1)

Line 2:

$$\frac{7-7x}{3p} = \frac{y-5}{1} = \frac{6-z}{5} \implies \frac{x-1}{-\frac{3p}{7}} = \frac{y-5}{1} = \frac{z-6}{-5}$$
 (2)

Direction vector for line 1:

$$\mathbf{m_1} = \begin{pmatrix} -3\\ \frac{2p}{7}\\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{3}$$

Direction vector for line 2:

$$\mathbf{m_2} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{3p}{7} \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \tag{4}$$

Since the lines are at right angles

$$\left(\mathbf{m_1}\right)^{\mathsf{T}} \left(\mathbf{m_2}\right) = 0 \tag{5}$$

$$\left(-3 \ \frac{2p}{7} \ 2\right) \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{3p}{7} \\ 1 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \tag{6}$$

$$(-3)\left(-\frac{3p}{7}\right) + \left(\frac{2p}{7}\right)(1) + (2)(-5) = 0\tag{7}$$

$$p = \frac{70}{11} \tag{8}$$

Hence the value of p is $\frac{70}{11}$

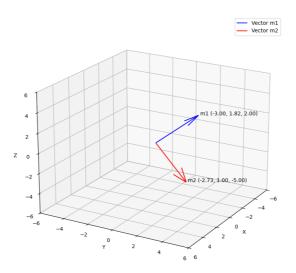


Fig. 0.1: Stem Plot of y(n)