

Challenge Set #2

1. Find parametric equations of the line:

a) that is parallel to the line $\frac{x+1}{-3} = \frac{y+2}{-2} = z+3$ and passes through the origin.

$$\{ x = 3t, y = 2t, z = -t \}$$

b) that passes through Q(6,-4,5) and is parallel to the y axis.

$$\{ x = 6, y = -4 + t, z = 5 \}$$

c) that has a z intercept of -3 and direction vector $\vec{d} = (1, -3, 6)$.

$$\{ x = t, y = -3t, z = -3 + 6t \}$$

2. Find the parametric equations of the line through $A(-3, 2, 3)$ and is perpendicular to both ℓ_1 and ℓ_2

where $\ell_1 : \frac{x-4}{5} = y+2 = \frac{z-3}{-4}$ and $\ell_2 : (x, y, z) = (-1, 1, 5) + k(-1, 2, 3)$

$$\begin{cases} x = -3 + t \\ y = 2 - t \\ z = 3 + t \end{cases}$$

3. Given $\ell_1 : \frac{x-4}{5} = y+2 = \frac{z-3}{-4}$,

a) Determine if the point A(14, 0, -5) is on ℓ_1 .

b) Find a line ℓ_2 that also passes through point A.

c) How can you solve for point A, the point of intersection between ℓ_1 and ℓ_2 ?

4. Find the vector equation of the line that is parallel to $x = 2t, y = 3+t, z = 1+t$ and has the same z-

intercept as $\frac{x-6}{-3} = \frac{y+4}{2} = z-18$

5. Scalar equations of lines are not possible in \mathbb{R}^3 . Why not?

6. Show that the points A(-9, -3, -16) and B(6, 2, 14) lie on the line that passes through (0, 0, 2) and has direction vector (3, 1, 6)

7. Let $\ell_1 : (x, y, z) = (1, 2, -3) + k(1, -1, 1)$ and $\ell_2 : (x, y, z) = (5, -2, -3) + t(2, -2, -2)$ be two lines in 3-space. Show that the lines intersect, and find the values of the parameters k and t that produce the point of intersection