

9. Find the point on $3x - 5y + 2z = 37$ which is closest to $(1, 2, 3)$.

(1, 2, 3)



The line through $(1, 2, 3)$ +
to the plane is

$$\begin{cases} X = 1 + 3t \\ Y = 2 - 5t \\ Z = 3 + 2t \end{cases}$$

This line hits the plane when

$$3(1 + 3t) - 5(2 - 5t) + 2(3 + 2t) = 37$$

$$9t + 15t + 4t + 3 - 10 + 6 = 37$$

$$38t = 37 + 1$$

$$38t = 38$$

$$t = 1$$

The line hits the plane at
 $(4, -3, 5)$

✓: $(4, -3, 5)$ is on the plane because
 $12 + 15 + 10 = 37$ ✓

the distance from $(4, -3, 5)$ to $(1, 2, 3)$ is

$$\sqrt{9 + 25 + 4} = \sqrt{38}$$

the distance from $(1, 2, 3)$ to the plane is

$$\frac{|3 - 10 + 6 - 37|}{\sqrt{9 + 25 + 4}} = \frac{|-38|}{\sqrt{38}} = \sqrt{38} \quad \leftarrow \text{same}$$

10. Find the point of intersection of the following lines. **CHECK YOUR ANSWER!**



$$\frac{x-5}{1} = \frac{y-5}{3} = \frac{z-7}{4} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{x+3}{2} = \frac{y+10}{3} = \frac{z+4}{1}$$

walk on the line on the
left

at time t

$$\begin{aligned} x &= t + 5 \\ y &= 3t + 5 \\ z &= 4t + 7 \end{aligned}$$

You hit line t when

$$\frac{(t+5)+3}{2} = \frac{(3t+5)+10}{3} = \frac{(4t+7)+4}{1}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{t+8}{2} = \frac{3t+15}{3}$$

$$\frac{t+8}{2} = \frac{4t+11}{1}$$

$$\text{so } \begin{cases} 3t + 24 = 6t + 30 \\ t + 8 = 8t + 22 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{so } \begin{cases} -6 = 3t \\ -14 = 7t \end{cases}$$

$$\text{so } \begin{cases} -2 = t \\ -2 = t \end{cases}$$

at $t = -2$ you stand on

$$(3, -1, -1)$$

check

$(3, -1, -1)$ is on
the 1st line
because

$$-\frac{2}{1} = \frac{-6}{3} = \frac{-8}{4} \quad \checkmark$$

$(3, -1, -1)$ is on the
second line because

$$\frac{6}{2} = \frac{9}{3} = \frac{3}{1} \quad \checkmark$$