

Find the intersection of two planes Π_1 and Π_2 in the form $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{a} + \lambda\mathbf{b}$ where the components of \mathbf{b} are integers.

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_1: & x + 2y - z = 5 \\ \Pi_2: & 2x - y + 3z = -4\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x + 2y - z &= 5 & A \\ 2x - y + 3z &= -4 & B\end{aligned}$$

$$3B \quad 3x + 6y - 3z = 15$$

Eliminate z

$$A \times 3 + B \quad 5x + 5y = 11$$

write y in terms of x

$$\begin{aligned}5y &= -5x + 11 \\ y &= -x + \frac{11}{5}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x + 2y - z &= 5 & A \\ 2x - y + 3z &= -4 & B\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}B \times 2 \quad 4x - 2y + 6z &= -8 \\ A \quad x + 2y - z &= 5\end{aligned}$$

Eliminate y

$$B \times 2 + A \quad 5x + 5z = -3$$

write z in terms of x

$$z = -x - \frac{3}{5}$$

So our equations become

$$\begin{aligned}x &= x \\ y &= -x + \frac{11}{5} \\ z &= -x - \frac{3}{5}\end{aligned}$$

Let $x = \lambda$

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \lambda \\ y &= -\lambda + \frac{11}{5} \\ z &= -\lambda - \frac{3}{5}\end{aligned}$$

Write in vector form

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{11}{5} \\ \frac{3}{5} \\ -\frac{3}{5} \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$