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Quiz # 05
Math 102 Section 08 Calculus II
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Solution Key

Q-1) Let L be the line passing through the points $P = (1, 2, 3)$ and $Q = (4, -5, 6)$. Write (a) a vector equation, (b) a parametric equation and (c) a symmetric equation for the line L .

Q-2) Let π be the plane passing through the points $P = (1, -2, 3)$, $Q = (-1, -4, 2)$ and $R = (5, 1, 2)$. Write the equation of π in the form $Ax + By + Cz = D$, where $A, B, C, D \in \mathbb{Z}$, $D > 0$ and $\gcd(A, B, C, D) = 1$.

Show your work in detail. Correct answers with no justification will not get any credit.

Grading: (2+2+2)+4 points

Solution: (Grader: melis.gezer@bilkent.edu.tr)

(1) Let $U = Q - P = (3, -7, 3)$. Then a vector equation is of the form $L(t) = P + tU$ with $t \in \mathbb{R}$. The required equations are then of the form

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad & L(t) = (1 + 3t, 2 - 7t, 3 + 3t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}. \\ (b) \quad & x = 1 + 3t, \quad y = 2 - 7t, \quad z = 3 + 3t, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}. \\ (c) \quad & \frac{x - 1}{3} = \frac{y - 2}{-7} = \frac{z - 3}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

(2) Let $X = (x, y, z)$. Then an equation of π is of the form

$$((Q - P) \times (R - P)) \cdot (X - P) = 0.$$

We see that $Q - P = (-2, -2, -1)$, $R - P = (4, 3, -1)$ and

$$(Q - P) \times (R - P) = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ -2 & -2 & -1 \\ 4 & 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = (5, -6, 2).$$

Also note that $(5, -6, 2) \cdot P = 23$. Hence the required equation for π is

$$5x - 6y + 2z = 23.$$