

Looks like some of you could use a little sum'm sum'm from my current 099 lecture.
Find the line shared by the two planes.

$$R1 \quad x + 3y + 2z = 2$$

$$R2 \quad 2x + 7y + 5z = 7$$

Eliminate x from the 2nd equation.

$$\begin{array}{r} -2R1 \quad -2x - 6y - 4z = -4 \\ R2 \quad 2x + 7y + 5z = 7 \\ \hline -2R1 + R2 \quad \quad \quad y + z = 3 \end{array}$$

The new
(equivalent)
system

$$R1 \quad x + 3y + 2z = 2$$

$$R2 \quad y + z = 3$$

$$y + z = 3 \text{ implies } y = -z + 3$$

$$x + 3y + 2z = 2 \text{ becomes } x + 3(-z + 3) + 2z = 2 \text{ -->}$$

$$x - 3z + 9 + 2z = 2 \text{ -->}$$

$$x - z + 9 = 2 \text{ -->}$$

$$x = z - 7.$$

x and y now in terms of z. z is *free* variable. Solution is now

$$x = z - 7$$

$$y = -z + 3$$

z = anything it wants. Make the free variable your parameter:

$$x = t - 7$$

$$y = -t + 3$$

$$z = t$$

And you have the parametric equations for the line that the two planes share in common.

Reductio Ad Absurdum "RAA"

The assumption underlying ALL this work is that there IS a solution.

That assumption led to the conclusion that $0=1$! ABSURD

Therefore the assumption was false.

There IS No Solution