Math 2153, Quiz #1, Fall 2012

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Instructions: show all work. Use exact answers unless explicitly asked to do otherwise.

Suppose I have three points that define a plane. These points are (2,3,1), (-1,4,5) and (0,2,-6).
a. Construct two vectors between the points in the plane.

 $\widehat{AB} = \langle -3, 1, 4 \rangle$   $\widehat{Ac} = \langle -2, -1, -7 \rangle$  $\widehat{Bc} = \langle 1, -2, -1 \rangle$ 

b. Use the cross product to obtain a vector perpendicular to the plane.

 $\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -3 & 1 & 4 \\ -2 & -1 & -7 \end{vmatrix} = (-7 + 4)\hat{j} - (-7 + 8)\hat{j} + (3 + 2)\hat{k} \\ -3\hat{j} + (-29)\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ 

c. Use the vector obtained in part (b) together with one of the points to obtain an equation for the plane.

-3(x-2)-29(y-3)+5(z-1)=0

d. What is the equation of the line through the points (2,3,1) and (-1,4,5) in parametric form?

B

 $\vec{r}(f) = (-3t+2)\hat{i} + (t+3)\hat{j} + (4t+1)\hat{k}$ r(+) = (-3+-1); + (++4); + (+++5) k