Question

Find the intersection of the line x = 1 + 3t, y = 2 + 4t, z = 3 + 5t with the plane x + 2y + 3z = 6.

Answer

$$\begin{array}{l} x=1+3t\\ y=2+4t\\ z=3+5t \end{array} \right\} \ {\rm intersection \ with} \ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x+2y+3z=6\\ \end{array} \right.$$

The intersection occurs when

$$(1+3t) + 2(2+4t) + 3(3+5t) = 6$$

1+3t+4+8t+9+15t = 6

$$\Rightarrow 14 + 26t = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{6 - 14}{26} = -\frac{8}{26} = -\frac{4}{13}$$

Thus the line intersects the plane when $t = -\frac{4}{13}$

$$x = 1 + 3\left(-\frac{4}{13}\right) = \frac{1}{13}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 2 + 4\left(-\frac{4}{13}\right) = \frac{10}{13}$$

$$z = 3 + 5\left(-\frac{4}{13}\right) = \frac{19}{13}$$