

Section 18.

15(a) $R = 15\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k} + t(7\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} + 8\mathbf{k})$ and

$$R = 16\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k} + m(8\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} + 9\mathbf{k})$$

we get: $\begin{cases} \frac{x-7}{5} = \frac{y-6}{4} = \frac{z-8}{5} & \textcircled{1} \\ \frac{x-8}{6} = \frac{y-6}{4} = \frac{z-9}{6} & \textcircled{2} \end{cases}$ from $\begin{cases} \frac{x-7}{5} = \frac{y-6}{4} \\ \frac{x-8}{6} = \frac{y-6}{4} \end{cases}$ we have $\begin{cases} x=2 \\ y=2 \end{cases}$

plug \textcircled{1} with $x=2, y=2$, we get $z=3$, it also satisfies \textcircled{2}

thus $(2, 2, 3)$ is the point of intersection

Another way = we change the parameter of the second line.

$$\begin{cases} R = (15t+7)\mathbf{i} + (4t+6)\mathbf{j} + (5t+8)\mathbf{k} \\ R = (16m+8)\mathbf{i} + (4m+6)\mathbf{j} + (6m+9)\mathbf{k} \end{cases}$$

\therefore the coefficients are equal,

$$\begin{cases} 15t+7 = 16m+8 \\ 4t+6 = 4m+6 \\ 5t+8 = 6m+9 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} t=-1 \\ m=-1 \end{cases}$$

\therefore the point of intersection is $(2, 2, 3)$