4. This line has the same direction as the given line, $\mathbf{v} = 2\,\mathbf{i} - 3\,\mathbf{j} + 9\,\mathbf{k}$. Here $\mathbf{r}_0 = 14\,\mathbf{j} - 10\,\mathbf{k}$, so a vector equation is $\mathbf{r} = (14\,\mathbf{j} - 10\,\mathbf{k}) + t(2\,\mathbf{i} - 3\,\mathbf{j} + 9\,\mathbf{k}) = 2t\,\mathbf{i} + (14 - 3t)\,\mathbf{j} + (-10 + 9t)\,\mathbf{k}$ and parametric equations are $x = 2t$, $y = 14 - 3t$, $z = -10 + 9t$.

10. $\mathbf{v} = (\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) \times (\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ is the direction of the line perpendicular to both $\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$ and $\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$.

With $P_0 = (2, 1, 0)$, parametric equations are $x = 2 + t$, $y = 1 - t$, $z = t$ and symmetric equations are $x - 2 = \dfrac{y - 1}{-1} = z$ or $x - 2 = 1 - y = z$.

15. (a) The line passes through the point $(1, -5, 6)$ and a direction vector for the line is $\langle -1, 2, -3 \rangle$, so symmetric equations for the line are $\dfrac{x - 1}{-1} = \dfrac{y + 5}{2} = \dfrac{z - 6}{-3}$.

(b) The line intersects the xy-plane when $z = 0$, so we need $\dfrac{x - 1}{-1} = \dfrac{y + 5}{2} = \dfrac{0 - 6}{-3}$ or $\dfrac{x - 1}{-1} = 2 \;\Rightarrow\; x = -1$, $\dfrac{y + 5}{2} = 2 \;\Rightarrow\; y = -1$. Thus the point of intersection with the xy-plane is $(-1, -1, 0)$. Similarly for the yz-plane, we need $x = 0 \;\Rightarrow\; 1 = \dfrac{y + 5}{2} = \dfrac{z - 6}{-3} \;\Rightarrow\; y = -3$, $z = 3$. Thus the line intersects the yz-plane at $(0, -3, 3)$. For the xz-plane, we need $y = 0 \;\Rightarrow\; \dfrac{x - 1}{-1} = \dfrac{5}{2} = \dfrac{z - 6}{-3} \;\Rightarrow\; x = -\frac{3}{2}$, $z = -\frac{3}{2}$. So the line intersects the xz-plane at $\left(-\frac{3}{2}, 0, -\frac{3}{2}\right)$.

20. Since the direction vectors are $\mathbf{v}_1 = \langle -12, 9, -3 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 = \langle 8, -6, 2 \rangle$, we have $\mathbf{v}_1 = -\frac{3}{2}\mathbf{v}_2$ so the lines are parallel.

21. Since the direction vectors $\langle 1, -2, -3 \rangle$ and $\langle 1, 3, -7 \rangle$ aren't scalar multiples of each other, the lines aren't parallel. Parametric equations of the lines are L_1: $x = 2 + t$, $y = 3 - 2t$, $z = 1 - 3t$ and L_2: $x = 3 + s$, $y = -4 + 3s$, $z = 2 - 7s$. Thus, for the lines to intersect, the three equations $2 + t = 3 + s$, $3 - 2t = -4 + 3s$, and $1 - 3t = 2 - 7s$ must be satisfied simultaneously. Solving the first two equations gives $t = 2$, $s = 1$ and checking, we see that these values do satisfy the third equation, so the lines intersect when $t = 2$ and $s = 1$, that is, at the point $(4, -1, -5)$.

28. Since the two planes are parallel, they will have the same normal vectors. A normal vector for the plane $z = x + y$ or $x + y - z = 0$ is $\mathbf{n} = \langle 1, 1, -1 \rangle$, and an equation of the desired plane is $1(x - 3) + 1[y - (-2)] - 1(z - 8) = 0$ or $x + y - z = -7$.

32. Here the vectors $\mathbf{a} = \langle 3, -2, 1 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{b} = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$ lie in the plane, so $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \langle (-2)(1) - (1)(1), (1)(1) - (3)(1), (3)(1) - (-2)(1) \rangle = \langle -3, -2, 5 \rangle$ is a normal vector to the plane. We can take the origin as P_0, so an equation of the plane is $-3(x - 0) - 2(y - 0) + 5(z - 0) = 0$ or $-3x - 2y + 5z = 0$ or $3x + 2y - 5z = 0$.

39. If a plane is perpendicular to two other planes, its normal vector is perpendicular to the normal vectors of the other two planes. Thus $\langle 2, 1, -2 \rangle \times \langle 1, 0, 3 \rangle = \langle 3 - 0, -2 - 6, 0 - 1 \rangle = \langle 3, -8, -1 \rangle$ is a normal vector to the desired plane. The point $(1, 5, 1)$ lies on the plane, so an equation is $3(x - 1) - 8(y - 5) - (z - 1) = 0$ or $3x - 8y - z = -38$.

46. Substitute the parametric equations of the line into the equation of the plane: $3(t - 1) - (1 + 2t) + 2(3 - t) = 5 \;\Rightarrow\; -t + 2 = 5 \;\Rightarrow\; t = -3$. Therefore, the point of intersection of the line and the plane is given by $x = -3 - 1 = -4$, $y = 1 + 2(-3) = -5$, and $z = 3 - (-3) = 6$, that is, the point $(-4, -5, 6)$.

50. The angle between the two planes is the same as the angle between their normal vectors. The normal vectors of the two planes are $\langle 1, 1, 1\rangle$ and $\langle 1, 2, 3\rangle$. The cosine of the angle θ between these two planes is

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\langle 1,1,1\rangle\cdot\langle 1,2,3\rangle}{|\langle 1,1,1\rangle|\,|\langle 1,2,3\rangle|} = \frac{1+2+3}{\sqrt{1+1+1}\,\sqrt{1+4+9}} = \frac{6}{\sqrt{42}} = \sqrt{\frac{6}{7}}.$$

59. Setting $z = 0$, the equations of the two planes become $5x - 2y = 1$ and $4x + y = 6$. Solving these two equations gives $x = 1$, $y = 2$ so a point on the line of intersection is $(1, 2, 0)$. A vector $\mathbf{v}$ in the direction of this intersecting line is perpendicular to the normal vectors of both planes. So we can use $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{n}_1 \times \mathbf{n}_2 = \langle 5, -2, -2\rangle \times \langle 4, 1, 1\rangle = \langle 0, -13, 13\rangle$ or equivalently we can take $\mathbf{v} = \langle 0, -1, 1\rangle$, and symmetric equations for the line are $x = 1$, $\dfrac{y-2}{-1} = \dfrac{z}{1}$ or $x = 1$, $y - 2 = -z$.

61. The distance from a point (x, y, z) to $(1, 0, -2)$ is $d_1 = \sqrt{(x-1)^2 + y^2 + (z+2)^2}$ and the distance from (x, y, z) to $(3, 4, 0)$ is $d_2 = \sqrt{(x-3)^2 + (y-4)^2 + z^2}$. The plane consists of all points (x, y, z) where $d_1 = d_2 \;\Rightarrow\; d_1^2 = d_2^2 \;\Leftrightarrow$

$(x-1)^2 + y^2 + (z+2)^2 = (x-3)^2 + (y-4)^2 + z^2 \;\Leftrightarrow$

$x^2 - 2x + y^2 + z^2 + 4z + 5 = x^2 - 6x + y^2 - 8y + z^2 + 25 \;\Leftrightarrow\; 4x + 8y + 4z = 20$ so an equation for the plane is $4x + 8y + 4z = 20$ or equivalently $x + 2y + z = 5$.

Alternatively, you can argue that the segment joining points $(1, 0, -2)$ and $(3, 4, 0)$ is perpendicular to the plane and the plane includes the midpoint of the segment.

67. Let P_i have normal vector $\mathbf{n}_i$. Then $\mathbf{n}_1 = \langle 3, 6, -3\rangle$, $\mathbf{n}_2 = \langle 4, -12, 8\rangle$, $\mathbf{n}_3 = \langle 3, -9, 6\rangle$, $\mathbf{n}_4 = \langle 1, 2, -1\rangle$. Now $\mathbf{n}_1 = 3\mathbf{n}_4$, so $\mathbf{n}_1$ and $\mathbf{n}_4$ are parallel, and hence P_1 and P_4 are parallel; similarly P_2 and P_3 are parallel because $\mathbf{n}_2 = \frac{4}{3}\mathbf{n}_3$. However, $\mathbf{n}_1$ and $\mathbf{n}_2$ are not parallel (so not all four planes are parallel). Notice that the point $(2, 0, 0)$ lies on both P_1 and P_4, so these two planes are identical. The point $\left(\frac{5}{4}, 0, 0\right)$ lies on P_2 but not on P_3, so these are different planes.

74. Put $x = y = 0$ in the equation of the first plane to get the point $(0, 0, 0)$ on the plane. Because the planes are parallel the distance D between them is the distance from $(0, 0, 0)$ to the second plane $3x - 6y + 9z - 1 = 0$. By Equation 9,

$$D = \frac{|3(0) - 6(0) + 9(0) - 1|}{\sqrt{3^2 + (-6)^2 + 9^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{126}} = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{14}}.$$