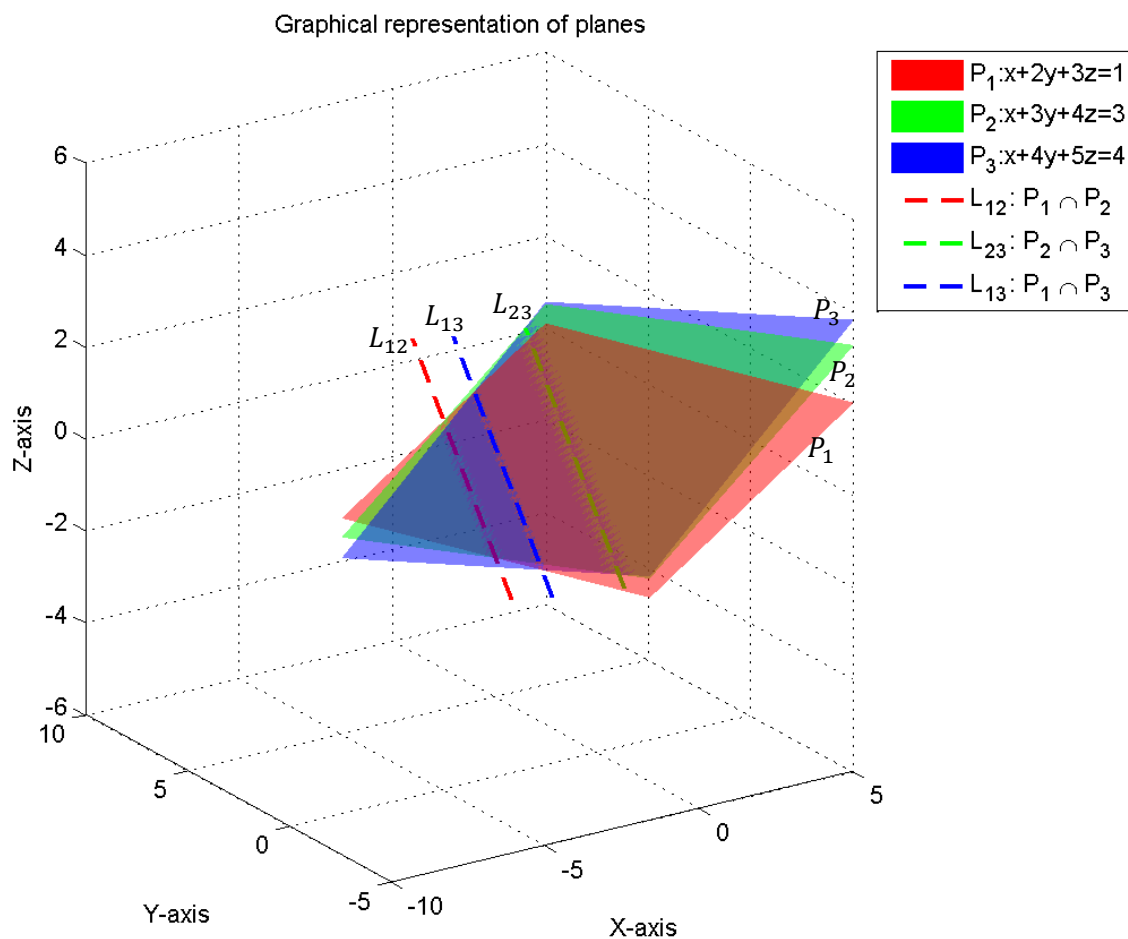


Challenge question: Draw nice accurate digital image of these planes intersecting

a) 
$$\begin{cases} x + 2y + 3z = 1 \\ x + 3y + 4z = 3 \\ x + 4y + 5z = 4 \end{cases}$$

The plot of the 3 planes intersecting is shown in the following figure. As seen from the plot, lines of intersection occurs between 2 planes at most. Since there are 3 unknowns, there is no solution that exists where 3 equations are satisfied simultaneously (intersection of 3 planes). Hence this system of equations has no solution.



b) 
$$\begin{cases} x + 2y + 3z = 1 \\ 3x + 2y + z = 1 \\ 7x + 2y - 3z = 1 \end{cases}$$

The plot for the above system of equations is given below, with 1 line of intersection between 3 planes. Hence, this system is consistent and has infinite number of solutions lying along  $L_{123}$  with

equation 
$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0.5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

