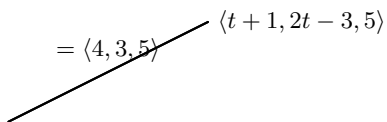


Question 3

For what value of t are $\langle t + 1, 2t - 3, 5 \rangle$ and $\langle 4, 3, 5 \rangle$ equal? If none exists, identify the obstruction.

Question 3 – Solution

Strategy Write every vector in matching component order. Perform scalar multiplication before addition or subtraction, then interpret the resulting components in the context of the problem.


$$= \langle 4, 3, 5 \rangle \quad \langle t + 1, 2t - 3, 5 \rangle$$

Step 1 Equal vectors require equality of every component.

Step 2 The first component gives $t + 1 = 4$, so $t = 3$; the second gives $2t - 3 = 3$, also $t = 3$.

Step 3 The third components already agree, so the unique value is $\boxed{t = 3}$.

Verification The result follows from the defining vector formulas used above, and each component, magnitude, or scalar condition has been checked against the information in the question.

Key idea Vector equations behave like ordinary algebra provided that every operation is performed component by component. A final component check is often the fastest verification.