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Solve the following problems.

1. Let $\vec{\mathbf{a}} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$, $\vec{\mathbf{b}} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\vec{\mathbf{c}} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$. Which of the following expressions are nonsense? Evaluate the sensible ones.

(a) $3\vec{\mathbf{a}} + \vec{\mathbf{b}}$

(b) $\vec{\mathbf{a}} + \vec{\mathbf{c}}$

(c) $\vec{\mathbf{a}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{c}}$

(d) $\vec{\mathbf{a}} - 2\vec{\mathbf{b}}$

(e) $t\vec{\mathbf{a}}$ where t is a real number.

(f) $\vec{\mathbf{a}}\vec{\mathbf{b}}$

(g) $\vec{\mathbf{a}} + 5$

2. Let $\vec{\mathbf{a}} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\vec{\mathbf{b}} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Find s and t so that $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = s\vec{\mathbf{a}} + t\vec{\mathbf{b}}$.

3. Let $\vec{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Find \vec{a}' and \vec{a}^\perp so that $\vec{a} = \vec{a}' + \vec{a}^\perp$, where \vec{a}' is parallel to \vec{b} and \vec{a}^\perp is perpendicular to \vec{b} .

4. Let $\vec{a} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Find \vec{a}' and \vec{a}^\perp so that $\vec{a} = \vec{a}' + \vec{a}^\perp$, where \vec{a}' is parallel to \vec{b} and \vec{a}^\perp is perpendicular to \vec{b} .

5. Find a parametric equation for the line that passes through the points $A = (1, 0, 2)$ and $B = (3, 1, 4)$.