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Assume:

$$\mathbf{P} : (|z_1 + 2z_2| = 3|z_3|) \wedge (|z_1 + 3z_3| = 2|z_2|) \wedge (|2z_2 + 3z_3| = |z_1|)$$

$$\mathbf{Q} : z_1 + 2z_2 + 3z_3 = 0$$

To show that propositions \mathbf{P} and \mathbf{Q} are equivalent we must show that (1) $\mathbf{Q} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}$ and (2) $\mathbf{P} \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}$.

(1) $\mathbf{Q} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}$. From the equation: $z_1 + 2z_2 + 3z_3 = 0$ we deduce that:

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 + 2z_2 &= -3z_3 \\ z_1 + 3z_3 &= -2z_2 \\ 2z_2 + 3z_3 &= -z_1 \end{aligned}$$

By taking the Euclidean norm of both sides of the 3 equations we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} |z_1 + 2z_2| &= |-3z_3| = 3|z_3| \\ |z_1 + 3z_3| &= |-2z_2| = 2|z_2| \\ |2z_2 + 3z_3| &= |-z_1| = |z_1| \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\mathbf{Q} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}$

(2) $\mathbf{P} \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}$. Let $z_1 = a_1 + b_1i, z_2 = a_2 + b_2i, z_3 = a_3 + b_3i$. Noting the fact that $|a + bi| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ and squaring each of the 3 equations in \mathbf{P} we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} (a_1^2 + 4a_2^2 + 4a_1a_2) + (b_1^2 + 4b_2^2 + 4b_1b_2) &= 9(a_3^2 + b_3^2) \\ (a_1^2 + 9a_3^2 + 6a_1a_3) + (b_1^2 + 9b_3^2 + 6b_1b_3) &= 4(a_2^2 + b_2^2) \\ (4a_2^2 + 9a_3^2 + 12a_2a_3) + (4b_2^2 + 9b_3^2 + 12b_2b_3) &= (a_1^2 + b_1^2) \end{aligned}$$

By summing the 3 equations we obtain:

$$(a_1^2 + 4a_2^2 + 9a_3^2 + 4a_1a_2 + 6a_1a_3 + 12a_2a_3) + (b_1^2 + 4b_2^2 + 9b_3^2 + 4b_1b_2 + 6b_1b_3 + 12b_2b_3) = 0$$

Factoring the above equation:

$$(a_1 + 2a_2 + 3a_3)^2 + (b_1 + 2b_2 + 3b_3)^2 = 0$$

Which means that:

$$|z_1 + 2z_2 + 3z_3| = 0$$

By the definition of norm, this occurs only when $z_1 + 2z_2 + 3z_3 = 0$. Therefore $\mathbf{P} \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}$.

Thus, propositions \mathbf{P} and \mathbf{Q} are equivalent.