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# Question

A plane contains the following three points:  $\mathbf{P}(2, 1, 5)$ ,  $\mathbf{Q}(-1, 3, 4)$  and  $\mathbf{R}(3, 0, 6)$ . The vector perpendicular to the above plane can be represented as

# Equation I

Given points are:

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{R} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

# Theoretical Solution

Now finding two vectors in the plane:

$$\mathbf{PQ} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{PR} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

Now the required vector be  $\mathbf{n}$

$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{PQ} \times \mathbf{PR} \quad (4)$$

# Theoretical solution

Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{PQ} \text{ and } \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{PR} \quad (5)$$

Then

$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} \quad (6)$$

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} |\mathbf{A}_{23}\mathbf{B}_{23}| \\ |\mathbf{A}_{31}\mathbf{B}_{31}| \\ |\mathbf{A}_{12}\mathbf{B}_{12}| \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

$$|\mathbf{A}_{23}\mathbf{B}_{23}| = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \quad (8)$$

# Theoretical solution

$$|\mathbf{A}_{31}\mathbf{B}_{31}| = - \begin{vmatrix} -3 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \quad (9)$$

$$|\mathbf{A}_{12}\mathbf{B}_{12}| = \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \quad (10)$$

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (11)$$

$$\mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (12)$$

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typedef struct {
    double x, y, z;
} Vector3D;

void find_normal_vector_lib(Vector3D p, Vector3D q, Vector3D r,
    Vector3D* normal_out) {
    Vector3D vec_pq = {q.x - p.x, q.y - p.y, q.z - p.z};
    Vector3D vec_pr = {r.x - p.x, r.y - p.y, r.z - p.z};

    normal_out->x = (vec_pq.y * vec_pr.z) - (vec_pq.z * vec_pr.y)
        ;
    normal_out->y = (vec_pq.z * vec_pr.x) - (vec_pq.x * vec_pr.z)
        ;
    normal_out->z = (vec_pq.x * vec_pr.y) - (vec_pq.y * vec_pr.x)
        ;
}
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# Python Code

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import ctypes
import os
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

def plot_3d(p, q, r, normal):
    Visualizes the plane, points, and normal vector with
    coordinate labels.

    fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
    ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')

    points = np.array([p, q, r])
    ax.scatter(points[:,0], points[:,1], points[:,2], color='red',
               , s=100)

    # Add text labels with coordinates
    ax.text(p[0], p[1], p[2] + 0.2, f' P({p[0]}, {p[1]}, {p[2]})',
           , color='darkred')
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ax.text(q[0], q[1], q[2] + 0.2, f' Q({q[0]}, {q[1]}, {q[2]})',  
        color='darkred')  
ax.text(r[0], r[1], r[2] + 0.2, f' R({r[0]}, {r[1]}, {r[2]})',  
        , color='darkred')  
  
# Create and plot the plane  
d = np.dot(normal, p)  
x_range = np.linspace(min(points[:,0])-2, max(points[:,0])+2,  
                        10)  
y_range = np.linspace(min(points[:,1])-2, max(points[:,1])+2,  
                        10)  
xx, yy = np.meshgrid(x_range, y_range)  
zz = (d - normal[0] * xx - normal[1] * yy) / normal[2]  
ax.plot_surface(xx, yy, zz, alpha=0.4, color='cyan')
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# Plot the normal vector
ax.quiver(p[0], p[1], p[2], normal[0], normal[1], normal[2],
          length=4, normalize=True, color='black',
          arrow_length_ratio=0.2, label='Normal Vector')

ax.set_xlabel('X-axis'); ax.set_ylabel('Y-axis'); ax.
    set_zlabel('Z-axis')
ax.set_title('Plane and Perpendicular Vector')
ax.legend()
plt.savefig('/media/indhiresh-s/New Volume/Matrix/ee1030-2025/
ee25btech11027/MATGEO/12.249/figs/figure1.png')
plt.show()

class Vector3D(ctypes.Structure):
    _fields_ = [(x, ctypes.c_double), (y, ctypes.c_double), (z,
        ctypes.c_double)]
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c_lib_file = 'plane.so'

c_lib = ctypes.CDLL(os.path.abspath(c_lib_file))
c_lib.find_normal_vector_lib.argtypes = [Vector3D, Vector3D,
    Vector3D, ctypes.POINTER(Vector3D)]
c_lib.find_normal_vector_lib.restype = None

p_pt, q_pt, r_pt = Vector3D(2, 1, 5), Vector3D(-1, 3, 4),
    Vector3D(3, 0, 6)
normal_out = Vector3D()
c_lib.find_normal_vector_lib(p_pt, q_pt, r_pt, ctypes.byref(
    normal_out))
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normal_vector = np.array([normal_out.x, normal_out.y,
                           normal_out.z])
p_np, q_np, r_np = np.array([p_pt.x, p_pt.y, p_pt.z]), np.array([
    q_pt.x, q_pt.y, q_pt.z]), np.array([r_pt.x, r_pt.y, r_pt.z])

print(fPerpendicular vector (from C): {normal_vector})
plot_3d(p_np, q_np, r_np, normal_vector)
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