

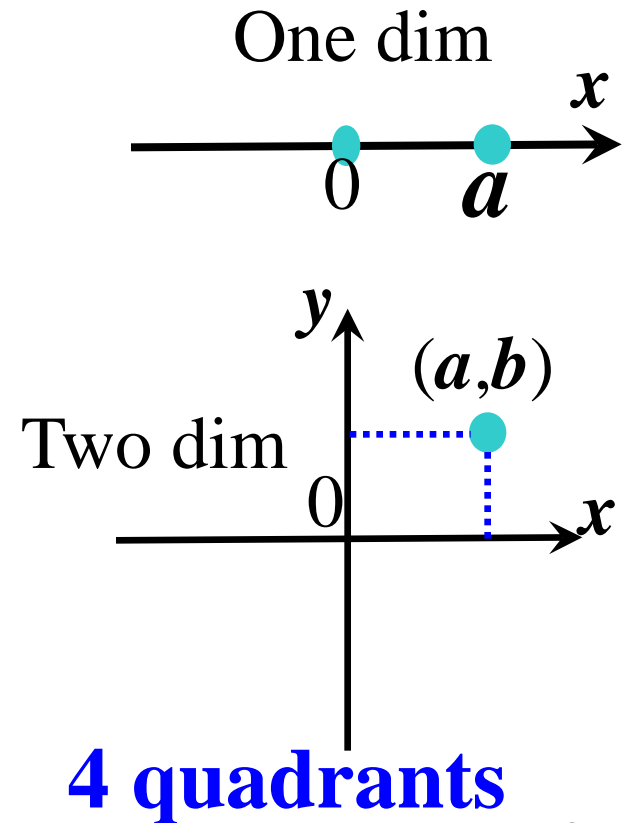
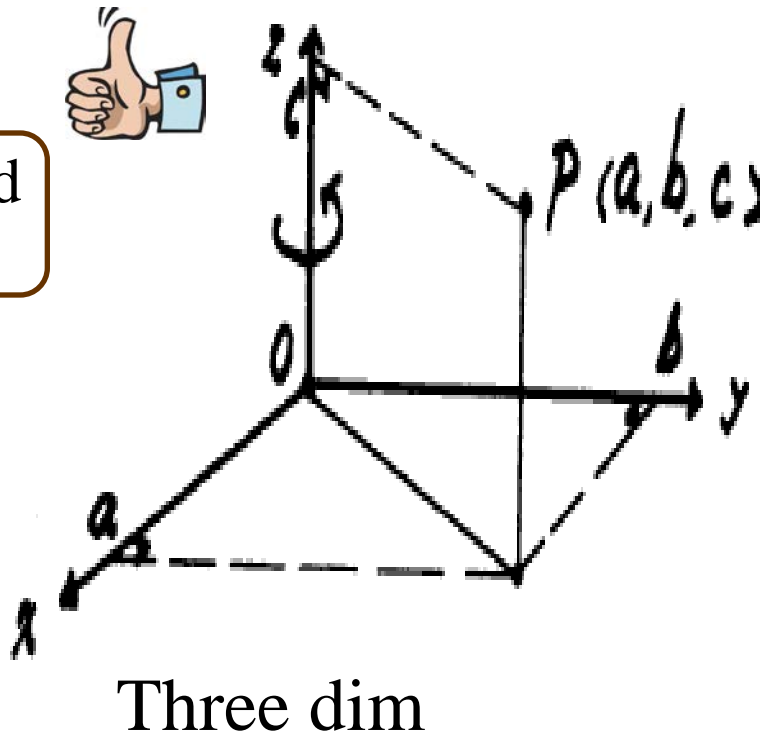
CH 5 - Three Dimensional Space

- *Coordinate System*
- *Vectors*
 - *dot product*
 - *vector product*
- *Lines*
- *Planes*
- *Vector functions*
- *Special curves*

5.1. The *Cartesian Coordinate System*

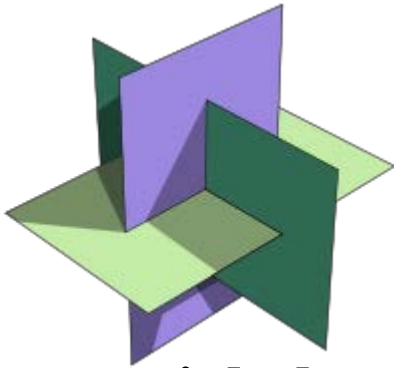
• rectangular coordinates

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system

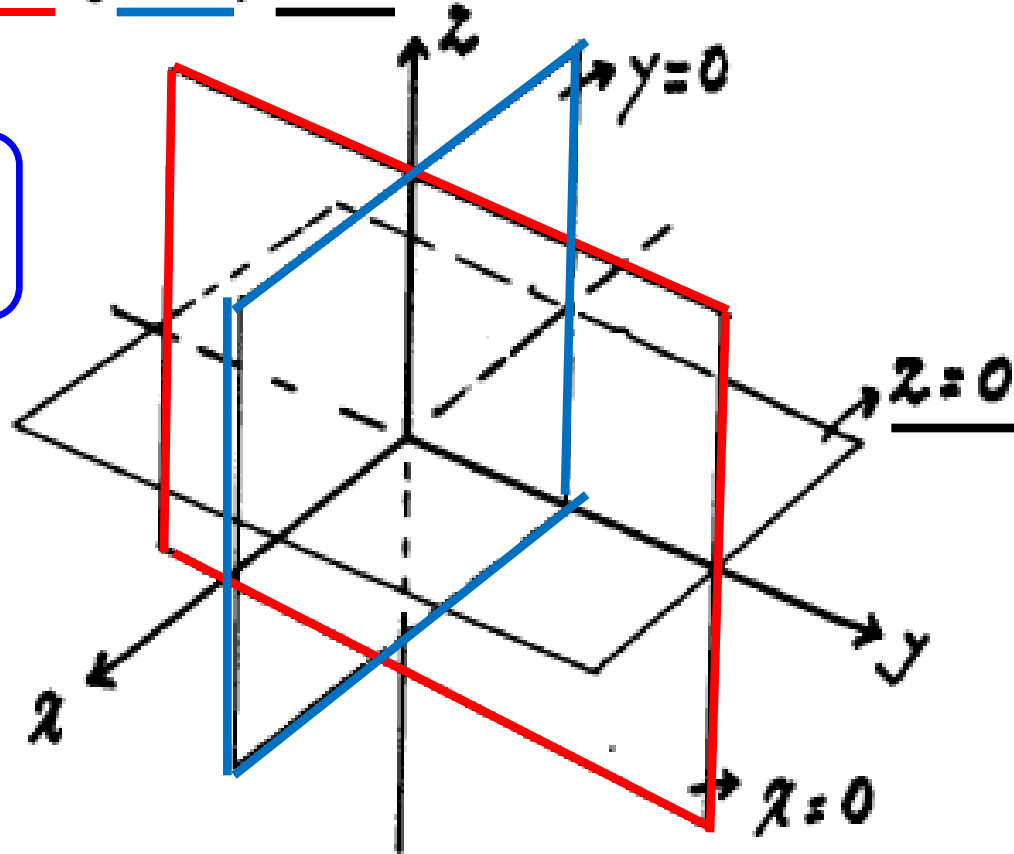


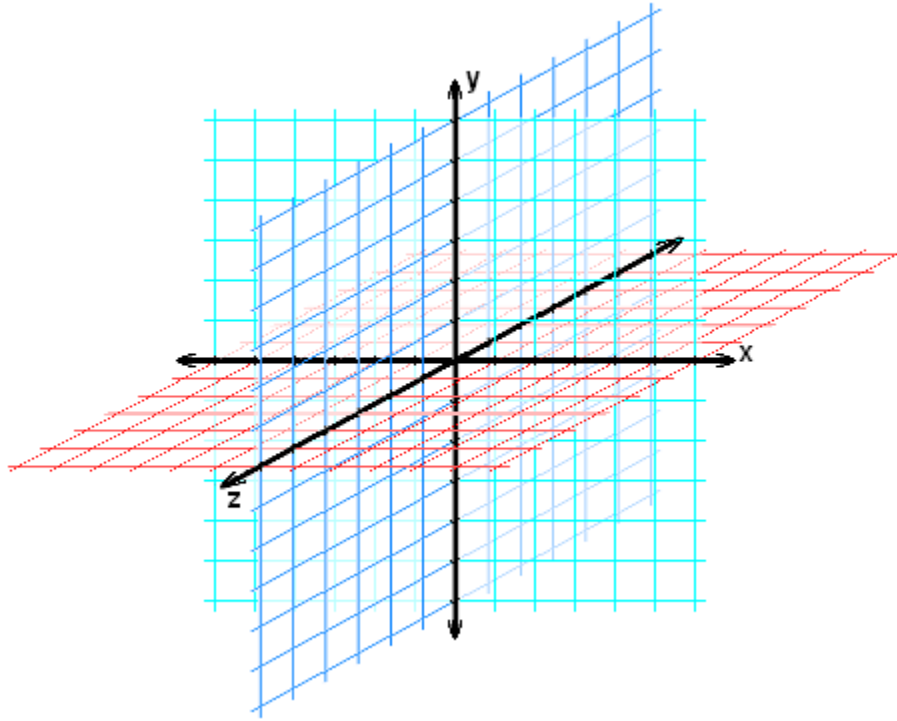
- planes: $x = 0$, $y = 0$, $z = 0$

eight octants



**Three axial planes
($x=0$, $y=0$, $z=0$)
divide space into
eight equal octant**



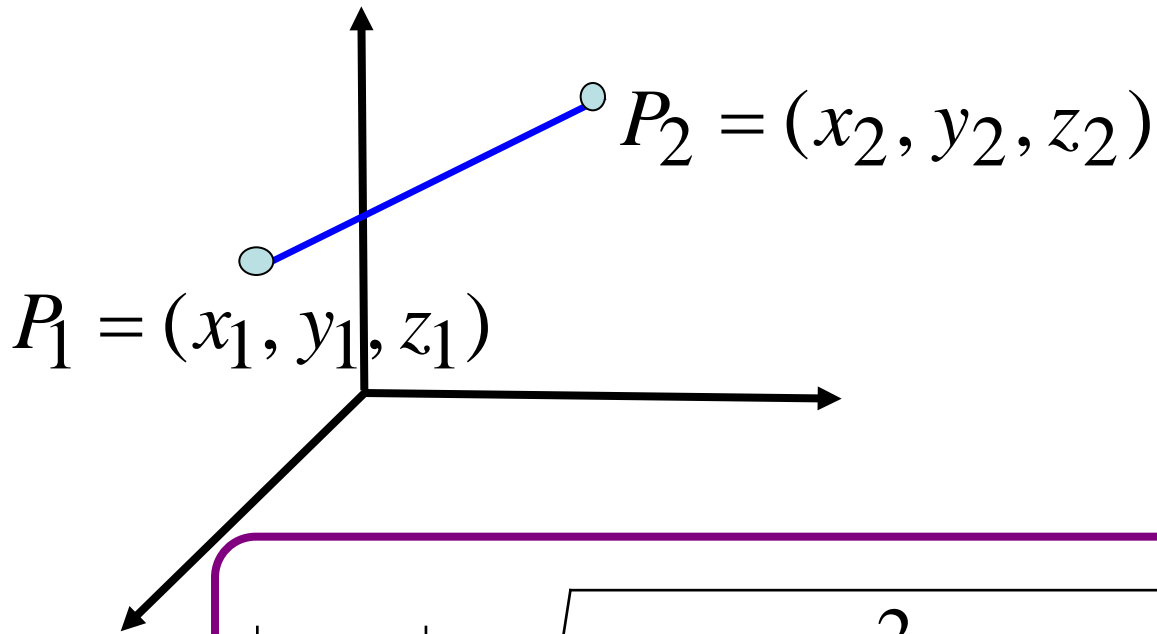


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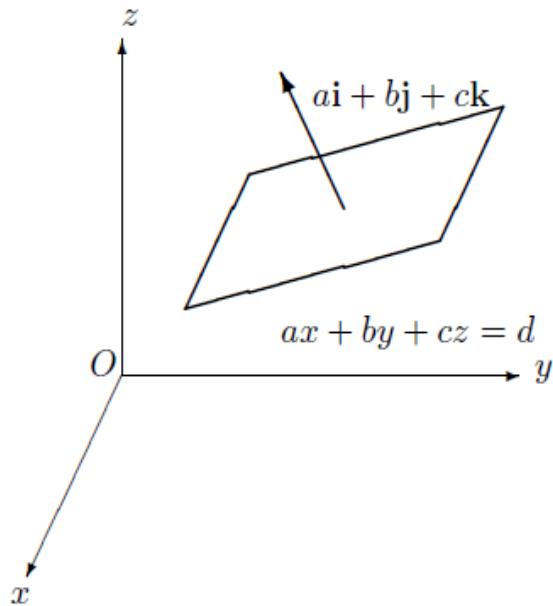
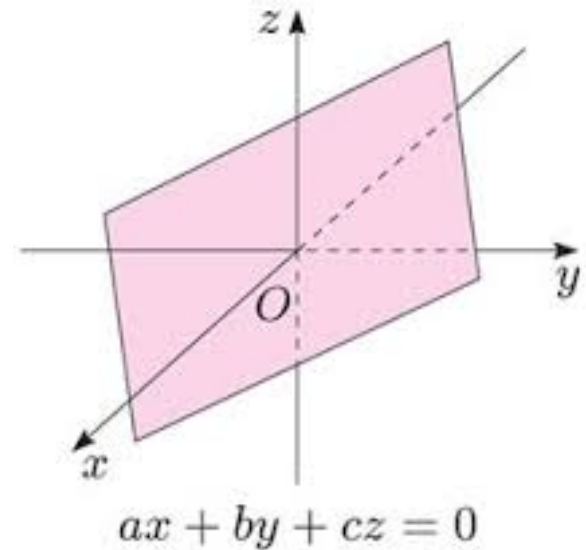
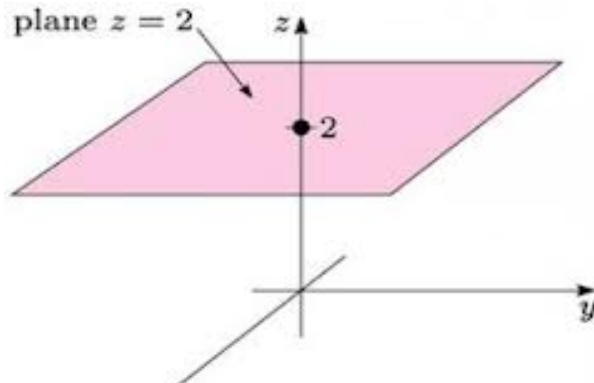
vector equation of a line in three- dim space

Distance between 2 points



$$|P_1 P_2| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$$

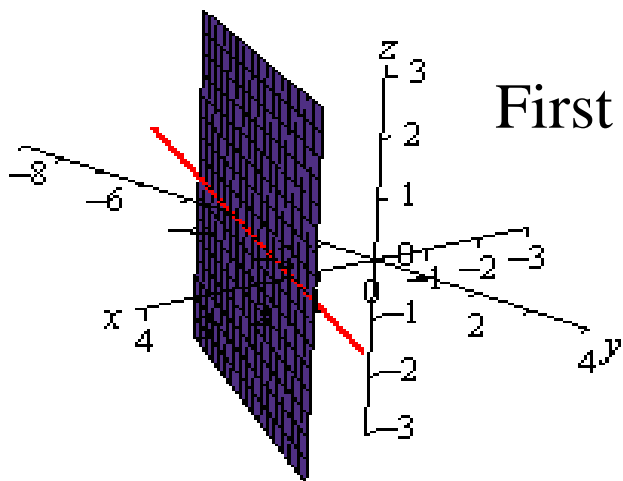
Motivation



: The plane $ax + by + cz = d$.

Equation of plane is given by
 $ax + by + cz = b$
and vector $ai + bj + ck$
is perpendicular to the plane

The graph of $y=2x-3$ in three dim space



First , $y=2x-3$ is a line (red line) in the x-y plane

the graph is then a vertical plane
that lies over the line

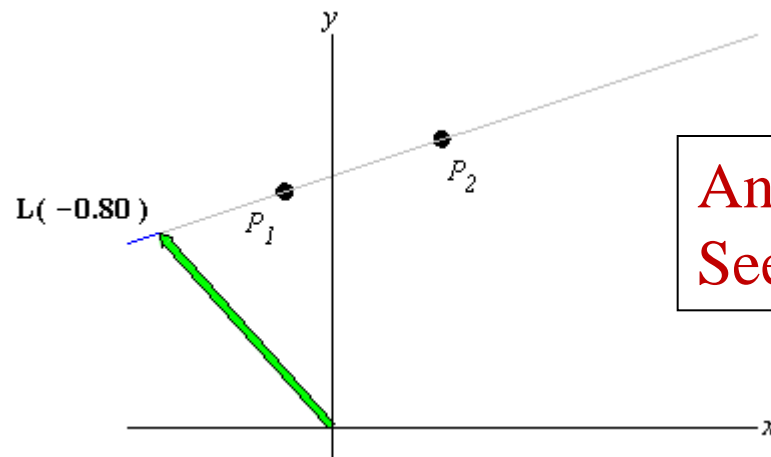
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With the above examples, we may ask what is an equation of a line in three dim space ? Expressing the equation in terms of x, y, z is not easy.

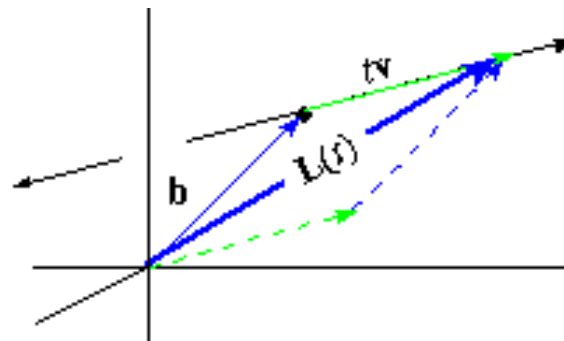
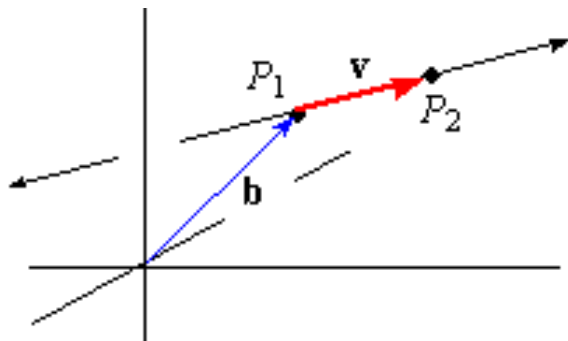
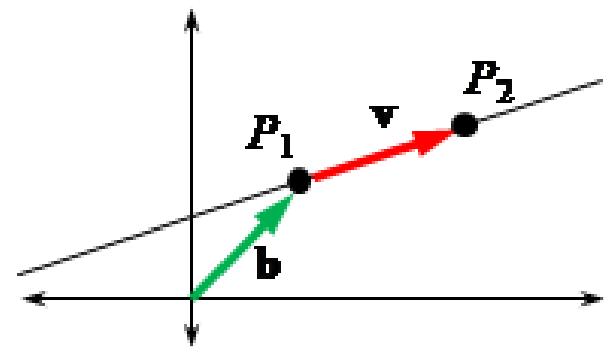
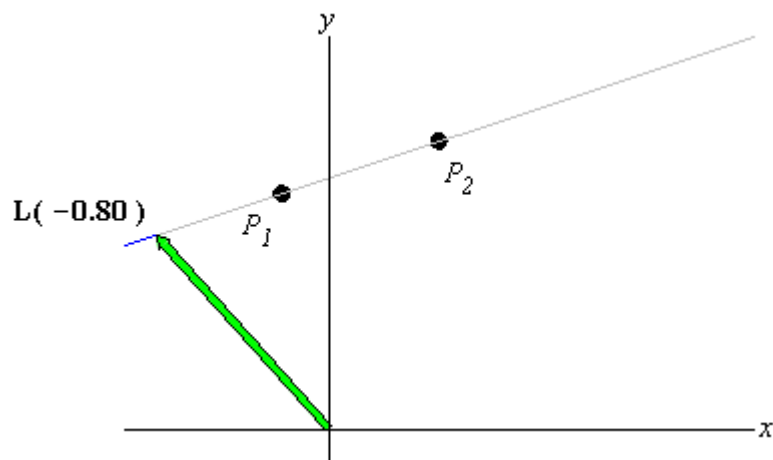
We shall use **vector**.

First look at the following example.

In this example, we use **vectors to represent a line** in two dim space



Animation
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$$L(t) = b + tv$$

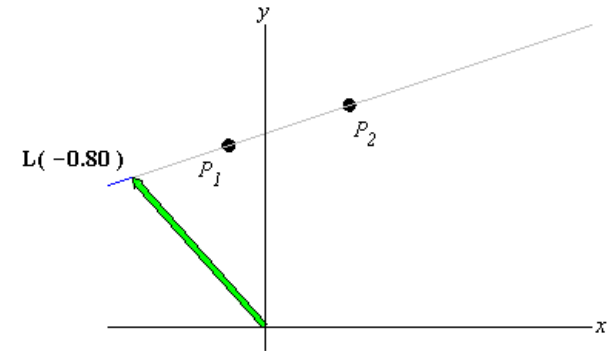
Each point $P(x,y)$ in R^2 corresponds to a position vector $OP = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$



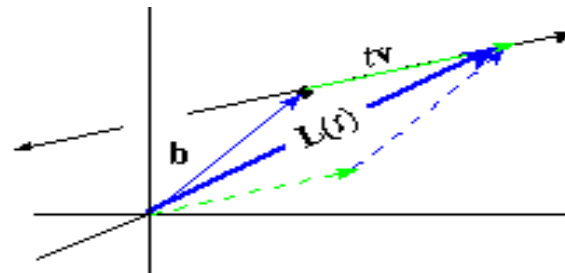
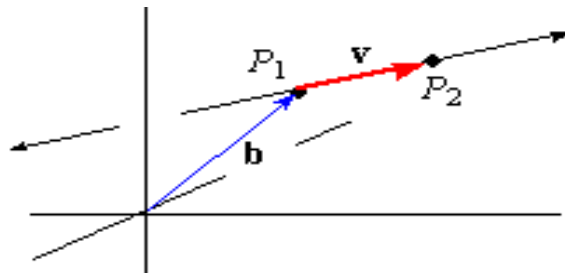
A line corresponds to the endpoints of a set of 2-dimensional position vectors.

We use $L(t) = b + tv$

to represent a line in two dim space

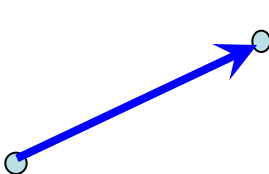


where b is a fixed position vector with end point on the line and v is a constant vector which is parallel to the line.



5.2 *Vectors* (an important tool in three dim space)

♣ *Vector* — a *directed* line segment PQ

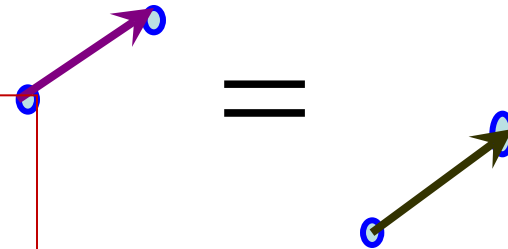
(*initial* point) P  Q (*terminal* point)

- *direction of vector* — **direction** of the arrow

- *magnitude of vector* — **length** of the line segment PQ

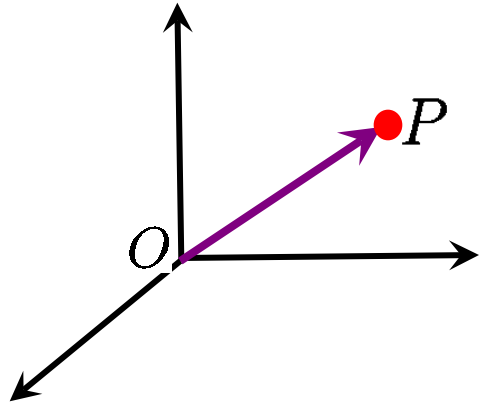
♣ Two vectors are *equal* if they have the same **direction** & **magnitude**.

They may have different initial and terminal points



5.2.1 Terminologies and notations

- The *position* vector of point $P(x, y, z)$



The initial point
is always zero

$$\overrightarrow{op} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

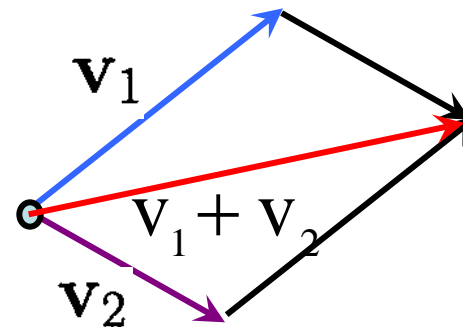
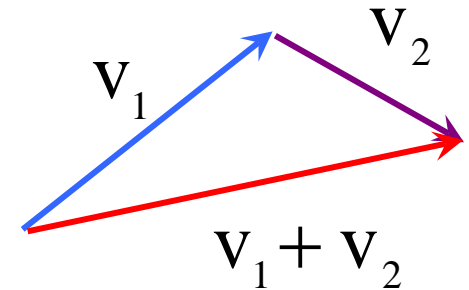
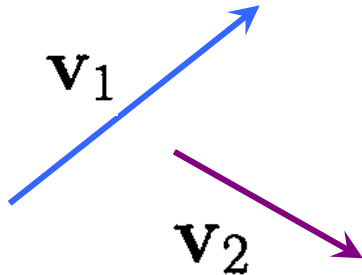
$$|\overrightarrow{op}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \quad (\text{magnitude})$$

- The *zero* vector $\mathbf{O} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

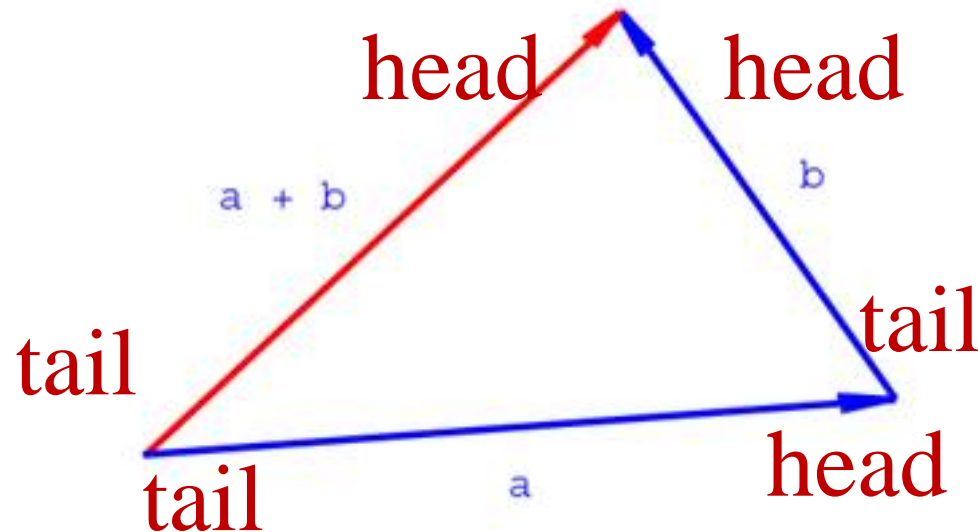
Addition

The sum of $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix}$ is

$$\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + x_2 \\ y_1 + y_2 \\ z_1 + z_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

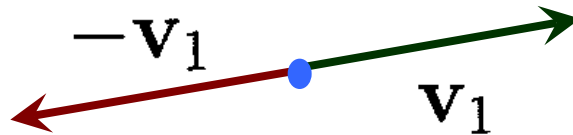


we *always* must connect
vectors 'head to tail'
and the *resultant* vector
(which represents the vector
sum) is drawn from the tail
of the first vector to the head
of the last vector

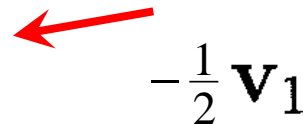
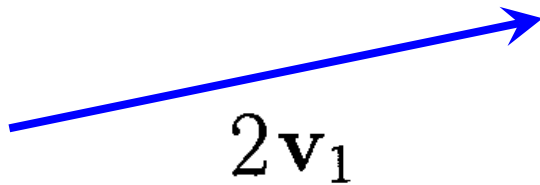


Negative & Scalar Multiplication

- The negative of $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{bmatrix}$ is $-\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -x_1 \\ -y_1 \\ -z_1 \end{bmatrix}$.



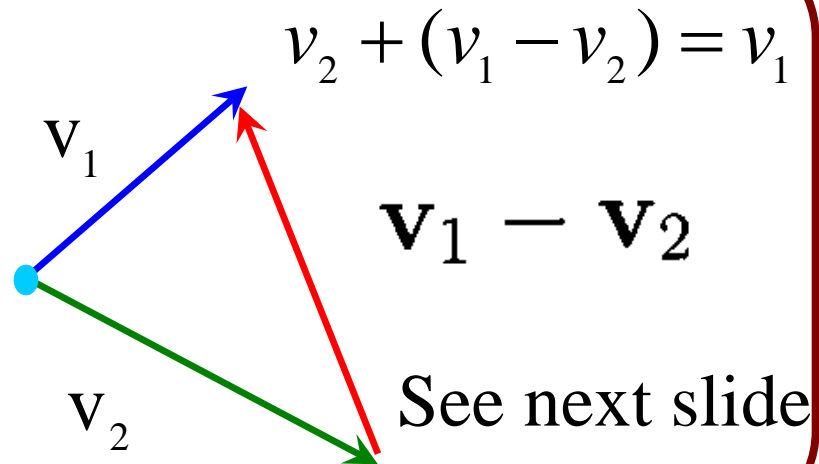
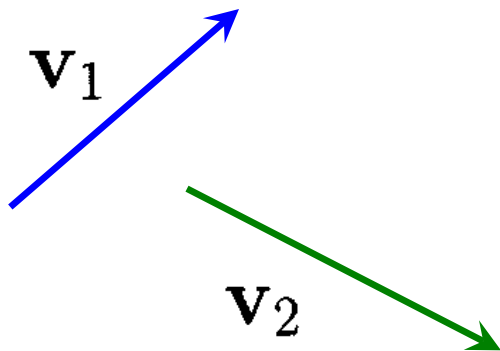
- The scalar multiplication of \mathbf{v}_1 is $c\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} cx_1 \\ cy_1 \\ cz_1 \end{bmatrix}$.



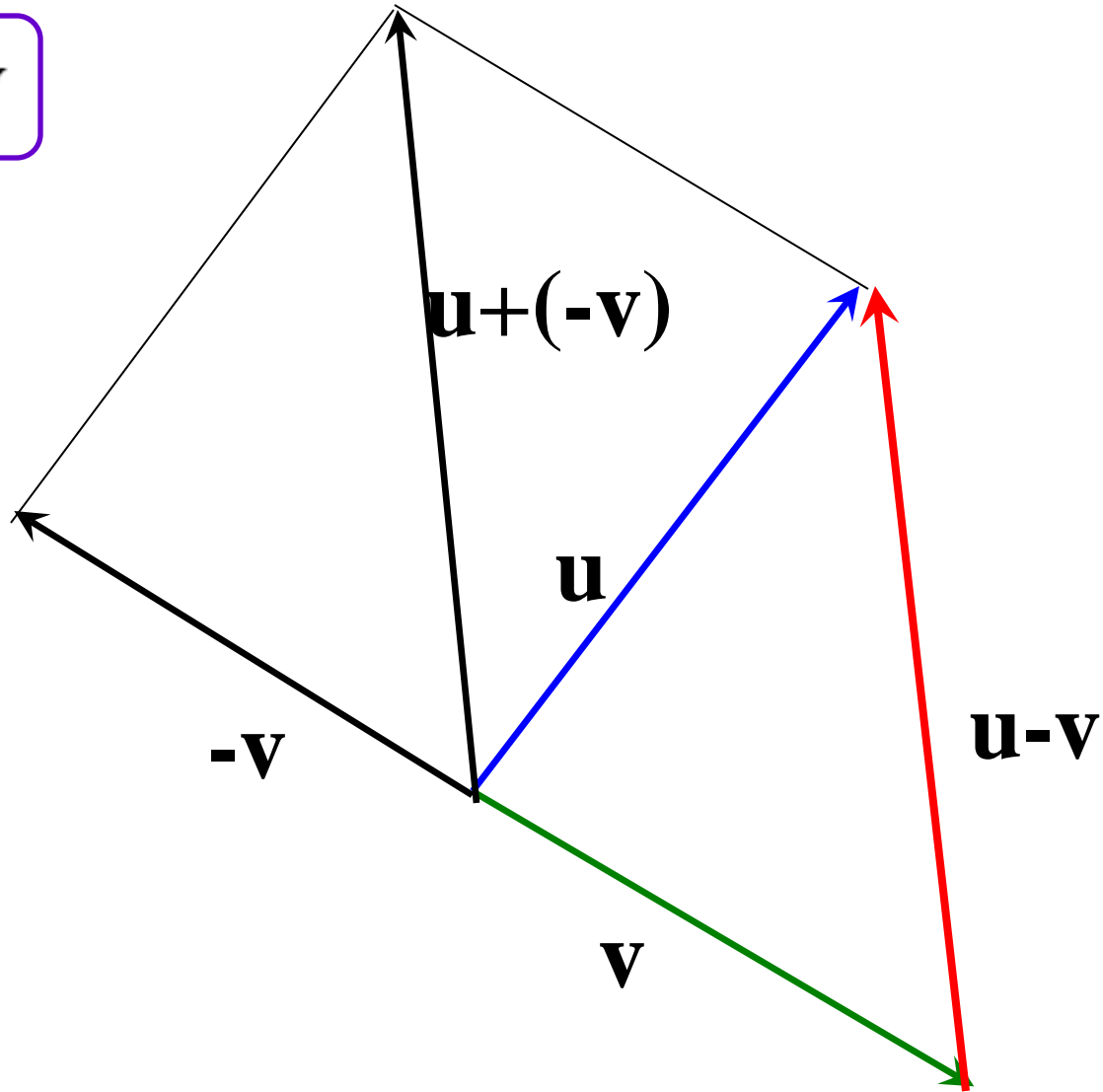
Difference

- The difference $\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2$ is

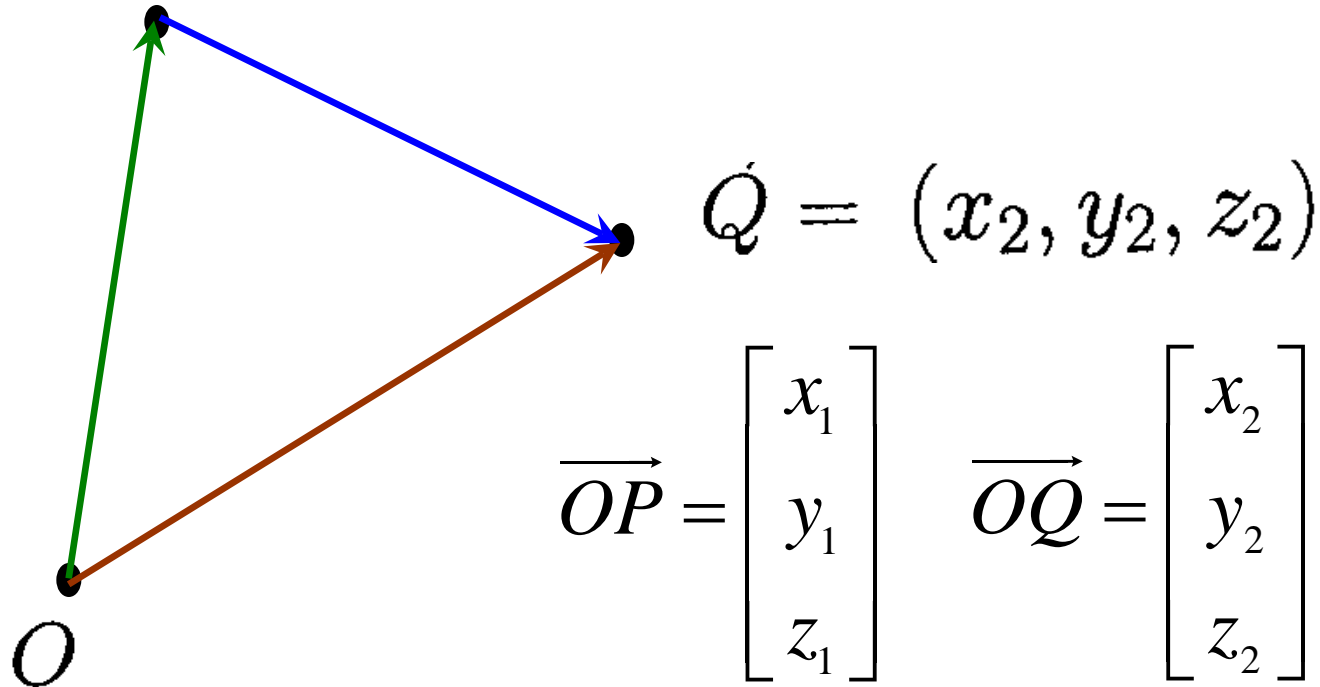
$$\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{v}_1 + (-\mathbf{v}_2) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -x_2 \\ -y_2 \\ -z_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_2 \\ y_1 - y_2 \\ z_1 - z_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



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$$P = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$$



$$\overrightarrow{OP} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\overrightarrow{OQ} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\overrightarrow{OQ} - \overrightarrow{OP} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 - x_1 \\ y_2 - y_1 \\ z_2 - z_1 \end{bmatrix} = \overrightarrow{PQ}$$

$$\overrightarrow{OP} + \overrightarrow{PQ} = \overrightarrow{OQ}$$

5.2.2 Example

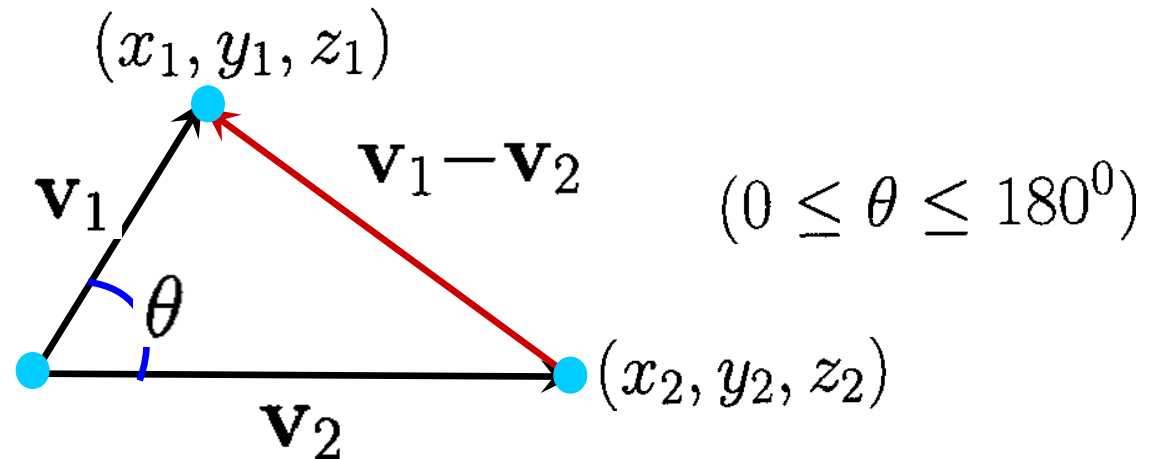
♣ Let P_1 , P_2 , Q_1 and Q_2 be the points $(3, 2, -1)$, $(0, 0, 0)$, $(5, 5, 4)$ and $(2, 3, 5)$ respectively.

$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{P_1Q_1} &= \begin{bmatrix} 5-3 \\ 5-2 \\ 4-(-1) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \\ \overrightarrow{P_2Q_2} &= \begin{bmatrix} 2-0 \\ 3-0 \\ 5-0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \overrightarrow{P_1Q_1} = \overrightarrow{P_2Q_2}.$$

The magnitude of $\overrightarrow{P_1Q_1}$ is

$$||\overrightarrow{P_1Q_1}|| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (3)^2 + (5)^2} = \sqrt{38}.$$

5.2.3 *Angle* between 2 vectors



$$||\mathbf{v}_1 - \mathbf{v}_2||^2 = ||\mathbf{v}_1||^2 + ||\mathbf{v}_2||^2 - 2||\mathbf{v}_1|| ||\mathbf{v}_2|| \cos \theta$$

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$$\cos \theta = \frac{x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2 + z_1 z_2}{||\mathbf{v}_1|| ||\mathbf{v}_2||}$$

5.2.4 *Scalar* or *dot product*

- Given $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix}$

define (their *dot product*)

$$\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 = x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2 + z_1 z_2.$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2 + z_1 z_2}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\| \|\mathbf{v}_2\|} = \frac{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\| \|\mathbf{v}_2\|}.$$

($0 \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$)

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\mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 are perpendicular
 $\iff \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 = 0.$

5.2.5 Example

♣ Find the *angle* between \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 = (2)(-1) + (4)(2) + (5)(3) = 21.$$

$$\|\mathbf{v}_1\| = \sqrt{2^2 + 4^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{45},$$

$$\|\mathbf{v}_2\| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 2^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{14}.$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\| \|\mathbf{v}_2\|} = \frac{21}{\sqrt{45}\sqrt{14}} = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{10}}$$

Thus θ is approximately $33^\circ 13'$.

Perpendicular Vectors

- The vectors

$$\mathbf{w}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{w}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

are *perpendicular* as

$$\mathbf{w}_1 \cdot \mathbf{w}_2 = (2)(4) + (-5)(2) + (1)(2) = 0.$$

5.2.6 *Properties* of *dot product*

If \mathbf{v}_1 , \mathbf{v}_2 and \mathbf{v}_3 are vectors in xyz -space and c is a real number, then

$$(a) \quad \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 = ||\mathbf{v}_1||^2 \geq 0$$

$$(b) \quad \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1$$

$$(c) \quad (\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2) \cdot \mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_3 + \mathbf{v}_2 \cdot \mathbf{v}_3$$

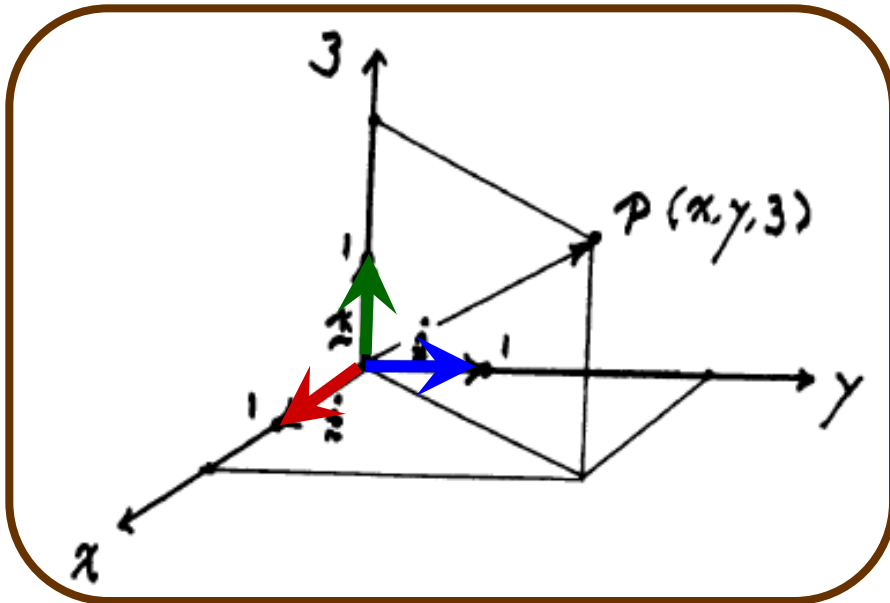
$$(d) \quad (c\mathbf{v}_1) \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot (c\mathbf{v}_2) = c(\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2).$$

Unit Vectors

Unit vector: a vector of *length* one.

The **standard** unit vectors:

$$\mathbf{i} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{j} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{k} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{j} = \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{i} = 0$$

Notice that every vector $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$ can be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + z \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For example,

$$\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -5 \\ 22 \end{bmatrix} = 4\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j} + 22\mathbf{k}.$$

The unit vector with the same direction as \mathbf{w} is

$$\left\| \frac{\mathbf{w}}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} \right\| = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} \|\mathbf{w}\| = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} \mathbf{w} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4^2 + 5^2 + 22^2}} (4\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j} + 22\mathbf{k}) \\ &= \frac{4}{\sqrt{525}} \mathbf{i} - \frac{5}{\sqrt{525}} \mathbf{j} + \frac{22}{\sqrt{525}} \mathbf{k}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\left\| \frac{\mathbf{w}}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} \right\| = \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{w}\|} \|\mathbf{w}\| = 1$$

$$\mathbf{w} = \|\mathbf{w}\| \frac{\mathbf{w}}{\|\mathbf{w}\|}$$

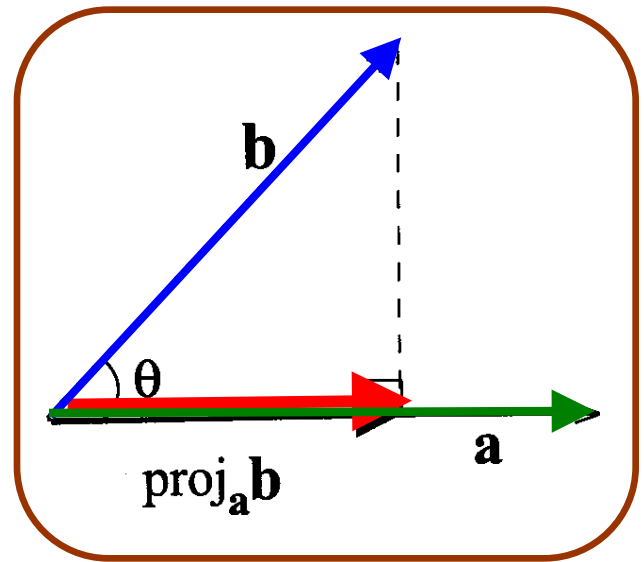
$$= \|\mathbf{w}\| \text{ (*unit vector in } \mathbf{w} \text{ direction})}*$$

$$= \|\mathbf{w}\| \text{ (*unit vector in vector } \mathbf{v} \text{ direction})}*$$

if \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} are in the same direction

5.2.8 Projection

Let \mathbf{a} & \mathbf{b} be vectors. The *projection* $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}}\mathbf{b}$ of \mathbf{b} onto \mathbf{a} is illustrated below:



Note that $\|\text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}}\mathbf{b}\| = \|\mathbf{b}\| \cos \theta$

$$= \|\mathbf{b}\| \frac{(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})}{\|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\|} = \frac{(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})}{\|\mathbf{a}\|}.$$

Note that

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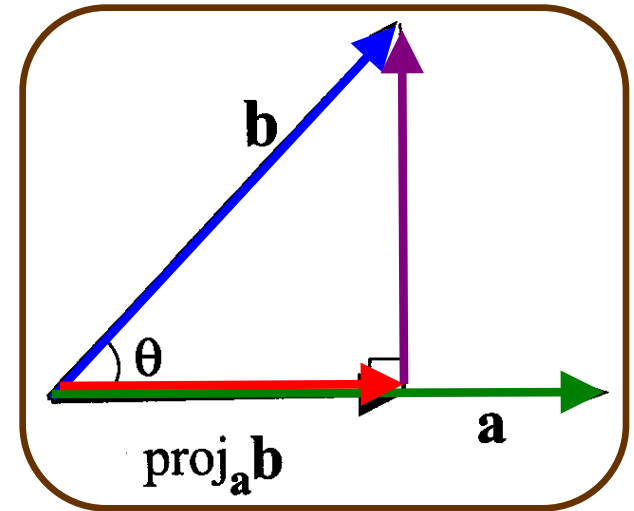
Hence

$$= \frac{(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})}{\|\mathbf{a}\|} \left(\frac{\mathbf{a}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|} \right) = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|^2} \mathbf{a} = \boxed{\frac{\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|^2} \mathbf{a}}$$

*Express **b** as the **sum** of **vectors**
parallel & **perpendicular** to **a***



$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{b} = \frac{\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|^2} \mathbf{a}$$



$$\mathbf{b} = \text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b} - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{a}} \mathbf{b}$$

Parallel to a *perpendicular to a*

5.2.9 Example

Find the *projection* of $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j}$ onto $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$.

Solution.

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{b}} \mathbf{a} = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{\|\mathbf{b}\|^2} \mathbf{b}$$

$$= \frac{7}{2} (\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})$$

5.3 *Vector* or *Cross* Product

Given $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix}$,

their **vector product or cross product** is the **vector**

$$\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ x_1 & y_1 & z_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & z_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (y_1 z_2 - y_2 z_1) \mathbf{i} - (x_1 z_2 - x_2 z_1) \mathbf{j} + (x_1 y_2 - x_2 y_1) \mathbf{k}$$

Example

- Given $\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$,

their vector product is the vector

$$\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 & -3 \end{vmatrix} = -\mathbf{i} + 12\mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k}.$$

5.3.1 *Properties* of *Cross* Product

Let \mathbf{v}_1 , \mathbf{v}_2 and \mathbf{v}_3 be vectors in xyz -space, and let c be a real number. Then

(a) $\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2 = -\mathbf{v}_2 \times \mathbf{v}_1.$

(b) $\mathbf{v}_1 \times (\mathbf{v}_2 + \mathbf{v}_3) = \mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2 + \mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_3.$

(c) $(\mathbf{v}_1 + \mathbf{v}_2) \times \mathbf{v}_3 = \mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_3 + \mathbf{v}_2 \times \mathbf{v}_3.$

(d) $c(\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2) = (c\mathbf{v}_1) \times \mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{v}_1 \times (c\mathbf{v}_2).$

(e) $\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{O}.$

(f) $\mathbf{O} \times \mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{O} = \mathbf{O}.$

Geometrical Interpretation

5.3.2 Direction $\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2$

$$(\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2) \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 = 0 = (\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2) \cdot \mathbf{v}_2$$

$$\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2 = (\underline{y_1 z_2} - y_2 z_1) \mathbf{i} - (\underline{x_1 z_2} - x_2 z_1) \mathbf{j} + (x_1 y_2 - x_2 y_1) \mathbf{k}$$

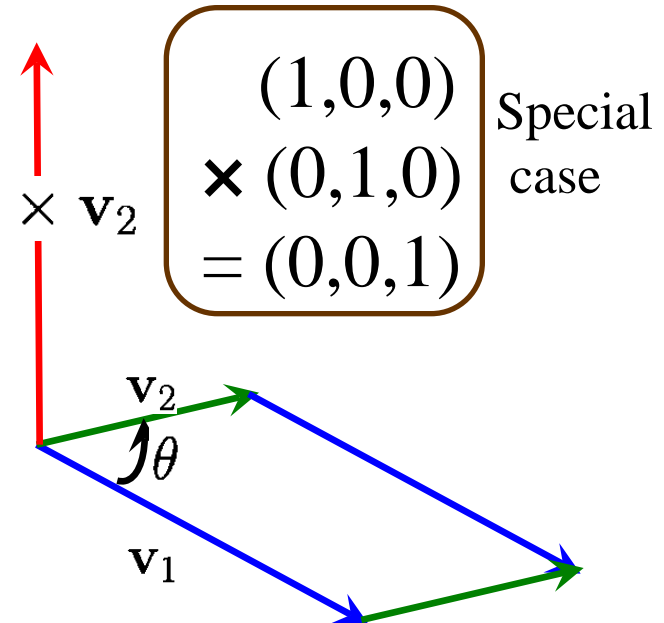
$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \underline{x_1} \mathbf{i} + \underline{y_1} \mathbf{j} + z_1 \mathbf{k}$$

$$(\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2) \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 = (y_1 z_2 - y_2 z_1) x_1 + \dots = 0$$

5.3.2 Magnitude $\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2$

$$||\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2|| = ||\mathbf{v}_1|| ||\mathbf{v}_2|| \sin \theta$$

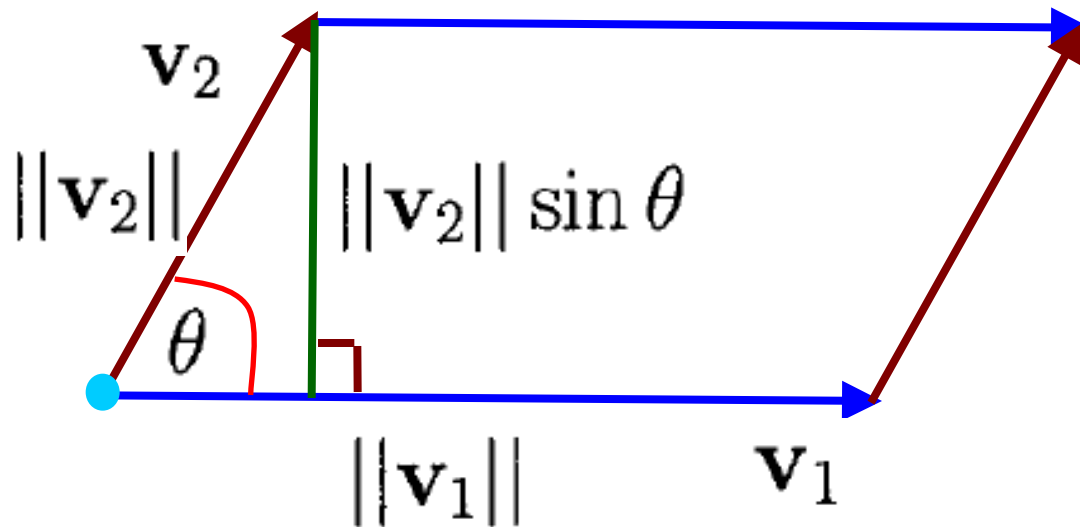
Proof omitted





$$||\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2|| = ||\mathbf{v}_1|| ||\mathbf{v}_2|| \sin \theta$$

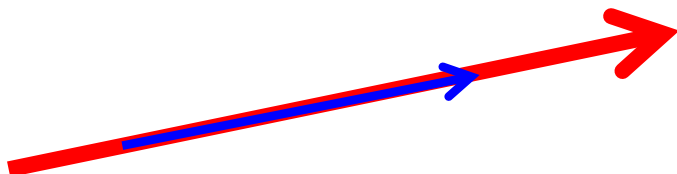
= the *area* of the following *parallelogram*



Suppose two vectors u and v are parallel

Then there exists a real number t such that

$$u = tv$$



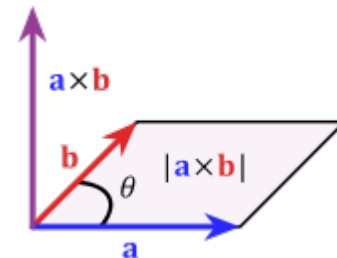
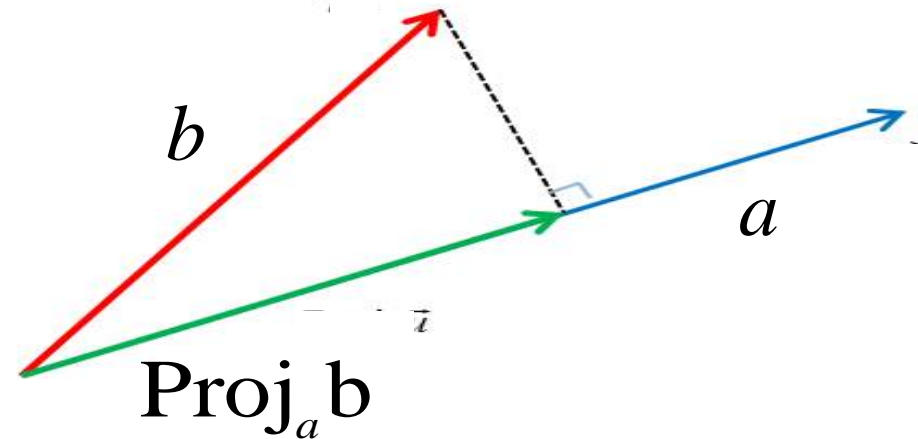
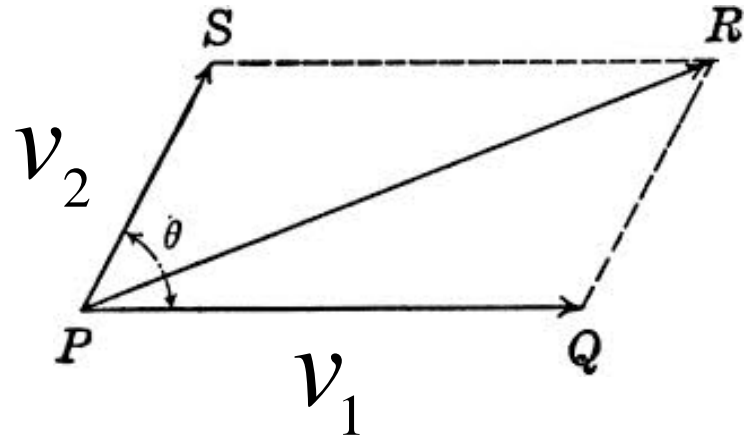
Summary

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2}{\|\mathbf{v}_1\| \|\mathbf{v}_2\|}$$

$$\text{proj}_a b = \frac{b \cdot a}{\|a\|^2} a = \frac{b \cdot a}{\|a\|} \frac{a}{\|a\|}$$

$$\|\text{Proj}_a b\| = \frac{\|a \cdot b\|}{\|a\|}$$

$$\|a \times b\| = \text{area of parallelogram induced by } a \text{ and } b$$

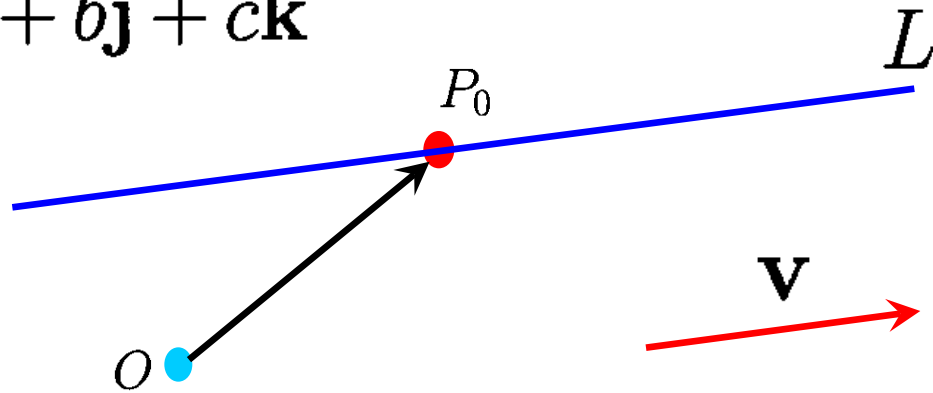


5.4 *Lines* in Space

Problem Given point P_0 with position vector

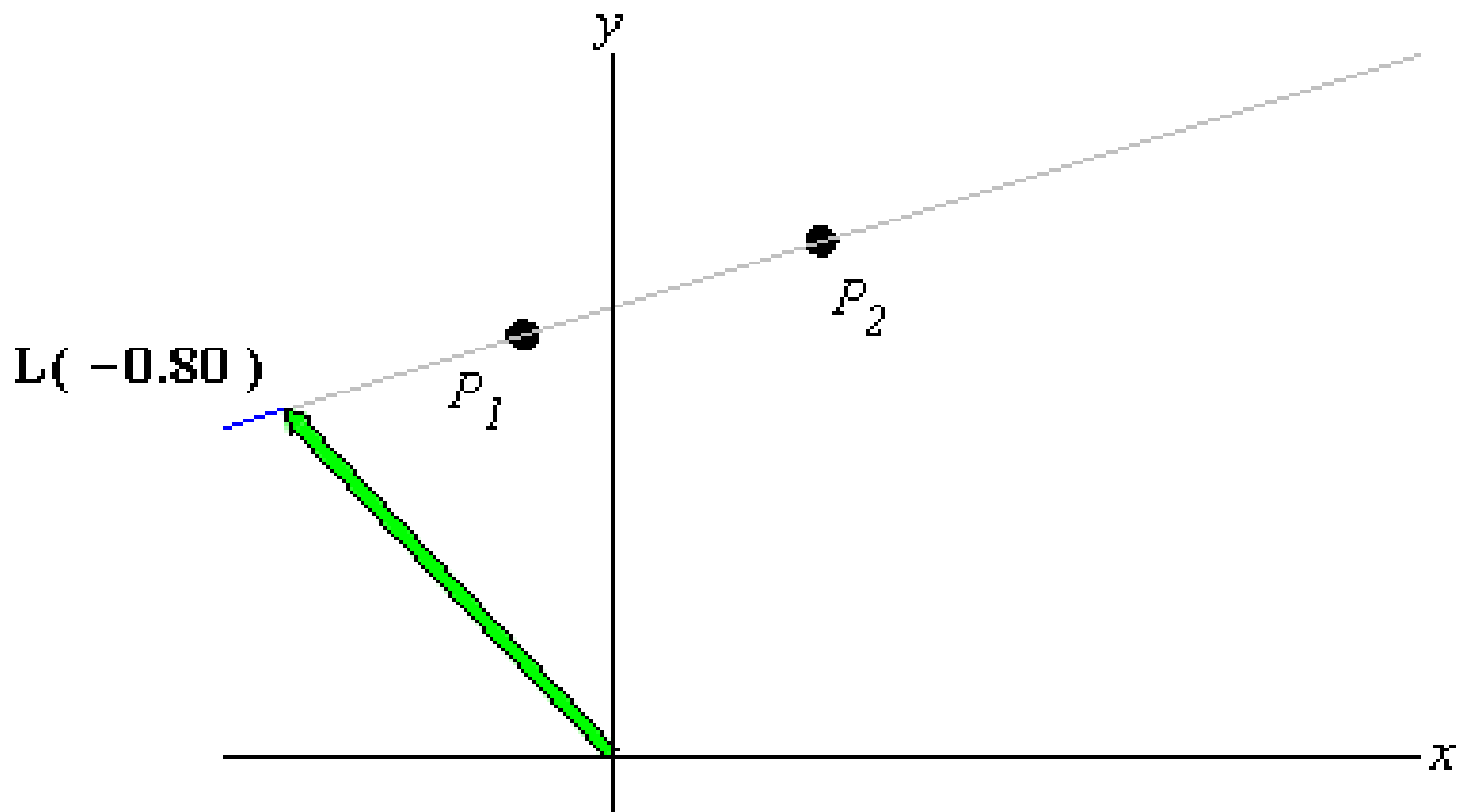
$$\mathbf{r}_0 = x_0\mathbf{i} + y_0\mathbf{j} + z_0\mathbf{k}$$

& vector $\mathbf{v} = a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j} + c\mathbf{k}$



find the *equation* of the *line* L passing through P_0
& parallel to \mathbf{v}

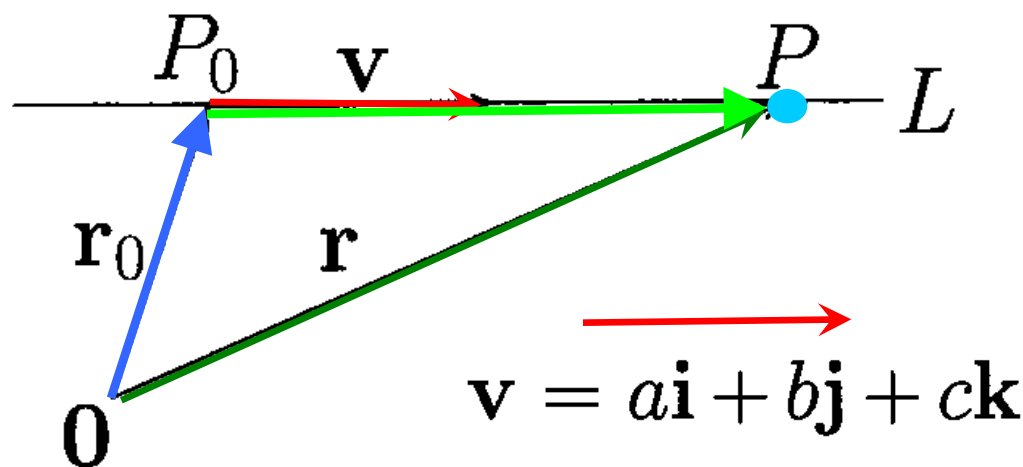
Recall line equation in 2-dim space



5.4.1 *Vector Equation* of a *Line* L

- Let P be a point on L with *position* vector

$$\mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}.$$



$\overrightarrow{P_0P}$ and \mathbf{v} are parallel

$$\overrightarrow{OP} = \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + \overrightarrow{P_0P} = \mathbf{r}_0 + t\mathbf{v} \text{ for some } t \in \mathbf{R}.$$

$$= (x_0\mathbf{i} + y_0\mathbf{j} + z_0\mathbf{k}) + t(a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j} + c\mathbf{k}) \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + t\mathbf{v} \quad \left[t \in \mathbf{R} \right] \quad \text{vector equation of } L$$

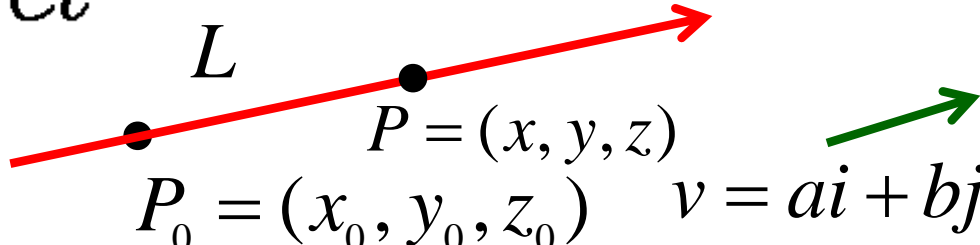
5.4.2 *Parametric equation* (another version) of L

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + t\mathbf{v}$$

$$x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k} = (x_0\mathbf{i} + y_0\mathbf{j} + z_0\mathbf{k}) + t(a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j} + c\mathbf{k}).$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x = x_0 + at, \\ y = y_0 + bt, \\ z = z_0 + ct \end{array} \right. \quad \text{---} \quad \textit{Parametric equation of } L$

$t \in \mathbf{R}$



$P_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$ $P = (x, y, z)$ $\mathbf{v} = a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j} + c\mathbf{k}$

5.4.3 Example

A and B have position vectors

$$-3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$$

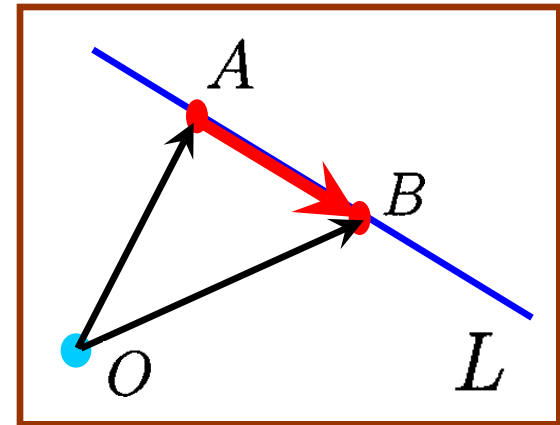
Write down the parametric equations of
 L passing through A and B .

$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{AB} &= (\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}) - (-3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}) \\ &= 4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k}.\end{aligned}$$

\overrightarrow{AB} and L are parallel

Parametric equation of L

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x = -3 + 4t, \\ y = 2 - 3t, \\ z = -3 + 7t \end{array} \right. \quad t \in \mathbf{R}$$



$$\begin{aligned}x &= x_0 + at, \\ y &= y_0 + bt, \\ z &= z_0 + ct\end{aligned}$$

5.4.4 Example

Given the following lines

$$L_1 : \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{i} + t_1(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}),$$

$$L_2 : \mathbf{r} = (2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) + t_2 \left(3\mathbf{i} + \frac{9}{2}\mathbf{j} + \frac{9}{2}\mathbf{k} \right) \text{ and}$$

$$L_3 : \mathbf{r} = (2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) + t_3(3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})$$

- (a) Find the position vector of the point of intersection of L_1 and L_2 .
- (b) Show that L_1 and L_3 are skew, i.e. do not intersect and they are not parallel

(a)

$$L_1 : \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{i} + t_1(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}),$$

$$L_2 : \mathbf{r} = (2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) + t_2 \left(3\mathbf{i} + \frac{9}{2}\mathbf{j} + \frac{9}{2}\mathbf{k} \right)$$

Eliminating \mathbf{r} (finding the parameter for point of intersection P) :

$$\mathbf{i} + t_1(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}) = (2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) + t_2 \left(3\mathbf{i} + \frac{9}{2}\mathbf{j} + \frac{9}{2}\mathbf{k} \right)$$

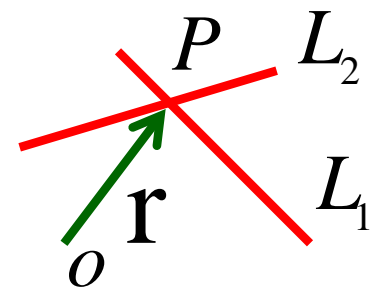
Comparing the components :

$$t_1 = 1 + 3t_2, \quad 2t_1 = 1 + \frac{9}{2}t_2, \quad 3t_1 = \frac{9}{2}t_2$$

Solving : $t_1 = -1, \quad t_2 = -2/3.$

The required position vector :

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{i} + (-1)(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}) = \boxed{-2\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}.}$$



(b) $L_1 : \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{i} + t_1(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}),$
 $L_3 : \mathbf{r} = (2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) + t_3(3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})$

Eliminating \mathbf{r} :

$$\mathbf{i} + t_1(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}) = (2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) + t_3(3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j})$$

It follows that

$$t_1 = 1 + 3t_3, \quad 2t_1 = 1 + t_3, \quad 3t_1 = 0$$

which are *inconsistent*.

Thus

L_1 and L_3 do not intersect.

$i + 2j + 3k$ and $3i + j$ are not parallel,
so L_1 and L_3 not parallel

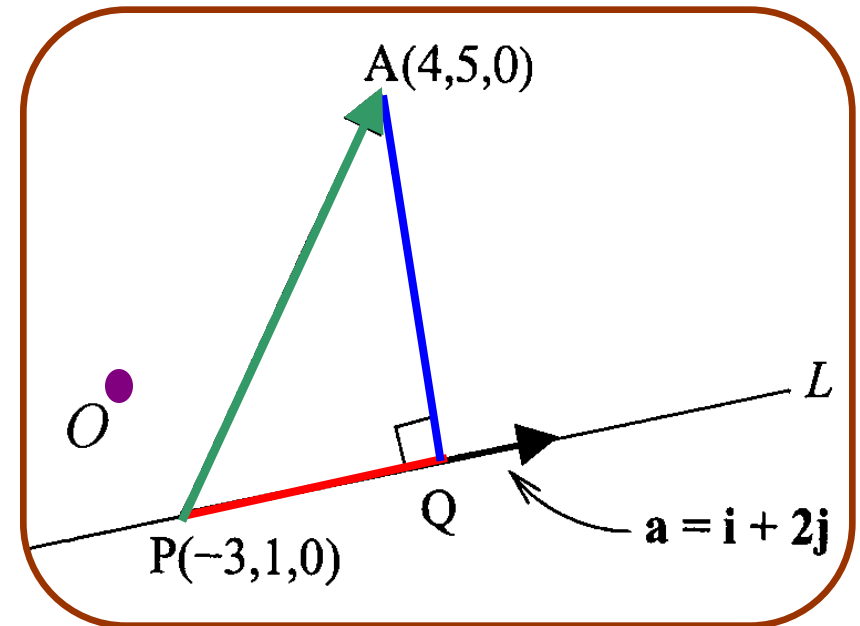
5.4.5 Example

Find the (*shortest*) *distance* from A ($4\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j}$) to the line $L : \mathbf{r} = (-3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) + t(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j})$.

$$\begin{aligned}\overrightarrow{PA} &= \overrightarrow{OA} - \overrightarrow{OP} = (4\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j}) - (-3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) \\ &= 7\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}|PQ| &= \frac{\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a}}{\|\mathbf{a}\|} \\ &= \frac{(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}) \cdot (7\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j})}{\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2}} = \frac{15}{\sqrt{5}}.\end{aligned}$$

$$|AQ| = \sqrt{\|\mathbf{b}\|^2 - \left(\frac{15}{\sqrt{5}}\right)^2} = 2\sqrt{5}.$$

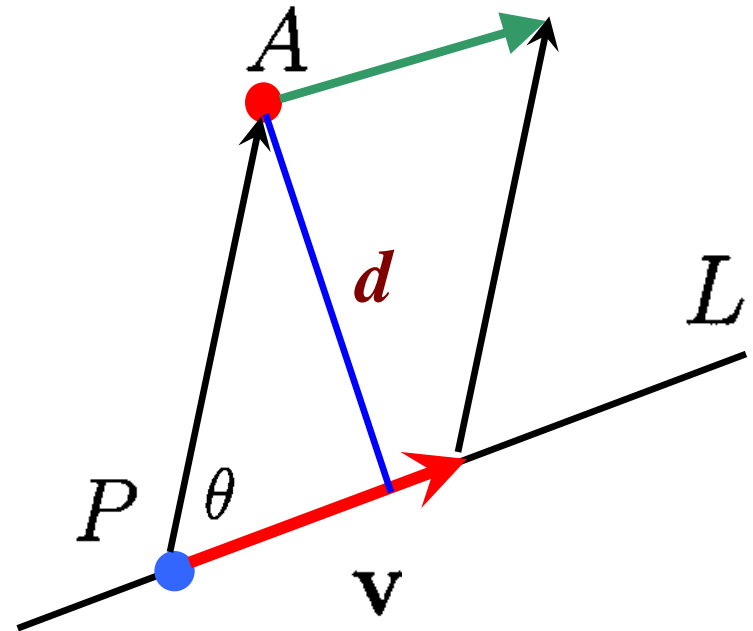


Distance from ***point A*** to ***line L***

$$= d = \frac{||\overrightarrow{PA} \times \mathbf{v}||}{||\mathbf{v}||}$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} & ||\overrightarrow{PA} \times \mathbf{v}|| \\ &= ||\overrightarrow{PA}|| ||\mathbf{v}|| \sin \theta \\ &= d ||\mathbf{v}|| \end{aligned}$$



$$||\overrightarrow{PA} \times \mathbf{v}|| = \text{area of parallelogram}$$

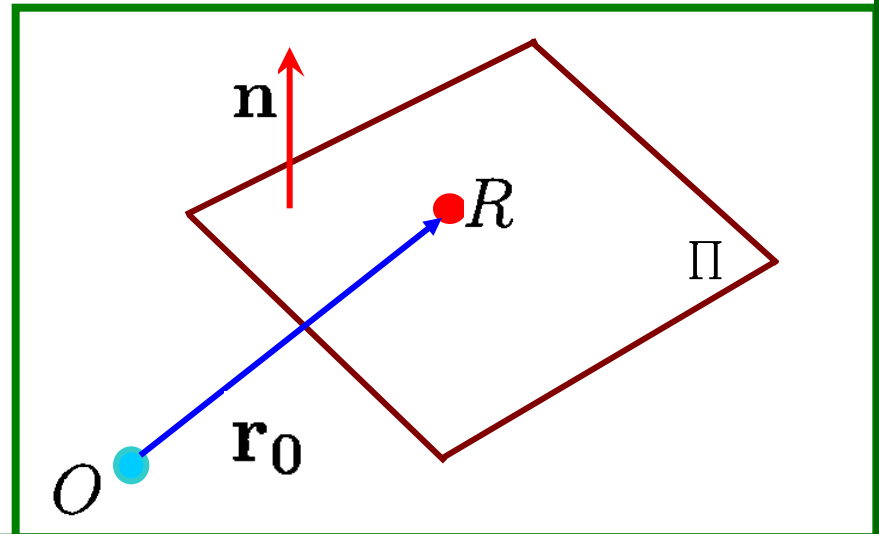
5.5 *Planes* in Space

♣ A *plane* Π in space is determined by

- (i) a *point* on the plane &
- (ii) its *orientation* (indicated by a *normal* to Π)

Problem Given point R in Π with position vector $\mathbf{r}_0 = x_0\mathbf{i} + y_0\mathbf{j} + z_0\mathbf{k}$ & normal $\mathbf{n} = a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j} + c\mathbf{k}$ to Π :

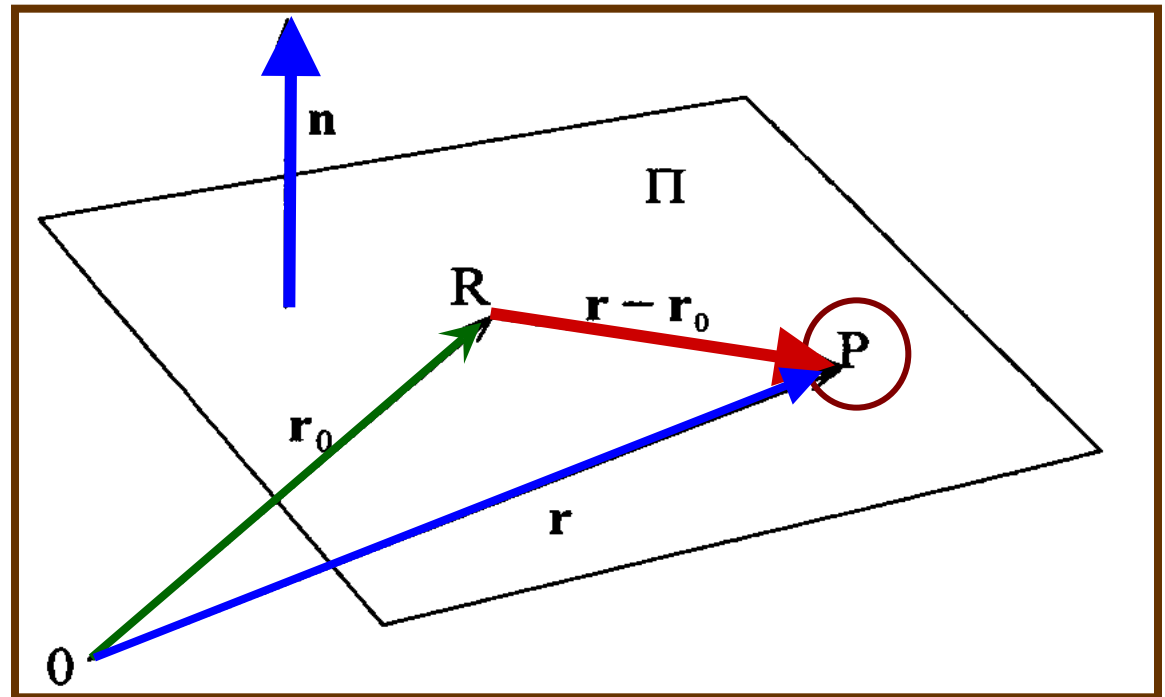
find an *equation* for Π



Vector equation for Π

- Let P be a point in Π with position vector $\mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}$.

Then



$$(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0.$$

5.5.1 Cartesian equation for Π

$$(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0 = (x - x_0)\mathbf{i} + (y - y_0)\mathbf{j} + (z - z_0)\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{n} = a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j} + c\mathbf{k}$$

$$(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) \cdot \mathbf{n} = a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0)$$

$$a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) = 0$$

or

$$ax + by + cz = d,$$

where $d = ax_0 + by_0 + cz_0$

SUMMARY

Equations for Π

♣ **Vector** equation :

$$(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$$

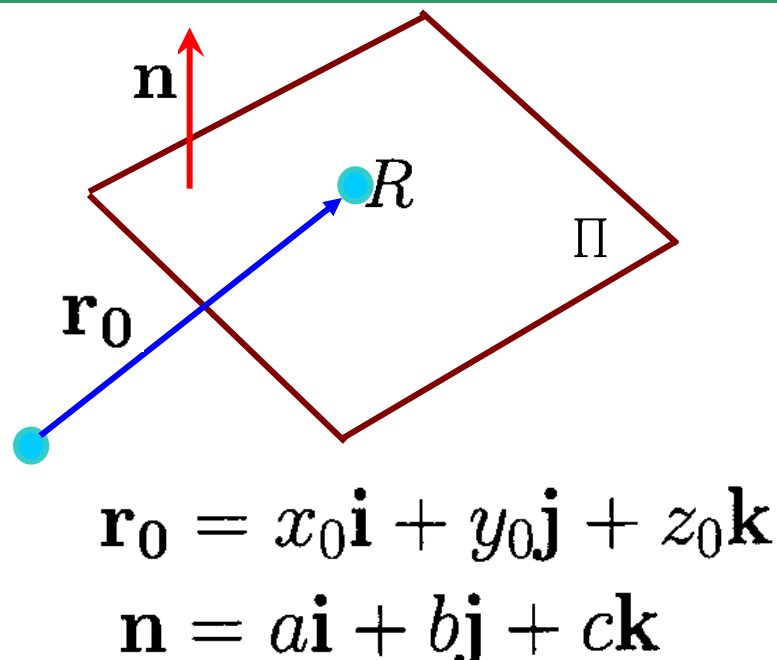
♣ **Cartesian** equation :

$$a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) = 0$$

♣ **Cartesian** equation **simplified** :

$$ax + by + cz = d,$$

$$\text{where } d = ax_0 + by_0 + cz_0$$



5.5.2 & 5.5.3 Examples

Find the equation of the plane passing through the point $(0, 2, -1)$ normal to the vector $3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$.

Solution The required equation is

$$\begin{aligned} & 3x + 2y - z \\ &= 3(0) + 2(2) - (-1) \end{aligned}$$

or $3x + 2y - z = 5.$

$$\mathbf{r}_0 = x_0\mathbf{i} + y_0\mathbf{j} + z_0\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{n} = a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j} + c\mathbf{k}$$

$$ax + by + cz = d,$$

$$\text{where } d = ax_0 + by_0 + cz_0$$

Find the vector equation of the plane passing through the points $A(0, 0, 1)$, $B(2, 0, 0)$ and $C(0, 3, 0)$.

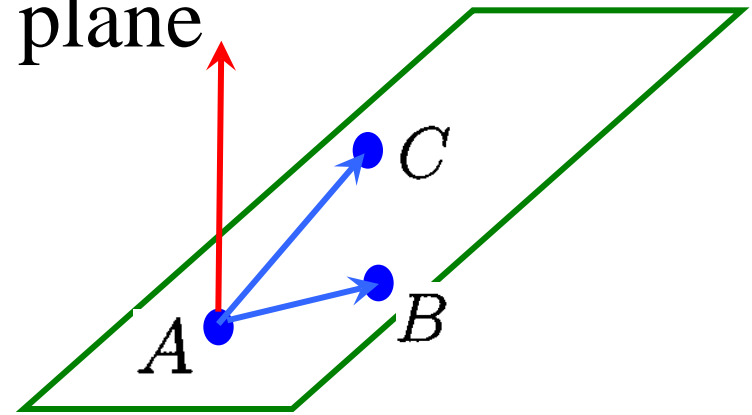
We need a point and a normal, a point is there, so need to find a normal

Solution. A *normal* to the plane

is

$$\overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k}.$$



- The plane contains $A(0, 0, 1)$
with *normal* $3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 6\mathbf{k}$

The *equation* of the
plane is given by

$$\mathbf{r}_0 = x_0\mathbf{i} + y_0\mathbf{j} + z_0\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{n} = a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j} + c\mathbf{k}$$

$$ax + by + cz = d,$$

$$\text{where } d = ax_0 + by_0 + cz_0$$

$$3x + 2y + 6z = 3(0) + 2(0) + 6(1),$$

$$\text{or } 3x + 2y + 6z = 6.$$

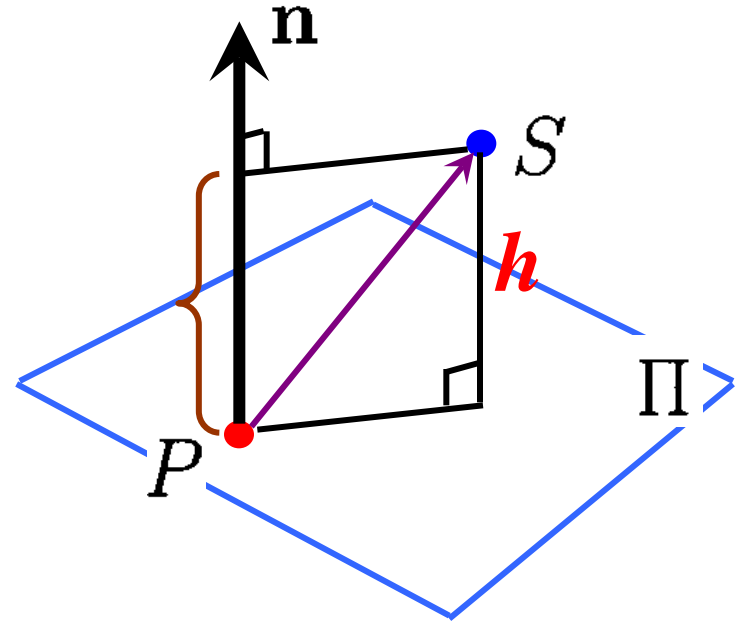
5.5.4 Distance h from *point* $S(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ to *plane* Π ($ax + by + cz = d$)

Let $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ be a point in Π . Then h is the *length* of the *projection* of \overrightarrow{PS} onto \mathbf{n} :

$$\frac{|\overrightarrow{PS} \cdot \mathbf{n}|}{\|\mathbf{n}\|}$$

$$h = \frac{|ax_0 + by_0 + cz_0 - d|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

(p31)



$$\overrightarrow{PS} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 - x_1 \\ y_0 - y_1 \\ z_0 - z_1 \end{bmatrix} = (x_0 - x_1)i + (y_0 - y_1)j + (z_0 - z_1)k$$

Plane equation is $ax + by + cz = d$

So normal \mathbf{n} to the plane is $\mathbf{n} = ai + bj + ck$

$$\begin{aligned} \overrightarrow{PS} \bullet \mathbf{n} &= (x_0 - x_1)a + (y_0 - y_1)b + (z_0 - z_1)c \\ &= x_0a + y_0b + z_0c - (x_1a + y_1b + z_1c) \\ &= x_0a + y_0b + z_0c - d \end{aligned}$$

5.5.5 Example

♣ Find the *distance* from the *point* $(2, -3, 4)$ to the *plane*: $x + 2y + 3z = 13$.

Solution. As

$$h = \frac{|ax_0 + by_0 + cz_0 - d|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

$(a, b, c, d) = (1, 2, 3, 13)$ and

$(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (2, -3, 4)$,

we have

$$h = \frac{|1(2) + 2(-3) + 3(4) - 13|}{\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2}} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{14}}$$

2007

Question 3 (b) [5 marks]

Find the shortest distance from the point $(-1, 1, 2)$ to the plane

$$2x + 3y - z - 10 = 0.$$

Question 4 (a) [5 marks]

Let S be the plane which passes through the points $(1, 0, 0)$, $(0, 2, 0)$ and $(0, 0, 3)$. Find the distance from the point $(-1, -2, -3)$ to S .

Solutions

Q3(b)

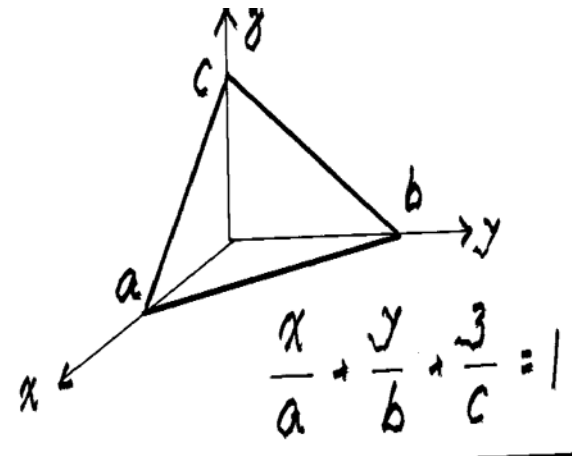
$$d = \frac{|2(-1) + 3(1) - (2) - 10|}{\sqrt{4 + 9 + 1}} = \frac{11}{\sqrt{14}}$$

Q4(a) By inspection, or by a straight-forward calculation

$$S: \quad \frac{x}{1} + \frac{y}{2} + \frac{z}{3} = 1$$

$$\text{i.e. } 6x + 3y + 2z = 6$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{distance} &= \frac{|6(-1) + 3(-2) + 2(-3) - 6|}{\sqrt{6^2 + 3^2 + 2^2}} \\ &= \frac{24}{7} \end{aligned}$$



2008

Question 4 (a) [5 marks]

Let L_1 be a straight line which passes through the point $(-1, 0, 1)$ and suppose that L_1 is perpendicular to the plane $2x - y + 7z = 12$. Let L_2 be the line $\mathbf{r}(t) = (3 + t)\mathbf{i} + (-2 + 2t)\mathbf{j} + (15 - 3t)\mathbf{k}$. Find the coordinates of the point of intersection of L_1 and L_2 .

Solution

Q4(a)

- $L_1 : (x, y, z) = (-1, 0, 1) + s(2, -1, 7)$
 $= (-1+2s, -s, 1+7s)$

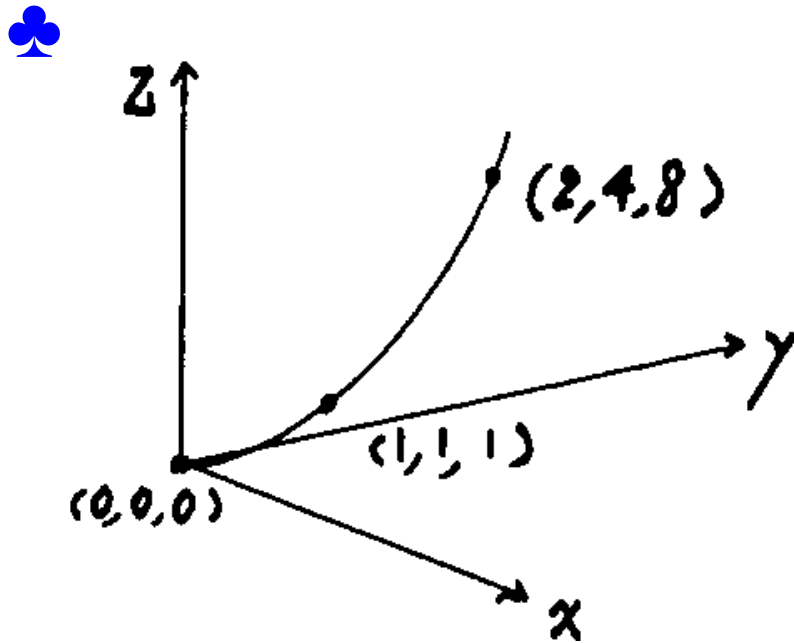
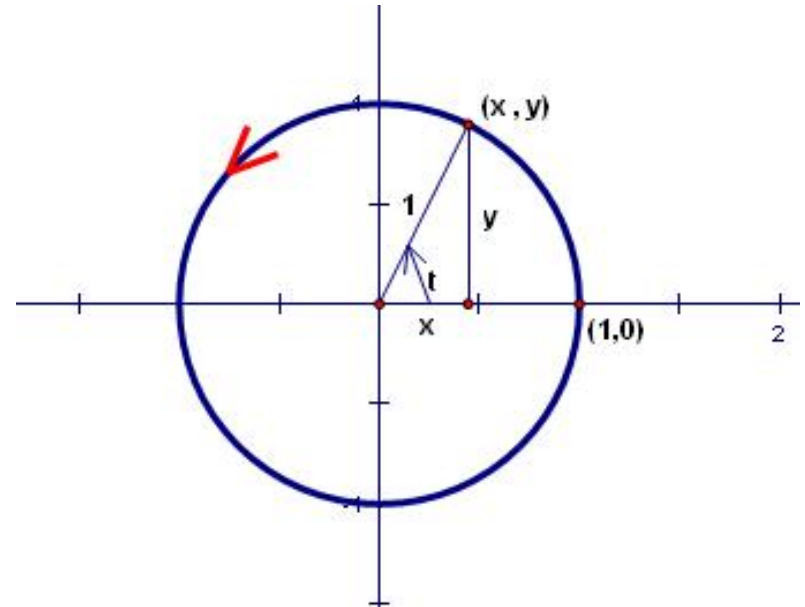
$$\begin{cases} 3+t = -1+2s & \text{--- ①} \\ -2+2t = -s & \text{--- ②} \\ 15-3t = 1+7s & \text{--- ③} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{①} + 2\text{②} \Rightarrow -1 + 5t = -1 \Rightarrow t = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{point of intersection} = (3, -2, 15)$$

5.6 *Vector* functions of *one* variable

♣ $\mathbf{r}(t) = (\cos t)\mathbf{i} + (\sin t)\mathbf{j}$
 $0 \leq t$



$$\mathbf{r}(t) = t\mathbf{i} + t^2\mathbf{j} + t^3\mathbf{k}, \quad t \geq 0$$

- A *vector* function

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} f(t) \\ g(t) \\ h(t) \end{bmatrix} = f(t)\mathbf{i} + g(t)\mathbf{j} + h(t)\mathbf{k}$$

is a function s.t. the outputs are *vectors*.

The real-valued functions $f(t)$, $g(t)$ & $h(t)$ are called the *component functions* of $\mathbf{r}(t)$.

5.6.1 Example $\mathbf{r}(t) = t\mathbf{i} + (t^2 + 1)\mathbf{j} + (2 - 7t)\mathbf{k}$.

Then $\mathbf{r}(2) = 2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - 12\mathbf{k}$.

5.6.2 *Derivative*

If $\mathbf{r}(t) = f(t)\mathbf{i} + g(t)\mathbf{j} + h(t)\mathbf{k}$,

where f , g & h are *differentiable*, then

$$(\mathbf{r})'(t) = f'(t)\mathbf{i} + g'(t)\mathbf{j} + h'(t)\mathbf{k}.$$

5.6.3 *Example*

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = t\mathbf{i} + (t^2 + 1)\mathbf{j} + (2 - 7t)\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = \mathbf{i} + (2t)\mathbf{j} - 7\mathbf{k}$$

5.6.4 Integral

- The *definite integral* of a *continuous* vector function

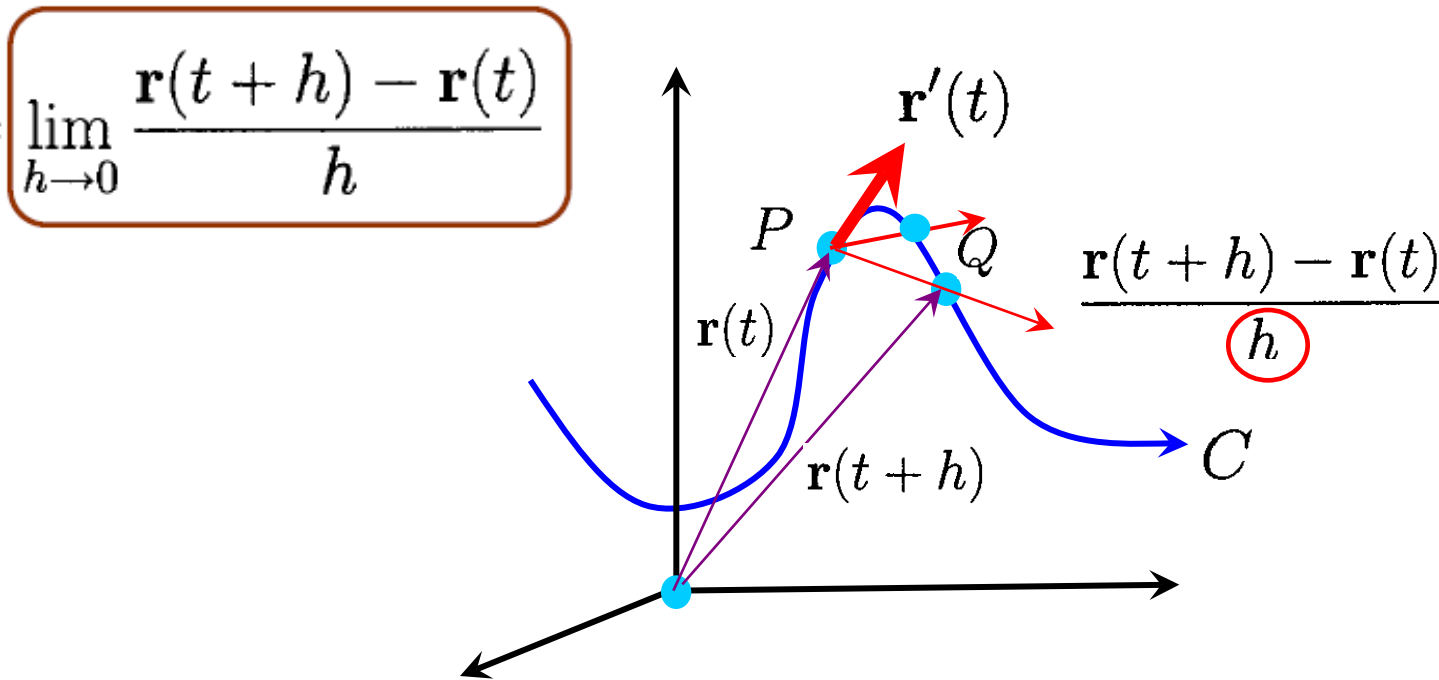
$$\mathbf{r}(t) = f(t)\mathbf{i} + g(t)\mathbf{j} + h(t)\mathbf{k}$$

on the interval $[a, b]$ is $\int_a^b \mathbf{r}(t) dt$

$$= \int_a^b f(t) dt \mathbf{i} + \int_a^b g(t) dt \mathbf{j} + \int_a^b h(t) dt \mathbf{k}.$$

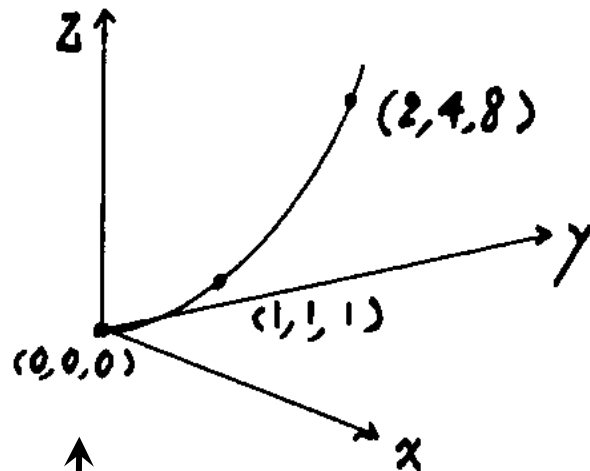
$$\int_0^2 (2t\mathbf{i} + 3t^2\mathbf{j}) dt = [t^2]_{t=0}^{t=2} \mathbf{i} + [t^3]_{t=0}^{t=2} \mathbf{j} = 4\mathbf{i} + 8\mathbf{j}.$$

Geometrical interpretation of $\mathbf{r}'(t)$

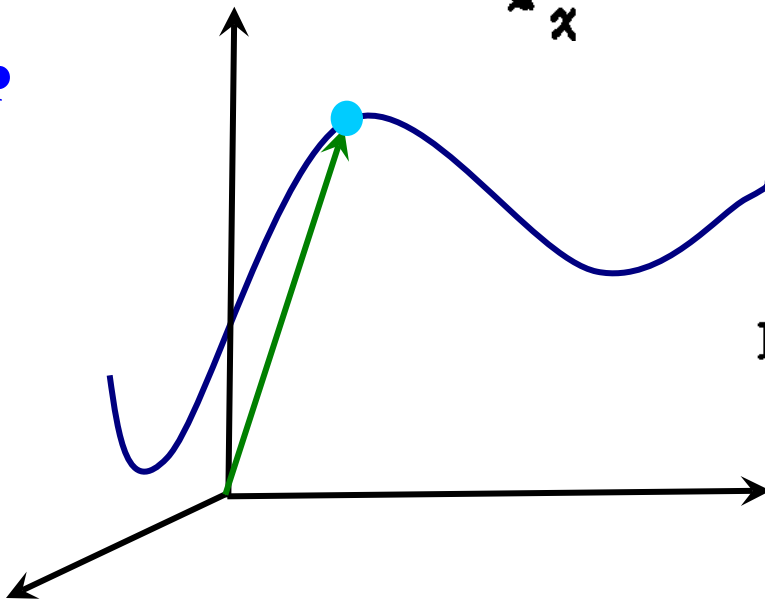


As $h \rightarrow 0$, $Q \rightarrow P$ along C & \overrightarrow{PQ}/h becomes the **tangent vector** $\mathbf{r}'(t)$

5.7 Curves in space



$$\mathbf{r}(t) = t\mathbf{i} + t^2\mathbf{j} + t^3\mathbf{k}, \quad t \geq 0$$



$$\mathbf{r}(t) = f(t)\mathbf{i} + g(t)\mathbf{j} + h(t)\mathbf{k}$$

- A **curve** C in space can be represented by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = f(t)\mathbf{i} + g(t)\mathbf{j} + h(t)\mathbf{k}$$

s.t. a point P lies on the curve if \overrightarrow{OP} is the **image** of $\mathbf{r}(t)$, i.e., $\overrightarrow{OP} = \mathbf{r}(t_0)$ for some $t_0 \in \mathbf{R}$.

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbf{r}(t) \\ &= f(t)\mathbf{i} + g(t)\mathbf{j} + h(t)\mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

Vector eqn. of C

$$\begin{cases} x = f(t), \\ y = g(t), \\ z = h(t) \end{cases}$$

Parametric eqn. of C

<http://www.math.uri.edu/~bkaskosz/flashmo/tools/parcur/>

5.7.1 Examples

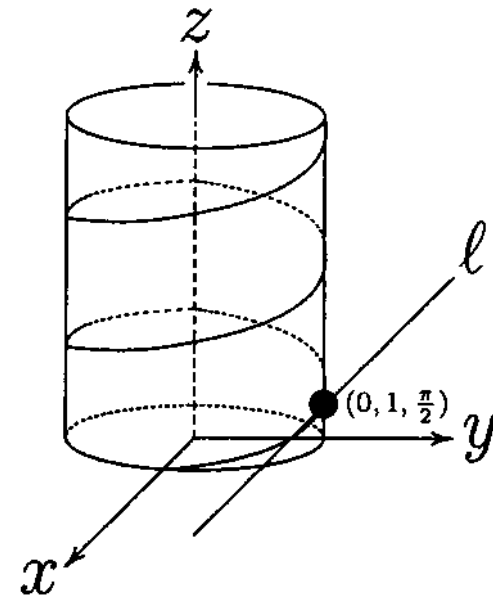
♣ The *vector* eqn.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{r}(t) &= (1 + t)\mathbf{i} + (2 + t)\mathbf{j} + (3 + t)\mathbf{k} \\ &= \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k} + t(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})\end{aligned}$$

represents a line passing through $(1, 2, 3)$ & parallel to $\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$.

♣ The *circular helix*

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = (\cos t)\mathbf{i} + (\sin t)\mathbf{j} + t\mathbf{k}$$





5.7.2 Smooth curves

- Let C be a curve with vector fn $\mathbf{r}(t)$ on an interval I (t in I). We say that C is *smooth* if
 - (i) $\mathbf{r}'(t)$ is continuous &
 - (ii) $\mathbf{r}'(t) \neq \mathbf{0}$(that is, $f'(t)$, $g'(t)$ & $h'(t)$ are all continuous & are not $\mathbf{0}$ simultaneously)

Note The condition that $\mathbf{r}'(t) \neq \mathbf{0}$ is to make sure that the curve has a continuously turning tangent at every point (& thus has no sharp corners or cusps).

Example

- $\mathbf{r}(t) = (1+t^3)\mathbf{i} + t^2\mathbf{j}$

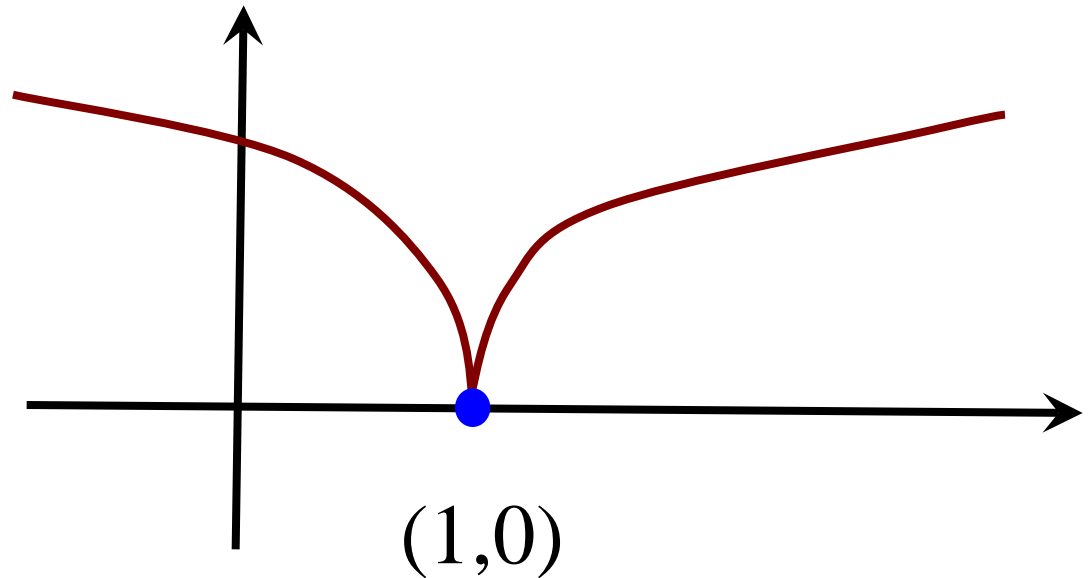
$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = 3t^2\mathbf{i} + 2t\mathbf{j}$$

$$\mathbf{r}'(0) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$t = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + t^3 = 1$$

$$t^2 = 0$$



5.7.3 *Example*

♣ The vector eqn.

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = t\mathbf{i} + (t^2 + 1)\mathbf{j} + (2 - 7t)\mathbf{k}$$

represents a *smooth* curve since

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = \mathbf{i} + (2t)\mathbf{j} - 7\mathbf{k} \neq \mathbf{0}$$

♣ The vector eqn.

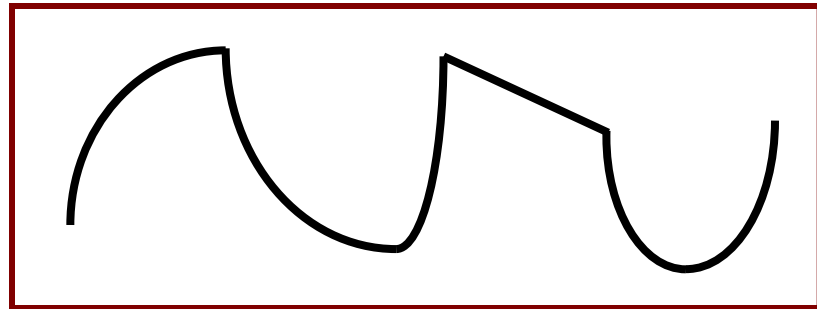
$$\mathbf{r}(t) = (\cos t)\mathbf{i} + (\sin t)\mathbf{j} + t\mathbf{k}$$

also represents a *smooth* curve as

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) \neq \mathbf{0}$$

Piecewise smooth curves

- A **curve** in space is said to be **piecewise smooth** if it is made up of a *finite* number of *smooth* pieces.



5.7.4 Example The vector function:

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \begin{cases} t\mathbf{i} + t^2\mathbf{j} + t^3\mathbf{k} & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq 1 \\ (2t - 1)\mathbf{i} + t^2\mathbf{j} + (t^2 + t - 1)\mathbf{k} & \text{if } 1 < t \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

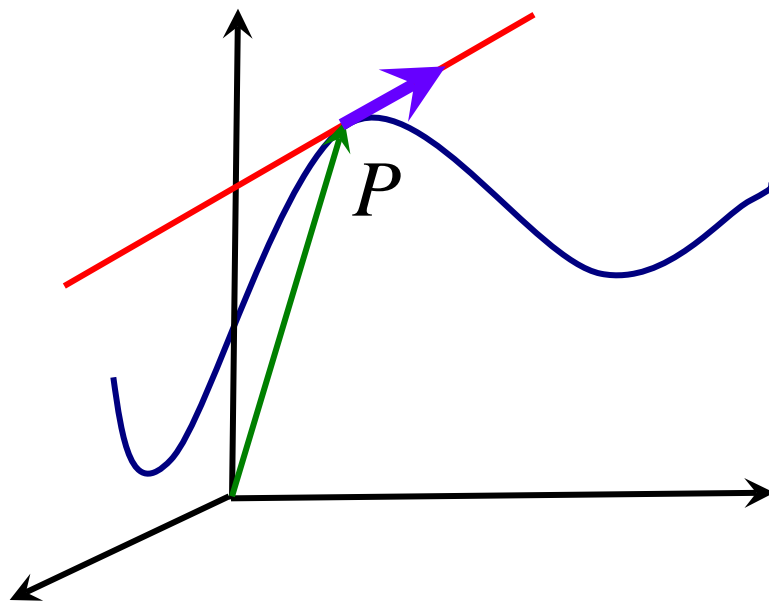
represents a **piecewise smooth** curve

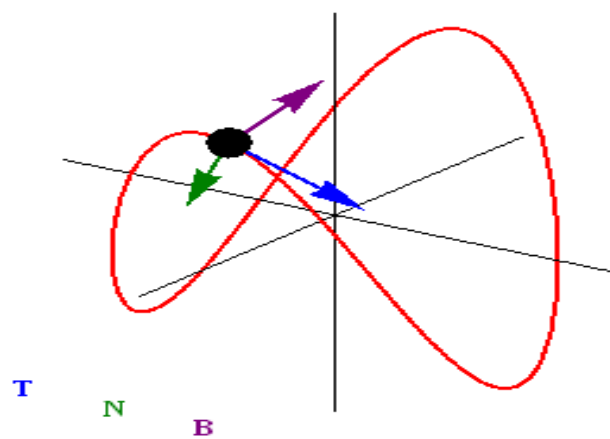
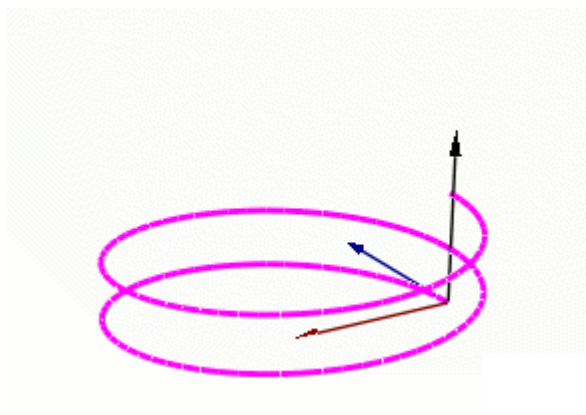
5.7.5 Tangent vector & tangent line to a curve

- *Curve* : $\mathbf{r}(t)$
- *Tangent vector* :
 $\mathbf{r}'(t) (\neq \mathbf{0})$
- *Unit tangent vector* \rightarrow to
the curve at $t = t_0$:

$$\frac{\mathbf{r}'(t_0)}{\|\mathbf{r}'(t_0)\|}$$

- *Tangent line* to $\mathbf{r}(t)$ at a point $P (= \mathbf{r}(t_0))$:
line through P & parallel to $\mathbf{r}'(t_0)$





5.7.6 Example

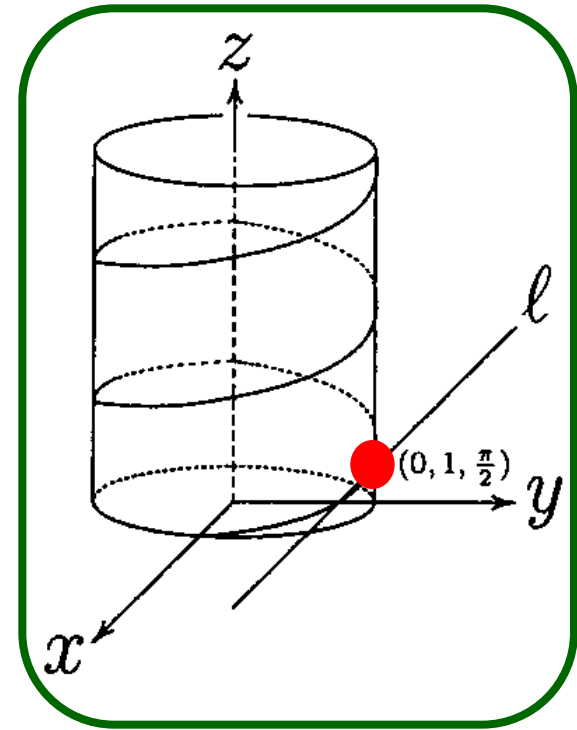
♣ The *circular helix*

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = (\cos t)\mathbf{i} + (\sin t)\mathbf{j} + t\mathbf{k}$$

● $\mathbf{r}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = ?$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{r}\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) &= \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{2}\right)\mathbf{i} + \left(\sin \frac{\pi}{2}\right)\mathbf{j} + \frac{\pi}{2}\mathbf{k} \\ &= 0\mathbf{i} + 1\mathbf{j} + \frac{\pi}{2}\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{j} + \frac{\pi}{2}\mathbf{k}\end{aligned}$$

The point $(0, 1, \frac{\pi}{2})$ lies on the curve.



- **Unit tangent vector** at $(0, 1, \frac{\pi}{2})$:

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = (-\sin t)\mathbf{i} + (\cos t)\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} \neq \mathbf{0} \quad \text{for all } t \in \mathbf{R}$$

$$\mathbf{r}'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = (-1)\mathbf{i} + (0)\mathbf{j} + (1)\mathbf{k} = -\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}$$

The required **unit** tangent vector is

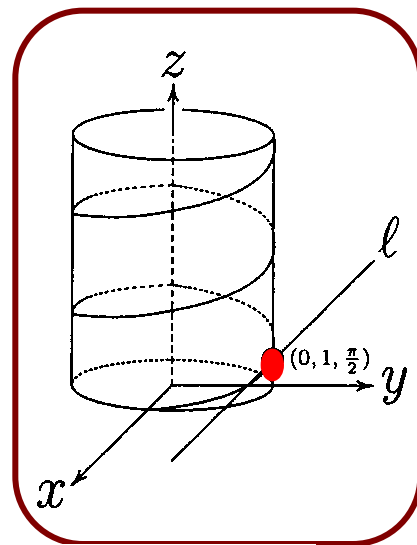
$$\frac{-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}}{\sqrt{(-1)^2 + 1^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k})$$

- **Tangent line** at $(0, 1, \frac{\pi}{2})$:

line through $(0, 1, \frac{\pi}{2})$ & parallel to $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k})$

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \mathbf{j} + \frac{\pi}{2}\mathbf{k} + t(-\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k})$$

$$\text{or } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x = -t, \quad y = 1, \quad z = \frac{\pi}{2} + t \end{array} \right\}$$



5.7.7 Arc length of a curve

- **Curve C** : $\mathbf{r}(t) = f(t)\mathbf{i} + g(t)\mathbf{j} + h(t)\mathbf{k}$

where $f'(t)$, $g'(t)$ and $h'(t)$ are continuous functions
& $a \leq t \leq b$.

The **arc length** of **C** is

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \int_a^b \sqrt{(f'(t))^2 + (g'(t))^2 + (h'(t))^2} \, dt \\ &= \int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dz}{dt}\right)^2} \, dt \\ &= \int_a^b ||\mathbf{r}'(t)|| \, dt \end{aligned}$$

Proof omitted

5.7.8 Example

♣ Given the *helix* : $\mathbf{r}(t) = (\cos t)\mathbf{i} + (\sin t)\mathbf{j} + t\mathbf{k}$
find its *arc length* from $t = 0$ to $t = 2\pi$.

$$L = \int_a^b ||\mathbf{r}'(t)|| \, dt$$

$$\mathbf{r}'(t) = (-\sin t)\mathbf{i} + (\cos t)\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$$

$$||\mathbf{r}'(t)|| = \sqrt{(-\sin t)^2 + (\cos t)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

$$L = \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{2} \, dt = 2\sqrt{2}\pi.$$

Arc length of a curve in two dim

- **Curve C** : $\mathbf{r}(t) = f(t)\mathbf{i} + g(t)\mathbf{j} + h(t)\mathbf{k}$, $a \leq t \leq b$.

Then $h(t) \equiv 0$

The *arc length* of **C** is

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \int_a^b \sqrt{(f'(t))^2 + (g'(t))^2} \, dt \\ &= \int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} \, dt \\ &= \int_a^b ||\mathbf{r}'(t)|| \, dt \end{aligned}$$

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