

Calculus Notes

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Part I
Calculus II

1 Vectors: The whole shit

1.1 The 3D space

When you have a constant in 3D shit, then the graph will have a plane parallel to the base the unit vector is perpendicular to.

e.g. for the equation $x^2 + y^2 = 25, z = -8$ all points will lie in the horizontal plane of $z = -8$. Also, since $x^2 + y^2 = 25$ then the graph will have the region with all points lying on a circle with radius $\sqrt{25}$.

Common Sense Shit: If $A(x, y, z)$ and $B(h, k, l)$, then \vec{AB} will be $AB(h - x, k - y, l - z)$.

The length of vectors will be equal to the square root for adding their squared values. e.g. For the vector $\vec{a} < x, y, z >$

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

Also, addition, subtraction, scalar multiplication of two vectors algebraically will be just the addition or subtraction or the scalar multiplication of their coordinates.

1.2 The sphere

For the sphere with center $C(h, k, l)$ and radius r , the equation will be

$$(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 + (z - l)^2 = r^2 \quad (1)$$

e.g. for the equation $(x + 2)^2 + y^2 + (z - 3)^2 = 16$ the center of the circle will be $C(-2, 0, 3)$ and the radius will be $\sqrt{16} = 4$. Also, a sphere with center the origin will have the equation $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = r^2$.

1.3 Vectors addition

To sum vectors \vec{u}, \vec{v} you will position the vectors as the initial point of \vec{v} is the terminal point of \vec{u} . The sum will be the vector from initial point of \vec{u} to the terminal point of \vec{v} .

On the same base, and since $-\vec{v}$ will be the same as the vector but in the opposite direction, $\vec{u} - \vec{v}$ will connect the tip of \vec{v} to the tip of \vec{u}

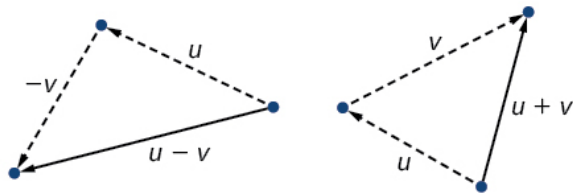


Figure 1: Representing vectors addition in two manners.

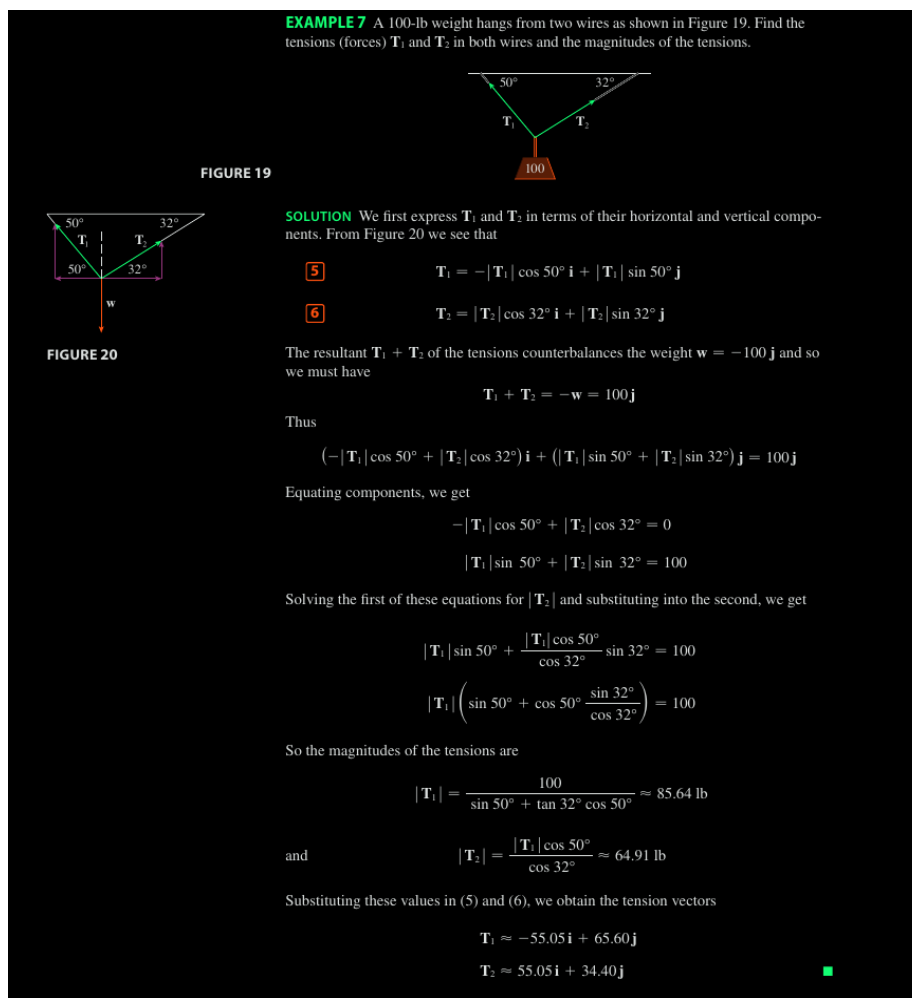


Figure 2: An example for calculating vectors by Stewart Calculus.

More example

Question Find the unit vectors that are parallel to the tangent line to the parabola $y = x^2$ at the point $(2, 4)$

Solution The tangent line will be $\frac{dy}{dx}(x^2) = 2x = 2(2) = 4$ then the parallel lines to that vector will be the vectors $\langle 1, 4 \rangle, \langle -1, -4 \rangle$. To get the unit vectors, equalize the magnitude to 1.

$|\langle 1, 4 \rangle| = \sqrt{1^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{17}$. Thus the unit vectors will be $\pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{17}} \langle 1, 4 \rangle$

1.4 Dot Product

Formulas

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \theta \quad (2)$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = (a_1)(b_1) + (a_2)(b_2) + (a_3)(b_3) \quad (3)$$

Direction Angles They are α, β, γ in the interval $[0, \pi]$ that a vector \vec{a} makes with positive x, y, z axis. Cosines of these angles must equal 1.

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{i}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{i}|} = \frac{a_1}{|\vec{a}|} \quad (4)$$

$$\cos \beta = \frac{a_2}{|\vec{a}|} \quad \cos \gamma = \frac{a_3}{|\vec{a}|}$$

Squaring the previous equations, we find that

$$\cos^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \beta + \cos^2 \gamma = 1 \quad (5)$$

Thus, we can say that direction cosines of \vec{a} are the components of unit vector in the direction of \vec{a} .

$$\frac{1}{|\vec{a}|} \vec{a} = \langle \cos \alpha, \cos \beta, \cos \gamma \rangle \quad (6)$$

1.5 Projections

Scalar Projections of \vec{b} onto \vec{a}

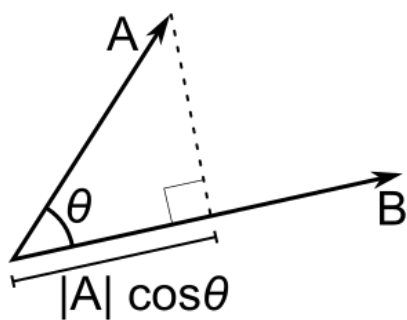
$$\text{comp}_a \vec{b} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}|}$$

Vector Projections of \vec{b} onto \vec{a}

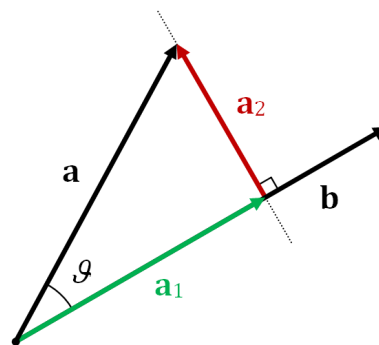
$$\text{proj}_a \vec{b} = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}|^2} \vec{a}$$

The Orthogonal Vector to the projection

$$\text{orth}_a \vec{b} = \vec{b} - \text{proj}_a \vec{b}$$



(a) Scalar Projection of A onto B



(b) Vector Projection of vector \vec{b} onto \vec{a} is vector $\vec{a_1}$

1.6 Cross Product

1.6.1 Matrix?

We will use the matrix to track where the unit vectors land after the transformation of some stuff. For instance, in the case of 2x2 Matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

a and c track where \vec{i} lands. and b and d track where \vec{j} lands. Thus, any transformation for the grid will be a multiplication of that unit transformation.

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = x \begin{bmatrix} a \\ c \end{bmatrix} + y \begin{bmatrix} b \\ d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax + by \\ cx + dy \end{bmatrix}$$

Also, the determinant in this manner measure the factor by which the area changes. This area visualized in Figure 4 is what we'll call "cross product". However, it's really not the cross product, it's the magnitude of cross product.

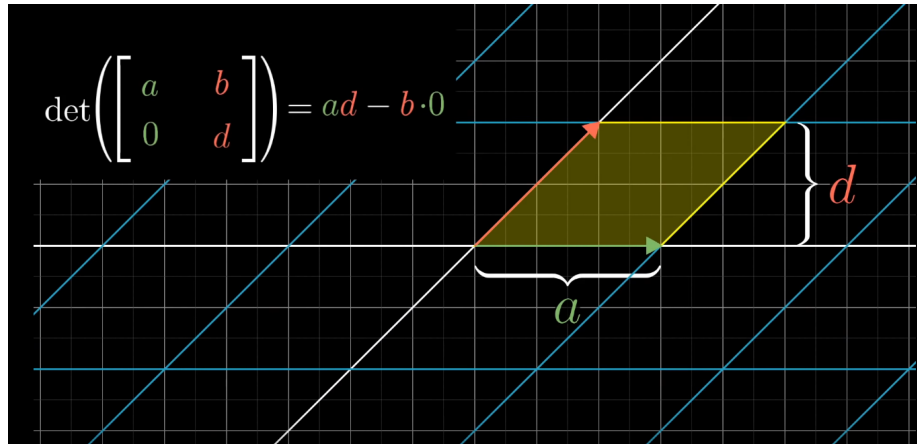


Figure 4: Visualization for the area, aka determinant by 3b1b

Calculation To calculate the "value" aka the determinant or magnitude of the matrix, we follow some simple rules that you can derive from Figure 4.

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = ad - bc$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{i} \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & a_3 \\ b_2 & b_3 \end{bmatrix} - \vec{j} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_3 \end{bmatrix} + \vec{k} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ b_1 & b_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

You will then calculate using 2D method. You can notice that we "hide" the rows and columns of the value we multiply to and select the remaining.

1.6.2 The Cross Product

Intuition In Figure 4, we said that the cross product will be the determinant of the two vectors, or the area formed by extending the parallelogram to this vector. The cross product between two vectors will produce a vector perpendicular to the plane formed by the vectors. Only the magnitude of such vector equals the area of the parallelogram formed by extending these two vectors. Direction of the cross product in 3D manner can be found using right hand rule. In 2D manner, use the unit vectors method; $\vec{i} \times \vec{j} = +1$.

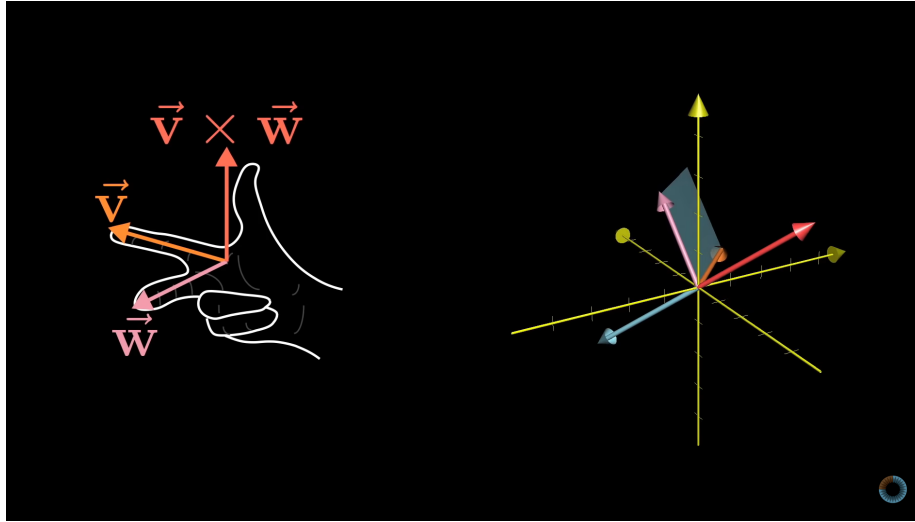


Figure 5: Cross Product Visualized

TL;DR Formula

$$a \times b = \langle a_2b_3 - a_3b_2, a_3b_1 - a_1b_3, a_1b_2 - a_2b_1 \rangle$$

$$|a \times b| = |a||b|\sin\theta$$

$$a \parallel b \implies a \times b = 0$$

Notice that the cross product is not commutative.

$$i \times j = k \quad j \times k = i \quad k \times i = j \quad j \times i = -k \quad k \times j = -i \quad i \times k = -j$$

$$a.(b \times c) = (a \times b).c \quad a \times (b \times c) = (a.c)b - (a.b)c$$

Famous examples

The Parallelepiped The volume of that figure equals the product between the base and attitude. Thus, we have three vectors $\vec{v}, \vec{u}, \vec{w}$, the volume can be calculated by getting the cross product of the base (any two of the three vectors). Then, the volume will be the dot product of both the cross product and the third vector, as known as the triple scalar product. It can also be used to find whether some vectors are coplaner; (that triple shit will equal 0)

$$(\vec{v} \times \vec{u}) \cdot \vec{w}$$

However, in the case the question gave you three vectors directly, you can just blot the three vectors on a matrix and solve, the absolute value of the determenant will be the volume.

$$Volume = \det \left(\begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Distance between a line and a point

$$\frac{|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}|}{|\vec{v}|}$$

Where \vec{u} is some line \vec{AB} For instance, and \vec{v} is the point.
This equation is visualized as the area of parallelogram divided by the base, as visualized in the cross product above.

1.7 Lines and Planes in 3D

1.7.1 Equation of the line

Firstly remember that any line will be parallel to a unit vector with same direction, and each parallel vector is the scalar multiplication of the vector it is parallel to. Thus, technically any line is just some unit vector that got pushed by some scalar value. To elaborate, let \vec{v} is the unit vector parallel to \vec{L} .

$$\therefore \vec{L} = t \cdot \vec{v} \quad (1)$$

In general, the vector equation of the line that's parallel to \vec{v} and passes through the point r_0 , it's equation is

$$\vec{L} = r_0 + t\vec{v}$$

Let's let $\vec{L} = \vec{P_0P}$ where $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0) \& P(x, y, z) \implies \vec{L} = \langle x - x_0, y - y_0, z - z_0 \rangle$. Besides, let $\vec{v} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$. From (1):

$$\langle x - x_0, y - y_0, z - z_0 \rangle = t \cdot \langle a, b, c \rangle$$

$$x - x_0 = at \quad y - y_0 = bt \quad z - z_0 = ct \quad (\text{Parametric Equation})$$

$$t = \frac{x - x_0}{a} = \frac{y - y_0}{b} = \frac{z - z_0}{c} \quad (\text{Symmetric Equation})$$

Some Important Points If one direction is 0, then the line is a plane. If $a = 0 \implies x = x_0$ and the line lies in $x = x_0$ plane, parallel to the yz-plane.

For the direction vector, you do any scalar multiplication to make the shit easier. You can multiple or divide by some constants for the direction vector **except** when you're dealing with the distance.

If $a / b / c$ equals zero, you'll write the symmetric equation with z as constant.

1.7.2 Planes

Remember the normal vector, which is any vector perpendicular to the plane. It can be normally got by the cross product of two vectors. Also, since all normal vectors to a plane will be all parallel, all of them are scalar multiplication of each other.

Let's play with the same line $P_0\vec{P}$ we used in the lines. Also let the normal line to the plane \vec{n} where $\vec{n} \perp P_0\vec{P} \implies \vec{n} \cdot P_0\vec{P} = 0$. Actually this is the standard form of a plane. Let's play with that.

The equation of a plane can be got easily using \vec{n} which is the normal or cross product of the two vectors that form the plane. Then, the equation of the plane will be $n_1x + n_2y + n_3z = d$

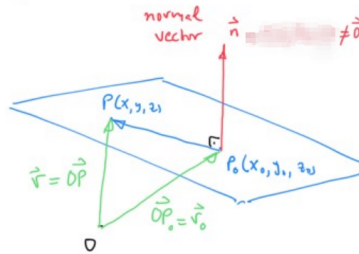


Figure 6: Equation of the plane visualization, by Dr. Lotfallah

$$\vec{n} \cdot P_0\vec{P} = a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) = 0$$

$$ax + by + cz = ax_0 + by_0 + cz_0$$

Since R.H.S is all constants, they will be denoted by d

$$x + by + cz = d$$

1.7.3 Remember

Two planes are \parallel if their normals are \parallel .

Two planes are \perp if their normals are \perp .

Angle between planes = angle between normals.

Scalar multiplication determines parallelism, dot product determine perpendicularism (if it's equal to zero).

Two planes parallel to a line are not necessarily parallel.

1.7.4 Questions

1. The generic question will provide two points, P and Q for instance, where you will get $\vec{v} = \vec{PQ}$. Then, you'll use a point to solve. For points $P(-1, -2, -\frac{1}{2}), Q(1, \frac{3}{2}, -3)$

$$\vec{v} = \vec{PQ} = \langle 2, \frac{7}{2}, -\frac{5}{2} \rangle \cdot 2 = \langle 4, 7, -5 \rangle$$

By using the point P

$$\therefore x = -1 + 4t \quad y = -2 + 7t \quad z = -\frac{1}{2} - 5t$$

Also

- a. You can reverse-engineer the previous equation to get the original point by plugging $t = 0$.
 - b. Or find the unit vector by getting the coefficients of the t, but make sure that it's only 1 x / y / z.
 - c. You can easily convert to the symmetric form by solving each of the equations to t.
2. The second generic question will be whether two lines are intersecting and their intersection point. Firstly, you will make sure they are not parallel by the normal scalar multiplication check. Then, you will equalize each of the parametric equation of the two lines, since the intersection will occur at $x_1 = x_2, y_1 = y_2, z_1 = z_2$. Then, solve for t.

$$L_1 : x_1 = 1 - 2t_1, y_1 = -1 - 3t_1, z_1 = -2 + t_1$$

$$L_2 : x_2 = -3 + t_2, y_2 = -2 + 2t_2, z_2 = 3 - t_2$$

$$x : 1 - 2t_1 = -3 + t_2 \quad y : -1 - 3t_1 = -2 + 2t_2 \quad z : -2 + t_1 = 3 - t_2$$

Solving two equations together.

$$1 - 2t_1 = -3 + t_2 \quad -2 + t_1 = 3 - t_2$$

$$-1 - t_1 = 0 \implies t_1 = -1, t_2 = 6$$

Then, you will equalize the values you got to the equations in x, y, and z.

$$x : 3 = 3 \quad y : 2 \neq 10 \quad z : -3 = -3$$

Thus, since the three equations did not hold with t_1, t_2 values. Then, the two lines do not intersect. You can think of that as two planes flying at separate times; while they are not parallel, then do not intersect. This line is called **skew lines**.

If $t_1 = t_2$ in the last equalization, the point where the intersection happens is simply values of $\langle x, y, z \rangle$

3. Another similar question to the previous is asking where a line intersects a plane. Just put the equations of x, y, z in the equation of the plane given, and solve for t . Then you'll have the points.
4. The generic question will give you two vectors where you will get the normal vector, then you will use any point to get the equation for the plane. So, using a vector and a point will get you the equation of the plane or the line; normal vector in case of plane, and the unit vector parallel to the line in the latter.

5. **Find equation for line of intersection**

$$P_1 : 2x - 3y + 4z = 3 \qquad P_2 : x + 4y - 2z = 7$$

For this question you will need to get the normals of the planes first.

$$n_1 = \langle 2, -3, 4 \rangle \qquad n_2 = \langle 1, 4, -2 \rangle$$

Then we will need a point, direction vector of the line of intersection. The intuition behind the answer is that the line of intersection will be parallel to the vector which is mutually orthogonal to the two normals of the planes, as shown in 7.

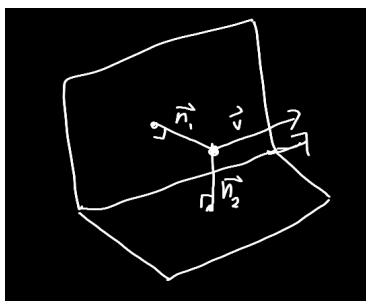


Figure 7: Intersection Line

Then, we just get the cross product to figure out \vec{v} .

$$\vec{n}_1 \times \vec{n}_2 = \langle -10, 8, 11 \rangle \qquad (Direction)$$

Now, we need a point on the intersection line since we figured the direction. Let's let any variable equal zero and solve for the rest, I'll let $y = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 4z &= 3 & (x - 2z &= 7)2 \\ \therefore x &= \frac{17}{4} & y &= 0 & z &= -\frac{11}{8} \end{aligned} \quad (Point)$$

Now, we're done! Let's just put everything in the equation of the line.

$$x = -10t + \frac{17}{4} \qquad y = 8t \qquad z = 11t - \frac{11}{8}$$

6. **Distance between a point and a plane** The distance, as viewed in Figure 8, will be just the projection of the vector $\vec{P_0P_1}$ denoted by \vec{b} onto the normal to the plane.

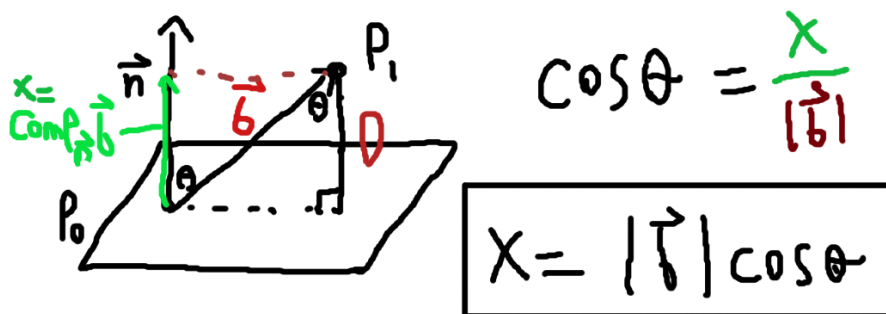


Figure 8: Scraping to visualize.

As proved in the dot product

$$D = \text{Comp}_{\vec{n}} \vec{b} = \frac{\vec{n} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{n}|} = |\vec{b}| \cos \theta$$

We can play with the previous formulas. To get D from $P_1(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ to the plane $ax_0 + by_0 + cz_0 + d = 0$.

$$D = \frac{\langle x_1 - x_0, y_1 - y_0, z_1 - z_0 \rangle \cdot \langle a, b, c \rangle}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} = \frac{|(ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1) - (ax + by + cz)|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

$$d = ax + by + cz \quad \therefore D = \frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 - d|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

7. Distance between two planes

$$P_1 : 5y = 2 + 2x + z \quad P_2 : 4x + 2z = 7 + 10y$$

Firstly, Check that they are parallel (If not, no fixed distance). Then, to get the distance between two planes, we will first get any point from the plane and use it to calculate using the formula $d = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}|}$

Let $x, y = 0$ then, $P_{1a} = \langle 0, 0, -2 \rangle$

$$D = \frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 - d|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

Substituting numbers from the question

$$d = \frac{|2(-2) - 7|}{\sqrt{4^2 + 2^2 + (-10)^2}} = \frac{11\sqrt{30}}{60} \quad (\text{Answer})$$

Another Situation If components of x, y, z are equal, we can literally just use the difference between d_2, d_1 as numerator in the equation, since they have common normals. This one can be used to get a function of a plane given that they are parallel and given the distance between them

$$D = \frac{|d_1 - d_2|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

Remember, that was in case the equations are

$$ax + by + cz + d_1 = 0 \qquad ax + by + cz + d_2 = 0$$

8. Containing skew lines between parallel planes + get the distance

Get direction vectors of lines, denoted \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 . Then get the common normal easily by $\vec{n} = \vec{v}_1 \times \vec{v}_2$. Use points from lines, denoted P_1, P_2 , and take the normal with each independent point to find the equation of planes. Then, after finding the equations you can get the distance between them using the method in the previous question.

9. Find an equation of the plane that passes through the line of intersection of the planes $x - z = 2$ and $y + 4z = 3$ and is perpendicular to the plane $x + y - 4z = 5$

Solution First, we will get the line of intersection using the cross product of the normals of two lines, \vec{n}_1, \vec{n}_2 .

$$\vec{n}_1 = \langle 1, 0, -1 \rangle \qquad \vec{n}_2 = \langle 0, 1, 4 \rangle \qquad \vec{n}_1 \times \vec{n}_2 = \langle 1, -4, 1 \rangle = \vec{u}$$

We then get a point in the line of intersection by setting $z = 0$

$$x = 2 \qquad y = 3 \qquad z = 0 \qquad (1)$$

We know that the normal to the other plane is parallel to \vec{u} , so we can get the line normal to these two vectors using cross product again.

$$\vec{u} \times \langle 1, 1, -4 \rangle = \langle 15, 5, 5 \rangle \qquad (2)$$

$$\text{From (1), (2)} \implies 15x + 5y + 5z = (30 + 15) = 45 \quad \#$$

10. A cool way to get the distance D between a point P and a line \vec{v} is to firstly assume there is a vector from v_0 to P , let's denote it by \vec{u} . using normal laws:

$$\begin{aligned} D &= |\vec{u}| \sin \theta \quad \times |\vec{v}| \\ D \cdot |\vec{v}| &= |\vec{u}| |\vec{v}| \sin \theta = |\vec{u} \times \vec{v}| \\ \therefore D &= \frac{|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}|}{|\vec{v}|} \end{aligned}$$

11. Find line that represents shortest distane between two skew lines

$$\begin{aligned} L_1 : x &= 1 + t & y &= 0 & z &= -t \\ L_2 : x &= -k & y &= k + 2 & z &= k \end{aligned}$$

Intuitive Fast Solution Let's consider the vector that links the two generic points of the lines \vec{t} . Then, we try to force perpendicularity by equalizing the dot product between the direction vector of the lines to zero \vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 .

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}_1 &= \langle 1, 0, -1 \rangle & \vec{v}_2 &= \langle -1, 1, 1 \rangle \\ \vec{t} &= \langle 1 + t - (-k), -(k + 2), -t - k \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Then by forcing perpendicularity

$$\vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{t} = 1 + 2t + 2k = 0 \quad \vec{v}_2 \cdot \vec{t} = -3 - 2t - 3k = 0$$

Solving those two equations will get us $t = \frac{3}{2}$ and $k = -2$. Thus, we can easily derive the equation of shortest distance by putting t, k in \vec{t} .

12. **Distance between two skew lines** which passes through P_1P_2, P_3P_4 . Distance will be simply the height of the parallelepiped formed by the two vectors as shown in Figure 9.

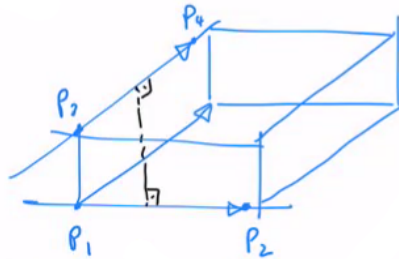


Figure 9: Parallelepiped formed by the two vectors, by Dr. Lotfallah

$$D = \frac{Vol_{parallelepiped}}{Area_{base}} = \frac{|(P_1\vec{P}_2 \times P_3\vec{P}_4) \cdot P_1\vec{P}_3|}{|P_1\vec{P}_2 \times P_3\vec{P}_4|}$$

13. If given a line perpendicular to other line, and you have only a point on the line and the equation of the other, get a vector that connects the two points and using formula known in projections $orth_a \vec{b} = \vec{b} - proj_a \vec{b}$. Now you have a direction and a point, voila!