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# Lecture 4

## Math Prerequisite 1: Projective Geometry

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# Outline

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- Vector Operations
- Fundamentals of Projective Geometry



# Vector operations

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Vector representation

$$\vec{a} = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k} = \{x, y, z\}$$

Length (or norm) of a vector

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

Normalized vector (unit vector)

$$\frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \left\{ \frac{x}{|\vec{a}|}, \frac{y}{|\vec{a}|}, \frac{z}{|\vec{a}|} \right\}$$

We say  $\vec{a} = \mathbf{0}$ , if and only if  $x = 0, y = 0, z = 0$

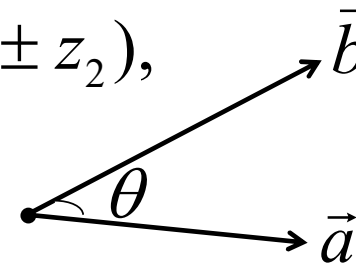


# Vector operations

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if  $\vec{a} = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$ ,  $\vec{b} = (x_2, y_2, z_2)$ ,

then  $\vec{a} \pm \vec{b} = (x_1 \pm x_2, y_1 \pm y_2, z_1 \pm z_2)$ ,



Dot product (inner product)

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \cos \theta = x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2 + z_1 z_2$$

Laws of dot product:

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a}, \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} + \vec{c}) = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c}$$

Theorem

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \vec{a} \perp \vec{b} \quad (\text{why?})$$



# Vector operations

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Cross product

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ x_1 & y_1 & z_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & z_2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & z_1 \\ y_2 & z_2 \end{vmatrix} i + \begin{vmatrix} z_1 & x_1 \\ z_2 & x_2 \end{vmatrix} j + \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 \end{vmatrix} k$$



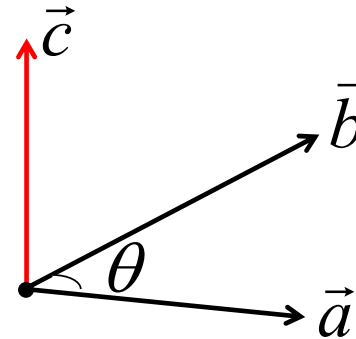
# Vector operations

## Cross product

$\vec{c} = \vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  is also a vector, whose direction is determined by the right-hand law and

$$\vec{c} \perp \vec{a}, \vec{c} \perp \vec{b}$$

$$|\vec{c}| = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \sin \theta$$



$\vec{c}$  represents the oriented area of the parallelogram taking  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  as two sides (easy to prove)

$$\vec{r}_1 \times \vec{r}_2 = -\vec{r}_2 \times \vec{r}_1 \quad (\text{why?})$$



# Vector operations

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## Cross product

### Theorem

$$\vec{a} \parallel \vec{b} \Leftrightarrow \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \mathbf{0} \quad (\text{why?})$$

### Theorem

$$\vec{a} \parallel \vec{b} \Leftrightarrow \exists \lambda, \mu, \text{ they are not equal to zero at the same time, and } \lambda \vec{a} + \mu \vec{b} = \mathbf{0} \quad (\text{easy to understand})$$

### Property

$$\vec{r}_1 \times (\vec{r}_2 + \vec{r}_3) = \vec{r}_1 \times \vec{r}_2 + \vec{r}_1 \times \vec{r}_3$$



# Vector operations

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Cross product

Definition

Suppose  $\vec{a} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix}$        $\vec{a}^\wedge \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -z_1 & y_1 \\ z_1 & 0 & -x_1 \\ -y_1 & x_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Then,

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{a}^\wedge \vec{b}$$





# Vector operations

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Mixed product (scalar triple product or box product)

$$(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}) = (\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{c} = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Geometric Interpretation: it is the (signed) volume of the parallelepiped defined by the three vectors given

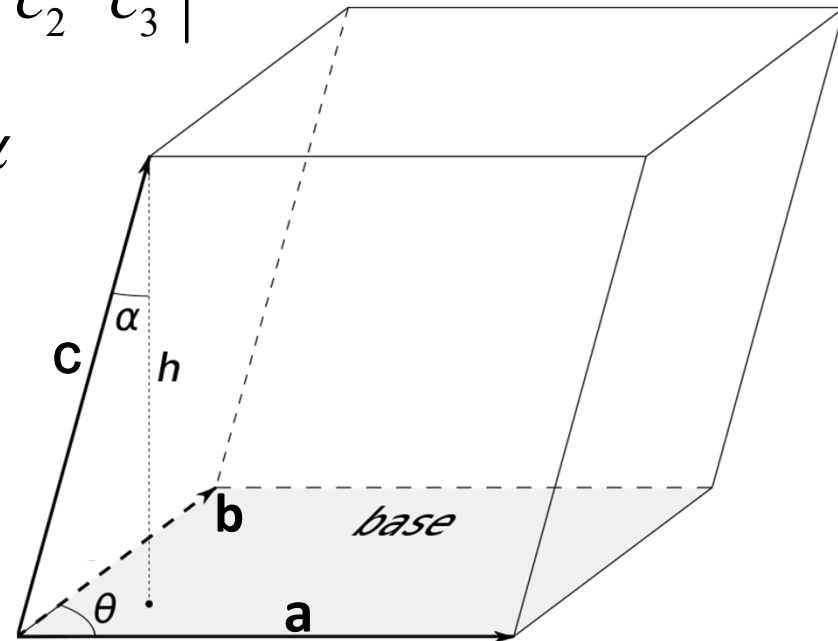


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$$(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{c} = |\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}| |\mathbf{c}| \cos \alpha$$
$$= \underbrace{|\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \sin \theta}_{\text{Base}} \cdot \underbrace{|\mathbf{c}| \cos \alpha}_h$$





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Property:

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Theorem

$\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$  are coplanar  $\Leftrightarrow (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}) = 0$



why?

$\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}$  are coplanar  $\Leftrightarrow \exists \lambda, \mu, \nu$ , they are not equal to zero at the same time, and  $\lambda \mathbf{a} + \mu \mathbf{b} + \nu \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$



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# Foundations of Projective Geometry

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- What is homogeneous coordinate?

For a **normal** point  $(x, y)^T$  on a plane  $\pi_0$ ,  
its homogenous coordinate is  $k(x, y, 1)^T$ , where  $k$  can be any  
non-zero real number



Homogenous coordinate for a point is not unique

For a homogenous coordinate (normal point)  $(x', y', z')^T$

we can rewrite it as  $(x' / z', y' / z', 1)^T$

normalized homogenous coordinate



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Converting from homogenous coordinate (normal point) to inhomogeneous coordinate,

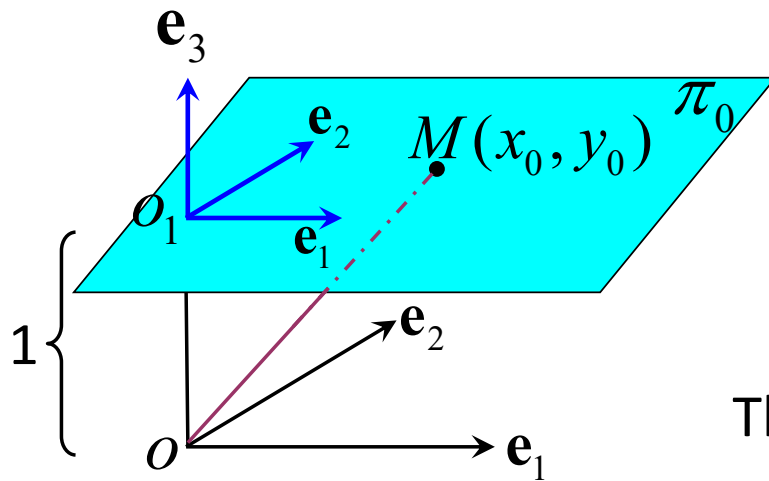
$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \frac{x'}{z'} \\ \frac{y'}{z'} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



# Foundations of Projective Geometry

- What is homogeneous coordinate?

Geometric interpretation



In plane  $\pi_0$ , in the 2D frame  $(o_1 : \mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2)$ , one point  $M : (x_0, y_0)$

Coordinate of any point (except  $O$ ) on line  $OM$  in the frame  $(o : \mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3)$  is the homogeneous coordinate of  $M$

These points can be represented as

$$k(x_0, y_0, 1)^T, k \neq 0$$

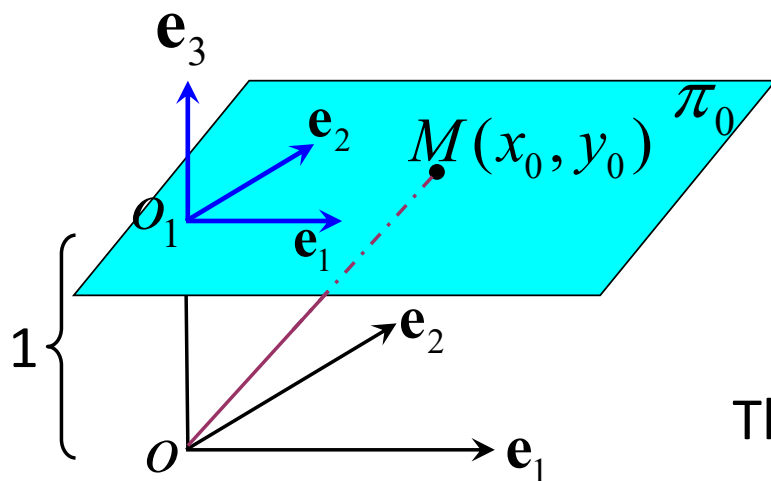




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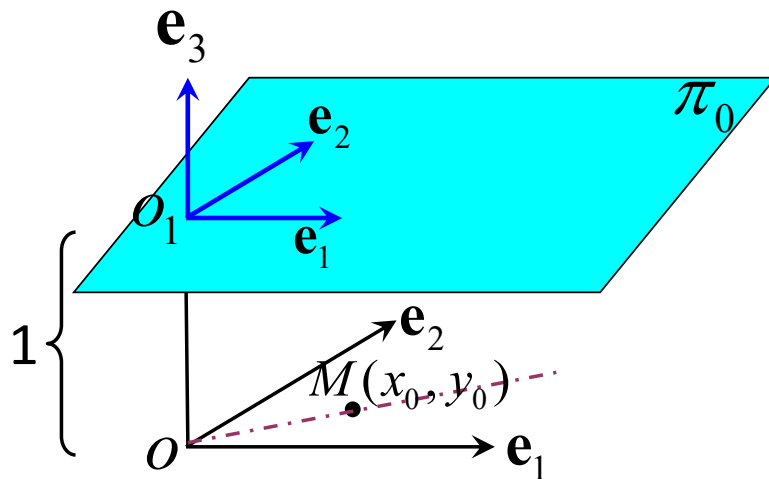
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*How about a line passing through  $O$  and parallel to  $\pi_0$ ?*

Consider a line passing through  $O$  and  $M(x_0, y_0, 0)^T$

We define: it meets  $\pi_0$  at an infinity point, and also the homogeneous coordinate of such a point can be represented as points on  $OM$

So, the infinity point has the form  $(kx_0, ky_0, 0)^T$



# Foundations of Projective Geometry

- What is homogeneous coordinate?

## Normal case:

line  $k(x_0, y_0, 1)$  ( $k \neq 0$ )



a normal point  $(x_0, y_0)$  on the plane  $\pi_0$



The homogeneous coordinate of this normal point is  $k(x_0, y_0, 1)$

*make an analogy*



## abnormal case:

line  $(kx_0, ky_0, 0)$  ( $k \neq 0$ )



Define: it meets  $\pi_0$  at an **infinity point**



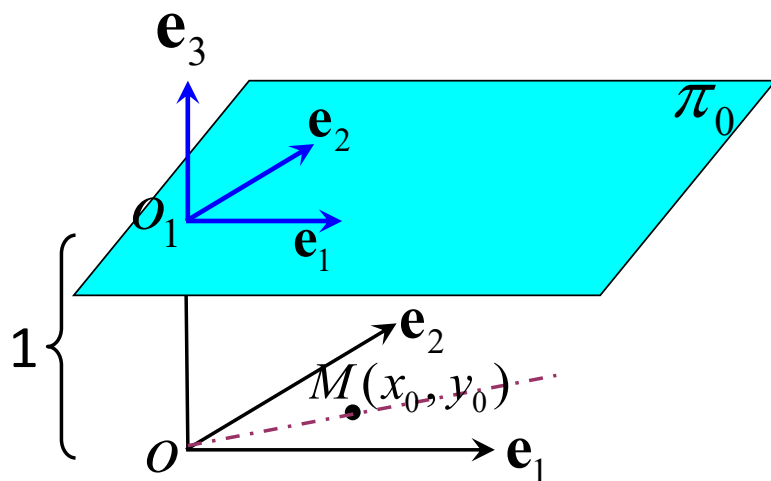
The homogeneous coordinate of this infinity point is  $k(x_0, y_0, 0)$



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*How about a line passing through  $O$  and parallel to  $\pi_0$ ?*

One infinity point determines an orientation

We define: all infinity points on  $\pi_0$  comprise an **infinity line**

In fact, plane  $Oe_1e_2$  meets  $\pi_0$  at the infinity line



# Foundations of Projective Geometry

$$\pi_0 + \text{infinity line} = \text{Projective plane}$$



An Euclidean plane

## Properties of a projective plane

- Two points determine a line; two lines determine a point (the second claim is not correct in the normal Euclidean plane)
- Two parallel lines intersect at an infinity point; that means one infinity point corresponds to a specific orientation
- Two parallel planes intersect at the infinity line

In fact, any Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  can be extended to a projective space by

## Properties of a 3D projective space

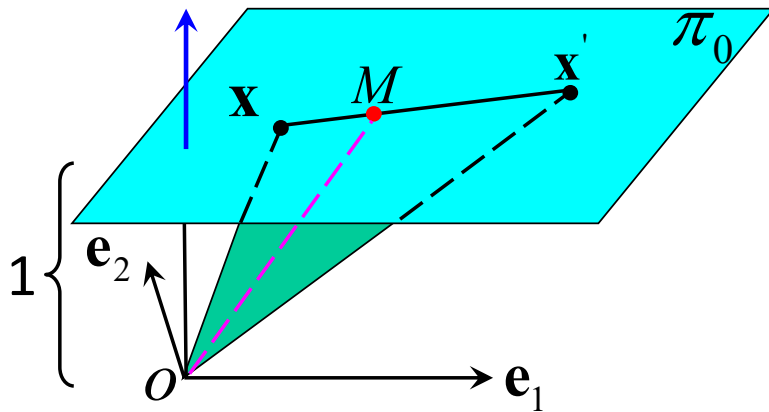
- All properties on 2D projective plane can be kept
- More on infinities
  - On 2-D projective plane, all infinity points form an infinity line; in 3-D projective space, all infinity points form an infinity plane; or in other words, all infinity lines form an infinity plane



# Foundations of Projective Geometry

- Lines in the homogeneous coordinate

On a projective plane, please determine the line passing two points  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, y_1, z_1)^T$ ,  $\mathbf{x}' = (x_2, y_2, z_2)^T$



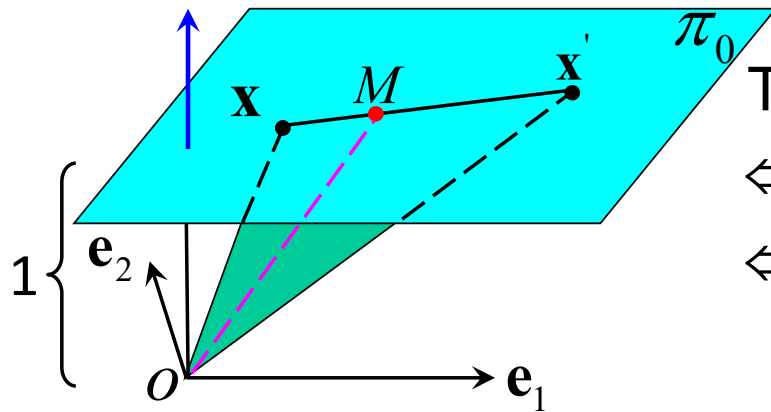
$O\mathbf{x}, O\mathbf{x}'$  determine two lines  
 $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}'$  actually is the intersection  
between  $O\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}'$  and  $\pi_0$



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Thus,  $M(x, y, z)$  locates on  $\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}'$   
 $\Leftrightarrow oM$  resides on the plane  $o\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}'$   
 $\Leftrightarrow o\mathbf{x}, oM, o\mathbf{x}'$  are coplanar

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{vmatrix} x & y & z \\ x_1 & y_1 & z_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & z_2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$




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$$\left( \begin{vmatrix} y_1 & z_1 \\ y_2 & z_2 \end{vmatrix}, \begin{vmatrix} z_1 & x_1 \\ z_2 & x_2 \end{vmatrix}, \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 \end{vmatrix} \right)^T$$

Homogeneous coordinate of the line

Homogeneous coordinate of the infinity line is  $(0,0,1)^T$






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Theorem

On the projective plane, the line passing two points  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'$  is

$$\mathbf{l} = \mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{x}'$$



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- Lines in the homogeneous coordinate

A point  $\mathbf{x} = (x_0, y_0, z_0)^T$  is on the line  $\mathbf{l} = (a, b, c)^T$

$$\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{l} = 0 \text{ (It is } \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{l} = 0 \text{ )}$$



# Foundations of Projective Geometry

- Lines in the homogeneous coordinate

Theorem: On the projective plane, the intersection of two lines  $\mathbf{l}, \mathbf{l}'$  is the point  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{l} \times \mathbf{l}'$

Proof: Two lines  $a_1x + b_1y + c_1z = 0, a_2x + b_2y + c_2z = 0$

$\downarrow$

Inhomogeneous form  $\left( X = \frac{x}{z}, Y = \frac{y}{z} \right)$

$$\begin{cases} a_1X + b_1Y + c_1 = 0 \\ a_2X + b_2Y + c_2 = 0 \end{cases} \quad \longrightarrow \quad X = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} -c_1 & b_1 \\ -c_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}}, Y = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & -c_1 \\ a_2 & -c_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}}$$



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Homogenous form of the cross point is

$$\mathbf{x} = k \left( \frac{\begin{vmatrix} -c_1 & b_1 \\ -c_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}}, \frac{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & -c_1 \\ a_2 & -c_2 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}}, 1 \right) \xrightarrow{\text{let } k = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}} \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} -c_1 & b_1 \\ -c_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & -c_1 \\ a_2 & -c_2 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & c_1 \\ b_2 & c_2 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} c_1 & a_1 \\ c_2 & a_2 \end{vmatrix} \\ \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{l} \times \mathbf{l}'$$

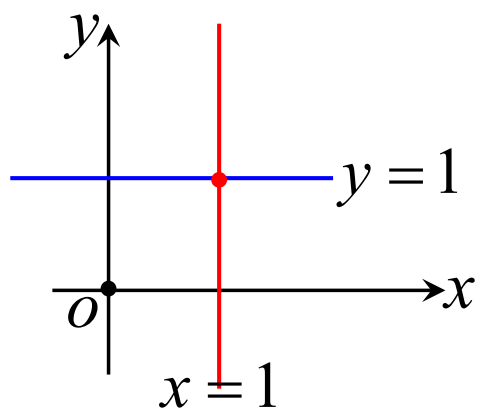


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- Lines in the homogeneous coordinate

Theorem: On the projective plane, the intersection of two lines  $\mathbf{l}, \mathbf{l}'$  is the point  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{l} \times \mathbf{l}'$

Example: find the cross point of the lines  $x = 1, y = 1$



↓ Homogeneous form

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 0x_2 + (-1)x_3 = 0 \\ 0x_1 + 1x_2 + (-1)x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Homogeneous coordinates of the two lines are  $(1, 0, -1)^T, (0, 1, -1)^T$

Cross point is

$$(1, 0, -1)^T \times (0, 1, -1)^T = (1, 1, 1)$$

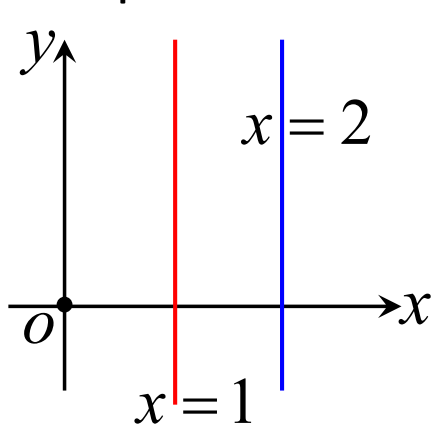


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Example: find the cross point of the lines  $x = 1, x = 2$



Homogeneous form

$$\begin{cases} 1x_1 + 0x_2 + (-1)x_3 = 0 \\ 1x_1 + 0x_2 + (-2)x_3 = 0 \end{cases}$$

Homogeneous coordinates of the two lines are  $(1, 0, -1)^T, (1, 0, -2)^T$

Cross point is

$$(1, 0, -1)^T \times (1, 0, -2)^T = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = (0, 1, 0)$$



# Foundations of Projective Geometry

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- Duality

In projective geometry, lines and points can swap their positions

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{l} = 0 \quad \text{How to interpret?}$$

If  $\mathbf{x}$  is a variable, it represents the points lying on the line  $\mathbf{l}$ ;

If  $\mathbf{l}$  is a variable, it represents the lines passing a fixed point  $\mathbf{x}$

The line passing two points  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'$  is  $\mathbf{l} = \mathbf{x} \times \mathbf{x}'$

The cross point of two lines  $\mathbf{l}, \mathbf{l}'$  is  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{l} \times \mathbf{l}'$

**Duality Principle:** To any theorem of projective geometry, there corresponds a dual theorem, which may be derived by interchanging the roles of points and lines in the original theorem



## More results you need to be familiar

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- A set of parallel lines intersect at the same infinity point
- The homogeneous coordinate of the infinity line is  $k(0,0,1)$
- The infinity point of a line can be identified as its intersection with the infinity line. E.g, on a projective plane, the infinity point of the X-axis is  $k(1,0,0)$

(Note: since the infinity point actually represents a direction, usually it is represented as a norm vector, for example  $(1, 0, 0)$ )

- In 3D projective space, the infinity plane  $\pi_\infty$  are composed of points of the form  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 = 0)$  ; You can also consider that the infinity plane comprises all the possible directions in 3D space





## More results you need to be familiar

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- Projective transformation

$\pi_0, \pi_1$  are two projective planes,  $\mathbf{H} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  is a matrix

$$\forall \mathbf{x}' \in \pi_1, \exists \text{ a unique } \mathbf{x} \in \pi_0, \mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}$$

$$\forall \mathbf{x} \in \pi_0, \exists \text{ a unique } \mathbf{x}' \in \pi_1, \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{H}^{-1}\mathbf{x}'$$

We say  $\pi_0, \pi_1$  can be projectively transformed to each other and  $\mathbf{H}$  is the projective transformation matrix between them. For the 2-D case,  $\mathbf{H}$  is also called as homography

Note 1: If  $\pi_0$  can be projectively transformed to  $\pi_1$ , the projective transformation from  $\pi_0$  to  $\pi_1$  is unique up to a scale factor

Note 2: The above definition is for 2D case. It can be straightforwardly extended to other dimensions



## More results you need to be familiar

- Projective transformation (typical examples in CV)

