

Quiz on Friday, June 21

- ① Vectors - basic operations sec 12.2
- ② Dot product sec 12.3
- ③ Cross product sec 12.4

Recall - Let  $a = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$ ,  $b = \langle b_1, b_2, b_3 \rangle$ 

$$a \times b = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

EX Find a vector perpendicular to the plane passing through the points  $P(1, 4, 6)$ ,  $Q(-2, 5, -1)$ ,  $R(1, -1, 1)$

$$\vec{PQ} = (-2-1)\mathbf{i} + (5-4)\mathbf{j} + (-1-6)\mathbf{k} = -3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 7\mathbf{k}$$

$$\vec{PR} = (1-1)\mathbf{i} + (-1-4)\mathbf{j} + (1-6)\mathbf{k} = -5\mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k}$$

We want

$$\vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ -3 & 1 & -7 \\ 0 & -5 & -5 \end{vmatrix} = (-5, -35)\mathbf{i} + (15-0)\mathbf{j} + (15-0)\mathbf{k} = -40\mathbf{i} - 15\mathbf{j} + 15\mathbf{k}$$

Any nonzero multiple is also perpendicular to the plane.

EX Find the area of the triangle with vertices  $P(1, 4, 6)$ ,  $Q(-2, 5, -1)$ ,  $R(1, -1, 1)$



We find the area of the parallelogram formed by  $PQ$  and  $PR$  and divide by 2

$$|\vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR}| = \sqrt{(-40)^2 + (-15)^2 + (15)^2} = 5\sqrt{82}$$

So, the area of the triangle is  $\frac{5}{2}\sqrt{82}$

## Properties of the cross-product

Let  $a, b, c$  be vectors and  $c$  a scalar, then

$$1) a \times b = b \times a$$

$$2) (ca) \times b = c(a \times b) = a \times (cb)$$

$$3) a \times (b+c) = a \times b + a \times c$$

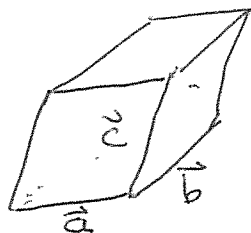
$$4) (a+b) \times c = a \times c + b \times c$$

$$5) a \cdot (b \times c) = (a \times b) \cdot c$$

$$6) a \times (b \times c) = (a \cdot c)b - (a \cdot b)c$$

## Triple Products (triple scalar product)

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



Let  $S$  be the solid with defined by the edges  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ . Then the volume of  $S$  is  $|a \cdot (b \times c)|$

Ex show the vectors  $a = \langle 1, 4, -7 \rangle$ ,  $b = \langle 2, -1, 4 \rangle$ ,  $c = \langle 0, 9, 18 \rangle$  are coplanar - i.e. are all in the same plane.

Solution Show that the volume of the solid formed by  $a, b, c$  is 0, i.e. height is 0.

$$a \cdot (b \times c) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 & -7 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & 9 & 18 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ 9 & 18 \end{vmatrix} - 4 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 18 \end{vmatrix} - 7 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 9 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1(18) - 4(36) - 7(-18) = 0$$

Torque - consider a force  $F$  acting on a rigid body at a point given by a position vector  $r$ .

The torque  $\tau$  is defined as

$$\tau = r \times F$$

Torque measures the tendency of the body to rotate about the origin.



We have that  $|\tau| = |r \times F| = |r||F|\sin\theta$

with  $\theta$  the angle between the position and force vectors.

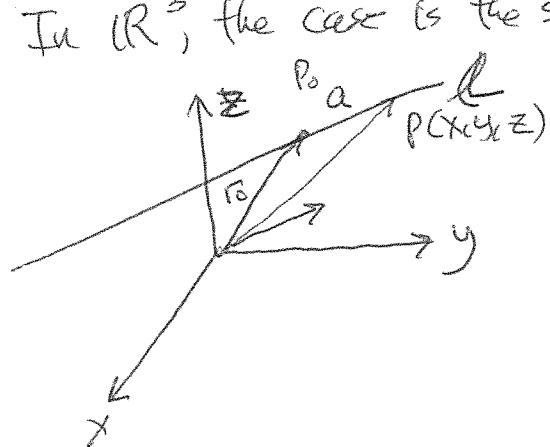
Ex A bolt is tightened by applying a 40-N force to a 0.25 m wrench. Find the magnitude of the torque about the center of the bolt.

Solution  $|\tau| = |r \times F| = |r||F|\sin 75^\circ$   
 $= (0.25)(40)\sin 75^\circ = 10\sin 75^\circ \approx 9.66 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$

## Section 12.5 Equations of Lines and Planes.

In  $\mathbb{R}^2$  a line can be determined by a point and a direction (slope)

In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , the case is the same but more complicated.



Let  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  be on  $L$  → fixed

Let  $r_0$  be the position vector for  $P_0$

Let  $P(x, y, z)$  be another, non fixed, point on  $L$ .

Let  $a$  be the vector from  $P_0$  to  $P$

Let  $v$  be a vector starting at the origin with  $v$  parallel to  $L$ .

So  $tv$  as  $t$  ranges over the real numbers is a

line parallel to  $L$ .

So we add  $r_0$  to each pt in  $tv$  we get  $L$

So  $\boxed{r = r_0 + tv}$  is a vector equation of  $L$ .

Each value of the parameter  $t$  gives a point on  $L$ .

If the vector  $v$  that gives the direction of  $L$  is

$$v = \langle a, b, c \rangle, \text{ then } tv = \langle ta, tb, tc \rangle$$

$$\text{with } r = \langle x, y, z \rangle \text{ and } r_0 = \langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle$$

$$\langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle x_0 + ta, y_0 + tb, z_0 + tc \rangle$$

$$\text{so } x = x_0 + ta, \quad y = y_0 + tb, \quad z = z_0 + tc$$

This are the parametric equations of  $L$  through  $P_0$  and parallel to  $v = \langle a, b, c \rangle$

Ex Let  $P_0 = (2, 4, 6)$ , so  $r_0 = \langle 2, 4, 6 \rangle$

Let  $V = \langle 3, 5, 7 \rangle$ . Find the equation of the line  $L$  through  $P$  and parallel to  $V$

Solution  $r = (2i + 4j + 6k) + t(3i + 5j + 7k)$

$$r = (2+3t)i + (4+5t)j + (6+7t)k$$

$$\text{so } x = 2+3t \quad y = 4+5t \quad z = 6+7t$$

are a set of parametric equations for the line  $L$ .

The set of parametric equations is not unique.  
Another set of parametric equations for the same line is  
set  $t=1$

$$x = 5+3t, \quad y = 9+5t \quad z = 13+7t$$

If a vector  $V = \langle a, b, c \rangle$  is parallel to a line  $L$ , then the numbers  $a, b, c$  are called the direction numbers of  $L$ .

We can also describe a line by eliminating the parameter  $t$

$$\text{to get } \frac{x-x_0}{a} = \frac{y-y_0}{b} = \frac{z-z_0}{c}$$

These are the symmetric equations of  $L$ .

Ex Find parametric and symmetric equations of the line passing through  $A(1,0,1)$  and  $B(2,4,5)$

Solution: We must have  $V = \langle 2-1, 4-0, 5-1 \rangle = \langle 1, 4, 4 \rangle$

The direction numbers are  $a=1, b=4, c=4$

so  $x = 2 + 1t, y = 4t, z = 5 + 4t$

The symmetric equations are:

$$\frac{x-2}{1} = \frac{y-4}{4} = \frac{z-5}{4}$$

When will this line intersect the ~~xy~~  $yz$ -plane?

Solution the  $x$ -value of the pt of intersection is  $x=0$

$$-2 = \frac{y-4}{4} = \frac{z-5}{4}$$

so  $-2 = \frac{y-4}{4}$  or  $-8 = y-4$  so  $y = -4$

$-2 = \frac{z-5}{4}$  or  $-8 = z-5$ , so  $-3 = z$

so the pt of intersection is  $(0, -4, -3)$

The line segment from  $r_0$  to  $r_1$  is given by  
 $r(t) = (1-t)r_0 + tr_1$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$

Def Two lines  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are skew if

1)  $L_1$  is not parallel to  $L_2$   
 and

2)  $L_1$  does not intersect  $L_2$

Ex Show that

$$L_1: \begin{matrix} x = 1+t \\ y = -2+3t \\ z = 4-t \end{matrix}$$

$$L_2: \begin{matrix} x = 2s \\ y = 3+s \\ z = -3+4s \end{matrix}$$

are skew

We first show that  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are not parallelIf  $L_1 \parallel L_2$  then the coeff of  $L_1$  would have to be a constant multiple of  $L_2$ .

$$L_1: (1, 3, -1) \quad \text{for the coeff of } x \text{ to be a multiple of each other}$$

$$L_2: (2, 1, 4)$$

the multiplier must be 2,

But for the coeff of the  $y$ 's we need a multiplier of 3There is no constant  $c$  s.t.

$$c(1, 3, -1) = (2, 1, 4)$$

If  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  intersect, then there are values of  $s$  and  $t$  s.t.

$$1) \quad 1+t = 2s$$

$$2) \quad -2+3t = 3+s$$

$$3) \quad 4-t = -3+4s$$

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Solve 1) and 2) for  $s$  and  $t$ 

$$1+t = 2s \Rightarrow t = 2s-1$$

$$\text{so } -2+3(2s-1) = 3+s$$

$$-2+6s-3 = 3+s$$

$$5s = 8, \quad s = \frac{8}{5}$$

$$\text{so } t = 2\left(\frac{8}{5}\right) - 1 = \frac{11}{5}$$

Substitute into (3)  $4 - \frac{11}{5} \stackrel{?}{=} -3 + 4\left(\frac{8}{5}\right)$ , no

so no point of intersection

So  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are skew.

Planes A plane in space is determined by

a) A pt in the plane, call it  $P_0$

b) A vector  $n$ , called a normal vector that is orthogonal to the plane.  
i.e.  $n$  is orthogonal to every vector in the plane.

Let  $P(x, y, z)$  be a point in the plane.

Let  $r_0$  and  $r$  be the position vectors of  $P_0$  and  $P$

We have that the vector  $r - r_0$  is represented by  $\overrightarrow{P_0P}$

Note that  $n \perp (r - r_0) \Leftrightarrow$  

$$\begin{aligned} n \cdot (r - r_0) &= 0 \\ n \cdot r &= n \cdot r_0 \end{aligned}$$
  
i.e.

Either of these two equations is  
a vector equation of the plane.

We now seek a scalar equation for the plane.

Writing  $n = \langle a, b, c \rangle$ ,  $r = \langle x, y, z \rangle$ ,  $r_0 = \langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle$

$n \cdot (r - r_0) = 0$  becomes

$$\langle a, b, c \rangle \cdot \langle x - x_0, y - y_0, z - z_0 \rangle = 0$$

or 

$$a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) = 0$$
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This is a scalar equation of the plane through  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$   
with normal vector  $n = \langle a, b, c \rangle$

Ex Find an equation of the plane through the pt  $(2, 4, -1)$   
with normal  $n = \langle 2, 3, 4 \rangle$

$$2(x - 2) + 3(y - 4) + 4(z - (-1)) = 0$$

$$2x + 3y + 4z = 12$$

Any non-zero multiple of this equation will be  
an equation of the plane.