

We get 3 lines: L_1, L_2, L_3 where

$$L_1(t_1) = \vec{a}_1 + t_1 \vec{b}_1$$

a_i and b_i constants

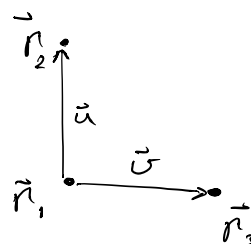
$$L_2(t_2) = \vec{a}_2 + t_2 \vec{b}_2$$

$$L_3(t_3) = \vec{a}_3 + t_3 \vec{b}_3$$

want to find points $\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3$ on L_1, L_2, L_3 respectively

such that $|\vec{u}| = |\vec{v}| = 1$ and $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$

where $\vec{u} = \vec{r}_2 - \vec{r}_1$
 $\vec{v} = \vec{r}_3 - \vec{r}_1$



$$\Rightarrow \vec{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u_x \\ u_y \\ u_z \end{pmatrix}, \quad \vec{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} u_x^2 + u_y^2 + u_z^2 = 1 \\ v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2 = 1 \\ u_x v_x + u_y v_y + u_z v_z = 0 \end{cases}$$

\Rightarrow 3 equations to determine 3 unknowns

$$\vec{u} = L_2(t_2') - L_1(t_1')$$

$$\vec{v} = L_3(t_3') - L_1(t_1')$$

6 eq

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$$\vec{u} = (\vec{a}_2 + t_2' \vec{b}_2) - (\vec{a}_1 + t_1' \vec{b}_1)$$

$$= \vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1 + t_2' \vec{b}_2 - t_1' \vec{b}_1$$

$$\vec{v} = \vec{a}_3 - \vec{a}_1 + t_3' \vec{b}_3 - t_1' \vec{b}_1$$

Reducing to 3 eq, 3 var system:

$$|\vec{u}|^2 = \left((a_{2x} + t_2' b_{2x}) - (a_{1x} + t_1' b_{1x}) \right)^2 + \left((a_{2y} + t_2' b_{2y}) - (a_{1y} + t_1' b_{1y}) \right)^2 + \left((a_{2z} + t_2' b_{2z}) - (a_{1z} + t_1' b_{1z}) \right)^2 = 1$$

$$|\vec{v}|^2 = \left((a_{3x} + t_3' b_{3x}) - (a_{1x} + t_1' b_{1x}) \right)^2 + \dots = 1$$

\Rightarrow we know lines go through origin, i.e. $\vec{a}_n = \vec{0}$

so $\vec{u} = t_2 \vec{b}_2 - t_1 \vec{b}_1$ etc and

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{u}| &= (t_2 b_{2x} - t_1 b_{1x})^2 + (t_2 b_{2y} - t_1 b_{1y})^2 + (t_2 b_{2z} - t_1 b_{1z})^2 \\ &= (t_2 b_{2x})^2 - 2t_2 b_{2x} t_1 b_{1x} + (t_1 b_{1x})^2 + \\ &\quad (t_2 b_{2y})^2 - 2t_2 b_{2y} t_1 b_{1y} + (t_1 b_{1y})^2 + \\ &\quad (t_2 b_{2z})^2 - 2t_2 b_{2z} t_1 b_{1z} + (t_1 b_{1z})^2 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$|\vec{v}| = (t_3 b_{3x} - t_1 b_{1x})^2 + (t_3 b_{3y} - t_1 b_{1y})^2 + (t_3 b_{3z} - t_1 b_{1z})^2 = 1$$

Solve for t_2 :

$$\begin{aligned} t_2^2 (b_{2x}^2 + b_{2y}^2 + b_{2z}^2) - 2t_2 (b_{2x} t_1 b_{1x} + b_{2y} t_1 b_{1y} + b_{2z} t_1 b_{1z}) \\ + (t_1 b_{1x})^2 + (t_1 b_{1y})^2 + (t_1 b_{1z})^2 - 1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Second order polynomial $mt_2^2 + nt_2 + \sigma = 0$

$$t_2 = \frac{-n \pm \sqrt{n^2 - 4m\sigma}}{2m}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{where } m &= b_{2x}^2 + b_{2y}^2 + b_{2z}^2 &= |\vec{b}_2|^2 \\ n &= -2(b_{2x} t_1 b_{1x} + b_{2y} t_1 b_{1y} + b_{2z} t_1 b_{1z}) &= -2t_1 (\vec{b}_2 \cdot \vec{b}_1) \\ \sigma &= (t_1 b_{1x})^2 + (t_1 b_{1y})^2 + (t_1 b_{1z})^2 - 1 &= t_1^2 |\vec{b}_1|^2 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for v we solve for t_3 to get

$$\begin{aligned} m' &= |\vec{b}_3|^2 \\ n' &= -2t_1 (\vec{b}_3 \cdot \vec{b}_1) \\ \sigma' &= t_1^2 |\vec{b}_1|^2 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow t_2 = \frac{2 t_1 (\vec{b}_2 \cdot \vec{b}_1) \pm \sqrt{4 t_1^2 (\vec{b}_2 \cdot \vec{b}_1)^2 - 4 t_1 |\vec{b}_2|^2 |\vec{b}_1|^2}}{2 |\vec{b}_2|^2}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} t_2(t_1) &= \frac{t_1 (\vec{b}_2 \cdot \vec{b}_1) \pm \sqrt{t_1 \sqrt{(\vec{b}_2 \cdot \vec{b}_1)^2 t_1 - |\vec{b}_2|^2 |\vec{b}_1|^2}}}{|\vec{b}_2|^2} \\ t_3(t_1) &= \frac{t_1 (\vec{b}_3 \cdot \vec{b}_1) \pm \sqrt{t_1 \sqrt{(\vec{b}_3 \cdot \vec{b}_1)^2 t_1 - |\vec{b}_3|^2 |\vec{b}_1|^2}}}{|\vec{b}_3|^2} \end{aligned} \right.$$

Now, consider last eq in system:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a} \cdot \vec{v} &= (t_2 b_{2x} - t_1 b_{1x})(t_3 b_{3x} - t_1 b_{1x}) + \\ & (t_2 b_{2y} - t_1 b_{1y})(t_3 b_{3y} - t_1 b_{1y}) + \\ & (t_2 b_{2z} - t_1 b_{1z})(t_3 b_{3z} - t_1 b_{1z}) = 0 \\ &= t_2 b_{2x} t_3 b_{3x} - t_2 b_{2x} t_1 b_{1x} - t_3 b_{3x} t_1 b_{1x} + (t_1 b_{1x})^2 + \dots \\ &= t_2 t_3 (\vec{b}_2 \cdot \vec{b}_3) - t_2 t_1 (\vec{b}_2 \cdot \vec{b}_1) - t_3 t_1 (\vec{b}_3 \cdot \vec{b}_1) + t_1^2 |\vec{b}_1|^2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow we can now sub in t_1 and t_2 to get one equation with one unknown.

Strategy for solving this:

$$f(t_1) = 0, \quad \text{solving options:}$$

- solve for t_1 (ugly!)
- iterate on t_1
- Newton's method!

$$\vec{u} = t_2 \vec{b}_2 - t_1 \vec{b}_1 \Rightarrow |\vec{u}| = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow |t_2 \vec{b}_2 - t_1 \vec{b}_1|$$

$$|\vec{u}| = (t_2 b_{2x} - t_1 b_{1x})^2 + (t_2 b_{2y} - t_1 b_{1y})^2 + (t_2 b_{2z} - t_1 b_{1z})^2$$

$$= (t_2 b_{2x})^2 - 2 t_2 b_{2x} t_1 b_{1x} + (t_1 b_{1x})^2 +$$

$$(t_2 b_{2y})^2 - 2 t_2 b_{2y} t_1 b_{1y} + (t_1 b_{1y})^2 +$$

$$(t_2 b_{2z})^2 - 2 t_2 b_{2z} t_1 b_{1z} + (t_1 b_{1z})^2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{t_2^2 |\vec{b}_2|^2} - \underline{2 t_1 t_2 (\vec{b}_1 \cdot \vec{b}_2)} + \underline{t_1^2 |\vec{b}_1|^2} - 1 = 0$$

$$a = |\vec{b}_2|^2$$

$$b = 2 t_1 (\vec{b}_1 \cdot \vec{b}_2)$$

$$c = t_1^2 |\vec{b}_1|^2 - 1$$

$$t_2 = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

This can be reduced to a single equation of one variable t_1 whose roots are solutions to the problem.

From t_1 we see that t_2 and t_3 follows, allowing us to determine points p_1 , p_2 and p_3 .

Next task: Transform system so that p_1, p_2, p_3 falls on $(0,0,0), (0,1,0), (1,0,0)$ respectively.

Procedure:

1. Translate p_1 to $(0,0,0)$
2. Rotate p_2 to $(0,1,0)$ around (x, y, z)
3. Rotate p_3 to $(1,0,0)$ around y

System \Rightarrow base relation now