

Unit 11.6

Planes parallel to the coordinate planes.

The graph of the eqn $x=a$ in an yz -consists of all points of the form (a, y, z) , where y and z are arbitrary.

$x=a$ is parallel to yz plane. $(a, 0, 0)$ (arbitrary)

$y=b$ is parallel to the zx plane.

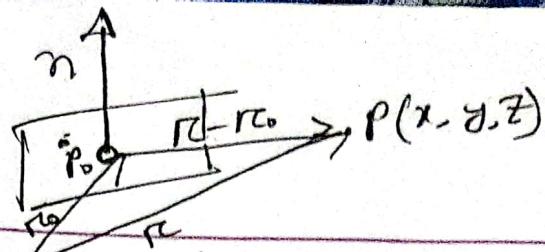
(arbitrary point, b , arbitrary point).

$z=c$ is parallel to the xy plane

(arbitrary point, arbitrary point, c).

Planes determined by a point and a normal vector.

A Plane will be determined by a point and a normal vector.



here
normal vector \Rightarrow perpendicular to the plane
a point $=$ a point on the plane.

Suppose that we want to find an eqn of the equation of the plane passing through $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ and perpendicular to the vector

$$n = \langle a, b, c \rangle$$

Define the vectors r_{C_0} and r_C as

$$r_{C_0} = \langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad r_C = \langle x, y, z \rangle$$

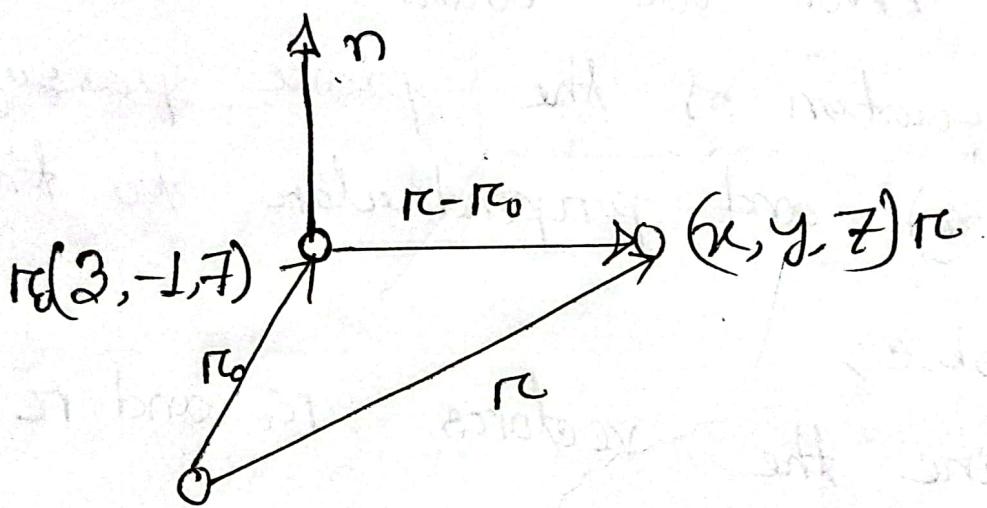
$$n \cdot (r_C - r_{C_0}) = 0.$$

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

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

This is called the point-normal-form of the eqn of a plane.

Example 1 Find an eqn of the plane passing through the point $(3, -1, 7)$ and perpendicular to the vector $n = \langle 4, 2, -5 \rangle$



$$\langle x-3, y+1, z-7 \rangle \cdot \langle 4, 2, -5 \rangle = 0.$$

$$4(x-3) + 2(y+1) - 5(z-7) = 0.$$

$$4x - 12 + 2y + 2 - 5z + 35 = 0.$$

$$4x + 2y - 5z + 25 = 0.$$



$$ax + by + cz + d = 0$$

is a plane that has the vector $n = \langle a, b, c \rangle$ as a normal.

Example 2. Determine whether the planes

$$3x - 4y + 5z = 0 \text{ and } -6x + 8y - 10z - 4 = 0$$

are parallel.

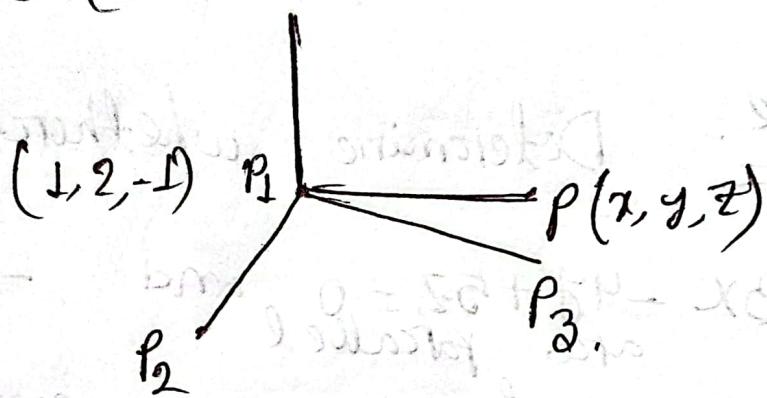
For first eqn normal of the plane $n_1 = \langle 3, -4, 5 \rangle$

For second eqn normal of the plane $n_2 = \langle -6, 8, -10 \rangle$

$$\boxed{n_2 = -2n_1}$$

so the normals are parallel,
and hence so are the planes.

Example 3: Find an eqn of the plane through the points $P_1(1, 2, -1)$, $P_2(2, 3, 1)$ and $P_3(3, -1, 2)$.



calculate $\vec{P_1P_2}$, $\vec{P_1P_3}$

$$\vec{P_1P_2} \times \vec{P_1P_3} = \text{normal.}$$

$P_1P \cdot n = 0$.
which is the equation of the plane.

Example 4.

Determine whether the line

$$x = 3 + 8t, y = 4 + 5t, z = -3 - t.$$

is parallel to the plane $x - 3y + 5z = 12$.

$$L: x = 3 + 8t, y = 4 + 5t, z = -3 - t.$$

$$\text{vector } v = \langle 8, 5, -1 \rangle$$

and from the plane's eqn $x - 3y + 5z - 12 = 0$
normal, $n = \langle 1, -3, 5 \rangle$.

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For the line and plane to be parallel,
the vectors v and n must be
orthogonal (right angle)

$$v \cdot n = 8 - 15 - 5$$

$$= -12$$

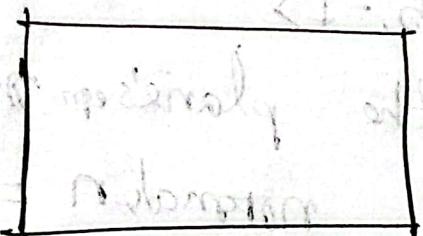
Thus this line and plane are not parallel.

Example 6: Find the acute angle

Example 5: Find the intersection of the line and the plane

$$L: x = 3 + 8t, \quad y = 4 + 5t, \quad z = -3 - t.$$

$$\text{and the plane } x - 3y + 5z - 12 = 0.$$



Let (x_0, y_0, z_0) be the point of intersection, then the coordinates of this point will both satisfy the plane's eqn and parametric eqn of the line.

$$x_0 - 3y_0 + 5z_0 = 12.$$

$$x_0 = 3 + 8t_0, \quad y_0 = 4 + 5t_0, \quad z_0 = -3 - t_0.$$

$$3(3 + 8t_0) - 3(4 + 5t_0) + 5(-3 - t_0) = 12,$$
$$t_0 = -3.$$

$$(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (-21, -11, 0)$$

Example 6 Find the acute angle of intersection between the two planes.

$$2x - 4y + 4z = 6 \quad \text{and} \quad 6x + 2y - 3z = 4.$$



$$\text{normal } n_1 = \langle 2, -4, 4 \rangle$$



$$\text{normal } n_2 = \langle 6, 2, -3 \rangle$$

$$n_1 \cdot n_2 = \|n_1\| \|n_2\| \cos \theta$$

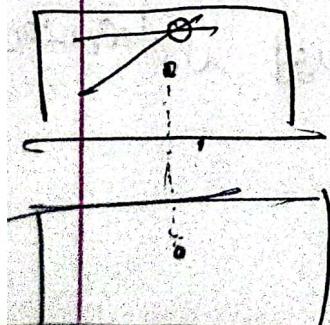
$$\cos \theta = \frac{n_1 \cdot n_2}{\|n_1\| \|n_2\|}$$

$$\theta = 79^\circ$$

Example 7: Find an equation for the line
of intersection of the planes

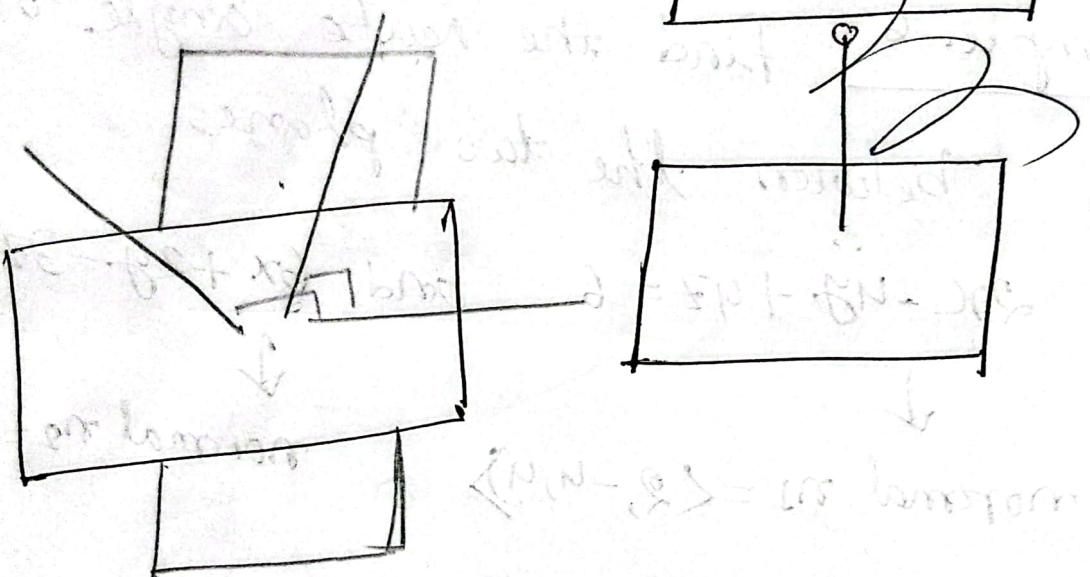
$$\text{in } 2x - 4y + 4z = 6 \text{ and}$$

$$6x + 2y - 3z = 4.$$



$$n_1 = \langle 2, -4, 4 \rangle$$

$$n_2 = \langle 6, 2, -3 \rangle$$



$$v = n_1 \times n_2$$

$$= \langle 2, -4, 4 \rangle \times \langle 6, 2, -3 \rangle$$

$$\approx \langle 4, 30, 28 \rangle$$

v is orthogonal to n_1, n_2 of the first and second plane.

That is v is parallel to L , the intersection of the two planes.

To find a point on L must intersect the xy -plane, $z=0$,

$$2x - 4y = 6.$$

$$6x + 2y = 4.$$

with solution $x=1, y=-1$.

Thus $P(1, -1, 0)$ is a point L.

A vector equation for L.

$$\langle x, y, z \rangle = (1, -1, 0) + t(4, 3, 28).$$

Example 9.

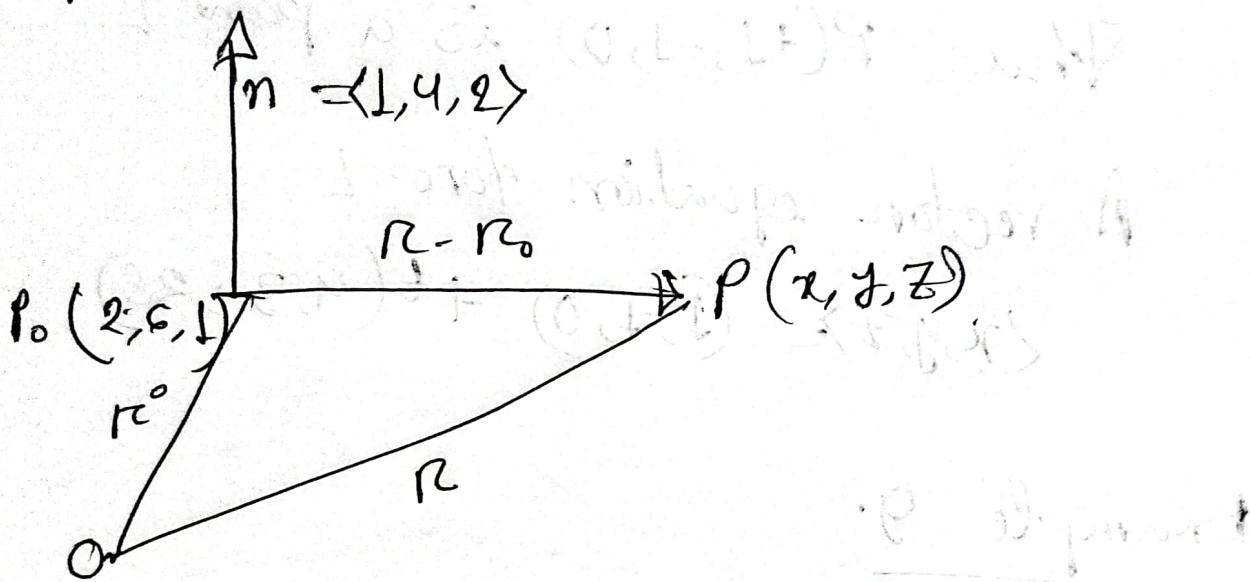
The planes

$$x + 2y - 2z = 3 \text{ and } 3x + 4y - 4z = 7.$$

are parallel since their normals,
 $\langle 1, 2, -2 \rangle$ and $\langle 3, 4, -4 \rangle$ are parallel
vectors. Find the distance between these
planes

3-6.

Find an eqn of the plane that passes through.



$$r - r_0 = \langle x-2, y-6, z-1 \rangle$$

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

$$1(x-2) + 4(y-6) + 2(z-1) = 0$$

$$x-2 + 4y-24 + 2z-2 = 0$$

$$\boxed{x + 4y + 2z - 28 = 0}$$

11-12. Find an equation of the plane that passes through the given points

11. $P_1(-2, 1, 1)$, $P_2(6, 2, 3)$ and $P_3(1, 0, -1)$.

calculate $\vec{P_1 P_2}$

$\vec{P_1 P_3}$

$$n = \vec{P_1 P_2} \times \vec{P_1 P_3}$$

$\vec{P_1 P}$

$$\boxed{n \cdot \vec{P_1 P} = 0.} \quad \text{eqn.}$$

$n = 0$

parallel.

13-14 Determine whether the planes are parallel, perpendicular or neither.

line

$\cos 0^\circ = 1$

$$2x - 8y - 6z - 2 = 0. \quad n_1 = \langle 2, -8, -6 \rangle$$

$$-x + 4y + 3z - 5 = 0 \quad n_2 = \langle -1, 4, 3 \rangle$$

$n_1 \cdot n_2 = 0 \rightarrow$ perpendicular

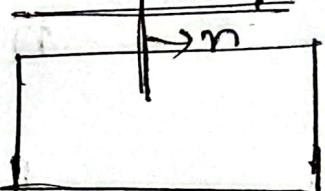
$n_1 \cdot n_2 = 1 \rightarrow$ orthogonal.

15-16: Determine whether the line and plane are parallel, perpendicular or neither.

(a) $x = 4 + t, y = -t, z = -1 - 4t \Rightarrow \vec{v} = \langle 1, -1, -4 \rangle$

$3x + 2y + z - 7 = 0, n = \langle 3, 2, 1 \rangle$. line.

if parallel, $\vec{v} \cdot n = 0$.



$$\langle 1, -1, -4 \rangle \cdot \langle 3, 2, 1 \rangle$$

$$= 3 - 2 - 4 = 0, \text{ so parallel.}$$

(b) $x = t, y = 2t, z = 3t \Rightarrow \vec{v} = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$.

$$x - y + 2z = 1 - 2 + 6 = 5 \Rightarrow n = \langle 1, -1, 2 \rangle.$$

$\vec{v} \cdot n = 0$ if parallel.

$$\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, -1, 2 \rangle$$

$$= 1 - 2 + 6$$

= 5. neither parallel nor perpendicular

16.

Ⓐ $x = 3-t, y = 2+t, z = 1-3t$. $\vec{v} = \langle -1, 1, -3 \rangle$.

$$2x + 2y - 5 = 0, n = \langle 2, 2, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{v} \cdot n = \langle -1, 1, -3 \rangle \cdot \langle 2, 2, 0 \rangle$$

$$-2 + 2 + 0 = 0$$

Ⓑ $x = 1-2t, y = t, z = -t$. $\bar{u} = \langle -2, 1, -1 \rangle$

$$6x - 3y + 3z = 1$$

$$\bar{n} = \langle 6, -3, 3 \rangle$$

$$\bar{u} \cdot \bar{n} = \langle -2, 1, -1 \rangle \cdot \langle 6, -3, 3 \rangle$$

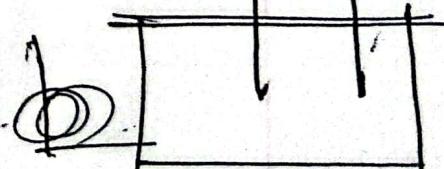
$$= \cancel{-12} - \cancel{3} + \cancel{3}$$

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$$\boxed{\bar{n} = -3\bar{u}}$$

n^2

line



\downarrow per ~~best~~ perpendicular.

17.-18. Determine whether the line and plane intersect. If so, find the coordinates of the intersection.

a) $x = t, y = t, z = t$

$$3x - 2y + z - 5 = 0$$

$$x_0 = t, y_0 = t, z_0 = t$$

$$3x_0 - 2y_0 + z_0 - 5 = 0$$

$$3t - 2t + t - 5 = 0$$

$$2t = 5$$

$$t = \frac{5}{2}$$

coordinates of the intersection

$$\left(\frac{5}{2}, \frac{5}{2}, \frac{5}{2} \right)$$

Example 9.

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and $2x+4y-4z=7$.

are parallel since their normals,
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vectors.

we select an arbitrary point in
one of the planes and compute
its distance to the other plane.

By setting $y=z=0$ in the eqn

$$x+2y-2z=3,$$

we obtain point $P_0(3, 0, 0)$

from $P_0(3, 0, 0)$ to the plane $2x+4y-4z=7$

$$\text{is } D = \frac{|2 \cdot 3 + 4 \cdot 0 - 4 \cdot 0 - 7|}{\sqrt{2^2 + 4^2 + 4^2}} \\ = \left| \frac{1}{6} \right| = \frac{1}{6}.$$

$$47. x = 1 + 7t, y = 3 + t, z = 5 - 3t.$$

$$x = 4 - t, y = 6, z = 7 + 2t.$$

for first line the vector $\vec{u} = \langle 7, 1, -3 \rangle$

for 2nd line the vector, $\vec{v} = \langle -1, 0, 2 \rangle$

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 7 & 1 & -3 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \langle 2 - 11, 1 \rangle.$$

$$2(x-1) + (y-3)(-11) + (z-5) = 0.$$

$$2x - 11y + z + 5t = 0.$$

$$4) \quad 2 \cdot 4 - 11 \cdot 6 + 7 + 26$$

$$2x - 2 - 11y + 33 + 7 - 5 = 0$$

$$2x - 11y + z + 26 = 0.$$

$$= \frac{-25}{\sqrt{101}} = \frac{25}{\sqrt{101}}$$

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