

Intersecting Lines and Planes

Lines

Parallel

Compare direction vectors, if they are multiples of each other they are parallel.

Coincident

If the lines are parallel and they share points they are coincident. (They are the same line)

Skew

2 lines that are not intersecting and also are not parallel.

Distance between two skew lines:

\vec{v}_1 and \vec{v}_2 are the direction vectors and P and S are points on the lines L_1 and L_2 respectively.

$$\text{Length} = \vec{PS} \cdot \frac{\vec{v}_1 \times \vec{v}_2}{\|\vec{v}_1 \times \vec{v}_2\|}$$

Intersecting

Equate the 2 lines, if you get a solution you have intersecting lines.

Planes

Parallel

Two planes are parallel if their normal vectors are parallel.

Intersecting

If two planes are not parallel, they will intersect in a line.

Direction Vector of Intersection Line

The direction vector for the line of intersection is found by the cross product of the normal vectors from the two planes.