

# extract particles by planes

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## Extract line of particles

You can extract a line of particles by specifying plane gradients, origin and width in `run.sh`. The parameters and the width creates 2 planes and only particles whose origins are between the 2 planes are visualized.

### Plane parameters and width

**a, b, c, d, w, x0, y0, z0**

### Plane equation

$$a \cdot (x - x0) + b \cdot (y - y0) + c \cdot (z - z0) + d = 0$$

Utilize visualization software “[GeoGebra](#)” to check your planes

## Define 2 boundaries

Boundary 1

$$a \cdot x + b \cdot y + c \cdot z + d - w/2 < 0$$

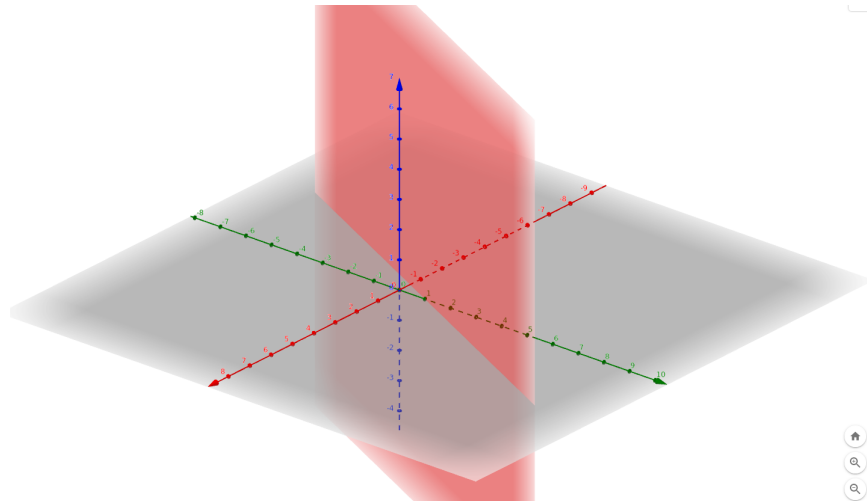
Boundary 2

$$a \cdot x + b \cdot y + c \cdot z + d + w/2 > 0$$

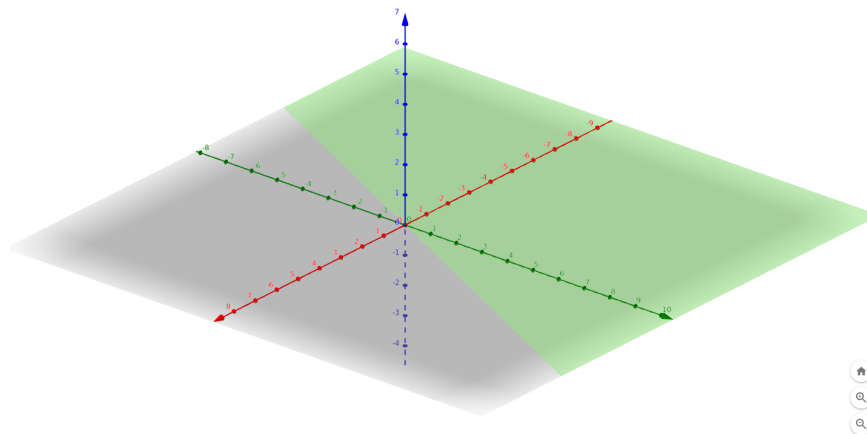
particles with x, y and z satisfying the inequalities above will be assigned “y” in column “visibility” in dataframe

**example to extract a particle lying on  $y = 2x + 1$  with  $w(\text{width}) = 1$**

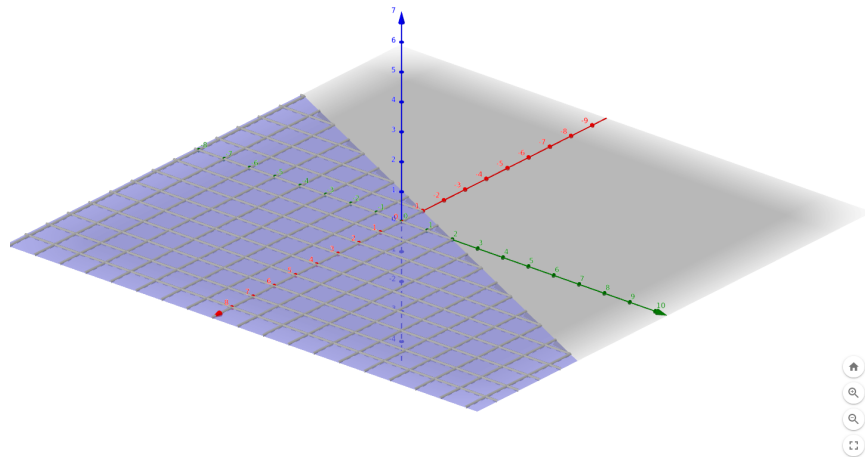
**Plane  $y = 2x + 1$**



**Boundary1:  $2x - y + 1 - 1/2 < 0$**



**Boundary1:  $2x - y + 1 + 1/2 > 0$**



**command to run**

```
python pipeline.py --input_dir <> --plane_grad 2 -1 0 1 --plane_width 1
```

**visualise the output vtk file in Paraview**

