

Tutorial 8: Lines and Planes in Space

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□ Planes in Space

- General Equation of a Plane
- Equation of a Plane Passing through Three Points
- Other Forms of Equations of a Plane
- Angle Between Two Planes
- Distance From a Point to a Plane
- Relative Position of Planes
- Relative Position of a Plane and a Line



□ More Examples on:

- Lines in Space
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Example 1

➤ Find the equation of a line passing through the point $(4, -7)$ parallel to the line $4x + 6y = 9$.

Solution:

Step 1 - Find the slope of the line $4x + 6y = 9 \rightarrow y = -\frac{2}{3}x + \frac{3}{2}$

Step 2 - Use the slope to find the y-intercept. ($m = k = -\frac{2}{3}$)

$$y = -\frac{2}{3}x + b \quad \underline{(4, -7)} \quad -7 = \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)(4) + b \rightarrow b = -\frac{13}{3}$$

Step 3 - Write the answer

$$\underline{y = -\frac{2}{3}x - \frac{13}{3}}$$

$$\boxed{q = \cancel{4}p}$$

Slope

$$y = \boxed{m}x + b$$
$$y = \boxed{k}x + b$$

Example 2

➤ Find the equation of a line passing through the point $(-3, 8)$ perpendicular to the line $2x - 7y = -11$.

Solution:

Step 1 — Find the slope of the line $2x - 7y = -11$

$$\rightarrow y = \boxed{\frac{2}{7}}x + \frac{11}{7}$$

m_1

$$\boxed{m_1 m_2 = -1}$$

$L_1 \perp L_2$

Step 2 — Use the slope to find the y-intercept. ($m_2 = -\frac{7}{2}$)

$$y = mx + b \Rightarrow y = -\frac{7}{2}x + b \xrightarrow{(-3, 8)} 8 = -\frac{7}{2}(-3) + b$$

$$\Rightarrow b = -\frac{5}{2}$$

Step 3 — Write the answer

$$y = -\frac{7}{2}x - \frac{5}{2}$$



Example 3

- Find the distance between parallel lines given by the equations $L_1: A_1x + B_1y + C_1 = 0$ and $A_2x + B_2y + C_2 = 0$.

Solution:

$P(x_0, y_0)$ on L_1

we use the formula of distance between a point and a line.

$$d = \left| \frac{A_2x_0 + B_2y_0 + C_2}{\sqrt{A_2^2 + B_2^2}} \right| \rightarrow d = \left| \frac{A_1x_0 + B_1y_0 + C_2}{\sqrt{A_2^2 + B_2^2}} \right| \Rightarrow d = \left| \frac{-C_1 + C_2}{\sqrt{A_2^2 + B_2^2}} \right|$$

$$L_1: A_1x_0 + B_1y_0 + C_1 = 0 \Rightarrow A_1x_0 + B_1y_0 = -C_1$$

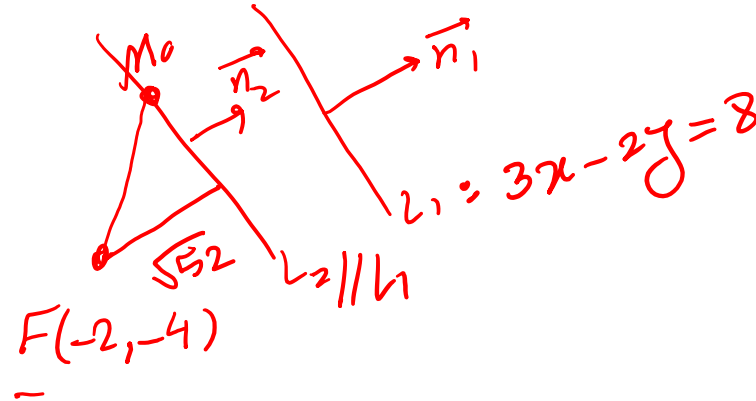
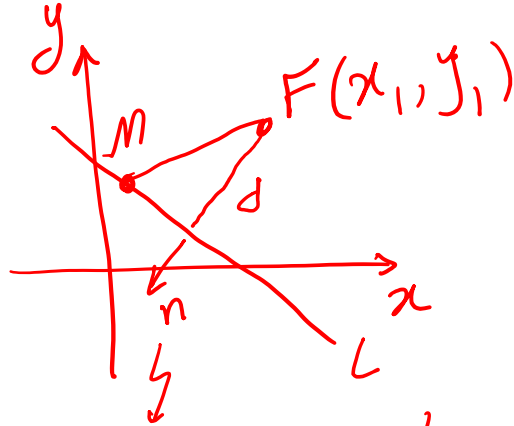
$$\Rightarrow d = \left| \frac{C_2 - C_1}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}} \right|$$



Example 4

➤ Find the equations of the lines parallel to $3x - 2y = 8$ and having distance $\sqrt{52}$ from point $F(-2, -4)$.

Solution:



$$Ax + By + C = 0$$

$$3x - 2y = C$$

$$x = 0 \rightarrow -2y = C \rightarrow y = -\frac{C}{2}$$

$$(0, -\frac{C}{2})$$

normal vector to L
 $M(x_0, y_0)$ — any point on the line L

$$d = \left| \text{Proj}_{\vec{n}} \vec{FM} \right| = \left| \frac{\vec{FM} \cdot \vec{n}}{\|\vec{n}\|} \right| = \left| \frac{A(x_1 - x_0) + B(y_1 - y_0)}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2}} \right| \Rightarrow \sqrt{52} = \left| \frac{3(-2 - 0) - 2(-4 - \frac{C}{2})}{\sqrt{(3)^2 + (-2)^2}} \right|$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{13} \sqrt{13} \cdot 2 = |-6 + 8 - C| \Rightarrow 26 = |2 - C| \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} 2 - C = 26 \\ \downarrow \\ C = -24 \end{array} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{array}{l} 2 - C = -26 \\ \downarrow \\ C = 28 \end{array}$$

Ans: $3x - 2y = -24$
 or
 $3x - 2y = 28$



Example 5

➤ Find the parametric equation of the plane given by equation $x - 2y + 3z = 1$.

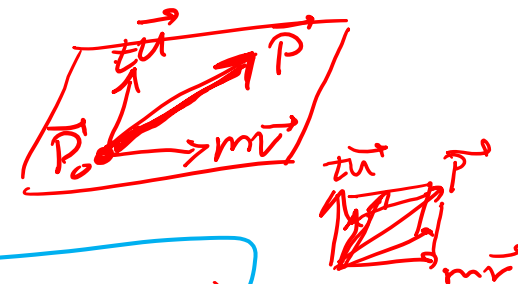
Solution:

Setting $\begin{cases} y=0 \\ z=0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow x=1 \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{P_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}}$ ←

Vector direction of the line $\vec{a}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \parallel \vec{P}$ $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{n} = 0$ $\alpha - 2\beta + 3\gamma = 0$

normal vector to the plane $\vec{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\underline{\underline{\vec{P} = \vec{P_0} + t\vec{u} + m\vec{v}}}$$



Setting $\beta_1 = 1, \gamma_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_1 = 2$
 $\beta_2 = 0, \gamma_2 = 1 \Rightarrow \alpha_2 = -3$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + m \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x = 2y - 3z + 1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2y-3z \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + y \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + z \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



Example 6

➤ Find the orthocenter of a triangle with the vertices $R(3, 9)$, $M(1, 3)$, and $E(10, 2)$.

Solution:

① Find the eqs. of lines forming sides MR & RE . $y = mx + b$

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$\text{For } MR: m = \frac{9 - 3}{3 - 1} \Rightarrow m = 3$$

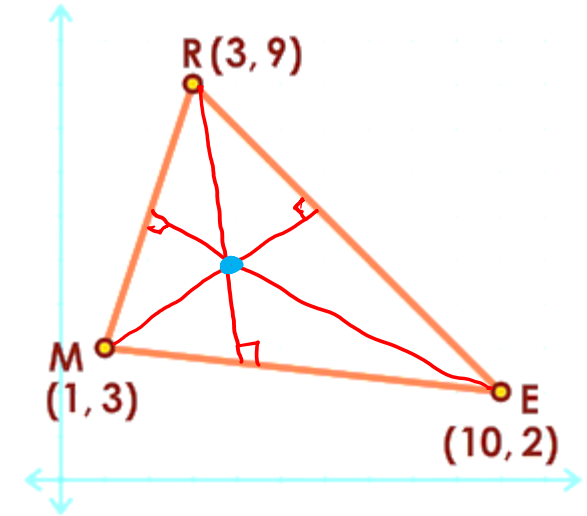
$$y = 3x + b \quad \begin{array}{l} M(1, 3) \rightarrow 3 = 3(1) + b \Rightarrow b = 0 \\ R(3, 9) \rightarrow 9 = 3(3) + b \Rightarrow b = 0 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\text{eq of } MR} \\ \boxed{y = 3x}$$

$$\text{For } RE: m = \frac{2 - 9}{10 - 3} = \frac{-7}{7} \Rightarrow m = -1$$

$$y = -1x + b \quad R(3, 9) \rightarrow 9 = -1(3) + b \Rightarrow b = 12$$

$$\text{eq. of line } RE \Rightarrow \boxed{y = -x + 12}$$



$$\text{② For } MR: m = 3 \quad \perp \Rightarrow m = -1/3$$

$$\text{For } RE: m = -1 \quad \perp \Rightarrow m = 1$$

$$\therefore \boxed{m_1 m_2 = -1}$$

Example 6 (cntd.)

➤ Find the orthocenter of a triangle with the vertices $R(3, 9)$, $M(1, 3)$, and $E(10, 2)$.

Solution:

③ For side MR , its altitude is AE , with vertex E at $(10, 2)$ and $m = -\frac{1}{3}$

$$y = mx + b \Rightarrow 2 = \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)10 + b \Rightarrow b = \frac{16}{3}$$

The eq for altitude AE is $y = -\frac{1}{3}x + \frac{16}{3}$ *

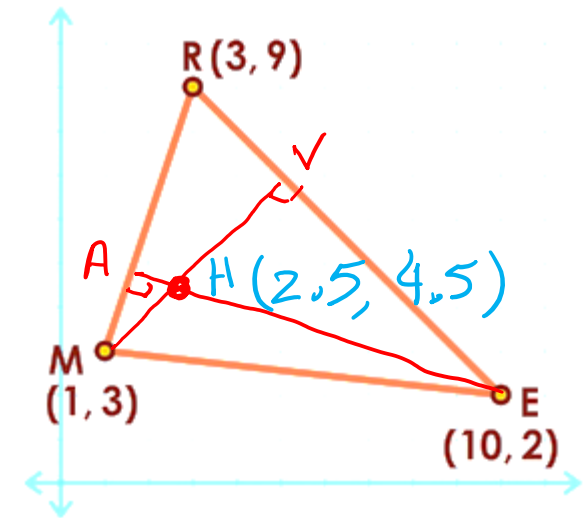
For side RE , its altitude is VM , with vertex M at $(1, 3)$ & $m = 1$

$$y = mx + b \Rightarrow (3) = 1(1) + b \Rightarrow b = 2$$

The eq for altitude VM is $y = x + 2$ **

$$\textcircled{4} \quad \begin{cases} y = -\frac{1}{3}x + \frac{16}{3} \\ y = x + 2 \end{cases} \quad x + 2 = -\frac{1}{3}x + \frac{16}{3} \rightarrow 3x + 6 = -x + 16 \rightarrow 4x = 10 \Rightarrow \boxed{x = 2.5}$$

$\searrow y = 4.5$



Example 7

- Point $H(1, 2)$ is the orthocenter of a triangle, and $(4, -3)$ and $(-2, 5)$ are the coordinates of vertices. Find the coordinates of the third vertex.

Solution:

For \perp Lines: $m_1 m_2 = -1$

$$m_{PQ} m_{MR} = -1$$

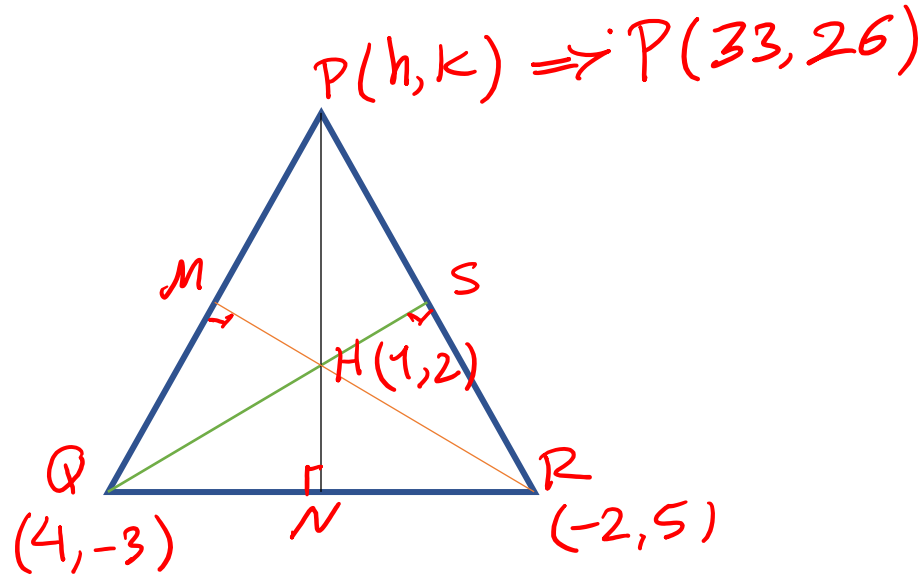
$$\left(\frac{k+3}{h-4}\right)\left(\frac{5-2}{-2-1}\right) = -1 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{k+3}{h-4}\right) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{k+7 = h} \quad (1)$$

$$m_{PN} m_{QR} = -1$$

$$\left(\frac{k-2}{h-1}\right)\left(\frac{5+3}{-2-4}\right) = -1 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{k-2}{h-1}\right) = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow \boxed{4k - 3h = 5} \quad (2)$$

$$\xrightarrow{(1)} 4k - 3(k+7) = 15$$
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{k = 26} \xrightarrow{(1)} \boxed{h = 33}$$



Example 8

- Compose the equations of lines passing through point A(3, 2) and forming angles of 45° with the line $x - 2y = 3$.

Solution:

$$\tan \theta = \left| \frac{m_2 - m_1}{1 - m_1 m_2} \right|$$

$$m_1: x - 2y = 3 \rightarrow 2y = x - 3 \rightarrow y = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}x - \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\tan 45 = \left| \frac{m_2 - \frac{1}{2}}{1 - \frac{m_2}{2}} \right| \Rightarrow \left| \frac{2m_2 - 1}{2 - m_2} \right| = 1$$

Hence, $\frac{2m_2 - 1}{2 - m_2} = 1$ or $\frac{2m_2 - 1}{2 - m_2} = -1$

\downarrow
 $\frac{m_2 - 1}{2 - m_2} = 1$

\downarrow
 $\frac{m_2 - 1}{2 - m_2} = -1$

$$y - y_1 = m_2(x - x_1)$$

$$y - 2 = m_2(x - 3) \rightarrow$$

$$\begin{cases} m_2 = 1 \Rightarrow x - y = 7 \quad \checkmark \\ m_2 = -1 \Rightarrow x + y = -1 \quad \checkmark \end{cases}$$

~~$m_2 = 3: 3x - y = 7 \quad \times$~~

~~$m_2 = \frac{-1}{3}: x + 3y = 9 \quad \times$~~



□ Mid-Term Exam

Good Luck

