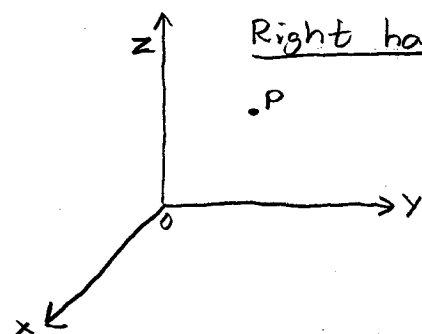


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Given a point $P \in \mathbb{R}^3$ (\mathbb{R}^3 is the physical space), we need 3 coordinates to locate it. Visually we use a cartesian system.



Right hand rule

P

$$P = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$$

Exercise: Given three points

$$A = (1, -1, 2)$$

$$B = (3, 3, 8)$$

$$C = (2, 0, 1)$$

Show that A, B, C form a triangle with a 90° angle.

Rule #1: Distance between two points.

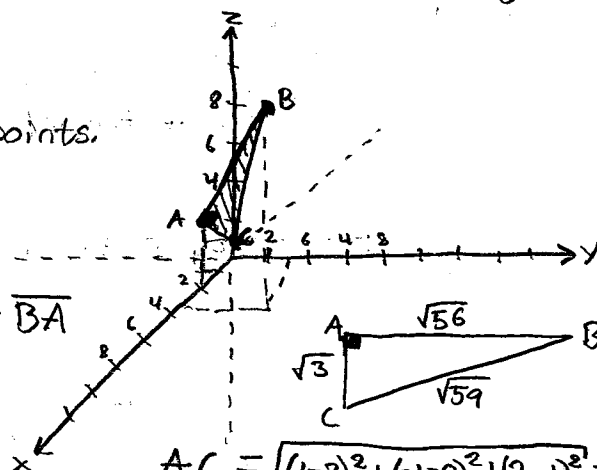
$$A = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$$

$$B = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$$

$$AB := \sqrt{(x_0 - x_1)^2 + (y_0 - y_1)^2 + (z_0 - z_1)^2} = BA$$

1st Remark: A line in \mathbb{R}^3 is the intersection of two planes.

ex. 1: the z -axis $\begin{cases} x=0 \\ y=0 \end{cases}$



$$AC = \sqrt{(1-2)^2 + (-1-0)^2 + (2-1)^2} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$AB = \sqrt{(1-3)^2 + (-1-3)^2 + (2-8)^2} = \sqrt{56}$$

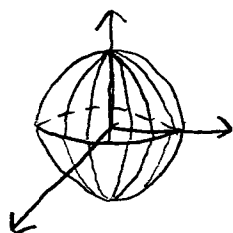
$$CB = \sqrt{(3-2)^2 + (3-0)^2 + (8-1)^2} = \sqrt{59}$$

The general equation for a plane in \mathbb{R}^3 is:

$$ax + by + cz = d$$

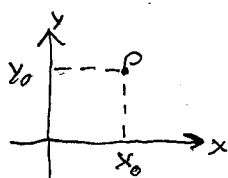
where a, b, c and d are numbers.

$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ is the set of all points (x, y, z) with distance = 1 from the origin. (shell)



$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 1$ is the set of all points (x, y, z) with distance ≤ 1 from the origin.

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = R^2$$



$P = (x_0, y_0)$
cartesian
coordinates

$= (d, \theta)$
polar
coordinates

distance from the origin
angle with the x -axis
(positive)

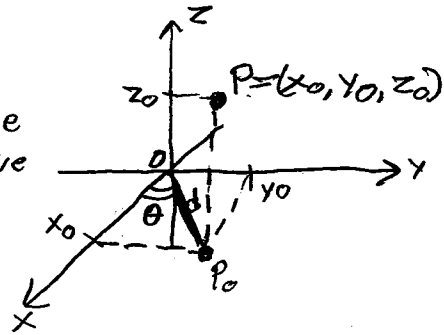
In \mathbb{R}^3 we have "two kinds of polar coordinates"

cylindrical and spherical

cylindrical coordinates:

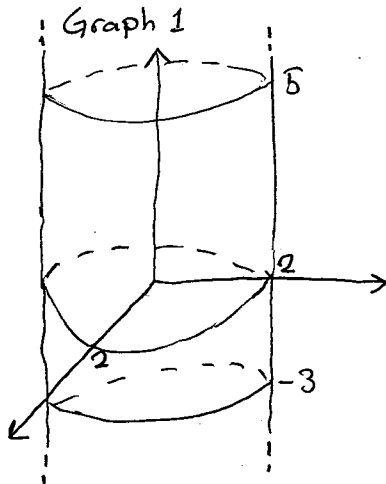
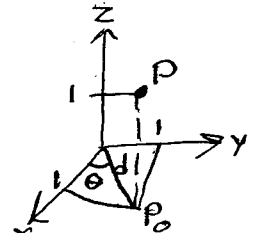
$(x_0, y_0, z_0) \rightarrow (d, \theta, z_0)$
 angle between the \vec{OP} and the positive part of the x-axis.

distance of the projection of P into the (x,y)-plane from the origin.



Example: Write $P = (1, 1, 1)$ into cylindrical coordinates

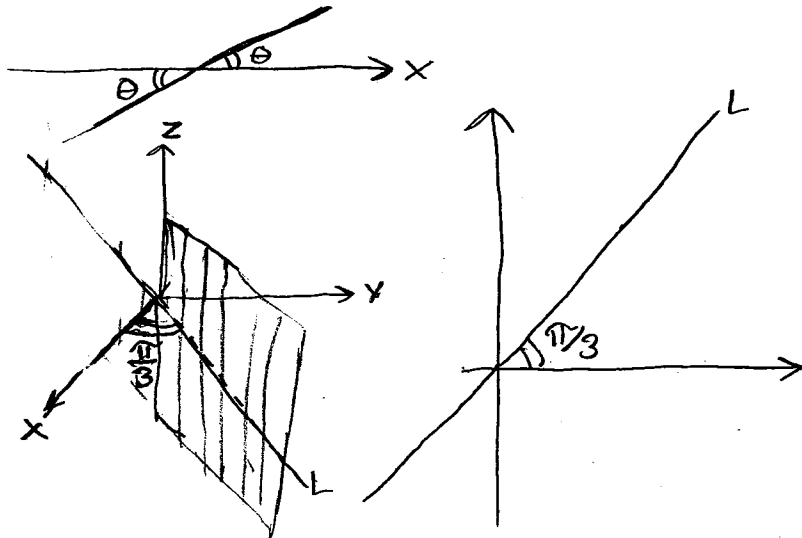
$$d = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2} \quad \theta = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad z = 1 \Rightarrow P = (\sqrt{2}, \frac{\pi}{4}, 1)$$



Equation of the cylinder in graph 1 in cylindrical coordinates:
 $d = 2$

Finite cylinder: $d = 2 \quad -3 \leq z \leq 5$

Draw the surface $\theta = \pi/3$



Question: Write the ^{half}plane $\theta = \pi/3$ in cartesian coordinates

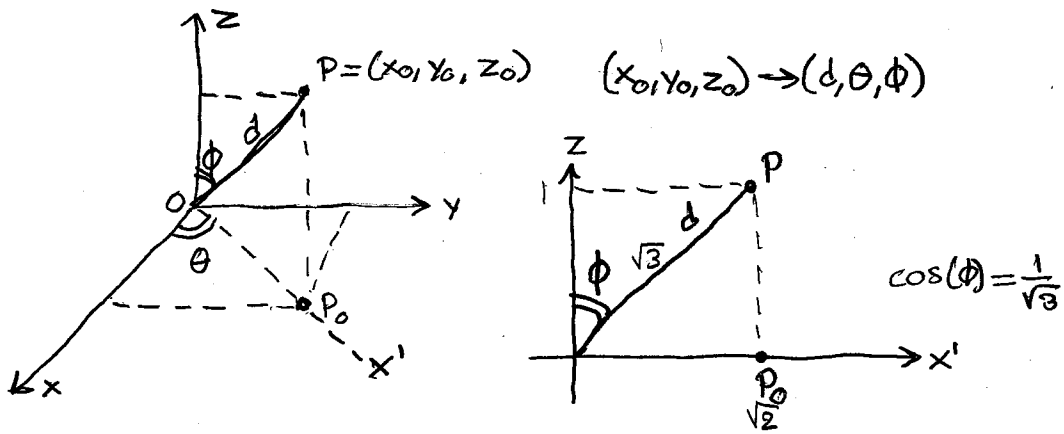
Equation of the line L is:

$$(0,0) (\cos(\pi/3), \sin(\pi/3)) = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$$

line passing through $(0,0)$ and $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$, we get:

$$\frac{x-0}{\frac{1}{2}-0} = \frac{y-0}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}-0} \Rightarrow 2x = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}y \Rightarrow \boxed{y = \sqrt{3}x} \quad \oplus y \geq 0 \text{ and } x \geq 0$$

Spherical coordinates:



Write $P = (1, 1, 1)$ in spherical coordinates

$$d = \sqrt{3}, \quad \theta = \pi/4, \quad \phi = \arccos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

$$\left(\sqrt{3}, \pi/4, \arccos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)\right)$$