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## parallel and perpendicular planes

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**Theorem 1.** If a plane ( $\pi$ ) intersects two parallel planes ( $\varrho$ ,  $\sigma$ ), the intersection lines are parallel.

*Proof.* The intersection lines cannot have common points, because  $\varrho$  and  $\sigma$  have no such ones. Since the lines are in a same plane  $\pi$ , they are parallel.

**Theorem 2.** If a plane ( $\pi$ ) contains the <http://planetmath.org/PlaneNormalnormal> ( $n$ ) of another plane ( $\varrho$ ), the planes are <http://planetmath.org/DihedralAngleperpendicular> to each other.

*Proof.* Draw in the plane  $\varrho$  the line  $l$  cutting the intersection line perpendicularly and cutting also  $n$ . Then  $l$  must be perpendicular to  $n$  and thus to the whole plane  $\pi$  (see the Theorem in the entry normal of plane). Consequently, the right angle formed by the lines  $n$  and  $l$  is the normal section of the dihedral angle formed by the planes  $\pi$  and  $\varrho$ . Therefore,  $\pi \perp \varrho$ .