## **Planes**

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## Definition of a plane

- Planes are described by the vectors that exist on it, along with a normal vector.
- This is similar to a line, defined as a series of points along with a direction vector

## Vectors and dot products

- A vector can be defined as the line that goes from one point to another
- Given two points,  $P_0$  and P, you can define the vector  $\vec{v} = P P_0$
- The vector equation of a plane is given by
  - $\vec{n} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$

## Other equations of a plane

scalar equation of a plane is given by

$$a(x-x_0)+b(y-y_0)+c(z-z_0)=0$$

- linear equation of a plane is given by
  - ax + by + cz + d = 0