

$$\vec{v}_1 = P_2 - P_1$$

$$\vec{v}_2 = P_3 - P_1$$

Vector
originating
from P_1
"towards"
 P_2 & P_3

$$\vec{v}_1 = (x_2 - x_1)\hat{i} + (y_2 - y_1)\hat{j} + (z_2 - z_1)\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{v}_2 = (x_3 - x_1)\hat{i} + (y_3 - y_1)\hat{j} + (z_3 - z_1)\hat{k}$$

$$\text{Normal} = \vec{n} = \vec{v}_1 \times \vec{v}_2$$

$$\vec{n} = (a, b, c)$$

To define a plane, we need:-

- 1) A normal vector $\vec{n} \rightarrow (a, b, c)$
- 2) A point in the plane.

So,

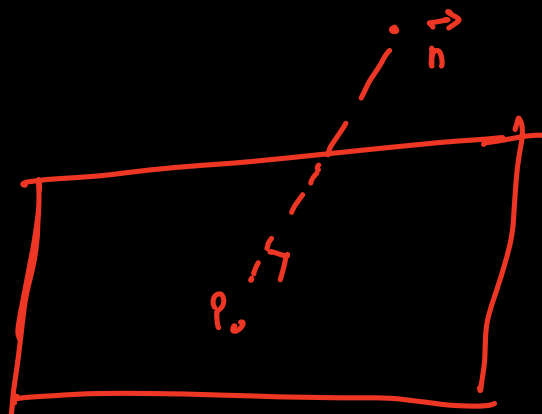
$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{vector on} \\ \text{plane} \end{array} \right) \cdot \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{normal} \end{array} \right) = 0$$

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dot product.

$$\therefore \vec{n} \cdot \vec{P_0 - P} = 0$$

$$(a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}) \cdot ((x_0 - x)\hat{i} + (y_0 - y)\hat{j} + (z_0 - z)\hat{k}) = 0$$

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



Th's (a, b, c) are the coefficients
to the plane equation

$$a(x - x_1) + b(y - y_1) + c(z - z_1) = 0$$

or

$$ax + by + cz + d = 0$$

where

$$d = -(ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1)$$

Distance of a point P_0 to a
plane $ax + by + cz + d = 0$ is.

$$D = \frac{|ax_0 + by_0 + cz_0 + d|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$