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Chapter 12: Vectors and the Geometry of Space

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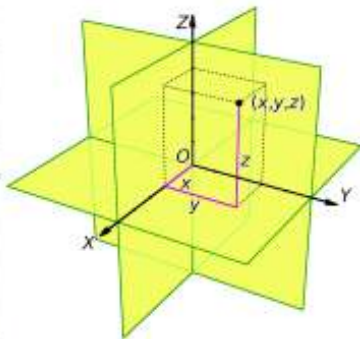
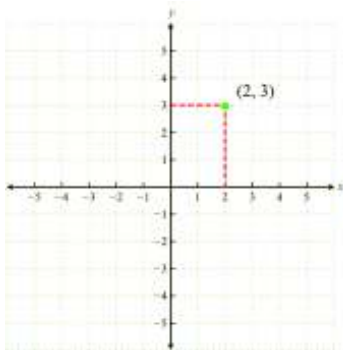
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# Three-Dimensional Coordinate Systems



# Distance and Spheres in Space

- The distance between  $P_1(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $P_2(x_2, y_2, z_2)$

$$|P_1P_2| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$$

# Distance and Spheres in Space (cont'd)

- The standard equation for the sphere of radius  $a$  and center  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$

$$(x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2 + (z - z_0)^2 = a^2$$

- Find the center and radius of the sphere

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 3x - 4z + 1 = 0$$

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# Component Form

## Definition 1

The vector represented by the directed line segment  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  has **initial point**  $A$  and **terminal point**  $B$  and its **length** is denoted by  $|\overrightarrow{AB}|$ . Two vectors are **equal** if they have the same length and direction.

# Component Form (cont'd)

## Definition 2

If  $\mathbf{v}$  is a **two-dimensional** vector in the plane equal to the vector with initial point at the origin and terminal point  $(v_1, v_2)$ , then the **component form** of  $\mathbf{v}$  is

$$\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle$$

If  $\mathbf{v}$  is a **three-dimensional** vector equal to the vector with initial point at the origin and terminal point  $(v_1, v_2, v_3)$ , then the **component form** of  $\mathbf{v}$  is

$$\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$$



# Component Form (cont'd)

- The **magnitude** or **length** of the vector  $\mathbf{v} = \overrightarrow{PQ}$  is the nonnegative number

$$|\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2} = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$$

- Find the (a) component form and (b) length of the vector with initial point  $P(-3, 4, 1)$  and terminal point  $Q(-5, 2, 2)$ .

# Vector Algebra Operations

## Definition 3

Let  $\mathbf{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$  be vectors with  $k$  a scalar.

- **Addition:**  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \langle u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, u_3 + v_3 \rangle$
- **Scalar multiplication:**  $k\mathbf{u} = \langle ku_1, ku_2, ku_3 \rangle$
- Let  $\mathbf{u} = \langle -1, 3, 1 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \langle 4, 7, 0 \rangle$ . Find the components of (a)  $2\mathbf{u} - 3\mathbf{v}$  and (b)  $|2\mathbf{u}|$ .

# Properties of Vector Operations

• Let  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}$  be vectors and  $a, b$  be scalars.

1.  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$

2.  $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$

3.  $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{u}$

4.  $\mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{0}$

5.  $0\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$

6.  $1\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}$

7.  $a(b\mathbf{u}) = (ab)\mathbf{u}$

8.  $a(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = a\mathbf{u} + a\mathbf{v}$

9.  $(a + b)\mathbf{u} = a\mathbf{u} + b\mathbf{u}$

# Unit Vectors

- A vector  $\mathbf{v}$  of length 1 is called a **unit vector**.
- The **standard unit vectors** are

$$\mathbf{i} = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle, \quad \mathbf{j} = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle, \quad \mathbf{k} = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle.$$

- Any vector  $\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$  can be written as a *linear combination* of the standard unit vectors.
- Find a unit vector  $\mathbf{u}$  in the direction of the vector from  $P_1(1, 0, 1)$  to  $P_2(3, 2, 0)$ .

# Unit Vectors (cont'd)

- If  $\mathbf{v} = 3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}$  is a velocity vector, express  $\mathbf{v}$  as a product of its speed times its direction of motion.

# Midpoint of a Line Segment

- The **midpoint**  $M$  of the line segment joining points  $P_1(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $P_2(x_2, y_2, z_2)$  is the point

$$\left( \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}, \frac{z_1 + z_2}{2} \right).$$

# Applications

- A jet airliner, flying due east at 800 km/h in still air, encounters a 110 km/h tailwind blowing in the direction  $60^\circ$  north of east. The airplane holds its compass heading due east but, because of the wind, acquires a new ground speed and direction. What are they?

# Applications (cont'd)

- A 75-N weight is suspended by two wires, as shown in Figure 12.18a. Find the forces  $\mathbf{F}_1$  and  $\mathbf{F}_2$  acting in both wires.



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# Angle Between Vectors

## Definition 4

*The **dot product**  $u \cdot v$  (“**u dot v**”) of vectors  $u = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$  and  $v = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$  is the scalar*

$$u \cdot v = u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 + u_3v_3.$$

- $\langle 1, -2, -1 \rangle \cdot \langle -6, 2, -3 \rangle$
- $(\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}) \cdot (4\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k})$

# Angle Between Vectors (cont'd)

## Theorem 1 (Angle between two vectors)

*The angle  $\theta$  between two nonzero vectors  $\mathbf{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$  is given by*

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{u}||\mathbf{v}|} \right)$$

- Find the angle between  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = 6\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ .

# Orthogonal Vectors

## Definition 5

*Vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are orthogonal if  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$ .*

- $\mathbf{u} = \langle 3, -2 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \langle 4, 6 \rangle$

# Dot Product Properties and Vector Projections

• If  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{w}$  are any vectors and  $c$  is a scalar, then

1.  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}$

2.  $(c\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} \cdot (c\mathbf{v}) = c(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})$

3.  $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w}$

4.  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u} = |\mathbf{u}|^2$

5.  $\mathbf{0} \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$

## Dot Product Properties and Vector Projections (cont'd)

- The **vector projection** of  $u$  onto  $v$  is denoted by

$$\text{proj}_v u$$

## Dot Product Properties and Vector Projections (cont'd)

- Find the vector projection of  $\mathbf{u} = 6\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$  onto  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$  and the scalar component of  $\mathbf{u}$  in the direction of  $\mathbf{v}$ .

## Dot Product Properties and Vector Projections (cont'd)

- Verify that  $\mathbf{u} - \text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u}$  is orthogonal to  $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u}$ .



# Work

## Definition 6

The **work** done by a constant force  $\mathbf{F}$  acting through a displacement  $\mathbf{D} = \overrightarrow{PQ}$  is

$$W = \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{D}$$

- If  $|\mathbf{F}| = 40N$ ,  $|\mathbf{D}| = 3m$  and  $\theta = 60^\circ$ , compute the work done by  $\mathbf{F}$  in acting from  $P$  to  $Q$ .

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# The Cross Product of Two Vectors in Space

## Definition 7

The **cross product**  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$  (“**u cross v**”) is the vector

$$\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = (|\mathbf{u}||\mathbf{v}| \sin \theta)\mathbf{n}.$$

- Nonzero vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are parallel if and only if  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ .

# Properties of the Cross Product

• If  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\mathbf{w}$  are any vectors and  $r, s$  are scalars, then

1.  $(r\mathbf{u}) \times (s\mathbf{v}) = (rs)(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v})$
2.  $\mathbf{u} \times (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}$
3.  $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u} = -(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v})$
4.  $(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) \times \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{w} \times \mathbf{u}$
5.  $\mathbf{0} \times \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$
6.  $\mathbf{u} \times (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w})\mathbf{v} - (\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v})\mathbf{w}$

## $|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}|$ Is the Area of a Parallelogram

- Because  $\mathbf{n}$  is a unit vector, the magnitude of  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$  is

$$|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}| = |\mathbf{u}||\mathbf{v}|\sin\theta|\mathbf{n}| = |\mathbf{u}||\mathbf{v}|\sin\theta$$

# Determinant Formula for $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$

- Calculate  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$  from the components of  $\mathbf{u} = u_1\mathbf{i} + u_2\mathbf{j} + u_3\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = v_1\mathbf{i} + v_2\mathbf{j} + v_3\mathbf{k}$
- Find  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u}$  if  $\mathbf{u} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = -4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$ .

Determinant Formula for  $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$  (cont'd)

- Find a unit vector perpendicular to the plane of  $P(1, -1, 0)$ ,  $Q(2, 1, -1)$  and  $R(-1, 1, 2)$ .
- Find the area of triangle with vertices  $P$ ,  $Q$  and  $R$ .

# Triple Scalar or Box Product

- Find the volume of the parallelepiped (parallelogram-sided box) defined by three vectors  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ ,  $\mathbf{w}$ .



# Triple Scalar or Box Product (cont'd)

- The product  $(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{w}$  is called the **triple scalar product** of  $\mathbf{u}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$ .
- Find the volume of the parallelepiped determined by  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = -2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{k}$ , and  $\mathbf{w} = 7\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}$ .

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# Lines and Line Segments in Space

- **A vector equation for the Line  $L$  through  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  parallel to  $v$  is**

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \mathbf{r}_0 + t\mathbf{v}, \quad -\infty < t < \infty,$$

where  $\mathbf{r}$  is the position vector of a point  $P(x, y, z)$  on  $L$  and  $\mathbf{r}_0$  is the position vector of  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ .

## Lines and Line Segments in Space (cont'd)

- **The standard parametrization of the line through  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  parallel to  $\mathbf{v} = v_1\mathbf{i} + v_2\mathbf{j} + v_3\mathbf{k}$  is**

$$x = x_0 + tv_1, \quad y = y_0 + tv_2, \quad z = z_0 + tv_3, \quad -\infty < t < \infty.$$

- Find parametric equations for the line through  $P(-3, 2, -3)$  and  $Q(1, -1, 4)$ .

## Lines and Line Segments in Space (cont'd)

- Parametrize the line segment joining the points  $P(-3, 2, -3)$  and  $Q(1, -1, 4)$ .
- A helicopter is to fly directly from a helipad at the origin in the direction of the point  $(1, 1, 1)$  at a speed of  $60m/s$ . What is the position of the helicopter after  $10s$ .

# The Distance from a Point to a Line in Space

- Distance from a point  $S$  to a line through  $P$  parallel to  $\mathbf{v}$

$$d =$$

- Find the distance from the point  $S(1, 1, 5)$  to the line

$$L: \quad x = 1 + t, \quad y = 3 - t, \quad z = 2t.$$

# An Equation for a Plane in Space

- Suppose that plane  $M$  passes through a point  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  and is normal to the nonzero vector  $\mathbf{n} = A\mathbf{i} + B\mathbf{j} + C\mathbf{k}$ .

# An Equation for a Plane in Space

- The plane through  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  normal to  $\mathbf{n} = A\mathbf{i} + B\mathbf{j} + C\mathbf{k}$  has
- **Vector equation:**
- **Component equation:**
- **Component equation simplified:**
  
- Find an equation for the plane through  $A(0, 0, 1)$ ,  $B(2, 0, 0)$  and  $C(0, 3, 0)$ .



# Lines of Intersection

- The planes are **parallel** if and only if their normals are parallel, or  $\mathbf{n}_1 = k\mathbf{n}_2$  for some scalar  $k$ .
- Two planes that are not parallel intersect in a line.
- Find a vector parallel to the line of intersection of the planes  $3x - 6y - 2z = 15$  and  $2x + y - 2z = 5$ .
- Find its parametric equations.

# The Distance from a Point to a Plane

- If  $P$  is a point on a plane with normal  $\mathbf{n}$ , the distance from  $S$  to the plane is

$$d =$$

where  $\mathbf{n} = A\mathbf{i} + B\mathbf{j} + C\mathbf{k}$  is normal to the plane.

- Find the distance from  $S(1, 1, 3)$  to the plane  $3x + 2y + 6z = 6$ .

# Angles Between Planes

- Find the angle between the planes  $3x - 6y - 2z = 15$  and  $2x + y - 2z = 5$ .

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# Cylinders

- A **cylinder** is a surface that is generated by moving a straight line along a given planar curve while holding the line parallel to a given fixed line. The curve is called a **generating curve** for the cylinder.
- Find an equation for the cylinder made by the lines parallel to the  $z$ -axis that pass through the parabola  $y = x^2, z = 0$ .

# Quadric Surfaces

- A **quadric surface** is the graph in space of a second-degree equation  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ , e.g.,

$$Ax^2 + By^2 + Cz^2 + Dz = E.$$

The basic quadric surfaces are **ellipsoids**, **paraboloids**, **elliptical cones**, and **hyperboloids**.

# Quadric Surfaces

- The **ellipsoid**

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$$

# Quadric Surfaces (cont'd)

- The **hyperbolic paraboloid**

$$\frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{x^2}{a^2} = \frac{z}{c}, \quad c > 0$$