

## Lecture 8-4

### ✓ Square Systems; equations of planes

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① equation of plane

$$ax + by + cz = d.$$

② Plane through origin with normal vector  $\vec{N}$

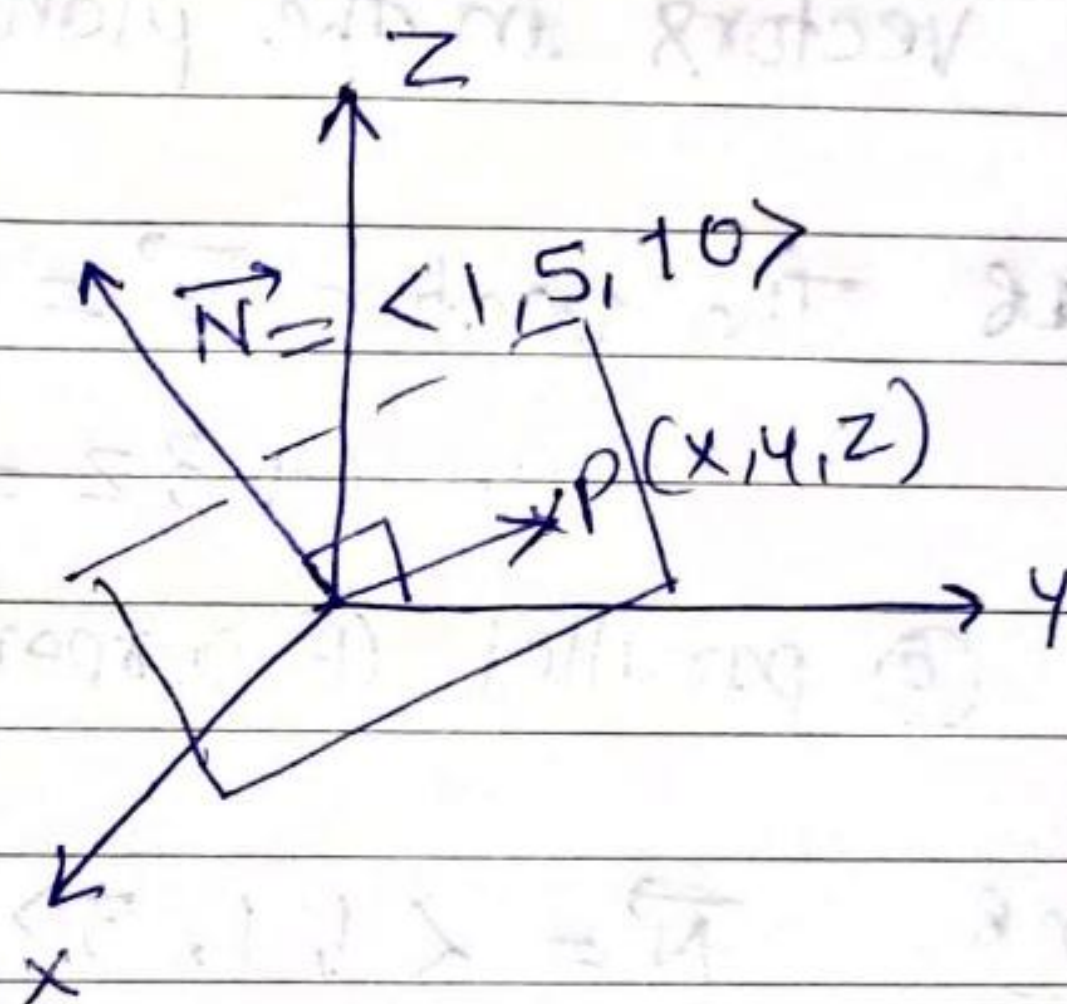
$$\vec{N} = \langle 1, 5, 10 \rangle ?$$

$P$  is in the plane

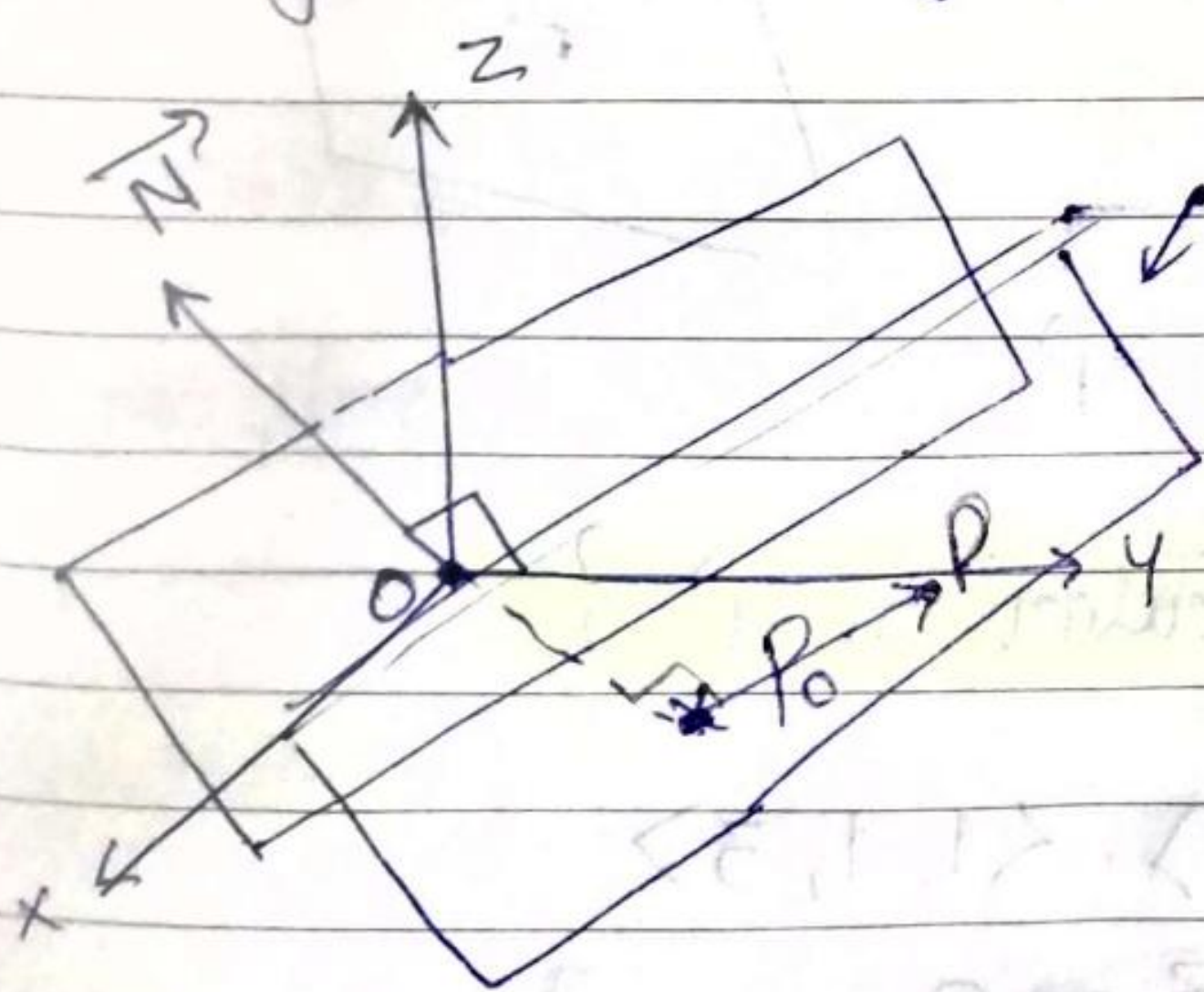
$$\Leftrightarrow \vec{OP} \cdot \vec{N} = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x + 5y + 10z = 0$$

Ⓐ



③ eq<sup>n</sup> of plane through  $P_0(2, 1, -1)$  and  $\perp \vec{N} = \langle 1, 5, 10 \rangle$ ?



new plane  
passing through  
 $P_0$

$\Leftrightarrow P$  is in plane

$$\Leftrightarrow \vec{P_0P} \cdot \vec{N} = 0$$

$$\langle x-2, y-1, z+1 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 5, 10 \rangle = 0$$

$$(x-2) + 5(y-1) + 10(z+1) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x + 5y + 10z = -3 \quad \text{Ⓑ}$$

Notes In eq-Ⓐ & Ⓑ, only thing changes is constant term.  
Common feature is - coefficient of  $x, y, z$ , correspond  
exactly to the normal vector



$$1x + 5y + 10z = -3$$

value of  
L.H.S. at  $P_0$

NORMAL VECTOR

Conclusion In equation  $ax + by + cz = d$ ,  
 $\langle a, b, c \rangle = \text{normal vector } \vec{N}$ .

for example:- get  $\vec{N}$  by cross-product of 2  
vectors in the plane.

Example The vector  $\vec{v} = \langle 1, 2, -1 \rangle$  and the plane  
 $x + y + 3z = 5$  are

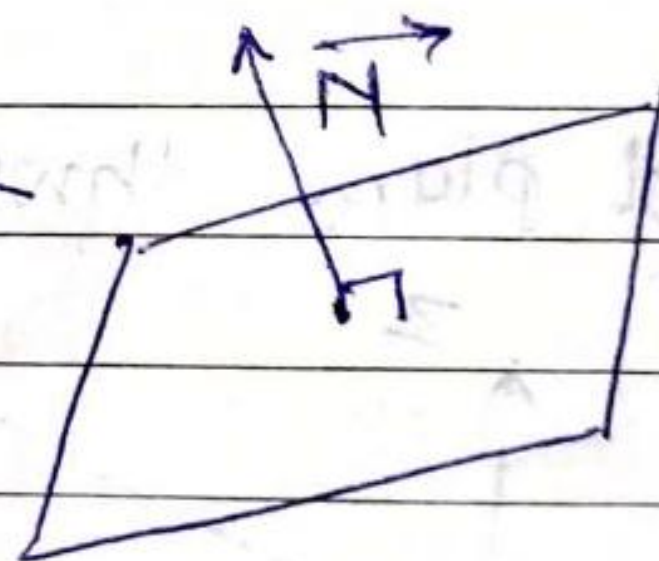
(a) parallel (b) perpendicular (c) neither

Solution  $\vec{N} = \langle 1, 1, 3 \rangle \leftarrow x + y + 3z = 5$ .

$$\vec{v} = \langle 1, 2, -1 \rangle$$

$\vec{v}$  is not multiple to  $\vec{N}$   
mean its not parallel to  $\vec{N}$ .

↳ means not  $\perp$  to plane like  $\vec{N}$



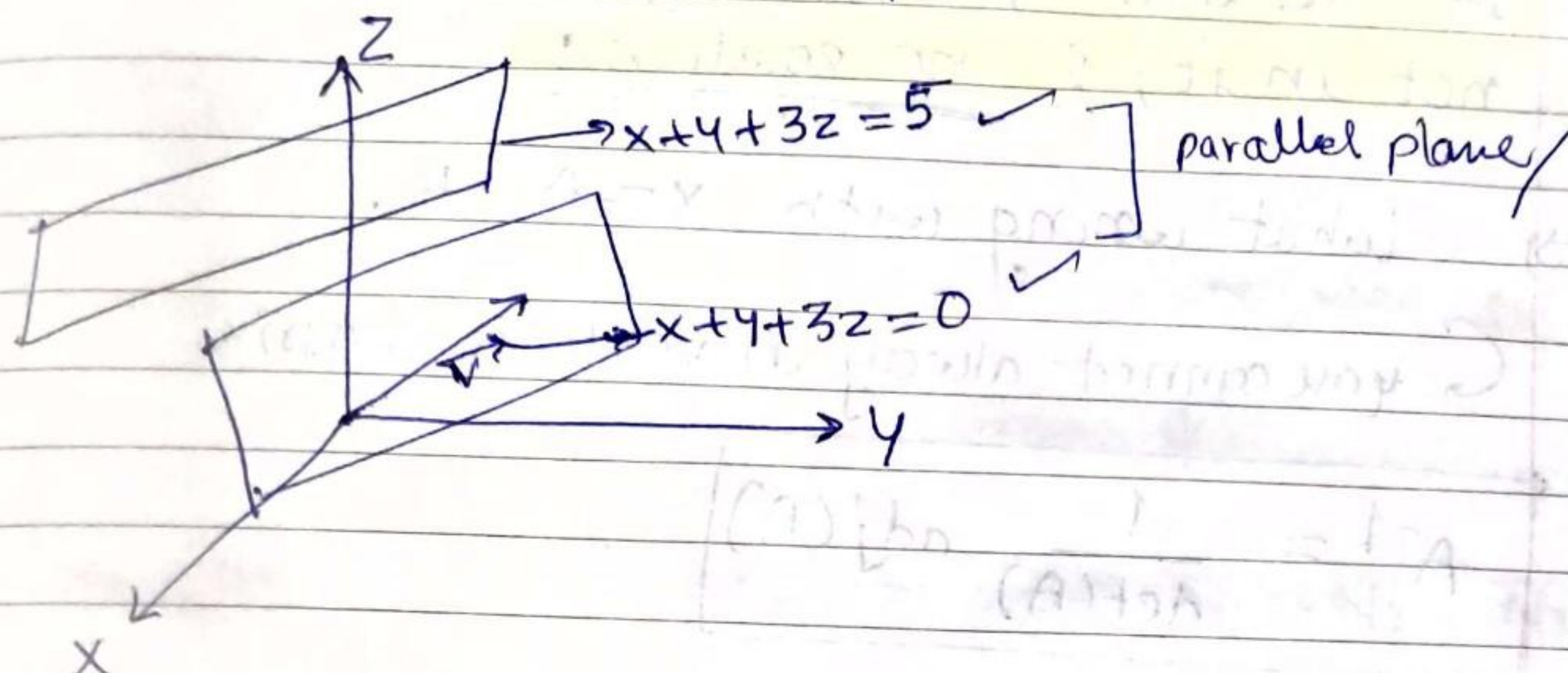
So; Let's check  $\vec{v}$  perpendicular to  $\vec{N}$  }

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v} \cdot \vec{N} &= \langle 1, 2, -1 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, 1, 3 \rangle \\ &= 1 + 2 - 3 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Yes, means  $\vec{v}$  is  $\perp$  to plane.



$\Rightarrow (1, 2, -1)$  is not in the plane.



## 3x3 linear system?

examples

$$x + z = 1$$

$$x + y = 2$$

$$x + 2y + 3z = 3$$

what do you mean by solving this?

It means we want to find  $x, y, z$  which satisfy all of these.

$\rightarrow$  these two planes intersect in a LINE

$\rightarrow$  third plane

$\Rightarrow$  the line  $P_1 \cap P_2$  intersects  $P_3$  in a point  
= the solution

Solution: to  $AX = B$  is given by  $X = A^{-1}B$

Unless... the 3<sup>rd</sup> plane is parallel to the line where  $P_1$  &  $P_2$  intersect.

$\Rightarrow$  if line  $P_1 \cap P_2$  is contained in  $P_3$ :  
Infinity many solutions!  
(any point on the line is a solution).



⇒ If the line  $P_1 \cap P_2$  is parallel to  $P_3$  (and not in it) no solutions.

⇨ What wrong with  $x = A^{-1}B$ .

↳ you cannot always invert a matrix.

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(A)} \text{adj}(A)$$

Note:  $A$  is invertible when its determinant is not zero

$$A \text{ is invertible} \iff \det(A) \neq 0$$

↳ ~~there it is not invertible~~

Start with: HOMOGENEOUS CASE

$$AX = 0$$

e.g.

$$\begin{cases} x + 2 = 0 \\ x + y = 0 \\ x + 2y + 3z = 0 \end{cases}$$

There's always an obvious sol<sup>n</sup>

$$(0, 0, 0) \leftarrow \text{TRIVIAL sol}^n$$

(origin is a sol<sup>n</sup> because the 3 planes pass through it)

→ if  $\det(A) \neq 0$ : can invert  $A$

$$AX = 0 \iff x = A^{-1}0 = 0.$$

no other sol<sup>n</sup>



CASE 1if  $\det(A) = 0$ ,

$$\Leftrightarrow \det(\vec{N}_1, \vec{N}_2, \vec{N}_3) = 0$$

$\Leftrightarrow \vec{N}_1, \vec{N}_2, \vec{N}_3$  are in same plane, coplaner  
(parallelepiped has volume 0)

Line through origin  $\perp$  to plane  $\vec{N}_1, \vec{N}_2, \vec{N}_3$

is  $\parallel$  to all 3 planes.

and in fact contained in them.

$\Rightarrow$   $\infty$  many solutions.

Ex 1

$\vec{N}_1 \times \vec{N}_2$  is  $\perp \vec{N}_1, \vec{N}_2$  — but also to  $\vec{N}_3$ !

so it's a nontrivial solution.

⊕ GENERAL CASE 2

$$AX = B$$

$\rightarrow$  if  $\det(A) \neq 0$ , then unique sol<sup>n</sup>  $X = A^{-1}B$

$\rightarrow$  if  $\det(A) = 0$ ; then either no sol. or  $\infty$  many.