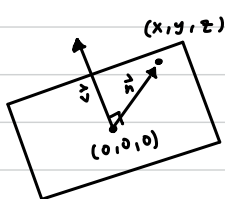




## Equation of a plane

(Plane goes through origin)



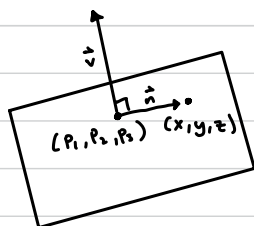
$$\vec{v} = \langle x, y, z \rangle$$

$$\vec{n} = \langle n_1, n_2, n_3 \rangle$$

$$\vec{n} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$$

Equation of plane  $p$  perpendicular to  $\vec{v}$   $n_1 x + n_2 y + n_3 z = 0$

(Plane does not go through origin)



$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{n} = 0$$

$$\vec{v} = \langle x - P_1, y - P_2, z - P_3 \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v} \cdot \vec{n} &= n_1(x - P_1) + n_2(y - P_2) + n_3(z - P_3) \\ &= n_1 x + n_2 y + n_3 z - n_1 P_1 - n_2 P_2 - n_3 P_3 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Equation of plane  $p$  perpendicular to  $\vec{v}$   $n_1 x + n_2 y + n_3 z = n_1 P_1 + n_2 P_2 + n_3 P_3$

Example:

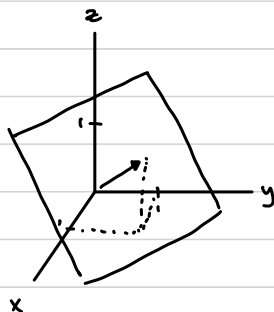
1. What is the equation of the plane through origin and is perpendicular to  $z$ -axis.

$$\vec{n} = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$$

$$\text{Plane: } 0 + 0 + z = 0 \Rightarrow z = 0 \quad (\text{x and y plane})$$

$$P = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$$

2. Visualize  $x + y + z = 0$



## Systems of linear equations

Example:

$$3. \begin{cases} 2x + 3y - z = 1 \\ y - 3z = 2 \\ 4x + 5y - 2z = 1 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x + \frac{3}{2}y - \frac{1}{2}z = \frac{1}{2} \\ y - 3z = 2 \\ z = -\frac{1}{3} \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x = -\frac{7}{6} \\ y = 1 \\ z = -\frac{1}{3} \end{cases}$$

Each equation is a plane, thus the solution is the intersection of the planes.

A solution set, or general solution to  $C$  (a augmented matrix)

$$\left\{ (c_1, c_2, c_3) \mid (c_1, c_2, c_3) \text{ is a solution to } C \right\}$$

## Row Reduction Steps

- (i) Switch the order of rows, or we can exchange rows  $R_i \leftrightarrow R_j$
- (ii) multiply a row by a non-zero scalar  $R_i \leftrightarrow KR_j$ ,  $K \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $K \neq 0$
- (iii) Replace a row with itself plus a multiple of another row  $R_i \leftrightarrow R_i + KR_j$