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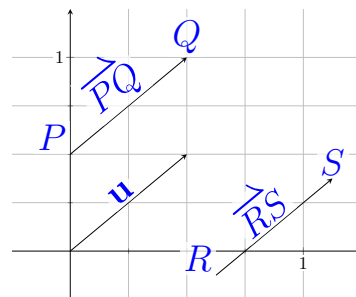
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13.1: Vectors and the Geometry of Space

Definition.

- **Vectors**

- Have a direction and magnitude,
- vector \overrightarrow{PQ} has a *tail* at P and a *head* at Q ,
- Can be denoted as \mathbf{u} or \vec{u} ,
- Equal vectors have the same direction and magnitude (not necessarily the same position)



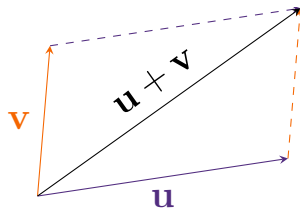
- **Scalars** are quantities with magnitude but no direction (e.g. mass, temperature, price, time, etc.)
- **Zero vector**, denoted $\mathbf{0}$ or $\vec{0}$, has length 0 and no direction

Scalar-vector multiplication:

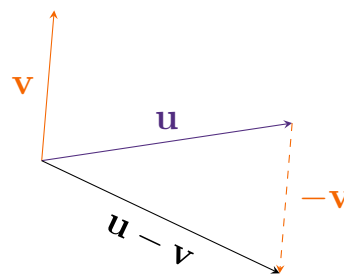
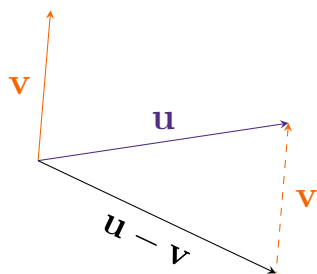
- Denoted $c\mathbf{v}$ or $c\vec{v}$,
- length of vector multiplied by $|c|$,
- $c\mathbf{v}$ has the same direction as \mathbf{v} if $c > 0$, and has the opposite direction as \mathbf{v} if $c < 0$, (what if $c = 0$?)
- \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are **parallel** if $\mathbf{u} = c\mathbf{v}$. (what vectors are parallel to $\mathbf{0}$?)

Vector Addition and Subtraction:

Given two vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} , their sum, $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$, can be represented by the parallelogram (triangle) rule: place the tail of \mathbf{v} at the head of \mathbf{u}

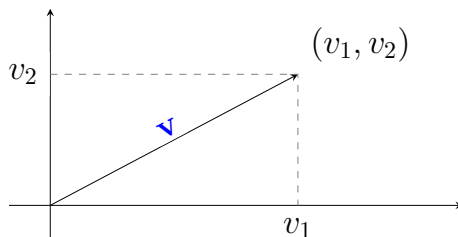


The difference, denoted $\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}$, is the sum of $\mathbf{u} + (-\mathbf{v})$:



Vector Components:

A vector \mathbf{v} whose tail is at the origin $(0, 0)$ and head is at (v_1, v_2) is a **position vector** (in **standard position**) and is denoted $\langle v_1, v_2 \rangle$. The real numbers v_1 and v_2 are the x - and y -components of \mathbf{v} .



Vectors $\mathbf{u} = \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle$ are equal if and only if $u_1 = v_1$ and $u_2 = v_2$.

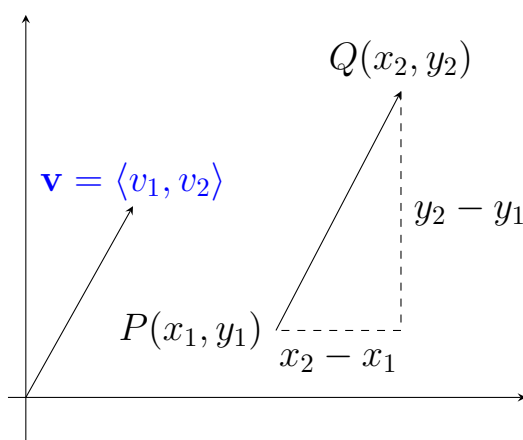
Magnitude:

Given points $P(x_1, y_1)$ and $Q(x_2, y_2)$, the **magnitude**, or **length**, of vector $\overrightarrow{PQ} = \langle x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1 \rangle$, denoted $|\overrightarrow{PQ}|$, is the distance between points P and Q .

$$|\overrightarrow{PQ}| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

The magnitude of position vector $\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle$ is $|\mathbf{v}|$.

(How do $|\overrightarrow{PQ}|$ and $|\overrightarrow{QP}|$ relate to each other?)



Note: The norm, denoted $\|\mathbf{u}\|$ or $\|\mathbf{u}\|_2$, is equivalent to the magnitude of a vector.

Equation of a Circle:

Definition.

A **circle** centered at (a, b) with radius r is the set of points satisfying the equation

$$(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = r^2.$$

A **disk** centered at (a, b) with radius r is the set of points satisfying the inequality

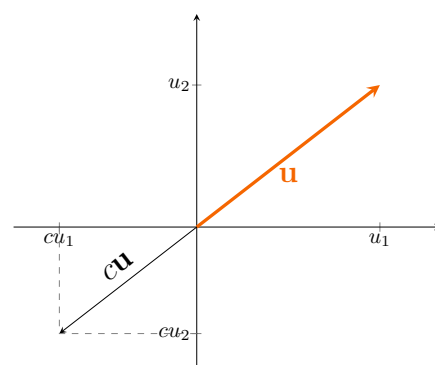
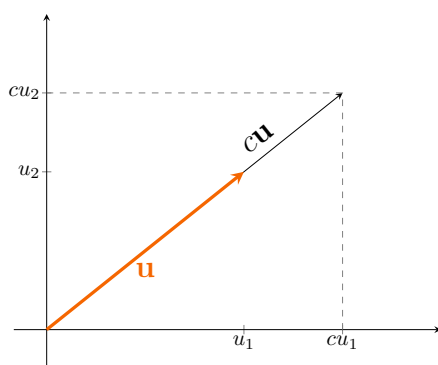
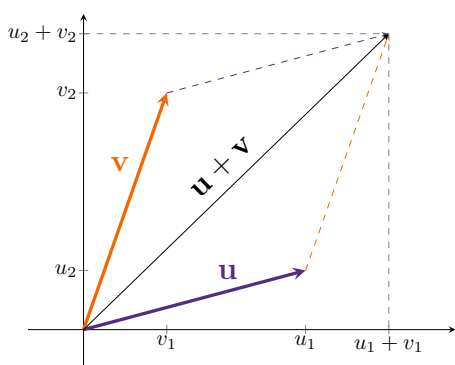
$$(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 \leq r^2.$$

Vector Operations in Terms of Components

Definition. (Vector Operations in \mathbb{R}^2)

Suppose c is a scalar, $\mathbf{u} = \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle$, and $\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle$.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} &= \langle u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2 \rangle && \text{Vector addition} \\ \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} &= \langle u_1 - v_1, u_2 - v_2 \rangle && \text{Vector subtraction} \\ c\mathbf{u} &= \langle cu_1, cu_2 \rangle && \text{Scalar multiplication}\end{aligned}$$



Example. Let $\mathbf{u} = \langle 1, 2 \rangle$, $\mathbf{v} = \langle -2, 3 \rangle$, $c = 2$, and $d = 3$. Find the following:

$$\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$$

$$c\mathbf{u}$$

$$c\mathbf{u} + d\mathbf{v}$$

$$\mathbf{u} - c\mathbf{v}$$

Definition.

A **unit vector** is any vector with length 1.

In \mathbb{R}^2 , the **coordinate unit vectors** are $\mathbf{i} = \langle 1, 0 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{j} = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$.

Example. Let $\mathbf{u} = \langle -7, 3 \rangle$. Find two unit vectors parallel to \mathbf{u} . Find another vector parallel to \mathbf{u} with a magnitude of 2.

Properties of Vector Operations:

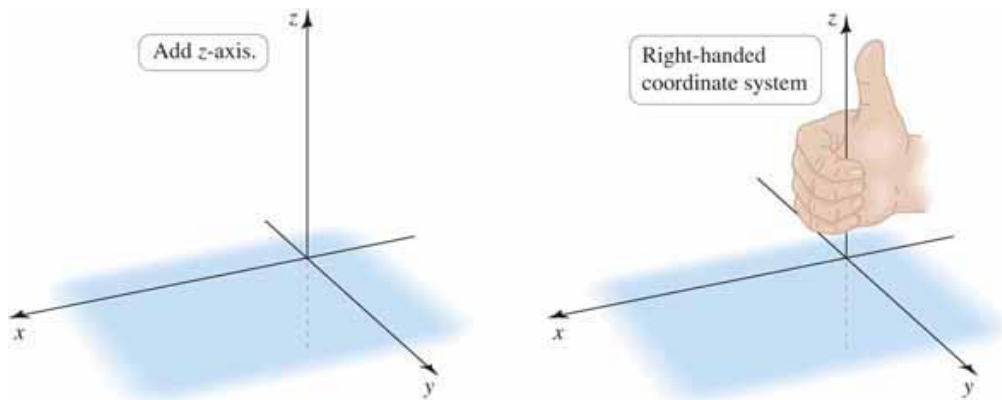
Suppose \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} , and \mathbf{w} are vectors and a and c are scalars. Then the following properties hold (for vectors in any number of dimensions).

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|--|---|
| 1. $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$ | Commutative property of addition |
| 2. $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$ | Associative property of addition |
| 3. $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{v}$ | Additive identity |
| 4. $\mathbf{v} + (-\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0}$ | Additive inverse |
| 5. $c(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = c\mathbf{u} + c\mathbf{v}$ | Distributive property 1 |
| 6. $(a + c)\mathbf{v} = a\mathbf{v} + c\mathbf{v}$ | Distributive property 2 |
| 7. $0\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ | Multiplication by zero scalar |
| 8. $c\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0}$ | Multiplication by zero vector |
| 9. $1\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}$ | Multiplicative identity |
| 10. $a(c\mathbf{v}) = (ac)\mathbf{v}$ | Associative property of scalar multiplication |

13.2: Vectors in Three Dimensions

The xyz - Coordinate System:

The three-dimensional coordinate system is created by adding the z -axis, which is perpendicular to both the x -axis and the y -axis. When looking at the xy -plane, the positive direction of the z -axis protrudes towards the viewer. This can also be shown using the right-hand rule (Figure 13.25 from Briggs):

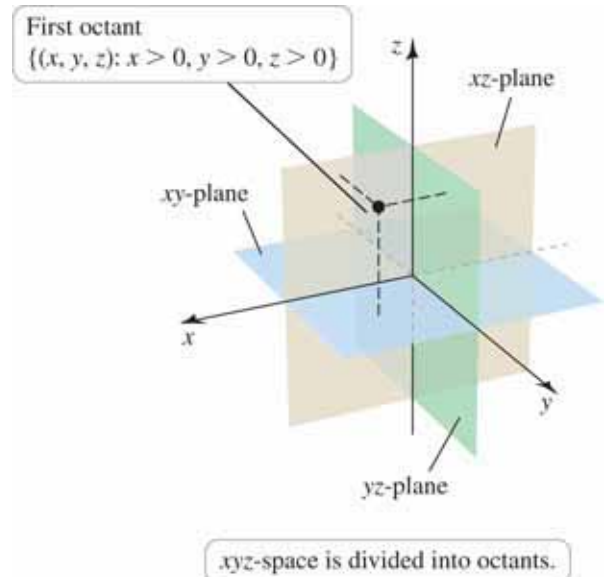


Definition.

This three-dimensional coordinate system is broken up into eight **octants**, which are separated by

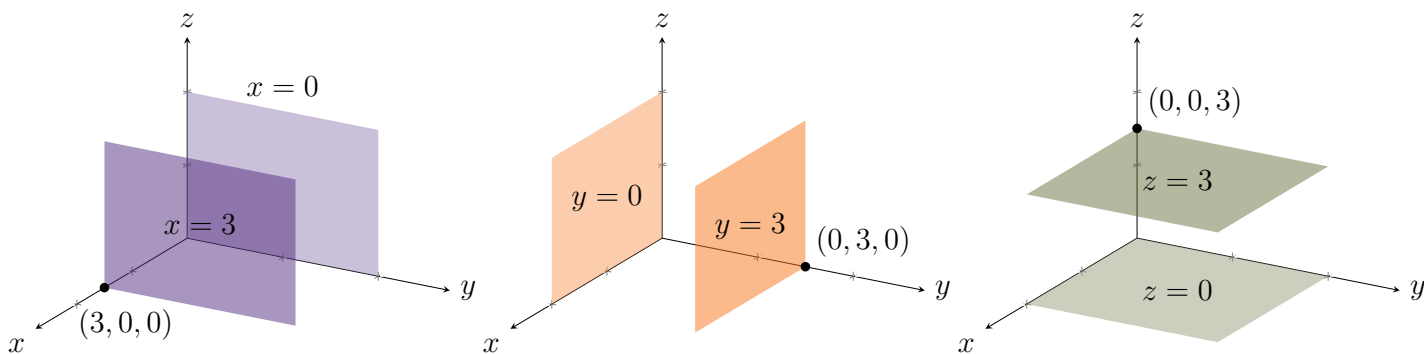
- the xy -**plane** ($z = 0$),
- the xz -**plane** ($y = 0$), and
- the yz -**plane** ($x = 0$).

The **origin** is the location where all three axes intersect.

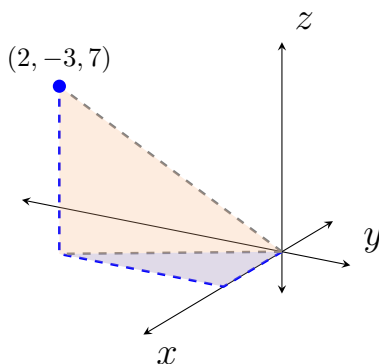


Equations of Simple Planes:

Planes in three-dimensions are analogous to lines in two-dimensions. Below, we see the yz -plane, the xz -plane, and the xy -plane, along with planes that are parallel where x , y , and z are fixed respectively:



Example (Parallel planes). Determine the equation of the plane parallel to the xz -plane passing through the point $(2, -3, 7)$.



Distances in xyz -Space:

Recall that in \mathbb{R}^2 , for some vector \overrightarrow{PR} , the distance formula is given by

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

where (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) represent the points P and R respectively. This idea can be further extended into \mathbb{R}^3 by considering the two sides of the triangle formed by the points $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $Q(x_2, y_2, z_2)$:



Distance Formula in xyz -Space

The **distance** between points $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $Q(x_2, y_2, z_2)$ is

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

The **midpoint** between points $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ and $Q(x_2, y_2, z_2)$ is found by averaging the x -, y -, and z -coordinates:

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

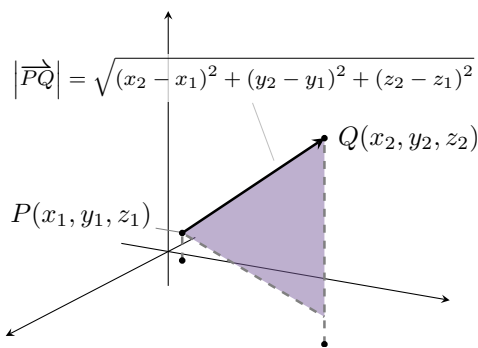
Magnitude and Unit Vectors:

Definition.

The **magnitude** (or **length**) of the vector $\vec{PQ} = \langle x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1, z_2 - z_1 \rangle$ is the distance from $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ to $Q(x_2, y_2, z_2)$:

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

In \mathbb{R}^3 , the **coordinate unit vectors** are $\mathbf{i} = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$, $\mathbf{j} = \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$, and $\mathbf{k} = \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$.



Example. Consider $P(-1, 4, 3)$ and $Q(3, 5, 7)$. Find

- $|\vec{PQ}|$
- The midpoint between P and Q
- Two unit vectors parallel to \vec{PQ}

Equation of a Sphere:

Definition.

A **sphere** centered at (a, b, c) with radius r is the set of points satisfying the equation

$$(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 + (z - c)^2 = r^2.$$

A **ball** centered at (a, b, c) with radius r is the set of points satisfying the inequality

$$(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 + (z - c)^2 \leq r^2.$$

Example. Consider $P(-1, 4, 3)$ and $Q(3, 5, 7)$. Find the equation of the sphere centered at the midpoint passing through P and Q

Example. What is the geometry of the intersection between $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 50$ and $z = 1$?

Example. Rewrite the following equation into the standard form of a sphere:

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x + 6y - 8z = -1$$

Vector Operations in Terms of Components

Definition. (Vector Operations in \mathbb{R}^3)

Suppose c is a scalar, $\mathbf{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$, and $\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$.

$$\begin{array}{ll}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \langle u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, u_3 + v_3 \rangle & \text{Vector addition} \\ \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} = \langle u_1 - v_1, u_2 - v_2, u_3 - v_3 \rangle & \text{Vector subtraction} \\ c\mathbf{u} = \langle cu_1, cu_2, cu_3 \rangle & \text{Scalar multiplication}\end{array}$$

Properties of Vector Operations:

Suppose \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} , and \mathbf{w} are vectors and a and c are scalars. Then the following properties hold (for vectors in any number of dimensions).

1. $\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}$ Commutative property of addition
2. $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) + \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w})$ Associative property of addition
3. $\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{v}$ Additive identity
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5. $c(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = c\mathbf{u} + c\mathbf{v}$ Distributive property 1
6. $(a + c)\mathbf{v} = a\mathbf{v} + c\mathbf{v}$ Distributive property 2
7. $0\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$ Multiplication by zero scalar
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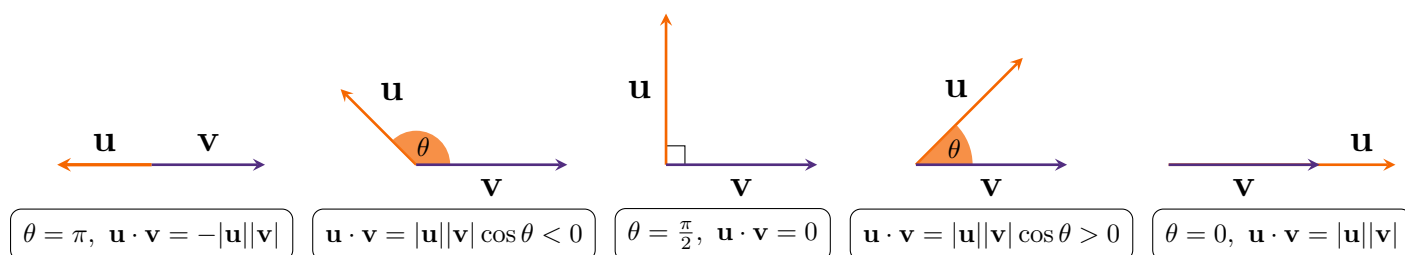
13.3: Dot Products

Definition. (Dot Product)

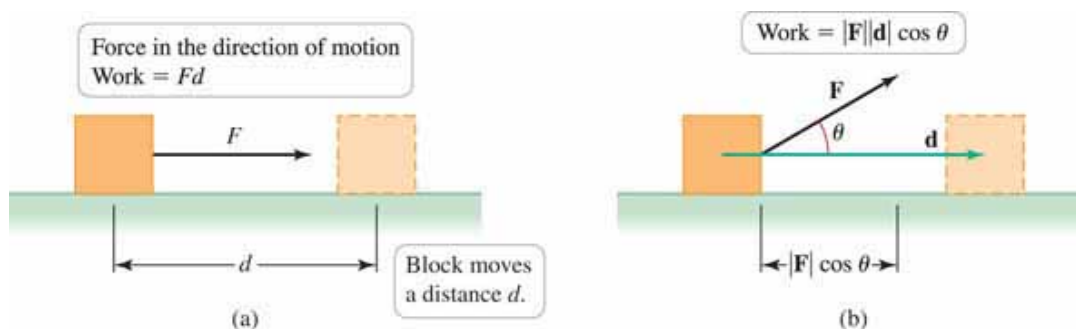
Given two nonzero vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} in two or three dimensions, their **dot product** is

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = |\mathbf{u}||\mathbf{v}| \cos \theta,$$

where θ is the angle between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} with $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$. If $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ or $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$, then $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$, and θ is undefined.



A physical example of the dot product is the amount of work done when a force is applied at an angle θ as shown in figure 13.43:



Note: The result of the dot product is a scalar!

Definition. (Orthogonal Vectors)

Two vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are **orthogonal** if and only if $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$. The zero vector is orthogonal to all vectors. In two or three dimensions, two nonzero orthogonal vectors are perpendicular to each other.

- \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are parallel ($\theta = 0$ or $\theta = \pi$) if and only if $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \pm|\mathbf{u}||\mathbf{v}|$.
- \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are perpendicular ($\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$) if and only if $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$.

Example. Given $|\mathbf{u}| = 2$ and $|\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{3}$, compute $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$ when

- $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$
- $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$
- $\theta = \frac{5\pi}{6}$

Theorem 31.1: Dot Product

Given two vectors $\mathbf{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$,

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 + u_3v_3.$$

Example. Given vectors $\mathbf{u} = \langle \sqrt{3}, 1, 0 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{v} = \langle 1, \sqrt{3}, 0 \rangle$, compute $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$ and find θ .

Properties of Dot Products

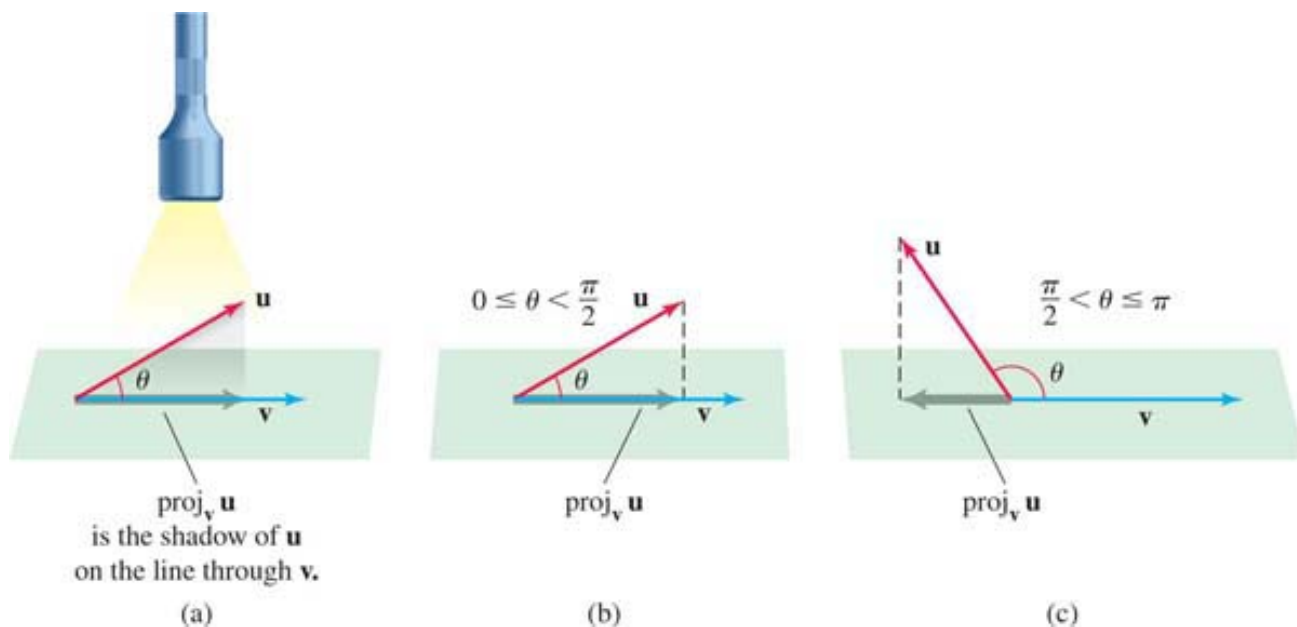
Theorem 13.2: Properties of the Dot Product

Suppose \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} are vectors and let c be a scalar.

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| 1. $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{u}$ | Commutative property |
| 2. $c(\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}) = (c\mathbf{u}) \cdot \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} \cdot (c\mathbf{v})$ | Associative property |
| 3. $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{w}$ | Distributive property |

Orthogonal Projections

Given vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} , the projection of \mathbf{u} onto \mathbf{v} produces a vector parallel to \mathbf{v} using the “shadow” of \mathbf{u} cast onto \mathbf{v} .



Definition. ((Orthogonal) Projection of \mathbf{u} onto \mathbf{v})

The **orthogonal projection of \mathbf{u} onto \mathbf{v}** , denoted $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u}$, where $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$, is

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u} = \underbrace{|\mathbf{u}| \cos \theta}_{\text{length}} \underbrace{\left(\frac{\mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|} \right)}_{\text{direction}}.$$

The orthogonal projection may also be computed with the formulas

$$\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u} = \text{scal}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u} \left(\frac{\mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|} \right) = \left(\frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}} \right) \mathbf{v},$$

where the **scalar component of \mathbf{u} in the direction of \mathbf{v}** is

$$\text{scal}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u} = |\mathbf{u}| \cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|}.$$

Example. Find $\text{proj}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u}$ and $\text{scal}_{\mathbf{v}} \mathbf{u}$ for the following:

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

- $\mathbf{u} = \langle 7, 1, 7 \rangle$, $\mathbf{v} = \langle 5, 7, 0 \rangle$

Applications of Dot Products

Definition. (Work)

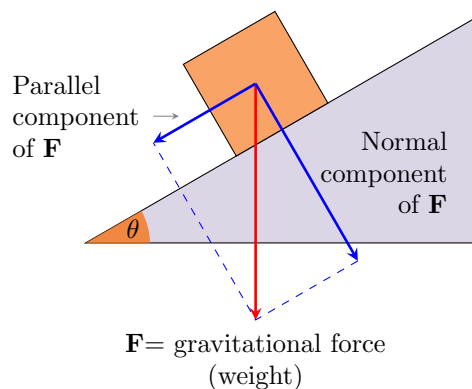
Let a constant force \mathbf{F} be applied to an object, producing a displacement \mathbf{d} . If the angle between \mathbf{F} and \mathbf{d} is θ , then the **work** done by the force is

$$W = |\mathbf{F}||\mathbf{d}| \cos \theta = \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{d}$$

Example. A force $\mathbf{F} = \langle 3, 3, 2 \rangle$ (in newtons) moves an object along a line segment from $P(1, 1, 0)$ to $Q(6, 6, 0)$ (in meters). What is the work done by the force?

Parallel and Normal Forces:

Example. A 10-lb block rests on a plane that is inclined at 30° above the horizontal. Find the components of the gravitational force parallel to and normal (perpendicular) to the plane.



13.4: Cross Products

Definition. (Cross Product)

Given two nonzero vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} in \mathbb{R}^3 , the **cross product** $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ is a vector with magnitude

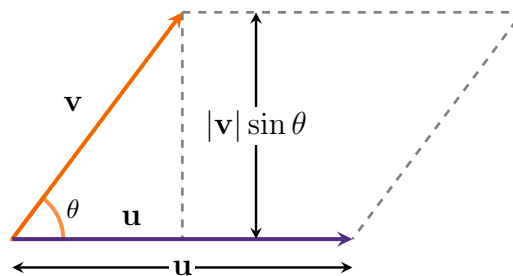
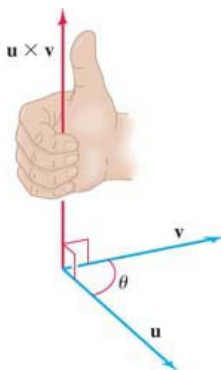
$$|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}| = |\mathbf{u}||\mathbf{v}| \sin \theta,$$

where $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$ is the angle between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} .

The direction of $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ is given by the **right-hand rule**:

When you put your the vectors tail to tail and let the fingers of your right hand curl from \mathbf{u} to \mathbf{v} , the direction of $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ is the direction of your thumb, orthogonal to both \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} (Figure 13.56).

When $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$, the direction of $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ is undefined.



Theorem 13.3: Geometry of the Cross Product

Let \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} be two nonzero vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 .

1. The vectors \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are parallel ($\theta = 0$ or $\theta = \pi$) if and only if $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$.
2. If \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} are two sides of a parallelogram, then the area of the parallelogram is

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

Example. Consider the vectors $\mathbf{u} = \langle 2, 0, 0 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{v} = \langle \sqrt{3}, 3, 0 \rangle$. The angle between these vectors is $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$. Find the area of the parallelogram formed by these vectors.

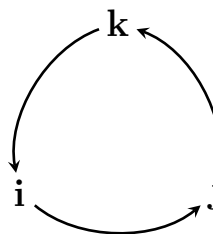
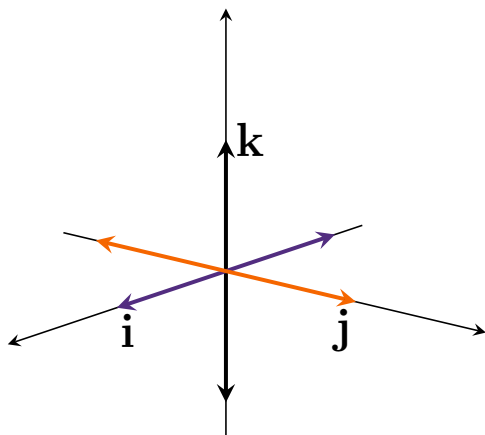
Theorem 13.4: Properties of the Cross Product Let \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} , and \mathbf{w} be nonzero vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 , and let a and b be scalars.

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| 1. $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = -(\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u})$ | Anticommutative property |
| 2. $(a\mathbf{u}) \times (b\mathbf{v}) = ab(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v})$ | Associative property |
| 3. $\mathbf{u} \times (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) + (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w})$ | Distributive property |
| 4. $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \times \mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}) + (\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w})$ | Distributive property |

Theorem 13.5: Cross Products of Coordinate Unit Vectors

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{j} &= -(\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{i}) = \mathbf{k} \\ \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{i} &= -(\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{k}) = \mathbf{j}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{k} &= -(\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{j}) = \mathbf{i} \\ \mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{i} &= \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{j} = \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{0}\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{j} &= \mathbf{k} \\ \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{k} &= \mathbf{i} \\ \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{i} &= \mathbf{j}\end{aligned}$$

Using the unit vectors, we can compute $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} &= (u_1\mathbf{i} + u_2\mathbf{j} + u_3\mathbf{k}) \times (v_1\mathbf{i} + v_2\mathbf{j} + v_3\mathbf{k}) \\ &= u_1v_1 \underbrace{(\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{i})}_{\mathbf{0}} + u_1v_2 \underbrace{(\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{j})}_{\mathbf{k}} + u_1v_3 \underbrace{(\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{k})}_{-\mathbf{j}} \\ &\quad + u_2v_1 \underbrace{(\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{i})}_{-\mathbf{k}} + u_2v_2 \underbrace{(\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{j})}_{\mathbf{0}} + u_2v_3 \underbrace{(\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{k})}_{\mathbf{i}} \\ &\quad + u_3v_1 \underbrace{(\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{i})}_{\mathbf{j}} + u_3v_2 \underbrace{(\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{j})}_{-\mathbf{i}} + u_3v_3 \underbrace{(\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{k})}_{\mathbf{0}} \\ &= (u_2v_3 - u_3v_2)\mathbf{i} - (u_1v_3 - u_3v_1)\mathbf{j} + (u_1v_2 - u_2v_1)\mathbf{k}\end{aligned}$$

Theorem 13.6: Evaluating the Cross Product

Let $\mathbf{u} = u_1\mathbf{i} + u_2\mathbf{j} + u_3\mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{v} = v_1\mathbf{i} + v_2\mathbf{j} + v_3\mathbf{k}$. Then

$$\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} u_2 & u_3 \\ v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} - \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_3 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{j} + \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_2 \\ v_1 & v_2 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{k}$$

Note:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc$$

$$\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = (u_2v_3 - u_3v_2)\mathbf{i} - (u_1v_3 - u_3v_1)\mathbf{j} + (u_1v_2 - u_2v_1)\mathbf{k}$$

Alternative approach:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} \\ u_1 & u_2 \\ v_1 & v_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Example. Compute $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ for $\mathbf{u} = \langle 3, 5, 4 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{v} = \langle 1, -1, 9 \rangle$.

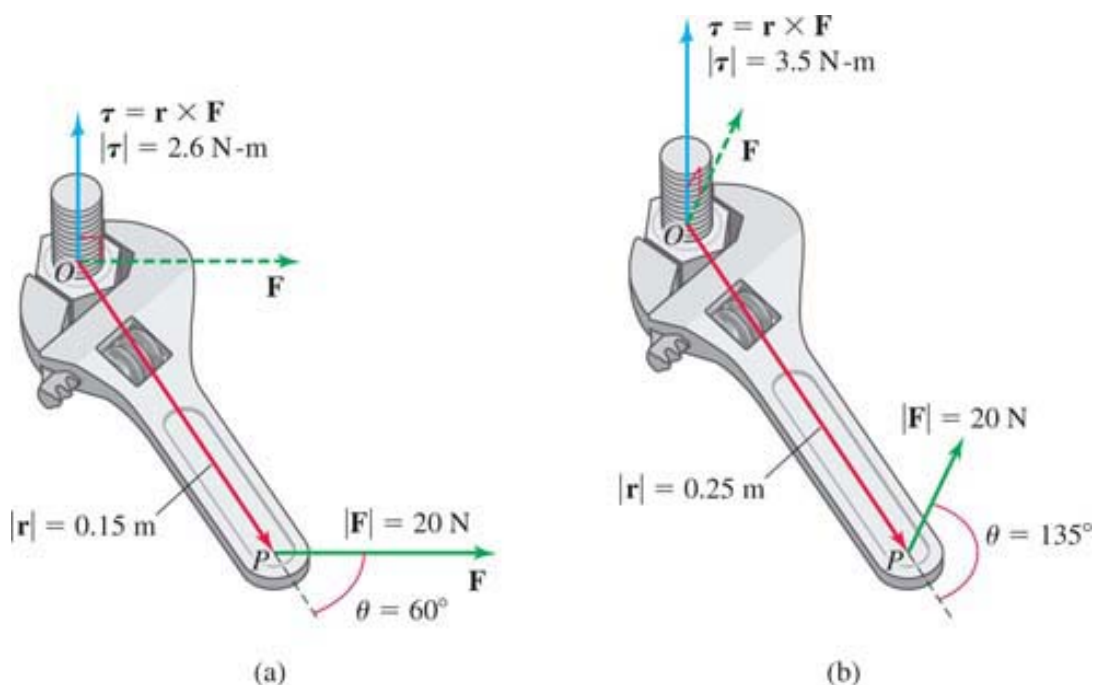
Example. Consider the vectors $\mathbf{u} = \langle \sqrt{3}, 1, 0 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{v} = \langle -\sqrt{3}, 1, 0 \rangle$. From the unit circle, we know the angle between these two vectors is $\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$. Use the definition of the cross product to show this.

Example. Find the area of the triangle formed by $\mathbf{u} = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{v} = \langle 3, -1, 1 \rangle$.

Example. Given a force \mathbf{F} applied to a point P at the head of the vector $\mathbf{r} = \overrightarrow{OP}$, the **torque** produced at point O is given by $\boldsymbol{\tau} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F}$ with magnitude

$$|\boldsymbol{\tau}| = |\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F}| = |\mathbf{r}||\mathbf{F}| \sin \theta.$$

Now suppose a force of $20N$ is applied to a wrench attached to a bolt in a direction perpendicular to the bolt. Which produces more torque: applying the force at an angle of 60° on a wrench that is $0.15m$ long or applying the force at an angle of 135° on a wrench that is $0.25m$ long?

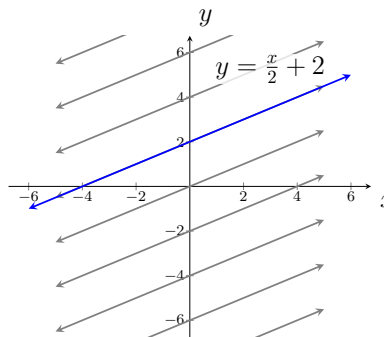


13.5: Lines and Planes in Space

Equation of a Line:

Recall the equation of a line in \mathbb{R}^2 :

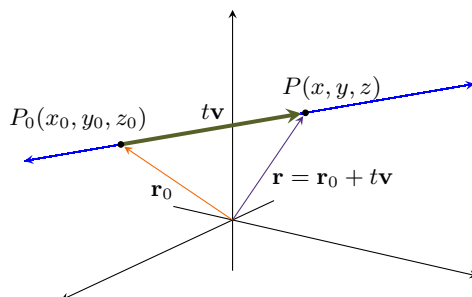
$$y = mx + b$$



where b is the intercept and m is the slope. This idea can be extended into higher dimensions:

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + t\mathbf{v}$$

Here, \mathbf{r}_0 is a fixed point, and \mathbf{v} is the position vector that is parallel to the line \mathbf{r} .



Equation of a Line

A **vector equation of the line** passing through the point $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ in the direction of the vector $\mathbf{v} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$ is $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + t\mathbf{v}$, or

$$\langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle + t\langle a, b, c \rangle, \quad \text{for } -\infty < t < \infty$$

Equivalently, the corresponding **parametric equations of the line** are

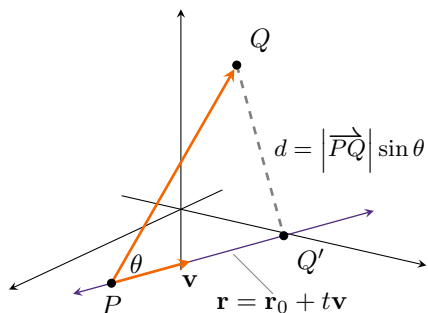
$$x = x_0 + at, \quad y = y_0 + bt, \quad z = z_0 + ct, \quad \text{for } -\infty < t < \infty$$

Example. Find the vector equation and parametric equation of the line that

- goes through the points $P(-1, -2, 1)$ and $Q(-4, -5, -3)$ where $t = 0$ corresponds to P ,
- goes through the point $P(1, -3, -3)$ and is parallel to the vector $\mathbf{r} = \langle -4, 1, -1 \rangle$,
- goes through the point $P(-2, 5, -2)$ and is perpendicular to the lines $x = 3 - 4t$, $y = 2 - 3t$, $z = -1 - t$, and $x = -2 + 0t$, $y = 2 - t$, $z = 3t$, where $t = 0$ corresponds to P .

Distance from a Point to a Line:

Given a point Q and a line ℓ , the shortest distance to the line is the length of $\overrightarrow{QQ'}$.



From the definition of the cross product, we have

$$|\mathbf{v} \times \overrightarrow{PQ}| = |\mathbf{v}| \underbrace{|\overrightarrow{PQ}| \sin \theta}_d = |\mathbf{v}| d$$

From here, solving for d gives us the following:

Distance Between a Point and a Line

The distance d between the point Q and the $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + t\mathbf{v}$ is

$$d = \frac{|\mathbf{v} \times \overrightarrow{PQ}|}{|\mathbf{v}|},$$

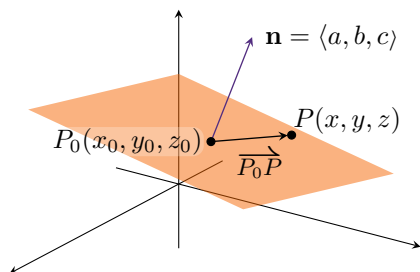
where P is any point on the line and \mathbf{v} is a vector parallel to the line.

Example. Find the distance from the point $Q(-4, -1, -3)$ and the line $x = -5 - 5t$, $y = -5 + t$, $z = -1 + 4t$. (*Hint:* Let P be the point at $t = 0$)

Equations of Planes:

In \mathbb{R}^2 , two distinct points determine a line.

In \mathbb{R}^3 , three noncollinear points determine a unique plane. Alternatively, a plane is uniquely determined by a point and a vector that is orthogonal to the plane.



Definition. (Plane in \mathbb{R}^3)

Given a fixed point P_0 and a nonzero **normal vector** \mathbf{n} , the set of points P in \mathbb{R}^3 for which $\overrightarrow{P_0P}$ is orthogonal to \mathbf{n} is called a **plane**.

Consider the normal vector $\mathbf{n} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$ at the point $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$, and any point $P(x, y, z)$ on the plane. Since \mathbf{n} is orthogonal to the plane, it is also orthogonal to the vector $\overrightarrow{P_0P}$, which is also in the plane. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{n} \cdot \overrightarrow{P_0P} &= 0 \\ \langle a, b, c \rangle \cdot \langle x - x_0, y - y_0, z - z_0 \rangle &= 0 \\ a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) &= 0 \\ ax + by + cz &= d\end{aligned}$$

General Equation of a Plane in \mathbb{R}^3

The plane passing through the point $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ with a nonzero normal vector $\mathbf{n} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$ is described by the equation

$$a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad ax + by + cz = d,$$

where $d = ax_0 + by_0 + cz_0$.

Example. Find the equation of the plane that

- goes through the point $P(-2, 5, 0)$ and is parallel to the plane $x - 5y - 5z = 1$,
- goes through the points $P(5, -2, 1)$, $Q(5, 1, 3)$ and $R(1, -5, -2)$
- that is parallel to the vectors $\langle 4, -2, -3 \rangle$ and $\langle 3, 2, 3 \rangle$, passing through the point $P(-2, -2, 5)$.

Example. Find the location where the line $\langle -3, 1, 4 \rangle + t\langle -1, -4, 2 \rangle$ and the plane $2x - 2y - 4z = 5$ intersect.

Definition. (Parallel and Orthogonal Planes)

Two distinct planes are **parallel** if their respective normal vectors are parallel (that is, the normal vectors are scaling multiples of each other). Two planes are **orthogonal** if their respective normal vectors are orthogonal (that is, the dot product of the normal vectors is *zero*).

Example. Find the line of intersection between the planes $3x - y + 4z = -4$ and $x + 3y - 2z = 0$.

Example. Find the smallest angle between the planes $3x - y + 4z = -4$ and $x + 3y - 2z = 0$.