

# Calculus III

## Lecture 4

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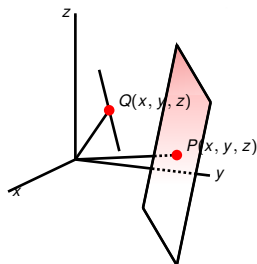
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# Main Questions



What condition(s) should

- the position vector
- the coordinates

of a point satisfy for it to be on a specific

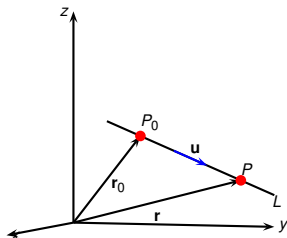
- line  $L$
- plane  $\mathcal{P}$ ?

Condition(s) in terms of:

- position vector  $\Rightarrow$  vector (system of) equations;
- coordinates  $\Rightarrow$  scalar equations.



# Line from Point and Direction



$L$ - line with direction  $\mathbf{u}$  passing through  $P_0$

- Point  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ ,  $\mathbf{r}_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$ ;
- Direction  $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$ .  $P(x, y, z)$  with position vector  $\mathbf{r}$  is on  $L \Leftrightarrow$

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + t\mathbf{u} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$(x, y, z) = (x_0, y_0, z_0) + t(u_1, u_2, u_3) \Leftrightarrow$$

## Definition

The equations

$$\begin{cases} x = x_0 + tu_1 \\ y = y_0 + tu_2 \\ z = z_0 + tu_3 \end{cases}, t \in \mathbb{R}$$

are called parametric scalar equations of the line  $L$ .

$$\begin{cases} x = x_0 + tu_1 \\ y = y_0 + tu_2 \\ z = z_0 + tu_3 \end{cases} \implies \boxed{\frac{x - x_0}{u_1} = \frac{y - y_0}{u_2} = \frac{z - z_0}{u_3}} \quad \text{Symmetric equations}$$

- Caution! Symmetric equations are valid for  $u_1, u_2, u_3 \neq 0$ . For example if  $u_2 = 0$  the equations should be:

$$\frac{x - x_0}{u_1} = \frac{z - z_0}{u_3} \quad \text{and} \quad y = y_0$$

## Example

$L$  - line with direction  $\mathbf{u} = (4, 5, 6)$  passing through  $P_0(1, 2, 3)$ . Find

- a parametric vectorial equation of  $L$ ;
- a parametric scalar equation of  $L$ ;
- symmetric equations of  $L$ .

Parametric vectorial equation:

$$\mathbf{r} = (1, 2, 3) + t(4, 5, 6) \leftrightarrow \mathbf{r} = (1 + 4t, 2 + 5t, 3 + 6t)$$

Parametric scalar equations:

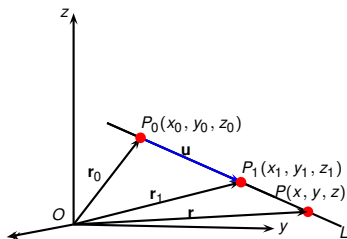
$$\begin{cases} x = 1 + 4t \\ y = 2 + 5t \\ z = 3 + 6t \end{cases}, \quad t \text{ real number.}$$

Symmetric equations:

$$\frac{x - 1}{4} = \frac{y - 2}{5} = \frac{z - 3}{6}.$$



# Line from Two Points



- Given: distinct points  $P_0$  and  $P_1$ , position vectors  $\mathbf{r}_0$  and  $\mathbf{r}_1$ .
- Goal: write equations of line  $L$  through  $P_0$  and  $P_1$ .
- Direction of  $L$ :  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_0$ .
- $\mathbf{u} = (x_1 - x_0, y_1 - y_0, z_1 - z_0)$ .

## Definition

Parametric equation of a line  $L$ :

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + t(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_0) \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{r} = (1 - t)\mathbf{r}_0 + t\mathbf{r}_1$$

Parametric scalar equations of a line  $L$ :

$$\begin{cases} x = x_0 + t(x_1 - x_0) \\ y = y_0 + t(y_1 - y_0) \\ z = z_0 + t(z_1 - z_0) \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = (1 - t)x_0 + tx_1 \\ y = (1 - t)y_0 + ty_1 \\ z = (1 - t)z_0 + tz_1 \end{cases}, \quad t \text{ real number.}$$

## Example

Write the equations of line  $L$  through  $P_0(1, 2, 3)$  and  $P_1(5, 2, 1)$ .

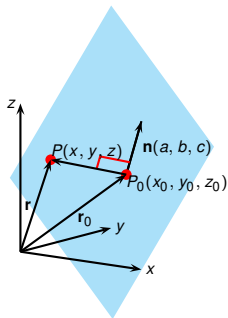
- Direction  $\mathbf{u}$  of  $L$ :  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_0 = (4, 0, -2)$ .
- Parametric vector equation:  
 $\mathbf{r} = (1, 2, 3) + t(4, 0, -2) \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{r} = (1 + 4t, 2, 3 - 2t)$ .
- Parametric scalar equations:

$$\begin{cases} x = 1 + 4t \\ y = 2 \\ z = 3 - 2t \end{cases}, \quad t \text{ real number.}$$

- Symmetric equations:

$$\frac{x - 1}{4} = \frac{z - 3}{-2} \quad \text{and} \quad y = 2.$$

# Plane from Point and Normal



- Point  $P_0$ , with position vector  $\mathbf{r}_0$ ;  
 $\mathbf{r}_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$
- Direction  $\mathbf{n}$ , non-zero vector.  $\mathbf{n} = (a, b, c)$
- Goal: describe plane passing through  $P_0$  and orthogonal to  $\mathbf{n}$ .
- Point  $P$  with position  $\mathbf{r}$  is on  $\mathcal{P} \Leftrightarrow$
- $\mathbf{P}_0\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0$  is orthogonal (normal) to  $\mathbf{n} \Leftrightarrow$
- Implicit vectorial equation:  $(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$ .
- A point  $P(x, y, z)$  is on  $\mathcal{P} \Leftrightarrow$

## Definition (Implicit scalar equation)

$$(x - x_0, y - y_0, z - z_0) \cdot (a, b, c) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

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

## Example

Find an equation of the plane

- passing through  $P_0(1, 2, 3)$
- and perpendicular (normal) to the direction  $\mathbf{n} = (6, 5, 4)$ .

$$6(x - 1) + 5(y - 2) + 4(z - 3) = 0$$

$$6x + 5y + 4z = 28$$

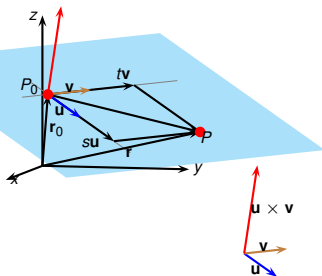
The general equation of a plane is given by:

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

The coefficients  $a, b, c$  are the components of normal to the plane,

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

# Plane from Point and two Directions



- Given: point  $P_0$  with position vector  $\mathbf{r}_0$ .
- Non-parallel directions  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .
- Goal: give equations of plane  $\mathcal{P}$  through  $P_0$  and parallel to both  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .

Normal direction  $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$ .

Implicit equation:  $P(\mathbf{r})$  is on  $\mathcal{P} \iff (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$  Interpretation:

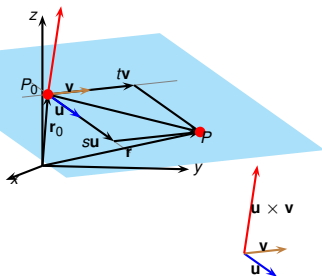
$$\text{Vol}(R(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})) = 0$$

$P(\mathbf{r})$  is on the plane  $\mathcal{P} \iff$

$\mathbf{P}_0\mathbf{P}$  is a combination of  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \iff$

There are scalars  $s, t$  such that  $\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0 = s\mathbf{u} + t\mathbf{v} \iff$

# Plane from Point and two Directions



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- Goal: give equations of plane  $\mathcal{P}$  through  $P_0$  and parallel to both  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$ .

Parametric equation:

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

Let  $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ ,  $P(x, y, z)$   $\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$ .  $\Rightarrow$

Parametric scalar equations:

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} x = x_0 + su_1 + tv_1 \\ y = y_0 + su_2 + tv_2 \\ z = z_0 + su_3 + tv_3 \end{array} \right. , \text{ for } s, t \text{ real parameters.}$$

## Example

Find equations of a plane passing through  $P_0(1, 2, 3)$  and parallel to the vectors  $\mathbf{u} = (-1, 0, 2)$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = (0, -2, 1)$ .

$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 4\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$$

$\Rightarrow$  implicit scalar equation given by:

$$4(x - 1) + 1(y - 2) + 2(z - 3) = 0 \iff 4x + y + 2z = 12$$

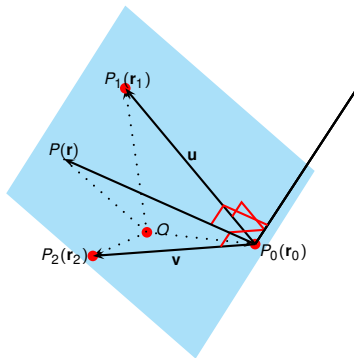
Parametric vectorial equation:

$$(x, y, z) = (1, 2, 3) + s(-1, 0, 2) + t(0, -2, 1)$$

Parametric scalar equations:

$$\begin{cases} x = 1 - s \\ y = 2 - 2t \\ z = 3 + 2s + t \end{cases} \quad s, t \text{ real parameters.}$$

# Plane from Three Points



- Given: three non-collinear points  $P_0(\mathbf{r}_0)$ ,  $P_1(\mathbf{r}_1)$ ,  $P_2(\mathbf{r}_2)$ .
- Goal: find equations for plane  $\mathcal{P}$  passing through  $P_0$ ,  $P_1$ , and  $P_2$ .
- The plane is parallel to  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{P}_0\mathbf{P}_1 = \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_0$  and passing through  $P_0 \Rightarrow$  this problem was solved previously.

Normal  $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = (\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_0) \times (\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_0)$

Implicit equation:

$$(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$$

$$(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) \cdot [(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_0) \times (\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_0)] = 0$$

$$\text{Vol}(R(\mathbf{P}_0\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{P}_0\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_0\mathbf{P}_2)) = 0$$



## Example

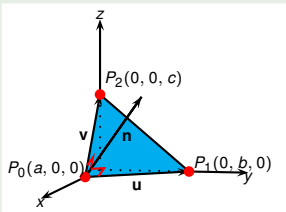
Let  $P_0(a, 0, 0)$ ,  $P_1(0, b, 0)$ ,  $P_2(0, 0, c)$  be three points,  $a, b, c \neq 0$ . Find plane  $\mathcal{P}$  passing through  $P_0, P_1, P_2$  (i.e., plane with prescribed  $x, y, z$ -intercepts).

$\mathcal{P}$ : parallel to

$$\mathbf{P}_0\mathbf{P}_1 = (-a, b, 0), \mathbf{P}_0\mathbf{P}_2 = (-a, 0, c).$$

Normal:

$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{P}_0\mathbf{P}_1 \times \mathbf{P}_0\mathbf{P}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ -a & b & 0 \\ -a & 0 & c \end{vmatrix} = bci + acj + abk.$$



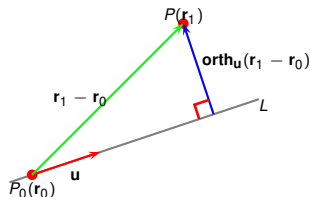
Implicit scalar equation of plane:

$$\begin{aligned} (x - a, y, z) \cdot (bc, ac, ab) &= 0 \\ bcx + acy + abz &= abc \\ \frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

# Relationships between points lines and planes

- So far we studied the following geometric objects/
  - Points:  $P(\mathbf{r})$ .
  - Lines:  $L: \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + t\mathbf{u}$
  - Planes:  $\mathcal{P}: (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$
- We investigate the following relationships/geometric quantities:
  - Parallelism
  - Perpendicularity
  - Angles
  - Distances
  - Intersections

# Point and line



- Given: Point  $P(\mathbf{r}_1)$ ,
- line  $L : \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + t\mathbf{u}$ .
- Goal: find the distance between  $P$  and  $L$ .

Distance from  $P$  to  $L$ :

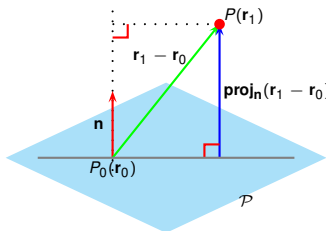
$$d(P, L) = |\mathbf{orth}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_0)|$$

$$d(P, L) = \left| \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_0 - \frac{(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_0) \cdot \mathbf{u}}{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}} \mathbf{u} \right|$$

$$d(P, L) = \frac{|(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_0) \times \mathbf{u}|}{|\mathbf{u}|}$$

Valid only in 3 dimensions!

# Distance between point and plane



- Given: point  $P(\mathbf{r}_1) = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$ ,
- plane  $\mathcal{P} : (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$ .
- Goal: find the distance between  $P$  and  $\mathcal{P}$ .

Distance from  $P$  to  $\mathcal{P}$ :

$$d(P, \mathcal{P}) = |\text{proj}_{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_0)|$$

$$d(P, \mathcal{P}) = \frac{|(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_0) \cdot \mathbf{n}|}{|\mathbf{n}|}$$

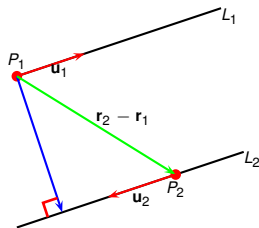
Scalar equation:

$$\mathcal{P} : ax + by + cz + d = (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$$

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

$$d(P, \mathcal{P}) = \frac{|(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_0) \cdot \mathbf{n}|}{|\mathbf{n}|} = \frac{|ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 + d|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

# Parallel lines



- Given: lines  $L_1 : \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_1 + t\mathbf{u}_1$   
 $L_2 : \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_2 + s\mathbf{u}_2$
- Goal: distance between lines.

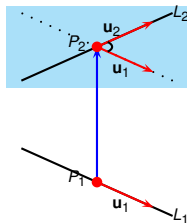
Parallel lines  $L_1 \parallel L_2 \iff \mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2$  collinear  
 $\iff \boxed{\mathbf{u}_1 \times \mathbf{u}_2 = \mathbf{0}}$  Distance:

$$d = d(L_1, L_2) = d(P_1, L_2) = d(P_2, L_1)$$

$$d = d(L_1, L_2) = |\text{orth}_{\mathbf{u}_1}(\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1)|$$

$$\boxed{d = \frac{|(\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1) \times \mathbf{u}_1|}{|\mathbf{u}_1|} = \frac{|(\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1) \times \mathbf{u}_2|}{|\mathbf{u}_2|}}$$

# Angle between lines



- Given: lines  $L_1 : \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_1 + t\mathbf{u}_1$   
 $L_2 : \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_2 + s\mathbf{u}_2$
- Goal: find angle between  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ .

Perpendicular lines  $L_1 \perp L_2 \iff \mathbf{u}_1 \perp \mathbf{u}_2$

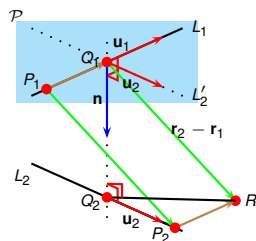
$\iff$

$$\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2 = 0$$

Angle between lines  $\alpha$ : angle between  $L_1, L_2 \iff \alpha$ : acute angle  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2 \iff$

$$\alpha = \arccos \left( \frac{|\mathbf{u}_1 \cdot \mathbf{u}_2|}{|\mathbf{u}_1| |\mathbf{u}_2|} \right)$$

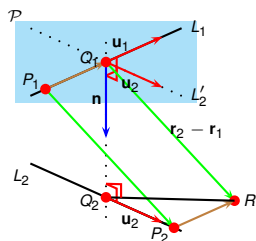
# Distance between non-parallel lines



- Given: lines  $L_1 : \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_1 + t\mathbf{u}_1$   
 $L_2 : \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_2 + s\mathbf{u}_2$
- The lines are skew or intersecting, i.e.,  $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{u}_1 \times \mathbf{u}_2 \neq \mathbf{0}$ .
- Goal: find distance between the lines  $= d(L_1, L_2) =$  shortest distance b-n points on the two lines.

- Construct plane  $\mathcal{P}$  with directions  $\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2$  and passing through  $L_1$ .
- Distance b-n  $L_2$  and points on  $\mathcal{P}$  is constant.
- Project  $L_2$  orthogonally on  $\mathcal{P}$ ; let the projection be  $L'_2$ .
- Let  $L'_2$  and  $L_1$  intersect in point  $Q_1$ .
- Let  $Q_2$  be the heel of the perpendicular from  $Q_1$  onto  $L_2$ .
- $\Rightarrow Q_1Q_2 = d(L_1, L_2)$ .
- $|Q_1Q_2| = d(L_1, L_2)$ .

# Distance between non-parallel lines

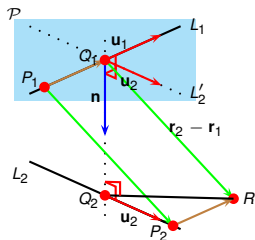


- Given: lines  $L_1 : \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_1 + t\mathbf{u}_1$   
 $L_2 : \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_2 + s\mathbf{u}_2$
- The lines are skew or intersecting, i.e.,  $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{u}_1 \times \mathbf{u}_2 \neq \mathbf{0}$ .
- Goal: find distance between the lines  $= d(L_1, L_2) =$  shortest distance b-n points on the two lines.

- $\mathbf{Q}_1\mathbf{Q}_2 \perp L_1, L_2 \Rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_1\mathbf{Q}_2$  is proportional to  $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{u}_1 \times \mathbf{u}_2$ .
- Pick arbitrary points on  $L_1, L_2$  - say, the base points  $P_1(\mathbf{r}_1), P_2(\mathbf{r}_2)$ .
- Let  $\mathbf{R}$  be such that  $\mathbf{Q}_1\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1$ .
- Then  $\mathbf{P}_2\mathbf{R}$  is proportional to  $\mathbf{u}_1$ .
- $\Rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_2\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{Q}_2\mathbf{P}_2 + \mathbf{P}_2\mathbf{R}$  is perpendicular to  $\mathbf{n}$ .



# Distance between non-parallel lines



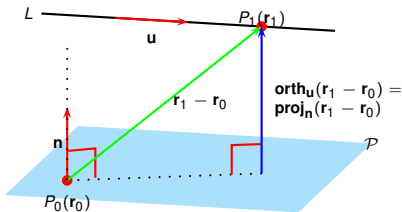
- Given: lines  $L_1 : \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_1 + t\mathbf{u}_1$   
 $L_2 : \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_2 + s\mathbf{u}_2$
- The lines are skew or intersecting, i.e.,  $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{u}_1 \times \mathbf{u}_2 \neq \mathbf{0}$ .
- Goal: find distance between the lines  $= d(L_1, L_2) =$  shortest distance b-n points on the two lines.

- $\Rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_1\mathbf{Q}_2 = \text{proj}_{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1).$

- $d(L_1, L_2) = |\text{proj}_{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1)| = \frac{|(\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1) \cdot \mathbf{n}|}{|\mathbf{n}|} = \frac{|(\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1) \cdot (\mathbf{u}_1 \times \mathbf{u}_2)|}{|\mathbf{u}_1 \times \mathbf{u}_2|}$

- If lines are intersecting we know  $d(L_1, L_2) = 0$ . Since the lines intersect  $L_2$  and  $L'_2$  coincide.  $\Rightarrow (\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1) \cdot (\mathbf{u}_1 \times \mathbf{u}_2) = 0 \Rightarrow$  the formula  $d(L_1, L_2) = \frac{|(\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1) \cdot (\mathbf{u}_1 \times \mathbf{u}_2)|}{|\mathbf{u}_1 \times \mathbf{u}_2|} = 0$  produces the expected result.

# Distance between parallel line and plane



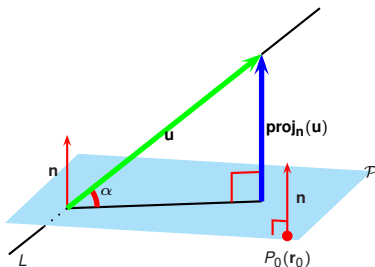
- Given: line  $L : \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_1 + t\mathbf{u}$ ,
- plane  $\mathcal{P} : (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$ .
- The plane and the line are parallel, i.e.  $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$ .
- Goal: find distance between the two.

Distance from  $L$  to  $\mathcal{P}$ :  $d(L, \mathcal{P}) = d(P_1, \mathcal{P})$

$$d(L, \mathcal{P}) = |\text{orth}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_0)| = |\text{proj}_{\mathbf{n}}(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_0)|$$

$$d(L, \mathcal{P}) = \frac{|(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_0) \times \mathbf{u}|}{|\mathbf{u}|} = \frac{|(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_0) \cdot \mathbf{n}|}{|\mathbf{n}|}$$

# Angle between line and plane



- Given: line  $L : \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_1 + t\mathbf{u}$ ,
- plane  $\mathcal{P} : (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$ .
- Goal: Find/define angle between line and plane.

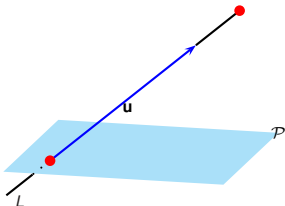
Line perpendicular to plane  $\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{u} \parallel \mathbf{n} \Leftrightarrow \boxed{\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{0}}$

Angle between line and plane  $\alpha$ : angle between  $L, \mathcal{P}$ .

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{|\text{proj}_n \mathbf{u}|}{|\mathbf{u}|} = \frac{|\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}|}{|\mathbf{n}| |\mathbf{u}|}$$

$$\alpha = \arcsin \left( \frac{|\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}|}{|\mathbf{u}| |\mathbf{n}|} \right)$$

# Intersection between line and plane

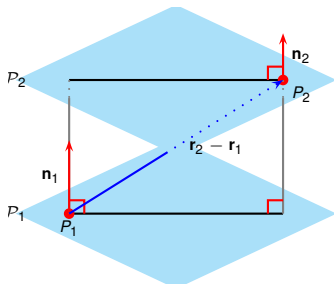


- Given: line  $L : \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_1 + t\mathbf{u}$ ,
- $\mathbf{r}_1 = (x_1, y_1, z_1)$ ,  $\mathbf{u} = (p, q, r)$ ,
- plane  $\mathcal{P} : ax + by + cz - d = 0$ .
- Goal: find the intersection between line and plane.

Let  $P_0(\mathbf{r}_0)$  be a point on the plane. Then a point  $P(\mathbf{r})$ ,  $\mathbf{r} = (x, y, z)$  is on the plane if  $(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0$ . A point  $P(\mathbf{r})$  on the line is of the form  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_1 + t\mathbf{u}$ , therefore  $P$  lies on both the line and the plane if:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\mathbf{r}_1 + t\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{r}_0) \cdot \mathbf{n} &= 0 \\
 (\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_0) \cdot \mathbf{n} + t\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} &= 0 \\
 t &= -\frac{(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_0) \cdot \mathbf{n}}{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}} \\
 \mathbf{r} &= \mathbf{r}_1 - \frac{(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_0) \cdot \mathbf{n}}{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n}} \mathbf{u} \\
 &= (x_1, y_1, z_1) - \frac{ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 - d}{ap + bq + cr} (p, q, r)
 \end{aligned}$$

# Parallel planes



- Given: planes  
 $\mathcal{P}_1 : (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_1) \cdot \mathbf{n}_1 = 0$   
 $\mathcal{P}_2 : (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_2) \cdot \mathbf{n}_2 = 0$  .
- Goal: Establish whether planes are parallel, find distance b-n planes.

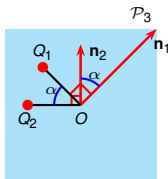
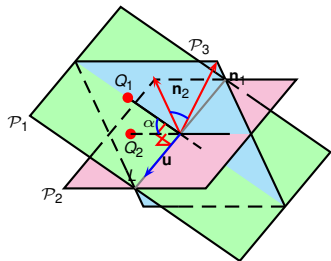
Planes are parallel  $\mathcal{P}_1 \parallel \mathcal{P}_2 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2$  collinear  $\Leftrightarrow \boxed{\mathbf{n}_1 \times \mathbf{n}_2 = \mathbf{0}}$ .

Distance:  $d(\mathcal{P}_1, \mathcal{P}_2) = |\text{proj}_{\mathbf{n}_1}(\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1)| = \boxed{\frac{|(\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1) \cdot \mathbf{n}_1|}{|\mathbf{n}_1|}}$

Assume  $\mathbf{n}_1 = \mathbf{n}_2 = (a, b, c) \Rightarrow$  plane eq-ns:  $\mathcal{P}_1 : ax + by + cz = d_1$   
 $\mathcal{P}_2 : ax + by + cz = d_2$  .

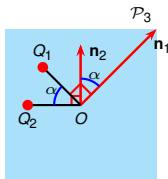
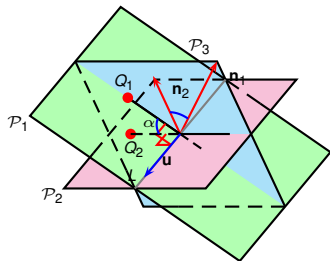
$$\Rightarrow d(\mathcal{P}_1, \mathcal{P}_2) = \frac{|d_2 - d_1|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$

# Angle between planes



- Given: planes  $\mathcal{P}_1 : (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_1) \cdot \mathbf{n}_1 = 0$   
 $\mathcal{P}_2 : (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_2) \cdot \mathbf{n}_2 = 0$
- Goal: define and find the angle between the two planes.
- Let  $L$  - intersection line of two planes.
- In  $\mathcal{P}_1$ , drop perpendicular from arbitrary point  $Q_1$  to  $L$ .
- In  $\mathcal{P}_2$ , raise a perpendicular from the perpendicular heel.
- Define angle  $\alpha$  b-n  $\mathcal{P}_1, \mathcal{P}_2$  = acute angle b-n two perpendiculars.
- Consider the plane  $\mathcal{P}_3$  spanned by the two constructed perpendiculars.

# Angle between planes



- Given: planes  $\mathcal{P}_1 : (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_1) \cdot \mathbf{n}_1 = 0$   
 $\mathcal{P}_2 : (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_2) \cdot \mathbf{n}_2 = 0$
- Goal: define and find the angle between the two planes.
- Consider the plane  $\mathcal{P}_3$  spanned by the two constructed perpendiculars.
- $\mathcal{P}_3$  is orthogonal to  $L$ .
- $\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}_3$  contains the normal vectors  $\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2$ .
- $\mathbf{n}_1 \perp \mathbf{OQ}_1$  and  $\mathbf{n}_2 \perp \mathbf{OQ}_2$ .
- $\alpha = \text{acute} \angle(\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2)$
- $\alpha = \arccos \left( \frac{|\mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_2|}{|\mathbf{n}_1| |\mathbf{n}_2|} \right)$
- $\perp$  planes:  $\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{\pi}{2} \iff \boxed{\mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_2 = 0}$ .
- Direction of  $L$  is  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{n}_1 \times \mathbf{n}_2$ .