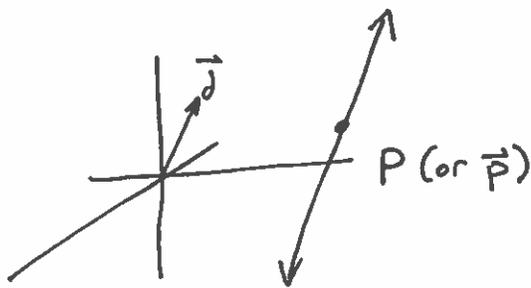


# 10.5 Lines in $\mathbb{R}^3$



Vector Equation for a line

$$L(t) = P + t \cdot \vec{d}$$

run through  $\mathbb{R}$

Ex

Find a vector equation for line through  $(7, 5, 3)$  and  $(2, 8, -2)$ .

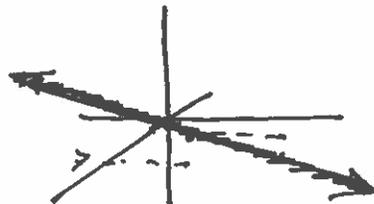
choose this for P

Take  $\vec{d} = \overrightarrow{PQ}$

$$\vec{d} = \langle 2-7, 8-5, -2-3 \rangle$$

$$\vec{d} = \langle -5, 3, -5 \rangle$$

$$\implies L(t) = (7, 5, 3) + t \langle -5, 3, -5 \rangle$$



Ex Find a vector equation for the line passing through  $(1, 8, -3)$ , perpendicular to

$$l_2: (0, 0, 1) + t \langle 2, 1, 0 \rangle$$

$$l_3: (1, 8, -1) + t \langle 3, 2, 1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{d}_2 = \langle 2, 1, 0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{d}_3 = \langle 3, 2, 1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{d}_1 = \vec{d}_2 \times \vec{d}_3 \text{ will be } \perp.$$

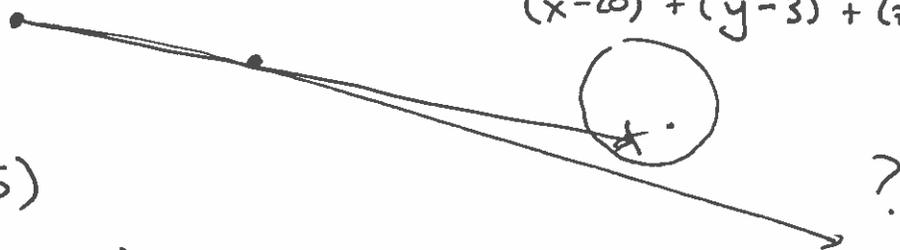
$$= \det \begin{bmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \hat{i} + 4\hat{k} - 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k} = \langle 1, -2, 1 \rangle$$

$$L(t) = (1, 8, -3) + t \langle 1, -2, 1 \rangle$$

Ex Line through  $(1, 3, 5)$  and  $(10, 2, 8)$ .

Does it hit the sphere centered at  $(20, 3, 10)$  with radius 4?

$$(x-20)^2 + (y-3)^2 + (z-10)^2 = 16$$



$$P = (1, 3, 5)$$

$$\vec{d} = \langle 9, -1, 3 \rangle$$

$$L(t) = (1, 3, 5) + t\langle 9, -1, 3 \rangle$$

$$x = 1 + 9t$$

$$y = 3 - t$$

$$z = 5 + 3t$$

$$\begin{aligned} \implies & (1+9t-20)^2 \\ & + (3-t-3)^2 \\ & + (5+3t-10)^2 \stackrel{?}{=} 16 \end{aligned}$$

$$(9t-19)^2 + t^2 + (3t-5)^2 = 16$$

$$81t^2 - 342t + 361$$

$$+ t^2$$

$$+ 9t^2 - 30t + 25 = 16$$

$$91t^2 - 372t + \cancel{386} \\ 370 = 0$$

$$\text{Discriminant: } \sqrt{(-372)^2 - 4(91)(370)} \\ = \text{positive!}$$

$\implies$  2 solutions

$\implies$  2 times where we have intersection.

$$L(t) = (1, 3, -4) + t \langle 2, 5, 9 \rangle$$

vector equation for this line

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 1 + 2t \\ y &= 3 + 5t \\ z &= -4 + 9t \end{aligned}$$

parametric equations for the line  
(scalar equations for the line)

attempt to eliminate  $t$ .

$$\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-3}{5} = \frac{z+4}{9}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x-1}{2} &= t \\ \frac{y-3}{5} &= t \\ \frac{z+4}{9} &= t \end{aligned}$$

symmetric equations for the line

let  $t=0$

Ex

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 5 - 3t \\ y &= -1 + t \\ z &= t \end{aligned}$$

Give vector equation

$$L(t) = (5, -1, 0) + t \langle -3, 1, 1 \rangle$$

|||  
Coefficients of  $t$

Symmetric (isolate  $t$ )

$$\frac{x-5}{-3} = y+1 = z$$



Ex

$$\begin{aligned} x &= -0.7 + 1.6t \\ y &= 4.2 + 2.72t \\ z &= 2.3 - 3.36t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 2.8 - 2.9t \\ y &= 10.15 - 4.93t \\ z &= -5.05 + 6.09t \end{aligned}$$

same, parallel, cross once, skew?

$$\langle 1.6, 2.72, -3.36 \rangle$$

$$\langle -2.9, -4.93, 6.09 \rangle$$

parallel?

$$\begin{aligned} c \cdot 1.6 &= -2.9 \\ c &= \frac{-2.9}{1.6} \end{aligned}$$

$$c = \underline{\underline{-1.8125}}$$

$$(-1.8125)(2.72) = -4.93$$

$$(-1.8125)(-3.36) = 6.09$$

Yes! But same or parallel?

$$l_1: t=0$$

$$(-0.7, 4.2, 2.3)$$

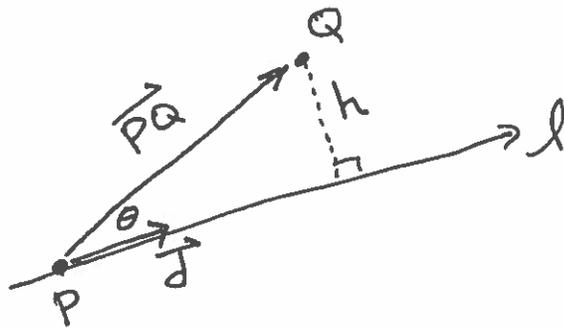
$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} -0.7 = 2.8 - 2.9t \\ 4.2 = 10.15 - 4.93t \\ 2.3 = -5.05 + 6.09t \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} t = \frac{3.5}{2.9} \\ t = \frac{-5.95}{-4.93} \\ t = \frac{7.35}{6.09} \end{cases}$$

same ✓

So lines  
are the  
same!

# Distances



$$\sin \theta = \frac{h}{\|\vec{PQ}\|}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \|\vec{PQ}\| \cdot \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow h \cdot \|\vec{j}\| = \underbrace{\|\vec{j}\| \cdot \|\vec{PQ}\| \cdot \sin \theta}_{\|\vec{j} \times \vec{PQ}\|}$$

$$\Rightarrow h \cdot \|\vec{j}\| = \|\vec{j} \times \vec{PQ}\|$$

$$\Rightarrow h = \frac{\|\vec{j} \times \vec{PQ}\|}{\|\vec{j}\|}$$

distance from Q to l is length of shortest segment connecting.

where dashed line is  $\perp$  to L

Ex Line  $\vec{j}$

$$(1, 1, 2) + t \langle 1, 0, 3 \rangle$$

what is the distance to  $(5, -2, 1)$



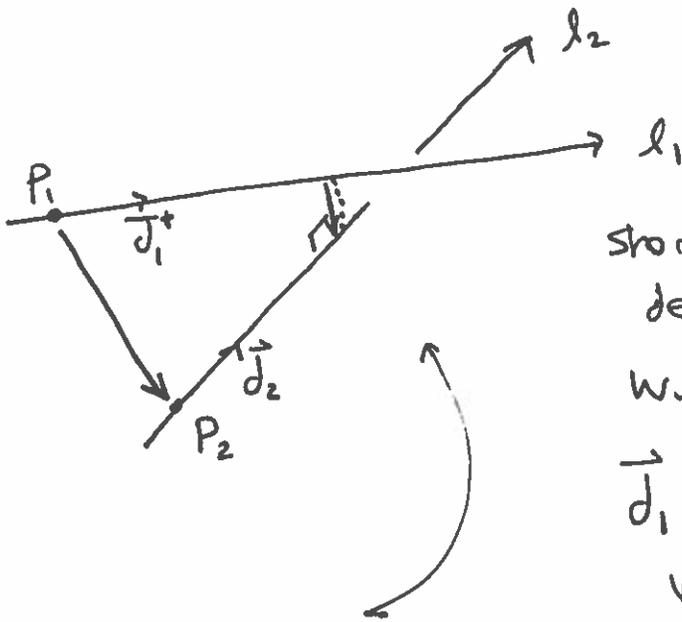
$$\vec{PQ} = \langle 4, -3, -1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{j} \times \vec{PQ} = \text{determinant} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 4 & -3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = 12\hat{j} - 3\hat{k} + 9\hat{i} + \hat{j} = \langle 9, 13, -3 \rangle$$

$$\text{So distance} = \frac{\|\langle 9, 13, -3 \rangle\|}{\|\langle 1, 0, 3 \rangle\|}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{81 + 169 + 9}}{\sqrt{1 + 0 + 9}} = \frac{\sqrt{259}}{\sqrt{10}}$$

# Distance between two lines



shortest line segment  
defined distance...

will be  $\perp$  to both lines...

$\vec{d}_1 \times \vec{d}_2$  to get a generic  
vector  $\perp$  to both lines...

$\text{proj}_{(\vec{d}_1 \times \vec{d}_2)} (\vec{P}_1 \vec{P}_2)$  represents this  
shortest path.

$$\begin{aligned}
 h &= \left\| \text{proj}_{(\vec{d}_1 \times \vec{d}_2)} (\vec{P}_1 \vec{P}_2) \right\| \\
 &= \left\| \frac{\vec{P}_1 \vec{P}_2 \cdot (\vec{d}_1 \times \vec{d}_2)}{(\vec{d}_1 \times \vec{d}_2) \cdot (\vec{d}_1 \times \vec{d}_2)} (\vec{d}_1 \times \vec{d}_2) \right\| \\
 &= \left| \frac{\vec{P}_1 \vec{P}_2 \cdot (\vec{d}_1 \times \vec{d}_2)}{(\vec{d}_1 \times \vec{d}_2) \cdot (\vec{d}_1 \times \vec{d}_2)} \right| \left\| \vec{d}_1 \times \vec{d}_2 \right\| = \frac{|\vec{P}_1 \vec{P}_2 \cdot (\vec{d}_1 \times \vec{d}_2)|}{\left\| \vec{d}_1 \times \vec{d}_2 \right\|}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$x = 1 + 2t$$

$$y = 3 - t$$

$$z = 4$$

$$P_1 = (1, 3, 4)$$

$$\vec{d}_1 = \langle 2, -1, 0 \rangle$$

$$x = 3 - t$$

$$y = 1 + t$$

$$z = 1 + 2t$$

$$P_2 = (3, 1, 1)$$

$$\vec{d}_2 = \langle -1, 1, 2 \rangle$$

Find distance between...

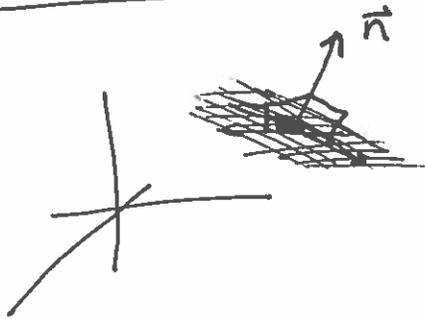
$$\Rightarrow \vec{P}_1 \vec{P}_2 = \langle 2, -2, -3 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{d}_1 \times \vec{d}_2 = \langle -2, 4, 1 \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{P}_1 \vec{P}_2 \cdot (\vec{d}_1 \times \vec{d}_2) = -4 + 8 - 3 = 1$$

$$\text{So distance} = \frac{1}{\| \langle -2, -4, 1 \rangle \|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+16+1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{21}}$$

## 10.6 Planes



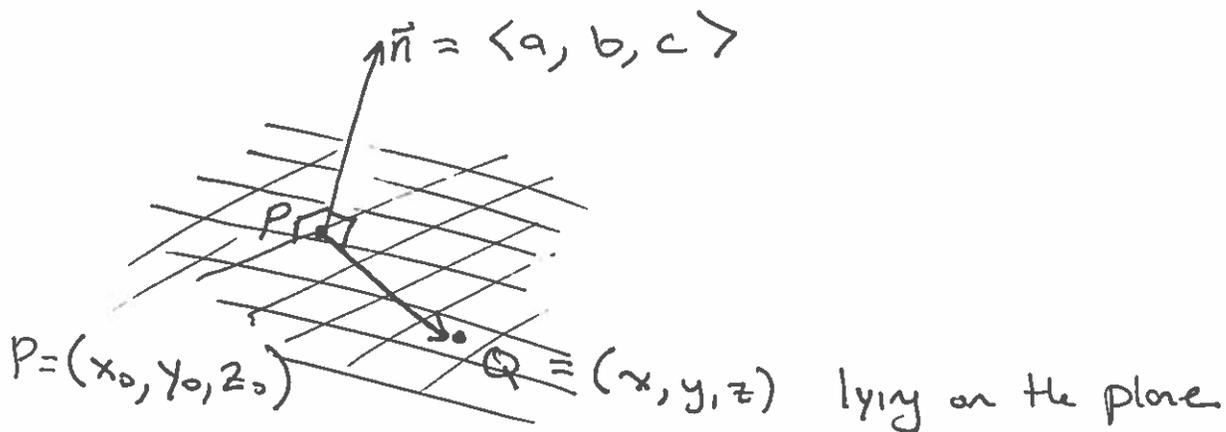
To describe a plane, need one point...

and ~~two directions~~...

its normal vector

(a vector  $\perp$  to any vector parallel to the plane.)

Lead to an equation...



We must have that:  $\vec{PQ} \cdot \vec{n} = 0$

$$\langle x-x_0, y-y_0, z-z_0 \rangle \cdot \langle a, b, c \rangle = 0$$

Standard Eq for a plane.  $\longleftarrow a(x-x_0) + b(y-y_0) + c(z-z_0) = 0$

Ex  $2(x-3) + 5y - 3(z+1) = 0$   $\implies$  Plane through  $(3, 0, -1)$  with normal vector  $\langle 2, 5, -3 \rangle$

Ex Do  $x = -5 + 2t$  and  $x = 2 + 3t$   
 $y = 1 + t$  and  $y = 1 - 2t$  intersect?  
 $z = -4 + 2t$  and  $z = 1 + t$

If so, give equation for the plane containing them.

Try to Solve  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -5 + 2t = 2 + 3s \\ 1 + t = 1 - 2s \\ -4 + 2t = 1 + s \end{array} \right.$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2 - 2t = -2 + 4s \\ -4 + 2t = 1 + s \\ \hline -6 = -1 + 5s \\ -5 = 5s \\ -1 = s \end{array}$$

In First?

$$\begin{array}{l} -5 + 2(2) \stackrel{?}{=} 2 + 3(-1) \\ -5 + 4 = 2 - 3 \\ -1 = -1 \\ \checkmark \end{array}$$

Last eq:  $-4 + 2t = 1 + (-1)$   
 $2t = 4$   
 $t = 2$

Now, find  $\vec{n}$ .  $\vec{d}_1 = \langle 2, 1, 2 \rangle$  and  $\vec{d}_2 = \langle 3, -2, 1 \rangle$   
 $\langle 2, 1, 2 \rangle \times \langle 3, -2, 1 \rangle = \langle 5, 4, -7 \rangle$

$P = (-5, 1, -4)$

So  $5(x + 5) + 4(y - 1) - 7(z + 4) = 0$

$5x + 4y - 7z = 7$

Ex ~~Find the equation of the plane passing through the point (2, 1, -2) and perpendicular to the vector  $\langle 2, 3, 3 \rangle$~~   $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-1}{3} = \frac{z-1}{3}$

A plane passes through  $P = (2, 1, -2)$ , perpendicular to this

Write plane's eq.

$$\vec{d} = \langle 2, 3, 3 \rangle$$

$$\vec{n} = \langle 2, 3, 3 \rangle$$

So:  $2(x-2) + 3(y-1) + 3(z+2) = 0$

$$2x + 3y + 3z = 1$$

Ex How do

$$x + (y-3) + (z+1) = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{n}_1 = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$$

and  $2x + 3y - 2(z-2) = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{n}_2 = \langle 2, 3, -2 \rangle$

Interact? (parallel, same plane, line ...)

not parallel

Now, find equations for that line!

Need one pt on line... Find same point on both planes.

Freedom to set  $x=0$ .  $\Rightarrow \begin{cases} y-3+z+1=0 \\ 3y-2z+4=0 \end{cases}$

$$\begin{cases} 5y = 0 \\ y = 0 \end{cases}$$

$\Downarrow$

$$z = 2$$

$(0, 0, 2)$

$$\begin{cases} y+z = 2 \\ 3y-2z = -4 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} 2y+2z = 4 \\ 3y-2z = -4 \end{cases}$$

Now need line's direction...

We have  $\vec{n}_1 = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$

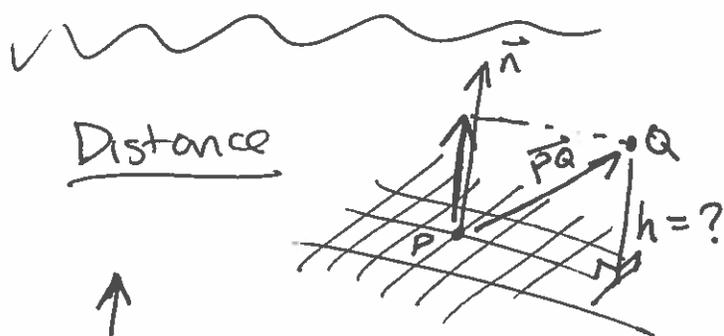
$\vec{n}_2 = \langle 2, 3, -2 \rangle$

We want  $\vec{d}$  lives parallel to both planes.

$\Rightarrow \vec{d}$  is  $\perp$  to both normal vectors.

$\vec{d} = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle \times \langle 2, 3, -2 \rangle = \langle -5, 4, 1 \rangle$

So  $L(t) = (0, 0, 2) + t \langle -5, 4, 1 \rangle$ .



Distance

Find distance from Q to plane...

$\uparrow$  is  $\text{proj}_{\vec{n}}(\vec{PQ})$

$\Rightarrow h = \|\text{proj}_{\vec{n}}(\vec{PQ})\|$

$= \left\| \frac{\vec{PQ} \cdot \vec{n}}{\vec{n} \cdot \vec{n}} \cdot \vec{n} \right\|$

$= \left| \frac{\vec{PQ} \cdot \vec{n}}{\vec{n} \cdot \vec{n}} \right| \cdot \|\vec{n}\| = \frac{|\vec{PQ} \cdot \vec{n}|}{\|\vec{n}\|}$

Ex Distance from  $(2, 2, 5)$  to  $3x - 2y + 5z = 12$ .

$\vec{n} = \langle 3, -2, 5 \rangle$

make up P:  $(4, 0, 0)$

$\vec{PQ} = \langle -2, 2, 5 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle -2, 2, 5 \rangle \cdot \langle 3, -2, 5 \rangle = -6 - 4 + 25 = 15$

Also  $\|\vec{n}\| = \sqrt{9+4+25} = \sqrt{38}$

So distance =  $\frac{15}{\sqrt{38}}$ .