

8. The unit vector normal \vec{N} on two vectors \vec{A} and \vec{B}

$$\vec{N} = \frac{\vec{A} \times \vec{B}}{|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}|}$$

Example:

Find the unit vector normal on $\vec{A} = 2\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} - \vec{k}$ and $\vec{B} = -\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$?

Sol.

$$\vec{N} = \frac{\vec{A} \times \vec{B}}{|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}|}$$

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 5\vec{i} - 4\vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$$

$$|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}| = \sqrt{(5)^2 + (-4)^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{45}$$

$$\vec{N} = \frac{\vec{A} \times \vec{B}}{|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}|} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{45}}\vec{i} - \frac{4}{\sqrt{45}}\vec{j} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{45}}\vec{k}$$

parallel and orthogonal vectors:

vectors are orthogonal if:

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 0.$$

vectors are parallel if:

$$\text{a) } \vec{A} \times \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\text{b) } \vec{A} = c\vec{B} \quad \text{or}$$

Ex: Determine whether the given vectors are orthogonal, parallel or neither.

$$\vec{u} = (-9, 6, -4), \vec{v} = (4, -12, 8).$$

Sol

$$\vec{v} = 2\vec{u}, \text{ so the vectors are parallel.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} &= (-9 \times 4) + (6 \times -12) + (-4 \times 8) \\ &= -36 - 72 - 32 \\ &= -140. \end{aligned}$$

So the vectors are not orthogonal.

Example:

Show that $\vec{A} = 2\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} + \vec{k}$ and $\vec{B} = 4\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$ are orthogonal?

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} &= (2 \cdot 4) + (3 \cdot -2) + (1 \cdot -2) \\ &= 8 - 6 - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{A} \perp \vec{B} \end{aligned}$$



Line and Plane in Space

Parametric Equation of Line

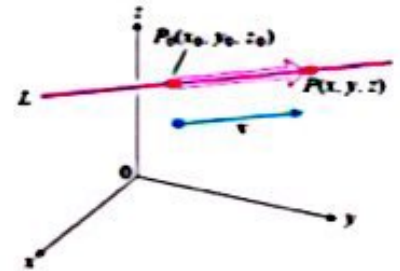
Suppose that L is a line in the space passing through the points $p_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ and $P(x, y, z)$ and parallel to a given vector $\vec{V} = a\vec{i} + b\vec{j} + c\vec{k}$.

$$\overrightarrow{p_0p} = (x - x_0)\vec{i} + (y - y_0)\vec{j} + (z - z_0)\vec{k}, \text{ is}$$

a vector parallel to \vec{V}

$\therefore \overrightarrow{p_0p} = t\vec{V}$, t is scalar parameter.

$$(x - x_0)\vec{i} + (y - y_0)\vec{j} + (z - z_0)\vec{k} = t(a\vec{i} + b\vec{j} + c\vec{k})$$



$$x = x_0 + at, \quad y = y_0 + bt, \quad z = z_0 + ct \quad \text{Parametric Equation for Line.}$$

Example:

Find the parametric equation for line pass through $p_0(-2, 0, 4)$ and parallel to $\vec{V} = 2\vec{i} + 4\vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$?

Sol.

$$(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (-2, 0, 4)$$

$$x = x_0 + at \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = -2 + 2t$$

$$y = y_0 + bt \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = 4t$$

$$z = z_0 + ct \quad \Rightarrow \quad z = 4 - 2t$$

Parametric Equations

(x_0, y_0, z_0) point

(a, b, c) vector

$$x = x_0 + at$$

$$y = y_0 + bt$$

$$z = z_0 + ct$$

point vector

Ex: Find the parametric equation for point

$(5, 1, 3)$ which is parallel to vector

$(i + 4j - 2k)$

sol

$$x = x_0 + at, \quad y = y_0 + bt, \quad z = z_0 + ct$$

$$x = 5 + 1t, \quad y = 1 + 4t, \quad z = 3 - 2t$$

Symmetric Equations for a Line

Consider the parametric form equations for a line L :

$$x = x_0 + at, \quad y = y_0 + bt, \quad z = z_0 + ct$$

If a , b and c are all nonzero, we can solve each equation for t to get:

$$\frac{x - x_0}{a} = t$$

$$\frac{y - y_0}{b} = t$$

$$\frac{z - z_0}{c} = t$$

We called these three equations **Symmetric equations** for line L , if we set:

$$\frac{x - x_0}{a} = \frac{y - y_0}{b} = \frac{z - z_0}{c} = t$$

Example:

Find the symmetric equation for line pass through point $(1, -5, 6)$ and is parallel to vector $\vec{v} = -\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - 3\vec{k}$?

Sol.

$$\frac{x - x_0}{a} = \frac{y - y_0}{b} = \frac{z - z_0}{c} = t$$

$$\frac{x - 1}{-1} = \frac{y + 5}{2} = \frac{z - 6}{-3} = t$$

Planes Equation

vectors



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

Ex: Find the plane equation for point (5, 3, 4)

and vector (1, 2, 7).

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a b c

Sol

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

$$1(x-5) + 2(y-3) + 7(z-4) = 0$$

$$x - 5 + 2y - 6 + 7z - 28 = 0$$

$$x + 2y + 7z - 39 = 0$$

$$x + 2y + 7z = 39$$

Vector Equation

$$r = r_0 + tV$$

\downarrow \rightarrow \vec{r} موازی (parallel)
initial point (a, b, c)
(x, y, z)

Exo: Find the vector equation to the line that pass through the point (5, 1, 3) and parallel to vector

$$\vec{V} = i + 4j - 2k$$

Sol $r_0 = 5i + 1j + 3k$

$$\vec{V} = i + 4j - 2k$$

$$r = r_0 + tV$$

$$r = 5i + j + 3k + t(i + 4j - 2k)$$

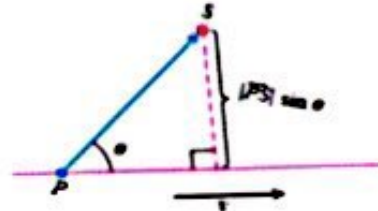
$$r = 5i + j + 3k + ti + 4tj - 2tk$$

$$r = (5+t)i + (1+4tj) + (3-2t)k$$

The Distance from a Point to Line

To find the distance from a point S to a line that passes through a point P and parallel to a vector \vec{V} by:

$$d = \frac{|\vec{PS} \times \vec{V}|}{|\vec{V}|}$$



Example:

Find the distance from the point S(1,1,5) to the line L:

$$x = 1 + t, \quad y = 3 - t, \quad z = 2t$$

Sol.

From the equation of line that L pass through P(1,3,0) parallel to $\vec{V} = \vec{i} - \vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$

$$\vec{PS} = (1 - 1)\vec{i} + (1 - 3)\vec{j} + (5 - 0)\vec{k} = -2\vec{j} + 5\vec{k}$$

$$\vec{PS} \times \vec{V} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 0 & -2 & 5 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \vec{i} + 5\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$$

$$d = \frac{|\vec{PS} \times \vec{V}|}{|\vec{V}|}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{(1)^2 + (5)^2 + (2)^2}}{\sqrt{(1)^2 + (-1)^2 + (2)^2}}$$

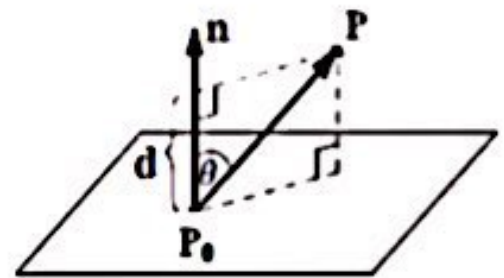
$$= \sqrt{\frac{30}{6}}$$

$$= \sqrt{5}$$

The Distance from a Point to Plane

If P is a point on a plane with perpendicular vector \vec{n} , then the distance from point P_0 to the plane is:

$$d = \frac{|a x_0 + b y_0 + c z_0 + D|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$$



Example:

Find the distance from the point $P(2,4,-5)$ to the plane $5x - 3y + z = 10$?

Sol.

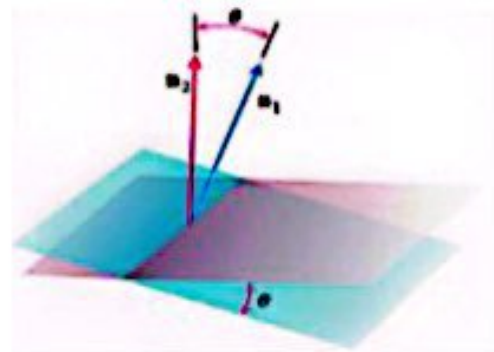
$$5x - 3y + z - 10 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \frac{|a x_0 + b y_0 + c z_0 + D|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}} \\ &= \frac{|(5 \cdot 2) + (-3 \cdot 4) + (1 \cdot -5) - 10|}{\sqrt{(5)^2 + (-3)^2 + (1)^2}} \\ &= \frac{|-17|}{\sqrt{35}} \\ &= \frac{17}{\sqrt{35}} \end{aligned}$$

Angles Between Planes

The angle between two intersecting planes is defined to be the acute angle determined by their normal vectors.

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2}{|\vec{n}_1| |\vec{n}_2|} \right)$$



Example:

Find the angle between the planes $3x - 6y - 2z = 15$ and $2x + y - 2z = 5$?

Sol.

From the plane equation, the vectors are:

$$\vec{n}_1 = 3\vec{i} - 6\vec{j} - 2\vec{k}, \quad \vec{n}_2 = 2\vec{i} + \vec{j} - 2\vec{k} \text{ are normal to the plane}$$

$$\vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2 = (3 * 2) + (-6 * 1) + (-2 * (-2)) = 4$$

$$|\vec{n}_1| = \sqrt{(3)^2 + (-6)^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{49} = 7$$

$$|\vec{n}_2| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (1)^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{9} = 3$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\vec{n}_1 \cdot \vec{n}_2}{|\vec{n}_1| |\vec{n}_2|} \right)$$

$$= \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{4}{7 * 3} \right)$$

$$= \cos^{-1}(0.190)$$

$$= 79^\circ \text{ or } 1.38 \text{ rad}$$