

## Vector & Parametric Equation of a Plane

Equations of a Line in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :

vector:

$$\vec{r} = \vec{r}_0 + t\vec{m}$$

$$(x, y, z) = (x_0, y_0, z_0) + t(a, b, c)$$

parametric:

$$x = x_0 + at$$

$$y = y_0 + bt$$

$$z = z_0 + ct$$

symmetric:

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

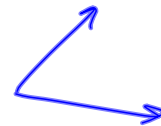
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A plane can be described using a point and two vectors.

The vector equation of a plane is written:

$$\vec{r} = \vec{r}_0 + m\vec{d}_1 + n\vec{d}_2 \quad \begin{array}{l} m \in \mathbb{R} \\ n \in \mathbb{R} \end{array}$$



$$(x, y, z) = (x_0, y_0, z_0) + m(a_1, b_1, c_1) + n(a_2, b_2, c_2)$$

where:  $\vec{r}$  is the position vector of any point in the plane

$\vec{r}_0$  is the position vector of a starting point

$\vec{d}_1$  and  $\vec{d}_2$  are direction vectors for the plane  
(they must be noncollinear)

$m$  and  $n$  are parameters (real numbers)

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Vector equation of a plane:

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In parametric form:  $x = x_0 + ma_1 + na_2$

$$y = y_0 + mb_1 + nb_2$$

$$z = z_0 + mc_1 + nc_2$$

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Ex.1 Find the vector equation of the plane containing the points L(1,2,5), M(-7,4,0) and N(3,1,-2).

$$\vec{r} = \vec{r}_0 + m\vec{d}_1 + n\vec{d}_2$$

$\vec{r}_0$   
OL  
or  
OM  
or  
ON

need 2 vectors within plane.  
LM  
MN  
LN } pick 2

e.g.,  $\vec{r} = \vec{OL} + m\vec{LM} + n\vec{MN}$

$$\vec{r} = (1, 2, 5) + m(-8, 2, -5) + n(10, -3, -2)$$

$$\vec{LM} = \vec{OM} - \vec{OL} = (-8, 2, -5)$$

$$\vec{MN} = \vec{ON} - \vec{OM} = (10, -3, -2)$$

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Ex.2 Does the point (4,5,-3) lie in the plane

$$x = 4 + 3g - 6h, \quad y = 1 - 2g + 6h, \quad z = 6 + g - h$$

$$\text{let } P(4,5,-3) \Rightarrow \vec{OP} = (4,5,-3)$$

test  $\vec{OP}$  in parametric eqns.

$$4 = 4 + 3g - 6h \quad (1) \quad 5 = 1 - 2g + 6h \quad (2) \quad -3 = 6 + g - h \quad (3)$$

$$0 = 3g - 6h$$

$$4 = -2g + 6h$$

$$4 = g$$

$$4 = -2g + 6h$$

$$LS = 4$$

$$RS = -2(4) + 6(13)$$

$$= -8 + 78$$

$$= 70$$

$$LS \neq RS$$

$$-9 = g - h$$

$$-9 = 4 - h$$

$$h = 13$$

What do you notice about the values of  $g$  and  $h$ ?

$\therefore (4,5,-3)$  does not lie in plane.

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Ex.3 Where does the plane  $\pi$  intersect with the line L.

$$\pi: \vec{r} = (6, -2, -3) + m(1, 3, 0) + n(2, 2, -1)$$

$$L: \vec{r} = t(0, 1, 0)$$

$$= (0, 0, 0) + t(0, 1, 0)$$

$$\text{want } \vec{r}_\pi = \vec{r}_L$$

$$(6, -2, -3) + m(1, 3, 0) + n(2, 2, -1) = t(0, 1, 0)$$

$$6 + m + 2n = 0 \quad (1) \quad -2 + 3m + 2n = t \quad (2) \quad -3 - n = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$6 + m + 2(-3) = 0 \quad -2 + 3(6) + 2(-3) = t \quad -3 = n$$

$$6 + m - 6 = 0 \quad -2 - 6 = t$$

$$m = 0$$

$$t = -8$$

?

$$L: \vec{r} = t(0, 1, 0) \quad \therefore \text{PoI is}$$

$$= -8(0, 1, 0)$$

$$P(0, -8, 0)$$

$$= (0, -8, 0)$$

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**Assigned Work:**

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