

## Lecture 4

Review • Cross product  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  is  $\perp$  to  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$

•  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}||\vec{b}| \sin \theta$   $\theta = \angle$  btw  $\vec{a}$  &  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = 0 \iff \vec{a}, \vec{b}$  parallel  
= area of parallelogram

• direction of  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  given by rthandrule

• Volume of parallelepiped is  $||$  of scalar triple product  $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$

• Torque  $\tau = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$

position  
vech  $\vec{r}$   $\nearrow$  force  $\vec{F}$

## Lines and Planes

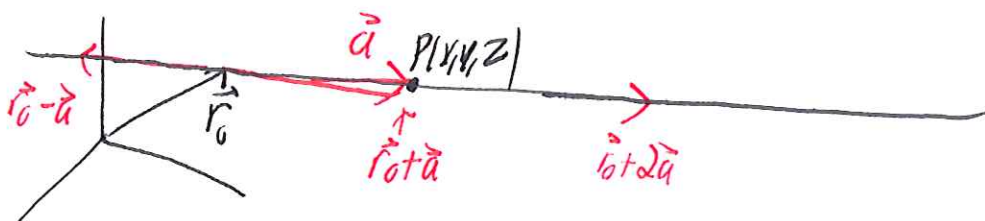
Problem In  $\mathbb{R}^2$   $\{ax+by=c\}$  gives all possible lines but in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

$ax+by+cz=d$  is a plane. How to write eq of line in dimension  $\geq 3$ ?

AI As intersection of two planes. This is awkward!

Better Answer Parametrically.

Idea Pick a point  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  on line, pos vector  $\vec{r}_0$



\* Observe for any point on the line, the position vectors from  $\vec{r}_0$  to  $P$  are all parallel

\* The entire line is all the points  $\vec{r}_0 + t\vec{V}$  as  $t \in \mathbb{R}$

Conclude  $\vec{r} = \vec{r}_0 + t\vec{v}$  is vector equation of a line (works in any dimension!)

Ex  $\vec{r}(t) = (3, -2, 6) + t(1, 2, 3)$

Q Is  $(1, -6, 0)$  on this line?

$(x, y, z) = (3+t, -2+2t, 6+3t)$

Parametric equations

$$x = 3+t$$

$$y = -2+2t$$

$$z = 6+3t$$

\* easy to go back & forth vector  $\leftrightarrow$  parametric

Ex Find vector equation of line through  $(2, -1, 6)$  and  $\parallel$  to

$$\vec{r}(t) = (1, 1, 1) + t(-1, 2, 1)$$

Remark Solving each parametric equation for  $t$  gives symmetric eq

Above Ex  $\frac{x-3}{1} = \frac{y+2}{2} = \frac{z-6}{3}$

Difficulty Each line has infinitely many parametrizations

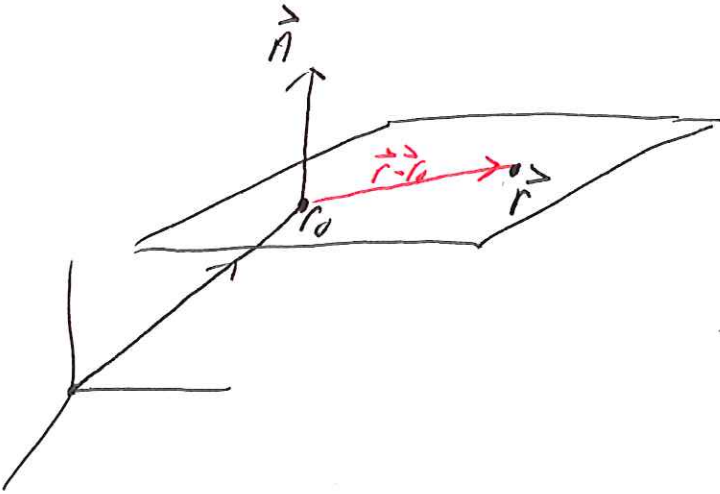
Ex  $\vec{r}_1(t) = (2, 3, 4) + t(6, 0, 1)$

$\vec{r}_2(t) = (-10, 3, 2) + t(12, 0, 2)$

same line!

# Planes in $\mathbb{R}^3$

Rmk A plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is entirely determined by a point and a normal vector  $\vec{n}$  perpendicular to the plane.



$\vec{r}$  is in the plane if & only if  $(\vec{r}-\vec{r}_0) \perp \vec{n}$ ,  
i.e.  $(\vec{r}-\vec{r}_0) \cdot \vec{n} = 0$ .

Vector Equation of Plane

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

where  $\vec{r} = (x, y, z)$

$\vec{r}_0$  is a point on plane

Ex  $\vec{n} = (1, 2, 3)$

$\vec{r}_0 = (4, 5, 8)$

$$(1, 2, 3) \cdot (x-4, y-5, z-8) = 0$$

$$x-4 + 2y-10 + 3z-8 = 0$$

$$x + 2y + 3z = 22$$

Note: can read off normal vector

$$1 \cdot (x-4) + 2 \cdot (y-5) + 3 \cdot (z-8)$$

} scalar equation

# Problems

- 1. Find eq of plane through  $(2,1,6)$  and // to  $x-3y+2z=1$
- 2. Find vector eq of plane through points  $(1,2,0), (-1,2,1), (1,1,1)$

- 3a. Find  $\&$  btw planes  $x+y+z=1$  and  $x-y+2z=2$
- b. Find parametric & symmetric eq for line of intersection

- 4. Find point where lines  $\vec{r} = (1,1,0) + t(1,-1,2)$   
 $\vec{r} = (2,0,2) + s(-1,1,0)$  intersect

Find eq of plane containing them

- 5. Parametrize a line segment from  $(1,2,3,4)$   
to  $(5,5,5,5)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$
- 6. Where does line through  $(-3,1,0)$  and  $(-1,5,6)$  intersect  
plane  $2x+y-z = -2$ .

## 12.6 Cylinders and Quadrics

Define Cylinder = all lines // to a given and passing through a plane curve

EX

$$x = z^2$$

$$y = \sin x$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

## Quadratic Surfaces

Any equation in  $x, y, z$  of degree 2.

Fact Translate and rotate to get

$$Ax^2 + By^2 + Cz^2 + J = 0 \quad \text{or}$$

$$Ax^2 + By^2 + Iz = 0$$

Idea Set  $x, y,$  and/or  $z = 0$  to sketch

- $x^2 + 4y^2 + 9z^2 = 0$

- $z = 4x^2 + y^2$

- $z = y^2 - x^2$  hyperbolic paraboloid  
= saddle