

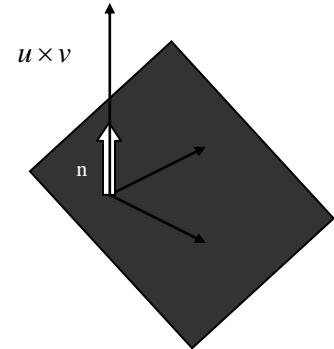
Vectors:

2) The Cross product

The cross product is also called **vector** product because the product results a vector.

Def.:The cross product $u \times v = (|u||v| \sin\theta) \mathbf{n}$, \mathbf{n} unit vector (**normal**) **perpendicular to the plane.**

Note: The vector $u \times v$ is orthogonal to both u and v



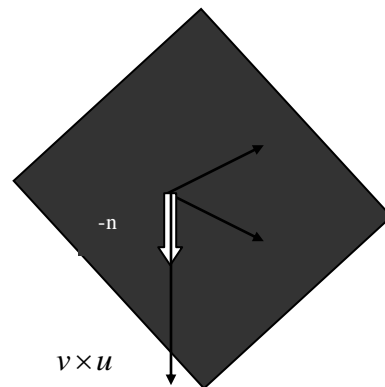
Parallel vectors

Nonzero vectors u and v are parallel if and only if $u \times v = 0$.

Properties of the cross product

If u, v and w are any vectors and r, s are scalars, then

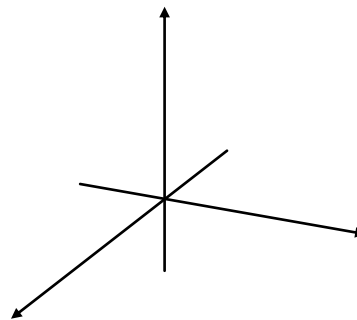
- 1) $(ru) \times (sv) = (rs)(v \times u)$
- 2) $u \times (v + w) = u \times v + u \times w$
- 3) $(v + w) \times u = v \times u + w \times u$
- 4) $v \times u = -(u \times v)$
- 5) $0 \times u = 0$



Notes:

$$\begin{aligned} i \times j &= -(j \times i) = k \\ j \times k &= -(k \times j) = i \\ k \times i &= -(i \times k) = j \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} i \times i \\ j \times j \\ k \times k \end{aligned} \right] = 0$$



Vectors:**Calculating Cross product using determinants**

If $u = u_1i + u_2j + u_3k$ and $v = v_1i + v_2j + v_3k$, then

$$u \times v = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Ex.:

Find $u \times v$ and $v \times u$ if $u = 2i + j + k$ and $v = -4i + 3j + k$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} u \times v &= \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ -4 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} i - \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} j + \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -4 & 3 \end{vmatrix} k \\ &= -2i - 6j + 10k \\ v \times u &= -(u \times v) = 2i + 6j - 10k \end{aligned}$$

Ex.: Find a vector perpendicular to the plane of $P(1,-1,0)$, $Q(2,1,-1)$ and $R(-1,1,2)$.

Solution

The vector $\overrightarrow{PQ} \times \overrightarrow{PR}$ is perpendicular to the plane because it is perpendicular to both vectors.

$$\begin{aligned} \overrightarrow{PQ} &= (2-1)i + (1+1)j + (-1-0)k = i + 2j - k \\ \overrightarrow{PR} &= (-1-1)i + (1+1)j + (2-0)k = -2i + 2j + 2k \\ \overrightarrow{PQ} \times \overrightarrow{PR} &= \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} i - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} j + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} k \\ &= 6i + 6k \end{aligned}$$

Ex.: Find a unit vector perpendicular to the plane of $P(1,-1,0)$, $Q(2,1,-1)$ and $R(-1,1,2)$.

Solution

Since $\overrightarrow{PQ} \times \overrightarrow{PR}$ is perpendicular to the plane, its direction \mathbf{n} is a unit vector perpendicular to the plane

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$$n = \frac{\overrightarrow{PQ} \times \overrightarrow{PR}}{|\overrightarrow{PQ} \times \overrightarrow{PR}|} = \frac{6i + 6k}{6\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}k$$

Calculating the Triple scalar product (volume): also called **Box product**

$$(u \times v) \cdot w = \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \\ w_1 & w_2 & w_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Ex.:

Find the volume of the box determined by $u = i + 2j - k$, $v = -2i + 3k$ and $w = 7j - 4k$.

Solution

$$(u \times v) \cdot w = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 7 & -4 \end{vmatrix} = -23$$

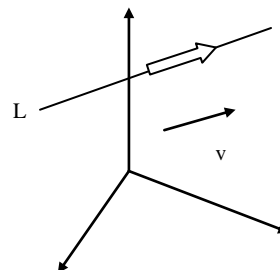
The volume is $|(u \times v) \cdot w| = 23$ units cubed.

Lines and Planes in Space

In the **plane**, a **line** is determined by a **point** and a **number giving the slope** of the line. In **space** a **line** is determined by a **point** and a **vector** giving the direction of the line.

Equations for a line

Suppose that L is a line in space passing through a point $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ parallel to a vector $v = v_1i + v_2j + v_3k$. Then L is the set of all points $P(x, y, z)$ for which $\overrightarrow{P_0P}$ is parallel to v .



Vectors:

The standard equation of the line through $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ **parallel** to $v = v_1i + v_2j + v_3k$ is:

$$x = x_0 + tv \quad , \quad y = y_0 + tv \quad , \quad z = z_0 + tv \quad , \quad -\infty < t < \infty$$

and $(x, y, z) = (x_0 + tv, y_0 + tv, z_0 + tv)$

Ex.:

Find the equations for the line through $(-2,0,4)$ parallel to $v = 2i + 4j - 2k$.

Solution

With $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ equal to $(-2,0,4)$ and $v = v_1i + v_2j + v_3k$ equal to $v = 2i + 4j - 2k$

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

Ex.: Find the equations for the line through $P(-3,2,-3)$ and $Q(1,-1,4)$.

Solution

The vector $\overrightarrow{PQ} = 4i - 3j + 7k$ is parallel to the line and equation with $(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (-3,2,-3)$ give

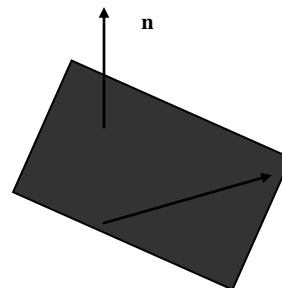
$$x = -3 + 4t \quad , \quad y = 2 - 3t \quad , \quad z = -3 + 7t$$

We could have choose $Q(1,-1,4)$

$$x = 1 + 4t \quad , \quad y = -1 - 3t \quad , \quad z = 4 + 7t$$

An equation for a Plane in space

Suppose that plane M passes through a point $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ and is **normal** to the nonzero vector $n = Ai + Bj + Ck$. Then M is the set of all points $P(x, y, z)$ for which $\overrightarrow{P_0P}$ is **orthogonal** to **n**.



Thus, the plane through $P_0(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ **normal** to n

$$A(x - x_0) + B(y - y_0) + C(z - z_0) = 0$$

or $Ax + By + Cz = D$, where $D = Ax_0 + By_0 + Cz_0$

Vectors:**Ex.:**

Find an equation for the plane through $P_0(-3,0,7)$ perpendicular to

$$n = 5i + 2j - k.$$

Solution

$$A(x - x_0) + B(y - y_0) + C(z - z_0) = 0$$

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

$$5x + 15 + 2y - z + 7 = 0$$

$$5x + 2y - z = -22$$

Notice in this example how the components of $n = 5i + 2j - k$ become the coefficients of x , y and z in equation $5x + 2y - z = -22$. The vector $n = Ai + Bj + Ck$ is normal to the plane $Ax + By + Cz = D$.

Ex.:

Find an equation for the plane through $A(0,0,1)$, $B(2,0,0)$ and $C(0,3,0)$.

Solution

We find a vector *normal* to the plane and use it with one of the point to write an equation for the plane.

The cross product:

$$AB \times AC = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 3 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 3i + 2j + 6k \text{ is } \mathbf{normal} \text{ to the plane.}$$

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

$$3x + 2y + 6z = 6$$

Lines of intersection

- Two lines are parallel if and only if they have the same direction.
- Two planes are parallel if and only if their normals are parallel.
- The planes that are not parallel *intersect in a line*.

Ex.:

Find a vector parallel to the line of intersection of the planes $3x - 6y - 2z = 15$

Vectors:

$$\text{and } 2x + y - 2z = 5.$$

Solution

The line of intersection of two planes is perpendicular to both *planes' normal* vectors n_1 and n_2 and therefore parallel to $n_1 \times n_2$. i.e. $n_1 \times n_2$ is a vector parallel to the planes' line of intersection.

$$n_1 \times n_2 = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 3 & -6 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 14i + 2j + 15k$$

Ex.: Find the point where the line $x = \frac{8}{3} + 2t$, $y = -2t$, $z = 1 + t$ intersects the plane

$$3x + 2y + 6z = 6$$

Solution

The point $\left(\frac{8}{3} + 2t, -2t, 1 + t\right)$

$$3\left(\frac{8}{3} + 2t\right) + 2(-2t) + 6(1 + t) = 6$$

$$8 + 6t - 4t + 6 + 6t = 6$$

$$8t = -8$$

$$t = -1$$

The point of intersection is $(x, y, z)\Big|_{t=-1} = \left(\frac{2}{3}, 2, 0\right)$

Angles between planes

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

Ex.:

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

Solution

The vectors $n_1 = 3i - 6j - 2k$ and $n_2 = 2i + j - 2k$

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are normals to the planes. The angle between them is

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{n_1 \cdot n_2}{|n_1| |n_2|} \right)$$

$$= \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{4}{21} \right)$$
Problems:

1) Sketch the coordinate axes and then include the vectors u , v and $u \times v$ as vectors starting at the origin

- a. $u = i$, $v = j$
- b. $u = i - k$, $v = j + k$
- c. $u = 2i - j$, $v = i + 2j$
- d. $u = i + j$, $v = i - j$

2) In the triangle that determined by the points P , Q and R , find a unite vector perpendicular to plane PQR .

- a. $P(1,1,1)$, $Q(2,1,3)$ and $R(3,-1,1)$
- b. $P(-2,2,0)$, $Q(0,1,-1)$ and $R(-1,2,-2)$

3) Let $u = 5i - j + k$, $v = j - 5k$ and $w = -15i + 3j - 3k$. Which vectors, if any, are:

- a. Perpendicular?
- b. Parallel?

4) Find equations for the lines:

- a. The line through the point $P(3, -4, -1)$ parallel to the vector $i + j + k$.
- b. The line through $P(1,2,-1)$ and $Q(-1,0,1)$.
- c. The line through the origin parallel to the vector $2j + k$.
- d. The line through the point $(3, -2, 1)$ parallel to the line
 $x = 1 + 2t$, $y = 2 - t$, $z = 3t$
- e. The line through $(1, 1, 1)$ parallel to the z-axis.
- f. The line through $(2, 4, 5)$ perpendicular to the plane $3x + 7y - 5z = 21$

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- g. The line through $(0, -7, 0)$ perpendicular to the plane $x + 2y + 2z = 13$
- h. The line through $(2, 3, 0)$ perpendicular to the vectors $u = i + 2j + 3k$
and $v = 3i + 4j + 5k$
- i. The x - axis.
- j. The z - axis.

5) Find equations for the planes:

- a. The plane through $P_0(0, 2, -1)$ normal to $n = 3i - 2j - k$
- b. The plane through $(1, -1, 3)$ parallel to the plane $3x + y + z = 7$
- c. The plane through $(1, 1, -1)$, $(2, 0, 2)$ and $(0, -2, 1)$
- d. The plane through $P_0(2, 4, 5)$ perpendicular to the line
 $x = 5 + t$, $y = 1 + 3t$, $z = 4t$
- e. The plane through $A(1, -2, 1)$ perpendicular to the vector from the origin to A .

6) Find the plane determined by the intersecting lines:

$$L1: \quad x = -1 + t \quad , \quad y = 2 + t \quad , \quad z = 1 - t \quad -\infty < t < \infty$$

$$L2: \quad x = 1 - 4s \quad , \quad y = 1 + 2s \quad , \quad z = 2 - 2s \quad -\infty < s < \infty$$

7) Find a plane through $P_0(2, 1, -1)$ perpendicular to the line of intersection of the planes $2x + y - z = 3$, $x + 2y + z = 2$.

8) Find a plane through the points $P_1(1, 2, 3)$, $P_2(3, 2, 1)$ perpendicular to the plane $4x - y + 2z = 7$.

9) Find the angles between the planes:

a. $x + y = 1$, $2x + y - 2z = 2$

b. $5x + y - z = 10$, $x - 2y + 3z = -1$

10) Find the point in which the line meets the plane.

a. $x = 1 - t$, $y = 3t$, $z = 1 + t$, $2x - y + 3z = 6$

b. $x = 2$, $y = 3 + 2t$, $z = -2 - 2t$, $6x + 3y - 4z = -12$

Vectors:

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