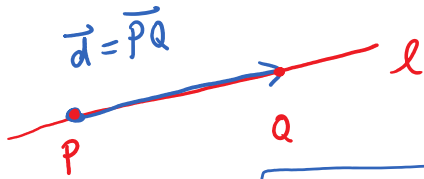


# 1.3 Lines and Planes Cont'd

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

Ex: Vector and parametric form of the line in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  through  $P(2, 1, 12)$  and  $Q(0, -3, 6)$ ?



$$\vec{d} = \vec{PQ} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -4 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Vector Form  $\vec{x} = \vec{p} + t\vec{d}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -4 \\ -6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -2t \\ -4t \\ -6t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2-2t \\ 1-4t \\ 12-6t \end{bmatrix}$$

Parametric Form  $\begin{cases} x = 2-2t \\ y = 1-4t \\ z = 12-6t \end{cases}$

FACT  $ax + by + cz = d$  is the general form of a plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

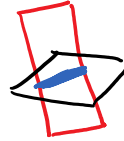


Infinite flat surface

Note: General/normal form of a line in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

requires 2 equations :

$$\begin{cases} x + 2y + 3z = 6 \\ 2x - y + z = 1 \end{cases}$$



Don't use general/normal form for lines in  $\mathbb{R}^3$   
(inconvenient)

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

Ex: Normal and general form of plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$   
with normal  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  through point  $P(1, -1, 3)$ ?

Normal form

$$\vec{n} \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{n} \cdot \vec{p}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

General form

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

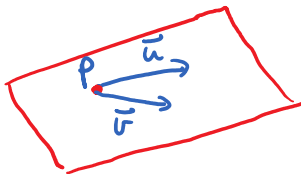
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Vector form of a plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is

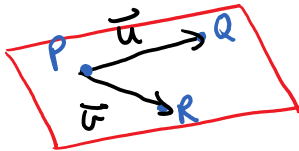
$$\vec{x} = \vec{p} + s\vec{u} + t\vec{v} \quad \text{where}$$

$\vec{u}, \vec{v}$  are nonparallel direction vectors

and  $s, t$  are any real numbers



Ex: Vector and parametric form of  
plane through  $P(6, 0, 0)$ ,  
 $Q(0, 6, 0)$  and  $R(0, 0, 3)$ ?



direction vectors  $\vec{u} = \vec{PQ} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  Think Q-P

$$\vec{v} = \vec{PR} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

not parallel  
(not multiples of one another)

Vector form  $\vec{x} = \vec{p} + s\vec{u} + t\vec{v}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 6 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -6 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Parametric form  $\begin{cases} x = 6 - 6s - 6t \\ y = 6s \\ z = 3t \end{cases}$

Lines in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

Lines in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

Planes in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

Vector

$$\vec{x} = \vec{p} + t\vec{d}$$

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$$\vec{x} = \vec{p} + s\vec{u} + t\vec{v}$$

Parametric

$$\begin{cases} x = \\ y = \end{cases}$$

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General

$$ax + by = c$$

No

$$ax + by + cz = d$$

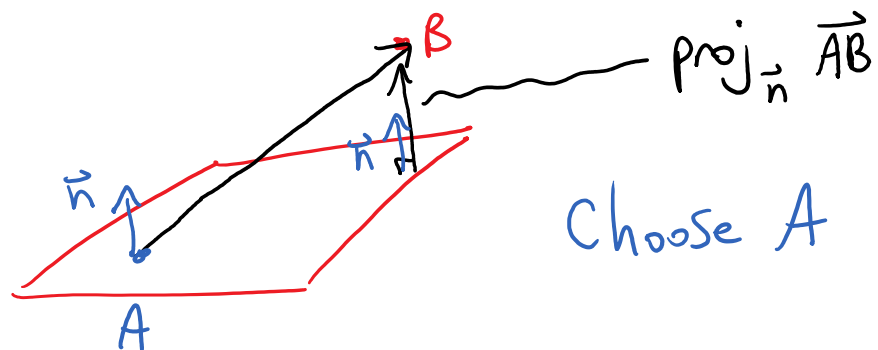
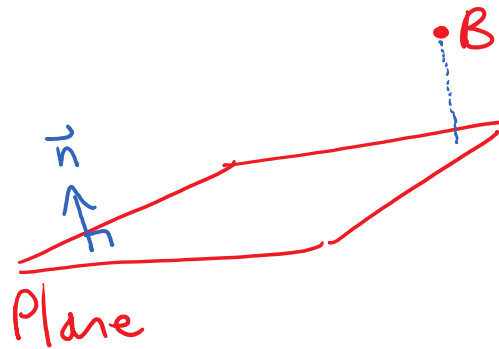
Normal

$$\vec{n} \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{n} \cdot \vec{p}$$

No

$$\vec{n} \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{n} \cdot \vec{p}$$

Ex: Find the distance between  $B = (1, 3, 3)$   
and  $x + y + 2z = 7$ .



$$\text{distance} = \|\text{proj}_{\vec{n}} \vec{AB}\|$$