

Last time $\langle, \rangle : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Cross Product in \mathbb{R}^3

Define "x" : $\mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} := \left(\begin{vmatrix} a_2 & a_3 \\ b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}, \begin{vmatrix} a_3 & a_1 \\ b_3 & b_1 \end{vmatrix}, \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ b_1 & b_2 \end{vmatrix} \right)$$

if $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$
 $\vec{b} = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$

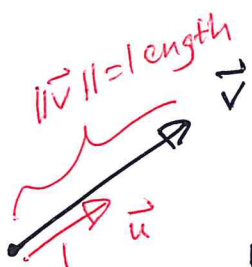
$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} := ad - bc$$

Recall: (det. of 3x3 matrix)

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} \boxed{a} & \boxed{b} & \boxed{c} \\ d & e & f \\ g & \boxed{h} & \boxed{i} \end{pmatrix} := a \begin{vmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{vmatrix} + b \begin{vmatrix} f & d \\ i & g \end{vmatrix} + c \begin{vmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{vmatrix}$$

∴ $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \det \begin{pmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{pmatrix}$ where $\{\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k}\}$ is the standard basis = $\{\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3\}$

Recall: Any nonzero vector \vec{v} in \mathbb{R}^n can be described by its "magnitude" (a positive number) and its "direction" (a unit vector in \mathbb{R}^n).



$$\vec{v} = \underbrace{\|\vec{v}\|}_{\text{magnitude}} \cdot \underbrace{\left(\frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|} \right)}_{\text{direction}} \quad \text{where } \vec{v} \neq \vec{0}.$$

E.g. $\vec{v} = (1, 1, 1)$ $\|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{3}$.

$$\vec{v} = \sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{\vec{v}}{\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{3} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

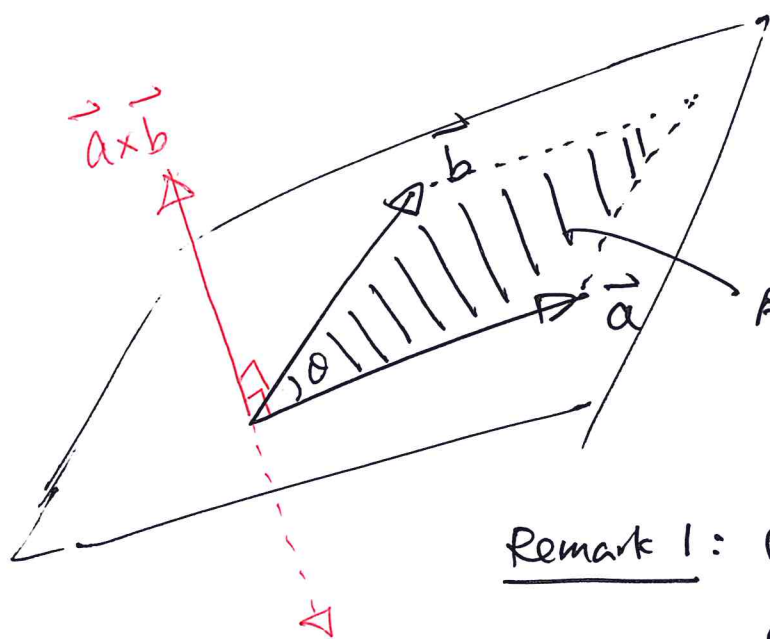
Geometric Definition of $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$

Thm: If $\vec{0} \neq \vec{a}, \vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^3$, then $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ is the unique vector in \mathbb{R}^3 s.t.:

(1) $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \perp \vec{a}$ and $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \perp \vec{b}$.

(2) $\{\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{a} \times \vec{b}\}$ gives the standard orientation.
(if $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$)

(3) $\|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}\| = \text{area of parallelogram spanned by } \vec{a} \text{ and } \vec{b}$
 $= \|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\| |\sin \theta|$



$\{\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{a} \times \vec{b}\}$
right hand rule.

Area = $\|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}\|$.

Remark 1: (1) + (2) \Rightarrow direction } \Rightarrow unique.
(3) \Rightarrow length

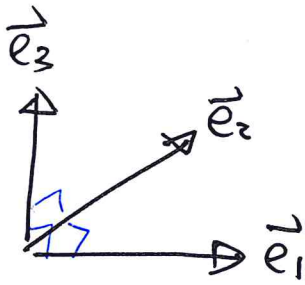
Remark 2: • $\langle, \rangle : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined for all n .

• $\times : \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ only for $n=3$.

Ex: We can "define a cross product" for general dimension using geometric definition.

" \times ": $\underbrace{\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \dots \times \mathbb{R}^n}_{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ (see textbook).

Examples



$$\begin{cases} \vec{e}_1 \times \vec{e}_2 = \vec{e}_3 \\ \vec{e}_1 \times \vec{e}_3 = -\vec{e}_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\vec{e}_3 \times \vec{e}_1 = \vec{e}_2 = -\vec{e}_1 \times \vec{e}_3.$$

Fact: $\boxed{\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = -\vec{b} \times \vec{a}}$

Triple Products (consider $\vec{a} \odot \vec{b} \odot \vec{c}$, $\odot = \langle, \rangle$ or "x")

only very few combinations that make sense.

Eg. $(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}) \times \vec{c}$ not defined.

but $\underbrace{\vec{a}}_{\mathbb{R}} \cdot \underbrace{(\vec{b} \times \vec{c})}_{\mathbb{R}^3} \in \mathbb{R}$ makes sense.

$\vec{a} \times \underbrace{(\vec{b} \times \vec{c})}_{\mathbb{R}^3} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ makes sense.

Prop: (i) $\vec{c} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = \begin{vmatrix} c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} = \det \begin{pmatrix} \vec{c} & \vec{a} & \vec{b} \\ - & - & - \\ - & - & - \end{pmatrix}$

(ii) $\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \langle \vec{a}, \vec{c} \rangle \vec{b} - \langle \vec{a}, \vec{b} \rangle \vec{c}$

scalar multiplication.

Ex: Prove these identities!

Proof Geom. Prop of $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ using (i)

(1): $\vec{a} \perp \vec{a} \times \vec{b}$ and $\vec{b} \perp \vec{a} \times \vec{b}$.

$$\langle \vec{a}, \vec{a} \times \vec{b} \rangle \stackrel{(i)}{=} \det \begin{pmatrix} - & \vec{a} & - \\ - & \vec{a} & - \\ - & \vec{b} & - \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \vec{a} \perp \vec{a} \times \vec{b}.$$

" $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$

Similarly for $\vec{b} \perp \vec{a} \times \vec{b}$

(2) & (3): $\langle \vec{a} \times \vec{b}, \vec{a} \times \vec{b} \rangle \stackrel{(i)}{=} \det \begin{pmatrix} - & \vec{a} \times \vec{b} & - \\ - & \vec{a} & - \\ - & \vec{b} & - \end{pmatrix}$

" $\vec{c} = \vec{a} \times \vec{b}$

$0 \leq \|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}\|^2$

(2)

$\Rightarrow \det \begin{pmatrix} - & \vec{a} \times \vec{b} & - \\ - & \vec{a} & - \\ - & \vec{b} & - \end{pmatrix} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \{ \vec{a} \times \vec{b}, \vec{a}, \vec{b} \}$ ordered basis gives standard orientation.

$\Rightarrow \{ \vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{a} \times \vec{b} \}$

On the other hand,

$$\|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}\|^2 = \det \begin{pmatrix} - & \vec{a} \times \vec{b} & - \\ - & \vec{a} & - \\ - & \vec{b} & - \end{pmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & a_3 \\ b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix}^2 + \begin{vmatrix} a_3 & a_1 \\ b_3 & b_1 \end{vmatrix}^2 + \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ b_1 & b_2 \end{vmatrix}^2$$

(Ex) $= \|\vec{a}\|^2 \|\vec{b}\|^2 - \langle \vec{a}, \vec{b} \rangle^2$

$= \|\vec{a}\|^2 \|\vec{b}\|^2 (1 - \cos^2 \theta)$

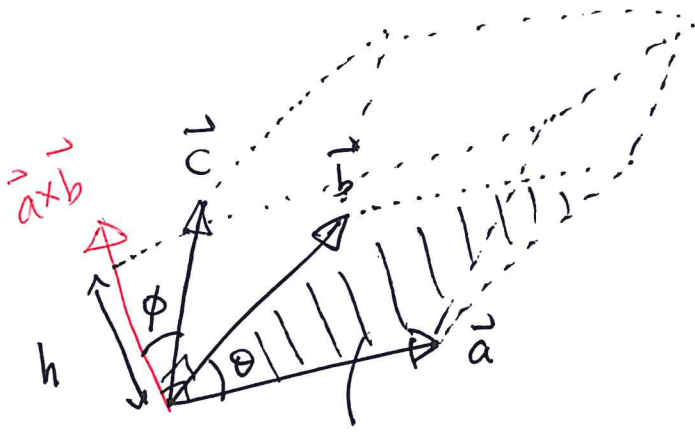
Know:

$\langle \vec{a}, \vec{b} \rangle = \|\vec{a}\| \|\vec{b}\| \cos \theta$

\Rightarrow take sq root on both sides, get (3)

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Geometric meaning of $\langle \vec{c}, \vec{a} \times \vec{b} \rangle$



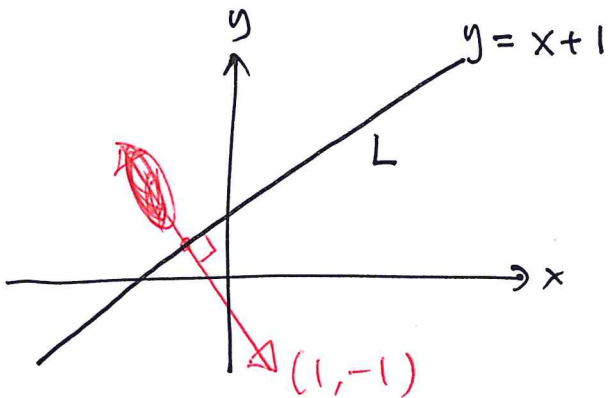
$$\text{area} = \|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}\|$$

$\langle \vec{c}, \vec{a} \times \vec{b} \rangle = (\text{signed})$ volume
of the parallelepiped
3D parallelepiped

$$\begin{aligned} \|\vec{c} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})\| &= \|\vec{c}\| \|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}\| \cos \phi \\ &= \underbrace{(\|\vec{c}\| \cos \phi)}_{\substack{\text{height} \\ \text{of } \text{parallelepiped}}} \underbrace{(\|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}\|)}_{\substack{\text{area of } \square \\ \text{"base area"}}} \\ &= \pm \text{vol} \left(\text{parallelepiped} \right) \end{aligned}$$

§ Lines and Planes in \mathbb{R}^n

1) Lines in \mathbb{R}^2



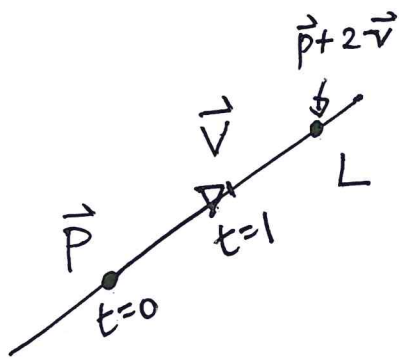
① Equation form

$$y = x + 1$$

$$\text{or } x - y = -1$$

$$\text{i.e. } \underbrace{(1, -1)}_{\substack{\text{normal} \\ \text{to } L}} \cdot (x, y) = -1$$

② Parametric Form (dynamic)



For a line L passing thr. a point \vec{P} and parallel to \vec{v} :

$$L = \{ \vec{P} + t\vec{v} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

free parameter.

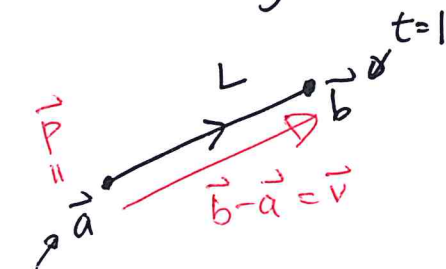
E.g.: $\vec{P} = (1, 2)$, $\vec{v} = (1, 1)$

$$L = \{ (1, 2) + t(1, 1) \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

$$= \{ \underbrace{(1+t)}_x, \underbrace{(2+t)}_y \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

ie (*) $\begin{cases} x = 1+t \\ y = 2+t \end{cases}$ parametric equations.

Line segments



$$L = \{ \vec{a} + t(\vec{b} - \vec{a}) \mid t \in [0, 1] \}$$

③ Symmetric Form

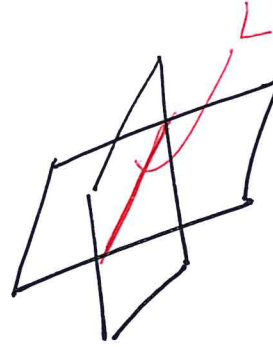
eliminate t from (*).

$$\boxed{x - 1 = y - 2} \quad (=t)$$

2) Lines in \mathbb{R}^3

① Equation Form

$$L: (\#) \begin{cases} x - y + z = 1 & \text{plane} \\ 2x + y - z = 0 & \text{plane} \end{cases}$$

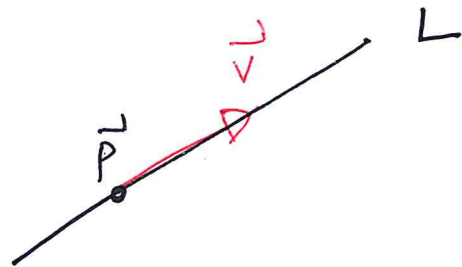


2 planes (in general position (why?)) intersect along a line $L \Rightarrow 2 \text{ eq}^n$ to describe a line in \mathbb{R}^3 .

② Parametric Form

$$L = \{ \vec{p} + t\vec{v} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \}$$

(same as before,
works for any n)



Q: Find a parametric form for the line L in (#)

Sol: "Solve equations".

$$(\#) \begin{cases} x - y + z = 1 & \text{--- (1)} \\ 2x + y - z = 0 & \text{--- (2)} \end{cases}$$

$$(1) + (2) \Rightarrow 3x = 1 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{3}$$

Sub. into (1) & (2)

$$\begin{cases} -y + z = \frac{2}{3} \\ y - z = -\frac{2}{3} \end{cases} \text{ > same. } \Rightarrow y = z - \frac{2}{3}$$

Take $z = t$ to be a parameter.

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} y = t - \frac{2}{3} \\ x = \frac{1}{3} \\ z = t \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x = \frac{1}{3} + 0 \cdot t \\ y = t - \frac{2}{3} \\ z = t + 0 \end{cases} \text{ parametric eqn.}$$

$$L = \left\{ \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, 0\right)}_{\vec{p}} + t \underbrace{(0, 1, 1)}_{\vec{v}} \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

③ Symmetric form

E.g. Write $L = \left\{ (2, 3, 1) + t(-1, 2, 1) \mid t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ in symmetric form.

Sol:

$$\begin{cases} x = 2 - t \\ y = 3 + 2t \\ z = 1 + t \end{cases} \xrightarrow[t]{\text{eliminate}} t = \frac{x-2}{-1} = \frac{y-3}{2} = \frac{z-1}{1}$$

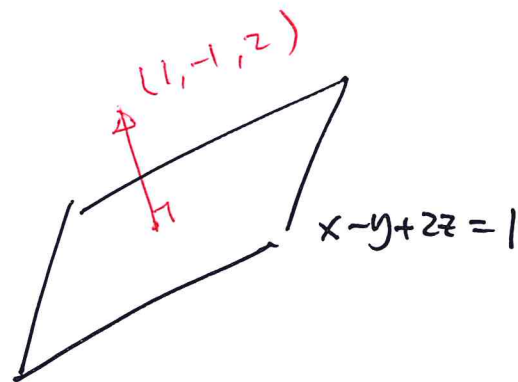
symmetric form.

3) Planes in \mathbb{R}^3

① Equation Form

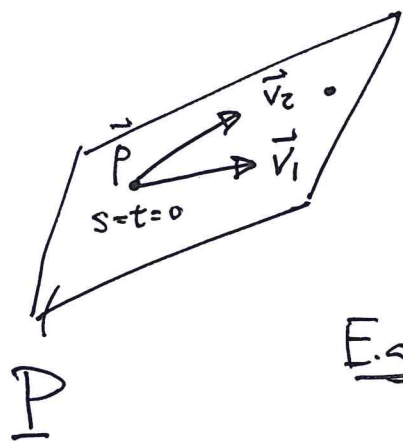
(**) — $x - y + 2z = 1$ plane P

i.e. $\underbrace{(1, -1, 2)}_{\text{normal to P}} \cdot (x, y, z) = 1$



Ex: Show that the planes $x + y - z = 2$ is parallel to $x + y - z = 3$.

② Parametric Form (need 2 parameters to describe a plane
 ∴ There are 2 degrees of freedom)



$$P = \{ \vec{P} + t\vec{v}_1 + s\vec{v}_2 \mid t, s \in \mathbb{R} \}.$$

2 parameters

E.g. Represent (**): $x - y + 2z = 1$
 in parametric form.

Sol: "Solve eqⁿ" only 1 eqⁿ.

$$x - y + 2z = 1 \Rightarrow x = \underbrace{y}_t - 2\underbrace{z}_s + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = t - 2s + 1 \\ y = t \\ z = s \end{cases} \quad \text{parametric eqⁿ .}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

\uparrow \vec{P} \uparrow \vec{v}_1 \uparrow \vec{v}_2

$$P = \{ (1, 0, 0) + t(1, 1, 0) + s(-2, 0, 1) \mid t, s \in \mathbb{R} \}.$$

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