

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

1.  $\times : \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & a_3 \\ b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} a_3 & a_1 \\ b_3 & b_1 \end{vmatrix} & \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ b_1 & b_2 \end{vmatrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

once  $\{\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k}\}$  standard basis.

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \begin{pmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

normalization of a vector  $\vec{v}$ .

Set.  $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3) \Rightarrow \|\vec{v}\| = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2}$

we call the quantity  $\vec{v}_1 = \frac{\vec{v}}{\|\vec{v}\|} = \frac{(v_1, v_2, v_3)}{\sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2}}$

the normalization of  $\vec{v}$

2. Geometric definition of  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  ~~recall~~ <sup>recall</sup>

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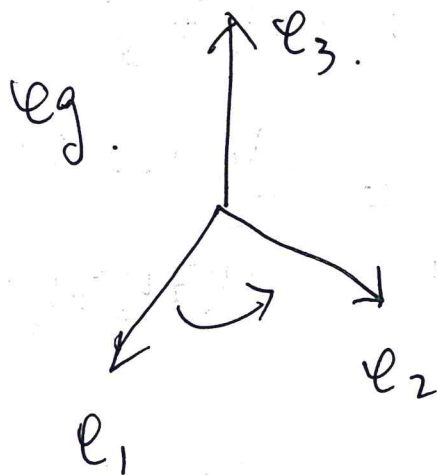
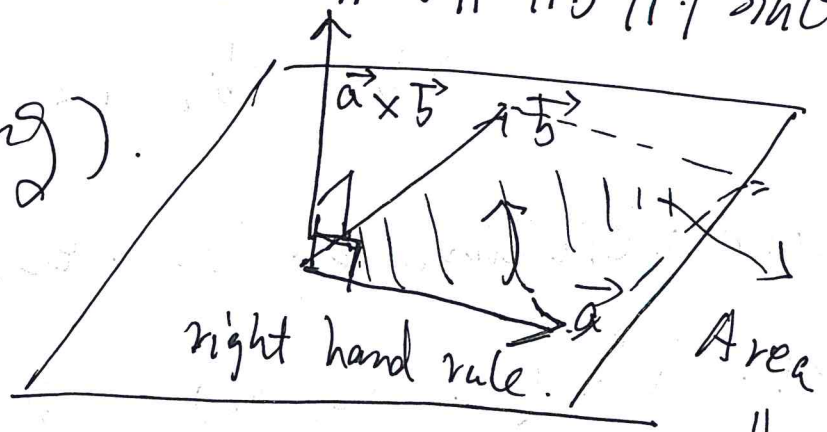
Thm: If  $\vec{a} \neq \vec{0}$ ,  $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ . then  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  is the unique vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  s.t.

(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

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

(geometric meaning).



right hand system.

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

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

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

$$\|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}\|$$

fact:  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = -\vec{b} \times \vec{a}$

triple products.

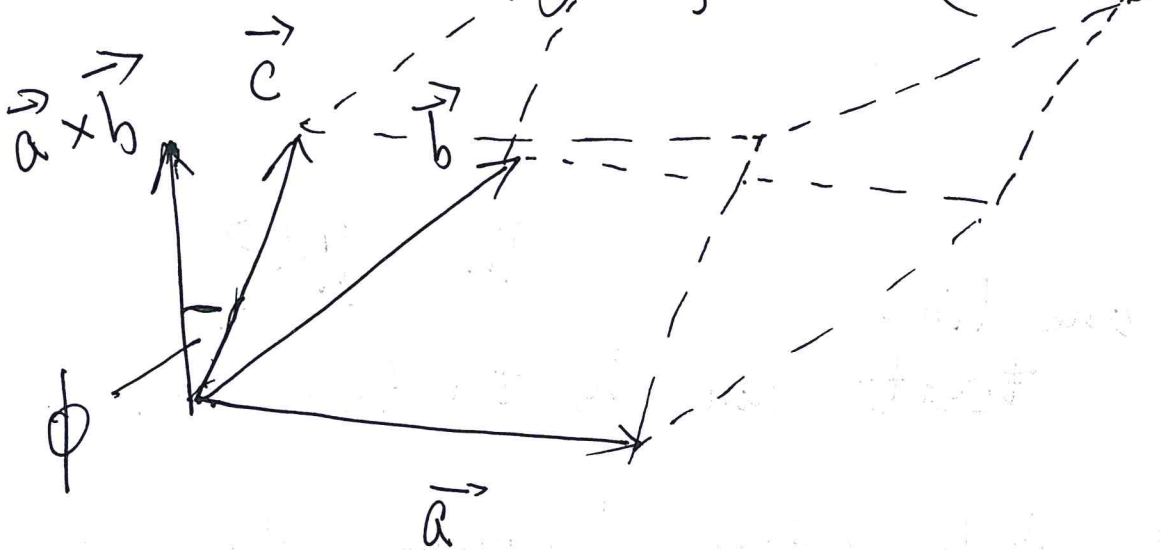
$\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) \in \mathbb{R}$ , well defined.

Prop: (1)  $\vec{c} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = \det \begin{pmatrix} c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{pmatrix}$

$$= \det \begin{pmatrix} -\vec{c} \\ -\vec{a} \\ -\vec{b} \end{pmatrix}$$

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

Geometric meaning of  $-\vec{c} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$



$$\begin{aligned} | \vec{c} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) | &= | \| \vec{c} \| \cdot \| \vec{a} \times \vec{b} \| \cdot \cos \phi | \\ &= ( \| \vec{c} \| \cos \phi ) ( \| \vec{a} \times \vec{b} \| ) = \text{vol}(\text{box}) \end{aligned}$$

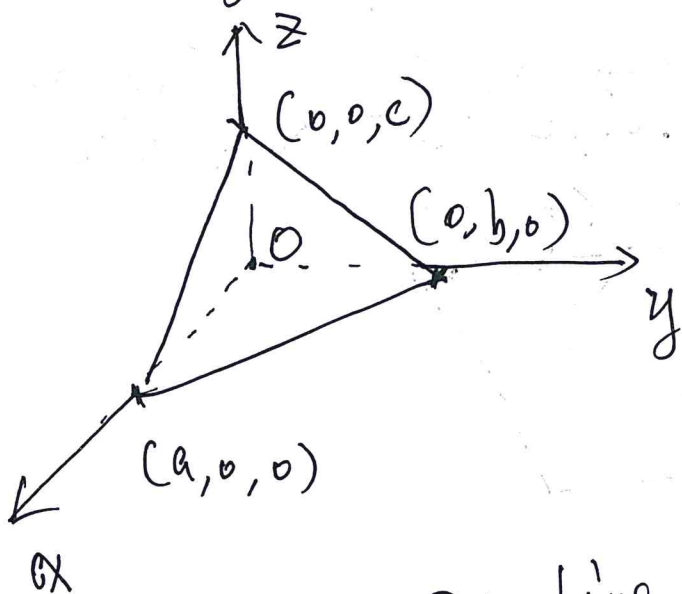
# Lines and Planes in $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Planes: form:  $Ax + By + Cz + D = 0$

a useful form:  $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 1$ .

( $a, b, c \neq 0$ ). means a plane passing

through  $(a, 0, 0)$ ,  $(0, b, 0)$ ,  $(0, 0, c)$

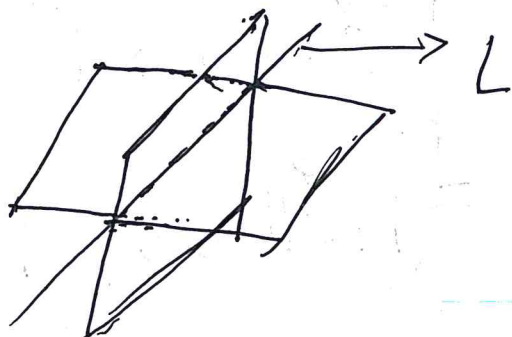


in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

Lines: ~~treat~~ one line can be treated as.

the intersection between two planes

eg.  $L: \begin{cases} x - y + z = 1 \\ 2x + y - z = 0 \end{cases}$



Parametric form.

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

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

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

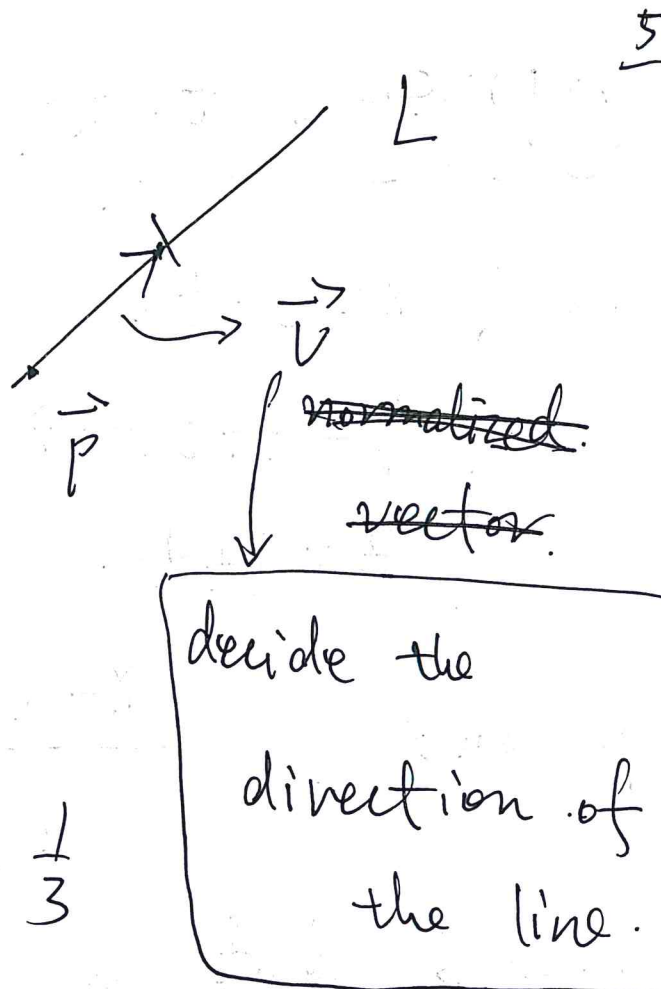
$$(1) + (2) \Rightarrow 3x = 1 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{cancel } x \Rightarrow \begin{cases} -y + z = \frac{2}{3} \\ y - z = -\frac{2}{3} \end{cases} \Rightarrow y = z - \frac{1}{3}$$

treat  $z$  as parameter.  $z = t$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = \frac{1}{3} \\ y = t - \frac{1}{3} \\ z = t \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

from parametric form to symmetric form



represent t. ← idea

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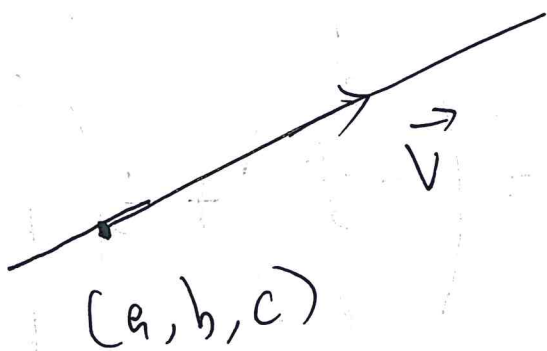
eg.  $\begin{cases} x = 2 - t \\ y = 3 + 2t \\ z = 1 + t \end{cases} \Rightarrow t = \frac{x-2}{-1} = \frac{y-3}{2} = \frac{z-1}{1}$

generally,  $\frac{x-a}{v_1} = \frac{y-b}{v_2} = \frac{z-c}{v_3}$

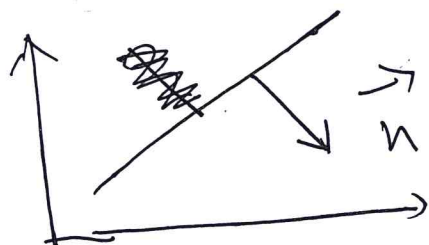
means that a line passing

through  $\pm$  point  $(a, b, c)$  and

have the direction  $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$



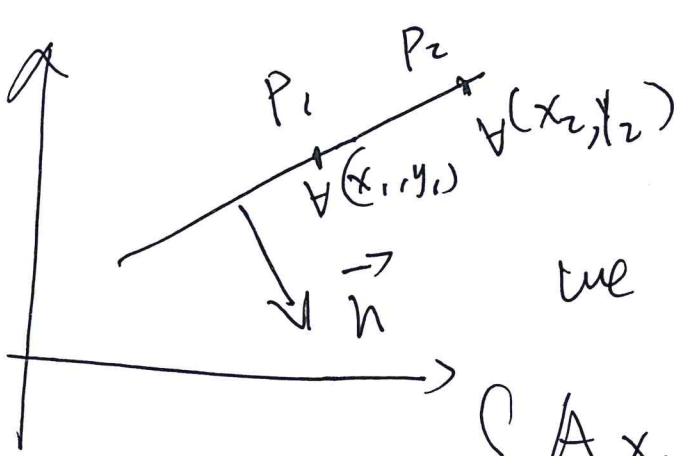
normal vector of a line in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .



$$Ax + By + C = 0$$

$$\vec{n} = (A, B)$$

idea: set two arbitrary point  $(x_1, y_1)$   $(x_2, y_2)$



we have .

$$\begin{cases} Ax_1 + By_1 + C = 0 \\ Ax_2 + By_2 + C = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow A(x_1 - x_2) + B(y_1 - y_2) = 0$$

namely, for  $\forall P_1, P_2$  on  $L$ .

$$(A, B) \cdot (x_1 - x_2, y_1 - y_2) = 0.$$

means  $(A, B) \perp L \Rightarrow (A, B)$  is the normal vector.

