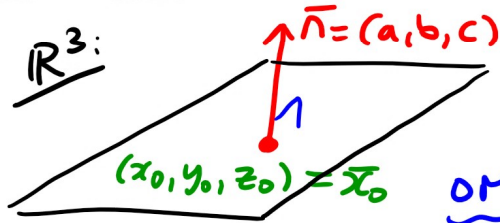
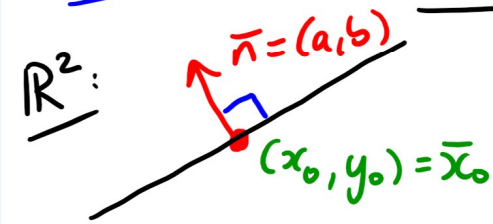


# 1ZC3 ENGINEERING MATH II-B (Linear Algebra I)

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## Lines & Planes using vectors



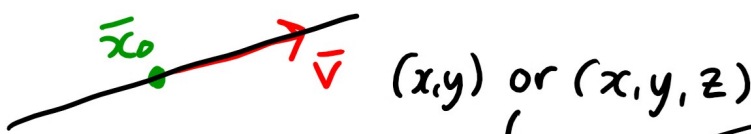
→ With a specified point and an orthogonal normal vector

Line Equation:  
 $ax + by + c = 0$

Plane Equation:  
 $ax + by + cz + d = 0$

$\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$   
orthogonal:  
 $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$

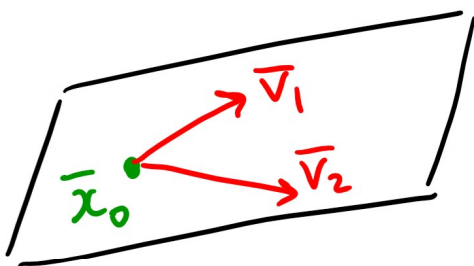
In  $\mathbb{R}^2$  &  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :



$(x_0, y_0)$  or  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$   
 $(v_1, v_2)$  or  $(v_1, v_2, v_3)$

Parametric Line Equation:  $\vec{x} = \vec{x}_0 + t\vec{v}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :



$\vec{v}_1$  &  $\vec{v}_2$  NOT colinear  
(i.e. one is not a scalar multiple of the other)

Points on plane

$$\vec{x} = \vec{x}_0 + t\vec{v}_1 + s\vec{v}_2, \quad t, s \in \mathbb{R}$$

In  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

The line through  $\vec{x}_0$  parallel to vector  $\vec{v}$  is  $\vec{x} = \vec{x}_0 + t\vec{v}$

$t \in \mathbb{R}$   
↓

The plane through  $\vec{x}_0$  parallel to  $\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2$  is  $\vec{x} = \vec{x}_0 + t\vec{v}_1 + s\vec{v}_2$

$\vec{v}_1$  &  $\vec{v}_2$  NOT COLINEAR

$t, s \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Line Equation in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is solution set to system of  $n-1$  linear equations ~~variables~~  
 Plane " " " " " " " " "  $n-2$  linear equations ~~variables~~  
 $n$  variables!

Example Find the line in  $\mathbb{R}^5$  passing through  $(1, 0, -1, 2, 3)$  and  $(5, -1, -2, 0, 6)$ .

Solution Need a point on line & a vector direction  $\bar{v}$

Pick one, say  $\bar{x}_0 = (1, 0, -1, 2, 3)$  ←

Get  $\bar{v} = (1, 0, -1, 2, 3) - (5, -1, -2, 0, 6)$   
 $= (-4, 1, 1, 2, -3)$ . ←

So line:  $\bar{x} = \bar{x}_0 + t\bar{v}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$

$\bar{x} = (1-4t, t, -1+t, 2+2t, 3-3t)$   
 $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5)$   $x_1 =$   $x_2 =$   $x_3 =$   $x_4 =$   $x_5 =$

## The geometry of linear systems

Say  $A\bar{x} = \bar{0}$

↑

$A$  is  $m \times n$

$\bar{m}$  equations like:  $\frac{a_{i1}x_1 + a_{i2}x_2 + \dots + a_{in}x_n}{\bar{a}_i \cdot \bar{x}} = 0$

Where  $\bar{a}_i = (a_{i1}, a_{i2}, \dots, a_{in})$  is  $i$ th row of  $A$ .

i.e. every solution  $\bar{x}$  to  $A\bar{x} = \bar{0}$  is orthogonal to every row of  $A$

Example If  $A$  is  $2 \times 3$  &  $A\bar{x} = \bar{0}$   
2 equations  $\nearrow$  3 variables  
 $= 3 - 1$

Get a line (by above) for solution set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

For sure  $\bar{x} = \bar{0}$  is a solution so line goes through the origin.

So solution set looks like  $t\bar{v}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$

where  $\bar{v}$  is orthogonal to the rows of  $A$ .

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Now suppose  $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$  & we find one solution  $\bar{x}_0$  i.e.  $A\bar{x}_0 = \bar{b}$ .

Then all solutions look like  $\bar{x} = \bar{x}_0 + \bar{w}$  \* Why? See end of file.  
where  $\bar{w}$  is a solution to  $A\bar{x} = \bar{0}$  i.e.  $A\bar{w} = \bar{0}$ .

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In earlier example,  $A$   $2 \times 3$ , now  $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$   
Solutions to  $A\bar{x} = \bar{0}$  are  $t\bar{v}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  so if

we have one solution  $\bar{x}_0$  to  $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$ , then all

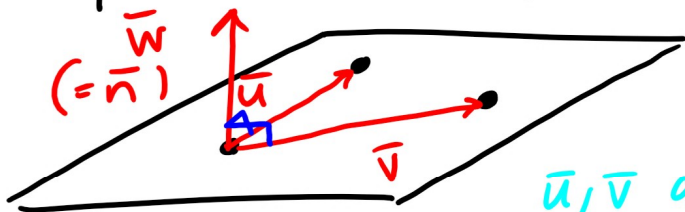
solutions to  $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$  look like  $\bar{x}_0 + t\bar{v}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Notice, this is a line parallel to the solution set to  $A\bar{x} = \bar{0}$ , which was  $t\bar{v}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

### 3.5 Cross Product — only in $\mathbb{R}^3$

$\bar{u}, \bar{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , want  $\bar{w}$  orthogonal to both  $\bar{u}$  &  $\bar{v}$

- useful for finding equation of a plane with e.g. 3 points given



Notice: don't need  $\bar{u}, \bar{v}$  orthogonal, since as long as  $\bar{u}, \bar{v}$  are in the plane &  $\bar{w}$  is orthogonal to both, it will be orthogonal i.e. normal to the plane.

The cross product of  $\bar{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$  &  $\bar{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$  is

$$\bar{u} \times \bar{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \bar{e}_1 & \bar{e}_2 & \bar{e}_3 \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

←  $\bar{u}$   
←  $\bar{v}$

Sometimes  $\bar{e}_1, \bar{e}_2, \bar{e}_3$  called  $\bar{i}, \bar{j}, \bar{k}$ .

Check:  $\bar{e}_1 \times \bar{e}_2 = \bar{e}_3$   
 $\bar{e}_2 \times \bar{e}_3 = \bar{e}_1$   
 $\bar{e}_3 \times \bar{e}_1 = \bar{e}_2$ .

$$= \bar{e}_1 \begin{vmatrix} u_2 & u_3 \\ v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix} - \bar{e}_2 \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_3 \end{vmatrix} + \bar{e}_3 \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_2 \\ v_1 & v_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

↳ Not a matrix!  
So not actually a determinant

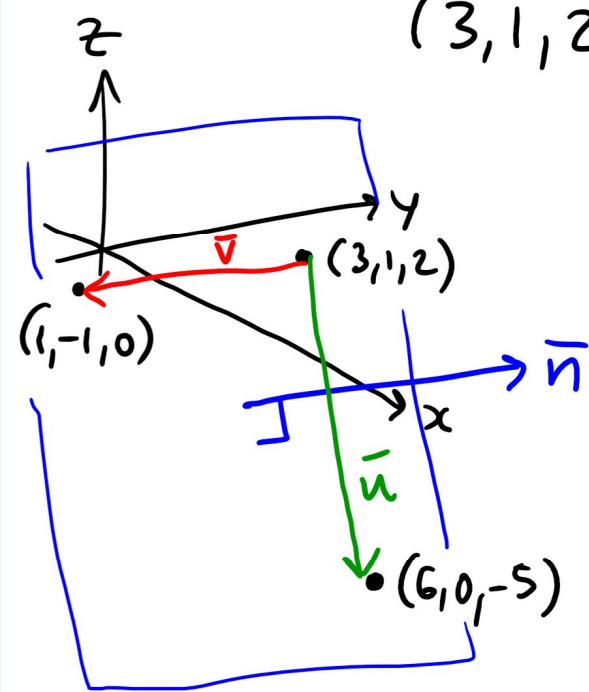
Pretending nevertheless that the above expression is a determinant.

$$= \left( \begin{vmatrix} u_2 & u_3 \\ v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix}, - \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_3 \end{vmatrix}, \begin{vmatrix} u_1 & u_2 \\ v_1 & v_2 \end{vmatrix} \right)$$

$$= (u_2 v_3 - u_3 v_2, -(u_1 v_3 - u_3 v_1), u_1 v_2 - u_2 v_1)$$

$$\bar{u} \cdot (\bar{u} \times \bar{v}) = 0 = \bar{v} \cdot (\bar{u} \times \bar{v}) \quad (\text{check!})$$

Example Find the plane containing  
 $(3, 1, 2)$ ,  $(6, 0, -5)$ ,  $(1, -1, 0)$ .



$$\begin{aligned} \bar{u} &= (6, 0, -5) - (3, 1, 2) \\ &= (3, -1, -7) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{v} &= (1, -1, 0) - (3, 1, 2) \\ &= (-2, -2, -2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{n} &= \bar{u} \times \bar{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \bar{e}_1 & \bar{e}_2 & \bar{e}_3 \\ 3 & -1 & -7 \\ -2 & -2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -12\bar{e}_1 + 20\bar{e}_2 - 8\bar{e}_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$= (-12, 20, -8)$$

Plane equation:  $-12x + 20y - 8z + d = 0$

To find  $d$ , plug in one of the points e.g.

$$(3, 1, 2) : -36 + 20 - 16 + d = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow d = 32.$$

$$\text{Equation: } -12x + 20y - 8z + 32 = 0.$$

## Properties of cross products

$$\bullet \bar{u} \times \bar{u} = \bar{0}$$

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$$\bullet \bar{u} \times \bar{v} = -(\bar{v} \times \bar{u}) \quad (\text{right-hand rule})$$

$$\bullet \bar{u} \times (\bar{v} + \bar{w}) = (\bar{u} \times \bar{v}) + (\bar{u} \times \bar{w})$$

$$\bullet (k\bar{u}) \times \bar{v} = k(\bar{u} \times \bar{v})$$

• (Lagrange's Identity) - multiply out to get

$$\|\bar{u} \times \bar{v}\| = \sqrt{\|\bar{u}\|^2 \|\bar{v}\|^2 - (\bar{u} \cdot \bar{v})^2}$$

See Theorems 3.5.1 & 3.5.2 in textbook for more.

(Check!)

$$\begin{vmatrix} \bar{e}_1 & \bar{e}_2 & \bar{e}_3 \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix}$$



Here is an explanation for the claim

'All solutions  $\bar{x}$  to  $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$  look like  $\bar{x} = \bar{x}_0 + \bar{w}$ , where  $\bar{x}_0$  is a known solution (i.e.  $A\bar{x}_0 = \bar{b}$ ) &  $\bar{w}$  is some solution to the homogeneous system i.e.  $A\bar{w} = \bar{0}$ .'

First take a vector that looks like  $\bar{x} = \bar{x}_0 + \bar{w}$ , as described above. Then  $A\bar{x} = A(\bar{x}_0 + \bar{w}) = A\bar{x}_0 + A\bar{w} = \bar{b} + \bar{0} = \bar{b}$ , so  $\bar{x} = \bar{x}_0 + \bar{w}$  is in fact a solution to  $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$ .

Now consider  $\bar{x}$  & write it as  $\bar{x} = \bar{x}_0 + (\bar{x} - \bar{x}_0)$ .

If  $A\bar{x} = \bar{b}$ , then  $A(\bar{x} - \bar{x}_0) = A\bar{x} - A\bar{x}_0 = \bar{b} - \bar{b} = \bar{0}$ ,

so  $\bar{x} - \bar{x}_0$  is a solution to the homogeneous system i.e. setting  $\bar{w} = \bar{x} - \bar{x}_0$  we see that  $\bar{x}$  has the required form,  $\bar{x} = \bar{x}_0 + \bar{w}$ , with  $A\bar{w} = \bar{0}$ .