

12.5B PLANES.

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3 WAYS TO SPECIFY A PLANE

(A) 3 POINTS

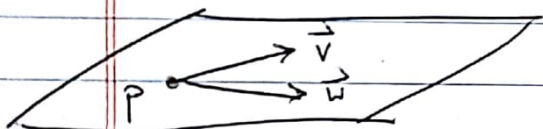


CONVERSIONS

$$Q = P + \vec{v}$$

$$R = P + \vec{w}$$

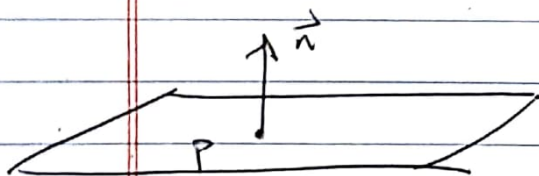
(B) POINT + 2 VECTORS



$$\vec{v} = Q - P$$

$$\vec{w} = R - P$$

(C) POINT + NORMAL VECTOR



$$\vec{n} = \vec{w} \times \vec{v}$$

3 FORMULAE FOR A PLANE

(I) PARAMETRIZATION $\vec{r}(s, t) = \vec{p} + s\vec{v} + t\vec{w} \quad s, t \in \mathbb{R}$

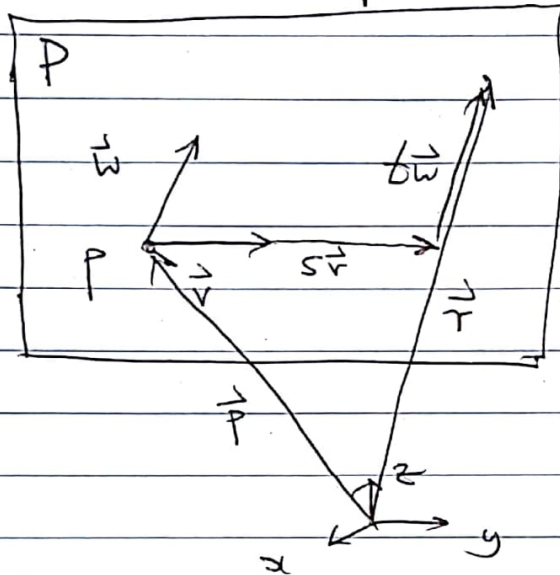
(II) LEVEL SURFACE EQN $(\vec{r} - \vec{p}) \cdot \vec{n} = 0$
or $a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) = 0$

(III) GRAPH OF A FUNCTION $z = Ax + By + C$

(I) PARAMETRIZATIONS OF PLANES

(2)

Let P be plane thru pt p containing vectors \vec{v}, \vec{w}



If \vec{r} is any point in P Then there are real #s s, t so that

$$\vec{r}(s, t) = \vec{p} + s\vec{v} + t\vec{w} \quad \text{Use Vector Add!}^n$$

EX 1 Parametrize the plane thru the 3 points

$$P = (1, 2, 3), \quad Q = (2, 4, 5), \quad R = (-1, 3, -7)$$

$$\vec{p} = (1, 2, 3)$$

$$\vec{v} = Q - P = (1, 2, 2)$$

$$\vec{w} = R - P = (-2, 1, -10)$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r}(s, t) &= (1, 2, 3) + s(1, 2, 2) + t(-2, 1, -10) \\ &= (1 + s - 2t, 2 + 2s + t, 3 + 2s - 10t) \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{cases} x = 1 + s - 2t \\ y = 2 + 2s + t \\ z = 3 + 2s - 10t \end{cases}$$

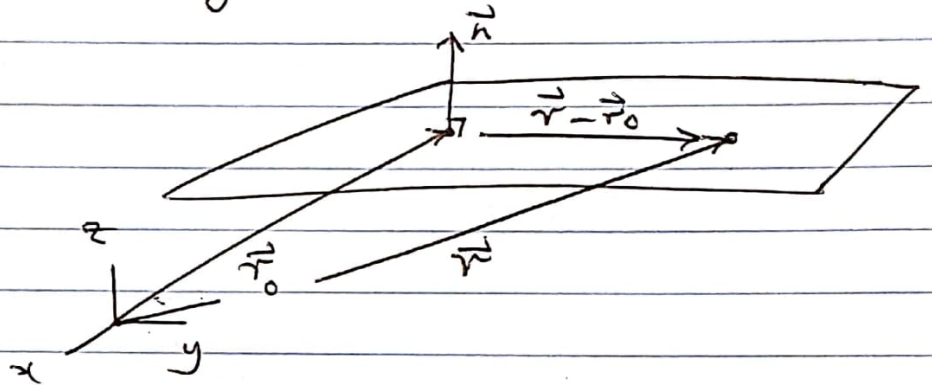
SCALAR PARAMETRIC
EQNS

VECTOR PARAMETRIC EQNS

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B) LEVEL SET EQN

Let P be plane through \vec{r}_0 with normal vector \vec{n} .



Let $\vec{r} = (x, y, z)$ be an arbitrary point in P .
Then

$$\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0 \perp \vec{n}$$

So

$$\boxed{(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0) \cdot \vec{n} = 0}$$

VECTOR FORM OF
LEVEL SET
EQUATION

CONVERT TO SCALAR FORM:

$$\vec{r} = (x, y, z), \quad \vec{r}_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0), \quad \vec{n} = (a, b, c)$$

PLUG IN:

$$(x - x_0, y - y_0, z - z_0) \cdot (a, b, c) = 0$$

$$\boxed{a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) = 0}$$

SCALAR FORM OF
LEVEL SET EQN

NOTE In general a level set eqn is one of form
 $F(x, y, z) = 0$. (See #14)

EX2 $\vec{n} = (7, 2, 3)$ $\vec{r}_0 = (-1, 3, 4)$, $\vec{r} = (x, y, z)$

$(x+1, y-3, z-4) \cdot (7, 2, 3) = 0$

$7(x+1) + 2(y-3) + 3(z-4) = 0$

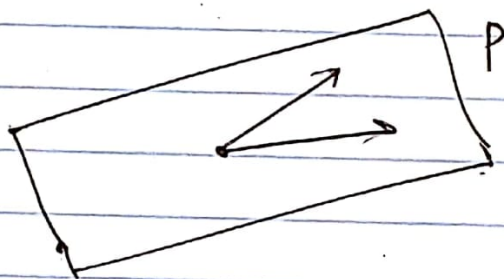
$7x + 2y + 3z - 11 = 0$ *

INTUITION

1 EQN IN 3 UNKNOWN

So $3-1=2$ DEGREES of freedom

Corresponds to 2 independent directions to move in the plane.



C GRAPH OF FUNCTION

EX3.

Let's solve * for z:

$z = \frac{1}{3}(-7x - 2y + 11) = g(x, y)$

In general

$z = g(x, y) = Ax + By + C$ is a plane.

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Q Can we always solve for z ?

A no In general we have

$$ax + by + cz = d.$$

If $c=0$ can't solve for z .

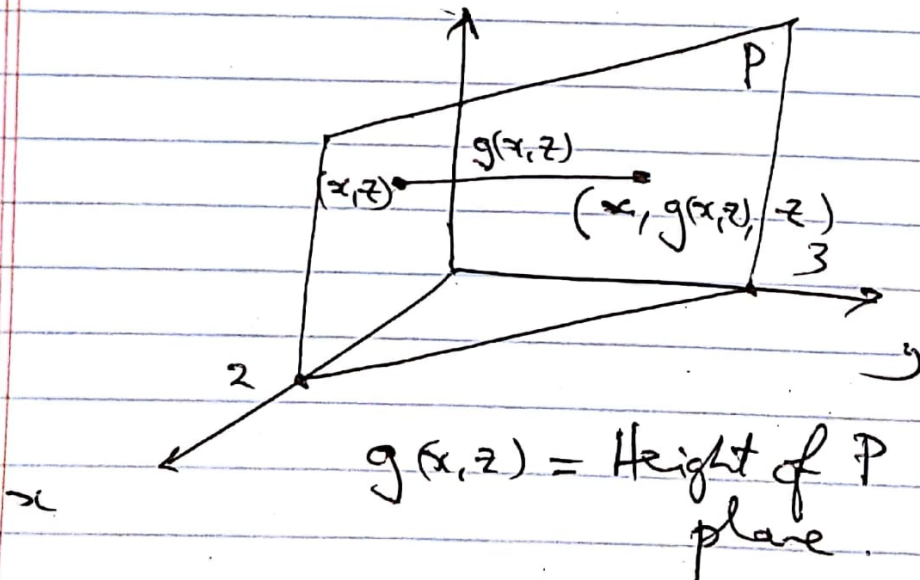
But $\vec{n} = (a, b, c) \neq (0, 0, 0)$ (Normal Vector $\neq \vec{0}$)

So at least one of a, b, c is non zero
So can solve for at least one of x, y, z .

Ex 4

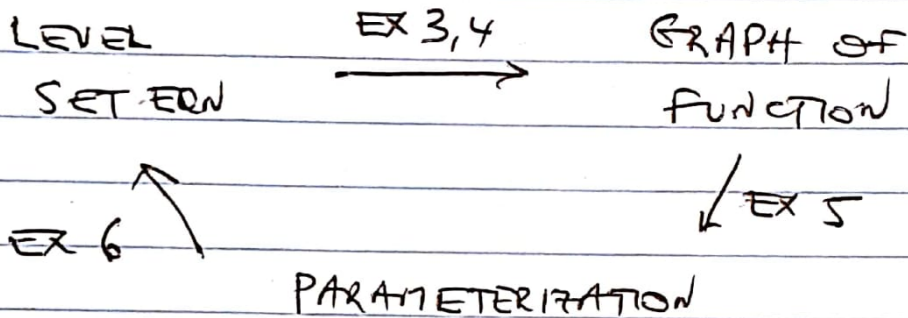
$$3x + 2y = 6 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{R}^3$$

Solve for y : $y = \frac{1}{2}(6 - 3x) = g(x, z)$



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CONVERTING BETWEEN THE 3 FORMULAE



EX 5 GRAPH \rightarrow PARAM

Suppose
SCALAR FORM

$$z = g(x, y) = 4x + 5y + 6$$

Choose

$$x = x(s, t) = s$$

$$y = y(s, t) = t$$

$$z = z(s, t) = g(s, t) = 4s + 5t + 6$$

VECTOR FORM

$$\vec{r}(s, t) = x(s, t)\vec{i} + y(s, t)\vec{j} + z(s, t)\vec{k}$$

$$= s\vec{i} + t\vec{j} + (4s + 5t + 6)\vec{k}$$

$$= s(1, 0, 4) + t(0, 1, 5) + (0, 0, 6)$$

$$\vec{r}(s, t) = s\vec{v} + t\vec{w} + \vec{p}$$

So $\vec{v} = (1, 0, 4)$, $\vec{w} = (0, 1, 5)$ are 2 vectors in P
 $\vec{p} = (0, 0, 6)$ is a point in P

EX 6

PARA → LEVEL SET.

$$\vec{r}(s,t) = \vec{p} + s\vec{v} + t\vec{w} \quad \vec{p}, \vec{v}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

Need $(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0) \cdot \vec{n} = 0$.

Choose $\vec{r}_0 = \vec{p} = (0, 0, 6)$ pt in P

$$\vec{n} = \vec{v} \times \vec{w} \quad \text{normal to P}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\vec{n} = -4\vec{i} - 5\vec{j} + \vec{k}$$

So get

$$(-4, -5, 1) \cdot (x-0, y-0, z-6) = 0$$

$$-4x - 5y + z - 6 = 0$$

$$z = 4x + 5y + 6$$

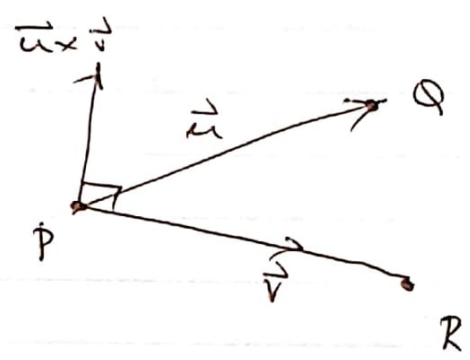
LEVEL SET
GRAPH ✓

(P) (Q) (R)

EX 7 Find a ^{UNIT} vector \vec{n} \perp to plane through points

$$P = (2, 0, -3), \quad Q = (3, 1, 0), \quad R = (5, 2, 2)$$

$$\vec{u} = \vec{PQ} = Q - P = (1, 1, 3)$$



$$\vec{v} = \vec{PR} = R - P = (3, 2, 5)$$

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = (-1, 4, -1)$$

$$\vec{n} = \frac{\vec{u} \times \vec{v}}{|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{18}} (-1, 4, -1)$$

U ✓

$$\vec{n} \cdot \vec{u} = 0 = \vec{n} \cdot \vec{v}$$

ALSO LEVEL SURFACE EQN of our plane is

$$(-1, 4, -1) \cdot (x-2, y-0, z+3) = 0$$

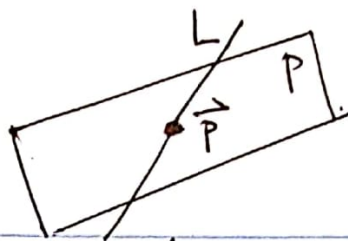
$$-(x-2) + 4y - (z+3) = 0$$

$$\boxed{x - 4y + z = -1}$$

(*)

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P, Q, R all satisfy (*)



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EX 8

A line and plane usually intersect in a point. \vec{p}

To find the point it is best to use parametrization of line and level set eqn of plane.

EX ① $\vec{r}(t) = (1+4t, 2+5t, 3+6t)$ LINE

② $x + 2y - z = 10$ PLANE

Plug ① into ② and solve for t :

$$1+4t + 2(2+5t) - (3+6t) = 10$$

$$2 + 8t = 10$$

$$t = 1$$

$$\text{So } \vec{p} = \vec{r}(1) = (5, 7, 9)$$

CHECK Plug \vec{p} into ②:

$$5 + 14 - 9 = 10 \checkmark$$

EX 9

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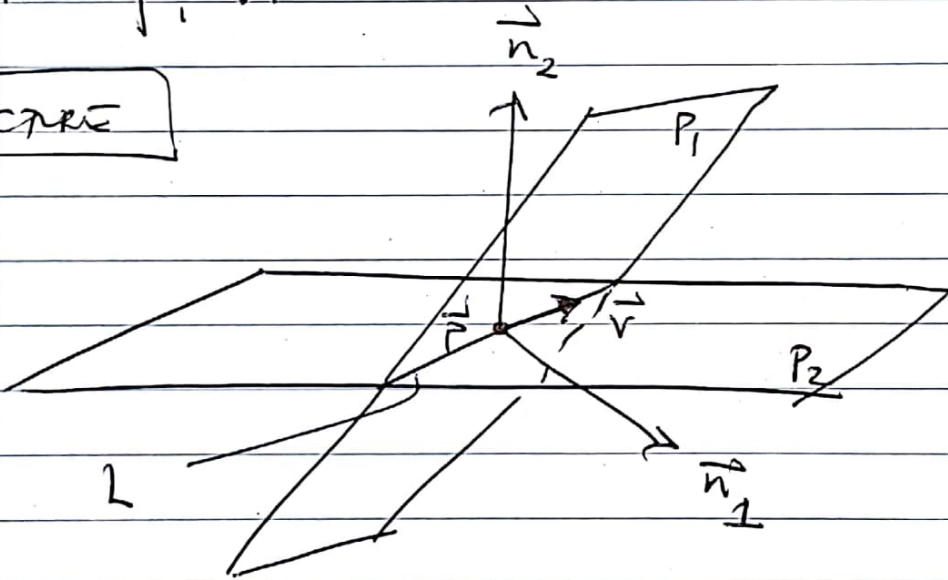
Usually 2 planes, P_1 and P_2 , intersect in a line L .

Q What strategy should we use to find parametrization of L ?

$$L: \vec{r}(t) = \vec{p} + t\vec{v}$$

Find \vec{p}, \vec{v} .

A PICTURE



a) $\vec{v} = \vec{n}_1 \times \vec{n}_2$

b) \vec{p} is a point on both P_1 and P_2 .

If P_1 is $a_1x + b_1y + c_1z = d_1$
and P_2 is $a_2x + b_2y + c_2z = d_2$

Then try setting $z=0$ and solving 2 linear eqns for (x, y) .