

## Cross products

Determinants  $a, b, c, d, e \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = ad - bc$$

Example  $\det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} = 3(-2) - 1(4) = -10$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & k \end{bmatrix} = a \det \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ h & k \end{bmatrix} - b \det \begin{bmatrix} d & f \\ g & k \end{bmatrix} + c \det \begin{bmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{bmatrix} =$$

Example  $\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - (-2) \det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} +$

$0 \det \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 1(1(1) - 0(2)) + 2(3(1) - (-2)(2)) = 1 + 2(7) = 15$

Cross product  $i = (1, 0, 0)$   $j = (0, 1, 0)$   $k = (0, 0, 1)$

$a = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$   $b = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$

The cross product of  $a$  and  $b$  is

$a \times b = \det \begin{bmatrix} i & j & k \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{bmatrix} = i \det \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & a_3 \\ b_2 & b_3 \end{bmatrix} - j \det \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_3 \end{bmatrix} +$

$$+ k \det \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 \\ b_1 & b_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example:  $a = (4, -2, 5)$        $b = (3, 1, -1)$

$$a \times b = \det \begin{bmatrix} i & j & k \\ 4 & -2 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = i \det \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 5 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} - j \det \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + k \det \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$= i(-3) - j(-19) + k(10) = -3i + 19j + 10k = -3(1, 0, 0) + 19(0, 1, 0) + 10$$

$$(0, 0, 1) = (-3, 19, 10)$$

Properties  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}^3$        $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

1)  $a \times b = -b \times a$

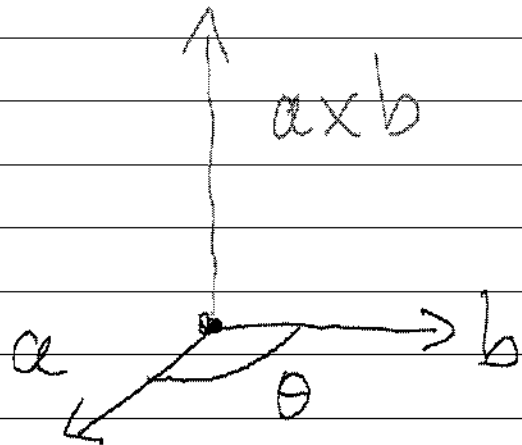
$$2) a \times (b+c) = a \times b + a \times c$$

$$3) a \times (\lambda b) = \lambda (a \times b)$$

$$4) a \times a = 0$$

$$5) a \cdot (a \times b) = b \cdot (a \times b) = 0$$

Obs:  $a \times b$  is orthogonal to any vector in the plane that contains  $a$ ,  $b$  and the origin  $O$ .

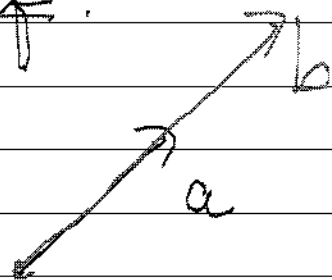


Right hand rule (book)

Theorem If  $\theta$  is the angle between  $a$  and  $b$ , then

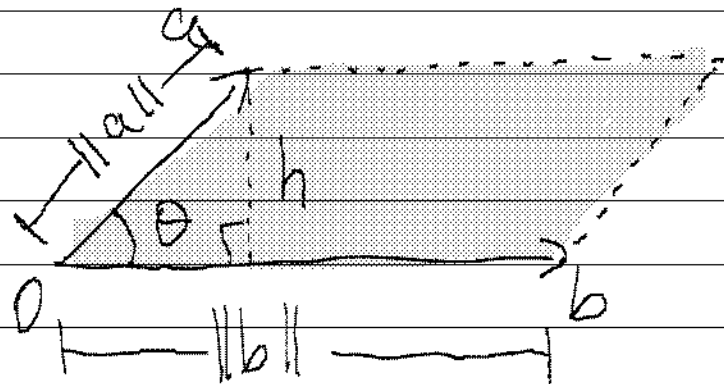
$$\|a \times b\| = \|a\| \|b\| \sin \theta$$

Def: Let  $a \neq 0$  and  $b \neq 0$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . We say that they are parallel if there exists  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $b = \lambda a$



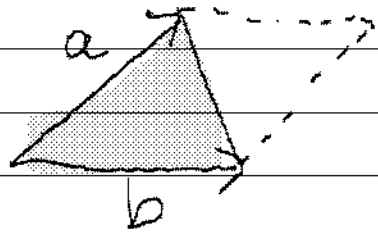
Obs:  $a$  and  $b$  are parallel if  $a \times b = 0$  ( $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^3$ )

Areas



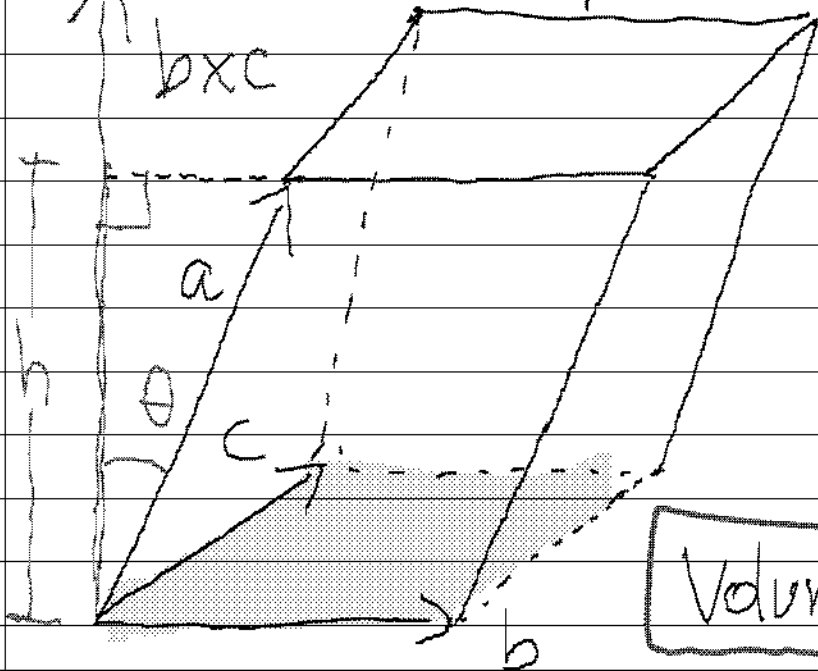
$$\begin{array}{l} \perp \\ h = \|a\| \sin \theta \\ \perp \end{array}$$

$$\text{Area} = \text{base} \times \text{height} = \|b\| \|a\| \sin \theta = \|a \times b\|$$



$$\text{Area of triangle} = \frac{1}{2} \|a \times b\|$$

Volume of a parallelepiped



$$\text{Volume} = \text{base} \times \text{height}$$

$$\text{base} = \|b \times c\|$$

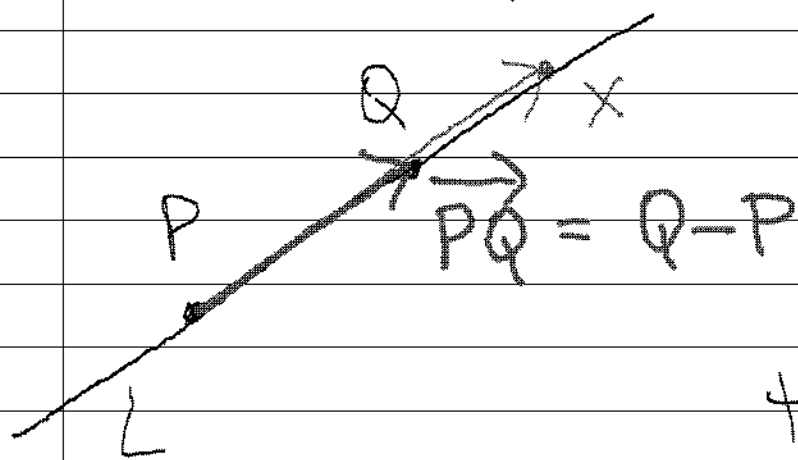
$$\text{height} = h = \|a\| |\cos \theta| = \|a\| \frac{|a \cdot (b \times c)|}{\|a\| \|b \times c\|}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Volume} = \|b \times c\| \|a\| \frac{|a \cdot (b \times c)|}{\|a\| \|b \times c\|} = \boxed{|a \cdot (b \times c)|}}$$

$$\|a\| \|b \times c\|$$

Obs  $a \cdot (b \times c) = \det \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{bmatrix}$

Lines and planes in  $\mathbb{R}^3$   $L$  the line that contains  $P$  and  $Q$



$X$  belongs to the line  $L$  if and only

if  $X = P + \lambda(Q - P)$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

this is called a vector equation of the line

Example Find a vector equation for the line through  $(2, -1, 8)$  and  $(5, 6, -3)$

$$X = \boxed{(x_1, x_2, x_3)} = \underline{(2, -1, 8) + \lambda ((5, 6, -3) - (2, -1, 8))} = \\ = \underline{(2, -1, 8) + \lambda (3, 7, -11)}$$

Parametric equations of a line: As before, but just write component by component. In the example

$$x_1 = 2 + 3\lambda$$

$$x_2 = -1 + 7\lambda$$

$$x_3 = 8 - 11\lambda$$

Symmetric equations

$$x_0, y_0, z_0, a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$(x, y, z) = (x_0, y_0, z_0) + t (a_1, a_2, a_3)$$



$$t = \frac{x-x_0}{a_1} = \frac{y-y_0}{a_2} = \frac{z-z_0}{a_3}$$

these are called symmetric equations

Example: Find symmetric equations for the line through  $(5, 3, 1)$  and  $(2, 1, 1)$

$$(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (5, 3, 1)$$

$$(a_1, a_2, a_3) = (2, 1, 1) - (5, 3, 1) = (-3, -2, 0)$$

$$\frac{x-5}{(-3)} = \frac{y-3}{(-2)} \quad z=1$$

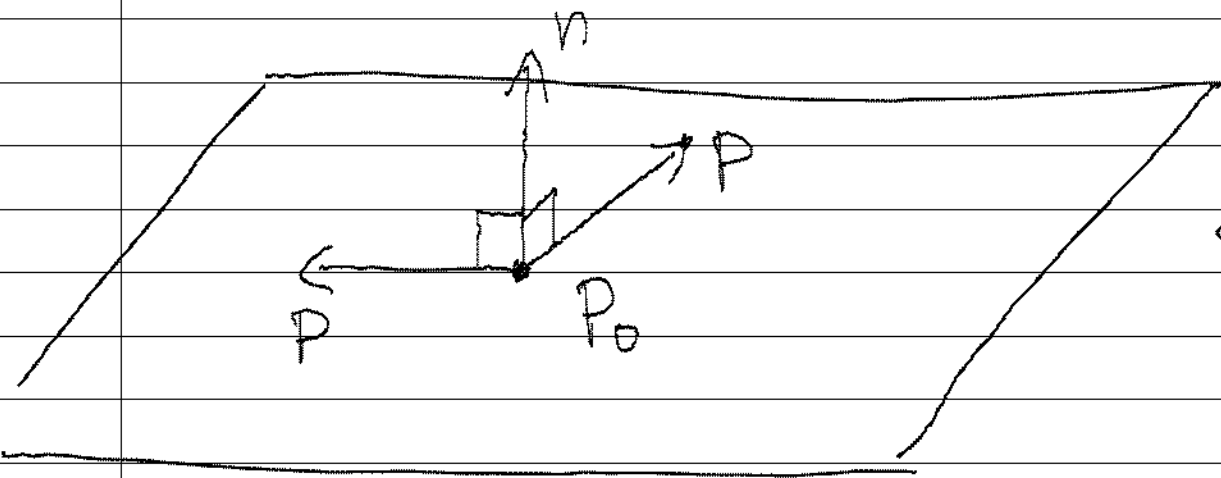
$$(x, y, z) = (x_0, y_0, z_0) + \lambda (a_1, a_2, a_3)$$

$$(x, y, z) = (5, 3, 1) + \lambda (-3, -2, 0)$$

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

$P_0$  a point in the plane

$n$  a vector such that  $\vec{n}$  is orthogonal to  $\vec{P_0P}$  for any  $P$  in the plane.



$P$  is in the plane if and only if  $\vec{n} \cdot \vec{P_0P} = 0$

If  $P = (x, y, z)$ ,  $P_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$   $n = (a, b, c)$

$$\vec{n} \cdot \vec{P_0P} = \boxed{a(x-x_0) + b(y-y_0) + c(z-z_0) = 0} \quad \text{Cartesian equation}$$

Example: Find an equation of the plane with normal vector (perpendicular)  $n = (2, 8, -5)$  containing the point  $(4, -1, 3)$

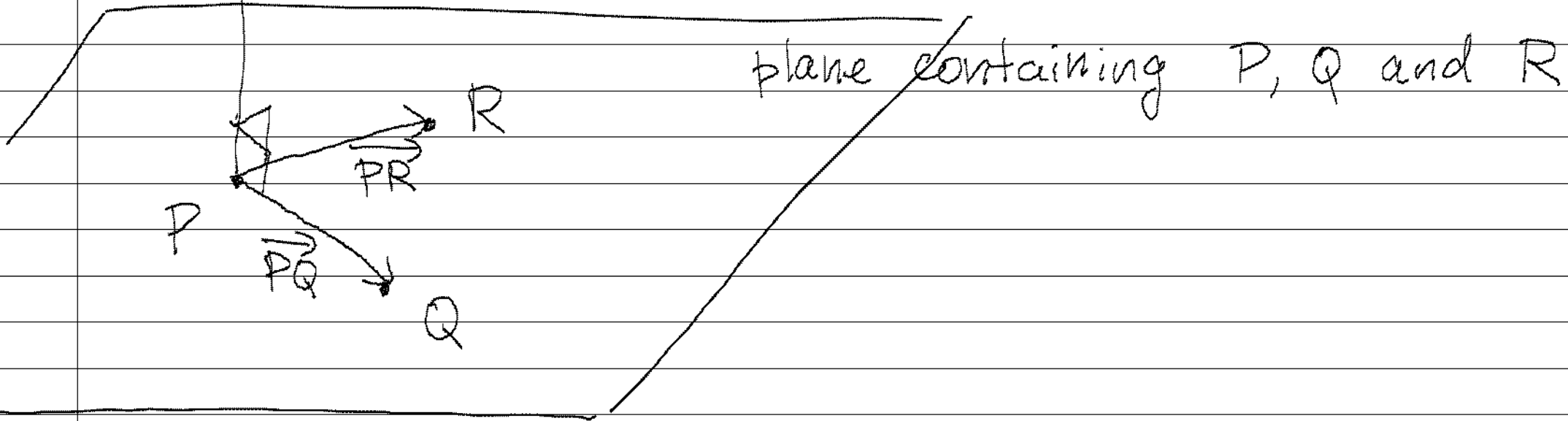
$$2(x-4) + 8(y+1) - 5(z-3) = 0$$

Obs:  $ax + by + cz + d = 0$   $a, b$  and  $c$  not all zero

$a, b, c$  and  $d$  given. This is an equation of a plane with normal vector  $n = (a, b, c) = a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j} + c\mathbf{k}$

Obs, three points that do not belong to the same line determine a plane

$\vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR} = n$  this is a vector perpendicular to the plane that contains P, Q & R



Ex: Find an equation of the plane containing  $(1, 0, -1)$ ,  $(3, 1, 4)$   
and  $(2, -2, 0) = R$

$\begin{matrix} P & Q \\ \parallel & \parallel \\ P & Q \end{matrix}$

$$(3, 1, 4) - (1, 0, -1) = (2, 1, 5) = \vec{PQ}$$

$$(2, -2, 0) - (1, 0, -1) = (1, -2, 1) = \vec{PR}$$

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} i & j & k \\ 2 & 1 & 5 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = i(11) - j(-3) + k(-5) = (11, 3, -5)$$

$$11(x-1) + 3y - 5(z+1) = 0$$

## Vector spaces

Definition: A vector space is a set  $V$  with two operations:  
a vector addition and a scalar multiplication, where the following is satisfied:

1)  $x, y \in V$ , then  $x+y \in V$

2)  $x+y = y+x$

3)  $x+(y+z) = (x+y)+z$

4) there exists  $0 \in V$  such that  $x+0 = x$  for all  $x \in V$

5)  $x \in V$   $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  then  $\lambda x \in V$

6)  $\lambda(x+y) = \lambda x + \lambda y$

7)  $(\lambda+\beta)x = \lambda x + \beta x$

8)  $(\lambda\beta)x = \lambda(\beta x)$

9)  $1x = x$

Examples: 1)  $\mathbb{R}^n$

2) Polynomials

3)  $C[a, b]$  set of continuous real valued functions defined on the interval  $[a, b]$