

Lecture 2

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Lines

Planes

Cross Product

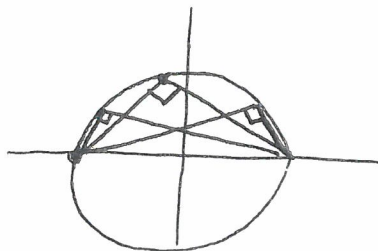
## Warmup

In 2d, find a vector  $y$  to  $\hat{i} + \hat{j}$ .

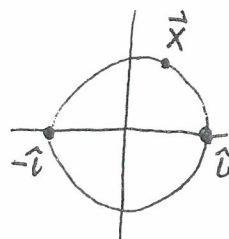
In 3d, find two vectors  $y$  to  $\hat{i} + \hat{j}$   
and perpendicular to each other.

## 10) Geometric Proofs

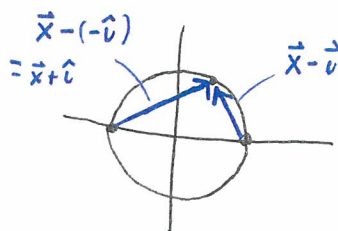
Example: Show that lines connecting any point on the unit ~~circle~~ circle to  $(1,0)$  and  $(-1,0)$  are perpendicular



Step 1: Label important points



Step 2: Identify important vectors



Step 3: Interpret givens and goal in terms of vectors

Given:  $|\vec{x}| = 1$

Goal:  $\vec{x} + \hat{u} \perp \vec{x} - \hat{u}$

Step 4: Connect givens and goal by algebra

Want to show  $(\vec{x} + \hat{u}) \cdot (\vec{x} - \hat{u}) = 0$ ,

Computing,

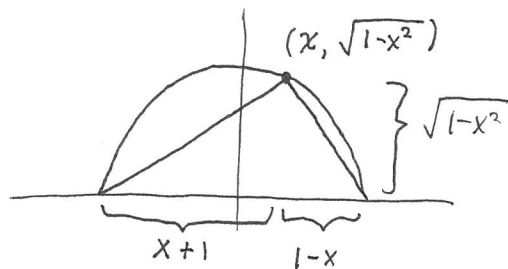
$$\begin{aligned} (\vec{x} + \hat{u}) \cdot (\vec{x} - \hat{u}) &= \vec{x} \cdot \vec{x} - \vec{x} \cdot \hat{u} + \hat{u} \cdot \vec{x} - \hat{u} \cdot \hat{u} \\ &= |\vec{x}|^2 - 1 \\ &= 1 - 1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Did Vectors make this problem easy?

Yes, nothing but interpreting givens & goal in terms of vectors.

Other approaches involve a clever decomposition of the triangle or involve slopes.

Approach 2 :



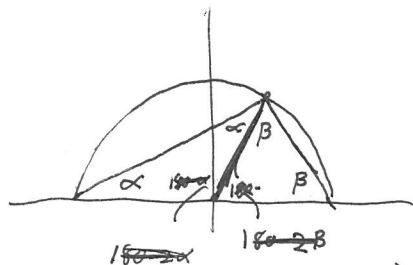
Slopes :  $\frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{1+x}$  &  $-\frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{1-x}$

$\sqrt{\frac{1-x}{1+x}}$  &  $-\sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}}$

Slopes  $m$  &  $-\frac{1}{m}$  are perpendicular

annoying algebra & had to solve eqn for circle

Approach 3 :



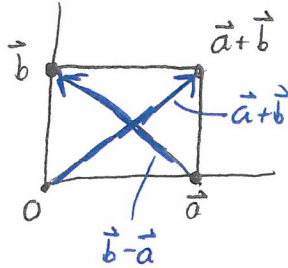
$2\alpha + 2\beta = \pi$

So  $\alpha + \beta = \frac{\pi}{2}$

requires clever way to view triangle

Example: Show that a rectangle is a square if its diagonals are perpendicular

Label points & vectors



Given:  $\vec{a} \perp \vec{b}$  and  $\vec{a} + \vec{b} \perp \vec{b} - \vec{a}$

Goal:  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}|$

Algebra:  $(\vec{a} + \vec{b}) \cdot (\vec{b} - \vec{a}) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} - \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a} + \vec{b} \cdot \vec{b} - \vec{b} \cdot \vec{a} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{b} \cdot \vec{b} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{a}$$

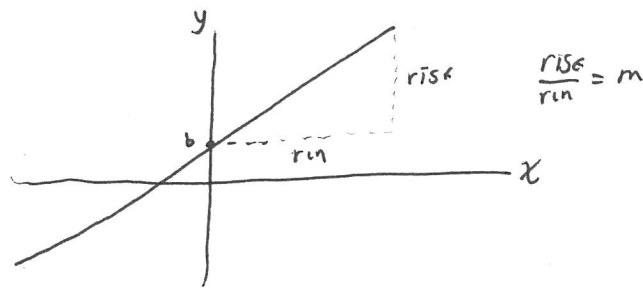
$$\Rightarrow |\vec{b}|^2 = |\vec{a}|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow |\vec{b}| = |\vec{a}| \quad \square$$

## 11) Lines in 2d

A line of slope  $m$  and  $y$ -intercept  $b$  is given by

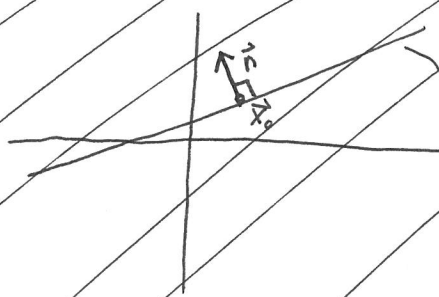
$$y = mx + b$$



This is cumbersome. <sup>& incomplete.</sup> What if line is vertical?

Slope distinguishes  $x$  from  $y$ . Want a way to treat  $x$  and  $y$  symmetrically

~~In 2d, a line is specified with a point  $\vec{x}_0$  and normal vector  $\vec{n}$ .~~



$$\vec{n} \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{n} \cdot \vec{x}_0$$

~~Why?~~

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

means

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

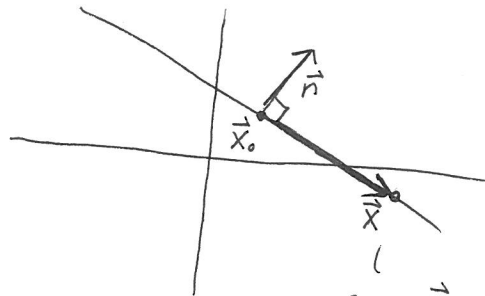
~~Only one direction (& its opposite) is  $\perp$ .~~

~~If  $\vec{x} - \vec{x}_0 \perp \vec{n}$ , so is any scalar multiple. Hence, a line.~~

11)

In 2d, any line satisfies  $\vec{n} \cdot \vec{x} = b$   
 )  
 normal vector

If line contains  $\vec{x}_0$ , then  $\vec{n} \cdot \vec{x}_0 = b$ , and line is given by  $\vec{n} \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{n} \cdot \vec{x}_0$ .



any  $\vec{x}$  along this line is such that

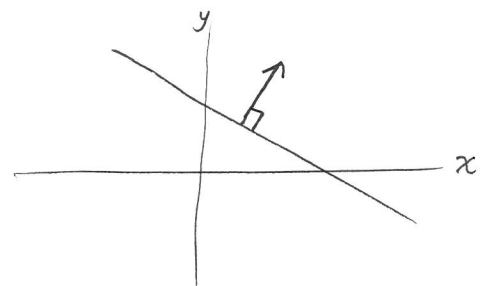
$$\vec{x} - \vec{x}_0 \perp \vec{n} \iff \vec{n} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}_0) = 0$$

$$\iff \vec{n} \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{n} \cdot \vec{x}_0$$

In this form, easy to read off normal vector of a line

Example: In 2d,  $2x + 3y = 5$  defines a line w/ normal vector  $\langle 2, 3 \rangle$

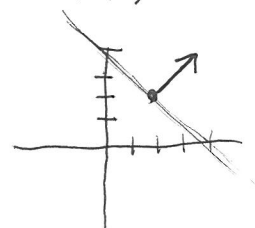
$$\underbrace{\langle 2, 3 \rangle}_{\vec{n}} \cdot \underbrace{\langle x, y \rangle}_{\vec{x}} = 5$$



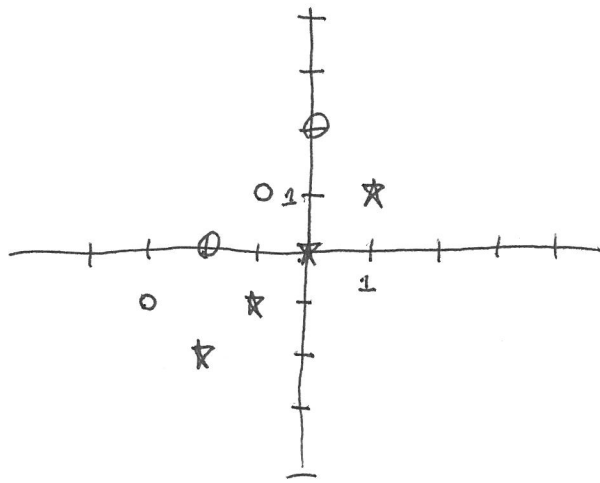
Example: line going through  $(2, 2)$  with normal vector  $\langle 1, 1 \rangle$

$$\langle 1, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle x, y \rangle = \langle 1, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle 2, 2 \rangle$$

$$x + y = 4$$



# Activity 2



Find a line of form  $\vec{n} \cdot \vec{x} = b$   
so that O's and X's are on opposite  
sides.

Identify  $\vec{n}$  and  $\vec{x}_0$



Discussion:

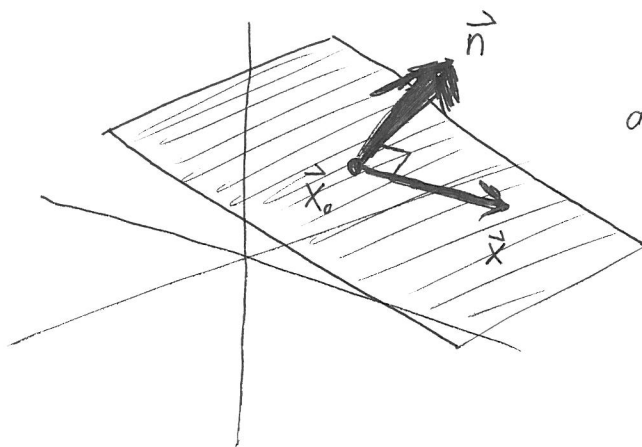
Why is vector view better than slope view?

In 3d, any plane satisfies  $\vec{n} \cdot \vec{x} = b$

normal vector

If plane contains  $\vec{x}_0$ , then  $\vec{n} \cdot \vec{x}_0 = b$ , and plane given by

$$\vec{n} \cdot \vec{x} = \vec{n} \cdot \vec{x}_0$$



any  $\vec{x}$  on plane is such that

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

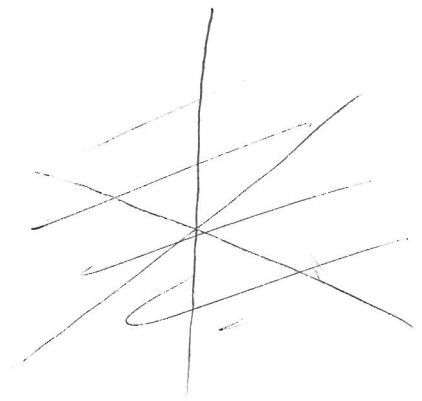
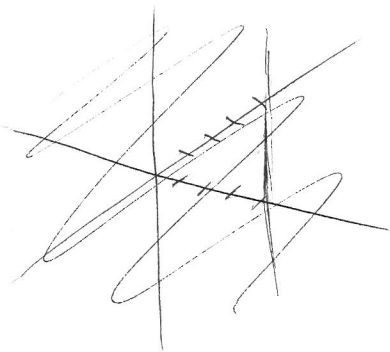
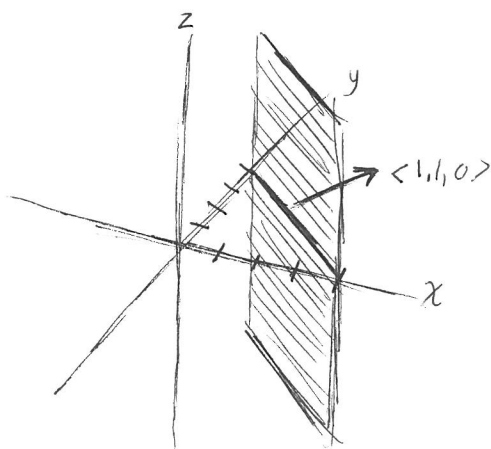
$$\Rightarrow \vec{n} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}_0) = 0$$

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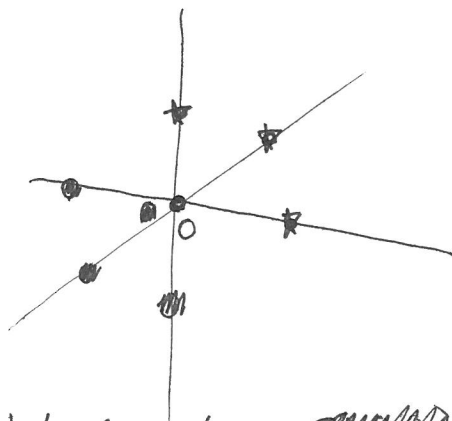
Example: plane with normal vector  $\langle 1, 1, 0 \rangle$  going through  $(2, 2, 0)$  is

$$\langle 1, 1, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle 1, 1, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle 2, 2, 0 \rangle$$

$$x + y = 4$$



Activity 3 .



Find a plane that separates  ~~$\langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$~~  from  $\langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle$ ,  $\langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle$ , and  $\langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle$ .

Hint: Think of normal vector and a point in plane.

## 12) Matrices

A matrix is a rectangular collection of numbers

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

2x2

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix}$$

3x3

May be nonsquare

Determinant of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix

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

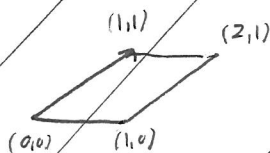
( diagonals minus off-diagonals )

Example  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \cdot 4 - 2 \cdot 2 = 0$ .

Geometrically,  $\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  is the area of parallelogram spanned by  $\langle a, b \rangle$  and  $\langle c, d \rangle$ . (up to a minus sign)



Example: area of



$$= \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

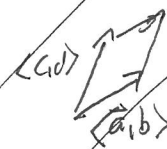
$$= 1 \cdot 0 - 1 \cdot 1 = -1$$

Area is  $\boxed{1}$

Discussion on how to solve with vectors.

How will you remember if area of

is  $\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  or  $\det \begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix}$ ?



# Cross Product

If  $\vec{x} = \langle x_1, x_2, x_3 \rangle$  and  $\vec{y} = \langle y_1, y_2, y_3 \rangle$

$$\text{then } \vec{x} \times \vec{y} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \end{vmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \leftarrow \text{first} \\ \text{vector goes here} \\ \leftarrow \text{second} \\ \text{vector goes here} \end{array}$$

$$= \hat{i} \begin{vmatrix} x_2 & x_3 \\ y_2 & y_3 \end{vmatrix} - \hat{j} \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & x_3 \\ y_1 & y_3 \end{vmatrix} + \hat{k} \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ y_1 & y_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

note minus sign

Ex: <sup>compute</sup>  $\langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle \times \langle -1, 0, 1 \rangle$

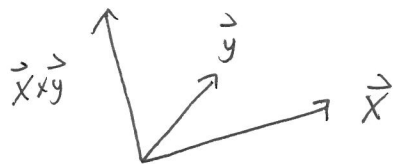
$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} &= \hat{i} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - \hat{j} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \hat{k} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \hat{i} 2 - \hat{j} 1 + \hat{k} (2) \\ &= \langle 2, -1, 2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Cross product of  $\vec{x}$  &  $\vec{y}$  is perpendicular to  $\vec{x}$  &  $\vec{y}$

Example:  $\langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle \times \langle -1, 0, 1 \rangle = \langle 2, -1, 2 \rangle$

Verify:  $\langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle 2, -1, 2 \rangle = 2 - 2 + 0 = 0 \checkmark$

$\langle -1, 0, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle 2, -1, 2 \rangle = -2 + 0 + 2 = 0 \checkmark$



Activity 6

$$\langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle \times \langle 2, 2, 2 \rangle$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - \hat{j} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + \hat{k} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= 0$$

Why must it be 0?

$$\langle 1, 0, 2 \rangle \times \langle 0, 1, 2 \rangle$$

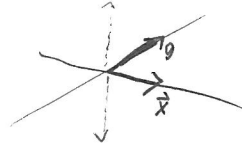
$$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - \hat{j} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} + \hat{k} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$
$$= -2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

## Right hand rule

$\vec{x} \times \vec{y}$  is perpendicular to  $\vec{x}$  &  $\vec{y}$ , but there are two such directions

Which one is it?

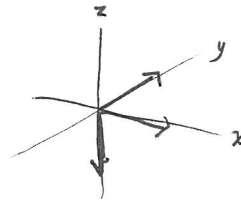
The one given by right hand rule.



Rule: line right hand fingers along  $\vec{x}$   
curl <sup>them</sup> directly toward  $\vec{y}$ ,  
Thumb points along  $\vec{x} \times \vec{y}$

Example:  $\hat{j} \times \hat{i} = -\hat{k}$

$$\hat{i} \times \hat{k} = -\hat{j}$$





## Activity 3

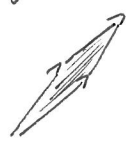
Apply right hand rule to determine

$$\text{Is } (\hat{i} + \hat{j}) \times \hat{k} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} \text{ or } \hat{j} - \hat{i} ?$$

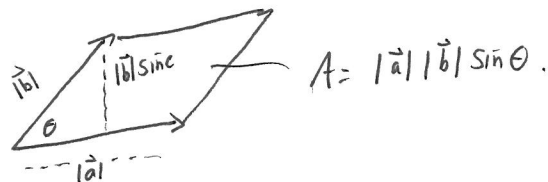
$$\text{Is } \hat{j} \times \hat{k} = \hat{i} \text{ or } -\hat{i} ?$$

## Length of cross product

$$|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \sin \theta, \text{ where } \theta \text{ is angle between } \vec{a} \text{ \& } \vec{b}$$

$$= \text{area of parallelogram in } \vec{a} \text{ \& } \vec{b}$$


$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{0} \text{ if. } \vec{a} \text{ \& } \vec{b} \text{ parallel } (\theta = 0 \text{ or } \pi)$$



~~Example 0~~

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$$\text{area} = | \langle 1,1,0 \rangle \times \langle 1,2,0 \rangle |$$

$$\langle 1,1,0 \rangle \times \langle 1,2,0 \rangle = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{i} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} - \hat{j} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} + \hat{k} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{k} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{k} - \text{has length } 1$$

So area of parallelogram is  $\boxed{1}$

Discussion of how to do without vectors.

# Intersections of Lines and Planes

In 2D, Two lines typically intersect in a point



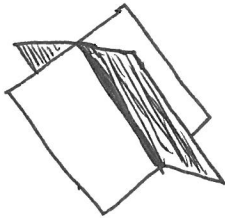
May completely overlap or have no overlap if parallel



or



In 3d, two planes typically intersect in a line



May completely overlap or have no overlap if parallel

