

Chap 1: Parametrized paths & Arc length

Now: Chapter 2, vectors,
equations of lines & planes.

Equation of a line can be written
in several different ways:

slope, intercept

$$y = mx + b$$

slope, point

$$m = (y - y_0) / (x - x_0)$$

two points

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(x_0, y_0) & (x_1, y_1)

$$m = (y_2 - y_1) / (x_2 - x_1)$$

$$\frac{(y - y_1)}{(x - x_1)} = \frac{(y_2 - y_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)}$$

$$(y - y_1)(x_2 - x_1) = (x - x_1)(y_2 - y_1)$$

In this course we use the form

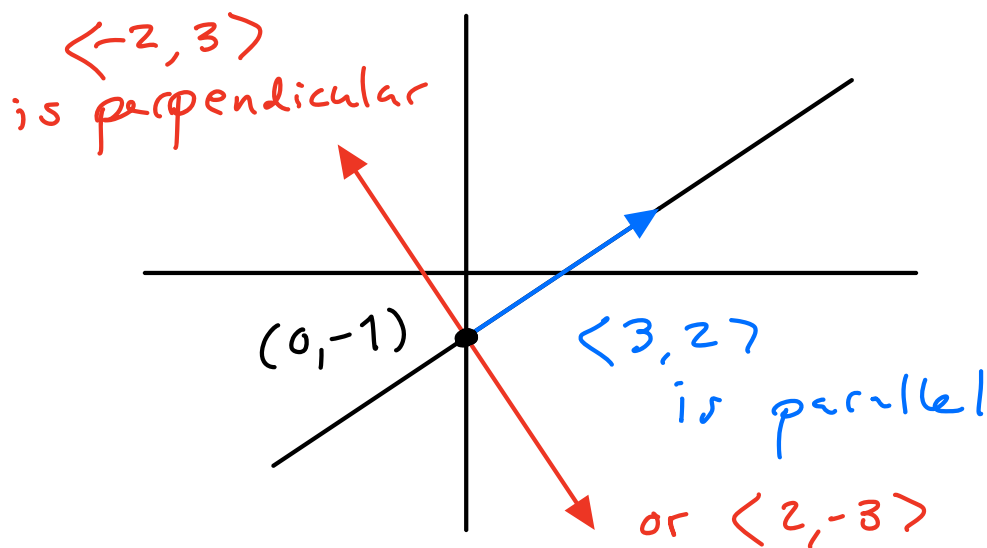
$$ax + by = c$$

OR

$$a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) = 0$$

This is the line passing through point (x_0, y_0) & \perp to vector $\langle a, b \rangle$.

Example: $y = \frac{2}{3}x - 1$



Convert to point, perpendicular form.

Take $(x_0, y_0) = (0, -1)$.

Need a vector

Trick: Find a vector in the line (say $\langle 3, 2 \rangle$ because slope $\frac{2}{3}$), then take the negative reciprocal slope $-\frac{3}{2}$, which suggests

$$\langle a, b \rangle = \langle -2, 3 \rangle \text{ or } \langle 2, -3 \rangle$$

In fact, any scalar multiple of $\langle -2, 3 \rangle$ or $\langle 2, -3 \rangle$ will work.

Thus we get the equation

$$a(x-x_0) + b(y-y_0) = 0$$

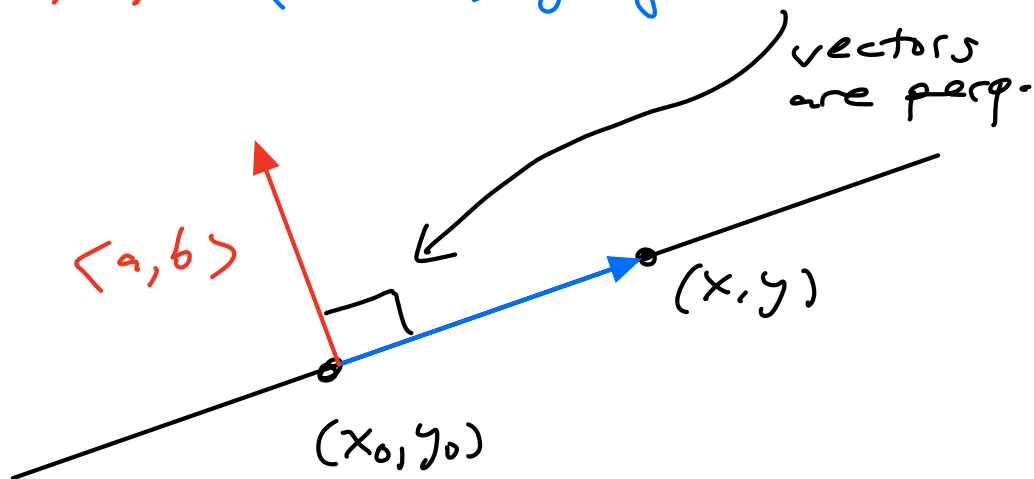
$$2(x-0) - 3(y+1) = 0.$$

$$\langle a, b \rangle = \langle 2, -3 \rangle$$

$$(x_0, y_0) = (0, -1).$$

This equation says that

$$\langle a, b \rangle \cdot \langle x-x_0, y-y_0 \rangle = 0$$

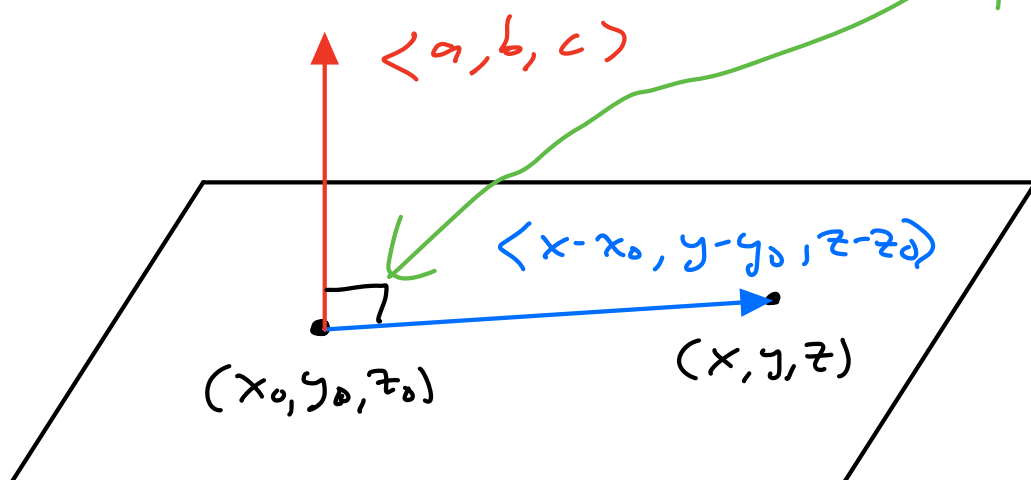


Move into 3D :

$$a(x-x_0) + b(y-y_0) + c(z-z_0) = 0.$$

$$\langle a, b, c \rangle \cdot \langle x-x_0, y-y_0, z-z_0 \rangle = 0.$$

Picture : A plane. Given point (x_0, y_0, z_0) in the plane & vector $\langle a, b, c \rangle \perp$ to the plane, any point (x, y, z) in plane must satisfy this equation.



[Perp vector $\langle a, b, c \rangle$ is also called a "normal vector" for the plane, so

$a(x-x_0) + b(y-y_0) + c(z-z_0) = 0$
is the "normal equation."]

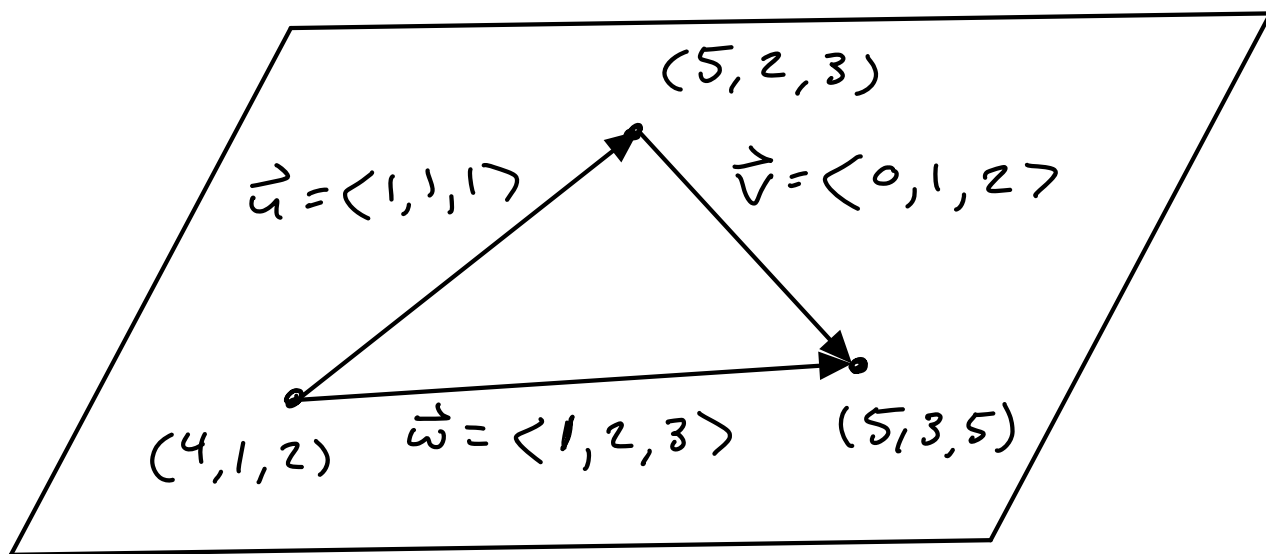
Example : 3 points determine a plane. Find the normal equation of the plane containing points

$$P = (4, 1, 2)$$

$$Q = (5, 2, 3)$$

$$R = (5, 3, 5)$$

Triangle in space



We need to find a normal vector

$$\vec{n} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$$

pointing \perp to the plane.

There is a TRICK.

Definition of "Cross Product":

Given two vectors in 3D space

$$\vec{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$$

$$\vec{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$$

we define a new vector $\vec{u} \times \vec{v}$
as follows:

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} =$$

$$\langle u_2 v_3 - u_3 v_2, u_3 v_1 - u_1 v_3, u_1 v_2 - u_2 v_1 \rangle$$

Wow, what a mess!

Two Issues:

- (1) What does it mean?
- (2) How can we memorize the formula?

① Meaning: $\vec{u} \times \vec{v}$ is simultaneously \perp to \vec{u} & \vec{v} .

Check:

$$\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) =$$

$$u_1(u_2v_3 - u_3v_2) + u_2(u_3v_1 - u_1v_3) + u_3(u_1v_2 - u_2v_1)$$

$$= \cancel{u_1u_2v_3} + \cancel{u_2u_3v_1} + \cancel{u_3u_1v_2} \\ - \cancel{u_1u_3v_2} - \cancel{u_2u_1v_3} - \cancel{u_3u_2v_1}$$

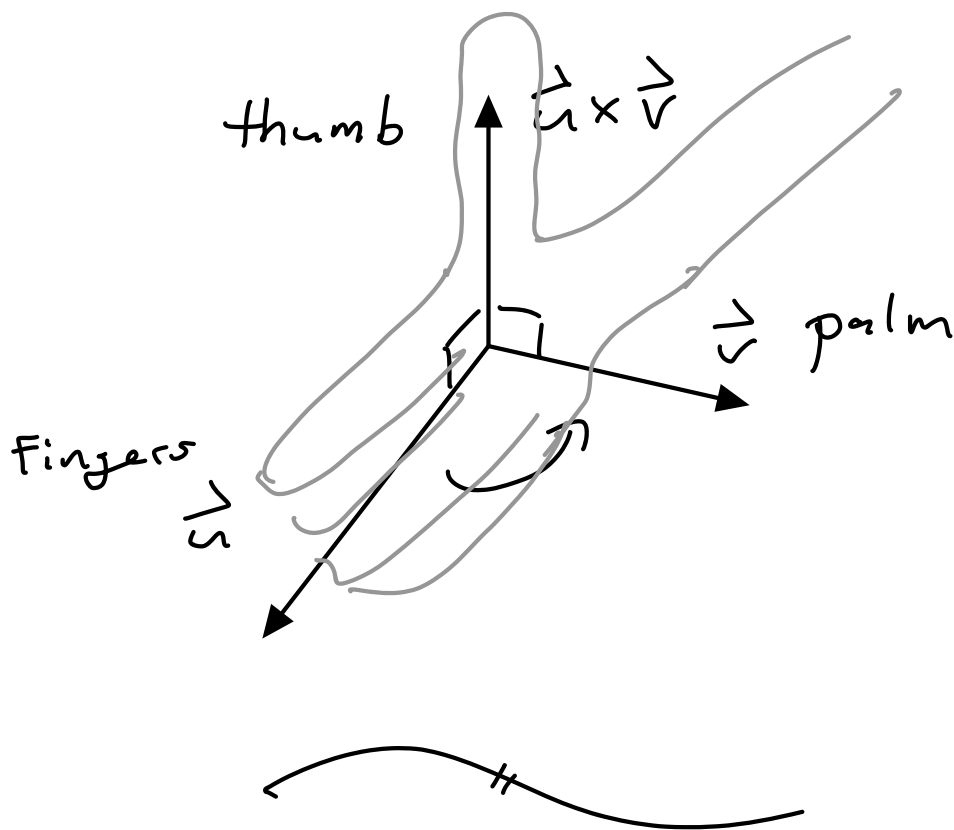
$$= 0 \quad \text{Magic!}$$

So $\vec{u} \perp \vec{u} \times \vec{v}$.

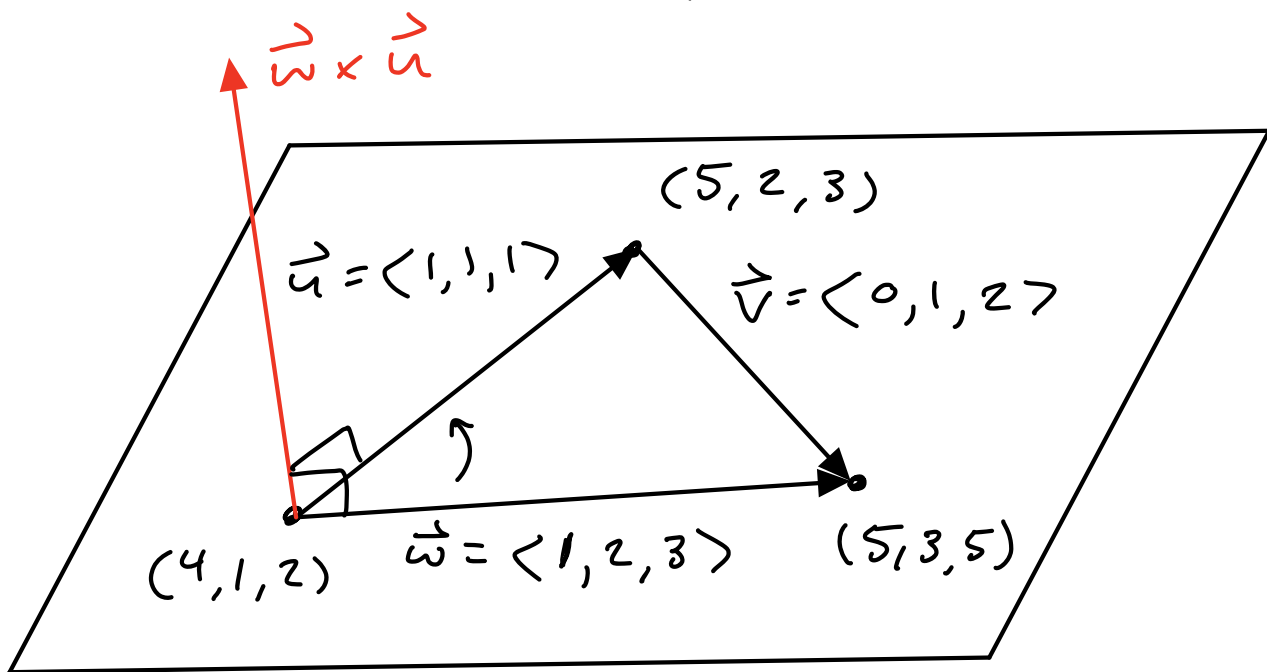
Similar computation shows $\vec{v} \perp \vec{u} \times \vec{v}$.

[The 3D version of the "negative reciprocal slope" trick.]

Picture: Right Hand Rule.



Back to our example :



We have 6 different ways
to create a normal vector

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v}, \vec{u} \times \vec{w}, \vec{v} \times \vec{w}$$

$$\vec{v} \times \vec{u}, \vec{w} \times \vec{u}, \vec{w} \times \vec{v}.$$

Let's do this one

$$\vec{w} = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle$$

$$\vec{u} = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$$

$$\vec{w} \times \vec{u} = \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle \times \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$$

$$= \langle 2 \cdot 1 - 3 \cdot 1, 3 \cdot 1 - 1 \cdot 1, 1 \cdot 1 - 2 \cdot 1 \rangle$$

$$= \langle -1, 2, -1 \rangle.$$

Check:

$$\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle \cdot \langle -1, 2, -1 \rangle = -1 + 4 - 3 = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

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

Finally we get the normal equation of the plane. Take

$$\langle a, b, c \rangle = \langle -1, 2, -1 \rangle \leftarrow \text{we had 6 choices}$$

$$(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (4, 1, 2) \leftarrow \text{we had 3 choices}$$

Equation:

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

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

simplify if we want

$$-x + 2y - z + 4 - 2 + 2 = 0$$

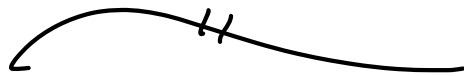
$$-x + 2y - z = -4$$

$$1x - 2y + 1z = 4$$

That looks better.

Normal vector is $\langle 1, -2, 1 \rangle$ still visible.

But the point is hidden.



② How can we memorize the cross product?

Most common mnemonic. Let

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{i} &= \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle \\ \vec{j} &= \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle \\ \vec{k} &= \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle\end{aligned} \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned}\vec{i} \\ \vec{j} \\ \vec{k}\end{aligned}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{standard} \\ \text{basis} \\ \text{vectors} \end{array}$$

so general vector is

$$\begin{aligned}\langle a, b, c \rangle &= a \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle + b \langle 0, 1, 0 \rangle + c \langle 0, 0, 1 \rangle \\ &= a \vec{i} + b \vec{j} + c \vec{k}\end{aligned}$$

Mnemonic

$$\vec{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$$

$$\vec{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$$

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = \begin{array}{ccccccc} \left(\begin{array}{ccc} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{array} \right) & \left(\begin{array}{ccc} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{array} \right) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= + u_2 v_3 \vec{i} + u_3 v_1 \vec{j} + u_1 v_2 \vec{k} \\ &\quad - u_2 v_1 \vec{k} - u_3 v_2 \vec{i} - u_1 v_3 \vec{j}\end{aligned}$$

Example:

$$\langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle \times \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$$

$$= \begin{array}{cccccc} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} & \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array}$$

$$= +2\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} + 1\vec{k} - 2\vec{k} - 3\vec{i} - 1\vec{j}$$

$$= (2-3)\vec{i} + (3-1)\vec{j} + (1-2)\vec{k}$$

$$= -1\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - 1\vec{k}$$

$$= \langle -1, 2, -1 \rangle \quad \checkmark$$

Deeper: This trick is based on the concept of a "determinant" of a square matrix, which comes from linear algebra.

2x2 case:

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

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

$$= +aei + bfg + cdh \\ - ceg - bdi - afh$$

Recursive Expansion:

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

$$= a \det \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$- b \det \begin{pmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$+ c \det \begin{pmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{pmatrix}$$

Laplace
expansion
along
first row a, b, c

Cross product :

$$\langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle \times \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$$

$$= \text{det} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Not literal because $\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k}$ are vectors not scalars. But whatever.



Ultimate meaning of determinants.

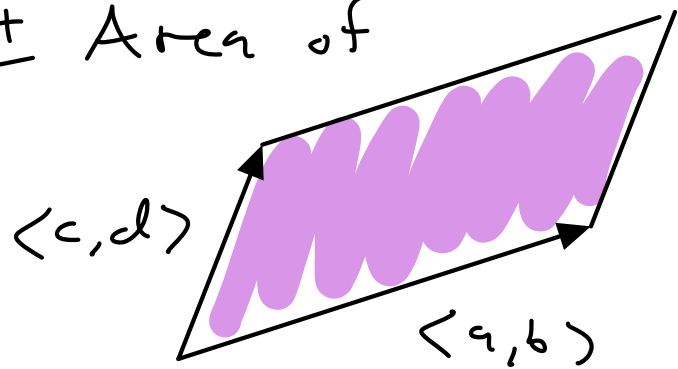
Let $\vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_2, \dots, \vec{u}_n$ be n vectors in n -dimensional space.

$$\text{det} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{u}_1 \\ \vec{u}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vec{u}_n \end{pmatrix} = \pm \text{Volume of parallelepiped generated by } \vec{u}_1, \dots, \vec{u}_n.$$

$n \times n$ matrix

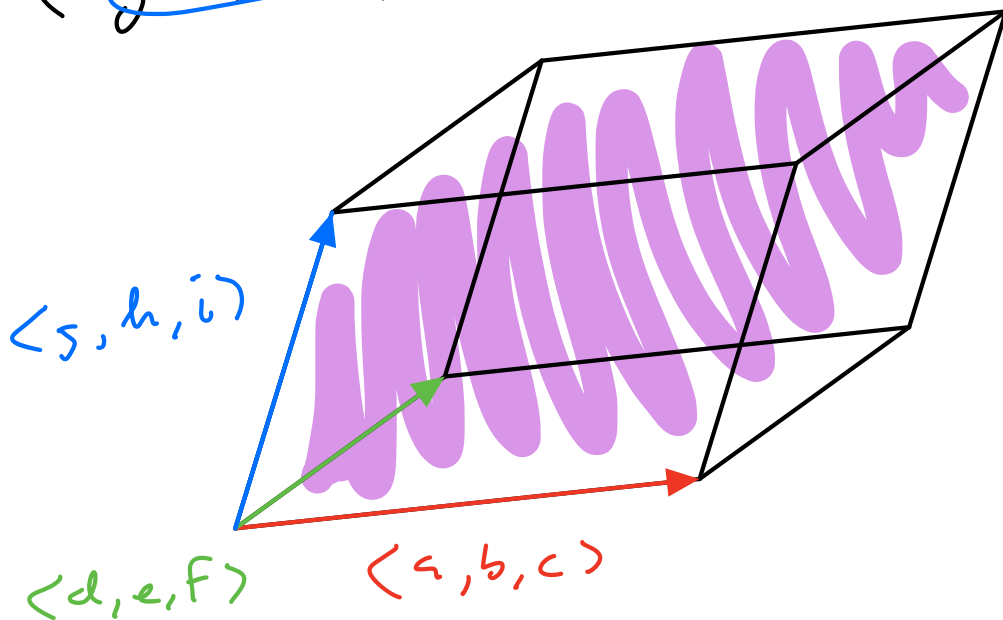
2x2 :

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \pm \text{Area of}$$



3x3 :

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} = \pm \text{Volume of}$$



[This is behind "u-substitution"
For 2D & 3D integration,
as we'll see.]

Algebraic Rules for Cross Product (Only applies in 3D)

- $\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = -\vec{v} \times \vec{u}$

- $\vec{u} \times (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = \vec{u} \times \vec{v} + \vec{u} \times \vec{w}$

- $a(\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) = (a\vec{u}) \times \vec{v} = \vec{u} \times (a\vec{v})$

- $\vec{u} \times \vec{0} = \vec{0}$

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the zero vector,
not the
zero scalar.

- $\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) = 0$

- $\vec{v} \cdot (\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) = 0$

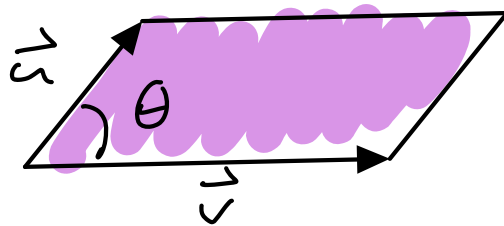
the scalar
zero.

- $|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}| = \|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\| \sin \theta$

length
of the vector

$$\vec{u} \times \vec{v}$$

= \pm area of
the parallelogram



- $\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) = \pm \text{volume of parallelepiped spanned by } \vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}.$

Reason: $\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) = \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$

Quiz 1 Discussion:

Problem 1:

$$f(t) = (x(t), y(t)) = (1 + 3t^2, 4t^2)$$

$$f'(t) = (0 + 3 \cdot 2t, 4 \cdot 2t)$$

$$= (6t, 8t)$$

$$\|f'(t)\| = \sqrt{(6t)^2 + (8t)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{36t^2 + 64t^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{100t^2}$$

$$= 10t$$

Arc length $t = 0 \dots 1$

$$= \int_0^1 10t \, dt$$

$$= 10 \left[\frac{t^2}{2} \right]_0^1 = 5.$$

What does the curve look like?

Eliminate t :

$$x = 1 + 3t^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad t^2 = (x-1)/3$$

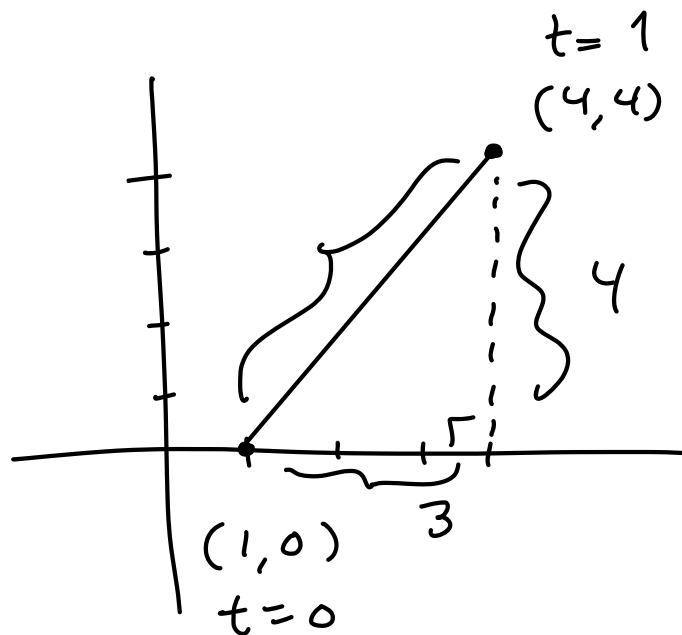
$$y = 4t^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad t^2 = y/4$$

$$\frac{(x-1)}{3} = \frac{y}{4}$$

$$4(x-1) = 3y.$$

$$4x - 3y = 4 \quad \text{Line!}$$

Picture :



$$\text{Arc length}^2 = 3^2 + 4^2 = 25$$

$$\text{Arc length} = 5 \quad \checkmark$$



Moving on with Chapters 2 & 3.

Sketch:

Chap 2 & 3: Vectors, Vector-valued functions (i.e., parametrized paths).

Motion in space & integration of vector-valued functions.

Lines & Planes.

Chapter 4: Differentiation in any # of dimensions...

In particular, GRADIENTS.

Chapter 5: Integration in any # of dimensions.

e.g. surface area, volume, physics (total work/energy, ...)

Chapter 6: Putting it all together.

Div, Grad, Curl stuff.

Function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$
or $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

Think of us as a parametrized curve
in \mathbb{R}^2 or \mathbb{R}^3 . New notation:

$$\vec{f}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$
$$\vec{r}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

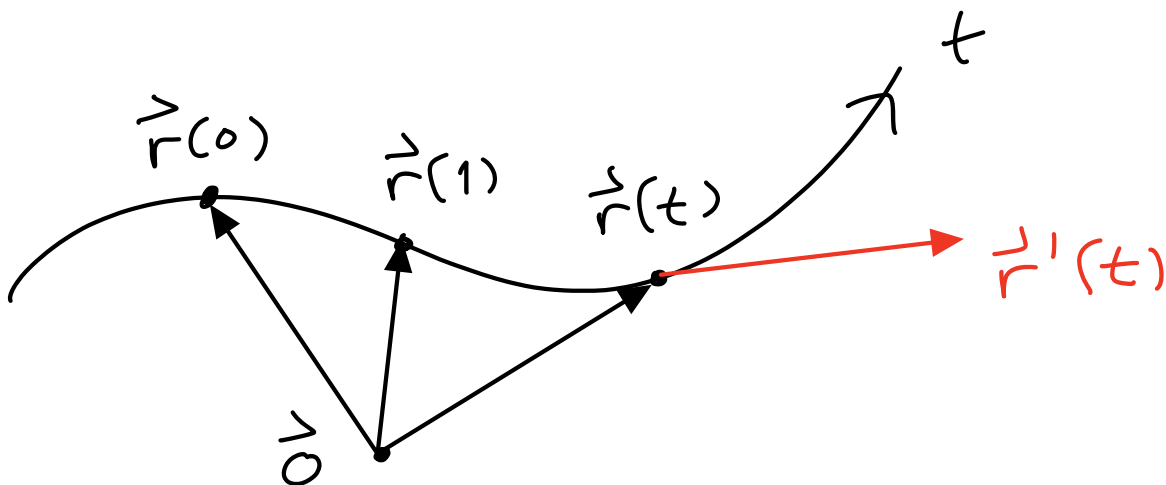
the output
is a vector.

Notation

$$\vec{r}(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t))$$

is common in physics. [I think
 \vec{r} stands for "radius".]

Picture:



Parametrized line in any # of dimensions:

$$\vec{r}(t) = \vec{x}_0 + t \vec{v}$$

initial position
(at time 0)

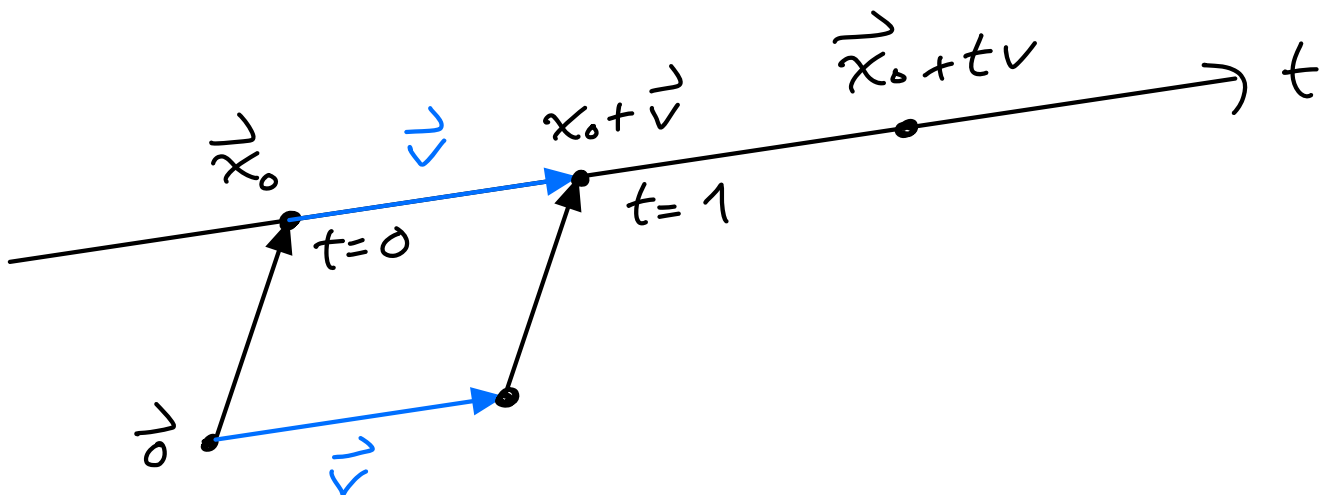
velocity.

e.g. in 3D.

$$\vec{x}_0 = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$$

$$\vec{v} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle x_0 + ta, y_0 + tb, z_0 + tc \rangle$$



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We know the equation of a
line in \mathbb{R}^2 & a plane in \mathbb{R}^3 :

$$a(x-x_0) + b(y-y_0) = 0$$

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

What is the equation of a line in \mathbb{R}^3 ?

TRICK QUESTION!

A line in \mathbb{R}^3 cannot be described
with only one equation. We need
at least 2 equations.

e.g. Consider a parametrized line

$$\begin{cases} x = x_0 + ta \\ y = y_0 + tb \\ z = z_0 + tc \end{cases}$$

Try to eliminate t :

$$t = \frac{x-x_0}{a} = \frac{y-y_0}{b} = \frac{z-z_0}{c}$$

This gives us 3 different equations involving x, y, z (but not t):

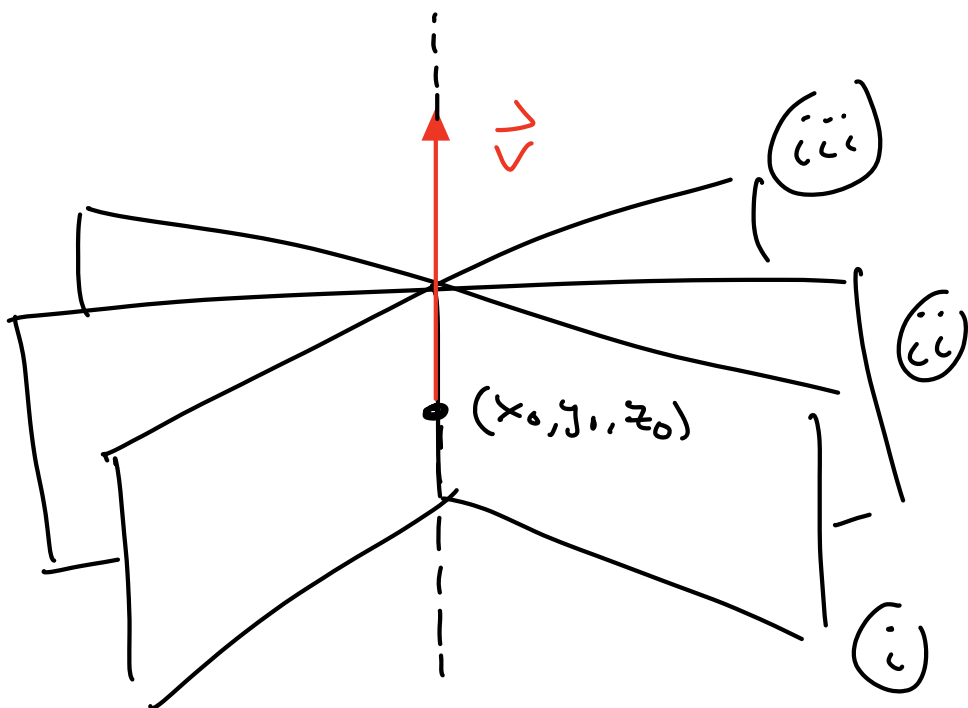
$$(i) \quad (x-x_0)/a = (y-y_0)/b$$

$$(ii) \quad (x-x_0)/a = (z-z_0)/c$$

$$(iii) \quad (y-y_0)/b = (z-z_0)/c.$$

Each of these represents a plane

Any two of these planes intersect at the original line:

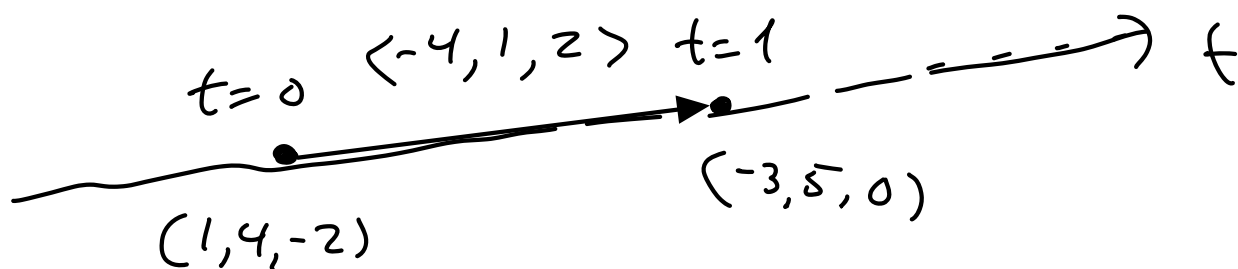


i, ii, iii are called the "symmetric equations" of the line. But there

are ∞ many pairs of equations that describe this line. \parallel

Example: Find a parametrization & symmetric equations for the line in \mathbb{R}^3 through points

$$P = (1, 4, -2) \text{ \& \ } Q = (-3, 5, 0).$$



Initial point $\vec{x}_0 = (1, 4, -2)$

velocity $\vec{v} = \langle -4, 1, 2 \rangle$

Parametrization:

$$\vec{r}(t) = (1 - 4t, 4 + t, -2 + 2t).$$

$$\text{OR } \begin{cases} x = 1 - 4t \\ y = 4 + t \\ z = -2 + 2t \end{cases}$$

Eliminate t to obtain the symmetric equations:

$$t = \frac{x-1}{-4} = \frac{y-4}{1} = \frac{z+2}{2}$$

So our line is at the intersection of the following 3 planes:

(i) $(x-1)/(-4) = y-4$

$$(x-1) = -4y + 16$$

$$x + 4y = 17$$

(ii) $(x-1)/(-4) = (z+2)/2$

$$2(x-1) = (-4)(z+2)$$

$$2x - 2 = -4z - 8$$

$$2x + 4z = -6$$

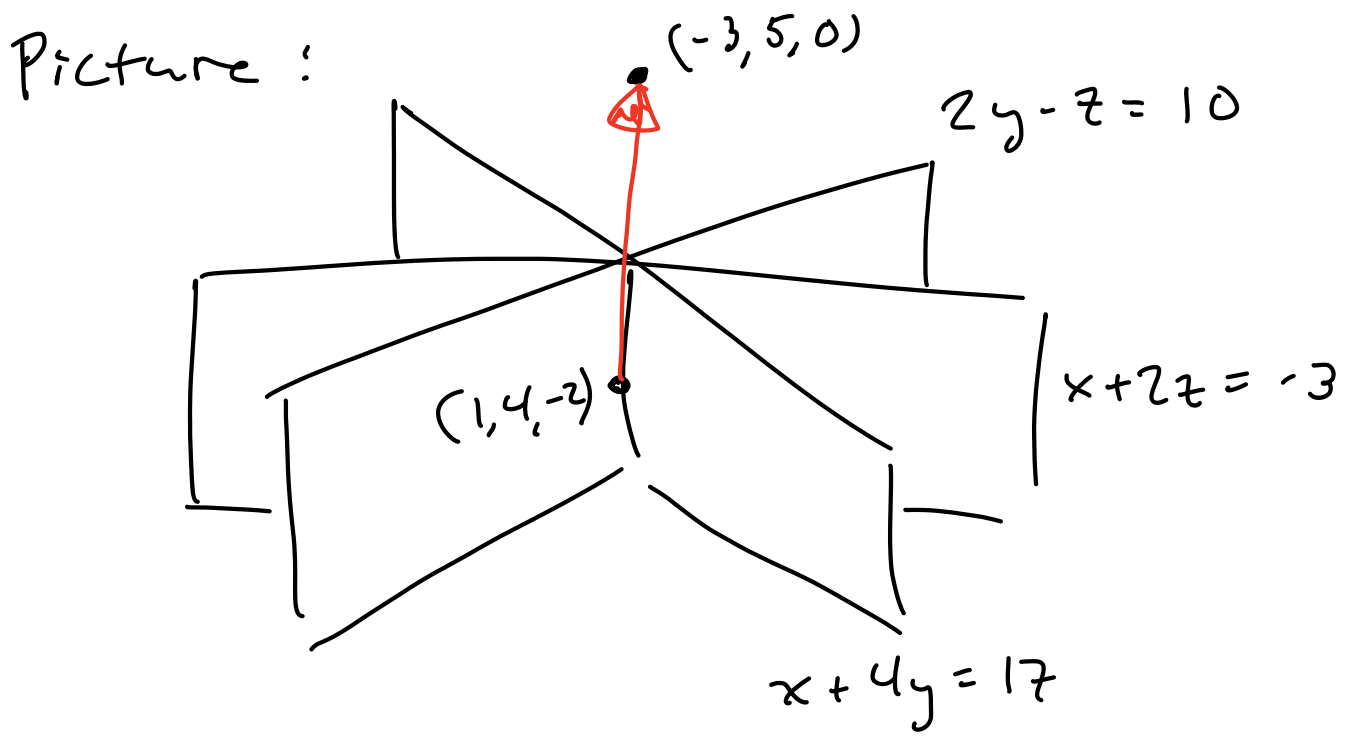
$$x + 2z = -3$$

(iii) $(y-4)/1 = (z+2)/2$

$$2(y-4) = z+2$$

$$2y - 8 = z + 2$$

$$2y - z = 10$$



Conversely, suppose we are given two planes. Find a parametrization for the line of intersection.

$$\begin{cases} \textcircled{1} & ax + by + cz = d \\ \textcircled{2} & Ax + By + Cz = D \end{cases}$$

$$\leadsto \vec{r}(t) = (x_0 + tu, y_0 + tv, z_0 + tw)$$

Example:

$$\begin{cases} \textcircled{1} & x + y + z = 4, \\ \textcircled{2} & x + 2y + 3z = 3. \end{cases}$$

We'll use the method of "elimination".

First subtract equations to eliminate x :

$$\begin{array}{r} (x + 2y + 3z = 3) \\ - (x + y + z = 4) \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad y + 2z = -1$$

Get new equation $\textcircled{3}$ with no x .

This gives a simpler, but equivalent, system of equations:

$$\begin{array}{l} \textcircled{1} \\ \textcircled{3} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x + y + z = 4, \\ y + 2z = -1. \end{array} \right.$$

Finally, we use eq $\textcircled{3}$ to eliminate y from eq $\textcircled{1}$. Take $\textcircled{1} - \textcircled{3}$

$$\begin{array}{r} (x + y + z = 4) \\ - (0 + y + 2z = -1) \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$(4) \quad x + 0 - z = 5$$

Our final equivalent system is

$$\begin{array}{l} (4) \\ (3) \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x + 0 - z = 5, \\ 0 + y + 2z = -1. \end{array} \right.$$

The good thing: We have "solved" for the "pivot variables" x & y , in terms of the "free variable" z .

Let's write down the solution

$$\begin{cases} x = 5 + z \\ y = -1 - 2z. \end{cases}$$

This looks like a parametrized line with parameter z .

WEIRD: Let's define $t = z$.

Then we really do get a parametrized line:

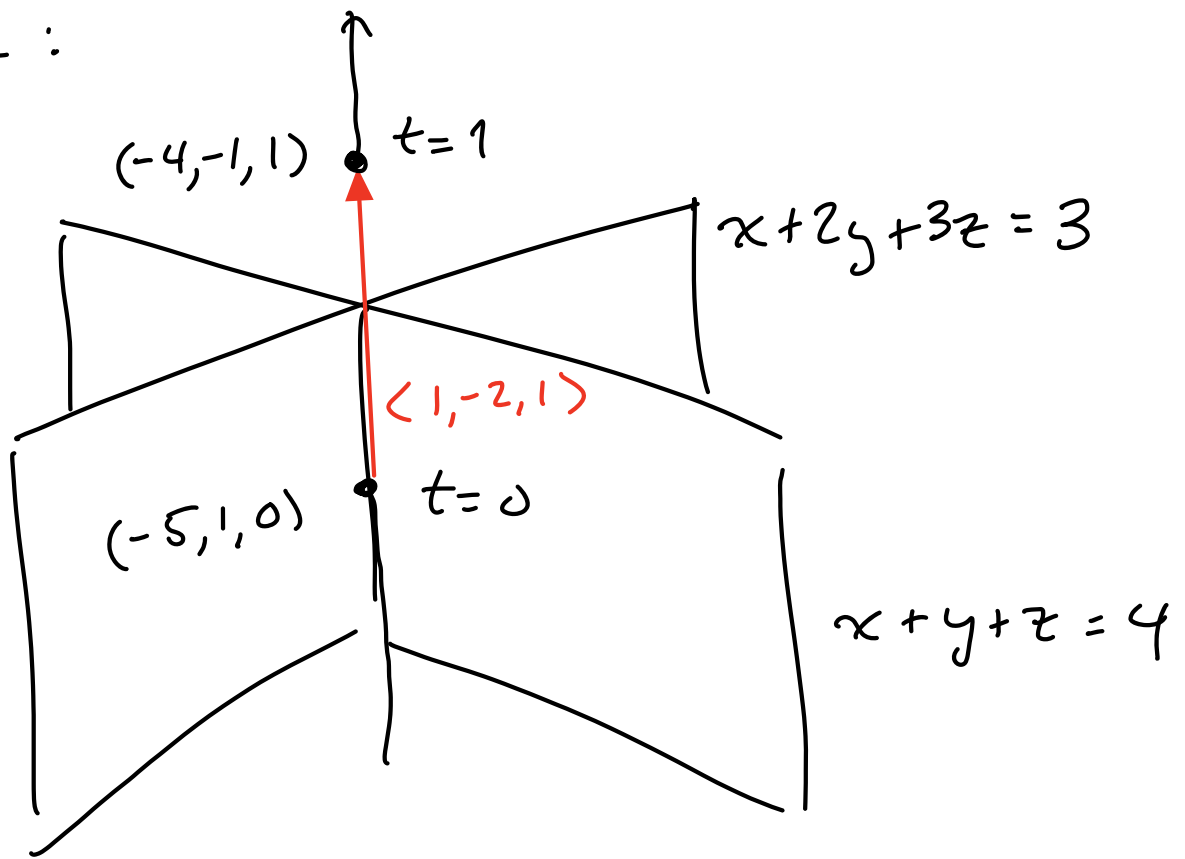
$$\begin{cases} x = 5 + t \\ y = -1 - 2t \\ z = t \end{cases} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t))$$

$$= (5 + t, -1 - 2t, 0 + t)$$

$$(5, -1, 0) + t(1, -2, 1)$$

Picture :



There is no such thing as "the equation of a line" in \mathbb{R}^3 .

Instead we need at least 2 equations.

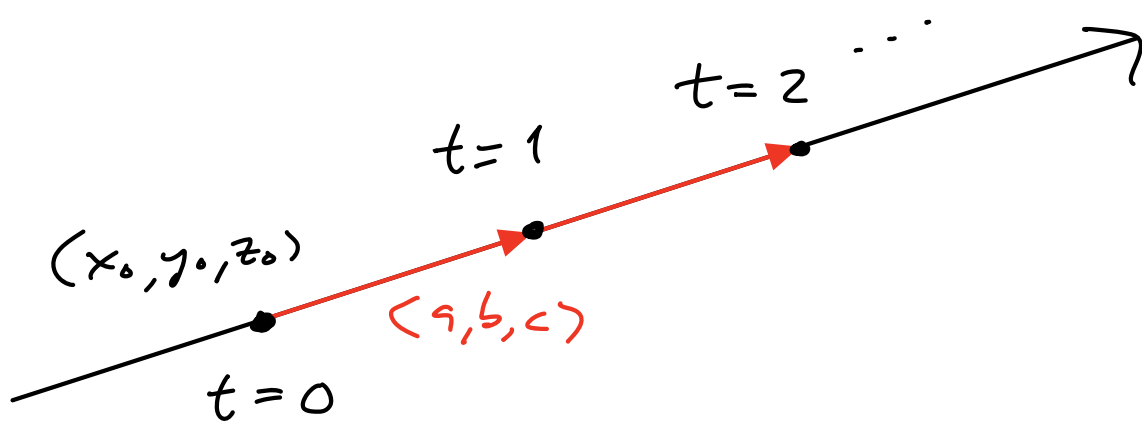
Geometrically: A line is an intersection of 2 planes in \mathbb{R}^3 .

Two ways to describe a line in \mathbb{R}^3 .

• Parametrization:

$$\vec{r}(t) = \vec{x}_0 + t\vec{a}$$

$$= \langle x_0 + ta, y_0 + tb, z_0 + tc \rangle$$



One parameter because a line is a "one dimensional" shape.

- As the solution of a system of 2 linear equations in 3 unknowns.

Example:

$$\begin{cases} \textcircled{1} & x - y + 0 = 1, \\ \textcircled{2} & x + y + 2z = 1. \end{cases}$$

To find a parametrization of the line we let $t = z$ be the parameter, then solve for x & y in terms of t . Method:

Find an equation without x and an equation without y .

$$\textcircled{1} : x - y = 1$$

$$\textcircled{2} : x + y = 1 - 2z \quad \begin{matrix} t \\ \cancel{z} \end{matrix}$$

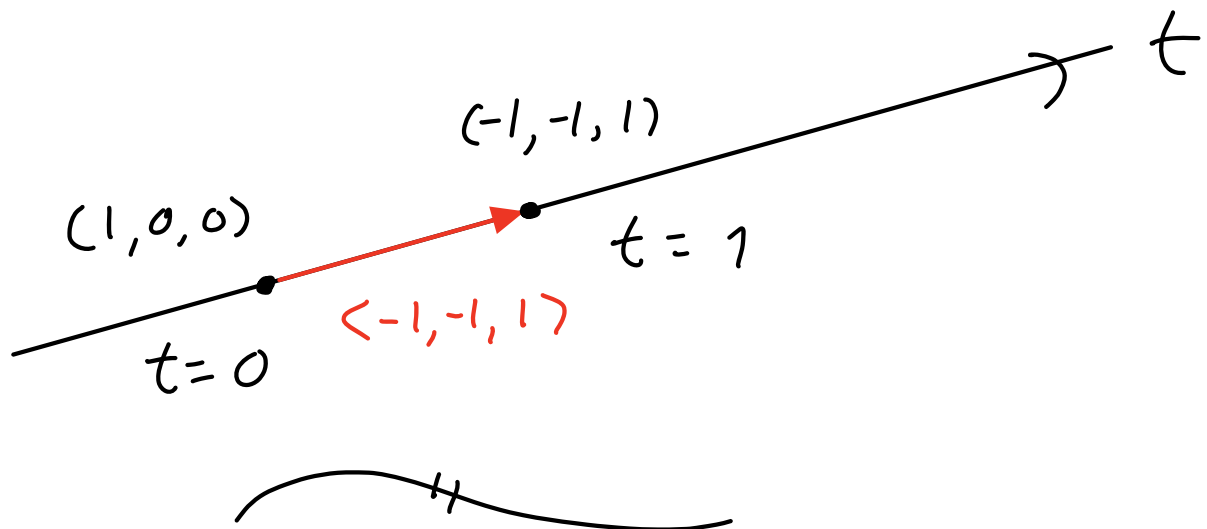
$$\textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2} : 2x + 0 = 2 - 2z \quad \begin{matrix} t \\ \cancel{z} \end{matrix}$$

$$\textcircled{2} - \textcircled{1} : 0 + 2y = 0 - 2z \quad \begin{matrix} t \\ \cancel{z} \end{matrix}$$

We conclude that

$$\begin{cases} x = 1 - t \\ y = -t \\ z = t \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r}(t) &= \langle x, y, z \rangle = \langle 1 - t, -t, t \rangle \\ &= \langle 1 - t, 0 - t, 0 + t \rangle = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle + \langle -t, -t, t \rangle \\ &= \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle + t \langle -1, -1, 1 \rangle \end{aligned}$$



We can also give a "parametric description" of a plane in \mathbb{R}^3 .

Since a plane is "2 dimensional" we will need 2 independent parameters.

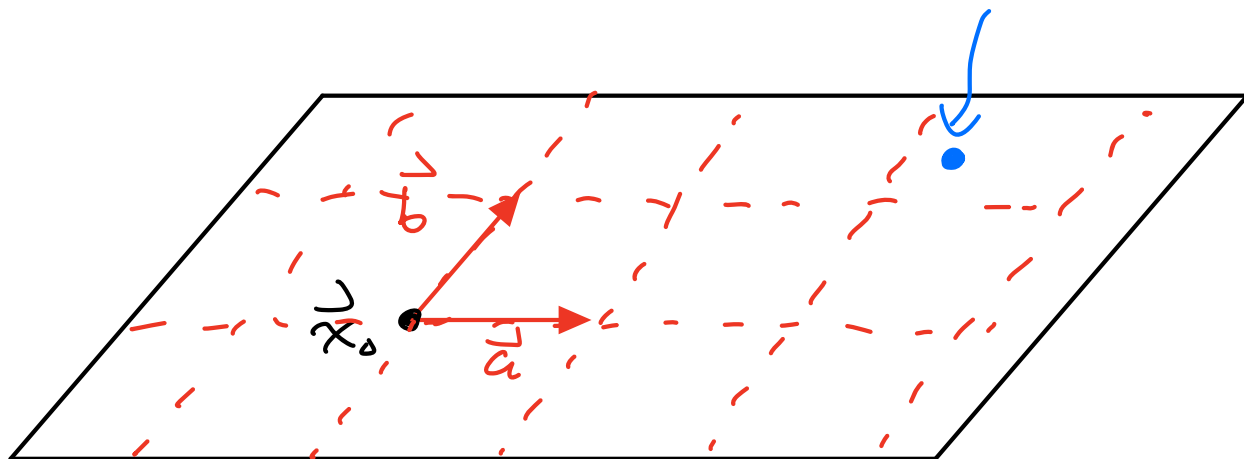
What should we call them?

Our book uses u & v .

A parametric plane has the form

$$\vec{r}(u, v) = \vec{x}_0 + u\vec{a} + v\vec{b}$$

$$2.25\vec{a} + 1.4\vec{b}$$



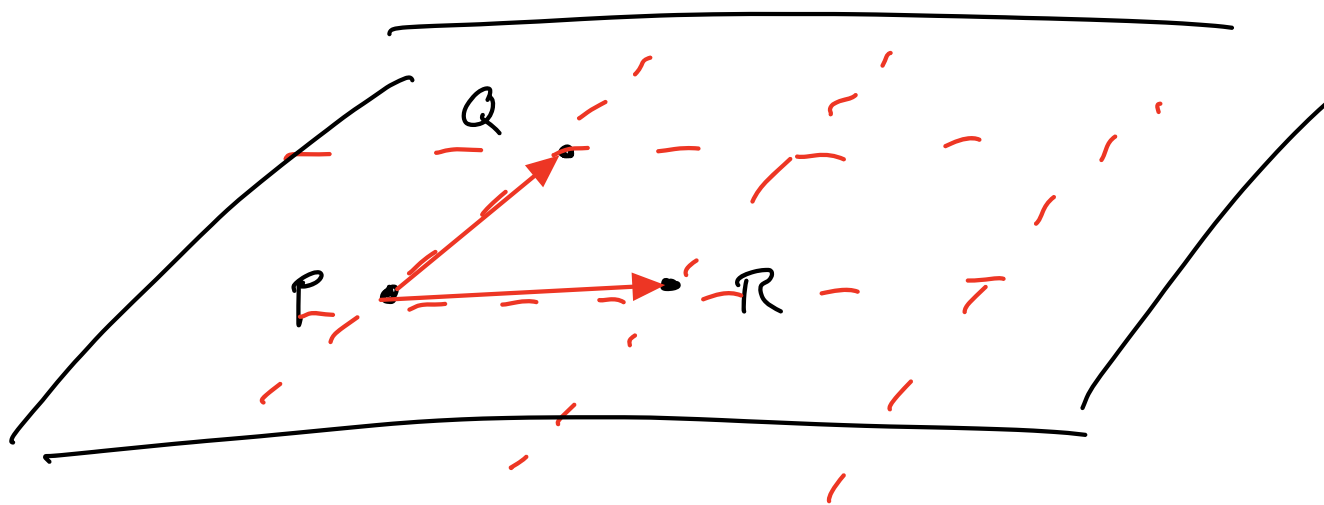
Every point in the plane has unique "coordinates" u, v with respect to the "basic vectors" \vec{a} & \vec{b} . This is the only way to introduce a "coordinate system" on a general plane: Pick a point & pick a "basis" of two direction vectors.

Example: The plane generated

by points $P = (1, 1, 0)$

$Q = (1, 0, 2)$

$R = (1, 2, 3)$



$$\vec{r}(u, v) = P + u \vec{PQ} + v \vec{PR}$$

$$= \langle 1, 1, 0 \rangle + u \langle 0, -1, 2 \rangle + v \langle 0, 2, 1 \rangle$$

$$= \langle 1, 1 - u + 2v, 0 + 2u + v \rangle$$

Example: Parametrize the plane

$$2x + 3y - z = 5$$

- Find 3 points?

- Easiest: Let $y = u$ & $z = v$ be parameters. Then solve for x .

$$2x + 3u - v = 5$$

$$2x = 5 - 3u + v$$

$$x = \frac{5}{2} - \frac{3}{2}u + \frac{1}{2}v$$

$$y = u$$

$$z = v$$

$$\vec{r}(u, v) = \left\langle \frac{5}{2} - \frac{3}{2}u + \frac{1}{2}v, u, v \right\rangle$$

$$= \left\langle \frac{5}{2} - \frac{3}{2}u + \frac{1}{2}v, 0 + 1u + 0v, 0 + 0u + 1v \right\rangle$$

$$= \left\langle \frac{5}{2}, 0, 0 \right\rangle + u \left\langle -\frac{3}{2}, 1, 0 \right\rangle + v \left\langle \frac{1}{2}, 0, 1 \right\rangle$$



Later we will parametrize general surfaces in \mathbb{R}^3 . We need to do this so we can integrate over a surface.

Example: Let $\vec{r}(u, v)$ be a parametrized surface. Let

$$\vec{r}_u(u, v) = \frac{d}{du} \vec{r}(u, v)$$

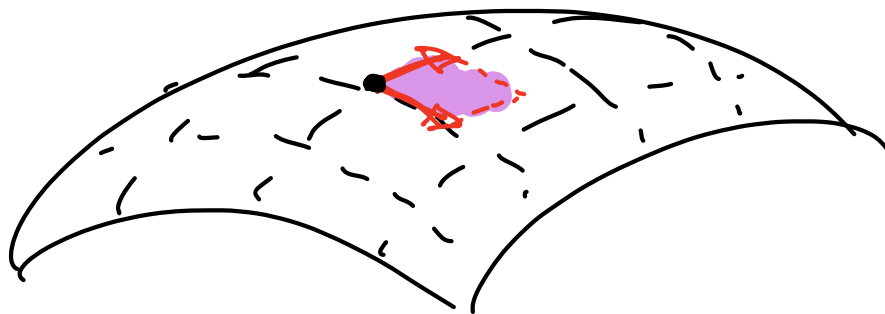
$$\vec{r}_v(u, v) = \frac{d}{dv} \vec{r}(u, v)$$

The surface area is a double integral


$$\iint |\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v| du dv$$

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integrate over all relevant values of u, v .

Reason: $|\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v| du dv$ is the area of a tiny parallelogram.



Stay Tuned.



Motion in Space & Newton's Second Law.

Consider a parametrized curve in 3D:

$$\vec{r}(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t))$$

Think of t as time.

At each time there is a velocity vector & an acceleration vector:

$$\vec{v}(t) = \vec{r}'(t) = \langle x'(t), y'(t), z'(t) \rangle$$

$$\vec{a}(t) = \vec{r}''(t) = \langle x''(t), y''(t), z''(t) \rangle.$$

Example:

$$\vec{r}(t) = (x_0 + at, y_0 + bt, z_0 + ct)$$

$$\vec{v}(t) = \langle a, b, c \rangle \quad \text{CONSTANT.}$$

$$\vec{a}(t) = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle \quad \text{NO ACCELERATION.}$$

Conversely, let $\vec{r}(t)$ be any path with zero acceleration:

$$\vec{r}''(t) = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle.$$

Integrate to find the velocity.

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r}'(t) &= \left\langle \int 0 dt, \int 0 dt, \int 0 dt \right\rangle \\ &= \langle a, b, c \rangle\end{aligned}$$

for some constants of integration a, b, c . Then integrate velocity to get position:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r}(t) &= \left\langle \int a dt, \int b dt, \int c dt \right\rangle \\ &= \langle at + x_0, bt + y_0, ct + z_0 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

for some constants of integration; call them x_0, y_0, z_0 .

Conclusion: Any path with zero acceleration is a straight line with constant velocity.

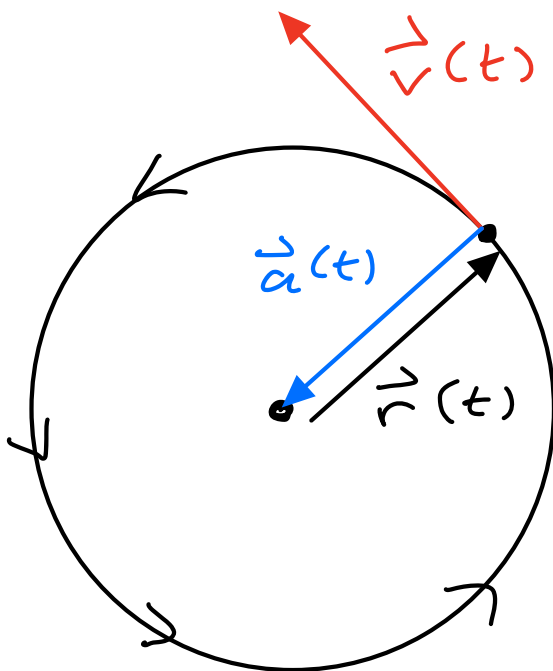
Circle :

$$\vec{r}(t) = (\cos t, \sin t)$$

$$\vec{v}(t) = \langle -\sin t, \cos t \rangle$$

$$\vec{a}(t) = \langle -\cos t, -\sin t \rangle.$$

Picture :

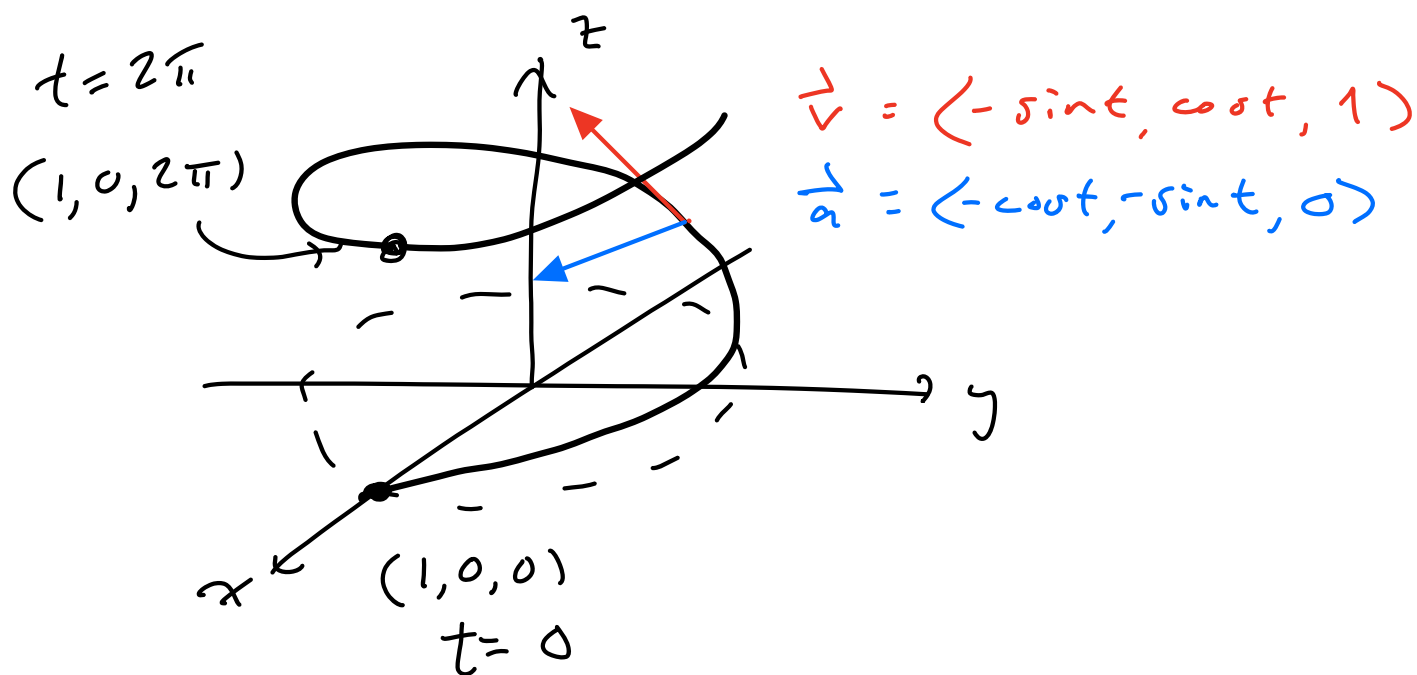


Acceleration always points directly to the center because.

$$\vec{a}(t) = \langle -\cos t, -\sin t \rangle = -\vec{r}(t).$$

Example in \mathbb{R}^3 : Consider the following "helical" path

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r}(t) &= (x(t), y(t), z(t)) \\ &= (\cos t, \sin t, t)\end{aligned}$$



Find arc length between $t=0$ & $t=2\pi$.

$$\vec{v}(t) = \vec{r}'(t) = \langle -\sin t, \cos t, 1 \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned}\|\vec{v}(t)\| &= \sqrt{\sin^2 t + \cos^2 t + 1} \\ &= \sqrt{2}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Arc length} &= \int_0^{2\pi} \|\vec{v}(t)\| dt \\
 &= \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{2} dt \\
 &= 2\pi\sqrt{2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Acceleration vector:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{a}(t) = \vec{v}'(t) &= \langle -\sin t, \cos t, 1 \rangle \\
 &= \langle -\cos t, -\sin t, \odot \rangle.
 \end{aligned}$$

Points directly toward z-axis.



Integration of vector-valued functions.

Given any function

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$$

we define the integral with respect to t "componentwise"

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_1} \vec{r}(t) dt =$$

$$\left\langle \int_{t_0}^{t_1} x(t) dt, \int_{t_0}^{t_1} y(t) dt, \int_{t_0}^{t_1} z(t) dt \right\rangle$$

Why do we want to do this?

Newton's 2nd Law.

If a time varying force $\vec{F}(t)$ acts on a particle of mass m at point $\vec{r}(t)$, then we have

force = mass · acceleration

$$\vec{F}(t) = m \vec{a}(t)$$

$$= m \vec{v}'(t)$$

$$= m r''(t)$$

This is a second order differential equation. Goal: solve for $\vec{r}(t)$.

Example: Projectile Motion.

Near the surface of the Earth, a free falling body experiences a constant acceleration due to gravity:

$$\vec{r}''(t) = \langle 0, 0, -9.81 \text{ m/s}^2 \rangle$$

We can solve for $\vec{r}(t)$ by integrating twice.

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{r}'(t) &= \langle \int 0 dt, \int 0 dt, \int -9.81 dt \rangle \\ &= \langle c_1, c_2, -9.81 t + c_3 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

Meaning of the constants:

$$\vec{r}'(0) = \langle c_1, c_2, 0 + c_3 \rangle$$



initial velocity.
Call it u_0, v_0, w_0

$$\vec{r}'(t) = \langle u_0, v_0, -9.81 t + w_0 \rangle.$$

Integrate again to get position
at time t :

$$\vec{r}(t) = \left\langle \int dt, \int dt, \int (-9.81t + w_0) dt \right\rangle$$
$$= \left\langle u_0 t + d_1, v_0 t + d_2, -\frac{9.81}{2} t^2 + w_0 t + d_3 \right\rangle$$

Meaning of d_1, d_2, d_3 :

$$\vec{r}(0) = \left\langle \underbrace{d_1, d_2, d_3}_{\text{initial position.}} \right\rangle$$

Call x_0, y_0, z_0

A free falling body has position

$$\vec{r}(t) = \left\langle \underbrace{x_0 + u_0 t, y_0 + v_0 t, z_0 + w_0 t}_{\text{this part is like a straight line}}, \underbrace{-\frac{9.81}{2} t^2}_{\substack{\text{this makes} \\ \text{it curve} \\ \text{toward Earth.}}} \right\rangle$$



More interesting:

Universal Gravitation.

Put the sun at $(0,0,0)$ in \mathbb{R}^3 .

A moving planet has position $\vec{r}(t)$.

Newton: Planet feels a gravitational force of magnitude

$$\frac{GMm}{\|\vec{r}(t)\|^2}$$

where $M = \text{mass of sun}$

$m = \text{mass of planet}$

$G = \text{gravitational constant.}$

The direction of the force is directly toward the sun.

SOLVE FOR $\vec{r}(t)$.

HW 2 due Friday before class.



Motion in Space.

Given parametrized curve in \mathbb{R}^3 :

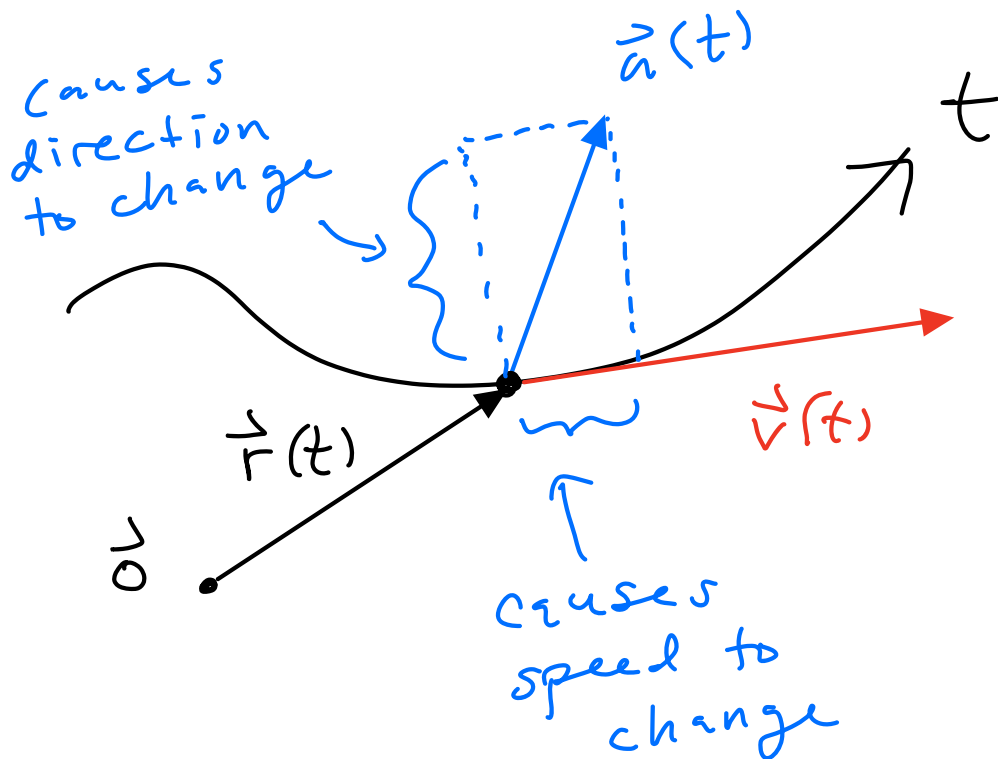
$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle x(t), y(t), z(t) \rangle$$

$$\vec{v}(t) = \vec{r}'(t) = \langle x'(t), y'(t), z'(t) \rangle$$

$$\vec{a}(t) = \vec{v}'(t)$$

$$= \vec{r}''(t) = \langle x''(t), y''(t), z''(t) \rangle.$$

Picture:



Newton's Second Law:

force = mass · acceleration.

If a force $\vec{F}(t)$ acts on a particle with mass m & position $\vec{r}(t)$ then we have

$$\vec{F}(t) = m \vec{r}''(t)$$

Example: Gravity.

The sun is at origin $(0,0,0)$ in \mathbb{R}^3 .

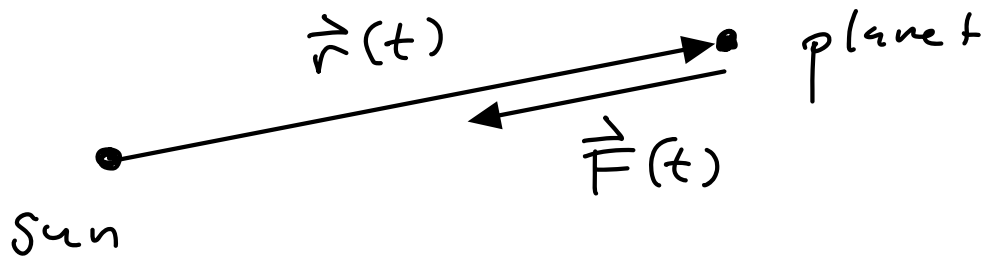
A planet has position $\vec{r}(t)$.

Let $\vec{F}(t)$ be the gravitational force felt by the planet. Then:

- $\vec{F}(t)$ points directly toward the sun.

- $\|\vec{F}(t)\| = GMm / \|\vec{r}(t)\|^2$

where $G =$ gravitational constant
 $M =$ mass of sun
 $m =$ mass of planet.



$$\vec{F}(t) = ?$$

Know: $\vec{F}(t) = -c(t) \vec{r}(t)$

for some scalar $c(t)$.

Use the fact that

$$\|c\vec{v}\| = |c| \|\vec{v}\|.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{[Proof: } \|c\vec{v}\|^2 &= (c\vec{v}) \cdot (c\vec{v}) \\ &= c^2 \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v} \\ &= c^2 \|\vec{v}\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|c\vec{v}\| &= \sqrt{c^2 \|\vec{v}\|^2} \\ &= |c| \|\vec{v}\|. \end{aligned}$$

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Know $\|\vec{F}(t)\| = GMm / \|\vec{r}(t)\|^2$.

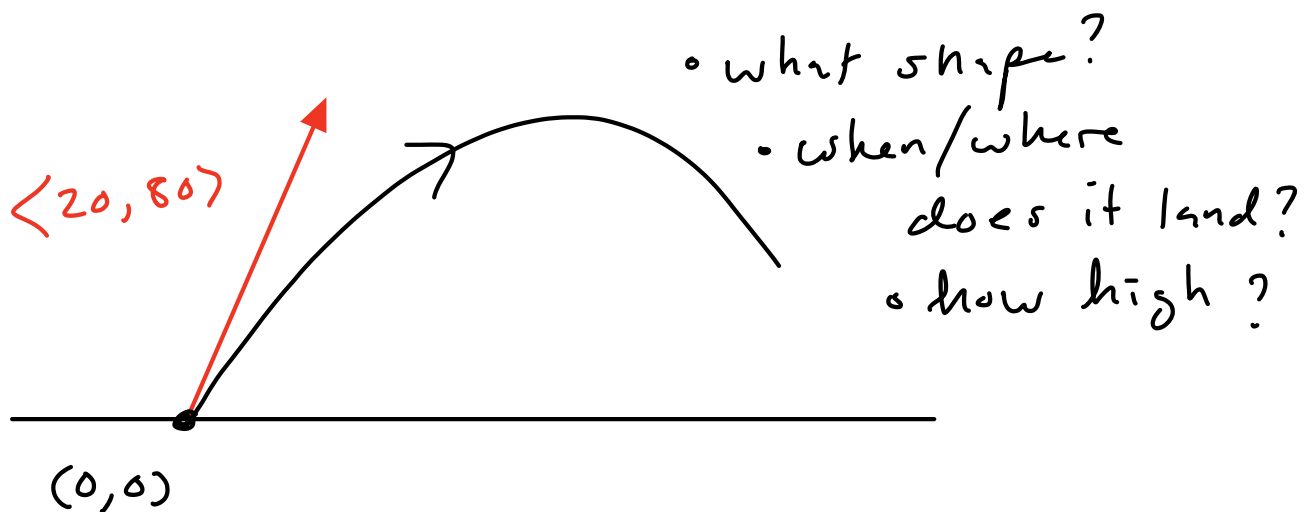
And $\|\vec{F}(t)\| = |c(t)| \|\vec{r}(t)\|$

So $c(t) = ?$ HW 2 Problem 5.



Easier: Projectile Motion near surface of the Earth.

Projectile will travel in a 2D plane, so we'll just describe in the x, y -plane.



Galileo: $\vec{r}''(t)$ is constant.

$$\vec{r}''(t) = \langle 0, -32 \text{ feet/sec}^2 \rangle$$

[This is a "textbook problem" so the numbers will be nice.]

Integrate to get velocity.

$$\vec{v}(t) = \vec{r}'(t) = \int \vec{r}''(t) dt.$$

$$= \langle \int 0 dt, \int -32 dt \rangle$$

$$= \langle c_1, -32t + c_2 \rangle$$

To find constants, sub $t=0$:

$$\vec{v}(0) = \langle c_1, -32(0) + c_2 \rangle = \langle c_1, c_2 \rangle$$

$$\text{GIVEN } \vec{v}(0) = \langle 20 \frac{\text{feet}}{\text{sec}}, 80 \frac{\text{feet}}{\text{sec}} \rangle.$$

$$\text{So } c_1, c_2 = 20, 80.$$

$$\vec{v}(t) = \langle 20, 80 - 32t \rangle.$$

Integrate again to get position:

$$\vec{r}(t) = \int \vec{v}(t) dt = \int \vec{r}'(t) dt$$

$$= \left\langle \int 20 dt, \int (80 - 32t) dt \right\rangle$$

$$= \langle 20t + c_3, 80t - 16t^2 + c_4 \rangle$$

To find c_3, c_4 , sub $t=0$.

$$\vec{r}(0) = \langle c_3, c_4 \rangle$$

GIVEN $\vec{r}(0) = \langle 0, 0 \rangle$.

So $c_3 = 0$ & $c_4 = 0$ hence

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle 20t, 80t - 16t^2 \rangle$$

Shape? Eliminate t :

$$x = 20t \quad \rightarrow \quad t = x/20.$$

$$y = 80t - 16t^2$$

$$y = 80 \left(\frac{x}{20} \right) - 16 \left(\frac{x}{20} \right)^2$$

$$y = 4x - \frac{1}{25}x^2$$

It's a parabola!

Where / When does it land ?

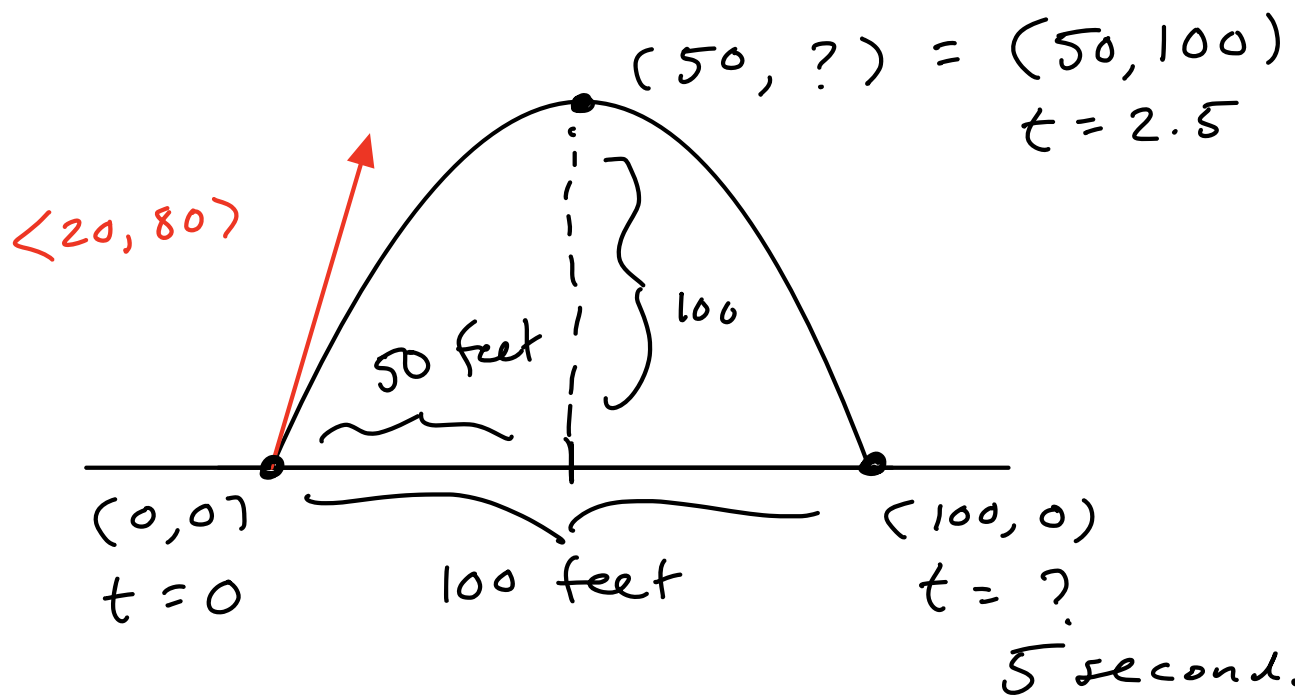
$$y = 0.$$

$$4x - \frac{1}{25}x^2 = 0$$

$$100x - x^2 = 0$$

$$x(100 - x) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } x = 100.$$



When ?

$$y(t) = 0$$

$$80t - 16t^2 = 0$$

$$t(80 - 16t) = 0$$

$$t = 0 \text{ or } 80 - 16t = 0$$

$$t = 80/16 = 5 \text{ seconds.}$$

How High?

Two ways:

• use $y = 4x - \frac{1}{25}x^2$

Parabolas are symmetric.

slope at top = 0

$$dy/dx = 0$$

$$4 - \frac{2}{25}x = 0$$

$$x = \frac{4 \cdot 25}{2} = 50 \quad \checkmark$$

so $y = 4(50) - \frac{1}{25}(50)^2$

$$= 200 - 2 \cdot 50 = 100 \text{ feet.}$$

• use $\vec{r}(t) = \langle 20t, 80t - 16t^2 \rangle$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{80 - 32t}{20} = 0 \quad \text{Horizontal Tangent.}$$

$$80 - 32t = 0$$

$$t = 80/32 = 2.5 \text{ seconds.}$$

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More generally :

$$\vec{r}(0) = \langle x_0, y_0 \rangle$$

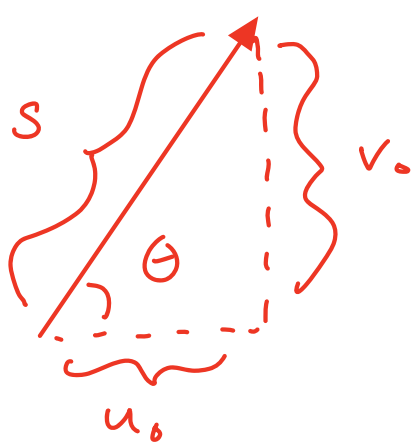
$$\vec{v}(0) = \langle u_0, v_0 \rangle$$

$$\vec{a}(t) = \langle 0, -g \rangle$$

Then integrating twice gives

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle x_0 + u_0 t, y_0 + v_0 t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \rangle$$

More common to describe $\vec{v}(0)$ in terms of speed and angle.



$$u_0 = S \cos \theta$$

$$v_0 = S \sin \theta$$

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle x_0 + S \cos \theta \cdot t, y_0 + S \sin \theta \cdot t - \frac{1}{2} g t^2 \rangle$$

See HW 2 Problem 3.

Maximize the horizontal distance traveled.

Differentiation Rules :

Consider some vector-valued functions :

$$\vec{u} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\vec{v} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\vec{u}(t) = \langle u_1(t), u_2(t), \dots, u_n(t) \rangle$$

$$\vec{v}(t) = \langle v_1(t), v_2(t), \dots, v_n(t) \rangle$$

Also consider scalar $c \in \mathbb{R}$
and a regular function

$$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

Then we have the following rules :

$$[c \vec{u}(t)]' = c \vec{u}'(t)$$

$$[\vec{u}(t) \pm \vec{v}(t)]' = \vec{u}'(t) \pm \vec{v}'(t)$$

$$[f(t) \vec{u}(t)]' = f'(t) \underbrace{\vec{u}(t)}_{\text{vector}} + f(t) \underbrace{\vec{u}'(t)}_{\text{vector}}.$$

↑
scalar that
changes

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vector
that changes

$$\left[\underbrace{\vec{u}(t) \cdot \vec{v}(t)}_{\text{scalar that changes}} \right]' = \underbrace{\vec{u}'(t) \cdot \vec{v}(t)}_{\text{scalar that changes}} + \underbrace{\vec{u}(t) \cdot \vec{v}'(t)}_{\text{scalar that changes.}}$$

$$\left[\underbrace{\vec{u}(f(t))}_{\text{vector}} \right]' = \underbrace{\vec{u}'(f(t))}_{\text{vector}} \cdot \underbrace{f'(t)}_{\text{scalar}}$$

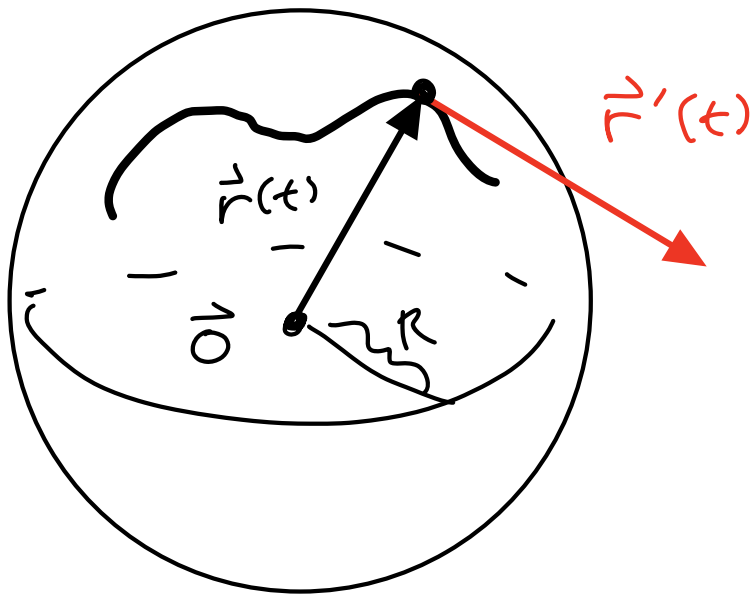
Just like Calc I 😊

If we are working in \mathbb{R}^3
 then we also have a "product rule"
 for cross products:

$$\left[\underbrace{\vec{u}(t) \times \vec{v}(t)}_{\text{vector}} \right]' = \underbrace{\vec{u}'(t) \times \vec{v}(t)}_{\text{vector}} + \underbrace{\vec{u}(t) \times \vec{v}'(t)}_{\text{vector}}$$

Good news: Easy to memorize.

Application: Suppose particle
 travels on surface of a sphere
 of radius R .



I claim that $\vec{r}(t) \perp \vec{r}'(t)$
 for all times t . (The velocity
 is always tangent to sphere.)

Proof: GIVEN

$$\|\vec{r}(t)\| = R \quad \text{for all } t.$$

$$\|\vec{r}(t)\|^2 = R^2$$

$$\underbrace{\vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{r}(t)}_{\text{scalar}} = \underbrace{R^2}_{\text{scalar}}$$

Differentiate both sides with resp. to t .

$$[\vec{r}(t) \cdot \dot{\vec{r}}(t)]' = 0$$

$$\vec{r}'(t) \cdot \vec{r}(t) + \vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) = 0$$

$$2 \vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) = 0$$

$$\vec{r}(t) \cdot \vec{r}'(t) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

JUST ALGEBRA !

$$[\text{Recall : } 2(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}) = (2\vec{u}) \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{u} \cdot (2\vec{v})]$$



Preview of next Topic:

How should we think of a function

$$f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}.$$

For any vector \vec{v} in \mathbb{R}^2
we get a scalar $f(\vec{v}) \in \mathbb{R}$.

OR: For any point $P = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$
we get a scalar

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}.$$

This could represent

- temperature at a point
- pressure
- density
- chemical concentration
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- etc.

We are attaching a number to each point in space.

Called a SCALAR FIELD.

How can we visualize this?

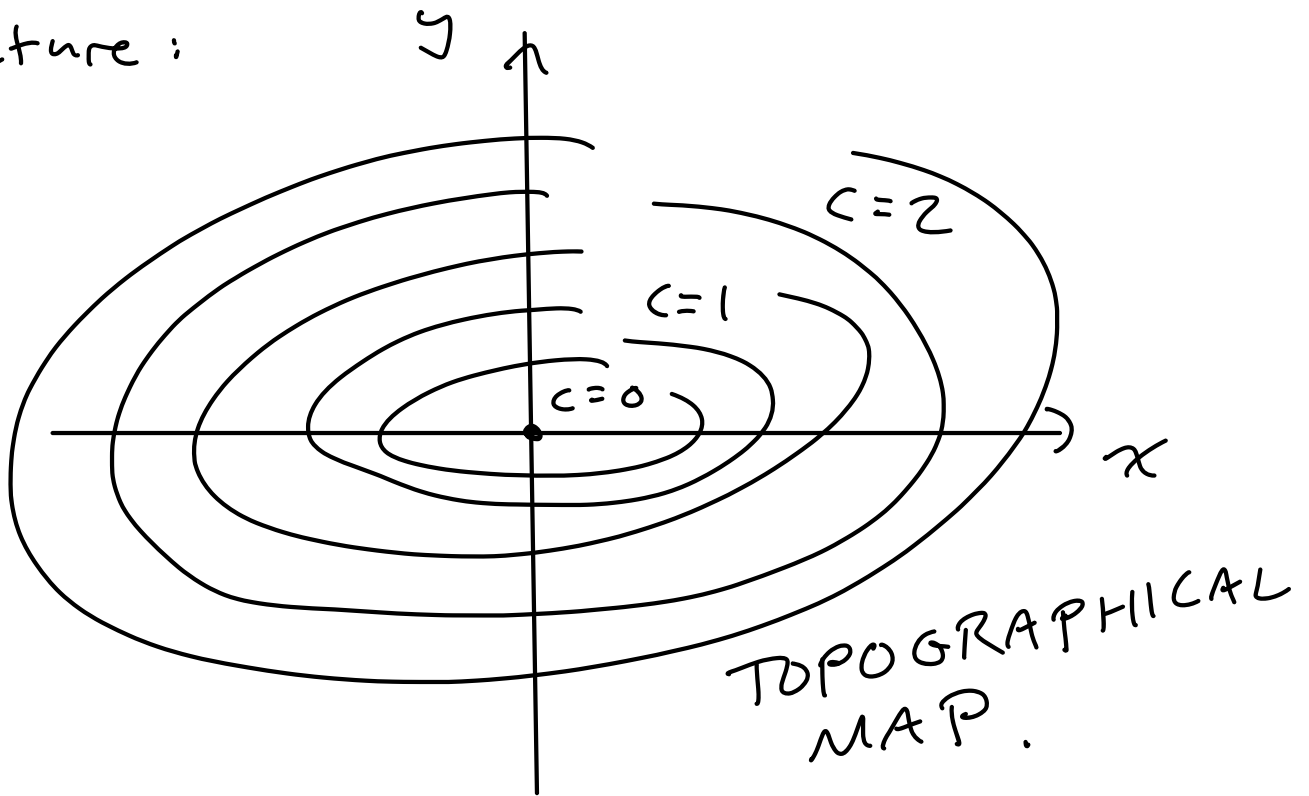
Example: The temperature at the point (x, y) in \mathbb{R}^2 is

$$f(x, y) = \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + y^2.$$

For each fixed temperature c , the set of points with this temperature is an ellipse

$$f(x, y) = c$$
$$\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 + y^2 = c.$$

Picture:

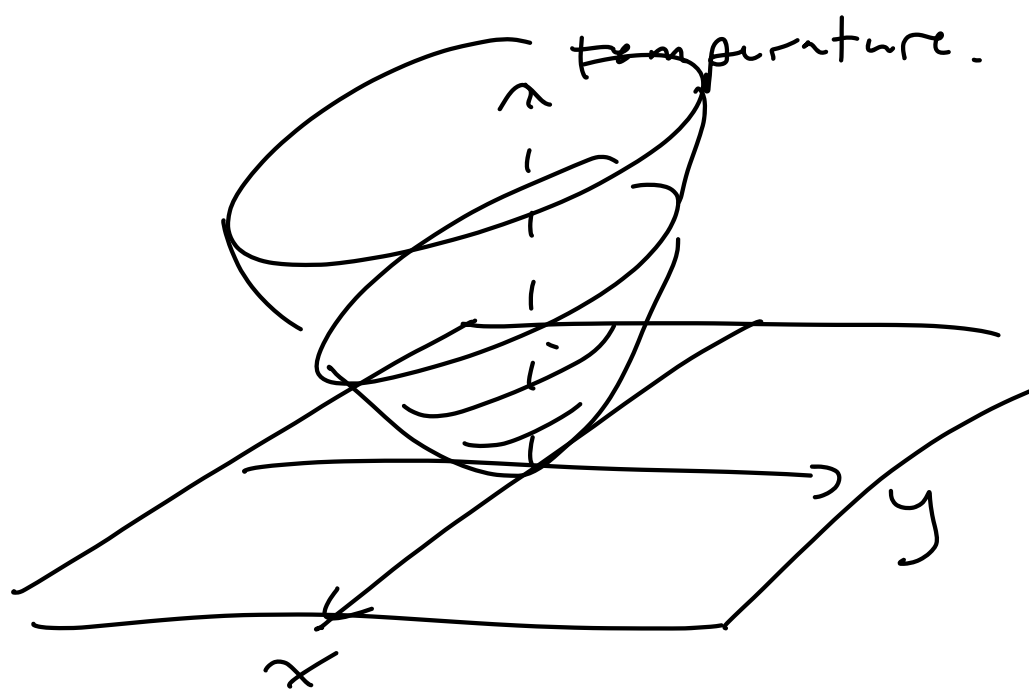


These ellipses called "isotherms"
or "curves of constant temperature".
Also call them the "level curves"
of the function $f(x, y)$.

Better: Think of temperature
as a "third variable".

Then view $f(x, y)$ as a "2D

Surface in \mathbb{R}^3 "



The surface is a parabolic bowl.
This surface is just the "graph"
of the function $F(x, y)$.