

## 5 Section 12.5: Equations of lines and planes

- In  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , how do we describe a line that passes by the two points  $(1, 1)$  and  $(2, 4)$ ?

  - Relation between  $y$  and  $x$ :

$$\text{slope} = \frac{3}{1} = 3 \quad y - 1 = 3(x - 1)$$

$$y = 3x - 2$$

  - Vector notation:

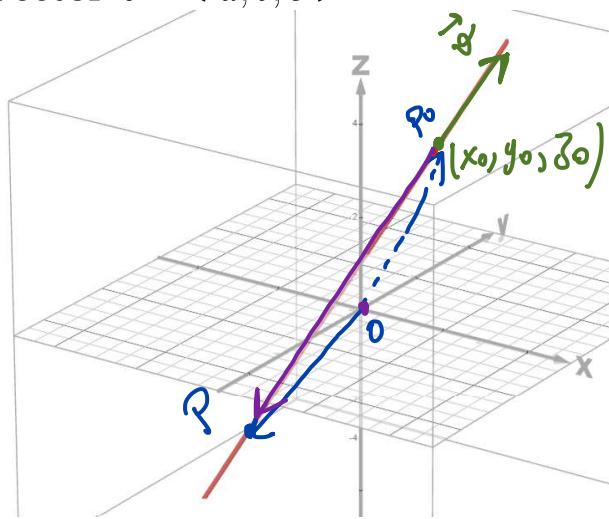
$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} t \quad \text{or } \langle x, y \rangle = \langle 1, 1 \rangle + \langle 1, 3 \rangle t$$

  - Parametric equations:

$$x_{(t)} = 1 + t, \quad y_{(t)} = 1 + 3t$$

$$\text{or } L_{(t)} = \langle 1 + t, 1 + 3t \rangle$$

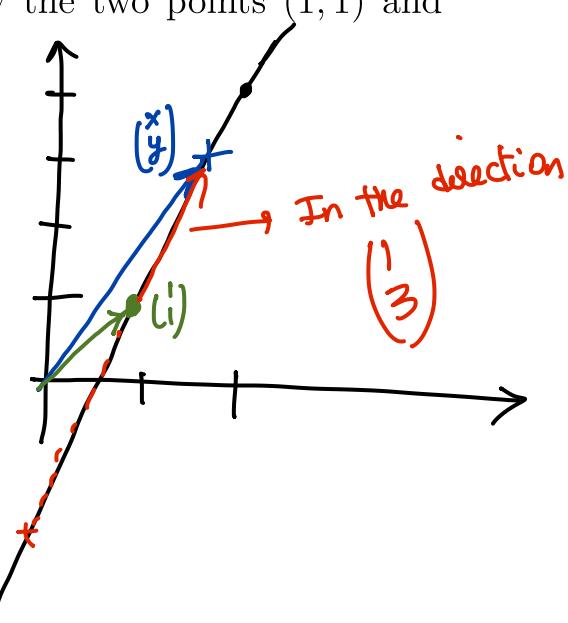
- Equations of a line in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that passes by a point  $P = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$  and parallel to the vector  $\vec{v} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$





  - Vector form:

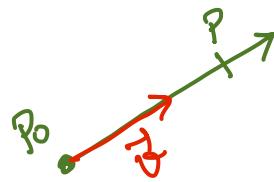
$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \\ z_0 \end{pmatrix} + t \vec{v} \quad \text{so, } \vec{OP} = \vec{OP_0} + t \vec{v}$$



■ Parametric form:

$$x_{(t)} = x_0 + ta, \quad y_{(t)} = y_0 + tb, \quad z_{(t)} = z_0 + tc$$

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



■ Symmetric form:

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

$$t = \frac{y - y_0}{b}$$

$$t = \frac{z - z_0}{c}$$

what does this say? Note that  $\begin{pmatrix} x - x_0 \\ y - y_0 \\ z - z_0 \end{pmatrix} = \overrightarrow{PP_0}$

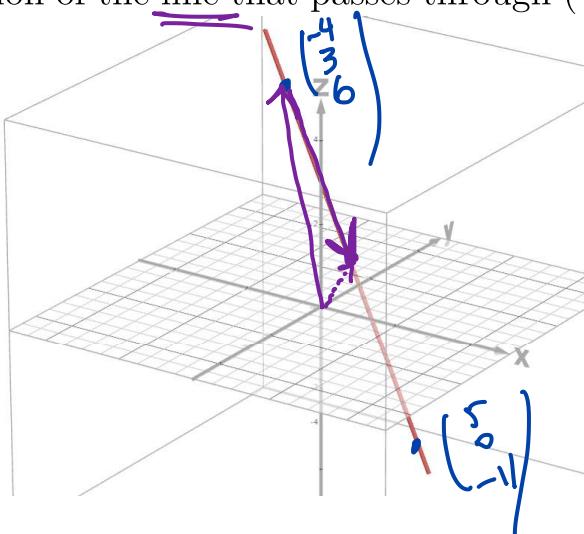
■ Examples:

so,  $\overrightarrow{PP_0}$  and  $\overrightarrow{P_0P}$  are parallel.

■ Find an equation of the line that passes through  $(-4, 3, 6)$  and  $(1, 3, -5)$ .

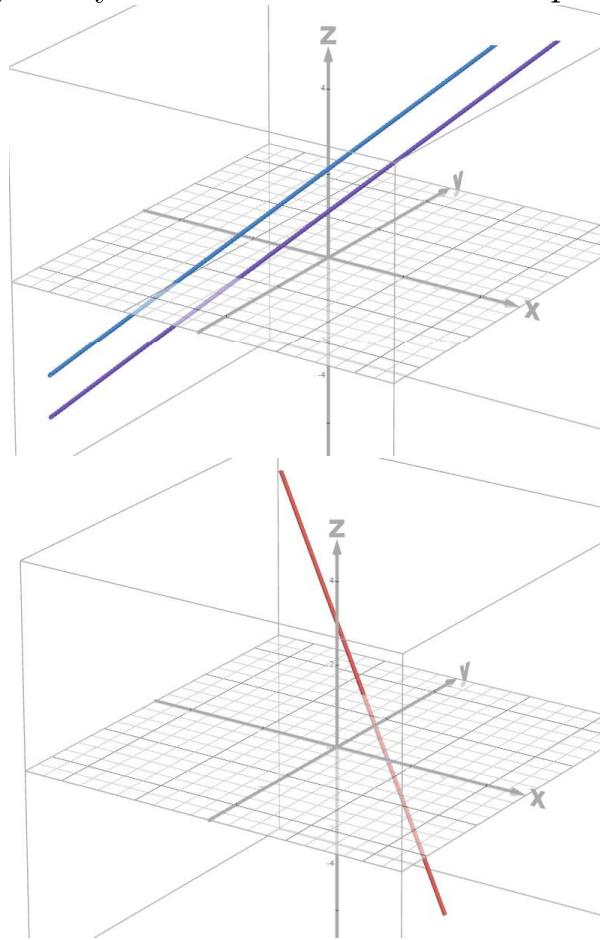
$$\begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ -11 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

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■ Find an equation of the line segment between  $(-4, 3, 6)$  and  $(1, 3, -5)$ .

- What would you say about two lines that have parallel direction vectors?



- \* In the case that the two lines have a common point
- \* In the case that the two lines do not have any common point

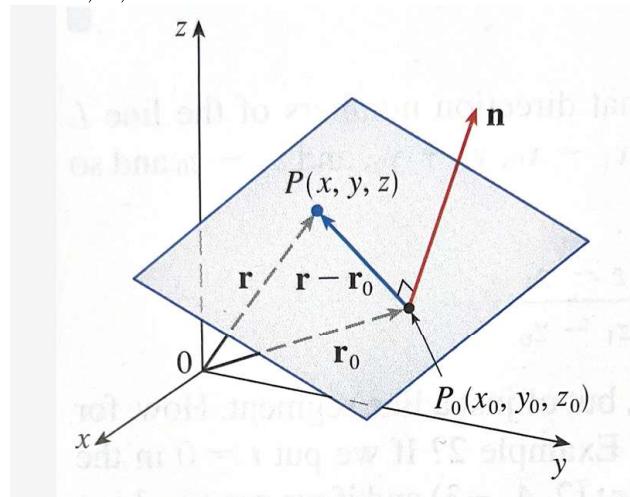
- **Def:** Given a plane, a **normal vector** is a vector orthogonal to every line in the plane.

- **Examples:**

- Find normal vectors for the  $xy$ -plane,  $xz$ -plane, and  $yz$ -plane.

- Describe the set of all the vectors orthogonal to the vector  $\langle -1, 3, 2 \rangle$ .

- The equation of a **plane** which contains the point  $p = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$  and has a normal vector  $\vec{n} = \langle a, b, c \rangle$  is:



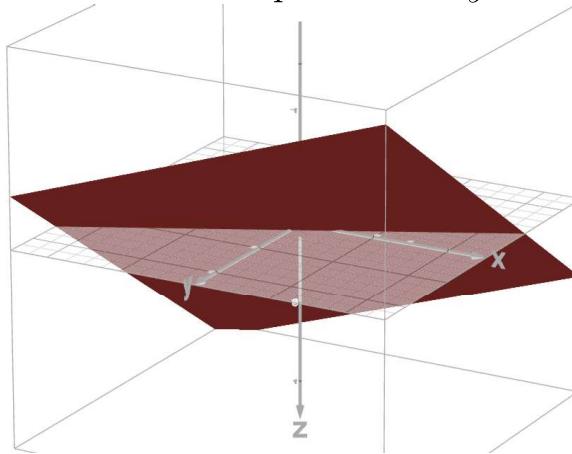
- **Vector form:**

- **Scalar form:**

- **General form:**

- **Examples:**

- Find an equation of the plane through  $(0, 1, 1)$ ,  $(1, 0, 1)$  and  $(1, 1, 0)$ .
- Find an equation for the line perpendicular to  $3x - 2y + 2z = 8$  and which passes through  $(5, 7, 1)$ .
- Find the point of intersection of the line  $L(t) = (2 - 2t, 3t, 1 + t)$  and the plane  $x + 2y - z = 7$ .
- Find the intersection of the two planes  $x + 2y + 3z = 1$  and  $x - y + z = 1$ .



- Find the angle between the two planes  $x + 2y - z = 2$  and  $2x - 2y + z = 1$ .
- Find the distance between the point  $(4, 1, -2)$  and the line  $L(t) = (1 + t, 3 - 2t, 4 - 3t)$ .
- Find the distance between the point  $(1, -2, 4)$  and the plane  $3x + 2y + 6z = 5$ .
- Find the distance between the two lines with parametric equations  $L(t) = (1 + t, 1 + 6t, 2t)$  and  $M(t) = (1 + 2s, 5 + 15s, -2 + 6s)$ .
- Do the lines  $L = (t, -t, t)$  and  $M = (2t + 3, t, t + 2)$  intersect? If so, what is their intersection?