

Ex: A plane has the 3 points $P=(1,0,0)$, $Q=(1,1,1)$, $R=(2,-1,3)$. Let's find a vector that is orthogonal to the plane.

→ What to do? Cross products!

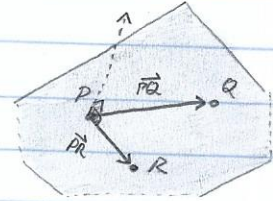
$$\vec{PQ} = \langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle \quad (Q-P)$$

$$\vec{PR} = \langle 1, -1, 3 \rangle \quad (R-P)$$

→ Orthogonal vector:

$$\vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - \hat{j} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + \hat{k} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= i(3+1) - j(0-1) + k(-1) = 4\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$$



■ Given 3 vectors $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$, we can use these to form a parallelepiped. The volume of this object is given by $V = |\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})|$.

→ Notice that if this volume is zero, then we have the 3 vectors on the same plane! They're coplanar vectors.

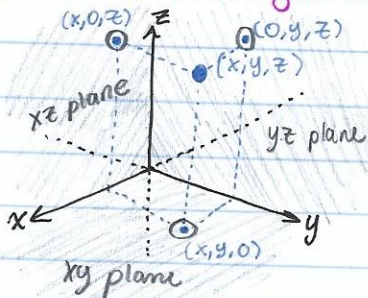
Ex: Are $\langle 1, 4, -7 \rangle$, $\langle 2, -1, 4 \rangle$, $\langle 0, -9, 18 \rangle$ on the same plane?

$$\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 & -7 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & -9 & 18 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 4 \\ -9 & 18 \end{vmatrix} - 4 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 18 \end{vmatrix} - 7 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -9 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 1(-18+36) - 4(36) - 7(-18)$$

$$= 18 - 8(18) + 7(18) = 8(18) - 8(18) = 0$$

■ 3D Coordinate System:



→ All pts are given by triples (x, y, z) , and have projections onto the xy , xz , and yz planes.

→ Distance between two points:

$$d(P, Q) = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$$

→ Remember:

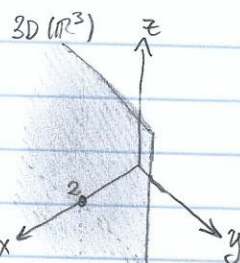
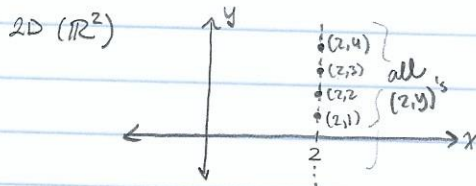
$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

Circle

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = r^2$$

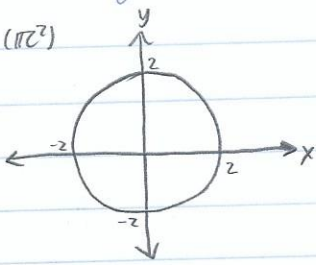
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Ex: "Sketch" $x=2$.



Ex "Sketch" $x^2 + y^2 = 4$.

2D (\mathbb{R}^2)



3D (\mathbb{R}^3)

