

# Lecture XI (2/5/16) § 12.9 & 13.1: Planes and surfaces

Recall: Defined  $\vec{T}(t), \vec{N}(t)$  & curvature  $K(t)$  of a curve  $\vec{r}(t) = \langle f(t), g(t), h(t) \rangle$

$$\vec{N}(t) = \frac{\frac{d\vec{T}(t)}{dt}}{\left| \frac{d\vec{T}(t)}{dt} \right|}, \quad K(t) = \frac{\left| \frac{d\vec{T}(t)}{ds} \right|}{|\vec{r}'(t)|} \quad \left( = \frac{|\vec{r}'(t) \times \vec{r}''(t)|}{|\vec{r}'(t)|^3} \right)$$

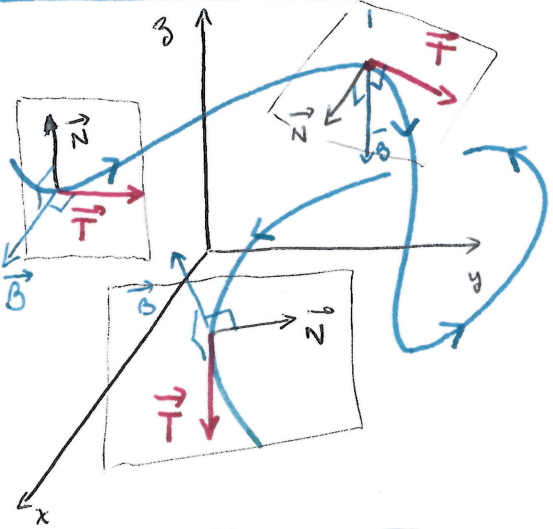
for  $a \leq t \leq b$ .

Know:  $|\vec{N}(t)| = |\vec{T}(t)| = 1$  &  $\vec{N}(t) \perp \vec{T}(t)$ . for curves in 3-space

These are enough to describe motions in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , but not in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  since we have room to change a curve & twist.

Q: How quickly does a curve move out of the (osculating) plane determined by  $\vec{T}(t)$  &  $\vec{N}(t)$ ?

## § 12.9 The Binormal Vector and the Torsion (in $\mathbb{R}^3$ )



Def:  $\vec{B}(t) = \vec{T}(t) \times \vec{N}(t)$  is the unit binormal vector

$$|\vec{B}(t)| = |\vec{T}(t)| |\vec{N}(t)| \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 1 \quad \text{for all } t$$

TNB-frame: right-handed coordinate system of three unit pairwise perpendicular vectors.

Def: The twisting out of the osculating plane equals  $\frac{d\vec{B}}{ds}$  (rate of change of  $\vec{B}$  with respect to arc length parameter)

Formula:  $\frac{d\vec{B}_1(s)}{ds} = \frac{d}{ds} (\vec{T}_1(s) \times \vec{N}_1(s)) = \underbrace{\frac{d}{ds} \vec{T}_1(s) \times \vec{N}_1(s)}_{\text{cross-product rule}} + \vec{T}_1(s) \times \frac{d\vec{N}_1}{ds}(s)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\vec{B}_1(s)}{ds} = \vec{T}_1(s) \times \frac{d\vec{N}_1}{ds}(s) \quad \left( \vec{N}_1 = \frac{1}{K(s)} \frac{d\vec{T}_1}{ds}(s) \right)$$

(assuming arc length param)

Note:  $\vec{T}(t(s)) = \vec{T}_1(s)$  & use chain rule:  $\frac{d\vec{B}}{dt} = \frac{d\vec{B}_1(s(t))}{ds} \cdot \frac{ds}{dt}(t) = |\vec{r}'(t)| \frac{d\vec{B}_1}{ds}(s)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\vec{B}_1(s)}{ds} = \frac{1}{|\vec{r}'(t)|} \frac{d\vec{B}}{dt}(s(t)) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d\vec{B}_1(s)}{ds} = \left( \vec{T}(t) \times \frac{d\vec{N}}{dt}(t) \right) \frac{1}{|\vec{r}'(t)|}$$

Properties: 1)  $\frac{d\vec{B}}{ds} \perp \vec{T}$  &  $\frac{d\vec{B}}{ds} \perp \vec{B}$  (because  $|\vec{B}(t)| = 1$ ), so  $\frac{d\vec{B}}{ds} = (-\tau) \vec{N}$   
and  $\tau := \text{torsion}$  (scalar!)

We compute  $\zeta(t) = -\frac{d\vec{B}}{ds} \cdot \vec{N}(t)$

&  $|\zeta(t)|$  = rate at which the curve twists out of the TN-plane

Examples: Recitation IV Handout (02/04/16)

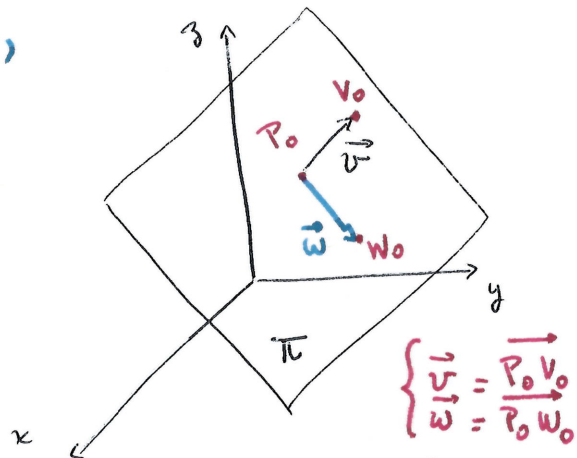
### §13. Functions of several variables

#### §13.1 Planes and surfaces:

##### §1: Equations of planes in 3-space

We can determine a plane in 2 ways:

(i)



$$\begin{cases} \vec{n} = \vec{P_0 v_0} \\ \vec{w} = \vec{P_0 w_0} \end{cases}$$

plane defined by a point  $P_0$  & 2 directions  $\vec{v}, \vec{w}$  (or 3 points  $P_0, W_0, V_0$ )

Notice:  $\vec{n} \perp \vec{v}$  &  $\vec{n} \perp \vec{w}$ .

We get a vector equation from (ii)

head of  $Q$  <sup>as scalar</sup> lies in the plane  $\pi$  if and only if  $\vec{P_0 Q} \perp \vec{n}$ ,  $\Rightarrow \vec{P_0 Q} \cdot \vec{n} = 0$  vector eqn

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

$$\boxed{a(x-x_0) + b(y-y_0) + c(z-z_0) = 0} \quad \text{scalar eqn}$$

From (i)  $\vec{r}(t,s) = \langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle + t \vec{v} + s \vec{w} \dots$   
 $= \vec{OP_0} + t \vec{P_0 V_0} + s \vec{P_0 W_0}$

Example: Find the equation of the plane passing through  $(1, 0, 0), (1, 1, 1)$  &  $(2, 1, -1)$ . Compute its intercepts (= intersection with the 3 coordinate planes)

- $\vec{r}(t,s) = \vec{OP_0} + t \vec{P_0 V_0} + s \vec{P_0 Q} = \langle 1, 0, 0 \rangle + t \langle 0, 1, 1 \rangle + s \langle 1, 1, -1 \rangle$
- normal =  $\begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = (-2)\vec{i} - (-1)\vec{j} + (-1)\vec{k} = \langle -2, -1, -1 \rangle$

So  $\vec{r} = \langle x, y, z \rangle : 2(x-1) + (-1)(y-0) + 1(z-0) = 0$

Check: 3 pts satisfy this equation! ✓

$2x - y + z = 2$

The Intercepts will be 3 lines:

$xy\text{-plane} \cap \pi = \begin{cases} z=0 \\ 2x-y+z=2 \end{cases}$

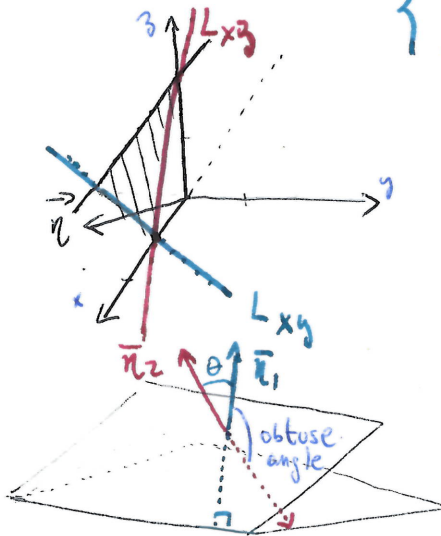
so line  $L_{xy} = \begin{cases} 2x-y=2 \\ z=0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow y = 2x-2$

$yz\text{-plane} \cap \pi = \begin{cases} x=0 \\ 2x-y+z=2 \end{cases}$

so line  $L_{yz} = \begin{cases} z=2+y \\ x=0 \end{cases}$

$xz\text{-plane} \cap \pi = \begin{cases} y=0 \\ 2x-y+z=2 \end{cases}$

so  $L_{xz} = \begin{cases} y=0 \\ z=2-2x \end{cases}$

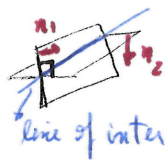


§2. Parallel and Orthogonal Planes

Angle between 2 planes = <sup>acute</sup> angle between their normal vectors.

$(0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2)$

In particular: parallel planes = normal vectors are proportional (parallel)



orthogonal planes = normals are perpendicular

Note: If  $\vec{n}$  is the normal vector to a plane, so is  $-\vec{n}$ .

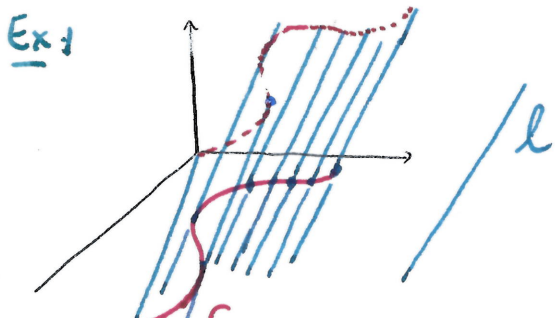
Example: Find the parallel plane to  $3x - 2y + 5z = 4$  passing through  $(1, -1, 1)$

Ans:  $0 = \langle 3, -2, 5 \rangle \cdot \langle x-1, y+1, z-1 \rangle = 3(x-1) - 2(y+1) + 5(z-1)$

So, plane is  $3x - 2y + 5z = 10$

§3. Cylinders and Traces:

Def: Given a curve C in a plane  $\pi$ , and a line  $l$  not in this plane, a cylinder is the surface of all lines parallel to  $l$  that pass through C.



$\pi = xy\text{-plane}$ . Surface is "ruled" by the lines  $l$  along C.

