

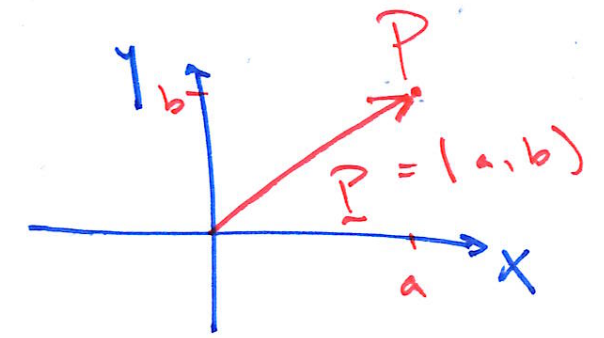
A vector is Defn (i) a list of numbers

Defn (ii) a geometric object w/ both magnitude and direction (an arrow)

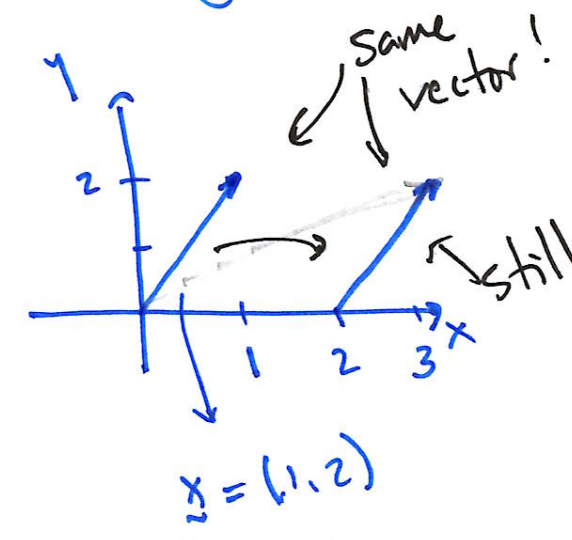
Defn (i) : vector  $\underline{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  [vectors boldface in typed]  
 $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$  is  $i$ th coordinate of  $\underline{x}$  row vector - compare to

column vector  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$

• the set of all  $\underline{x}$  is space  $\mathbb{R}^n$   
 eg,  $n=2$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^2 = \{(x, y) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$



- arrow pointing from origin to  $x=a, y=b$  is position vector for point P



- translation vector from  $(2,0)$  to  $(3,2)$

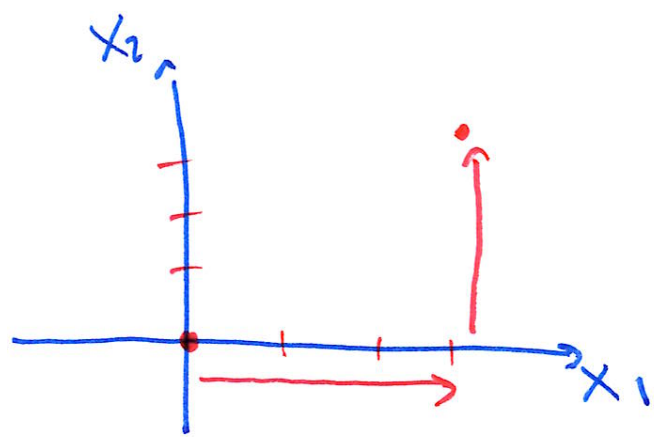
• Coordinate system

$\vec{0} = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$  is origin  
↑  
zero vector

- all points  $(0, 0, \dots, x_i, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$  for  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}$   
forms the " $x_i$  axis"

- The point  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is reached by :

moving  $x_1$  units along the  $x_1$  axis  
..  $x_2$  units parallel to  $x_2$  axis  
.. ..  
 $x_n$  .. ..  $x_n$  axis



# Adding / Subtracting vectors

• "Components view"  $\underline{u} = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$ ,  $\underline{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$

$$\underline{u} + \underline{v} = (u_1 + v_1, u_2 + v_2, \dots, u_n + v_n)$$

$$\underline{u} - \underline{v} = (u_1 - v_1, u_2 - v_2, \dots, u_n - v_n)$$

[Note: if  $v_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  
 $\underline{u} + v_i$  meaningless!]

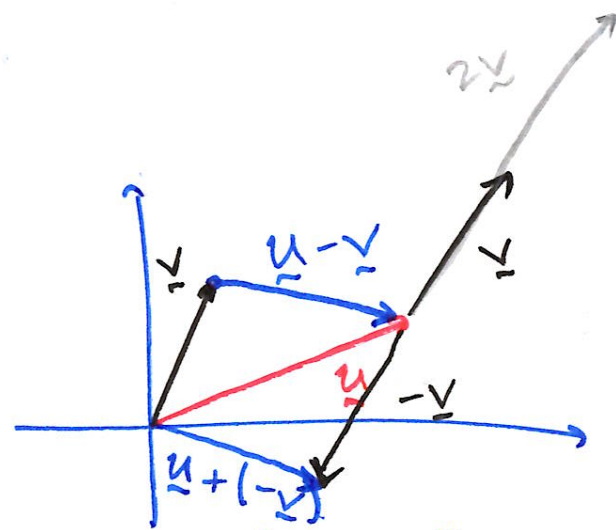
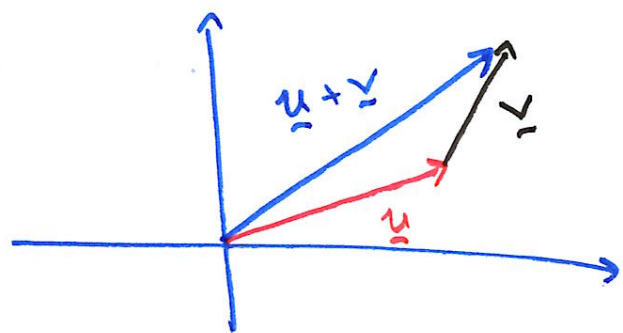
$$\underline{u} = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$$

$$\underline{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m), m \neq n$$

$\underline{u} + \underline{v}$  meaningless!]

• Translation ("Movement")  
 view :  $\underline{u} + \underline{v}$  means move  $u_i + v_i$  units in  $x_i$  direction

• "Arrow view"



Note:

$$\underline{u} + \underline{v} = \underline{v} + \underline{u}, \text{ i.e.}$$

it is commutative

$$\underline{u} - \underline{v} = -(\underline{v} - \underline{u})$$

$\underline{u} - \underline{v}$  arrow from "end of  $\underline{v}$ " to "end of  $\underline{u}$ "

Scalar multiplication Let  $k$  be a real number and  $\underline{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$  a vec.  
 The vector  $k\underline{v} = (kv_1, kv_2, \dots, kv_n)$  but has the same ~~magnitude~~ direction as  $\underline{v}$ ,  
 magnitude scaled by  $k$

Def'n: the vectors  $\underline{e}_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$

$$\underline{e}_2 = (0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$\vdots$

$$\underline{e}_n = (0, 0, \dots, 1)$$

$\uparrow$   
n<sup>th</sup>

form standard

basis

$n=2,3$   $\underline{e}_1 = \overset{\text{call}}{i}$ ,  $\underline{e}_2 = j$ ,  $\underline{e}_3 = k$

Idea can write any  $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  as linear combination of  $\{\underline{e}_1, \dots, \underline{e}_n\}$

Indeed,  $\underline{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \underline{e}_i$  [ eg  $x_1 \underline{e}_1 + x_2 \underline{e}_2$   
 $= (x_1, x_2, 0, \dots, 0)$  ]

• Note: could define other bases

eg  $\hat{\underline{e}}_1 = (2, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $\underline{e}_2 = (0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ , ...,  $\underline{e}_n = (0, \dots, 1)$

$\underline{a} = (2, 1)$ ,  $\underline{b} = (1, 3)$

claim: this is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$

Exercise: write  $\underline{p} = (p_1, p_2) = c_1 \underline{a} + c_2 \underline{b} = (2c_1 + c_2, c_1 + 3c_2)$

$\rightarrow 2c_1 + c_2 = p_1$

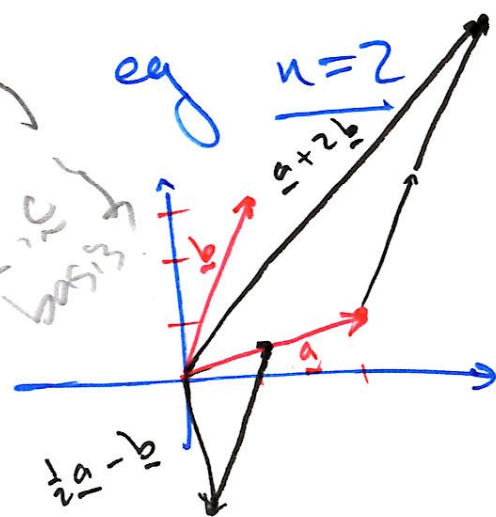
$c_1 + 3c_2 = p_2$

$\rightarrow$  solve

$c_1 = \frac{1}{5} (3p_1 - p_2)$

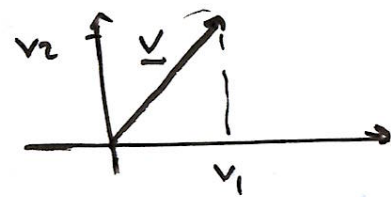
$c_2 = \frac{-1}{5} (p_1 - 2p_2)$

Consider:  
Does  $\underline{p} = (4, 2)$   
form a basis?



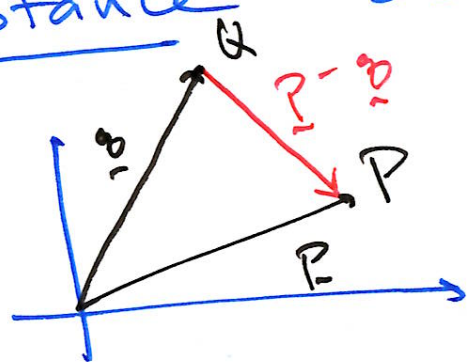
Defn The length (or magnitude) of  $\underline{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$

is  $|\underline{v}| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n v_i^2}$   $\leftarrow$  n-D Pythagorean Thm!



$\underline{v}$  is a unit vector if  $|\underline{v}| = 1$

Distance between pts P and Q of positive vec's  $\underline{p}$  and  $\underline{q}$ :



$$|\underline{p} - \underline{q}| = |\underline{q} - \underline{p}| = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (p_i - q_i)^2}$$

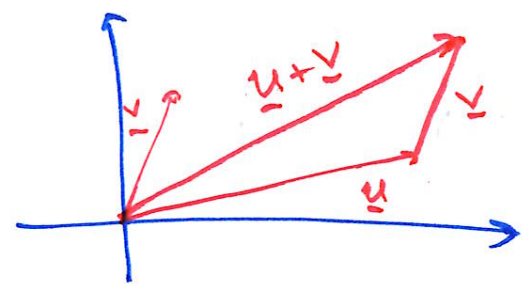
Notes: •  $|\underline{v}| = 0$  iff  $\underline{v} = \underline{0}$

•  $|\lambda \underline{v}| = |\lambda| |\underline{v}|$   
for any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

Triangle inequality let  $\underline{u}, \underline{v} \neq \underline{0}$  vec's in  $\mathbb{R}^n$   
Then  $|\underline{u} + \underline{v}| \leq |\underline{u}| + |\underline{v}|$  w equality only if  $\underline{v} = \lambda \underline{u}$  for some  $\lambda > 0$

Proof

$$|\underline{u} + \underline{v}|^2 = |\underline{u}|^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n u_i v_i + |\underline{v}|^2 \leq \underbrace{(|\underline{u}| + |\underline{v}|)^2}_{\text{want}} = |\underline{u}|^2 + 2|\underline{u}||\underline{v}| + |\underline{v}|^2$$



True if  $\sum_{i=1}^n u_i v_i \leq |\underline{u}||\underline{v}|$  ★

Consider  $|\underline{u} + t\underline{v}|^2 = |\underline{u}|^2 + 2t \sum_{i=1}^n u_i v_i + t^2 |\underline{v}|^2 \geq 0$  and only  $= 0$

if  $\underline{u} + t_0 \underline{v} = \underline{0}$  i.e.  $\underline{v} = \lambda \underline{u}$  ( $\lambda = -t_0$ ) in which case

$$\underline{u} + \underline{v} = (1 + \lambda) \underline{u}, \text{ so } |\underline{u} + \underline{v}| = |1 + \lambda| |\underline{u}| \leq |\underline{u}| + |\underline{v}|$$

w/ equality if  $\lambda > 0$

• otherwise  $|\underline{u} + t\underline{v}|^2$  is quadratic fn of  $t$  with no real roots

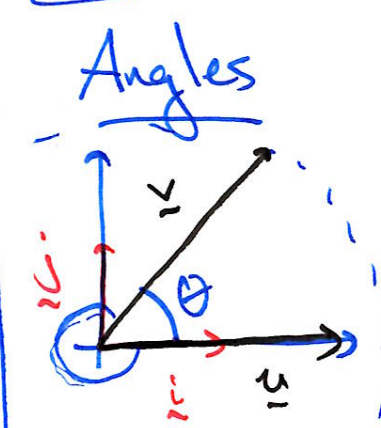
$\Rightarrow$  negative discriminant  $b^2 - 4ac \leq 0$

$$\Rightarrow 4 \left( \sum_{i=1}^n u_i v_i \right)^2 - 4 |\underline{u}|^2 |\underline{v}|^2 \leq 0, \text{ and } \star \text{ follows}$$

Def'n  $\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i v_i$  is dot product of  $\underline{u}$  and  $\underline{v}$  (also called scalar product, inner product)

Properties

- $\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v} = \underline{v} \cdot \underline{u}$
- $(\lambda \underline{u}) \cdot \underline{v} = \lambda (\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v})$
- $(\underline{u} + \underline{v}) \cdot \underline{w} = \underline{u} \cdot \underline{w} + \underline{v} \cdot \underline{w}$
- $\underline{u} \cdot \underline{u} = |\underline{u}|^2 \Rightarrow \underline{u} \cdot \underline{u} = 0$  iff  $\underline{u} = \underline{0}$
- $|\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v}| \leq |\underline{u}| |\underline{v}| \leftarrow$  Cauchy Schwarz  
ineq.



Angles

$$\underline{u} = |\underline{u}| \underline{i} + 0 \underline{j}$$

$$\underline{v} = |\underline{v}| \cos \theta \underline{i} + |\underline{v}| \sin \theta \underline{j}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{u} \cdot \underline{v} = |\underline{u}| |\underline{v}| \cos \theta \quad \text{The angle}$$

$$\text{b/t } \underline{u}, \underline{v} \text{ is } \theta = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v}}{|\underline{u}| |\underline{v}|} \right)$$

Notes • clear in  $\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R}^3$  but true  
in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (how we define angles)

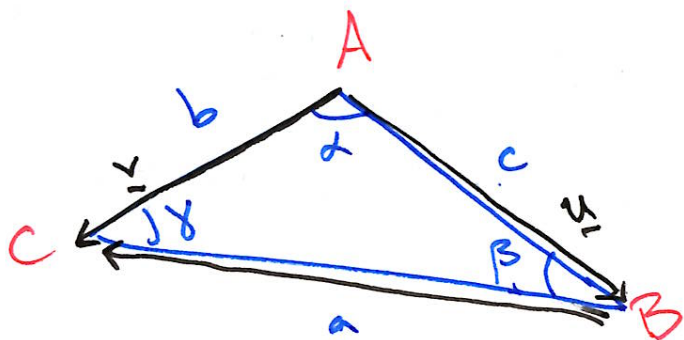
•  $\frac{|\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v}|}{\|\underline{u}\| \|\underline{v}\|} \leq 1 \Rightarrow$  can always choose  
 $\theta \in [0, \pi]$   
(smaller of angles)

•  $\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v} = 0$  iff  $\underline{u}, \underline{v}$  are orthogonal  
(perpendicular)

• Dot product is operator that  
measures how aligned 2 vec's are.

# Triangles and Circles

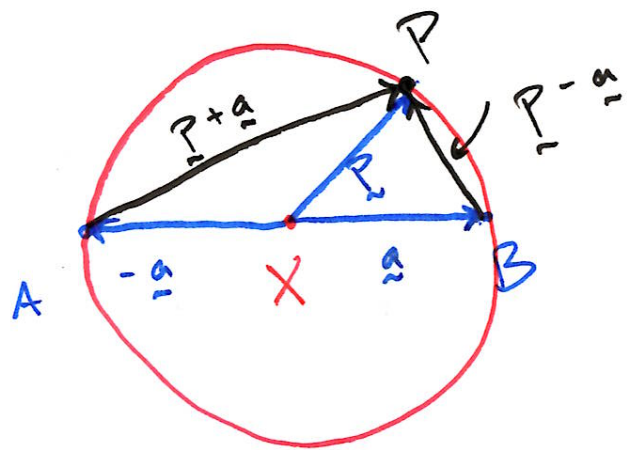
Cosine rule:  $a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos \alpha$       Proof Define  $\underline{u} = \overrightarrow{AB}$ ,  $\underline{v} = \overrightarrow{AC}$   
 $(\Rightarrow \overrightarrow{BC} = \underline{v} - \underline{u})$



$$a^2 = |\underline{v} - \underline{u}|^2 \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{expand}}}{=} |\underline{v}|^2 + |\underline{u}|^2 - 2 \underbrace{\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v}}_{|\underline{u}| |\underline{v}| \cos \alpha} = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos \alpha$$

• Given 2 pts A, B, where can place P st  $\angle APB$  is right angle?

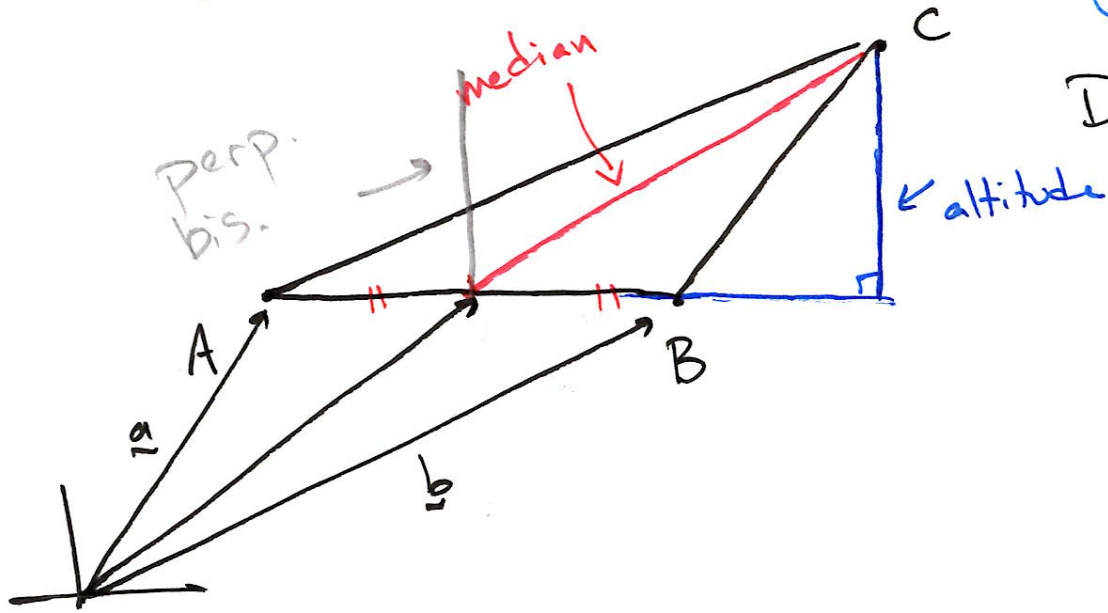
Thales Thm: Form a circle w/  $\overline{AB}$  a diameter. Then  $\angle APB$  is a right angle iff P is also on the circle.



PF  $(\underline{p} + \underline{a}) \cdot (\underline{p} - \underline{a}) = |\underline{p}|^2 - |\underline{a}|^2 = 0$  iff  $|\underline{p}| = |\underline{a}|$  ie  
 if P is on the circle. ✓



Let ABC be a triangle w/ pos. vec's  $\underline{a}, \underline{b}, \underline{c}$  from an origin



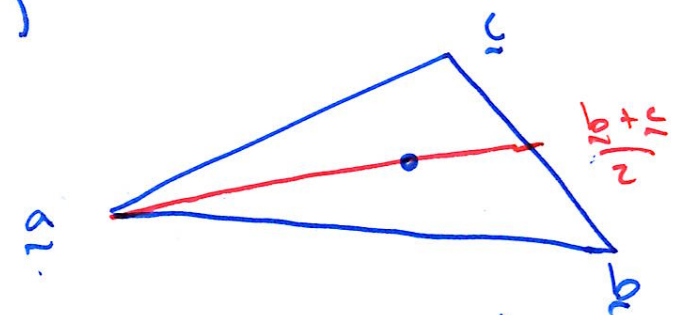
Define: - a median connects a vertex to opposing midpoint

- altitude is distance from vertex to opposing side (possibly extended)

- perpendicular bisector divides an edge w/ perp. line

- Claim:
1. The medians intersect at a single point (the centroid)
  2. Altitudes .. .. . (the orthocentre)
  3. Perp. bis. .. .. . (the circumcentre)
  4. The centroid, orthocentre, and circumcentre are collinear, & all lie on a single line (Euler line)

Challenge: prove w/ vector identities/properties



Pf of 1

The centroid is arithmetic mean:

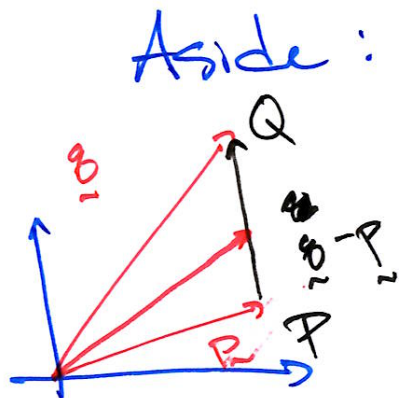
$$\frac{\underline{a} + \underline{b} + \underline{c}}{3}$$

The midpts of the edges given by  $\frac{\underline{a} + \underline{b}}{2}, \frac{\underline{a} + \underline{c}}{2}, \frac{\underline{b} + \underline{c}}{2}$ .

Now, writing centroid as  $\frac{2}{3} \underline{a} + \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{\underline{b} + \underline{c}}{2} \right)$  implies

it lies on line connecting  $\underline{a}$  to  $\frac{\underline{b} + \underline{c}}{2}$  ( $\mu = \frac{1}{3}$ )  
 Similarly, can write as  $\frac{2}{3} \underline{b} + \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{\underline{a} + \underline{c}}{2} \right)$  or  $\frac{2}{3} \underline{c} + \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{\underline{a} + \underline{b}}{2} \right)$

$\Rightarrow$  centroid lies on all 3 medians

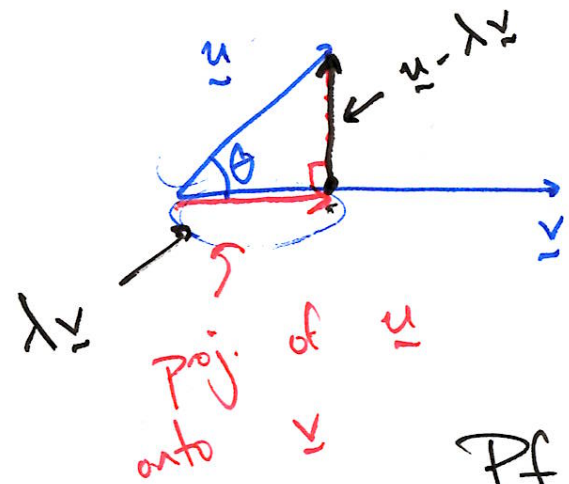


in general, the pts between P and Q  
 are given by  $\underbrace{\mu \vec{Q} + (1-\mu) \vec{P}}_{\mu}$  for  $\mu \in [0, 1]$

$$\vec{P} + \mu (\vec{Q} - \vec{P})$$

(the midpoint is  $\frac{\vec{P} + \vec{Q}}{2}$ )

Vector Projection of  $\underline{u}$  onto  $\underline{v}$  is the orthogonal projection of  $\underline{u}$  onto a line parallel to  $\underline{v}$  - "shadow of  $\underline{u}$  on  $\underline{v}$ "



Ex 21 Show  $\exists$  unique  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  st  $\underline{u} - \lambda \underline{v}$  is perp. to  $\underline{v}$

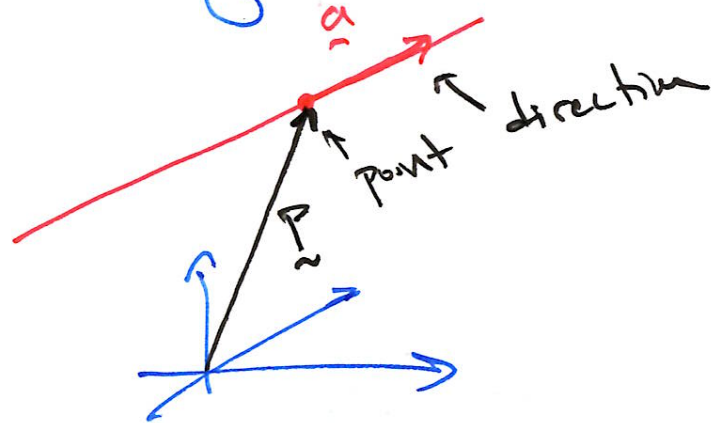
Pf  $\underline{u} - \lambda \underline{v}$  perp. to  $\underline{v}$  iff  $(\underline{u} - \lambda \underline{v}) \cdot \underline{v} = 0 = \underline{u} \cdot \underline{v} - \lambda \underline{v} \cdot \underline{v}$

iff  $\left| \lambda = \frac{\underline{u} \cdot \underline{v}}{|\underline{v}|^2} \right|$  (for  $\underline{v} \neq \underline{0}$ )  $\lambda = \frac{|\underline{u}| |\underline{v}| \cos \theta}{|\underline{v}|^2} \Rightarrow \lambda |\underline{v}| = |\underline{u}| \cos \theta$

Equations of Lines and Planes

Goal: describe parametrically w/ vectors

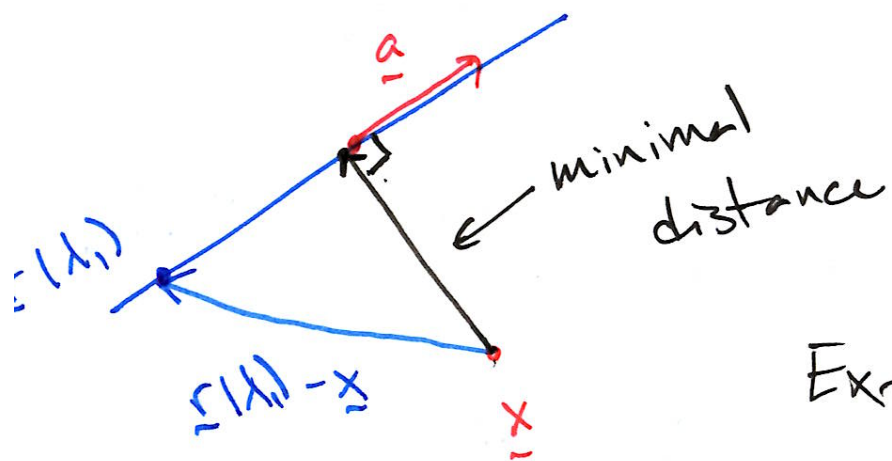
"Ingredients" of line: a point (on line) and direction



all points on line:  $\left| \underline{r}(\lambda) = \underline{p} + \lambda \underline{a} \right|, \quad -\infty < \lambda < \infty$

parametric form w/ parameter  $\lambda$

Ex 22 Given a point  $\underline{x}$  not on line, show that  $|\underline{r}(\lambda) - \underline{x}|$  is minimal when  $(\underline{x} - \underline{r}(\lambda)) \cdot \underline{a} = 0$



Soln Define  $d(\lambda) = |\underline{r}(\lambda) - \underline{x}|^2$

we want  $\lambda$  st  $d'(\lambda) = 0$

Expand  $|\underline{r} - \underline{x}|^2 = |\underline{p} + \lambda \underline{a} - \underline{x}|^2 = |\underline{p}|^2 + 2\lambda (\underline{p} \cdot \underline{a} - \underline{x} \cdot \underline{a}) + \lambda^2 |\underline{a}|^2 + |\underline{x}|^2$

$$\Rightarrow d'(\lambda) = 2(\underline{p} \cdot \underline{a} - \underline{x} \cdot \underline{a} + \lambda \underline{a} \cdot \underline{a}) = 2 \underbrace{(\underline{p} + \lambda \underline{a} - \underline{x})}_{\underline{r}(\lambda) - \underline{x}} \cdot \underline{a} = 0$$

Note in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , we could write  $\underline{p} = (p, q, r)$ ,  $\underline{a} = (a, b, c)$ ,  $\underline{x} = (x, y, z)$

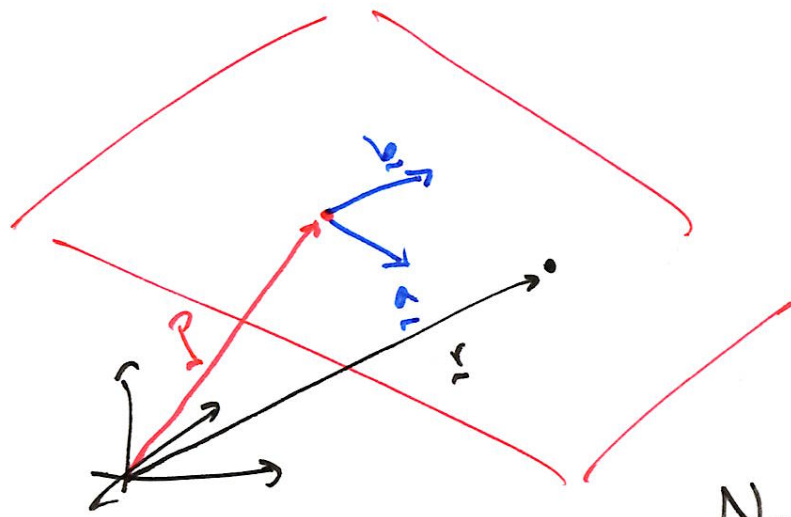
then  $\underline{r} = \underline{p} + \lambda \underline{a} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x = p + \lambda a \\ y = q + \lambda b \\ z = r + \lambda c \end{cases}$

or, equivalently, if solve for  $\lambda$ :

$$\frac{x-p}{a} = \frac{y-q}{b} = \frac{z-r}{c}$$

Eqn of a plane : ingredients : a point in plane, and 2 unique directions  $\underline{a}, \underline{b}$

Unique means:  $\underline{a} \neq \gamma \underline{b}$  for any  $\gamma$  - Same as  $\underline{a}$  and  $\underline{b}$  are linearly indep. - not scalar multiples

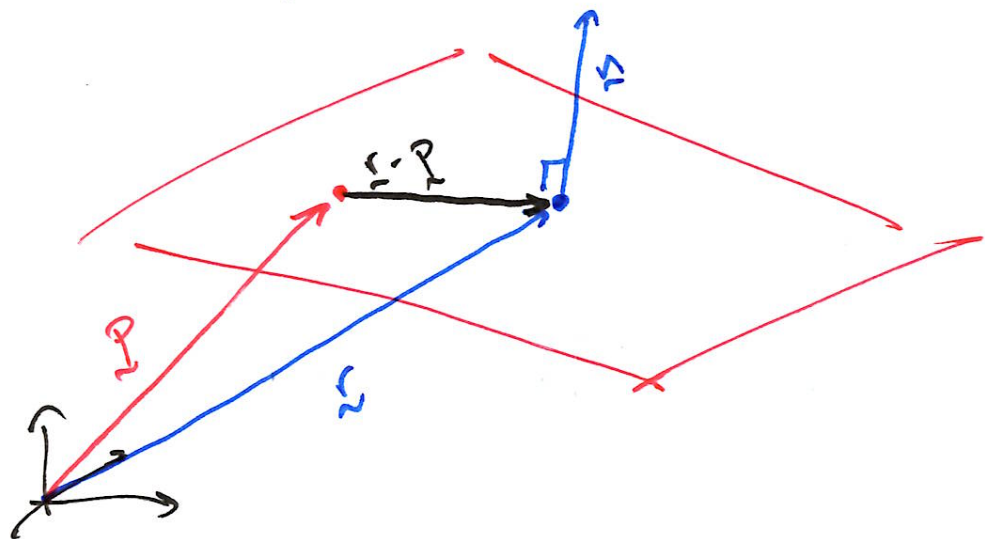


All points in plane given by

$$\underline{r}(\lambda, \mu) = \underline{p} + \lambda \underline{a} + \mu \underline{b} \quad \text{for } -\infty < \lambda, \mu < \infty$$

Note: this construction holds in any dimension  $\geq 2$

• in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , an alternative description: ingredients are a point and a single vector ~~perp~~ perpen. to plane



For any  $\underline{r}$  in plane,  $(\underline{r} - \underline{p}) \cdot \underline{n} = 0$

$$\text{ie } \underline{r} \cdot \underline{n} = \underline{p} \cdot \underline{n} = c$$

call

$\leftarrow \underline{n}$  is normal vector to plane

Conversely, the equation  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = c$  for given  $\vec{n} \neq 0$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  describes a plane with normal  $\vec{n}$

Let  $\vec{r} = (x, y, z)$ ,  ~~$\vec{p}$~~   $\vec{p} = (p_1, p_2, p_3)$ ,  $\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$ ,  $\vec{b} = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$

and consider plane  $\vec{r} = \vec{p} + \lambda \vec{a} + \mu \vec{b}$ . In comp. form:

$$x = p_1 + \lambda a_1 + \mu b_1$$

$$y = p_2 + \lambda a_2 + \mu b_2$$

$$z = p_3 + \lambda a_3 + \mu b_3$$

- eliminate  $\lambda$  &  $\mu$ : ... we get

$$x \cdot (b_3 a_2 - b_2 a_3) + y \cdot (b_1 a_3 - b_3 a_1) + z \cdot (b_2 a_1 - b_1 a_2) = p_1 \cdot (b_3 a_2 - b_2 a_3) + p_2 \cdot (b_1 a_3 - b_3 a_1) + p_3 \cdot (b_2 a_1 - b_1 a_2)$$

Has form  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = c$  w/  $\vec{n} = (b_3 a_2 - b_2 a_3, b_1 a_3 - b_3 a_1, b_2 a_1 - b_1 a_2)$ ,  $c = \vec{p} \cdot \vec{n}$

can verify:  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{n} = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{n} = 0$ , i.e.  $\vec{n}$  is normal to plane

Ex 29 Find distance b/t a pt  $\vec{g}$  and plane  $\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = c$

Claim: At closest pt,  $\vec{r}^* - \vec{g} = \lambda \vec{n}$

Also,  $\vec{r}^* \cdot \vec{n} = c$

by dot w/  $\vec{n}$ :  $c - \vec{g} \cdot \vec{n} = \lambda |\vec{n}|^2$

$\therefore$  The min. distance is  $|\lambda \vec{n}| = |\lambda| |\vec{n}| = \frac{|c - \vec{g} \cdot \vec{n}|}{|\vec{n}|}$

