# Chapter 9

# 9.1 Three-Dimensional Coordinate Systems

- Working in three dimensions:
  - How do we represent points in space?
  - What is the right-hand rule?
  - What are the x-, y-, and z-coordinate planes? How can a point P(a, b, c) be projected to each of the coordinate planes?
  - What is  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?
- Identifying basic surfaces in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :
  - What surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is represented by the equation z=3?
  - What surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is represented by the equation y = 5?
  - Why do we have to be careful about the context of our equations?
  - What does the equation  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  represent as a surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?
  - Describe and sketch the surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  represented by the equation y=x.
- Distances in three dimensions:
  - What is the distance formula in three dimensions?
  - Find the distance from the point P(2,-1,7) to the point Q(1,-3,5).
- Spheres:
  - Find an equation of a sphere with radius r and center C(h, k.l).
  - Show that  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 4x 6y + 2x + 6 = 0$  is the equation of a sphere, and find its center and radius.
  - What region in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is represented by the following inequalities?

$$1 \le x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \le 4 \qquad z \le 0$$

#### 9.2 Vectors

- Introduction to vectors:
  - What is a vector? What are some examples of vectors?
  - What are the various ways to represent vectors?
  - Suppose a particle moves along a line segment from point A to point B. What is the displacement vector from A to B?
- Vector operations:
  - How do we add vectors? How to draw the sum of vectors?
  - Given vectors  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ , why is  $\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{u}$ ?
  - How do we scale vectors?
  - How do we subtract vectors? How to draw the difference of vectors?
- Coordinate representation of vectors:
  - How to represent vectors using coordinates?
- Vectors between two points:
  - Given the points  $A(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  and  $B(x_2, y_2, z_2)$ , what is the vector  $\overrightarrow{AB}$ ?
  - Find the vector represented by the directed line segment with initial point A(2, -3, 4) and terminal point B(-2, 1, 1).
- Lengths of vectors:
  - How to compute the magnitude of a vector  $\vec{v}$ ?
- Vector operations using components:
  - How do we add vectors using coordinates?
  - How do we scale vectors using coordinates?
  - If  $\vec{a} = \langle 4, 0, 3 \rangle$  and  $\vec{b} = \langle -2, 1, 5 \rangle$ , find  $|\vec{a}|$  and the vectors  $\vec{a} + \vec{b}, \vec{a} \vec{b}, 3\vec{b}$  and  $2\vec{a} + 5\vec{b}$ .
- Properties of vector operations:
  - Let  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  are vectors in  $V_n$  and c and d are scalars. Summarize the properties of these vectors.
- Unit vectors and  $\vec{i}$ ,  $\vec{j}$ , and  $\vec{k}$ :
  - What are the vectors  $\vec{i}$ ,  $\vec{j}$ , and  $\vec{k}$ ?
  - Show that any vector in  $V_3$  can be expressed in terms of the vectors  $\vec{i}, \vec{j}, \vec{k}$ .
  - If  $\vec{a} = \vec{i} + 2\vec{j} 3\vec{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = 4\vec{i} + 7\vec{k}$ , express the vector  $2\vec{a} + 3\vec{b}$  in terms of  $\vec{i}, \vec{j}$ , and  $\vec{k}$ .
  - What is a unit vector? If  $\vec{a} \neq 0$ , what is a unit vector that has the same direction as  $\vec{a}$ ?
  - Find the unit vector in the direction of the vector  $2\vec{i} \vec{j} 2\vec{k}$ .
  - Know how to find vector sums and magnitudes in various contexts (e.g. force diagrams).

#### 9.3 The Dot Product

- Work and the dot product:
  - What is the dot product of two nonzero vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ ?
  - What is the work done by a constant force F in moving an object through a distance d?
  - How can we reinterpret work in terms of the dot product?
  - Find  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$  if  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  have lengths 4 and 6, and the angle between them is  $\pi/3$ .
  - A wagon is pulled a distance of 100 m along a horizontal path by a constant force of 70 N. The handle of the wagon is held at an angle of 35° above the horizontal. Find the work done by the force.

## • Orthogonal vectors:

- What does it mean for two vectors to be orthogonal?
- Prove that two vectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are orthogonal if and only if  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$ .
- The dot product in component form:
  - What is the dot product in terms of components?
  - Compute the following dot products:
    - 1.  $\langle 2, 4 \rangle \cdot \langle 3, -1 \rangle$
    - 2.  $\langle -1, 7, 4 \rangle \cdot \langle 6, 2, -\frac{1}{2} \rangle$
    - 3.  $(\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} 3\vec{k}) \cdot (2\vec{j} \vec{k})$
  - Show that  $2\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} \vec{k}$  is perpendicular to  $5\vec{i} 4\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$ .
  - Find the angle between the vectors  $\vec{a}=\langle 2,2,-1\rangle$  and  $\vec{b}=\langle 5,-3,2\rangle$ .
  - A force is given by a vector  $F = 3\vec{i} + 4\vec{j} + 5\vec{k}$  and moves a particle from the point P(2,1,0) to the point Q(4,6,2). Find the work done.
- Properties of the dot product:
  - If  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$  are vectors in  $V_3$  and c is a scalar, what are  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} + \vec{c})$ ,  $(c\vec{a}) \cdot \vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{0} \cdot \vec{a}$ ?

# • Projections

- What is the vector projection of  $\vec{b}$  onto  $\vec{a}$
- What is the scalar projection of  $\vec{b}$  onto  $\vec{a}$
- Find the scalar projection and vector projection of  $\vec{b}=\langle 1,1,2\rangle$  onto  $\vec{a}=\langle -2,3,1\rangle$ .

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## 9.4 The Cross Product

- Torque and the cross product:
  - What is torque?
  - If  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are nonzero three-dimensional vectors, what is the cross product of  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ ?
  - Show that two nonvectors  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are parallel if and only if  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = 0$ .
  - A bolt is tightened by applying a 40-N force to a 0.25-m wrench, as shown below. Find
    the magnitude of the torque about the center of the bolt.
- Cross products of  $\vec{i}$ ,  $\vec{j}$ ,  $\vec{k}$ :
  - Find  $\vec{i} \times \vec{j}$  and  $\vec{j} \times \vec{i}$ .
  - Summarize the cross products of  $\vec{i}$ ,  $\vec{j}$ , and  $\vec{k}$ .
- Properties of the cross product:
  - Is  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \vec{b} \times \vec{a}$ ?
  - Is  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{c} = \vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c})$ ?
  - What properties of the cross product hold?
- The cross product using components:
  - How to calculate  $\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$  using components?
  - How can we use determinants to simplify the cross product calculation?
  - Use determinants to calculate the cross product of  $\vec{a} = \langle 1, 3, 4 \rangle$  and  $\vec{b} = \langle 2, 7, -5 \rangle$ .
  - Find a vector perpendicular to the plane that passes through the points P(1,4,6), Q(-2,5,-1), R(1,-1,1).
- Geometry of the cross product:
  - Give a geometric interpretation of the length of the cross product.
  - Find the area of the triangle with vertices P(1,4,6), Q(-2,5,-1), and R(1,-1,1).
- Scalar triple product:
  - What is the scalar triple product of the vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$ , and  $\vec{c}$ ?
  - Let  $\vec{a} = \langle a_1, a_2, a_3 \rangle$ ,  $\vec{b} = \langle b_1, b_2, b_3 \rangle$ , and  $\vec{c} = \langle c_1, c_2, c_3 \rangle$ . Show that

$$\vec{a} \cdot (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

– Use the scalar triple product to show that the vectors  $\vec{a} = \langle 1, 4, -7 \rangle$ ,  $\vec{b} = \langle 2, -1, 4 \rangle$ , and  $\vec{c} = \langle 0, -9, 18 \rangle$  lie in the same plane.

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#### 9.5 Equations of Lines and Planes

#### • Lines:

- How do we describe a line in three-dimensional space?
- How can we describe a line in three-dimensional space parametrically?
- Are the vector equation and parametric equations of a line unique?
- What are the symmetric equations a line L?
- Find a vector equation and parametric equations for the line that passes through the point (5,1,3) and is parallel to the vector  $\vec{i} + 4\vec{j} 2\vec{k}$ . Find two other points on the line.
- Find parametric equations and symmetric equations of the line that passes through the points A(2, 4, -3) and B(3, -1, 1). At what point does this line intersect the xy-plane?

#### • Line Segments:

- How to describe the line segment AB between the points A(2,4,-3) and B(3,-1,1)?
- How to describe the line segment from vector  $\vec{r_0}$  to  $\vec{r_1}$ ?

#### • Planes:

- How to describe a plane in space?
- How to describe a plane using a scalar equation?
- Find an equation of the plane through the point (2,4,-1) with normal vector  $\vec{n} = \langle 2,3,4 \rangle$ . Find the intercepts and sketch the plane.
- How to rewrite the equation of a plane using a linear equation?
- Find an equation of the plane that passes through the points P(1,3,2), Q(3,-1,6) and R(5,2,0).
- Find the point at which the line with parametric equations x = 2+3t, y = -4t, z = 5+t intersects the plane 4x + 5y 2z = 18.

### • Angle between planes:

- How can we determine if two planes are parallel?
- If two planes are not parallel, what is the angle between the two planes?
- Find the angle between the planes x + y + z = 1 and x 2y + 3z = 1. Find symmetric equations for the line of intersection L of these two planes.

#### • Distances:

- Find a formula for the distance from a point  $P_1(x_1, y_1, z_1)$  to the plane ax+by+cz+d=0.
- Find the distance between the parallel planes 10x + 2y 2z = 5 and 5x + y z = 1.

#### • Skew lines:

- Show that the lines  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  with parametric equations

$$x = 1 + t$$
  $y = -2 + 3t$   $z = 4 - t$   
 $x = 2s$   $y = 3 + s$   $z = -3 + 4s$ 

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are skew lines.

- Find the distance between the skew lines  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  above.

## 9.6 Functions and Surfaces

### • Functions of two variables:

- What is a function of two variables?
- If  $f(x,y) = 4x^2 + y^2$ , what are the domain and range of f(x,y)?
- If  $f(x,y) = \frac{\sqrt{x+y+1}}{x-1}$ , evaluate f(3,2) and find and sketch the domain.
- If  $f(x,y) = x \ln(y^2 x)$ , evaluate f(3,2) and find and sketch the domain.

## • Graphs of functions:

- If f is a function of two variables with domain D, what is the graph of f?
- Sketch the graph of the function f(x,y) = 6 3x 2y.
- Sketch the graph of the function  $f(x,y) = x^2$ .
- How can we use cross-sections to help us sketch graphs of functions of two variables?
- Use traces to sketch the graph of the function  $f(x,y) = 4x^2 + y^2$ .
- Sketch the graph of  $f(x,y) = y^2 x^2$ .

## • Quadric surfaces:

- What is a quadric surface?
- Sketch the quadric surface with equation  $x^2 + \frac{y^2}{9} + \frac{z^2}{4} = 1$ .
- Is the ellipsoid  $x^2 + \frac{y^2}{9} + \frac{z^2}{4} = 1$  the graph of a function?
- What are the six basic types of quadric surfaces? What are their equations in standard form?
- Classify the quadric surface  $x^2 + 2z^2 6x y + 10 = 0$ .

# 9.7 Cylindrical and Spherical Coordinates

#### • Cylindrical coordinates:

- How do we convert between polar and Cartesian coordinates in two dimensions?
- What is the cylindrical coordinate system?
- Plot the point with cylindrical coordinates  $(2, 2\pi/3, 1)$  and find its rectangular coordinates.
- Find cylindrical coordinates of the point with rectangular coordinates (3, -3, -7).
- When are cylindrical coordinates useful? What is the equation of a cylinder in cylindrical coordinates?
- Describe the surface whose equation in cylindrical coordinates is z = r.
- Find an equation in cylindrical coordinates for the ellipsoid  $4x^2 + 4y^2 + z^2 = 1$ .

## • Spherical coordinates:

- What is the spherical coordinate system?
- When are spherical coordinates useful? What is the equation of a sphere in spherical coordinates?
- Find equations for surfaces using spherical coordinates.
- What is the relationship between rectangular and spherical coordinates?
- The point  $(2, \pi/4, \pi/3)$  is given in spherical coordinates. Plot the point and find its rectangular coordinates.
- The point  $(0, 2\sqrt{3}, -2)$  is given in rectangular coordinates. Find spherical coordinates for this point.
- Find an equation in spherical coordinates for the hyperboloid of two sheets with equation  $x^2 y^2 z^2 = 1$ .
- Find a rectangular equation for the surface whose spherical equation is  $\rho = \sin \theta \sin \phi$ .