

Closing Tue, Jan. 20: 12.5(1)(2)(3)

Closing Thu, Jan. 22: 12.6

Note: No class Monday. No MSC

Sunday or Monday. So get your last

minute 12.5 questions answered

today!

12.5 Lines/Planes in 3 Dimensions

Lines: $x = x_0 + at$, $y = y_0 + bt$, $z = z_0 + ct$

$\mathbf{v} = \langle a, b, c \rangle =$ direction vector

$\mathbf{r}_0 = \langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle =$ a position vector

Planes: $a(x - x_0) + b(y - y_0) + c(z - z_0) = 0$

$\mathbf{n} = \langle a, b, c \rangle =$ a **normal** vector.

$\mathbf{r}_0 = \langle x_0, y_0, z_0 \rangle =$ a position vector

To find equations for a line

Info given?

Find two points

Done.

$\vec{v} = \overrightarrow{AB}$
(subtract components)

$$\vec{r}_0 = \vec{A}$$

To find the equation for a plane

Info given?

Find three points

Done.

Two vectors parallel to the plane: \overrightarrow{AB} and \overrightarrow{AC}

$$\vec{n} = \overrightarrow{AB} \times \overrightarrow{AC}$$

$$\vec{r}_0 = \vec{A}$$