



A plane can be specified in any of the following ways:

3 non-collinear Points

2 Intersecting lines

A point and a vector that the plane is perpendicular to

A specified distance from the origin & a vector that that the plane is perpendicular to



## **Cartesian Equation of a Plane**

The Cartesian equation of a plane through the point  $P(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  which has a normal vector  $\overline{N} = Ai + Bj + Ck$  is

$$A(x - x_0) + B(y - y_0) + C(z - z_0) = 0$$





To define the orientation of a plane uniquely, we require either:

2 non-parallel vector which both lie in the plane.

One vector perpendicular (normal) to the plane.



## **Vector Equation of a Plane**

r = Any point on the plane

 $\mathbf{r}_0 = \mathbf{A}$  known point on the plane

 $\overline{u}$  and  $\overline{v}$  are two non-parallel vectors that lie in the plane

 $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are two independent real parameters

$$r = r_0 + \alpha \cdot \bar{u} + \beta \cdot \bar{v}$$













Ex5. Find the acute angle between the planes with  
equations 
$$x + y - z = 8$$
 and  $2x - y + 3z = -1$ .  
 $\overrightarrow{N_1} = \langle 1, 1, -1 \rangle$   $\overrightarrow{N_2} = \langle 2, -1, 3 \rangle$   
 $\overrightarrow{N_1} \cdot \overrightarrow{N_2} = 2 - 1 - 3 = -2$   
 $|\overrightarrow{N_1}| = \sqrt{1 + 1 + 1} = \sqrt{3}$   $|\overrightarrow{N_2}| = \sqrt{4 + 1 + 9} = \sqrt{14}$   
 $\cos \varphi = \frac{1 - 21}{\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{14}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{42}}$   
 $\varphi = 72.0^{\circ}$ 





