

Angle between two planes.

(1) **Cartesian form:** Angle between the planes is defined as angle between normals to the planes drawn from any point. Angle between the planes $a_1x + b_1y + c_1z + d_1 = 0$ and

$a_2x + b_2y + c_2z + d_2 = 0$ is

$$\cos^{-1} \left(\frac{a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2}{\sqrt{(a_1^2 + b_1^2 + c_1^2)(a_2^2 + b_2^2 + c_2^2)}} \right)$$

Note: If $a_1a_2 + b_1b_2 + c_1c_2 = 0$, then the planes are perpendicular to each other.

If $\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$, then the planes are parallel to each other.

(2) **Vector form:** An angle θ between the planes $\mathbf{r}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_1 = d_1$ and $\mathbf{r}_2 \cdot \mathbf{n}_2 = d_2$ is given by

$$\cos \theta = \pm \frac{\mathbf{n}_1 \cdot \mathbf{n}_2}{|\mathbf{n}_1| |\mathbf{n}_2|}.$$