

Solution (#528) Let \mathbf{p} and \mathbf{q} be two points which lie in the plane $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n} = c$. Then

$$\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{n} = c, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{n} = c.$$

Hence

$$(\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}) \cdot \mathbf{n} = \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{n} - \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{n} = c - c = 0$$

and so $\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}$ is perpendicular to \mathbf{n} .