


Electricity and Magnetism


An Introduction to Vectors and Calculus

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Why Studying Vectors

- The Subject of electromagnetism is very fundamental and lots of new concepts are in contents.
- Forces between charges, Electric Field and Electric Field Lines, Energy and Potentials Magnetic Fields become clearly understandable in term of its magnitude and their associated direction in any medium.
- Vector tells us the magnitude and where the direction is. OUR TOOL.
- In this lecture, vectors will be covered in details. Some useful examples will be separately presented during this lecture.

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1. Basic Vector Algebra

– Scalars

- A single real number (positive or negative) is referred as a scalar value.
- Many Examples represent scalars such as Temperature and Pressure.
- Example: $T = 290^{\circ}\text{K}$

– Vectors

- Many quantities are not complete without specifying their directions. Such quantities are well-known as vector quantities.
- An example of vector quantities is the velocity, where its complete figure can be understandable in term of its velocity and the direction that the object derived.
- Example: $v = 30 \text{ kmph} - \text{North}$

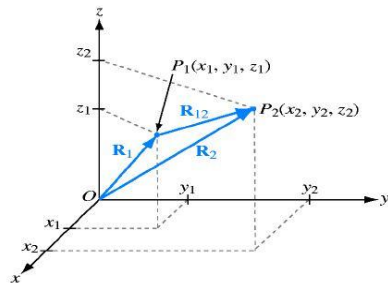
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1. Basic Vector Algebra

– Scalar and Vector Fields

- Most of the work in this module is concerned about vector and scalar fields.
- The vector or scalar field can be defined as a function that connects any arbitrary point to a position in space.
- R_1 and R_2 are defined as vectors position which they can be determined by its three position in the coordinate system.
- R_{12} is the distance vector between two the defined points which is given by $R_{12} = R_2 - R_1$



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1. Basic Vector Algebra

– Vector structure

- Any vector can be written as follow:

$$\vec{A} = A_x \hat{x} + A_y \hat{y} + A_z \hat{z}$$

- A_x, A_y, A_z are defined as the vector components.
- $\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}$ are known as the unit vectors of the vector \vec{A} .
- Unit vectors are vectors of unit lengths in the directions of x, y, z , respectively.
- Example:

$$\vec{A} = 3\hat{x} + 7\hat{y} - 5\hat{z}$$

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1. Basic Vector Algebra

– Vector Magnitude and Direction

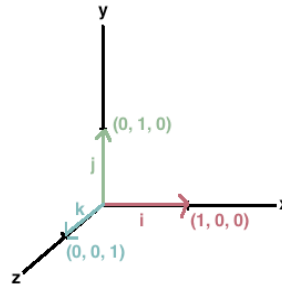
- Vector magnitude:

$$\vec{A} = A_x \hat{x} + A_y \hat{y} + A_z \hat{z}$$

$$A = |\vec{A}| = \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2}$$

- The direction of the vector \vec{A} :

$$\hat{a} = \frac{\vec{A}}{A} = \frac{A_x \hat{x} + A_y \hat{y} + A_z \hat{z}}{\sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2}}$$



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1. Basic Vector Algebra

– Vector Addition:

Lets A and B are two vectors, where:

$$\vec{A} = A_x \hat{x} + A_y \hat{y} + A_z \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{B} = B_x \hat{x} + B_y \hat{y} + B_z \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{A} + \vec{B} = (A_x + B_x) \hat{x} + (A_y + B_y) \hat{y} + (A_z + B_z) \hat{z}$$

– Vector Subtraction:

$$\vec{A} = A_x \hat{x} + A_y \hat{y} + A_z \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{B} = B_x \hat{x} + B_y \hat{y} + B_z \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{A} - \vec{B} = (A_x - B_x) \hat{x} + (A_y - B_y) \hat{y} + (A_z - B_z) \hat{z}$$

– Notes:

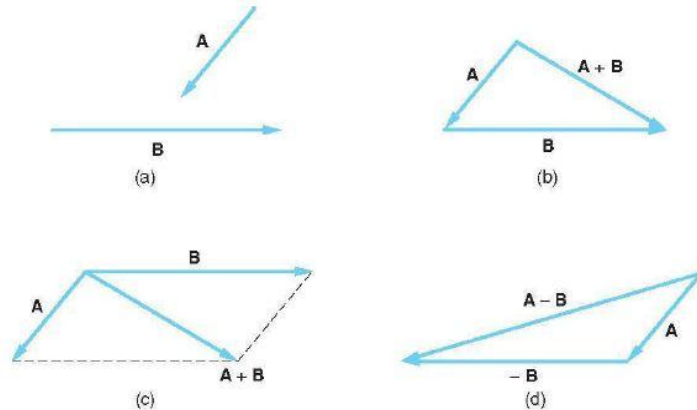
- $\vec{A} + \vec{B} = \vec{B} + \vec{A}$
- $\vec{A} - \vec{B} \neq \vec{B} + \vec{A}$

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1. Basic Vector Algebra

- A pair of vectors \vec{A} and \vec{B} shown in (a) are added by head-to-tail method (b) and by completing the trapezoid (c).
- In (d) the vector \vec{B} is subtracted from vector \vec{A} .



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- Dot (Scalar) Multiplication

- Lets A and B are two vectors:

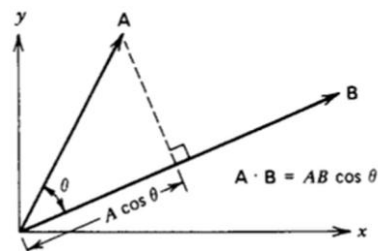
$$\vec{A} = A_x \hat{x} + A_y \hat{y} + A_z \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{B} = B_x \hat{x} + B_y \hat{y} + B_z \hat{z}$$

- The dot product of two vectors:

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = AB \cos \theta$$

θ is the smallest angle between the two vectors.



- The result of dot product is a SCALAR.
- The dot product has its maximum magnitude at $\theta = 0$.
- The dot product it has ZERO magnitude at $\theta = \pi/2$.
- $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = \vec{B} \cdot \vec{A}$

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1. Basic Vector Algebra

– Dot (Scalar) Multiplication

$$\cos \theta = \frac{A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z}{AB}$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$$

- The dot product of two identical unit vectors is always ONE.
- The dot product of two non-identical unit vectors is always ZERO.
- Example:\\

$$\hat{x} \cdot \hat{x} = 1$$

$$\hat{x} \cdot \hat{z} = 0$$

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1. Basic Vector Algebra

– Cross Product

- Lets \vec{A} and \vec{B} are two vectors:

$$\vec{A} = A_x \hat{x} + A_y \hat{y} + A_z \hat{z}$$

$$\vec{B} = B_x \hat{x} + B_y \hat{y} + B_z \hat{z}$$

- The cross product of two vectors:

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = AB \sin \theta$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{bmatrix} = (A_y B_z - A_z B_y) \hat{x} + (A_z B_x - A_x B_z) \hat{y} + (A_x B_y - A_y B_x) \hat{z}$$

- The cross product is ZERO for collinear vectors ($\theta = 0$).
- The cross product is MAX for perpendicular vectors ($\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$).

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1. Basic Vector Algebra

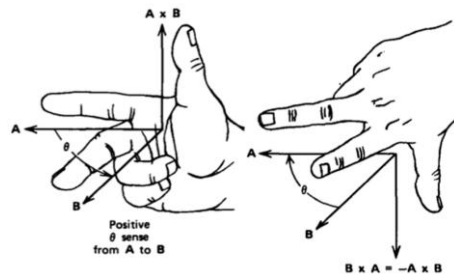
– Cross Product

- The resultant of cross product of two vectors is a new vector perpendicular to the direction of both.
- The cross product of two identical unit vectors is ZERO.
- The cross product of two non-identical unit vectors is new vector perpendicular to both of them.
- $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = -\vec{B} \times \vec{A}$

• Example:\

$$\hat{x} \times \hat{x} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\hat{x} \times \hat{z} = \hat{y}$$



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1. Basic Vector Algebra

$$\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \vec{B} \cdot (\vec{C} \times \vec{A}) = \vec{C} \cdot (\vec{A} \times \vec{B})$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \begin{vmatrix} A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \\ C_x & C_y & C_z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \vec{B}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) - \vec{C}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B})$$

$$\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) \neq (\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) \times \vec{C}$$

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2. Coordinate Systems

– Introduction

- Our reference point is usually the origin
- The location of any object or point in space can be defined by intersecting three perpendicular surfaces.
- We do study **THREE** coordinate systems:
 - ❖ Cartesian (Rectangular) Coordinates.
 - ❖ Circular (Cylindrical) Coordinates.
 - ❖ Spherical Coordinates.

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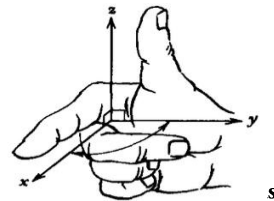


2. Coordinate Systems

– Cartesian Coordinates

- With respect to the origin $(0,0,0)$, we define any object in space by intersection of **THREE PERPENDICULAR** planes parallel to (x,y,z) axis:
 - ❖ x – plane perpendicular to x – axis
 - ❖ y – plane perpendicular to y – axis
 - ❖ z – plane perpendicular to z – axis
- A right hand coordinate system can specify the directions of Cartesian coordinate:

“Curls of the fingers in the direction from x -axis to y in the direction of $+ve$ x -axis and the middle finger in the direction of $+ve$ y -axis and the thumb is referring to the $+ve$ z -axis.

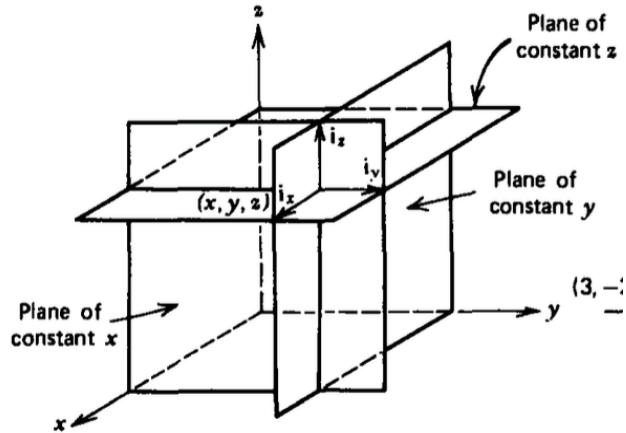


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2. Coordinate Systems

- Cartesian Coordinates



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2. Coordinate Systems

- Surface and Volume differential

- The differential length:

$$d\hat{l} = dx \hat{x} + dy \hat{y} + dz \hat{z}$$

- Each surface has an area:

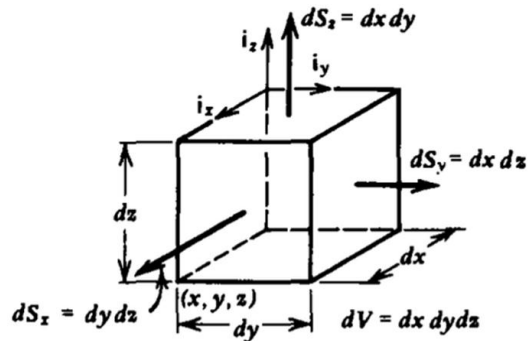
$$d\hat{S}_x = dy dz$$

$$d\hat{S}_y = dx dz$$

$$d\hat{S}_z = dx dy$$

- The volume of the cube:

$$d\hat{V} = dx dy dz$$



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2. Coordinate Systems

– Cylindrical Coordinates

- The location of any object in space can be defined by intersecting of three perpendicular surface of circular or cylindrical coordinated parameters (\hat{r} , $\hat{\Phi}$, \hat{z}).
- The unit vectors are: \hat{r} , $\hat{\Phi}$, \hat{z} .
- The direction of (\hat{k}) is independent of position.
- \hat{r} , $\hat{\Phi}$ are changing in direction.
- **NOTE:**

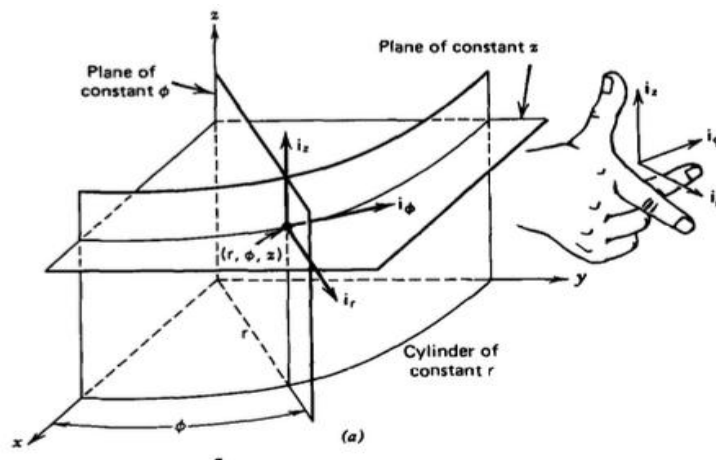
- For $\phi = 0$; $\hat{r} = \hat{x}$ $\hat{\Phi} = \hat{y}$
- For $\phi = \frac{\pi}{2}$; $\hat{r} = \hat{y}$ $\hat{\Phi} = -\hat{x}$

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2. Coordinate Systems

– Cylindrical Coordinates



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2. Coordinate Systems

– Cylindrical Coordinates

- The differential length is given by:

$$d\hat{l} = dr \hat{r} + r d\phi \hat{\phi} + dz \hat{z}$$

- Each surface has an area:

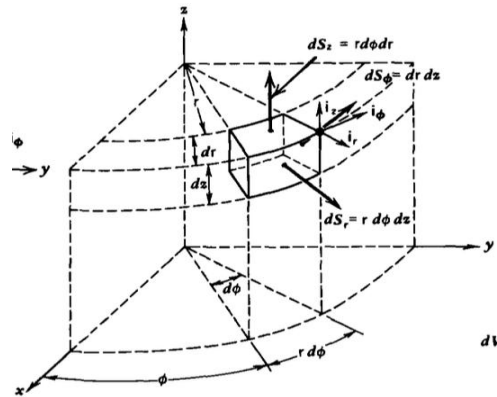
$$d\widehat{S}_r = r d\phi dz$$

$$d\widehat{S}_\phi = dr dz$$

$$d\widehat{S}_z = r dr d\phi$$

- The volume is given by:

$$dV = r dr d\phi dz$$



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2. Coordinate Systems

– Spherical Coordinates

- The differential length is given by:

$$d\hat{l} = dR \hat{r} + R d\theta \hat{\theta} + R \sin\theta d\phi \hat{\phi}$$

- Each surface has an area given by:

$$d\widehat{S}_R = R^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi$$

$$d\widehat{S}_\theta = R \sin\theta dr d\phi$$

$$d\widehat{S}_\phi = R dr d\theta$$

- The volume is given by:

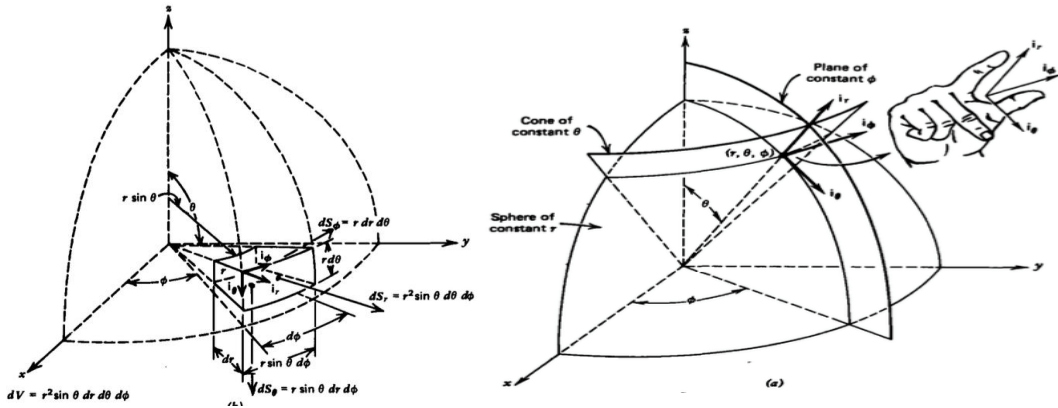
$$d\widehat{V} = R^2 \sin\theta dr d\theta d\phi$$

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2. Coordinate Systems

- Spherical Coordinates



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2. Coordinates Systems - Summary

Summary

	Cartesian Coordinates	Cylindrical Coordinates	Spherical Coordinates
Base vectors properties	$\hat{x} \cdot \hat{x} = \hat{y} \cdot \hat{y} = \hat{z} \cdot \hat{z} = 1$ $\hat{x} \cdot \hat{y} = \hat{y} \cdot \hat{z} = \hat{z} \cdot \hat{x} = 0$ $\hat{x} \times \hat{y} = \hat{z}$ $\hat{y} \times \hat{z} = \hat{x}$ $\hat{z} \times \hat{x} = \hat{y}$	$\hat{r} \cdot \hat{r} = \hat{\phi} \cdot \hat{\phi} = \hat{z} \cdot \hat{z} = 1$ $\hat{r} \cdot \hat{\phi} = \hat{\phi} \cdot \hat{z} = \hat{z} \cdot \hat{r} = 0$ $\hat{r} \times \hat{\phi} = \hat{z}$ $\hat{\phi} \times \hat{z} = \hat{r}$ $\hat{z} \times \hat{r} = \hat{\phi}$	$\hat{R} \cdot \hat{R} = \hat{\theta} \cdot \hat{\theta} = \hat{\phi} \cdot \hat{\phi} = 1$ $\hat{R} \cdot \hat{\theta} = \hat{\theta} \cdot \hat{\phi} = \hat{\phi} \cdot \hat{R} = 0$ $\hat{R} \times \hat{\theta} = \hat{\phi}$ $\hat{\theta} \times \hat{\phi} = \hat{R}$ $\hat{\phi} \times \hat{R} = \hat{\theta}$
Dot product, $A \cdot B =$	$A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$	$A_r B_r + A_\phi B_\phi + A_z B_z$	$A_R B_R + A_\theta B_\theta + A_\phi B_\phi$
Cross product, $A \times B =$	$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix}$	$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{r} & \hat{\phi} & \hat{z} \\ A_r & A_\phi & A_z \\ B_r & B_\phi & B_z \end{vmatrix}$	$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{R} & \hat{\theta} & \hat{\phi} \\ A_R & A_\theta & A_\phi \\ B_R & B_\theta & B_\phi \end{vmatrix}$
Differential length, $dL =$	$\hat{x} dx + \hat{y} dy + \hat{z} dz$	$\hat{r} dr + \hat{\phi} r d\phi + \hat{z} dz$	$\hat{R} dR + \hat{\theta} R d\theta + \hat{\phi} R \sin \theta d\phi$
Differential surface areas	$ds_x = \hat{x} dy dz$ $ds_y = \hat{y} dx dz$ $ds_z = \hat{z} dx dy$	$ds_r = \hat{r} r d\phi dz$ $ds_\phi = \hat{\phi} dr dz$ $ds_z = \hat{z} r dr d\phi$	$ds_R = \hat{R} R^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$ $ds_\theta = \hat{\theta} R \sin \theta dR d\phi$ $ds_\phi = \hat{\phi} R dR d\theta$
Differential volume, $dV =$	$dx dy dz$	$r dr d\phi dz$	$R^2 \sin \theta dR d\theta d\phi$

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2. Coordinates Systems - Summary

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Dot product, $A \cdot B =$	$A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$	$A_r B_r + A_\phi B_\phi + A_z B_z$	$A_R B_R + A_\theta B_\theta + A_\phi B_\phi$
Cross product, $A \times B =$	$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix}$	$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{r} & \hat{\phi} & \hat{z} \\ A_r & A_\phi & A_z \\ B_r & B_\phi & B_z \end{vmatrix}$	$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{R} & \hat{\theta} & \hat{\phi} \\ A_R & A_\theta & A_\phi \\ B_R & B_\theta & B_\phi \end{vmatrix}$
Differential length, $dl =$	$\hat{x} dx + \hat{y} dy + \hat{z} dz$	$\hat{r} dr + \hat{\phi} r d\phi + \hat{z} dz$	$\hat{R} dR + \hat{\theta} R d\theta + \hat{\phi} R \sin\theta d\phi$
Differential surface areas	$ds_x = \hat{x} dy dz$ $ds_y = \hat{y} dx dz$ $ds_z = \hat{z} dx dy$	$ds_r = \hat{r} r d\phi dz$ $ds_\phi = \hat{\phi} dr dz$ $ds_z = \hat{z} r dr d\phi$	$ds_R = \hat{R} R^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi$ $ds_\theta = \hat{\theta} R \sin\theta dR d\phi$ $ds_\phi = \hat{\phi} R dR d\theta$
Differential volume, $dV =$	$dx dy dz$	$r dr d\phi dz$	$R^2 \sin\theta dR d\theta d\phi$

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4. Systems Transformation

Transformation	Coordinate Variables	Unit Vectors	Vector Components
Cartesian to cylindrical	$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ $\phi = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$ $z = z$	$\hat{r} = \hat{x} \cos \phi + \hat{y} \sin \phi$ $\hat{\phi} = -\hat{x} \sin \phi + \hat{y} \cos \phi$ $\hat{z} = \hat{z}$	$A_r = A_x \cos \phi + A_y \sin \phi$ $A_\phi = -A_x \sin \phi + A_y \cos \phi$ $A_z = A_z$
Cylindrical to Cartesian	$x = r \cos \phi$ $y = r \sin \phi$ $z = z$	$\hat{x} = \hat{r} \cos \phi - \hat{\phi} \sin \phi$ $\hat{y} = \hat{r} \sin \phi + \hat{\phi} \cos \phi$ $\hat{z} = \hat{z}$	$A_x = A_r \cos \phi - A_\phi \sin \phi$ $A_y = A_r \sin \phi + A_\phi \cos \phi$ $A_z = A_z$
Cartesian to spherical	$R = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ $\theta = \tan^{-1}[\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}/z]$ $\phi = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$	$\hat{R} = \hat{x} \sin \theta \cos \phi + \hat{y} \sin \theta \sin \phi + \hat{z} \cos \theta$ $\hat{\theta} = \hat{x} \cos \theta \cos \phi + \hat{y} \cos \theta \sin \phi - \hat{z} \sin \theta$ $\hat{\phi} = -\hat{x} \sin \phi + \hat{y} \cos \phi$	$A_R = A_x \sin \theta \cos \phi + A_y \sin \theta \sin \phi + A_z \cos \theta$ $A_\theta = A_x \cos \theta \cos \phi + A_y \cos \theta \sin \phi - A_z \sin \theta$ $A_\phi = -A_x \sin \phi + A_y \cos \phi$
Spherical to Cartesian	$x = R \sin \theta \cos \phi$ $y = R \sin \theta \sin \phi$ $z = R \cos \theta$	$\hat{x} = \hat{R} \sin \theta \cos \phi + \hat{\theta} \cos \theta \cos \phi - \hat{\phi} \sin \phi$ $\hat{y} = \hat{R} \sin \theta \sin \phi + \hat{\theta} \cos \theta \sin \phi + \hat{\phi} \cos \phi$ $\hat{z} = \hat{R} \cos \theta - \hat{\theta} \sin \theta$	$A_x = A_R \sin \theta \cos \phi + A_\theta \cos \theta \cos \phi - A_\phi \sin \phi$ $A_y = A_R \sin \theta \sin \phi + A_\theta \cos \theta \sin \phi + A_\phi \cos \phi$ $A_z = A_R \cos \theta - A_\theta \sin \theta$
Cylindrical to spherical	$R = \sqrt{r^2 + z^2}$ $\theta = \tan^{-1}(r/z)$ $\phi = \phi$	$\hat{R} = \hat{r} \sin \theta + \hat{z} \cos \theta$ $\hat{\theta} = \hat{r} \cos \theta - \hat{z} \sin \theta$ $\hat{\phi} = \hat{\phi}$	$A_R = A_r \sin \theta + A_z \cos \theta$ $A_\theta = A_r \cos \theta - A_z \sin \theta$ $A_\phi = A_\phi$
Spherical to cylindrical	$r = R \sin \theta$ $\phi = \phi$ $z = R \cos \theta$	$\hat{r} = \hat{R} \sin \theta + \hat{\theta} \cos \theta$ $\hat{\phi} = \hat{\phi}$ $\hat{z} = \hat{R} \cos \theta - \hat{\theta} \sin \theta$	$A_r = A_R \sin \theta + A_\theta \cos \theta$ $A_\phi = A_\phi$ $A_z = A_R \cos \theta - A_\theta \sin \theta$

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