

FEMT

Unit 1:



**Vector
Fields**



- **Scalar**: A quantity that has only magnitude.
- For example time, mass, distance, temperature and population are scalars.
- Scalar is represented by a letter – e.g., A, B



- **Vector**: A quantity that has both **magnitude** and **direction**.
- Example: Velocity, force, displacement and electric field intensity.
- Vector is represent by a letter such as **A**, **B**, \vec{A} or $\vec{\psi}$
- It can also be written as $\vec{A} = A\hat{a}$
where A is $|\vec{A}|$ which is the magnitude and \hat{a} is unit vector



Unit Vector

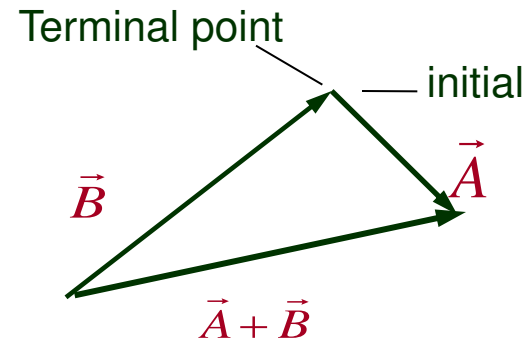
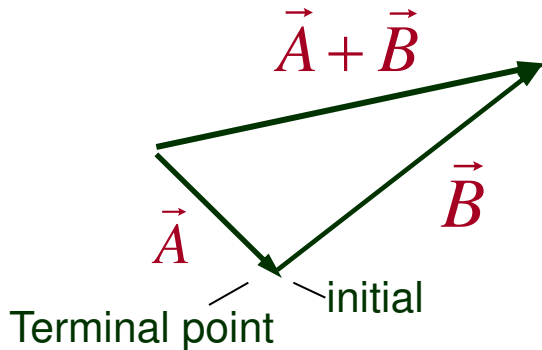
- A unit vector along **A** is defined as a vector whose magnitude is unity (i.e., 1) and its direction is along **A**.
- It can be written as \mathbf{a}_A or \hat{a}

$$a_A = \frac{A}{|\vec{A}|} = \frac{A}{A}$$

Thus $A = \vec{A}a_A$

Vector Addition

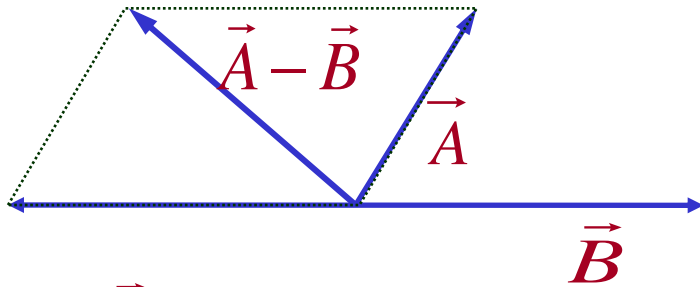
- The sum of two vectors for example vectors A and B can be obtained by moving one of them so that its terminal point (tip) coincides with the initial point (tail) of the other



Vector Subtraction

- Vector subtraction is similarly carried out as

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A} + (-\mathbf{B})$$



$-\vec{B}$ Figure (a)

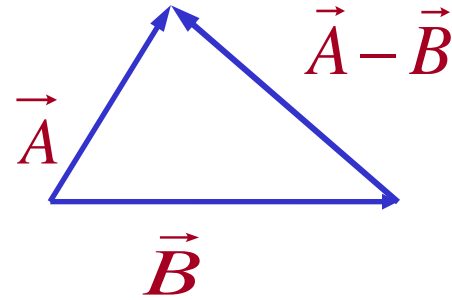


Figure (c)

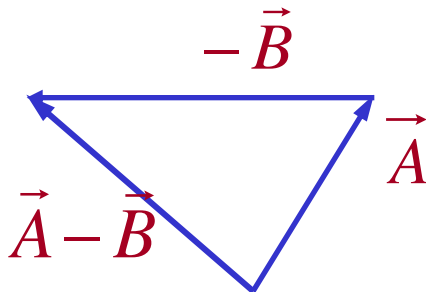


Figure (b)

Figure (c) shows that vector **D** is a vector that is must be added to **B** to give vector **A**

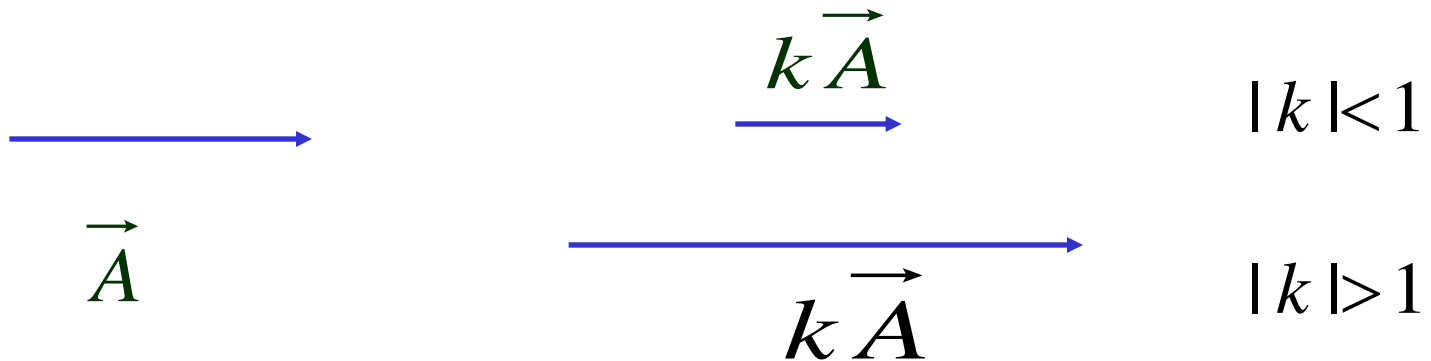
So if vector **A** and **B** are placed tail to tail then vector **D** is a vector that runs from the tip of **B** to **A**.

Vector multiplication

- Scalar (dot) product ($\mathbf{A} \bullet \mathbf{B}$)
- Vector (cross) product ($\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}$)
- Scalar triple product $\mathbf{A} \bullet (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C})$
- Vector triple product $\mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C})$

Multiplication of a vector by a scalar

- Multiplication of a scalar k to a vector \mathbf{A} gives a vector that points in the same direction as \mathbf{A} and magnitude equal to $|kA|$



- The division of a vector by a scalar quantity is a multiplication of the vector by the reciprocal of the scalar quantity.

Scalar Product

- The dot product of two vectors \vec{A} and \vec{B} , written as $\vec{A} \bullet \vec{B}$ is defined as the product of the magnitude of \vec{A} and \vec{B} , and the projection of \vec{A} onto \vec{B} (or vice versa).
- Thus ;

$$\vec{A} \bullet \vec{B} = |A| |B| \cos \theta$$

Where θ is the angle between \vec{A} and \vec{B} . The result of dot product is a **scalar quantity**.

Vector Product

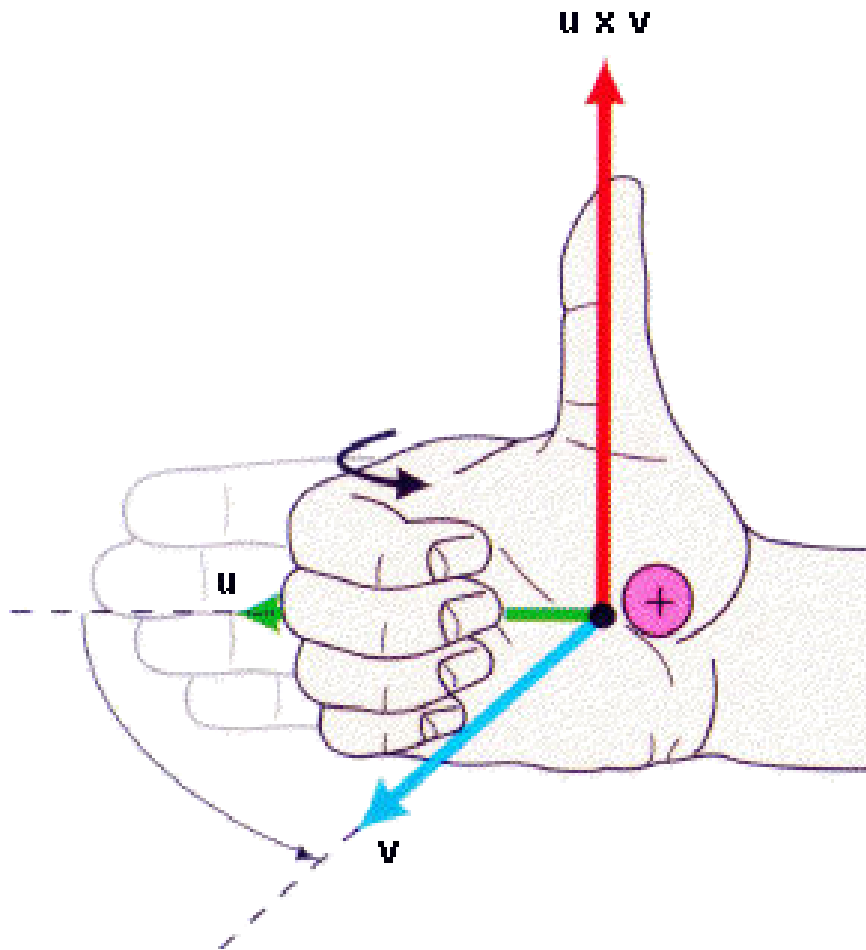
- The cross (or vector) product of two vectors A and B, written as is defined as

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = |A| |B| \sin \theta_{AB} \hat{n}$$

where; \hat{n} a unit vector perpendicular to the plane that contains the two vectors. The direction of \hat{n} is taken as the direction of the right thumb (using right-hand rule)

- The product of cross product is a **vector**

Right-hand Rule



Components of a vector

- A direct application of vector product is in determining the projection (or component) of a vector in a given direction. The projection can be scalar or vector.
- Given a vector **A**, we define the *scalar component* A_B of **A** along vector **B** as

$$A_B = A \cos \theta_{AB} = |A| |a_B| \cos \theta_{AB}$$

$$\text{or } A_B = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{a}_B$$



Dot product

If $\vec{A} = (A_x, A_y, A_z)$ and $\vec{B} = (B_x, B_y, B_z)$ then

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

which is obtained by multiplying A and B component by component.

- It follows that modulus of a vector is

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

Cross Product

- If $\mathbf{A}=(A_x, A_y, A_z)$, $\mathbf{B}=(B_x, B_y, B_z)$ then

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{A} \times \vec{B} &= \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_x & \mathbf{a}_y & \mathbf{a}_z \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} A_y & A_z \\ B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_x + \begin{vmatrix} A_z & A_x \\ B_z & B_x \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_y + \begin{vmatrix} A_x & A_y \\ B_x & B_y \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_z \\ &= (A_y B_z - A_z B_y) \mathbf{a}_x + (A_z B_x - A_x B_z) \mathbf{a}_y + (A_x B_y - A_y B_x) \mathbf{a}_z\end{aligned}$$



Cross Product

- Cross product of the unit vectors yield:

$$\mathbf{a}_x \times \mathbf{a}_y = \mathbf{a}_z$$

$$\mathbf{a}_y \times \mathbf{a}_z = \mathbf{a}_x$$

$$\mathbf{a}_z \times \mathbf{a}_x = \mathbf{a}_y$$

Example 1

- Given three vectors $\mathbf{P} = 2a_x - a_z$
 $\mathbf{Q} = 2a_x - a_y + 2a_z$
 $\mathbf{R} = 2a_x - 3a_y + a_z$

Determine

- $(\mathbf{P} + \mathbf{Q}) \times (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q})$
- $\mathbf{Q} \cdot (\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{P})$
- $\mathbf{P} \cdot (\mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{R})$
- $\sin \theta_{QR}$
- $\mathbf{P} \times (\mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{R})$
- A unit vector perpendicular to both \mathbf{Q} and \mathbf{R}



Solution

(a) $(\mathbf{P} + \mathbf{Q}) \times (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q}) = \mathbf{P} \times (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q}) + \mathbf{Q} \times (\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q})$
 $= \mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{Q} + \mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{P} - \mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{Q}$
 $= 0 + \mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{P} + \mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{P} - 0$
 $= 2\mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{P}$
 $= 2 \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_x & \mathbf{a}_y & \mathbf{a}_z \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$
 $= 2(1 - 0) \mathbf{a}_x + 2(4 + 2) \mathbf{a}_y + 2(0 + 2) \mathbf{a}_z$
 $= 2\mathbf{a}_x + 12\mathbf{a}_y + 4\mathbf{a}_z$

Solution (cont')

(b) The only way $\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{P}$ makes sense is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{Q} \cdot (\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{P}) &= (2, -1, 2) \cdot \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_x & \mathbf{a}_y & \mathbf{a}_z \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (2, -1, 2) \cdot (3, 4, 6) \\ &= 6 - 4 + 12 = 14.\end{aligned}$$

Alternatively:

$$\mathbf{Q} \cdot (\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{P}) = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Solution (cont')

To find the determinant of a 3 X 3 matrix, we repeat the first two rows and cross multiply; when the cross multiplication is from right to left, the result should be negated as shown below. This technique of finding a determinant applies only to a 3 X 3 matrix. Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{Q} \cdot (\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{P}) &= \begin{array}{r}
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 2 & -1 & 2 \\
 2 & -3 & 1 \\
 2 & 0 & -1 \\
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 = +6 + 0 - 2 + 12 - 0 - 2 \\
 = 14
 \end{array}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution (cont')

(c) From eq. (1.28)

$$\mathbf{P} \cdot (\mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{R}) = \mathbf{Q} \cdot (\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{P}) = 14$$

or

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{P} \cdot (\mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{R}) &= (2, 0, -1) \cdot (5, 2, -4) \\ &= 10 + 0 + 4 \\ &= 14\end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned}\sin \theta_{QR} &= \frac{|\mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{R}|}{|\mathbf{Q}||\mathbf{R}|} = \frac{|(5, 2, -4)|}{|(2, -1, 2)|| (2, -3, 1)|} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{45}}{3\sqrt{14}} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{14}} = 0.5976\end{aligned}$$

Solution (cont')

$$(e) \quad \mathbf{P} \times (\mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{R}) = (2, 0, -1) \times (5, 2, -4) \\ = (2, 3, 4)$$

Alternatively, using the bac-cab rule,

$$\mathbf{P} \times (\mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{R}) = \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{R}) - \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{Q}) \\ = (2, -1, 2)(4 + 0 - 1) - (2, -3, 1)(4 + 0 - 2) \\ = (2, 3, 4)$$

(f) A unit vector perpendicular to both \mathbf{Q} and \mathbf{R} is given by

$$\mathbf{a} = \frac{\pm \mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{R}}{|\mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{R}|} = \frac{\pm (5, 2, -4)}{\sqrt{45}} \\ = \pm (0.745, 0.298, -0.596)$$

Note that $|\mathbf{a}| = 1$, $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{Q} = 0 = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{R}$. Any of these can be used to check \mathbf{a} .

Solution (cont')

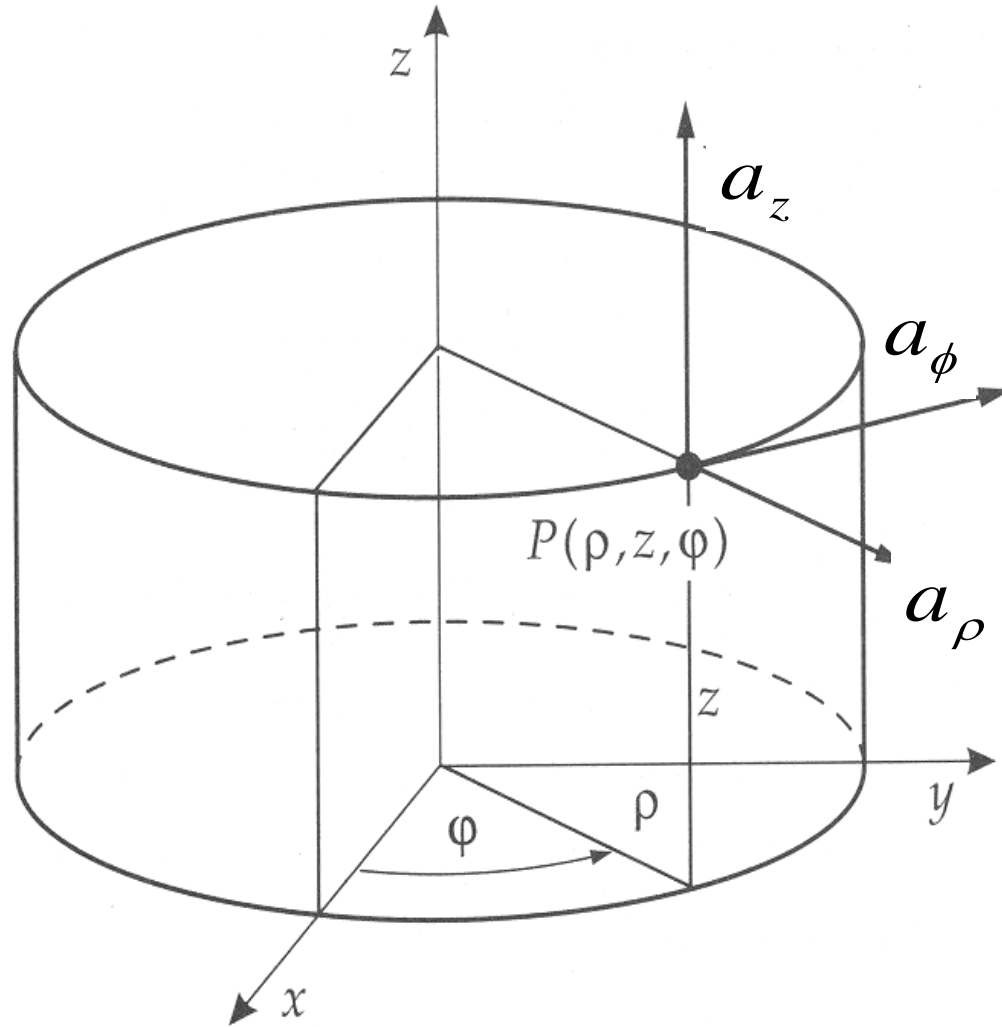
(g) The component of \mathbf{P} along \mathbf{Q} is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{P}_Q &= |\mathbf{P}| \cos \theta_{PQ} \mathbf{a}_Q \\ &= (\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{a}_Q) \mathbf{a}_Q = \frac{(\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{Q})\mathbf{Q}}{|\mathbf{Q}|^2} \\ &= \frac{(4 + 0 - 2)(2, -1, 2)}{(4 + 1 + 4)} = \frac{2}{9}(2, -1, 2) \\ &= 0.4444\mathbf{a}_x - 0.2222\mathbf{a}_y + 0.4444\mathbf{a}_z.\end{aligned}$$

Cylindrical Coordinates

- Very convenient when dealing with problems having cylindrical symmetry.
- A point P in cylindrical coordinates is represented as (ρ, Φ, z) where
 - ρ : is the radius of the cylinder; radial displacement from the z-axis
 - Φ : *azimuthal* angle or the angular displacement from x-axis
 - z : vertical displacement z from the origin (as in the cartesian system).

Cylindrical Coordinates



Cylindrical Coordinates

- The range of the variables are

$$0 \leq \rho < \infty, \quad 0 \leq \Phi < 2\pi, \quad -\infty < z < \infty$$

- vector \vec{A} in cylindrical coordinates can be written as (A_ρ, A_ϕ, A_z) or $A_\rho \mathbf{a}_\rho + A_\phi \mathbf{a}_\phi + A_z \mathbf{a}_z$

- The magnitude of \vec{A} is

$$|\vec{A}| = \sqrt{A_\rho^2 + A_\phi^2 + A_z^2}$$

Relationships Between Variables

- The relationships between the variables (x, y, z) of the Cartesian coordinate system and the cylindrical system (ρ, ϕ, z) are obtained as

$$\rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\phi = \tan^{-1} y / x$$

$$z = z$$

$$x = \rho \cos \phi$$

$$y = \rho \sin \phi$$

$$z = z$$

- So a point P (3, 4, 5) in Cartesian coordinate is the same as?

Relationships Between Variables

$$\rho = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = 5$$

$$\phi = \tan^{-1} 4/3 = 0.927 \text{ rad}$$

$$z = 5$$

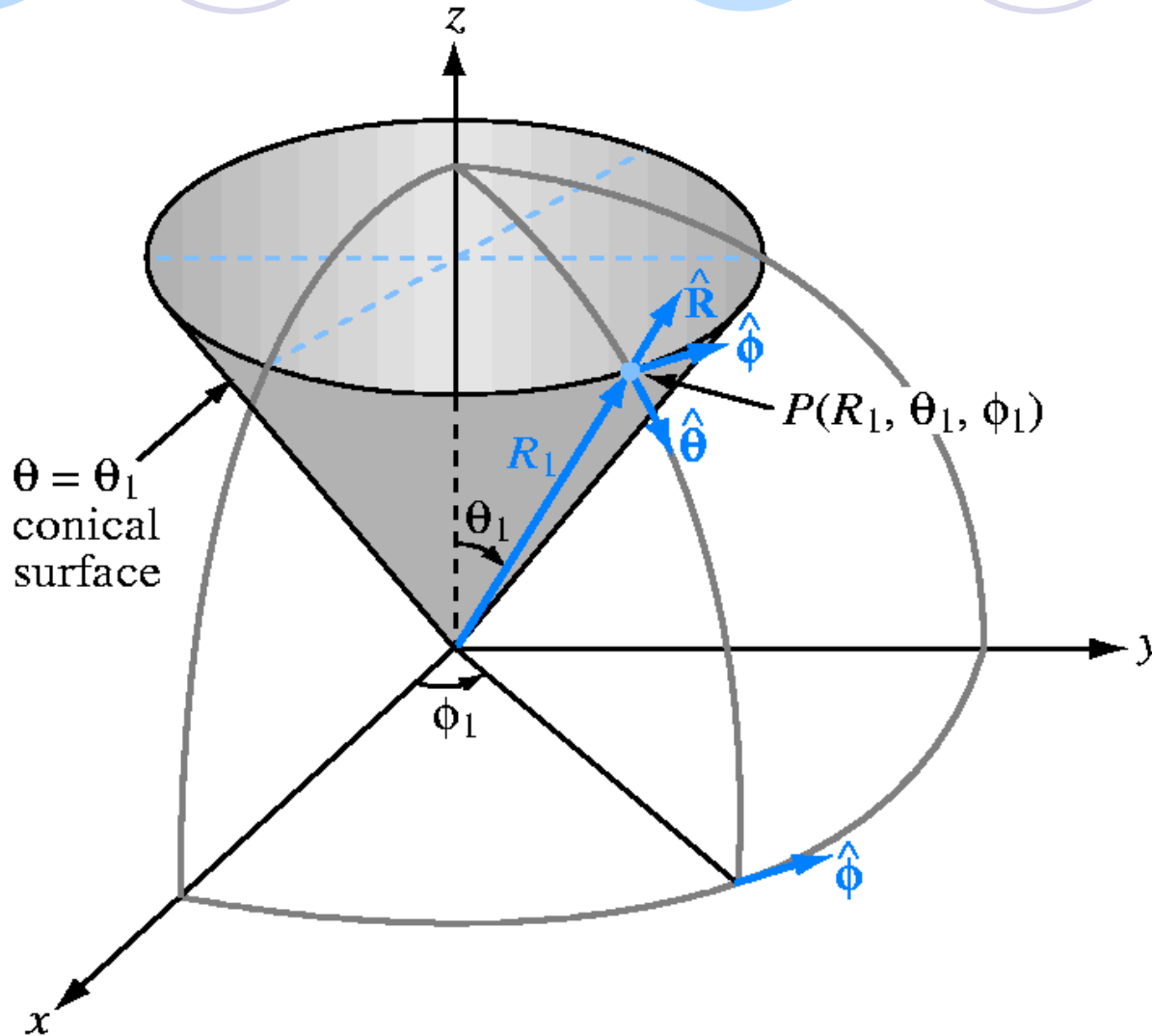
- So a point P (3, 4, 5) in Cartesian coordinate is the same as P (5, 0.927,5) in cylindrical coordinate)

Spherical Coordinates

$$(r, \theta, \phi)$$

- The spherical coordinate system is used dealing with problems having a degree of spherical symmetry.
- Point P represented as (r, θ, ϕ) where
 - r : the distance from the origin,
 - θ : called the *colatitude* is the angle between z-axis and vector of P,
 - Φ : *azimuthal* angle or the angular displacement from x-axis (the same azimuthal angle in cylindrical coordinates).

Spherical Coordinates



Spherical Coordinates

(r, θ, φ)

- The range of the variables are
 $0 \leq r < \infty$, $0 \leq \theta < \pi$, $0 < \varphi < 2\pi$
- A vector \mathbf{A} in spherical coordinates written as
 $(A_r, A_\theta, A_\varphi)$ or $A_r \mathbf{a}_r + A_\theta \mathbf{a}_\theta + A_\varphi \mathbf{a}_\varphi$
- The magnitude of \mathbf{A} is

$$|\vec{\mathbf{A}}| = \sqrt{A_r^2 + A_\varphi^2 + A_\theta^2}$$

Relation to Cartesian coordinates system

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2})}{z}$$

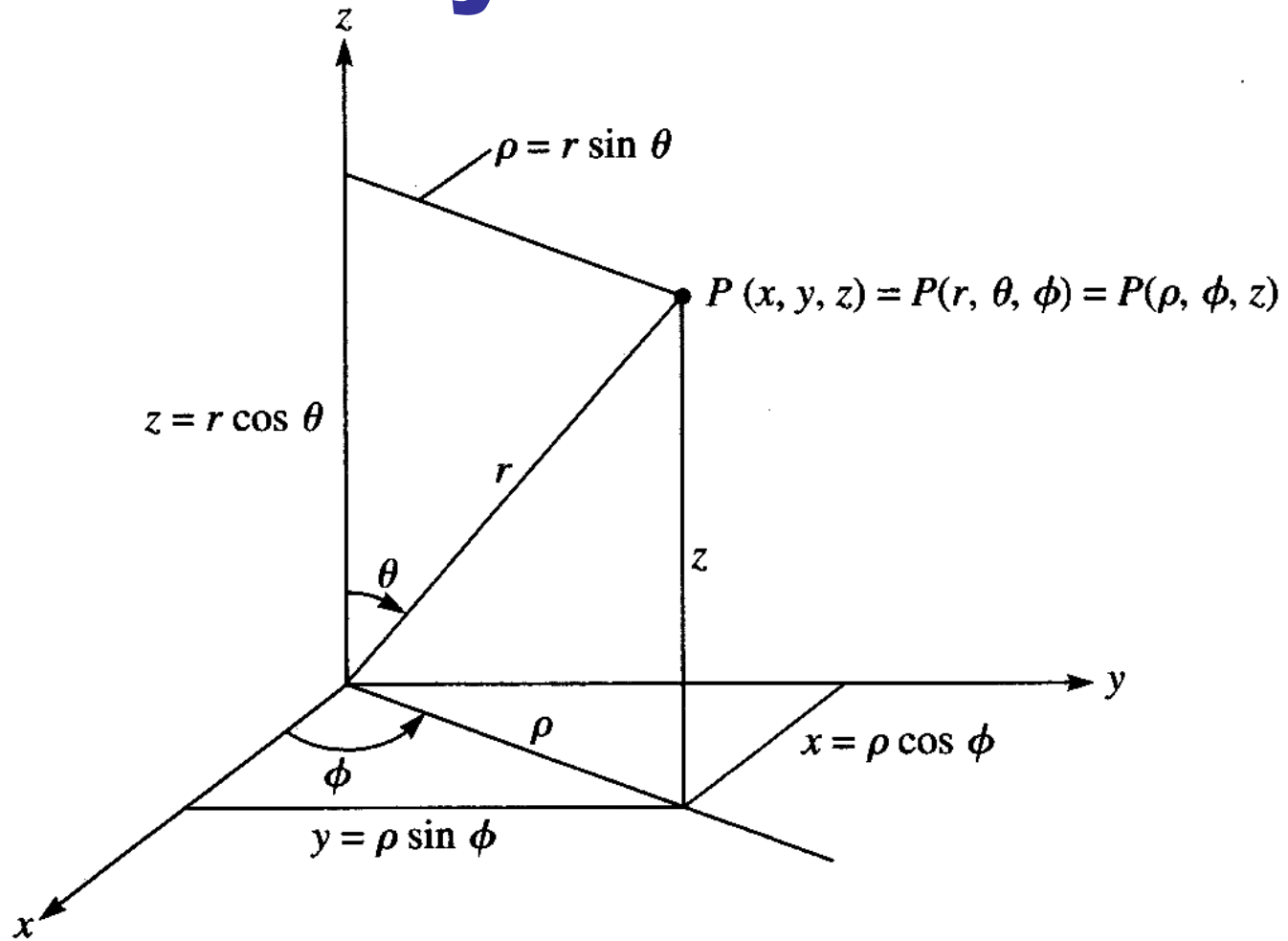
$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}$$

$$x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi$$

$$y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

$$z = r \cos \theta$$

Relationship between cylinder and spherical coordinate system



Point transformation

Point transformation between cylinder and spherical coordinate is given by

$$r = \sqrt{\rho^2 + z^2} \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{\rho}{z} \quad \phi = \phi$$

or

$$\rho = r \sin \theta \quad z = r \cos \theta \quad \phi = \phi$$



Example

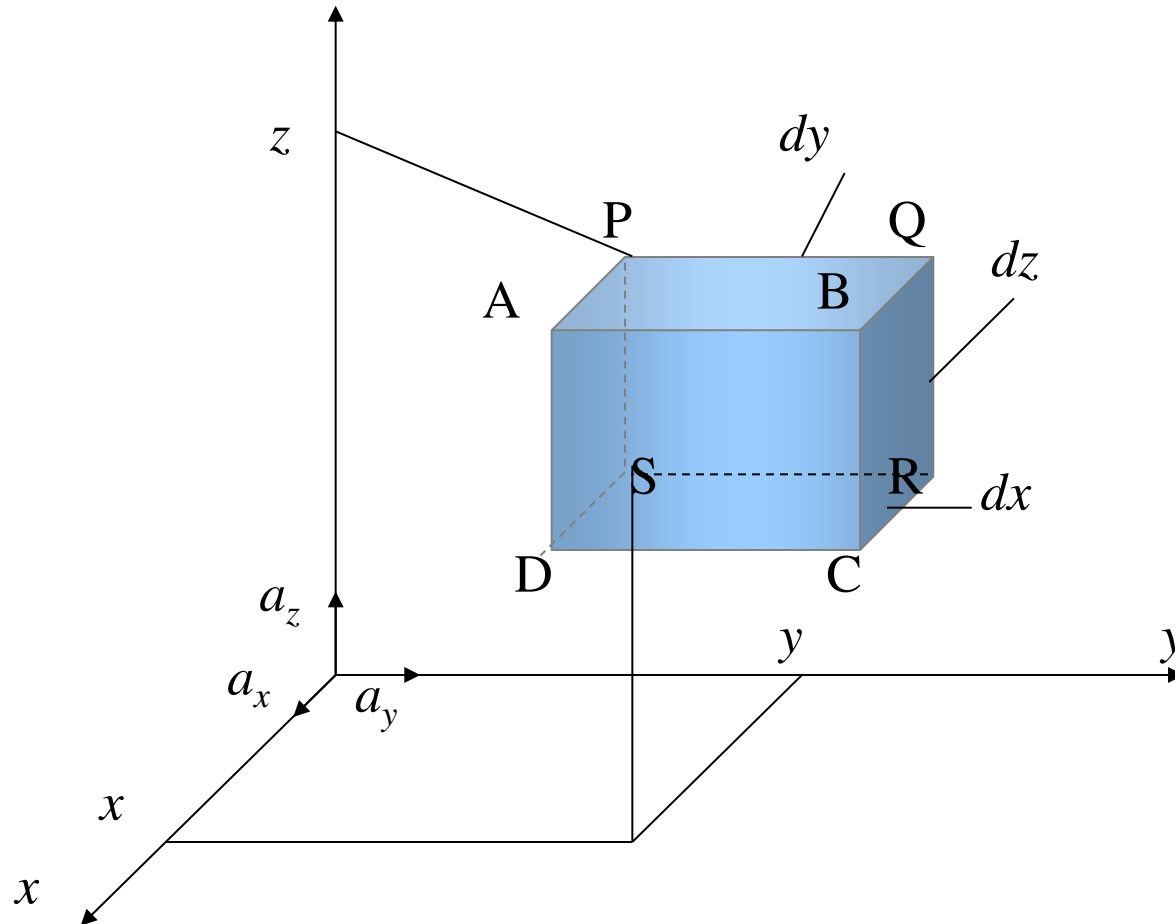
Express vector $\mathbf{B} = \frac{10}{r} \mathbf{a}_r + r \cos \theta \mathbf{a}_\theta + \mathbf{a}_\phi$

in Cartesian and cylindrical coordinates. Find \mathbf{B} at $(-3, 4, 0)$ and at $(5, \pi/2, -2)$

Differential Elements

- In vector calculus the *differential elements* in length, area and volume are useful.
- They are defined in the Cartesian, cylindrical and spherical coordinate

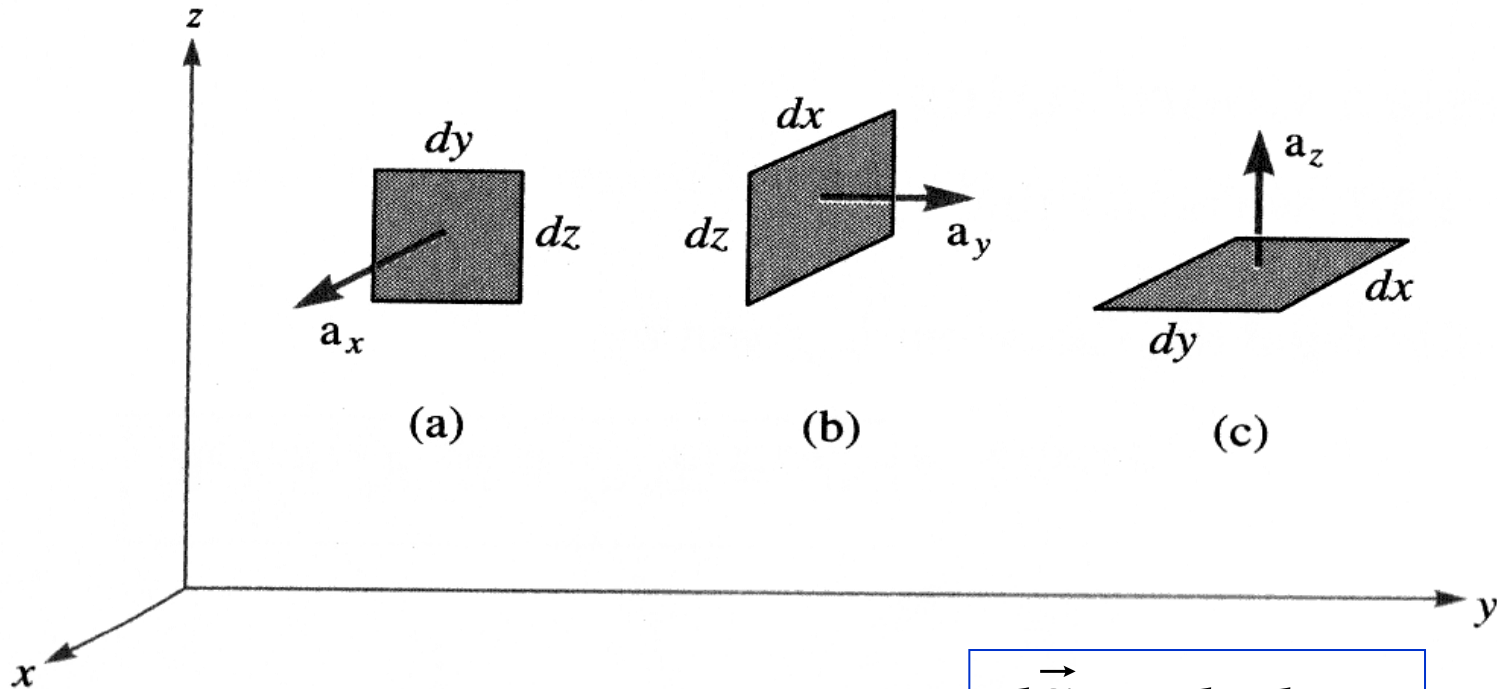
Cartesian Coordinates



Differential displacement :

$$\vec{dl} = dx a_x + dy a_y + dz a_z$$

Cartesian Coordinates



Differential normal area:

$$d\vec{S} = dydz\mathbf{a}_x$$

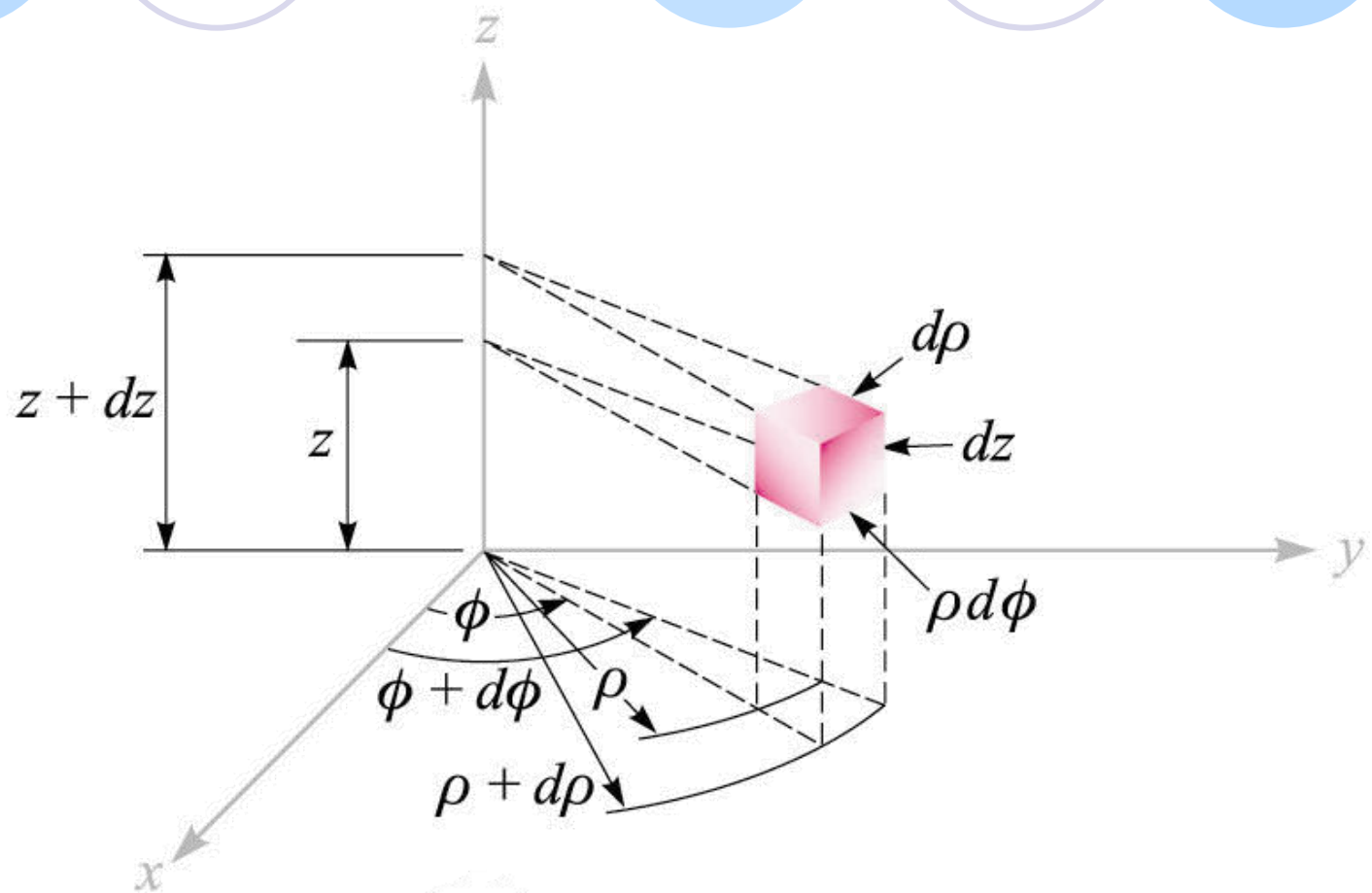
$$d\vec{S} = dx dz\mathbf{a}_y$$

$$d\vec{S} = dx dy\mathbf{a}_z$$

Cartesian Coordinates

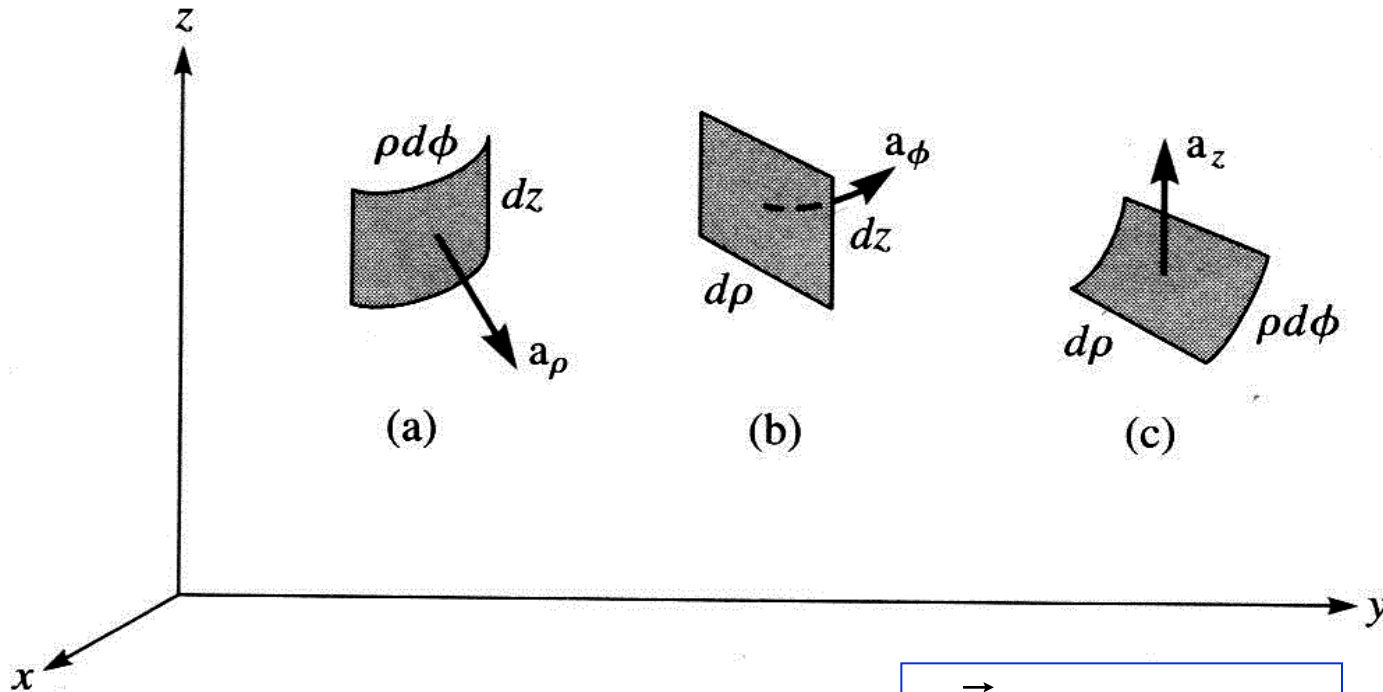
Differential displacement	$d\vec{l} = dx\mathbf{a}_x + dy\mathbf{a}_y + dz\mathbf{a}_z$
Differential normal area	$d\vec{S} = dydz\mathbf{a}_x$ $d\vec{S} = dxdz\mathbf{a}_y$ $d\vec{S} = dxdy\mathbf{a}_z$
Differential volume	$dv = dxdydz$

Cylindrical Coordinates



Differential displacement : $d\vec{l} = d\rho\mathbf{a}_\rho + \rho d\phi\mathbf{a}_\phi + dz\mathbf{a}_z$

Cylindrical Coordinates



Differential normal area:

$$d\vec{S} = \rho d\phi dz \mathbf{a}_\rho$$

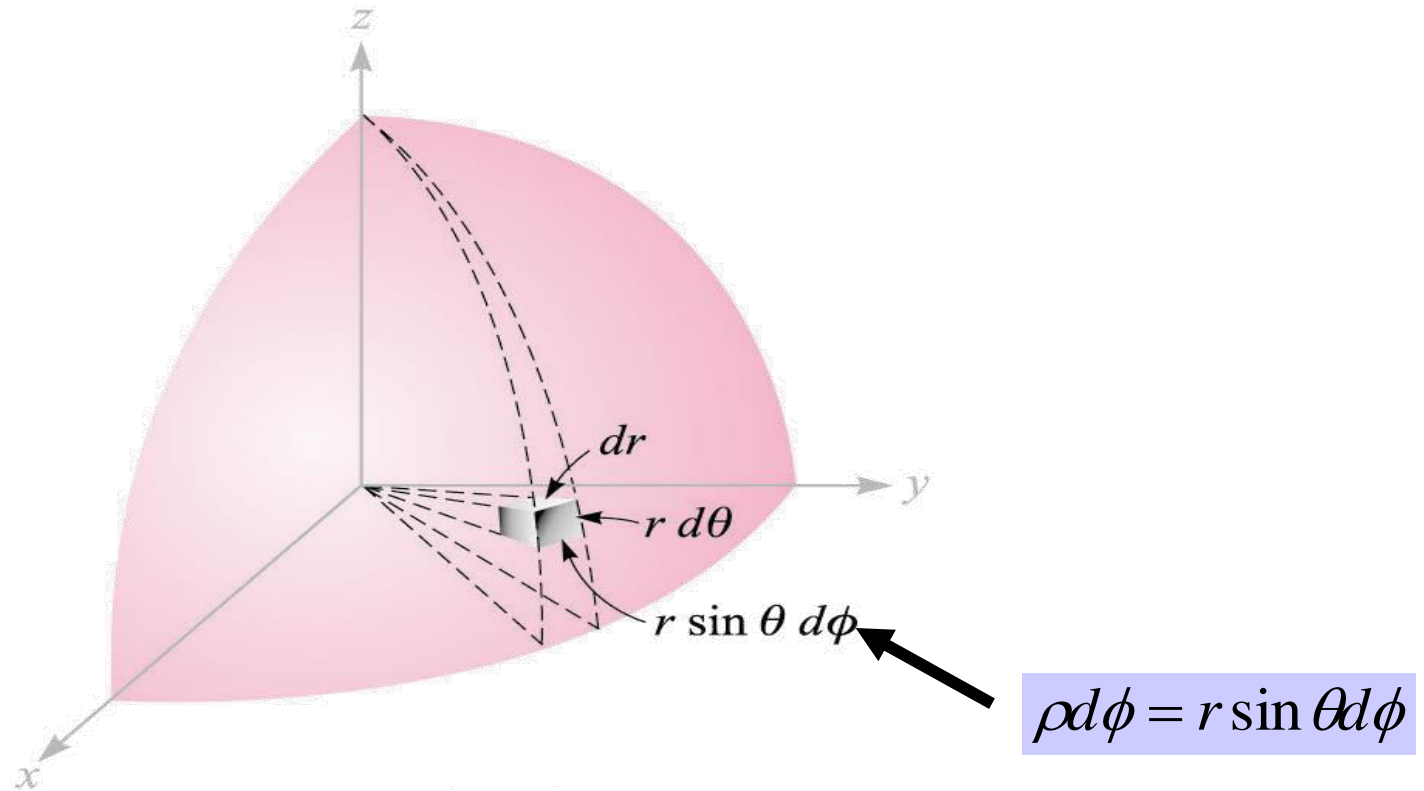
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Cylindrical Coordinates

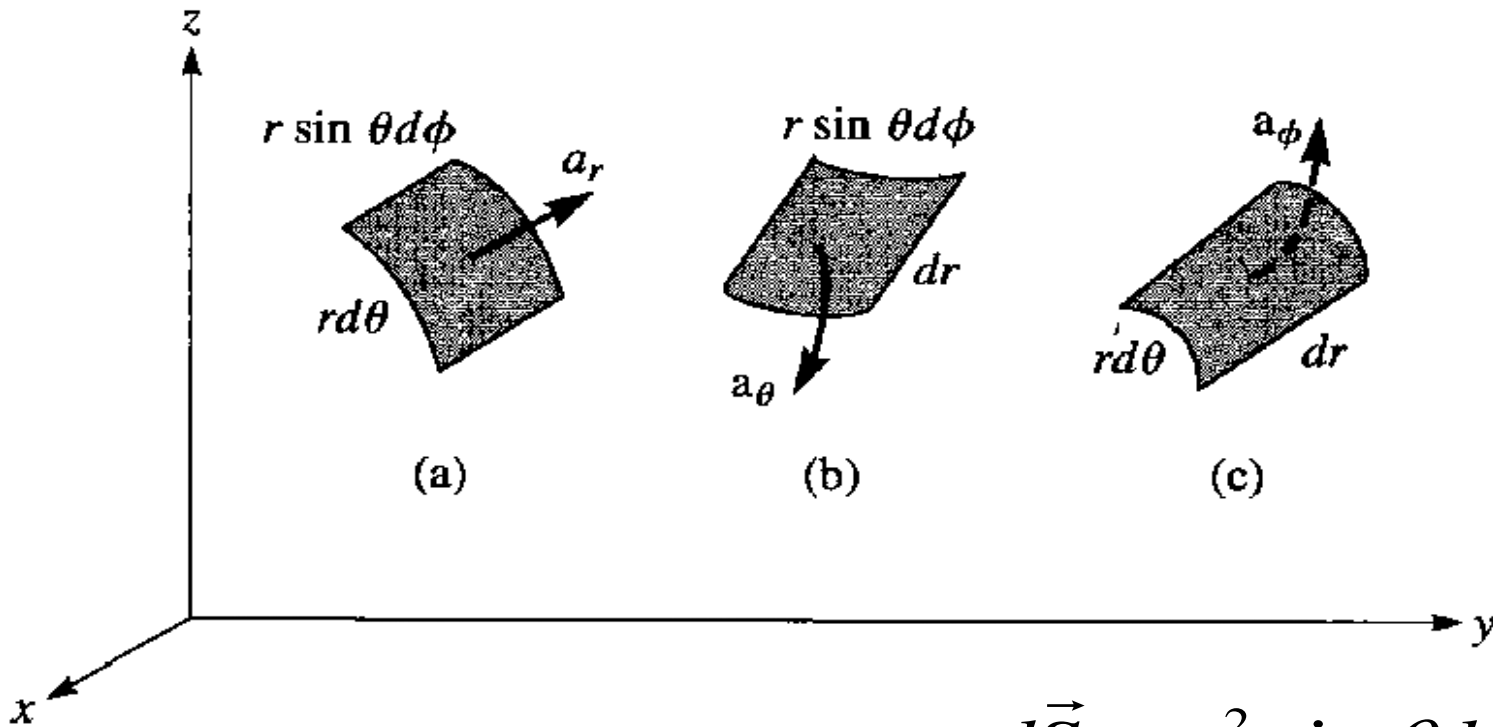
Differential displacement	$d\vec{l} = d\rho a_\rho + \rho d\phi a_\phi + dz a_z$
Differential normal area	$d\vec{S} = \rho d\phi dz a_\rho$ $d\vec{S} = d\rho dz a_\phi$ $d\vec{S} = \rho d\phi d\rho a_z$
Differential volume	$dv = \rho d\rho d\phi dz$

Spherical Coordinates



Differential displacement : $d\vec{l} = dr\mathbf{a}_r + r d\theta\mathbf{a}_\theta + r \sin \theta d\phi\mathbf{a}_\phi$

Spherical Coordinates



Differential normal area:

$$d\vec{S} = r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \mathbf{a}_r$$

$$d\vec{S} = r \sin \theta dr d\phi \mathbf{a}_\theta$$

$$d\vec{S} = r dr d\theta \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

Spherical Coordinates

Differential displacement	$d\vec{l} = dr\mathbf{a}_r + r d\theta\mathbf{a}_\theta + r \sin \theta d\phi\mathbf{a}_\phi$
Differential normal area	$d\vec{S} = r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi\mathbf{a}_r$ $d\vec{S} = r \sin \theta dr d\phi\mathbf{a}_\theta$ $d\vec{S} = r dr d\theta\mathbf{a}_\phi$
Differential volume	$dv = r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi$

Del Operator

- Written as ∇ is the **vector differential operator**. Also known as the *gradient operator*. The operator is useful in defining:
 1. The gradient of a scalar V , written as ∇V
 2. The divergence of a vector \mathbf{A} , written as $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}$
 3. The curl of a vector \mathbf{A} , written as $\nabla \times \mathbf{A}$
 4. The Laplacian of a scalar V , written as $\nabla^2 V$

Gradient of Scalar

- G is the gradient of V. Thus

$$\mathit{grad} V = \nabla V = \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \mathbf{a}_x + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \mathbf{a}_y + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \mathbf{a}_z$$

- In cylindrical coordinates,

$$\nabla V = \frac{\partial V}{\partial \rho} \mathbf{a}_\rho + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} \mathbf{a}_\phi + \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} \mathbf{a}_z$$

- In spherical coordinates,

$$\nabla V = \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \mathbf{a}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} \mathbf{a}_\theta + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

Example :

Given : $U = r^2 z \cos 2\phi$

$$\nabla U = \frac{\partial U}{\partial r} \mathbf{a}_r + \frac{\partial U}{r \partial \phi} \mathbf{a}_\phi + \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} \mathbf{a}_z$$

$$2rz \cos 2\phi \mathbf{a}_r - 2rz \sin 2\phi \mathbf{a}_\phi + r^2 \cos 2\phi \mathbf{a}_z$$

Given : $W = 10R \sin^2 \theta \cos \phi$

$$\nabla W = \frac{\partial W}{\partial R} \mathbf{a}_R + \frac{\partial W}{R \partial \theta} \mathbf{a}_\theta + \frac{\partial W}{R \sin \theta \partial \phi} \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

$$= 10 \sin^2 \theta \cos \phi \mathbf{a}_R + 10 \sin 2\theta \cos \phi \mathbf{a}_\theta - 10 \sin \theta \sin \phi \mathbf{a}_\phi$$



Divergence

- In Cartesian coordinates,

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}$$

- In cylindrical coordinates,

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} (\rho A_\rho) + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}$$

- In spherical coordinate,

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 A_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (A_\theta \sin \theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial \phi}$$

Example

Given : $\mathbf{P} = x^2yz \mathbf{a}_x + xz \mathbf{a}_z$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \mathbf{P} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} P_x + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} P_y + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} P_z \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (x^2yz) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (0) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (xz) \\ &= 2xyz + x\end{aligned}$$

Curl of a Vector

- In Cartesian coordinates,

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_x & \mathbf{a}_y & \mathbf{a}_z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \end{vmatrix}$$

- In cylindrical coordinates,

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{\rho} \begin{vmatrix} a_\rho & \rho a_\phi & a_z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_\rho & \rho A_\phi & A_z \end{vmatrix}$$

Curl of a Vector

- In spherical coordinates,

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \begin{vmatrix} a_r & r a_\theta & (r \sin \theta) a_\phi \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \\ A_r & r A_\theta & (r \sin \theta) A_\phi \end{vmatrix}$$

Examples on Curl Calculation

$$\text{Given } \mathbf{A} = e^{xy} \mathbf{a}_x + \sin xy \mathbf{a}_y + \cos^2(xz) \mathbf{a}_z$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \begin{vmatrix} a_x & a_y & a_z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ e^{xy} & \sin xy & \cos^2(xz) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{a}_x \left(\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} \right) + \mathbf{a}_y \left(\frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} \right) + \mathbf{a}_z \left(\frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{a}_x (0 - 0) + \mathbf{a}_y (0 + 2z \cos xz \sin xz) + \mathbf{a}_z (y \cos xy - x e^{xy})$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{a}_y (z \sin 2xz) + \mathbf{a}_z (y \cos xy - x e^{xy})$$

Laplacian of a scalar

- The Laplacian of a scalar field V , written as $\nabla^2 V$ is defined as the divergence of the gradient of V .
- In Cartesian coordinates,

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2}$$

Laplacian of a scalar

- In cylindrical coordinates,

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left(\rho \frac{\partial V}{\partial \rho} \right) + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2}$$

- In spherical coordinates,

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2}$$