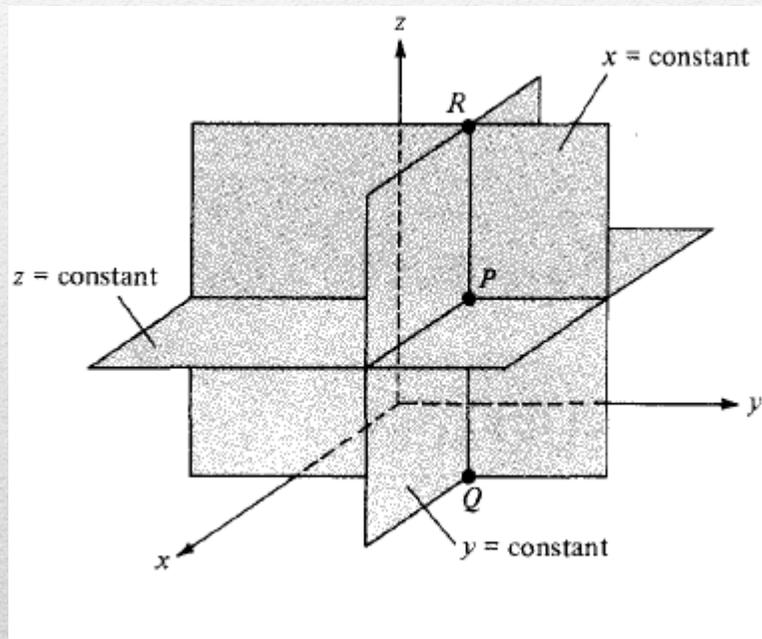




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Coordinate Systems and Transformation

- Cartesian Coordinates



$$\mathbf{a}_x \cdot \mathbf{a}_y = 0, \mathbf{a}_y \cdot \mathbf{a}_z = 0, \mathbf{a}_z \cdot \mathbf{a}_x = 0$$

$$\mathbf{a}_x \cdot \mathbf{a}_x = 1, \mathbf{a}_y \cdot \mathbf{a}_y = 1, \mathbf{a}_z \cdot \mathbf{a}_z = 1$$

We study right handed coordinates system xyz:

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

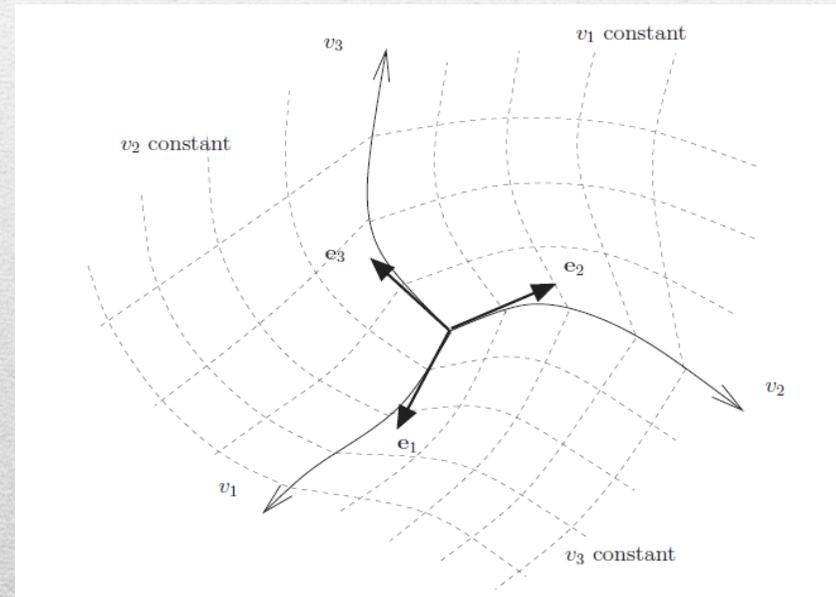
$$x = \text{constant}, y = \text{constant}, z = \text{constant}$$

Coordinate Systems and Transformation

- **Orthogonal Curvilinear Coordinates:** it is a coordinate system in which the points in space are specified as the intersection of three curved planes (curved lines), which are mutually perpendicular to each other. (3 orthogonal planes, basis vectors needed)

Goals:

- Define new coordinate systems for cylindrical and spherical symmetrical problems(plane equations and basis vectors for which only one coordinate changes when moving along)
- To get the differential length differential surface and differential volume in different coordinate systems, because we need them to perform line surface and volume integrals for problems with different symmetries
- To convert from one coordinate system to another



Coordinate Systems and Transformation

- Sometimes presenting space coordinates in a different coordinate system than Cartesian coordinates can be beneficial. Specifically, in problems where spherical or cylindrical symmetry can lead to simplified calculations and treatment of the problem in hand. That is why, the more general curvilinear coordinate system is presented here and the two most important curvilinear coordinates (spherical and cylindrical) are treated in details. To define a coordinate system, the planes need to be defined and basis vectors.

- Any curved plane can be presented as a function of the x, y, z coordinates.
- Suppose a new coordinate curvilinear coordinate system is to be defined by three curved planes ($u_1 = \text{constant}$, $u_2 = \text{constant}$, $u_3 = \text{constant}$)
- $u_1 = f_1(x, y, z)$, $u_2 = f_2(x, y, z)$, $u_3 = f_3(x, y, z)$
- Inversion of the functions: $x = g_1(u_1, u_2, u_3)$, $y = g_2(u_1, u_2, u_3)$, $z = g_3(u_1, u_2, u_3)$

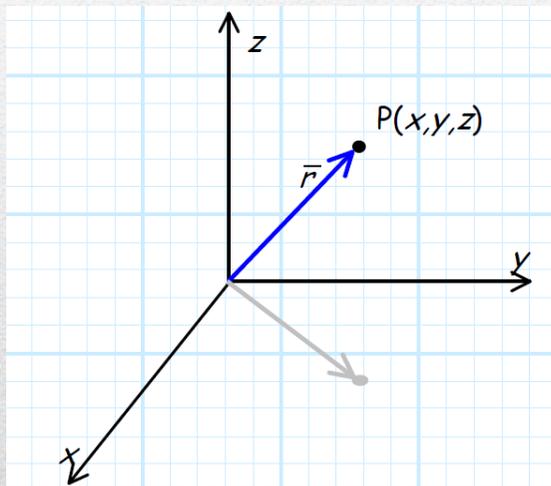
To represent any vector in the new coordinate system two steps are required:

$$\mathbf{A} = A_x(x, y, z)\mathbf{a}_x + A_y(x, y, z)\mathbf{a}_y + A_z(x, y, z)\mathbf{a}_z$$

1. Substitute $x = g_1(u_1, u_2, u_3)$, $y = g_2(u_1, u_2, u_3)$, $z = g_3(u_1, u_2, u_3)$
2. Find the relation between the directions \mathbf{a}_{u1} , \mathbf{a}_{u2} , \mathbf{a}_{u3} and \mathbf{a}_x , \mathbf{a}_y , \mathbf{a}_z

Coordinate Systems and Transformation

- **Important:** the **position vector** is very helpful in determining the relation between the directions of the two coordinate systems.



$$\mathbf{R} = x\mathbf{a}_x + y\mathbf{a}_y + z\mathbf{a}_z$$

$$\mathbf{R} = g_1(u_1, u_2, u_3)\mathbf{a}_x + g_2(u_1, u_2, u_3)\mathbf{a}_y + g_3(u_1, u_2, u_3)\mathbf{a}_z$$

Note: The unit vectors can be only in the Cartesian coordinates for the position vector, because the directions in other coordinate system are dependent of space, whereas, they are independent from the position of the point in space.

The derivative of the position vector with respect to a coordinate (keeping the other two coordinates constant) is in the direction of that coordinate:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{R}}{\partial u_1} = \mathbf{a}_{u_1}, \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}}{\partial u_2} = \mathbf{a}_{u_2}, \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{R}}{\partial u_3} = \mathbf{a}_{u_3}$$

\mathbf{a}_{u_1} might not be a unit vector, we define a unit vector \mathbf{a}_{u_1} by dividing by the magnitude of \mathbf{a}_{u_1}

Coordinate Systems and Transformation

- The unit vectors are:

$$\mathbf{a}_{u_1} = \frac{\mathbf{a}_{u_1}}{\left| \frac{\partial R}{\partial u_1} \right|}, \mathbf{a}_{u_2} = \frac{\mathbf{a}_{u_2}}{\left| \frac{\partial R}{\partial u_2} \right|}, \mathbf{a}_{u_3} = \frac{\mathbf{a}_{u_3}}{\left| \frac{\partial R}{\partial u_3} \right|} \quad h_1 = \left| \frac{\partial R}{\partial u_1} \right|, h_2 = \left| \frac{\partial R}{\partial u_2} \right|, h_3 = \left| \frac{\partial R}{\partial u_3} \right|$$

$$\mathbf{a}_{u_1} = \frac{1}{h_1} \frac{\partial R}{\partial u_1}, \mathbf{a}_{u_2} = \frac{1}{h_2} \frac{\partial R}{\partial u_2}, \mathbf{a}_{u_3} = \frac{1}{h_3} \frac{\partial R}{\partial u_3}$$

h_1, h_2, h_3 are called the conversion metric coefficients

The differential length vector is important for finding integrals (such as work, and potential difference), It is also helpful in finding the differential area and volume which is also essential to perform integrals in electromagnetic theory. The conversion factors are necessary to convert a non-length coordinate like angle to a differential length in the direction of that coordinate.

$$dR = \frac{\partial R}{\partial u_1} du_1 + \frac{\partial R}{\partial u_2} du_2 + \frac{\partial R}{\partial u_3} du_3$$

$$dR = h_1 du_1 \mathbf{a}_{u_1} + h_2 du_2 \mathbf{a}_{u_2} + h_3 du_3 \mathbf{a}_{u_3}$$

Can be found graphical or using this approach, for more complicated curvilinear coordinates this is easier

Coordinate Systems and Transformation

- Differential length area and volume

Differential length

$$dL = h_1 du_1 \mathbf{a}_{u_1} + h_2 du_2 \mathbf{a}_{u_2} + h_3 du_3 \mathbf{a}_{u_3}$$

$$dL = \sqrt{(h_1 du_1)^2 + (h_2 du_2)^2 + (h_3 du_3)^2}$$

Differential area

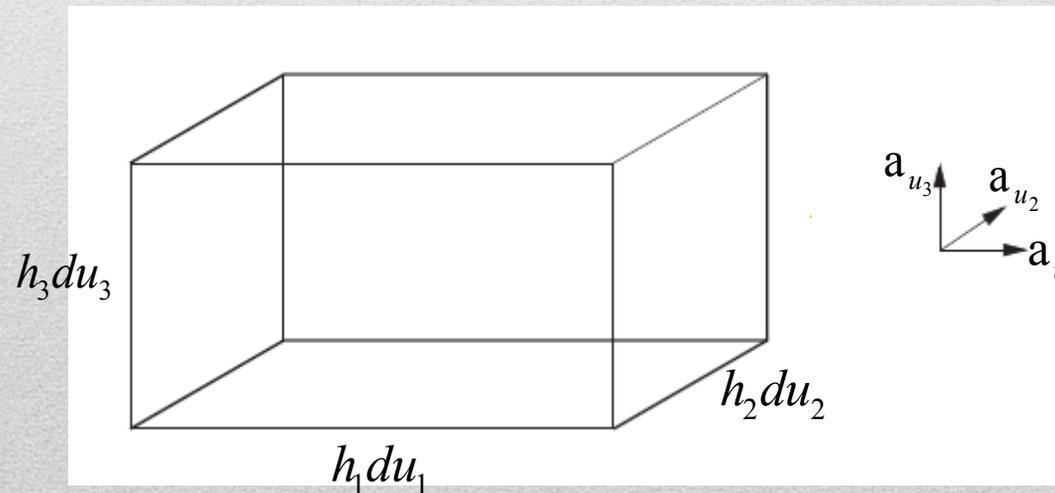
$$dS_{u_1} = h_2 du_2 h_3 du_3 \mathbf{a}_{u_1}$$

$$dS_{u_2} = h_1 du_1 h_3 du_3 \mathbf{a}_{u_2}$$

$$dS_{u_3} = h_1 du_1 h_2 du_2 \mathbf{a}_{u_3}$$

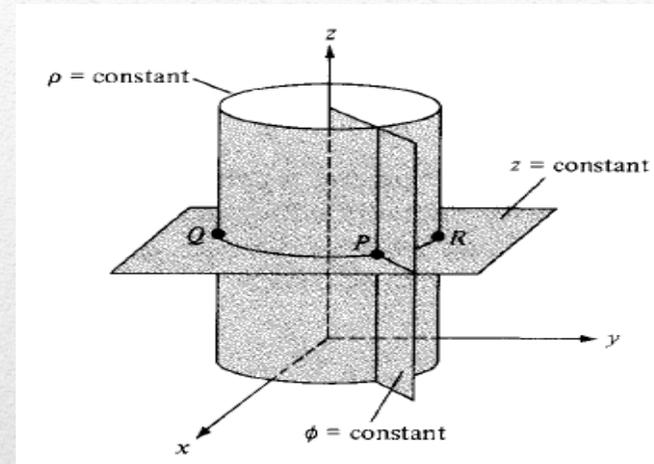
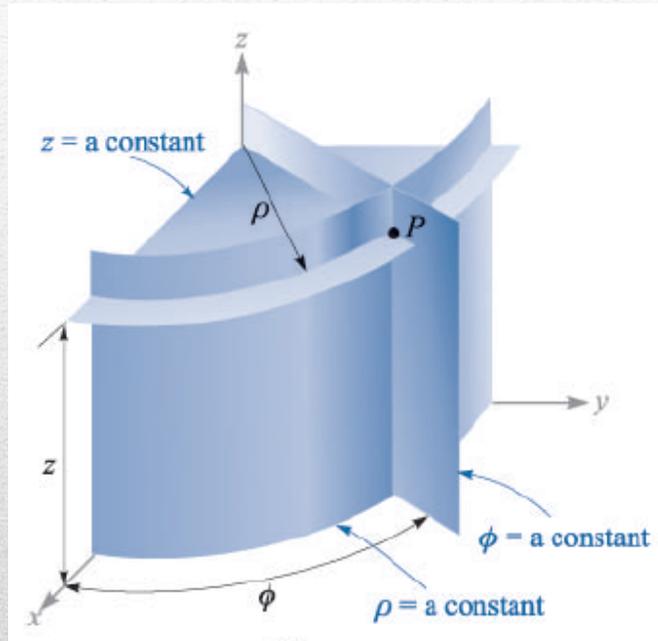
Differential Volume

$$dV = h_1 du_1 h_2 du_2 h_3 du_3$$



Coordinate Systems and Transformation

- **Circular cylindrical coordinate system**



$z = \text{constant}, \rho = \text{constant}, \varphi = \text{constant}$

$$\rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \quad (\rho \geq 0)$$

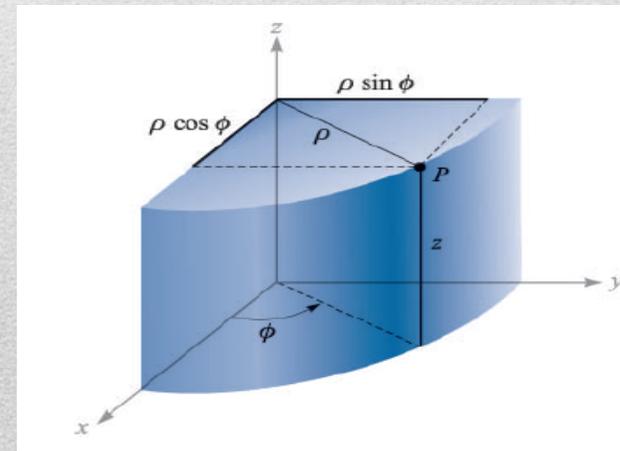
$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}$$

$$z = z$$

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

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

$$z = z$$



Coordinate Systems and Transformation

- **Circular cylindrical coordinate system** $a_\rho \cdot a_\varphi = 0, a_\varphi \cdot a_z = 0, a_z \cdot a_\rho = 0$

$$R = xa_x + ya_y + za_z$$

$$a_\rho \cdot a_\rho = 1, a_\varphi \cdot a_\varphi = 1, a_z \cdot a_z = 1$$

$$R = \rho \cos \varphi a_x + \rho \sin \varphi a_y + za_z$$

$$(\rho, \varphi, z) \Rightarrow a_\rho \times a_\varphi = a_z, a_\varphi \times a_z = a_\rho, a_z \times a_\rho = a_\varphi$$

Finding the directions and metric coefficients:

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial \rho} = \cos \varphi a_x + \sin \varphi a_y = \hat{a}_\rho$$

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial \varphi} = -\rho \sin \varphi a_x + \rho \cos \varphi a_y = \hat{a}_\varphi$$

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial z} = a_z = \hat{a}_z$$

$$\left| \frac{\partial R}{\partial \rho} \right| = h_\rho = \sqrt{\cos^2 \varphi + \sin^2 \varphi} = 1$$

$$\left| \frac{\partial R}{\partial \varphi} \right| = h_\varphi = \sqrt{\rho^2 (\cos^2 \varphi + \sin^2 \varphi)} = \rho$$

$$\left| \frac{\partial R}{\partial z} \right| = h_z = \sqrt{1} = 1$$

$$a_\rho = \cos \varphi a_x + \sin \varphi a_y$$

$$a_\varphi = -\sin \varphi a_x + \cos \varphi a_y$$

$$a_z = a_z$$

Solving the three equations:

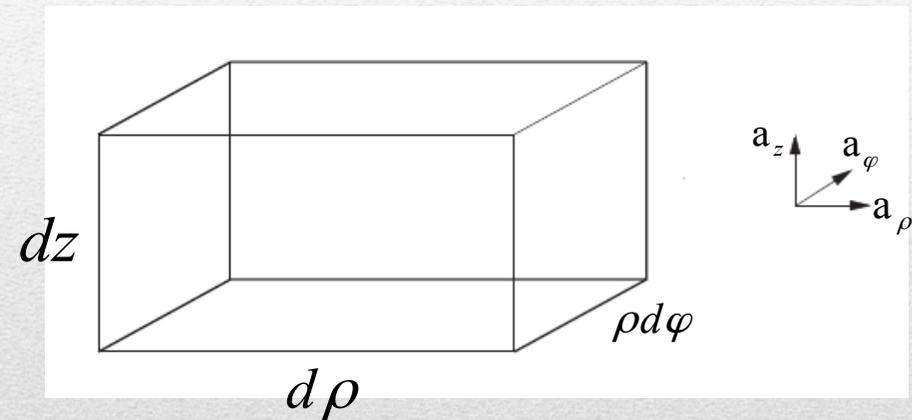
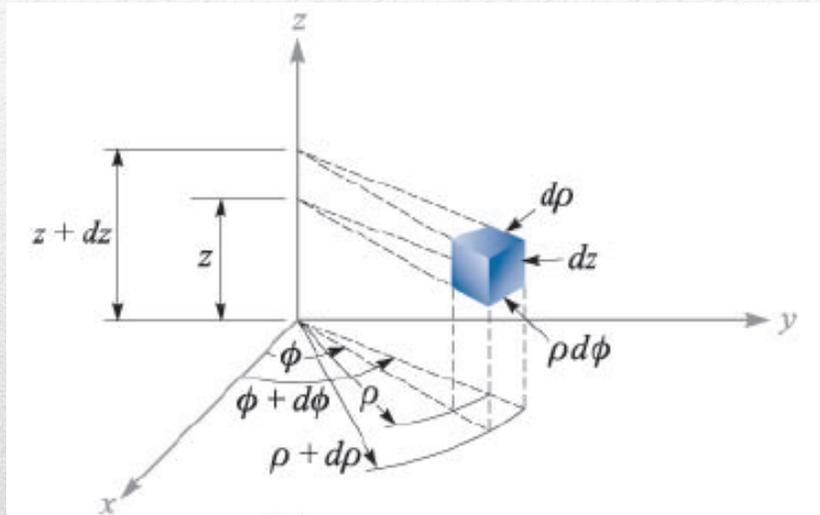
$$a_x = \cos \varphi a_\rho - \sin \varphi a_\varphi$$

$$a_y = \sin \varphi a_\rho + \cos \varphi a_\varphi$$

$$a_z = a_z$$

Coordinate Systems and Transformation

- Circular cylindrical coordinate system



$$dL = d\rho a_\rho + \rho d\phi a_\phi + dz a_z$$

$$|dL| = \sqrt{(d\rho)^2 + \rho^2 (d\phi)^2 + (dz)^2}$$

$$dS_\rho = \rho d\phi dz a_\rho$$

$$dS_\phi = d\rho dz a_\phi$$

$$dS_z = d\rho \rho d\phi a_z = \rho d\rho d\phi a_z$$

$$dV = \rho d\rho d\phi dz$$

Coordinate Systems and Transformation

- Conversion between Circular cylindrical coordinates and Cartesian coordinates

$$\mathbf{A} = A_x \mathbf{a}_x + A_y \mathbf{a}_y + A_z \mathbf{a}_z \quad \xleftrightarrow{\text{Conversion}} \quad \mathbf{A} = A_\rho \mathbf{a}_\rho + A_\phi \mathbf{a}_\phi + A_z \mathbf{a}_z$$

To find any desired component of a vector, we recall from the discussion of the dot product that a component in a desired direction may be obtained by taking the dot product of the vector and a unit vector in the desired direction. Hence,

$$A_\rho = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\rho \quad \text{and} \quad A_\phi = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

Expanding these dot products, we have

$$A_\rho = (A_x \mathbf{a}_x + A_y \mathbf{a}_y + A_z \mathbf{a}_z) \cdot \mathbf{a}_\rho = A_x \mathbf{a}_x \cdot \mathbf{a}_\rho + A_y \mathbf{a}_y \cdot \mathbf{a}_\rho$$

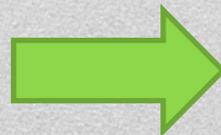
$$A_\phi = (A_x \mathbf{a}_x + A_y \mathbf{a}_y + A_z \mathbf{a}_z) \cdot \mathbf{a}_\phi = A_x \mathbf{a}_x \cdot \mathbf{a}_\phi + A_y \mathbf{a}_y \cdot \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

$$A_z = (A_x \mathbf{a}_x + A_y \mathbf{a}_y + A_z \mathbf{a}_z) \cdot \mathbf{a}_z = A_z \mathbf{a}_z \cdot \mathbf{a}_z = A_z$$

$$\mathbf{a}_x = \cos \varphi \mathbf{a}_\rho - \sin \varphi \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

$$\mathbf{a}_y = \sin \varphi \mathbf{a}_\rho + \cos \varphi \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

$$\mathbf{a}_z = \mathbf{a}_z$$



$$\mathbf{a}_x \cdot \mathbf{a}_\rho = \cos \varphi$$

$$\mathbf{a}_y \cdot \mathbf{a}_\rho = \sin \varphi$$

$$\mathbf{a}_x \cdot \mathbf{a}_\phi = -\sin \varphi$$

$$\mathbf{a}_y \cdot \mathbf{a}_\phi = \cos \varphi$$

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

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

$$z = z$$

Coordinate Systems and Transformation

- Conversion between Circular cylindrical coordinates and Cartesian coordinates in matrix form

In matrix form, we have the transformation of vector \mathbf{A} from (A_x, A_y, A_z) to (A_ρ, A_ϕ, A_z) as

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_\rho \\ A_\phi \\ A_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi & 0 \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \end{bmatrix}$$

From cylindrical to cartesian

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi & 0 \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_\rho \\ A_\phi \\ A_z \end{bmatrix}$$

Coordinate Systems and Transformation

- Conversion between Circular cylindrical coordinates and Cartesian coordinates

Dot products of unit vectors in cylindrical and cartesian coordinate systems

	\mathbf{a}_ρ	\mathbf{a}_ϕ	\mathbf{a}_z
$\mathbf{a}_x \cdot$	$\cos \phi$	$-\sin \phi$	0
$\mathbf{a}_y \cdot$	$\sin \phi$	$\cos \phi$	0
$\mathbf{a}_z \cdot$	0	0	1

Example:

Transform the vector $\mathbf{B} = y\mathbf{a}_x - x\mathbf{a}_y + z\mathbf{a}_z$ into cylindrical coordinates.

Solution. The new components are

$$\begin{aligned} B_\rho &= \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\rho = y(\mathbf{a}_x \cdot \mathbf{a}_\rho) - x(\mathbf{a}_y \cdot \mathbf{a}_\rho) \\ &= y \cos \phi - x \sin \phi = \rho \sin \phi \cos \phi - \rho \cos \phi \sin \phi = 0 \end{aligned}$$

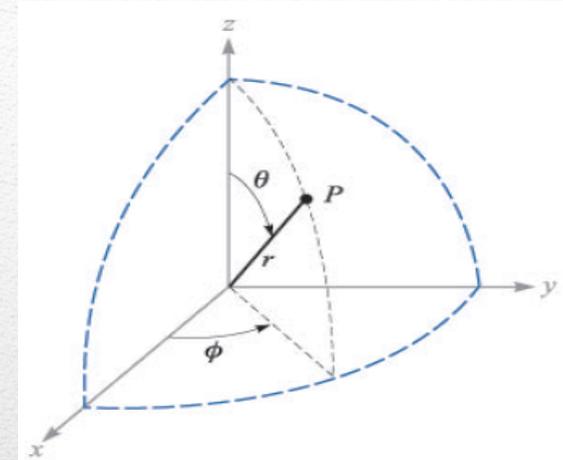
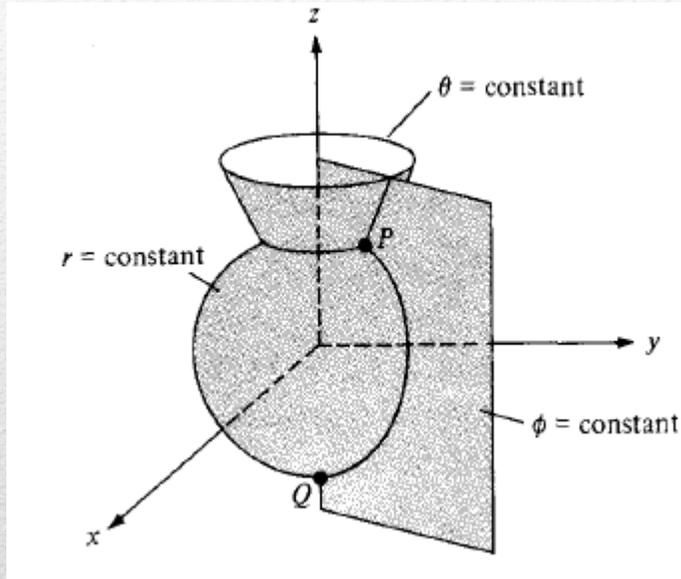
$$\begin{aligned} B_\phi &= \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{a}_\phi = y(\mathbf{a}_x \cdot \mathbf{a}_\phi) - x(\mathbf{a}_y \cdot \mathbf{a}_\phi) \\ &= -y \sin \phi - x \cos \phi = -\rho \sin^2 \phi - \rho \cos^2 \phi = -\rho \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\mathbf{B} = -\rho\mathbf{a}_\phi + z\mathbf{a}_z$$

Coordinate Systems and Transformation

- Spherical coordinate system $\theta = \text{constant}$, $r = \text{constant}$, $\phi = \text{constant}$



$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \quad (r \geq 0)$$

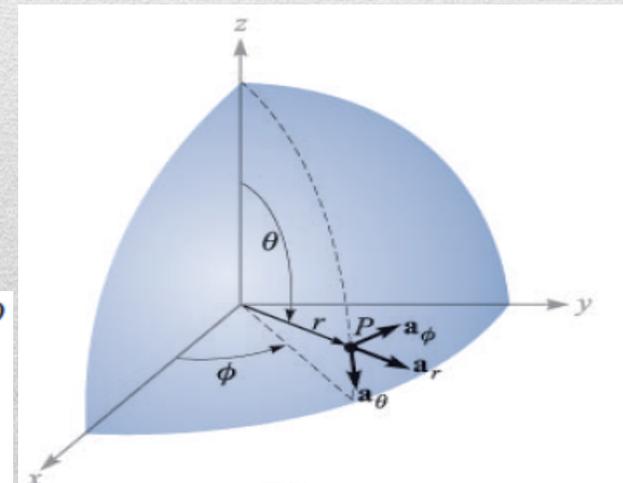
$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \quad (0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ)$$

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

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

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

$$z = r \cos \theta$$



Coordinate Systems and Transformation

- Spherical coordinate system**

$$R = xa_x + ya_y + za_z$$

$$R = r \sin \theta \cos \varphi a_x + r \sin \theta \sin \varphi a_y + r \cos \theta a_z$$

$$a_r \cdot a_\theta = 0, a_\theta \cdot a_\varphi = 0, a_\varphi \cdot a_r = 0$$

$$a_r \cdot a_r = 1, a_\theta \cdot a_\theta = 1, a_\varphi \cdot a_\varphi = 1$$

$$(r, \theta, \varphi) \Rightarrow a_r \times a_\theta = a_\varphi, a_\theta \times a_\varphi = a_r, a_\varphi \times a_r = a_\theta$$

Finding the directions and metric coefficients:

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial r} = \sin \theta \cos \varphi a_x + \sin \theta \sin \varphi a_y + \cos \theta a_z = \hat{a}_r$$

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial \theta} = r \cos \theta \cos \varphi a_x + r \cos \theta \sin \varphi a_y - r \sin \theta a_z = \hat{a}_\theta$$

$$\left| \frac{\partial R}{\partial r} \right| = h_r = \sqrt{\sin^2 \theta (\cos^2 \varphi + \sin^2 \varphi) + \cos^2 \theta} = 1$$

$$\left| \frac{\partial R}{\partial \theta} \right| = h_\theta = \sqrt{r^2 \cos^2 \theta (\cos^2 \varphi + \sin^2 \varphi) + r^2 \sin^2 \theta} = r$$

$$a_r = \sin \theta \cos \varphi a_x + \sin \theta \sin \varphi a_y + \cos \theta a_z$$

$$a_\theta = \cos \theta \cos \varphi a_x + \cos \theta \sin \varphi a_y - \sin \theta a_z$$

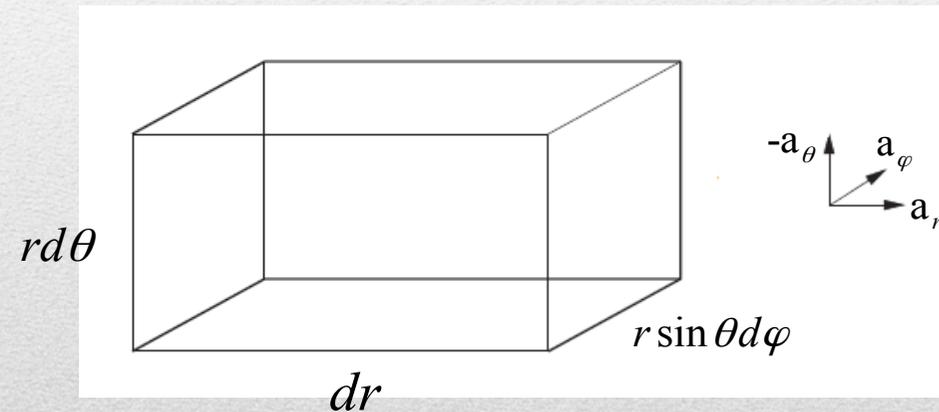
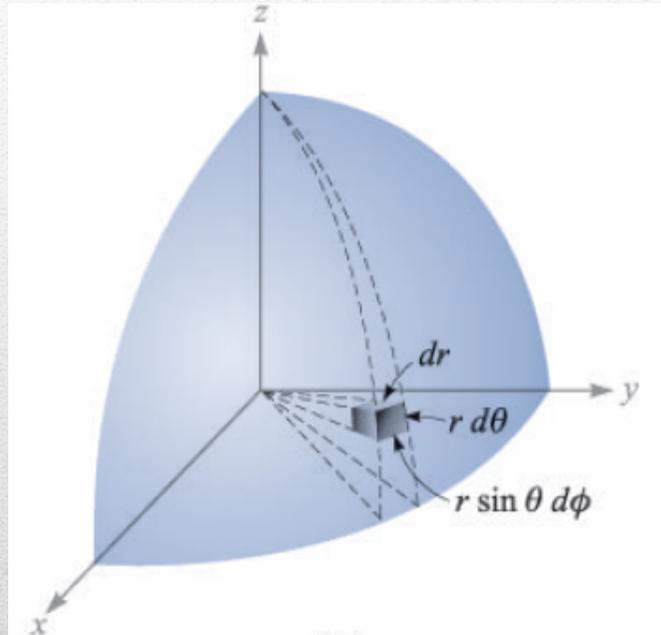
$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial \varphi} = -r \sin \theta \sin \varphi a_x + r \sin \theta \cos \varphi a_y = \hat{a}_\varphi$$

$$\left| \frac{\partial R}{\partial \varphi} \right| = h_\varphi = \sqrt{r^2 \sin^2 \theta (\cos^2 \varphi + \sin^2 \varphi)} = r \sin \theta$$

$$a_\varphi = -\sin \varphi a_x + \cos \varphi a_y$$

Coordinate Systems and Transformation

- Spherical coordinate system



$$dL = dr a_r + r d\theta a_\theta + r \sin \theta d\phi a_\phi$$

$$|dL| = \sqrt{(dr)^2 + (r d\theta)^2 + (r \sin \theta d\phi)^2}$$

$$dS_r = r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi a_r \quad dV = r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi$$

$$dS_\theta = r \sin \theta dr d\phi a_\theta$$

$$dS_\phi = r dr d\theta a_\phi$$

Coordinate Systems and Transformation

- Spherical coordinate system

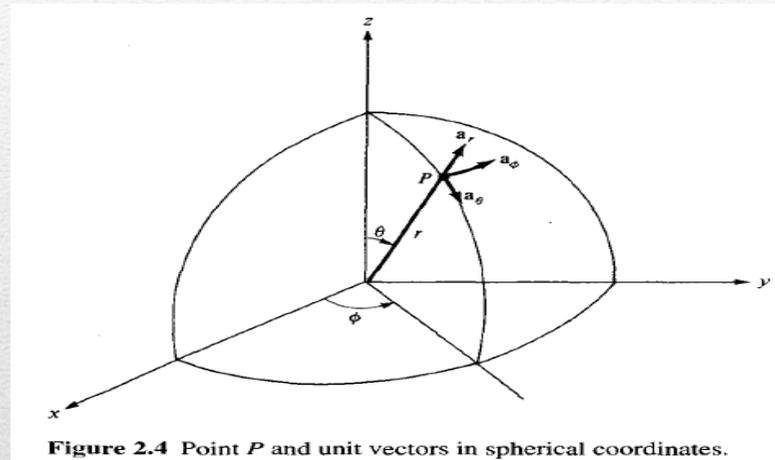


TABLE 1.2
Dot products of unit vectors in spherical and cartesian coordinate systems

	\mathbf{a}_r	\mathbf{a}_θ	\mathbf{a}_ϕ
$\mathbf{a}_x \cdot$	$\sin \theta \cos \phi$	$\cos \theta \cos \phi$	$-\sin \phi$
$\mathbf{a}_y \cdot$	$\sin \theta \sin \phi$	$\cos \theta \sin \phi$	$\cos \phi$
$\mathbf{a}_z \cdot$	$\cos \theta$	$-\sin \theta$	0

Coordinate Systems and Transformation

- Spherical coordinate system conversion to and from Cartesian

In matrix form, the $(A_x, A_y, A_z) \rightarrow (A_r, A_\theta, A_\phi)$ vector transformation is performed according to

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_r \\ A_\theta \\ A_\phi \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \phi & \sin \theta \sin \phi & \cos \theta \\ \cos \theta \cos \phi & \cos \theta \sin \phi & -\sin \theta \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.27)$$

The inverse transformation $(A_r, A_\theta, A_\phi) \rightarrow (A_x, A_y, A_z)$ is similarly obtained, or we obtain it from eq. (2.23). Thus,

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \phi & \cos \theta \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ \sin \theta \sin \phi & \cos \theta \sin \phi & \cos \phi \\ \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_r \\ A_\theta \\ A_\phi \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.28)$$

Coordinate Systems and Transformation

- **Example**

Given point $P(-2, 6, 3)$ and vector $\mathbf{A} = y\mathbf{a}_x + (x + z)\mathbf{a}_y$, express P and \mathbf{A} in cylindrical and spherical coordinates. Evaluate \mathbf{A} at P in the Cartesian, cylindrical, and spherical systems.

Solution:

At point P : $x = -2, y = 6, z = 3$. Hence,

$$\rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{4 + 36} = 6.32$$

$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x} = \tan^{-1} \frac{6}{-2} = 108.43^\circ$$

$$z = 3$$

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = \sqrt{4 + 36 + 9} = 7$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{z} = \tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{40}}{3} = 64.62^\circ$$

Thus,

$$P(-2, 6, 3) = P(6.32, 108.43^\circ, 3) = P(7, 64.62^\circ, 108.43^\circ)$$

In the Cartesian system, \mathbf{A} at P is

$$\mathbf{A} = 6\mathbf{a}_x + \mathbf{a}_y$$

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For vector \mathbf{A} , $A_x = y$, $A_y = x + z$, $A_z = 0$. Hence, in the cylindrical system

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_\rho \\ A_\phi \\ A_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi & 0 \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y \\ x + z \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} A_\rho &= y \cos \phi + (x + z) \sin \phi \\ A_\phi &= -y \sin \phi + (x + z) \cos \phi \\ A_z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

But $x = \rho \cos \phi$, $y = \rho \sin \phi$, and substituting these yields

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} = (A_\rho, A_\phi, A_z) &= [\rho \cos \phi \sin \phi + (\rho \cos \phi + z) \sin \phi] \mathbf{a}_\rho \\ &+ [-\rho \sin^2 \phi + (\rho \cos \phi + z) \cos \phi] \mathbf{a}_\phi \end{aligned}$$

At P

$$\rho = \sqrt{40}, \quad \tan \phi = \frac{6}{-2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \phi &= \frac{-2}{\sqrt{40}}, \quad \sin \phi = \frac{6}{\sqrt{40}} \\ \mathbf{A} &= \left[\sqrt{40} \cdot \frac{-2}{\sqrt{40}} \cdot \frac{6}{\sqrt{40}} + \left(\sqrt{40} \cdot \frac{-2}{\sqrt{40}} + 3 \right) \cdot \frac{6}{\sqrt{40}} \right] \mathbf{a}_\rho \\ &+ \left[-\sqrt{40} \cdot \frac{36}{40} + \left(\sqrt{40} \cdot \frac{-2}{\sqrt{40}} + 3 \right) \cdot \frac{-2}{\sqrt{40}} \right] \mathbf{a}_\phi \\ &= \frac{-6}{\sqrt{40}} \mathbf{a}_\rho - \frac{38}{\sqrt{40}} \mathbf{a}_\phi = -0.9487 \mathbf{a}_\rho - 6.008 \mathbf{a}_\phi \end{aligned}$$

Coordinate Systems and Transformation

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But $x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi$, $y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi$, and $z = r \cos \theta$. Substituting these yields

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{A} &= (A_r, A_\theta, A_\phi) \\ &= r[\sin^2 \theta \cos \phi \sin \phi + (\sin \theta \cos \phi + \cos \theta) \sin \theta \sin \phi] \mathbf{a}_r \\ &\quad + r[\sin \theta \cos \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi + (\sin \theta \cos \phi + \cos \theta) \cos \theta \sin \phi] \mathbf{a}_\theta \\ &\quad + r[-\sin \theta \sin^2 \phi + (\sin \theta \cos \phi + \cos \theta) \cos \phi] \mathbf{a}_\phi\end{aligned}$$

At P

$$r = 7, \quad \tan \phi = \frac{6}{-2}, \quad \tan \theta = \frac{\sqrt{40}}{3}$$

Hence,

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$$\begin{aligned} \cos \phi &= \frac{-2}{\sqrt{40}}, & \sin \phi &= \frac{6}{\sqrt{40}}, & \cos \theta &= \frac{3}{7}, & \sin \theta &= \frac{\sqrt{40}}{7} \\ \mathbf{A} &= 7 \cdot \left[\frac{40}{49} \cdot \frac{-2}{\sqrt{40}} \cdot \frac{6}{\sqrt{40}} + \left(\frac{\sqrt{40}}{7} \cdot \frac{-2}{\sqrt{40}} + \frac{3}{7} \right) \cdot \frac{\sqrt{40}}{7} \cdot \frac{6}{\sqrt{40}} \right] \mathbf{a}_r \\ &+ 7 \cdot \left[\frac{\sqrt{40}}{7} \cdot \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{6}{\sqrt{40}} \cdot \frac{-2}{\sqrt{40}} + \left(\frac{\sqrt{40}}{7} \cdot \frac{-2}{\sqrt{40}} + \frac{3}{7} \right) \cdot \frac{3}{7} \cdot \frac{6}{\sqrt{40}} \right] \mathbf{a}_\theta \\ &+ 7 \cdot \left[\frac{-\sqrt{40}}{7} \cdot \frac{36}{40} + \left(\frac{\sqrt{40}}{7} \cdot \frac{-2}{\sqrt{40}} + \frac{3}{7} \right) \cdot \frac{-2}{\sqrt{40}} \right] \mathbf{a}_\phi \\ &= \frac{-6}{7} \mathbf{a}_r - \frac{18}{7\sqrt{40}} \mathbf{a}_\theta - \frac{38}{\sqrt{40}} \mathbf{a}_\phi \\ &= -0.8571 \mathbf{a}_r - 0.4066 \mathbf{a}_\theta - 6.008 \mathbf{a}_\phi \end{aligned}$$

Note that $|\mathbf{A}|$ is the same in the three systems; that is,

$$|\mathbf{A}(x, y, z)| = |\mathbf{A}(\rho, \phi, z)| = |\mathbf{A}(r, \theta, \phi)| = 6.083$$

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- Example: from spherical to cylindrical

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_\rho \\ A_\phi \\ A_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_r \\ A_\theta \\ A_\phi \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_r \\ A_\theta \\ A_\phi \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \\ \cos \theta & 0 & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_\rho \\ A_\phi \\ A_z \end{bmatrix}$$

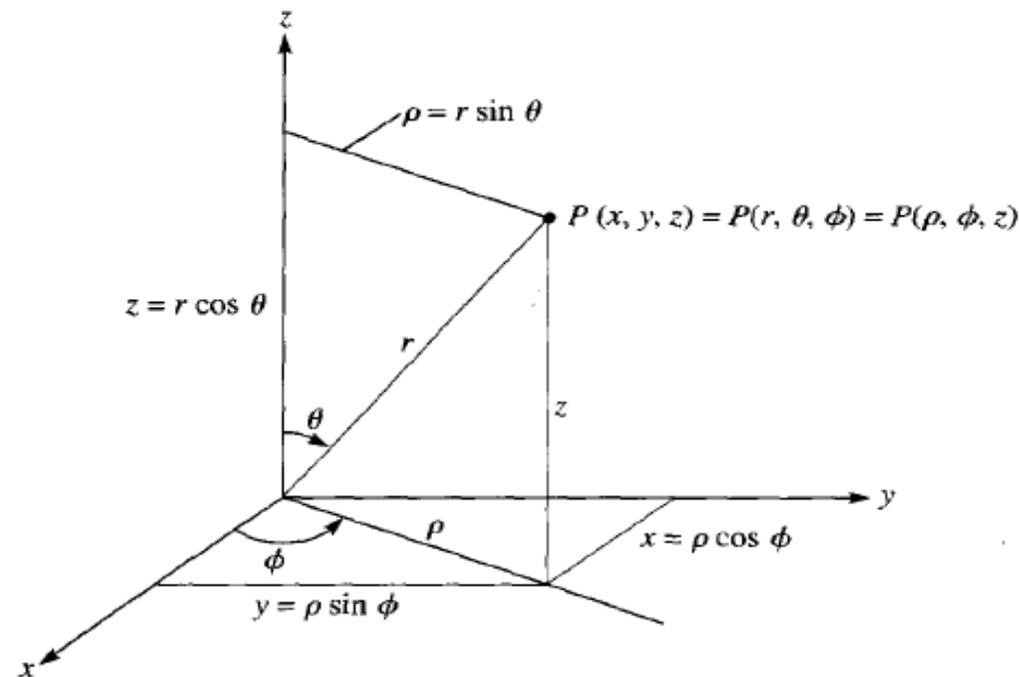


Figure 2.5 Relationships between space variables (x, y, z) , (r, θ, ϕ) , and (ρ, ϕ, z) .

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- Distance and vector magnitude in coordinate systems

Important: the magnitude of the vector is the same in all coordinate systems. This can be used as a way to confirm the correctness of conversion.

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

$$|\mathbf{A}| = (A_\rho^2 + A_\phi^2 + A_z^2)^{1/2}$$

$$|\mathbf{A}| = (A_r^2 + A_\theta^2 + A_\phi^2)^{1/2}$$

The distance between two points is usually necessary in EM theory. The distance d between two points with position vectors \mathbf{r}_1 and \mathbf{r}_2 is generally given by

$$d = |\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1|$$

$$d^2 = (x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2 \text{ (Cartesian)}$$

$$d^2 = \rho_2^2 + \rho_1^2 - 2\rho_1\rho_2 \cos(\phi_2 - \phi_1) + (z_2 - z_1)^2 \text{ (cylindrical)}$$

$$d^2 = r_2^2 + r_1^2 - 2r_1r_2 \cos \theta_2 \cos \theta_1 - 2r_1r_2 \sin \theta_2 \sin \theta_1 \cos(\phi_2 - \phi_1) \text{ (spherical)}$$