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Chapter 1: Vector Analysis

#### Vector Addition



Associative Law:  $\mathbf{A} + (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) = (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) + \mathbf{C}$ Distributive Law:  $(r + s)(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = r(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) + s(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})$ 

#### Rectangular Coordinate System



#### Point Locations in Rectangular Coordinates



#### **Differential Volume Element**



## Summary



# Orthogonal Vector Components



# Orthogonal Unit Vectors



## Vector Representation in Terms of Orthogonal Rectangular Components





# Summary





## Vector Expressions in Rectangular Coordinates

General Vector, **B**:

$$\mathbf{B} = B_x \mathbf{a}_x + B_y \mathbf{a}_y + B_z \mathbf{a}_z$$

Magnitude of **B**:

$$|\mathbf{B}| = \sqrt{B_x^2 + B_y^2 + B_z^2}$$

Unit Vector in the Direction of **B**:

$$\mathbf{a}_B = \frac{\mathbf{B}}{\sqrt{B_x^2 + B_y^2 + B_z^2}} = \frac{\mathbf{B}}{|\mathbf{B}|}$$

# Example

Specify the unit vector extending from the origin toward the point G(2, -2, -1)

$$\mathbf{G} = 2\mathbf{a}_x - 2\mathbf{a}_y - \mathbf{a}_z$$

$$|\mathbf{G}| = \sqrt{(2)^2 + (-2)^2 + (-1)^2} = 3$$

$$\mathbf{a}_{G} = \frac{\mathbf{G}}{|\mathbf{G}|} = \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{a}_{x} - \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{a}_{y} - \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{a}_{z} = 0.667\mathbf{a}_{x} - 0.667\mathbf{a}_{y} - 0.333\mathbf{a}_{z}$$

# Vector Field

We are accustomed to thinking of a specific vector:

 $\mathbf{v} = v_x \mathbf{a}_x + v_y \mathbf{a}_y + v_z \mathbf{a}_z$ 

A vector field is a *function* defined in space that has magnitude and direction at all points:

$$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r}) = v_x(\mathbf{r})\mathbf{a}_x + v_y(\mathbf{r})\mathbf{a}_y + v_z(\mathbf{r})\mathbf{a}_z$$

where  $\mathbf{r} = (x,y,z)$ 

#### The Dot Product

Given two vectors **A** and **B**, the *dot product*, or *scalar product*, is defined as the product of the magnitude of **A**, the magnitude of **B**, and the cosine of the smaller angle between them,

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = |\mathbf{A}| |\mathbf{B}| \cos \theta_{AB}$$

Commutative Law:

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{A}$$

#### Vector Projections Using the Dot Product





**B** • **a** gives the component of **B** in the horizontal direction

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#### **Operational Use of the Dot Product**

Given 
$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{A} = A_x \mathbf{a}_x + A_y \mathbf{a}_y + A_z \mathbf{a}_z \\ \mathbf{B} = B_x \mathbf{a}_x + B_y \mathbf{a}_y + B_z \mathbf{a}_z \end{cases}$$

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

where we have used: 
$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{a}_x \cdot \mathbf{a}_y = \mathbf{a}_y \cdot \mathbf{a}_z = \mathbf{a}_x \cdot \mathbf{a}_z = 0\\ \mathbf{a}_x \cdot \mathbf{a}_x = \mathbf{a}_y \cdot \mathbf{a}_y = \mathbf{a}_z \cdot \mathbf{a}_z = 1 \end{cases}$$

Note also:  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{A} = A^2 = |\mathbf{A}|^2$ 

## Cross Product

The cross product  $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}$  is a vector; the magnitude of  $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}$  is equal to the product of the magnitudes of  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ , and the sine of the smaller angle between  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ ; the direction of  $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}$  is perpendicular to the plane containing  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  and is along that one of the two possible perpendiculars which is in the direction of advance of a right-handed screw as  $\mathbf{A}$  is turned into  $\mathbf{B}$ .



#### Operational Definition of the Cross Product in Rectangular Coordinates

Begin with:  $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = A_x B_x \mathbf{a}_x \times \mathbf{a}_x + A_x B_y \mathbf{a}_x \times \mathbf{a}_y + A_x B_z \mathbf{a}_x \times \mathbf{a}_z$   $+ A_y B_x \mathbf{a}_y \times \mathbf{a}_x + A_y B_y \mathbf{a}_y \times \mathbf{a}_y + A_y B_z \mathbf{a}_y \times \mathbf{a}_z$  $+ A_z B_x \mathbf{a}_z \times \mathbf{a}_x + A_z B_y \mathbf{a}_z \times \mathbf{a}_y + A_z B_z \mathbf{a}_z \times \mathbf{a}_z$ 

where 
$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{a}_{x} \times \mathbf{a}_{y} = \mathbf{a}_{z} \\ \mathbf{a}_{y} \times \mathbf{a}_{z} = \mathbf{a}_{x} \\ \mathbf{a}_{z} \times \mathbf{a}_{x} = \mathbf{a}_{y} \end{cases}$$

Therefore:

 $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = (A_y B_z - A_z B_y) \mathbf{a}_x + (A_z B_x - A_x B_z) \mathbf{a}_y + (A_x B_y - A_y B_x) \mathbf{a}_z$ 

Or... 
$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{a}_x & \mathbf{a}_y & \mathbf{a}_z \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix}$$

## Circular Cylindrical Coordinates

# Point *P* has coordinates Specified by $P(\rho,\phi,z)$



## Orthogonal Unit Vectors in Cylindrical Coordinates



## Differential Volume in Cylindrical Coordinates



#### Summary



## Point Transformations in Cylindrical Coordinates



#### Dot Products of Unit Vectors in Cylindrical and Rectangular Coordinate Systems

	$\mathbf{a}_{ ho}$	$\mathbf{a}_{\phi}$	$\mathbf{a}_{z}$
$\mathbf{a}_{\chi}$ .	$\cos\phi$	$-\sin$	0
$\mathbf{a}_{y}$ .	$\sin \phi$	$\cos\phi$	0
$\mathbf{a}_{z}$ .	0	0	0

## Example

Transform the vector,  $\mathbf{B} = y\mathbf{a}_x - x\mathbf{a}_y + z\mathbf{a}_z$ 

into cylindrical coordinates:

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Start with:

$$B_{\rho} = \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{\rho} = y(\mathbf{a}_{x} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{\rho}) - x(\mathbf{a}_{y} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{\rho})$$

$$B_{\phi} = \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{\phi} = y(\mathbf{a}_x \cdot \mathbf{a}_{\phi}) - x(\mathbf{a}_y \cdot \mathbf{a}_{\phi})$$

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$$= y \cos \phi - x \sin \phi = \rho \sin \phi \cos \phi - \rho \cos \phi \sin \phi = 0$$
  
$$B_{\phi} = \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{\phi} = y(\mathbf{a}_{x} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{\phi}) - x(\mathbf{a}_{y} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{\phi})$$
  
$$= -y \sin \phi - x \cos \phi = -\rho \sin^{2} \phi - \rho \cos^{2} \phi = -\rho$$

Transform the vector,

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into cylindrical coordinates:

Finally:

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

#### Spherical Coordinates



## Constant Coordinate Surfaces in Spherical Coordinates



### Unit Vector Components in Spherical Coordinates



#### Differential Volume in Spherical Coordinates



## Dot Products of Unit Vectors in the Spherical and Rectangular Coordinate Systems

	$\mathbf{a}_r$	$\mathbf{a}_{ heta}$	$\mathbf{a}_{\phi}$
$\mathbf{a}_{\chi}$ .	$\sin\theta\cos\phi$	$\cos\theta\cos\phi$	$-\sin\phi$
$\mathbf{a}_y$ .	$\sin \theta \sin \phi$	$\cos\theta\sin\phi$	$\cos\phi$
$\mathbf{a}_{z}$ .	$\cos \theta$	$-\sin\theta$	0

#### Example: Vector Component Transformation

Transform the field,  $\mathbf{G} = (xz/y)\mathbf{a}_x$ , into spherical coordinates and components

$$G_{r} = \mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{r} = \frac{xz}{y} \mathbf{a}_{x} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{r} = \frac{xz}{y} \sin \theta \cos \phi$$
$$= r \sin \theta \cos \theta \frac{\cos^{2} \phi}{\sin \phi}$$
$$G_{\theta} = \mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{\theta} = \frac{xz}{y} \mathbf{a}_{x} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{\theta} = \frac{xz}{y} \cos \theta \cos \phi$$
$$= r \cos^{2} \theta \frac{\cos^{2} \phi}{\sin \phi}$$
$$G\phi = \mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{\phi} = \frac{xz}{y} \mathbf{a}_{x} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{\phi} = \frac{xz}{y} (-\sin \phi)$$
$$= -r \cos \theta \cos \phi$$

 $\mathbf{G} = r\cos\theta\cos\phi(\sin\theta\cot\phi\,\mathbf{a}_r + \cos\theta\cot\phi\,\mathbf{a}_\theta - \mathbf{a}_\phi)$ 

## Summary Illustrations

