

電磁學 (一) Electromagnetics (I)

3. 電磁學的數學工具 (二) 向量運算 Mathematic Tools (II) - vector algebra

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Both electric and magnetic fields are vectors.
This lecture is to introduce basic concepts of
vector and vector algebra.

- 3.1 Scalar and vector 純量與向量
- 3.2 Multiplication of Vectors 向量乘積
- 3.3 Cartesian coordinate system 矩形座標系
- 3.4 Cylindrical coordinate system 圓柱座標系
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3.1 純量與向量 Scalar and vector

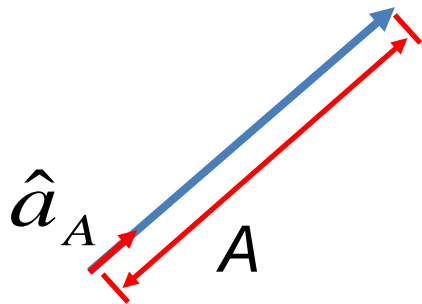
Scalar

- A **scalar** is the value or a symbol of a number.
E.g. 1, 2, 3, -5 , -12 , x , y , z etc.
- A **scalar** describes the **amplitude** or **magnitude** of a physical quantity, such as
charge q , charge density ρ , current I , flux Φ etc.

Vector

- A **vector** has a **magnitude** and **direction**, written as

$$\vec{A} = A\hat{a}_A$$



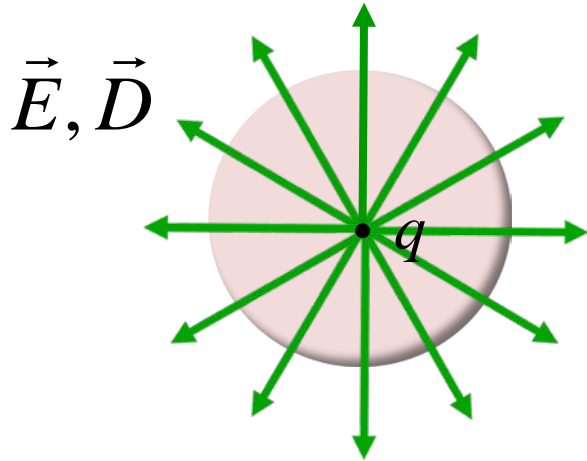
E.g. The unit vector of $\vec{A} = -3\hat{a}_x$ is $\hat{a}_A = -\hat{a}_x$ with $A = 3$.

$\hat{a}_A = \vec{A} / A$ is a unit vector, denoting the **direction** with a unit magnitude $|\hat{a}_A| = 1$

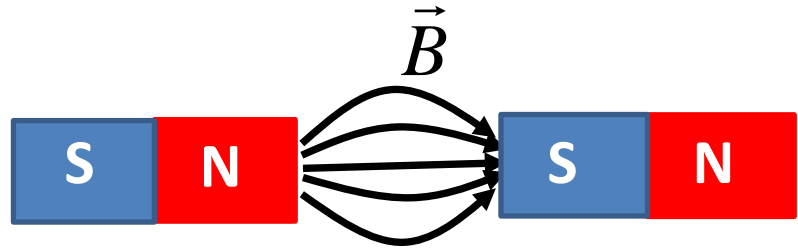
$|\vec{A}| \equiv A > 0$ is the **magnitude** or the **length** of the line

- A **vector** describes the **magnitude** and **direction** of a physics quantity.

E.g. Electric field intensity and flux density \vec{E}, \vec{D}



E.g. Magnetic flux intensity and field intensity \vec{B}, \vec{H}

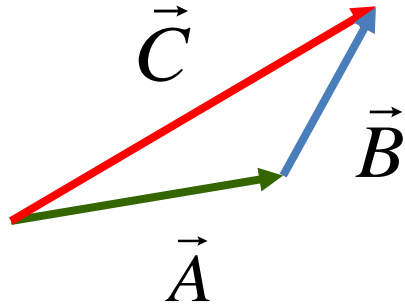


Vector Sum

Use the so-called **head-and-tail** construction

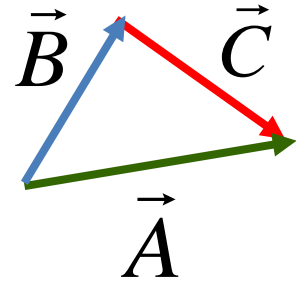
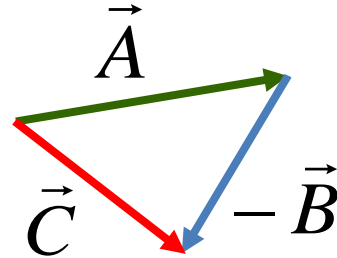
Vector Addition

$$\vec{C} = \vec{A} + \vec{B} = \vec{B} + \vec{A}$$



Vector Subtraction

$$\vec{C} = \vec{A} - \vec{B}$$



3.1 純量與向量

Scalar and vector

- A scalar only has a magnitude or amplitude but a vector has a magnitude and a direction.
- The electric and magnetic fields are vectors.
- Vector sum can be accomplished geometrically by the so-called head-to-tail construction.

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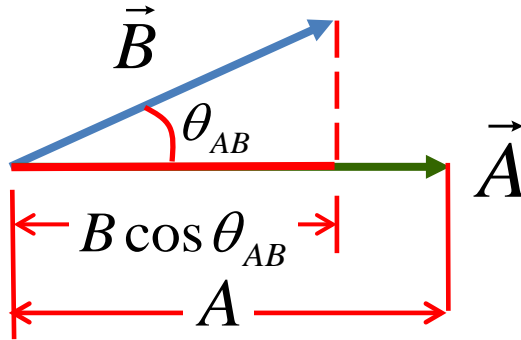
3.2 向量乘積 Multiplication of vectors

Scalar or Dot Product

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = AB \cos \theta_{AB} \quad (\text{dot product gives a scalar})$$

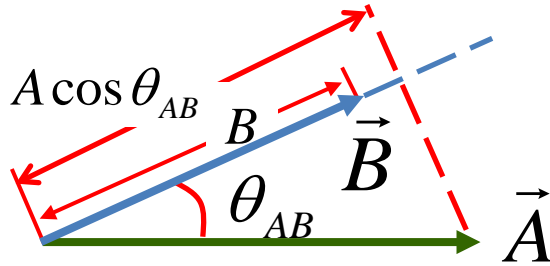
STEP 1 - **project** vector B along A to obtain $B \cos \theta_{AB}$

STEP 2 – **multiply** the projected magnitude $B \cos \theta_{AB}$ with the magnitude A to obtain $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = AB \cos \theta_{AB}$



Alternatively, $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = A \cos \theta_{AB} \times B$,

which is the projection of \vec{A} along \vec{B} , $A \cos \theta_{AB}$,
multiplying $|\vec{B}|$



- Apparently, the scalar or dot product is **commutative**

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

E.g. $A = \sqrt{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{A}}$

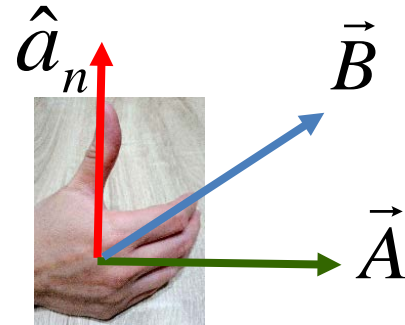
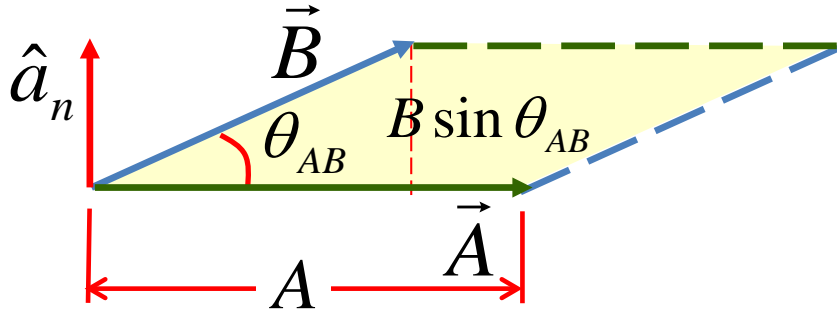
$$= \sqrt{A^2 \cos 0^\circ} = |\vec{A}|$$

Cross Product

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \hat{a}_n |AB \sin \theta_{AB}| \quad (\text{cross product gives a vector})$$

STEP 1 – The **area** of the parallelogram expanded by \vec{A} & \vec{B} is the **magnitude** of $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$ or $AB \sin \theta_{AB}$.

STEP 2 – The **direction** of $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$ is along the surface normal of the parallelogram determined by the **right-hand rule***.



* Rotate your 4 fingers of your right hand from A to B, and find the direction of $A \times B$ along your thumb.

Properties of Cross Product

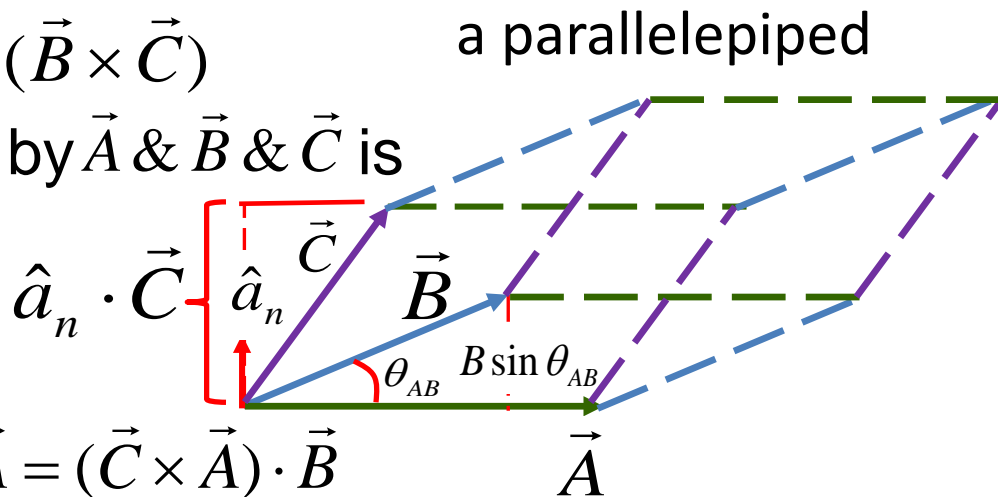
- Anti-commutative $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = -\vec{B} \times \vec{A}$ *the sense of direction is reversed
- Order of products matters

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

- The **volume** expanded by \vec{A} & \vec{B} & \vec{C} is
base area \times height

$$= [AB \sin \theta_{AB}] \times [\hat{a}_n \cdot \vec{C}]$$

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



3.2 向量乘積

Multiplication of vectors

- The vector dot or scalar product results in a scalar, which is the multiplication of the projection of a vector onto the other.
- The vector cross product results in a vector, which has a magnitude equal to the area of the parallelogram expanded by the two vector and a direction defined by the right-hand rule.

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3.3 矩形座標系 Cartesian coordinate system

Cartesian (x, y, z) Coordinate System

Three unit vectors, $\hat{a}_x, \hat{a}_y, \hat{a}_z$

A general expression of a vector:

$$\vec{A} = \hat{a}_x A_x + \hat{a}_y A_y + \hat{a}_z A_z$$

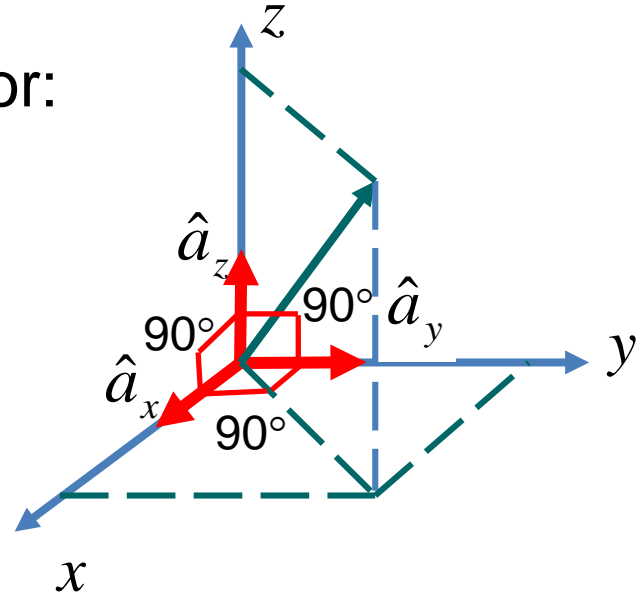
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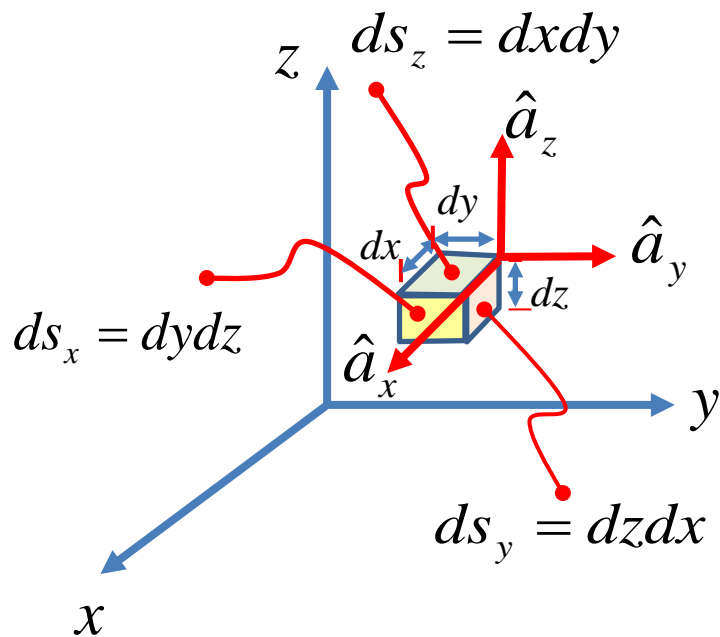
$$\hat{a}_x \cdot \hat{a}_y = |\hat{a}_x| |\hat{a}_y| \cos 90^\circ = 0$$

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

$$\hat{a}_x \times \hat{a}_y = |\hat{a}_x| |\hat{a}_y| \sin 90^\circ \times \hat{a}_z = \hat{a}_z$$

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





A differential length:

$$d\vec{l} = \hat{a}_x dx + \hat{a}_y dy + \hat{a}_z dz = d\vec{l}_x + d\vec{l}_y + d\vec{l}_z$$

A differential surface:

$$\begin{aligned} d\vec{s} &= \hat{a}_x ds_x + \hat{a}_y ds_y + \hat{a}_z ds_z \\ &= d\vec{l}_y \times d\vec{l}_z + d\vec{l}_z \times d\vec{l}_x + d\vec{l}_x \times d\vec{l}_y \end{aligned}$$

A differential volume:

$$\begin{aligned} dv &= dxdydz = (d\vec{l}_x \times d\vec{l}_y) \cdot d\vec{l}_z \\ &= (d\vec{l}_y \times d\vec{l}_z) \cdot d\vec{l}_x = (d\vec{l}_z \times d\vec{l}_x) \cdot d\vec{l}_y \end{aligned}$$

Vector **scalar** product: $\hat{a}_i \cdot \hat{a}_j = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } i \neq j \\ 1 & \text{for } i = j \end{cases}$, where $i, j = x, y, z$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = (A_x \hat{a}_x + A_y \hat{a}_y + A_z \hat{a}_z) \cdot (B_x \hat{a}_x + B_y \hat{a}_y + B_z \hat{a}_z) = A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$$

Vector **cross** product $\hat{a}_i \times \hat{a}_j = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } i = j \\ \pm \hat{a}_k & \text{for } i \neq j \end{cases}$, where $i, j, k = x, y, z$

Sign follows the
right-hand rule

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

3.3 矩形座標系

Cartesian coordinate system

- The 3 coordinates are x, y, z .
- The differential length is

$$d\vec{l} = \hat{a}_x dx + \hat{a}_y dy + \hat{a}_z dz$$

- The differential surface is

$$d\vec{s} = \hat{a}_x dydz + \hat{a}_y dzdx + \hat{a}_z dxdy$$

- The differential volume is $dv = dxdydz$

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3.4 圓柱座標系 Cylindrical coordinate system

Cylindrical (r, ϕ, z) Coordinate System

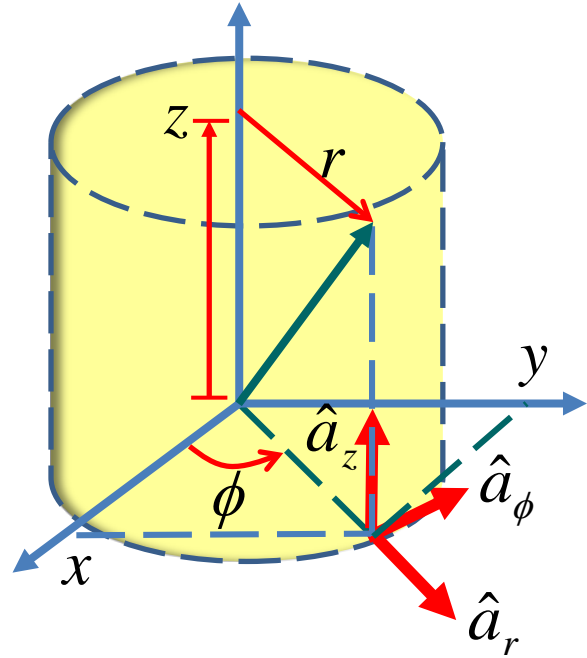
Three unit vectors, $\hat{a}_r, \hat{a}_\phi, \hat{a}_z$
A general expression of a vector:

$$\vec{A} = \hat{a}_r A_r + \hat{a}_\phi A_\phi + \hat{a}_z A_z$$

Orthogonality

$$\hat{a}_r \cdot \hat{a}_\phi = 0, \hat{a}_\phi \cdot \hat{a}_z = 0, \hat{a}_z \cdot \hat{a}_r = 0$$

$$\hat{a}_r \times \hat{a}_\phi = \hat{a}_z, \hat{a}_\phi \times \hat{a}_z = \hat{a}_r, \hat{a}_z \times \hat{a}_r = \hat{a}_\phi$$



Coordinate Transformation

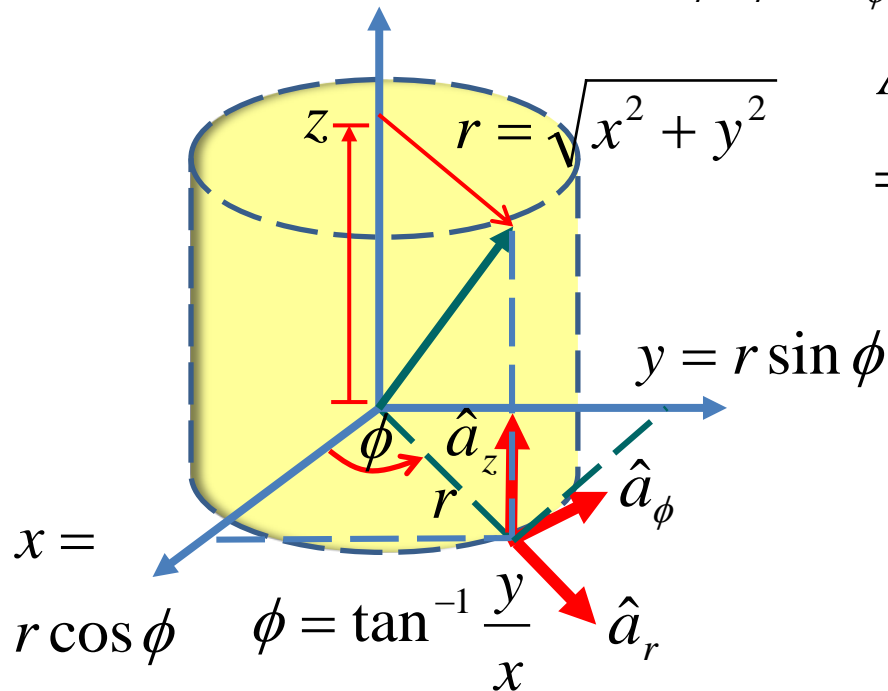
$$\vec{A} = \hat{a}_r A_r + \hat{a}_\phi A_\phi + \hat{a}_z A_z = \hat{a}_x A_x + \hat{a}_y A_y + \hat{a}_z A_z$$

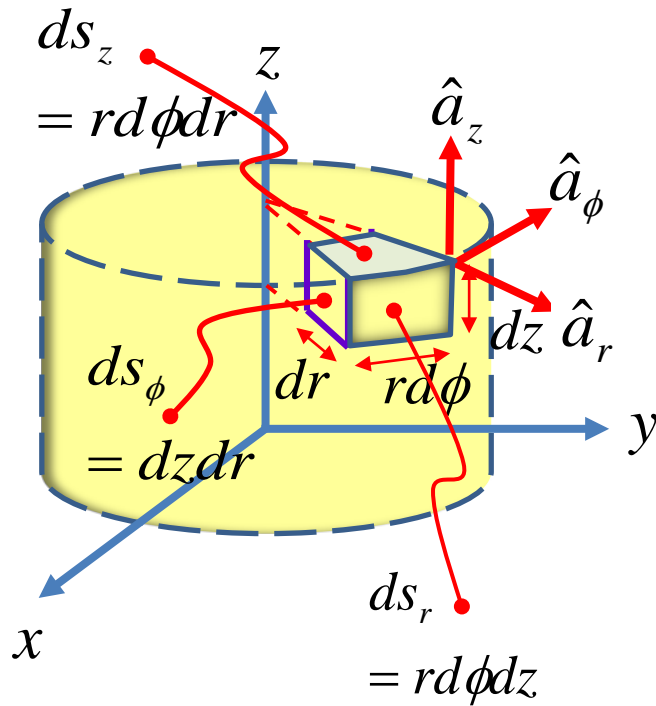
$$\begin{aligned} A_x &= \hat{a}_x \cdot \vec{A} = \hat{a}_x \cdot \hat{a}_r A_r + \hat{a}_x \cdot \hat{a}_\phi A_\phi \\ &= A_r \cos \phi - A_\phi \sin \phi \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } A_y = \hat{a}_y \cdot \vec{A}$$

$$= A_r \sin \phi + A_\phi \cos \phi$$

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





A differential length:

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{dl} &= \hat{a}_r dr + \hat{a}_\phi r d\phi + \hat{a}_z dz \\ &= d\vec{l}_r + d\vec{l}_\phi + d\vec{l}_z\end{aligned}$$

A differential surface:

$$\begin{aligned}d\vec{s} &= \hat{a}_r ds_r + \hat{a}_\phi ds_\phi + \hat{a}_z ds_z \\ &= d\vec{l}_\phi \times d\vec{l}_z + d\vec{l}_z \times d\vec{l}_r + d\vec{l}_r \times d\vec{l}_\phi\end{aligned}$$


A differential volume:

$$\begin{aligned}dv &= r dr d\phi dz = (d\vec{l}_r \times d\vec{l}_\phi) \cdot d\vec{l}_z \\ &= (d\vec{l}_\phi \times d\vec{l}_z) \cdot d\vec{l}_r = (d\vec{l}_z \times d\vec{l}_r) \cdot d\vec{l}_\phi\end{aligned}$$

Vector **scalar** product: $\hat{a}_i \cdot \hat{a}_j = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } i \neq j \\ 1 & \text{for } i = j \end{cases}$, where $i, j = r, \phi, z$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = (A_r \hat{a}_r + A_\phi \hat{a}_\phi + A_z \hat{a}_z) \cdot (B_r \hat{a}_r + B_\phi \hat{a}_\phi + B_z \hat{a}_z) = A_r B_r + A_\phi B_\phi + A_z B_z$$

Vector **cross** product $\hat{a}_i \times \hat{a}_j = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } i = j \\ \pm \hat{a}_k & \text{for } i \neq j \end{cases}$, where $i, j, k = r, \phi, z$

 Sign follows the right-hand rule

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{A} \times \vec{B} &= (A_r \hat{a}_r + A_\phi \hat{a}_\phi + A_z \hat{a}_z) \times (B_r \hat{a}_r + B_\phi \hat{a}_\phi + B_z \hat{a}_z) \\ &= (A_\phi B_z - A_z B_\phi) \hat{a}_r + (A_z B_r - A_r B_z) \hat{a}_\phi + (A_r B_\phi - A_\phi B_r) \hat{a}_z = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{a}_r & \hat{a}_\phi & \hat{a}_z \\ A_r & A_\phi & A_z \\ B_r & B_\phi & B_z \end{vmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

3.4 圓柱座標系

Cylindrical coordinate system

- The 3 coordinates are r, ϕ, z .
- The differential length is

$$d\vec{l} = \hat{a}_r dr + \hat{a}_\phi r d\phi + \hat{a}_z dz$$

- The differential surface is

$$d\vec{s} = \hat{a}_r r d\phi dz + \hat{a}_\phi dz dr + \hat{a}_z r dr d\phi$$

- The differential volume is $dv = r dr d\phi dz$

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3.5 圓球座標系 Spherical coordinate system

Spherical (R, θ, ϕ) Coordinate System

Three unit vectors, $\hat{a}_R, \hat{a}_\theta, \hat{a}_\phi$

A general expression of a vector:

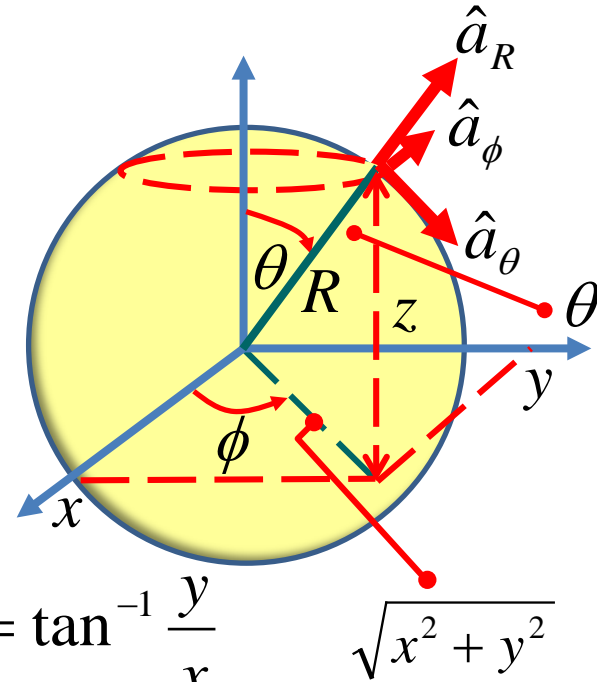
$$\vec{A} = \hat{a}_R A_R + \hat{a}_\theta A_\theta + \hat{a}_\phi A_\phi$$

Orthogonality

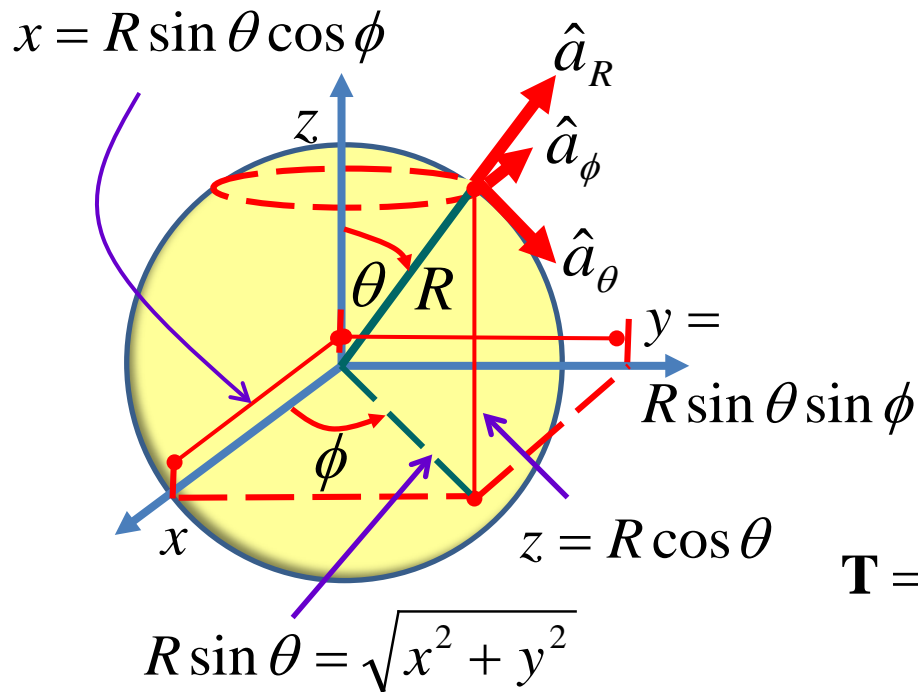
$$\hat{a}_R \cdot \hat{a}_\theta = 0, \hat{a}_\theta \cdot \hat{a}_\phi = 0, \hat{a}_\phi \cdot \hat{a}_R = 0$$

$$\hat{a}_R \times \hat{a}_\theta = \hat{a}_\phi, \hat{a}_\theta \times \hat{a}_\phi = \hat{a}_R, \hat{a}_\phi \times \hat{a}_R = \hat{a}_\theta$$

$$R = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}, \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{z}, \phi = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}$$



Coordinate Transformation



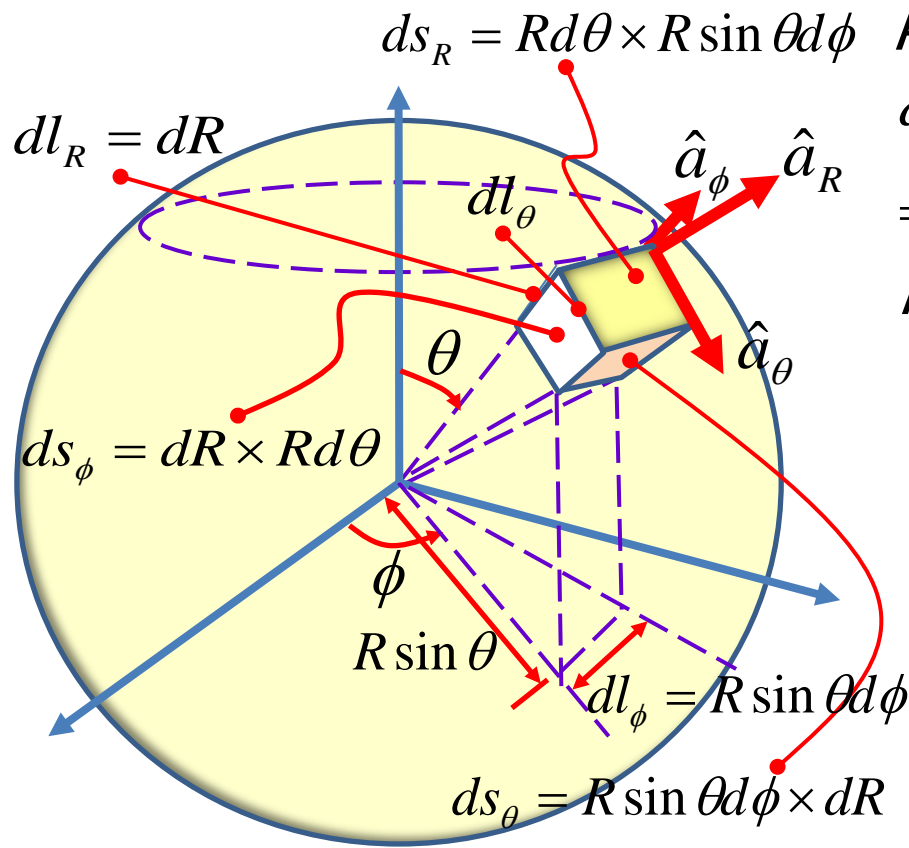
$$\vec{A} = \hat{a}_R A_R + \hat{a}_\theta A_\theta + \hat{a}_\phi A_\phi$$

$$= \hat{a}_x A_x + \hat{a}_y A_y + \hat{a}_z A_z$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{T} \begin{bmatrix} A_R \\ A_\theta \\ A_\phi \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \phi & \cos \theta \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ \sin \theta \sin \phi & \cos \theta \sin \phi & \cos \phi \\ \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



A differential length:

$$\begin{aligned} d\vec{l} &= \hat{a}_R dR + \hat{a}_\theta R d\theta + \hat{a}_\phi R \sin \theta d\phi \\ &= d\vec{l}_R + d\vec{l}_\theta + d\vec{l}_\phi \end{aligned}$$

A differential surface:


$$\begin{aligned} d\vec{s} &= d\vec{s}_R + d\vec{s}_\theta + d\vec{s}_\phi \\ &= d\vec{l}_\theta \times d\vec{l}_\phi + d\vec{l}_\phi \times d\vec{l}_R + d\vec{l}_R \times d\vec{l}_\theta \end{aligned}$$

A differential volume:

$$\begin{aligned} dv &= d\vec{s}_{R,\theta,\phi} \cdot d\vec{l}_{R,\theta,\phi} \\ &= R^2 \sin \theta dR d\theta d\phi \end{aligned}$$

Vector **scalar** product: $\hat{a}_i \cdot \hat{a}_j = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } i \neq j \\ 1 & \text{for } i = j \end{cases}$, where $i, j = R, \theta, \phi$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = (A_R \hat{a}_R + A_\theta \hat{a}_\theta + A_\phi \hat{a}_\phi) \cdot (B_R \hat{a}_R + B_\theta \hat{a}_\theta + B_\phi \hat{a}_\phi) = A_R B_R + A_\theta B_\theta + A_\phi B_\phi$$

Vector **cross** product $\hat{a}_i \times \hat{a}_j = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } i = j \\ \pm \hat{a}_k & \text{for } i \neq j \end{cases}$, where $i, j, k = R, \theta, \phi$
Sign follows the right-hand rule 

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{A} \times \vec{B} &= (A_R \hat{a}_R + A_\theta \hat{a}_\theta + A_\phi \hat{a}_\phi) \times (B_R \hat{a}_R + B_\theta \hat{a}_\theta + B_\phi \hat{a}_\phi) \\ &= (A_\theta B_\phi - A_\phi B_\theta) \hat{a}_R + (A_\phi B_R - A_R B_\phi) \hat{a}_\theta + (A_R B_\theta - A_\theta B_R) \hat{a}_\phi = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{a}_R & \hat{a}_\theta & \hat{a}_\phi \\ A_R & A_\theta & A_\phi \\ B_R & B_\theta & B_\phi \end{vmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

3.5 圓球座標系

Spherical coordinate system

- The 3 coordinates are R, θ, ϕ
- The differential length is

$$d\vec{l} = \hat{a}_R dR + \hat{a}_\theta R d\theta + \hat{a}_\phi R \sin \theta d\phi$$

- The differential surface is

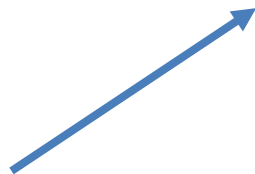
$$d\vec{s} = \hat{a}_R R^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi + \hat{a}_\theta R \sin \theta dR d\phi + \hat{a}_\phi R dR d\theta$$

- The differential volume is $dv = R^2 \sin \theta dR d\theta d\phi$

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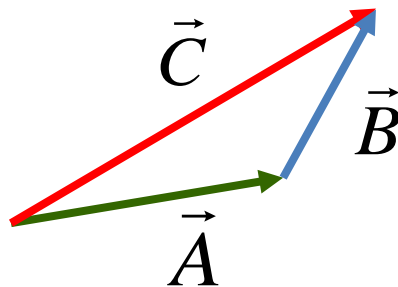
1. A vector consists of a magnitude and a direction.

$$\vec{A} = A\hat{a}_A$$



2. Vector addition can be completed by using the head-to-tail rule.

$$\vec{C} = \vec{A} + \vec{B}$$

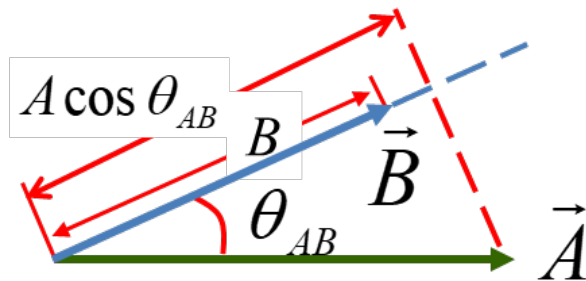
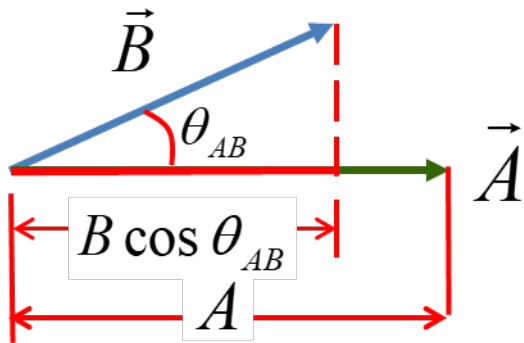


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3. The **scalar or dot product** of two vectors is defined as

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

where $A \cos \theta_{AB}$ is the **projection** of \vec{A} along \vec{B} or $B \cos \theta_{AB}$ is the **projection** of \vec{B} along \vec{A} .

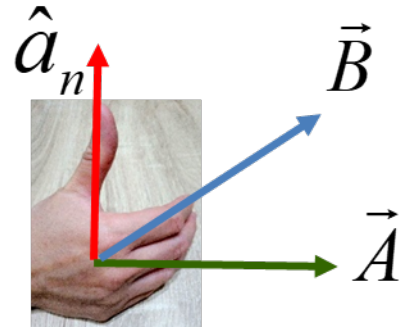
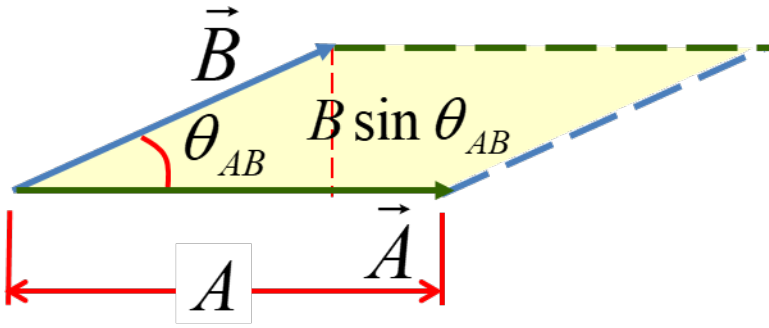


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4. The **cross product** of two vectors is defined as

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \hat{a}_n |AB \sin \theta_{AB}| = -\vec{B} \times \vec{A},$$

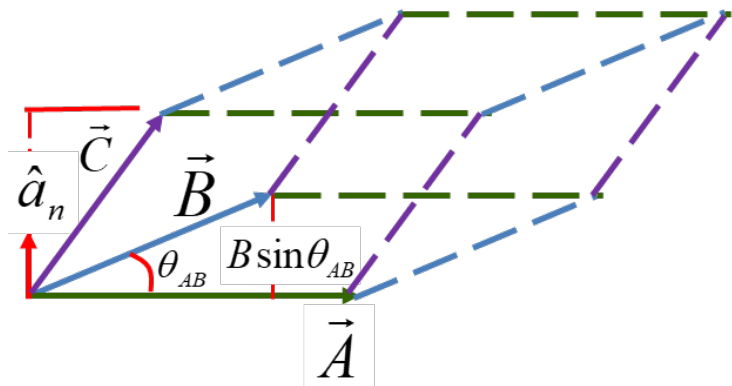
where the magnitude $|AB \sin \theta_{AB}|$ is the **area** of the parallelogram expanded by \vec{A} & \vec{B} and the direction follows **the right hand rule**.



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5. The volume of the parallelepiped expanded by \vec{A} & \vec{B} & \vec{C} is given by

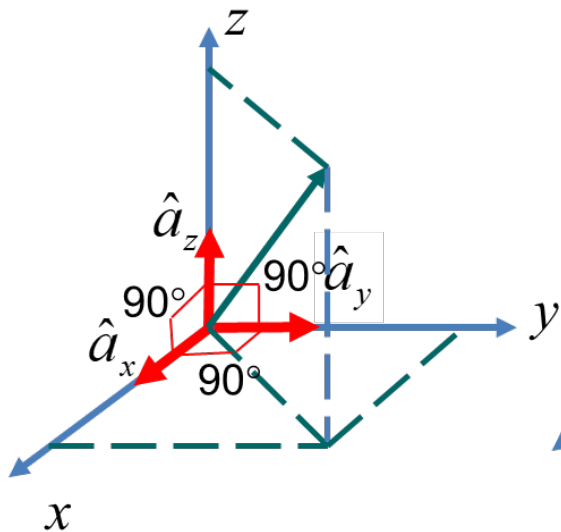
$$(\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) \cdot \vec{C} = (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) \cdot \vec{A} = (\vec{C} \times \vec{A}) \cdot \vec{B}$$



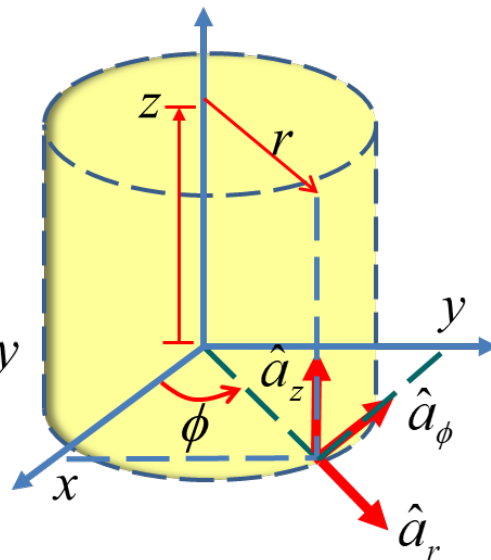
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6. Coordinate systems

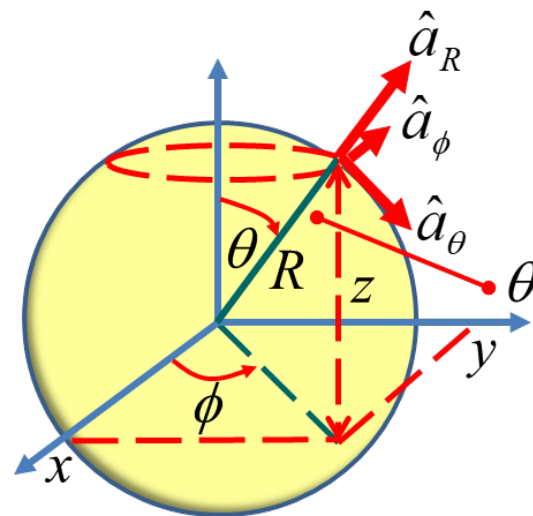
Cartesian



Cylindrical



Spherical



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Simplified labels	Cartesian Coordinates (x, y, z)	Cylindrical Coordinates (r, ϕ, z)	Spherical Coordinates (R, θ, ϕ)
\hat{a}_{u_1}	\hat{a}_x	\hat{a}_r	\hat{a}_R
\hat{a}_{u_2}	\hat{a}_y	\hat{a}_ϕ	\hat{a}_θ
\hat{a}_{u_3}	\hat{a}_z	\hat{a}_z	\hat{a}_ϕ
h_1	1	1	1
h_2	1	r	R
h_3	1	1	$R \sin \theta$

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- A general expression of a vector: $\vec{A} = \hat{a}_{u_1} A_{u_1} + \hat{a}_{u_2} A_{u_2} + \hat{a}_{u_3} A_{u_3}$
- Orthogonality $\hat{a}_{u_i} \cdot \hat{a}_{u_j} = 0 \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3$
 $\hat{a}_{u_1} \times \hat{a}_{u_2} = \hat{a}_{u_3}, \quad \hat{a}_{u_2} \times \hat{a}_{u_3} = \hat{a}_{u_1}, \quad \hat{a}_{u_3} \times \hat{a}_{u_1} = \hat{a}_{u_2}$
- A differential length:

$$d\vec{l} = \hat{a}_{u_1} h_1 du_1 + \hat{a}_{u_2} h_2 du_2 + \hat{a}_{u_3} h_3 du_3 = d\vec{l}_{u_1} + d\vec{l}_{u_2} + d\vec{l}_{u_3}$$

where h_1, h_2, h_3 are called **metric coefficients**.

- A differential surface: $d\vec{s} = d\vec{s}_{u_1} + d\vec{s}_{u_2} + d\vec{s}_{u_3}$
where $d\vec{s}_{u_i} = d\vec{l}_{u_j} \times d\vec{l}_{u_k}$
- A differential volume: $dV = h_1 h_2 h_3 du_1 du_2 du_3$