EE1203: Vector Calculus

Assignment-1

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Handed out on: 14 - Jan - 2024 Due on: 24 - Jan - 2024 (before 5 PM)

Instructions:

1. Please submit the solutions to the assignment problems to the course page (on the Google Classroom platform). Solutions submitted to the course page will only be evaluated.

- 2. Submissions received after the deadline will attract negative marking.
- 3. It is suggested that you attempt all the questions. However, submitting solutions for problems totaling at least 10 points is sufficient.
- 4. Note: Vectors are indicated using the bold interface.
- 1. (5 Points) Let P_1 and P_2 denote the projection of the point P(x, y, z) (denoted in Cartesian coordinates) on the planes x = 0 and y = 0 respectively. Represent the points P_1 and P_2 in cylindrical and spherical coordinate systems.
- 2. (5 Points) Consider a modified spherical coordinate system (purely hypothetical), where any point in the three-dimensional space is represented in the following form $P(r, \theta, \phi)$ where r is the magnitude of the position vector to the point, θ is angle with respect to y-axis and ϕ is angle that the position vector to P_1 (projection of P onto zx-plane) subtends with x-axis. Derive expressions for representing any point P(x, y, z) in this hypothetical coordinate system.
- 3. (5 Points) Quadruple Product/s: Consider four vectors $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{d} \in \mathbb{R}^3$. Prove the following vector identities
 - (a) (2 Points) $(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{d}) = (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c})(\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{d}) (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{d})(\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c})$
 - (b) (3 Points) $(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \times (\mathbf{c} \times \mathbf{d}) = [(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{d}] \mathbf{c} [(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{c}] \mathbf{d}$
- 4. Find the equation of a line y=mx+c in spherical coordinates. Now, find the equation of a plane ax+by+cz+d=0 in spherical coordinates.
- 5. Tune the parameters of the plane such that it reduces to the line. What corresponding changes are observed in the spherical coordinate vector?