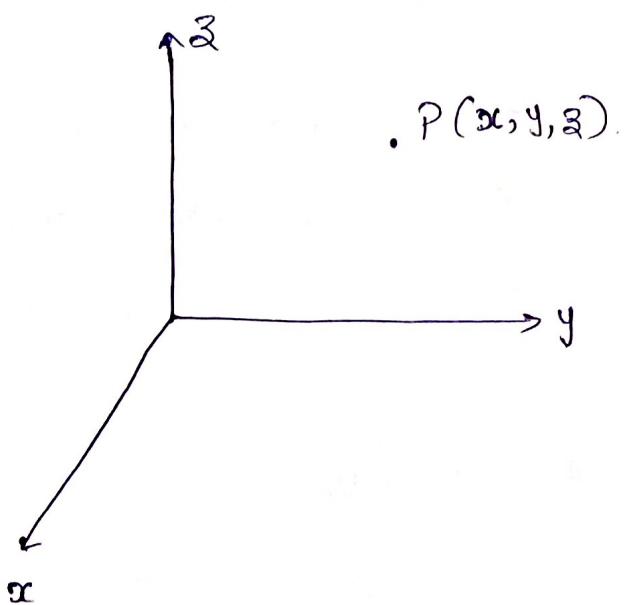


COORDINATE SYSTEMS AND TRANSFORMATION:-

- A point or vector can be represented in any curvilinear coordinate system, which may be orthogonal or non orthogonal.
- An Orthogonal system is one in which the coordinates are mutually perpendicular
e.g:- Cartesian (or rectangular), the circular cylindrical, the spherical, the elliptic cylindrical, the parabolic cylindrical.

* CARTESIAN COORDINATES (x, y, z) :-



A point P can be represented as (x, y, z) .

The ranges of the coordinate variables x, y and z are

$$-\infty < x < \infty$$

$$-\infty < y < \infty$$

$$-\infty < z < \infty$$

A vector \vec{A} in Cartesian or rectangular coordinates can be written as (A_x, A_y, A_z) or $A_x \vec{a}_x + A_y \vec{a}_y + A_z \vec{a}_z$.

where \vec{a}_x, \vec{a}_y and \vec{a}_z are unit vectors along the x, y and z directions.

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

* CIRCULAR CYLINDRICAL COORDINATES :-

The circular cylindrical coordinate system is very convenient whenever we are dealing with problems having cylindrical symmetry.

A point P in cylindrical coordinates is represented as (ρ, ϕ, z) . where ρ - radius of the cylinder
 ϕ - azimuthal angle.
 z - same as in the Cartesian system.

The ranges of the variables are

$$0 \leq \rho < \infty$$

$$0 \leq \phi < 2\pi$$

$$-\infty < z < \infty$$

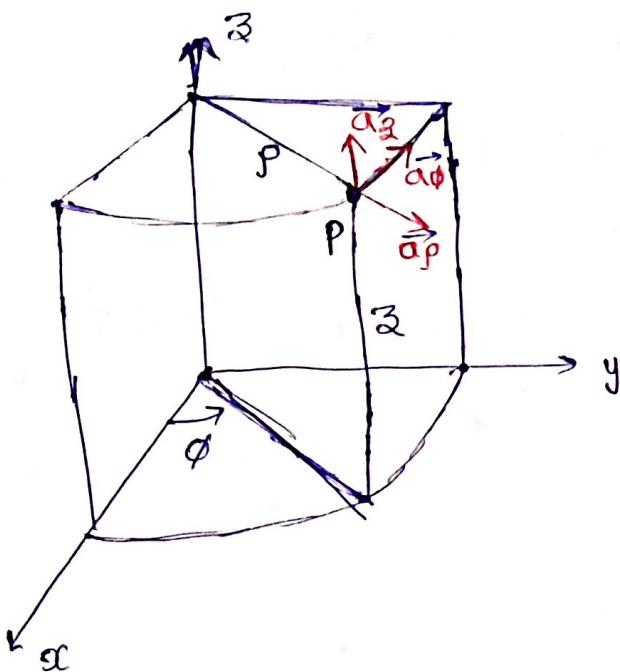


Fig:- Point P and unit vectors in the cylindrical coordinate system.

A vector \vec{A} in cylindrical coordinates can be written as (A_p, A_ϕ, A_z) or $A_p \vec{a}_p + A_\phi \vec{a}_\phi + A_z \vec{a}_z$, where \vec{a}_p , \vec{a}_ϕ and \vec{a}_z are unit vectors in r, ϕ and z directions.

NOTE:- \vec{a}_ϕ is not in degrees; it assumes the units of \vec{A} .
For example, if a force of 10N acts on a particle in a circular motion, the force may be represented as $\vec{F} = 10 \vec{a}_\phi$ N.
In this case a_ϕ is in newtons.

The magnitude of \vec{A} is $|\vec{A}| = \sqrt{A_p^2 + A_\phi^2 + A_z^2}$.

Notice that the unit vectors \vec{a}_p , \vec{a}_ϕ and \vec{a}_z are mutually perpendicular because it is orthogonal. Then

$$\vec{a}_p \cdot \vec{a}_p = \vec{a}_\phi \cdot \vec{a}_\phi = \vec{a}_z \cdot \vec{a}_z = 1.$$

$$\vec{a}_p \cdot \vec{a}_\phi = \vec{a}_\phi \cdot \vec{a}_z = \vec{a}_z \cdot \vec{a}_p = 0.$$

$$\vec{a}_\rho \times \vec{a}_\phi = \vec{a}_z$$

$$\vec{a}_\phi \times \vec{a}_z = \vec{a}_\rho$$

$$\vec{a}_z \times \vec{a}_\rho = \vec{a}_\phi.$$

Relationship b/w (x, y, z) and (ρ, ϕ, z) .

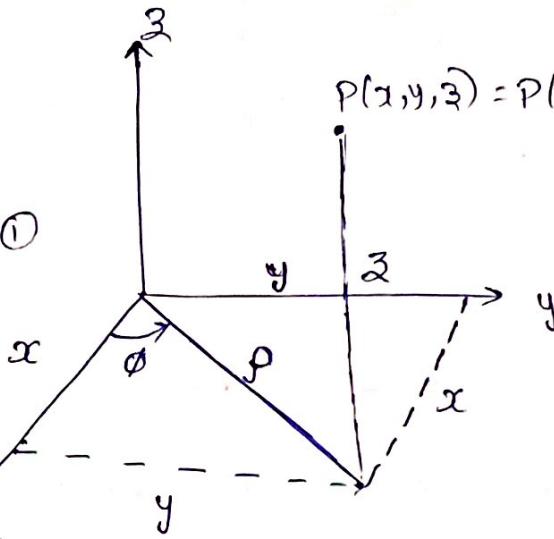
$$\sin \phi = \frac{y}{\rho}$$

$$\therefore [y = \rho \sin \phi] \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$\cos \phi = \frac{x}{\rho}$$

$$\therefore [x = \rho \cos \phi] \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$z = z. \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$



$$\therefore x = \rho \cos \phi, y = \rho \sin \phi \text{ and } z = z$$

→ $\textcircled{4}$ Transforming a point from cylindrical to cartesian coordinates.

$$\textcircled{1}^2 + \textcircled{2}^2 \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = \rho^2 \sin^2 \phi + \rho^2 \cos^2 \phi$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = \rho^2 (\sin^2 \phi + \cos^2 \phi)$$

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

$$\frac{\textcircled{1}}{\textcircled{2}} \Rightarrow \frac{y}{x} = \frac{\rho \sin \phi}{\rho \cos \phi}$$

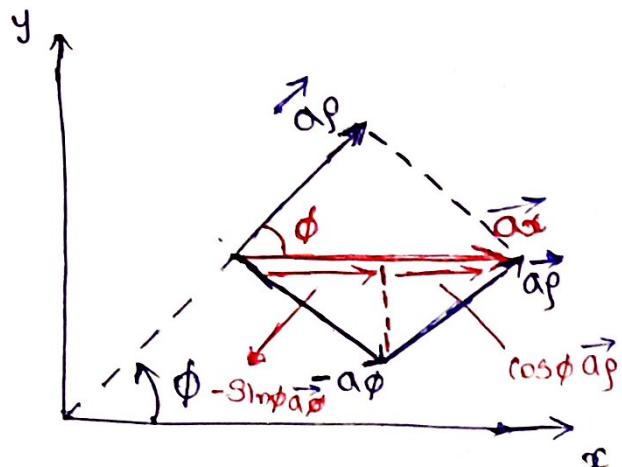
$$\Rightarrow \tan \phi = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right).$$

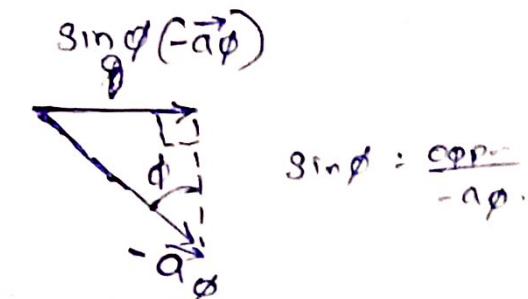
$$\therefore \rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \phi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right), z = z. \rightarrow \textcircled{5}$$

Transforming a point from cartesian to cylindrical coordinates.

The relationships between $(\vec{a}_x, \vec{a}_y, \vec{a}_z)$ and $(\vec{a}_p, \vec{a}_\phi, \vec{a}_\theta)$ are obtained geometrically ③

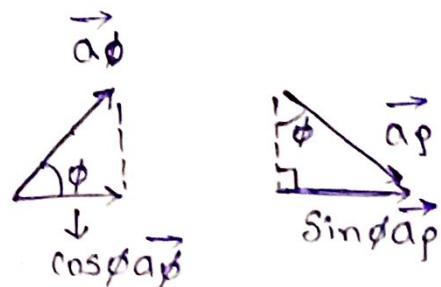
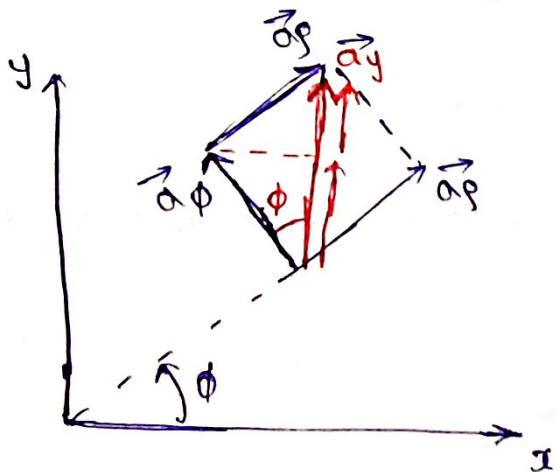


$$\cos\phi = \frac{\text{adj}}{\vec{a}_p}$$



$$\sin\phi = \frac{\text{opp}}{-a_\phi}$$

$$\therefore \vec{a}_x = \cos\phi \vec{a}_p - \sin\phi \vec{a}_\phi.$$



$$\therefore \vec{a}_y = \sin\phi \vec{a}_p + \cos\phi \vec{a}_\phi.$$

$$\therefore \vec{a}_x = \cos\phi \vec{a}_p - \sin\phi \vec{a}_\phi \rightarrow ⑥$$

$$\vec{a}_y = \sin\phi \vec{a}_p + \cos\phi \vec{a}_\phi \rightarrow ⑦$$

$$\vec{a}_z = \vec{a}_\theta \rightarrow ⑧$$

$$\cos\phi \times ⑥ \Rightarrow \cos\phi \vec{a}_x = \cos^2\phi \vec{a}_p - \cos\phi \sin\phi \vec{a}_\phi \rightarrow ⑨$$

$$\sin\phi \times ⑦ \Rightarrow \sin\phi \vec{a}_y = \sin^2\phi \vec{a}_p + \cos\phi \sin\phi \vec{a}_\phi \rightarrow ⑩$$

$$\textcircled{1A} + \textcircled{1B} : \vec{a}_p = \cos\phi \vec{a}_x + \sin\phi \vec{a}_y$$

$$\sin\phi \times \textcircled{6} \Rightarrow \sin\phi \vec{a}_x = \sin\phi \cos\phi \vec{a}_p - \sin^2\phi \vec{a}_\phi \rightarrow \textcircled{10A}$$

$$\cos\phi \times \textcircled{7} \Rightarrow \cos\phi \vec{a}_y = \sin\phi \cos\phi \vec{a}_p + \cos^2\phi \vec{a}_\phi \rightarrow \textcircled{10B}$$

$$- \textcircled{10A} + \textcircled{10B} \Rightarrow \vec{a}_p = -\sin\phi \vec{a}_x + \cos\phi \vec{a}_y$$

and $\vec{a}_3 = \vec{a}_2$.

$$\therefore \vec{a}_p = \cos\phi \vec{a}_x + \sin\phi \vec{a}_y \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$\vec{a}_\phi = -\sin\phi \vec{a}_x + \cos\phi \vec{a}_y \rightarrow \textcircled{10}$$

$$\vec{a}_3 = \vec{a}_2 \rightarrow \textcircled{11}$$

We know in Cartesian coordinates,

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

$$\Rightarrow A = A_x (\cos\phi \vec{a}_p - \sin\phi \vec{a}_\phi) + A_y (\sin\phi \vec{a}_p + \cos\phi \vec{a}_\phi) + A_z \vec{a}_3$$

$$\Rightarrow A = (A_x \cos\phi + A_y \sin\phi) \vec{a}_p + (-A_x \sin\phi + A_y \cos\phi) \vec{a}_\phi + A_z \vec{a}_3$$

$$\therefore A_p = A_x \cos\phi + A_y \sin\phi$$

$$A_\phi = -A_x \sin\phi + A_y \cos\phi$$

$$A_3 = A_2$$

In Matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_p \\ A_\phi \\ A_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\phi & \sin\phi & 0 \\ -\sin\phi & \cos\phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \textcircled{12}$$

$$\text{In circular cylindrical} \quad A = A_p \vec{a}_p + A_\theta \vec{a}_\theta + A_z \vec{a}_z \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow A = A_p (\cos \phi \vec{a}_x + \sin \phi \vec{a}_y) + A_\theta (-\sin \phi \vec{a}_x + \cos \phi \vec{a}_y) + A_z \vec{a}_z$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \underbrace{(A_p \cos \phi - A_\theta \sin \phi)}_{A_x} \vec{a}_x + \underbrace{(A_p \sin \phi + A_\theta \cos \phi)}_{A_y} \vec{a}_y + A_z \vec{a}_z$$

in Matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi & 0 \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_p \\ A_\theta \\ A_z \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow (13)$$

An alternative way of obtaining eq (12) + (13) is by using dot product.

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_x \cdot \vec{a}_p & \vec{a}_x \cdot \vec{a}_\theta & \vec{a}_x \cdot \vec{a}_z \\ \vec{a}_y \cdot \vec{a}_p & \vec{a}_y \cdot \vec{a}_\theta & \vec{a}_y \cdot \vec{a}_z \\ \vec{a}_z \cdot \vec{a}_p & \vec{a}_z \cdot \vec{a}_\theta & \vec{a}_z \cdot \vec{a}_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_p \\ A_\theta \\ A_z \end{bmatrix}$$

* SPHERICAL COORDINATES (r, θ, ϕ) :

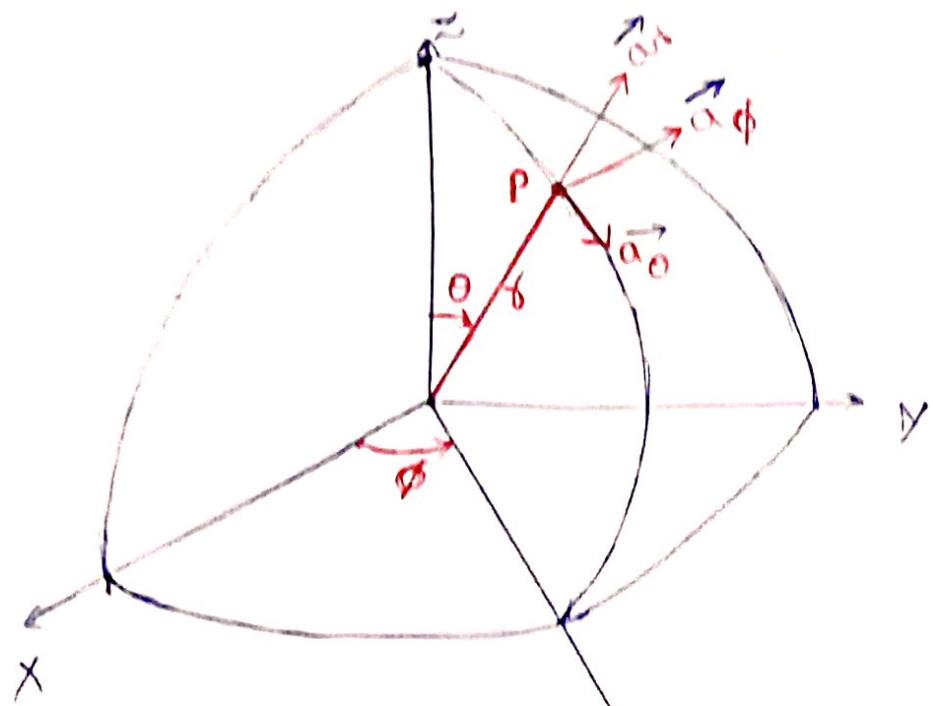
- The spherical coordinate system is most appropriate when one is dealing with problems having a degree of spherical symmetry.
- A point 'P' can be represented as (r, θ, ϕ) .
 - ' r ' - the radius of the sphere.
 - θ - angle between the z -axis and the position vector of 'P'.
 - ϕ - angle measured from the x -axis.

Range:

$$0 \leq \gamma \leq 360^\circ$$

$$0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$$

$$0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi$$



A vector \vec{A} in the spherical coordinates can be written as

$$(A_r, A_\theta, A_\phi) \quad \vec{A} = A_r \vec{a}_r + A_\theta \vec{a}_\theta + A_\phi \vec{a}_\phi \quad (5)$$

where $\vec{a}_r, \vec{a}_\theta$ & \vec{a}_ϕ are unit vectors along the r, θ, ϕ directions.

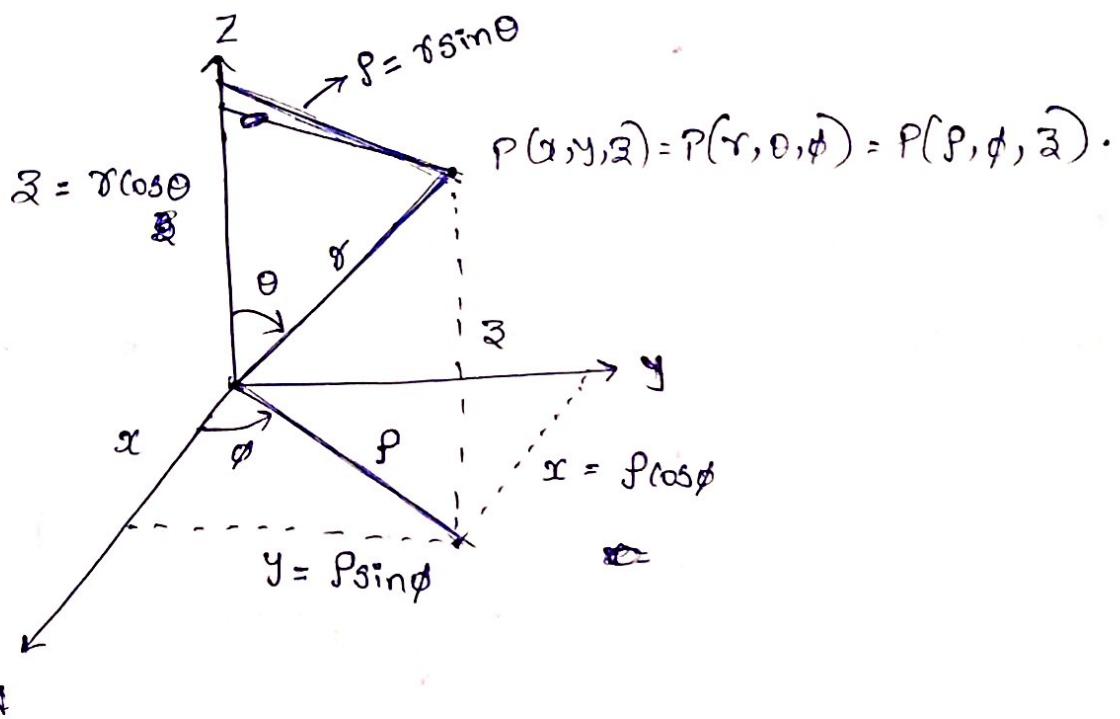
The magnitude of A is $|\vec{A}| = \sqrt{A_r^2 + A_\theta^2 + A_\phi^2}$.

$$\vec{a}_r \cdot \vec{a}_r = \vec{a}_\theta \cdot \vec{a}_\theta = \vec{a}_\phi \cdot \vec{a}_\phi = 1$$

$$\vec{a}_r \cdot \vec{a}_\theta = \vec{a}_\theta \cdot \vec{a}_\phi = \vec{a}_\phi \cdot \vec{a}_r = 0$$

$$\vec{a}_r \times \vec{a}_\theta = \vec{a}_\phi, \quad \vec{a}_\theta \times \vec{a}_\phi = \vec{a}_r, \quad \vec{a}_\phi \times \vec{a}_r = \vec{a}_\theta.$$

Transforming a point from Cartesian to spherical, cylindrical
to spherical and vice versa :-



$$\rho = r \sin \theta, \quad \phi = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{y}{x} \right), \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\rho}{z} \right).$$

$$r^2 = \rho^2 + z^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2,$$

$$(\because \rho^2 = x^2 + y^2)$$

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| $\therefore r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ $\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{z} \right)$ $\phi = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{y}{x} \right)$ |
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Cartesian to
Spherical.

$$\begin{aligned}x &= r \cos\phi = r \sin\theta \cos\phi \\y &= r \sin\phi = r \sin\theta \sin\phi \\z &= r \cos\theta.\end{aligned}$$

Spherical to Cartesian.

$$r = \sqrt{f^2 + z^2}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{f}{z}\right)$$

$$\phi = \phi$$

Cylindrical to Spherical

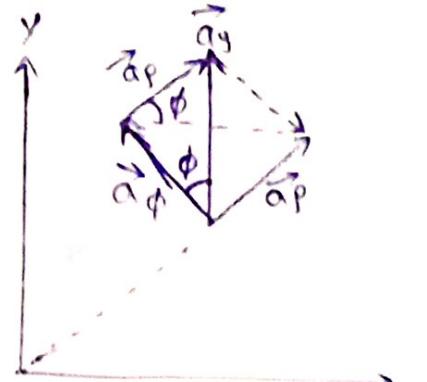
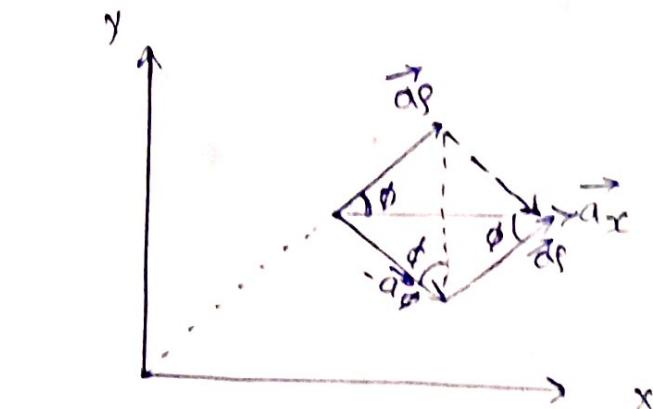
$$f = r \sin\theta$$

$$\phi = \phi$$

$$z = r \cos\theta$$

Spherical to Cylindrical.

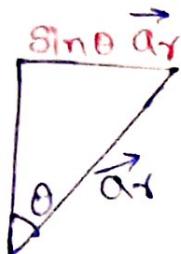
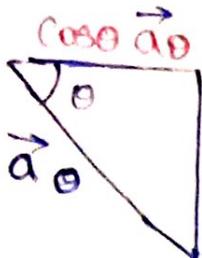
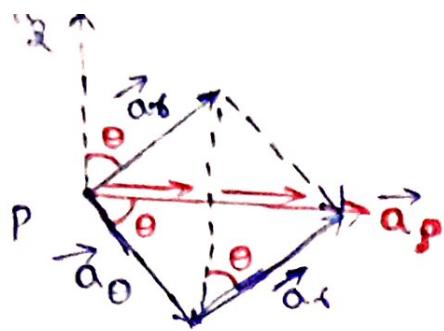
The relationships between unit vector array \vec{a}_x, \vec{a}_y and $\vec{a}_r, \vec{a}_\theta, \vec{a}_\phi$ can be obtained geometrically.



$$\vec{a}_x = \cos\phi \vec{a}_r - \sin\phi \vec{a}_\theta$$

$$\vec{a}_y = \sin\phi \vec{a}_r + \cos\phi \vec{a}_\theta$$

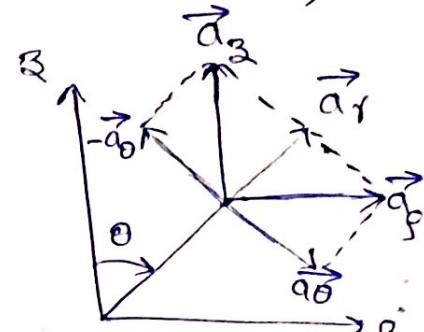
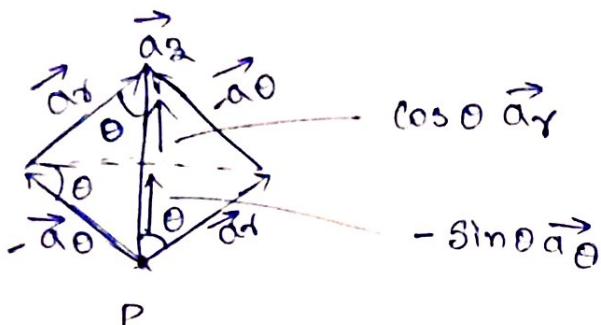
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$$\therefore \vec{a}_\rho = \sin \theta \vec{a}_\gamma + \cos \theta \vec{a}_\theta.$$

$$\vec{a}_x = \sin \theta \cos \phi \vec{a}_\gamma + \cos \theta \cos \phi \vec{a}_\theta - \sin \phi \vec{a}_\phi$$

$$\vec{a}_y = \sin \theta \sin \phi \vec{a}_\gamma + \cos \theta \sin \phi \vec{a}_\theta + \cos \phi \vec{a}_\phi$$



$$\vec{a}_z = \cos \theta \vec{a}_\gamma - \sin \theta \vec{a}_\theta.$$

$$\therefore \vec{a}_x = \sin \theta \cos \phi \vec{a}_\gamma + \cos \theta \cos \phi \vec{a}_\theta - \sin \phi \vec{a}_\phi \quad \rightarrow ①$$

$$\vec{a}_y = \sin \theta \sin \phi \vec{a}_\gamma + \cos \theta \sin \phi \vec{a}_\theta + \cos \phi \vec{a}_\phi \quad \rightarrow ②$$

$$\vec{a}_z = \cos \theta \vec{a}_\gamma - \sin \theta \vec{a}_\theta \quad \rightarrow ③$$

$$\sin \theta \cos \phi \times ① \Rightarrow \sin \theta \cos \phi \vec{a}_x = \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi \vec{a}_\gamma + \sin \theta \cos \theta \cos^2 \phi \vec{a}_\theta - \sin \theta \sin \phi \vec{a}_\phi \quad L(4)$$

$$\sin \theta \sin \phi \times ② \Rightarrow \sin \theta \sin \phi \vec{a}_y = \sin^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi \vec{a}_\gamma + \sin \theta \cos \theta \sin^2 \phi \vec{a}_\theta + \sin \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi \vec{a}_\phi \quad L(5)$$

$$\cos \theta \times ③ \Rightarrow \cos \theta \vec{a}_z = \cos^2 \theta \vec{a}_\gamma - \sin \theta \cos \theta \vec{a}_\theta \quad L(6)$$

$$④ + ⑤ + ⑥ \Rightarrow \vec{a}_\gamma = \sin \theta \cos \phi \vec{a}_x + \sin \theta \sin \phi \vec{a}_y + \cos \theta \vec{a}_z.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} & X A_0 \cos \phi \Rightarrow \cos \theta \cos \phi \vec{a}_x = \sin \theta \cos \phi \vec{a}_x + \cos^2 \theta \vec{a}_y - \sin \theta \sin \phi \vec{a}_y \rightarrow \textcircled{5a} \\ \textcircled{2} & X A_0 \sin \phi \Rightarrow \cos \theta \sin \phi \vec{a}_y = \sin \theta \cos \theta \vec{a}_x + \cos \theta \sin \phi \vec{a}_y + \sin \theta \sin \phi \cos \theta \vec{a}_y \rightarrow \textcircled{5b} \\ \textcircled{3} & X -A_0 \sin \theta \Rightarrow -\sin \theta \vec{a}_z = -\sin \theta \cos \theta \vec{a}_y + \sin^2 \theta \vec{a}_y \rightarrow \textcircled{5c} \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{5a} + \textcircled{5b} + \textcircled{5c} \quad \vec{a}_0 = \cos \theta \cos \phi \vec{a}_x + \cos \theta \sin \phi \vec{a}_y - \sin \theta \vec{a}_z.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} & X -\sin \phi \vec{a}_x \Rightarrow -\sin \phi \vec{a}_x = -\sin \theta \sin \phi \cos \theta \vec{a}_x + \sin \theta \cos \theta \cos \phi \vec{a}_y + \sin^2 \theta \vec{a}_y \\ \textcircled{2} & X \cos \phi \Rightarrow \cos \phi \vec{a}_y = \sin \theta \sin \phi \cos \theta \vec{a}_x + \sin \theta \cos \theta \cos \phi \vec{a}_y + \cos \theta \vec{a}_y \rightarrow \textcircled{6a} \\ \textcircled{6a} + \textcircled{6b} & \Rightarrow \vec{a}_\phi = -\sin \phi \vec{a}_x + \cos \phi \vec{a}_y \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{we know} \quad A = A_x \vec{a}_x + A_y \vec{a}_y + A_\phi \vec{a}_\phi$$

$$\Rightarrow A = A_x (\sin \theta \cos \phi \vec{a}_x + \sin \theta \sin \phi \vec{a}_y + \cos \theta \vec{a}_z) + \\ A_0 (\cos \theta \cos \phi \vec{a}_x + \cos \theta \sin \phi \vec{a}_y - \sin \theta \vec{a}_z) + \\ A_\phi (-\sin \phi \vec{a}_x + \cos \phi \vec{a}_y)$$

$$\Rightarrow A = (A_x \sin \theta \cos \phi + A_0 \cos \theta \cos \phi - A_\phi \sin \phi) \vec{a}_x + \\ (A_x \sin \theta \sin \phi + A_0 \cos \theta \sin \phi + A_\phi \cos \phi) \vec{a}_y + \\ (A_x \cos \theta - A_0 \sin \theta) \vec{a}_z.$$

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

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

Vector Components

Unit Vector

Coordinate Variables

Transformation

| Cartesian to Cylindrical | $\rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$, $\phi = \tan^{-1}(\frac{y}{x})$ | $\alpha_\rho = \alpha_x \cos\phi + \alpha_y \sin\phi$ | $\alpha_\theta = -\alpha_x \sin\phi + \alpha_y \cos\phi$ | $\alpha_z = \alpha_z$ |
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| Cylindrical to Cartesian | $x = \rho \cos\phi$, $y = \rho \sin\phi$ | $\alpha_x = \alpha_\rho \cos\phi - \alpha_\theta \sin\phi$ | $\alpha_y = \alpha_\rho \sin\phi + \alpha_\theta \cos\phi$ | $\alpha_z = \alpha_z$ |
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| Cartesian to Spherical | $\rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$, $\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{z}\right)$, $\phi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$ | $\alpha_\rho = \alpha_x \sin\theta \cos\phi + \alpha_y \sin\theta \sin\phi + \alpha_z \cos\theta$ | $\alpha_\theta = \alpha_x \cos\theta \cos\phi + \alpha_y \cos\theta \sin\phi - \alpha_z \sin\theta$ | $\alpha_\phi = -\alpha_x \sin\phi + \alpha_y \cos\phi$ |
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| Spherical to Cartesian | $x = \rho \sin\theta \cos\phi$ | $\alpha_x = \alpha_\rho \sin\theta \cos\phi - \alpha_\theta \cos\theta \cos\phi$ | $\alpha_y = \alpha_\rho \sin\theta \sin\phi + \alpha_\theta \cos\theta \sin\phi$ | $\alpha_z = \alpha_\rho \cos\theta - \alpha_\theta \sin\theta$ |
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| Cylindrical to Spherical | $\rho = \sqrt{\rho^2 + z^2}$, $\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{z}{\rho}\right)$ | $\alpha_\rho = \alpha_\rho \cos\theta + \alpha_z \sin\theta$ | $\alpha_\theta = \alpha_\rho \cos\theta - \alpha_z \sin\theta$ | $\alpha_z = \alpha_z$ |
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| Spherical to Cylindrical | $\rho = r \sin\theta$ | $\alpha_\rho = \alpha_r \sin\theta + \alpha_\theta \cos\theta$ | $\alpha_\theta = \alpha_r \cos\theta + \alpha_\theta \sin\theta$ | $\alpha_z = \alpha_r \cos\theta - \alpha_\theta \sin\theta$ |
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$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ A_0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_T \cdot a_x & a_T \cdot a_y & a_T \cdot a_z \\ a_0 \cdot a_x & a_0 \cdot a_y & a_0 \cdot a_z \\ a_T \cdot a_x & a_T \cdot a_y & a_T \cdot a_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \end{bmatrix}.$$