

Vector Algebra

Representation of a vector \vec{A} by use of orthonormal unit vectors $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3$:

$$\vec{A} = A_1 \vec{e}_1 + A_2 \vec{e}_2 + A_3 \vec{e}_3 = (A_1, A_2, A_3)$$

A_1, A_2, A_3 are the components of \vec{A} with respect to $\vec{e}_1, \vec{e}_2, \vec{e}_3$.

Inner product, scalar product:

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \cos(\angle \vec{A}, \vec{B})$$

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = A_1 B_1 + A_2 B_2 + A_3 B_3$$

Outer product, vector product, cross product:

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{e}_1 & \vec{e}_2 & \vec{e}_3 \\ A_1 & A_2 & A_3 \\ B_1 & B_2 & B_3 \end{vmatrix} = (A_2 B_3 - A_3 B_2) \vec{e}_1 + (A_3 B_1 - A_1 B_3) \vec{e}_2 + (A_1 B_2 - A_2 B_1) \vec{e}_3$$

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

$$|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}| = |\vec{A}| |\vec{B}| \sin(\angle \vec{A}, \vec{B})$$

Parallelepipedal product (deutsch: Spatprodukt):

$$(\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) \cdot \vec{C} = \begin{vmatrix} C_1 & C_2 & C_3 \\ A_1 & A_2 & A_3 \\ B_1 & B_2 & B_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

Double cross product:

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

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

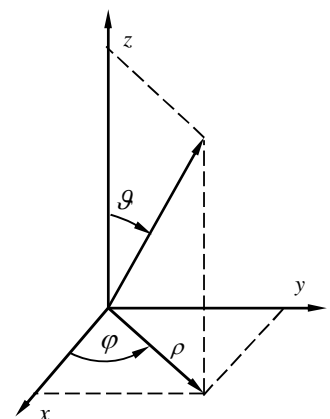
Multiple cross products:

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

$$(\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) \times (\vec{C} \times \vec{D}) = [(\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) \cdot \vec{D}] \vec{C} - [(\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) \cdot \vec{C}] \vec{D}$$

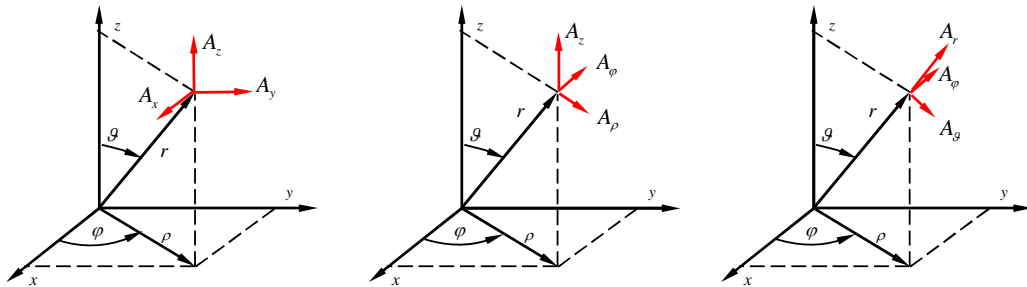
Relations between Cartesian, Cylindrical and Spherical Coordinates

	Cartesian Coordinates	Cylindrical Coordinates	Spherical Coordinates
Cartesian Coordinates	x y z	$\rho \cos \varphi$ $\rho \sin \varphi$ z	$r \sin \vartheta \cos \varphi$ $r \sin \vartheta \sin \varphi$ $r \cos \vartheta$
Cylindrical Coordinates	$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ $\arctan\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \pm \pi$ z	ρ φ z	$r \sin \vartheta$ φ $r \cos \vartheta$
Spherical Coordinates	$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ $\arctan \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{z} \pm \pi$ $\arctan \frac{y}{x} \pm \pi$	$\sqrt{\rho^2 + z^2}$ $\arctan \frac{\rho}{z} \pm \pi$ φ	r ϑ φ



Vector Components in Cartesian, Cylindrical and Spherical Coordinate Systems

	Cartesian Components	Cylindrical Components	Spherical Components
To: Cartesian Components	A_x A_y A_z	$A_\rho \cos \varphi - A_\varphi \sin \varphi$ $A_\rho \sin \varphi + A_\varphi \cos \varphi$ A_z	$A_r \sin \vartheta \cos \varphi + A_\vartheta \cos \vartheta \cos \varphi - A_\varphi \sin \vartheta$ $A_r \sin \vartheta \sin \varphi + A_\vartheta \cos \vartheta \sin \varphi + A_\varphi \cos \vartheta$ $A_r \cos \vartheta - A_\vartheta \sin \vartheta$
To: Cylindrical Components	$A_x \cos \varphi + A_y \sin \varphi$ $-A_x \sin \varphi + A_y \cos \varphi$ A_z	A_ρ A_φ A_z	$A_r \sin \vartheta + A_\vartheta \cos \vartheta$ A_φ $A_r \cos \vartheta - A_\vartheta \sin \vartheta$
To: Spherical Components	$A_x \sin \vartheta \cos \varphi + A_y \sin \vartheta \sin \varphi + A_z \cos \vartheta$ $A_x \cos \vartheta \cos \varphi + A_y \cos \vartheta \sin \varphi - A_z \sin \vartheta$ $-A_x \sin \varphi + A_y \cos \varphi$	$A_\rho \sin \vartheta + A_z \cos \vartheta$ $A_\rho \cos \vartheta - A_z \sin \vartheta$ A_φ	A_r A_ϑ A_φ



Differential Operators in Cartesian, Cylindrical and Spherical Coordinates

Cartesian coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{grad } f &= \vec{\nabla} f = \vec{e}_x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \vec{e}_y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + \vec{e}_z \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \\ \text{div } \vec{A} &= \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} \\ \text{rot } \vec{A} &= \text{curl } \vec{A} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} = \vec{e}_x \left(\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} \right) \\ &+ \vec{e}_y \left(\frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} \right) + \vec{e}_z \left(\frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \right) \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} \vec{e}_x & \vec{e}_y & \vec{e}_z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \end{vmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta f = \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla} f = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2}$$

f : scalar function
 \vec{A} : vector function

Cylindrical coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{grad } f &= \vec{e}_\rho \frac{\partial f}{\partial \rho} + \vec{e}_\varphi \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \varphi} + \vec{e}_z \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \\ \text{div } \vec{A} &= \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} (\rho A_\rho) + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial A_\varphi}{\partial \varphi} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} \\ \text{rot } \vec{A} &= \text{curl } \vec{A} = \vec{e}_\rho \left(\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \varphi} - \frac{\partial A_\varphi}{\partial z} \right) \\ &+ \vec{e}_\varphi \left(\frac{\partial A_\rho}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \rho} \right) + \vec{e}_z \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} (\rho A_\varphi) - \frac{\partial A_\rho}{\partial \varphi} \right) \end{aligned}$$

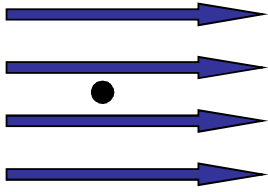
$$\begin{aligned} \Delta f &= \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left(\rho \frac{\partial f}{\partial \rho} \right) + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \varphi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2} \\ &= \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \rho^2} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \rho} + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \varphi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z^2} \end{aligned}$$

Spherical coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{grad } f &= \vec{e}_r \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} + \vec{e}_\vartheta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \vartheta} + \vec{e}_\varphi \frac{1}{r \sin \vartheta} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \varphi} \\ \text{div } \vec{A} &= \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 A_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \vartheta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vartheta} (A_\vartheta \sin \vartheta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \vartheta} \frac{\partial A_\varphi}{\partial \varphi} \\ \text{rot } \vec{A} &= \text{curl } \vec{A} = \vec{e}_r \frac{1}{r \sin \vartheta} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \vartheta} (A_\varphi \sin \vartheta) - \frac{\partial A_\vartheta}{\partial \varphi} \right) \\ &+ \vec{e}_\vartheta \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{1}{\sin \vartheta} \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \varphi} - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_\varphi) \right) + \vec{e}_\varphi \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_\vartheta) - \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \vartheta} \right) \end{aligned}$$

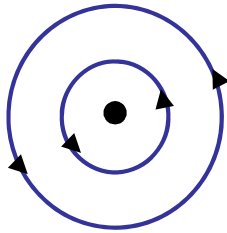
$$\begin{aligned} \Delta f &= \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \vartheta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \vartheta} \left(\sin \vartheta \frac{\partial f}{\partial \vartheta} \right) \\ &+ \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \vartheta} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \varphi^2} \end{aligned}$$

Visualisation



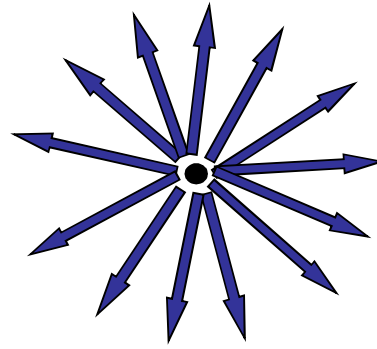
$$\operatorname{div} \vec{A} = 0 \quad (\text{sources at infinity})$$

$$\operatorname{rot} \vec{A} = 0$$



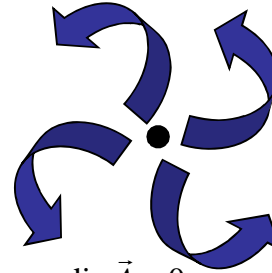
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$$\operatorname{div} \vec{A} \neq 0$$

$$\operatorname{rot} \vec{A} \neq 0$$

Composed Operations with Gradient

$$d f = \operatorname{grad} f \cdot d \vec{r} = \operatorname{grad} f \cdot d \vec{s}$$

$$\operatorname{grad} f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \vec{e}_x + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \vec{e}_y + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \vec{e}_z$$

$$\operatorname{grad}(f + g) = \operatorname{grad} f + \operatorname{grad} g$$

$$\operatorname{grad}(c f) = c \operatorname{grad} f;$$

$c = \text{const.}$

$$\operatorname{grad}(f \cdot g) = f \operatorname{grad} g + g \operatorname{grad} f$$

$$\operatorname{grad}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}) = (\vec{A} \cdot \operatorname{grad}) \vec{B} + (\vec{B} \cdot \operatorname{grad}) \vec{A} + \vec{A} \times \operatorname{rot} \vec{B} + \vec{B} \times \operatorname{rot} \vec{A}$$

$$\operatorname{grad} r = \frac{\vec{r}}{r} = \vec{e}_r$$

$$r = |\vec{r}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

$$\operatorname{grad} \frac{1}{r} = -\frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} = -\frac{1}{r^2} \vec{e}_r$$

$$\operatorname{grad} f(g(\vec{r})) = \frac{d f}{d g} \cdot \operatorname{grad} g(\vec{r})$$

implicit derivative

$$\operatorname{grad} f(r) = \frac{d f}{d r} \vec{e}_r; \quad \text{e.g.: } \operatorname{grad}[\ln(r)] = \frac{\vec{r}}{r^2} = \frac{1}{r} \vec{e}_r$$

$$\operatorname{grad}(\vec{a} \cdot \vec{r}) = \vec{a};$$

\vec{a} constant vector

$$(\vec{A} \cdot \operatorname{grad}) \vec{B} = (\vec{A} \cdot \operatorname{grad} B_x) \vec{e}_x + (\vec{A} \cdot \operatorname{grad} B_y) \vec{e}_y + (\vec{A} \cdot \operatorname{grad} B_z) \vec{e}_z$$

$$(\vec{A} \cdot \operatorname{grad}) \vec{r} = \vec{A}$$

$$(\vec{A} \cdot \operatorname{grad}) \vec{e}_r = \frac{\vec{A}}{r} - \frac{A_r}{r} \vec{e}_r$$

$$(\vec{a} \cdot \operatorname{grad}) f \vec{A} = f(\vec{a} \cdot \operatorname{grad}) \vec{A} + \vec{A}(\vec{a} \cdot \operatorname{grad} f)$$

Composed Operations with Divergence

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \lim_{\Delta V \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Delta V} \oint_{\partial(\Delta V)} \vec{B}(\vec{r}) \cdot d\vec{A}; \quad d\vec{A} = \text{differential area element}$$

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{B} = \frac{\partial B_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial B_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial B_z}{\partial z}$$

$$\operatorname{div}(\vec{C} + \vec{B}) = \operatorname{div} \vec{C} + \operatorname{div} \vec{B}$$

$$\operatorname{div}(c\vec{B}) = c \operatorname{div} \vec{B}; \quad c = \text{constant}$$

$$\operatorname{div}(f\vec{B}) = f \operatorname{div} \vec{B} + \vec{B} \cdot \operatorname{grad} f; \quad \text{product theorem}$$

$$\operatorname{div}(\vec{C} \times \vec{B}) = \vec{B} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \vec{C} - \vec{C} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \vec{B}; \quad \text{product theorem}$$

$$\operatorname{div}(\operatorname{rot} \vec{C}) = 0$$

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{r} = 3$$

$$\operatorname{div} \vec{e}_r = \frac{2}{r}$$

$$\operatorname{div}[\vec{B}(f(\vec{r}))] = \frac{d\vec{B}(\vec{r})}{df} \cdot \operatorname{grad} f(\vec{r}); \quad \text{implicit derivative}$$

$$\operatorname{div}[\vec{B}(r)] = \frac{d\vec{B}(r)}{dr} \cdot \vec{e}_r; \quad \text{implicit derivative}$$

$$\operatorname{div}[f(r)\vec{r}] = 3f(r) + rf'(r)$$

$$\operatorname{div}(\vec{a} \times \vec{r}) = 0; \quad \vec{a} = \text{constant vector}$$

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Composed Operations with Curl

$$\vec{n} \cdot \operatorname{rot} \vec{B}(\vec{r}) = \lim_{\Delta A \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Delta A} \oint_{C(\Delta A)} \vec{B}(\vec{r}) \cdot d\vec{s}; \quad d\vec{s} = \text{differential line element}$$

$$\operatorname{rot} \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{e}_x & \vec{e}_y & \vec{e}_z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\operatorname{rot}(\vec{C} + \vec{B}) = \operatorname{rot} \vec{C} + \operatorname{rot} \vec{B}$$

$$\operatorname{rot} c\vec{B} = c \operatorname{rot} \vec{B}; \quad c = \text{constant}$$

$$\operatorname{rot}(f\vec{B}) = f \operatorname{rot} \vec{B} + \operatorname{grad} f \times \vec{B} = f \operatorname{rot} \vec{B} - \vec{B} \times \operatorname{grad} f; \quad \text{product theorem}$$

$$\operatorname{rot}(\operatorname{grad} f) = 0$$

$$\operatorname{rot} \operatorname{rot} \vec{B} = \operatorname{grad} \operatorname{div} \vec{B} - \Delta \vec{B}$$

$$\operatorname{rot}(\vec{C} \times \vec{B}) = \vec{C} \operatorname{div} \vec{B} - \vec{B} \operatorname{div} \vec{C} + (\vec{B} \cdot \operatorname{grad}) \vec{C} - (\vec{C} \cdot \operatorname{grad}) \vec{B}$$

$$\operatorname{rot} \vec{r} = 0$$

$$\operatorname{rot}[f(r)\vec{r}] = 0$$

$$\operatorname{rot}[f(r)\vec{a}] = f'(r) \frac{\vec{r}}{r} \times \vec{a} = f'(r) \vec{e}_r \times \vec{a}; \quad \vec{a} = \text{constant vector}$$

$$\operatorname{rot} \vec{B}(f(\vec{r})) = -\frac{d\vec{B}(\vec{r})}{df} \times \operatorname{grad} f(\vec{r}); \quad \text{implicit derivative}$$

$$\operatorname{rot} \vec{B}(r) = -\frac{d\vec{B}(r)}{dr} \times \vec{e}_r$$

$$\operatorname{rot}(\vec{a} \times \vec{r}) = 2\vec{a}$$

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Integral Theorems

$$\iiint_V \operatorname{div} \vec{B} dv = \oint_{A(V)} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A} \quad \text{integral theorem of Gauss} \quad dv = \text{differential volume element}$$

$$\iint_A \operatorname{rot} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{A} = \oint_{C(A)} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} \quad \text{integral theorem of Stokes}$$

$$\iint_A \operatorname{div}_s \vec{B} dA = \oint_{C(A)} \vec{B} \cdot (d\vec{s} \times \vec{n}) - \iint_A J(\vec{B} \cdot \vec{n}) dA \quad \text{Gauss theorem on surface}$$

div_s surface divergence; $J = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}$; R_1, R_2 principal radii of curvature; $\vec{n}, d\vec{s}$ related by right-hand rule

$$\iint_A \vec{n} \times \operatorname{grad} f dA = \oint_{C(A)} f \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$\iiint_V \operatorname{grad} f dv = \oint_{A(V)} f d\vec{A}$$

$$\iiint_V \operatorname{rot} \vec{B} dv = \oint_{A(V)} d\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \oint_{A(V)} [\vec{n} \times \vec{B}] dA$$

$$\iiint_V [\vec{F} \operatorname{div} \vec{G} + (\vec{G} \cdot \operatorname{grad}) \vec{F}] dv = \oint_{A(V)} \vec{F} (\vec{G} \cdot d\vec{s}) = \oint_{A(V)} \vec{F} (\vec{G} \cdot \vec{n}) dA$$

$$\iiint_V \vec{G} dv = \oint_{A(V)} \vec{r} (\vec{G} \cdot d\vec{A}) - \iint_V \vec{r} \operatorname{div} \vec{G} dv$$

$$\iiint_V (f \Delta g + \operatorname{grad} f \cdot \operatorname{grad} g) dv = \oint_{A(V)} f \operatorname{grad} g \cdot d\vec{s} = \oint_{A(V)} f \vec{n} \cdot \operatorname{grad} g dA \quad 1^{\text{st}} \text{ Green's theorem}$$

$$\iiint_V (f \Delta g - g \Delta f) dv = \oint_{A(V)} (f \operatorname{grad} g - g \operatorname{grad} f) \cdot \vec{n} dA \quad 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ Green's theorem}$$



Parametric Evaluation of Line, Surface and Volume Integrals

Line integrals over arbitrary contours :

$$\vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi(\xi) \\ \psi(\xi) \\ \chi(\xi) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{parametric representation}$$

$$d\vec{r} = \pm \frac{d\vec{r}}{d\xi} d\xi \quad \text{differential vector line element}$$

$$ds = |d\vec{r}| \quad \text{differential scalar line element}$$

$$\int_C f(\vec{r}) ds = \iint_{\xi, \eta} f(\varphi(\xi), \psi(\xi), \chi(\xi)) \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{d\xi} \right| d\xi$$

$$\int_C \vec{B}(\vec{r}) \cdot d\vec{r} = \pm \int_{\xi} \vec{B}(\varphi(\xi), \psi(\xi), \chi(\xi)) \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{d\xi} d\xi$$

Surface integrals over arbitrary surfaces :

$$\vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi(\xi, \eta) \\ \psi(\xi, \eta) \\ \chi(\xi, \eta) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{parametric representation}$$

$$d\vec{A} = \pm \left(\frac{d\vec{r}}{d\xi} \times \frac{d\vec{r}}{d\eta} \right) d\xi d\eta \quad \text{differential vector area element}$$

$$dA = |d\vec{A}| \quad \text{differential scalar area element}$$

$$\iint_A f(\vec{r}) dA = \iint_{\xi, \eta} f(\varphi(\xi, \eta), \psi(\xi, \eta), \chi(\xi, \eta)) \left| \frac{d\vec{r}}{d\xi} \times \frac{d\vec{r}}{d\eta} \right| d\xi d\eta$$

$$\iint_A \vec{B}(\vec{r}) \cdot d\vec{A} = \pm \iint_{\xi, \eta} \vec{B}(\varphi(\xi, \eta), \psi(\xi, \eta), \chi(\xi, \eta)) \cdot \left(\frac{d\vec{r}}{d\xi} \times \frac{d\vec{r}}{d\eta} \right) d\xi d\eta$$

Volume integrals over arbitrary volumes :

$$x = \varphi(\xi, \eta, \varsigma), \quad y = \psi(\xi, \eta, \varsigma), \quad z = \chi(\xi, \eta, \varsigma)$$

$$\iiint_V f(\vec{r}) dv = \iiint_{\xi, \eta, \varsigma} f(\varphi(\xi, \eta, \varsigma), \psi(\xi, \eta, \varsigma), \chi(\xi, \eta, \varsigma)) \left| \frac{\partial(\varphi, \psi, \chi)}{\partial(\xi, \eta, \varsigma)} \right| d\xi d\eta d\varsigma$$

$$\text{with } \frac{\partial(\varphi, \psi, \chi)}{\partial(\xi, \eta, \varsigma)} = \begin{vmatrix} \varphi_{\xi} & \varphi_{\eta} & \varphi_{\varsigma} \\ \psi_{\xi} & \psi_{\eta} & \psi_{\varsigma} \\ \chi_{\xi} & \chi_{\eta} & \chi_{\varsigma} \end{vmatrix}; \quad \frac{\partial(\varphi, \psi, \chi)}{\partial(\xi, \eta, \varsigma)} \neq 0 \text{ in } V.$$

$d\vec{s}$ = differential line element
 $d\vec{A}$ = differential area element
 dv = differential volume element

