

PC3261: Classical Mechanics II

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Lecture 1: Kinematics

Kronecker delta symbol

- **Kronecker delta symbol:** completely symmetric

$$\delta_{ij} = \delta_{ji}, \quad \delta_{ij} \equiv \begin{cases} 0, & i \neq j \\ 1, & i = j \end{cases}, \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3$$

- Useful identities:

$$A_i = \sum_{j=1}^3 \delta_{ij} A_j,$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^3 \delta_{ik} \delta_{kj} = \delta_{ij},$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^3 \delta_{ij} = 3$$

Levi-Civita symbol

- **Levi-Civita symbol:** completely anti-symmetric

$$\epsilon_{ijk} = -\epsilon_{jik} = -\epsilon_{ikj}, \quad \epsilon_{123} \equiv +1, \quad i, j, k = 1, 2, 3$$

- Product of Levi-Civita symbols:

$$\epsilon_{ijk}\epsilon_{mnr} = \begin{vmatrix} \delta_{im} & \delta_{in} & \delta_{ir} \\ \delta_{jm} & \delta_{jn} & \delta_{jr} \\ \delta_{km} & \delta_{kn} & \delta_{kr} \end{vmatrix}$$

- Useful identities:

$$\sum_{k=1}^3 \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{mnk} = \delta_{im} \delta_{jn} - \delta_{in} \delta_{jm}, \quad \sum_{j=1}^3 \sum_{k=1}^3 \epsilon_{mjk} \epsilon_{njk} = 2\delta_{mn}, \quad \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^3 \sum_{k=1}^3 \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{ijk} = 6$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^3 \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{mnk} = \delta_{im} \delta_{jn} - \delta_{in} \delta_{jm}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^3 \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{mnk} &= \sum_{k=1}^3 \begin{vmatrix} \delta_{im} & \delta_{in} & \delta_{ik} \\ \delta_{jm} & \delta_{jn} & \delta_{jk} \\ \delta_{km} & \delta_{kn} & \delta_{kk} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^3 \delta_{im} \begin{vmatrix} \delta_{jn} & \delta_{jk} \\ \delta_{kn} & \delta_{kk} \end{vmatrix} - \sum_{k=1}^3 \delta_{in} \begin{vmatrix} \delta_{jm} & \delta_{jk} \\ \delta_{km} & \delta_{kk} \end{vmatrix} + \sum_{k=1}^3 \delta_{ik} \begin{vmatrix} \delta_{jm} & \delta_{jn} \\ \delta_{km} & \delta_{kn} \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^3 \delta_{im} (\delta_{jn} \delta_{kk} - \delta_{jk} \delta_{kn}) - \sum_{k=1}^3 \delta_{in} (\delta_{jm} \delta_{kk} - \delta_{jk} \delta_{km}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^3 \delta_{ik} (\delta_{jm} \delta_{kn} - \delta_{jn} \delta_{km}) \\ &= 3\delta_{im} \delta_{jn} - \delta_{im} \delta_{jn} - 3\delta_{in} \delta_{jm} + \delta_{in} \delta_{jm} + \delta_{jm} \delta_{in} - \delta_{jn} \delta_{im} \\ &= \delta_{im} \delta_{jn} - \delta_{in} \delta_{jm} \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

Cartesian coordinate system

- Cartesian coordinates: $(x_1, x_2, x_3) \equiv (x, y, z)$

$$-\infty < x < \infty, \quad -\infty < y < \infty, \quad -\infty < z < \infty$$

- Cartesian unit basis vectors: $(\hat{\mathbf{e}}_1, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_2, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_3) \equiv (\hat{\mathbf{e}}_x, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z)$

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_j = \delta_{ij} \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z = 1 \\ \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_i \times \hat{\mathbf{e}}_j = \sum_{k=1}^3 \epsilon_{ijk} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_k \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x \times \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z \\ \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y \times \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x \\ \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z \times \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y \end{cases}$$

- Cartesian unit basis vectors are constant

Position vector

- **Position** of a particle in the space is specified by a vector relative to the *spatial origin* of a given *reference frame* known as **position vector**
- Position vector in the Cartesian coordinate system: (x, y, z) are the Cartesian coordinates of the particle

$$\mathbf{r} = x \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + y \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y + z \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z = \sum_{i=1}^3 x_i \hat{\mathbf{e}}_i$$

- Motion of the particle traces a **trajectory** in the space and can be described mathematically by an one-dimensional **curve**
- Trajectory of the motion of particle can be specified by the position vector *parameterized* by **time** relative to the *temporal origin* of the reference frame

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = x(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + y(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y + z(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z = \sum_{i=1}^3 x_i(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_i$$

Velocity vector

- **Velocity vector:** rate of change of the position vector with respect to time

$$\mathbf{v}(t) \equiv \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \mathbf{r}}{\Delta t} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mathbf{r}(t + \Delta t) - \mathbf{r}(t)}{\Delta t} \equiv \frac{d\mathbf{r}(t)}{dt} \equiv \dot{\mathbf{r}}(t)$$

- Velocity vector is *tangent* to the trajectory of the particle at any given instant of time

- **Speed:** magnitude of the velocity vector

$$v(t) \equiv |\mathbf{v}(t)| = \sqrt{\mathbf{v}(t) \cdot \mathbf{v}(t)}$$

- Cartesian coordinate system:

$$\dot{\mathbf{r}}(t) = \dot{x}(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \dot{y}(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y + \dot{z}(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z \quad \Rightarrow \quad \dot{r}(t) \equiv |\dot{\mathbf{r}}(t)| = \sqrt{\dot{x}^2(t) + \dot{y}^2(t) + \dot{z}^2(t)}$$

Acceleration vector

- **Acceleration vector:** rate of change of the velocity vector with respect to time

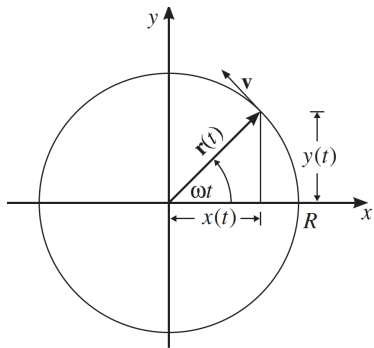
$$\mathbf{a}(t) \equiv \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta \mathbf{v}}{\Delta t} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mathbf{v}(t + \Delta t) - \mathbf{v}(t)}{\Delta t} \equiv \frac{d\mathbf{v}(t)}{dt} \equiv \dot{\mathbf{v}}(t) = \frac{d^2\mathbf{r}(t)}{dt^2} \equiv \ddot{\mathbf{r}}(t)$$

- Cartesian coordinate system:

$$\ddot{\mathbf{r}}(t) = \ddot{x}(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \ddot{y}(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y + \ddot{z}(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z \quad \Rightarrow \quad \ddot{r}(t) \equiv |\ddot{\mathbf{r}}(t)| = \sqrt{\ddot{x}^2(t) + \ddot{y}^2(t) + \ddot{z}^2(t)}$$

Example: Uniform circular motion

- A particle moves in a circle lying in the xy plane (centered at the origin and radius R) with constant angular speed ω counter-clockwise as viewed from $+z$ axis. The particle is on the $+x$ axis at $t = 0$



EXERCISE 1.1: Find the particle's velocity and acceleration vectors. What are the magnitude and direction of the particle's acceleration?

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = R \cos \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + R \sin \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y \quad \blacksquare$$

$$r(t) \equiv |\mathbf{r}(t)| = R \quad \blacksquare$$

$$\mathbf{v}(t) \equiv \frac{d\mathbf{r}(t)}{dt} = -R\omega \sin \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + R\omega \cos \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y \quad \blacksquare$$

$$\mathbf{v}(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}(t) = 0$$

$$v(t) \equiv |\mathbf{v}(t)| = R\omega \quad \blacksquare$$

$$\mathbf{a}(t) \equiv \frac{d\mathbf{v}(t)}{dt} = -R\omega^2 \cos \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x - R\omega^2 \sin \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y \quad \blacksquare$$

$$\mathbf{a}(t) \cdot \mathbf{r}(t) = -R^2 \omega^2 \quad \blacksquare$$

$$a(t) \equiv |\mathbf{a}(t)| = R\omega^2 \quad \blacksquare$$

Another mathematical description of trajectory

- Trajectory of the motion of particle can also be represented mathematically by the position vector parameterized by **arc length** along the trajectory

- Arc length:

$$s(t) = \int_0^t ds = \int_0^t |\mathbf{dr}| = \int_0^t \sqrt{\left[\frac{dx(t)}{dt}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{dy(t)}{dt}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{dz(t)}{dt}\right]^2} dt$$

- Speed:

$$v(t) = |\mathbf{v}(t)| = \left| \frac{d\mathbf{r}(t)}{dt} \right| = \frac{ds(t)}{dt}$$

- A set of three orthogonal unit vectors, parameterized by arc length, can be constructed at each point of the trajectory

Moving trihedral

- Tangent and normal vectors: κ is called the **curvature**

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_T(s) \equiv \frac{d\mathbf{r}(s)}{ds} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{v}(s) = v(s) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_T(s)$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_N(s) \equiv \frac{1}{\kappa(s)} \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_T(s)}{ds}$$

- Binormal vector: τ is called the **torsion**

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_B(s) \equiv \hat{\mathbf{e}}_T(s) \times \hat{\mathbf{e}}_N(s), \quad \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_B(s)}{ds} \equiv -\tau(s) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_N(s)$$

EXERCISE 1.2: Show that the acceleration of a particle moving along a trajectory $\mathbf{r}(t)$ is give by

$$\mathbf{a}(t) = \frac{dv(t)}{dt} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_T + \frac{v^2(t)}{\rho} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_N,$$

where $\rho \equiv 1/\kappa$ is its radius of curvature.

$$\mathbf{v}(t) = \frac{d\mathbf{r}(t)}{dt} = \frac{ds(t)}{dt} \frac{d\mathbf{r}(s)}{ds} = v(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_T \quad \blacksquare$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}(t) &= \frac{d\mathbf{v}(t)}{dt} = \frac{dv(t)}{dt} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_T + v(t) \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_T}{dt} \\ &= \frac{dv(t)}{dt} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_T + v(t) \frac{ds(t)}{dt} \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_T}{ds} \\ &= \frac{dv(t)}{dt} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_T + v^2(t) \kappa \hat{\mathbf{e}}_N \\ &= \frac{dv(t)}{dt} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_T + \frac{v^2(t)}{\rho} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_N \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

Example: Circular helix

- Position vector: a , b and ω are constants

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = a \cos \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + a \sin \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y + b \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z$$

- Curvature and torsion: circular helix is the unique curve with non-zero constant curvature and torsion

$$\kappa(t) = \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2}, \quad \tau(t) = \frac{b}{a^2 + b^2}$$

EXERCISE 1.3: Find the tangent, normal and binormal vectors, as well as, curvature and torsion for the circular helix.

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = a \cos \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + a \sin \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y + b \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{r}}(t) = -a\omega \sin \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + a\omega \cos \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y + b\omega \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z$$

$$s(t) = \int_0^t |\dot{\mathbf{r}}(t)| \, dt = \omega \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} t \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{ds(t)}{dt} = \omega \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_T(t) = \frac{d\mathbf{r}(s)}{ds} = \frac{\frac{d\mathbf{r}(t)}{dt}}{\frac{ds(t)}{dt}} = \frac{\dot{\mathbf{r}}(t)}{\dot{s}(t)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} (-a \sin \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + a \cos \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y + b \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z) \quad \blacksquare$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_T(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} (-a \sin \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + a \cos \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y + b \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z)$$

$$\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_T(t)}{dt} = \frac{a\omega}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} (-\cos \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x - \sin \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y)$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{e}_T(t)}{ds} = \frac{\frac{d\mathbf{e}_T(t)}{dt}}{\frac{ds(t)}{dt}} = \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} (-\cos \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x - \sin \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \left| \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_T(t)}{ds} \right| = \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_N(t) = \frac{1}{\kappa(t)} \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_T(t)}{ds} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \kappa(t) = \left| \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_T(t)}{ds} \right| = \frac{a}{a^2 + b^2} \quad \blacksquare$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_N(t) = \frac{1}{\kappa(t)} \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_T(t)}{ds} = -\cos \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x - \sin \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y \quad \blacksquare$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_T(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} (-a \sin \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + a \cos \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y + b \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z), \quad \hat{\mathbf{e}}_N(t) = -\cos \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x - \sin \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_B(t) = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_T(t) \times \hat{\mathbf{e}}_N(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} (b \sin \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x - b \cos \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y + a \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z) \quad \blacksquare$$

$$\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_B(t)}{dt} = \frac{b\omega}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} (\cos \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \sin \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y)$$

$$\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_B(t)}{ds} = \frac{\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_B(t)}{dt}}{\frac{ds(t)}{dt}} = \frac{b}{a^2 + b^2} (\cos \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \sin \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y)$$

$$\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_B(t)}{ds} = -\tau(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_N(t) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \tau(t) = -\hat{\mathbf{e}}_N(t) \cdot \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_B(t)}{ds} = \frac{b}{a^2 + b^2} \quad \blacksquare$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_N(t) = -\cos \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x - \sin \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y, \quad \hat{\mathbf{e}}_B(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} (b \sin \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x - b \cos \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y + a \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z)$$

$$\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_N(t)}{dt} = \omega (\sin \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x - \cos \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y)$$

$$\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_N(t)}{ds} = \frac{\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_N(t)}{dt}}{\frac{ds(t)}{dt}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} (\sin \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x - \cos \omega t \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y)$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_N(s) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_B(s) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \hat{\mathbf{e}}_N(s) \cdot \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_B(s)}{ds} + \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_N(s)}{ds} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_B(s) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad -\tau(s) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_N(s) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_N(s) + \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_N(s)}{ds} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_B(s) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \tau(s) = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_B(s) \cdot \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_N(s)}{ds}$$

$$\tau(t) = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_B(t) \cdot \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_N(t)}{ds} = \frac{b}{a^2 + b^2} \quad \blacksquare$$

2D polar coordinate system

- Polar coordinates: $(u_1, u_2) = (\rho, \phi)$

ρ : distance from the origin, $0 \leq \rho < \infty$

ϕ : azimuthal angle from $+x$ -axis, $0 \leq \phi < 2\pi$

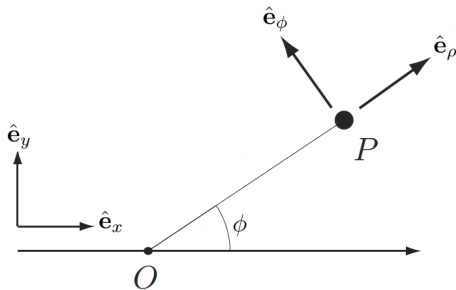
- Coordinate transformation between polar and Cartesian coordinates:

$$\begin{cases} x = \rho \cos \phi \\ y = \rho \sin \phi \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ \phi = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{y}{x} \right) \end{cases}$$

- Unit basis vectors $(\hat{\mathbf{e}}_\rho, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi)$ are *not* constant!

EXERCISE 1.4: Establish the relationship between unit basis vectors $(\hat{\mathbf{e}}_\rho, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi)$ of the polar coordinate system and the unit basis vectors $(\hat{\mathbf{e}}_x, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y)$ of the Cartesian coordinate system.

$$\begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\rho = \cos \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \sin \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y \\ \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi = -\sin \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \cos \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y \end{cases} \quad \blacksquare$$



$$\begin{aligned}
\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\rho \\ \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x \\ \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y \end{pmatrix} \\
\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x \\ \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\rho \\ \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\rho \\ \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi \end{pmatrix} \\
\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x = \cos \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\rho - \sin \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi \\ \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y = \sin \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\rho + \cos \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi \end{cases} \quad \blacksquare
\end{aligned}$$

Kinematics in 2D polar coordinates

- Position vector:

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \rho(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\rho$$

- Velocity:

$$\mathbf{v}(t) = \dot{\rho}(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\rho + \rho(t) \dot{\phi}(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi$$

- Acceleration:

$$\mathbf{a}(t) = [\ddot{\rho}(t) - \rho(t) \dot{\phi}^2(t)] \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\rho + [\rho(t) \ddot{\phi}(t) + 2\dot{\rho}(t) \dot{\phi}(t)] \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi$$

EXERCISE 1.5: Express the velocity and acceleration vectors in 2D polar coordinates.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x = \rho \cos \phi \\ y = \rho \sin \phi \end{array} \right., \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\rho = \cos \phi(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \sin \phi(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y \\ \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi = -\sin \phi(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \cos \phi(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y \end{array} \right.$$

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = x(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + y(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y = r_\rho \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\rho + r_\phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} r_\rho = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\rho \cdot \mathbf{r}(t) = x(t) \cos \phi(t) + y(t) \sin \phi(t) = \rho(t) \\ r_\phi = \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi \cdot \mathbf{r}(t) = -x(t) \sin \phi(t) + y(t) \cos \phi(t) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{r}(t) = \rho(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\rho \quad \blacksquare$$

$$\begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\rho = \cos \phi(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \sin \phi(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y \\ \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi = -\sin \phi(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \cos \phi(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_\rho}{dt} = -\dot{\phi}(t) \sin \phi(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \dot{\phi}(t) \cos \phi(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y = \dot{\phi}(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi \\ \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi}{dt} = -\dot{\phi}(t) \cos \phi(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x - \dot{\phi}(t) \sin \phi(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y = -\dot{\phi}(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\rho \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}(t) &= \frac{d\mathbf{r}(t)}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} [\rho(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\rho] \\ &= \dot{\rho}(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\rho + \rho(t) \dot{\phi}(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{v}(t) = \dot{\rho}(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\rho + \rho(t) \dot{\phi}(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_\rho}{dt} = \dot{\phi}(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi \\ \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi}{dt} = -\dot{\phi}(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\rho \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}(t) &= \frac{d\mathbf{v}(t)}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} [\dot{\rho}(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\rho + \rho(t) \dot{\phi}(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi] \\ &= [\ddot{\rho}(t) - \rho(t) \dot{\phi}^2(t)] \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\rho + [\rho(t) \ddot{\phi}(t) + 2\dot{\rho}(t) \dot{\phi}(t)] \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

Cylindrical coordinate system

- Cylindrical coordinates: $(u_1, u_2, u_3) = (\rho, \phi, z)$

ρ : polar distance from the z axis, $0 \leq \rho < \infty$

ϕ : azimuthal angle from the x axis on the xy -plane, $0 \leq \phi < 2\pi$

z : coordinate along the z axis, $-\infty < z < \infty$

- Coordinate transformation between cylindrical and Cartesian coordinates:

$$\begin{cases} x = \rho \cos \phi \\ y = \rho \sin \phi \\ z = z \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ \phi = \tan^{-1}(y/x) \\ z = z \end{cases}$$

- Velocity and acceleration:

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{v}(t) = \dot{\rho}(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\rho + \rho(t) \dot{\phi}(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi + \dot{z}(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z \\ \mathbf{a}(t) = [\ddot{\rho}(t) - \rho(t) \dot{\phi}^2(t)] \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\rho + [\rho(t) \ddot{\phi}(t) + 2\dot{\rho}(t) \dot{\phi}(t)] \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi + \ddot{z}(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z \end{cases}$$

Spherical coordinate system

- Spherical coordinates: $(u_1, u_2, u_3) = (r, \theta, \phi)$

r : radial distance from the origin, $0 \leq r < \infty$

θ : polar angle from the z axis, $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$

ϕ : azimuthal angle from the x axis on the xy -plane, $0 \leq \phi < 2\pi$

- Coordinate transformation between spherical and Cartesian coordinates:

$$\begin{cases} x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi \\ y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi \\ z = r \cos \theta \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \\ \theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} / z \right) \\ \phi = \tan^{-1} (y/x) \end{cases}$$

EXERCISE 1.6: Express the spherical unit basis vectors $(\hat{\mathbf{e}}_r, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\theta, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi)$ in terms of Cartesian unit basis vectors $(\hat{\mathbf{e}}_x, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y, \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z)$.

$$\mathbf{r} = x \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + y \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y + z \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z = r \sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + r \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y + r \cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial r} = \sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y + \cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \theta} = r \cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + r \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y - r \sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \phi} = -r \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + r \sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_r \equiv \frac{\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial r}}{\left| \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial r} \right|} = \sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y + \cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z \\ \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\theta \equiv \frac{\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \theta}}{\left| \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \theta} \right|} = \cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y - \sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z \\ \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi \equiv \frac{\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \phi}}{\left| \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial \phi} \right|} = -\sin \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \cos \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y \end{array} \right. \quad \blacksquare$$

$$\begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_r = \sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y + \cos \theta \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z \\ \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\theta = \cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y - \sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z \\ \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi = -\sin \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \cos \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_r \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{e}}_\theta \times \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi) &= \begin{vmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \phi & \sin \theta \sin \phi & \cos \theta \\ \cos \theta \cos \phi & \cos \theta \sin \phi & -\sin \theta \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -\sin \phi \begin{vmatrix} \sin \theta \sin \phi & \cos \theta \\ \cos \theta \sin \phi & -\sin \theta \end{vmatrix} - \cos \phi \begin{vmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \phi & \cos \theta \\ \cos \theta \cos \phi & -\sin \theta \end{vmatrix} \\ &= -\sin \phi (-\sin^2 \theta \sin \phi - \cos^2 \theta \sin \phi) - \cos \phi (-\sin^2 \theta \cos \phi - \cos^2 \theta \cos \phi) \\ &= 1 \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

Kinematics in spherical coordinates

- Position vector:

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = r(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_r$$

- Velocity vector:

$$\mathbf{v}(t) = \dot{r}(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_r + r(t) \dot{\theta}(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\theta + r(t) \dot{\phi}(t) \sin \theta(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi$$

- Acceleration vector:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}(t) = & \left[\ddot{r}(t) - r(t) \dot{\phi}^2(t) \sin^2 \theta(t) - r(t) \dot{\theta}^2(t) \right] \hat{\mathbf{e}}_r \\ & + \left[r(t) \ddot{\theta}(t) + 2\dot{r}(t) \dot{\theta}(t) - r(t) \dot{\phi}^2(t) \sin \theta(t) \cos \theta(t) \right] \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\theta \\ & + \left[r(t) \ddot{\phi}(t) \sin \theta(t) + 2\dot{r}(t) \dot{\phi}(t) \sin \theta(t) + 2r(t) \dot{\theta}(t) \dot{\phi}(t) \cos \theta(t) \right] \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{e}}_r = \sin \theta(t) \cos \phi(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \sin \theta(t) \sin \phi(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y + \cos \theta(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_r}{dt} &= \frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{e}}_r}{\partial \theta} \dot{\theta} + \frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{e}}_r}{\partial \phi} \dot{\phi} \\ &= (\cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y - \sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{e}}_z) \dot{\theta} + (-\sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_x + \sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{\mathbf{e}}_y) \dot{\phi} \\ &= \dot{\theta} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\theta + \sin \theta \dot{\phi} \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}(t) &\equiv \frac{d\mathbf{r}(t)}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} [r(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_r] \\ &= \dot{r}(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_r + r(t) \frac{d\hat{\mathbf{e}}_r}{dt} \\ &= \dot{r}(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_r + r(t) \dot{\theta}(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\theta + r(t) \dot{\phi}(t) \sin \theta(t) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_\phi \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$