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# FORMULAS from VECTOR ANALYSIS

### **VECTORS AND SCALARS**

Various quantities in physics such as temperature, volume and speed can be specified by a real number. Such quantities are called *scalars*.

Other quantities such as force, velocity and momentum require for their specification a direction as well as magnitude. Such quantities are called *vectors*. A vector is represented by an arrow or directed line segment indicating direction. The magnitude of the vector is determined by the length of the arrow, using an appropriate unit.

### NOTATION FOR VECTORS

A vector is denoted by a bold faced letter such as A [Fig. 22-1]. The magnitude is denoted by |A| or A. The tail end of the arrow is called the *initial point* while the head is called the *terminal point*.

### **FUNDAMENTAL DEFINITIONS**

- 1. Equality of vectors. Two vectors are equal if they have the same magnitude and direction. Thus  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}$  in Fig. 22-1.
- 2. Multiplication of a vector by a scalar. If m is any real number (scalar), then mA is a vector whose magnitude is |m| times the magnitude of A and whose direction is the same as or opposite to A according as m > 0 or m < 0. If m = 0, then mA = 0 is called the zero or null vector.

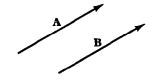


Fig. 22-1

3. Sums of vectors. The sum or resultant of A and B is a vector C = A + B formed by placing the initial point of B on the terminal point of A and joining the initial point of A to the terminal point of B [Fig. 22-2(b)]. This definition is equivalent to the parallelogram law for vector addition as indicated in Fig. 22-2(c). The vector A - B is defined as A + (-B).

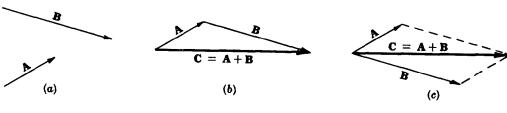


Fig. 22-2

Extensions to sums of more than two vectors are immediate. Thus Fig. 22-3 shows how to obtain the sum E of the vectors A, B, C and D.

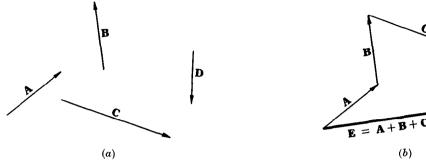


Fig. 22-3

4. Unit vectors. A unit vector is a vector with unit magnitude. If A is a vector, then a unit vector in the direction of A is  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{A}/A$  where A > 0.

### LAWS OF VECTOR ALGEBRA

If A, B, C are vectors and m, n are scalars, then

**22.1** 
$$A + B = B + A$$
 Commutative law for addition

22.2 
$$A + (B + C) = (A + B) + C$$
 Associative law for addition

22.3 
$$m(nA) = (mn)A = n(mA)$$
 Associative law for scalar multiplication

**22.4** 
$$(m+n)A = mA + nA$$
 Distributive law

22.5 
$$m(A+B) = mA + mB$$
 Distributive law

### COMPONENTS OF A VECTOR

A vector A can be represented with initial point at the origin of a rectangular coordinate system. If i, j, k are unit vectors in the directions of the positive x, y, z axes, then

**22.6** 
$$A = A_1 i + A_2 j + A_3 k$$

where  $A_1$ i,  $A_2$ j,  $A_3$ k are called component vectors of **A** in the i, j, k directions and  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ ,  $A_3$  are called the components of **A**.

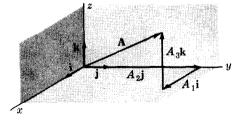


Fig. 22-4

### DOT OR SCALAR PRODUCT

**22.7** 
$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} = AB \cos \theta \qquad 0 \le \theta \le \pi$$

where  $\theta$  is the angle between A and B.

Fundamental results are

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

Commutative law

$$\mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{C}$$

Distributive law

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

where  $A = A_1 i + A_2 j + A_3 k$ ,  $B = B_1 i + B_2 j + B_3 k$ .

### CROSS OR VECTOR PRODUCT

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = AB \sin \theta \mathbf{u} \qquad \mathbf{0}$$

where  $\theta$  is the angle between **A** and **B** and **u** is a unit vector perpendicular to the plane of **A** and **B** such that **A**, **B**, **u** form a *right-handed system* [i.e. a right-threaded screw rotated through an angle less than  $180^{\circ}$  from **A** to **B** will advance in the direction of **u** as in Fig. 22-5].

### Fundamental results are

**22.12** 
$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ A_1 & A_2 & A_3 \\ B_1 & B_2 & B_3 \end{vmatrix}$$
  
=  $(A_2B_2 - A_2B_3)\mathbf{i} + (A_3)\mathbf{i}$ 

= 
$$(A_2B_3 - A_3B_2)\mathbf{i} + (A_3B_1 - A_1B_3)\mathbf{j} + (A_1B_2 - A_2B_1)\mathbf{k}$$



22.14 
$$\mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{C}$$

22.15  $|A \times B|$  = area of parallelogram having sides A and B

# A B

Fig. 22-5

### MISCELLANEOUS FORMULAS INVOLVING DOT AND CROSS PRODUCTS

**22.16** 
$$\mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}) = \begin{vmatrix} A_1 & A_2 & A_3 \\ B_1 & B_2 & B_3 \\ C_1 & C_2 & C_3 \end{vmatrix} = A_1 B_2 C_3 + A_2 B_3 C_1 + A_3 B_1 C_2 - A_3 B_2 C_1 - A_2 B_1 C_3 - A_1 B_3 C_2$$

22.17  $|\mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C})|$  = volume of parallelepiped with sides A, B, C

22.18 
$$\mathbf{A} \times (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{C}) - \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B})$$

22.19 
$$(\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) \times \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{C}) - \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{C})$$

**22.20** 
$$(\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot (\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{D}) = (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{C})(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{D}) - (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{D})(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{C})$$

22.21 
$$(\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) \times (\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{D}) = \mathbf{C} \{ \mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{D}) \} - \mathbf{D} \{ \mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}) \}$$
  
=  $\mathbf{B} \{ \mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{D}) \} - \mathbf{A} \{ \mathbf{B} \cdot (\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{D}) \}$ 

### **DERIVATIVES OF VECTORS**

The derivative of a vector function  $\mathbf{A}(u) = A_1(u)\mathbf{i} + A_2(u)\mathbf{j} + A_3(u)\mathbf{k}$  of the scalar variable u is given by

**22.22** 
$$\frac{d\mathbf{A}}{du} = \lim_{\Delta u \to 0} \frac{\mathbf{A}(u + \Delta u) - \mathbf{A}(u)}{\Delta u} = \frac{dA_1}{du}\mathbf{i} + \frac{dA_2}{du}\mathbf{j} + \frac{dA_3}{du}\mathbf{k}$$

Partial derivatives of a vector function  $\mathbf{A}(x,y,z)$  are similarly defined. We assume that all derivatives exist unless otherwise specified.

### FORMULAS INVOLVING DERIVATIVES

**22.23** 
$$\frac{d}{du}(\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{A} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{B}}{du} + \frac{d\mathbf{A}}{du} \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

**22.24** 
$$\frac{d}{du}(\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{A} \times \frac{d\mathbf{B}}{du} + \frac{d\mathbf{A}}{du} \times \mathbf{B}$$

**22.25** 
$$\frac{d}{du} \{ \mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}) \} = \frac{d\mathbf{A}}{du} \cdot (\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{C}) + \mathbf{A} \cdot \left( \frac{d\mathbf{B}}{du} \times \mathbf{C} \right) + \mathbf{A} \cdot \left( \mathbf{B} \times \frac{d\mathbf{C}}{du} \right)$$

**22.26** 
$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{A}}{du} = A \frac{dA}{du}$$

**22.27** 
$$\mathbf{A} \cdot \frac{d\mathbf{A}}{du} = 0$$
 if  $|\mathbf{A}|$  is a constant

### THE DEL OPERATOR

The operator del is defined by

**22.28** 
$$\nabla = \mathbf{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \mathbf{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \mathbf{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

In the results below we assume that U=U(x,y,z), V=V(x,y,z),  $\mathbf{A}=\mathbf{A}(x,y,z)$  and  $\mathbf{B}=\mathbf{B}(x,y,z)$  have partial derivatives.

### THE GRADIENT

**22.29** Gradient of 
$$U = \text{grad } U = \nabla U = \left(\mathbf{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \mathbf{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \mathbf{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) U = \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial y} \mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial U}{\partial z} \mathbf{k}$$

### THE DIVERGENCE

**22.30** Divergence of 
$$\mathbf{A} = \operatorname{div} \mathbf{A} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \left(\mathbf{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \mathbf{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \mathbf{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) \cdot (A_1 \mathbf{i} + A_2 \mathbf{j} + A_3 \mathbf{k})$$

$$= \frac{\partial A_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_3}{\partial z}$$

### THE CURL

22.31 Curl of 
$$\mathbf{A} = \text{curl } \mathbf{A} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$$

$$= \left(\mathbf{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \mathbf{j} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \mathbf{k} \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\right) \times (A_1 \mathbf{i} + A_2 \mathbf{j} + A_3 \mathbf{k})$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_1 & A_2 & A_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\partial A_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_2}{\partial z}\right) \mathbf{i} + \left(\frac{\partial A_1}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_3}{\partial x}\right) \mathbf{j} + \left(\frac{\partial A_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_1}{\partial y}\right) \mathbf{k}$$

### THE LAPLACIAN

**22.32** Laplacian of 
$$U = \nabla^2 U = \nabla \cdot (\nabla U) = \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial z^2}$$

**22.33** Laplacian of 
$$\mathbf{A} = \nabla^2 \mathbf{A} = \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{A}}{\partial z^2}$$

### THE BIHARMONIC OPERATOR

**22.34** Biharmonic operator on 
$$U = \nabla^4 U = \nabla^2 (\nabla^2 U)$$

$$= \frac{\partial^4 U}{\partial x^4} + \frac{\partial^4 U}{\partial y^4} + \frac{\partial^4 U}{\partial z^4} + 2 \frac{\partial^4 U}{\partial x^2 \partial y^2} + 2 \frac{\partial^4 U}{\partial y^2 \partial z^2} + 2 \frac{\partial^4 U}{\partial x^2 \partial z^2}$$

### MISCELLANEOUS FORMULAS INVOLVING TO

**22.35** 
$$\nabla(U+V) = \nabla U + \nabla V$$

22.36 
$$\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

**22.37** 
$$\nabla \times (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = \nabla \times \mathbf{A} + \nabla \times \mathbf{B}$$

**22.38** 
$$\nabla \cdot (U\mathbf{A}) = (\nabla U) \cdot \mathbf{A} + U(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A})$$

**22.39** 
$$\nabla \times (U\mathbf{A}) = (\nabla U) \times \mathbf{A} + U(\nabla \times \mathbf{A})$$

**22.40** 
$$\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) = \mathbf{B} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) - \mathbf{A} \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{B})$$

**22.41** 
$$\nabla \times (\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}) = (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) - (\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla)\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B})$$

**22.42** 
$$\nabla (\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}) = (\mathbf{B} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{A} + (\mathbf{A} \cdot \nabla) \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{B} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) + \mathbf{A} \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{B})$$

**22.43** 
$$\nabla \times (\nabla U) = 0$$
, i.e. the curl of the gradient of  $U$  is zero.

**22.44** 
$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) = 0$$
, i.e. the divergence of the curl of  $\mathbf{A}$  is zero.

**22.45** 
$$\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) = \nabla (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}) - \nabla^2 \mathbf{A}$$

### INTEGRALS INVOLVING VECTORS

If  $\mathbf{A}(u) = \frac{d}{du}\mathbf{B}(u)$ , then the indefinite integral of  $\mathbf{A}(u)$  is

**22.46** 
$$\int \mathbf{A}(u) du = \mathbf{B}(u) + \mathbf{c} \quad \mathbf{c} = \text{constant vector}$$

The definite integral of A(u) from u = a to u = b in this case is given by

$$\int_a^b \mathbf{A}(u) \ du = \mathbf{B}(b) - \mathbf{B}(a)$$

The definite integral can be defined as on page 94.

### LINE INTEGRALS

Consider a space curve C joining two points  $P_1(a_1,a_2,a_3)$  and  $P_2(b_1,b_2,b_3)$  as in Fig. 22-6. Divide the curve into n parts by points of subdivision  $(x_1,y_1,z_1),\ldots,(x_{n-1},y_{n-1},z_{n-1})$ . Then the line integral of a vector  $\mathbf{A}(x,y,z)$  along C is defined as

**22.48** 
$$\int_C \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_{P_1}^{P_2} \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{p=1}^n \mathbf{A}(x_p, y_p, z_p) \cdot \Delta \mathbf{r}_p$$

where  $\Delta \mathbf{r}_p = \Delta x_p \, \mathbf{i} + \Delta y_p \, \mathbf{j} + \Delta z_p \, \mathbf{k}$ ,  $\Delta x_p = x_{p+1} - x_p$ ,  $\Delta y_p = y_{p+1} - y_p$ ,  $\Delta z_p = z_{p+1} - z_p$  and where it is assumed that as  $n \to \infty$  the largest of the magnitudes  $|\Delta \mathbf{r}_p|$  approaches zero. The result 22.48 is a generalization of the ordinary definite integral [page 94].

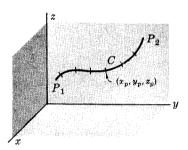


Fig. 22-6

The line integral 22.48 can also be written

22.49 
$$\int_C \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_C (A_1 dx + A_2 dy + A_3 dz)$$

using  $\mathbf{A} = A_1 \mathbf{i} + A_2 \mathbf{j} + A_3 \mathbf{k}$  and  $d\mathbf{r} = dx \mathbf{i} + dy \mathbf{j} + dz \mathbf{k}$ .

### PROPERTIES OF LINE INTEGRALS

$$\int_{P_1}^{P_2} \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = -\int_{P_2}^{P_1} \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$$

$$\int_{P_1}^{P_2} \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_{P_1}^{P_3} \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{r} + \int_{P_3}^{P_2} \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$$

### INDEPENDENCE OF THE PATH

In general a line integral has a value which depends on the particular path C joining points  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  in a region  $\mathcal{R}$ . However, in case  $\mathbf{A} = \nabla \phi$  or  $\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$  where  $\phi$  and its partial derivatives are continuous in  $\mathcal{R}$ , the line integral  $\int_C \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{r}$  is independent of the path. In such case

$$\int_C \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_{P_1}^{P_2} \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \phi(P_2) - \phi(P_1)$$

where  $\phi(P_1)$  and  $\phi(P_2)$  denote the values of  $\phi$  at  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  respectively. In particular if C is a closed curve,

$$\int_C \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \oint_C \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = 0$$

where the circle on the integral sign is used to emphasize that C is closed.

### MULTIPLE INTEGRALS

Let F(x,y) be a function defined in a region  $\mathcal R$  of the xy plane as in Fig. 22-7. Subdivide the region into n parts by lines parallel to the x and y axes as indicated. Let  $\Delta A_p = \Delta x_p \, \Delta y_p$  denote an area of one of these parts. Then the integral of F(x,y) over  $\mathcal R$  is defined as

**22.54** 
$$\int_{\mathcal{R}} F(x,y) dA = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{p=1}^{n} F(x_p, y_p) \Delta A_p$$

provided this limit exists.

In such case the integral can also be written as

22.55 
$$\int_{x=a}^{b} \int_{y=f_{1}(x)}^{f_{2}(x)} F(x,y) \, dy \, dx$$
$$= \int_{x=a}^{b} \left\{ \int_{y=f_{1}(x)}^{f_{2}(x)} F(x,y) \, dy \right\} dx$$

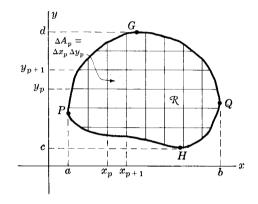


Fig. 22-7

where  $y = f_1(x)$  and  $y = f_2(x)$  are the equations of curves PHQ and PGQ respectively and a and b are the x coordinates of points P and Q. The result can also be written as

**22.56** 
$$\int_{y=c}^{d} \int_{x=g_1(y)}^{g_2(y)} F(x,y) \, dx \, dy = \int_{y=c}^{d} \left\{ \int_{x=g_1(y)}^{g_2(y)} F(x,y) \, dx \right\} dy$$

where  $x = g_1(y)$ ,  $x = g_2(y)$  are the equations of curves HPG and HQG respectively and c and d are the y coordinates of H and G.

These are called double integrals or area integrals. The ideas can be similarly extended to triple or volume integrals or to higher multiple integrals.

### SURFACE INTEGRALS

Subdivide the surface S [see Fig. 22-8] into n elements of area  $\Delta S_p$ ,  $p=1,2,\ldots,n$ . Let  $\mathbf{A}(x_p,y_p,z_p)=\mathbf{A}_p$  where  $(x_p,y_p,z_p)$  is a point P in  $\Delta S_p$ . Let  $\mathbf{N}_p$  be a unit normal to  $\Delta S_p$  at P. Then the surface integral of the normal component of  $\mathbf{A}$  over S is defined as

**22.57** 
$$\int_{S} \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{N} \ dS = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{p=1}^{n} \mathbf{A}_{p} \cdot \mathbf{N}_{p} \ \Delta S_{p}$$

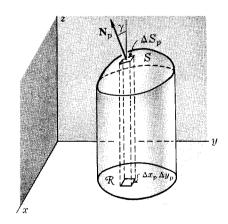


Fig. 22-8

# RELATION BETWEEN SURFACE AND DOUBLE INTEGRALS

If  $\mathcal R$  is the projection of S on the xy plane, then [see Fig. 22-8]

$$\int_{S} \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{N} \ dS = \iint_{\mathcal{R}} \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{N} \ \frac{dx \ dy}{|\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{k}|}$$

### THE DIVERGENCE THEOREM

Let S be a closed surface bounding a region of volume V; then if N is the positive (outward drawn) normal and  $d\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{N} \, dS$ , we have [see Fig. 22-9]

$$\int_{V} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} \ dV = \int_{S} \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

The result is also called Gauss' theorem or Green's theorem.

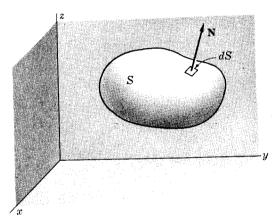


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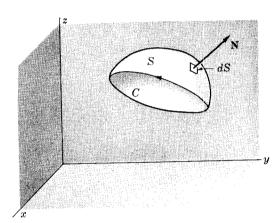


Fig. 22-10

### STOKE'S THEOREM

Let S be an open two-sided surface bounded by a closed non-intersecting curve C [simple closed curve] as in Fig. 22-10. Then

$$\oint_C \mathbf{A} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{A}) \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

where the circle on the integral is used to emphasize that C is closed.

# GREEN'S THEOREM IN THE PLANE

$$\oint_C (P dx + Q dy) = \int_R \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dx dy$$

where R is the area bounded by the closed curve C. This result is a special case of the divergence theorem or Stoke's theorem.

### GREEN'S FIRST IDENTITY

**22.62** 
$$\int_{V} \{ \phi \nabla^{2} \psi + (\nabla \phi) \cdot (\nabla \psi) \} dV = \int (\phi \nabla \psi) \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

where  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are scalar functions.

### **GREEN'S SECOND IDENTITY**

**22.63** 
$$\int_{V} (\phi \nabla^{2} \psi - \psi \nabla^{2} \phi) dV = \int_{S} (\phi \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \phi) \cdot d\mathbf{S}$$

### MISCELLANEOUS INTEGRAL THEOREMS

22.64 
$$\int_{V} \nabla \times \mathbf{A} \ dV = \int_{S} d\mathbf{S} \times \mathbf{A}$$
 22.65  $\int_{C} \phi \ d\mathbf{r} = \int_{S} d\mathbf{S} \times \nabla \phi$ 

### **CURVILINEAR COORDINATES**

A point P in space [see Fig. 22-11] can be located by rectangular coordinates (x,y,z) or curvilinear coordinates  $(u_1,u_2,u_3)$  where the transformation equations from one set of coordinates to the other are given by

22.66 
$$x = x(u_1, u_2, u_3)$$
$$y = y(u_1, u_2, u_3)$$
$$z = z(u_1, u_2, u_3)$$

If  $u_2$  and  $u_3$  are constant, then as  $u_1$  varies, the position vector  $\mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}$  of P describes a curve called the  $u_1$  coordinate curve. Similarly we define the  $u_2$  and  $u_3$  coordinate curves through P. The vectors  $\partial \mathbf{r}/\partial u_1$ ,  $\partial \mathbf{r}/\partial u_2$ ,  $\partial \mathbf{r}/\partial u_3$  represent tangent vectors to the  $u_1$ ,  $u_2$ ,  $u_3$  coordinate curves. Letting  $\mathbf{e}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_3$  be unit tangent vectors to these curves, we have

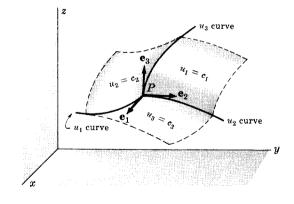


Fig. 22-11

22.67 
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial u_1} = h_1 \mathbf{e}_1, \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial u_2} = h_2 \mathbf{e}_2, \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial u_3} = h_3 \mathbf{e}_3$$

where

**22.68** 
$$h_1 = \left| \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial u_1} \right|, \quad h_2 = \left| \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial u_2} \right|, \quad h_3 = \left| \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial u_3} \right|$$

are called scale factors. If  $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3$  are mutually perpendicular, the curvilinear coordinate system is called orthogonal.

### FORMULAS INVOLVING ORTHOGONAL CURVILINEAR COORDINATES

**22.69** 
$$d\mathbf{r} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial u_1} du_1 + \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial u_2} du_2 + \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial u_3} du_3 = h_1 du_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + h_2 du_2 \mathbf{e}_2 + h_3 du_3 \mathbf{e}_3$$

**22.70** 
$$ds^2 = d\mathbf{r} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = h_1^2 du_1^2 + h_2^2 du_2^2 + h_3^2 du_3^2$$

where ds is the element of arc length.

If dV is the element of volume, then

**22.71** 
$$dV = |(h_1\mathbf{e}_1 du_1) \cdot (h_2\mathbf{e}_2 du_2) \times (h_3\mathbf{e}_3 du_3)| = h_1h_2h_3 du_1 du_2 du_3$$
$$= \left| \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial u_1} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial u_2} \times \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial u_3} \right| du_1 du_2 du_3 = \left| \frac{\partial (x, y, z)}{\partial (u_1, u_2, u_3)} \right| du_1 du_2 du_3$$

where

$$\frac{\partial(x,y,z)}{\partial(u_1,u_2,u_3)} = \begin{vmatrix} \partial x/\partial u_1 & \partial x/\partial u_2 & \partial x/\partial u_3 \\ \partial y/\partial u_1 & \partial y/\partial u_2 & \partial y/\partial u_3 \\ \partial z/\partial u_1 & \partial z/\partial u_2 & \partial z/\partial u_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

is called the Jacobian of the transformation.

### TRANSFORMATION OF MULTIPLE INTEGRALS

The result 22.72 can be used to transform multiple integrals from rectangular to curvilinear coordinates. For example, we have

**22.73** 
$$\iiint_{\mathcal{R}} F(x,y,z) \ dx \ dy \ dz = \iiint_{\mathcal{R}'} G(u_1,u_2,u_3) \left| \frac{\partial(x,y,z)}{\partial(u_1,u_2,u_3)} \right| \ du_1 \ du_2 \ du_3$$

where  $\mathcal{R}'$  is the region into which  $\mathcal{R}$  is mapped by the transformation and  $G(u_1, u_2, u_3)$  is the value of F(x, y, z) corresponding to the transformation.

### GRADIENT, DIVERGENCE, CURL AND LAPLACIAN

In the following,  $\Phi$  is a scalar function and  $\mathbf{A} = A_1\mathbf{e}_1 + A_2\mathbf{e}_2 + A_3\mathbf{e}_3$  a vector function of orthogonal curvilinear coordinates  $u_1, u_2, u_3$ .

**22.74** Gradient of 
$$\Phi$$
 = grad  $\Phi$  =  $\nabla \Phi$  =  $\frac{1}{h_1} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial u_1} + \frac{1}{h_2} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial u_2} + \frac{1}{h_3} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial u_3}$ 

**22.75** Divergence of 
$$\mathbf{A} = \operatorname{div} \mathbf{A} = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{h_1 h_2 h_3} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} (h_2 h_3 A_1) + \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} (h_3 h_1 A_2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial u_3} (h_1 h_2 A_3) \right]$$

**22.76** Curl of 
$$\mathbf{A} = \text{curl } \mathbf{A} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{h_1 h_2 h_3} \begin{bmatrix} h_1 \mathbf{e}_1 & h_2 \mathbf{e}_2 & h_3 \mathbf{e}_3 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} & \frac{\partial}{\partial u_3} \\ h_1 A_1 & h_2 A_2 & h_3 A_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{h_2 h_3} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} (h_3 A_3) - \frac{\partial}{\partial u_3} (h_2 A_2) \right] \mathbf{e}_1 + \frac{1}{h_1 h_3} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial u_3} (h_1 A_1) - \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} (h_3 A_3) \right] \mathbf{e}_2$$

$$+ \frac{1}{h_1 h_2} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} (h_2 A_2) - \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} (h_1 A_1) \right] \mathbf{e}_3$$

**22.77** Laplacian of 
$$\Phi = \nabla^2 \Phi = \frac{1}{h_1 h_2 h_3} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} \left( \frac{h_2 h_3}{h_1} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial u_1} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} \left( \frac{h_3 h_1}{h_2} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial u_2} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial u_3} \left( \frac{h_1 h_2}{h_3} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial u_3} \right) \right]$$

Note that the biharmonic operator  $\nabla^4 \Phi = \nabla^2 (\nabla^2 \Phi)$  can be obtained from 22.77.

### SPECIAL ORTHOGONAL COORDINATE SYSTEMS

### Cylindrical Coordinates $(r, \theta, z)$ [See Fig. 22-12]

$$22.78 x = r\cos\theta, \quad y = r\sin\theta, \quad z = z$$

**22.79** 
$$h_1^2 = 1, \quad h_2^2 = r^2, \quad h_3^2 = 1$$

**22.80** 
$$\nabla^{2}\Phi = \frac{\partial^{2}\Phi}{\partial r^{2}} + \frac{1}{r}\frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r^{2}}\frac{\partial^{2}\Phi}{\partial \theta^{2}} + \frac{\partial^{2}\Phi}{\partial z^{2}}$$

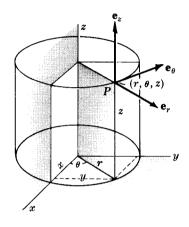


Fig. 22-12. Cylindrical coordinates.

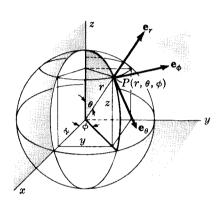


Fig. 22-13. Spherical coordinates.

### **Spherical Coordinates** $(r, \theta, \phi)$ [See Fig. 22-13]

22.81 
$$x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi, \quad y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi, \quad z = r \cos \theta$$

**22.82** 
$$h_1^2 = 1$$
,  $h_2^2 = r^2$ ,  $h_3^2 = r^2 \sin^2 \theta$ 

**22.83** 
$$\nabla^{2}\Phi = \frac{1}{r^{2}}\frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(r^{2}\frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial r}\right) + \frac{1}{r^{2}\sin\theta}\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\left(\sin\theta\frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial\theta}\right) + \frac{1}{r^{2}\sin^{2}\theta}\frac{\partial^{2}\Phi}{\partial\phi^{2}}$$

### Parabolic Cylindrical Coordinates (u, v, z)

**22.84** 
$$x = \frac{1}{2}(u^2 - v^2), \quad y = uv, \quad z = z$$

**22.85** 
$$h_1^2 = h_2^2 = u^2 + v^2, \quad h_3^2 = 1$$

**22.86** 
$$\nabla^{2}\Phi = \frac{1}{u^{2} + v^{2}} \left( \frac{\partial^{2}\Phi}{\partial u^{2}} + \frac{\partial^{2}\Phi}{\partial v^{2}} \right) + \frac{\partial^{2}\Phi}{\partial z^{2}}$$

The traces of the coordinate surfaces on the xy plane are shown in Fig. 22-14. They are confocal parabolas with a common axis.

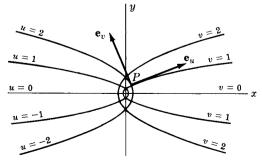


Fig. 22-14

### Paraboloidal Coordinates $(u, v, \phi)$

**22.87** 
$$x = uv \cos \phi, \quad y = uv \sin \phi, \quad z = \frac{1}{2}(u^2 - v^2)$$
 where  $u \ge 0, \quad v \ge 0, \quad 0 \le \phi < 2\pi$ 

**22.88** 
$$h_1^2 = h_2^2 = u^2 + v^2, \quad h_3^2 = u^2v^2$$

**22.89** 
$$\nabla^{2}\Phi = \frac{1}{u(u^{2}+v^{2})}\frac{\partial}{\partial u}\left(u\frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial u}\right) + \frac{1}{v(u^{2}+v^{2})}\frac{\partial}{\partial v}\left(v\frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial v}\right) + \frac{1}{u^{2}v^{2}}\frac{\partial^{2}\Phi}{\partial \phi^{2}}$$

Two sets of coordinate surfaces are obtained by revolving the parabolas of Fig. 22-14 about the x axis which is then relabeled the z axis.

### Elliptic Cylindrical Coordinates (u, v, z)

22.90 
$$x = a \cosh u \cos v, \quad y = a \sinh u \sin v, \quad z = z$$
where  $u \ge 0, \quad 0 \le v < 2\pi, \quad -\infty < z < \infty$ 
22.91  $h_1^2 = h_2^2 = a^2 (\sinh^2 u + \sin^2 v), \quad h_3^2 = 1$ 

$$u_1 \quad u_2 \quad u \quad \text{(sim } u \quad \text{(sim } v), \quad u_3 = 1$$

**22.92** 
$$\nabla^{2}\Phi = \frac{1}{a^{2}(\sinh^{2}u + \sin^{2}v)} \left( \frac{\partial^{2}\Phi}{\partial u^{2}} + \frac{\partial^{2}\Phi}{\partial v^{2}} \right) + \frac{\partial^{2}\Phi}{\partial z^{2}}$$

The traces of the coordinate surfaces on the xy plane are shown in Fig. 22-15. They are confocal ellipses and hyperbolas.

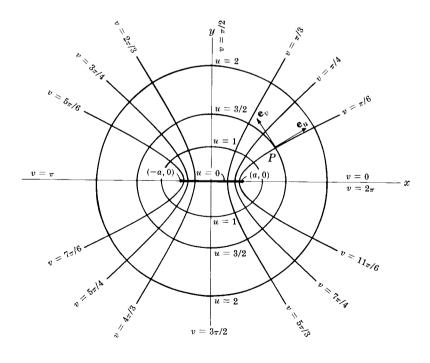


Fig. 22-15. Elliptic cylindrical coordinates.

### Prolate Spheroidal Coordinates $(\xi, \eta, \phi)$

22.93 
$$x = a \sinh \xi \sin \eta \cos \phi, \quad y = a \sinh \xi \sin \eta \sin \phi, \quad z = a \cosh \xi \cos \eta$$

where  $\xi \ge 0$ ,  $0 \le \eta \le \pi$ ,  $0 \le \phi < 2\pi$ 

**22.94** 
$$h_1^2 = h_2^2 = a^2(\sinh^2 \xi + \sin^2 \eta), \quad h_3^2 = a^2 \sinh^2 \xi \sin^2 \eta$$

22.95 
$$\nabla^{2}\Phi = \frac{1}{a^{2}(\sinh^{2}\xi + \sin^{2}\eta) \sinh \xi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left(\sinh \xi \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \xi}\right) + \frac{1}{a^{2}(\sinh^{2}\xi + \sin^{2}\eta) \sin \eta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left(\sin \eta \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \eta}\right) + \frac{1}{a^{2}\sinh^{2}\xi \sin^{2}\eta} \frac{\partial^{2}\Phi}{\partial \phi^{2}}$$

Two sets of coordinate surfaces are obtained by revolving the curves of Fig. 22-15 about the x axis which is relabeled the x axis. The third set of coordinate surfaces consists of planes passing through this axis.

### Oblate Spheroidal Coordinates $(\xi, \eta, \phi)$

22.96 
$$x = a \cosh \xi \cos \eta \cos \phi, \quad y = a \cosh \xi \cos \eta \sin \phi, \quad z = a \sinh \xi \sin \eta$$

where  $\xi \geq 0$ ,  $-\pi/2 \leq \eta \leq \pi/2$ ,  $0 \leq \phi < 2\pi$ 

**22.97** 
$$h_1^2 = h_2^2 = a^2(\sinh^2 \xi + \sin^2 \eta), \quad h_3^2 = a^2 \cosh^2 \xi \cos^2 \eta$$

$$\nabla^{2}\Phi = \frac{1}{a^{2}(\sinh^{2}\xi + \sin^{2}\eta) \cosh \xi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \left(\cosh \xi \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \xi}\right) \\
+ \frac{1}{a^{2}(\sinh^{2}\xi + \sin^{2}\eta) \cos \eta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left(\cos \eta \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \eta}\right) + \frac{1}{a^{2}\cosh^{2}\xi \cos^{2}\eta} \frac{\partial^{2}\Phi}{\partial \phi^{2}}$$

Two sets of coordinate surfaces are obtained by revolving the curves of Fig. 22-15 about the y axis which is relabeled the z axis. The third set of coordinate surfaces are planes passing through this axis.

### Bipolar Coordinates (u, v, z)

22.99 
$$x = \frac{a \sinh v}{\cosh v - \cos u}, \quad y = \frac{a \sin u}{\cosh v - \cos u}, \quad z = z$$

where  $0 \le u < 2\pi, -\infty < v < \infty, -\infty < z < \infty$ 

 $\mathbf{or}$ 

**22.100** 
$$x^2 + (y - a \cot u)^2 = a^2 \csc^2 u$$
,  $(x - a \coth v)^2 + y^2 = a^2 \operatorname{csch}^2 v$ ,  $z = z$ 

**22.101** 
$$h_1^2 = h_2^2 = \frac{a^2}{(\cosh v - \cos u)^2}, \quad h_3^2 = 1$$

**22.102** 
$$\nabla^{2}\Phi = \frac{(\cosh v - \cos u)^{2}}{a^{2}} \left( \frac{\partial^{2}\Phi}{\partial u^{2}} + \frac{\partial^{2}\Phi}{\partial v^{2}} \right) + \frac{\partial^{2}\Phi}{\partial z^{2}}$$

The traces of the coordinate surfaces on the xy plane are shown in Fig. 22-16 below.

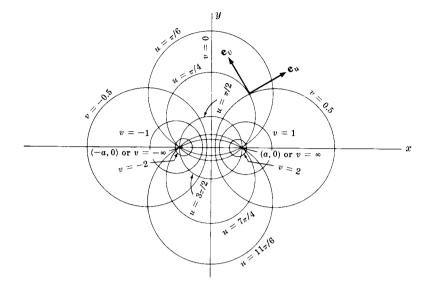


Fig. 22-16. Bipolar coordinates.

### Toroidal Coordinates $(u, v, \phi)$

22.103 
$$x = \frac{a \sinh v \cos \phi}{\cosh v - \cos u}, \quad y = \frac{a \sinh v \sin \phi}{\cosh v - \cos u}, \quad z = \frac{a \sin u}{\cosh v - \cos u}$$

**22.104** 
$$h_1^2 = h_2^2 = \frac{a^2}{(\cosh v - \cos u)^2}, \quad h_3^2 = \frac{a^2 \sinh^2 v}{(\cosh v - \cos u)^2}$$

22.105 
$$\nabla^{2}\Phi = \frac{(\cosh v - \cos u)^{3}}{a^{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \left( \frac{1}{\cosh v - \cos u} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial u} \right) + \frac{(\cosh v - \cos u)^{3}}{a^{2} \sinh v} \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \left( \frac{\sinh v}{\cosh v - \cos u} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial v} \right) + \frac{(\cosh v - \cos u)^{2}}{a^{2} \sinh^{2} v} \frac{\partial^{2}\Phi}{\partial \phi^{2}}$$

The coordinate surfaces are obtained by revolving the curves of Fig. 22-16 about the y axis which is relabeled the z axis.

### Conical Coordinates $(\lambda, \mu, \nu)$

**22.106** 
$$x = \frac{\lambda \mu \nu}{ab}, \quad y = \frac{\lambda}{a} \sqrt{\frac{(\mu^2 - a^2)(\nu^2 - a^2)}{a^2 - b^2}}, \quad z = \frac{\lambda}{b} \sqrt{\frac{(\mu^2 - b^2)(\nu^2 - b^2)}{b^2 - a^2}}$$

**22.107** 
$$h_1^2 = 1$$
,  $h_2^2 = \frac{\lambda^2(\mu^2 - \nu^2)}{(\mu^2 - a^2)(b^2 - \mu^2)}$ ,  $h_3^2 = \frac{\lambda^2(\mu^2 - \nu^2)}{(\nu^2 - a^2)(\nu^2 - b^2)}$ 

### Confocal Ellipsoidal Coordinates $(\lambda, \mu, \nu)$

or

$$22.109 \begin{cases} x^2 = \frac{(a^2 - \lambda)(a^2 - \mu)(a^2 - \nu)}{(a^2 - b^2)(a^2 - c^2)} \\ y^2 = \frac{(b^2 - \lambda)(b^2 - \mu)(b^2 - \nu)}{(b^2 - a^2)(b^2 - c^2)} \\ z^2 = \frac{(c^2 - \lambda)(c^2 - \mu)(c^2 - \nu)}{(c^2 - a^2)(c^2 - b^2)} \end{cases}$$

$$22.110 \begin{cases} h_1^2 = \frac{(\mu - \lambda)(\nu - \lambda)}{4(a^2 - \lambda)(b^2 - \lambda)(c^2 - \lambda)} \\ h_2^2 = \frac{(\nu - \mu)(\lambda - \mu)}{4(a^2 - \mu)(b^2 - \mu)(c^2 - \mu)} \\ h_3^2 = \frac{(\lambda - \nu)(\mu - \nu)}{4(a^2 - \nu)(b^2 - \nu)(c^2 - \nu)} \end{cases}$$

### Confocal Paraboloidal Coordinates $(\lambda, \mu, \nu)$

22.111 
$$\begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{a^2 - \lambda} + \frac{y^2}{b^2 - \lambda} &= z - \lambda & -\infty < \lambda < b^2 \\ \frac{x^2}{a^2 - \mu} + \frac{y^2}{b^2 - \mu} &= z - \mu & b^2 < \mu < a^2 \\ \frac{x^2}{a^2 - \nu} + \frac{y^2}{b^2 - \nu} &= z - \nu & a^2 < \nu < \infty \end{cases}$$

 $\mathbf{or}$ 

22.112 
$$\begin{cases} x^2 = \frac{(a^2 - \lambda)(a^2 - \mu)(a^2 - \nu)}{b^2 - a^2} \\ y^2 = \frac{(b^2 - \lambda)(b^2 - \mu)(b^2 - \nu)}{a^2 - b^2} \\ z = \lambda + \mu + \nu - a^2 - b^2 \end{cases}$$