

TABLE 2-1 THREE BASIC ORTHOGONAL COORDINATE SYSTEMS

		Cartesian Coordinates (x, y, z)	Cylindrical Coordinates (r, ϕ, z)	Spherical Coordinates (R, θ, ϕ)
Base Vectors	\mathbf{a}_{u_1}	\mathbf{a}_x	\mathbf{a}_r	\mathbf{a}_R
	\mathbf{a}_{u_2}	\mathbf{a}_y	\mathbf{a}_ϕ	\mathbf{a}_θ
	\mathbf{a}_{u_3}	\mathbf{a}_z	\mathbf{a}_z	\mathbf{a}_ϕ
Metric Coefficients	h_1	1	1	1
	h_2	1	r	R
	h_3	1	1	$R \sin \theta$
Differential Volume	dv	$dx \, dy \, dz$	$r \, dr \, d\phi \, dz$	$R^2 \sin \theta \, dR \, d\theta \, d\phi$
		Cartesian Coordinates	Cylindrical Coordinates	Spherical Coordinates
Coordinate variables		x, y, z	r, ϕ, z	R, θ, ϕ
Vector representation, $\mathbf{A} =$		$\hat{\mathbf{x}}A_x + \hat{\mathbf{y}}A_y + \hat{\mathbf{z}}A_z$	$\hat{\mathbf{r}}A_r + \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}A_\phi + \hat{\mathbf{z}}A_z$	$\hat{\mathbf{R}}A_R + \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}A_\theta + \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}A_\phi$
Magnitude of \mathbf{A} , $ \mathbf{A} =$		$\sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2}$	$\sqrt{A_r^2 + A_\phi^2 + A_z^2}$	$\sqrt{A_R^2 + A_\theta^2 + A_\phi^2}$
Position vector $\overrightarrow{OP_1} =$		$\hat{\mathbf{x}}x_1 + \hat{\mathbf{y}}y_1 + \hat{\mathbf{z}}z_1$, for $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$	$\hat{\mathbf{r}}r_1 + \hat{\mathbf{z}}z_1$, for $P(r_1, \phi_1, z_1)$	$\hat{\mathbf{R}}R_1$, for $P(R_1, \theta_1, \phi_1)$
Base vectors properties		$\hat{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \hat{\mathbf{y}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} = 1$ $\hat{\mathbf{x}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \hat{\mathbf{y}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{x}} = 0$ $\hat{\mathbf{x}} \times \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \hat{\mathbf{z}}$ $\hat{\mathbf{y}} \times \hat{\mathbf{z}} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}$ $\hat{\mathbf{z}} \times \hat{\mathbf{x}} = \hat{\mathbf{y}}$	$\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} = 1$ $\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}} = 0$ $\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = \hat{\mathbf{z}}$ $\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \times \hat{\mathbf{z}} = \hat{\mathbf{r}}$ $\hat{\mathbf{z}} \times \hat{\mathbf{r}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$	$\hat{\mathbf{R}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = 1$ $\hat{\mathbf{R}} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}} = 0$ $\hat{\mathbf{R}} \times \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$ $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \times \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = \hat{\mathbf{R}}$ $\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \times \hat{\mathbf{R}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$
Dot product, $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} =$		$A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$	$A_r B_r + A_\phi B_\phi + A_z B_z$	$A_R B_R + A_\theta B_\theta + A_\phi B_\phi$
Cross product, $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} =$		$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{x}} & \hat{\mathbf{y}} & \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix}$	$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{r}} & \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} & \hat{\mathbf{z}} \\ A_r & A_\phi & A_z \\ B_r & B_\phi & B_z \end{vmatrix}$	$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{R}} & \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} & \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \\ A_R & A_\theta & A_\phi \\ B_R & B_\theta & B_\phi \end{vmatrix}$
Differential length, $d\mathbf{l} =$		$\hat{\mathbf{x}} \, dx + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \, dy + \hat{\mathbf{z}} \, dz$	$\hat{\mathbf{r}} \, dr + \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \, r \, d\phi + \hat{\mathbf{z}} \, dz$	$\hat{\mathbf{R}} \, dR + \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \, R \, d\theta + \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \, R \sin \theta \, d\phi$
Differential surface areas		$ds_x = \hat{\mathbf{x}} \, dy \, dz$ $ds_y = \hat{\mathbf{y}} \, dx \, dz$ $ds_z = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \, dx \, dy$	$ds_r = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \, r \, d\phi \, dz$ $ds_\phi = \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \, dr \, dz$ $ds_z = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \, r \, dr \, d\phi$	$ds_R = \hat{\mathbf{R}} \, R^2 \sin \theta \, d\theta \, d\phi$ $ds_\theta = \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \, R \sin \theta \, dR \, d\phi$ $ds_\phi = \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} \, R \, dR \, d\theta$
Differential volume, $d\mathcal{V} =$		$dx \, dy \, dz$	$r \, dr \, d\phi \, dz$	$R^2 \sin \theta \, dR \, d\theta \, d\phi$
Transformation	Coordinate Variables	Unit Vectors		Vector Components
Cartesian to cylindrical	$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ $\phi = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$ $z = z$	$\hat{\mathbf{r}} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}\cos\phi + \hat{\mathbf{y}}\sin\phi$ $\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = -\hat{\mathbf{x}}\sin\phi + \hat{\mathbf{y}}\cos\phi$ $\hat{\mathbf{z}} = \hat{\mathbf{z}}$		$A_r = A_x \cos\phi + A_y \sin\phi$ $A_\phi = -A_x \sin\phi + A_y \cos\phi$ $A_z = A_z$
Cylindrical to Cartesian	$x = r \cos\phi$ $y = r \sin\phi$ $z = z$	$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \hat{\mathbf{r}}\cos\phi - \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}\sin\phi$ $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \hat{\mathbf{r}}\sin\phi + \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}\cos\phi$ $\hat{\mathbf{z}} = \hat{\mathbf{z}}$		$A_x = A_r \cos\phi - A_\phi \sin\phi$ $A_y = A_r \sin\phi + A_\phi \cos\phi$ $A_z = A_z$
Cartesian to spherical	$R = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ $\theta = \tan^{-1}[\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}/z]$ $\phi = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$	$\hat{\mathbf{R}} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}\sin\theta\cos\phi + \hat{\mathbf{y}}\sin\theta\sin\phi + \hat{\mathbf{z}}\cos\theta$ $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \hat{\mathbf{x}}\cos\theta\cos\phi + \hat{\mathbf{y}}\cos\theta\sin\phi - \hat{\mathbf{z}}\sin\theta$ $\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = -\hat{\mathbf{x}}\sin\phi + \hat{\mathbf{y}}\cos\phi$		$A_R = A_x \sin\theta\cos\phi + A_y \sin\theta\sin\phi + A_z \cos\theta$ $A_\theta = A_x \cos\theta\cos\phi + A_y \cos\theta\sin\phi - A_z \sin\theta$ $A_\phi = -A_x \sin\phi + A_y \cos\phi$
Spherical to Cartesian	$x = R \sin\theta\cos\phi$ $y = R \sin\theta\sin\phi$ $z = R \cos\theta$	$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \hat{\mathbf{R}}\sin\theta\cos\phi + \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\cos\theta\cos\phi - \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}\sin\phi$ $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \hat{\mathbf{R}}\sin\theta\sin\phi + \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\cos\theta\sin\phi + \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}\cos\phi$ $\hat{\mathbf{z}} = \hat{\mathbf{R}}\cos\theta - \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\sin\theta$		$A_x = A_R \sin\theta\cos\phi + A_\theta \cos\theta\cos\phi - A_\phi \sin\phi$ $A_y = A_R \sin\theta\sin\phi + A_\theta \cos\theta\sin\phi + A_\phi \cos\phi$ $A_z = A_R \cos\theta - A_\theta \sin\theta$
Cylindrical to spherical	$R = \sqrt{r^2 + z^2}$ $\theta = \tan^{-1}(r/z)$ $\phi = \phi$	$\hat{\mathbf{R}} = \hat{\mathbf{r}}\sin\theta + \hat{\mathbf{z}}\cos\theta$ $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \hat{\mathbf{r}}\cos\theta - \hat{\mathbf{z}}\sin\theta$ $\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$		$A_R = A_r \sin\theta + A_z \cos\theta$ $A_\theta = A_r \cos\theta - A_z \sin\theta$ $A_\phi = A_\phi$
Spherical to cylindrical	$r = R \sin\theta$ $\phi = \phi$ $z = R \cos\theta$	$\hat{\mathbf{r}} = \hat{\mathbf{R}}\sin\theta + \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\cos\theta$ $\hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\phi}}$ $\hat{\mathbf{z}} = \hat{\mathbf{R}}\cos\theta - \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\sin\theta$		$A_r = A_R \sin\theta + A_\theta \cos\theta$ $A_\phi = A_\phi$ $A_z = A_R \cos\theta - A_\theta \sin\theta$