

Cartesian Coordinates \Leftrightarrow **Spherical Coordinates**
 (x, y, z) \Leftrightarrow (r, θ, ϕ)

Point/variable conversions :

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \quad x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi \quad \cos \phi = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \quad \cos \theta = \frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}$$

$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x} \quad y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{z} \quad z = r \cos \theta \quad \sin \phi = \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \quad \sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}$$

Vector conversions :

$$\bar{A} = \hat{a}_r A_r + A_\theta \hat{a}_\theta + \hat{a}_\phi A_\phi = A_x \hat{a}_x + A_y \hat{a}_y + A_z \hat{a}_z$$

$$\hat{a}_r = \sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{a}_x + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{a}_y + \cos \theta \hat{a}_z$$

$$\hat{a}_\theta = \cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{a}_x + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{a}_y - \sin \theta \hat{a}_z$$

$$\hat{a}_\phi = -\sin \phi \hat{a}_x + \cos \phi \hat{a}_y$$

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

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

$$\hat{a}_z = \cos \theta \hat{a}_r - \sin \theta \hat{a}_\theta$$

$$A_r = A_x \sin \theta \cos \phi + A_y \sin \theta \sin \phi + A_z \cos \theta$$

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

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

$$A_x = A_r \sin \theta \cos \phi + A_\theta \cos \theta \cos \phi - A_\phi \sin \phi$$

$$A_y = A_r \sin \theta \sin \phi + A_\theta \cos \theta \sin \phi + A_\phi \cos \phi$$

$$A_z = A_r \cos \theta - A_\theta \sin \theta$$

Dot Products :

$$\hat{a}_r \bullet \hat{a}_x = \sin \theta \cos \phi \quad \hat{a}_r \bullet \hat{a}_y = \sin \theta \sin \phi \quad \hat{a}_r \bullet \hat{a}_z = \cos \theta$$

$$\hat{a}_\theta \bullet \hat{a}_x = \cos \theta \cos \phi \quad \hat{a}_\theta \bullet \hat{a}_y = \cos \theta \sin \phi \quad \hat{a}_\theta \bullet \hat{a}_z = -\sin \theta$$

$$\hat{a}_\phi \bullet \hat{a}_x = -\sin \phi \quad \hat{a}_\phi \bullet \hat{a}_y = \cos \phi \quad \hat{a}_\phi \bullet \hat{a}_z = 0$$