

### Rectangular/Cartesian Coordinates $(x, y, z)$

$$d\vec{l} = dx \hat{a}_x + dy \hat{a}_y + dz \hat{a}_z$$

$$d\vec{s}_x = dy dz \hat{a}_x \quad d\vec{s}_y = dx dz \hat{a}_y \quad d\vec{s}_z = dx dy \hat{a}_z$$

$$dv = dx dy dz$$

$$\vec{r} = x \hat{a}_x + y \hat{a}_y + z \hat{a}_z$$

$$\nabla \Phi = \hat{a}_x \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x} + \hat{a}_y \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial y} + \hat{a}_z \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{A} = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{A} = \hat{a}_x \left( \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} \right) + \hat{a}_y \left( \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} \right) + \hat{a}_z \left( \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z^2}$$

### Spherical Coordinates $(r, \theta, \phi)$

$$d\vec{l} = dr \hat{a}_r + r d\theta \hat{a}_\theta + r \sin \theta d\phi \hat{a}_\phi$$

$$d\vec{s}_r = r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \hat{a}_r$$

$$d\vec{s}_\theta = r \sin \theta dr d\phi \hat{a}_\theta$$

$$d\vec{s}_\phi = r dr d\theta \hat{a}_\phi$$

$$dv = r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi$$

$$\vec{r} = r \hat{a}_r \quad (\text{Note: } \hat{a}_r \text{ has both } \theta \text{ and } \phi \text{ dependence})$$

$$\nabla \Phi = \hat{a}_r \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} + \hat{a}_\theta \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \theta} + \hat{a}_\phi \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \phi}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{A} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial (r^2 A_r)}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial (\sin \theta A_\theta)}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial \phi}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{A} = \hat{a}_r \left\{ \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \left[ \frac{\partial (\sin \theta A_\phi)}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial \phi} \right] \right\} + \hat{a}_\theta \left\{ \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \phi} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial (r A_\phi)}{\partial r} \right\} + \hat{a}_\phi \left\{ \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{\partial (r A_\theta)}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \theta} \right] \right\}$$

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

### Cartesian $(x, y, z) \Leftrightarrow$ Spherical $(r, \theta, \phi)$

#### 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 :

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Dot Products :

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

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

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

### Cylindrical Coordinates $(\rho, \phi, z)$

$$d\vec{l} = d\rho \hat{a}_\rho + \rho d\phi \hat{a}_\phi + dz \hat{a}_z$$

$$d\vec{s}_\rho = \rho d\phi dz \hat{a}_\rho \quad d\vec{s}_\phi = d\rho dz \hat{a}_\phi \quad d\vec{s}_z = \rho d\rho d\phi \hat{a}_z$$

$$dv = \rho d\rho d\phi dz$$

$$\vec{r} = \rho \hat{a}_\rho + z \hat{a}_z \quad (\text{Note: } \hat{a}_\rho \text{ has } \phi \text{ dependence})$$

$$\nabla \Phi = \hat{a}_\rho \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \rho} + \hat{a}_\phi \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \phi} + \hat{a}_z \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{A} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial (\rho A_\rho)}{\partial \rho} + \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{A} = \hat{a}_\rho \left( \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial z} \right) + \hat{a}_\phi \left( \frac{\partial A_\rho}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \rho} \right) + \hat{a}_z \left( \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial (\rho A_\phi)}{\partial \rho} - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial A_\rho}{\partial \phi} \right)$$

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} \left( \rho \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \rho} \right) + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z^2}$$

### Cartesian $(x, y, z) \Leftrightarrow$ Cylindrical $(\rho, \phi, z)$

#### Point/variable conversions :

$$\rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \quad x = \rho \cos \phi \quad \cos \phi = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right) \quad y = \rho \sin \phi \quad \sin \phi = \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

$$z = z \quad z = z$$

#### Vector conversions :

$$\vec{A} = \hat{a}_\rho A_\rho + \hat{a}_\phi A_\phi + A_z \hat{a}_z = A_x \hat{a}_x + A_y \hat{a}_y + A_z \hat{a}_z$$

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

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

$$\hat{a}_z = \hat{a}_z$$

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

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

$$A_z = A_z \quad A_z = A_z$$

#### Dot Products :

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

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

$$\hat{a}_x \cdot \hat{a}_z = 0 \quad \hat{a}_y \cdot \hat{a}_z = 0 \quad \hat{a}_z \cdot \hat{a}_z = 1$$