

# The 3 Common Coordinate Systems

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## 1 Summary

### 1.1 Rectangular

- Unit Vector  $\hat{x}$ ,  $\hat{y}$ ,  $\hat{z}$
- Vector  $V_x\hat{x} + V_y\hat{y} + V_z\hat{z}$
- Magnitude  $\sqrt{V_x^2 + V_y^2 + V_z^2}$
- Distance  $\sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2 + (z_1 - z_2)^2}$

### 1.2 Cylindrical

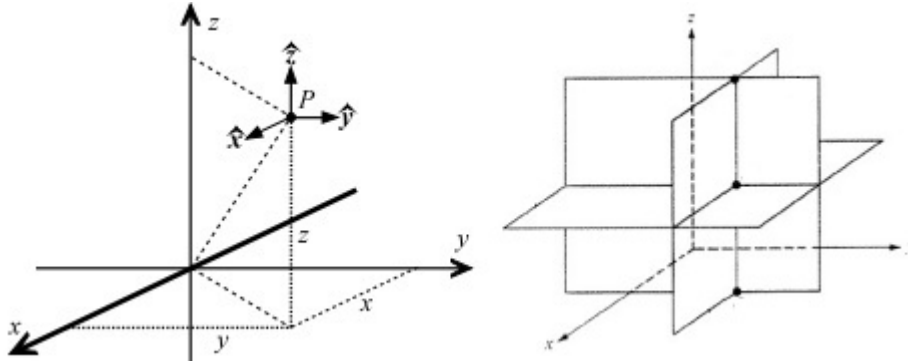
- Unit Vector  $\hat{r}$ ,  $\hat{\phi}$ ,  $\hat{z}$
- Vector  $V_r\hat{r} + V_\phi\hat{\phi} + V_z\hat{z}$
- Magnitude  $\sqrt{V_r^2 + V_\phi^2 + V_z^2}$
- Distance  $\sqrt{r_1^2 + r_2^2 - 2r_1r_2 \cos(\phi_1 - \phi_2) + (z_1 - z_2)^2}$

### 1.3 Spherical

- Unit Vector  $\hat{R}$ ,  $\hat{\phi}$ ,  $\hat{\theta}$
- Vector  $V_R\hat{R} + V_\phi\hat{\phi} + V_\theta\hat{\theta}$
- Magnitude  $\sqrt{V_R^2 + V_\phi^2 + V_\theta^2}$
- Distance  $\sqrt{R_1^2 + R_2^2 - 2R_1R_2 \sin\theta_1 \sin\theta_2 \cos(\phi_1 - \phi_2) - 2R_1R_2 \cos\theta_1 \cos\theta_2}$

## 2 Rectangular Coordinate

Everything is simple in rectangular coordinate



$$\begin{aligned} -\infty &\leq x \leq +\infty \\ -\infty &\leq y \leq +\infty \\ -\infty &\leq z \leq +\infty \end{aligned}$$

Unit vectors  $\hat{x}$ ,  $\hat{y}$ ,  $\hat{z}$

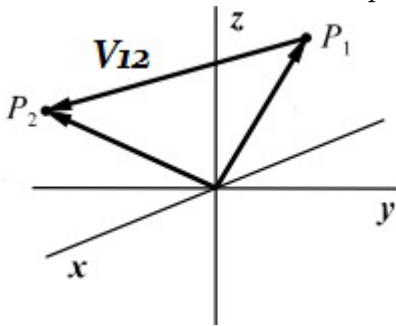
Vector Representation

$$\vec{V} = \vec{V}_x + \vec{V}_y + \vec{V}_z = V_x \hat{x} + V_y \hat{y} + V_z \hat{z}$$

Vector Magnitude

$$|\vec{V}| = \sqrt{V_x^2 + V_y^2 + V_z^2}$$

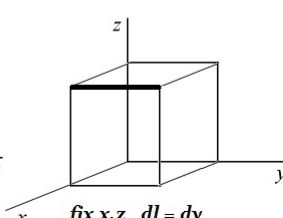
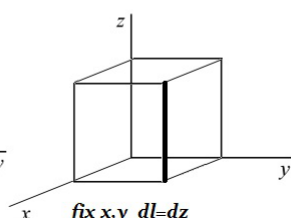
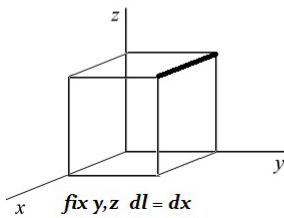
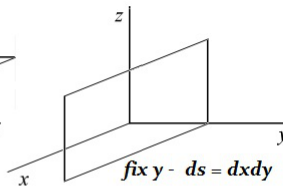
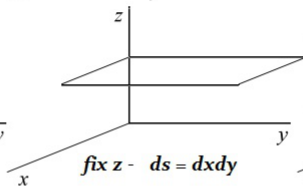
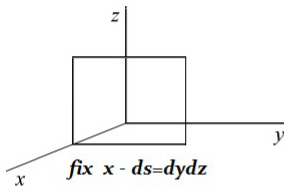
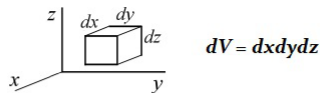
Euclidean distance of 2 points  $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ ,  $(x_2, y_2, z_2)$



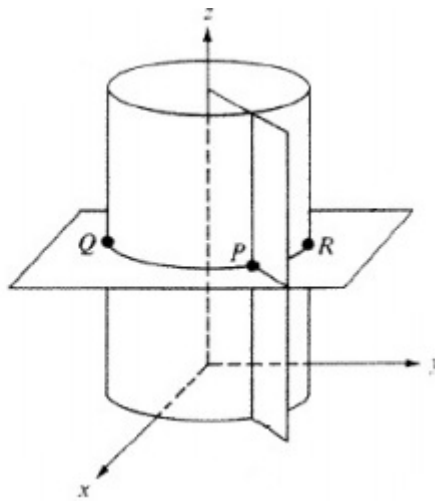
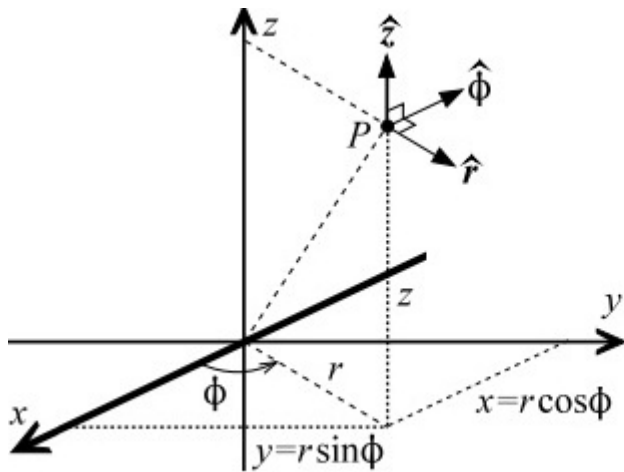
Just Pythagoras' theorem

$$d = |\vec{V}_{12}| = \sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2 + (z_1 - z_2)^2}$$

Differentials



### 3 Cylindrical Coordinate



$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq r \leq \infty \\ 0 &\leq \phi \leq 2\pi \\ -\infty &\leq z \leq +\infty \end{aligned}$$

Unit vector  $\hat{r}$  ,  $\hat{\phi}$  ,  $\hat{z}$

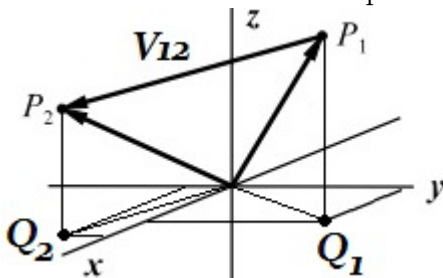
Vector representation

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Vector Magnitude

$$|\vec{V}| = \sqrt{V_r^2 + V_\phi^2 + V_z^2}$$

Euclidean distance of 2 points  $(r_1, \phi_1, z_1)$  ,  $(r_2, \phi_2, z_2)$



The euclidean distance of cylindrical coordinate can be found by using

$$d_{12} = \sqrt{(\text{distance of projection Q})^2 + (\text{distance of height})^2} = \sqrt{d_{Q12}^2 + (z_1 - z_2)^2}$$

The distance  $d_{Q12}$  , which is in polar coordinate , can be found by using relation of polar coordinate and rectangular coordinate

$$d_{Q12} = \sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2}$$

Express as polar coordinate

$$= \sqrt{(r_1 \cos \phi_1 - r_2 \cos \phi_2)^2 + (r_1 \sin \phi_1 - r_2 \sin \phi_2)^2}$$

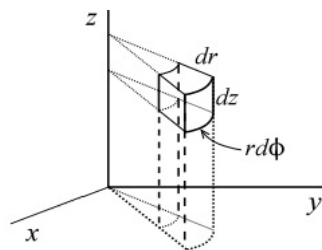
Extract the square term out to form  $r^2 \cos^2 \phi + r^2 \sin^2 \phi = r^2$

$$= \sqrt{r_1^2 + r_2^2 - 2r_1 \cos \phi_1 r_2 \cos \phi_2 - 2r_1 \sin \phi_1 r_2 \sin \phi_2} = \sqrt{r_1^2 + r_2^2 - 2r_1 r_2 \cos(\phi_1 - \phi_2)}$$

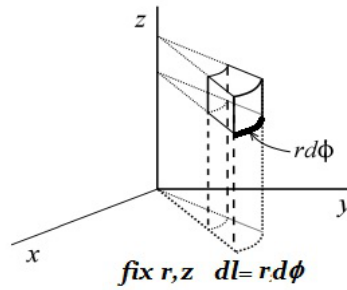
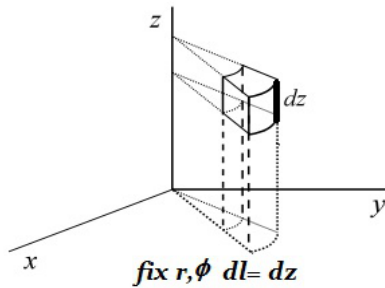
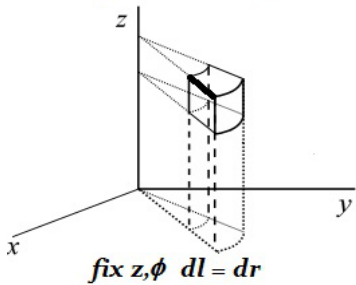
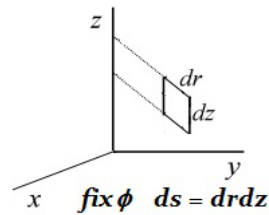
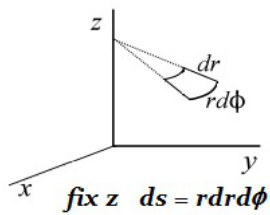
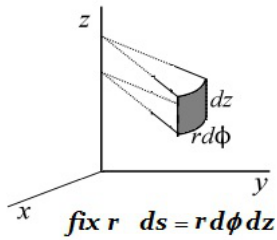
Thus, the euclidean distance of 2 points is

$$d = \sqrt{r_1^2 + r_2^2 - 2r_1 r_2 \cos(\phi_1 - \phi_2) + (z_1 - z_2)^2}$$

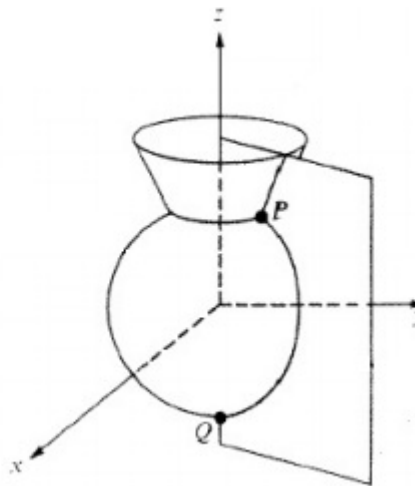
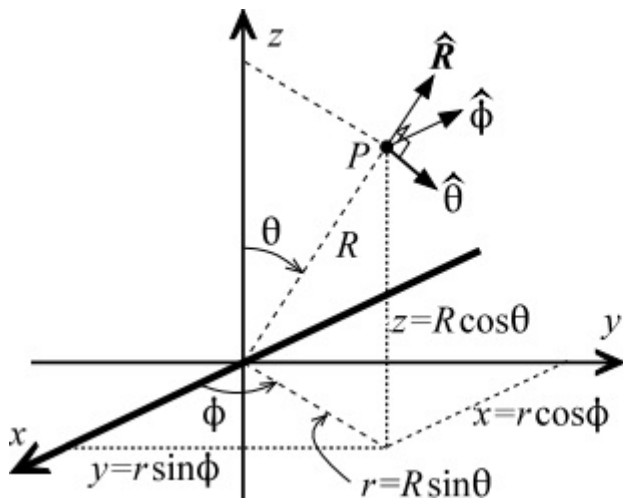
## Differentials



$$dV = r dr d\phi dz$$



## 4 Spherical Coordinate



$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq R \leq +\infty \\ 0 &\leq \phi \leq 2\pi \\ 0 &\leq \theta \leq \pi \end{aligned}$$

Unit vector  $\hat{R}, \hat{\phi}, \hat{\theta}$

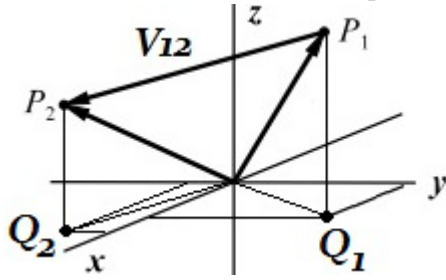
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Vector Magnitude

$$|\vec{V}| = \sqrt{V_R^2 + V_\phi^2 + V_\theta^2}$$

Euclidean distance of 2 points  $(r_1, \phi_1, \theta_1)$  ,  $(r_2, \phi_2, \theta_2)$



Using same techniques, consider the projection distance and the height distance

$$d_{12} = \sqrt{\text{projection distance}^2 + \text{height distance}^2}$$

Where

$$\text{Projection distance} = \sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2} \quad \text{Height distance} = \sqrt{(z_1 - z_2)^2}$$

Turn them into spherical equivalent

$$\text{Projection distance} = \sqrt{(R_1 \sin \theta_1 \cos \phi_1 - R_2 \sin \theta_2 \cos \phi_2)^2 + (R_1 \sin \theta_1 \sin \phi_1 - R_2 \sin \theta_2 \sin \phi_2)^2}$$

$$\text{Height distance} = \sqrt{(R_1 \cos \theta_1 - R_2 \cos \theta_2)^2}$$

$$d_{12} = [(R_1 \sin \theta_1 \cos \phi_1 - R_2 \sin \theta_2 \cos \phi_2)^2 + (R_1 \sin \theta_1 \sin \phi_1 - R_2 \sin \theta_2 \sin \phi_2)^2 + (R_1 \cos \theta_1 - R_2 \cos \theta_2)^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

For the first 2 terms, extract the terms  $R^2 \sin^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi + R^2 \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi = R^2 \sin^2 \theta$

Then combine these terms with the term  $R^2 \cos^2 \theta$  from the third bracket to form  $R^2$

i.e.

$$d_{12} = [(a - b)^2 + (c - d)^2 + (e - f)^2]^{\frac{1}{2}} = [(\text{Square terms}) - 2ab - 2cd - 2ef]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

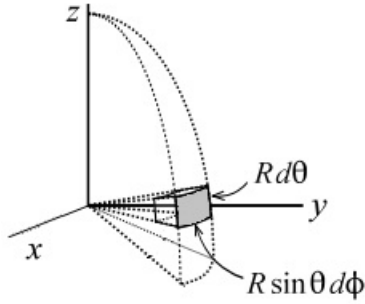
Where the square terms will combine to form  $R_1^2$  and  $R_2^2$

$$d_{12} = \sqrt{R_1^2 + R_2^2 - \underbrace{2R_1 \sin \theta_1 \cos \phi_1 R_2 \sin \theta_2 \cos \phi_2 - 2R_1 \sin \theta_1 \sin \phi_1 R_2 \sin \theta_2 \sin \phi_2 - 2R_1 R_2 \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2}_{\text{Cross terms}}}$$

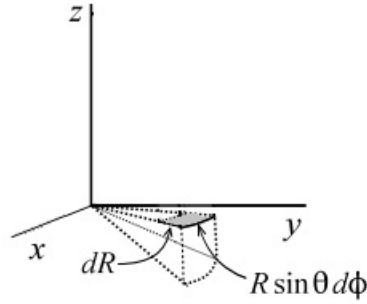
$$d_{12} = \sqrt{R_1^2 + R_2^2 - 2R_1 R_2 \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 \cos(\phi_1 - \phi_2) - 2R_1 R_2 \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2}$$

## Differential

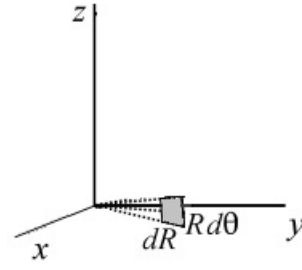
$$dV = R^2 \sin \theta dR d\theta d\phi$$



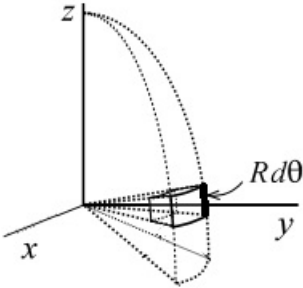
$$\text{fix } R \quad ds = R^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$$



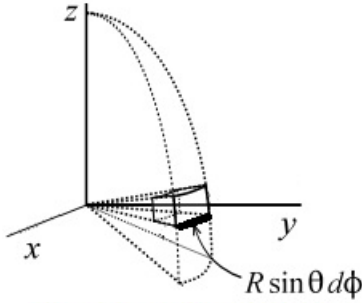
$$\text{fix } \theta \quad ds = R \sin \theta dR d\phi$$



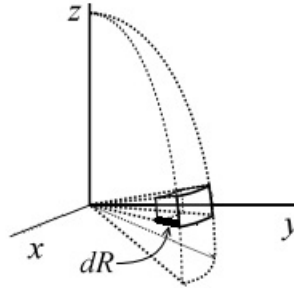
$$\text{fix } \phi \quad ds = R dR d\theta$$



$$\text{fix } R, \phi \quad dl = R d\theta$$



$$\text{fix } R, \theta \quad dl = R \sin \theta d\phi$$



$$\text{fix } \theta, \phi \quad dl = dR$$

## 5 Differential Transformation using Jacobian

Change the unit vector from  $\hat{x}_1, \hat{x}_2, \hat{x}_3$  to  $\hat{y}_1, \hat{y}_2, \hat{y}_3$ , then the change of differential can be found by

$$dx_1 dx_2 dx_3 = |J(y_1, y_2, y_3)| dy_1 dy_2 dy_3 \quad J(y_1, y_2, y_3) = \frac{\partial (x_1 x_2 x_3)}{\partial (y_1 y_2 y_3)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y_2} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y_3} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial y_2} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial y_3} \\ \frac{\partial x_3}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial x_3}{\partial y_2} & \frac{\partial x_3}{\partial y_3} \end{vmatrix}$$

**Rectangular to cylindrical**, from  $x, y, z$  to  $r, \phi, z$  ( $x = r \cos \phi, y = r \sin \phi, z = z$ )

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \phi} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \phi} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial \phi} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial z} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \cos \phi & -r \sin \phi & 0 \\ \sin \phi & r \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = r$$

$$dx dy dz = r dr d\phi dz$$

**Rectangular to spherical**, from  $x, y, z$  to  $R, \phi, \theta$  ( $x = R \sin \theta \cos \phi, y = R \sin \theta \sin \phi, z = R \cos \theta$ )

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial R} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \phi} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial R} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \phi} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial R} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial \phi} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \phi & -R \sin \theta \sin \phi & R \cos \theta \cos \phi \\ \sin \theta \sin \phi & R \sin \theta \cos \phi & R \cos \theta \sin \phi \\ \cos \theta & 0 & -R \sin \theta \end{vmatrix} = R^2 \begin{vmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \phi & -\sin \theta \sin \phi & \cos \theta \cos \phi \\ \sin \theta \sin \phi & \sin \theta \cos \phi & \cos \theta \sin \phi \\ \cos \theta & 0 & -\sin \theta \end{vmatrix}$$

Expand along the second column

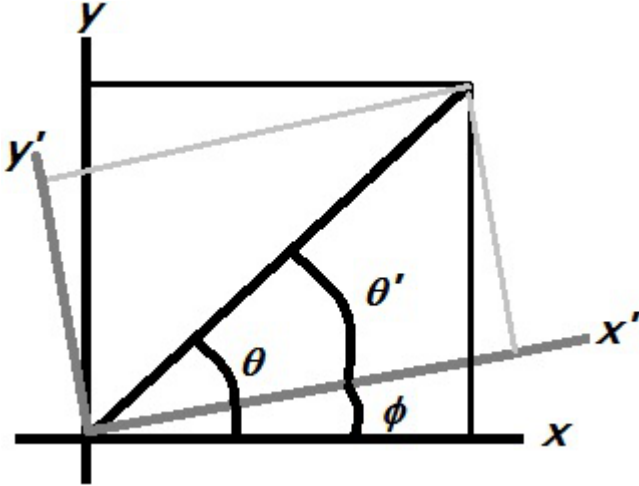
$$\begin{aligned} &= R^2 \left( \sin \theta \sin \phi \begin{vmatrix} \sin \theta \sin \phi & \cos \theta \sin \phi \\ \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \end{vmatrix} + \sin \theta \cos \phi \begin{vmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \phi & \cos \theta \cos \phi \\ \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \end{vmatrix} \right) \\ &= R^2 (-\sin \theta \sin^2 \phi - \sin \theta \cos^2 \phi) = -R^2 \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$dx dy dz = R^2 \sin \theta dR d\theta d\phi$$

## 6 Vector Transformation using Geometry

General idea

Consider following transformation ( Rotation of axis with angle  $\phi$  )



$$V = V_x \hat{x} + V_y \hat{y} = V_{x'} \hat{x}' + V_{y'} \hat{y}' \quad \begin{aligned} V_x &= V \cos \theta & V_{x'} &= V \cos \theta' = V \cos(\theta - \phi) \\ V_y &= V \sin \theta & V_{y'} &= V \sin \theta' = V \sin(\theta - \phi) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{x'} &= V \cos(\theta - \phi) = V \cos \theta \cos \phi + V \sin \theta \sin \phi = V_x \cos \phi + V_y \sin \phi \\ V_{y'} &= V \sin(\theta - \phi) = V \sin \theta \cos \phi - V \cos \theta \sin \phi = V_y \cos \phi - V_x \sin \phi \end{aligned}$$

In Matrix notation

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_{x'} \\ V_{y'} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_x \\ V_y \end{bmatrix}$$

**Rectangular to cylindrical**, given the vector  $\bar{V} = V_x \hat{x} + V_y \hat{y} + V_z \hat{z}$ , express it as  $\bar{V} = V_r \hat{r} + V_\phi \hat{\phi} + V_z \hat{z}$   
To find the component vector, the key is to use dot product

$$V_r = \bar{V} \cdot \hat{r} = V_x \hat{x} \cdot \hat{r} + V_y \hat{y} \cdot \hat{r} + V_z \hat{z} \cdot \hat{r} = V_x \hat{x} \cdot \hat{r} + V_y \hat{y} \cdot \hat{r}$$

$$V_\phi = \bar{V} \cdot \hat{\phi} = V_x \hat{x} \cdot \hat{\phi} + V_y \hat{y} \cdot \hat{\phi} + V_z \hat{z} \cdot \hat{\phi} = V_x \hat{x} \cdot \hat{\phi} + V_y \hat{y} \cdot \hat{\phi}$$

$$V_z = \vec{V} \cdot \hat{z} = V_x \hat{x} \cdot \hat{\phi} + V_y \hat{y} \cdot \hat{\phi} + V_z \hat{z} \cdot \hat{z} = V_z$$

To find the dot product, find the  $\hat{r}$  and  $\hat{\phi}$  using geometry

The matrix equation can be used, since it is a 2D transformation (z-component equal)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{r} \\ \hat{\phi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x} \\ \hat{y} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \hat{r} &= \cos \phi \hat{x} + \sin \phi \hat{y} \\ \hat{\phi} &= -\sin \phi \hat{x} + \cos \phi \hat{y} \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$V_r = V_x \hat{x} \cdot \hat{r} + V_y \hat{y} \cdot \hat{r} = V_x \cos \phi + V_y \sin \phi$$

$$V_\phi = V_x \hat{x} \cdot \hat{\phi} + V_y \hat{y} \cdot \hat{\phi} = -V_x \sin \phi + V_y \cos \phi$$

And therefore the vector  $\vec{V} = V_x \hat{x} + V_y \hat{y} + V_z \hat{z}$  has transformed into

$$\vec{V} = (V_x \cos \phi + V_y \sin \phi) \hat{r} + (-V_x \sin \phi + V_y \cos \phi) \hat{\phi} + V_z \hat{z}$$

In matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_r \\ V_\phi \\ V_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi & 0 \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_x \\ V_y \\ V_z \end{bmatrix}$$

### Cylindrical to rectangular

The transformation can be done using inverse matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_x \\ V_y \\ V_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi & 0 \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} V_r \\ V_\phi \\ V_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{So} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi & 0 \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi & 0 \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_x \\ V_y \\ V_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & -\sin \phi & 0 \\ \sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_r \\ V_\phi \\ V_z \end{bmatrix}$$

Where

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

Therefore

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_x \\ V_y \\ V_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} & \frac{-y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} & 0 \\ \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} & \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_r \\ V_\phi \\ V_z \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus for given  $\vec{V} = V_r \hat{r} + V_\phi \hat{\phi} + V_z \hat{z}$



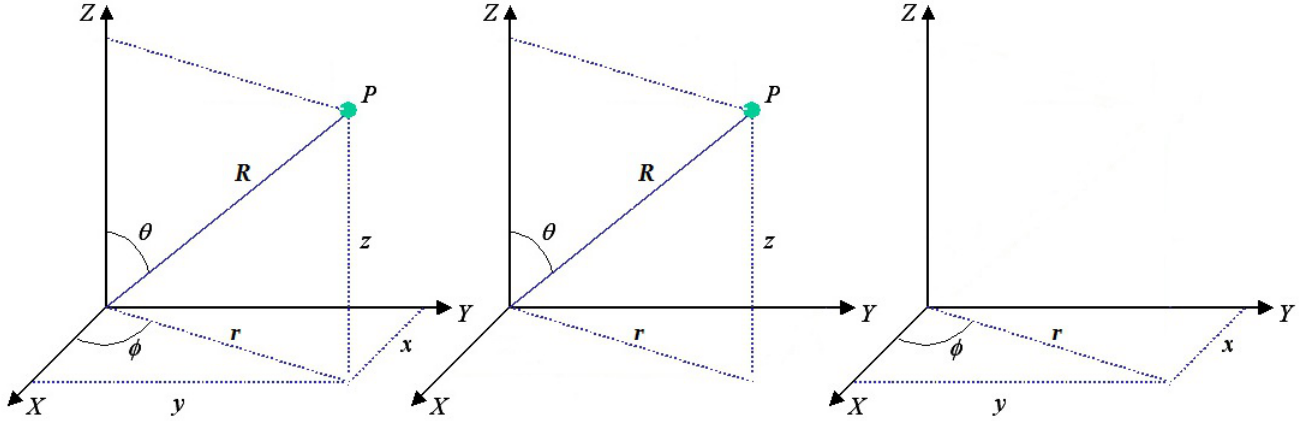
$$\vec{V} = \left( V_r \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} - V_\phi \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right) \hat{x} + \left( V_r \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} + V_\phi \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \right) \hat{y} + V_z \hat{z}$$

**Rectangular to spherical** given the vector  $\vec{V} = V_x \hat{x} + V_y \hat{y} + V_z \hat{z}$ , express it as  $\vec{V} = V_R \hat{R} + V_\phi \hat{\phi} + V_\theta \hat{\theta}$

$$V_R = \vec{V} \cdot \hat{R} = V_x \hat{x} \cdot \hat{R} + V_y \hat{y} \cdot \hat{R} + V_z \hat{z} \cdot \hat{R}$$

$$V_\phi = \vec{V} \cdot \hat{\phi} = V_x \hat{x} \cdot \hat{\phi} + V_y \hat{y} \cdot \hat{\phi} + V_z \hat{z} \cdot \hat{\phi}$$

$$V_\theta = \vec{V} \cdot \hat{\theta} = V_x \hat{x} \cdot \hat{\theta} + V_y \hat{y} \cdot \hat{\theta} + V_z \hat{z} \cdot \hat{\theta}$$



Fist, consider the projection plane (3rd figure)

$$\hat{r} = \cos \phi \hat{x} + \sin \phi \hat{y}$$

And then consider the 2nd figure

$$\hat{R} = \cos \theta \hat{z} + \sin \theta \hat{r}$$

$$\hat{R} = \cos \theta \hat{z} + \sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{x} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{y}$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \cos \theta \hat{r} + (-\sin(90 - \theta)) \hat{z}$$

$$= \cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{x} + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{y} - \sin \theta \hat{z}$$

$$\hat{\phi} = \cos \phi \hat{y} + (-\sin \phi) \hat{x}$$

i.e.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{R} = \cos \theta \hat{z} + \sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{x} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{y} \\ \hat{\theta} = \cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{x} + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{y} - \sin \theta \hat{z} \\ \hat{\phi} = \cos \phi \hat{y} - \sin \phi \hat{x} \end{array} \right. \quad \text{and} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} V_R = \vec{V} \cdot \hat{R} = V_x \hat{x} \cdot \hat{R} + V_y \hat{y} \cdot \hat{R} + V_z \hat{z} \cdot \hat{R} \\ V_\phi = V_x \hat{x} \cdot \hat{\phi} + V_y \hat{y} \cdot \hat{\phi} + V_z \hat{z} \cdot \hat{\phi} \\ V_\theta = V_x \hat{x} \cdot \hat{\theta} + V_y \hat{y} \cdot \hat{\theta} + V_z \hat{z} \cdot \hat{\theta} \end{array} \right.$$

And

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{x} \cdot \hat{R} &= \sin \theta \cos \phi & \hat{x} \cdot \hat{\phi} &= -\sin \phi & \hat{x} \cdot \hat{\theta} &= \cos \theta \cos \phi \\
\hat{y} \cdot \hat{R} &= \sin \theta \sin \phi & \hat{y} \cdot \hat{\phi} &= \cos \phi & \hat{y} \cdot \hat{\theta} &= \cos \theta \sin \phi \\
\hat{z} \cdot \hat{R} &= \cos \theta & \hat{z} \cdot \hat{\phi} &= 0 & \hat{z} \cdot \hat{\theta} &= -\sin \theta
\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{cases} V_R = V_x \sin \theta \cos \phi + V_y \sin \theta \sin \phi + V_z \cos \theta \\ V_\phi = -V_x \sin \phi + V_y \cos \phi \\ V_\theta = V_x \cos \theta \cos \phi + V_y \cos \theta \sin \phi - V_z \sin \theta \end{cases}$$

i.e. given vector  $\vec{V} = V_x \hat{x} + V_y \hat{y} + V_z \hat{z}$ ,

$$\hat{V} = (V_x \sin \theta \cos \phi + V_y \sin \theta \sin \phi + V_z \cos \theta) \hat{R} + (-V_x \sin \phi + V_y \cos \phi) \hat{\phi} + (V_x \cos \theta \cos \phi + V_y \cos \theta \sin \phi - V_z \sin \theta) \hat{\theta}$$

Or in matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_R \\ V_\phi \\ V_\theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \phi & \sin \theta \sin \phi & \cos \theta \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ \cos \theta \cos \phi & \cos \theta \sin \phi & -\sin \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_x \\ V_y \\ V_z \end{bmatrix}$$

**Spherical to rectangular**

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_x \\ V_y \\ V_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \phi & \sin \theta \sin \phi & \cos \theta \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ \cos \theta \cos \phi & \cos \theta \sin \phi & -\sin \theta \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} V_R \\ V_\phi \\ V_\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \phi & \sin \theta \sin \phi & \cos \theta \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ \cos \theta \cos \phi & \cos \theta \sin \phi & -\sin \theta \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \phi & \sin \phi & \cos \theta \cos \phi \\ \sin \theta \sin \phi & \cos \phi & \cos \theta \sin \phi \\ \cos \theta & 0 & -\sin \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_x \\ V_y \\ V_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \phi & -\sin \phi & \cos \theta \cos \phi \\ \sin \theta \sin \phi & \cos \phi & \cos \theta \sin \phi \\ \cos \theta & 0 & -\sin \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_R \\ V_\phi \\ V_\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned}
V_x &= \sin \theta \cos \phi V_R - \sin \phi V_\phi + \cos \theta \cos \phi V_\theta \\
V_y &= \sin \theta \sin \phi V_R + \cos \phi V_\phi + \cos \theta \sin \phi V_\theta \\
V_z &= \cos \theta V_R - \sin \theta V_\theta
\end{aligned}$$

Where

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

i.e.

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_x \\ V_y \\ V_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} & \frac{-y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} & \frac{xz}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \\ \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} & \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} & \frac{yz}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \\ \frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} & 0 & \frac{-\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_R \\ V_\phi \\ V_\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e. given vector  $\bar{V} = V_R \hat{R} + V_\phi \hat{\phi} + V_\theta \hat{\theta}$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{V} = & \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} V_R + \frac{-y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} V_\phi + \frac{xz}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} V_\theta \right) \hat{x} \\ & + \left( \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} V_R + \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} V_\phi + \frac{yz}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} V_\theta \right) \hat{y} \\ & + \left( \frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} V_R + \frac{-\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} V_\theta \right) \hat{z} \end{aligned}$$