

Phys221. Electromagnetics

Lecture 1. Introduction, Vectors.

• Course Introduction

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Textbook: Required.

Grading: 5% attendance of Tutorials.

5% homework.

20% x 2. midterms.

50% final exam (or more)

• New in this year:

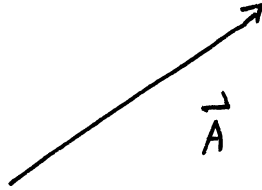
Midterm 1. covers more.

more on ch.10. (Radiation and Antennas)

• Before coming to lectures:

Read the ref. at least briefly. (see course calendar)

Review of vectors

• Vector $\vec{A}$ 

magnitude : $A = |\vec{A}|$ (length)

direction : $\hat{a}$ (unit vector along $\vec{A}$)

↳ length = 1.

$$\therefore \hat{a} = \frac{\vec{A}}{A}$$

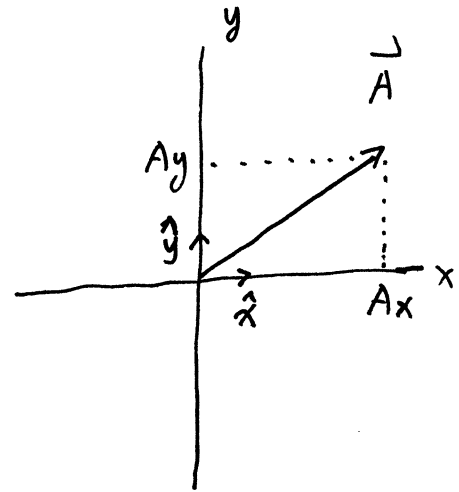
$$\vec{A} = A \hat{a}.$$

• Cartesian components

$$\vec{A} = A_x \hat{x} + A_y \hat{y}$$

$\hat{x}, \hat{y}$ — base vectors
 $(\hat{i}, \hat{j})$.

A_x, A_y — components.



3-D: $\vec{A} = A_x \hat{x} + A_y \hat{y} + A_z \hat{z}$.

• Addition and subtraction of vectors

Method 1: Tip-to-tail

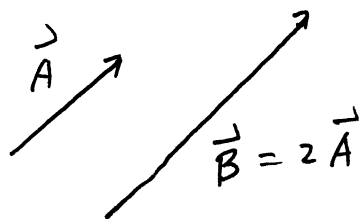
Method 2: Components — most useful.
 why? $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{physics: } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{components are independent} \end{array} \right. \\ \text{Math: easier.} \end{array} \right.$
 (No geometric drawing)

• Multiplications

① Simple product

$$\vec{B} = k \vec{A}$$

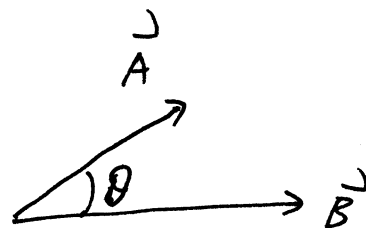
↑
scalar.



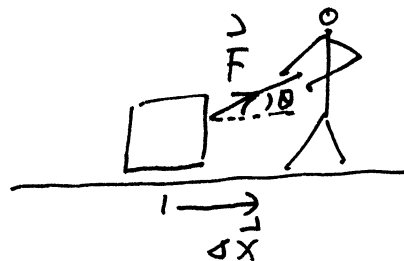
② Dot product. (Scalar product)

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = \frac{AB \cos \theta}{\uparrow}$$

Result is a scalar.



$$\begin{aligned} \text{e.g. work} &= \vec{F} \cdot \vec{\Delta x} \\ &= F \cdot |\Delta x| \cdot \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$



Component form:

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$$

$$\text{Note: } \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = \vec{B} \cdot \vec{A} \quad (\text{commutative})$$

- Cross product (vector product)

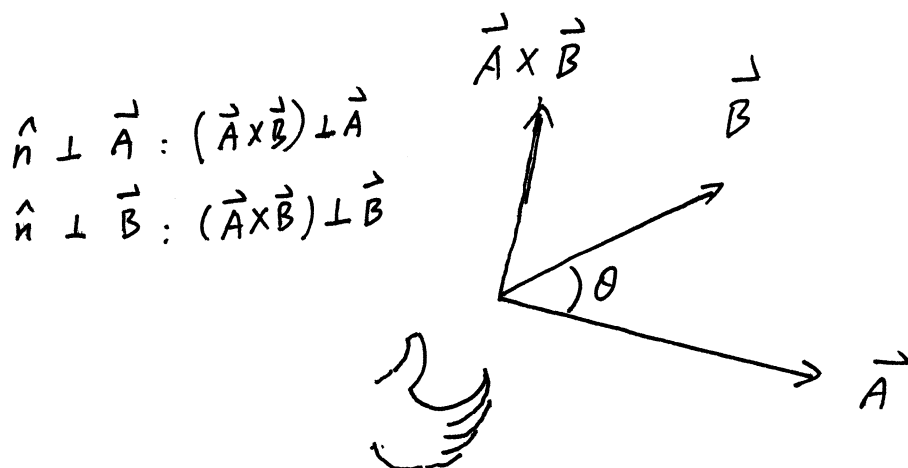
$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \hat{n} AB \sin \theta$$

$\hat{n}$ — normal to the plane containing $\vec{A}$ and $\vec{B}$

$\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$: The result is a vector

Direction obeys the right-hand rule

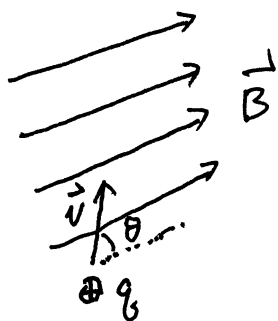
magnitude = $A \cdot B \cdot \sin \theta$.



$$\left[\text{Then. } (\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) \cdot \vec{A} = 0 \right].$$

e.g. of cross product : A charge q moves in a magnetic

field $\vec{B}$. The force on q is:



$$\vec{F} = q \vec{v} \times \vec{B}$$

$\vec{F}$: into the page .

$$F = qvB \sin \theta$$

Note: $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} \neq \vec{B} \times \vec{A}$

In fact, from the right-hand rule:

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = -\vec{B} \times \vec{A} \quad (\text{anticommutative})$$

Component form: $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix}$

• scalar triple product

$$\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \begin{vmatrix} A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \\ C_x & C_y & C_z \end{vmatrix}$$

• Vector triple product.

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

(can be verified using components)

Note: $\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) \neq (\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) \times \vec{C}$

(Doesn't obey the associative law).

- 3 commonly used coordinate systems

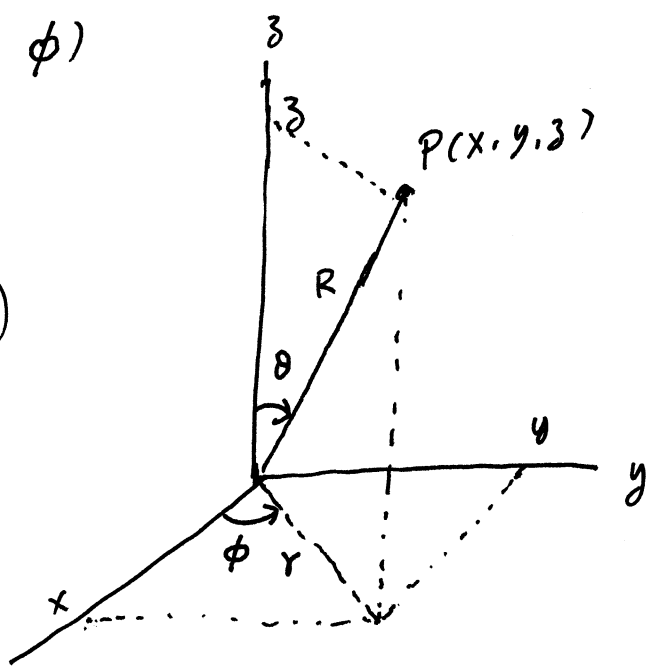
Cartesian (x, y, z)

cylindrical (r, ϕ, z)

spherical (R, θ, ϕ)

θ — zenith (latitude)

ϕ — azimuth (longitude)

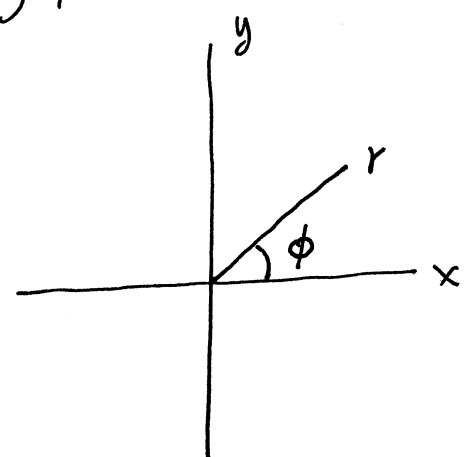


- Why different coordinates?

simplify the description of problems by choosing a coordinate system that best fits the geometry of the problem.

$$r = R \sin \theta$$

On x-y plane.



e.g: coaxial cable : use cylindrical system.

e.g: charged sphere : use spherical system.

(r, ϕ) — polar coordinate.
 (spherical system : $(R \sin \theta, \phi)$)

- Table 2-1 on page 32. (Will be provided in exams)

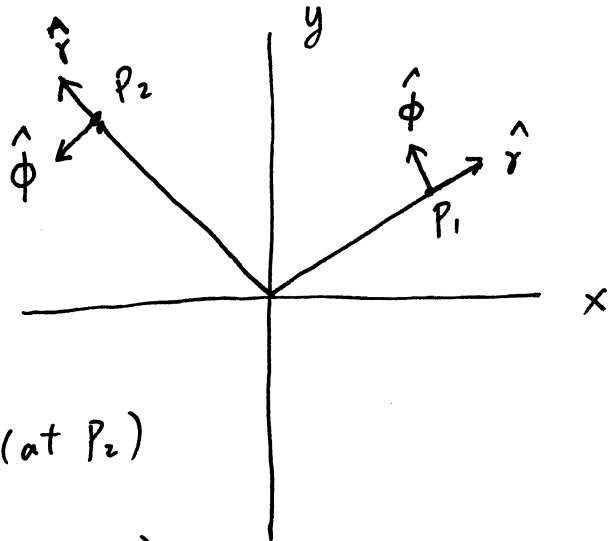
Note 1: Base vectors :

$\hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}$	cartesian
$\hat{r}, \hat{\phi}, \hat{z}$	cylindrical
$\hat{R}, \hat{\theta}, \hat{\phi}$	spherical

$\hat{r}, \hat{\phi}, \hat{R}, \hat{\theta}$ — NOT constant.

ie. direction varies with location.

e.g. $\hat{r}, \hat{\phi}$ (viewed on x-y plane : polar coord.)



$$\hat{r} \text{ (at } P_1) \neq \hat{r} \text{ (at } P_2)$$

$$\hat{\phi} \text{ (at } P_1) \neq \hat{\phi} \text{ (at } P_2)$$

Note 2. Differential length $d\vec{l}$

$$\hat{x} dx + \hat{y} dy + \hat{z} dz \quad \text{--- cartesian}$$

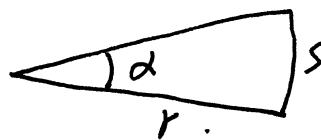
$$\hat{r} dr + \hat{\phi} r d\phi + \hat{z} dz \quad \text{--- cylindrical}$$

$$\hat{R} dR + \hat{\theta} R d\theta + \hat{\phi} R \sin\theta \cdot d\phi \quad \text{--- spherical.}$$

Watch out: $d\phi$, $d\theta$ are angles, NOT length!

but $r d\phi$, $R \sin\theta d\phi$ and $R d\theta$ are lengths.

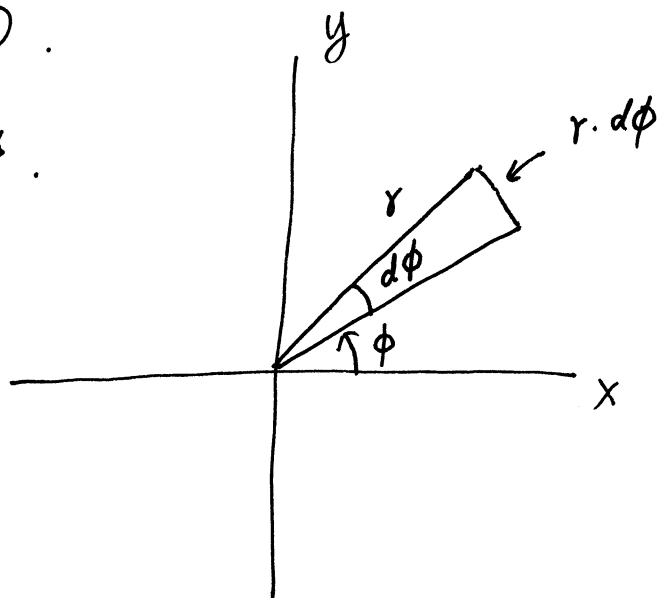
why? arc length



$$S = r \cdot \alpha \quad \text{if } \alpha \text{ is in radians.}$$

e.g: 2-D (polar coord.).

small arc length: $r \cdot d\phi$.



Note 3: Conversion between different coordinate systems

Table 2-2 on page 39 — will be provided in exams.