

In matrix notation, equations (5) can be written

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ A_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_r \\ A_\theta \\ A_z \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

6.21 EXPRESSIONS FOR ARC LENGTH, AREA, AND VOLUME ELEMENTS IN CYLINDRICAL POLAR COORDINATES

In cylindrical polar coordinates, we have

$$u_1 = r, \quad u_2 = \theta, \quad u_3 = z, \quad h_1 = 1, \quad h_2 = r, \quad h_3 = 1$$

ARC LENGTH ELEMENT

In orthogonal curvilinear coordinates, the element of arc length is determined from

$$(ds)^2 = h_1^2 (du_1)^2 + h_2^2 (du_2)^2 + h_3^2 (du_3)^2$$

In cylindrical polar coordinates, this becomes

$$(ds)^2 = (1)^2 (dr)^2 + (r)^2 (d\theta)^2 + (1)^2 (dz)^2 = (dr)^2 + r^2 (d\theta)^2 + (dz)^2$$

ALTERNATIVE METHOD

In cylindrical polar coordinates, $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$, $z = z$

$$dx = \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} dr + \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} d\theta = \cos \theta dr - r \sin \theta d\theta$$

$$dy = \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} dr + \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} d\theta = \sin \theta dr + r \cos \theta d\theta$$

$$dz = dz$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } ds^2 &= (dx)^2 + (dy)^2 + (dz)^2 \\ &= (\cos \theta dr - r \sin \theta d\theta)^2 + (\sin \theta dr + r \cos \theta d\theta)^2 + (dz)^2 \\ &= (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)(dr)^2 + (r^2 \sin^2 \theta + r^2 \cos^2 \theta)(d\theta)^2 \\ &\quad - 2r \sin \theta \cos \theta dr d\theta + 2r \sin \theta \cos \theta dr d\theta + (dz)^2 \\ &= (dr)^2 + r^2 (d\theta)^2 + (dz)^2 \end{aligned}$$

AREA ELEMENT

We know that the elements of area in orthogonal curvilinear coordinates are :

$$dA_1 = h_2 h_3 du_2 du_3, \quad dA_2 = h_1 h_3 du_1 du_3 \quad \text{and} \quad dA_3 = h_1 h_2 du_1 du_2$$

In cylindrical polar coordinates, these becomes

$$dA_1 = (r)(1) d\theta dz = r d\theta dz$$

$$dA_2 = (1)(1) dr dz = dr dz$$

and $dA_3 = (1)(r) dr d\theta = r dr d\theta.$

VOLUME ELEMENT

The volume element in orthogonal curvilinear coordinates is :

$$dV = h_1 h_2 h_3 du_1 du_2 du_3$$

Let the coordinates be denoted

$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta, \quad z = z$$

EXPRESSION FOR JACOBIAN IN CYLINDRICAL POLAR COORDINATES

Let the Jacobian in orthogonal curvilinear coordinates u_1, u_2, u_3 be given by

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial u_2} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial u_3} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial u_2} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial u_3} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial u_2} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial u_3} \end{vmatrix} = h_1 h_2 h_3$$

$$h_1 = 1, \quad h_2 = 1, \quad h_3 = 1 \text{ and } u_1 = r, \quad u_2 = \theta, \quad u_3 = z$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial z} \end{vmatrix} = (1)(1)(1) = 1$$

EXPRESSIONS FOR $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$ IN CYLINDRICAL COORDINATES

Let $x = r \cos \theta, y = r \sin \theta, z = z$ and $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, \theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{y}{x} \right), z = z$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + (0) \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + (0) \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + (0) \frac{\partial}{\partial z}$$

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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = 1, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial y} = 1, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial z} = 1$$

By the chain rule, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + (0) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ &= \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + (0) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ &= \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial z} = (0) \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + (0) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + (1) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

(1), (2) and (3) are the required expressions in terms of cylindrical polar coordinates.

6.24 EXPRESSIONS FOR GRADIENT, DIVERGENCE, CURL, AND LAPLACIAN IN CYLINDRICAL POLAR COORDINATES

We know that for cylindrical polar coordinates (r, θ, z) ,

$$u_1 = r, \quad u_2 = \theta, \quad u_3 = z; \quad \hat{e}_1 = e_r, \quad \hat{e}_2 = e_\theta, \quad \hat{e}_3 = e_z$$

$$h_1 = h_r = 1, \quad h_2 = h_\theta = r, \quad h_3 = h_z = 1; \quad A_1 = A_r, \quad A_2 = A_\theta, \quad A_3 = A_z$$

EXPRESSION FOR GRADIENT

In orthogonal curvilinear coordinates, we have

$$\nabla \psi = \frac{1}{h_1} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial u_1} e_1 + \frac{1}{h_2} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial u_2} e_2 + \frac{1}{h_3} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial u_3} e_3$$

In cylindrical polar coordinates, this becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \psi &= \frac{1}{1} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} e_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} e_\theta + \frac{1}{1} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} e_z \\ &= \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} e_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} e_\theta + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} e_z \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

EXPRESSION FOR DIVERGENCE

In orthogonal curvilinear coordinates, we have

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{A} = \frac{1}{h_1 h_2 h_3} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} (h_2 h_3 A_1) + \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} (h_3 h_1 A_2) + \frac{\partial}{\partial u_3} (h_1 h_2 A_3) \right]$$

In cylindrical polar coordinates, this becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \vec{A} &= \frac{1}{(1)(r)(1)} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_r) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (A_\theta) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (A_z) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{r} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_r) + \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (A_z) \right] \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

EXPRESSION FOR CURL

In orthogonal curvilinear coordinates, we have

$$\nabla \times \vec{A} = \frac{1}{h_1 h_2 h_3} \begin{vmatrix} h_1 \hat{e}_1 & h_2 \hat{e}_2 & h_3 \hat{e}_3 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} & \frac{\partial}{\partial u_3} \\ h_1 A_1 & h_2 A_2 & h_3 A_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

In cylindrical polar coordinates, this becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \times \vec{A} &= \frac{1}{r} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{e}_r & r \hat{e}_\theta & \hat{e}_z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_r & r A_\theta & A_z \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{r} \left[\left(\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (r A_\theta) \right) \hat{e}_r + \left(r \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial z} - r \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial r} \right) \hat{e}_\theta + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_\theta) - \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \theta} \right) \hat{e}_z \right] \end{aligned}$$

EXPRESSION FOR LAPLACIAN

In orthogonal curvilinear coordinates, we have

$$\nabla^2 \psi = \frac{1}{h_1 h_2 h_3} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} \left(\frac{h_2 h_3}{h_1} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial u_1} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} \left(\frac{h_1 h_3}{h_2} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial u_2} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial u_3} \left(\frac{h_1 h_2}{h_3} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial u_3} \right) \right]$$

In spherical polar coordinates, this becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^2 \psi &= \frac{1}{(r)(r)(r)} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{(r)(r)}{(1)} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{(1)(1)}{(r)} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{(1)(r)}{(1)} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial z^2} \end{aligned}$$

ALTERNATIVE METHOD USING TRANSFORMATION EQUATIONS

We know that in cylindrical polar coordinates,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} &= \cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}, & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} &= \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}, & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ \hat{i} &= A_r \cos \theta - A_\theta \sin \theta, & \hat{j} &= A_r \sin \theta + A_\theta \cos \theta, & \hat{k} &= A_z \\ \hat{i} &= \cos \theta \hat{e}_r - \sin \theta \hat{e}_\theta, & \hat{j} &= \sin \theta \hat{e}_r + \cos \theta \hat{e}_\theta, & \hat{k} &= \hat{e}_z \end{aligned}$$

EXPRESSION FOR GRADIENT

We know that $\nabla \psi = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \hat{i} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \hat{j} + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} \hat{k}$ (1)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} \hat{i} &= \left(\cos \theta \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \right) (\cos \theta \hat{e}_r - \sin \theta \hat{e}_\theta) \\ &= \cos^2 \theta \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \hat{e}_r - \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \hat{e}_r - \sin \theta \cos \theta \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \hat{e}_\theta + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \hat{e}_\theta \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} \hat{j} &= \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \right) (\sin \theta \hat{e}_r + \cos \theta \hat{e}_\theta) \\ &= \sin^2 \theta \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \hat{e}_r + \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \hat{e}_r + \sin \theta \cos \theta \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \hat{e}_\theta + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \hat{e}_\theta \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} \hat{k} = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} \hat{e}_z \quad (4)$$

Using equations (2), (3), and (4) in equation (1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \psi &= (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \hat{e}_r + \frac{1}{r} (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \hat{e}_\theta + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} \hat{e}_z \\ &= \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \hat{e}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \hat{e}_\theta + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} \hat{e}_z \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

EXPRESSION FOR DIVERGENCE

We know that $\nabla \cdot \vec{A} = \frac{\partial A_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_2}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_3}{\partial z}$ (6)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now } \frac{\partial A_1}{\partial x} &= \left(\cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) (A_r \cos \theta - A_\theta \sin \theta) \\
 &= \cos^2 \theta \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r} A_r \\
 &\quad - \sin \theta \cos \theta \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial r} + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r} \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} A_\theta
 \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now } \frac{\partial A_2}{\partial y} &= \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) (A_r \sin \theta + A_\theta \cos \theta) \\
 &= \sin^2 \theta \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial r} + \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{r} A_r \\
 &\quad + \sin \theta \cos \theta \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{r} \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} A_\theta
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

$$\frac{\partial A_3}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} \tag{9}$$

Substituting equations (7), (8), and (9) in equation (6), we get

$$\nabla \cdot \bar{A} = (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) A_r + \frac{1}{r} (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}$$

$$\text{or } \nabla \cdot \bar{A} = \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} A_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} \tag{10}$$

EXPRESSION FOR CURL

We know that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nabla \times \bar{A} &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_1 & A_2 & A_3 \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= \left(\frac{\partial A_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_2}{\partial z} \right) \hat{i} + \left(\frac{\partial A_1}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_3}{\partial x} \right) \hat{j} + \left(\frac{\partial A_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_1}{\partial y} \right) \hat{k}
 \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{\partial A_3}{\partial y} = \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) A_z = \sin \theta \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \theta}$$

$$\frac{\partial A_2}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (A_r \sin \theta + A_\theta \cos \theta) = \sin \theta \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial z} + \cos \theta \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial z}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\frac{\partial A_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_2}{\partial z} \right) \hat{i} &= \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \theta} - \sin \theta \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial z} - \cos \theta \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial z} \right) (\cos \theta \hat{e}_r - \sin \theta \hat{e}_\theta) \\
 &= \sin \theta \cos \theta \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial r} \hat{e}_r + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{r} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \theta} \hat{e}_r - \sin \theta \cos \theta \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial z} \hat{e}_r - \cos^2 \theta \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial z} \hat{e}_r \\
 &\quad - \sin^2 \theta \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial r} \hat{e}_\theta - \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \theta} \hat{e}_\theta + \sin^2 \theta \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial z} \hat{e}_\theta + \sin \theta \cos \theta \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial z} \hat{e}_\theta
 \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

$$\frac{\partial A_1}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (A_r \cos \theta - A_\theta \sin \theta) = \cos \theta \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial z} - \sin \theta \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial z}$$

$$\frac{\partial A_3}{\partial x} = \left(\cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) A_z = \cos \theta \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \theta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x}\right)^j &= \left(\cos \theta \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial z} - \sin \theta \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial z} - \cos \theta \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial r} + \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \theta} \right) (\sin \theta \hat{e}_r + \cos \theta \hat{e}_\theta) \\ &= \sin \theta \cos \theta \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial z} \hat{e}_r - \sin^2 \theta \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial z} \hat{e}_r - \sin \theta \cos \theta \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial r} \hat{e}_r + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \theta} \hat{e}_r \\ &\quad + \cos^2 \theta \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial z} \hat{e}_\theta - \sin \theta \cos \theta \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial z} \hat{e}_\theta - \cos^2 \theta \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial r} \hat{e}_\theta + \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \theta} \hat{e}_\theta \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x}\right)^j &= \left(\cos \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) (A_r \sin \theta + A_\theta \cos \theta) \\ &= \sin \theta \cos \theta \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r} \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} A_r \\ &\quad + \cos^2 \theta \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r} A_\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x}\right)^j &= \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos \theta}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) (A_r \cos \theta - A_\theta \sin \theta) \\ &= \sin \theta \cos \theta \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial r} + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{r} \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} A_r \\ &\quad - \sin^2 \theta \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial r} - \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{r} A_\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{\partial A_i}{\partial x}\right)^k &= \left(\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} \right) \hat{e}_z \\ &= \sin \theta \cos \theta \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial r} \hat{e}_z - \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r} \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \theta} \hat{e}_z - \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} A_r \hat{e}_z + \cos^2 \theta \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial r} \hat{e}_z \\ &\quad - \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial \theta} \hat{e}_z + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r} A_\theta \hat{e}_z - \sin \theta \cos \theta \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial r} \hat{e}_z - \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{r} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \theta} \hat{e}_z \\ &\quad + \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} A_r \hat{e}_z + \sin^2 \theta \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial r} \hat{e}_z + \frac{\sin \theta \cos \theta}{r} \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial \theta} \hat{e}_z + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{r} A_\theta \hat{e}_z \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

Equations (12), (13), and (14) in equation (11), we get after simplification

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_i &= \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{r} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \theta} \hat{e}_r - \cos^2 \theta \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial z} \hat{e}_r - \sin^2 \theta \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial r} \hat{e}_r + \sin^2 \theta \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial z} \hat{e}_r \\ &\quad - \sin^2 \theta \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial z} \hat{e}_r + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \theta} \hat{e}_r + \cos^2 \theta \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial z} \hat{e}_r - \cos^2 \theta \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial r} \hat{e}_r \\ &\quad - \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \theta} \hat{e}_r + \cos^2 \theta \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial r} \hat{e}_r + \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r} A_\theta \hat{e}_r - \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{r} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \theta} \hat{e}_r \\ &\quad + \sin^2 \theta \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial r} \hat{e}_r + \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{r} A_\theta \hat{e}_r \\ &= \frac{1}{r} (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \theta} \hat{e}_r - (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial z} \hat{e}_r \\ &= (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial r} \hat{e}_r + (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial z} \hat{e}_r \\ &= \frac{1}{r} (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \theta} \hat{e}_r + (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial r} \hat{e}_r + \frac{1}{r} (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) A_\theta \hat{e}_r \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left(\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial z} \right) \hat{e}_r + \left(\frac{\partial A_r}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial r} \right) \hat{e}_\theta + \left(\frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} A_\theta - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \theta} \right) \hat{e}_z \\
&= \frac{1}{r} \left[\left(\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \theta} - r \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial z} \right) \hat{e}_r + \left(r \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial z} - r \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial r} \right) \hat{e}_\theta + \left(r \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial r} + A_\theta - \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \theta} \right) \hat{e}_z \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{r} \left[\left(\frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (r A_\theta) \right) \hat{e}_r + \left(r \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial z} - r \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial r} \right) \hat{e}_\theta + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_\theta) - \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \theta} \right) \hat{e}_z \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{r} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{e}_r & r \hat{e}_\theta & \hat{e}_z \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_r & r A_\theta & A_z \end{vmatrix} \quad (15)
\end{aligned}$$

EXPRESSION FOR LAPLACIAN

We know that

$$\nabla \psi = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \hat{e}_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \hat{e}_\theta + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} \hat{e}_z \quad (16)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla \cdot \vec{A} &= \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} A_r + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} \\
&= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_r) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z} \quad (17)
\end{aligned}$$

From equations (16) and (17), we have

$$\nabla^2 \psi = \nabla \cdot \nabla \psi = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\text{where } \nabla^2 = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \quad (18)$$

is the Laplacian operator .

6.26 SPHERICAL POLAR COORDINATES

Let $P(x, y, z)$ be any point whose projection on the xy -plane is $Q(x, y)$. Then the spherical polar coordinates of P are (r, θ, ϕ) in which $r = OP$, $\theta = \angle ZOP$ and $\phi = \angle XOQ$.

From the figure (6.13), we have

$$OQ = r \cos(90^\circ - \theta) = r \sin \theta \quad (\text{since } \angle QOP = 90^\circ - \theta)$$

$$\text{Therefore } x = OQ \cos \phi = r \sin \theta \cos \phi$$

$$y = OQ \sin \phi = r \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

$$z = OP \sin(90^\circ - \theta) = r \cos \theta$$

Hence, the transformation equations expressing the rectangular Cartesian coordinates in terms of spherical polar coordinates are :

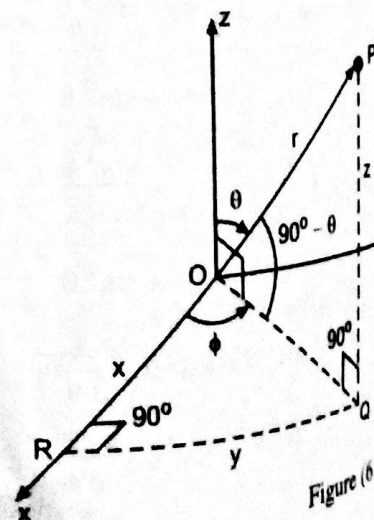


Figure 6.13

LEM (6.5): In spherical polar coordinates, show that

$$\frac{\partial \hat{e}_r}{\partial r} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \hat{e}_r}{\partial \theta} = \hat{e}_\theta, \quad \frac{\partial \hat{e}_r}{\partial \phi} = \sin \theta \hat{e}_\phi$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{e}_\theta}{\partial r} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \hat{e}_\theta}{\partial \theta} = -\hat{e}_r, \quad \frac{\partial \hat{e}_\theta}{\partial \phi} = \cos \theta \hat{e}_\phi$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{e}_\phi}{\partial r} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \hat{e}_\phi}{\partial \theta} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \hat{e}_\phi}{\partial \phi} = -\sin \theta \hat{e}_r - \cos \theta \hat{e}_\theta$$

We know that

$$\hat{e}_r = \sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} + \cos \theta \hat{k}$$

$$\hat{e}_\theta = \cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} - \sin \theta \hat{k}$$

$$\hat{e}_\phi = -\sin \phi \hat{i} + \cos \phi \hat{j}$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{e}_r}{\partial r} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{e}_r}{\partial \theta} = \cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} - \sin \theta \hat{k} = \hat{e}_\theta$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{e}_r}{\partial \phi} = -\sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{i} + \sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{j} = \sin \theta (-\sin \phi \hat{i} + \cos \phi \hat{j}) = \sin \theta \hat{e}_\phi$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{e}_\theta}{\partial r} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \hat{e}_\theta}{\partial \theta} &= -\sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} - \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} - \cos \theta \hat{k} = -(\sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} + \cos \theta \hat{k}) \\ &= -\hat{e}_r \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{e}_\theta}{\partial \phi} = -\cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{i} + \cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{j} = \cos \theta (-\sin \phi \hat{i} + \cos \phi \hat{j}) = \cos \theta \hat{e}_\phi$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{e}_\phi}{\partial r} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{e}_\phi}{\partial \theta} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \hat{e}_\phi}{\partial \phi} = -\cos \phi \hat{i} - \sin \phi \hat{j}$$

$$= -\cos \phi (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) \hat{i} - \sin \phi (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) \hat{j} - \sin \theta \cos \theta \hat{k} + \sin \theta \cos \theta \hat{k}$$

$$= -\cos \phi \sin^2 \theta \hat{i} - \cos \phi \cos^2 \theta \hat{i} - \sin \phi \sin^2 \theta \hat{j} - \sin \phi \cos^2 \theta \hat{j}$$

$$- \sin \theta \cos \theta \hat{k} + \sin \theta \cos \theta \hat{k}$$

$$= -\sin \theta (\sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} + \cos \theta \hat{k})$$

$$- \cos \theta (\cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} - \sin \theta \hat{k})$$

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

THEOREM (6.6): Prove that in spherical polar coordinates,

$$\frac{d}{dt} \hat{e}_r = \dot{\theta} \hat{e}_\theta + \sin \theta \dot{\phi} \hat{e}_\phi$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \hat{e}_\theta = -\dot{\theta} \hat{e}_r + \cos \theta \dot{\phi} \hat{e}_\phi$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \hat{e}_\phi = -\sin \theta \dot{\phi} \hat{e}_r - \cos \theta \dot{\phi} \hat{e}_\theta$$

PROOF:

We know that $\hat{e}_r = \sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} + \cos \theta \hat{k}$

$$\hat{e}_\theta = \cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} - \sin \theta \hat{k}, \quad \hat{e}_\phi = -\sin \phi \hat{i} + \cos \phi \hat{j}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \frac{d}{dt} \hat{e}_r &= -\sin \theta \sin \phi \dot{\phi} \hat{i} + \cos \theta \dot{\theta} \cos \phi \hat{i} + \sin \theta \cos \phi \dot{\phi} \hat{j} + \cos \theta \dot{\theta} \sin \phi \hat{j} - \sin \theta \dot{\theta} \hat{k} \\ &= \dot{\theta} (\cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} - \sin \theta \hat{k}) + \sin \theta \dot{\phi} (-\sin \phi \hat{i} + \cos \phi \hat{j}) \\ &= \dot{\theta} \hat{e}_\theta + \sin \theta \dot{\phi} \hat{e}_\phi \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \hat{e}_\theta &= -\cos \theta \sin \phi \dot{\phi} \hat{i} - \sin \theta \dot{\theta} \cos \phi \hat{i} + \cos \theta \cos \phi \dot{\phi} \hat{j} - \sin \theta \dot{\theta} \sin \phi \hat{j} - \cos \theta \dot{\theta} \hat{k} \\ &= -\dot{\theta} (\sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} + \cos \theta \hat{k}) + \cos \theta \dot{\phi} (-\sin \phi \hat{i} + \cos \phi \hat{j}) \\ &= -\dot{\theta} \hat{e}_r + \cos \theta \dot{\phi} \hat{e}_\phi \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \hat{e}_\phi &= -\cos \phi \dot{\phi} \hat{i} - \sin \phi \dot{\phi} \hat{j} \\ &= -\dot{\phi} \cos \phi \hat{i} - \dot{\phi} \sin \phi \hat{j} \\ &= -\dot{\phi} \cos \phi (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) \hat{i} - \dot{\phi} \sin \phi (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) \hat{j} + \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \cos \theta \hat{k} - \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \cos \theta \hat{k} \\ &= -\dot{\phi} \cos^2 \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} - \dot{\phi} \sin^2 \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} - \dot{\phi} \cos^2 \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} - \dot{\phi} \sin^2 \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} \\ &\quad + \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \cos \theta \hat{k} - \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \cos \theta \hat{k} \\ &= (-\dot{\phi} \sin^2 \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} - \dot{\phi} \sin^2 \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} - \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \cos \theta \hat{k}) \\ &\quad + (-\dot{\phi} \cos^2 \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} - \dot{\phi} \cos^2 \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} + \dot{\phi} \sin \theta \cos \theta \hat{k}) \\ &= -\dot{\phi} \sin \theta (\sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} + \cos \theta \hat{k}) \\ &\quad - \dot{\phi} \cos \theta (\cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} - \sin \theta \hat{k}) \\ &= -\sin \theta \dot{\phi} \hat{e}_r - \cos \theta \dot{\phi} \hat{e}_\theta \end{aligned}$$

ORTHOGONALITY OF SPHERICAL COORDINATE SYSTEM

We know that the unit vectors in spherical polar coordinates are

$$\hat{e}_r = \sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} + \cos \theta \hat{k}$$

$$\hat{e}_\theta = \cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} - \sin \theta \hat{k}$$

$$\hat{e}_\phi = -\sin \phi \hat{i} + \cos \phi \hat{j}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{e}_r \cdot \hat{e}_\theta &= (\sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} + \cos \theta \hat{k}) \cdot (\cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} - \sin \theta \hat{k}) \\ &= \sin \theta \cos \theta \cos^2 \phi + \sin \theta \cos \theta \sin^2 \phi - \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ &= \sin \theta \cos \theta (\cos^2 \phi + \sin^2 \phi) - \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ &= \sin \theta \cos \theta - \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{e}_\theta \cdot \hat{e}_\phi &= (\cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} - \sin \theta \hat{k}) \cdot (-\sin \phi \hat{i} + \cos \phi \hat{j}) \\ &= -\cos \theta \cos \phi \sin \phi + \cos \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{e}_r \cdot \hat{e}_\phi &= (\sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} + \cos \theta \hat{k}) \cdot (-\sin \phi \hat{i} + \cos \phi \hat{j}) \\ &= -\sin \theta \cos \phi \sin \phi + \sin \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

So $\hat{e}_r, \hat{e}_\theta$, and \hat{e}_ϕ are mutually perpendicular and the coordinate system is orthogonal.

RELATIONSHIPS AMONG UNIT VECTORS IN SPHERICAL SYSTEM

THEOREM (6.7): Show that for spherical coordinate system .

$$\hat{e}_r \cdot \hat{e}_r = \hat{e}_\theta \cdot \hat{e}_\theta = \hat{e}_\phi \cdot \hat{e}_\phi = 1$$

$$\hat{e}_r \times \hat{e}_r = \hat{e}_\theta \times \hat{e}_\theta = \hat{e}_\phi \times \hat{e}_\phi = \vec{0}$$

$$\hat{e}_r \times \hat{e}_\theta = \hat{e}_\phi, \quad \hat{e}_\theta \times \hat{e}_\phi = \hat{e}_r, \quad \hat{e}_\phi \times \hat{e}_r = \hat{e}_\theta$$

PROOF:

We know that the unit vectors in spherical polar coordinates are

$$\hat{e}_r = \sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} + \cos \theta \hat{k}$$

$$\hat{e}_\theta = \cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} - \sin \theta \hat{k}$$

$$\hat{e}_\phi = -\sin \phi \hat{i} + \cos \phi \hat{j}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{e}_r \cdot \hat{e}_r &= (\sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} + \cos \theta \hat{k}) \cdot (\sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} + \cos \theta \hat{k}) \\ &= \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi + \sin^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi + \cos^2 \theta \\ &= \sin^2 \theta (\cos^2 \phi + \sin^2 \phi) + \cos^2 \theta = \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{e}_\theta \cdot \hat{e}_\theta &= (\cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} - \sin \theta \hat{k}) \cdot (\cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} - \sin \theta \hat{k}) \\ &= \cos^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi + \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \phi + \sin^2 \theta \\ &= \cos^2 \theta (\cos^2 \phi + \sin^2 \phi) + \sin^2 \theta = \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{e}_\phi \cdot \hat{e}_\phi = (-\sin \phi \hat{i} + \cos \phi \hat{j}) \cdot (-\sin \phi \hat{i} + \cos \phi \hat{j}) = \sin^2 \phi + \cos^2 \phi = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{e}_r \times \hat{e}_r &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \sin \theta \cos \phi & \sin \theta \sin \phi & \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta \cos \phi & \sin \theta \sin \phi & \cos \theta \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (\sin \theta \cos \theta \sin \phi - \sin \theta \cos \theta \sin \phi) \hat{i} + (\sin \theta \cos \theta \cos \phi - \sin \theta \cos \theta \cos \phi) \hat{j} \\ &\quad + (\sin^2 \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi - \sin^2 \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi) \hat{k} = 0 \hat{i} + 0 \hat{j} + 0 \hat{k} = \vec{0}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{e}_\theta \times \hat{e}_\theta &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \cos \theta \cos \phi & \cos \theta \sin \phi & -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \cos \phi & \cos \theta \sin \phi & -\sin \theta \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (-\sin \theta \cos \theta \sin \phi + \sin \theta \cos \theta \sin \phi) \hat{i} + (-\sin \theta \cos \theta \cos \phi + \sin \theta \cos \theta \cos \phi) \hat{j} \\ &\quad + (\cos^2 \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi + \cos^2 \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi) \hat{k} = 0 \hat{i} + 0 \hat{j} + 0 \hat{k} = \vec{0}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{e}_\phi \times \hat{e}_\phi &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 0 \hat{i} + 0 \hat{j} + (-\sin \phi \cos \phi + \sin \phi \cos \phi) \hat{k} = 0 \hat{i} + 0 \hat{j} + 0 \hat{k} = \vec{0}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{e}_r \times \hat{e}_\theta &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \sin \theta \cos \phi & \sin \theta \sin \phi & \cos \theta \\ \cos \theta \cos \phi & \cos \theta \sin \phi & -\sin \theta \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (-\sin^2 \theta \sin \phi - \cos^2 \theta \sin \phi) \hat{i} + (\cos^2 \theta \cos \phi + \sin^2 \theta \cos \phi) \hat{j} \\ &\quad + (\sin \theta \cos \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi - \sin \theta \cos \theta \sin \phi \cos \phi) \hat{k} \\ &= -\sin \phi (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) \hat{i} + \cos \phi (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) \hat{j} + 0 \hat{k} \\ &= -\sin \phi \hat{i} + \cos \phi \hat{j} = \hat{e}_\phi\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{e}_\theta \times \hat{e}_\phi &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ \cos \theta \cos \phi & \cos \theta \sin \phi & -\sin \theta \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} + (\cos \theta \cos^2 \phi + \cos \theta \sin^2 \phi) \hat{k} \\ &= \sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} + \cos \theta \hat{k} = \hat{e}_r\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{e}_\phi \times \hat{e}_r &= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ \sin \theta \cos \phi & \sin \theta \sin \phi & \cos \theta \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} + (-\sin \theta \sin^2 \phi - \sin \theta \cos^2 \phi) \hat{k} \\ &= \cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{i} + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{j} - \sin \theta \hat{k} = \hat{e}_\theta\end{aligned}$$