

4 → Particles with half integral spins called fermions — quarks, electrons, protons, neutrons etc.

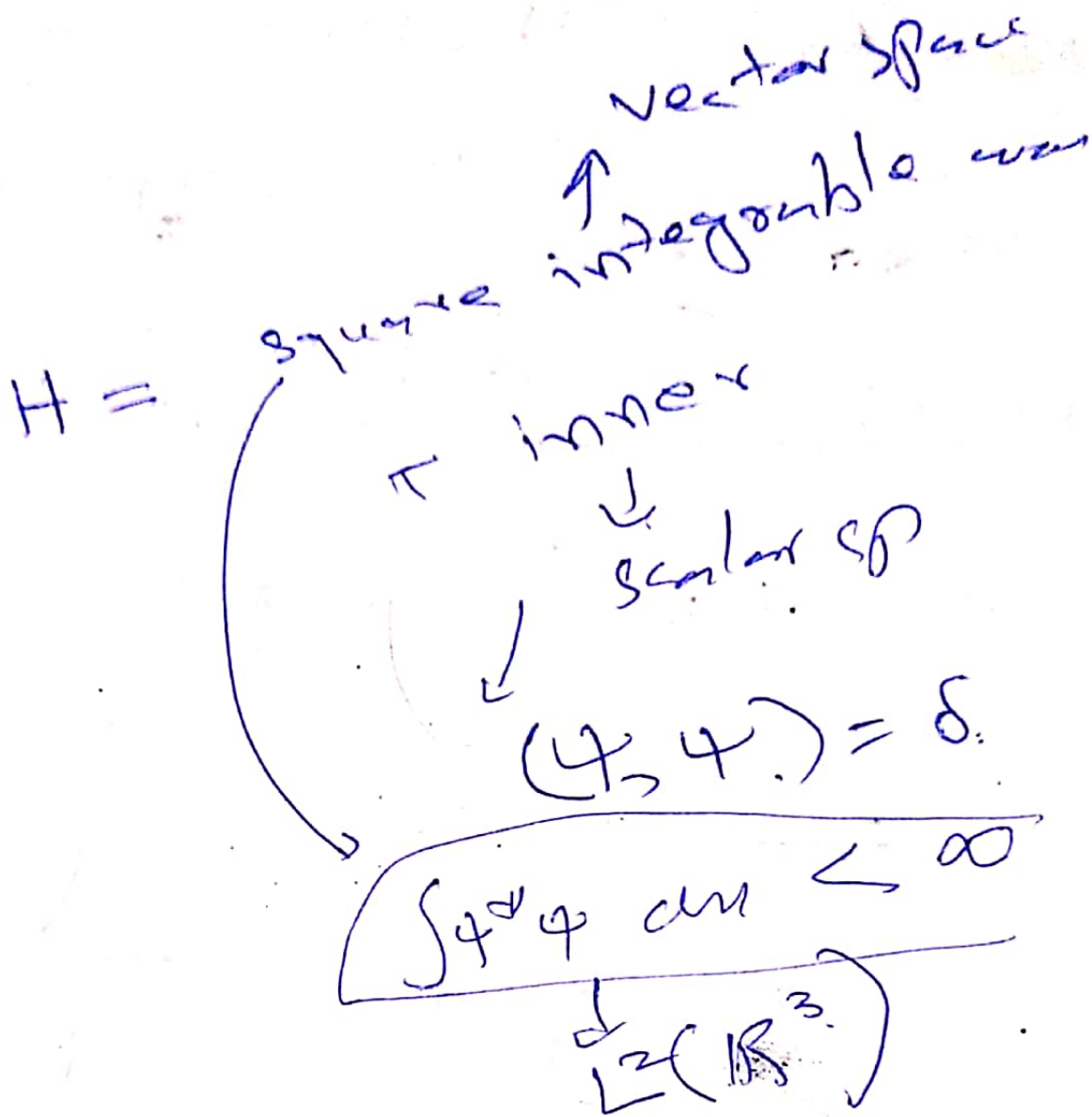
Particles with integer spins — called bosons — pions, photons, gravitons, etc.

Conclusion:

1) A beam splits into two distinct set of components rather than a continuous band, it provides an additional confirmation of quantum hypothesis on the discrete character of microphysical world.

2) This experiment can also be used to determine the total angular momentum \vec{J} of an atom, which in case of $l \neq 0$ is given by the sum of orbital and spin angular momentum.

$$\vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{S}$$



$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \psi^* \psi \, dV = 1$$

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② on spin

•). It can also be used to determine the total angular momentum of an atom, \underline{J} ,

$$\underline{J} = \underline{L} + \underline{S}$$

General theory of spin.

↔
Likewise orbital angular momentum \underline{L} , the operator \underline{S} obeys the relation.

$$\underline{S} \times \underline{S} = i\hbar \underline{S}$$

In components

$$[S_x, S_y] = i\hbar S_z$$

$$[S_y, S_z] = i\hbar S_x$$

$$[S_z, S_x] = i\hbar S_y$$

we introduce the eigenstate χ such that

$$\hat{S}_z \chi = m_s \hbar \chi, \quad m_s = \pm S$$

$$\hat{S}^2 \chi = S(S+1)\hbar^2 \chi$$

for $S = 1/2$, $m_s = \pm 1/2$.

In this case the vector space representing spin states has only two dimensions.

Spin $1/2$

Let χ_+ and χ_- be the basis.

Corresponding to states $m_s = \pm 1/2$. The spin state χ is called a spinor which is not a function. The general state of a spin $(1/2)$ particle can be expressed a two component spinor

$$\chi = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_+ \\ \chi_- \end{pmatrix}$$

with

$$\chi^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_+^\dagger & \chi_-^\dagger \end{pmatrix}$$

The spin states with $s=1/2$ are

$$|+\rangle = \chi_+ = \chi_{1/2, 1/2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = |\uparrow\rangle = |\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\rangle$$

spin up state

$$|-\rangle = \chi_- = \chi_{1/2, -1/2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = |\downarrow\rangle = |\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\rangle$$

spin down state

Similarly we can calculate for $S = \frac{1}{2}, m_s = \pm \frac{1}{2}$ where.

$$S^2 |\uparrow\rangle = \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 |\uparrow\rangle$$

$$S^2 |\downarrow\rangle = \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 |\downarrow\rangle$$

$$S_z |\uparrow\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \hbar |\uparrow\rangle$$

$$S_z |\downarrow\rangle = -\frac{1}{2} \hbar |\downarrow\rangle$$

$$\langle \uparrow | \uparrow \rangle = 1$$

$$\langle \uparrow | \downarrow \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle \downarrow | \uparrow \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle \downarrow | \downarrow \rangle = 1$$

The ladder operators of S are defined as

$$S_{\pm} = S_x \pm i S_y$$

with

$$S_{\pm} \chi_{s,m} = \sqrt{s(s+1) - m(m \pm 1)} \hbar \chi_{s, m \pm 1}$$

$$S_{\pm} |s, m\rangle = \sqrt{s(s+1) - m(m \pm 1)} \hbar |s, m \pm 1\rangle$$

with

$$S_+ |\downarrow\rangle = \hbar |\uparrow\rangle$$

$$S_- |\uparrow\rangle = \hbar |\downarrow\rangle$$

$$S_+ |\uparrow\rangle = S_- |\downarrow\rangle = 0$$

Now.

$$S_x = \frac{1}{2} (S_+ + S_-)$$

$$S_y = \frac{1}{2i} (S_+ - S_-)$$

it follows that

$$S_x |\uparrow\rangle = \frac{1}{2} (S_+ + S_-) |\uparrow\rangle = \frac{1}{2} S_- |\uparrow\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \hbar |\downarrow\rangle$$

$$S_x |\downarrow\rangle = \frac{1}{2} (S_+ + S_-) |\downarrow\rangle = \frac{1}{2} S_+ |\downarrow\rangle = \frac{1}{2} \hbar |\uparrow\rangle$$

$$S_y |\uparrow\rangle = \frac{1}{2i} (S_+ - S_-) |\uparrow\rangle = -\frac{1}{2i} S_- |\uparrow\rangle = -\frac{1}{2i} \hbar |\downarrow\rangle$$

$$S_y |\downarrow\rangle = \frac{1}{2i} (S_+ - S_-) |\downarrow\rangle = \frac{1}{2i} S_+ |\downarrow\rangle = \frac{1}{2i} \hbar |\uparrow\rangle$$

Since the matrix elements of S_+ are

$$(S_+)_{sm, s'm'} = \left(\chi_{sm}, S_+ \chi_{s'm'} \right) = \langle sm | S_+ | s'm' \rangle$$

$$= \sqrt{s'(s'+1) - m'(m'+1)} \hbar \left(\chi_{sm}, \chi_{s,m'} \right)$$

$$= \sqrt{s'(s'+1) - m'(m'+1)} \hbar \delta_{ss'} \delta_{m, m'+1}$$

for $s = s' = 1/2$

$$(S_+)_{mm'} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4} - m'(m'+1)} \hbar \delta_{m, m'+1}$$

The matrix elements are:

	m, m'		
m'	\hbar	$1/2$	$-1/2$
	$1/2$	0	\hbar
	$-1/2$	0	0

i.e. $S_+ = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \hbar \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Similarly $S_- = \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Since,

$$S_x = \frac{1}{2} (S_+ + S_-)$$

$$= \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and,

$$S_y = \frac{1}{2i} (S_+ - S_-)$$

$$= \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\langle S_z \rangle_{s m, s' m'} = \langle \chi_{s m}, S_z \chi_{s' m'} \rangle$$

$$= \langle s m | S_z | s' m' \rangle$$

$$= m' \hbar \delta_{s s'} \delta_{m m'}$$

then.

$$S_z = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\text{for } s = s' = 1/2$$

$$m = 1/2, -1/2$$

$$m' = 1/2, -1/2$$

Thus

$$S^2 = \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, S_+ = \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S_- = \hbar \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Pauli Matrices:

$$S_x = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, S_y = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, S_z = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

It is convenient to write

$$\underline{S} = \frac{\hbar}{2} \underline{\sigma}, \quad \text{when } s = 1/2$$

or.

$$(S_x, S_y, S_z) = \frac{\hbar}{2} (\sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z)$$

where.

$$\sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \sigma_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

are the famous Pauli spin matrices. Note that S_x, S_y, S_z and S^2 are all Hermitian while S_+ and S_- are not Hermitian, therefore ~~they~~ do not represent observables.

Properties of the Paulie Spin Matrices:

$$\sigma_x^2 = \sigma_y^2 = \sigma_z^2 = \mathbb{1} \text{ (unit matrix.)}$$

$$[\sigma_x, \sigma_y] = \sigma_x \sigma_y - \sigma_y \sigma_x = 2i \sigma_z$$

↳ and cyclic permutations

In classical Poisson Brackets:

$$\{ \sigma_x, \sigma_y \} = \sigma_x \sigma_y + \sigma_y \sigma_x = 0$$

↳ and cyclic permutations

$$\sigma_x \sigma_y = -\sigma_y \sigma_x = i \sigma_z$$

↳ and cyclic permutations

$$\sigma_x \sigma_y \sigma_z = i \cdot \mathbb{1} \text{ (unit matrix)}$$

$$\text{Tr } \sigma_x = \text{Tr } \sigma_y = \text{Tr } \sigma_z = 0$$

$$\det \sigma_x = \det \sigma_y = \det \sigma_z = -1$$

$$\{ \sigma_x, \sigma_x \} = 2 \mathbb{1}$$

$$[\sigma_x, \sigma_x] = 0$$

Traces: sum of diagonal entries.

The Eigenspinors:

In order to find the eigenspinors of S_z we have solve the eigenvalue equ

$$S_z \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \pm \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

put the value of S_z

$$\frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \pm \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

or

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ -i\beta \end{pmatrix} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

for plus sign, $\beta = 0$

and for minus sign, $\alpha = 0$

then

$$\chi_+ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{— (eigenvalue } +\frac{\hbar}{2}\text{)}$$

$$\chi_- = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{— (eigenvalue } -\frac{\hbar}{2}\text{)}$$

are called the eigenspinors of S_z .

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Spinors σ_x

Eigenvalues of σ_x

The eigenvalues of $\sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is obtained by the characteristic equation.

$$\begin{vmatrix} -\lambda & 1 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$
also called Secular equ.

$$\lambda = \pm 1$$

The eigenspinors corresponding to $\lambda = +1$ is obtained by the eigenvalue equ. as

$$\sigma_x \chi_+^{(x)} = +1 \chi_+^{(x)}$$

So

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{pmatrix} = +1 \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \alpha_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

\Rightarrow

$$\alpha_1 = \beta_1$$

then

$$\chi_+^{(x)} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\chi_+^{(x)} = \alpha_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The normalization condition gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\chi_+^{(\alpha)}, \chi_+^{(\omega)} \right) &= |\alpha_1|^2 + |\beta_1|^2 = 1 \\ &= 2|\alpha_1|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

So the normalized eigenspinors of σ_x corresponding to eigenvalue +1 is

$$\chi_+^{(\omega)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Similarly, the normalized eigenspinor of σ_x corresponding to eigenvalue -1 is

$$\chi_-^{(\omega)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now it is simple to find the ~~eigenspinors~~ ^{values} of σ_y and σ_z

$$\sigma_y \begin{cases} \chi_+^{(y)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{pmatrix} \\ \chi_-^{(y)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{pmatrix} \end{cases} \quad \sigma_z \begin{cases} \chi_+^{(z)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ \chi_-^{(z)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{cases}$$

Eigen spinor for σ_z

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In order to find the eigenspinor of σ_z , we have to solve the eigenvalue eqn. $\sigma_z \chi = \lambda \chi$ $\chi = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$ $\lambda = \pm 1$

$$\sigma_z \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

for Plus sign (λ_+)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ -\beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence

$$\alpha = \alpha$$
$$-\beta = \beta \Rightarrow \beta = 0$$

Therefore.

$$\chi_{+}^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

for -ve sign ($\chi_{-}^{(2)}$)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ -\beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha \\ -\beta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\alpha = -\alpha$$

$$-\beta = -\beta$$

it means $\alpha = 0$

So.

$$\chi_{-}^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

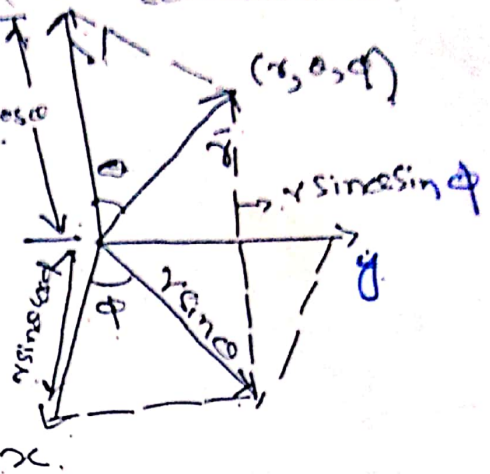
Angular Momentum in Spherical Polar Coordinates

Coordinates: Let us make a transformation of Cartesian coordinates to spherical polar coordinates. We know that

$$x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi$$

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

$$z = r \cos \theta$$



Since

$$L_x = -i\hbar \left[y \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - z \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right]$$

$$L_y = -i\hbar \left[z \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - x \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right]$$

$$L_z = -i\hbar \left[x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right]$$

Let us operate $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ on any arbitrary function $f(r, \theta, \phi)$, so we will get

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \phi} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$$

then we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$$

Similarly

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

Now we need to calculate

$$\left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} \right), \left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} \right), \text{ and}$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial r}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right).$$

Hence.

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2.$$

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{r}.$$

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{x}{r} = \sin \theta \cos \phi$$

Similarly

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial y} = \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial z} = \cos \theta.$$

Also

$$\tan \phi = \frac{y}{x}.$$

$$\sec^2 \phi \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = -\frac{y}{x^2} \rightarrow \text{differentiate w.r.t. } x$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = -\frac{y}{x^2} \cos^2 \phi = -\frac{r \sin \theta \sin \phi}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi}$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} = -\frac{\sin \phi}{r \sin \theta}$$

Similarly

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} = \frac{\cos \phi}{r \sin \alpha}$$

$$\text{Sec}^2 \alpha \cdot \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} = 0$$

Now

$$z = r \cos \alpha$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \cos \alpha - r \sin \alpha \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial x} = \frac{r}{r} \cos \alpha - \frac{1}{r \sin \alpha}$$

$$= r \sin \alpha$$

$$\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial r}{\partial x} \cos \alpha - \frac{1}{r \sin \alpha}$$

$$= \frac{1}{r} \cdot \frac{r}{r} \frac{\cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha}$$

$$= \frac{r \sin \alpha \cos \alpha}{r^2} \cdot \frac{\cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha}$$

$$\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial x} = \frac{\cos \phi \cos \alpha}{r}$$

$$\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial y} = \frac{\sin \phi \cos \alpha}{r}$$

$$\frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial z} = - \frac{\sin \alpha}{r}$$