

**Values of the Dot Product Between Fundamental Unit Vectors in Cartesian,
Cylindrical, and Spherical Coordinate Systems.**

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|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| | \hat{x} | \hat{y} | \hat{z} | \hat{r} | $\hat{\theta}$ | $\hat{\phi}$ | \hat{R} | $\hat{\phi}$ | \hat{z} |
| \hat{x} | 1 | 0 | 0 | $\sin \theta \cos \phi$ | $\cos \theta \cos \phi$ | $-\sin \phi$ | $\cos \phi$ | $-\sin \phi$ | 0 |
| \hat{y} | 0 | 1 | 0 | $\sin \theta \sin \phi$ | $\cos \theta \sin \phi$ | $\cos \phi$ | $\sin \phi$ | $\cos \phi$ | 0 |
| \hat{z} | 0 | 0 | 1 | $\cos \theta$ | $-\sin \theta$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| \hat{r} | $\sin \theta \cos \phi$ | $\sin \theta \sin \phi$ | $\cos \theta$ | 1 | 0 | 0 | $\sin \theta$ | 0 | $\cos \theta$ |
| $\hat{\theta}$ | $\cos \theta \cos \phi$ | $\cos \theta \sin \phi$ | $-\sin \theta$ | 0 | 1 | 0 | $\cos \theta$ | 0 | $-\sin \theta$ |
| $\hat{\phi}$ | $-\sin \phi$ | $\cos \phi$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| \hat{R} | $\cos \phi$ | $\sin \phi$ | 0 | $\sin \theta$ | $\cos \theta$ | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| $\hat{\phi}$ | $-\sin \phi$ | $\cos \phi$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| \hat{z} | 0 | 0 | 1 | $\cos \theta$ | $-\sin \theta$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

ELEMENTARY SOURCES AND FIELDS

| Source Type | Vector Field $\tilde{\mathbf{V}}$ | Potential Functions $\tilde{\Phi}$ | Streamfunction $\tilde{\Psi}$ |
|----------------------------|---|--|---|
| Uniform Plane Field | $V_0 \hat{x}$ | $-V_0 x$ | $V_0 y$ |
| Uniform Axisymmetric Field | $V_0 \hat{z}$ | $-V_0 z$ | $\psi_p = \frac{1}{2} V_0 r^2$ |
| Line Flux Source | $\frac{\tilde{F}'}{2\pi R} \hat{R}$ | $-\frac{\tilde{F}'}{2\pi} \ln R$ | $\frac{\tilde{F}'}{2\pi} \varphi$ |
| Point Flux Source | $\frac{\tilde{F}}{4\pi r^2} \hat{r}$ | $\frac{\tilde{F}}{4\pi r}$ | $\psi_p = -\frac{F}{4\pi} \cos \theta$ |
| Line Circulation Source | $\frac{\tilde{\Gamma}}{2\pi R} \hat{\phi}$ | $-\frac{\tilde{\Gamma}}{2\pi} \varphi$ | $-\frac{\tilde{\Gamma}}{2\pi} \ln R$ |
| Plane (2D) Dipole | $\frac{d}{2\pi R^2} (\cos \varphi \hat{R} + \sin \varphi \hat{\phi})$ | $\frac{d}{2\pi} \frac{\cos \varphi}{R}$ | $\frac{d}{2\pi} \frac{\sin \varphi}{R}$ |
| Point (3D) Dipole | $\frac{p}{4\pi r^3} (2 \cos \theta \hat{r} + \sin \theta \hat{\theta})$ | $\frac{p}{4\pi} \frac{\cos \theta}{r^2}$ | $\psi_p = \frac{p}{4\pi} \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{r}$ |

∇ -operations in Different Coordinate Systems

Cartesian Coordinates

$$\text{Gradient : } \nabla \tilde{\Phi} = \hat{\mathbf{x}} \frac{\partial \tilde{\Phi}}{\partial x} + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \frac{\partial \tilde{\Phi}}{\partial y} + \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{\partial \tilde{\Phi}}{\partial z}.$$

$$\text{Divergence : } \nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{V}} = \frac{\partial \tilde{V}_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \tilde{V}_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \tilde{V}_z}{\partial z}.$$

$$\text{Curl : } \nabla \times \tilde{\mathbf{V}} = \hat{\mathbf{x}} \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{V}_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial \tilde{V}_y}{\partial z} \right) + \hat{\mathbf{y}} \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{V}_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial \tilde{V}_z}{\partial x} \right) + \hat{\mathbf{z}} \left(\frac{\partial \tilde{V}_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial \tilde{V}_x}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$\text{Laplacian : } \nabla^2 \tilde{\Phi} = \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{\Phi}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{\Phi}}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{\Phi}}{\partial z^2}.$$

Cylindrical Coordinates

$$\text{Gradient : } \nabla \tilde{\Phi} = \hat{\mathbf{R}} \frac{\partial \tilde{\Phi}}{\partial R} + \hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}} \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial \tilde{\Phi}}{\partial \varphi} + \hat{\mathbf{z}} \frac{\partial \tilde{\Phi}}{\partial z}.$$

$$\text{Divergence : } \nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{V}} = \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} (R \tilde{V}_R) + \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \tilde{V}_\varphi + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \tilde{V}_z.$$

$$\text{Curl : } \nabla \times \tilde{\mathbf{V}} = \hat{\mathbf{R}} \left[\frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial \tilde{V}_z}{\partial \varphi} - \frac{\partial \tilde{V}_\varphi}{\partial z} \right] + \hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}} \left[\frac{\partial \tilde{V}_R}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial \tilde{V}_z}{\partial R} \right] + \hat{\mathbf{z}} \left[\frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} (R \tilde{V}_\varphi) - \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial \tilde{V}_R}{\partial \varphi} \right]$$

$$\text{Laplacian : } \nabla^2 \tilde{\Phi} = \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left(R \frac{\partial \tilde{\Phi}}{\partial R} \right) + \frac{1}{R^2} \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{\Phi}}{\partial \varphi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{\Phi}}{\partial z^2}.$$

Spherical Coordinates

$$\text{Gradient : } \nabla \tilde{\Phi} = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \frac{\partial \tilde{\Phi}}{\partial r} + \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \tilde{\Phi}}{\partial \theta} + \hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}} \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial \tilde{\Phi}}{\partial \varphi}.$$

$$\text{Divergence : } \nabla \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{V}} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 \tilde{V}_r) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta \tilde{V}_\theta) + \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \tilde{V}_\varphi.$$

$$\text{Curl : } \nabla \times \tilde{\mathbf{V}} = \hat{\mathbf{r}} \frac{1}{r \sin \theta} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta \tilde{V}_\varphi) - \frac{\partial \tilde{V}_\theta}{\partial \varphi} \right] + \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \frac{1}{r} \left[\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial \tilde{V}_r}{\partial \varphi} - \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \tilde{V}_\varphi) \right] + \hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}} \frac{1}{r} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r \tilde{V}_\theta) - \frac{\partial \tilde{V}_r}{\partial \theta} \right]$$

$$\text{Laplacian : } \nabla^2 \tilde{\Phi} = \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r^2 \frac{\partial \tilde{\Phi}}{\partial r}) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta \frac{\partial \tilde{\Phi}}{\partial \theta}) + \frac{1}{r^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{\Phi}}{\partial \varphi^2}.$$

Line, Surface and Volume Elements in Different Coordinate Systems

Cartesian Coordinates

$$d\ell = \hat{\mathbf{x}}dx + \hat{\mathbf{y}}dy + \hat{\mathbf{z}}dz$$

$$d\mathbf{S} = \begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{x}} dydz, & \text{yz-plane} \\ \hat{\mathbf{y}} dxdz, & \text{xz-plane} \\ \hat{\mathbf{z}} dxdy, & \text{xy-plane} \end{cases}$$

$$dV = dxdydz$$

Cylindrical Coordinates

$$d\ell = \hat{\mathbf{R}}dR + \hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}} R d\varphi + \hat{\mathbf{z}}dz$$

$$d\mathbf{S} = \begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{R}} R d\varphi dz, & \text{curved-surface} \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}} dR dz, & \text{meridional-plane} \\ \hat{\mathbf{z}} R dR d\varphi, & \text{top/bottom-plane} \end{cases}$$

$$dV = R dR d\varphi dz$$

Spherical Coordinates

$$d\ell = \hat{\mathbf{r}}dr + \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} r \sin\theta d\theta + \hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}} r d\varphi$$

$$d\mathbf{S} = \begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{r}} r^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\varphi, & \text{curved-surface} \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} r \sin\theta dr d\varphi, & \text{meridional-plane} \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\varphi}} r dr d\theta, & \text{xy-plane} \end{cases}$$

$$dV = r^2 \sin\theta dr d\theta d\varphi$$