

## GRADIENT, DIVERGENCE, CURL, & LAPLACIAN OPERATORS

### CARTESIAN (RECTANGULAR) COORDINATES (x, y, z)

$$\nabla V = \hat{x} \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + \hat{y} \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} + \hat{z} \frac{\partial V}{\partial z}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \end{vmatrix} = \hat{x} \left( \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial z} \right) + \hat{y} \left( \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial x} \right) + \hat{z} \left( \frac{\partial A_y}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial A_x}{\partial y} \right)$$

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2}$$

### CYLINDRICAL COORDINATES (r, φ, z)

$$\nabla V = \hat{r} \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} + \hat{\phi} \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} + \hat{z} \frac{\partial V}{\partial z}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_r) + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial \phi} + \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial z}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{r} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{r} & \hat{\phi} & \hat{z} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ A_r & r A_\phi & A_z \end{vmatrix} = \hat{r} \left( \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial z} \right) + \hat{\phi} \left( \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial A_z}{\partial r} \right) + \hat{z} \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r A_\phi) - \frac{\partial A_r}{\partial \phi} \right]$$

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial V}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2}$$

### SPHERICAL COORDINATES (R, θ, φ)

$$\nabla V = \hat{R} \frac{\partial V}{\partial R} + \hat{\theta} \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} + \hat{\phi} \frac{1}{R \sin \theta} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{R^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} (R^2 A_R) + \frac{1}{R \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (A_\theta \sin \theta) + \frac{1}{R \sin \theta} \frac{\partial A_\phi}{\partial \phi}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{R^2 \sin \theta} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{R} & \hat{\theta} R & \hat{\phi} R \sin \theta \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial R} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \\ A_R & R A_\theta & (R \sin \theta) A_\phi \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \hat{R} \frac{1}{R \sin \theta} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (A_\phi \sin \theta) - \frac{\partial A_\theta}{\partial \phi} \right] + \hat{\theta} \frac{1}{R} \left[ \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial A_R}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial}{\partial R} (R A_\phi) \right] + \hat{\phi} \frac{1}{R} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial R} (R A_\theta) - \frac{\partial A_R}{\partial \theta} \right]$$

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{1}{R^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left( R^2 \frac{\partial V}{\partial R} \right) + \frac{1}{R^2 \sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial V}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{R^2 \sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial \phi^2}$$

Table 3-1: Summary of vector relations.

	Cartesian Coordinates	Cylindrical Coordinates	Spherical Coordinates
Coordinate variables	$x, y, z$	$r, \phi, z$	$R, \theta, \phi$
Vector representation, $\mathbf{A} =$	$\hat{x}A_x + \hat{y}A_y + \hat{z}A_z$	$\hat{r}A_r + \hat{\phi}A_\phi + \hat{z}A_z$	$\hat{R}A_R + \hat{\theta}A_\theta + \hat{\phi}A_\phi$
Magnitude of $\mathbf{A}$ , $ \mathbf{A}  =$	$\sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2}$	$\sqrt{A_r^2 + A_\phi^2 + A_z^2}$	$\sqrt{A_R^2 + A_\theta^2 + A_\phi^2}$
Position vector $\vec{OP}_1 =$	$\hat{x}x_1 + \hat{y}y_1 + \hat{z}z_1$ , for $P(x_1, y_1, z_1)$	$\hat{r}r_1 + \hat{z}z_1$ , for $P(r_1, \phi_1, z_1)$	$\hat{R}R_1$ , for $P(R_1, \theta_1, \phi_1)$
Base vectors properties	$\hat{x} \cdot \hat{x} = \hat{y} \cdot \hat{y} = \hat{z} \cdot \hat{z} = 1$ $\hat{x} \cdot \hat{y} = \hat{y} \cdot \hat{z} = \hat{z} \cdot \hat{x} = 0$ $\hat{x} \times \hat{y} = \hat{z}$ $\hat{y} \times \hat{z} = \hat{x}$ $\hat{z} \times \hat{x} = \hat{y}$	$\hat{r} \cdot \hat{r} = \hat{\phi} \cdot \hat{\phi} = \hat{z} \cdot \hat{z} = 1$ $\hat{r} \cdot \hat{\phi} = \hat{\phi} \cdot \hat{z} = \hat{z} \cdot \hat{r} = 0$ $\hat{r} \times \hat{\phi} = \hat{z}$ $\hat{\phi} \times \hat{z} = \hat{r}$ $\hat{z} \times \hat{r} = \hat{\phi}$	$\hat{R} \cdot \hat{R} = \hat{\theta} \cdot \hat{\theta} = \hat{\phi} \cdot \hat{\phi} = 1$ $\hat{R} \cdot \hat{\theta} = \hat{\theta} \cdot \hat{\phi} = \hat{\phi} \cdot \hat{R} = 0$ $\hat{R} \times \hat{\theta} = \hat{\phi}$ $\hat{\theta} \times \hat{\phi} = \hat{R}$ $\hat{\phi} \times \hat{R} = \hat{\theta}$
Dot product, $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} =$	$A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z$	$A_r B_r + A_\phi B_\phi + A_z B_z$	$A_R B_R + A_\theta B_\theta + A_\phi B_\phi$
Cross product, $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B} =$	$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix}$	$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{r} & \hat{\phi} & \hat{z} \\ A_r & A_\phi & A_z \\ B_r & B_\phi & B_z \end{vmatrix}$	$\begin{vmatrix} \hat{R} & \hat{\theta} & \hat{\phi} \\ A_R & A_\theta & A_\phi \\ B_R & B_\theta & B_\phi \end{vmatrix}$
Differential length, $d\mathbf{l} =$	$\hat{x} dx + \hat{y} dy + \hat{z} dz$	$\hat{r} dr + \hat{\phi} r d\phi + \hat{z} dz$	$\hat{R} dR + \hat{\theta} R d\theta + \hat{\phi} R \sin\theta d\phi$
Differential surface areas	$ds_x = \hat{x} dy dz$ $ds_y = \hat{y} dz dx$ $ds_z = \hat{z} dx dy$	$ds_r = \hat{r} r d\phi dz$ $ds_\phi = \hat{\phi} dr dz$ $ds_z = \hat{z} r dr d\phi$	$ds_R = \hat{R} R^2 \sin\theta d\theta d\phi$ $ds_\theta = \hat{\theta} R \sin\theta dR d\phi$ $ds_\phi = \hat{\phi} R dR d\theta$
Differential volume, $dV =$	$dx dy dz$	$r dr d\phi dz$	$R^2 \sin\theta dR d\theta d\phi$

Table 3-2: Coordinate transformation relations.

Transformation	Coordinate Variables	Unit Vectors	Vector Components
Cartesian to cylindrical	$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ $\phi = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$ $z = z$	$\hat{r} = \hat{x} \cos \phi + \hat{y} \sin \phi$ $\hat{\phi} = -\hat{x} \sin \phi + \hat{y} \cos \phi$ $\hat{z} = \hat{z}$	$A_r = A_x \cos \phi + A_y \sin \phi$ $A_\phi = -A_x \sin \phi + A_y \cos \phi$ $A_z = A_z$
Cylindrical to Cartesian	$x = r \cos \phi$ $y = r \sin \phi$ $z = z$	$\hat{x} = \hat{r} \cos \phi - \hat{\phi} \sin \phi$ $\hat{y} = \hat{r} \sin \phi + \hat{\phi} \cos \phi$ $\hat{z} = \hat{z}$	$A_x = A_r \cos \phi - A_\phi \sin \phi$ $A_y = A_r \sin \phi + A_\phi \cos \phi$ $A_z = A_z$
Cartesian to spherical	$R = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ $\theta = \tan^{-1}[\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}/z]$ $\phi = \tan^{-1}(y/x)$	$\hat{R} = \hat{x} \sin \theta \cos \phi + \hat{y} \sin \theta \sin \phi + \hat{z} \cos \theta$ $\hat{\theta} = \hat{x} \cos \theta \cos \phi + \hat{y} \cos \theta \sin \phi - \hat{z} \sin \theta$ $\hat{\phi} = -\hat{x} \sin \phi + \hat{y} \cos \phi$	$A_R = A_x \sin \theta \cos \phi + A_y \sin \theta \sin \phi + A_z \cos \theta$ $A_\theta = A_x \cos \theta \cos \phi + A_y \cos \theta \sin \phi - A_z \sin \theta$ $A_\phi = -A_x \sin \phi + A_y \cos \phi$
Spherical to Cartesian	$x = R \sin \theta \cos \phi$ $y = R \sin \theta \sin \phi$ $z = R \cos \theta$	$\hat{x} = \hat{R} \sin \theta \cos \phi + \hat{\theta} \cos \theta \cos \phi - \hat{\phi} \sin \phi$ $\hat{y} = \hat{R} \sin \theta \sin \phi + \hat{\theta} \cos \theta \sin \phi + \hat{\phi} \cos \phi$ $\hat{z} = \hat{R} \cos \theta - \hat{\theta} \sin \theta$	$A_x = A_R \sin \theta \cos \phi + A_\theta \cos \theta \cos \phi - A_\phi \sin \phi$ $A_y = A_R \sin \theta \sin \phi + A_\theta \cos \theta \sin \phi + A_\phi \cos \phi$ $A_z = A_R \cos \theta - A_\theta \sin \theta$
Cylindrical to spherical	$R = \sqrt{r^2 + z^2}$ $\theta = \tan^{-1}(r/z)$ $\phi = \phi$	$\hat{R} = \hat{r} \sin \theta + \hat{z} \cos \theta$ $\hat{\theta} = \hat{r} \cos \theta - \hat{z} \sin \theta$ $\hat{\phi} = \hat{\phi}$	$A_R = A_r \sin \theta + A_z \cos \theta$ $A_\theta = A_r \cos \theta - A_z \sin \theta$ $A_\phi = A_\phi$
Spherical to cylindrical	$r = R \sin \theta$ $\phi = \phi$ $z = R \cos \theta$	$\hat{r} = \hat{R} \sin \theta + \hat{\theta} \cos \theta$ $\hat{\phi} = \hat{\phi}$ $\hat{z} = \hat{R} \cos \theta - \hat{\theta} \sin \theta$	$A_r = A_R \sin \theta + A_\theta \cos \theta$ $A_\phi = A_\phi$ $A_z = A_R \cos \theta - A_\theta \sin \theta$

$$W_e = \int_C^Q \frac{q}{C} dq = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{C} = \frac{1}{2} CV^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\epsilon A}{d} (Ed)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon E^2 V$$

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{E} dv = \oint_S \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$\int_s^v (\nabla \times \vec{B}) \cdot d\vec{s} = \oint_C \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon \vec{E} = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \vec{E} = \epsilon_0 (1 + \chi_e) \vec{E}$$

$$\vec{B} = \mu \vec{H} = \mu_0 \mu_r \vec{H} = \mu_0 (1 + \chi_m) \vec{H}$$

$$\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$$

$$\vec{B} = \mu_0 (\vec{H} + \vec{M})$$

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{D} = \rho$$

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = 0$$

$$\vec{E} = \hat{R} \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon R^2}$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \sum_{i=1}^N q_i \frac{(\vec{R} - \vec{R}_i)}{|\vec{R} - \vec{R}_i|^3}$$

$$V(\vec{R}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{q_i}{|\vec{R} - \vec{R}_i|} \quad (V)$$

$$V = \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \hat{R}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 R^2}$$

$$\vec{F} = q\vec{E}$$

$$V_{21} = V_2 - V_1 = -\int_{R_1}^{R_2} \vec{E} d\vec{l}$$

$$dW = q\vec{E} d\vec{l}$$

$$V(\vec{R}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \int_{v'} \frac{\rho_v}{R'} dv'$$

$$V(\vec{R}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \int_{s'} \frac{\rho_s}{R'} ds'$$

$$V(\vec{R}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \int_{l'} \frac{\rho_l}{R'} dl'$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \int_{v'} \hat{R}' \frac{\rho_v ds'}{R'^2}$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \int_{s'} \hat{R}' \frac{\rho_s ds'}{R'^2}$$

$$\vec{E} = \int_{v'} d\vec{E} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \int_{v'} \hat{R}' \frac{\rho_v dv'}{R'^2}$$

**Table 5-1:** Attributes of electrostatics and magnetostatics.

$$\rho_v = \lim_{\Delta v \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta q}{\Delta v} = \frac{dq}{dv} [C/m^2]$$

$$\rho_s = \lim_{\Delta s \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta q}{\Delta s} = \frac{dq}{ds} [C/m^2]$$

$$\rho_l = \lim_{\Delta l \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta q}{\Delta l} = \frac{dq}{dl} [C/m^2]$$

$$\vec{A} = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \int_v \frac{\vec{J}}{R'} dv'$$

$$\vec{A} = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \int_{s'} \frac{\vec{J}_s}{R'} ds'$$

$$\vec{A} = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \int_{l'} \frac{\vec{J}_l}{R'} dl'$$

Attribute	Electrostatics	Magnetostatics
Sources	Stationary charges	Steady currents
Fields	<b>E</b> and <b>D</b>	<b>H</b> and <b>B</b>
Constitutive parameter(s)	$\epsilon$ and $\sigma$	$\mu$
Governing equations		
• Differential form	$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho_v$ $\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = 0$	$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$ $\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}$
• Integral form	$\oint_S \mathbf{D} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = Q$ $\oint_C \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = 0$	$\oint_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = 0$ $\oint_C \mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = I$
Potential	Scalar $V$ , with $\mathbf{E} = -\nabla V$	Vector $\mathbf{A}$ , with $\mathbf{B} = \nabla \times \mathbf{A}$
Energy density	$w_e = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon E^2$	$w_m = \frac{1}{2} \mu H^2$
Force on charge $q$	$\mathbf{F}_e = q\mathbf{E}$	$\mathbf{F}_m = q\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{B}$
Circuit element(s)	$C$ and $R$	$L$

$$\vec{u}_e = -\mu_e \vec{E} \quad (m/s)$$

$$\vec{u}_h = \mu_h \vec{E} \quad (m/s)$$

$$P = \int_v \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J} dv = IV \quad (W)$$

$$C = \frac{Q}{V} = \frac{\int_s \epsilon \vec{E} d\vec{s}}{-\int_l \vec{E} d\vec{l}} \quad (F)$$

$$R = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{-\int_l \vec{E} d\vec{l}}{\int_s \sigma \vec{E} d\vec{s}} \quad (\Omega)$$

$$\vec{F}_m = I \oint_C d\vec{l} \times \vec{B} \quad (N)$$

**Table 4-3:** Boundary conditions for the electric fields.

Field Component	Any Two Media	Medium 1 Dielectric $\epsilon_1$	Medium 2 Dielectric $\epsilon_2$	Medium 1 Dielectric $\epsilon_1$	Medium 2 Conductor
Tangential <b>E</b>	$E_{1t} = E_{2t}$	$E_{1t} = E_{2t}$	$E_{1t} = E_{2t}$	$E_{1t} = E_{2t} = 0$	$E_{1t} = E_{2t} = 0$
Tangential <b>D</b>	$D_{1t}/\epsilon_1 = D_{2t}/\epsilon_2$	$D_{1t}/\epsilon_1 = D_{2t}/\epsilon_2$	$D_{1t}/\epsilon_1 = D_{2t}/\epsilon_2$	$D_{1t} = D_{2t} = 0$	$D_{1t} = D_{2t} = 0$
Normal <b>E</b>	$\hat{n} \cdot (\epsilon_1 \mathbf{E}_1 - \epsilon_2 \mathbf{E}_2) = \rho_s$	$\epsilon_1 E_{1n} - \epsilon_2 E_{2n} = \rho_s$	$\epsilon_1 E_{1n} - \epsilon_2 E_{2n} = \rho_s$	$E_{1n} = \rho_s/\epsilon_1$	$E_{2n} = 0$
Normal <b>D</b>	$\hat{n} \cdot (\mathbf{D}_1 - \mathbf{D}_2) = \rho_s$	$D_{1n} - D_{2n} = \rho_s$	$D_{1n} - D_{2n} = \rho_s$	$D_{1n} = \rho_s$	$D_{2n} = 0$

Notes: (1)  $\rho_s$  is the surface charge density at the boundary; (2) normal components of  $\mathbf{E}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{D}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{E}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{D}_2$  are along  $\hat{n}_2$ , the outward normal unit vector of medium 2.

$$W_m = \frac{1}{2} \int_v \mu H^2 dv$$

$$\vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{H} = \hat{\Phi} \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r}$$

$$\vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A}$$

$$\oint_C \vec{H} \cdot d\vec{l} = I$$

$$\nabla^2 \vec{A} = -\mu \vec{J}$$

$$\vec{B} \cong \frac{\hat{z} \mu NI}{l}$$

$$\Lambda = N\Phi = N \int_s \vec{B} d\vec{s} = \mu \frac{N^2}{l} IS \quad (Wb)$$

$$\vec{H} = \frac{m}{4\pi R^3} (\hat{R} 2 \cos \Theta + \hat{\Theta} \sin \Theta)$$

$$\vec{F}_1 = \hat{y} \frac{\mu_0 I_1 I_2}{2\pi d}$$

$$\vec{T} = NIA(\hat{n} \times \vec{B}) = \vec{m} \times \vec{B} \quad (N.m)$$

$$\Phi = \int_s \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int_s (\nabla \times \vec{A}) \cdot d\vec{s} = \oint_C \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{l} \quad (Wb)$$

$$d\vec{H} = \frac{I}{4\pi} \frac{d\vec{l} \times \hat{R}}{R^2} \quad (A/m)$$

$$\vec{H} = \frac{I}{4\pi} \int_l \frac{d\vec{l} \times \hat{R}}{R^2} \quad (A/m)$$

$$\vec{H} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_s \frac{\vec{J}_s \times \hat{R}}{R^2} ds$$

$$\vec{H} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_v \frac{\vec{J} \times \hat{R}}{R^2} dv$$