



EE-208-F:  
Fundamentals of Electromagnetics

LECTURE 3

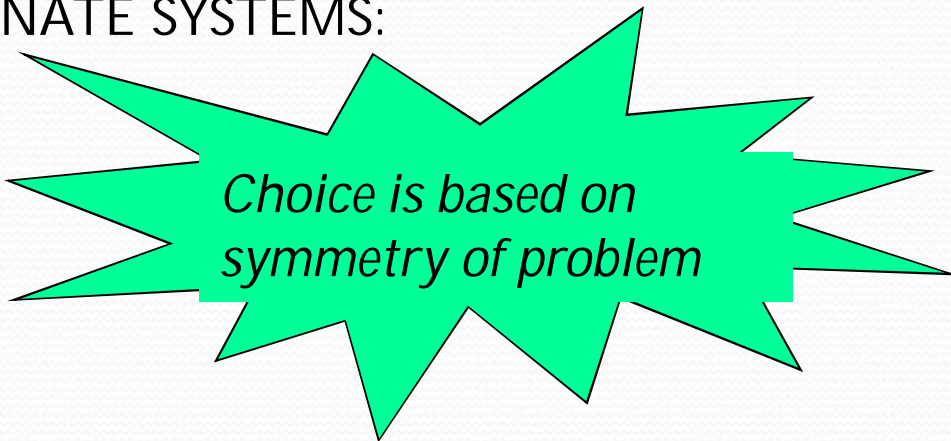
# Topics

- Coordinate systems
- Cartesian coordinates,
- Circular coordinates,
- Cylindrical coordinates,

# VECTOR REPRESENTATION

3 PRIMARY COORDINATE SYSTEMS:

- RECTANGULAR
- CYLINDRICAL
- SPHERICAL



*Choice is based on  
symmetry of problem*

Examples:

*Sheets - RECTANGULAR*

*Wires/Cables - CYLINDRICAL*

*Spheres - SPHERICAL*

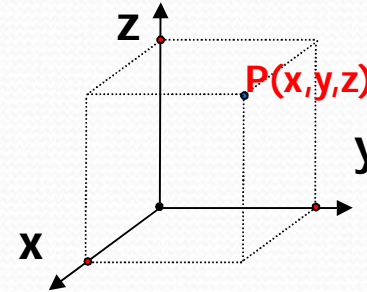


# Orthogonal Coordinate Systems: (coordinates mutually perpendicular)

## Cartesian Coordinates

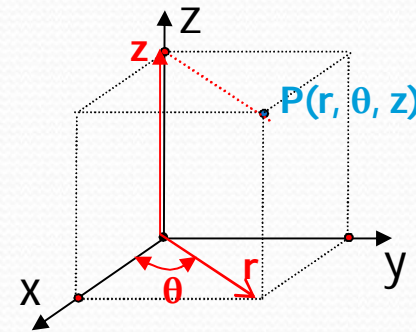
### Rectangular Coordinates

$$P(x, y, z)$$



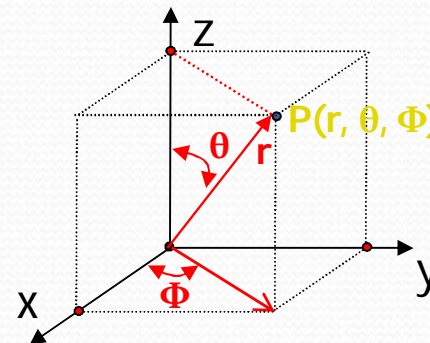
### Cylindrical Coordinates

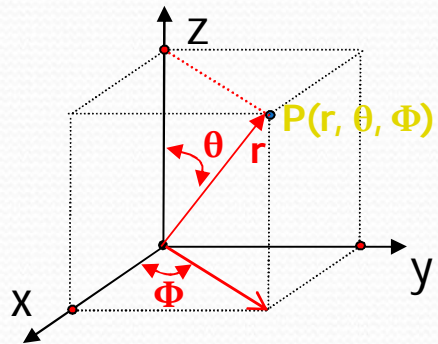
$$P(r, \theta, z)$$



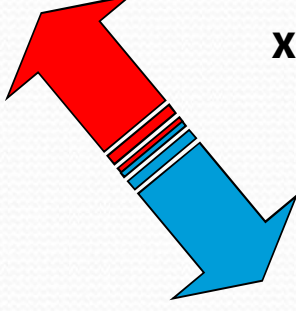
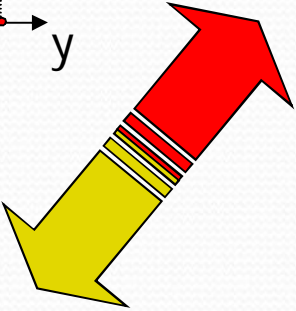
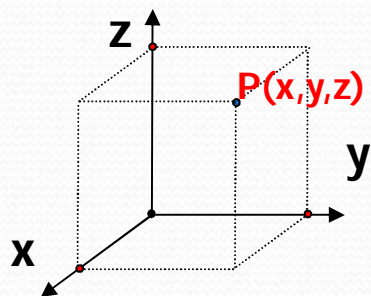
### Spherical Coordinates

$$P(r, \theta, \Phi)$$

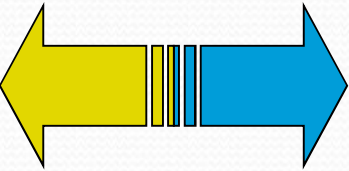




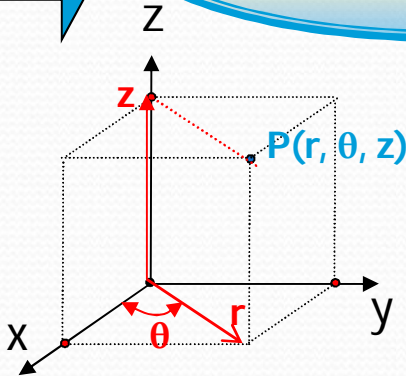
**Cartesian Coordinates**  
 $P(x,y,z)$



**Spherical Coordinates**  
 $P(r, \theta, \Phi)$



**Cylindrical Coordinates**  
 $P(r, \theta, z)$





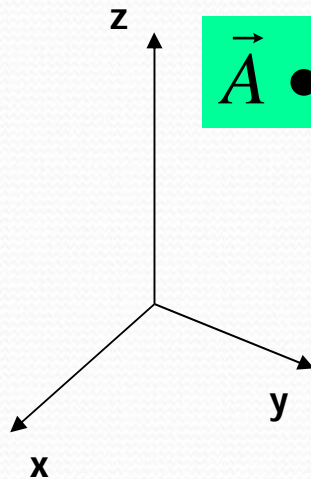
# VECTOR NOTATION

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$$\vec{A} = A_x \hat{a}_x + A_y \hat{a}_y + A_z \hat{a}_z$$



*Rectangular or  
Cartesian  
Coordinate  
System*



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

*Dot Product  
(SCALAR)*

$$\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{a}_x & \hat{a}_y & \hat{a}_z \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \end{vmatrix}$$

*Cross Product  
(VECTOR)*

$$|\vec{A}| = \left( A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

*Magnitude of vector*

# Cartesian Coordinates

$(x, y, z)$

## Vector representation

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

## Magnitude of A

$$|\vec{A}| = \sqrt{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{A}} = \sqrt{A_x^2 + A_y^2 + A_z^2}$$

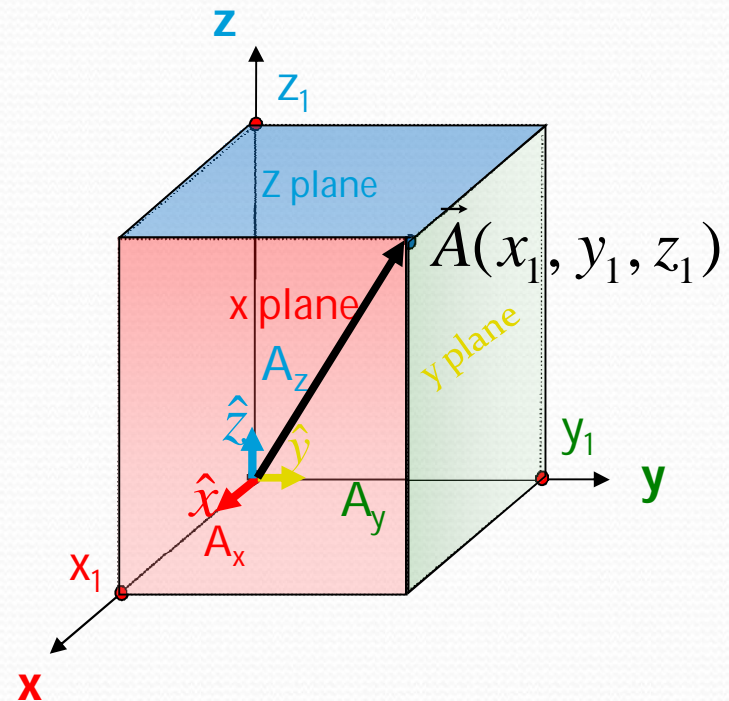
## Position vector A

$$\hat{x}x_1 + \hat{y}y_1 + \hat{z}z_1$$

## Base vector properties

$$\hat{x} \cdot \hat{x} = \hat{y} \cdot \hat{y} = \hat{z} \cdot \hat{z} = 1$$

$$\hat{x} \cdot \hat{y} = \hat{y} \cdot \hat{z} = \hat{z} \cdot \hat{x} = 0$$



$$\hat{x} \times \hat{y} = \hat{z}$$

$$\hat{y} \times \hat{z} = \hat{x}$$

$$\hat{z} \times \hat{x} = \hat{y}$$



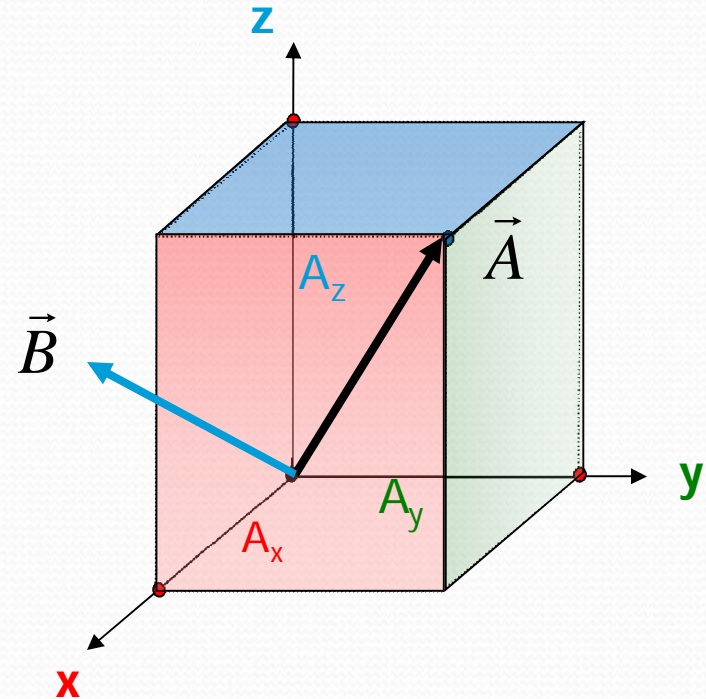
# Cartesian Coordinates

Dot product:

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

Cross product:

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





# VECTOR REPRESENTATION: CYLINDRICAL COORDINATES

Cylindrical representation uses:  $r, \phi, z$

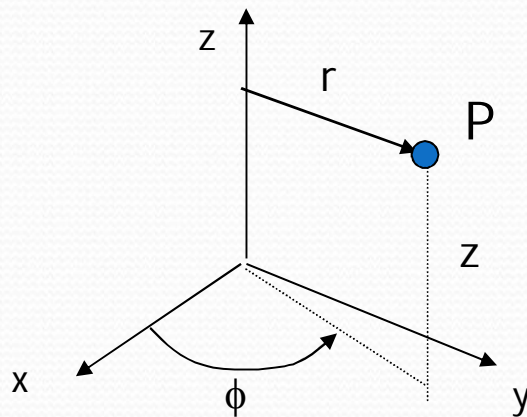
UNIT VECTORS:

$$\left( \hat{a}_r \quad \hat{a}_\phi \quad \hat{a}_z \right)$$

$$\vec{A} = A_r \hat{a}_r + A_\phi \hat{a}_\phi + A_z \hat{a}_z$$

$$\vec{A} \bullet \vec{B} = A_r B_r + A_\phi B_\phi + A_z B_z$$

*Dot Product*  
(SCALAR)



# VECTOR REPRESENTATION: SPHERICAL COORDINATES

Spherical representation uses:  $r, \theta, \phi$

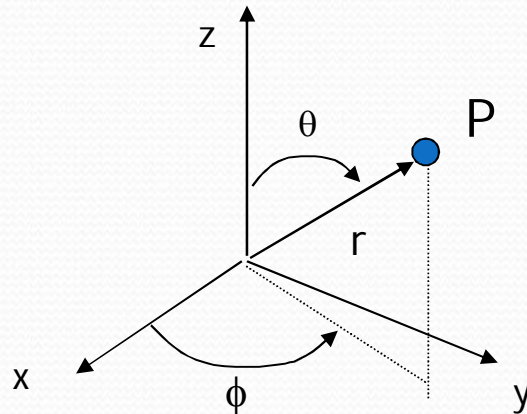
UNIT VECTORS:

$$(\hat{a}_r \quad \hat{a}_\theta \quad \hat{a}_\phi)$$

$$\vec{A} = A_r \hat{a}_r + A_\theta \hat{a}_\theta + A_\phi \hat{a}_\phi$$

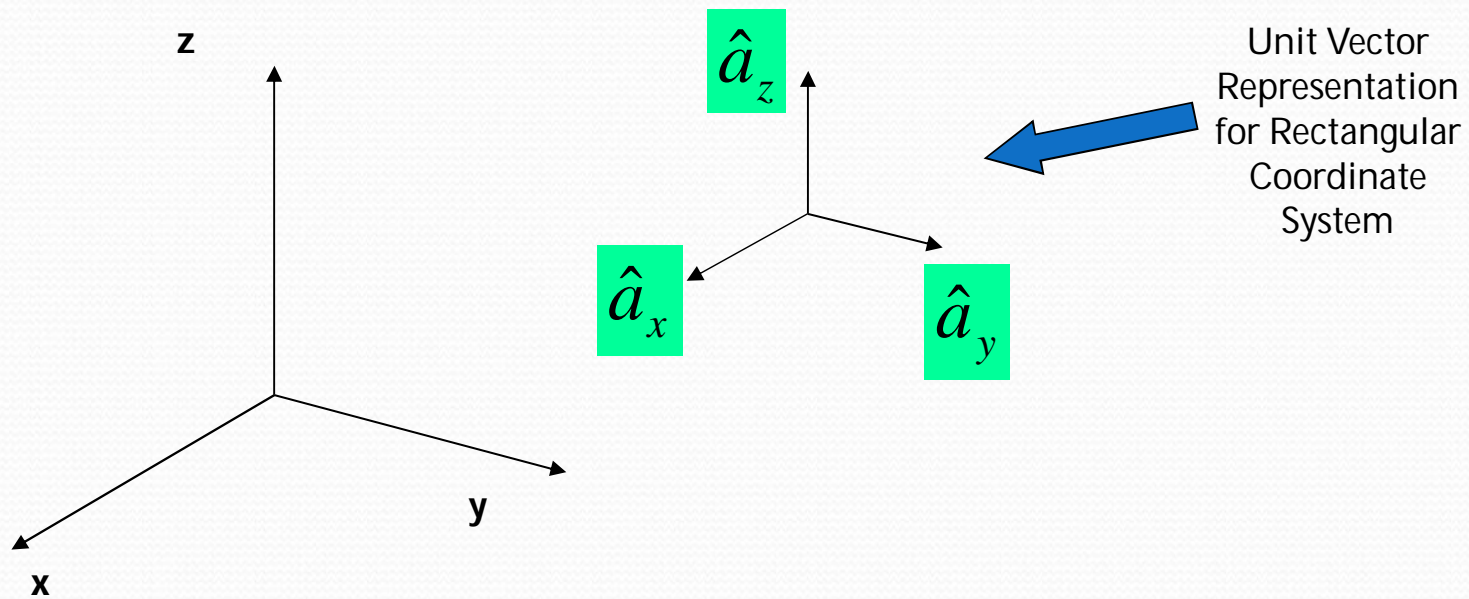
$$\vec{A} \bullet \vec{B} = A_r B_r + A_\theta B_\theta + A_\phi B_\phi$$

*Dot Product*  
(SCALAR)






# VECTOR REPRESENTATION: UNIT VECTORS

## Rectangular Coordinate System



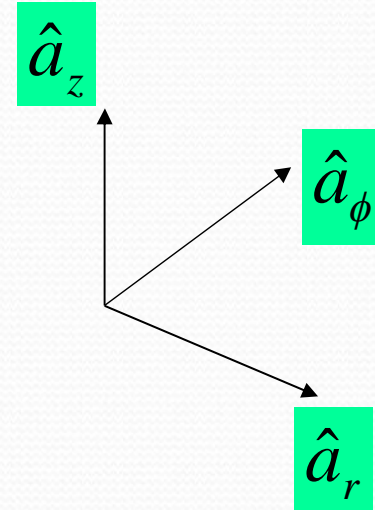
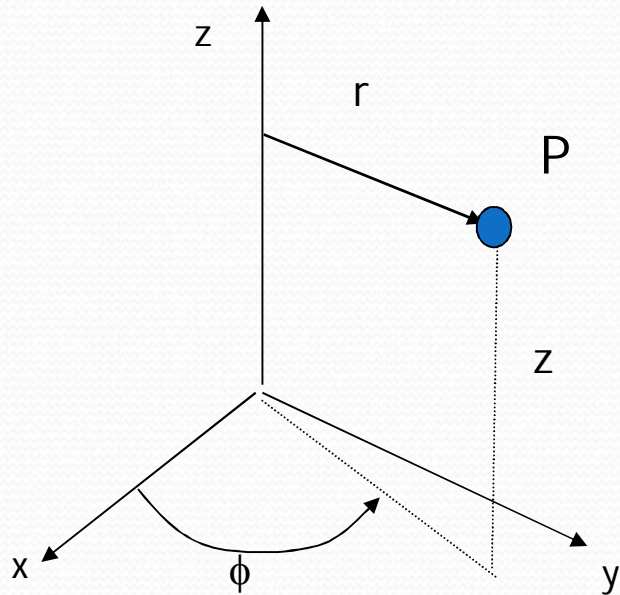
The Unit Vectors imply :

- $\hat{a}_x$   Points in the direction of increasing  $x$
- $\hat{a}_y$   Points in the direction of increasing  $y$
- $\hat{a}_z$   Points in the direction of increasing  $z$



# VECTOR REPRESENTATION: UNIT VECTORS

## Cylindrical Coordinate System

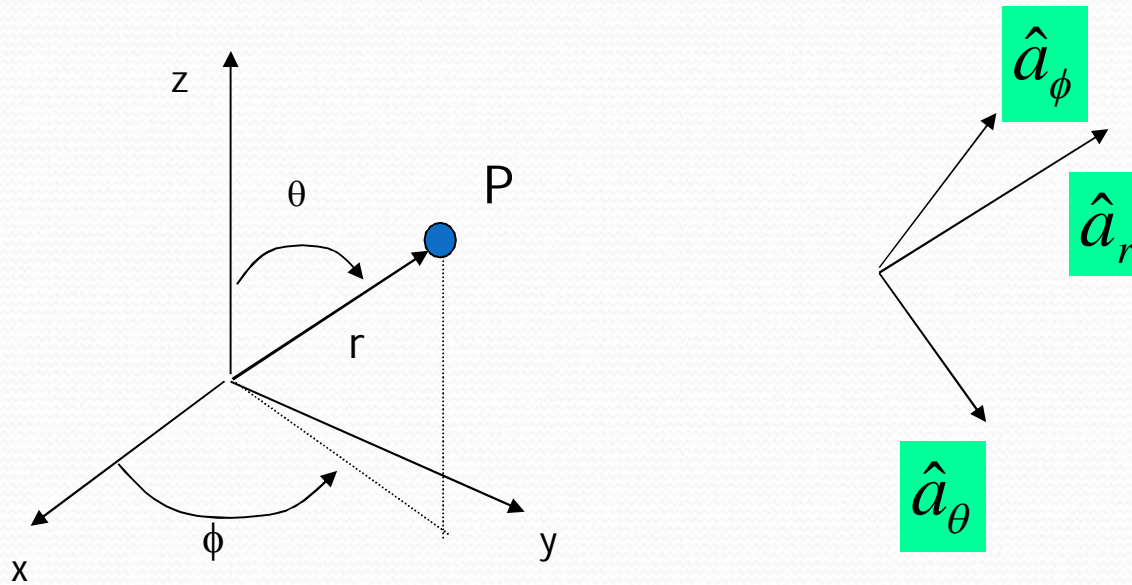


The Unit Vectors imply :

- $\hat{a}_r$   $\rightarrow$  Points in the direction of increasing  $r$
- $\hat{a}_\phi$   $\rightarrow$  Points in the direction of increasing  $\phi$
- $\hat{a}_z$   $\rightarrow$  Points in the direction of increasing  $z$

# VECTOR REPRESENTATION: UNIT VECTORS

## Spherical Coordinate System



The Unit Vectors imply :

- $\hat{a}_r$   $\rightarrow$  Points in the direction of increasing  $r$
- $\hat{a}_\theta$   $\rightarrow$  Points in the direction of increasing  $\theta$
- $\hat{a}_\phi$   $\rightarrow$  Points in the direction of increasing  $\phi$



# VECTOR REPRESENTATION: UNIT VECTORS

## Summary

RECTANGULAR  
Coordinate  
Systems

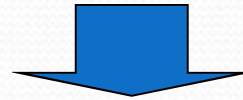
$$(\hat{a}_x \hat{a}_y \hat{a}_z)$$

CYLINDRICAL  
Coordinate  
Systems

$$(\hat{a}_r \hat{a}_\phi \hat{a}_z)$$

SPHERICAL  
Coordinate  
Systems

$$(\hat{a}_r \hat{a}_\theta \hat{a}_\phi)$$



**NOTE THE ORDER!**

$r, \phi, z$

$r, \theta, \phi$

Note: We do not emphasize transformations between coordinate systems



# METRIC COEFFICIENTS

## 1. Rectangular Coordinates:

When you move a small amount in **x**-direction, the distance is **dx**

In a similar fashion, you generate **dy** and **dz**

Unit is in "meters"

