Basic Math & Coordinate Systems

Reading assignment

Ulaby, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, Inside back cover Connor and Salon, I-1 \rightarrow I-14

Problem 1 - Dot and cross products

Given $\mathbf{A} = r^3 \mathbf{a}_r + 4 \sin\theta \mathbf{a}_{\phi}$ and $\mathbf{B} = 3 \mathbf{a}_r + 2 \mathbf{a}_{\theta} + 12 \sin\theta/r^3 \mathbf{a}_{\phi}$ Find $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}$ and $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}$

Problem 2 - Area integrals

For each of the following surfaces, sketch the surface, and find its area.

- a. $r = 3, 0 \le \varphi \le \pi/3, -2 \le z \le 2.$
- b. $0 \le r \le 5$, $\theta = \pi/3$, $0 \le \phi \le 2\pi$.
- c. Identify **ds** for each of the surfaces.

Problem 3 - Volume integrals

- a. Sketch each of the following volumes and then calculate its value by integrating over the appropriate differential volume element.
 - 1) $2 \le x \le 5, 0 \le y \le 3, -2 \le z \le 3.$
 - 2) $1 \le r \le 3, 0 \le \varphi \le \pi/3, -2 \le z \le 2.$
- b. Integrate the function $(a e^{-r/a} / r)$ over the volume of a sphere of radius a.

Problem 4 - Useful areas and volumes

- a. What is the surface area of a sphere of radius r?
- b. What is the surface area of the side of a cylinder with radius r and length 1?
- c. What is the volume of a sphere of radius r?
- d. What is the volume of a cylinder of radius r and length 1?