

Formula Sheet

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Algebra

$$\begin{aligned}
 +: & a + b = b + a \quad a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c \\
 -: & 0 + a = a \quad a + (-a) = 0 \quad -(-a) = a \quad -(a + b) = -a + -b \quad a - b \equiv a + (-b) \\
 \times: & ab = ba \quad a(bc) = (ab)c \\
 \div: & 1a = a \quad a(a^-) = 1 \quad (a^-)^- = a \quad (ab)^- = a^-b^- \quad a/b \equiv a(b^-) \quad (a/b)^- = b/a \\
 +\times: & a(b + c) = ab + ac \quad 0a = 0 \quad -1a = -a \quad nx = x + x + \dots + x \\
 ^: & a^n = aa \dots a \quad 0^c = 0 \quad 1^c = 1 \quad a^0 = 1 \quad a^1 = a \quad a^{-1} = a^- = 1/a \\
 \times \wedge +: & a^{b+c} = a^b a^c \quad a^{bc} = (a^b)^c \quad (ab)^c = a^c b^c \quad (a + b)^n = \sum_k \binom{n}{k} a^{n-k} b^k \quad \binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \\
 \sqrt{\cdot}: & \sqrt[n]{a^b} = \sqrt[n]{a}^b = a^{b/n} \quad \sqrt[n]{a} \equiv a^{1/n} \quad \sqrt{a} \equiv \sqrt[2]{a} \quad \sqrt{ab} = \sqrt{a}\sqrt{b} \quad \sqrt{\sqrt{a}} = \sqrt[4]{a} \\
 \ln: & a = b^c \leftrightarrow c = \log_b a = \ln a / \ln b \quad \ln ab = \ln a + \ln b \quad \ln b^c = c \ln b \quad \ln e = 1 \\
 i: & i^2 = -1 \quad z = x + iy = \rho e^{i\phi} \quad z^* = x - iy = \rho e^{-i\phi} \quad |z|^2 \equiv z^* z = x^2 + y^2
 \end{aligned}$$

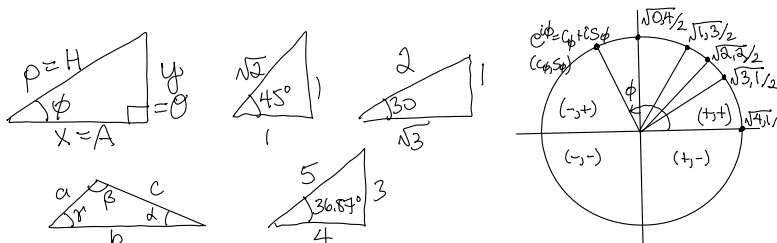
$$\begin{aligned}
 (a - b)(a + b) &= a^2 - b^2 \quad ax^2 + bx + c = a(x - b/2a)^2 + (c - b^2/4a) \\
 \text{FTA: } a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n &= a_n(x - x_1)(x - x_2) \dots (x - x_n) \quad x_{2k-1} = x_{2k}^* \text{ if } a_i \in \mathbb{R}
 \end{aligned}$$

Trigonometry

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$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= \rho c_\phi \quad y = \rho s_\phi \\
 x^2 + y^2 &= \rho^2 \quad y/x = t_\phi
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 c^2 &= a^2 + b^2 - 2ab\cos\gamma \\
 a/s_\alpha &= b/s_\beta = c/s_\gamma
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 e^{i\phi} &= c_\phi + is_\phi \equiv cis_\phi \quad c_\phi = \frac{1}{2}(e^{i\phi} + e^{-i\phi}) \quad s_\phi = \frac{1}{2i}(e^{i\phi} - e^{-i\phi}) \quad i^2 = -1 \\
 c_{\phi \pm \psi} &= c_\phi c_\psi \mp s_\phi s_\psi \quad c_\phi^2 = \frac{1}{2}(1 + c_{2\phi}) \quad c_{2\phi} = c_\phi^2 - s_\phi^2 \quad c_\phi^2 + s_\phi^2 = 1 \quad \tan^2 \phi + 1 = \sec^2 \phi \\
 s_{\phi \pm \psi} &= s_\phi c_\psi \pm c_\phi s_\psi \quad s_\phi^2 = \frac{1}{2}(1 - c_{2\phi}) \quad s_{2\phi} = 2c_\phi s_\phi \quad (c_\phi \pm s_\phi)^2 = 1 \pm s_{2\phi}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^{h\alpha} &= \bar{c}_\alpha + h\bar{s}_\alpha \equiv chs_\alpha \quad \bar{c}_\alpha = \frac{1}{2}(e^{h\alpha} + e^{-h\alpha}) \quad \bar{s}_\alpha = \frac{1}{2h}(e^{h\alpha} - e^{-h\alpha}) \quad h^2 = 1 \quad h = \pm 1 \\
 \bar{c}_{\alpha \pm \beta} &= \bar{c}_\alpha \bar{c}_\beta \pm \bar{s}_\alpha \bar{s}_\beta \quad \bar{c}_\alpha^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\bar{c}_{2\alpha} + 1) \quad \bar{c}_{2\alpha} = \bar{c}_\alpha^2 + \bar{s}_\alpha^2 \quad \bar{c}_\alpha^2 - \bar{s}_\alpha^2 = 1 \quad \tanh^2 \alpha + 1 = \text{sech}^2 \alpha \\
 \bar{s}_{\alpha \pm \beta} &= \bar{s}_\alpha \bar{c}_\beta \pm \bar{c}_\alpha \bar{s}_\beta \quad \bar{s}_\alpha^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\bar{c}_{2\alpha} - 1) \quad \bar{s}_{2\alpha} = 2\bar{c}_\alpha \bar{s}_\alpha \quad (\bar{c}_\alpha \pm \bar{s}_\alpha)^2 = \bar{c}_{2\alpha} \pm \bar{s}_{2\alpha} \\
 c_\phi &= \bar{c}_{i\phi} \quad \bar{c}_\alpha = c_{-i\alpha} \quad s_\phi = -i\bar{s}_{i\phi} \quad \bar{s}_\alpha = is_{i\alpha} \quad \alpha = i\phi
 \end{aligned}$$

Linear Algebra

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{A} &= \hat{x}A_x + \hat{y}A_y + \hat{z}A_z \quad \vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{v} + \vec{u} \quad \alpha(\beta\vec{u}) = (\alpha\beta)\vec{u} \quad \alpha(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) = \alpha\vec{u} + \alpha\vec{v} \\
 \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} &= \vec{B} \cdot \vec{A} = A_x B_x + A_y B_y + A_z B_z \quad (\alpha_i \vec{u}_i) \cdot (\vec{v}_j \beta_j) = \alpha_i (\vec{u}_i \cdot \vec{v}_j) \beta_j \quad (\text{same for } \times) \\
 \vec{B} \times \vec{C} &= -\vec{C} \times \vec{B} = \hat{x}(B_y C_z - B_z C_y) + \hat{y}(B_z C_x - B_x C_z) + \hat{z}(B_x C_y - B_y C_x) \\
 \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} \times \vec{C} &= \vec{B} \cdot \vec{C} \times \vec{A} = \vec{C} \cdot \vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} A_x & A_y & A_z \\ B_x & B_y & B_z \\ C_x & C_y & C_z \end{vmatrix} \\
 \vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) &= \vec{B}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) - \vec{C}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}) \\
 P_{\parallel} + P_{\perp} &= \hat{n}\hat{n} \cdot -\hat{n} \times \hat{n} \times I
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\det A \equiv \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc \quad \text{tr } A = A_{ii} = a + d \quad A^{-1} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 M &= (M(\hat{x}), M(\hat{y}), M(\hat{z})) \quad M(\alpha_i \vec{v}_i) = \alpha_i M(\vec{v}_i) \\
 R^T R &= I \quad R^{-1} = R^T \quad |R| = 1 \quad (\text{orthogonal}) \\
 S^T &= S \quad S\vec{v}_i = \vec{v}_i \lambda_i \quad SV = VD \quad S = VDV^{-1} \quad V^T V = I
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle f|g \rangle &= \int w(x) dx f^*(x) g(x) \quad |g\rangle = g(x) \quad \langle f| = \int w dx f^*(x) \dots \\
 M &= \frac{1}{w(x)} \left(\frac{d}{dx} p(x) \frac{d}{dx} + q(x) \right) \quad M^\dagger = M \Rightarrow \lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}, \langle u_i | u_j \rangle = \delta_{ij} h_i^2
 \end{aligned}$$

• *Calculus*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} x^\alpha &= \alpha x^{\alpha-1} & \frac{d}{dx} e^x &= e^x & \frac{d}{dx} \ln x &= \frac{1}{x} & \frac{d}{d\phi} \sin \phi &= \cos \phi & \frac{d}{d\phi} \cos \phi &= -\sin \phi & \frac{d}{d\phi} \tan \phi &= \sec^2 \phi \\ d(f+g) &= df+dg & d(fg) &= g df + f dg & d(f/g) &= (g df - f dg)/g^2 & d(f \circ g) &= \frac{df}{dg} dg \\ e^x &= \sum x^k/k! = 1+x+\frac{1}{2}x^2+\frac{1}{6}x^3+\frac{1}{24}x^4+\frac{1}{120}x^5+\dots & \ln(1+x) &= x-\frac{1}{2}x^2+\frac{1}{3}x^3-\frac{1}{4}x^4+\dots \\ e^{i\phi} &= c_\phi + is_\phi & \cos \phi &= 1-\frac{1}{2}\phi^2+\frac{1}{24}\phi^4-\dots & \sin \phi &= \phi-\frac{1}{6}\phi^3+\frac{1}{120}\phi^5-\dots \\ (1+u)^\alpha &= \sum \binom{\alpha}{k} u^k = 1+\frac{\alpha}{1}u+\frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)}{1 \cdot 2}u^2+\frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)(\alpha-2)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3}u^3+\dots \end{aligned}$$

• *Vector Calculus*

$$d = dx \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + dy \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + dz \frac{\partial}{\partial z} + \dots \quad \nabla = (\partial_x, \partial_y, \partial_z) = \hat{x}\partial_x + \hat{y}\partial_y + \hat{z}\partial_z \quad (\text{Cartesian only})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla(fg) &= f\nabla g + g\nabla f & \nabla f(g(\vec{r}), h(\vec{r}), \dots) &= f_{,g} \nabla g + f_{,h} \nabla h + \dots \\ \nabla \times (f\vec{A}) &= f\nabla \times \vec{A} - \vec{A} \times \nabla f & \nabla \times \vec{A}(g(\vec{r}), h(\vec{r}), \dots) &= -\vec{A}_{,g} \times \nabla g - \vec{A}_{,h} \times \nabla h + \dots \\ \nabla \cdot (f\vec{A}) &= f(\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) + \nabla f \cdot \vec{A} & \nabla \cdot \vec{B}(g(\vec{r}), h(\vec{r}), \dots) &= \vec{B}_{,g} \cdot \nabla g + \vec{B}_{,h} \cdot \nabla h + \dots & \int_P \nabla f \cdot d\vec{l} &= \oint_{\partial P} f \\ \nabla \cdot (\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) &= \vec{B} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{A}) - \vec{A} \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{B}) & \int_S \nabla \times \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{a} &= \oint_{\partial S} \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{l} \\ \nabla (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}) &= \vec{A} \times (\nabla \times \vec{B}) + \vec{B} \times (\nabla \times \vec{A}) + (\vec{A} \cdot \nabla)\vec{B} + (\vec{B} \cdot \nabla)\vec{A} & \int_V \nabla \cdot \vec{B} \cdot d\tau &= \oint_{\partial V} \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a} \\ \nabla \times (\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) &= (\vec{B} \cdot \nabla)\vec{A} - (\vec{A} \cdot \nabla)\vec{B} + \vec{A}(\nabla \cdot \vec{B}) - \vec{B}(\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) \\ \nabla \times \vec{A} = \vec{0} &\Leftrightarrow \vec{A} = -\nabla f & \nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0 &\Leftrightarrow \vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A} & \nabla^2 f &= (\nabla \cdot \nabla)f & \nabla^2 \vec{A} &= \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) - \nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{A}) \end{aligned}$$

Coordinate transformations ... and inverse... summary...

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \rho c_\phi = r s_\theta c_\phi & z &= r c_\theta & \rho^2 &= x^2 + y^2 & r^2 &= \rho^2 + z^2 & x + iy &= \rho e^{i\phi} \\ y &= \rho s_\phi = r s_\theta s_\phi & \rho &= r s_\theta & t_\phi &= y/x & t_\theta &= \rho/z & z + i\rho &= r e^{i\theta} \end{aligned}$$

Unit vector transformations ... and inverse... summary...

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{x}\rho &= \hat{\rho}x - \hat{\phi}y & \hat{r}\rho &= \hat{r}\rho - \hat{\theta}z & \hat{\rho}\rho &= \hat{x}x + \hat{y}y & \hat{r}r &= \hat{\rho}\rho + \hat{z}z & \hat{\rho} + i\hat{\phi} &= (\hat{x} - i\hat{y})e^{i\phi} \\ \hat{y}\rho &= \hat{\rho}y + \hat{\phi}x & \hat{z}r &= \hat{r}z + \hat{\theta}\rho & \hat{\phi}\rho &= -\hat{x}y + \hat{y}x & \hat{\theta}r &= \hat{\rho}z - \hat{z}\rho & \hat{r} + i\hat{\theta} &= (\hat{z} - i\hat{\rho})e^{i\theta} \\ \hat{x} &= \hat{\rho}c_\phi - \hat{\phi}s_\phi & \hat{\rho} &= \hat{r}s_\theta - \hat{\theta}c_\theta & \hat{\rho} &= \hat{x}c_\phi + \hat{y}s_\phi & \hat{r} &= \hat{\rho}s_\theta + \hat{z}c_\theta = \hat{x}s_\theta c_\phi + \hat{y}s_\theta s_\phi + \hat{z}c_\theta \\ \hat{y} &= \hat{\rho}s_\phi + \hat{\phi}c_\phi & \hat{z} &= \hat{r}c_\theta + \hat{\theta}s_\theta & \hat{\phi} &= -\hat{x}s_\phi + \hat{y}c_\phi & \hat{\theta} &= \hat{\rho}c_\theta - \hat{z}s_\theta = \hat{x}c_\theta c_\phi + \hat{y}c_\theta s_\phi - \hat{z}s_\theta \end{aligned}$$

Cartesian coordinates (x, y, z) $\vec{r} = \hat{x}x + \hat{y}y + \hat{z}z$ $h_x = h_y = h_z = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} d\vec{l} &= d\vec{r} = \hat{x}dx + \hat{y}dy + \hat{z}dz & d\vec{a} &= \frac{1}{2}d\vec{l} \times d\vec{l} = \hat{x} dy dz + \hat{y} dz dx + \hat{z} dx dy & d\tau &= \frac{1}{3}d\vec{l} \cdot d\vec{a} = dx dy dz \\ \nabla f &= (\partial_x, \partial_y, \partial_z)f = (\hat{x}\partial_x + \hat{y}\partial_y + \hat{z}\partial_z)f & \nabla \times \vec{A} &= (\partial_x, \partial_y, \partial_z) \times (A_x, A_y, A_z) = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x} & \hat{y} & \hat{z} \\ \partial_x & \partial_y & \partial_z \\ A_x & A_y & A_z \end{vmatrix} \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{B} &= (\partial_x, \partial_y, \partial_z) \cdot (B_x, B_y, B_z) = \partial_x B_x + \partial_y B_y + \partial_z B_z = B_{x,x} + B_{y,y} + B_{z,z} \\ \nabla^2 f &= (\partial_x, \partial_y, \partial_z) \cdot (\partial_x, \partial_y, \partial_z)f = \partial_x^2 f + \partial_y^2 f + \partial_z^2 f = f_{,xx} + f_{,yy} + f_{,zz} \end{aligned}$$

Cylindrical coordinates (ρ, ϕ, z) $\vec{r} = \hat{\rho}\rho + \hat{z}z$ $h_\rho = 1, h_\phi = \rho, h_z = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} d\vec{l} &= \hat{\rho} d\rho + \hat{\phi} \rho d\phi + \hat{z} dz & d\vec{a} &= \hat{\rho} \rho d\phi dz + \hat{\phi} dz d\rho + \hat{z} \rho d\rho d\phi & d\tau &= \rho d\rho d\phi dz \\ \nabla f &= \hat{e}_i/h_i \partial_i f = (\hat{\rho} \partial_\rho + \hat{\phi}/\rho \partial_\phi + \hat{z} \partial_z)f & \nabla \times \vec{A} &= \frac{1}{\rho} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\rho} & \rho \hat{\phi} & \hat{z} \\ \partial_\rho & \partial_\phi & \partial_z \\ A_\rho & \rho A_\phi & A_z \end{vmatrix} \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{B} &= \rho^{-1}(\partial_\rho \rho B_\rho + \partial_\phi B_\phi) + \partial_z B_z & \nabla^2 f &= (\rho^{-1} \partial_\rho \rho \partial_\rho + \rho^{-2} \partial_\phi^2 + \partial_z^2)f \end{aligned}$$

Spherical coordinates (r, θ, ϕ) $\vec{r} = \hat{r}r$ $h_r = 1, h_\theta = r, h_\phi = r s_\theta$

$$\begin{aligned} d\vec{l} &= \hat{r} dr + \hat{\theta} r d\theta + \hat{\phi} r s_\theta d\phi & d\vec{a} &= \hat{r} r^2 s_\theta d\theta d\phi + \hat{\theta} r s_\theta d\phi dr + \hat{\phi} r dr d\theta & d\tau &= r^2 s_\theta dr d\theta d\phi \\ \nabla f &= (\hat{r} \partial_r + \hat{\theta}/r \partial_\theta + \hat{\phi}/r s_\theta \partial_\phi)f & \nabla \times \vec{A} &= \varepsilon_{ijk} \hat{e}_i/h_j h_k \partial_j A_k = \frac{1}{r^2 s_\theta} \begin{vmatrix} \hat{r} & r \hat{\theta} & r s_\theta \hat{\phi} \\ \partial_r & \partial_\theta & \partial_\phi \\ A_r & r A_\theta & r s_\theta A_\phi \end{vmatrix} \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{B} &= (h_1 h_2 h_3)^{-1} \partial_k h_i h_j B_k = r^{-2} \partial_r r^2 B_r + r^{-1} s_\theta^{-1} (\partial_\theta s_\theta B_\theta + \partial_\phi B_\phi) \\ \nabla^2 f &= (h_1 h_2 h_3)^{-1} \partial_k h_i h_j / h_k \partial_k f = r^{-2} (\partial_r r^2 \partial_r + s_\theta^{-1} \partial_\theta s_\theta \partial_\theta + s_\theta^{-2} \partial_\phi^2) f \\ &= r^{-1} \partial_r^2 r - r^{-2} L^2 \quad \text{where } L^2 = -s_\theta^{-1} \partial_\theta s_\theta \partial_\theta - s_\theta^{-2} \partial_\phi^2 \end{aligned}$$

• *Partial Differential Equations (eigenfunctions)*

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_x e^{ikx} &= ik e^{ikx} & \partial_\phi e^{im\phi} &= im e^{im\phi} & (-\partial_x(1-x^2)\partial_x + m^2/(1-x^2))P_\ell^m(x) &= \ell(\ell+1)P_\ell^m(x) \\ L^2 Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi) &= \ell(\ell+1)Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi) & \partial_\phi Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi) &= im Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi) & Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi) &\propto P_\ell^m(c_\theta) e^{im\phi} \\ (\rho^{-1} \partial_\rho \rho \partial_\rho - m^2/\rho^2) J_m(k_\rho \rho) &= -k_\rho^2 J_m(k_\rho \rho) & (r^{-2} \partial_r r^2 \partial_r - \ell(\ell+1)/r^2) j_\ell(k_r r) &= -k_r^2 j_\ell(k_r r) \\ (\nabla^2 + k^2) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} &= (\nabla^2 + k^2) J_m(k_\rho \rho) e^{im\phi} e^{ik_z z} = (\nabla^2 + k^2) j_\ell(k_r r) Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi) = 0 & k^2 = \vec{k} \cdot \vec{k} &= k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2 \\ \nabla^2 e^{kx+iky} &= \nabla^2 \rho^{\pm m} e^{im\phi} = \nabla^2 r^{\ell, -\ell-1} Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi) = 0 & &= k_\rho^2 + k_z^2 = k_r^2 \end{aligned}$$