

** Let A be a vector from the origin to a point P fixed in space. Let r be a vector from the origin to a variable point Q , having coordinates, (x,y,z) . Show that $A \cdot r = A^2$ is an equation for the plane perpendicular to A and passing through the point P .

*** The unit vectors for spherical coordinates are given as e_r , e_θ , e_ϕ and are related to the usual i , j , k unit vectors by the following three equations:

$$(1) e_r = \sin(\theta) \cos(\phi) i + \sin(\theta) \sin(\phi) j + \cos(\theta) k$$

$$(2) e_\theta = \cos(\theta) \cos(\phi) i + \cos(\theta) \sin(\phi) j - \sin(\theta) k$$

$$(3) e_\phi = -\sin(\phi) i + \cos(\phi) j$$

Derive complete general expressions for r , v and a in terms of e_r , e_θ , e_ϕ

*** Ship A is located 4.0 km north and 2.5 km east of ship B, at initial time, $t=0$. Ship A has a velocity of 22km/hr toward the south, and ship B has a velocity of 40 km/h in a direction 37° north of east. (a) Using unit vector notation with (i, j) defining (east, north), what is the velocity of A relative to B? (b) Derive an expression for the position of A relative to B as a function of t . (c) At what time will the separation between the ships be the least? (d) What is this minimal separation?

** Take the answer to parts (a) and (b) of the previous problem and re-express them in the coordinate system of ship B, where the positive y -axis is taken to be in the direction of the ship's forward motion (bow), and the positive x -axis is taken to be starboard, which is to the right of the ship when facing forward. You can use a rotation matrix for this if you want, and get the vectors in question expressed in terms of (i', j') .