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4. change of coordinates system

11- Change of Coordinates system :-

$$\vec{A} = \hat{i} A_x + \hat{j} A_y + \hat{k} A_z \quad \text{----- (1)}$$

A new vector $(\hat{i}' \hat{j}' \hat{k}')$ having a different orientation from that $\hat{i} \hat{j} \hat{k}$

$$\vec{A} = \hat{i}' A_{x'} + \hat{j}' A_{y'} + \hat{k}' A_{z'} \quad \text{----- (2)}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A_x = \vec{A} \cdot \hat{i}' = (\hat{i} \cdot \hat{i}') A_x + (\hat{j} \cdot \hat{i}') A_y + (\hat{k} \cdot \hat{i}') A_z \\ A_y = \vec{A} \cdot \hat{j}' = (\hat{i} \cdot \hat{j}') A_x + (\hat{j} \cdot \hat{j}') A_y + (\hat{k} \cdot \hat{j}') A_z \\ A_z = \vec{A} \cdot \hat{k}' = (\hat{i} \cdot \hat{k}') A_x + (\hat{j} \cdot \hat{k}') A_y + (\hat{k} \cdot \hat{k}') A_z \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{----- (3)}$$

Similarly unprimed components are expressed as

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A_x = \vec{A} \cdot \hat{i} = (\hat{i}' \cdot \hat{i}) A_{x'} + (\hat{j}' \cdot \hat{i}) A_{y'} + (\hat{k}' \cdot \hat{i}) A_{z'} \\ A_y = \vec{A} \cdot \hat{j} = (\hat{i}' \cdot \hat{j}) A_{x'} + (\hat{j}' \cdot \hat{j}) A_{y'} + (\hat{k}' \cdot \hat{j}) A_{z'} \\ A_z = \vec{A} \cdot \hat{k} = (\hat{i}' \cdot \hat{k}) A_{x'} + (\hat{j}' \cdot \hat{k}) A_{y'} + (\hat{k}' \cdot \hat{k}) A_{z'} \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{----- (4)}$$

All of the coefficients of transformation in eq. (3) ^{also appear} and eq. (4)

$$\hat{i} \cdot \hat{i}' = \hat{i}' \cdot \hat{i} \quad ; \quad \hat{j}' \cdot \hat{i} = \hat{i} \cdot \hat{j}' \quad ; \quad \hat{k} \cdot \hat{i}' = \hat{i}' \cdot \hat{k}$$

The equation of transformation are conveniently expressed in matrix notation.

Thus equation (3) is written

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{i} \cdot \hat{i}' & \hat{j} \cdot \hat{i}' & \hat{k} \cdot \hat{i}' \\ \hat{i} \cdot \hat{j}' & \hat{j} \cdot \hat{j}' & \hat{k} \cdot \hat{j}' \\ \hat{i} \cdot \hat{k}' & \hat{j} \cdot \hat{k}' & \hat{k} \cdot \hat{k}' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_{x'} \\ A_{y'} \\ A_{z'} \end{bmatrix} \quad \dots \dots (5)$$

Example : - Express the vector $\vec{A} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ in terms of the triad $\hat{i}' \hat{j}' \hat{k}'$, Where the $x'y'$ axis are rotated 45° around z -axis, the z & z' axis coinciding

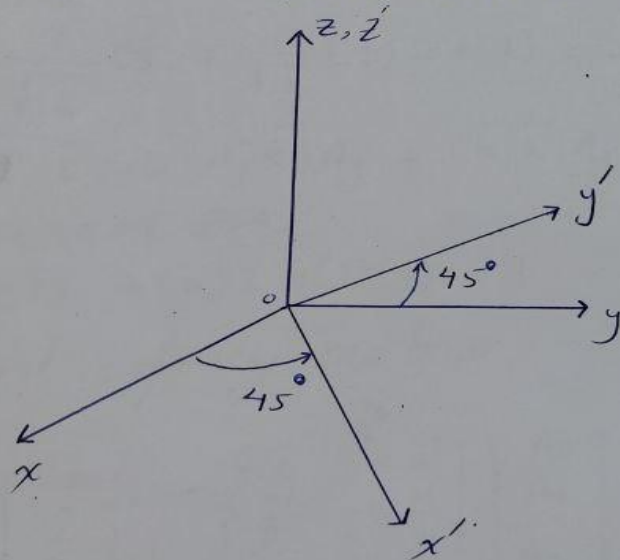


Fig : The primed axes $O'x'y'z'$ are rotated 45° around z -axis

Referring to Figure, we have for the coefficients of transformation

$$\begin{array}{lll} \hat{i} \cdot \hat{i}' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \hat{j} \cdot \hat{i}' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \hat{k} \cdot \hat{i}' = 0 \\ \hat{i} \cdot \hat{j}' = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \hat{j} \cdot \hat{j}' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \hat{k} \cdot \hat{j}' = 0 \\ \hat{i} \cdot \hat{k}' = 0 & \hat{j} \cdot \hat{k}' = 0 & \hat{k} \cdot \hat{k}' = 1 \end{array}$$

These give

$$A_{x'} = \vec{A} \cdot \hat{i}' = (\hat{i} \cdot \hat{i}') A_x + (\hat{j} \cdot \hat{i}') A_y + (\hat{k} \cdot \hat{i}') A_z$$

$$A_{x'} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (3) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (2) + 0(1) = \frac{5}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$A_{y'} = \vec{A} \cdot \hat{j}' = (\hat{i} \cdot \hat{j}') A_x + (\hat{j} \cdot \hat{j}') A_y + (\hat{k} \cdot \hat{j}') A_z$$

$$A_{y'} = \vec{A} \cdot \hat{j}' = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (3) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (2) + 0(1) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$A_{z'} = \vec{A} \cdot \hat{k}' = (\hat{i} \cdot \hat{k}') A_x + (\hat{j} \cdot \hat{k}') A_y + (\hat{k} \cdot \hat{k}') A_z$$

$$= 0(3) + 0(2) + 1(1)$$

$$= 0(3) + 0(2) + 1(1) = 1$$

another method is to use matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{x'} \\ A_{y'} \\ A_{z'} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{i} \cdot \hat{i}' & \hat{j} \cdot \hat{i}' & \hat{k} \cdot \hat{i}' \\ \hat{i} \cdot \hat{j}' & \hat{j} \cdot \hat{j}' & \hat{k} \cdot \hat{j}' \\ \hat{i} \cdot \hat{k}' & \hat{j} \cdot \hat{k}' & \hat{k} \cdot \hat{k}' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \end{bmatrix}$$

Example :- Find the transformation matrix, the first being about the z-axis (angle ϕ), and the second about the new y' axis (angle θ) is given by the matrix product.

Solution:-

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos\phi & 0 & -\sin\phi \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin\phi & 0 & \cos\phi \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta & 0 \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos\phi \cos\theta & \cos\phi \sin\theta & -\sin\phi \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \\ \sin\phi \cos\theta & \sin\phi \sin\theta & \cos\phi \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{x'} \\ A_{y'} \\ A_{z'} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\phi \cos\theta & \cos\phi \sin\theta & -\sin\phi \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \\ \sin\phi \cos\theta & \sin\phi \sin\theta & \cos\phi \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ A_z \end{bmatrix}$$

