

1. Co-ordinate Systems Continued... (Lecture 4)

Choice of Co-ordinate systems

Cartesian Co-ordinates: Line, area and volume element

Plane-Polar Co-ordinates: Unit vectors, transformations,
Rate of change, velocity and acceleration,
Line element, area element

Cylindrical Co-ordinates: Unit vectors and its
transformations, Rate of change, velocity and acceleration, line, area
and volume element

Spherical Polar Co-ordinates: Unit vectors and its
transformations, Rate of change, velocity and acceleration, line,
area and volume element

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Plane polar

$$(r, \theta)$$

$$\vec{r} = r\hat{e}_r$$

$$d\vec{r} = dr\hat{e}_r + rd\theta\hat{e}_\theta$$

$$\hat{e}_r = \hat{e}_x \cos(\theta) + \hat{e}_y \sin(\theta)$$

$$\hat{e}_\theta = -\hat{e}_x \sin(\theta) + \hat{e}_y \cos(\theta)$$

$$\vec{V} = \dot{r}\hat{e}_r + r\dot{\theta}\hat{e}_\theta$$

$$\vec{a} = \left(\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2 \right) \hat{e}_r + \left(r\ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta} \right) \hat{e}_\theta$$

Cylindrical polar

$$(\rho, \phi, z)$$

$$\vec{r} = \rho\hat{e}_\rho + z\hat{e}_z$$

$$d\vec{r} = d\rho\hat{e}_\rho + \rho d\phi\hat{e}_\phi + dz\hat{e}_z$$

$$\hat{e}_\rho = \hat{e}_x \cos(\phi) + \hat{e}_y \sin(\phi) + 0\hat{e}_z$$

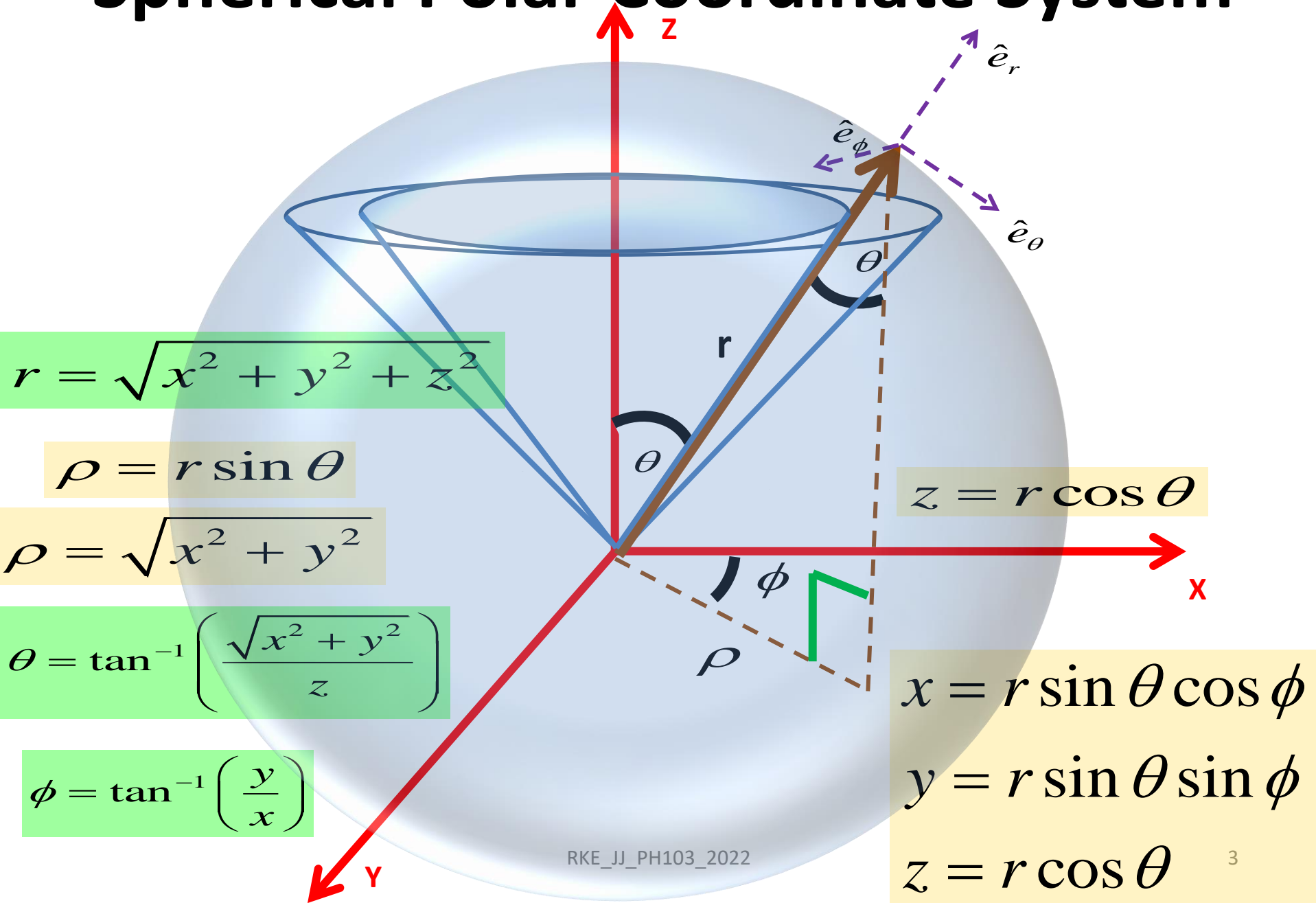
$$\hat{e}_\phi = -\hat{e}_x \sin(\phi) + \hat{e}_y \cos(\phi) + 0\hat{e}_z$$

$$\hat{e}_z = \hat{e}_z$$

$$\vec{V} = \dot{\rho}\hat{e}_\rho + \rho\dot{\phi}\hat{e}_\phi + \dot{z}\hat{e}_z$$

$$\vec{a} = \left(\ddot{\rho} - \rho\dot{\phi}^2 \right) \hat{e}_\rho + \left(\rho\ddot{\phi} + 2\dot{\rho}\dot{\phi} \right) \hat{e}_\phi + \ddot{z}\hat{e}_z$$

Spherical Polar Coordinate System



Transformation of Coordinates

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{z} \right)$$

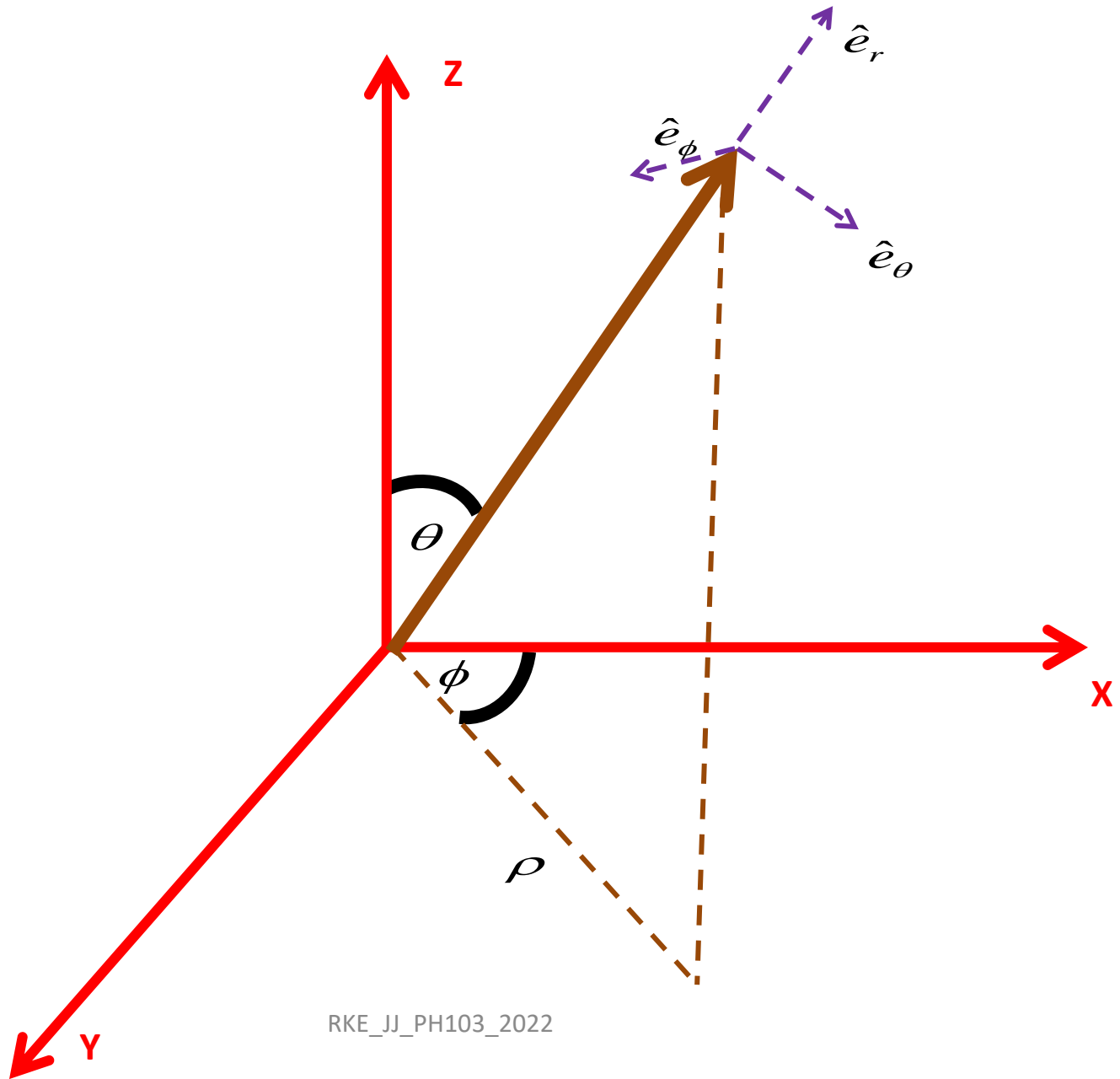
$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{y}{x} \right)$$

$$x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi$$

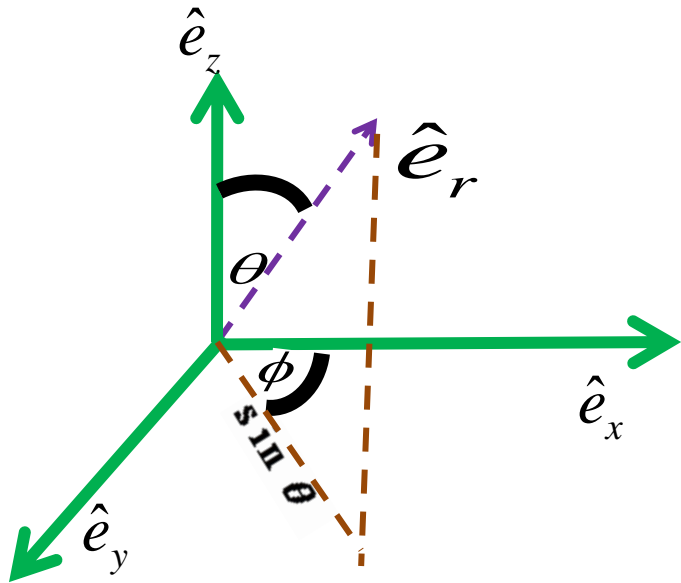
$$y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi$$

$$z = r \cos \theta$$

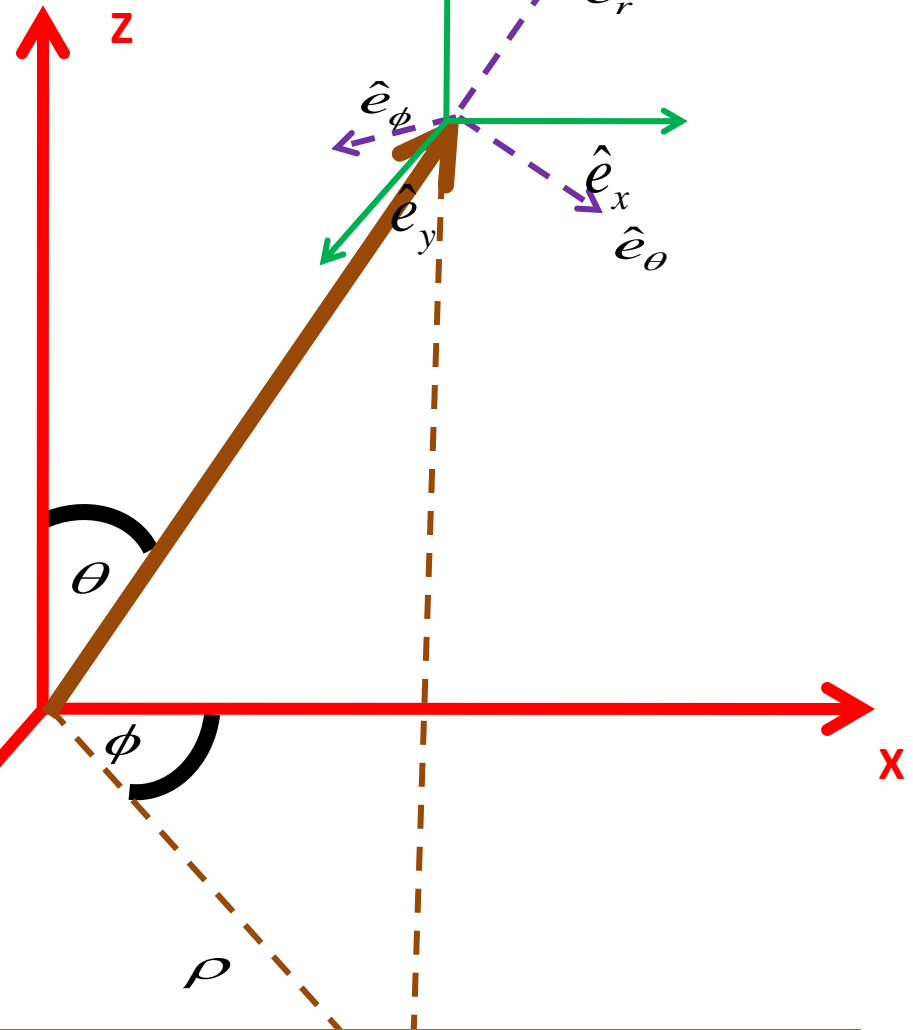
Transformation of Unit Vectors



Transformation of Unit Vector \hat{e}_r



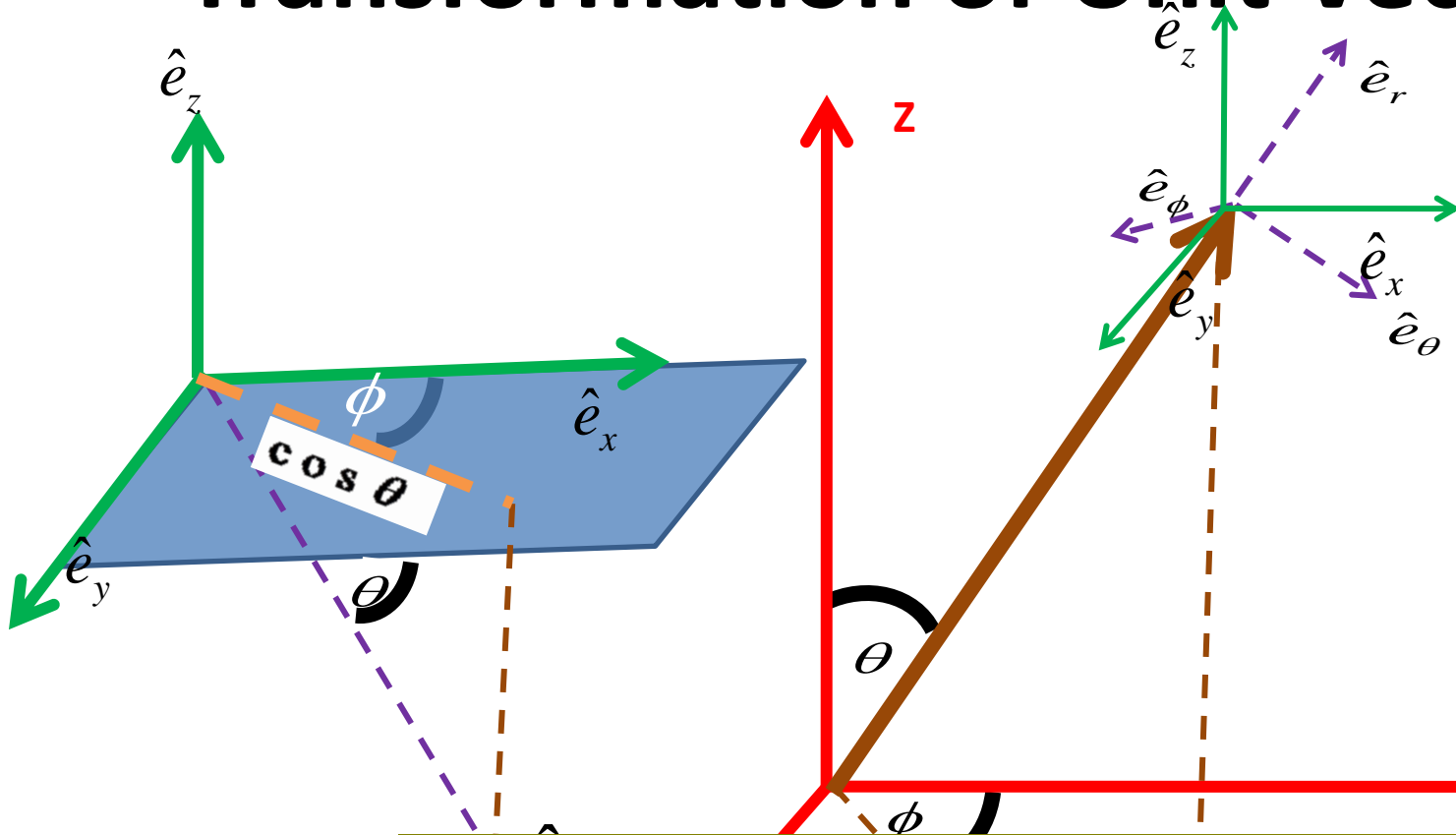
X component	$\sin \theta \cos \phi$
Y component	$\sin \theta \sin \phi$
Z component	$\cos \theta$



$$\hat{e}_r = \sin \theta \cos \phi \hat{e}_x + \sin \theta \sin \phi \hat{e}_y + \cos \theta \hat{e}_z$$



Transformation of Unit Vector \hat{e}_θ



$$\hat{e}_\theta = \cos \theta \cos \phi \hat{e}_x + \cos \theta \sin \phi \hat{e}_y - \sin \theta \hat{e}_z$$

X component	$\cos \theta \cos \phi$
Y component	$\cos \theta \sin \phi$
Z component	$-\sin \theta$

Transformation of Unit Vectors

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{e}_r \\ \hat{e}_\theta \\ \hat{e}_\phi \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \phi & \sin \theta \sin \phi & \cos \theta \\ \cos \theta \cos \phi & \cos \theta \sin \phi & -\sin \theta \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{e}_x \\ \hat{e}_y \\ \hat{e}_z \end{bmatrix}$$

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Derivatives of Unit Vectors

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$$\frac{d\hat{e}_r}{dr} = 0$$

$$\frac{d\hat{e}_r}{d\theta} = \hat{e}_\theta$$

$$\frac{d\hat{e}_r}{d\phi} = \sin \theta \hat{e}_\phi$$

$$\frac{d\hat{e}_\theta}{dr} = 0$$

$$\frac{d\hat{e}_\theta}{d\theta} = -\hat{e}_r$$

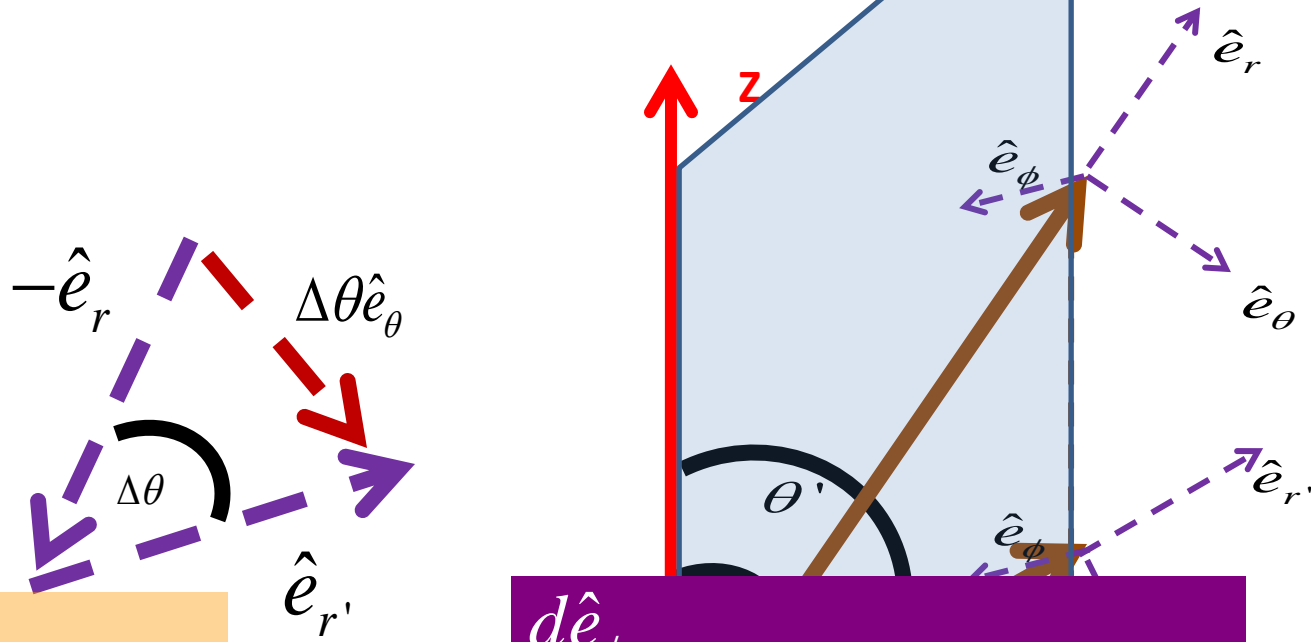
$$\frac{d\hat{e}_\theta}{d\phi} = \cos \theta \hat{e}_\phi$$

$$\frac{d\hat{e}_\phi}{dr} = 0$$

$$\frac{d\hat{e}_\phi}{d\theta} = 0$$

$$\frac{d\hat{e}_\phi}{d\phi} = -\cos \theta \hat{e}_\theta - \sin \theta \hat{e}_r$$

Derivatives of Unit Vectors (Geometrical approach)



$$\frac{d\hat{e}_r}{dr} = 0$$

$$\frac{d\hat{e}_r}{d\theta} = \hat{e}_\theta$$

$$\frac{d\hat{e}_r}{d\phi} = \sin\theta \hat{e}_\phi$$

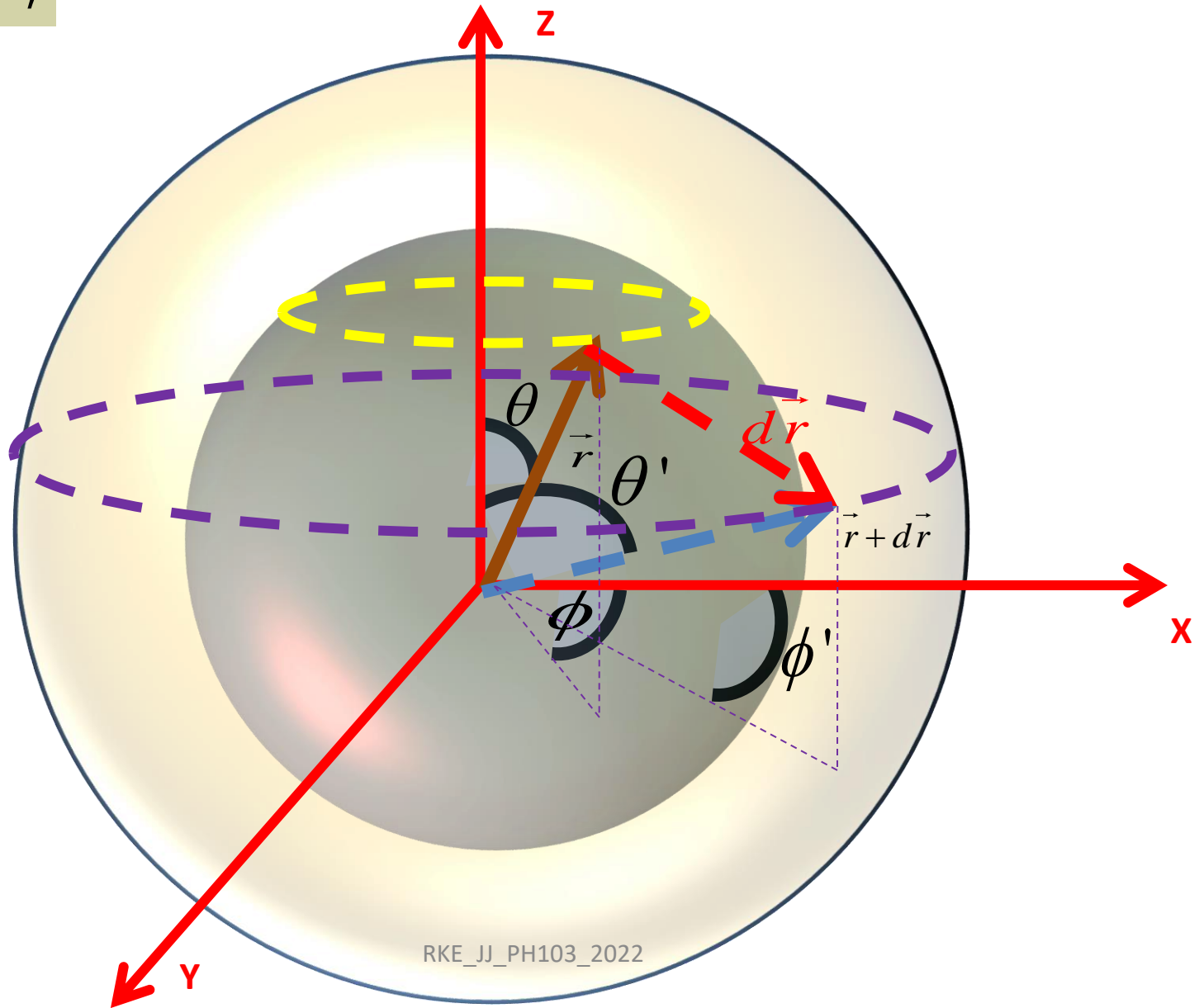
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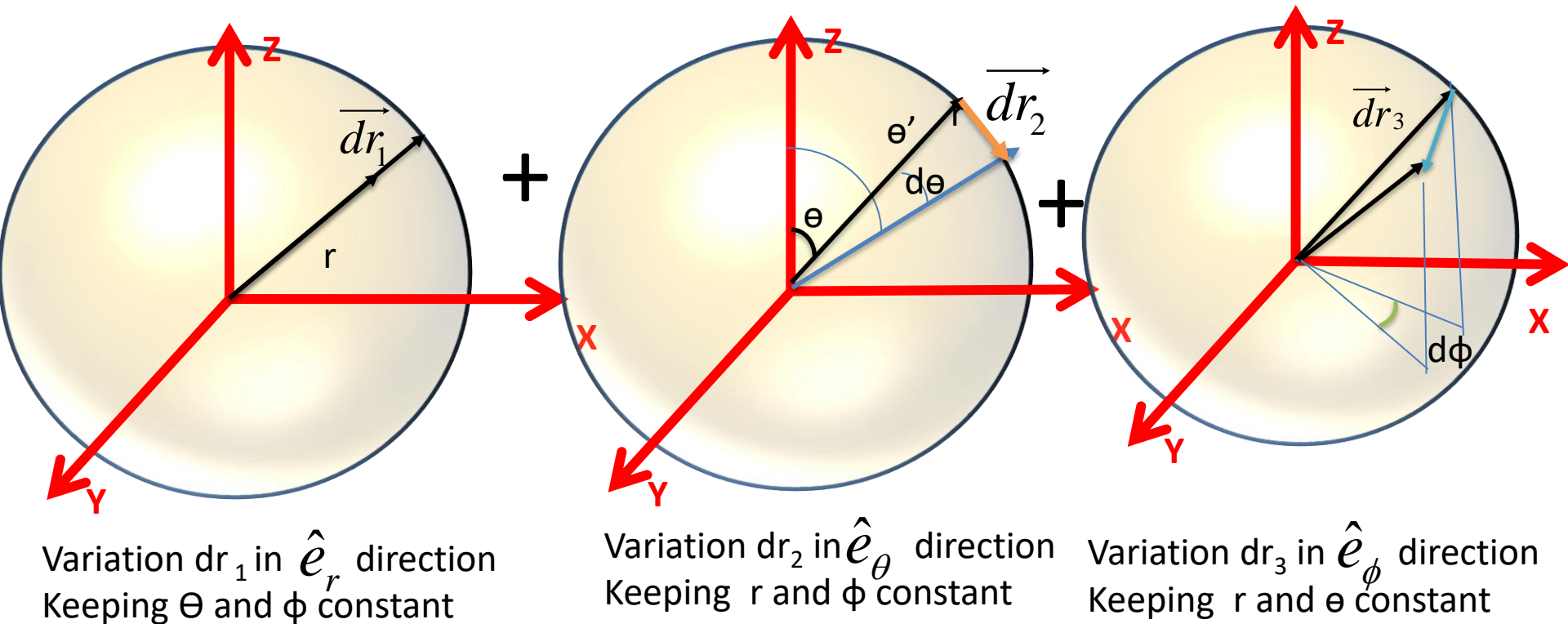
Infinitesimal line element

$$\vec{r} = r\hat{e}_r$$



How to find the line element?

Independent variations of dr in r , θ and ϕ direction



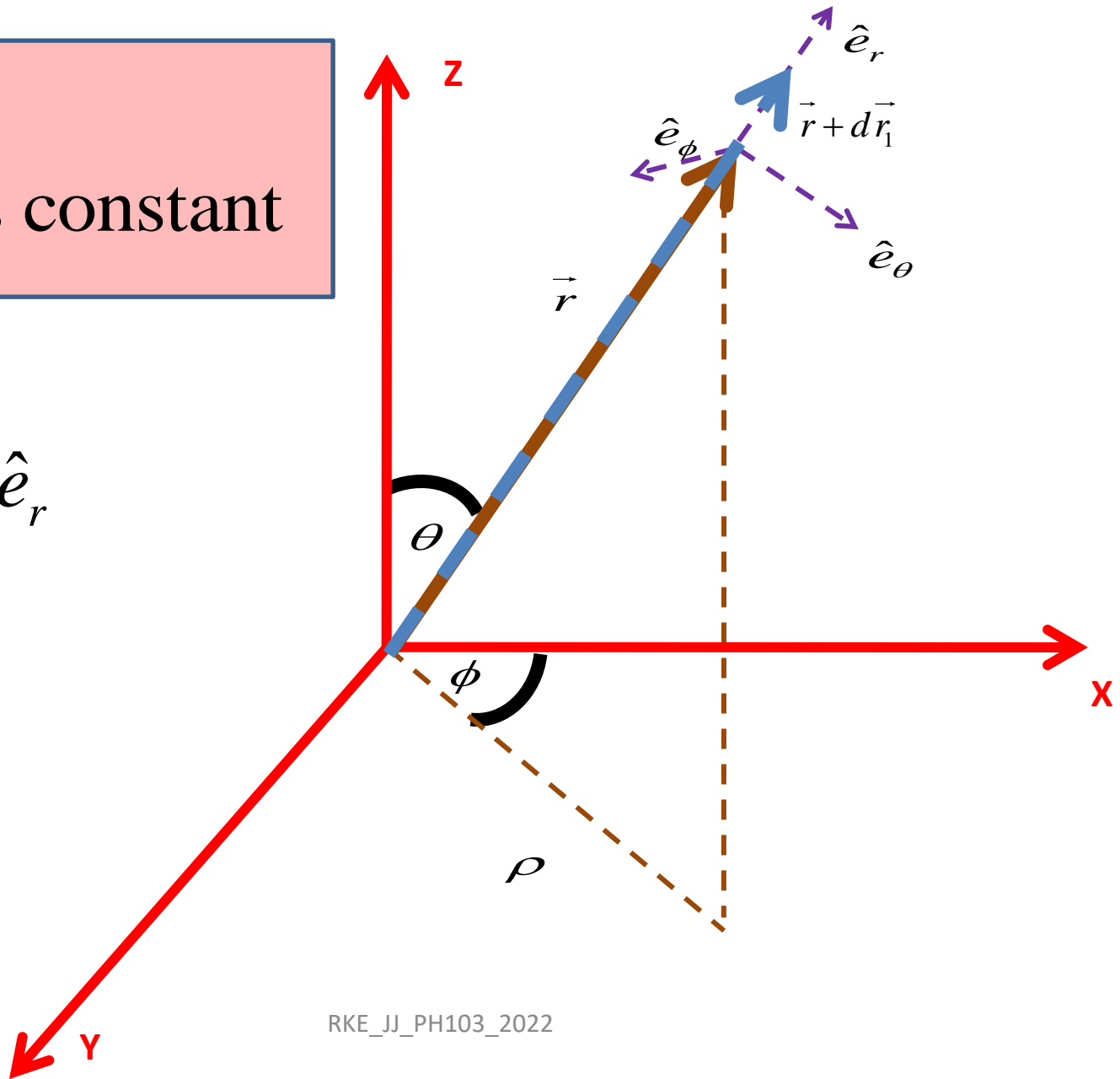
$$\vec{dr} = \vec{dr}_1 + \vec{dr}_2 + \vec{dr}_3$$

Infinitesimal line element

Case 1:

θ and ϕ is constant

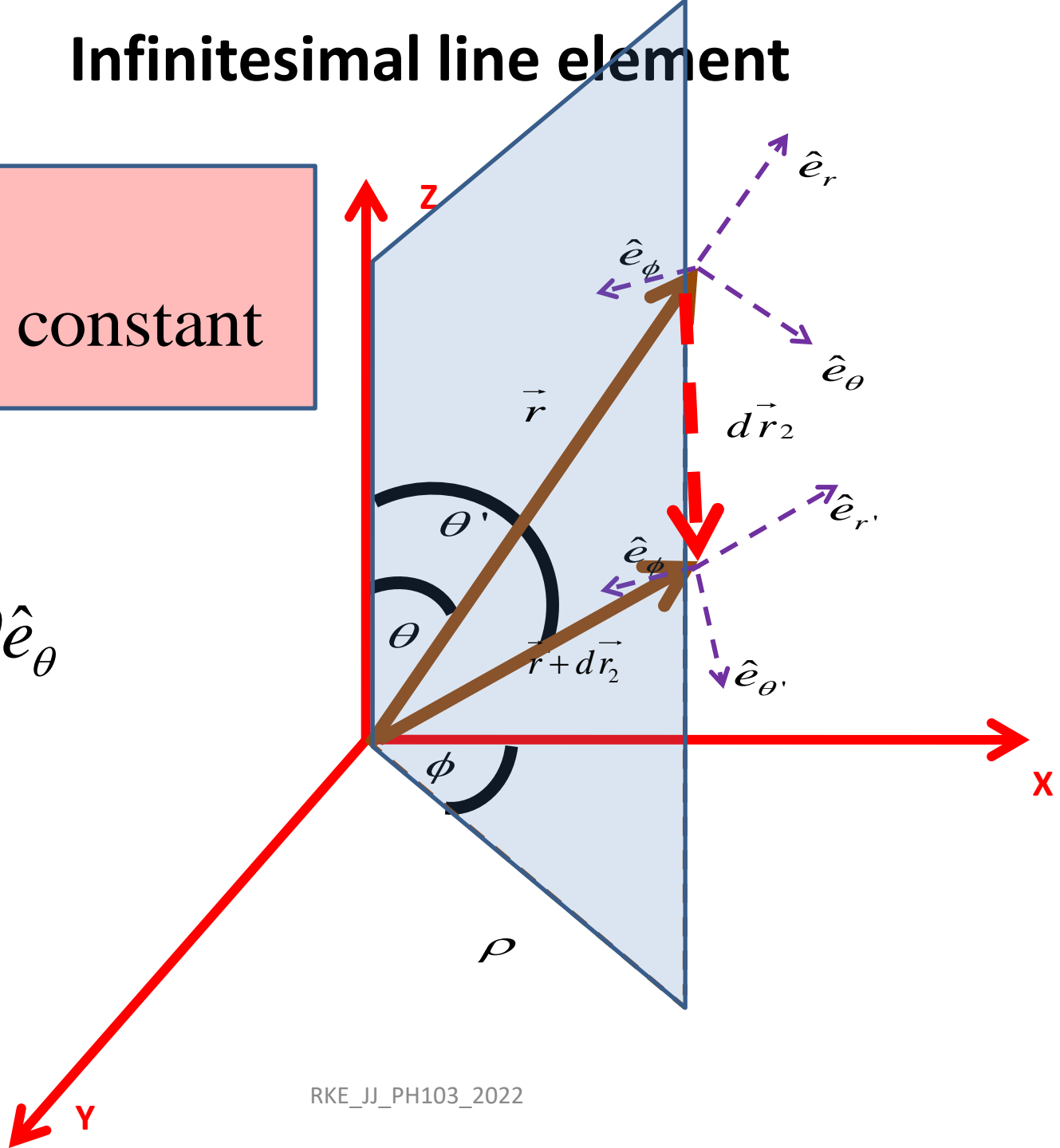
$$d\vec{r}_1 = dr\hat{e}_r$$



Infinitesimal line element

Case 2:
 r and ϕ is constant

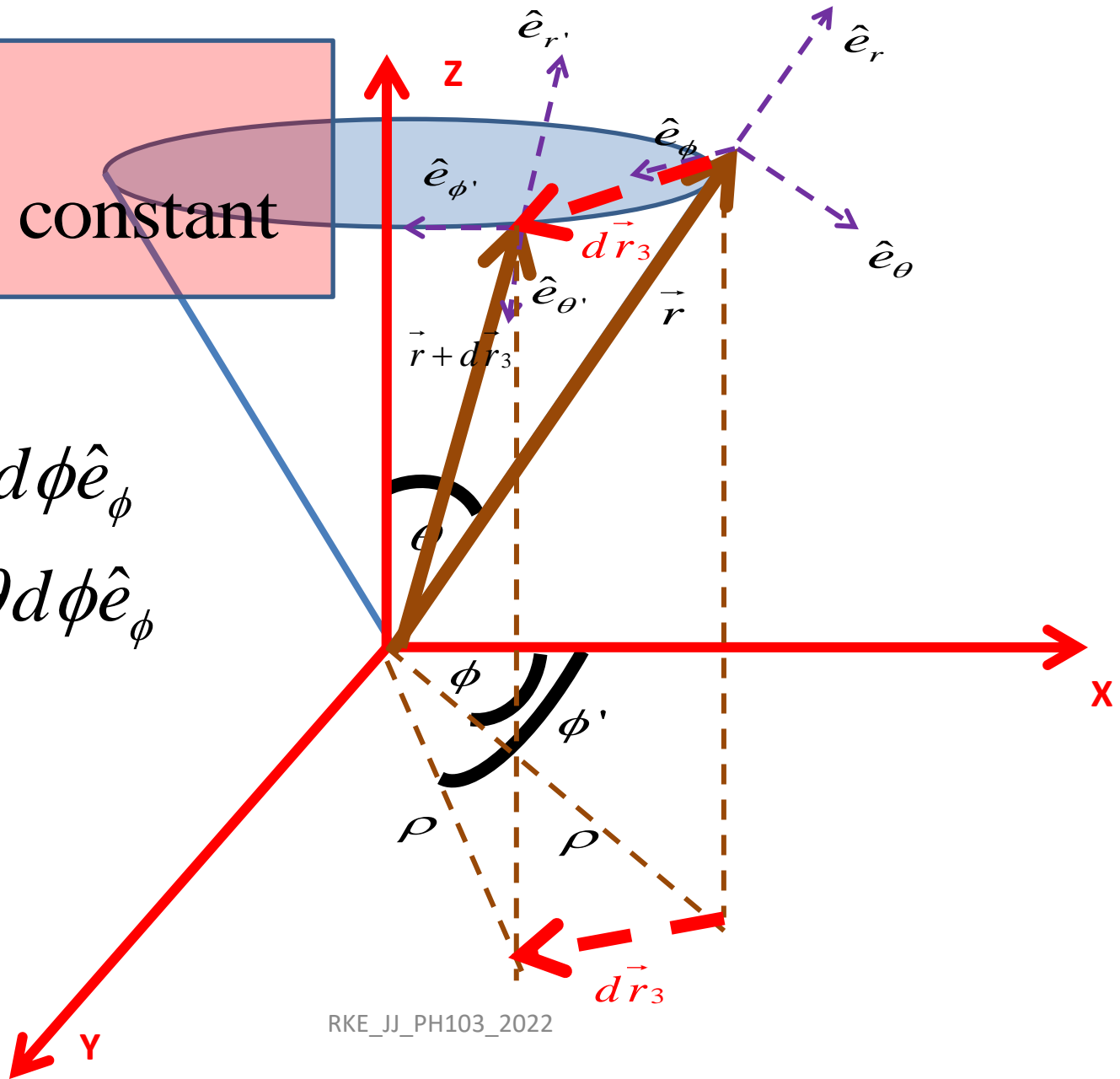
$$d\vec{r}_2 = r d\theta \hat{e}_\theta$$



Infinitesimal line element

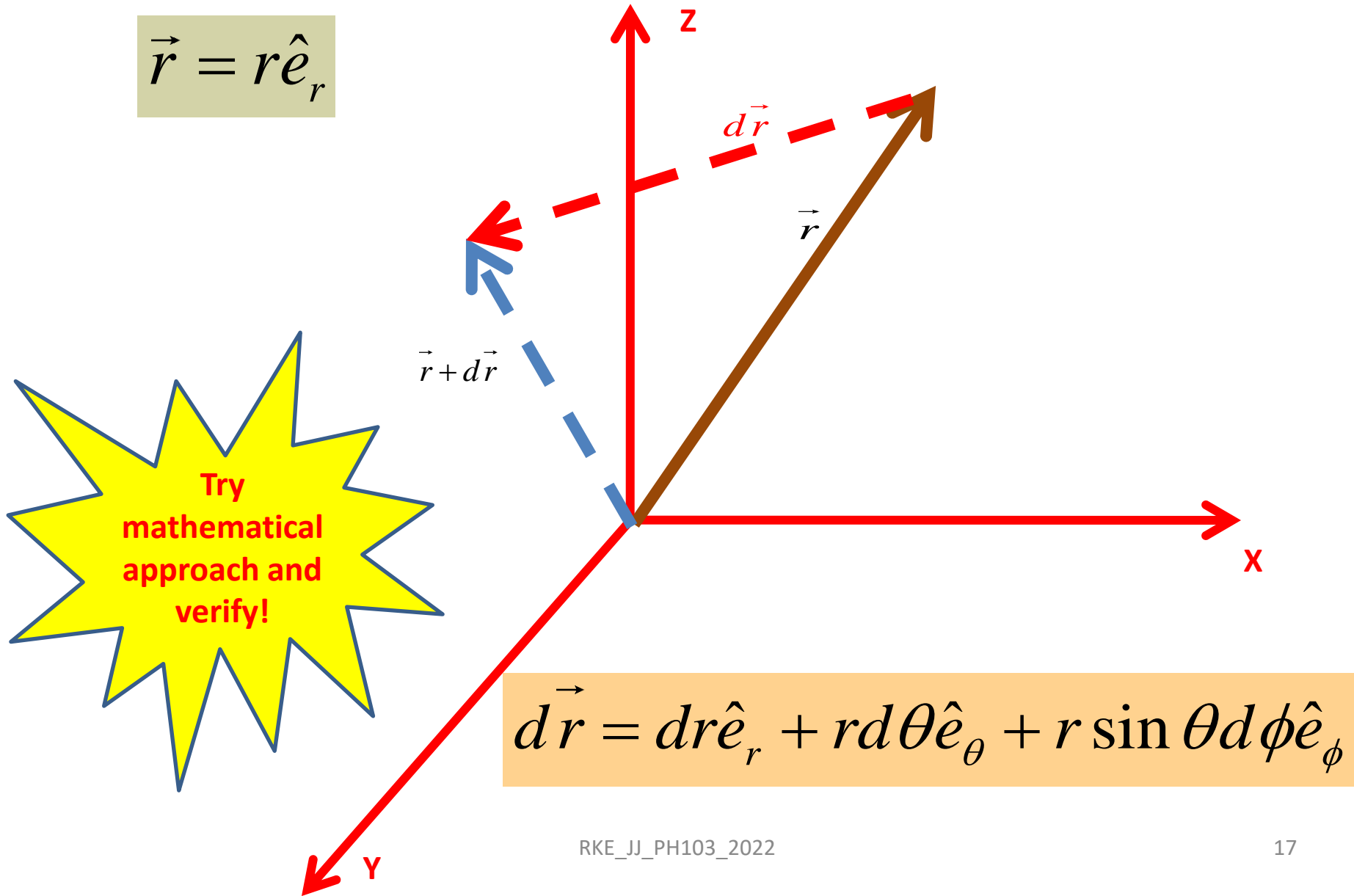
Case 3:
 r and θ is constant

$$\begin{aligned} d\vec{r}_3 &= \rho d\phi \hat{e}_\phi \\ &= r \sin \theta d\phi \hat{e}_\phi \end{aligned}$$



Infinitesimal line element

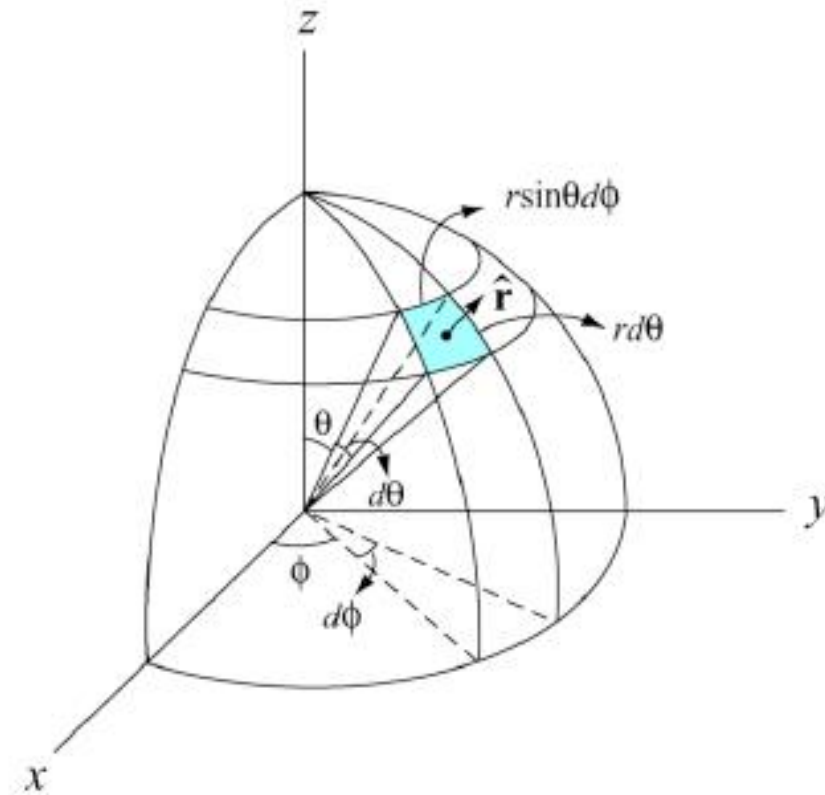
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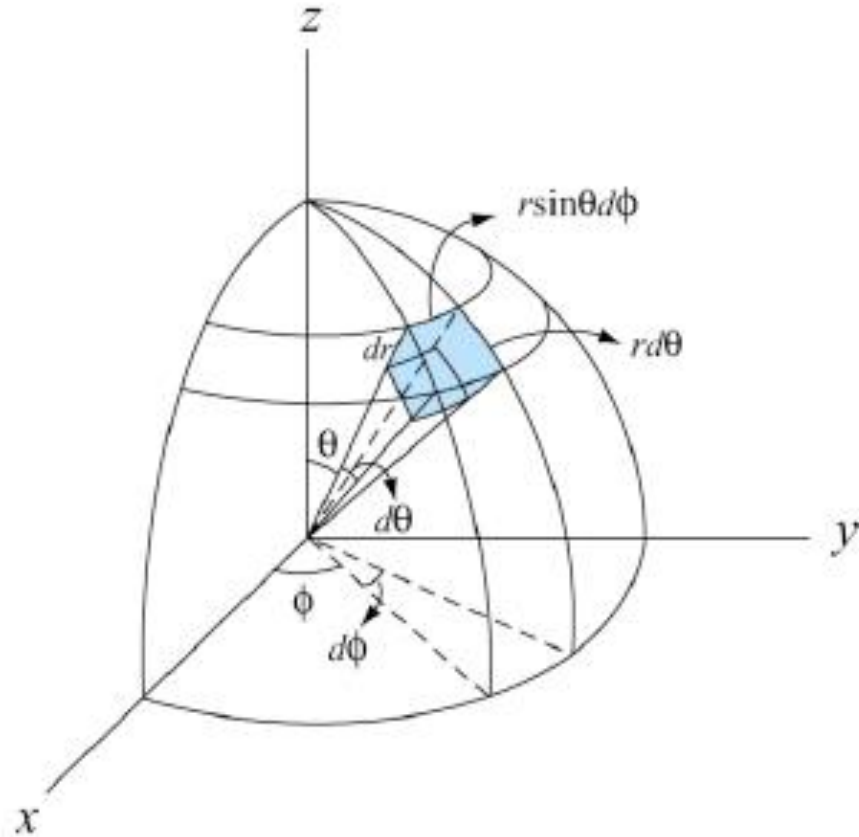
Infinitesimal area element

$$d\vec{A} = (rd\theta)(r \sin \theta d\phi)\hat{e}_r = r^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \hat{e}_r$$



Infinitesimal volume element

$$dV = (dr)(rd\theta)(r \sin \theta d\phi) = r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi$$



Velocity and acceleration

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$$\vec{V} = \dot{r} \hat{e}_r + r \dot{\theta} \hat{e}_\theta + r \sin \theta \dot{\phi} \hat{e}_\phi$$

$$\vec{a} = \frac{d\vec{V}}{dt}$$

$$a_r = \ddot{r} - r \dot{\theta}^2 - r \sin^2 \theta \dot{\phi}^2$$

$$a_\theta = 2 \dot{r} \dot{\theta} - r \sin \theta \cos \theta \dot{\phi}^2 + r \ddot{\theta}$$

$$a_\phi = 2 \dot{r} \dot{\phi} \sin \theta + 2 r \dot{\phi} \dot{\theta} \cos \theta + r \sin \theta \ddot{\phi}$$

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