

Question

From the relations

$$\mathbf{e}_r = \mathbf{i} \sin \theta \cos \phi + \mathbf{j} \sin \theta \sin \phi + \mathbf{k} \cos \theta$$

$$\mathbf{e}_\phi = -\mathbf{i} \sin \phi + \mathbf{j} \cos \phi$$

$$\mathbf{e}_\theta = \mathbf{i} \cos \theta \cos \phi + \mathbf{j} \cos \theta \sin \phi - \mathbf{k} \sin \theta$$

derive

$$\mathbf{i} = \mathbf{e}_r \sin \theta \cos \phi - \mathbf{e}_\phi \sin \phi + \mathbf{e}_\theta \cos \theta \cos \phi$$

$$\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{e}_r \sin \theta \sin \phi + \mathbf{e}_\phi \cos \phi + \mathbf{e}_\theta \cos \theta \sin \phi$$

$$\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{e}_r \cos \theta - \mathbf{e}_\theta \sin \theta$$

Answer

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{i} &= (\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{e}_r) \mathbf{e}_r + (\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{e}_\phi) \mathbf{e}_\phi + (\mathbf{i} \cdot \mathbf{e}_\theta) \mathbf{e}_\theta \\ &= \sin \theta \cos \phi \mathbf{e}_r - \sin \phi \mathbf{e}_\phi + \cos \theta \cos \phi \mathbf{e}_\theta \end{aligned}$$

From the given expressions for \mathbf{e}_r , \mathbf{e}_θ , \mathbf{e}_ϕ in terms of $\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}$, \mathbf{j} and \mathbf{k} can be found by an analogous procedure.