

Special Problem 2.4-9

Consider the vector field:

$$\mathbf{A}(\vec{r}) = (y - 3) \hat{a}_x + z^3 \hat{a}_y + (x + y) \hat{a}_z$$

which describes the magnitude and direction of vector quantity \mathbf{A} at **every** point in space!

1. Determine the magnitude ($|\mathbf{A}|$) and direction (\hat{a}_A) of the vector quantity \mathbf{A} at the **specific point** denoted by **position vector**:

$$\vec{r}_1 = 2 \hat{a}_x + 4 \hat{a}_y - 3 \hat{a}_z$$

2. Say we know that **at** the specific point denoted by position vector \vec{r}_2 (where $\vec{r}_2 \neq \vec{r}_1$), the vector quantity \mathbf{A} is equal to:

$$\mathbf{A}(\vec{r}_2) = 7 \hat{a}_x - 8 \hat{a}_y$$

Determine the position vector \vec{r}_2 .