

**Answer on Question #76429 – Math – Calculus
Question**

Express the vector field $\vec{F} = zx\vec{i} + (x^2 + y^2)\vec{j} + x/z \vec{k}$ in cylindrical polar coordinates.

Solution

Relation to convert a vector from rectangular to cylindrical

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_\rho \\ F_\theta \\ F_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F_x \\ F_y \\ F_z \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\vec{F} = (z\rho \cos^2 \theta + \rho^2 \sin \theta) \vec{e}_\rho + (-z\rho \sin \theta \cos \theta + \rho^2 \cos \theta) \vec{e}_\theta + \left(\frac{\rho \cos \theta}{z} \right) \vec{e}_z$$