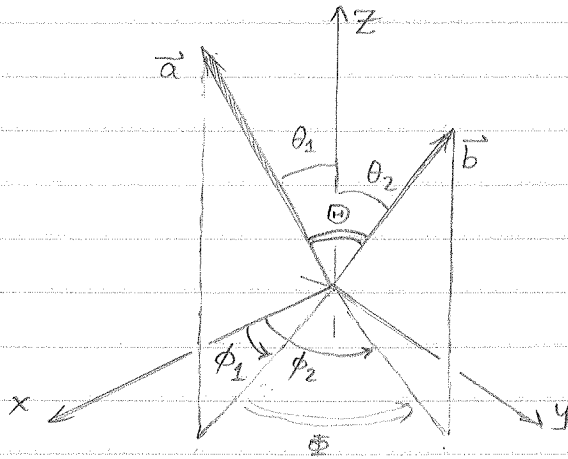


Spherical law of Cosines



Angle between two vectors \vec{a} & \vec{b} :

$$\cos \theta = \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2 + \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 \cos(\phi_1 - \phi_2) = \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2) - 2 \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 \sin^2\left(\frac{\Phi}{2}\right)$$

$$\Phi = \phi_2 - \phi_1$$

Proof:

Put $\vec{a} = |\vec{a}| (\sin \theta_1 \cos \phi_1, \sin \theta_1 \sin \phi_1, \cos \theta_1)$

$\vec{b} = |\vec{b}| (\sin \theta_2 \cos \phi_2, \sin \theta_2 \sin \phi_2, \cos \theta_2)$

Then

$$\cos \theta \equiv \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|}$$

$$= \frac{1}{|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}|} (|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| (\sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 (\cos \phi_1 \cos \phi_2 + \sin \phi_1 \sin \phi_2) + \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2))$$

$$= \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 \cos(\phi_1 - \phi_2) + \cos \theta_1 \cos \theta_2$$

and by inspection, azimuthal angle of \vec{b} relative to \vec{a} is :

$$\Phi = \phi_2 - \phi_1$$