1 | Jacobian Determinant for Polar

We are to determine (pun not intended) the polar correction factor for a double integral, $dA = r dr d\theta$. To do this, we will have to first figure the change of bases expressions such that we can take:

$$f(x,y) = g(r,\theta) \tag{1}$$

Fortunately, this is already derived to use from before.

$$\begin{cases} x = r\cos\theta \\ y = r\sin\theta \end{cases} \tag{2}$$

Therefore, we have that:

$$f(x,y) = f(r\cos\theta, r\sin\theta) \tag{3}$$

And therefore, we can figure $J_{r,\theta}$:

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -r\sin\theta\\ \sin\theta & r\cos\theta \end{bmatrix} \tag{4}$$

Taking its determinant, then:

$$det(J) = r\cos^2\theta + r\sin^2\theta = r \tag{5}$$

And therefore, the change-of-basis result would be:

$$dx dy = r dr d\theta ag{6}$$

2 | Jacobian Determinant for Spherical

We again need to figure a correction factor for $dx\ dy\ dz = \rho^2\ \sin\phi\ d\rho\ d\theta\ d\phi$. We therefore have to figure a change of bases for the expression:

$$f(x, y, z) = g(\rho, \theta, \phi) \tag{7}$$

We can leverage the shape of the object to determine the parameterization:

$$\begin{cases} x = \rho \cos \phi \cos \theta \\ y = \rho \cos \phi \sin \theta \\ z = \rho \sin \phi \end{cases}$$
 (8)

We will now figure the matrix for $J_{\rho,\theta,\phi}$:

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\phi\cos\theta & -\rho\cos\phi\sin\theta & -\rho\sin\phi\cos\theta \\ \cos\phi\sin\theta & \rho\cos\phi\cos\theta & -\rho\sin\phi\sin\theta \\ \sin\phi & 0 & \rho\cos\phi \end{bmatrix}$$
(9)

Phew! This is hairy. Let's use Sage to take the determinant:

var("rho phi theta")
M = matrix([[cos(phi)*cos(theta), -rho*cos(phi)*sin(theta), -rho*sin(phi)*cos(theta)], [cos(phi)*sin(theta), -rho*sin(phi)*cos(theta)], [cos(phi)*sin(theta), -rho*sin(phi)*cos(theta)]

$$det(J) = \rho^2 \cos \phi \tag{10}$$