

# Triple Integral

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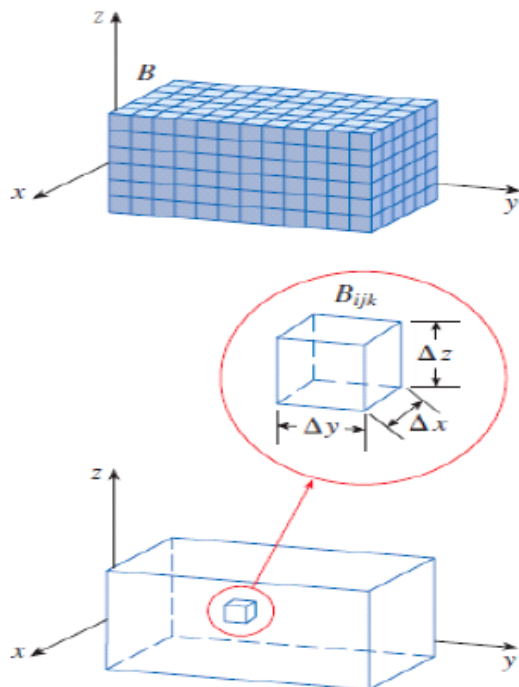
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$$\Delta V = \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z,$$

$$\sum_{i,j,k} f(u_{ijk}, v_{ijk}, w_{ijk}) \Delta V.$$

$$\int_W f dV = \lim_{\Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta z \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i,j,k} f(u_{ijk}, v_{ijk}, w_{ijk}) \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z.$$

### Triple integral as an iterated integral

$$\int_W f \, dV = \int_p^q \left( \int_c^d \left( \int_a^b f(x, y, z) \, dx \right) dy \right) dz,$$

where  $y$  and  $z$  are treated as constants in the innermost ( $dx$ ) integral, and  $z$  is treated as a constant in the middle ( $dy$ ) integral. Other orders of integration are possible.

2.  $h(x, y, z) = ax + by + cz$ ,  $W$  is the rectangular box  
 $0 \leq x \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 1, 0 \leq z \leq 2$ .

**Example 1** A cube  $C$  has sides of length 4 cm and is made of a material of variable density. If one corner is at the origin and the adjacent corners are on the positive  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  axes, then the density at the point  $(x, y, z)$  is  $\delta(x, y, z) = 1 + xyz$  gm/cm<sup>3</sup>. Find the mass of the cube.

### Limits on Triple Integrals

- The limits for the outer integral are constants.
- The limits for the middle integral can involve only one variable (that in the outer integral).
- The limits for the inner integral can involve two variables (those on the two outer integrals).

**Example:** Set up an iterated integral to compute mass of a solid cone bounded by  $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  and  $z = 3$ , if the density is given by  $\delta(x, y, z) = z$ .

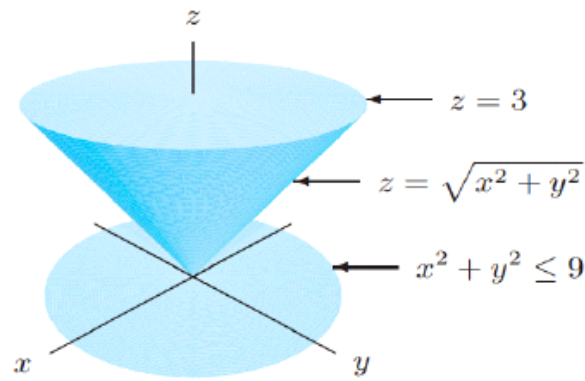


Figure 16.25

## Section 16.5: Integration in Cylindrical and Spherical Coordinates

### Integration in Cylindrical Coordinates

The cylindrical coordinates of a point  $(x, y, z)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  are obtained by representing the  $x$  and  $y$  coordinates using polar coordinates (or potentially the  $y$  and  $z$  coordinates or  $x$  and  $z$  coordinates) and letting the third coordinate remain unchanged.

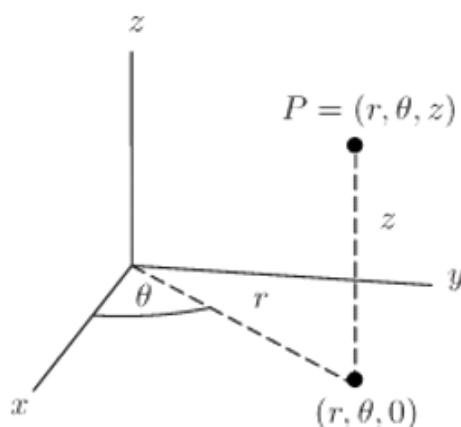
RELATION BETWEEN CARTESIAN AND CYLINDRICAL COORDINATES: Each point in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is represented using  $0 \leq r < \infty$ ,  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ ,  $-\infty < z < \infty$ .

$$x = r \cos \theta,$$

$$y = r \sin \theta,$$

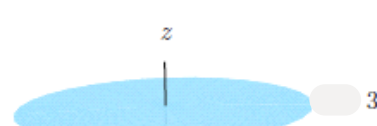
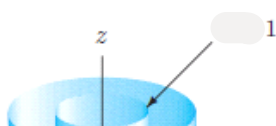
$$z = z.$$

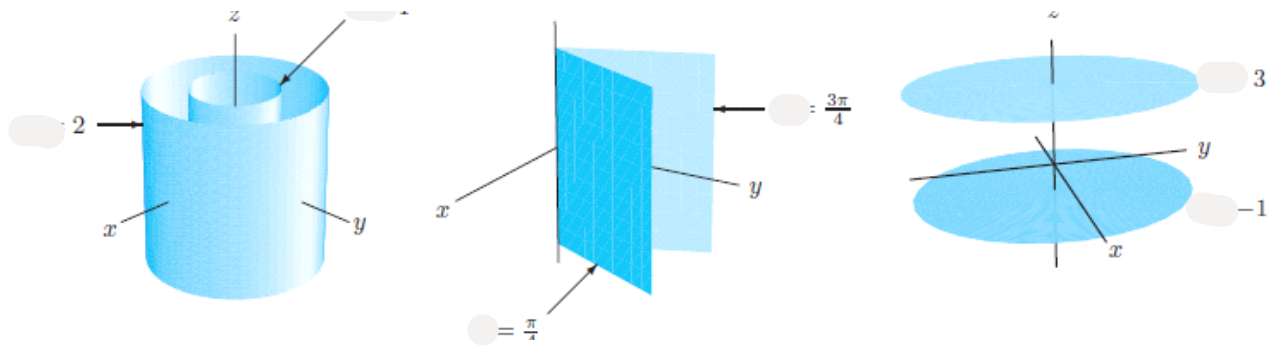
As with polar coordinates in the plane, note that  $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ .



Notice that we can now interpret  $r$  as the distance from the point  $(x, y, z)$  to the  $z$  axis, while the interpretation of  $\theta$  and  $z$  remain unchanged.

**Question:** What are the surfaces obtained by setting  $r$ ,  $\theta$ , and  $z$  equal to a constant?





**Example 1** Describe in cylindrical coordinates a wedge of cheese cut from a cylinder 4 cm high and 6 cm in radius; this wedge subtends an angle of  $\pi/6$  at the center. (See Figure 16.41.)

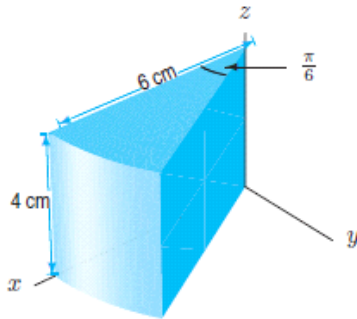
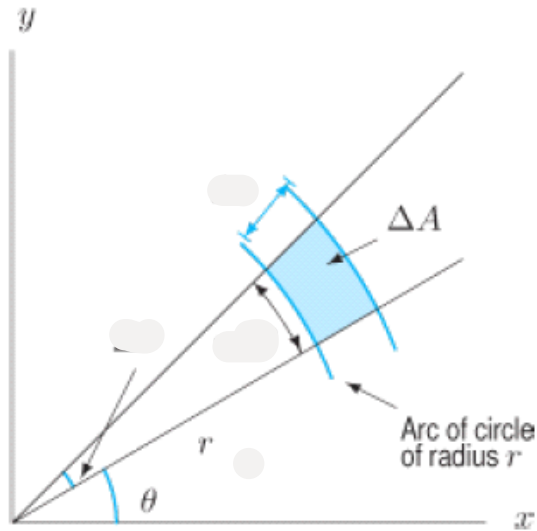


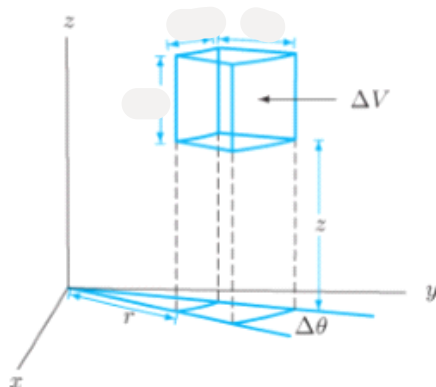
Figure 16.41: A wedge of cheese

**Example 2** Find the mass of the wedge of cheese in Example 1, if its density is 1.2 grams/cm<sup>3</sup>.



### What is $dV$ in Cylindrical Coordinates?

Recall that when integrating in polar coordinates, we set  $dA = r dr d\theta$ . When viewing a small piece of volume,  $\Delta V$ , in cylindrical coordinates, we will see that the correct form for  $dV$  is rather intuitive based on this.



It is clear from this image that we should have  $\Delta V \approx r \Delta r \Delta \theta \Delta z$ . This leads us to the following conclusion:

When computing integrals in cylindrical coordinates, put  $dV = r dr d\theta dz$ . Other orders of integration are possible.

### Examples:

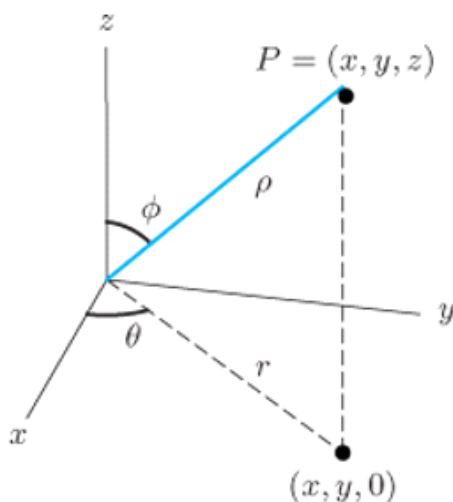
1. Evaluate the triple integral in cylindrical coordinates:  $f(x, y, z) = \sin(x^2 + y^2)$ ,  $W$  is the solid cylinder with height 4 with base of radius 1 centered on the  $z$ -axis at  $z = -1$ .

### Spherical Coordinates

The spherical coordinates of a point  $(x, y, z)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  are the analog of polar coordinates in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . We define  $\rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$  to be the distance from the origin to  $(x, y, z)$ ,  $\theta$  is defined as it was in polar coordinates, and  $\phi$  is defined as the angle between the positive  $z$ -axis and the line connecting the origin to the point  $(x, y, z)$ .

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From the above figure, we can see that  $r = \rho \sin \phi$ , and  $z = \rho \cos \phi$ , so using the relationship between Cartesian coordinates  $(x, y, z)$  and cylindrical coordinates,  $x = r \cos \theta$ ,  $y = r \sin \theta$ ,  $z = z$ , we arrive at the following:

**RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CARTESIAN AND SPHERICAL COORDINATES:** Each point in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is represented using  $0 \leq \rho < \infty$ ,  $0 \leq \phi \leq \pi$ ,  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ .

$$x = \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta,$$

$$y = \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta,$$

$$z = \rho \cos \phi.$$

Also,  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \rho^2$ .

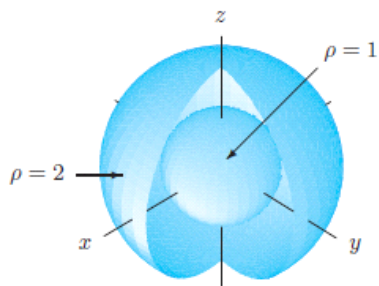


Figure 16.45: The surfaces  $\rho = 1$  and  $\rho = 2$

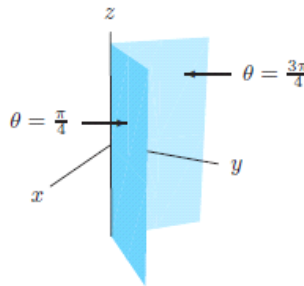


Figure 16.46: The surfaces  $\theta = \pi/4$  and  $\theta = 3\pi/4$

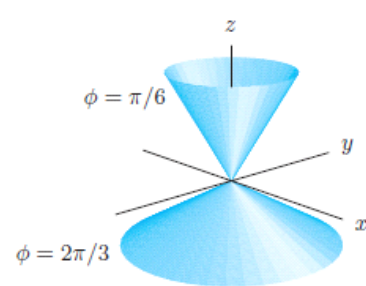


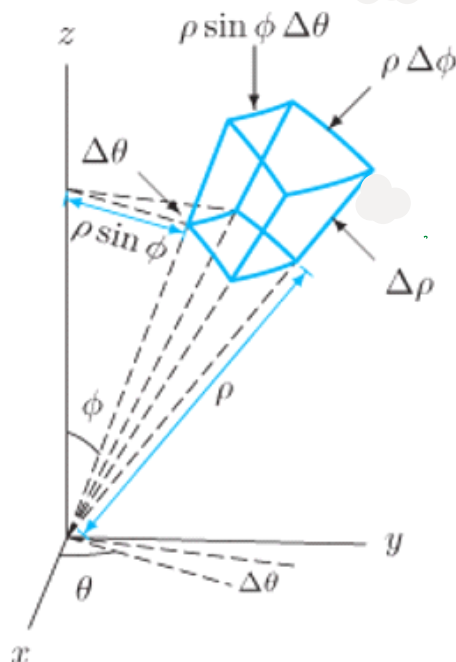
Figure 16.47: The surfaces  $\phi = \pi/6$  and  $\phi = 2\pi/3$

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**Question:** What surfaces are obtained by setting  $\rho$ ,  $\theta$ , and  $\phi$  equal to a constant?

**What is  $dV$  in Spherical Coordinates?**

Consider the following diagram:



We can see that the small volume  $\Delta V$  is approximated by  $\Delta V \approx \rho^2 \sin \phi \Delta \rho \Delta \phi \Delta \theta$ . This brings us to the conclusion about the volume element  $dV$  in spherical coordinates:



When computing integrals in spherical coordinates, put  $dV = \rho^2 \sin \phi \, d\rho \, d\phi \, d\theta$ . Other orders of integration are possible.

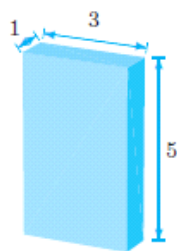
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**Example 4** Use spherical coordinates to derive the formula for the volume of a ball of radius  $a$ .

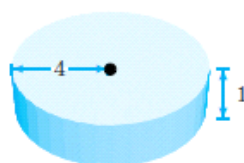
Evaluate the triple integral in spherical coordinates.  $f(x, y, z) = 1/(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{1/2}$  over the bottom half of a sphere of radius 5 centered at the origin.

For Exercises 12–18, choose coordinates and set up a triple integral, including limits of integration, for a density function  $f$  over the region.

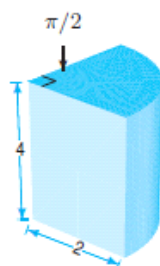
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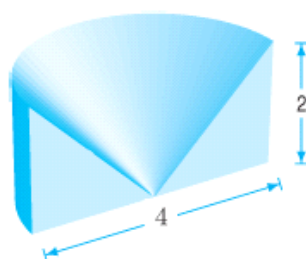
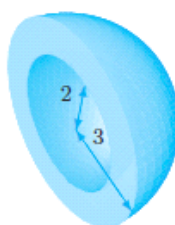
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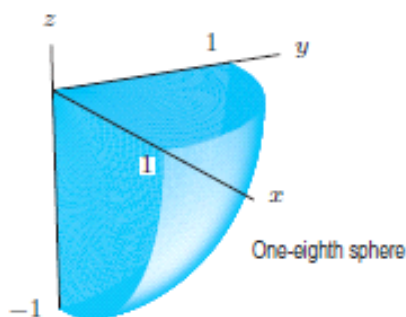
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(c)

(a) Cartesian (b) Cylindrical (c) Spherical

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1. Match the equations in (a)–(f) with one of the surfaces in (I)–(VII).

(a)  $x = 5$       (b)  $x^2 + z^2 = 7$    (c)  $\rho = 5$   
(d)  $z = 1$       (e)  $r = 3$       (f)  $\theta = 2\pi$

- (I) Cylinder, centered on  $x$ -axis.  
(II) Cylinder, centered on  $y$ -axis.  
(III) Cylinder, centered on  $z$ -axis.  
(IV) Plane, perpendicular to the  $x$ -axis.  
(V) Plane, perpendicular to the  $y$ -axis.  
(VI) Plane, perpendicular to the  $z$ -axis.  
(VII) Sphere.

In Exercises 2–7, find an equation for the surface.

2. The vertical plane  $y = x$  in cylindrical coordinates.  
3. The top half of the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$  in cylindrical coordinates.

4. The cone  $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  in cylindrical coordinates.

5. The cone  $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  in spherical coordinates.

6. The plane  $z = 10$  in spherical coordinates.

7. The plane  $z = 4$  in spherical coordinates.