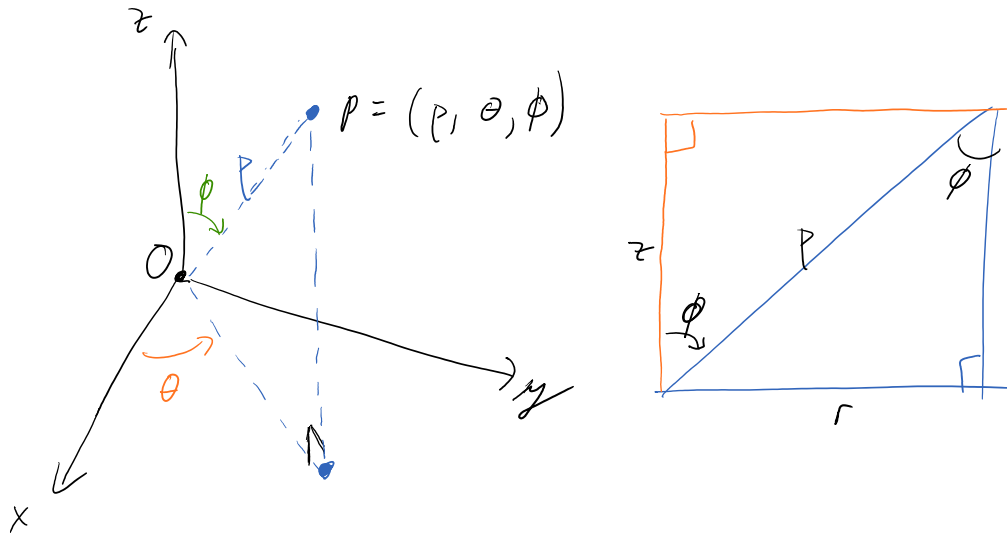


12.7: Triple Integrals in Spherical Coordinates

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The spherical coordinates (ρ, θ, ϕ) of a point in space are:

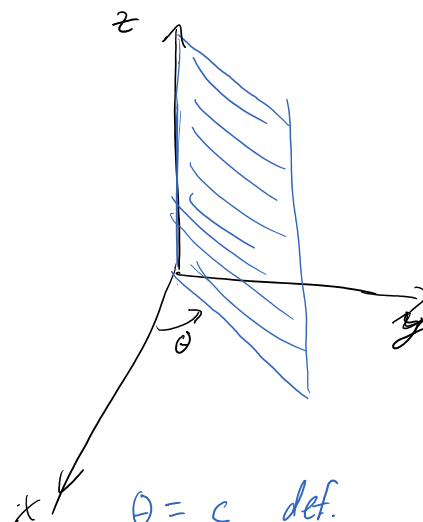
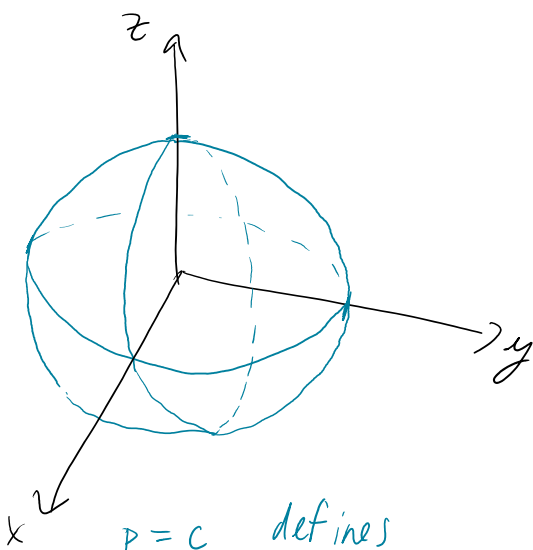


$\rho = |OP| = \text{dist. from } P \text{ to origin}$

$\theta = \text{same angle as in cyl. coord.}$

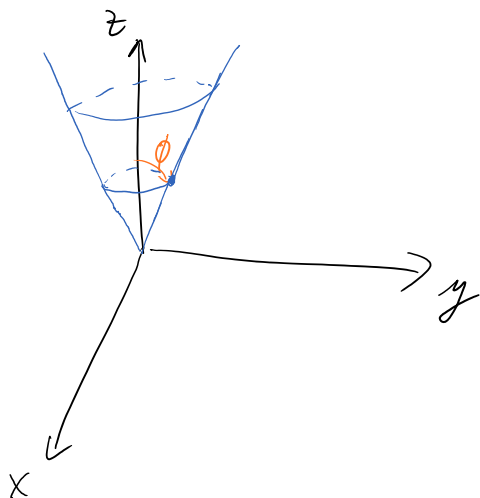
$\phi = \text{angle between pos. } z\text{-axis and line segment } OP.$

$$\rho \geq 0, \quad 0 \leq \phi \leq \pi$$



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 $\rho = c$ defines
 sphere radius c ,
 cent. at origin

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 $\theta = c$ def.
 a half plane



$\phi = c, \quad 0 < c < \frac{\pi}{2}$
 (half cone)

$$z = \rho \cos(\phi), \quad r = \rho \sin(\phi)$$

$$x = r \cos(\theta)$$

$$y = r \sin(\theta)$$

$$x = \rho \sin(\phi) \cos(\theta), \quad y = \rho \sin(\phi) \sin(\theta), \quad z = \rho \cos(\phi)$$

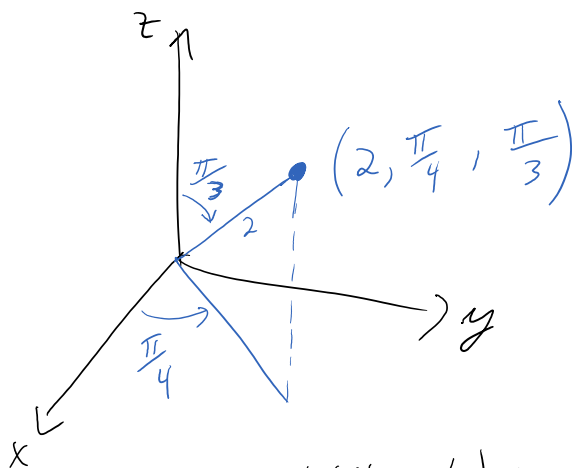
(spherical to rectangular)

$$\rho^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

Ex. 1 The point $(2, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{3})$ is in spherical coord.

Plot & convert to rect. coord.

Sol'n: $\rho = 2, \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}, \phi = \frac{\pi}{3}$



$$x = \rho \sin(\phi) \cos(\theta) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$y = \rho \sin(\phi) \sin(\theta) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$z = \rho \cos(\phi) = 2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = 1$$

$$\left(2, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{3}\right) \longrightarrow \left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}, \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}, 1\right)$$

Ex. 2 $(0, 2\sqrt{3}, -2)$ is in rectangular; convert to spherical.

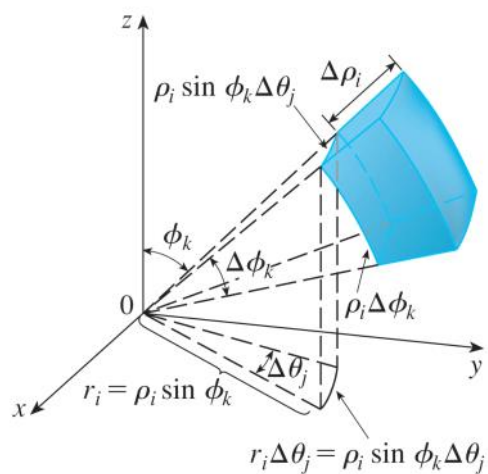
Sol'n: $\rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = \sqrt{12 + 4} = 4$

$$\cos(\phi) = \frac{z}{\rho} = \frac{-2}{4} = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \phi = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{x}{\rho \sin(\phi)} = \frac{0}{4 \sin(\phi)} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (\text{b/c } y > 0)$$

$$\therefore \left(4, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$$

Evaluating Triple Integrals w/ Spherical Coord.



← spherical wedge E_{ijk}

$$E = \left\{ (p, \theta, \phi) : a \leq p \leq b, \right. \\ \left. \alpha \leq \theta \leq \beta, \right. \\ \left. c \leq \phi \leq d \right\}$$

$$a \geq 0, \quad \beta - \alpha \leq 2\pi, \quad d - c \leq 2\pi$$

- Subdivide E into smaller spherical wedges E_{ijk} using spheres $p = p_i$, half-planes $\theta = \theta_j$, and half-cones $\phi = \phi_k$

- $E_{ijk} \approx$ rectangular box w/ dimensions

$$\Delta p_i$$

$$p_i \Delta \phi_k \quad (\text{arc of a circle w/ radius } p_i, \text{ angle } \Delta \phi_k),$$

$$p_i \sin(\phi_k) \Delta \theta_j \quad (\text{arc of circle w/ radius } p_i \sin(\phi_k), \text{ angle } \Delta \theta_j)$$

- $\text{Vol}(E_{ijk}) \approx \Delta V_{ijk} = (\Delta \rho_i)(\rho_i \Delta \phi_k)(\rho_i \sin(\phi_k) \Delta \theta_j)$
 $= \rho_i^2 \sin(\phi_k) \Delta \rho_i \Delta \theta_j \Delta \phi_k.$

- Actually, MVT $\Rightarrow \exists (\tilde{\rho}_i, \tilde{\theta}_j, \tilde{\phi}_k)$ in E_{ijk}

s.t. $\Delta V_{ijk} = \tilde{\rho}_i^2 \sin(\tilde{\phi}_k) \Delta \rho_i \Delta \theta_j \Delta \phi_k$

- Let $(x_{ijk}^*, y_{ijk}^*, z_{ijk}^*)$ be in rect. coord.

- $\iiint_E f(x, y, z) dV = \lim_{\max \Delta \rho_i, \Delta \theta_j, \Delta \phi_k \rightarrow 0} \sum_i \sum_j \sum_k f(x_{ijk}^*, y_{ijk}^*, z_{ijk}^*) \Delta V_{ijk}$

$$= \lim_{\max \Delta \rho_i, \Delta \theta_j, \Delta \phi_k} \sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^n f(\tilde{\rho}_i \sin(\tilde{\phi}_k) \cos(\tilde{\theta}_j), \tilde{\rho}_i \sin(\tilde{\phi}_k) \sin(\tilde{\theta}_j), \tilde{\rho}_i \cos(\tilde{\phi}_k)) \tilde{\rho}_i^2 \sin(\tilde{\phi}_k) \Delta \rho_i \Delta \theta_j \Delta \phi_k$$

$$\iiint_E f(x, y, z) dV = \int_c^d \int_\alpha^\beta \int_a^b f(\rho \sin(\phi) \cos(\theta), \rho \sin(\phi) \sin(\theta), \rho \cos(\phi)) \rho^2 \sin(\phi) d\rho d\theta d\phi$$

where $E = \{(\rho, \theta, \phi) : a \leq \rho \leq b, \alpha \leq \theta \leq \beta, c \leq \phi \leq d\}$

- Can also integrate over

$$E = \left\{ (r, \theta, \phi) : a \leq \theta \leq b, c \leq \phi \leq d, g_1(\theta, \phi) \leq r \leq g_2(\theta, \phi) \right\}$$

Ex. 3 Evaluate $\iiint_B e^{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}} dV$, where B is unit ball

$$B = \left\{ (x, y, z) : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 1 \right\}$$

$r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$

Sol'n: $\partial B = \text{sphere} \Rightarrow$ use sph. coord.

$$B = \left\{ (r, \theta, \phi) : 0 \leq r \leq 1, 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi, 0 \leq \phi \leq \pi \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_B e^{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}} dV &= \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 e^{(r^2)^{1/2}} r^2 \sin(\phi) dr d\theta d\phi \\ &= \left(\int_0^\pi \sin(\phi) d\phi \right) \left(\int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \right) \left(\int_0^1 r^2 e^{r^2} dr \right) \\ &= \left(-\cos(\phi) \Big|_0^\pi \right) (2\pi) \left[\frac{1}{3} e^{r^2} \right]_0^1 \\ &= \boxed{\frac{4}{3} \pi (e - 1)} \end{aligned}$$

(harder, awkward in rect. coord.)

Ex. 4 Use sph. coord. to find vol. of the solid that lies above cone $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ and below sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2$.

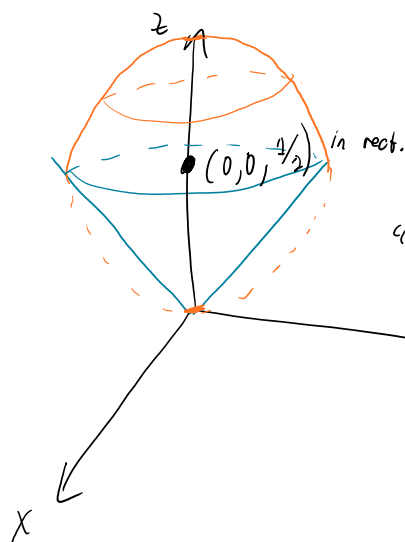
Sol'n:



$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - z + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + \left(z - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = 1$$

Sol'n:



$$x^2 + y^2 + \left(z - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

(radius $\frac{1}{2}$, cent. $(0, 0, \frac{1}{2})$ in rect.)

"ice cream cone"

sphere: $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = z$

$$p^2 = z = p \cos(\phi) \Leftrightarrow p = \cos(\phi)$$

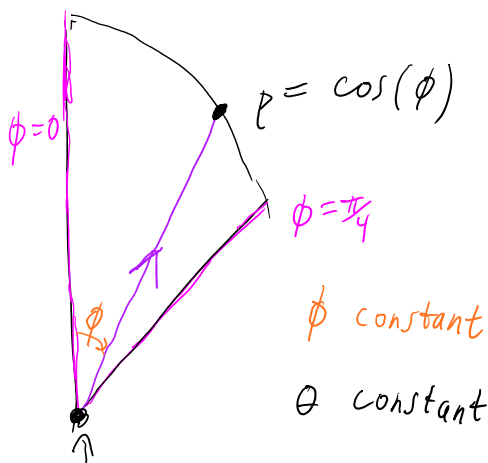
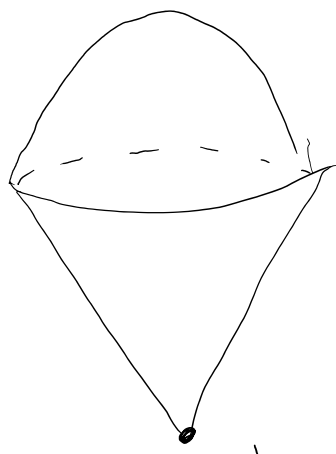
cone: $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$

$$p \cos(\phi) = \sqrt{p^2 \sin^2(\phi) \cos^2(\theta) + p^2 \sin^2(\phi) \sin^2(\theta)}$$

$$= p \sin(\phi)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(\phi) = \sin(\phi) \Leftrightarrow \phi = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$E = \left\{ (p, \theta, \phi) : 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi, 0 \leq \phi \leq \frac{\pi}{4}, 0 \leq p \leq \cos(\phi) \right\}$$





θ constant

$$V(E) = \iiint_E dV = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/4} \int_0^{\cos(\phi)} p^2 \sin(\phi) dp d\phi d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\int_0^{\pi/4} \sin(\phi) \int_0^{\cos(\phi)} p^2 dp d\phi \right) d\theta$$

$$= 2\pi \int_0^{\pi/4} \sin(\phi) \left[\frac{p^3}{3} \right]_0^{\cos(\phi)} d\phi$$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{3} \int_0^{\pi/4} \sin(\phi) \cos^3(\phi) d\phi, \quad u = \cos(\phi)$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{\pi}{8}}$$