

16.5 Triple Integrals in Cylindrical and Spherical Coordinates

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1 Cylindrical Coordinates

1.0.1 Transformations Between Cylindrical and Rectangular Coordinates

- Rectangular \rightarrow Cylindrical

- $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$
 - $\tan \theta = y/x$
 - $z = z$

- Cylindrical \rightarrow Rectangular

- $x = r \cos \theta$
 - $y = r \sin \theta$
 - $z = z$

2 Integration in Cylindrical Coordinates

2.0.1 Theorem 16.6 – Change of Variables for Triple Integrals in Cylindrical Coordinates

Let f be continuous over the region D , expressed in cylindrical coordinates as:

$$D = \{(r, \theta, z) : 0 \leq g(\theta) \leq r \leq h(\theta), \alpha \leq \theta \leq \beta, G(x, y) \leq z \leq H(x, y)\}$$

Then, f is integrable over D , and the triple integral of f over D :

$$\int \int \int f(x, y, z) dV = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \int_g^h \int_G^H f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, z) dz r dr d\theta$$

3 Spherical Coordinates

- ρ is the distance from the origin to P .
- ϕ is the angle between the positive z -axis and the line OP .
- θ is the same angle as in cylindrical coordinates; it measures rotation about the z -axis relative to the positive x -axis.

4 Integration in Spherical Coordinates

4.0.1 Theorem 16.7 – Change of Variables for Triple Integrals in Spherical Coordinates

Let f be continuous over the region D , expressed in spherical coordinates as:

$$D = \{(\rho, \phi, \theta) : 0 \leq g(\phi, \theta) \leq \rho \leq h(\phi, \theta), a \leq \phi \leq b, \alpha \leq \theta \leq \beta\}$$

Then, f is integrable over D , and the triple integral of f over D is:

$$\iiint_D f(x, y, z) dV = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \int_a^b \int_g^h f(\rho \sin \phi \cos \theta, \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta, \rho \cos \phi) \rho^2 \sin \phi d\rho d\phi d\theta$$