

15.8 Triple Integrals in Cylindrical Coordinates

1. Sketch or describe the surface given (all coordinates are cylindrical):

(a) $r = 5$

Solution: A cylinder of radius 5, i.e. a circle of radius 5 in the xy -plane extended infinitely in both directions of the z -axis.

(b) $\theta = 0$

Solution: The xz -plane.

(c) $\theta = \pi/4$

Solution: A plane parallel to the z -axis and the line $y = x$.

(d) $z = 4 - r^2$

Solution: When $\theta = 0$ this is the line $z = 4 - x^2$ in the xz -plane. Since θ can vary, the surface is the surface obtained by rotating this line around as seen below

(e) $0 \leq r \leq 2, -\pi/2 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2, 0 \leq z \leq 1.$

Solution: The right half of a circle of radius 2 that is 1 unit thick.

2. Convert the following (given in rectangular coordinates) to cylindrical coordinates:

(a) The point $(-1, 1, 1)$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} r^2 &= (-1)^2 + 1^2 \\ r &= \sqrt{2} \\ \tan \theta &= \frac{1}{-1} \\ \theta &= \tan^{-1}(-1) \\ \theta &= -\pi/4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{(\sqrt{2}, -\pi/4, 1)}$$

(b) The point $(2, -\pi/2, 1)$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \sqrt{4 + \pi^2/4} \\ \theta &= \tan^{-1}\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\left(\sqrt{4 + \pi^2/4}, \tan^{-1}\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right), 1\right)}$$

(c) $z = x^2 - y^2$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} z &= (r \cos \theta)^2 - (r \sin \theta)^2 \\ &= r^2 \cos^2 \theta - r^2 \sin^2 \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$z = r^2 (\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta)$$

(d) $x^2 - x + y^2 + z^2 = 1$

Solution: $z^2 = 1 + r \cos \theta - r^2$

3. Sketch the surface whose volume is given by the integral

$$\int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \int_0^2 \int_0^{r^2} r \, dz \, dr \, d\theta.$$

What is the volume of this surface?

Solution: The volume is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \int_0^2 \int_0^{r^2} r \, dz \, dr \, d\theta &= \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \int_0^2 r^3 \, dr \, d\theta \\ &= \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} 4 \, d\theta \\ &= 4\pi \end{aligned}$$

4. Use cylindrical coordinates to evaluate the following:

- (a) $\iiint_E (x+y+z) \, dV$ where E is the solid in the first octant that lies under the paraboloid $z = 4 - x^2 - y^2$.

Solution:

- (b) $\iiint_E \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \, dV$ where E is the region that lies inside the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 16$ and between the planes $z = -5$ and $z = 4$.

Solution:

5. Evaluate by changing to cylindrical coordinates:

$$\int_{-2}^2 \int_{-\sqrt{4-y^2}}^{\sqrt{4-y^2}} \int_{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}^2 xz \, dz \, dx \, dy.$$