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1. Calculate the Jacobian of the transformation $T(\rho, \phi, \theta) = (\rho \sin \phi \cos \theta, \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta, \rho \cos \phi)$.

We have $x = \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta$, $y = \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta$, and $z = \rho \cos \phi$. To simplify the computation of the 3×3 determinant below, we recall that (i) we can perform the cofactor expansion along any row or column, and (ii) if any row or column has a common factor, it can be removed from the determinant. For example, $\begin{vmatrix} ax & y \\ az & w \end{vmatrix} = a \begin{vmatrix} x & y \\ z & w \end{vmatrix}$. Our Jacobian is given as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_T(\rho, \phi, \theta) &= \begin{vmatrix} x_\rho & x_\phi & x_\theta \\ y_\rho & y_\phi & y_\theta \\ z_\rho & z_\phi & z_\theta \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{vmatrix} \sin \phi \cos \theta & \rho \cos \phi \cos \theta & -\rho \sin \phi \sin \theta \\ \sin \phi \sin \theta & \rho \cos \phi \sin \theta & \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta \\ \cos \phi & -\rho \sin \phi & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= \cos \phi \begin{vmatrix} \rho \cos \phi \cos \theta & -\rho \sin \phi \sin \theta \\ \rho \cos \phi \sin \theta & \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta \end{vmatrix} + \rho \sin \phi \begin{vmatrix} \sin \phi \cos \theta & -\rho \sin \phi \sin \theta \\ \sin \phi \sin \theta & \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= \rho^2 \cos^2 \phi \sin \phi \begin{vmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{vmatrix} + \rho^2 \sin^3 \phi \begin{vmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= \rho^2 \sin \phi (\cos^2 \phi + \sin^2 \phi) (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) \\
 &= \rho^2 \sin \phi.
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Surprise bonus review problem!!

Find the area of the parallelogram with vertices $(1, 1)$, $(3, 2)$, $(2, 4)$, $(4, 5)$.

Hint: choose two adjacent sides, represent them as vectors, and fit these into a 2×2 determinant.

The points $(3, 2)$ and $(2, 4)$ are adjacent to the point $(1, 1)$ in the parallelogram, with $(4, 5)$ being the point opposite to $(1, 1)$. The vectors $\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3-1 \\ 2-1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\vec{w} = \begin{bmatrix} 2-1 \\ 4-1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ thus give us two adjacent sides of the parallelogram. The area of the parallelogram is therefore

$$A = |\det(\vec{v}|\vec{w})| = \left| \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right| = |-5| = 5.$$