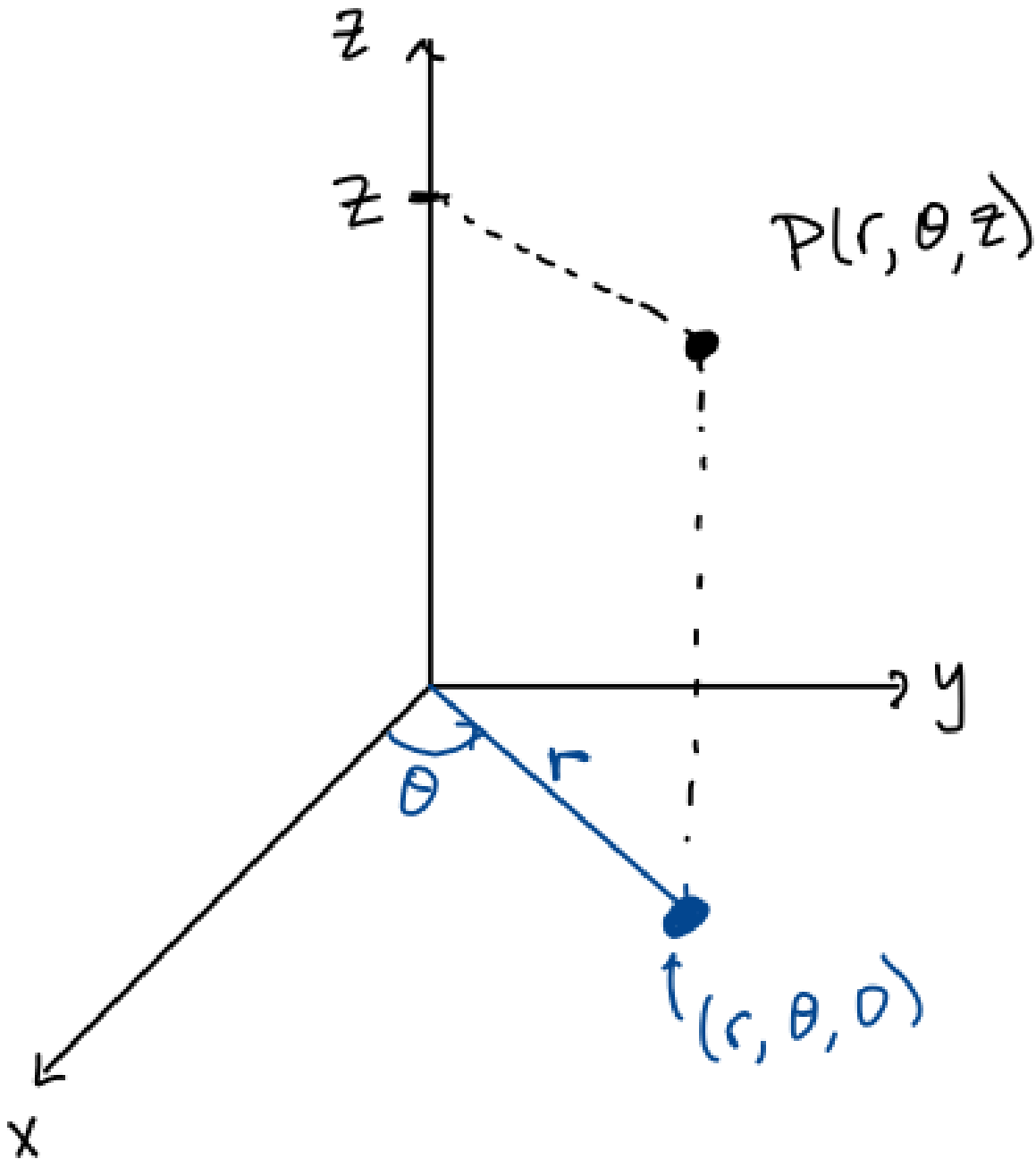


# MATH 2330: Multivariable Calculus

## Section 5.5: Cylindrical & Spherical Coordinates

### Cylindrical Coordinates

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Equations:

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$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta, \quad z = z, \quad x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

Triple Integral Setup:

**Integrate with respect to  $z$  first, and be sure to replace all  $x$ 's and  $y$ 's.**

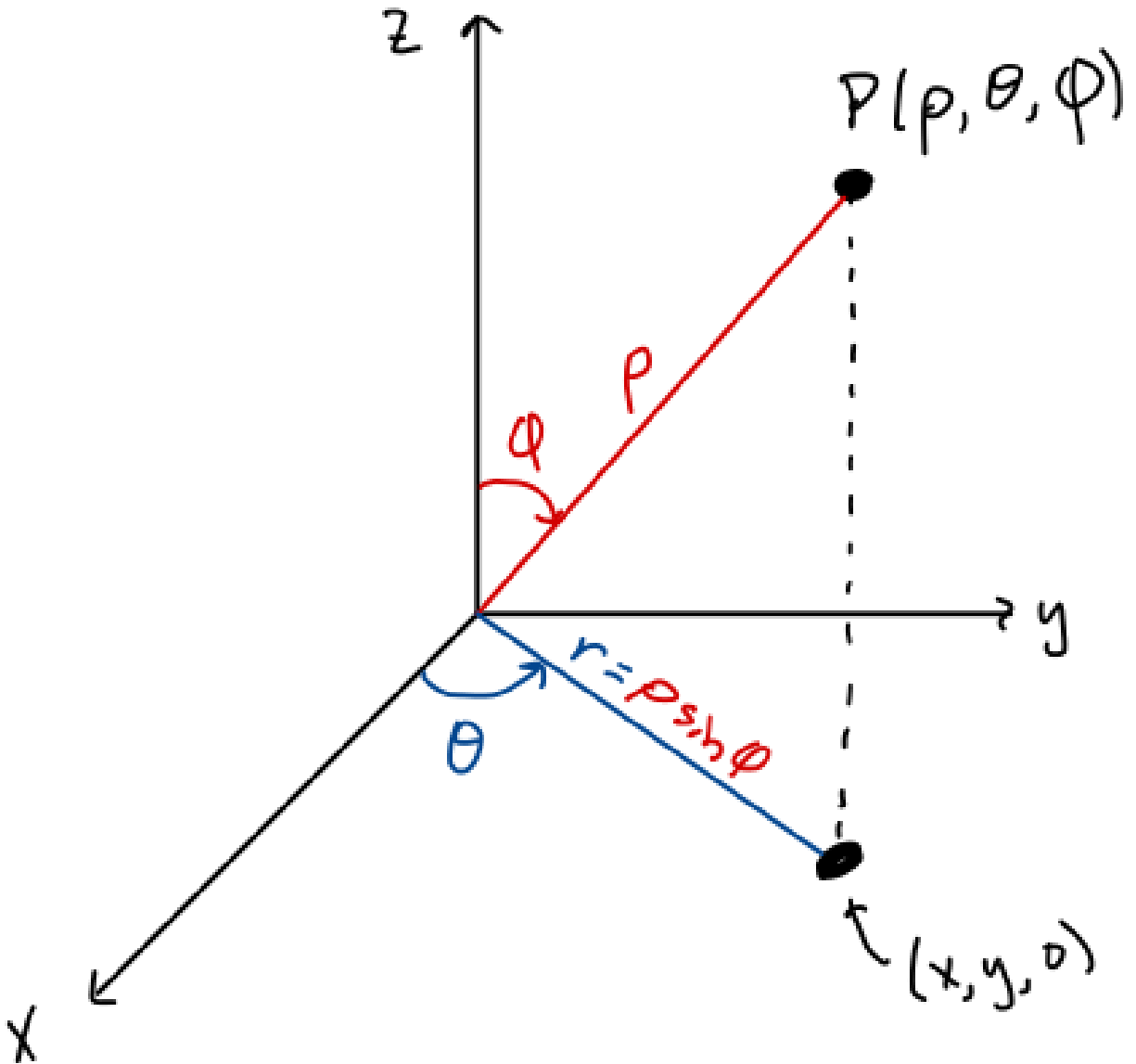
$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_E f(x, y, z) \, dV &= \iint_D \left( \int_{u_1(x, y)}^{u_2(x, y)} f(x, y, z) \, dz \right) dA \\ &= \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \int_{h_1(\theta)}^{h_2(\theta)} \int_{u_1(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)}^{u_2(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)} f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, z) r \, dz \, dr \, d\theta \end{aligned}$$

**Volume Element:**  $dV = r \, dz \, dr \, d\theta$

Example 1: Revisit finding the volume of the “Ice Cream Cone” solid region bounded above by  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$  and below by  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$ , where  $z \geq 0$ .

## Spherical Coordinates

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Variables:

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- $\rho$ : distance from the origin  $\rho^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ ,  $\rho \geq 0$
- $\theta$ : same angle as in polar/cylindrical coordinates,  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$
- $\phi$ : angle measured down from the positive  $z$ -axis,  $0 \leq \phi \leq \pi$

Equations:

$$x = \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta, \quad y = \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta, \quad z = \rho \cos \phi, \quad x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \rho^2$$


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Triple Integral Setup:

For a solid region  $E$  with bounds:  $\rho : a \text{ to } b, \quad \theta : \alpha \text{ to } \beta, \quad \phi : c \text{ to } d$

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

**Volume Element:**  $dV = \rho^2 \sin \phi \, d\rho \, d\theta \, d\phi$

Example 1: How would you describe a sphere of radius  $R$  using spherical coordinates? Top only? Bottom only? First octant only?

Example 2: Find the volume of the region described by  $1 \leq x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 9$  using a triple integral.

Example 3: Revisit finding the volume of the “Ice Cream Cone” solid region bounded above by  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$  and below by  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$ , where  $z \geq 0$ .

Example 4: What does the following quantity represent? Calculate it for the “Ice Cream Cone” solid region described above.

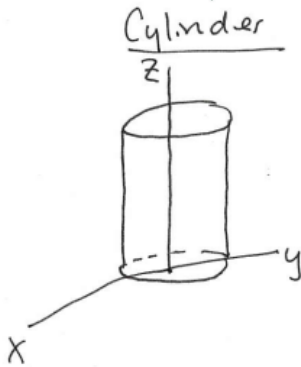
$$\frac{\iiint_E z \, dV}{\iiint_E dV}$$

## Equations of Some “Standard” Surfaces:

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Cylinder of radius  $a$ :

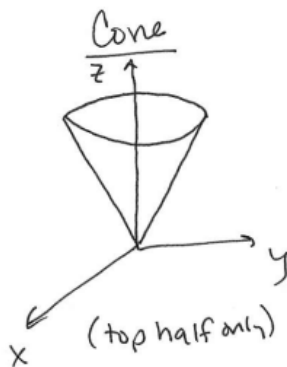
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- **Rectangular Coordinates:**  $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$
- **Cylindrical Coordinates:**  $r = a$
- **Spherical Coordinates:** (Not worth it!)

Cone (top half):

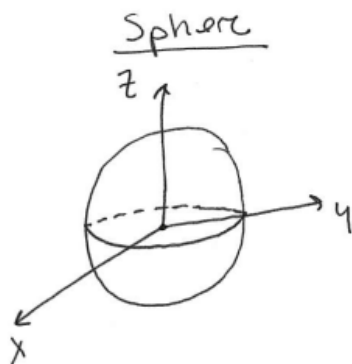
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- **Rectangular Coordinates:**  $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$
- **Cylindrical Coordinates:**  $r = z$
- **Spherical Coordinates:**  $\phi = \frac{\pi}{4}$

Sphere of radius  $a$ :

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- **Rectangular Coordinates:**  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$
- **Cylindrical Coordinates:**  $r^2 + z^2 = a^2$
- **Spherical Coordinates:**  $\rho = a$