

Cylindrical and Spherical Coordinates

MA 113

Write an equation for a sphere of radius 5 centered at the origin, (a, b, c)

$$r^2 + z^2 = 25$$

$$(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 + (z-c)^2 = 25 \quad (r \cos \theta - a)^2 + (r \sin \theta - b)^2 + (z-c)^2 = 25$$

$$x^2 - 2ax + a^2 + y^2 - 2by + b^2 + (z-c)^2 = 25$$

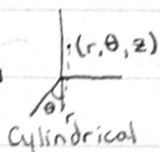
$$r^2 - 2ar \cos \theta - 2br \sin \theta + a^2 + b^2 + (z-c)^2 = 25$$



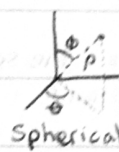
$$h \sqrt{\frac{a}{r}}$$

$$\frac{z}{h} = \frac{r}{a}$$

$$dV = dz r dr d\theta$$



Cylindrical

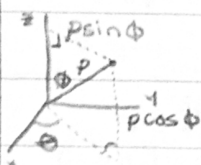


Spherical

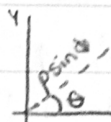
ρ = distance from the origin ≥ 0

ϕ = angle from the positive z -axis, $0 \leq \phi \leq \pi$

θ = polar angle, $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$



$$z = \rho \cos \phi$$

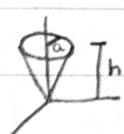


$$x = \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta$$

$$y = \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta$$

$$\rho^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \quad \tan \theta = \frac{y}{x} \quad \cos \phi = \frac{z}{\rho}$$

$$dV = \rho^2 \sin \phi d\rho d\theta d\phi$$



$$h \sqrt{\frac{a}{\rho}}$$

$$\tan \phi = \frac{a}{h}$$

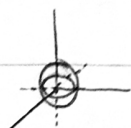
$$\phi = \arctan\left(\frac{a}{h}\right)$$

$$0 < \phi < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$V = \iiint_D dV = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\arctan(\frac{a}{h})} \int_0^{h \sec \phi} \rho^2 \sin \phi d\rho d\phi d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\arctan(\frac{a}{h})} \frac{1}{3} h^3 \sec^3 \phi \sin \phi d\phi d\theta = \frac{1}{3} \pi a^2 h$$

Volume of a sphere of radius 2



$$V = \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 \rho^2 \sin \phi d\theta d\phi d\rho = \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} 2\rho^2 \sin \phi d\phi d\theta = \int_0^\pi \frac{16\pi}{3} \sin \phi d\phi$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} \pi (2)^3 = \int_0^\pi \sin \phi d\phi \int_0^2 \rho^2 d\rho \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta$$


A sphere of radius a with uniform density and mass M is rotated around an axis through its center. Find the moment of inertia.



$$I = \iiint_R \underbrace{\text{density}}_{\frac{M}{V} = \frac{3M}{4\pi a^3}} \cdot \underbrace{\text{distance}^2}_{x^2 + y^2 = \rho^2 \sin^2 \phi} dV = \text{density} \cdot \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^a \rho^4 \sin^3 \phi d\theta d\phi d\rho = \text{density} \cdot \frac{8}{15} \pi a^5$$

$$= \frac{2}{5} a^2 M$$

Sphere of radius a with uniform density, with the rotational axis k units from the center



$$I = \frac{3M}{4\pi a^3} \iiint x^2 + (y-k)^2 dV = \frac{3M}{4\pi a^3} \left(\underbrace{\iiint x^2 + y^2 dV}_{\frac{8}{15}\pi a^5} - \underbrace{\iiint 2ky dV}_0 + \underbrace{\iiint k^2 dV}_V \right) = \boxed{\frac{2}{5} a^2 M + k^2 M}$$

Parallel axis theorem for spheres

Sphere, remove the "core"



Cylindrical hole through the sphere
Which coordinate system?



Set up an integral for volume in cylindrical and spherical coordinates, then compute

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = b^2 \Rightarrow \rho = b \Rightarrow r^2 + z^2 = b^2 \quad x^2 + y^2 = a^2 \Rightarrow \rho \sin \phi = a \Rightarrow r = a$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-\sqrt{b^2-a^2}}^{\sqrt{b^2-a^2}} \int_a^{\sqrt{b^2-z^2}} r dr dz d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-\sqrt{b^2-a^2}}^{\sqrt{b^2-a^2}} b^2 - a^2 - z^2 dz d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} (b^2 - a^2)^{3/2} - \frac{1}{3} (b^2 - a^2)^{3/2} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} (b^2 - a^2)^{3/2} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta = \boxed{\frac{4\pi}{3} (b^2 - a^2)^{3/2}}$$

Volume of a sphere when $a=0$
Volume of a cylinder when $b=0$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_a^b \int_{-\sqrt{b^2-r^2}}^{\sqrt{b^2-r^2}} r dz dr d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_a^b 2r \sqrt{b^2-r^2} dr d\theta = -\frac{2}{3} \int_0^{2\pi} -(b^2 - r^2)^{3/2} d\theta = \boxed{\frac{4\pi}{3} (b^2 - a^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_{\arcsin(a/b)}^{\pi - \arcsin(a/b)} \int_{a \csc \phi}^b \rho^2 \sin \phi d\rho d\phi d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \left[-\frac{1}{3} b^3 \cos \phi + \frac{1}{3} a^3 \cot \phi \right]_{\arcsin(a/b)}^{\pi - \arcsin(a/b)} d\theta = \boxed{\frac{4\pi}{3} (b^2 - a^2)^{3/2}}$$