

TRIPLE INTEGRAL IN SPHERICAL COORDINATE

$$\iiint_G f(\rho, \theta, \phi) = \iiint_{\text{appropriate limits}} f(\rho, \theta, \phi) \rho^2 \sin \phi \, d\rho \, d\theta \, d\phi$$

$G \rightarrow$ Solid

ρ (rho) \rightarrow constant that represents a sphere centered at the origin.

Eqn of sphere centered at the origin

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \rho^2$$

$\theta \rightarrow$ constant, represents a half plane (height) [z-axis represents height].

$\phi \rightarrow$ constant that represents a right circular cone with its vertex at the origin and its line of symmetry along the z-axis for $\phi = \frac{\pi}{2}$ and in the xy-plane if $\underbrace{\quad}_{z=0}$

$$\phi = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

A right circular cone is a circular cone whose altitude intersects the plane of the circle at the circle's center. The height of an object or a point in relation to sea level or ground level is known as altitude.

Relation

$$\underbrace{(\rho, \theta, \phi)}_{\text{spherical coordinate}} \rightarrow \underbrace{(x, y, z)}_{\text{cartesian coordinate}}$$

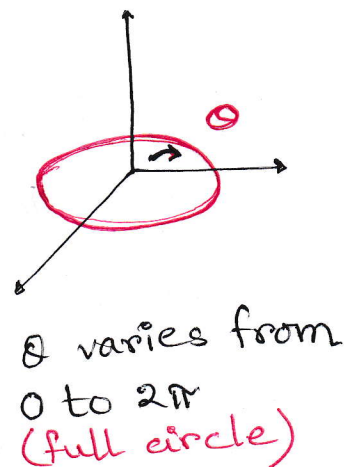
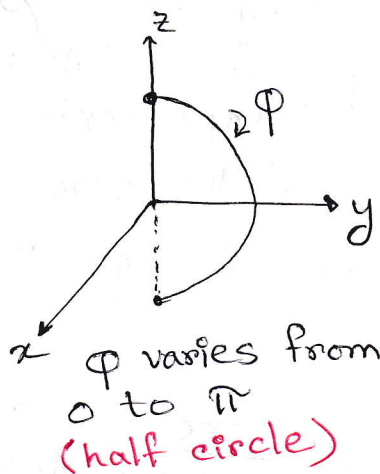
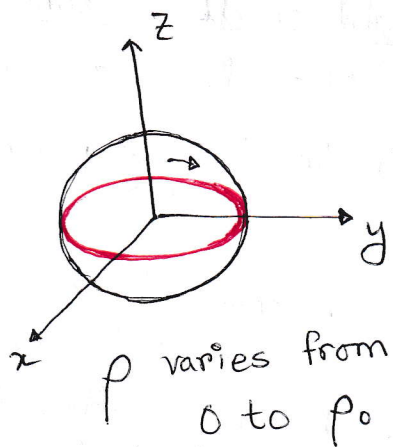
$$x = \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta$$

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

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

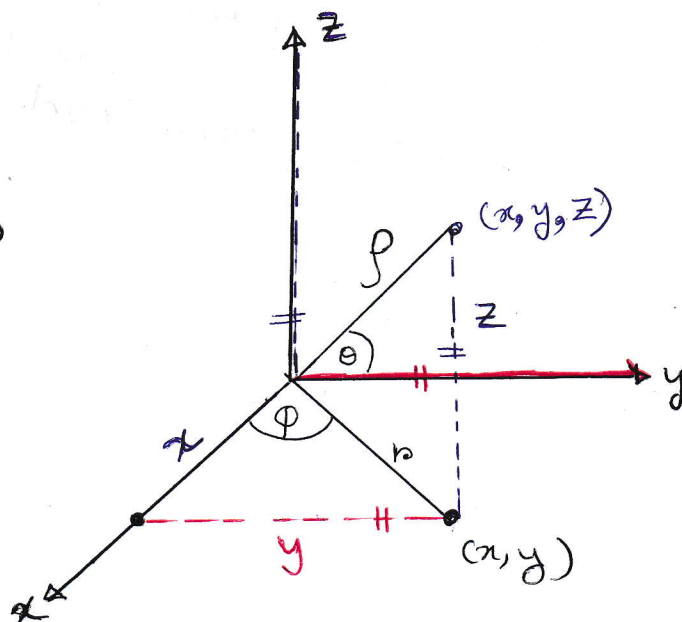
$\therefore x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \rho^2 \rightarrow$ Eqn of sphere centered at the origin

$$\therefore \rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$



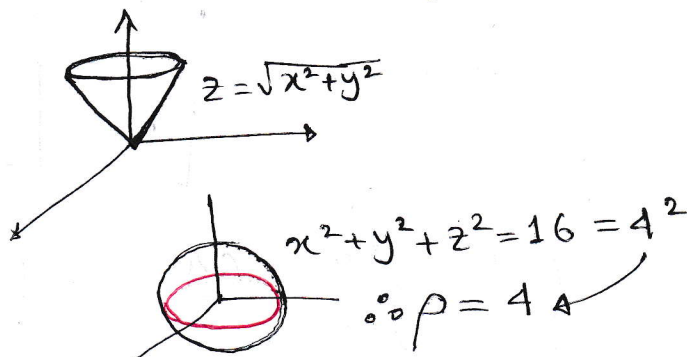
$\rho \rightarrow$ radius of sphere } $\rho \geq 0$
in 3D-plane

$r \rightarrow$ radius of circle } $r \geq 0$
in 2D-plane



Examples

- ① Use spherical coordinate to find the volume of the solid G bounded above by the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 16$ and below by the cone $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$.



Solution: In the spherical coordinates:
the eqn $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 16$ is $\rho = 4$ and
the eqn of the cone $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$

$$\Rightarrow \rho \cos \varphi = \sqrt{\rho^2 \sin^2 \varphi \cos^2 \theta + \rho^2 \sin^2 \varphi \sin^2 \theta}$$

$$\rho \cos \varphi = \sqrt{\rho^2 \sin^2 \varphi (\underbrace{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta}_{\rightarrow 1})}$$

$$\rho \cos \varphi = \rho \sin \varphi$$

$$1 = \frac{\sin \varphi}{\cos \varphi} \Rightarrow \tan \varphi = 1$$

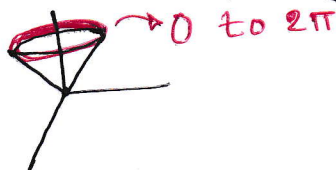
$$\Rightarrow \varphi = \pi/4$$

$$\therefore \rho \in [0, 4]$$

$$\varphi \in [0, \pi/4]$$

$$\theta \in [0, 2\pi] \quad \because \text{the cone is given by}$$

$$z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$



$$\text{Volume} = \iiint dv$$

$$= \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{\phi=0}^{\pi/4} \int_{\rho=0}^4 \rho^2 \sin \phi \, d\rho \, d\phi \, d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/4} \left[\frac{\rho^3}{3} \right]_0^4 \sin \phi \, d\phi \, d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{64}{3} \sin \phi \, d\phi \, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{64}{3} \int_0^{2\pi} \left[-\cos \phi \right]_0^{\pi/4} d\theta$$

$$= -\frac{64}{3} \int_0^{2\pi} \left[\cos \frac{\pi}{4} - \cos 0 \right] d\theta$$

$$= -\frac{64}{3} \int_0^{2\pi} \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - 1 \right] d\theta$$

$$= -\frac{64}{3} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - 1 \right) \left[\theta \right]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= -\frac{64}{3} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - 1 \right) (2\pi)$$

$$= \frac{64\pi}{3} (2 - \sqrt{2})$$

② The solid bounded by the sphere $\rho = 4$ and below by the cone $\phi = \frac{\pi}{3}$.

Solution: $V = \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{\phi=0}^{\pi/3} \int_{\rho=0}^4 \rho^2 \sin \phi \, d\rho \, d\phi \, d\theta$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/3} \sin \phi \left[\frac{\rho^3}{3} \right]_0^4 \, d\phi \, d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/3} \sin \phi (64/3) \, d\phi \, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{64}{3} \int_0^{2\pi} \left[-\cos \phi \right]_0^{\pi/3} \, d\theta$$

$$= -\frac{64}{3} \int_0^{2\pi} \left[\cos \frac{\pi}{3} - \cos 0 \right] \, d\theta$$

$$= -\frac{64}{3} \int_0^{2\pi} \left[\frac{1}{2} - 1 \right] \, d\theta$$

$$= -\frac{64}{3} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) \left[\theta \right]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= \frac{32}{3} [2\pi - 0]$$

$$= \frac{64\pi}{3}.$$

③ The solid enclosed by the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4a^2$ and the planes $z=0$ and $z=a$.

Solution: In spherical coordinates the sphere and the plane $z=a$

consider $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4a^2 = (2a)^2$

$\therefore \rho = 2a$

$$V = \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{\phi=0}^{\pi/3} \int_{\rho=0}^{2a} \rho^2 \sin \phi \, d\rho \, d\phi \, d\theta$$

We know $z = \rho \cos \phi$

$\therefore a = 2a \cos \phi$

$\therefore z = a, \rho = 2a$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/3} \left[\frac{\rho^3}{3} \right]_0^{2a} \sin \phi \, d\phi \, d\theta$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{a}{2a} = \cos \phi \quad = \frac{8a^3}{3} \int_0^{2\pi} \left[-\cos \phi \right]_0^{\pi/3} d\theta$$

$$\cos \phi = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\phi = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\phi = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$= \frac{-8a^3}{3} \int_0^{2\pi} \left[\cos \frac{\pi}{3} - \cos 0 \right] d\theta$$

$$= -\frac{8a^3}{3} \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{1}{2} - 1 \right) d\theta$$

$$= -\frac{8a^3}{3} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) \left[\theta \right]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= \frac{4a^3}{3} [2\pi - 0]$$

$$= \frac{8\pi a^3}{3}$$