

## TRIPLE INTEGRAL IN SPHERICAL COORDINATE

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

$G \rightarrow$  Solid

$\rho$  (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

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

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

$$(\rho, \theta, \phi) \rightarrow (x, y, z)$$

spherical coordinate      cartesian coordinate

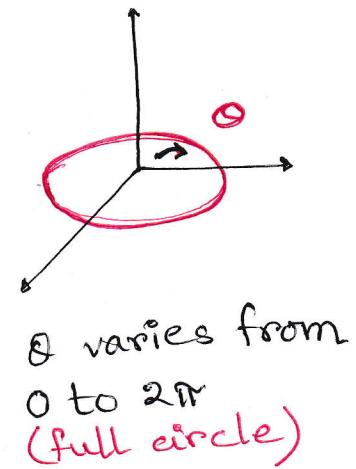
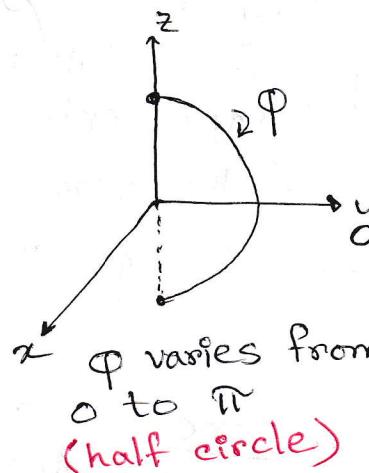
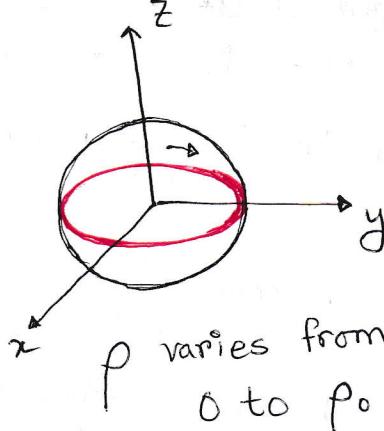
$$x = \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta$$

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

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

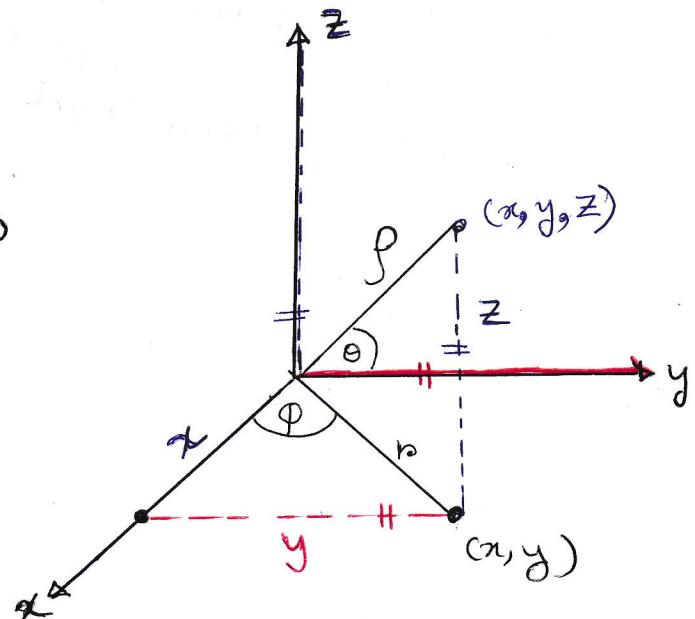
$\therefore x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \rho^2 \rightarrow$  Eqn of sphere centered at the origin

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



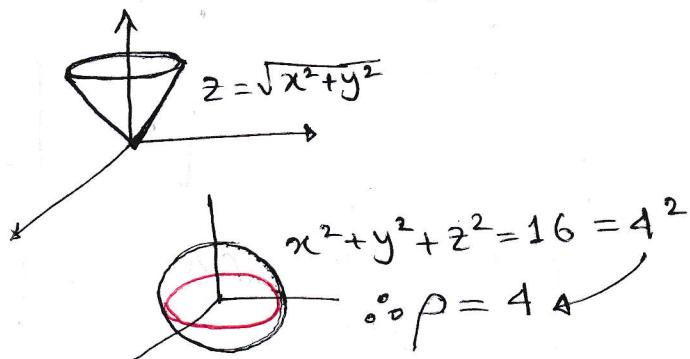
$\rho \rightarrow$  radius of sphere  
in 3D-plane }  $\rho \geq 0$

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



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

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

$$\rho \cos \phi = \sqrt{\rho^2 \sin^2 \phi (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)}$$

$$\rho \cos \phi = \rho \sin \phi$$

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

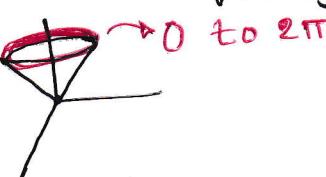
$$\Rightarrow \phi = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

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

$$\phi \in [0, \frac{\pi}{4}]$$

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

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



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Volume} &= \iiint \rho \sin \varphi \, d\rho \, d\varphi \, d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/4} \int_{\rho=0}^4 \rho^2 \sin \varphi \, d\rho \, d\varphi \, d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/4} \left[ \frac{\rho^3}{3} \right]_0^4 \sin \varphi \, d\varphi \, d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{64}{3} \sin \varphi \, d\varphi \, d\theta \\
 &= \frac{64}{3} \int_0^{2\pi} \left[ -\cos \varphi \right]_0^{\pi/4} \, d\theta \\
 &= -\frac{64}{3} \int_0^{2\pi} \left[ \cos \frac{\pi}{4} - \cos \theta \right] \, d\theta \\
 &= -\frac{64}{3} \int_0^{2\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - 1 \right] \, d\theta \\
 &= -\frac{64}{3} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - 1 \right) \left[ \theta \right]_0^{2\pi} \\
 &= -\frac{64}{3} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - 1 \right) (2\pi) \\
 &= \frac{64\pi}{3} (2 - \sqrt{2})
 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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  $z = \rho \cos\phi$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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