

# 15.8 Triple integrals in spherical coordinates

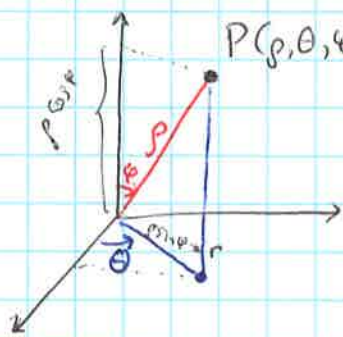
spherical coordinates

$P(\rho, \theta, \varphi)$

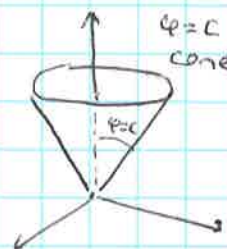
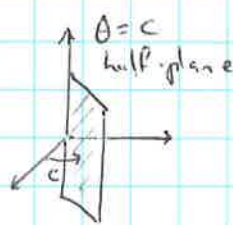
$\rho = |\vec{OP}|$   
 $\theta$  angle between  $\vec{OP}$  and z-axis  
 $\varphi$  same as in cylindrical

$\rho \geq 0, 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi,$

$0 \leq \varphi \leq \pi$



$\rho = c$  - a sphere



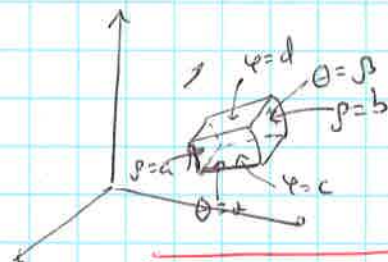
$$\begin{aligned} x &= \rho \sin \varphi \cos \theta \\ y &= \rho \sin \varphi \sin \theta \\ z &= \rho \cos \varphi \end{aligned}$$

$z = \rho \cos \varphi$   
 $r = \rho \sin \varphi$   
 r of cylindrical

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

Triple integrals

$E: c \leq \varphi \leq d$   
 $\alpha \leq \theta \leq \beta$   
 $a \leq \rho \leq b$  - spherical wedge



$$\int_c^d \int_\alpha^\beta \int_a^b$$

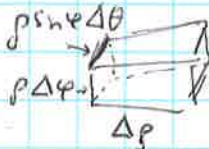
$$\iiint_E f(x, y, z) dV = \int_c^d \int_\alpha^\beta \int_a^b f(\rho \sin \varphi \cos \theta, \rho \sin \varphi \sin \theta, \rho \cos \varphi) \rho^2 \sin \varphi d\rho d\theta d\varphi$$

$\rho^2 \sin \varphi d\rho d\theta d\varphi$

- can extend this to more general spherical regions,

$E: c \leq \varphi \leq d$   
 $\alpha \leq \theta \leq \beta$   
 $g_1(\theta, \varphi) \leq \rho \leq g_2(\theta, \varphi)$

from the volume of a small spherical wedge

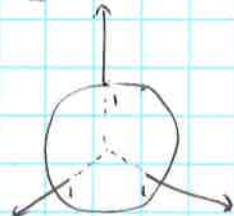


$\Delta V = \rho^2 \sin \varphi \Delta \rho \Delta \theta \Delta \varphi$

when boundary of E is formed of cones and spheres - use spherical coords.

Ex: find  $\iiint_B e^{(x^2+y^2+z^2)^{3/2}} dV$

where  $B = \{(x, y, z) | x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 1\}$   
 - unit ball



Sol: 
$$\int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 e^{(\rho^2)^{3/2}} \rho^2 \sin \varphi d\rho d\theta d\varphi$$

$B = \{(\rho, \theta, \varphi) | \begin{matrix} 0 \leq \varphi \leq \pi \\ 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi \\ 0 \leq \rho \leq 1 \end{matrix}\}$

$$= \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} \left. \frac{1}{3} \sin \varphi e^{\rho^3} \right|_{\rho=0}^{\rho=1} d\theta d\varphi$$

$$= \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{3} \sin \varphi \cdot (e-1) d\theta d\varphi$$

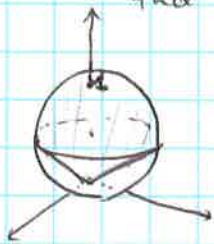
$$= \frac{2\pi}{3} (e-1) \int_0^\pi \sin \varphi d\varphi = \frac{4\pi}{3} (e-1)$$

\* in rectangular, same integral:  $\int_{-1}^1 \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2-y^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2-y^2}} e^{(x^2+y^2+z^2)^{3/2}} dz dy dx$  ← much more cumbersome!

Ex:  $E$  - solid above the cone  $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  and below the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2$ .

Find the volume of  $E$ .

$$x^2 + y^2 + \left(z - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4}$$



Sol: sphere:  $\rho^2 = \rho \cos \varphi$  or  $\rho = \cos \varphi$

cone:  $\rho \cos \varphi = \rho \sin \varphi \rightarrow \cos \varphi = \sin \varphi \rightarrow \varphi = \pi/4$

So,  $E$ :  $0 \leq \varphi \leq \pi/4$

$$0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

$$0 \leq \rho \leq \cos \varphi$$

$$V(E) = \iiint_E dV = \int_0^{\pi/4} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\cos \varphi} \rho^2 \sin \varphi \, d\rho \, d\theta \, d\varphi = \frac{2\pi}{3} \int_0^{\pi/4} \underbrace{\cos^3 \varphi \sin \varphi}_{\frac{1}{3} \cos^3 \varphi \sin \varphi} \, d\varphi = \left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \cos^3 \varphi \Big|_0^{\pi/4} = \frac{1}{3} \left(1 - \frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{3}{16}$$