

A point $P(x, y, z)$ can be represented as $P(\rho, \theta, \phi)$ in spherical coordinates, where

[Sketch]

ρ is the distance between P and the origin $\Rightarrow \rho^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \quad \rho \geq 0$

θ measures the angle in the xy -plane from the positive x -axis to the line segment \overline{OP}

Same θ for cylindrical coordinates.

ϕ measures the angle from the positive z -axis to the line segment \overline{OP} . $(0 \leq \phi \leq \pi)$

To convert between coordinate systems, consider triangle $OP'P$.

[Sketch]

Spherical to Rectangular:

Rectangular to Spherical:

Spherical to Cylindrical:

Cylindrical to Spherical:

EX Given the spherical point $(2, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{3})$

(a). Plot the point

(b). Convert to Rectangular

(c). Convert to Cylindrical

Spherical coordinates are good for describing surfaces that have symmetry about a point.

EX

EX Identify the following surface and sketch. $\rho \sin \theta = 2$

EX Write the equation for a the hyperboloid of one sheet in spherical coordinates. $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 1$

Triple Integrals in Spherical Coordinates $\int \int \int_E f(x, y, z) dV$

What is the volume element dV ?

[Sketch]

$$\int \int \int_E f(x, y, z) dV = \int \int \int_E f(\rho \sin \phi \cos \theta, \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta, \rho \cos \phi) dV =$$

where E is the spherical wedge $E = \{(\rho, \theta, \phi) | a \leq \rho \leq b, \alpha \leq \theta \leq \beta, c \leq \phi \leq d\}$

[Note: Can be extended to more general regions, e.g. $g_1(\theta, \phi) \leq \rho \leq g_2(\theta, \phi)$]

EX Find the volume between the spheres $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$ and $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 16$ and inside the cone $3z^2 = x^2 + y^2$.

EX Sketch the solid region of integration. Convert the integral to spherical coordinates.

$$\int_{-3}^3 \int_0^{\sqrt{9-y^2}} \int_{-\sqrt{9-x^2-y^2}}^{\sqrt{9-x^2-y^2}} x \, dz \, dx \, dy$$

EX Convert to spherical and integrate. $\int \int \int_E \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}{z} \, dV$ where E is the solid bounded by the upper half of the cone $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$ and the plane $z = 1$.