# Triple Integrals: Cylindrical \& Spherical Coordinates 

## Calculus III

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## PART I:

## SETUP OF TRIPLE INTEGRALS IN CYLINDRICAL COORDINATES

## Cylindrical Coordinates



| COORDINATE | INTERPRETATION | REMARK(S) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $r$ | $\|r\| \equiv$ Distance from origin to point | $r \in \mathbb{R}$ <br> $r$ can be negative |
| $\theta$ | Angle swept CCW from positive $x$-axis | $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ |
| Often $\theta \in[0,2 \pi]$ |  |  |
| $z$ | $\|z\| \equiv$ Distance from $x y$-plane to point | $z \in \mathbb{R}$ |
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## Cylindrical Coordinates

## Proposition

(Rectangular $\rightarrow$ Cylindrical)

$$
\begin{gathered}
x=r \cos \theta \\
y=r \sin \theta \\
z=z
\end{gathered}
$$

## Proposition

(Cylindrical $\rightarrow$ Rectangular)

$$
\begin{gathered}
r=\sqrt{x^{2}+y^{2}} \\
\theta=\arctan \left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \\
z=z
\end{gathered}
$$

REMARK: The focus will be converting Rectangular $\rightarrow$ Cylindrical (top box).

## Surfaces with Simple Cylindrical Forms


(Circular) Cylinder
Rectangular Form: $x^{2}+y^{2}=k^{2}$
Cylindrical Form: $r=k$
$(k \in \mathbb{R})$

## Surfaces with Simple Cylindrical Forms



Rectangular Form: $x^{2}+y^{2}=z^{2}$
Cylindrical Form: $r=z$

## Surfaces with Simple Cylindrical Forms



Rectangular Form: $x^{2}+y^{2}=k z$ Cylindrical Form: $r^{2}=k z$
$(k \in \mathbb{R})$

## Surfaces with Simple Cylindrical Forms


(Circular) Hyperboloid of 1 Sheet
Rectangular Form: $x^{2}+y^{2}-z^{2}=1$ Cylindrical Form: $r^{2}=z^{2}+1$

## Surfaces with Simple Cylindrical Forms


(Circular) Hyperboloid of 2 Sheets
Rectangular Form: $x^{2}+y^{2}-z^{2}=-1$
Cylindrical Form: $r^{2}=z^{2}-1$

## Triple Integrals in Cylindrical Coordinates



## Proposition

(Triple Integral in Cylindrical Coordinates)
Let $f(x, y, z) \in C(E)$, where solid $E \subset \mathbb{R}^{3}$ is $z$-simple s.t. its proj. $D$ is $r$-simple.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \iiint_{E} f d V \stackrel{C Y L}{=} \\
& \quad \int_{\text {Smallest } \theta \text {-value in } D}^{\text {Largest } \theta \text {-value in } D} \int_{\operatorname{Inner} B C \text { of } D}^{\text {Outer BC of } D} \int_{\text {Btm BS in cyl. form }}^{\text {Top BS in cyl. form }} f r d z d r d \theta \\
&= \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \int_{g_{1}(\theta)}^{g_{2}(\theta)} \int_{f_{1}(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)}^{f_{2}(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)} f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, z) r d z d r d \theta
\end{aligned}
$$

If region $D$ only has an outer BC , then the inner BC is the pole $(r=0)$. REMARK: Always integrate in the order $d z d r d \theta$.

## PART II:

## SETUP OF TRIPLE INTEGRALS IN SPHERICAL COORDINATES

## Spherical Coordinates



| COORDINATE | INTERPRETATION | REMARK(S) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\rho$ | Distance from origin to point | $\rho \geq 0$ |
| $\theta$ | Angle swept CCW from positive $x$-axis | $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ |
| Often $\theta \in[0,2 \pi]$ |  |  |
| $\phi$ | Angle swept from positive $z$-axis | $\phi \in[0, \pi]$ |
| $\rho \equiv$ "rho" | $\theta \equiv$ "theta" | $\phi \equiv$ "phi" |
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## "The Sphere's Notational Curse"

Unfortunately, other books use different notations for spherical coordinates:

| MATH | PHYSICS | GIS/CARTOGRAPHY | ASTRONOMY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $(\rho, \theta, \phi)$ | $(\rho, \phi, \theta)$ | (It's Complicated) | (It's Complicated) |
| $(\rho, \vartheta, \phi)$ | $(\rho, \phi, \vartheta)$ |  |  |
| $(\rho, \theta, \varphi)$ | $(\rho, \varphi, \theta)$ |  |  |
| $(\rho, \vartheta, \varphi)$ | $(\rho, \varphi, \vartheta)$ |  |  |
| $(r, \theta, \phi)$ | $(r, \phi, \theta)$ |  |  |
| $(r, \vartheta, \phi)$ | $(r, \phi, \vartheta)$ |  |  |
| $(r, \theta, \varphi)$ | $(r, \varphi, \theta)$ |  |  |
| $(r, \vartheta, \varphi)$ | $(r, \varphi, \vartheta)$ |  |  |

Notations in red are frowned upon by your instructor.....
The convention used going forward is $(\rho, \theta, \phi)$.

## Converting Rectangular $\rightarrow$ Spherical (Derivation)



What are $x, y, z$ in terms of $\rho, \phi, \theta$ ???

## Converting Rectangular $\rightarrow$ Spherical (Derivation)



The legs of the right triangle shown are, by definition, $r$ and $z$. However, the legs can also be written in terms of hypotenuse $\rho$ and angle $\phi$.

## Converting Rectangular $\rightarrow$ Spherical (Derivation)



## Converting Rectangular $\rightarrow$ Spherical (Derivation)



$$
\begin{aligned}
& z=\rho \cos \phi \\
& r=\rho \sin \phi
\end{aligned}
$$

## Converting Rectangular $\rightarrow$ Spherical (Derivation)



$$
\begin{aligned}
& z=\rho \cos \phi \\
& r=\rho \sin \phi
\end{aligned} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \begin{aligned}
& x=r \cos \theta=(\rho \sin \phi) \cos \theta \\
& y=r \sin \theta=(\rho \sin \phi) \sin \theta
\end{aligned}
$$

## Converting Rectangular $\rightarrow$ Spherical (Derivation)



$$
\begin{aligned}
& z=\rho \cos \phi \\
& r=\rho \sin \phi
\end{aligned} \Longrightarrow \begin{aligned}
& x=r \cos \theta=(\rho \sin \phi) \cos \theta \\
& y=r \sin \theta=(\rho \sin \phi) \sin \theta
\end{aligned} \Longrightarrow \begin{aligned}
& x=\rho \sin \phi \cos \theta \\
& y=\rho \sin \phi \sin \theta \\
& 7=0 \cos \phi
\end{aligned}
$$

## Converting Rectangular $\leftrightarrow$ Spherical

## Proposition

(Rectangular $\rightarrow$ Spherical)

$$
\begin{gathered}
x=\rho \sin \phi \cos \theta \\
y=\rho \sin \phi \sin \theta \\
z=\rho \cos \phi
\end{gathered}
$$

## Proposition

(Spherical $\rightarrow$ Rectangular)

$$
\begin{gathered}
\rho=\sqrt{x^{2}+y^{2}+z^{2}} \\
\tan \theta=\frac{y}{x} \\
\phi=\arccos \left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{x^{2}+y^{2}+z^{2}}}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

REMARK: The focus will be converting Rectangular $\rightarrow$ Spherical (top box). REMARK: The angle $\phi$ is not to be confused with the empty set $\emptyset$.

## Surfaces with Simple Spherical Forms



Rectangular Form: $x^{2}+y^{2}+z^{2}=k^{2}$ Spherical Form: $\rho=k$

$$
(k>0)
$$

## Surfaces with Simple Spherical Forms



Half-Cone
Spherical Form: $\phi=k$

$$
\left(0<k<\frac{\pi}{2}\right)
$$

## Surfaces with Simple Spherical Forms



Half-Cone
Spherical Form: $\phi=k$

$$
\left(\frac{\pi}{2}<k<\pi\right)
$$

## Surfaces with Simple Spherical Forms



Rectangular Form: $z=0$
Spherical Form: $\phi=\frac{\pi}{2}$

## Spherical Forms of Planes

WORKED EXAMPLE: Write the plane $z=4$ in spherical form.
$z=4 \Longrightarrow \rho \cos \phi=4 \Longrightarrow \rho=\frac{4}{\cos \phi} \Longrightarrow \rho=4 \sec \phi$
WORKED EXAMPLE: Write the plane $y=4$ in spherical form.
$y=4 \Longrightarrow \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta=4 \Longrightarrow \rho=\frac{4}{\sin \phi \sin \theta} \Longrightarrow \rho=4 \csc \phi \csc \theta$
WORKED EXAMPLE: Write the plane $x=4$ in spherical form.
$x=4 \Longrightarrow \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta=4 \Longrightarrow \rho=\frac{4}{\sin \phi \cos \theta} \Longrightarrow \rho=4 \csc \phi \sec \theta$
WORKED EXAMPLE: Write the plane $x+2 y+3 z=4$ in spherical form.
$x+2 y+3 z=4 \Longrightarrow(\rho \sin \phi \cos \theta)+2(\rho \sin \phi \sin \theta)+3(\rho \cos \phi)=4$
$\Longrightarrow \quad \rho=\frac{4}{\sin \phi \cos \theta+2 \sin \phi \sin \theta+3 \cos \phi}$

## Spherical Forms of Cones

WORKED EXAMPLE: Write the half-cone $z=\sqrt{x^{2}+y^{2}}$ in spherical form.
$z=\sqrt{x^{2}+y^{2}} \Longrightarrow z \geq 0 \Longrightarrow \phi \in[0, \pi / 2]$
Apply conversion $\{x=\rho \sin \phi \cos \theta, \quad y=\rho \sin \phi \sin \theta, \quad z=\rho \cos \phi\}$ to the half-cone and simplify:

$$
\begin{aligned}
z & =\sqrt{x^{2}+y^{2}} \\
\rho \cos \phi & =\sqrt{(\rho \sin \phi \cos \theta)^{2}+(\rho \sin \phi \sin \theta)^{2}} \\
& =\sqrt{\rho^{2} \sin ^{2} \phi\left(\cos ^{2} \theta+\sin ^{2} \theta\right)} \\
& =\sqrt{\rho^{2} \sin ^{2} \phi} \\
& =|\rho \sin \phi| \\
& =\rho \sin \phi
\end{aligned}
$$

(Trig Identity)

$$
\left(\sqrt{x^{2}}:=|x|\right)^{\prime}
$$

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

$$
(\text { Since } \rho \geq 0 \text { and } \phi \geq 0)
$$

$\Longrightarrow \cos \phi=\sin \phi$
(Since $\rho=0$ describes the origin, not a cone)
$\Longrightarrow \tan \phi=1 \quad(\sin \phi=0 \Longrightarrow \phi \in\{0, \pi\}$ describes $z$-axis, not a cone $)$
$\Longrightarrow \phi=\pi / 4$
(Since $0 \leq \phi \leq \pi / 2$ )

## Triple Integrals in Spherical Coordinates

## Proposition

(Triple Integral in Spherical Coordinates)
Let $f(x, y, z) \in C(E)$ s.t. $E \subset \mathbb{R}^{3}$ is a closed \& bounded solid. Then:

$$
\begin{gathered}
\iiint_{E} f d V \stackrel{S P H}{=} \int_{\text {Smallest } \theta \text {-val in } E}^{\text {Largest } \theta \text {-val in } E} \int_{\text {Smallest } \phi \text {-val in } E}^{\text {Largest } \phi \text {-val in } E} \int_{\text {Inside BS of } E}^{\text {Outside } B S \text { of } E} f \rho^{2} \sin \phi d \rho d \phi d \theta \\
=\iiint_{E} f(\rho \sin \phi \cos \theta, \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta, \rho \cos \phi) \rho^{2} \sin \phi d \rho d \phi d \theta \\
- \text { OR EQUVIALENTLY - }
\end{gathered}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\iiint_{E} f d V & \stackrel{S P H}{=} \int_{\text {Smallest } \phi \text {-val in } E}^{\text {Largest } \phi \text {-val in } E} \int_{\text {Smallest } \theta \text {-val in } E}^{\text {Largest } \theta \text {-val in } E} \int_{\text {Inside BS of } E}^{\text {Outside BS of } E} f \rho^{2} \sin \phi d \rho d \theta d \phi \\
& =\iiint_{E} f(\rho \sin \phi \cos \theta, \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta, \rho \cos \phi) \rho^{2} \sin \phi d \rho d \theta d \phi
\end{aligned}
$$

REMARK: If there's only one surface, treat origin $(\rho=0)$ as inner BS of $E$. REMARK: Setting up is harder since projection of $E$ on $x y$-plane is useless!

## Fin.

