

Math 241 Section 14.5: Triple Integrals in Polar
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1. Introduction: Cylindrical is like polar plus z however many surfaces can look strange in cylindrical.
Examples:

- (a) $z = x^2 + y^2$ becomes $z = r^2$.
- (b) $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ becomes $z = r$.
- (c) $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$ becomes $r^2 + z^2 = 9$ or the top half $z = \sqrt{9 - r^2}$.
- (d) $z = 2 - x - y$ becomes $z = 2 - r \cos \theta - r \sin \theta$.
- (e) $r = \sin \theta$ becomes a cylinder, as does $r = \cos \theta$ and $r = 3$.

2. The method: If R is parametrized in polar then:

$$\int \int \int_D f(x, y, z) dV = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \int_{N(\theta)}^{F(\theta)} \int_{\text{Floor}(r, \theta)}^{\text{Ceiling}(r, \theta)} f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, z) r dz dr d\theta$$

As with triple integrals in rectangular the first two integrals take care of R . The top and bottom functions must be rewritten in terms of r and θ and the integrand must be rewritten too.

Example: The mass of the ice-cream cone inside $z = \sqrt{3x^2 + 3y^2}$ and inside $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$. It's often tricky to identify R and even the top and bottom functions are often confusing. Here I used $f(x, y, z) = z^2$ for the density.

Example: The volume of the solid inside $r = \sin(\theta)$, below $z = 9 - x^2 - y^2$ and above the xy -plane