

**Math 241 Section 14.6: Triple Integrals in Spherical**  
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1. Introduction: Introduce spherical coordinates. We locate a point using three variables:

$\theta$  is the familiar one, the angle from the positive  $x$ -axis.

$\phi$  is the angle measured from the positive  $z$ -axis downwards, so  $0 \leq \phi \leq \pi$ .

$\rho$  is the distance from the origin.

Graph some points (very few) and then show a picture which illustrates how to change these to  $x, y, z$  which we'll need for substitution:

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta \\y &= \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta \\z &= \rho \cos \phi \\x^2 + y^2 + z^2 &= \rho^2\end{aligned}$$

2. Classic examples of equations in spherical:

(a) Sphere  $\rho = 3$

(b) Cone  $\phi = \pi/4$

(c) The plane  $z = 2$  becomes  $\rho \cos \phi = 2$  or  $\rho = 2 \sec \phi$ .

3. Describing objects in spherical: A solid  $D$  will be described as having:

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &\leq \theta \leq \beta \\ \gamma &\leq \phi \leq \delta \\ \text{near}(\theta, \phi) &\leq \rho \leq \text{far}(\theta, \phi)\end{aligned}$$

4. Integration: If  $D$  is described in spherical then:

$$\iiint_D f(x, y, z) dV = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \int_{\gamma}^{\delta} \int_{\text{near}(\theta, \phi)}^{\text{far}(\theta, \phi)} f(\rho \sin \phi \cos \theta, \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta, \rho \cos \phi) \rho^2 \sin \phi d\rho d\phi d\theta$$

NOTE 1: The  $\rho^2 \sin \phi$  is like the polar/cylindrical  $r$ . We just have to remember for now to put it there.

NOTE 2: The book allows the middle iterated integral to have limits which are functions of theta - see the  $h_1(\theta)$  and  $h_2(\theta)$  in Thm 14.11 on p.947. In practice these are always constants so I just gave those limits as  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$ .

Example: The solid between the spheres  $\rho = 1$  and  $\rho = 2$ .

Example: If we just take the top half of the previous.

Example: If we just take the part of the previous having  $x \leq 0$ ,  $y \geq 0$  and  $z \geq 0$ . This one is nice to draw.

Example: The volume of the ice-cream cone inside  $\phi = \pi/6$  and inside  $\rho = 5$ .

Example: If we chop off the bottom at  $z = 1$ .