

1 TRIPLE INTEGRALS

1. If f is an integrable function defined on a box $B = [a, b] \times [c, d] \times [p, q] \subset \mathbb{R}^3$, the triple integral can be calculated as:

$$\iiint_B f \, dV = \int_a^b \left[\int_c^d \left[\int_p^q f(x, y, z) \, dz \right] dy \right] dx$$

2. An **Elementary region**, $W \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ is defined by the inequalities $a \leq x \leq b$, $\varphi_1(x) \leq y \leq \varphi_2(x)$ and $\gamma_1(x, y) \leq z \leq \gamma_2(x, y)$. The integral of a function in this region is calculated by

$$\iiint_W f \, dV = \int_a^b \int_{\varphi_1(x)}^{\varphi_2(x)} \int_{\gamma_1(x, y)}^{\gamma_2(x, y)} f(x, y, z) \, dz \, dy \, dx$$

2 CYLINDRICAL AND SPHERICAL POLAR COORDINATES

1. The **polar coordinates** (r, θ) of a point (x, y) in the xy -plane are given by

$$x = r \cos \theta \quad y = r \sin \theta.$$

The inverse map to convert (x, y) to (r, θ) :

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{y}{x} \right).$$

2. The **cylindrical coordinates** (r, θ, z) of a point $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ are determined by

$$x = r \cos \theta \quad y = r \sin \theta \quad z = z.$$

The inverse map to convert (x, y, z) to (r, θ, z) :

$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{y}{x} \right) \quad z = z.$$

Volume element in cylindrical coordinates:

$$dx \, dy \, dz = r \, dr \, d\theta \, dz.$$

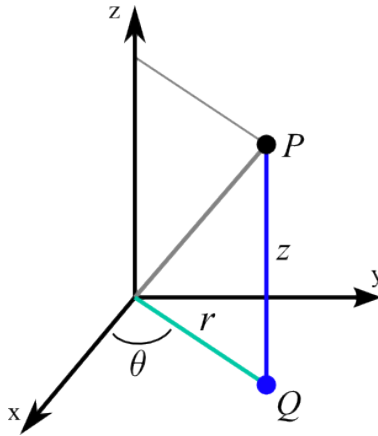


Figure 1: Cylindrical coordinates of the point P . Image credits: mathinsight.org

3. The **Spherical polar coordinates** (ρ, θ, ϕ) of a point $(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ are

$$x = \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta \quad y = \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta \quad z = \rho \cos \phi.$$

The inverse map to convert (x, y, z) to (ρ, θ, ϕ) :

$$\rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{y}{x} \right) \quad \phi = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}} \right).$$

Spherical polar coordinates are exactly like specifying the longitude (ϕ) and latitude (θ) of a point along with its distance from the centre of the Earth (ρ).

Volume element in cylindrical coordinates:

$$dx \, dy \, dz = \rho^2 \sin \phi \, d\rho \, d\theta \, d\phi.$$

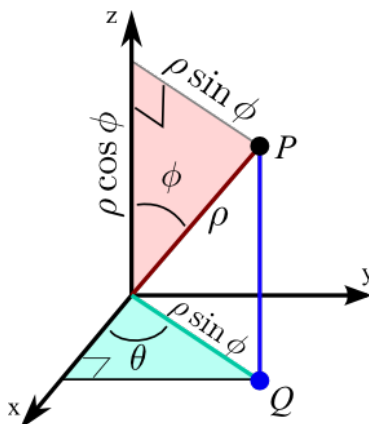


Figure 2: Spherical coordinates of the point P . Image credits: mathinsight.org

3 PRACTICE PROBLEMS

1. Evaluate the integral

$$\iiint_{\mathcal{W}} xyz \, dV,$$

for the region \mathcal{W} defined by $0 \leq z \leq 1$, $0 \leq y \leq \sqrt{1-x^2}$, $0 \leq x \leq 1$.

2. Find the volume of a solid in the octant $x \geq 0$, $y \geq 0$, $z \geq 0$ bounded by $x + y + z = 1$ and $x + y + 2z = 1$.
3. Find the equation in spherical polar coordinates of a cylinder along the z -axis lying between $0 \leq z \leq h$ and radius R .
4. Find the equation in cylindrical coordinates of a sphere of radius R .
5. Determine the mass of a solid lying between two concentric spheres of radii a and b where $0 < a < b$, if the density at each point is equal to the square of the distance of this point from the centre.

Hint: The mass of a solid lying the region $\mathcal{W} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ of density $f(x, y, z)$ is given by $M = \iiint_{\mathcal{W}} f(x, y, z) \, dx \, dy \, dz$.