

## 13.9-13.10: Part I

### Triple integrals in spherical coordinates

- **Spherical coordinates** of  $P$  is the ordered triple  $(\rho, \theta, \phi)$  where  $|OP| = \rho$ ,  $\rho \geq 0$ ,  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ ,  $0 \leq \phi \leq \pi$ .

We have

REMARK 1. The spherical coordinates

$$x = \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta$$

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$$z = \rho \cos \phi$$

$$r \geq 0, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi, \quad 0 \leq \phi \leq \pi$$

are especially useful in problems where there is *symmetry about the origin*.

Note that

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 =$$

EXAMPLE 2. Find equation in spherical coordinates for the following surfaces.

(a)  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 16$

(b)  $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$

(c)  $z = \sqrt{3x^2 + 3y^2}$

(d)  $x = y$

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$$(x, y, z) \quad \rightarrow \quad (r, \theta, z) \quad \rightarrow \quad (\rho, \theta, \phi)$$

$$x = r \cos \theta \quad z = \rho \cos \phi$$

$$y = r \sin \theta \quad r = \rho \sin \phi$$

$$z = z \quad \theta = \theta$$

$$dV = dx dy dz =$$

**THEOREM 3.** Let  $f(x, y, z)$  be a continuous function over a solid  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ . Let  $E^*$  be its image in spherical coordinates. Then

$$\iiint_E f(x, y, z) dV = \iiint_{E^*} f(\rho \sin \phi \cos \theta, \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta, \rho \cos \phi) \rho^2 \sin \phi d\rho d\theta d\phi.$$

EXAMPLE 4. Evaluate  $I = \iiint_E e^{\sqrt{(x^2+y^2+z^2)^3}} dV$  where  $E = \{(x, y, z) : 9 \leq x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 16\}$ .

EXAMPLE 5. Write the integral  $\iiint_E f(x, y, z) dV$  in spherical coordinates where

(a)  $E = \{(x, y, z) : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 1, y \geq 0, z \geq 0\}$ .

(b)  $E$  is the icecream cone-shaped solid, which is cut from the sphere of radius 5 by the cone  $\phi = \pi/6$ .

EXAMPLE 6. Evaluate the integral by changing to spherical coordinates:

$$I = \int_0^3 \int_0^{\sqrt{9-y^2}} \int_{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}^{\sqrt{18-x^2-y^2}} (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) dz dx dy.$$