

## Module 14 : Double Integrals, Applications to Areas and Volumes Change of variables

### Lecture 42 : Change of variables [Section 42.1]

#### Objectives

In this section you will learn the following :

- The change of variables formulae.

#### 42.1 Change of Variables

Recall that we had proved the following result for Riemann integration, called the integration by substitution: Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous,  $g : [c, d] \rightarrow [a, b]$  differentiable and  $g' : [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  Riemann integrable. If  $g(c) = a$  and  $g(d) = b$ , then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_c^d f(g(t)) g'(t) dt.$$

To obtain a similar result for double integrals, we make the following definition.

##### 42.1.1 Definition:

Let  $\Omega$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  be an open set and

$$g : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, g(u, v) := (g_1(u, v), g_2(u, v)) \text{ for } (u, v) \in \Omega,$$

where

$$g_1, g_2 : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

are such that both have partial derivatives in  $\Omega$ . Then, the **Jacobian** of the function  $g$  is the function

$$J : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

defined by

$$J(P) := \frac{\partial(g_1, g_2)(P)}{\partial(u, v)} := \det \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial g_1(P)}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial g_1(P)}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial g_2(P)}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial g_2(P)}{\partial v} \end{pmatrix}, P \in \Omega.$$

We state next the change of variables formula for double integrals without proof.

### 42.1.2 Theorem (Change of variable):

Let  $D$  be an elementary region in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous. Let  $\Omega$  be an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and

$$g: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, g = (g_1, g_2),$$

be a one-one function such that the following holds:

- (i) Both  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  have continuous partial derivatives in  $\Omega$ .
- (ii) The Jacobian function  $J$  of  $g$  does not vanish at any point of  $\Omega$ .
- (iii) There exists  $E \subset \Omega$  such that  $E$  is an elementary region and  $g(E) = D$ . Then

$$\iint_D f(x, y) d(x, y) = \iint_E f(g_1(u, v), g_2(u, v)) |J(u, v)| d(u, v).$$

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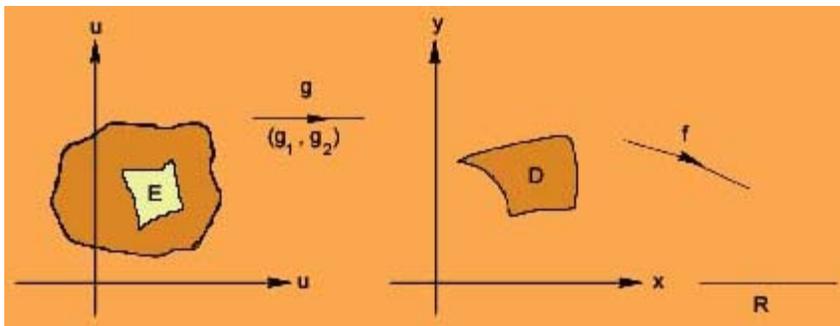


Figure: Change of variables

### 42.1.3 Note:

- (i) The Jacobian may be thought of as a 'magnification factor' for areas. While employing the change of variables result for double integrals, one keeps in mind that after a change of variables, the integrand should be simpler and/or the domain over which integration is to take place should be simpler (for example, a rectangular domain) so that the computations are reduced.
- (ii) The change of variable formula extends to domains  $D$  which are unions of finite number of non-overlapping elementary regions.
- (iii) The Jacobian function can also be defined for suitable functions of three or more variables and a corresponding and there exists a corresponding change of variable formula.

### 42.1.4 Examples:

- (i) Let us find the area of the region  $D$  in the  $xy$ -plane bounded by the lines

$$x + y = 1, x - y = 0, x - y = -4 \text{ and } x + y = 4.$$

The region is the parallelogram

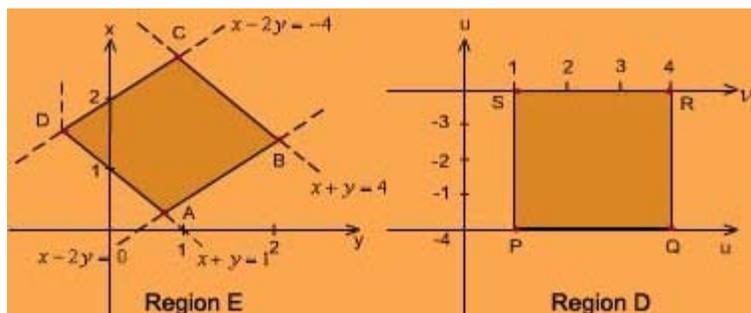


Figure: Change variable

Let us consider the transformation

$$u = x + y \text{ and } v = x - 2y.$$

Then, the transformation

$$g(u, v) = (x, y), \text{ where } x = \frac{2u + v}{3}, y = \frac{4 - v}{3},$$

will take the region  $E$  to  $D$ , where to find  $E$ , we note that the  $g$  takes the line

$$u = 1 \text{ to } x + y = 1,$$

$$u = 4 \text{ to } x + y = 4,$$

$$v = 0 \text{ to } x - 2y = 0,$$

$$v = -4 \text{ to } x - 2y = -4,$$

Thus,  $E$  such that  $g(E) = D$  is given by the rectangle bounded by the lines

$$u = 1, u = 4, v = 0 \text{ and } v = -4.$$

Further, the jacobian of  $g$  is

$$J(u, v) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{3} & -\frac{1}{3} \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{1}{3}.$$

Thus, by change of variables

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area}(D) &= \iint_D d(x, y) \\ &= \iint_E |J(u, v)| d(u, v) = \frac{1}{3} \iint_E d(u, v) = \frac{1}{3} \text{Area}(E) = 4. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Let

$$D = \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid 0 \leq y \leq 2, \frac{y}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{y+4}{2} \right\}$$

$$u = 1 \text{ to } x + y = 1,$$

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and

$$f(x, y) = y^3 (2x - y) e^{(2x-y)^2} \text{ for } (x, y) \in D.$$

Then

$$\iint_D f(x, y) d(x, y) = \int_0^2 \left[ \int_{y/2}^{(y+4)/2} y^3 (2x - y) e^{(2x-y)^2} dx \right] dy.$$

The above integral as such is difficult to compute. The integrand suggest the following change of variables. Let

$$u := 2x - y \text{ and } v = y.$$

Then

$$x := g_1(u, v) = \frac{(u+v)}{2}, \quad y := g_2(u, v) = v.$$

note that  $g(u, v) = (x, y)$  is one-one and the Jacobian function for  $g$  is given by

$$J(u, v) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

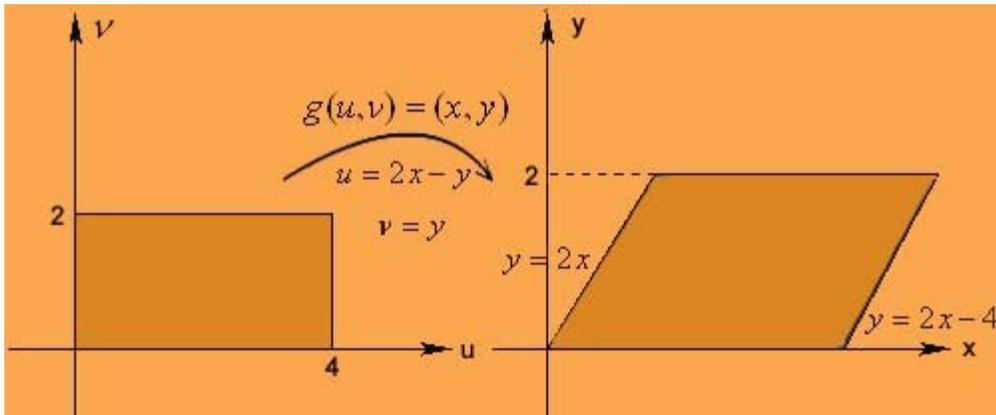


Figure : Change of variable

To compute  $E$  such that  $g(E) = D$ , we compute  $g^{-1}(D)$  as follows:  $g^{-1}$  maps

the line  $y = 0$  to  $v = 0$ ,

the line  $y = 2x$  to  $v = u + y = u + v$ , i.e.,  $u = 0$ ,

the line  $y = 2x - 4$  to  $v = (u + v) - 4$ , i.e.,  $u = 4$ ,

and

the line  $y = 2$  to  $v = 2$ .

Thus, if

$$E := \{(u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid 0 \leq u \leq 4, 0 \leq v \leq 2\},$$

then  $g(E) = D$ . Thus, by the change of variables formula, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_D f(x, y) d(x, y) &= \iint_E v^3 u e^{u^2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) d(u, v) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 \left[ \int_0^4 v^3 u e^{u^2} du \right] dv \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 v^3 \left( \frac{e^{16} - 1}{2} \right) dv \\ &= e^{16} - 1. \end{aligned}$$

## Practice Exercises :

1. Evaluate

$$\iint_D (x^2 - y^2) dx dy$$

by making the change variables

$$u = \frac{x+y}{2}, v = \frac{x-y}{2}$$

[Answer](#)

2. Evaluate the integral  $\iint_D (x-y)^2 \sin^2(x+y) d(x,y)$ , where  $D$  is the parallelogram with vertices at  $(\pi, 0)$ ,  $(2\pi, \pi)$ ,  $(\pi, 2\pi)$  and  $(0, \pi)$ .

[Answer](#)

3. Determine the area of the region  $R$  in the  $xy$ -plane bounded by the hyperbolas  $xy = 1$ ,  $xy = 9$  and the lines  $y = x$ ,  $y = 4x$ .

[Hint : Use the transformation  $x = u/v, y = uv$ ].

[Answer](#)

4. Let  $D$  be the region in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  bounded by the lines

$$x = 0, x = 4, 2y - x = 2 \text{ and } 2y - x = 4.$$

Using the transformation

$$x = 4u, y = 2u + 3v,$$

Compute

$$\iint_D x y dx dy \text{ and } \iint_D (x-y) dx dy$$

[Answer](#)

## Recap

In this section you have learnt the following

- The change of variables formulae.

[Section 42.2]

## Objectives

In this section you will learn the following :

- The change of variable formula in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  from cartesian to polar coordinates.
- The change of variable formula in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  from Cartesian to cylindrical coordinates.

- The change of variable formula in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  from Cartesian to spherical coordinates.

## 42.2 Change of variables to polar, cylindrical and spherical coordinates

In this section we give some important applications of the general change of variables formula proved in the previous section.

### 42.2.1 Definition:

Consider the transformation  $g : (0, \infty) \times [0, 2\pi) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by

$$g(r, \theta) = (x, y), \text{ where } x = r \cos \theta, y = r \sin \theta.$$

The map  $g$  is a one-to-one map and is called the **polar coordinates transformation**. For every point  $P$  in the plane with Cartesian coordinates  $(x, y)$ , the above map associates an ordered pair,  $(r, \theta)$ , called the **polar coordinates** of the point  $P$ .

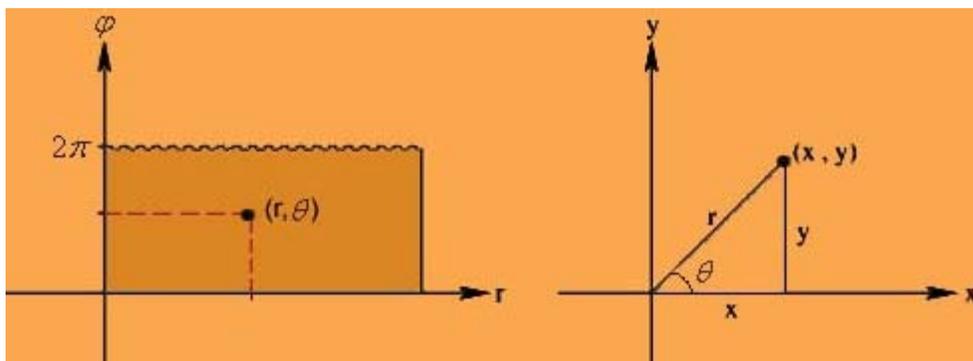


Figure : Polar to Cartesian coordinates

### 42.2.2 Theorem (Change of variables from rectangular to polar)

Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Let

$$D \subset (0, \infty) \times [0, 2\pi), \text{ and } E = g(D),$$

where  $g$  is the polar coordinates transformation. If  $f$  is integrable over  $E$ , then  $f \circ g$  is integrable over  $D$  and

$$\iint_E f(x, y) dx dy = \iint_D f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) r d(r, \theta).$$

### 42.2.3 Examples:

(i) Let us evaluate

$$\iint_D (x^2 + y) d(x, y)$$

where  $D$  is the annular region lying between the two circles  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  and  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ .

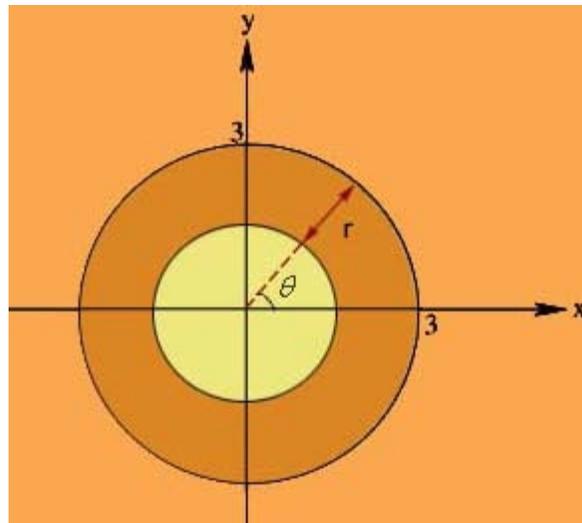


Figure 153. Region  $D$

From the figure, it is clear that if we write

$$E = \{(r, \theta) \mid 1 \leq r \leq 2, 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi\},$$

then  $g(E) = D$ , where  $g$  is the polar coordinate transformations. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_D (x+y) d(x, y) &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_1^2 r^2 (\cos^2 \theta + \sin \theta) r dr d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \left( \int_1^2 (r^3 \cos^2 \theta + r^2 \sin \theta) dr \right) d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \left[ \frac{15}{4} \cos^2 \theta + \sin \theta \right] d\theta \\ &= \frac{15\pi}{8}. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Let  $a > 0, b > 0$ , and

$$D = \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} \leq 1 \right\}.$$

Let

$$f(x, y) = y^2 \text{ for } (x, y) \in D.$$

To evaluate

$$\iint_D f(x, y) d(x, y),$$

we make the change of variables to generalized polar coordinates

$$x := g_1(r, \theta) := ar \cos \theta \text{ and } y := g_2(r, \theta) := br \sin \theta.$$

The Jacobian of this transformation  $g = (g_1, g_2)$  is given by

$$J(r, \theta) = \det \begin{pmatrix} a \cos \theta & -ar \sin \theta \\ b \sin \theta & br \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} = r a b (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) = rab.$$

If we set

$$E = \{(r, \theta) \mid 0 \leq r \leq 1, 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi\} = [0, 1] \times [0, 2\pi],$$

then  $g(D) = E$ , and by the change of variables formula,

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_D f(x, y) d(x, y) &= \iint_E (br \sin \theta)^2 r ab d(r, \theta) \\ &= \int_0^1 \left[ \int_0^{2\pi} a b^3 r^3 \sin^2 \theta d\theta \right] dr \\ &= \int_0^1 a b^3 r^3 \pi dr \\ &= \frac{a b^3 \pi}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

#### 42.2.4

(i) **Triple integral in cylindrical coordinates :**

A point  $P(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  can also be described in terms of **cylindrical coordinates**  $(r, \theta, z)$ , where  $(r, \theta)$  are the polar coordinates the point  $\hat{Q}$ , the projection of  $P$  onto  $xy$ -plane. Thus

$$0 \leq r < \infty, 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi \text{ and } z \in \mathbb{R}.$$

These coordinates are related to the cartesian coordinates by the relations :

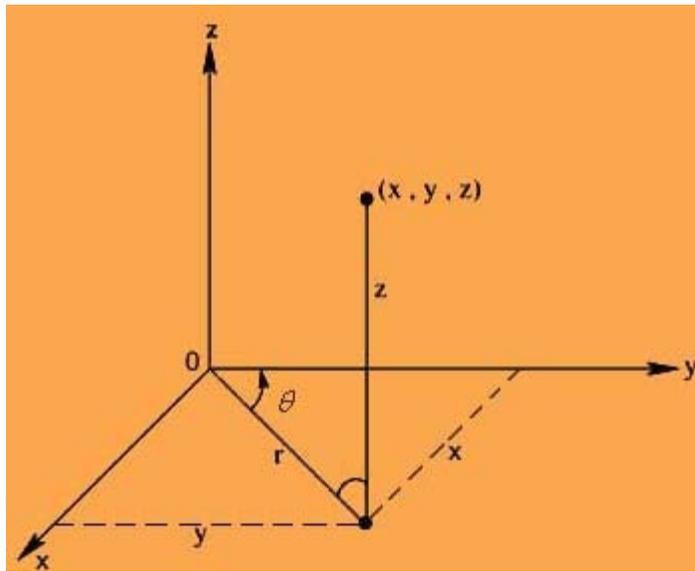


Figure: Cylindrical coordinates

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

The transformation

$$g(r, \theta, z) = (x, y, z)$$

is called the **cylindrical coordinates transformation**. If  $g(E) = D$ , then by the change of variables formula, since  $J(r, \theta, z) = r$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_D f(x, y, z) d(x, y, z) &= \iiint_E (f \circ g)(r, \theta, z) |J(r, \theta, z)| d(r, \theta, z) \\ &= \iiint_E (f \circ g)(r, \theta, z) r dr d\theta dz \end{aligned}$$

This change of variable is useful when the domain  $D$  is spherical or cylindrical in nature.

(ii) **Triple integral in spherical coordinates :**

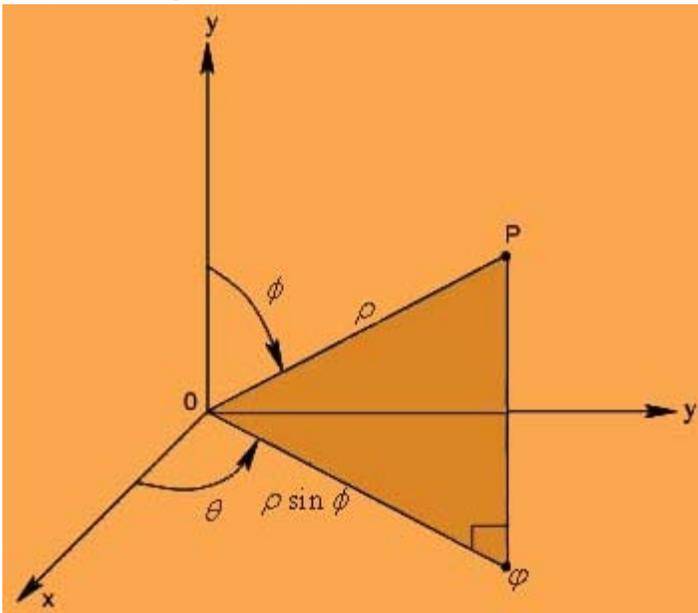


Figure: Spherical coordinates

Another way of representing points in space is by **spherical coordinates** ,  $(\rho, \theta, \phi)$  , where for a point  $P$  in space,  $\rho$  is the magnitude  $OP$  ,  $\theta$  is the polar angle of the projection on of  $P$  onto the  $xy$ -plane, and  $\phi$  is the angle between the line  $OP$  and the positive  $z$ -axis.

The spherical coordinates are related to the Cartesian coordinates by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta, \\ y &= \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta, \\ z &= \rho \cos \phi \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} \rho &> 0, \\ 0 &\leq \theta < 2\pi, \\ 0 &\leq \phi < \pi. \end{aligned}$$

If we denote the above transformation by  $g(r, \theta, \phi) = (x, y, z)$  , then

$$|J_g(r, \theta, \phi)| = \left| \det \begin{bmatrix} \sin \phi \cos \theta & -\rho \sin \phi \sin \theta & \rho \cos \theta \cos \phi \\ \sin \phi \sin \theta & \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta & \rho \cos \phi \sin \theta \\ \cos \phi & 0 & -\sin \phi \end{bmatrix} \right| = \rho^2 \sin \phi.$$

Thus, if  $g(E) = D$  , then for every integral function  $f$  over  $D$  ,

$$\iiint_D f(x, y, z) d(x, y, z) = \iiint_E (f \circ g)(r, \theta, \phi) \rho^2 \sin \phi d\theta d\phi d\rho$$

### 42.2.5 Examples :

- (i) Find the volume of the solid region  $D$  cut from the sphere

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$$

from the cylinder

$$x^2 + (y - 1/2)^2 = 1/4.$$

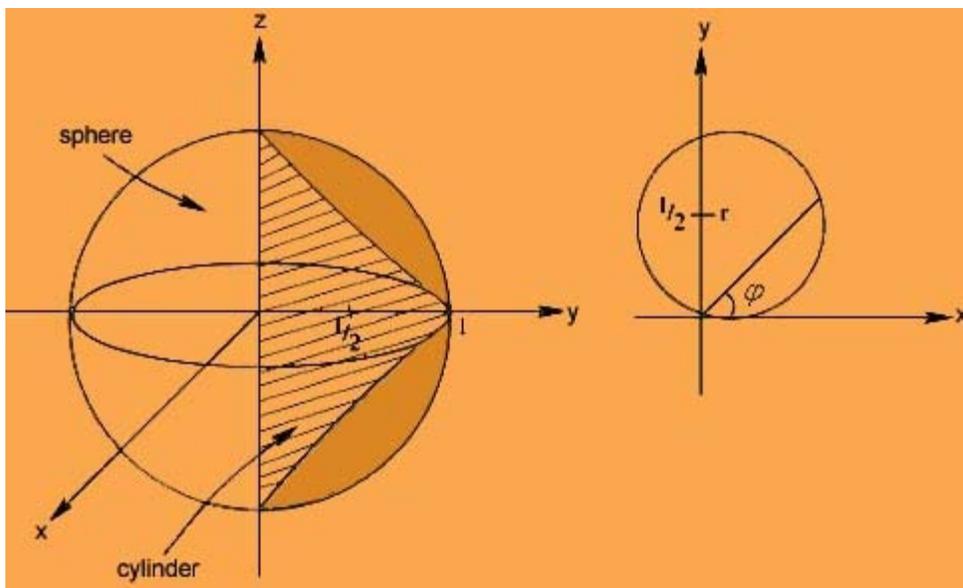


Figure: Region  $D$  in spherical coordinates

The required volume is

$$\iiint_D 1 \, dV$$

In cylindrical coordinates,  $D$  can be described by

$$E = \{(r, \theta, z) \mid r = \sin \theta, 0 \leq \theta < \pi, -\sqrt{1-r^2} \leq z \leq \sqrt{1-r^2}\}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_D dV &= \int_0^\pi \int_0^{\sin \theta} \int_{-\sqrt{1-r^2}}^{\sqrt{1-r^2}} r \, d(r, \theta, z) \\ &= 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{\sin \theta} \left( \int_{-\sqrt{1-r^2}}^{\sqrt{1-r^2}} 1 \, dz \right) r \, dr \, d\theta \\ &= 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \left( \int_0^{\sin \theta} 2r \sqrt{1-r^2} \, dr \right) d\theta \\ &= 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \left[ -\frac{2}{3} (1-r^2)^{3/2} \right]_0^{\sin \theta} d\theta \\ &= \frac{4}{3} \int_0^{\pi/2} (1 - \cos^3 \theta) \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{4}{3} \int_0^{\pi/2} (1 - \cos \theta + \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta) \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{4}{3} \left[ \theta - \sin \theta + \frac{\sin^3 \theta}{3} \right]_0^{\pi/2} \\ &= \frac{4}{3} \left[ \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{2}{3} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Let us find the volume of the solid  $D$  cut from the sphere

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$$

by the cone

$$z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}.$$

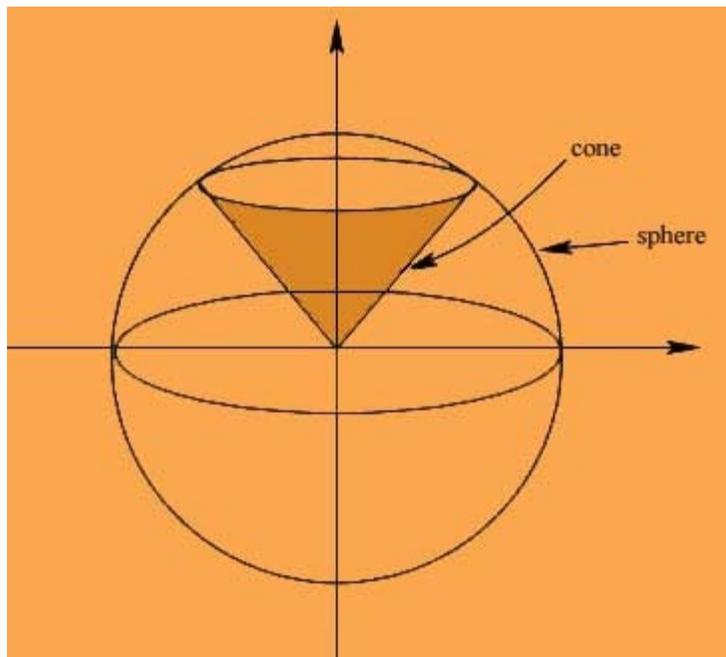


Figure: The region  $D$

In spherical coordinates, the equation of the sphere is  $\rho = 3$  and the equation of the cone is

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

i.e., the cone is described by  $\tan \phi = 1$ . Thus  $D$  can be described as

$$D = \{(\rho, \theta, \phi) \mid 0 \leq \rho \leq 3, 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi, 0 \leq \phi \leq \pi/4\}.$$

Hence, the required volume is

$$\begin{aligned}\iiint_D 1 \, dV &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/4} \int_0^3 \rho^2 \sin \phi \, d\rho \, d\phi \, d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \left( \int_0^{\pi/4} 9 \sin \phi \, d\phi \right) d\theta \\ &= 9 \int_0^{2\pi} [-\cos \phi]_0^{\pi/4} d\theta \\ &= 9 \int_0^{2\pi} \left( 1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) d\theta \\ &= 9\pi(2 - \sqrt{2}).\end{aligned}$$

### Practice Exercises

- (1) Using polar coordinates find the volume of the solid region  $D$  bounded above by the hemisphere

$$z = \sqrt{16 - x^2 - y^2}$$

and below by the disc in the  $xy$ -plane

$$x^2 + y^2 \leq 4.$$

**Answer**

(2)(i) Using the change of variables formula for polar coordinates, find for every  $r > 0$ .

$$I(r) := \iint_{D(r)} e^{-(x^2+y^2)} d(x,y),$$

where

$$D(r) = \{(x,y) \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq r^2\}.$$

(ii) Using (i), show that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} I(r) = \pi.$$

(iii) Using (i), deduce that

$$\iint_{D^+(r)} e^{-(x^2+y^2)} d(x,y) = \frac{\pi(1 - e^{-r^2})}{4},$$

where

$$D^+(r) = \{(x,y) \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq r^2, x \leq 0, y \geq 0\}.$$

Hence, deduce

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \left( \iint_{D^+(r)} e^{-(x^2+y^2)} d(x,y) \right) = \frac{\pi}{4}.$$

(iv) For every  $r > 0$ , let

$$J(r) := \{(x,y) \mid |x| \leq r, |y| \leq r\}.$$

Show that

$$I(r) < J(r) < I(\sqrt{2}r), \text{ for every } r > 0.$$

Hence deduce that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} J_r = \pi.$$

(3) Using polar coordinates, evaluate

$$\iint_D \sin \theta dA,$$

where  $D$  is the region in the first quadrant that is outside the circle  $r = 2$  and inside the cardioid  $r = 2(1 + \cos \theta)$

**Answer**

(4) Use cylindrical coordinate to evaluate

$$\int_{-3}^{+3} \int_{-\sqrt{a-x^2}}^{\sqrt{a-x^2}} \int_0^{a-x^2-y^2} x^2 dz dy dx$$

**Answer**

(5) Use spherical coordinate to evaluate

$$\iiint_D f(x, y, z) \, dv$$

where

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

and  $D$  is the solid bounded above by the hemisphere  $z = \sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2}$  and below by the disc in the  $xy$ -plane

$$x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$$

[Answer](#)

## Recap

In this section you have learnt the following

- The change of variable formula in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  from cartesian to polar coordinates.
- The change of variable formula in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  from Cartesian to cylindrical coordinates.
- The change of variable formula in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  from Cartesian to spherical coordinates.