

# Math 213 - Spherical Coordinates

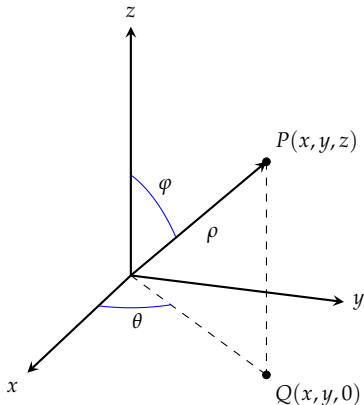
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# Unit C: Multiple Integrals

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# Spherical Coordinates



The spherical coordinates of  $P(x, y, z)$  are:

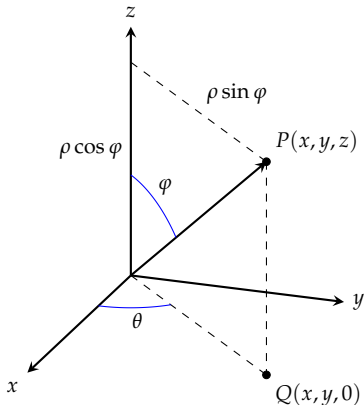
- The distance

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

from the origin to  $P$

- The angle  $\theta$  that  $\vec{OQ}$  makes with the  $x$ -axis
- The angle  $\varphi$  that  $\vec{OP}$  makes with the  $z$  axis

# Back and Forth



Cartesian  $\rightarrow$  Spherical:

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

$$\theta = \arctan(y/x)$$

$$\varphi = \arctan(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}/z)$$

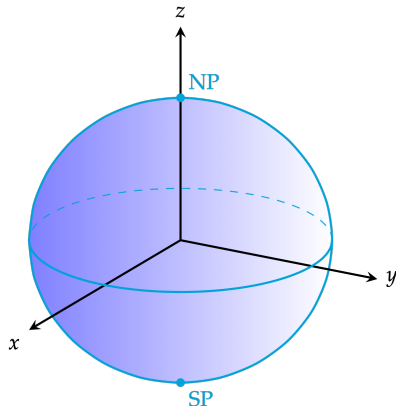
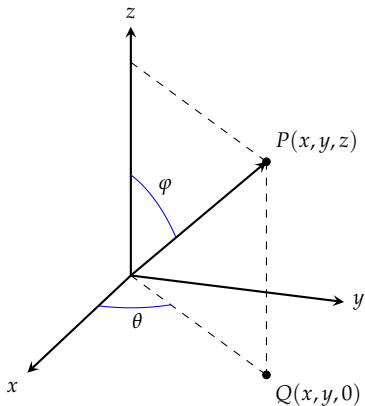
Spherical  $\rightarrow$  Cartesian:

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

$$y = \rho \sin \varphi \sin \theta$$

$$z = \rho \cos \varphi$$

# Where are the North and South Poles?



Extra Credit: Where is the equator?

## Let's Convert

$$\rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \quad x = \rho \sin \varphi \cos \theta$$

$$\theta = \arctan(y/x) \quad y = \rho \sin \varphi \sin \theta$$

$$\varphi = \arctan(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}/z) \quad z = \rho \cos \varphi$$

Find the spherical coordinates of the point  $(1, 1, 0)$

Find the spherical coordinates of the point  $(-1/\sqrt{2}, 1/\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3})$

Find the Cartesian coordinates of the point  $(\rho, \theta, \varphi) = (2, \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{6})$

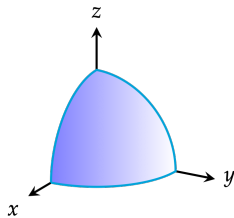
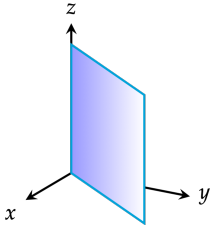
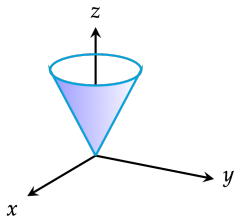
# More on Spherical Coordinates

Match these equations with the corresponding surfaces below

$$\rho = c$$

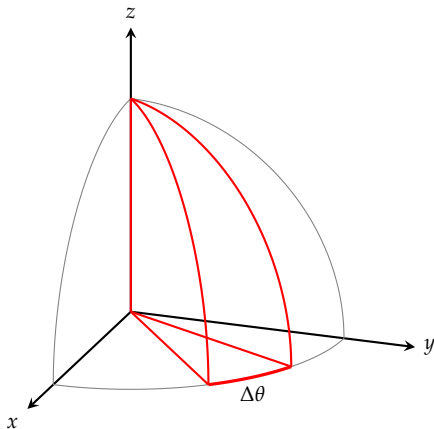
$$\theta = c$$

$$\varphi = c$$



# Volume Element

What volume  $\Delta V$  do we get with small changes  $\Delta\rho$ ,  $\Delta\theta$ ,  $\Delta\varphi$  of spherical coordinates?

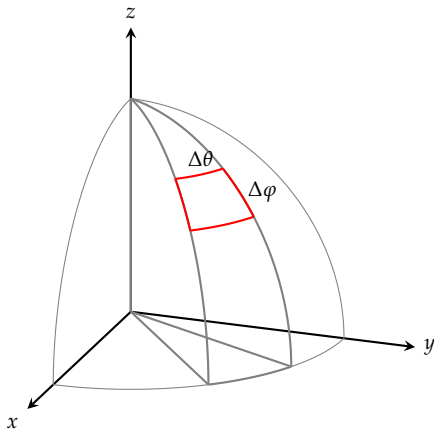


Displacement  $\Delta\theta$ , length  $\rho \sin \varphi \Delta\theta$



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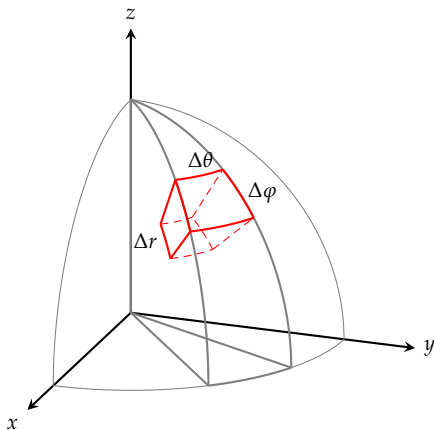


Displacement  $\Delta\theta$ , length  $\rho \sin \varphi \Delta\theta$

Displacement  $\Delta\varphi$ , length  $\rho \Delta\varphi$

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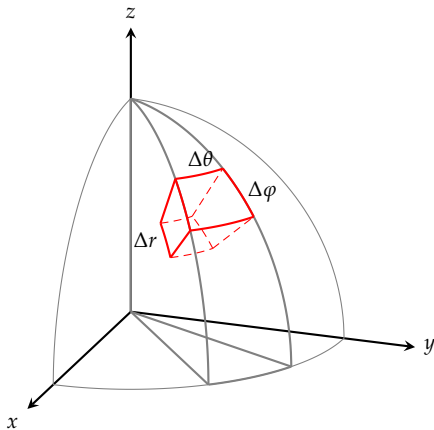
Displacement  $\Delta\varphi$ , length  $\rho \Delta\varphi$

Displacement  $\Delta\rho$ , length  $\Delta\rho$

$$\Delta V = \rho^2 \sin \varphi \Delta\rho \Delta\theta \Delta\varphi$$

# Volume Element

What volume  $\Delta V$  do we get with small changes  $\Delta\rho$ ,  $\Delta\theta$ ,  $\Delta\varphi$  of spherical coordinates?



$$dV = \rho^2 \sin \varphi \, d\rho \, d\theta \, d\varphi$$

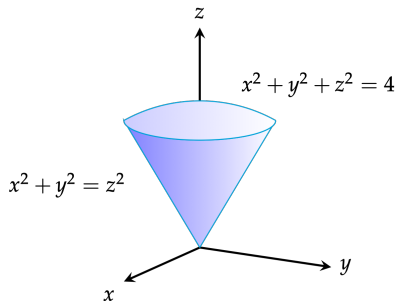
# Triple Integral Over a Spherical Rectangle

If  $\mathcal{R}$  is a region with  $a \leq \rho \leq b$ ,  $c \leq \theta \leq d$ ,  $e \leq \varphi \leq f$ , then

$$\iiint_{\mathcal{R}} f(x, y, z) dV = \int_e^f \int_c^d \int_a^b f(\rho \sin \varphi \cos \theta, \rho \sin \varphi \sin \theta, \rho \cos \varphi) \rho^2 \sin \varphi d\rho d\theta d\varphi$$

# Triple Integral

Find  $\iiint_{\mathcal{R}} z \, dV$  if  $\mathcal{R}$  is the region enclosed by the cone  $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$  and the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$ .



Remember that

$$z = \rho \cos \varphi$$

and

$$dV = \rho^2 \sin \varphi \, d\rho \, d\theta \, d\varphi.$$

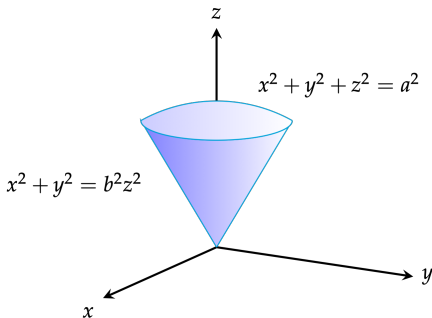
How do you describe the region in spherical coordinates?

# Spherical Regions - The Ice Cream Cone

Find the volume of the part of the interior of the sphere

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

that lies above the  $xy$  plane and within the cone  $x^2 + y^2 = b^2 z^2$



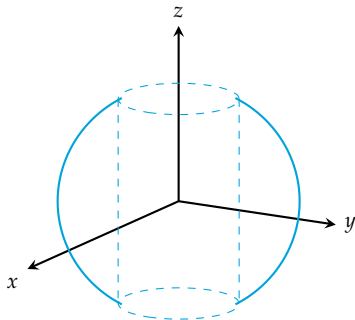
What is the equation of the sphere in spherical coordinates?

What is the equation of the cone in spherical coordinates?

Adapted from [CLP 3-4.7](#), Example 1

## Spherical Regions - The Cored Apple

A cylindrical hole of radius  $b$  is drilled out of a sphere of radius  $a \geq b$ . Find the volume of the remaining solid.



Adapted from [CLP 3-4.7](#), Example 2



## Reminders for the Week of October 23-27

- Webwork B8 on Double Integrals in Polar Coordinates due October 27