

Section 15.7: Triple Integrals in Cylindrical Coordinates

Cylindrical Coordinates:

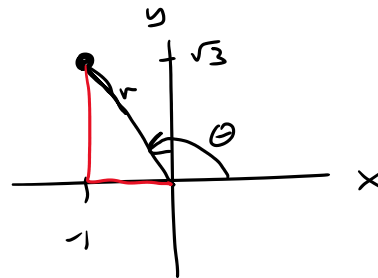
A Cartesian point (x, y, z) is represented by (r, θ, z) in the Cylindrical Coordinate System. Where (r, θ) represent the polar coordinates for the point (x, y) and z is the distance above or below the xy -plane.

$$\underbrace{x = r \cos \theta} \quad \underbrace{y = r \sin \theta} \quad \underbrace{z = z} \quad \underbrace{r^2 = x^2 + y^2} \quad \underbrace{\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}}$$

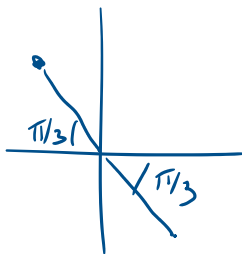
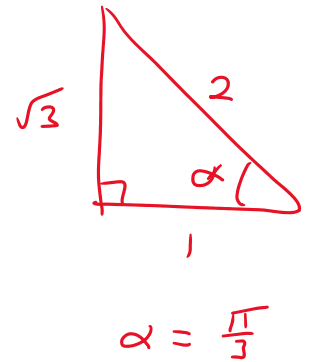
Note: Cylindrical coordinates are useful in problems that involve symmetry about the z -axis.

Example: Find the cylindrical coordinates for the point $(-1, \sqrt{3}, 2)$

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \\ r &= \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2} \\ &= \sqrt{1 + 3} \\ &= \sqrt{4} \\ r &= 2 \end{aligned}$$



$$\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$



r, θ, z

$(2, \frac{2\pi}{3}, 2)$

$(2, \frac{2\pi}{3} + 2\pi, 2)$

$(-2, -\frac{\pi}{3}, 2)$

$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

Example: Write the equations in cylindrical coordinates.

$$A) z = 12 - 4x^2 - 4y^2 = 12 - 4(x^2 + y^2)$$

$$z = 12 - 4r^2$$

$$z = 3x + 2y$$

$$z = 3r\cos\theta + 2r\sin\theta$$

Cone.

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

$$z = \sqrt{3r^2}$$

$$z = \sqrt{3} r$$

Triple Integrals in Cylindrical Coordinates

Suppose that E is a solid whose image D on the xy -plane can be described in polar coordinates.

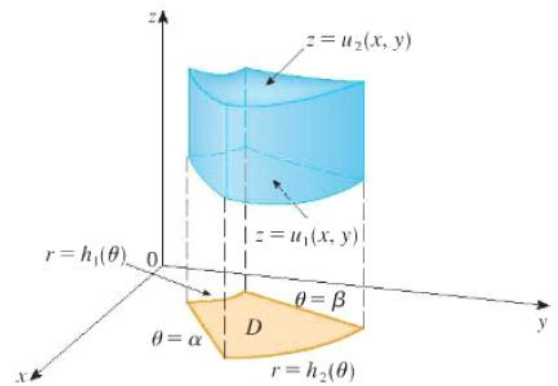
$$E = \{(x, y, z) | (x, y) \in D, \underline{u_1(x, y)} \leq z \leq \underline{u_2(x, y)}\}$$

$$\text{and } D = \{(r, \theta) | a \leq \theta \leq b, h_1(\theta) \leq r \leq h_2(\theta)\}$$

If $f(x, y, z)$ is continuous over the solid E ,

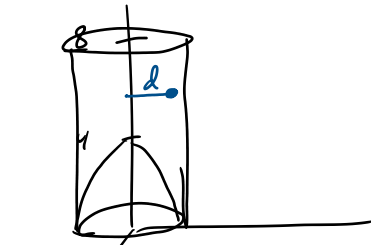
$$g_1(r, \theta) = u_1(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta), \text{ and}$$

$$g_2(r, \theta) = u_2(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) \text{ then}$$



$$\iiint_E f(x, y, z) dV = \int_{\theta=a}^b \int_{r=h_1(\theta)}^{h_2(\theta)} \int_{z=g_1(r, \theta)}^{g_2(r, \theta)} f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, z) r \, dz dr d\theta$$

Example A solid lies within the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, below the plane $z = 8$, and above the paraboloid $z = 4 - x^2 - y^2$. The density at any point is proportional to its distance from the axis of the cylinder. Find the mass of E.

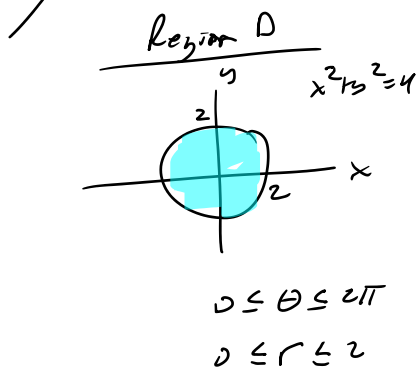


$$\text{Top } z = 8$$

$$\text{Bottom } z = 4 - x^2 - y^2 = 4 - r^2$$

density function

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(x, y, z) &= K d \\ &= K \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \end{aligned}$$



$$\text{mass} = \iiint_E \sigma(x, y, z) \, dV$$

$$\text{mass} = \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{r=0}^2 \int_{z=4-r^2}^8 K \sqrt{r^2} \cdot r \, dz \, dr \, d\theta$$

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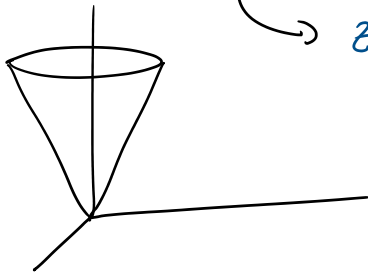
$$= \dots = 2K\pi \left(\frac{32}{3} + \frac{32}{5} \right)$$

$$z^2 = x^2 + y^2 \quad \text{Cone.}$$

Example: Evaluate $\int_{x=0}^2 \int_{y=-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \int_{z=\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}^2 (x^2 + y^2) dz dy dx$

Top $z=2$

Bottom $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ top part of cone.



$$z = \sqrt{r^2} = r$$

Region D

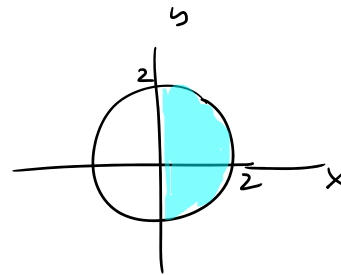
$$-\sqrt{4-x^2} \leq y \leq \sqrt{4-x^2}$$

$$0 \leq x \leq 2$$

$$y = \sqrt{4-x^2}$$

$$y^2 = 4-x^2$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 4$$



$$0 \leq r \leq 2$$

$$-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\frac{3\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{5\pi}{2}$$

Example: Evaluate $\int_{x=0}^2 \int_{y=-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \int_{z=\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}^2 (x^2 + y^2) dz dy dx$

$$= \int_{\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{3\pi}{2}} \int_{r=0}^2 \int_{z=r}^2 r^2 \cdot r dz dr d\theta$$

$$= \dots = \frac{8\pi}{5}$$