

Triple integrals in cylindrical coordinate

Cylindrical coordinates: generalization of polar coordinates to 3-D
(so it is essentially 2-D change of variables)

$x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$, $z = z$ (no change in z !)

$r^2 = x^2 + y^2$, $\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$, $z = z$.

Equations:

$r = r_0$ (a cylinder, not a circle)

$\theta = \theta_0$ (a half-plane or a plane)

$r = f(\theta)$ (a surface generated by $r = f(\theta)$ in 2-D)

When to use cylindrical coordinates: circular regions except the 3-d ball

Integral in cylindrical coordinate:

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

$= \{(r, \theta, z) : \alpha \leq \theta \leq \beta, h_1(\theta) \leq r \leq h_2(\theta), u_1(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) \leq z \leq u_2(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)\}$

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_E f(x, y, z) dV &= \iint_D \left[\int_{u_1(x, y)}^{u_2(x, y)} f(x, y, z) dz \right] dA \\ &= \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \int_{h_1(\theta)}^{h_2(\theta)} \int_{u_1(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)}^{u_2(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)} f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, z) r dz dr d\theta \end{aligned}$$

Examples

Example 11

- 1 Change from rectangular to cylindrical coordinates: $(x, y, z) = (2\sqrt{3}, 2, -1)$
- 2 Write the equations in cylindrical coordinates: (a) $3x + 3y + z = 6$, (b) $-x^2 - y^2 + z^2 = 1$.
- 3 Evaluate $\iiint_E x dV$ where E is enclosed by the planes $z = 0$ and $z = x + y + 5$ and by the cylinders $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ and $x^2 + y^2 = 9$.
- 4 Find the volume of the solid that lies within both the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ and the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$.
- 5 Evaluate the integral by changing to cylindrical coordinates:

$$\int_{-3}^3 \int_0^{\sqrt{9-x^2}} \int_0^{9-x^2-y^2} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} dz dy dx$$