

# Lecture 9, Sep 23, 2022

## Cylindrical Coordinates

- Uses triplets of  $(r, \theta, z)$ 
  - $z$  is the distance from the  $r\theta$  plane, same as Cartesian  $z$
  - $r, \theta$  work like polar coordinates
- Conversion: 
$$\begin{cases} x = r \cos \theta \\ y = r \sin \theta \\ z = z \end{cases}$$

### Important

If  $f(x, y, z)$  is continuous in

$$Q = \{ (x, y, z) \mid (x, y) \in R, u_1(x, y) \leq z \leq u_2(x, y) \}$$

where

$$R = \{ (r, \theta) \mid \alpha \leq \theta \leq \beta, h_1(\theta) \leq r \leq h_2(\theta) \}$$

then

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

- Note in cylindrical coordinates,  $dV = r \, dz \, dr \, d\theta$

## Spherical Coordinates

- Uses triplets of  $(\rho, \theta, \phi)$ 
  - $\rho$  is the distance from the origin, always non-negative
  - $\phi$  is the angle from the  $z$  axis
    - \*  $\phi$  is between 0 (straight up) and  $\pi$  (straight down)
  - $\theta$  is the angle from the  $x$  axis, in the  $xy$  plane
- Conversion: 
$$\begin{cases} x = \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta \\ y = \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta \\ z = \rho \cos \phi \end{cases}$$
  - $\rho \sin \theta$  is  $r$  in the  $xy$  plane
- Constant  $\rho$ : sphere
- Constant  $\theta$ : vertical plane
- Constant  $\phi$ : cone
- Therefore in spherical coordinates  $dV = \rho^2 \sin \phi \, d\rho \, d\phi \, d\theta$

### Important

Triple integration in spherical coordinates:

$$\iiint_Q f(x, y, z) \, dx \, dy \, dz = \iiint_{Q'} f(\rho \sin \phi \cos \theta, \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta, \rho \cos \phi) \rho^2 \sin \phi \, d\rho \, d\phi \, d\theta$$