Change of variables in Double and Triple integrals

Evaluation of double integrals by changing Cartesian to polar co-ordinates:

Working rule:

Step:1

Check the given order whether it is correct or not.

Step:2

Write the equations by using given limits.

Step:3

By using the equations sketch the region of integration.

Step:4

Replacement: put $x = r\cos\theta$, $y = r\sin\theta$, $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ and $dxdy = rdrd\theta$

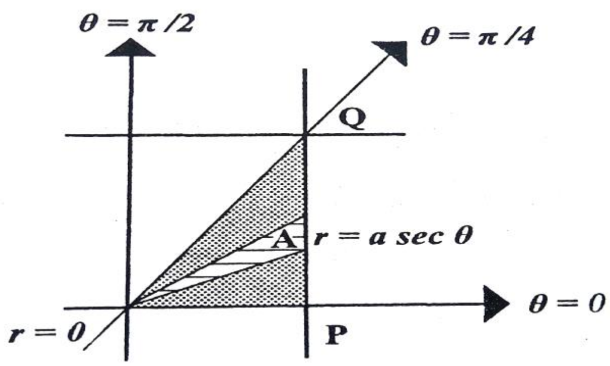
Step:5

Find r limits(draw radial strip inside the region) and θ limits and evaluate the integral.

Example:

Change into polar co-ordinates and then evaluate $\int_0^a \int_y^a \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} dydx$

Solution:



Given order $dxdy$ is in correct form.

Given limits are $x : y \rightarrow a$, $y : 0 \rightarrow a$

Equations are $x = y$, $x = a$, $y = 0$, $y = a$

Replacement:

Put $x = r\cos\theta$, $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$, $dxdy = rdrd\theta$

Limits: $r : 0 \rightarrow \frac{a}{\cos\theta}$, $\theta : 0 \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}$

$$\int_0^a \int_y^a \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} dydx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \int_0^{\frac{a}{\cos\theta}} \frac{r\cos\theta}{r^2} rdrd\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} [r\cos\theta]_0^{\frac{a}{\cos\theta}} d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \left(\frac{a}{\cos\theta}\cos\theta - 0\right) d\theta$$

$$= a\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} d\theta$$

$$= a(\theta)_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}}$$

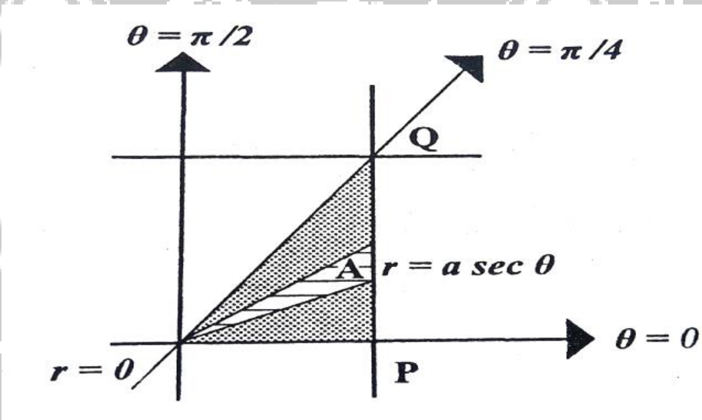
$$= a\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - 0\right)$$

$$= \frac{a\pi}{4}$$

Example:

Evaluate $\int_0^a \int_y^a \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}$ dxdy by changing into polar co-ordinates.

Solution:



Given order $dxdy$ is in correct form.

Given limits are $x : y \to a$, $y : 0 \to a$

Equations are $x = y$, $x = a$, $y = 0$, $y = a$

Replacement:

Put $x^2 = r^2\cos^2\theta$, $x^2 + y^2 = r^2 \Rightarrow r = \sqrt{x^2+y^2}$, $dxdy = rdrd\theta$

Limits: $r : 0 \to \frac{a}{\cos\theta}$, $\theta : 0 \to \frac{\pi}{4}$

$$\int_0^a \int_y^a \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} dxdy = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \int_0^{\frac{a}{\cos\theta}} \frac{r^2\cos^2\theta}{r} rdrd\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \left[\frac{r^3}{3}\cos^2\theta\right]_0^{\frac{a}{\cos\theta}} d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \left(\frac{a^3}{3\cos^3\theta}\cos^2\theta - 0\right) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{a^3}{3}\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{1}{\cos^3\theta}\cos^2\theta \, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{a^3}{3}\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}}\frac{1}{cos\theta}\,d\theta$$

$$= \frac{a^3}{3}\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} sec\theta\, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{a^3}{3}\left(log(sec\theta + tan\theta)\right)_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}}$$

$$= \frac{a^3}{3}\left[log\left(sec\frac{\pi}{4} + tan\frac{\pi}{4}\right) - log(sec0 + tan0)\right]$$

$$= \frac{a^3}{3}\left[log\left(\sqrt{2}+1\right) - log(1-0)\right]$$

$$= \frac{a^3}{3}log\left(\sqrt{2}+1\right)$$

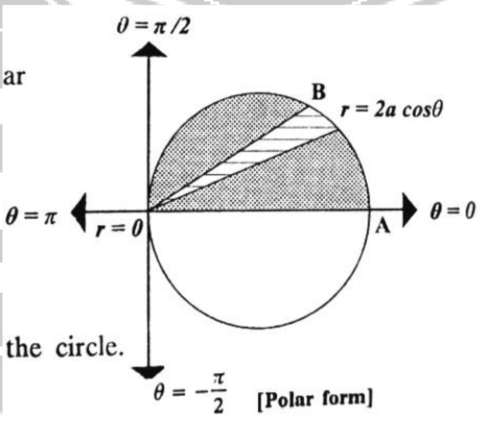
Note:

1. $x^2 + y^2 = r^2\cos^2\theta + r^2\sin^2\theta = r^2$
2. $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}\cos^2\theta d\theta = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}\sin^2\theta d\theta = \frac{1}{2}\times\frac{\pi}{2}$
3. $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}\cos^4\theta d\theta = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}\sin^4\theta d\theta = \frac{3}{4}\times\frac{1}{2}\times\frac{\pi}{2}$
4. $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}\cos^2\theta\sin^2\theta d\theta = \frac{1}{4}\times\frac{1}{2}\times\frac{\pi}{2}$

Example:

By changing into polar co-ordinates and evaluate $\int_0^{2a}\int_0^{\sqrt{2ax-x^2}}(x^2+y^2)dydx$

Solution:



Given order $dydx$ is in correct form.

Given limits are $y : 0 \to \sqrt{2ax - x^2}$, $x : 0 \to 2a$

Equations are $y = 0$, $y = \sqrt{2ax - x^2}$, $x = 0$, $x = 2a$

$$y^2 = 2ax - x^2$$

$x^2 + y^2 - 2ax = 0$ is a circle with centre (a,0) and radius 'a'.

Replacement:

Put $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$, $dxdy = rdrd\theta$

Limits: $r : 0 \rightarrow 2acos\theta$, $\theta : 0 \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\int_0^{2a}\int_0^{\sqrt{2ax-x^2}}(x^2+y^2)dydx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}\int_0^{2acos\theta} r^2 \times rdrd\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}\int_0^{2acos\theta} r^3 drd\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}\left[\frac{r^4}{4}\right]_0^{2acos\theta} d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}\left(\frac{2^4a^4\cos^4\theta}{4} - 0\right) d\theta$$

$$= 4a^4\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}\cos^4\theta \, d\theta$$

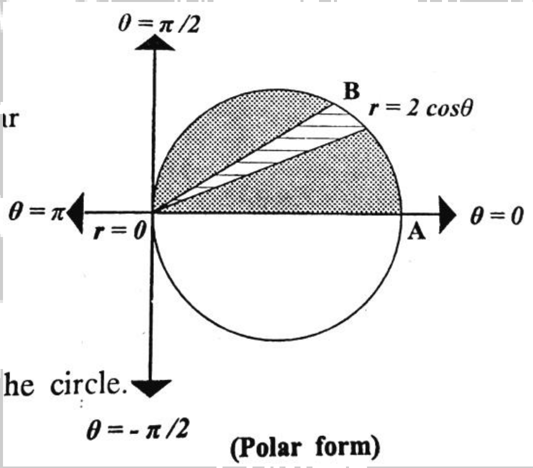
$$= 4a^4 \times \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\pi}{2} \qquad \left(\because \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}\cos^4\theta d\theta = \frac{3}{4}\times\frac{1}{2}\times\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{3\pi a^4}{4}$$

Example:

By changing into polar co-ordinates and evaluate $\int_0^2\int_0^{\sqrt{2x-x^2}}\frac{x}{x^2+y^2}dxdy$

Solution:



Given order $dxdy$ is in incorrect form.

The correct form is $dydx \Rightarrow \int_0^2\int_0^{\sqrt{2x-x^2}}\frac{x}{x^2+y^2}dydx$

Given limits are $y : 0 \rightarrow \sqrt{2x-x^2}$, $x : 0 \rightarrow 2$

Equations are $y = 0$, $y = \sqrt{2x-x^2}$, $x = 0$, $x = 2$

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

$x^2 + y^2 - 2x = 0$ is a circle with centre (1,0) and radius ‘1’.

Replacement:

Put $x = rcos\theta$, $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$, $dxdy = rdrd\theta$

Limits: $r : 0 \to 2cos\theta$, $\theta : 0 \to \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\int_0^2 \int_0^{\sqrt{2x-x^2}} \frac{x}{x^2+y^2} dydx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{2cos\theta} \frac{rcos\theta}{r^2} \times rdrd\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} [rcos\theta]_0^{2cos\theta}\, d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (2cos^2\theta - 0)\, d\theta$$

$$= 2\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} cos^2\theta\, d\theta$$

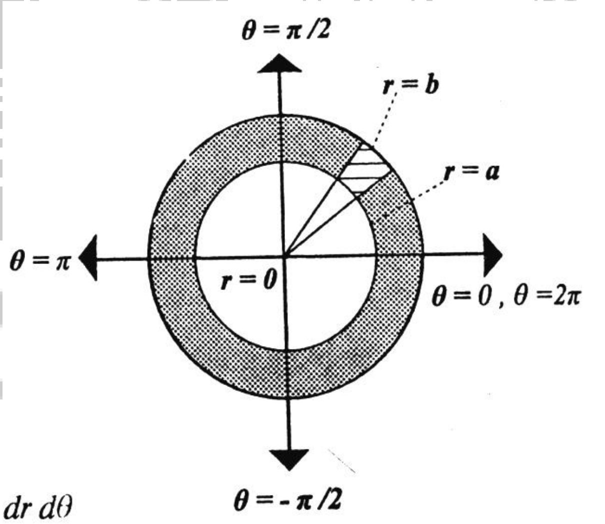
$$= 2 \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\pi}{2} \qquad (\because \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} cos^2\theta d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\pi}{2})$$

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

Example:

Evaluate $\iint \frac{x^2y^2}{x^2+y^2}$ dxdy over the annular region between the circles $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$ and $x^2 + y^2 = b^2$ (b>a) by transforming into polar co-ordinates.

Solution:



Replacement:

Put $x^2 = r^2cos^2\theta, y^2 = r^2sin^2\theta$

$x^2 + y^2 = r^2, dxdy = rdrd\theta$

Given the region is between the circles $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$ and $x^2 + y^2 = b^2$

Limits: $r : a \to b$, $\theta : 0 \to 2\pi$

$$\therefore \iint \frac{x^2y^2}{x^2+y^2} dxdy = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_a^b \frac{r^2cos^2\theta \times r^2sin^2\theta}{r^2} \times rdrd\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_a^b \frac{r^5cos^2\theta \times sin^2\theta}{r^2} \times drd\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_a^b r^3cos^2\theta \times sin^2\theta\, drd\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \left[\frac{r^4}{4}\right]_a^b \cos^2\theta \times \sin^2\theta \, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}\int_0^{2\pi} (b^4 - a^4) \cos^2\theta \times \sin^2\theta \, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{(b^4-a^4)}{4}\int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2\theta \times \sin^2\theta \, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{(b^4-a^4)}{4} 4 \times \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^2\theta \times \sin^2\theta \, d\theta \quad (\because \int_0^{2\pi} = 4\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}})$$

$$= (b^4 - a^4) \times \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^2\theta \times \sin^2\theta \, d\theta$$

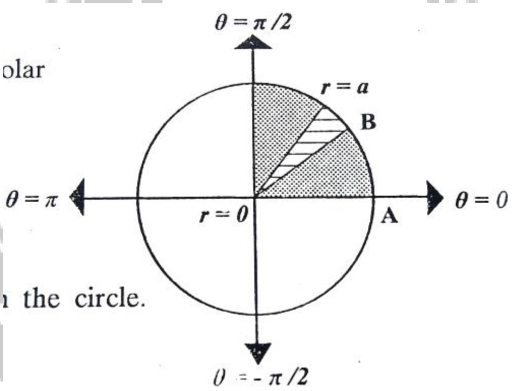
$$= (b^4 - a^4) \times \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (\because \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^2\theta \sin^2\theta d\theta = \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\pi}{2})$$

$$= \frac{\pi(b^4-a^4)}{16}$$

Example:

Evaluate $\int_0^a \int_0^{\sqrt{a^2-x^2}} \sqrt{a^2 - x^2 - y^2} \, dydx$ by transforming into polar co-ordinates.

Solution:



Given order $dydx$ is in correct form.

Given limits are $y : 0 \to \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$, $x : 0 \to a$

Equations are $y = 0$, $y = \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$, $x = 0$, $x = a$

$$y^2 = a^2 - x^2$$

$x^2 + y^2 = a^2$ is a circle with centre (0,0) and radius 'a'.

Replacement:

Put $a^2 - x^2 - y^2 = a^2 - (x^2 + y^2) = a^2 - r^2$, $dydx = rdrd\theta$

$$\therefore \sqrt{a^2 - x^2 - y^2} = \sqrt{a^2 - r^2}$$

Limits: $r : 0 \to a$, $\theta: 0 \to \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\int_0^a \int_0^{\sqrt{a^2-x^2}} \sqrt{a^2 - x^2 - y^2} \, dydx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^a \sqrt{a^2 - r^2} \, rdrd\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\int_0^a \sqrt{a^2 - r^2} \, rdr) d\theta$$

Substitution:

Put $a^2 - r^2 = t$ if $r = 0 \Rightarrow t = a^2$

$-2rdr = dt$ if $r = a \Rightarrow t = 0$

$rdr = -\frac{dt}{2}$

$\therefore t : a^2 \rightarrow 0$

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}\left(\int_0^a \sqrt{a^2 - r^2}\, rdr\right)d\theta = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}\left[\int_{a^2}^0 \sqrt{t}\left(\frac{-dt}{2}\right)\right]d\theta$$

$$= \frac{-1}{2}\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}\left[\int_{a^2}^0 \sqrt{t}dt\right]d\theta$$

$$= \frac{-1}{2}\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}\left[\int_{a^2}^0 t^{\frac{1}{2}}dt\right]d\theta$$

$$= \frac{-1}{2}\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}\left[\frac{t^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\frac{3}{2}}\right]_{a^2}^0 d\theta$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{3}\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}\left[t^{\frac{3}{2}}\right]_{a^2}^0 d\theta$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3}\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}\left(0 - (a^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}\right)d\theta$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3}\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} -(a^3)\, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{a^3}{3}\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{a^3}{3}(\theta)_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{a^3}{3}\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 0\right)$$

$$= \frac{\pi a^3}{6}$$

Change of Variables in Triple Integral

Change of variables from Cartesian co- ordinates to cylindrical co – ordinates.

To convert from Cartesian to cylindrical polar coordinates system we have the following transformation.

$x = r\cos\theta$ $\qquad y = r\sin\theta$ $\qquad z = z$

$$J = \frac{\partial(x,y,z)}{\partial(r,\theta,z)} = r$$

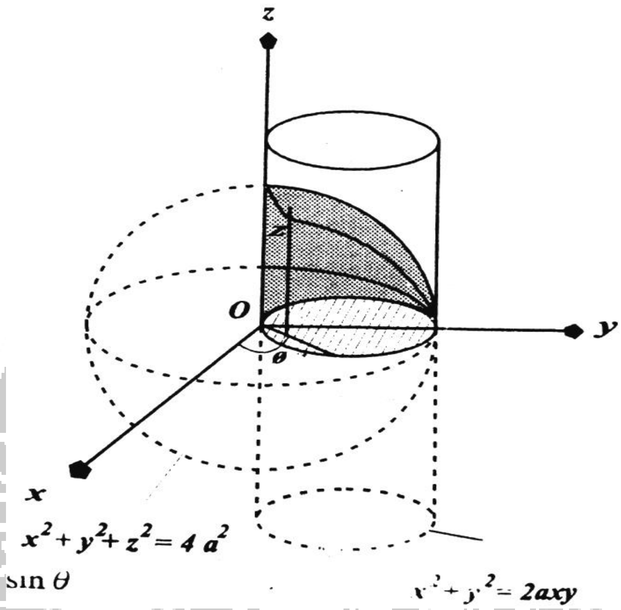
Hence the integral becomes

$$\iiint f(x,y,z)\, dzdydx = \iiint f(r,\theta,z)\, dzdrd\theta$$

Example:

Find the volume of a solid bounded by the spherical surface $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4a^2$ and the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 - 2ay = 0$.

Solution:



Cylindrical co – ordinates

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

The equation of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4a^2$

$$r^2\cos^2\theta + r^2\sin^2\theta + z^2 = 4a^2$$
$$r^2 + z^2 = 4a^2$$

And the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 - 2ay = 0$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 2ay$$
$$r^2\cos^2\theta + r^2\sin^2\theta = 2a\,r\sin\theta$$
$$r^2 = 2ar\sin\theta$$
$$r = 2a\sin\theta$$

Hence, the required volume,

$$\text{Volume} = \int\int\int dx\,dy\,dz$$
$$= \int\int\int r\,d\theta\,dr\,dz$$
$$= 4\int_0^{\pi/2}\int_0^{2a\sin\theta}\int_0^{\sqrt{4a^2-r^2}} r\,dz\,dr\,d\theta$$
$$= 4\int_0^{\pi/2}\int_0^{2a\sin\theta} r\sqrt{4a^2-r^2}\,dr\,d\theta$$

$$= 4 \int_0^{\pi/2} \left[-\frac{1}{3}(4a^2 - r^2)^{3/2}\right]_0^{2a\sin\theta} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} \int_0^{\pi/2} \left[-(4a^2 - 4a^2\sin^2\theta)^{3/2} + 8a^3\right] d\theta$$

$$= \frac{4}{3} \int_0^{\pi/2} (-8a^3\cos^3\theta + 8a^3)\, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{4}{3}\, 8a^3 \int_0^{\pi/2} (1 - \cos^3\theta)\, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{32\,a^3}{3}\left[\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{2}{3}\right] \text{ cubic units}$$

Example:

Find the volume of the portion of the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ intercepted between the plane $x = 0$ and the paraboloid $x^2 + y^2 = 4 - z$.

Solution:

Cylindrical co – ordinates

$$x = r\cos\theta$$

$$y = r\sin\theta$$

$$z = z$$

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

$$r^2\cos^2\theta + r^2\sin^2\theta = 1$$

$$r^2 = 1$$

$$r = \pm 1$$

Given $x^2 + y^2 = 4 - z$

$$r^2\cos^2\theta + r^2\sin^2\theta = 4 - z$$

$$r^2 = 4 - z$$

$$z = 4 - r^2$$

Hence the required volume

$$\text{Volume} = \int\int\int r\, dz\, dr\, d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi}\int_0^1\int_0^{4-r^2} r\, dz\, dr\, d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi}\int_0^1 r\,[z]_0^{4-r^2}\, dr\, d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi}\int_0^1 r\,(4 - r^2)\, dr\, d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi}\int_0^1 (4r - r^3)\, dr\, d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi}\left[\frac{4r^2}{2} - \frac{r^4}{4}\right] d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi}\left[\left(2 - \frac{1}{4}\right) - (0 - 0)\right] d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{7}{4}\, d\theta$$

$$= \frac{7}{4}\,[\theta]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= \frac{7}{4}\,[2\pi - 0] \quad = \frac{7}{2}\,\pi \text{ cubic.units}$$

Example:

Find the volume bounded by the paraboloid $x^2 + y^2 = az$, and the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 2ay$ and the plane $z = 0$

Solution:

Cylindrical co – ordinates

$$x = r\cos\theta$$

$$y = r\sin\theta$$

$$z = z$$

The equation of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 += az$

$$r^2\cos^2\theta + r^2\sin^2\theta = az$$

$$r^2 = az$$

And the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 2ay$

$$r^2\cos^2\theta + r^2\sin^2\theta = 2a\, r\sin\theta$$

$$r^2 = 2ar\sin\theta$$

$$r = 2a\sin\theta$$

Hence, the required volume,

$$\text{Volume} = \int\int\int dx\, dy\, dz$$

$$= \int\int\int r\, d\theta\, dr\, dz$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi} \int_0^{2a\sin\theta} \int_0^{\frac{r^2}{a}} r\, dz\, dr\, d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi} \int_0^{2a\sin\theta} [z]_0^{\frac{r^2}{a}}\, r dr d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi} \int_0^{2a\sin\theta} \left[\frac{r^3}{a}\right] dr d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{a}\int_0^{\pi} \left[\frac{r^4}{4}\right]_0^{2a\sin\theta} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{a}\int_0^{\pi} \frac{16a^4\sin^4\theta}{4}\, d\theta$$

$$= 4a^3 \times 2\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^4\theta d\theta$$

$$= 4a^3 \times 2\,\frac{3}{4}\,\frac{1}{2}\,\frac{\pi}{2} \quad = \frac{3\pi a^3}{2}$$

Change of variables from Cartesian Co – ordinates to spherical Polar Co – ordinates

To convert from Cartesian to spherical polar co-ordinates system we have the following transformation

$$x = rsin\theta cos\varphi \qquad y = r\sin\theta\sin\varphi \qquad z = r\cos\theta$$

$$J = \frac{\partial(x,y,z)}{\partial(r,\theta,\varphi)} = r^2\sin\theta$$

Hence the integral becomes

$$\iiint f(x,y,z)\, dzdydx = \iiint f(r,\theta,z) r^2\sin\theta\, drd\theta d\varphi$$

Example:

Evaluate $\int\int\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2-y^2-z^2}}$ dx dy dz over the region bounded by the sphere $x^2+y^2+z^2 = 1$.

Solution:

Let us transform this integral in spherical polar co – ordinates by taking

$$x = r\sin\theta\cos\phi$$

$$y = r\sin\theta\sin\phi$$

$$z = r\cos\theta$$

$$dx\,dy\,dz = (r^2\sin\theta)\, dr\, d\theta\, d\phi$$

Hence ϕ varies from 0 to 2π

ϕ varies from 0 to π

ϕ varies from 0 to 1

$$= \int_0^{2\pi}\int_0^{\pi}\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-r^2}} r^2\sin\theta\, dr\, d\theta\, d\phi$$

$$= \left[\int_0^{2\pi} d\phi\right]\left[\int_0^{\pi}\sin\theta\, d\theta\right]\left[\int_0^1 \frac{r^2}{\sqrt{1-r^2}}\, dr\right]$$

$$= [\phi]_0^{2\pi}\,[-\cos\theta]_0^{\pi}\int_0^1 \frac{r^2}{\sqrt{1-r^2}}\, dr$$

$$= (2\pi - 0)\,(1+1)\int_0^1 \frac{r^2}{\sqrt{1-r^2}}\, dr$$

$$= 4\pi\int_0^1 \frac{r^2}{\sqrt{1-r^2}}\, dr$$

Put $r = \sin t$; $dr = \cos t\, dt$

$r = 0 \Rightarrow t = 0$

$r = 1 \Rightarrow t = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$= 4\pi\int_0^{\pi/2}\frac{\sin^2 t}{\sqrt{1-\sin^2 t}}\cos t\, dt$$

$$= 4\pi\int_0^{\pi/2}\frac{\sin^2 t}{\sqrt{\cos^2 t}}\cos t\, dt$$

$$= 4\pi \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sin^2 t}{\cos t} \cos t\, dt$$

$$= 4\pi \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2 t\, dt$$

$$= 4\pi \frac{1}{2} \frac{\pi}{2} = \pi^2$$

Example:

Evaluate $\int_0^1 \int_0^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \int_{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}^1 \frac{dz\, dy\, dx}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}}$

Solution:

Given varies from 0 to 1

y varies from 0 to $\sqrt{1 - x^2}$

z varies from $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ to 1

Let us transform this integral into spherical polar co – ordinates by using

$$x = r \sin\theta \cos\phi$$

$$y = r \sin\theta \sin\phi$$

$$z = r \cos\theta$$

$$dx\, dy\, dz = (r^2 \sin\theta)\, dr\, d\theta\, d\phi$$

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

$\Rightarrow z^2 = x^2 + y^2$

$\Rightarrow r^2 \cos^2\theta = r^2 \sin^2\theta \cos^2\phi + r^2 \sin^2\theta \sin^2\phi$

$\Rightarrow \cos^2\theta = \sin^2\theta$ $\quad [\because \cos^2\phi + \sin^2\phi = 1]$

$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$

Let $z = 1$

$\Rightarrow r\cos\theta = 1$

$\Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{\cos\theta}$

$\Rightarrow r = \sec\theta$

The region of integration is common to the cone $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$ and the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ bounded by the plane $z = 1$ in the positive octant.

Limits of r : $r = 0$ to $r = \sec\theta$

Limits of θ : $\theta = 0$ to $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$

Limits of ϕ : $\phi = 0$ to $\phi = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{\pi/4} \int_0^{\sec\theta} \frac{1}{r} r^2 \sin\theta\, dr\, d\theta\, d\phi \qquad = \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{\pi/4} \int_0^{\sec\theta} r \sin\theta\, dr\, d\theta\, d\phi$$

$= \int_0^{\pi/2}\int_0^{\pi/4}\left[\sin\theta\ \frac{r^2}{2}\right]_0^{\sec\theta} d\theta\, d\phi$ $\qquad = \int_0^{\pi/2}\int_0^{\pi/4}\left[\frac{\sec^2\theta\sin\theta - 0}{2}\right] d\theta\, d\phi$

$= \int_0^{\pi/2}\int_0^{\pi/4}\frac{1}{2}\sec\theta\tan\theta\, d\theta\, d\phi$ $\qquad = \left[\frac{1}{2}\int_0^{\pi/2} d\phi\ \right]\left[\int_0^{\pi/4}\sec\theta\tan\theta\, d\theta\right]$

$= \frac{1}{2}[\ \theta\ ]_0^{\pi/2}\ [\sec\theta]_0^{\pi/4}$

$= \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{\pi}{2} - 0\right]\left[\sqrt{2} - 1\right]$

$= \frac{\pi}{4}\left(\sqrt{2} - 1\right)$

Example:

Evaluate $\int\int\int (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)dx\, dy\, dz$ taken over the region bounded by the volume enclosed by the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$.

Solution:

Let us convert the given integral into spherical polar co – ordinates.

$$x = r\sin\theta\cos\phi \quad \Rightarrow x^2 = r^2\sin^2\theta\cos^2\phi$$

$$y = r\sin\theta\sin\phi \quad \Rightarrow y^2 = r^2\sin^2\theta\sin^2\phi$$

$$z = r\cos\theta \quad \Rightarrow z^2 = r^2\cos^2\theta$$

$$dx\, dy\, dz = (r^2\sin\theta)\, dr\, d\theta\, d\phi$$

$\int\int\int (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)dx\, dy\, dz = \int_0^{\pi}\int_0^{2\pi}\int_0^1 r^2\,(r^2\sin\theta\, d\theta\, d\phi\, dr)$

Limits of r : $r = 0$ to $r = 1$

Limits of θ : $\theta = 0$ to $\theta = \pi$

Limits of ϕ : $\phi = 0$ to $\phi = 2\pi$

$$\int\int\int (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)dx\, dy\, dz = \int_0^{\pi}\int_0^{2\pi}\int_0^1 r^2\,(r^2\sin\theta\, d\theta\, d\phi\, dr)$$

$$= \left[\int_0^1 r^4\, dr\right]\left[\int_0^{\pi}\sin\theta\, d\theta\right]\left[\int_0^{2\pi} d\phi\right]$$

$$= \left[\frac{r^5}{5}\right]_0^1 [-\cos\theta]_0^{\pi}\,[\phi]_0^{2\pi}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{5} - 0\right)(1 + 1)(2\pi - 0)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)(2)(2\pi) = \frac{4\pi}{5}$$