

Calculus IV [2443–002] Quiz III
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Q1]... Write the following triple integral out as a spherical coordinates triple integral.

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

Soln: The region is precisely one quarter of a solid ball which is centered on the origin and has radius 3. The quarter is above the xy -plane and to the positive y half of the xz -plane.

The spherical coordinates description of this region is just

$$0 \leq \rho \leq 3, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi, \quad 0 \leq \phi \leq \pi/2.$$

Noting that the integrand converts into $\rho \cos \phi(\rho^2)$, and remembering that $dv = \rho^2 \sin \phi d\rho d\theta d\phi$, we obtain

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{\pi} \int_0^3 \rho^5 \cos \phi \sin \phi d\rho d\theta d\phi.$$

Q2]... Sketch the region which is described in the following triple integral.

$$\int_0^{\pi/4} \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{\sec \phi} \rho^2 \sin \phi d\rho d\theta d\phi$$

Soln: We build the region up from small blocks which radiate outwards from the origin ($\rho = 0$) until the horizontal plane $z = 1$ ($\rho = \sec \phi$). We see this last fact from the definition of spherical coordinates as follows: $\rho = \sec \phi \Rightarrow \rho \cos \phi = 1 \Rightarrow z = 1$. These blocks produce a type of cone with vertex at the origin and base on the plane $z = 1$. Now we rotate these cones one quarter way about the z axis – from the positive x -axis ($\theta = 0$) until the positive y -axis ($\theta = \pi/2$). Finally, we build up copies of this region from the vertical ($\phi = 0$) until an angle of $\pi/4$ with the z -axis ($\phi = \pi/4$).

Our resulting region is one quarter of a solid cone of height 1 and cone angle (between axis and side of cone) of $\pi/4$. The cone has vertex at the origin, and “base” on the plane $z = 1$. The quarter corresponds to the first octant $x \geq 0, y \geq 0, z \geq 0$.

