

PC1134 Lecture 20

Topic:

Calculations of multiple integrals in cylindrical and spherical coordinate systems.

Relevance:

Many physical systems have cylindrical or spherical symmetry. Double and triple integrations can be done more conveniently using cylindrical or spherical coordinates.

Applications

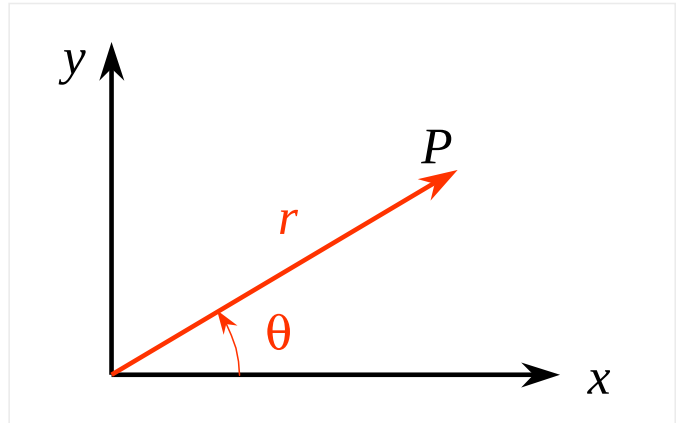
- Area
- Volume
- Mass
- Centre of mass
- Moment of inertia

Scope

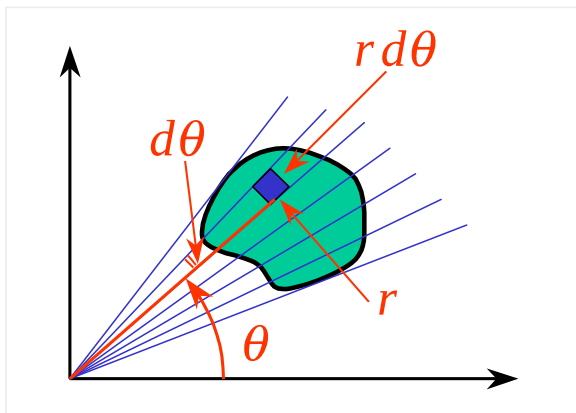
- Polar coordinates
- Cylindrical coordinates
- Spherical coordinates

Polar Coordinates

$$\begin{aligned}(x, y) \\ (r, \theta) \\ x &= r \cos \theta \\ y &= r \sin \theta\end{aligned}$$



$$f(x, y) = f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) = f(r, \theta)$$



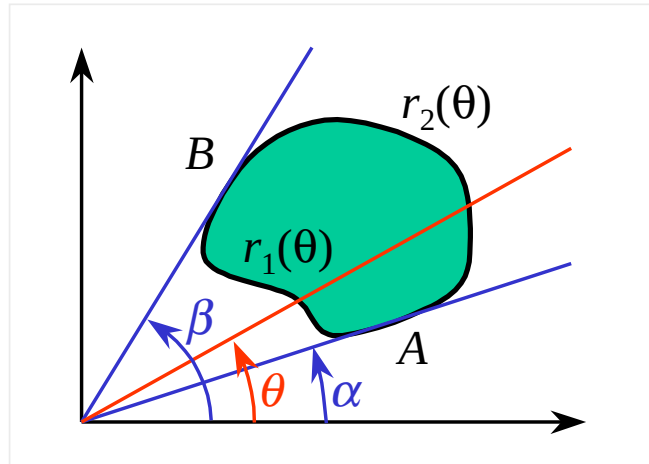
Area element:

$$dA = dr \cdot r d\theta = r dr d\theta$$

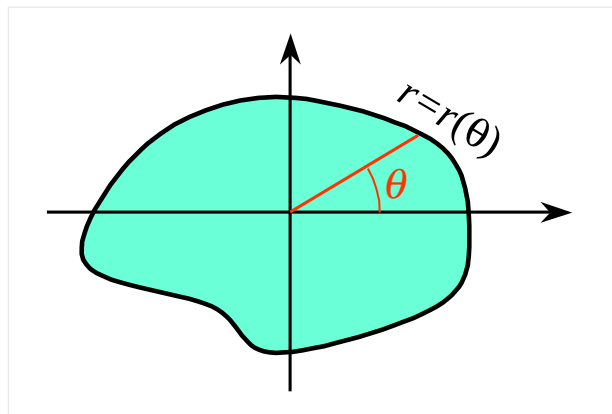
$$\begin{aligned}\int \int_A f(x, y) dx dy \\ \int \int_A f(r, \theta) r dr d\theta\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x &= r \cos \theta \\ y &= r \sin \theta \\ dx dy &\implies r dr d\theta\end{aligned}$$

Polar Coordinates



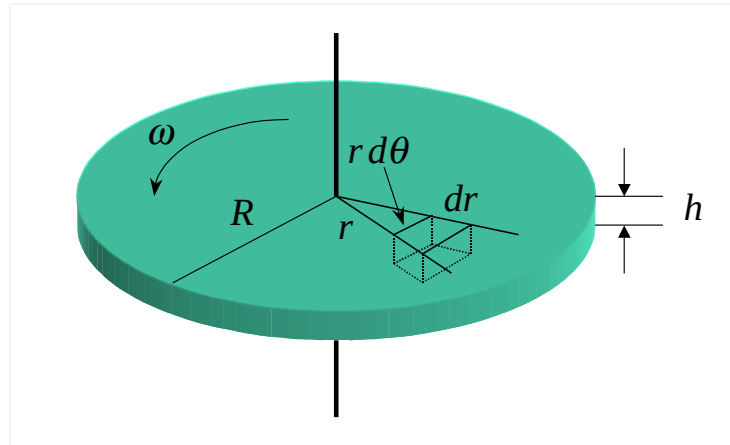
$$\int \int f(r, \theta) r dr d\theta = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \int_{r_1(\theta)}^{r_2(\theta)} f(r, \theta) r dr d\theta$$



$$\int \int f(r, \theta) r dr d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{r(\theta)} f(r, \theta) r dr d\theta$$

Example

Moment of inertia of a circular disk (density ρ)



Consider a small element

$$\text{Volume: } dV = dr(r d\theta)h$$

$$\text{Mass: } dm = \rho dV = \rho h r dr d\theta$$

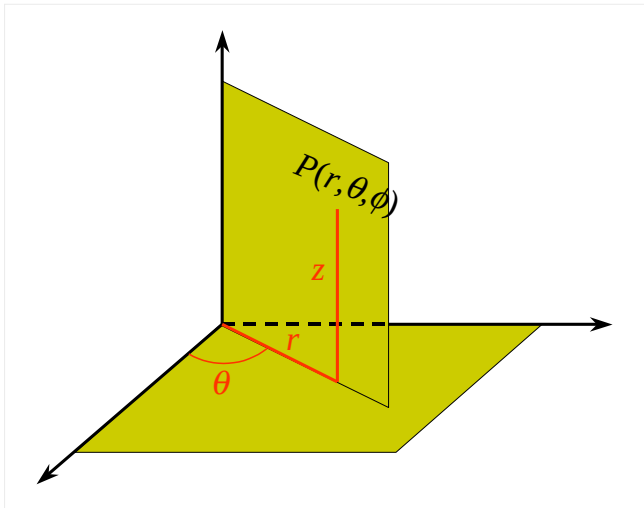
$$\text{Moment of inertia: } dm r^2 = \rho h r^3 dr d\theta$$

$$I = \int dm r^2 = \rho h \int_0^R r^3 dr \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta$$

$$= \rho h \frac{R^4}{4} 2\pi = \frac{1}{2} M R^2$$

$$(M = \pi R^2 h \rho)$$

Cylindrical Coordinates

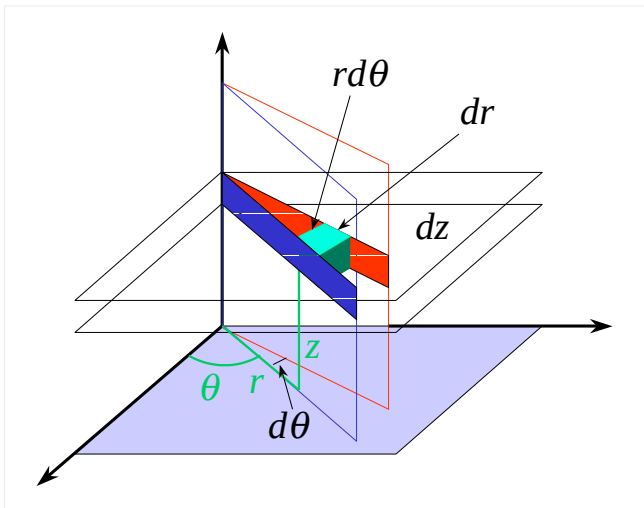


$$(x, y, z) \longrightarrow (r, \theta, z)$$

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

$$z = z$$



$$dv = dx dy dz$$

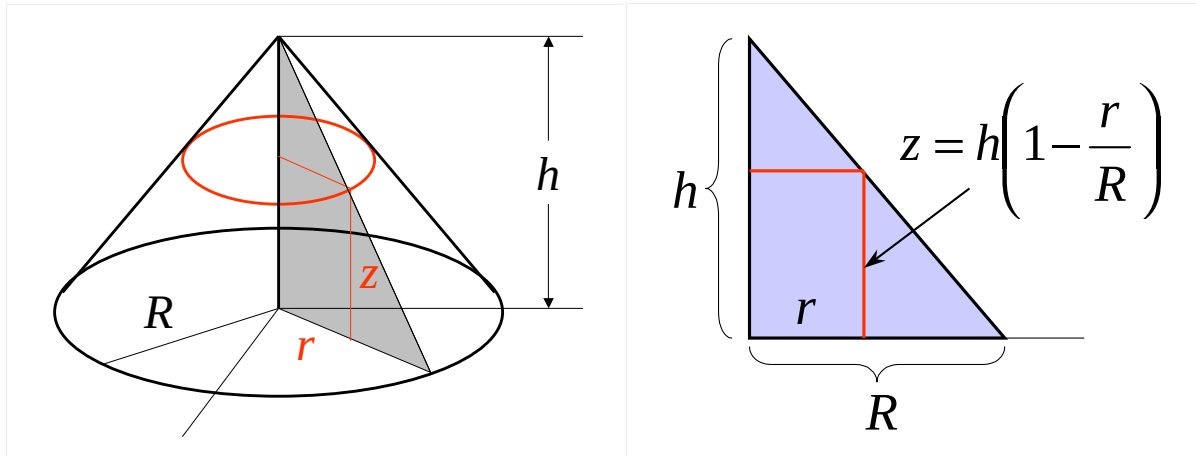
$$\Rightarrow dr(r d\theta) dz$$

$$= r dr d\theta dz$$

$$\iiint f(x, y, z) dv \Rightarrow \iiint f(r, \theta, z) r dr d\theta dz$$

Example

Volume of a solid cone:



$$\begin{aligned} V &= \iiint dv = \iiint r dr d\theta dz \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^R r dr \int_0^{h(1-r/R)} dz \\ &= 2\pi \int_0^R r dr h(1 - r/R) \\ &= 2\pi h \int_0^R h(r - r^2/R) dr \\ &= 2\pi h [R^2/2 - R^3/(3R)] = \pi R^2 h/3 \end{aligned}$$

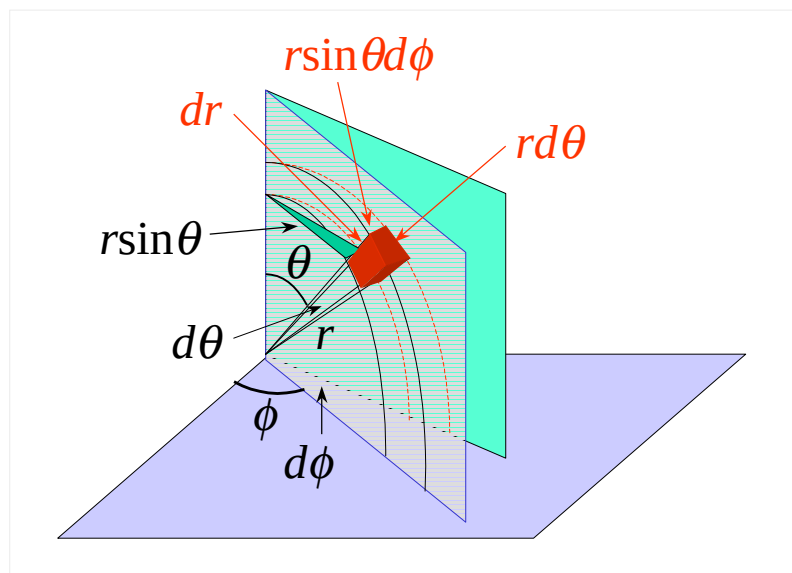
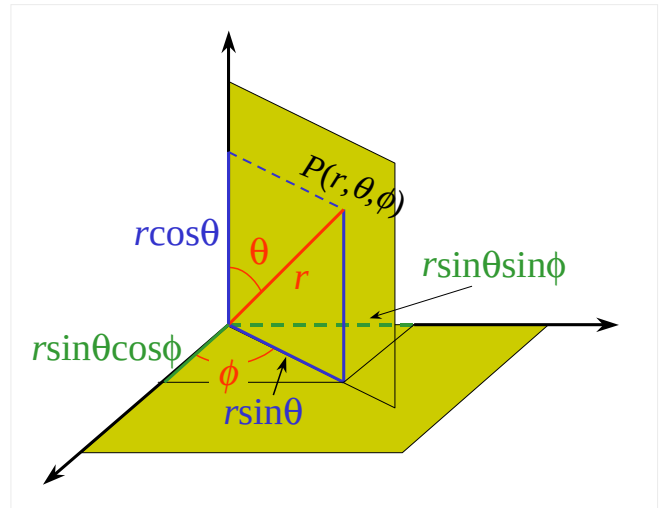
Spherical Coordinates

$$(x, y, z) \iff (r, \theta, \phi)$$

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

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

$$z = r \cos \theta$$

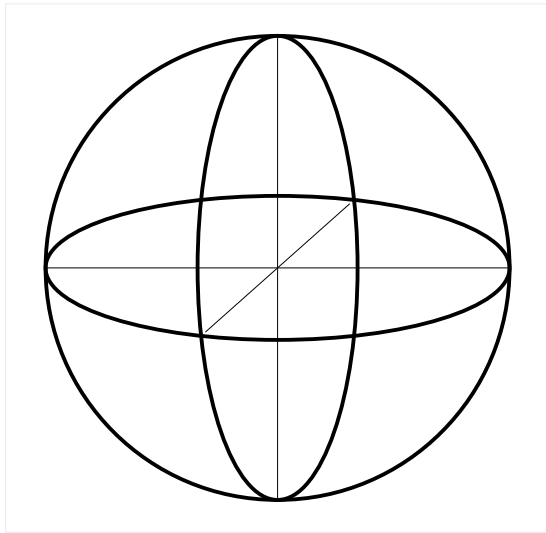


$$dV = dr(r d\theta)(r \sin \theta d\phi) = r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi$$

$$\iiint f(x, y, z) dx dy dz \implies \iiint f(r, \theta, \phi) r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi$$

Example

Moment of inertia of a uniform sphere about its axis



$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = R^2$$

$$I_x = \iiint (y^2 + z^2) \rho dv$$

$$I_y = \iiint (z^2 + x^2) \rho dv$$

$$I_z = \iiint (x^2 + y^2) \rho dv$$

By symmetry, $I_x = I_y = I_z = I$.

$$\begin{aligned} 3I &= 2\rho \iiint (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) dv \\ &= 2\rho \iiint r^2 dv = 2\rho \iiint r^4 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi \\ &= 2\rho \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_0^\pi \sin \theta d\theta \int_0^R r^4 dr \\ &= 2\rho 2\pi (-\cos \theta|_0^\pi) \frac{1}{5} R^5 = \frac{8}{5} \pi \rho R^5 = \frac{2}{5} M R^2 \end{aligned}$$

General Coordinate Transformation

Polar	$dA = dx dy$	$\implies$	$r dr d\theta$
Cylindrical	$dV = dx dy dz$	$\implies$	$r dr d\theta dz$
Spherical	$dV = dx dy dz$	$\implies$	$r^2 \sin \theta dr d\theta d\phi$

2-dimensional coordinate transformation

$$x = x(u, v)$$

$$y = y(u, v)$$

$$dx dy \implies |J| du dv$$

$$J = \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(u, v)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta$$

$$J = \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(r, \theta)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{vmatrix} = r$$

General Coordinate Transformation

3-dimensional coordinate transformation

$$x = x(u, v, w)$$

$$y = y(u, v, w)$$

$$z = z(u, v, w)$$

$$dxdydz = |J|dudvdw$$

$$J = \frac{\partial(x, y, z)}{\partial(u, v, w)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial w} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial w} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial w} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi, \quad y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi, \quad z = r \cos \theta$$

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \phi & r \cos \theta \cos \phi & -r \sin \theta \sin \phi \\ \sin \theta \sin \phi & r \cos \theta \sin \phi & r \sin \theta \cos \phi \\ \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta & 0 \end{vmatrix} = r^2 \sin \theta$$