

# Warm-up Problems

Sketch the surface

$$9x^2 + 4y^2 - 36z^2 - 18x - 144z = 171$$

$$9x^2 - 18x + 4y^2 - 36z^2 - 144z = 171$$

$$9(x^2 - 2x + \underline{1}) + 4y^2 - 36(z^2 + 4z + \underline{4}) = 171 + \underline{9} + \underline{-144}$$

$$9(x-1)^2 + 4y^2 - 36(z+2)^2 = 36$$

$$\frac{(x-1)^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{9} - \frac{(z+2)^2}{1} = 1$$

$$(1, 0, -2)$$

# Cylindrical and Spherical

In polar coordinates, position is based on angle and distance from the origin...

$(1,1)$  in rectangular is equivalent to  $(\sqrt{2}, \frac{\pi}{4})$   
in polar

Cylindrical coordinates extends polar to 3-D

→ Find the position of a point over the  $xy$ -plane using  $r$  and  $\theta$ , then find the distance from the  $xy$ -plane (this is the  $z$  coordinate)

$(r, \theta, z)$  is the cylindrical coordinate of a point

$$r \in \mathbb{R}, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi, \quad z \in \mathbb{R}$$

Some relationships:

Cylind  $\rightarrow$  Rect

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

$$z = z$$

Rect  $\rightarrow$  Cylind

$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$z = z$$



Ex. Find the rectangular coordinates of the cylindrical point  $\left(2, \frac{2\pi}{3}, 1\right)$

$$x = 2 \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} = 2\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = -1$$

$$y = 2 \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} = 2\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \sqrt{3}$$

$$z = 1$$

$$(-1, \sqrt{3}, 1)$$

Ex. Find the cylindrical coordinates of the rectangular point  $(3, -3, -7)$

$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

$$3^2 + (-3)^2 = r^2$$

$$9 + 9 = r^2$$

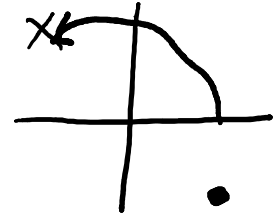
$$18 = r^2$$

$$r = \pm \sqrt{18}$$

$$= \pm 3\sqrt{2}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{-3}{3}$$

$$\tan \theta = -1$$



$$(3\sqrt{2}, \frac{7\pi}{4}, -7)$$

$$(-3\sqrt{2}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, -7)$$

Some surfaces are easier to describe in cylindrical

Ex. Describe the surface  $r = c$ .

Ex. Describe the surface  $\theta = c$ .

Ex. Describe the surface  $z = r$ .

Ex. Find the cylindrical equation of the surface  $x^2 + y^2 = 2z^2$ .

$$r^2 = 2z^2$$

$$(r \cos \theta)^2 + (r \sin \theta)^2 = 2z^2$$



Ex. Find the cylindrical equation of the surface  $y^2 = 2x$ .

$$(r \sin \theta)^2 = 2r \cos \theta$$

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

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

$$r = \frac{2 \cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta}$$

Ex. Find the rectangular equation of the surface  $r^2 \cos 2\theta + z^2 + 1 = 0$ .

$$r^2(\cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta) + z^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$r^2 \cos^2\theta - r^2 \sin^2\theta + z^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$(r \cos\theta)^2 - (r \sin\theta)^2 + z^2 + 1 = 0$$

$$x^2 - y^2 + z^2 + 1 = 0$$

In spherical coordinates, points are represented by  $(\rho, \theta, \varphi)$ :

$\rho$  = distance from origin ( $\rho \geq 0$ )

$\theta$  = angle in  $xy$ -plane ( $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ )

$\varphi$  = angle with positive  $z$ -axis ( $0 \leq \varphi \leq \pi$ )

Ex. Describe the surface  $\rho = c$ .

Ex. Describe the surface  $\theta = c$ .

Ex. Describe the surface  $\varphi = c$ .

Some relationships:

Spher  $\rightarrow$  Rect

$$x = \rho \sin \varphi \cos \theta$$

$$y = \rho \sin \varphi \sin \theta$$

$$z = \rho \cos \varphi$$

Rect  $\rightarrow$  Spher

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

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$\cos \varphi = \frac{z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}$$

Ex. Find the rectangular coordinates of the spherical point  $(2, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{3})$

$$x = \rho \sin \varphi \cos \theta = 2 \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \cos \frac{\pi}{4} = 2 \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}$$

$$y = \rho \sin \varphi \sin \theta = 2 \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \sin \frac{\pi}{4} = 2 \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \right) = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}$$

$$z = \rho \cos \varphi = 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = 2 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = 1$$

$$\left( \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}, 1 \right)$$

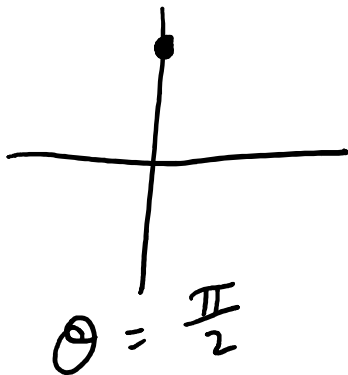
Ex. Find the spherical coordinates of the rectangular point  $(0, 2\sqrt{3}, -2)$

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

$$0 + 12 + 4 = \rho^2$$

$$\rho = 4$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{0}$$

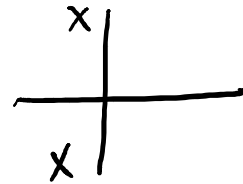


$$\cos \varphi = \frac{z}{\rho}$$

$$\cos \varphi = \frac{-2}{4}$$

$$\cos \varphi = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\varphi = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$



$$\left( 4, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{2\pi}{3} \right)$$

Ex. Find the spherical equation of the surface

$$x^2 - y^2 - z^2 = 1.$$

$$(p \sin \varphi \cos \theta)^2 - (p \sin \varphi \sin \theta)^2 - (p \cos \varphi)^2 = 1$$



Ex. Find the rectangular equation of the surface  $\rho = \sin \theta \sin \varphi$ .

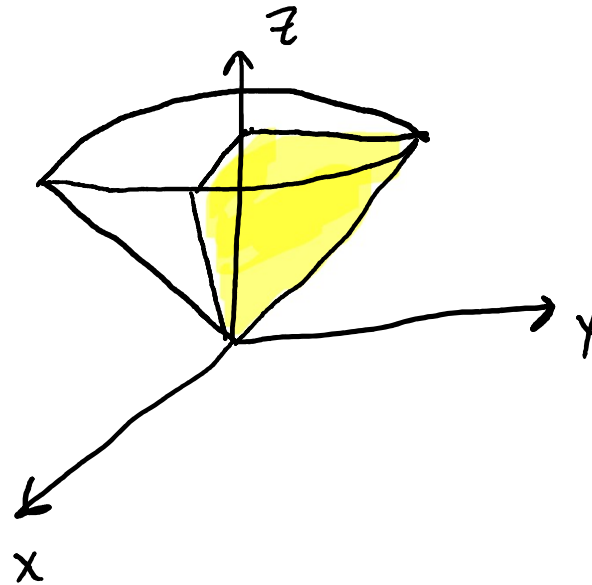
$$\rho^2 = \rho \sin \theta \sin \varphi$$

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

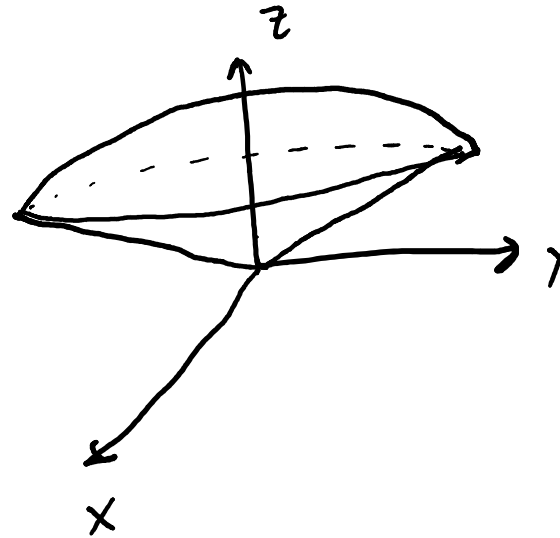
Ex. Sketch the solid described by  $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,

$$\underbrace{r \leq z}_{z=r} \leq \underbrace{2}_{z=2}.$$

$$z=r \quad z=2$$



Ex. Sketch the solid described by  $0 \leq \varphi \leq \frac{\pi}{3}$ ,  
 $\rho \leq 2$ .



I don't think this is what the professor meant by "polar coordinates"

igloos make a lot more sense in spherical coordinates, though.

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