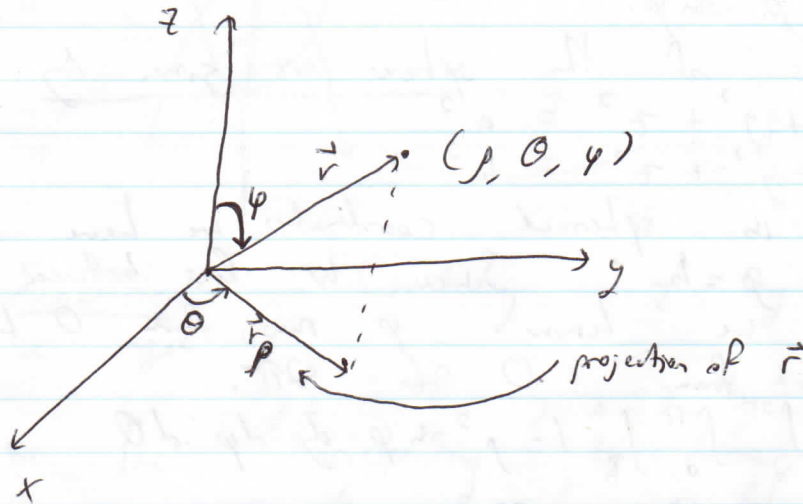


Definition. A point (x, y, z) in \mathbb{R}^3 can be represented using spherical coordinates by specifying the following data:

(a) The distance $\rho = \|\vec{r}\| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ from the origin.

(b) The angle θ ($0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$) in the xy -plane, measured counter-clockwise, between the x -axis and the projection of \vec{r} onto the xy -plane.

(c) The angle φ ($0 \leq \varphi \leq \pi$) in the plane containing the z -axis and the vector \vec{r} , measured from the positive part of the z -axis to the negative part.



We get:

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

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

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

Example: Compute the volume of the solid W lying inside the sphere of radius a and outside the sphere of radius b , where $a > b$.

To compute the volume, we use a change of variables using spherical coordinates: The Jacobian of the change of variables is given by

$$\frac{\partial(x, y, z)}{\partial(\rho, \varphi, \theta)} = \begin{vmatrix} \sin \varphi \cos \theta & \rho \cos \varphi \cos \theta & -\rho \sin \varphi \sin \theta \\ \sin \varphi \sin \theta & \rho \cos \varphi \sin \theta & \rho \sin \varphi \cos \theta \\ \cos \varphi & -\rho \sin \varphi & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

The equations of the spheres are given by

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

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

and so in spherical coordinates we have $\rho = a$ and $\rho = b$. Since W lies between two spheres, we know φ runs from 0 to π and θ runs from 0 to 2π .

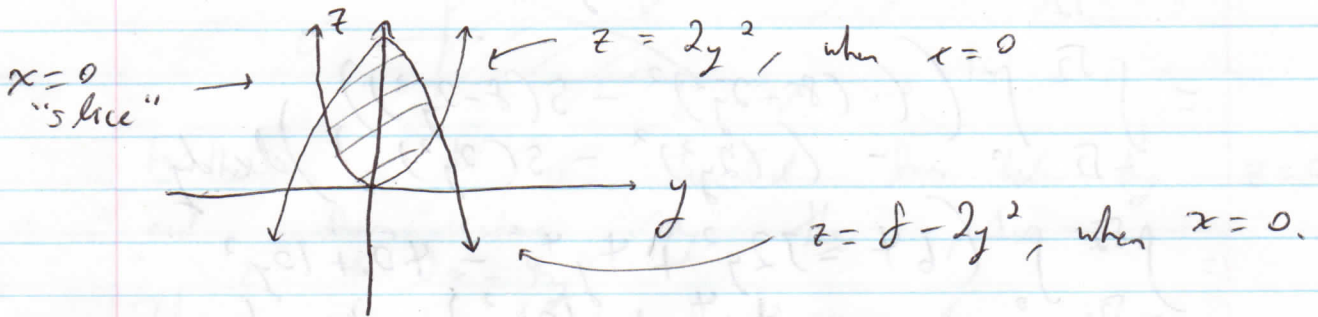
$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{vol}(W) &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \int_b^a 1 \cdot \rho^2 \sin \varphi \, d\rho \, d\varphi \, d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin \varphi \int_b^a \rho^2 \, d\rho \, d\varphi \, d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin \varphi \left(\frac{\rho^3}{3} \right) \Big|_b^a \, d\varphi \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{3} (a^3 - b^3) \int_0^{2\pi} -\cos \varphi \Big|_0^{\pi} \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{3} (a^3 - b^3) \int_0^{2\pi} (-\cancel{\cos \pi} - (-\cos 0)) \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{3} (a^3 - b^3) \int_0^{2\pi} (1 + 1) \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{2}{3} (a^3 - b^3) \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \\ &= \frac{2}{3} (a^3 - b^3) \theta \Big|_0^{2\pi} \\ &= \frac{4\pi}{3} (a^3 - b^3). \end{aligned}$$

Note that if $b=0$, we get the volume of the sphere of radius a :

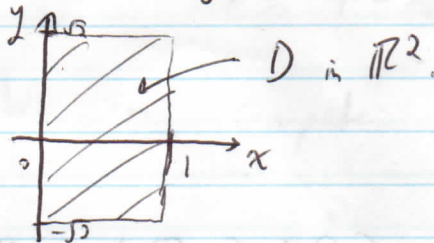
$$\text{vol}(W) = \frac{4\pi}{3} a^3,$$

which agrees with the usual formula.

Exercise: (6.5, #5) Compute the triple integral $\iiint_W f \, dV$ where $f(x, y, z) = 2z - 5$ and W is the three-dimensional solid between the surfaces $z = 2y^2$ and $z = 8 - 2y^2$ for $0 \leq x \leq 1$.



Solution: Combining $z = 2y^2$ and $z = 8 - 2y^2$, we get $2y^2 = 8 - 2y^2 \Rightarrow 4y^2 = 8 \Rightarrow y = \pm\sqrt{2}$, so the corresponding two-dimensional region in the xy -plane looks like the rectangle



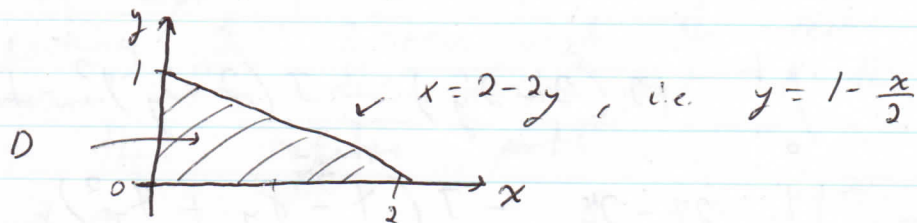
By the first picture above, we know that the bottom surface is $z = 2y^2$ and the top surface is $z = 8 - 2y^2$. We can compute iterated integral: $\iiint_W f \, dV$ by

$$\begin{aligned}
& \iiint_W (2z - 5) \, dV \\
&= \iint_D \left(\int_{2y^2}^{8-2y^2} 2z - 5 \, dz \right) \, dA \\
&= \int_{-\sqrt{2}}^{\sqrt{2}} \int_0^1 \int_{2y^2}^{8-2y^2} 2z - 5 \, dz \, dx \, dy \\
&= \int_{-\sqrt{2}}^{\sqrt{2}} \int_0^1 (z^2 - 5z) \Big|_{2y^2}^{8-2y^2} \, dx \, dy \\
&= \int_{-\sqrt{2}}^{\sqrt{2}} \int_0^1 \left((8-2y^2)^2 - 5(8-2y^2) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - ((2y^2)^2 - 5(2y^2)) \right) \, dx \, dy \\
&= \int_{-\sqrt{2}}^{\sqrt{2}} \int_0^1 (64 - 32y^2 + 4y^4 - 40 + 10y^2 \\
&\quad - 4y^4 + 10y^2) \, dx \, dy \\
&= \int_{-\sqrt{2}}^{\sqrt{2}} \int_0^1 (24 - 12y^2) \, dx \, dy \\
&= \int_{-\sqrt{2}}^{\sqrt{2}} (24 - 12y^2) x \Big|_0^1 \, dy \\
&= \int_{-\sqrt{2}}^{\sqrt{2}} (24 - 12y^2) \, dy \\
&= 24y - 4y^3 \Big|_{-\sqrt{2}}^{\sqrt{2}} \\
&= (24\sqrt{2} - 4(2)^{3/2}) - (24(-\sqrt{2}) - 4(-2)^{3/2}) \\
&= 24\sqrt{2} + 24\sqrt{2} - 4(2)^{3/2} - 4(2)^{3/2} \\
&= 48\sqrt{2} - 8(\sqrt{2})^3
\end{aligned}$$

Exercise : (6.5, #11) Evaluate the following iterated integral and describe the region of integration :

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^{2-2y} \int_0^{4-2x-4y} z \, dz \, dx \, dy.$$

Solution : Let W be the solid which we are integrating over. Since $0 \leq y \leq 1$ and $0 \leq x \leq 2-2y$, the corresponding two-dimensional region D in the xy -plane is given by



Furthermore W is bounded from below by $z = 0$ and from above by the plane

$$z = 4 - 2x - 4y.$$

This plane intersects the xy -plane when $0 = 4 - 2x - 4y \Rightarrow x = 2 - 2y$, which is just the line shown above.

Thus the solid W is just the region in the first octant in \mathbb{R}^3 bounded from above by $z = 4 - 2x - 4y$.

We can compute the iterated integral as follows :

$$\int_0^1 \left(\int_0^{2-2y} \left(\int_0^{4-2x-4y} 3 dz \right) dx \right) dy$$

$$= \int_0^1 \left(\int_0^{2-2y} (3z) \Big|_0^{4-2x-4y} dx \right) dy$$

$$= \int_0^1 \left(\int_0^{2-2y} (12 - 6x - 12y) dx \right) dy$$

$$= \int_0^1 (12x - 3x^2 - 12xy) \Big|_0^{2-2y} dy$$

$$= \int_0^1 12(2-2y) - 3(2-2y)^2 - 12(2-2y)y dy$$

$$= \int_0^1 24 - 24y - 3(4 - 8y + 4y^2) - 24y + 24y^2 dy$$

$$= \int_0^1 24 - 24y - 12 + 24y - 12y^2 - 24y + 24y^2 dy$$

$$= \int_0^1 12 + 12y^2 - 24y dy$$

$$= 12y + 4y^3 - 12y^2 \Big|_0^1$$

$$= 12 + 4 - 12 = 4.$$