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Practice

Cylindrical coordinates

Practice changing coordinates:

$$(r, \theta, z) = (2, \frac{2\pi}{3}, 1); (x, y, z) = (3, -3, 7)$$

Identify cyl. coord. equations:

- $r = 2; z = r^2; r^2 - 2z^2 = 4$
- Sketch $r^2 \leq z \leq 2 - r^2$

Convert to cylindrical coordinates

- $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2; x^2 + y^2 = 2y$
- Give solid between $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ and $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$.

$$6. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -2 \leq x \leq 2 \\ -\sqrt{4-x^2} \leq y \leq \sqrt{4-x^2} \\ \sqrt{x^2+y^2} \leq z \leq 2 \end{array} \right\}$$

Spherical coordinates

Practice changing coordinates:

$$(\rho, \theta, \phi) = (2, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{3}); (x, y, z) = (-1, 1, \sqrt{6})$$

Identify sph. coord. equations:

- $\phi = \frac{\pi}{3}; \rho \sin \phi = 2; \rho = 2 \cos \phi$
- Sketch $(2 \leq \rho \leq 3 \text{ \& } \frac{\pi}{2} \leq \phi \leq \pi)$
Sketch $(0 \leq \phi \leq \frac{\pi}{3} \text{ \& } \rho \leq 2)$

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- $z = x^2 + y^2; z = x^2 - y^2$
- Give solid inside $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$, above xy -plane, below $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$.

$$6. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 \leq y \leq \sqrt{1-x^2} \\ \sqrt{x^2+y^2} \leq z \leq \sqrt{2-x^2-y^2} \end{array} \right\}$$

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In what ways did this enhance or detract from your learning?
6. The assigned Webwork and homework assignments.
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