

**MATH 253 – WORKSHEET 32**  
**SPHERICAL COORDINATES**

We replace  $(x, y, z)$  with  $(r, \theta, \phi)$  via:

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta & y &= \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta & z &= \rho \cos \phi \\ \rho &= \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} & \tan \theta &= \frac{y}{x} & \cos \phi &= \frac{z}{\rho}\end{aligned}$$

The volume element is

$$dV = \rho^2 \sin \phi \, d\rho \, d\theta \, d\phi.$$

(1) Express the following surfaces in spherical coordinates.

(a) The sphere of radius 2 about the origin.

(b) The “double cone”  $z^2 = x^2 + y^2$ .

(c) The paraboloid  $z = x^2 + y^2$ .

(2) Let  $B$  be the ball of radius 1 about the origin. Evaluate  $\iiint_B e^{-(x^2+y^2+z^2)^{3/2}} \, dV$ .

(3) Describe the following regions in words, then set up integration in spherical coordinates:

(a)  $E = \{(x, y, z) \mid x, y, z \geq 0, x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 9\}$

(b)  $E = \{(x, y, z) \mid x^2 + y^2 + (z - 1)^2 \leq 1\}$

CYLINDRICAL OR SPHERICAL?

- (1) Let  $E$  be the “dimple” inside the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2$  and above the paraboloid  $z = x^2 + y^2$ . Set up integration on it in spherical and cylindrical coordinates.

- (2) Let  $E$  be the region above the cone  $3z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  and below the plane  $z = \frac{1}{2}$ . Set up integration on it.