

Jacobian for Rectangular-to-Spherical Coordinates

If

$$\begin{cases} x = \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta \\ y = \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta \\ z = \rho \cos \phi \end{cases}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial(x, y, z)}{\partial(\rho, \phi, \theta)} &= \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \rho} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \phi} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial \rho} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \phi} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial \rho} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial \phi} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \sin \phi \cos \theta & \rho \cos \phi \cos \theta & -\rho \sin \phi \sin \theta \\ \sin \phi \sin \theta & \rho \cos \phi \sin \theta & \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta \\ \cos \phi & -\rho \sin \phi & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= \sin \phi \cos \theta \begin{vmatrix} \rho \cos \phi \sin \theta & \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta \\ -\rho \sin \phi & 0 \end{vmatrix} - \rho \cos \phi \cos \theta \begin{vmatrix} \sin \phi \sin \theta & \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta \\ \cos \phi & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ &\quad + (-\rho \sin \phi \sin \theta) \begin{vmatrix} \sin \phi \sin \theta & \rho \cos \phi \sin \theta \\ \cos \phi & -\rho \sin \phi \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{expanding determinant across 1st row}) \\ &= \sin \phi \cos \theta (\rho^2 \sin^2 \phi \cos \theta) - \rho \cos \phi \cos \theta (-\rho \cos \phi \sin \phi \cos \theta) \\ &\quad - \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta (-\rho \sin^2 \phi \sin \theta - \rho \cos^2 \phi \sin \theta) \\ &= \rho^2 \sin^3 \phi \cos^2 \theta + \rho^2 \cos^2 \phi \sin \phi \cos^2 \theta + \rho^2 \sin^3 \phi \sin^2 \theta + \rho^2 \sin \phi \cos^2 \phi \sin^2 \theta \\ &= \rho^2 \sin \phi (\sin^2 \phi \cos^2 \theta + \cos^2 \phi \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \phi \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \phi \sin^2 \theta) \\ &= \rho^2 \sin \phi (\sin^2 \phi + \cos^2 \phi) (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) \\ &= \rho^2 \sin \phi (1)(1) \\ &= \rho^2 \sin \phi. \end{aligned}$$