

Problem 11)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Jacobian} &= \begin{vmatrix} \partial x/\partial r & \partial y/\partial r & \partial z/\partial r \\ \partial x/\partial \theta & \partial y/\partial \theta & \partial z/\partial \theta \\ \partial x/\partial \phi & \partial y/\partial \phi & \partial z/\partial \phi \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \sin \theta \cos \phi & \sin \theta \sin \phi & \cos \theta \\ r \cos \theta \cos \phi & r \cos \theta \sin \phi & -r \sin \theta \\ -r \sin \theta \sin \phi & r \sin \theta \cos \phi & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= \sin \theta \cos \phi (r^2 \sin^2 \theta \cos \phi) - \sin \theta \sin \phi (-r^2 \sin^2 \theta \sin \phi) \\
 &\quad + \cos \theta (r^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \cos^2 \phi + r^2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \sin^2 \phi) \\
 &= r^2 \sin^3 \theta \cos^2 \phi + r^2 \sin^3 \theta \sin^2 \phi + r^2 \sin \theta \cos^2 \theta (\cos^2 \phi + \sin^2 \phi) \\
 &= r^2 \sin^3 \theta (\cos^2 \phi + \sin^2 \phi) + r^2 \sin \theta \cos^2 \theta \\
 &= r^2 \sin \theta (\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta) = r^2 \sin \theta.
 \end{aligned}$$

A volume integral such as $\iiint f(x, y, z) dx dy dz$ may thus be written equivalently as follows:

$$\iiint \tilde{f}(r, \theta, \phi) \overbrace{r^2 \sin \theta}^{\text{Jacobian}} dr d\theta d\phi.$$

Note that we have used $\tilde{f}(r, \theta, \phi)$ for the function $f(x, y, z)$ when the arguments x, y, z are replaced with $x = r \sin \theta \cos \phi$, $y = r \sin \theta \sin \phi$, and $z = r \cos \theta$.
