- 1. Let $0 \le a < b \le 1$. Find the area of the part of the unit sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ that lies above the plane $z=a$ and below the plane $z=b$. Check that the result only depends on the value $(b - a)$.
- 2. Evaluate

$$
\int_{-1}^{1} \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \int_{1-\sqrt{1-x^2-y^2}}^{1+\sqrt{1-x^2-y^2}} (x^2+y^2+z^2)^{1/2} dz dy dx.
$$

(Hint: Change to the spherical coordinate.)

Solution

1. The (upper) sphere can be expressed as a graph of $z = f(x, y) = \sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2}$. Its first derivatives are

$$
f_x = \frac{-x}{\sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2}}, \quad f_y = \frac{-y}{\sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2}}
$$

To found the area, we first find the domain of the integration for the surface area formula. The intersections of the sphere with planes $z = a$ and $z = b$ are circles, and their projections onto the xy -plane encloses an annulus D : $r_1 \leq \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \leq r_2,$ where $r_1 =$ √ $1-b^2$ and $r_2 =$ √ $1 - a²$. Hence, the surface area is

$$
\iint_D \sqrt{1 + f_x^2 + f_y^2} dA = \iint_D \sqrt{1 + \frac{x^2}{1 - x^2 - y^2} + \frac{y^2}{1 - x^2 - y^2}} dA
$$

=
$$
\int_0^{2\pi} \int_{r_1}^{r_2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - r^2}} r dr d\theta \qquad \text{(polar coordinate)}
$$

=
$$
\int_0^{2\pi} \int_{r_1^2}^{r_2^2} (1 - u)^{-1/2} \frac{1}{2} du d\theta \qquad (u = r^2)
$$

=
$$
2\pi \left[-(1 - u)^{1/2} \right]_{r_1^2}^{r_2^2} = 2\pi (\sqrt{1 - r_1^2} - \sqrt{1 - r_2^2}) = 2\pi (b - a)
$$

and it depends only on $(b - a)$.

2. The bounds for z tells us that the domain of integration is given by

$$
1 - \sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2} \le z \le 1 + \sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2} \Leftrightarrow (z - 1)^2 \le 1 - x^2 - y^2
$$

hence the domain is a ball $x^2 + y^2 + (z - 1)^2 \le 1$. If you plug $x = \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta$, $y =$ $\rho \sin \phi \sin \theta$, $z = \rho \cos \phi$, it gives $\rho \leq 2 \cos \phi$. Also, $0 \leq \phi \leq \pi/2$ since the sphere is above the xy -plane and tangent to it at the origin. Hence, the integral equals to

$$
\int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{0}^{\pi/2} \int_{0}^{2\cos\phi} \rho \cdot \rho^{2} \sin\phi d\rho d\phi d\theta = \int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{0}^{\pi/2} \left[\frac{1}{4} \rho^{4} \right]_{0}^{2\cos\phi} \sin\phi d\phi d\theta
$$

=
$$
\int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{0}^{\pi/2} 4\cos^{4}\phi \sin\phi d\phi d\theta
$$

=
$$
\int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{1}^{0} 4u^{4}(-du) d\theta \qquad (u = \cos\theta)
$$

=
$$
\int_{0}^{2\pi} \left[\frac{4}{5} u^{5} \right]_{0}^{1} d\theta = \frac{8\pi}{5}.
$$