- 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  $D : r_1 \le \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \le r_2$ , where  $r_1 = \sqrt{1 - b^2}$  and  $r_2 = \sqrt{1 - a^2}$ . Hence, the surface area is

$$\begin{split} \iint_{D} \sqrt{1 + f_{x}^{2} + f_{y}^{2}} dA &= \iint_{D} \sqrt{1 + \frac{x^{2}}{1 - x^{2} - y^{2}} + \frac{y^{2}}{1 - x^{2} - y^{2}}} dA \\ &= \int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{r_{1}}^{r_{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - r^{2}}} r dr d\theta \qquad \text{(polar coordinate)} \\ &= \int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{r_{1}^{2}}^{r_{2}^{2}} (1 - u)^{-1/2} \frac{1}{2} du d\theta \qquad (u = r^{2}) \\ &= 2\pi \left[ -(1 - u)^{1/2} \right]_{r_{1}^{2}}^{r_{2}^{2}} = 2\pi (\sqrt{1 - r_{1}^{2}} - \sqrt{1 - r_{2}^{2}}) = 2\pi (b - a) \end{split}$$

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  $\rho \le 2 \cos \phi$ . Also,  $0 \le \phi \le \pi/2$  since the sphere is above the *xy*-plane and tangent to it at the origin. Hence, the integral equals to

$$\int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{0}^{\pi/2} \int_{0}^{2\cos\phi} \rho \cdot \rho^{2} \sin\phi d\rho d\phi d\theta = \int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{0}^{\pi/2} \left[\frac{1}{4}\rho^{4}\right]_{0}^{2\cos\phi} \sin\phi d\phi d\theta$$
$$= \int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{0}^{\pi/2} 4\cos^{4}\phi \sin\phi d\phi d\theta$$
$$= \int_{0}^{2\pi} \int_{1}^{0} 4u^{4}(-du)d\theta \qquad (u = \cos\theta)$$
$$= \int_{0}^{2\pi} \left[\frac{4}{5}u^{5}\right]_{0}^{1} d\theta = \frac{8\pi}{5}.$$