



PH103 : Physics  
Tutorial 2

1. Describe and plot the surfaces with the given cylindrical equations.

- $\phi = \pi/4$
- $\rho^2 + z^2 = 9$
- $z = \rho$
- $\rho = 6$

2. Convert the rectangular coordinates  $(-1, 1, \sqrt{6})$  to both spherical and cylindrical coordinates.

3. An ant crawls on the surface of the ball of radius in a manner such that the ant's motion is given in spherical coordinate system by the equation :

$$r = b \quad \phi = \omega t \quad \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{4} \cos(4\omega t) \right]$$

Find the speed of the ant as a function of the time  $t$ . What sort of path is represented by above equation?

4. The equation for the outer edge of a sphere of radius  $R$  is given by

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$$

Find the volume of sphere in Cartesian, Cylindrical and Spherical coordinate system.

5. Find the potential of a uniformly charged spherical shell having a surface charge density  $\sigma$  of radius  $R$  at point P as shown in below figure.

Hint

Use the law of cosines to express  $r$  :

$$r^2 = R^2 + z^2 - 2Rz \cos \theta'$$

