

16.5 Triple Integrals in Spherical Coordinates

in spherical, we locate a point by (ρ, ϕ, θ)

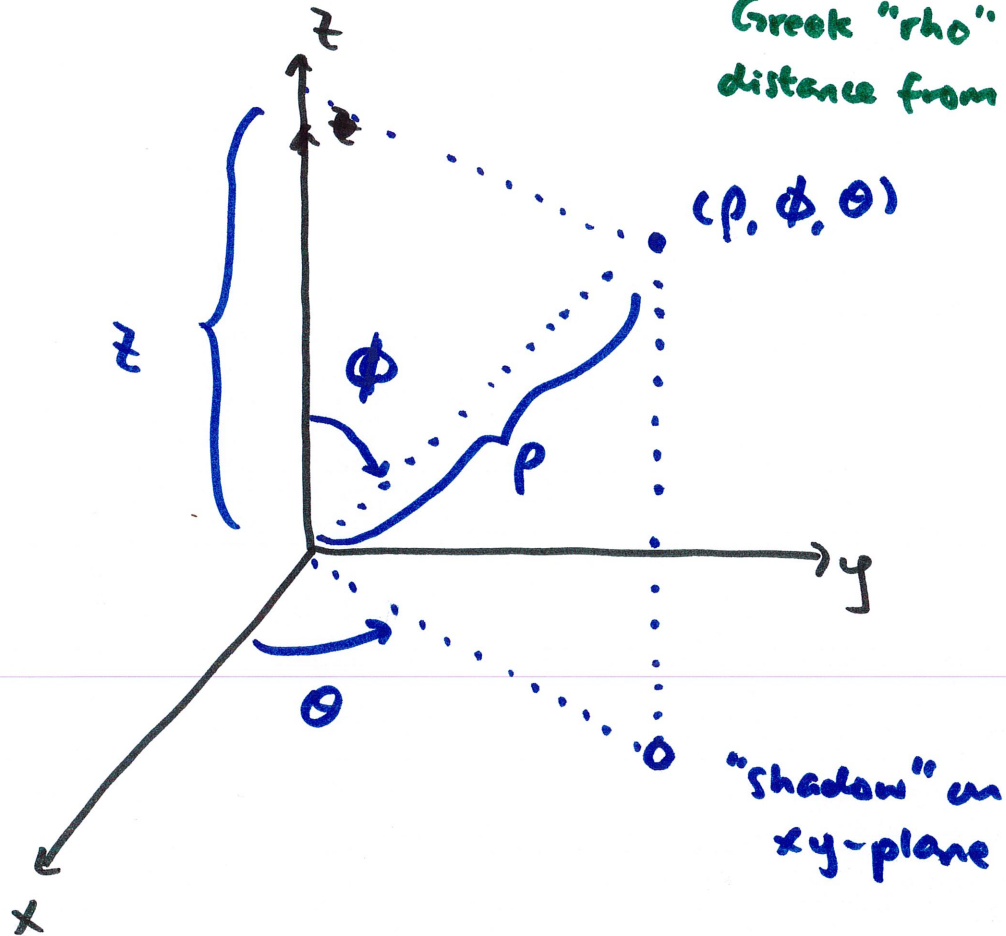
Greek "phi"

angle measured from z-axis down

Greek "rho"

distance from origin to point

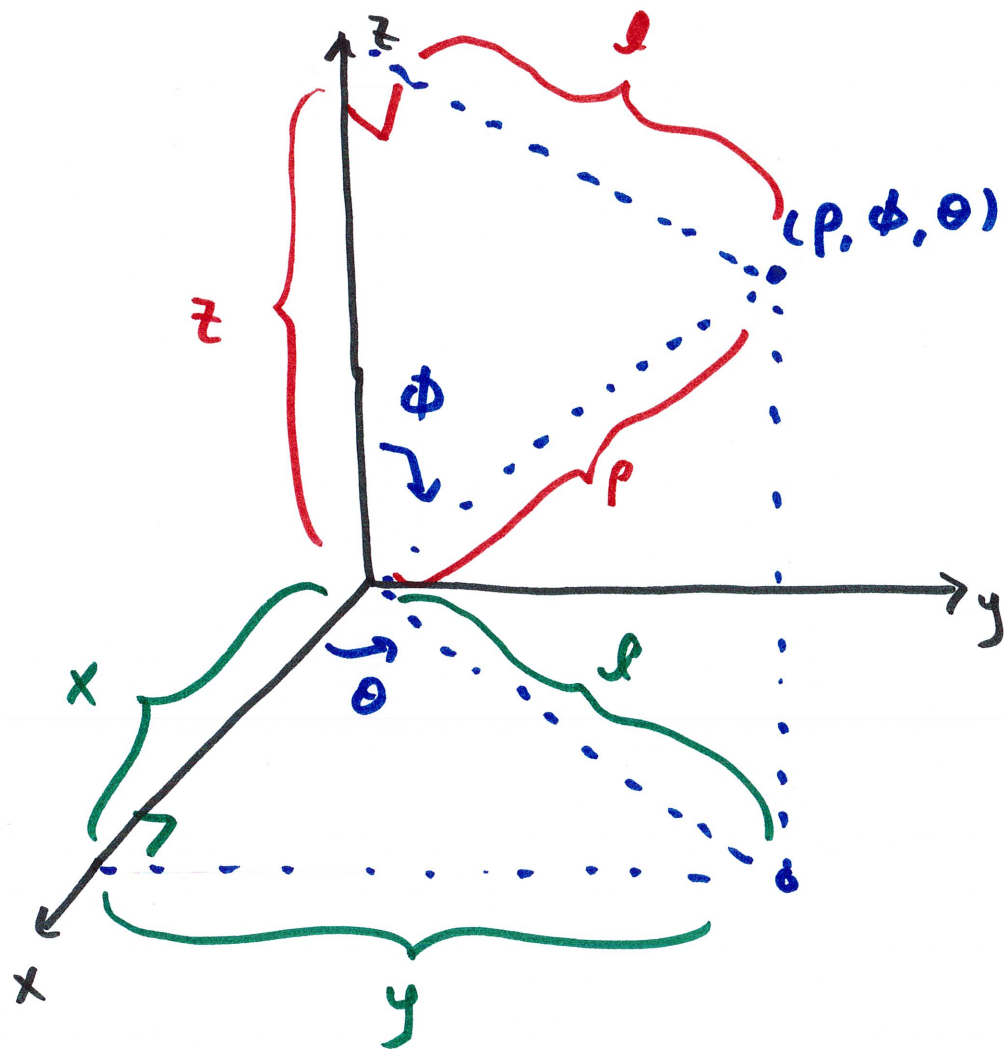
the same θ as in polar or cylindrical



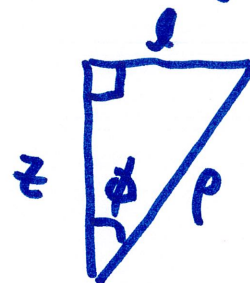
$$\begin{aligned} \rho &\geq 0 \\ 0 &\leq \theta \leq 2\pi \\ 0 &\leq \phi \leq \pi \end{aligned}$$

doesn't need to go to 2π

converting from/to Cartesian



top triangle



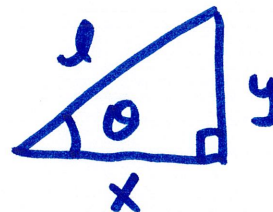
$$\cos \phi = \frac{z}{\rho}$$

~~$$\rho = z \cos \phi$$~~

$$z = \rho \cos \phi$$

$$\sin \phi = \frac{l}{\rho} \quad \text{so } l = \rho \sin \phi$$

lower triangle



$$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{l} \quad x = l \cos \theta$$

$$x = \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{l} \quad y = l \sin \theta$$

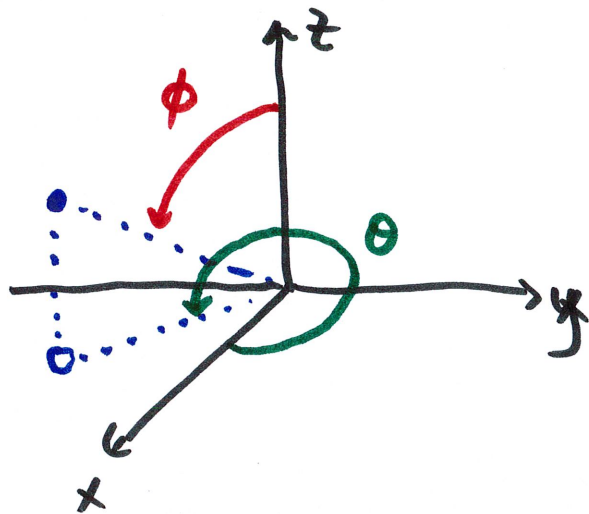
$$y = \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta$$

note: $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \rho^2$

example (Cartesian \rightarrow spherical)

$$(x, y, z) = (1, -1, \sqrt{2})$$

$$(\rho, \phi, \theta) = ?$$



so, $\frac{3\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$
 $0 \leq \phi \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\rho: x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \rho^2$$

$$1 + 1 + 2 = \rho^2$$

so, $\boxed{\rho = 2}$

$$\phi: z = \rho \cos \phi$$

$$\sqrt{2} = 2 \cos \phi$$

$$\cos \phi = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \rightarrow \boxed{\phi = \frac{\pi}{4}}$$

$$\theta: \left. \begin{array}{l} x = \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta \\ y = \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\frac{y}{x} = \tan \theta = \frac{-1}{1} = -1$$

QIV θ such that $\tan \theta = -1$

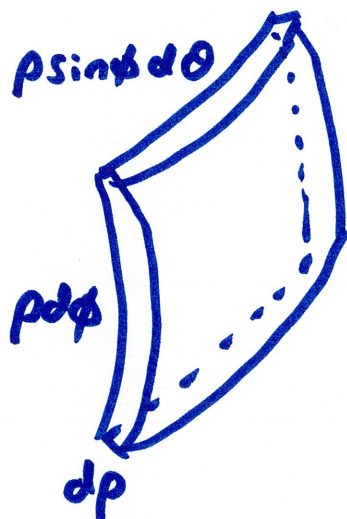
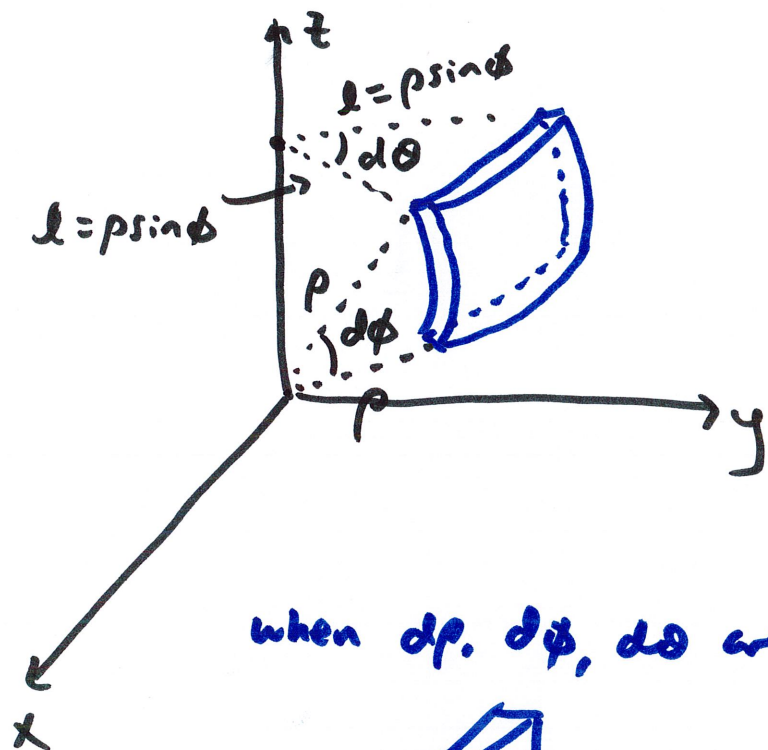
$$\boxed{\theta = \frac{7\pi}{4}}$$

in triple integral, $dV = dz dy dx$ in Cartesian

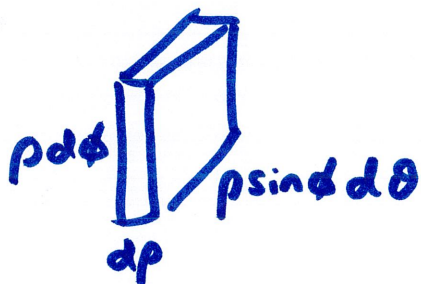
$dV = r dz dr d\theta$ in Cylindrical

$dV = ?$ Spherical

take a small spherical shell from small changes in ρ , θ , ϕ



when $d\rho$, $d\phi$, $d\theta$ are small, shell \approx rectangular box



$$dV = \rho^2 \sin \phi d\rho d\phi d\theta$$

example

$$\int_0^6 \int_0^{\sqrt{36-x^2}} \int_{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}^{\sqrt{72-x^2-y^2}} dz dy dx$$

terrible in Cartesian

the upper bound of z is part of a

part of a sphere:

$$z = \sqrt{72 - x^2 - y^2}$$

$$z^2 = 72 - x^2 - y^2$$

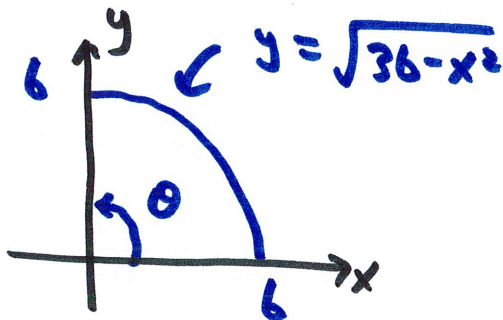
$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 72$$

when dealing with spheres or spheres-like, spherical is good

so, go to spherical: bounds for ρ , ϕ , θ ?

$$0 \leq x \leq 6$$

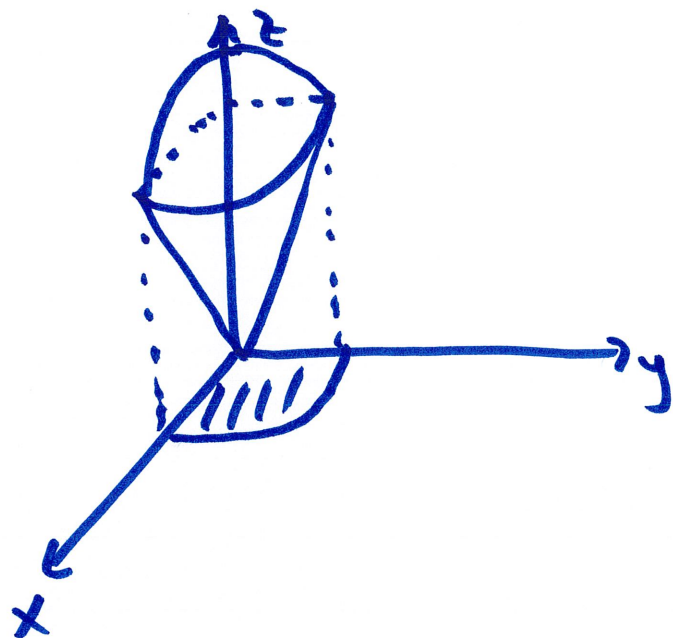
$$0 \leq y \leq \sqrt{36 - x^2}$$



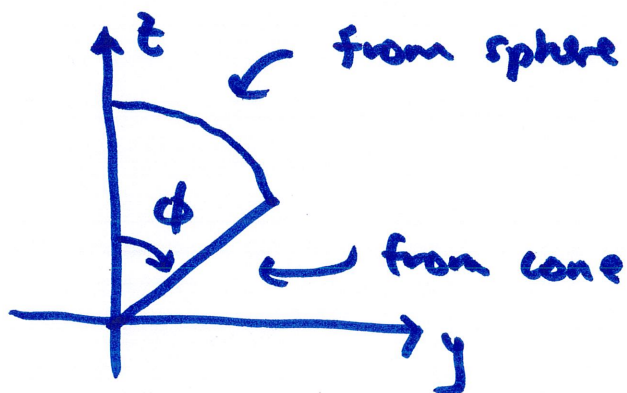
$$0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

this is the shadow
onto xy -plane

$$\underbrace{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}_{\text{cone}} \leq z \leq \underbrace{\sqrt{72-x^2-y^2}}_{\text{sphere radius } \sqrt{72}}$$



onto the yz -plane



we want everything inside
we accumulate from origin ($\rho=0$)
out to boundary ($\rho=\sqrt{72}$, sphere)

$$\boxed{0 \leq \rho \leq \sqrt{72}}$$

ϕ from 0 to where edge of cone is

cone: $z = \sqrt{x^2+y^2} = \sqrt{y^2} = y$

slope 1 \rightarrow angle is $\frac{\pi}{4}$

so,

$$\boxed{0 \leq \phi \leq \frac{\pi}{4}}$$

volume is spherical:

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \int_0^{\sqrt{r_2}} \overbrace{\rho^2 \sin \phi \, d\rho \, d\phi \, d\theta}^{dv} = \dots = \boxed{12\sqrt{r_2} \pi \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)}$$

example Volume of solid outside $\rho = 1$ and inside $\rho = 2 \cos \phi$

$\rho = 1$
 sphere radius 1
 center (0,0,0)

$\rho = 2 \cos \phi$
 ?

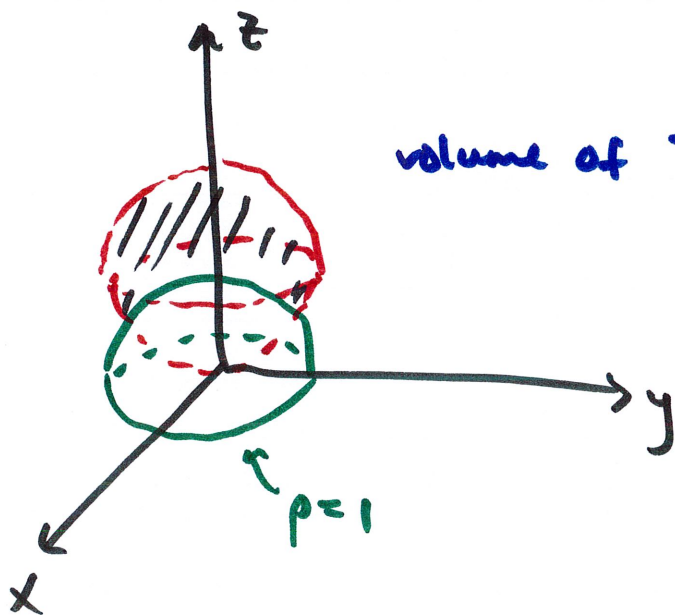
$$\rho = 2 \cos \phi$$

$$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = 2 \cos \phi \cdot \frac{\rho}{\rho} = \frac{2 \overbrace{\rho \cos \phi}^z}{\rho} = \frac{2z}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2z \rightarrow$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + (z-1)^2 = 1$$

sphere center (0,0,1) radius 1

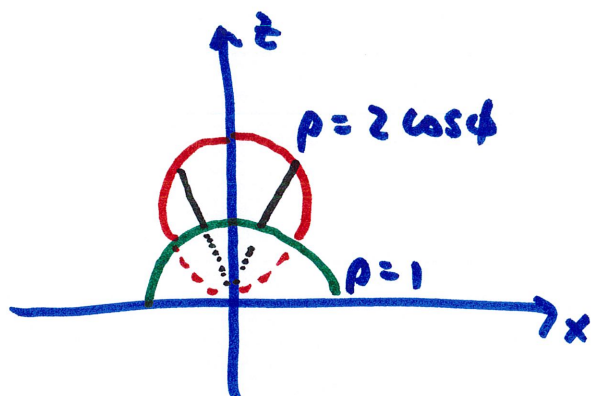


volume of Toad's hat!

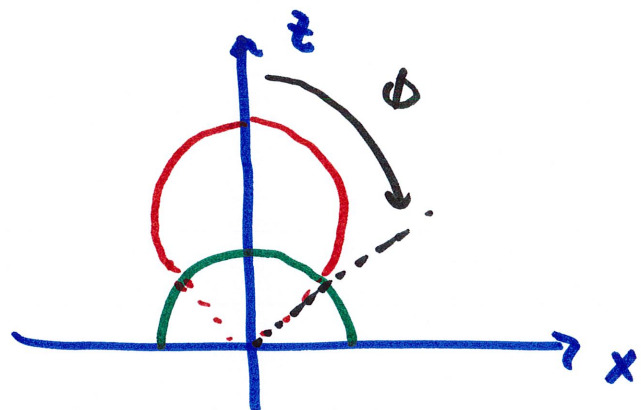
$$0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

all the way around
 z-axis

xz-plane projection



$$1 \leq \rho \leq 2 \cos \phi$$



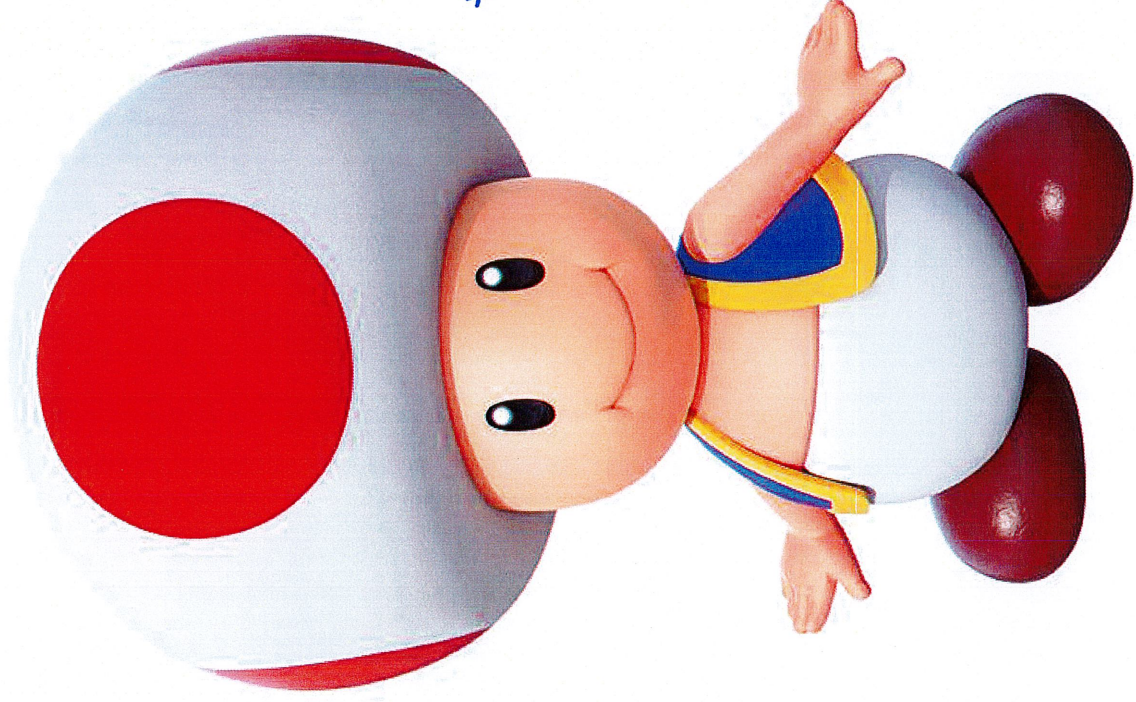
ϕ : from z-axis ($\phi=0$)
to intersection

$$\rho=1 \quad \rho=2 \cos \phi$$

$$1 = 2 \cos \phi \quad \cos \phi = \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \phi = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$0 \leq \phi \leq \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\text{volume} = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/3} \int_{\rho}^{2 \cos \phi} \rho^2 \sin \phi \, d\rho \, d\phi \, d\theta = \dots = \boxed{\frac{11\pi}{2}}$$



the volume of my hat
is $\frac{11\pi}{2}$!