

18.022 Recitation Quiz (with solutions)  
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1. Describe the upper half of the unit sphere centered at the origin using cylindrical coordinates.

*Solution.* We begin with the coordinate  $r$ , which describes the distance from the  $z$ -axis. The smallest and largest such distances for points on the unit sphere are 0 and 1, so we have  $0 \leq r \leq 1$ . For each value of  $r$ , the sphere intersects the cylinder of radius  $r$ , so  $\theta$  ranges from 0 to  $2\pi$ . For fixed  $r$  and  $\theta$ , the vertical line passing through  $(r, \theta, 0)$  intersects the half-sphere in the interval  $[0, \sqrt{1-r^2}]$ , by the Pythagorean theorem. Therefore, the region is described by

$$0 \leq r \leq 1$$

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

$$0 \leq z \leq \sqrt{1-r^2}.$$