

Compute the center of mass of the region in the first octant enclosed by the sphere

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$$

assuming that the density is constant.

Since the radius is 2 and the density δ is constant, the mass is

$$\frac{\left(\frac{4}{3}\pi\right)(8)(\delta)}{8} = \frac{4}{3}\pi\delta.$$

To calculate the z -coordinate of the center of mass, we must calculate

$$\iiint_R \delta z \, dV = \delta \iiint_R z \, dV$$

Using spherical coordinates, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \delta \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^2 \int_0^{\pi/2} (\rho \cos \phi)(\rho^2 \sin \phi) \, d\phi \, d\rho \, d\theta \\ &= \delta \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^2 \rho^3 \left[\int_0^1 u \, du \right] \, d\rho \, d\theta \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad u = \sin \phi \\ &= \delta \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^2 \frac{\rho^3}{2} \, d\rho \, d\theta = \frac{\delta}{8} \int_0^{\pi/2} [\rho^4]_0^2 \, d\theta \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad = \left(\frac{\delta}{8}\right)\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)(16) = \delta\pi \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{z} = \frac{\delta\pi}{\frac{4}{3}\pi\delta} = \frac{3}{4}.$$

By symmetry, $\bar{x} = \bar{y} = \bar{z}$.