

Section 15.6: Triple Integrals

Let B be a rectangular box such that $B = \{(x, y, z) | a \leq x \leq b, c \leq y \leq d, r \leq z \leq s\}$,
 i.e. $B = [a, b] \times [c, d] \times [r, s]$.

x y z

Definition: The triple integral of $f(x, y, z)$ over the box B is

$$\iiint_B f(x, y, z) dV = \lim_{\|P\| \rightarrow 0} \sum_i \sum_j \sum_k f(x_i^*, y_j^*, z_k^*) \Delta V_{ijk}$$

if this limit exists.

Note: The volume of solid E is given by $\iiint_E 1 \, dV$.

Fubini's Theorem for Triple Integrals: If f is continuous on the rectangular box

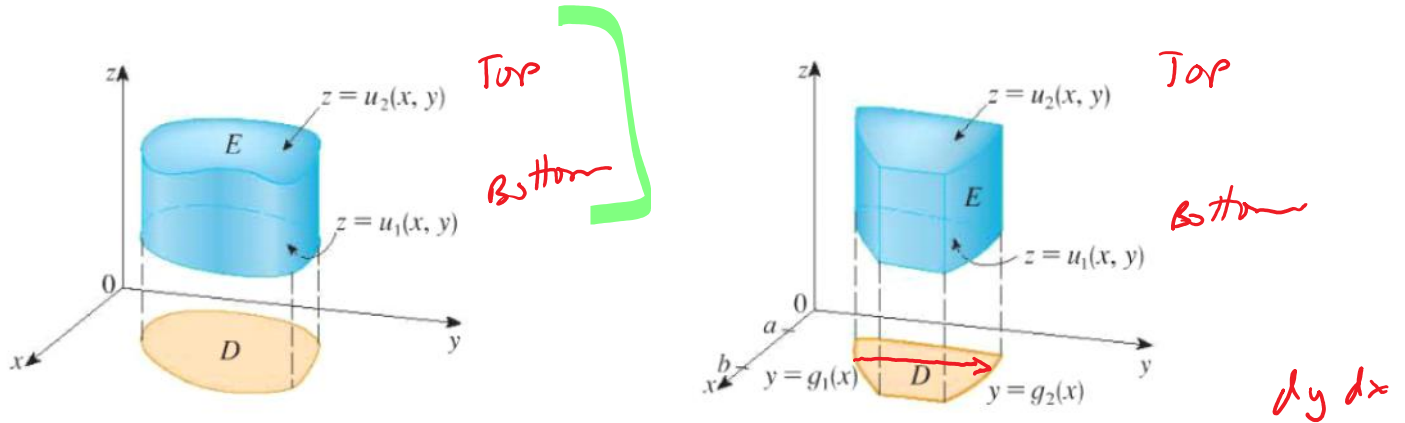
$B = [a, b] \times [c, d] \times [r, s]$, then

$$\iiint_B f(x, y, z) dV = \int_{z=r}^s \int_{y=c}^d \int_{x=a}^b f(x, y, z) \, dx dy dz = \int_{x=a}^b \int_{z=r}^s \int_{y=c}^d f(x, y, z) \, dy dz dx$$

Triple Integral over General Regions:

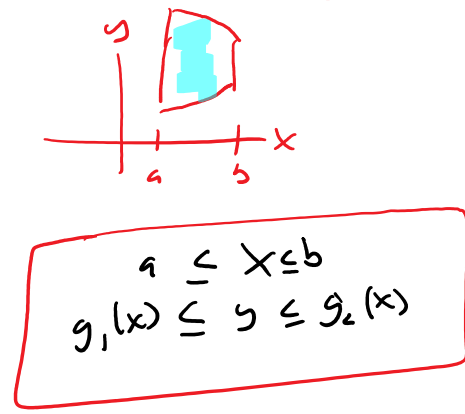
When using a non-rectangular solid, we consider the projection (image) the solid makes on the different coordinate planes.

A Type I region is the solid $E = \{(x, y, z) | (x, y) \in D, u_1(x, y) \leq z \leq u_2(x, y)\}$



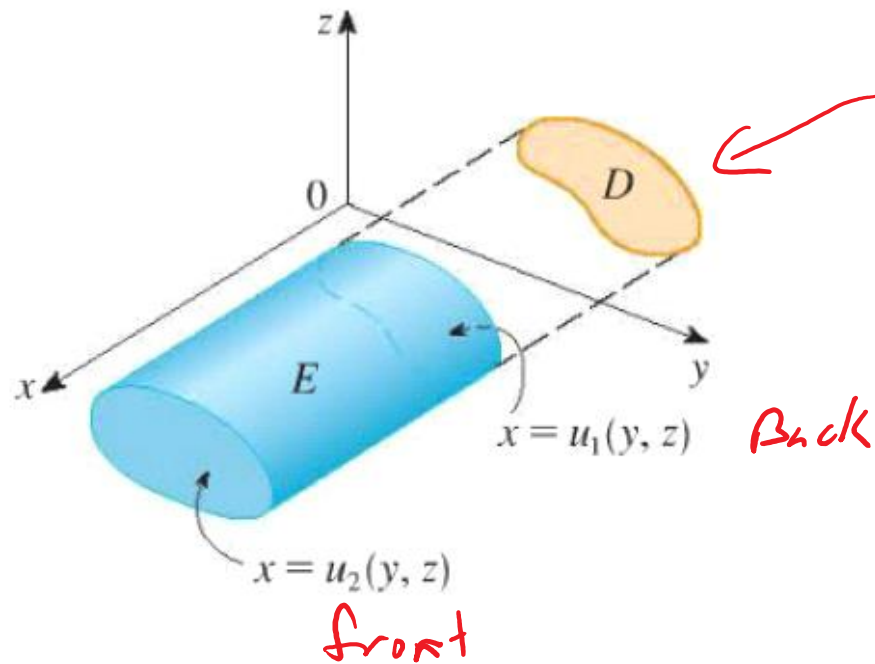
$$\iiint_E f(x, y, z) dV = \iint_D \left[\int_{u_1(x, y)}^{u_2(x, y)} f(x, y, z) dz \right] dA$$

Top
Bottom



$$= \int_{x=a}^b \int_{y=g_1(x)}^{g_2(x)} \int_{z=u_1(x, y)}^{u_2(x, y)} f(x, y, z) dz dy dx$$

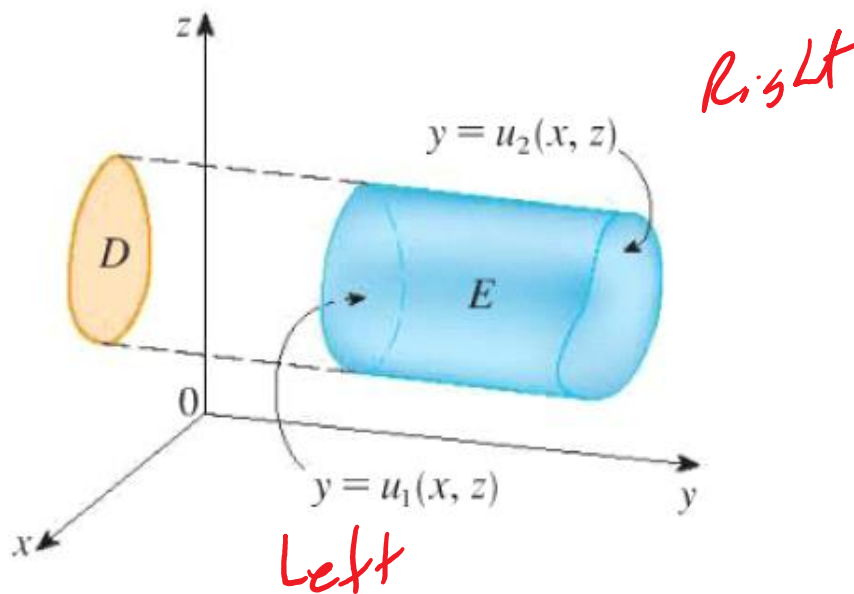
A Type 2 region is the solid $E = \{(x, y, z) | (y, z) \in D, u_1(y, z) \leq x \leq u_2(y, z)\}$



$$\iiint_E f(x, y, z) dV = \iint_D \left[\int_{u_1(y, z)}^{u_2(y, z)} f(x, y, z) dx \right] dA$$

front.
Back

A Type 3 region is the solid $E = \{(x, y, z) | (x, z) \in D, u_1(x, z) \leq y \leq u_2(x, z)\}$



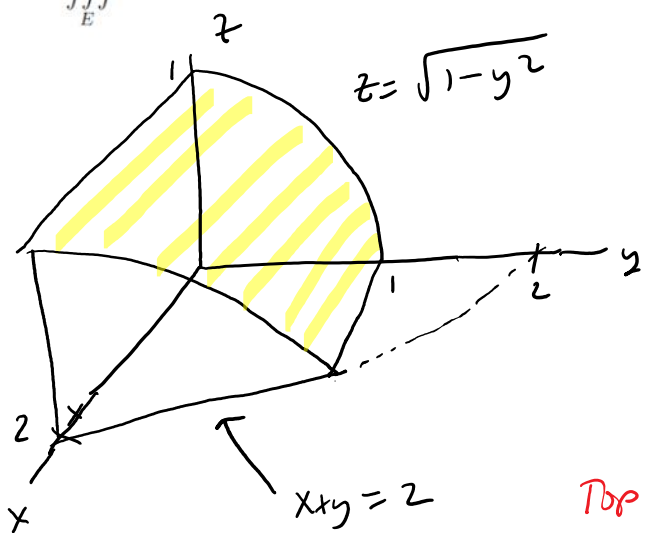
$$\iiint_E f(x, y, z) dV = \iint_D \left[\int_{u_1(x, z)}^{u_2(x, z)} f(x, y, z) dy \right] dA$$

Right

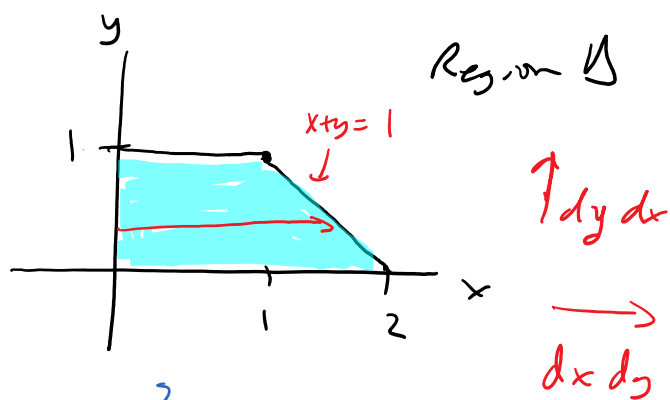
Left

Example: Given E is the solid bounded by the plane $x + y = 2$ and the cylinder $y^2 + z^2 = 1$ in the first octant. Setup the triple integral with different projections on the different coordinate planes.

$$\iiint_E z \, dV$$



method 1 project on xy plane



Top $z = \sqrt{1-y^2}$

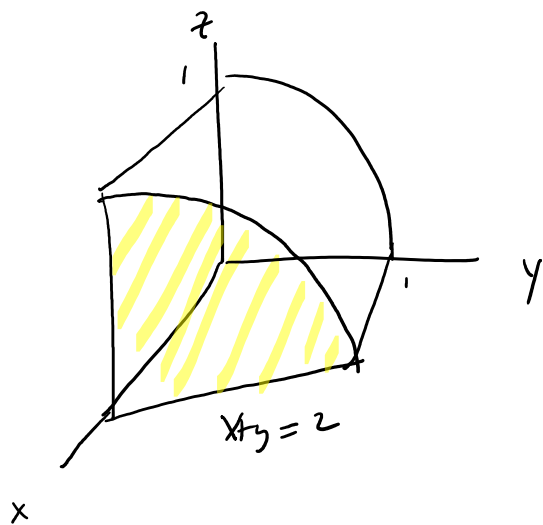
Bottom $z = 0$

$$0 \leq y \leq 1$$

$$0 \leq x \leq 1-y$$

$$\iiint_E z \, dV = \iint_D \left[\int_{z=0}^{\sqrt{1-y^2}} z \, dz \right] dA$$

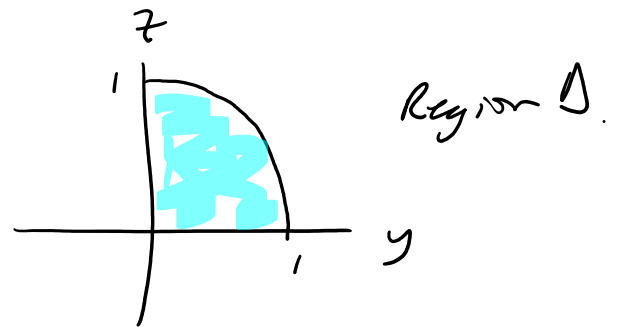
$$= \int_{y=0}^1 \int_{x=0}^{1-y} \int_{z=0}^{\sqrt{1-y^2}} z \, dz \, dx \, dy = \dots = \frac{13}{24}$$



front $x = 2 - y$

Back $x = 0$

method 2: project onto
yz plane



$$0 \leq y \leq 1$$

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

$$\iiint_E z \, dV = \int_{y=0}^1 \int_{z=0}^{\sqrt{1-y^2}} \int_{x=0}^{2-y} z \, dx \, dz \, dy$$

$$= \int_{y=0}^1 \int_{z=0}^{\sqrt{1-y^2}} z x \Big|_{x=0}^{2-y} dz \, dy$$

$$= \int_{y=0}^1 \int_{z=0}^{\sqrt{1-y^2}} z(2-y) dz \, dy$$

now
back to part 1.

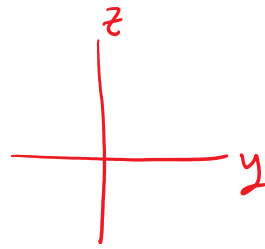
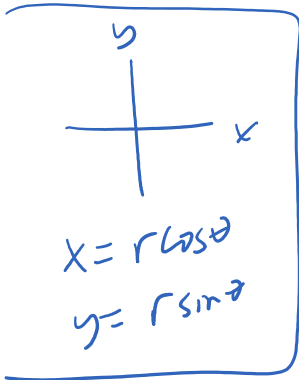
$y \Rightarrow$ $z \Rightarrow$

$$z = (2-y) \text{ and } z = 0$$

now
convert to polar

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

$$0 \leq r \leq 1$$



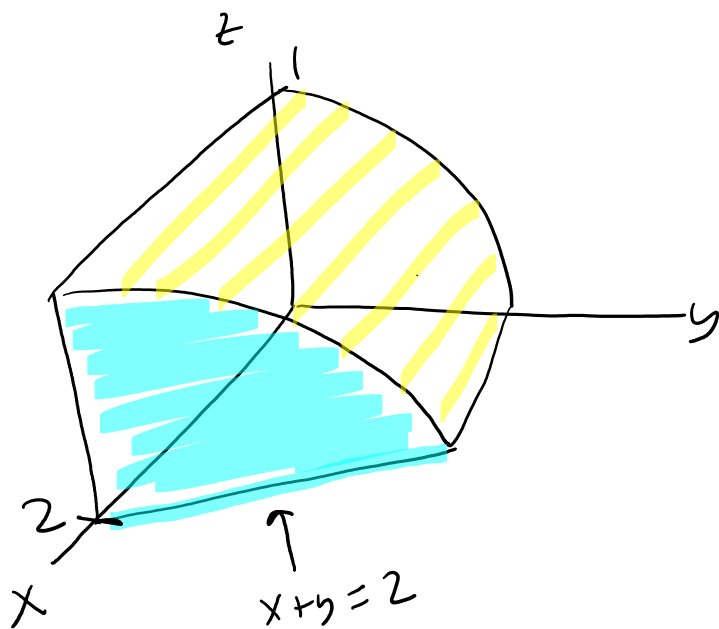
$$y = r \cos \theta$$

$$z = r \sin \theta$$

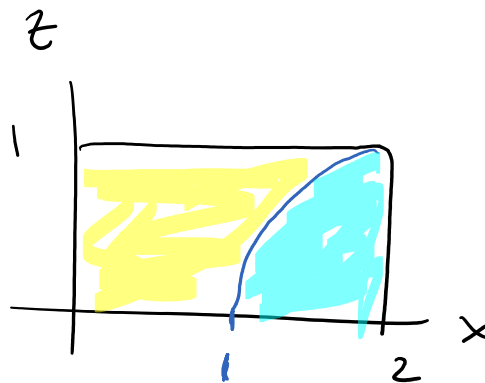
$$\int_{\theta=0}^{\pi/2} \int_{r=0}^1$$

$$r \sin \theta (2 - r \cos \theta) \cdot r \, dr \, d\theta$$

$$= \dots = \frac{13}{24}$$



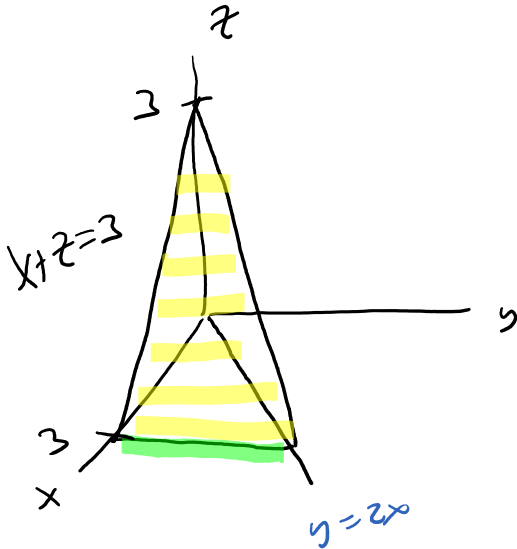
method 3
project on xz plane.



Example: Given E is the solid bounded by the planes $z = 3 - x$, $z = 0$, $y = 0$, and $y = 2x$.

$x+z=3$

Rewrite $\iiint_E f(x,y,z) dV$ as 6 different iterated integrals.

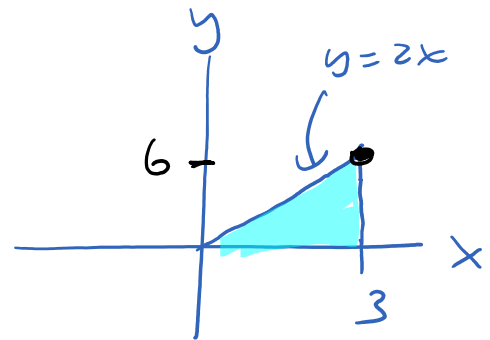


method project on xy plane.

Top $z = 3 - x$

Bottom $z = 0$

Region D



$dy dx \uparrow$

$0 \leq x \leq 3$

$0 \leq y \leq 2x$

$dx dy \rightarrow$

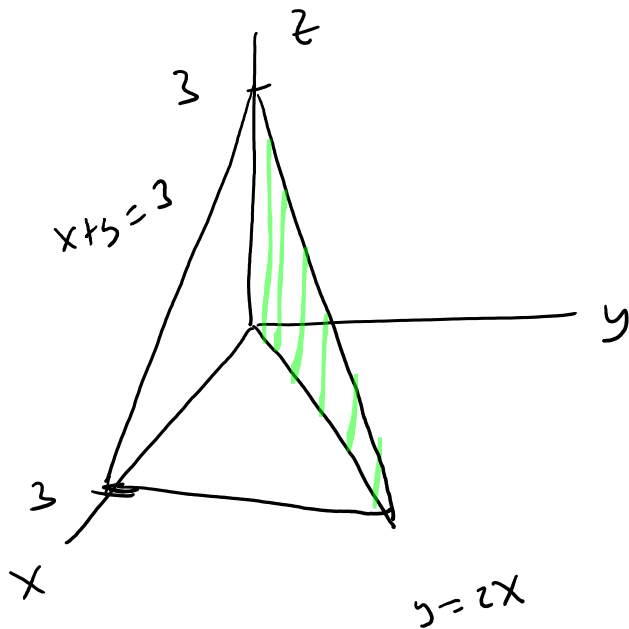
$0 \leq y \leq 6$

$\frac{y}{2} \leq x \leq 3$

$$\int_{x=0}^3 \int_{y=0}^{2x} \int_{z=0}^{3-x} f(x,y,z) dz dy dx$$

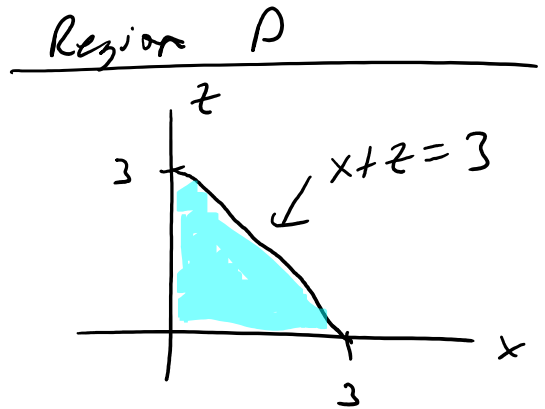
$$\int_{y=0}^6 \int_{x=y/2}^3 \int_{z=0}^{3-x} f(x,y,z) dz dx dy$$

$$y=0 \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{)} \\ x = \frac{y}{2} \\ \text{(} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{)} \\ z = 0 \\ \text{(} \end{array}$$



method project on xz plane

Left $y = 0$
 Right $y = 2x$



$dz dx \uparrow$

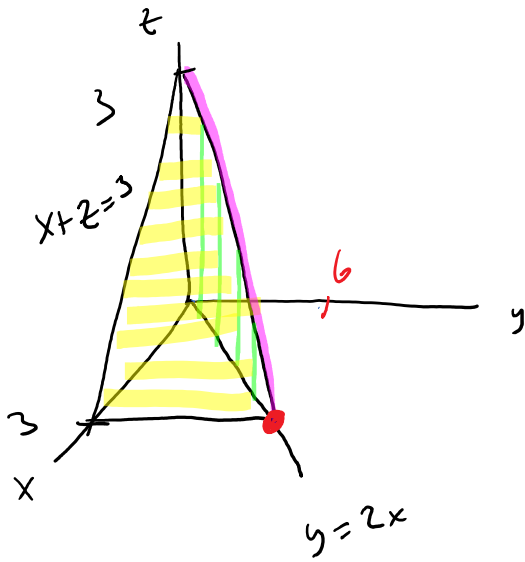
$$\begin{cases} 0 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 0 \leq z \leq 3-x \end{cases}$$

$dx dz \rightarrow$

$$\begin{cases} 0 \leq z \leq 3 \\ 0 \leq x \leq 3-z \end{cases}$$

$$\int_{x=0}^3 \int_{z=0}^{3-x} \int_{y=0}^{2x} f(x,y,z) dy dz dx$$

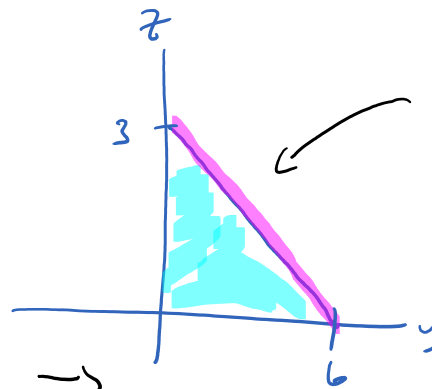
$$\int_{z=0}^3 \int_{x=0}^{3-z} \int_{y=0}^{2x} f(x,y,z) dx dy dz$$



Method project on yz plane

front $x = 3 - z$

Back $x = \frac{y}{2}$



Region D

This is the intersection of 2 planes

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x+z &= 3 \\ y &= 2x \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \left. \begin{aligned} x &= \frac{1}{2}y \\ y+2z &= 3 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y+2z &= 3 \\ y &= 3-2z \end{aligned}$$

$dz dy \uparrow$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} 0 \leq y \leq 6 \\ 0 \leq z \leq 3 - \frac{1}{2}y \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} dz dy \rightarrow \\ 0 \leq z \leq 3 \\ 0 \leq y \leq 3 - 2z \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}y + z &= 3 \\ z &= 3 - \frac{1}{2}y \end{aligned}$$

$\int_{y=0}^6$

$\int_{z=0}^{3-\frac{1}{2}y}$

$\int_{x=\frac{y}{2}}^{3-z}$

$f(x,y,z) dx dz dy$

$\int_{z=0}^3$

$\int_{y=0}^{3-2z}$

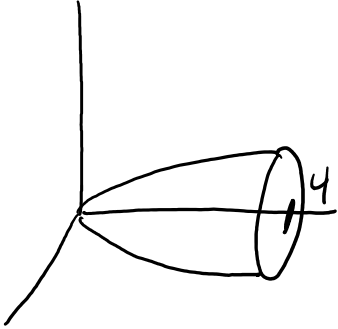
$\int_{x=\frac{y}{2}}^{3-z}$

$f(x,y,z) dx dy dz$

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

Example: Given E is the solid bounded by the paraboloid $y = x^2 + z^2$ and the plane $y = 4$. Compute

$$\iiint_E \sqrt{x^2 + z^2} \, dV$$



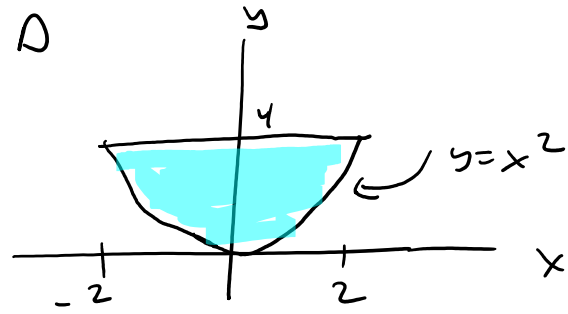
projection on xy plane.

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

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

Region D

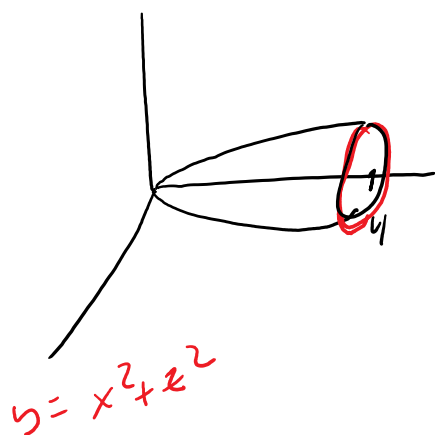
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } z=0 \\ y &= x^2 + z^2 \\ y &= x^2 \end{aligned}$$



$$-2 \leq x \leq 2$$

$$x^2 \leq y \leq 4$$

$$\iiint_E \sqrt{x^2 + z^2} \, dV = \int_{x=-2}^2 \int_{y=x^2}^4 \int_{z=-\sqrt{y-x^2}}^{\sqrt{y-x^2}} \sqrt{x^2 + z^2} \, dz \, dy \, dx$$

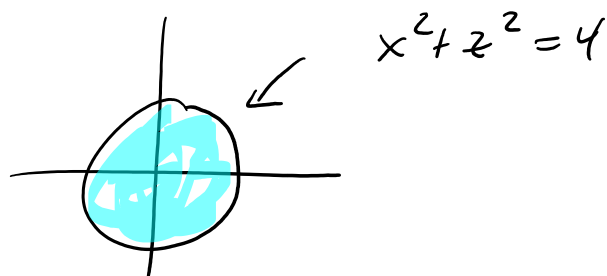


project on xz plane.

$$\text{Left: } y = x^2 + z^2$$

$$\text{Right: } y = 4$$

Region D

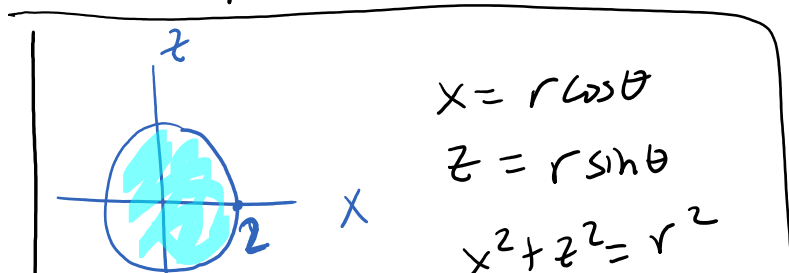


$$\iiint_E \sqrt{x^2 + z^2} \, dV = \iint_D \left[\int_{y=x^2+z^2}^4 \sqrt{x^2 + z^2} \, dy \right] dA$$

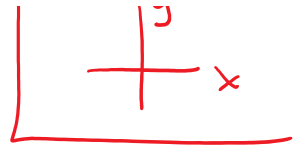
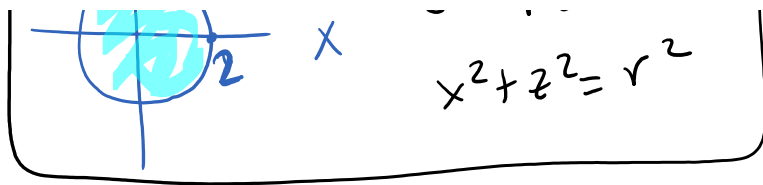
$$= \iint_D \left. y \sqrt{x^2 + z^2} \right|_{y=x^2+z^2}^4 dA$$

$$= \iint_D 4 \sqrt{x^2 + z^2} - (x^2 + z^2) \sqrt{x^2 + z^2} \, dA$$

$$= \iint_D \left[4 - (x^2 + z^2) \right] \sqrt{x^2 + z^2} \, dA$$



$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \cos \theta \\ y &= r \sin \theta \\ x^2 + y^2 &= r^2 \end{aligned}$$



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

$$0 \leq r \leq 2$$

$$\int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{r=0}^2 (4-r^2) \sqrt{r^2} \cdot r \, dr \, d\theta = \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{r=0}^2 (4r^2 - r^4) \, dr \, d\theta$$

$$= \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} d\theta \cdot \int_{r=0}^2 (4r^2 - r^4) \, dr$$

$$= \theta \Big|_0^{2\pi} \cdot \left(\frac{4r^3}{3} - \frac{r^5}{5} \right) \Big|_0^2$$

$$= 2\pi \cdot \left(\frac{32}{3} - \frac{32}{5} \right) = \frac{128\pi}{15}$$

Applications of Triple Integrals:

Given a solid E with density function $\rho(x, y, z)$.

$$\text{mass: } m = \iiint_E \rho(x, y, z) \, dV$$

$$\text{moments about the } yz \text{ coordinate plane: } M_{yz} = \iiint_E x \rho(x, y, z) \, dV$$

$$\text{moments about the } xz \text{ coordinate plane: } M_{xz} = \iiint_E y \rho(x, y, z) \, dV$$

$$\text{moments about the } xy \text{ coordinate plane: } M_{xy} = \iiint_E z \rho(x, y, z) \, dV$$

$$\text{center of Mass: } (\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}) = \left(\frac{M_{yz}}{m}, \frac{M_{xz}}{m}, \frac{M_{xy}}{m} \right)$$