

Section 15.7: Triple Integrals in Cylindrical Coordinates

**Cylindrical Coordinates:**

A Cartesian point  $(x, y, z)$  is represented by  $(r, \theta, z)$  in the Cylindrical Coordinate System. Where  $(r, \theta)$  represent the polar coordinates for the point  $(x, y)$  and  $z$  is the distance above or below the  $xy$ -plane.

$$\underline{x = r \cos \theta} \quad \underline{y = r \sin \theta} \quad \underline{z = z} \quad \underline{r^2 = x^2 + y^2} \quad \underline{\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}}$$

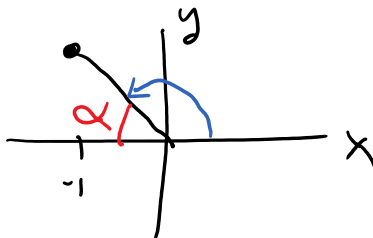
Note: Cylindrical coordinates are useful in problems that involve symmetry about the  $z$ -axis.

Example: Find the cylindrical coordinates for the point  $(-1, \sqrt{3}, 2)$

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2} \\ &= \sqrt{1+3} \\ r &= \sqrt{4} = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$x \ y \ z$

$$\begin{aligned} \tan \theta &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{-1} \\ \tan \theta &= -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{1} \end{aligned}$$



Reference angle

$$\begin{aligned} \tan \alpha &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{1} = \sqrt{3} \\ \alpha &= 60^\circ = \frac{\pi}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\theta = \pi - \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

$$\begin{matrix} x & y & z \\ (-1, & \sqrt{3}, & 2) \end{matrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} r & \theta & z \\ (2, & \frac{2\pi}{3}, & 2) \end{matrix}$$

Example: Write the equations in cylindrical coordinates.

$$A) z = 12 - 4x^2 - 4y^2$$

$$= 12 - 4(x^2 + y^2)$$

$$z = 12 - 4r^2$$

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

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$$B) z = \sqrt{3x^2 + 3y^2} = \sqrt{3(x^2 + y^2)}$$

$$z = \sqrt{3} r$$

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$$\iiint_E f(x, y, z) \, dV = \iint_D \left[ \int_z f(x, y, z) \, dz \right] \, dA$$

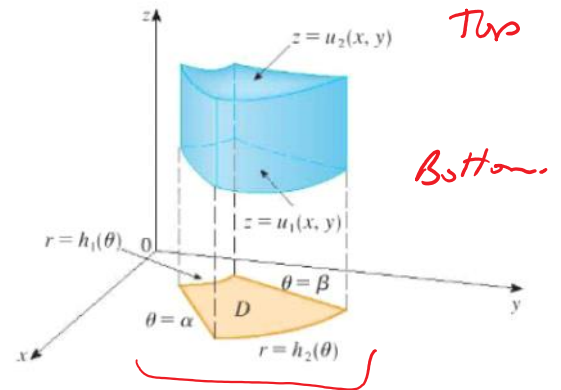
### Triple Integrals in Cylindrical Coordinates

Suppose that  $E$  is a solid whose image  $D$  on the  $xy$ -plane can be described in polar coordinates.

$$E = \{(x, y, z) \mid (x, y) \in D, u_1(x, y) \leq z \leq u_2(x, y)\}$$

$$\text{and } D = \{(r, \theta) \mid a \leq \theta \leq b, h_1(\theta) \leq r \leq h_2(\theta)\}$$

If  $f(x, y, z)$  is continuous over the solid  $E$ ,  
 $g_1(r, \theta) = u_1(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$ , and  
 $g_2(r, \theta) = u_2(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$  then

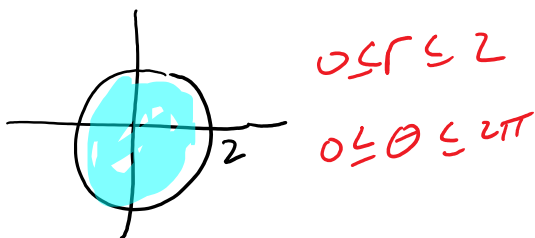
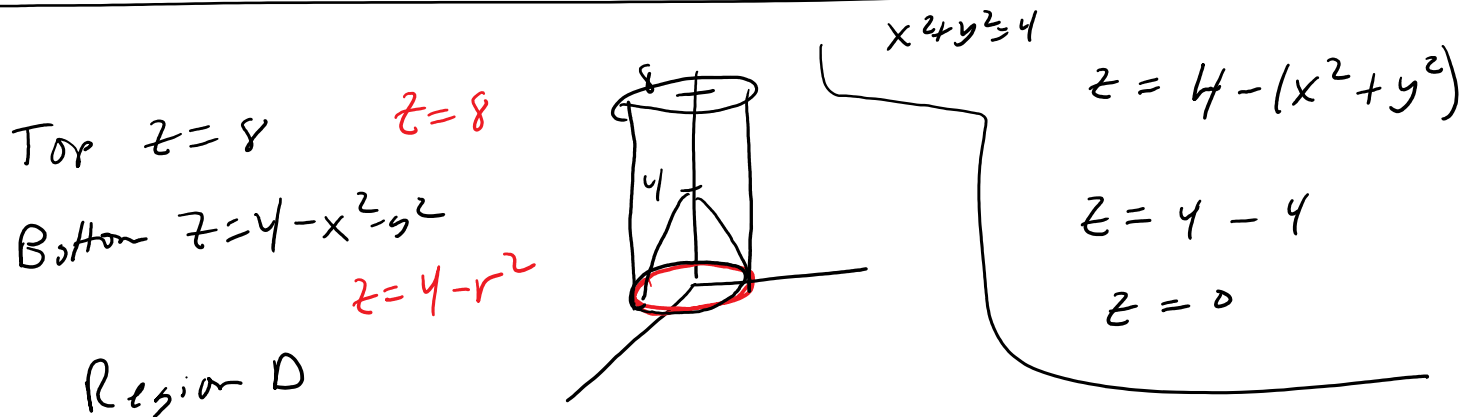


$$\iiint_E f(x, y, z) \, dV = \int_{\theta=a}^b \int_{r=h_1(\theta)}^{h_2(\theta)} \int_{z=g_1(r, \theta)}^{g_2(r, \theta)} f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, z) \, r \, dz \, dr \, d\theta$$

Example A solid lies within the cylinder  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ , below the plane  $z = 8$ , and above the paraboloid  $z = 4 - x^2 - y^2$ . The density at any point is proportional to its distance from the axis of the cylinder. Find the mass of  $E$ .

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

$$\rho(x, y, z) = K \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$



density  $= K \sqrt{r^2} = Kr$

$$\text{mass} = \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{r=0}^2 \int_{z=4-r^2}^8 Kr \cdot r \, dz \, dr \, d\theta$$

$$= \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} 1 \, d\theta \cdot \int_{r=0}^2 \int_{z=4-r^2}^8 Kr^2 \, dz \, dr$$

$$= 2\pi \cdot \int_{r=0}^2 K r^2 \cdot z \Big|_{z=4-r^2}^8 dr$$

$$= 2\pi K \int_{r=0}^2 r^2(8) - r^2(4-r^2) dr$$

$$= 2\pi K \int_{r=0}^2 8r^2 - 4r^2 + r^4 dr$$

$$= 2\pi K \int_{r=0}^2 4r^2 + r^4 dr = 2\pi K \left[ \frac{4r^3}{3} + \frac{r^5}{5} \right]_0^2$$

$$2\pi K \left[ \frac{32}{3} + \frac{32}{5} \right]$$

Example: Evaluate  $\int_{x=0}^2 \int_{y=-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \int_{z=\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}^2 (x^2+y^2) dz dy dx$

*Region D*

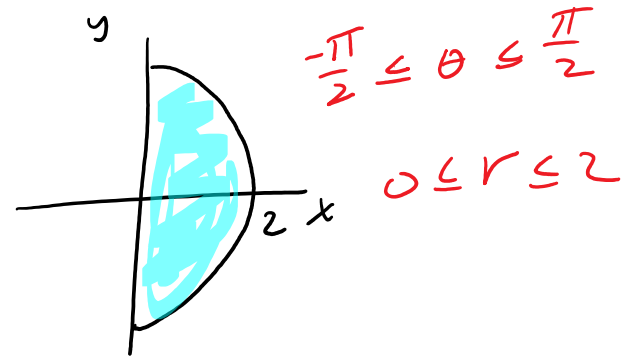
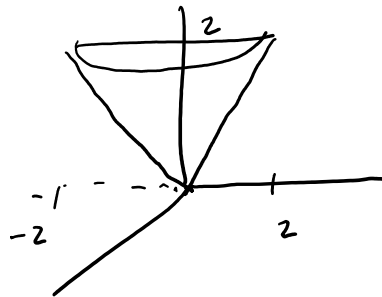
Top  $z=2$

Bottom  $z=\sqrt{x^2+y^2} = \sqrt{r^2} = r$

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$$-\sqrt{4-x^2} \leq y \leq \sqrt{4-x^2}$$

$$0 \leq x \leq 2$$



$$\int_{\theta=-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_{r=0}^2 \int_{z=r}^2 r^2 \cdot r dz dr d\theta$$

$$\int_{\theta=-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} 1 d\theta \cdot \int_{r=0}^2 \int_{z=r}^2 r^3 dz dr$$

$$= \pi \cdot \int_{r=0}^2 r^3 \cdot z \Big|_r^2 dr = \pi \int_{r=0}^2 (2r^3 - r^4) dr$$

$$= \pi \left( \frac{2r^4}{4} - \frac{r^5}{5} \right) \Big|_0^2 = \pi \left( 8 - \frac{32}{5} \right)$$