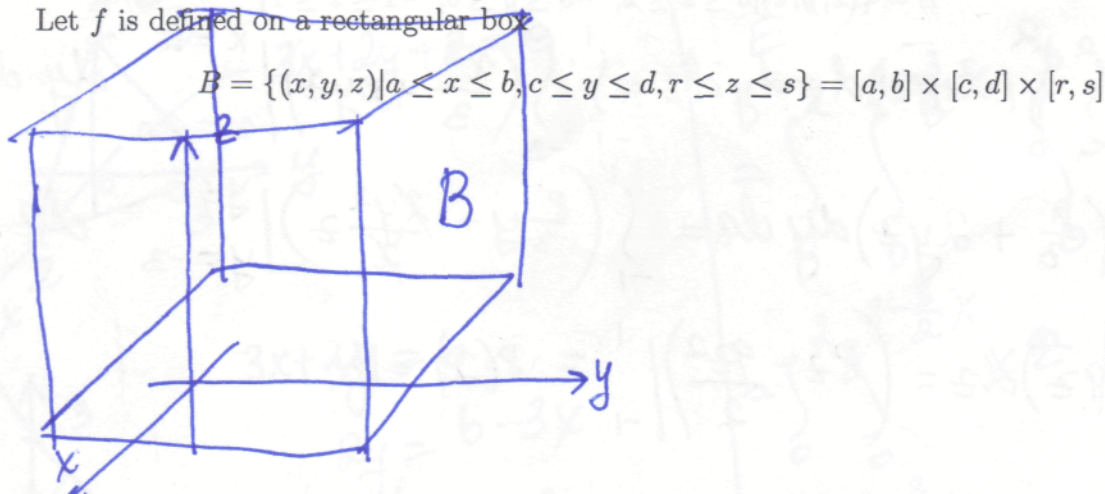


Chapter 13. Multiple integrals.  
Section 13.8 Triple integrals.

We want to define the triple integrals for functions of three variables.  
Let  $f$  is defined on a rectangular box



$$B = \{(x, y, z) | a \leq x \leq b, c \leq y \leq d, r \leq z \leq s\} = [a, b] \times [c, d] \times [r, s]$$

We partition the intervals  $[a, b]$ ,  $[c, d]$ , and  $[r, s]$  as follows:

$$a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_m = b$$

$$c = y_0 < y_1 < \dots < y_n = d$$

$$r = z_0 < z_1 < \dots < z_k = s$$

The planes through these partition points parallel to coordinate planes divide the box  $B$  into  $lmn$  sub-boxes

$$B_{ijk} = [x_{i-1}, x_i] \times [y_{j-1}, y_j] \times [z_{k-1}, z_k]$$

The volume of  $B_{ijk}$  is

$$\Delta V_{ijk} = \Delta x_i \Delta y_j \Delta z_k$$

where  $\Delta x_i = x_i - x_{i-1}$ ,  $\Delta y_j = y_j - y_{j-1}$ , and  $\Delta z_k = z_k - z_{k-1}$ .

Then we form the **triple Riemann sum**

$$\sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_{ijk}^*, y_{ijk}^*, z_{ijk}^*) \Delta V_{ijk}$$

where  $(x_{ijk}^*, y_{ijk}^*, z_{ijk}^*) \in B_{ijk}$ . We define the **norm**  $\|P\|$  of the partition  $P$  to be the length of the longest diagonal of all the boxes  $B_{ijk}$ .

**Definition.** The **triple integral** of  $f$  over the box  $B$  is

$$\iiint_B f(x, y, z) dV = \lim_{\|P\| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_{ijk}^*, y_{ijk}^*, z_{ijk}^*) \Delta V_{ijk}$$

if this limit exists.

**Fubini's Theorem for triple integrals.** If  $f$  is continuous on the rectangular box  $B = [a, b] \times [c, d] \times [r, s]$ , then

$$\iiint_B f(x, y, z) dV = \int_r^s \int_c^d \int_a^b f(x, y, z) dx dy dz$$

There are five other possible orders in which we can integrate.

**Example 1.** Evaluate the integral  $\iiint_E (x^2 + yz) dV$ , where

$$E = \{(x, y, z) | 0 \leq x \leq 2, -3 \leq y \leq 0, -1 \leq z \leq 1\}$$

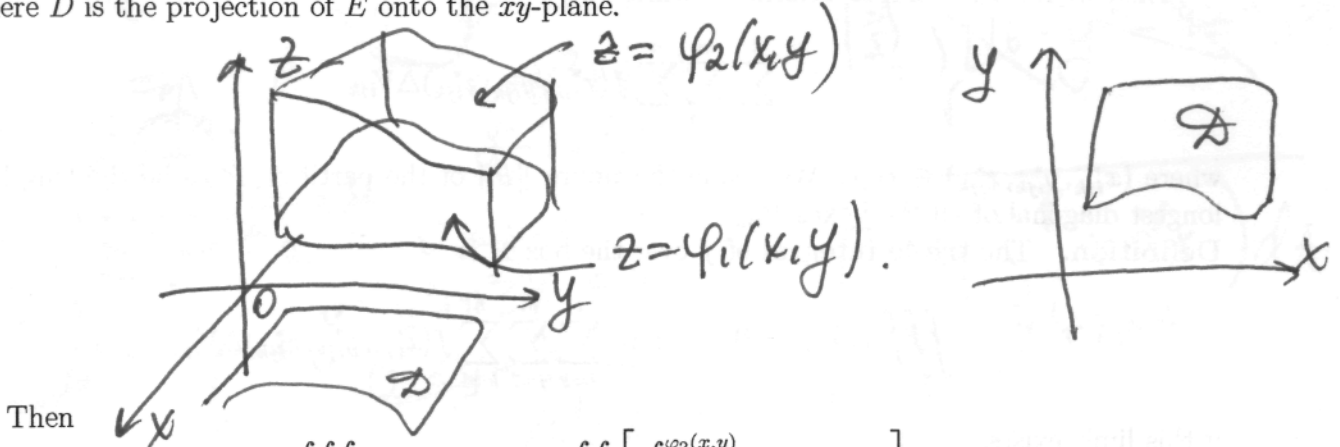
$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-3}^0 \int_0^2 (x^2 + yz) dx dy dz = \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-3}^0 \left( \frac{x^3}{3} + xyz \right) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=2} dy dz \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-3}^0 \left( \frac{8}{3} + 2yz \right) dy dz = \int_{-1}^1 \left( \frac{8}{3}y + \frac{2y^2}{2}z \right) \Big|_{y=-3}^{y=0} dz \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 (8 - 9z) dz = \left( 8z - \frac{9z^2}{2} \right) \Big|_{-1}^1 = 8(2) = 16. \end{aligned}$$

Now we define the **triple integral over a general bounded region  $E$**  in three-dimensional space.

A solid region  $E$  is said to be of **type 1** if it lies between the graphs of two continuous functions of  $x$  and  $y$ , that is,

$$E = \{(x, y, z) | (x, y) \in D, \varphi_1(x, y) \leq z \leq \varphi_2(x, y)\}$$

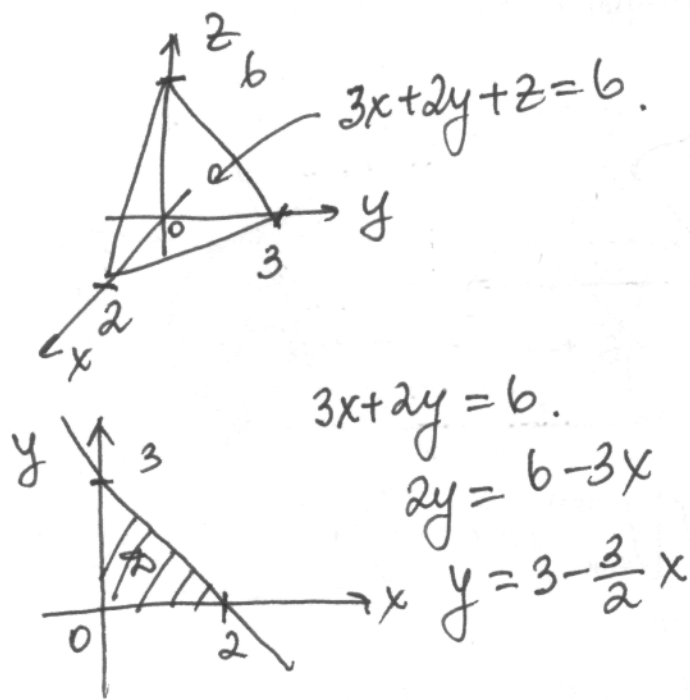
where  $D$  is the projection of  $E$  onto the  $xy$ -plane.



Then

$$\iiint_E f(x, y, z) dV = \iint_D \left[ \int_{\varphi_1(x, y)}^{\varphi_2(x, y)} f(x, y, z) dz \right] dA$$

**Example 2.** Evaluate  $\iiint_E x dV$ , where  $E$  is bounded by planes  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 0$ ,  $z = 0$ , and  $3x + 2y + z = 6$ .



$$\begin{aligned}
 & \iiint_E x dV \\
 &= \int_0^2 \int_0^{3-\frac{3}{2}x} \int_0^{6-3x-2y} x dz dy dx \\
 &= \int_0^2 \int_0^{3-\frac{3}{2}x} x \Big|_{z=0}^{z=6-3x-2y} dy dx \\
 &= \int_0^2 \int_0^{3-\frac{3}{2}x} [6x - 3x^2 - 2xy] dy dx \\
 &= \int_0^2 \left[ 6xy - 3x^2y - 2x \frac{y^2}{2} \right]_{y=0}^{y=3-\frac{3}{2}x} dx
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int_0^2 \left[ 6x \left( 3 - \frac{3}{2}x \right) - 3x^2 \left( 3 - \frac{3}{2}x \right) - x \left( 3 - \frac{3}{2}x \right)^2 \right] dx$$

$$= \int_0^2 \left[ 18x - 9x^2 - 9x^2 + \frac{9}{2}x - 9x \left( 1 - x + \frac{1}{4}x^2 \right) \right] dx$$

$$= \int_0^2 \left[ 18x - 18x^2 + \frac{9}{2}x - 9x + 9x^2 - \frac{9}{4}x^3 \right] dx$$

$$= \int_0^2 \left[ \frac{27}{2}x - 9x^2 - \frac{9}{4}x^3 \right] dx = \left[ \frac{27}{4}x^2 - \frac{9x^3}{3} - \frac{9}{4} \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^2$$

$$= \left[ \frac{27}{4} (4) - 3(8) - \frac{3}{4}(8) \right] = 27 - 24 - 6 = \boxed{-3}$$

A solid region  $E$  is of **type 2** if it is of the form

$$E = \{(x, y, z) | (y, z) \in D, \psi_1(y, z) \leq x \leq \psi_2(y, z)\}$$

where  $D$  is the projection of  $E$  onto the  $yz$ -plane.



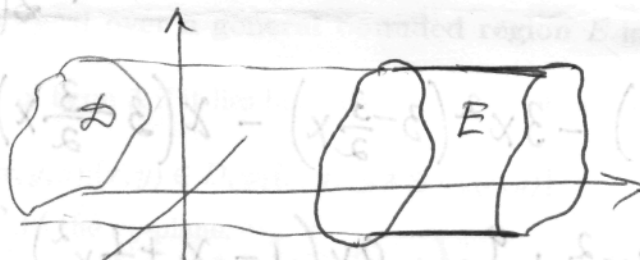
Then

$$\iiint_E f(x, y, z) dV = \iint_D \left[ \int_{\psi_1(y, z)}^{\psi_2(y, z)} f(x, y, z) dx \right] dA$$

A solid region  $E$  is of **type 3** if it is of the form

$$E = \{(x, y, z) | (x, z) \in D, \chi_1(x, z) \leq y \leq \chi_2(x, z)\}$$

where  $D$  is the projection of  $E$  onto the  $xz$ -plane.



Then

$$\iiint_E f(x, y, z) dV = \iint_D \left[ \int_{\chi_1(x, z)}^{\chi_2(x, z)} f(x, y, z) dy \right] dA$$

**Applications of triple integrals.**

$$V(E) = \iiint_E dV$$

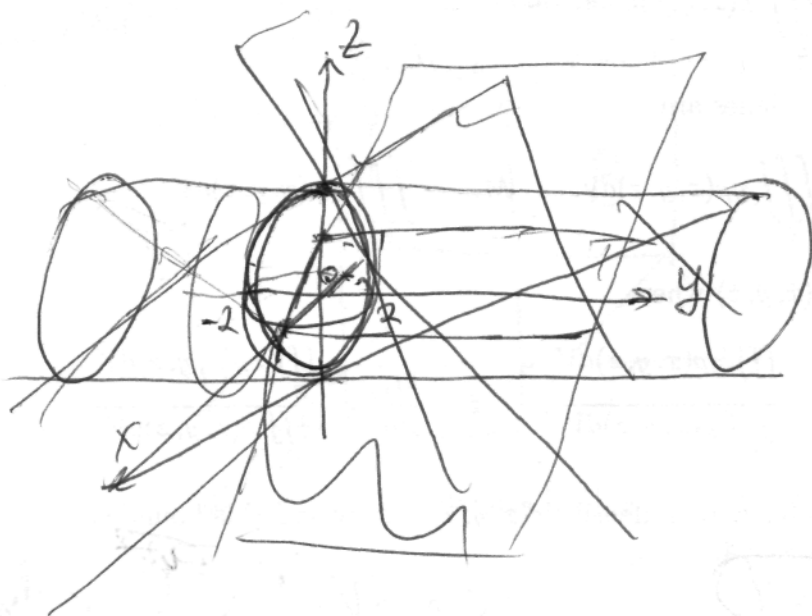
**Example 3.** Find the volume of the solid bounded by the elliptic cylinder  $4x^2 + z^2 = 4$  and the planes  $y = 0$  and  $x + z = 1$ .

$xz$  plane.

$$y = z + 2$$

$$x + z = 1$$

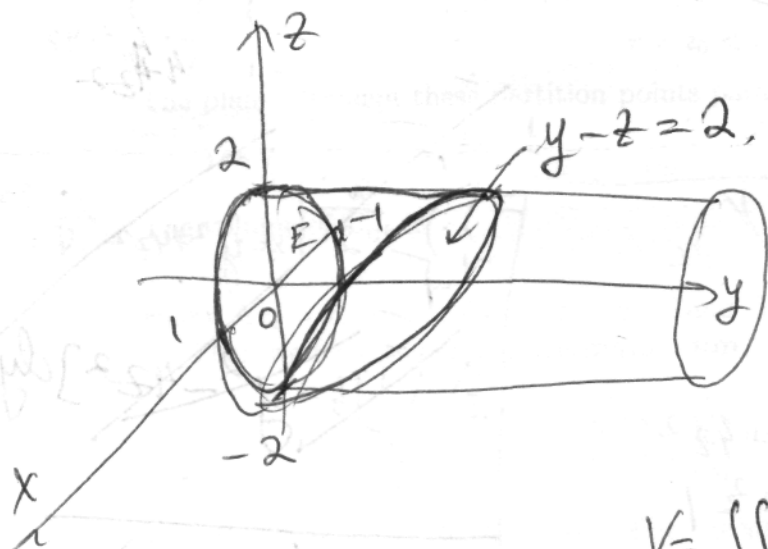
$$y - z = 2$$



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

$$y = 1 \quad y - z = 2$$

$$y = 0 \rightarrow z = -2$$



$$0 \leq y \leq y - z + 2$$

$$-1 \leq x \leq 1$$

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

$$V = \iiint_E dV = \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-\sqrt{4-4x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-4x^2}} \int_0^{z+2} dy \, dz \, dx$$

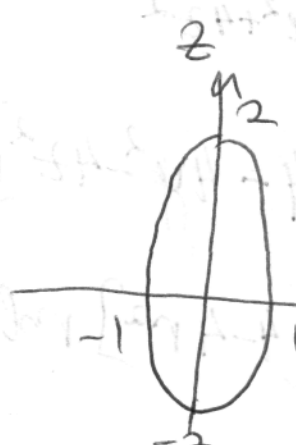
$(xz)$ -plane

$$= \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-\sqrt{4-4x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-4x^2}} (z+2) \, dz \, dx = \int_{-1}^1 \left( \frac{z^2}{2} + 2z \right) \Big|_{-\sqrt{4-4x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-4x^2}} dx =$$

$$= \int_{-1}^1 (4 - 4x^2 + 4\sqrt{4-4x^2}) \, dx = 4 \int_{-1}^1 \sqrt{4-4x^2} \, dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 2 \sin t \\ \sqrt{4-4x^2} &= 2 \cos t \\ dx &= 2 \cos t \, dt \end{aligned}$$

$$= 4 \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} 2 \cos t \cdot 2 \cos t \, dt = \frac{16}{2} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} (1 + \cos 2t) \, dt = 8\pi$$





If the density function of a solid object that occupies the region  $E$  is  $\rho(x, y, z)$  in units of mass per unit volume, at any given point  $(x, y, z)$ , then its mass is

$$m = \iiint_E \rho(x, y, z) dV$$

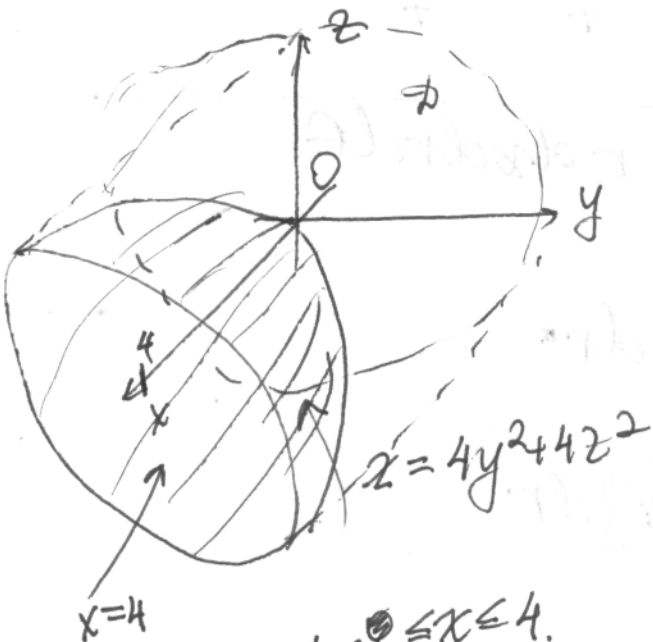
and its moments about the three coordinate planes are

$$M_{yz} = \iiint_E x\rho(x, y, z) dV, \quad M_{xz} = \iiint_E y\rho(x, y, z) dV, \quad M_{xy} = \iiint_E z\rho(x, y, z) dV$$

The center of mass is located at the point  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z})$  where

$$\bar{x} = \frac{M_{yz}}{m} = \frac{\iiint_E x\rho(x, y, z) dV}{\iiint_E \rho(x, y, z) dV}, \quad \bar{y} = \frac{M_{xz}}{m} = \frac{\iiint_E y\rho(x, y, z) dV}{\iiint_E \rho(x, y, z) dV}, \quad \bar{z} = \frac{M_{xy}}{m} = \frac{\iiint_E z\rho(x, y, z) dV}{\iiint_E \rho(x, y, z) dV}$$

**Example 4.** Find the center of mass of a solid  $E$  with density  $\rho(x, y, z) = x$ , where  $E$  is bounded by the paraboloid  $x = 4y^2 + 4z^2$  and the plane  $x = 4$ .

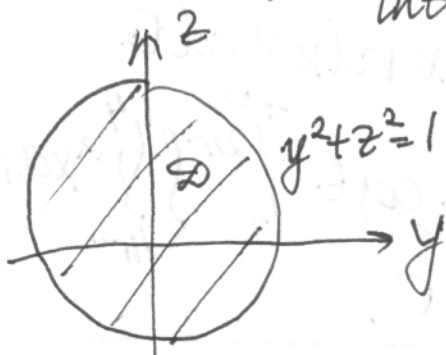


$$4y^2 + 4z^2 \leq x \leq 4$$

intersection:

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

$$y^2 + z^2 = 1$$



$$\bar{x} = \frac{\iiint_E x \rho dV}{\iiint_E \rho dV}; \quad \bar{y} = \frac{\iiint_E y \rho dV}{\iiint_E \rho dV}$$

$$\iiint_E \rho dV = \iint_D \left( \int_{4y^2+4z^2}^4 x dx \right) dA$$

$$= \iint_D \left[ 8 - \frac{(4y^2+4z^2)^2}{2} \right] dA$$

$$= \iint_D [8 - 8(y^2+z^2)^2] dA$$

polar coordinates:  
 $y = r \cos \theta$ ,  $dA = r dr d\theta$   
 $z = r \sin \theta$ ,  
 $0 \leq r \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 [8 - 8r^4] r dr d\theta$$

$$= 2\pi \int_0^1 [8r - 8r^5] dr =$$

$$= 2\pi \int_0^1 \left[ \frac{r^2}{2} - \frac{r^6}{6} \right]_0^1$$

$$= 16\pi \left[ \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{6} \right] = \frac{16\pi}{3}$$

$$\iiint_E x^2 dV = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 \int_{4r^2}^4 x^2 r dx dr d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 \left[ \frac{r^3 x^3}{3} \right]_{4r^2}^4 dr d\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3} \int_0^1 [64 - 64r^6] dr$$

$$= \frac{128\pi}{3} \left[ r - \frac{r^7}{7} \right]_0^1 = \frac{128\pi}{3} \cdot \frac{6}{7} = \frac{256\pi}{7}$$

$$\iiint_E xy dV = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 \int_{4r^2}^4 r \cos \theta x r dx dr d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \cos \theta d\theta \cdot \int_0^1 r^2 \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_{4r^2}^4 dr$$

$$= \sin \theta \Big|_0^{2\pi} \cdot \int_0^1 \frac{r^2}{2} [16 - 16r^4] dr$$

$$= 0.$$

$$\iiint_E xz dV = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 \int_{4r^2}^4 r \sin \theta x r dx dr d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \sin \theta d\theta \cdot \int_0^1 \int_{4r^2}^4 r^2 x dx dr d\theta = -\cos \theta \Big|_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 \int_{4r^2}^4 r^2 x dx dr d\theta$$

$$= 0.$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{256\pi}{7} = \frac{256 \cdot 3}{7 \cdot 16} = \frac{48}{7}, \bar{y} = \bar{z} = 0.$$

$$\left[ \frac{48}{7}, 0, 0 \right]$$