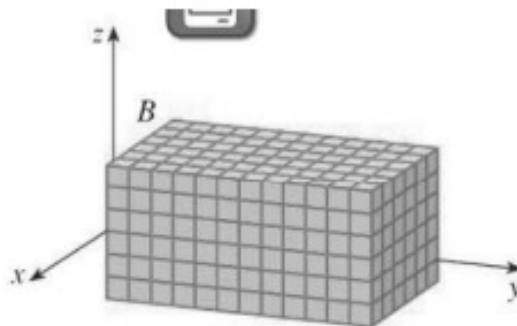


Section 15.6 **Triple integrals.**

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:

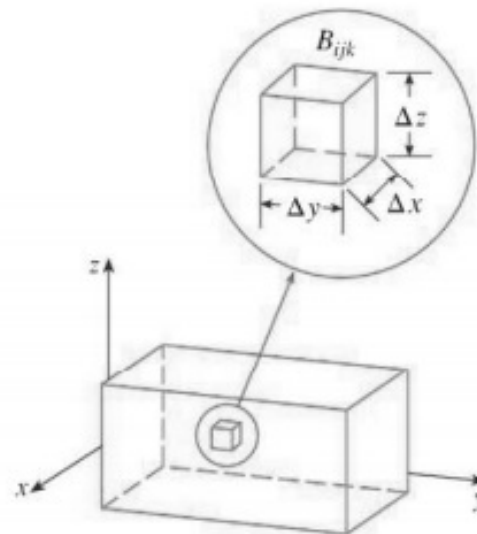
$$a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_m = b$$

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

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

The planes through these partition points parallel to coordinate planes divide the box  $B$  into  $mkn$  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**

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

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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

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

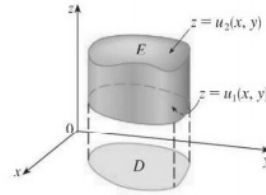
$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_E (x^2 + yz) dV &= \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-3}^0 \int_0^2 (x^2 + yz) dx dy dz = \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-3}^0 \left( \frac{x^3}{3} + xyz \right)_{x=0}^{x=2} dy dz \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-3}^0 \left( \frac{8}{3} + 2yz \right) dy dz = \int_{-1}^1 \left( \frac{8}{3}y + y^2z \right)_{y=-3}^{y=0}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

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,

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

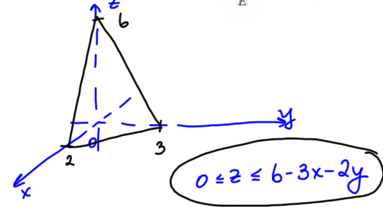
where  $D$  is the projection of  $E$  onto the  $xy$ -plane.



Then

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

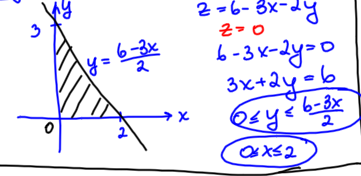
**Example 2.** Evaluate  $\iiint_E x dV$ , where  $E$  is bounded by planes  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 0$ ,  $z = 0$ , and  $3x + 2y + z = 6$ .  $\Rightarrow z = 6 - 3x - 2y$



$$\frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{3} + \frac{z}{6} = 1$$

$$(2, 0, 0), (0, 3, 0), (0, 0, 6)$$

Projection onto the  $(xy)$ -plane



$$\int_0^2 \int_0^{6-3x/2} \int_0^{6-3x-2y} x dz dy dx$$

$$= \int_0^2 \int_0^{6-3x/2} xz \Big|_{z=0}^{z=6-3x-2y} dy dx$$

$$= \int_0^2 \int_0^{6-3x/2} x(6-3x-2y) dy dx$$

$$= \int_0^2 \int_0^{6-3x/2} (6x-3x^2-2xy) dy dx$$

$$= \int_0^2 (6xy - 3x^2y - xy^2) \Big|_{y=0}^{y=6-3x/2} dx = \int_0^2 \left[ 3x(6-3x) - 3x^2 \frac{6-3x}{2} - x \cdot \left( \frac{6-3x}{2} \right)^2 \right] dx$$

$$= \int_0^2 \left[ 18x - 9x^2 - 9x^2 + \frac{9x^3}{2} - x \left( \frac{36 - 36x + 9x^2}{4} \right) \right] dx$$

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

$$= 9 \int_0^2 \left( x - x^2 + \frac{x^3}{4} \right) dx = 9 \left( \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^4}{16} \right) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=2} = 9 \left( 2 - \frac{8}{3} + 1 \right) = \boxed{3}$$

$\frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{3} + \frac{z}{6} = 1$   
 $(2, 0, 0), (0, 3, 0), (0, 0, 6)$   
 $\frac{z}{6} \Rightarrow z = 6 - 3x - 2y$

Projection onto the  $(xy)$ -plane.

$0 \leq z \leq 6 - 3x - 2y$

$0 \leq x \leq \frac{6-2y}{3}$

$0 \leq y \leq 3$

$$\iiint_E x \, dV = \int_0^3 \int_0^{\frac{6-2y}{3}} \int_0^{6-3x-2y} x \, dz \, dx \, dy$$

$$= \int_0^3 \int_0^{\frac{6-2y}{3}} xz \Big|_{z=0}^{z=6-3x-2y} dx \, dy$$

$$= \int_0^3 \int_0^{\frac{6-2y}{3}} x(6-3x-2y) dx \, dy = \int_0^3 \left( \int_0^{\frac{6-2y}{3}} (6x - 3x^2 - 2xy) dx \right) dy$$

$$= \int_0^3 \left( 3x^2 - x^3 - x^2 y \right) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=\frac{6-2y}{3}} dy$$

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

$$= \int_0^3 \left( \frac{6-2y}{3} \right)^2 \left[ 3 - \frac{6-2y}{3} - y \right] dy = \int_0^3 \frac{36-24y+4y^2}{9} \frac{9-(6-2y)-3y}{3} dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{27} \int_0^3 (36-24y+4y^2)(3-y) dy = \frac{1}{27} \int_0^3 (108 - 72y + 12y^2 - 36y + 24y^2 - 4y^3) dy$$

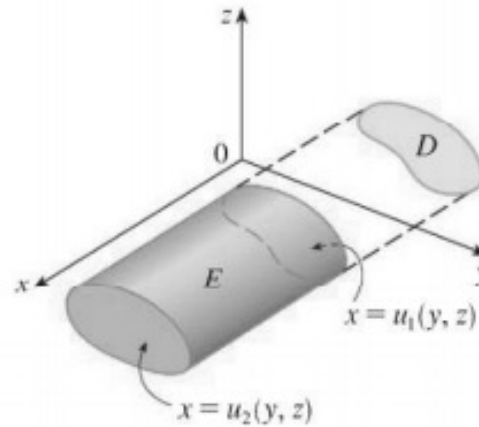
$$= \frac{1}{27} \int_0^3 (108 - 108y + 36y^2 - 4y^3) dy = \frac{1}{27} \left( 108y - 108 \frac{y^2}{2} + 36 \frac{y^3}{3} - \frac{4y^4}{4} \right) \Big|_0^3$$

$$= \frac{1}{27} (108(3) - 108 \cdot \frac{9}{2} + 36(3) - 81)$$

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

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

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



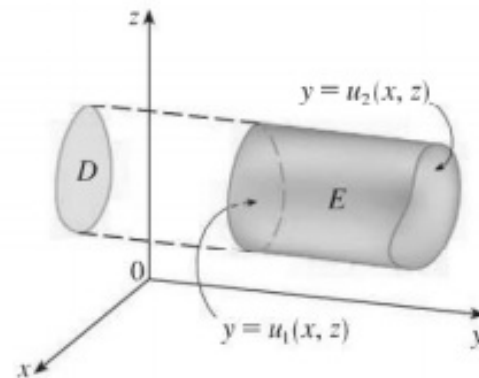
Then

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

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

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

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

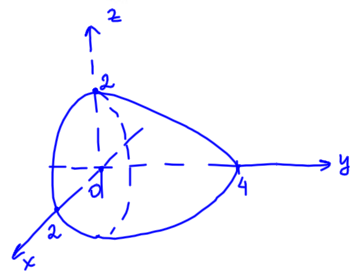


Then

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

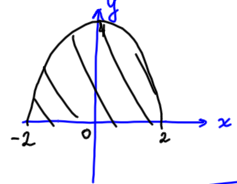


**Example 3.** Express the integral  $\iiint_E f(x, y, z) dV$  as an iterated integral in six different ways, where  $E$  is the solid bounded by



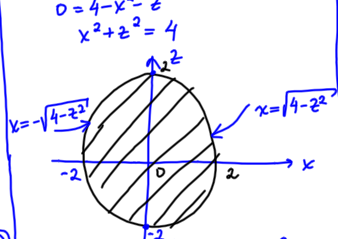
$y = 4 - x^2 - z^2, \quad y = 0$   
 $xz$ -plane  
 $0 \leq y \leq 4 - x^2 - z^2$   
 $x^2 = 4 - y - z^2$   
 $x = \pm \sqrt{4 - y - z^2}$   
 $-\sqrt{4 - y - z^2} \leq x \leq \sqrt{4 - y - z^2}$   
 $z^2 = 4 - x^2 - y$   
 $z = \pm \sqrt{4 - x^2 - y}$   
 $-\sqrt{4 - x^2 - y} \leq z \leq \sqrt{4 - x^2 - y}$

Projections:  
 $(xy)$ -plane  
 $z = 0$   
 $y = 4 - x^2$



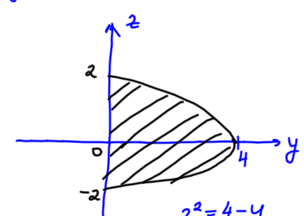
$x^2 = 4 - y$   
 $x = \pm \sqrt{4 - y}$   
 $-\sqrt{4 - y} \leq x \leq \sqrt{4 - y}$   
 $0 \leq y \leq 4$   
 $0 \leq y \leq 4 - x^2$   
 $-2 \leq x \leq 2$

$(xz)$ -plane  
 $y = 0$   
 $0 = 4 - x^2 - z^2$   
 $x^2 + z^2 = 4$



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

$(yz)$ -plane  
 $x = 0$   
 $y = 4 - z^2$



$0 \leq y \leq 4 - z^2$   
 $-2 \leq z \leq 2$   
 $z^2 = 4 - y$   
 $z = \pm \sqrt{4 - y}$   
 $-\sqrt{4 - y} \leq z \leq \sqrt{4 - y}$   
 $0 \leq y \leq 4$

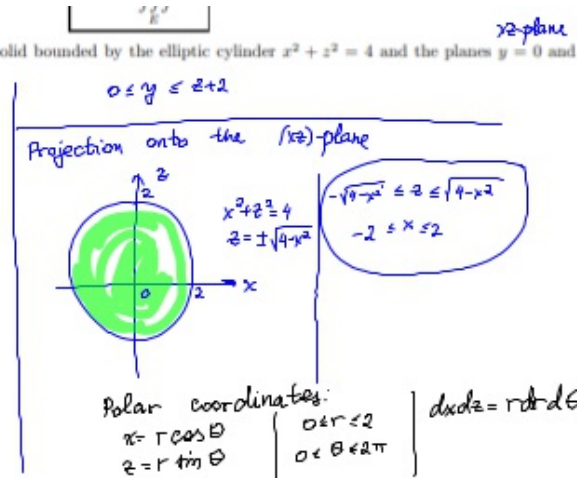
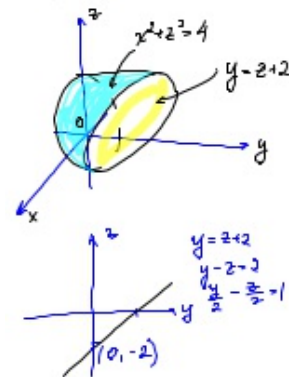
$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_E f(x, y, z) dV &= \int_{-2}^2 \int_{-\sqrt{4-z^2}}^{\sqrt{4-z^2}} \int_0^{4-x^2-z^2} f dy dx dz = \int_{-2}^2 \int_{-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \int_0^{4-x^2-z^2} f dy dz dx \\ &= \int_{-2}^2 \int_0^{4-z^2} \int_{-\sqrt{4-y-z^2}}^{\sqrt{4-y-z^2}} f dx dy dz = \int_0^4 \int_{-\sqrt{4-y}}^{\sqrt{4-y}} \int_{-\sqrt{4-y-z^2}}^{\sqrt{4-y-z^2}} f dx dz dy \\ &= \int_0^4 \int_{-\sqrt{4-y}}^{\sqrt{4-y}} \int_{-\sqrt{4-x^2-y}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2-y}} f dz dy dx = \int_{-2}^2 \int_0^{4-x^2} \int_{-\sqrt{4-x^2-y}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2-y}} f dz dy dx \end{aligned}$$

Applications of triple integrals.

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

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

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$$V = \iiint_E dV \quad dV = dx dy dz = dy (r dr d\theta)$$

$$dV = r dy dr d\theta$$

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

$$0 \leq y \leq r \sin \theta + 2$$

$$0 \leq r \leq 2$$

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

$$V = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 \int_0^{r \sin \theta + 2} r dy dr d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 r y \Big|_{y=0}^{y=r \sin \theta + 2} dr d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 r (r \sin \theta + 2) dr d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 (r^2 \sin \theta + 2r) dr d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \left( \frac{r^3}{3} \sin \theta + r^2 \right) \Big|_{r=0}^{r=2} d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \left( \frac{8}{3} \sin \theta + 4 \right) d\theta$$

$$= \left( -\frac{8}{3} \cos \theta + 4\theta \right) \Big|_0^{2\pi} = 8\pi$$