

Topic: ○ Volume Calculation

○ Volume of n-dimensional ball.

Defn: (Volume of a region R in \mathbb{R}^n)

Let $R \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be a region.

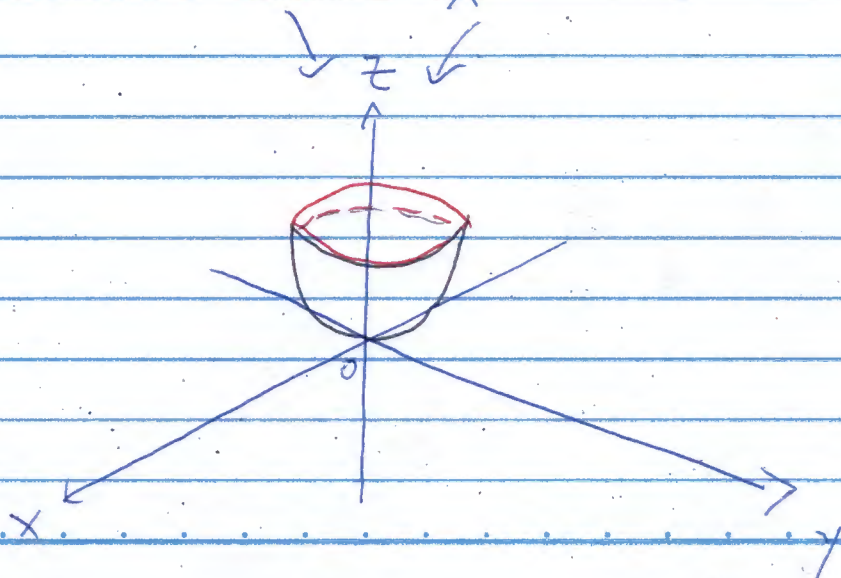
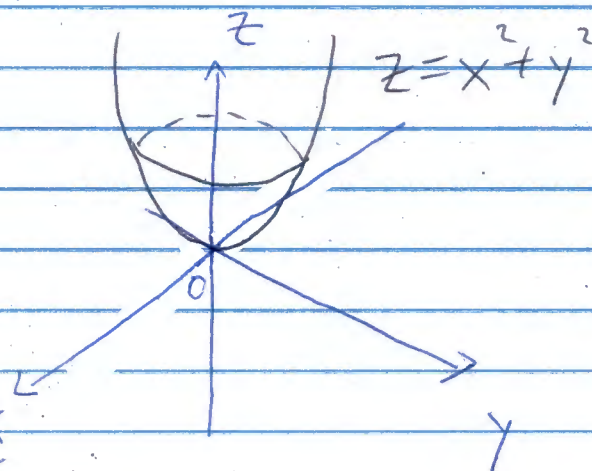
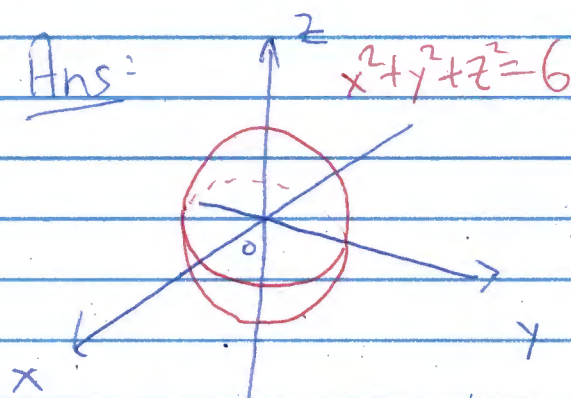
Then the volume of R in \mathbb{R}^n is defined by

$$V_R = \iiint_R 1 \, dV$$

Volume Calculation:

Example: (1) Find the volume of the solid bounded by the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 6$ and the paraboloid $z = x^2 + y^2$.

Ans:



Note that $\begin{cases} x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 6 \\ z = x^2 + y^2 \end{cases}$

$$\Rightarrow z^2 + z - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (z+3)(z-2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow z = 2 \text{ or } -3 \text{ (rejected as } z \geq 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 2$$

$$\therefore V_R = \iiint_R dV$$

(Polar Coordinate)

$$= \iint_{\{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 2\}} [\sqrt{6 - x^2 - y^2} - (x^2 + y^2)] dx dy$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\sqrt{2}} [\sqrt{6 - r^2} - r^2] r dr d\theta$$

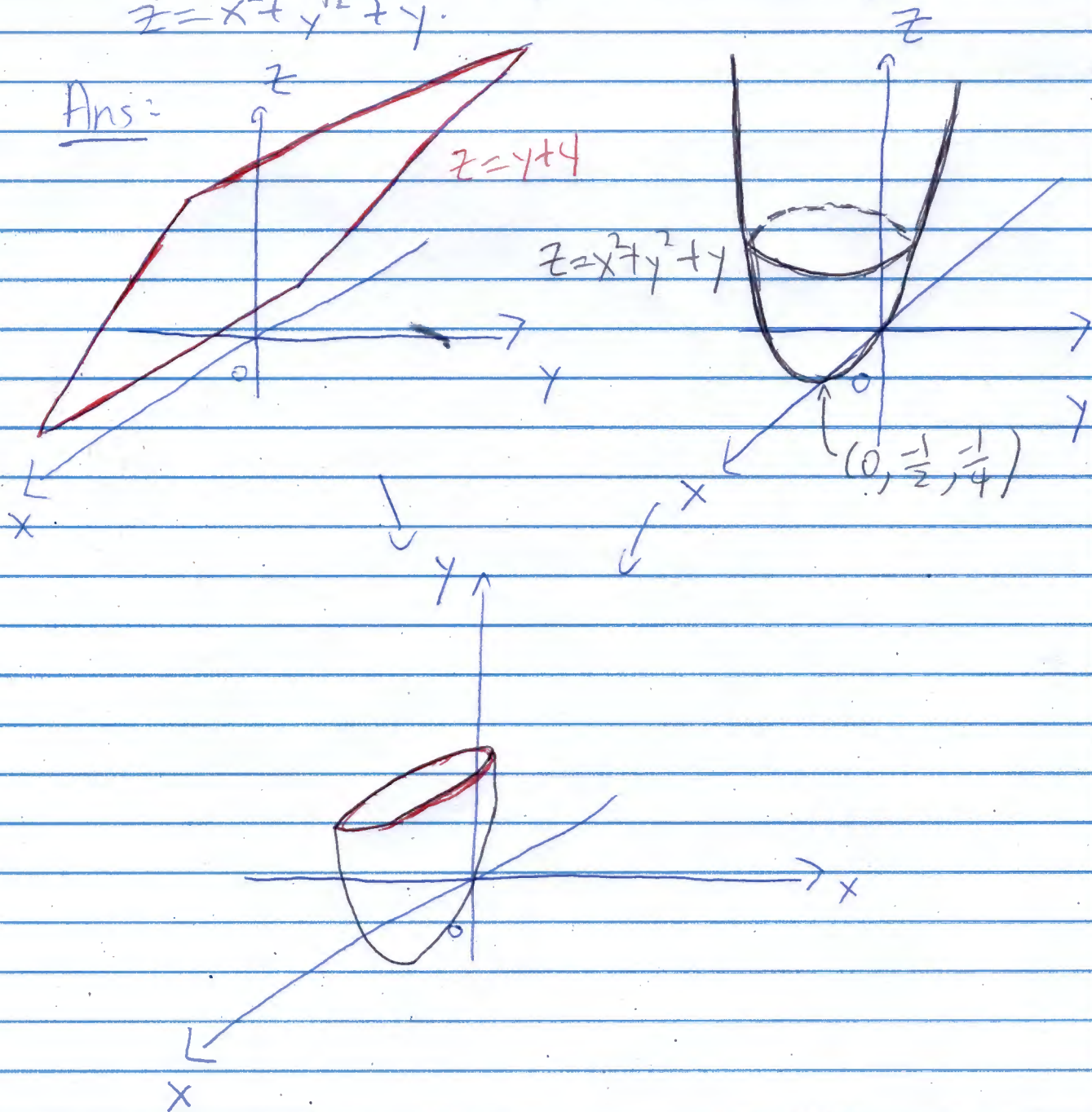
$$= 2\pi \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \int_0^{\sqrt{2}} (\sqrt{6 - r^2} - r^2) dr^2$$

$$= \pi \left(- \int_0^{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{6 - r^2} d(6 - r^2) - \int_0^{\sqrt{2}} r^2 dr^2 \right)$$

$$= \pi \left(- \left[\frac{2}{3} (6 - r^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right]_0^{\sqrt{2}} - \left[\frac{(r^2)^2}{2} \right]_0^{\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$= \pi \left(\frac{2}{3} (6)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{22}{3} \right)$$

(2) Find the volume of the solid bounded by the plane $z = y + 4$ and the paraboloid $z = x^2 + y^2 + y$.



Note that $\begin{cases} z = y + 4 \\ z = x^2 + y^2 + y \end{cases} \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 4$.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore V_R &= \iiint_R 1 \, dV \\ &= \iint_{\{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 4\}} [(y+4) - (x^2 + y^2 + y)] \, dx \, dy \end{aligned}$$

(Polar Coordinate) \rightarrow

$$= \iint_{\{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2+y^2 \leq 4\}} (4-x^2-y^2) dx dy$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 (4-r^2) r dr d\theta$$

$$= 2\pi \int_0^2 (4r-r^3) dr$$

$$= 2\pi \left[2r^2 - \frac{r^4}{4} \right]_0^2$$

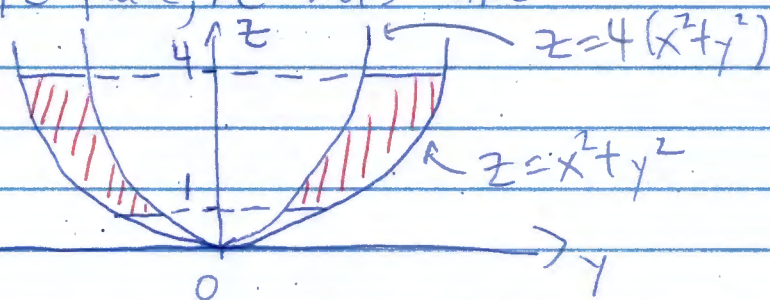
$$= 8\pi$$

(3) Using the transformation

$$x = \frac{r}{z} \cos \theta, \quad y = \frac{r}{z} \sin \theta, \quad z = r^2, \quad r \geq 0, \quad z \geq 0, \quad \theta \in [0, 2\pi]$$

to find the volume of the region bounded by the paraboloids $z = x^2 + y^2$, $z = 4(x^2 + y^2)$ and between the plane $z = 1$ and $z = 4$.

Ans: In yz -plane, it looks like



Change of Variable Formula:

$$\iiint_R f(x,y,z) dx dy dz = \iiint_{R'} f(u,v,w) \left| \det \frac{\partial(x,y,z)}{\partial(u,v,w)} \right| du dv dw$$

Note that the boundary of R will be mapped to the boundary of R' .

$$\textcircled{1} z = x^2 + y^2 \Rightarrow r^2 = \left(\frac{r}{t} \cos \theta\right)^2 + \left(\frac{r}{t} \sin \theta\right)^2 \Rightarrow \frac{r^2}{t^2} = r^2 \Rightarrow t = 1$$

$$\textcircled{2} z = 4(x^2 + y^2) \Rightarrow r^2 = \frac{4r^2}{t^2} \Rightarrow t = 2$$

$$\textcircled{3} z = 1 \Rightarrow r^2 = 1 \Rightarrow r = 1$$

$$\textcircled{4} z = 4 \Rightarrow r^2 = 4 \Rightarrow r = 2$$

$$\det \frac{\partial(x, y, z)}{\partial(r, t, \theta)} = \begin{vmatrix} X_r & Y_r & Z_r \\ X_t & Y_t & Z_t \\ X_\theta & Y_\theta & Z_\theta \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\cos \theta}{t} & \frac{\sin \theta}{t} & 2r \\ -\frac{r \cos \theta}{t^2} & -\frac{r \sin \theta}{t^2} & 0 \\ -r \sin \theta & r \cos \theta & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -\frac{2r^3}{t^3}$$

$$\therefore V_R = \iiint_R 1 \, dV$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_1^2 \int_1^2 \frac{2r^3}{t^3} \, dr \, dt \, d\theta$$

$$= 2\pi (2) \left(\int_1^2 r^3 \, dr \right) \left(\int_1^2 \frac{1}{t^3} \, dt \right)$$

$$= 45\pi$$

$$= \frac{45\pi}{8}$$

(4) Find the volume of the n -dimensional ball $B_n(R)$, where $B_n(R) = \left\{ (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \leq R^2 \right\}$

Ans: First, we prove the following proposition:

Prop: The volume is proportional to the n th power of the radius.

Pf: For $n=2$, $V_2(R) = \pi R^2 \propto R^2$.

Assume it is true for $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

i.e. $V_n(R) = kR^n$ for some $k \neq 0$.

Note that the hypothesis implies:

$$(1) \quad V_n(R) = kR^n.$$

$$\text{Put } R=1, \quad V_n(1) = k.$$

$$\therefore V_n(R) = R^n V_n(1).$$

$$(2) \quad V_n(R_0) = V_n(1) R_0^n$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{V_n(R_0)}{R_0^n} = \frac{V_n(1) R_0^n}{R_0^n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{V_n(R_0)}{R_0^n} = V_n(1) \left(\frac{R_0}{R}\right)^n$$

$$\text{By (1)} \Rightarrow \frac{V_n(R_0)}{R_0^n} = V_n\left(\frac{R_0}{R}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow V_n(R_0) = R_0^n V_n\left(\frac{R_0}{R}\right)$$

As a result,

$$V_{n+1}(R) \stackrel{\text{Fubini's thm}}{=} \int_{-R}^R \left(\iint_D dx_2 \dots dx_n \right) dx_1,$$

$$\text{where } D = \left\{ (x_2, \dots, x_{n+1}) \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \sum_{i=2}^{n+1} x_i^2 \leq R^2 - x_1^2 \right\}$$

is a n -dimensional ball with radius $\sqrt{R^2 - x_1^2}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(\text{By } \textcircled{2} \right) = \int_{-R}^R V_n(\sqrt{R^2 - x_1^2}) dx_1, \\
 & \left(\text{Substitute } t = \frac{x_1}{R}, dx = R dt \right) = R^n \int_{-R}^R V_n\left(\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{x_1}{R}\right)^2}\right) dx_1, \\
 & = R^{n+1} \int_{-1}^1 V_n(\sqrt{1-t^2}) dt \\
 & = R^{n+1} V_{n+1}(1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\begin{aligned}
 & V_{n+1}(R) = \int_{-R}^R V_n(\sqrt{R^2 - x_1^2}) dx_1, \\
 & \text{Put } R=1, \\
 & V_{n+1}(1) = \int_{-1}^1 V_n(\sqrt{1-x_1^2}) dx_1.
 \end{aligned} \right)$$

By Induction, we prove the prop.

Then, we will try to find a recursion formula for $V_n(R)$.

Recursion formula for $V_n(R)$:

$$V_n(R) \stackrel{\substack{\text{Fubini's} \\ \text{Thm}}}{=} \int_{D_1} \left(\int_{D_2} dx_3 \cdots dx_n \right) dx_1 dx_2,$$

$$\text{where } D_1 = \left\{ (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x_1^2 + x_2^2 \leq R^2 \right\}$$

$$D_2 = \left\{ (x_3, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{n-2} \mid \sum_{i=3}^{n-2} x_i^2 \leq R^2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2 \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(\text{Polar Coordinate} \right) = \iint_{D_1} V_{n-2}(\sqrt{R^2 - (x_1^2 + x_2^2)}) dx_1 dx_2 \\
 & = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^R V_{n-2}(\sqrt{R^2 - r^2}) r dr d\theta
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2\pi \int_0^R V_{n-2}(\sqrt{R^2-r^2}) r dr \\
 \text{(By Prop.)} \quad &= 2\pi V_{n-2}(R) \int_0^R \frac{V_{n-2}(\sqrt{R^2-r^2})}{V_{n-2}(R)} r dr \\
 &= 2\pi V_{n-2}(R) \int_0^R \frac{(\sqrt{R^2-r^2})^{n-2} V_{n-2}(1)}{R^{n-2} V_{n-2}(1)} r dr \\
 &= 2\pi V_{n-2}(R) \int_0^R \left[1 - \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2\right]^{\frac{n-2}{2}} r dr \\
 &= 2\pi V_{n-2}(R) \left(\frac{-R^2}{2}\right) \int_0^R \left[1 - \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2\right]^{\frac{n-2}{2}} d\left(1 - \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2\right) \\
 &= 2\pi V_{n-2}(R) \left(\frac{-R^2}{2}\right) \left[\frac{1}{\frac{n-2}{2}+1} \left[1 - \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^2\right]^{\frac{n-2}{2}+1}\right]_0^R \\
 &= 2\pi V_{n-2}(R) \left(\frac{-R^2}{2}\right) \left(\frac{-1}{\frac{n-2}{2}+1}\right) \\
 &= \frac{2\pi R^2}{n} V_{n-2}(R) \\
 \therefore V_n(R) &= \frac{2\pi R^2}{n} V_{n-2}(R)
 \end{aligned}$$

As a result, for $n=2k$ even, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{2k}(R) &= \frac{2\pi R^2}{(2k)} V_{2k-2}(R) \\
 &= \frac{(2\pi R^2)^2}{(2k)(2k-2)} V_{2k-4}(R) \\
 &= \dots \\
 &= \frac{(2\pi R^2)^{k-1}}{(2k)(2k-2)\dots(4)} V_2(R)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{2^{k-1} \pi^{k-1} R^{2k-2}}{2^{k-1} (k!)} (\pi R^2) \\
 &= \frac{\pi^k R^{2k}}{(k!)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for $n=2k+1$ odd, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{2k+1}(R) &= \frac{2\pi R^2}{(2k+1)} V_{2k-1}(R) \\
 &= \frac{(2\pi R^2)^2}{(2k+1)(2k-1)} V_{2k-3}(R) \\
 &= \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{(2\pi R^2)^{k-1}}{(2k+1)(2k-1)\dots(5)} V_3(R) \\
 &= \frac{2^{k-1} \pi^{k-1} R^{2k-2}}{(2k+1)(2k-1)\dots(5)} \left(\frac{4}{3} \pi R^3\right) \\
 &= \frac{2^{k+1} \pi^k R^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)(2k-1)\dots(5)} \\
 &= \frac{2(k!) \pi^k R^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Reference: Wikipedia, "Volume of an n-ball"