

Triple Integrals

Def 5 Let $f(x, y, z)$ be a function defined on a (closed and bounded) rectangular box

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

Then the triple integral of f over the box B is

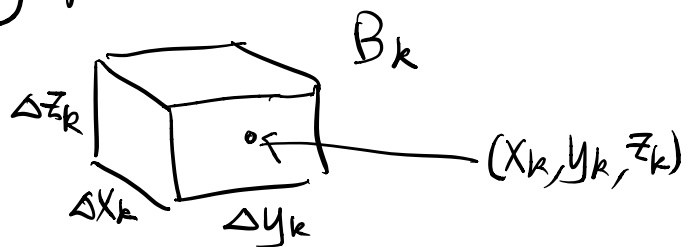
$$\iiint_B f(x, y, z) dV = \lim_{\|P\| \rightarrow 0} \sum_k f(x_k, y_k, z_k) \Delta V_k$$

if this exists,

where (i) $P = P_1 \times P_2 \times P_3$ is a subdivision of B into sub-rectangular boxes by partitions P_1, P_2, P_3 of $[a, b], [c, d], [r, s]$ respectively, and

$$\|P\| = \max(\|P_1\|, \|P_2\|, \|P_3\|)$$

(ii) (x_k, y_k, z_k) is an arbitrary point in a sub-rectangular box B_k



$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii)} \quad \Delta V_k &= \text{Vol}(B_k) \\ &= \Delta x_k \Delta y_k \Delta z_k \end{aligned}$$

Thm 4 (Fubini's Theorem for Triple Integrals (1st form))

If $f(x, y, z)$ is continuous (in fact, integrable is sufficient)

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

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

Note: Interchanging the order of the coordinates, we also have

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

= ... in any order of dx, dy, dz .

Def 6 (Triple integral over a general region $D \subset \mathbb{R}^3$)

Let $f(x, y, z)$ be a function on a closed and bounded region $D \subset \mathbb{R}^3$. Then

$$\iiint_D f(x, y, z) dV \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \iiint_B F(x, y, z) dV$$

where B is a closed and bounded rectangular box containing D , and

$$F(x,y,z) = \begin{cases} f(x,y,z), & \text{if } (x,y,z) \in D \\ 0, & \text{if } (x,y,z) \in B \setminus D. \end{cases}$$

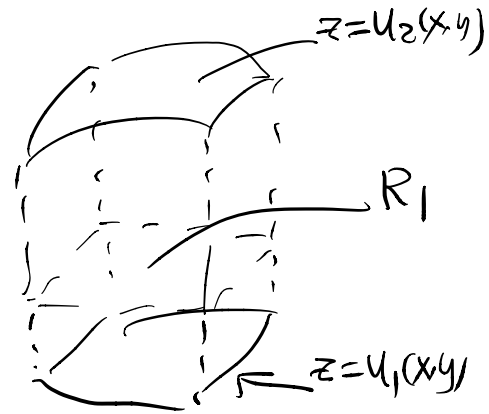
Note: As in double integral, this definition is well-defined.

Special types of closed and bounded region $D \subset \mathbb{R}^3$

$$(1) D = \{(x,y,z) : (x,y) \in R_1, u_1(x,y) \leq z \leq u_2(x,y)\}$$

$$(2) D = \{(x,y,z) : (x,z) \in R_2, \left. \begin{array}{l} u_1(x,z) \leq y \leq u_2(x,z) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$(3) D = \{(x,y,z) : (y,z) \in R_3, \left. \begin{array}{l} w_1(y,z) \leq x \leq w_2(y,z) \end{array} \right\}$$



where $R_i, i=1,2,3$ are closed and bounded plane regions and $u_1, u_2; u_1, u_2; w_1, w_2$ are continuous wrt the corresponding variables.

Thm 5 (Fubini's Thm for triple integrals (strong form))

Let $f(x, y, z)$ be a continuous (integrable) function on D . If D is of type (1) as above, then

$$\iiint_D f(x, y, z) dV = \iint_{R_1} \left[\int_{u_1(x, y)}^{u_2(x, y)} f(x, y, z) dz \right] dx dy$$

Similarly for types (2) & (3).

Note: Particular, we have (using Fubini's for double integrals): if

$$D = \left\{ (x, y, z) = \left. \begin{array}{l} a \leq x \leq b, \quad g_1(x) \leq y \leq g_2(x) \\ u_1(x, y) \leq z \leq u_2(x, y) \end{array} \right\} \right.$$

(i.e. R_1 is of type (1)), then

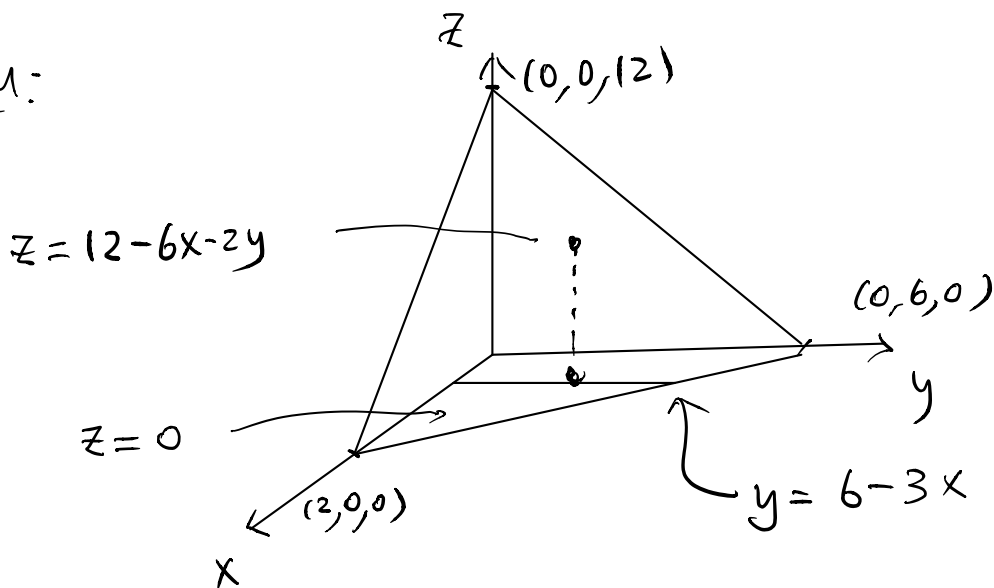
$$\iiint_D f(x, y, z) dV = \int_a^b \int_{g_1(x)}^{g_2(x)} \int_{u_1(x, y)}^{u_2(x, y)} f(x, y, z) dz dy dx$$

Similarly for other types.

Prop 6 The propositions 1-4 for double integrals also hold for triple integrals over closed and bounded region in \mathbb{R}^3

eg 17 Volume of the bounded region D in the 1st octant enclosed by the plane $6x + 2y + z = 12$.

Solu:



$\therefore D$ is of special type

$$= \left\{ 0 \leq x \leq 2, 0 \leq y \leq 6 - 3x, 0 \leq z \leq 12 - 6x - 2y \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Vol}(D) = \iiint_D 1 \, dV$$

$$= \int_0^2 \int_0^{6-3x} \int_0^{12-6x-2y} dz \, dy \, dx$$

$$= \int_0^2 \int_0^{6-3x} (12-6x-2y) dy dx \quad (\text{check})$$

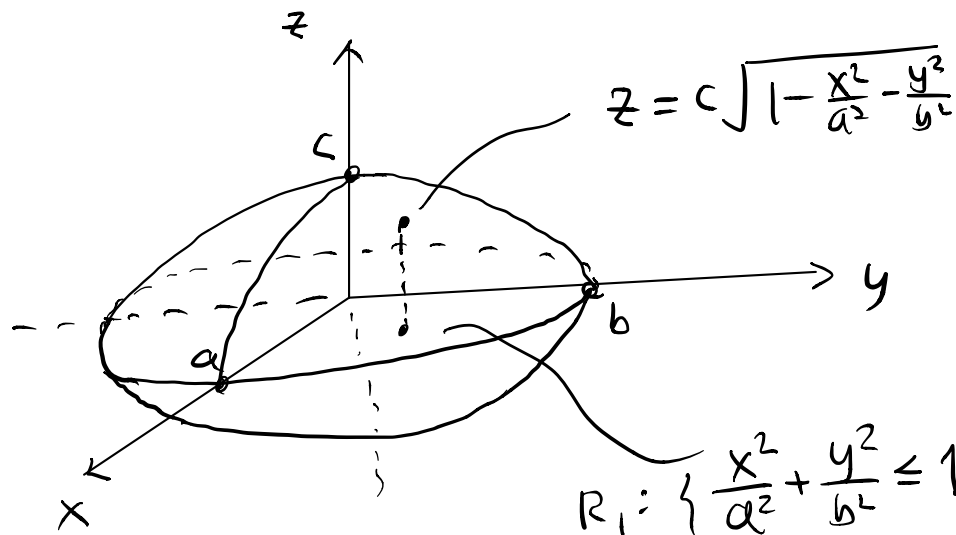
$$= \int_0^2 (9x^2 - 36x + 36) dx \quad (\text{check})$$

$$= 24.$$

(Compare eg 22 later)

eg 18 Volume of Ellipsoid

$$D = \left\{ (x, y, z) : \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} \leq 1 \right\} \quad (a, b, c > 0)$$



$$R_1 = \left\{ \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} \leq 1 \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ 0 \leq x \leq a, 0 \leq y \leq b \sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2}} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Vol}(D) = 8 \int_0^a \int_0^{b \sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2}}} \int_0^{c \sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2}}} dz dy dx,$$

$$\text{Similarly} \quad = 8 \int_0^c \int_0^{b \sqrt{1 - \frac{z^2}{c^2}}} \int_0^{a \sqrt{1 - \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2}}} dx dy dz.$$

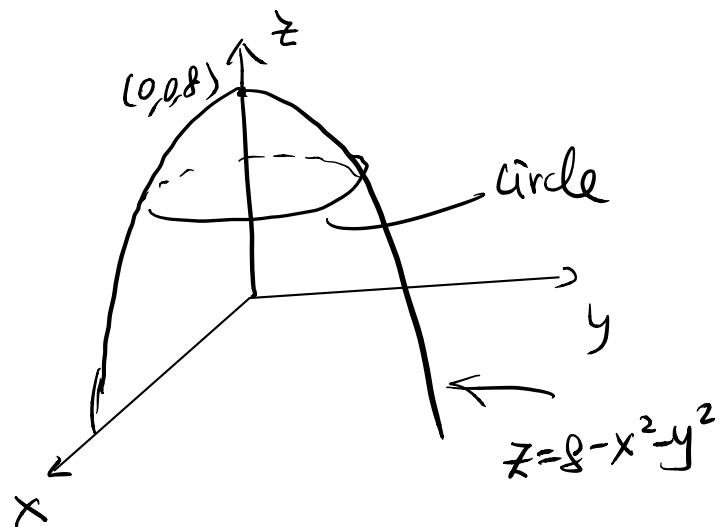
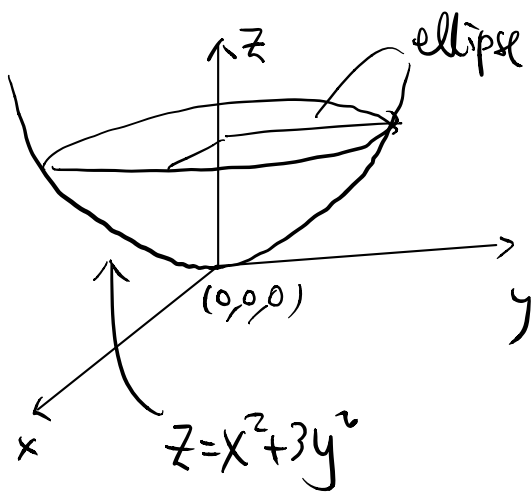
= ...

$$= \frac{4\pi abc}{3} \quad (\text{exercise } \S 15.5 \text{ problem 46})$$

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eg 19 Find the volume of D enclosed by

$$z = x^2 + 3y^2 \quad \text{and} \quad z = 8 - x^2 - y^2$$



At the intersection of the two surfaces

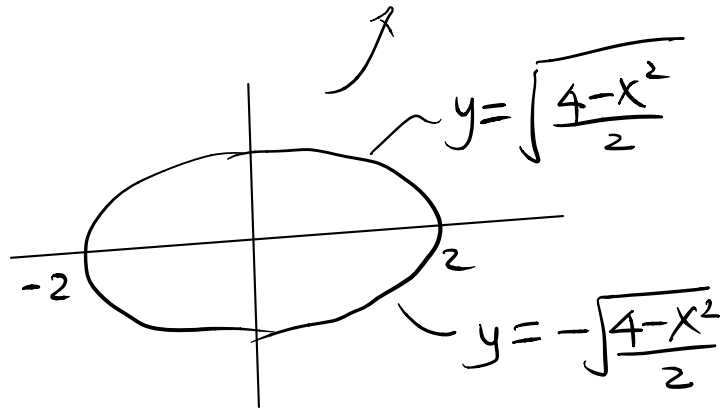
$$x^2 + 3y^2 = z = 8 - x^2 - y^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 2y^2 = 4 \quad \text{ellipse in } xy\text{-plane}$$

$$\left(\text{If } x^2 + 2y^2 \leq 4 \Rightarrow (8 - x^2 - y^2) - (x^2 + 3y^2) = 8 - 2(x^2 + 2y^2) \geq 0 \right)$$

(Note: the intersection curve lies over the ellipse $x^2 + 2y^2 = 4$ in the xy -plane.)

$$\Rightarrow D = \{(x, y, z) : x^2 + 2y^2 \leq 4, x^2 + 3y^2 \leq z \leq 8 - x^2 - y^2\}$$



$$\Rightarrow D = \left. \begin{array}{l} -2 \leq x \leq 2, -\sqrt{\frac{4-x^2}{2}} \leq y \leq \sqrt{\frac{4-x^2}{2}} \\ x^2 + 3y^2 \leq z \leq 8 - x^2 - y^2 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Vol}(D) = \int_{-2}^2 \int_{-\sqrt{\frac{4-x^2}{2}}}^{\sqrt{\frac{4-x^2}{2}}} \int_{x^2+3y^2}^{8-x^2-y^2} dz \, dy \, dx$$

$$= \int_{-2}^2 \int_{-\sqrt{\frac{4-x^2}{2}}}^{\sqrt{\frac{4-x^2}{2}}} (8 - 2x^2 - 4y^2) \, dy \, dx$$

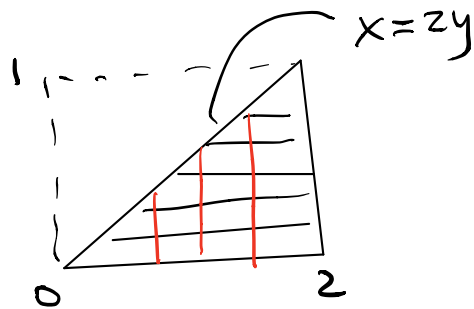
$$= \int_{-2}^2 \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{3} (4-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} \, dx \quad (\text{check})$$

$$= 8\pi\sqrt{2} \quad (\text{check})$$

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eg 20 Evaluate

$$\int_0^4 \int_0^1 \int_{zy}^2 \frac{4 \cos(x^2)}{2\sqrt{z}} dx dy dz$$
$$= \int_0^4 \frac{2}{\sqrt{z}} \left(\int_0^1 \int_{zy}^2 \cos x^2 dx dy \right) dz$$
$$= \left(\int_0^4 \frac{2}{\sqrt{z}} dz \right) \left(\int_0^2 \left(\int_0^{\frac{x}{z}} \cos(x^2) dy \right) dx \right)$$



$$= \left(\int_0^4 \frac{2}{\sqrt{z}} dz \right) \left(\int_0^2 (\cos x^2) \left(\int_0^{\frac{x}{z}} dy \right) dx \right)$$

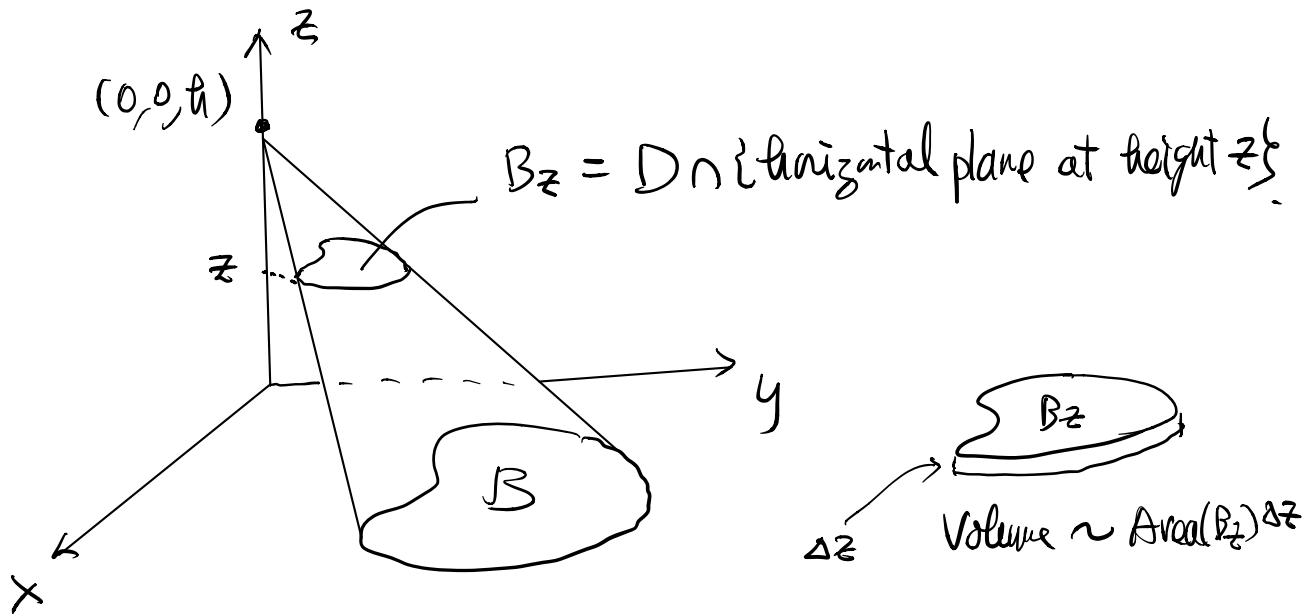
$$= 2 \sin 4 \quad (\text{check})$$

eg 21: Find average value of $F(x,y,z) = xyz$
over the cube $[0,2]^3 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$.

Answer: Average = $\frac{\iiint_{[0,2]^3} F(x,y,z) dV}{\text{Vol}([0,2]^3)} = 1 \quad (\text{check!})$ ✘

eg 22: Let B (base) be a "nice" subset of \mathbb{R}^2

Let $D = \text{cone in } \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ with base } B \text{ on } xy\text{-plane}$
and vertex $(0, 0, h)$



Then
$$\text{Vol}(D) = \int_0^h \text{Area}(B_z) dz$$
 (By the concept of Riemann sum)

and by similarity:

since the ratio of height = $\frac{h-z}{h} = 1 - \frac{z}{h}$,

we have ratio of area = $\left(1 - \frac{z}{h}\right)^2$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Area}(B_z) = \left(1 - \frac{z}{h}\right)^2 \text{Area}(B)$$

$$\therefore \text{Vol}(D) = \int_0^h \left(1 - \frac{z}{h}\right)^2 \text{Area}(B) dz$$

$$= \frac{h}{3} \text{Area}(B) \quad \times \quad (\text{check!})$$