Triple Integral: Cartesian, Cylindrical & Spherical

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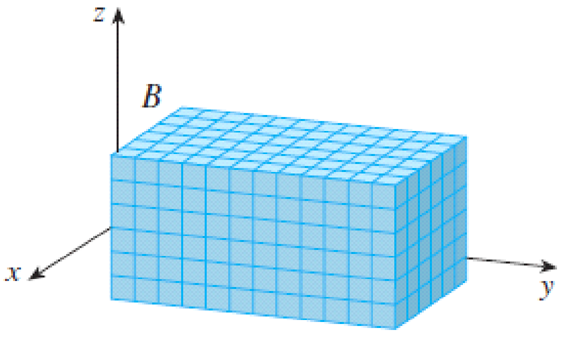

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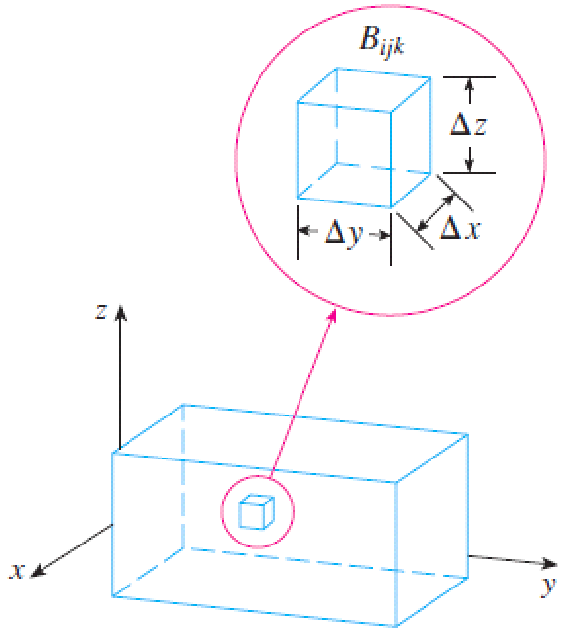

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$$B_{ijk} = [x_{i-1}, x_i] \times [y_{j-1}, y_j] \times [z_{k-1}, z_k]$$

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Then we form the **triple Riemann sum**

$$\boxed{2} \qquad \sum_{i=1}^{l} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \sum_{k=1}^{n} f(x_{ijk}^*, y_{ijk}^*, z_{ijk}^*) \, \Delta V$$

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$\boxed{3}$ **Definition** The **triple integral** of f over the box B is

$$\iiint_B f(x, y, z) \, dV = \lim_{l, m, n \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{l} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \sum_{k=1}^{n} f(x_{ijk}^*, y_{ijk}^*, z_{ijk}^*) \, \Delta V$$

if this limit exists.

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$\boxed{4}$ **Fubini's Theorem for Triple Integrals** If f is continuous on the rectangular box $B = [a, b] \times [c, d] \times [r, s]$, then

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

V EXAMPLE 1 Evaluate the triple integral $\iiint_B xyz^2 \, dV$, where B is the rectangular box given by

$$B = \{(x, y, z) \mid 0 \leqslant x \leqslant 1, \ -1 \leqslant y \leqslant 2, \ 0 \leqslant z \leqslant 3\}$$

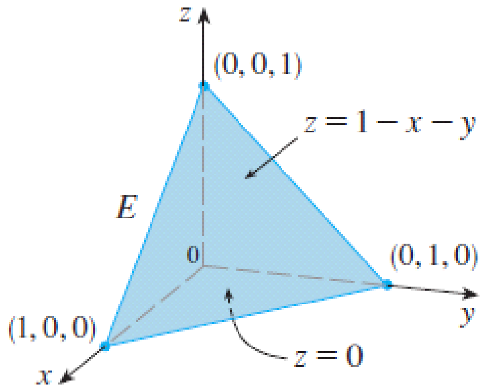
SOLUTION We could use any of the six possible orders of integration. If we choose to integrate with respect to x, then y, and then z, we obtain

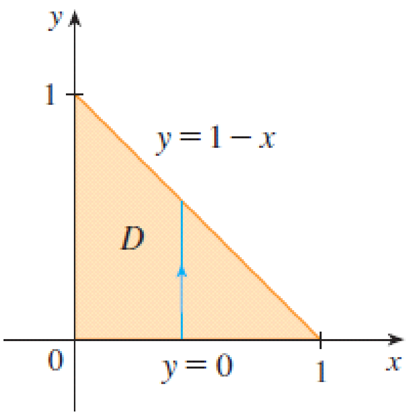
$$\iiint_B xyz^2 \, dV = \int_0^3 \int_{-1}^2 \int_0^1 xyz^2 \, dx \, dy \, dz = \int_0^3 \int_{-1}^2 \left[\frac{x^2yz^2}{2} \right]_{x=0}^{x=1} dy \, dz$$

$$= \int_0^3 \int_{-1}^2 \frac{yz^2}{2} \, dy \, dz = \int_0^3 \left[\frac{y^2z^2}{4} \right]_{y=-1}^{y=2} dz$$

$$= \int_0^3 \frac{3z^2}{4} \, dz = \frac{z^3}{4} \bigg]_0^3 = \frac{27}{4}$$

EXAMPLE 2 Evaluate $\iiint_E z\, dV$, where E is the solid tetrahedron bounded by the four planes $x = 0$, $y = 0$, $z = 0$, nd x a$+\ y + z = 1$.





9 $$E = \{(x, y, z) \mid 0 \leqslant x \leqslant 1,\ 0 \leqslant y \leqslant 1 - x,\ 0 \leqslant z \leqslant 1 - x - y\}$$

$$\iiint_E z\, dV = \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} \int_0^{1-x-y} z\, dz\, dy\, dx = \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} \left[\frac{z^2}{2}\right]_{z=0}^{z=1-x-y} dy\, dx$$

$$= \tfrac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} (1 - x - y)^2\, dy\, dx = \tfrac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \left[-\frac{(1 - x - y)^3}{3}\right]_{y=0}^{y=1-x} dx$$

$$= \tfrac{1}{6} \int_0^1 (1 - x)^3\, dx = \frac{1}{6}\left[-\frac{(1 - x)^4}{4}\right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{24}$$

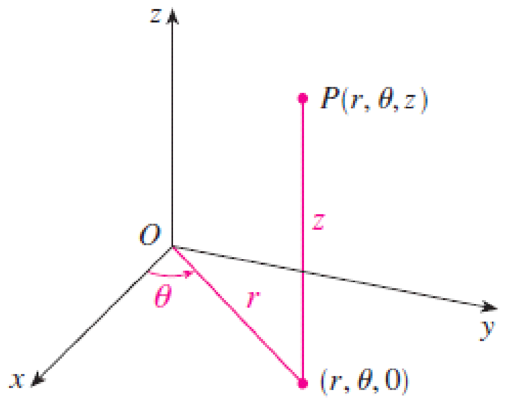
Evaluate the integral in Example 1, integrating first with respect to y, then z, and then x.

Evaluate the integral $\iiint_E (xy + z^2)\, dV$, where

$$E = \{(x, y, z) \mid 0 \leqslant x \leqslant 2, 0 \leqslant y \leqslant 1, 0 \leqslant z \leqslant 3\}$$

using three different orders of integration.

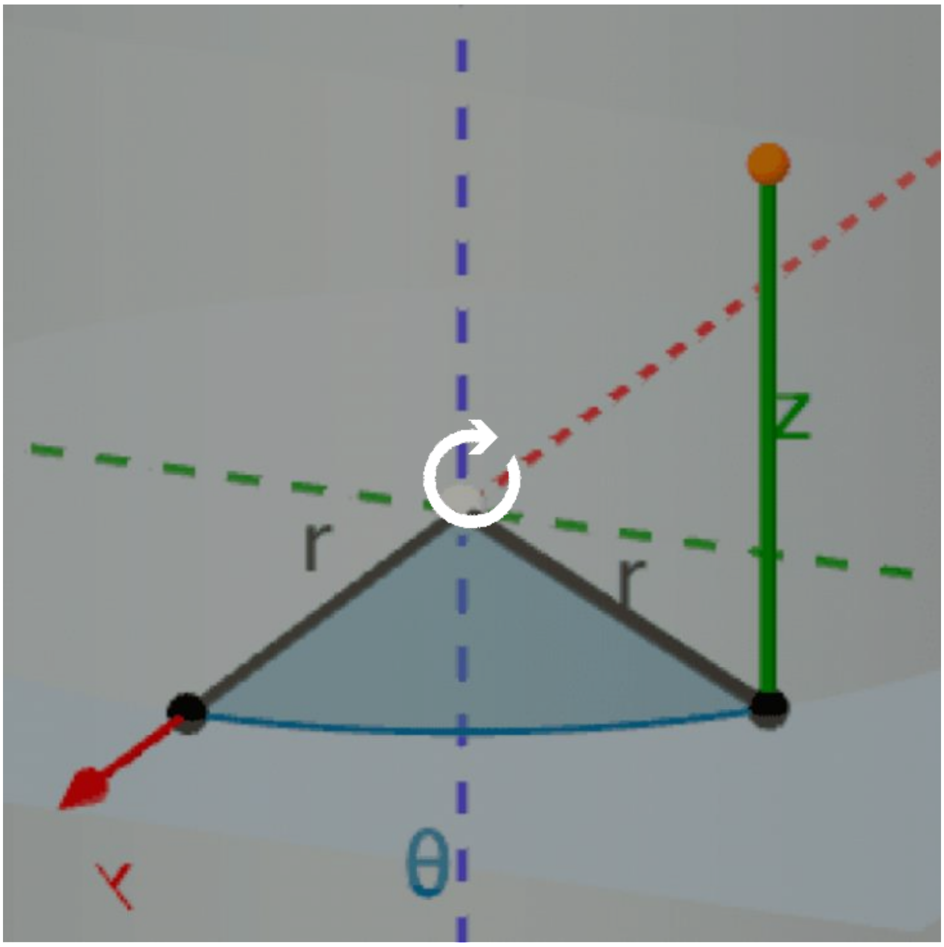
Triple Integrals in Cylindrical Coordinates



$$x = r\cos\theta \qquad y = r\sin\theta \qquad z = z$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2 \qquad \tan\theta = \frac{y}{x} \qquad z = z$$

[Cylindrical Coordinates: Dynamic Illustrator]



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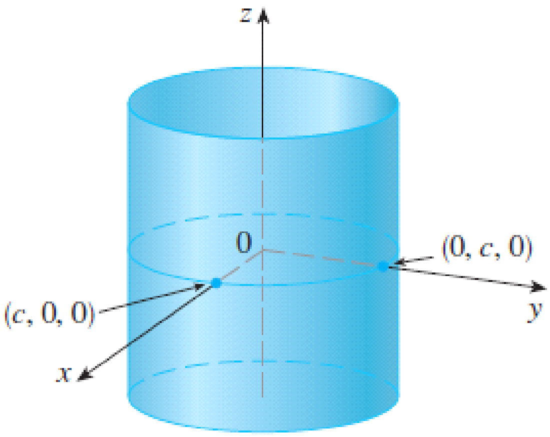

FIGURE 4
$r = c$, a cylinder

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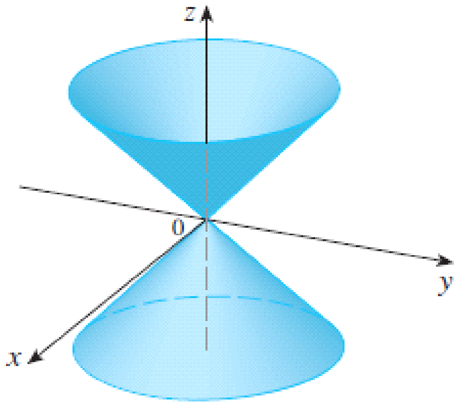
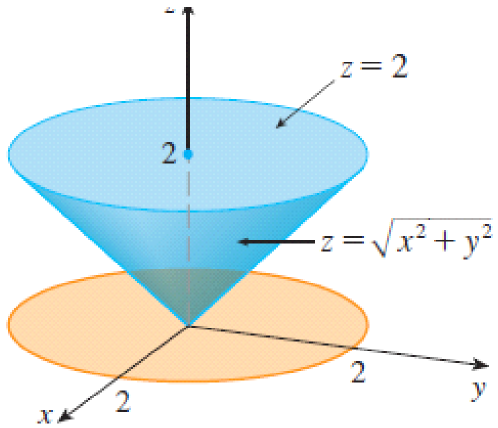


FIGURE 5
$z = r$, a cone

$$\iiint_E f(x, y, z)\, dV = \int_\alpha^\beta \int_{h_1(\theta)}^{h_2(\theta)} \int_{u_1(r\cos\theta,\, r\sin\theta)}^{u_2(r\cos\theta,\, r\sin\theta)} f(r\cos\theta, r\sin\theta, z)\, r\, dz\, dr\, d\theta$$

EXAMPLE 4 Evaluate $\int_{-2}^{2} \int_{-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \int_{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}^{2} (x^2 + y^2)\, dz\, dy\, dx$.

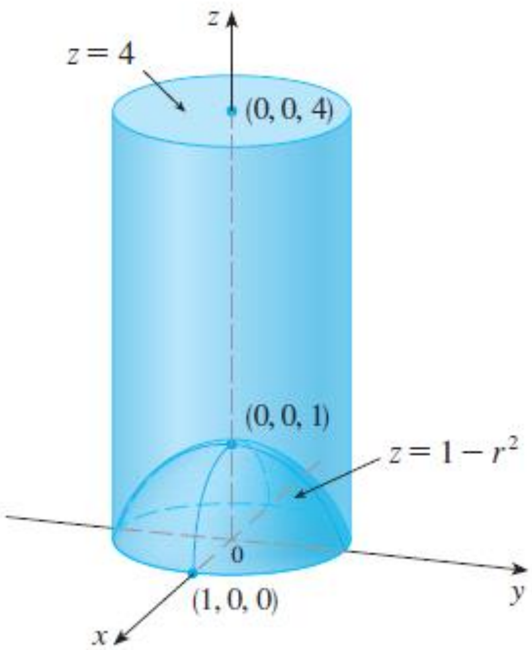


$$E = \left\{(x, y, z) \mid -2 \leqslant x \leqslant 2,\ -\sqrt{4 - x^2} \leqslant y \leqslant \sqrt{4 - x^2},\ \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \leqslant z \leqslant 2\right\}$$

$$E = \left\{(r, \theta, z) \mid 0 \leqslant \theta \leqslant 2\pi,\ 0 \leqslant r \leqslant 2,\ r \leqslant z \leqslant 2\right\}$$

$$\int_{-2}^{2}\int_{-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}}\int_{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}^{2}(x^2+y^2)\,dz\,dy\,dx = \iiint_E (x^2+y^2)\,dV$$
$$= \int_0^{2\pi}\int_0^2\int_r^2 r^2\,r\,dz\,dr\,d\theta$$
$$= \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^2 r^3(2-r)\,dr$$
$$= 2\pi\left[\tfrac{1}{2}r^4 - \tfrac{1}{5}r^5\right]_0^2 = \tfrac{16}{5}\pi$$

V EXAMPLE 3 A solid E lies within the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$, below the plane $z = 4$, and above the paraboloid $z = 1 - x^2 - y^2$. (See Figure 8.) The density at any point is proportional to its distance from the axis of the cylinder. Find the mass of E.



$$E = \{(r, \theta, z) \mid 0 \leqslant \theta \leqslant 2\pi,\ 0 \leqslant r \leqslant 1,\ 1 - r^2 \leqslant z \leqslant 4\}$$

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

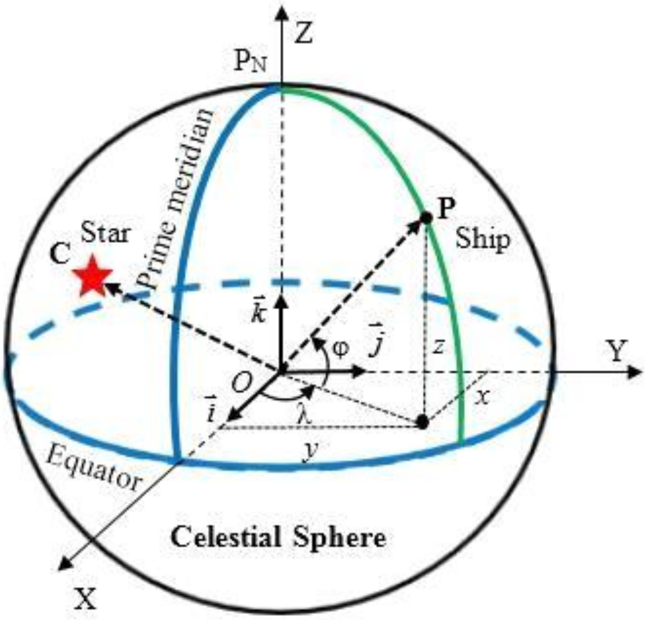
$$m = \iiint_E K\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}\, dV = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 \int_{1-r^2}^4 (Kr)\, r\, dz\, dr\, d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 Kr^2[4 - (1 - r^2)]\, dr\, d\theta = K\int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^1 (3r^2 + r^4)\, dr$$

$$= 2\pi K\left[r^3 + \frac{r^5}{5}\right]_0^1 = \frac{12\pi K}{5}$$

$$\int_0^2 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^r r\, dz\, d\theta\, dr$$

Triple Integrals in Spherical Coordinates



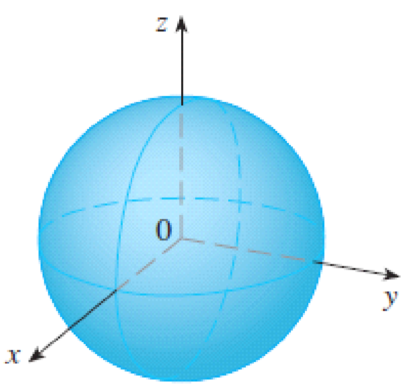
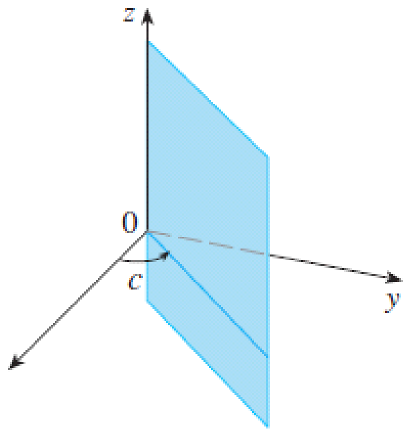
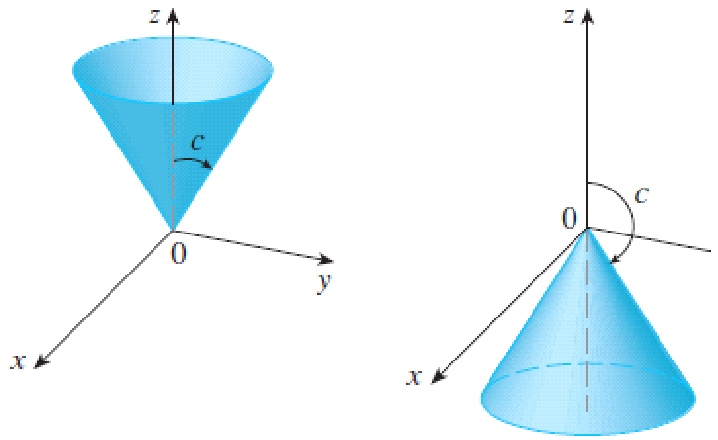


FIGURE 2 $\rho = c$, a sphere



IGURE 3 $\theta = c$, a half-plane



$0 < c < \pi/2$ $\qquad$ $\pi/2 < c < \pi$

FIGURE 4 $\phi = c$, a half-cone

https://mathinsight.org/spherical_coordinates

$x = \rho \sin\phi \cos\theta \qquad y = \rho \sin\phi \sin\theta \qquad z = \rho\cos\phi$

$\rho^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$

$$E = \{(\rho, \theta, \phi) \mid a \leqslant \rho \leqslant b,\ \alpha \leqslant \theta \leqslant \beta,\ c \leqslant \phi \leqslant d\}$$

$$\boxed{3}\quad \iiint_E f(x, y, z)\, dV$$

$$= \int_c^d \int_\alpha^\beta \int_a^b f(\rho \sin\phi \cos\theta, \rho \sin\phi \sin\theta, \rho \cos\phi)\, \rho^2 \sin\phi \; d\rho\, d\theta\, d\phi$$

where E is a spherical wedge given by

$$E = \{(\rho, \theta, \phi) \mid a \leqslant \rho \leqslant b,\ \alpha \leqslant \theta \leqslant \beta,\ c \leqslant \phi \leqslant d\}$$

V EXAMPLE 3 Evaluate $\iiint_B e^{(x^2+y^2+z^2)^{3/2}}\, dV$, where B is the unit ball:

$$B = \{(x, y, z) \mid x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leqslant 1\}$$

$$B = \{(\rho, \theta, \phi) \mid 0 \leqslant \rho \leqslant 1,\ 0 \leqslant \theta \leqslant 2\pi,\ 0 \leqslant \phi \leqslant \pi\}$$

In addition, spherical coordinates are appropriate because

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = \rho^2$$

Thus $\boxed{3}$ gives

$$\iiint_B e^{(x^2+y^2+z^2)^{3/2}}\, dV = \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 e^{(\rho^2)^{3/2}} \rho^2 \sin\phi \; d\rho\, d\theta\, d\phi$$

$$= \int_0^\pi \sin\phi\, d\phi \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^1 \rho^2 e^{\rho^3}\, d\rho$$

$$= \Big[-\cos\phi\Big]_0^\pi (2\pi) \Big[\tfrac{1}{3} e^{\rho^3}\Big]_0^1 = \tfrac{4}{3}\pi(e - 1)$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} \int_1^2 \rho^2 \sin\phi \; d\rho\, d\phi\, d\theta$$