Exercise. Let D be some region in the xy-plane. Let M denote the portion of the graph of z = g(x, y) that lies above D.

• Let $\omega = f(x,y)dx \wedge dy$ be a differential 2-form on \mathbf{R}^3 . Show that

$$\int_{M} \omega = \int_{D} f(x, y) dx dy.$$

• Now suppose $\omega = f(x, y, z)dx \wedge dy.$ Show that

$$\int_{M} \omega = \int_{D} f(x, y, g(x, y)) dx dy.$$

• The surface can be parameterized as

$$p:(x,y)\to(x,y,g(x,y)).$$

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} &= \left(1, 0, \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}\right), \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} &= \left(0, 1, \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}\right). \\ \omega \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial p}{\partial y}\right) &= f(x, y). \end{split}$$

So

$$\int_{M} \omega = \int_{D} f(x, y) dx dy.$$

$$\omega\left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial x},\frac{\partial p}{\partial y}\right) = f(x,y,z) = f(x,y,g(x,y)).$$

So

$$\int_{M} \omega = \int_{D} f(x, y, g(x, y)) dx dy.$$