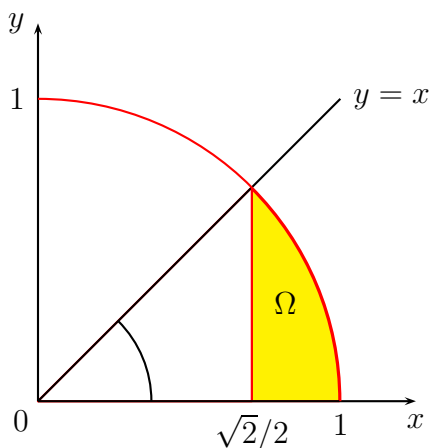


MATH2019 PROBLEM CLASS  
**EXAMPLES 4**  
 DOUBLE INTEGRALS

- 1997 1. Evaluate the following integral by changing to polar coordinates:

$$I = \int_{\sqrt{2}/2}^1 \int_0^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dy \, dx .$$

**Solution:** From the limits of integration in the double integral  $I$  we have for any  $x$  value between  $\sqrt{2}/2$  and 1 the  $y$  value runs between 0 and the curve  $y = \sqrt{1-x^2}$  (a circle of radius 1, centre  $(0,0)$ ).



In polar coordinates  $x = r \cos \theta$  and  $y = r \sin \theta$ . Considering the region of integration  $\Omega$ , for any  $\theta$  between 0 ( $y = 0$ ) and  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  ( $y = x$ ), the lower value of  $r$  (which measures the distance from the origin) will be at  $x = \sqrt{2}/2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ , i.e.,

$$x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = r \cos \theta \quad \Rightarrow \quad r = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} \cos \theta} .$$

and the upper value at  $r = 1$  (the circle of radius 1). Thus the region of integration  $\Omega$  in polar coordinates is given by

$$\theta \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right], \quad r \in \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2} \cos \theta}, 1\right] .$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_{\sqrt{2}/2}^1 \int_0^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dy \, dx = \int_0^{\pi/4} \int_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2} \cos \theta}}^1 r \, dr \, d\theta = \int_0^{\pi/4} \left( \frac{1}{2} r^2 \Big|_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2} \cos \theta}}^1 \right) d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/4} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} \sec^2 \theta \right) d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \theta - \frac{1}{2} \tan \theta \Big|_0^{\pi/4} \right) = \frac{\pi}{8} - \frac{1}{4} . \end{aligned}$$

Note (as a check) the integral  $I$  is calculating the area of the region  $\Omega$  (since the integrand is  $f(x, y) = 1$ ). By inspection, this area is the area of the sector (radius 1 and angle  $\frac{\pi}{4}$ ) minus the area of the triangle (base  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  and height  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ ), i.e.,

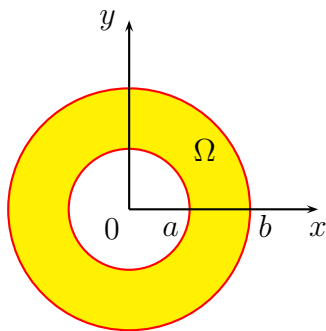
$$I = A_{\text{sector}} - A_{\text{triangle}} = \frac{1}{2}(1)^2 \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{\pi}{8} - \frac{1}{4}.$$

- 1998 2. An annular washer of constant surface density  $\delta$  occupies the region between the circles

$$x^2 + y^2 = a^2 \quad \text{and} \quad x^2 + y^2 = b^2 \quad \text{where} \quad b > a.$$

Find the moment of inertia of the washer about the  $x$ -axis.

**Solution:** Since the region of integration  $\Omega$  (diagram below) is between two circles ( $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$  and  $x^2 + y^2 = b^2$ ) it is best to convert to polar coordinates  $x = r \cos \theta$  and  $y = r \sin \theta$ .



Thus the region of integration  $\Omega$  in polar coordinates is given by

$$\theta \in [0, 2\pi], \quad r \in [a, b].$$

Hence the moment of inertia about the  $x$ -axis  $I_x$  is given by

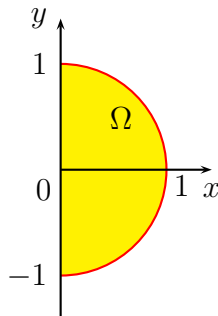
$$\begin{aligned} I_x &= \iint_{\Omega} y^2 \delta(x, y) dA = \delta \int_0^{2\pi} \int_a^b (r \sin \theta)^2 r dr d\theta \quad \text{since } \delta \text{ is a constant} \\ &= \delta \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 \theta \left( \frac{1}{4} r^4 \Big|_a^b \right) d\theta \\ &= \delta \left( \frac{b^4 - a^4}{4} \right) \int_0^{2\pi} \sin^2 \theta d\theta \\ &= \delta \left( \frac{b^4 - a^4}{4} \right) \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos(2\theta)) d\theta \\ &= \delta \left( \frac{b^4 - a^4}{8} \right) \left( \theta - \frac{1}{2} \sin(2\theta) \Big|_0^{2\pi} \right) \\ &= \delta \left( \frac{b^4 - a^4}{8} \right) ((2\pi - 0) - (0 - 0)) \\ &= \frac{\pi \delta}{4} (b^4 - a^4). \end{aligned}$$

2014, S1 3. Consider the double integral

$$I = \int_{-1}^1 \int_0^{\sqrt{1-y^2}} 3x \, dx \, dy.$$

i) Sketch the region of integration.

**Solution:** From the limits of integration in the double integral  $I$  we have for any  $y$  value between  $-1$  and  $1$  the  $x$  value runs between  $0$  and the curve  $x = \sqrt{1-y^2}$  (a circle of radius  $1$ , centre  $(0,0)$ ).



ii) Evaluate  $I$  using polar coordinates.

**Solution:** In polar coordinates  $x = r \cos \theta$  and  $y = r \sin \theta$ . Considering shape of the region of integration  $\Omega$  from part i) (which is a semicircle of radius  $1$  in quadrants 4 and 1) we have

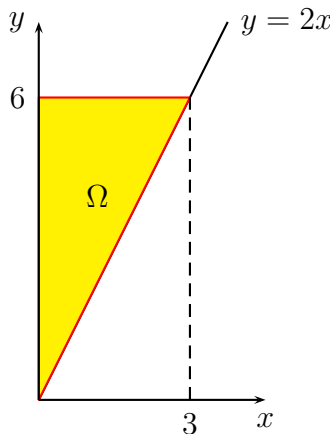
$$\theta \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right], \quad r \in [0, 1].$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_{-1}^1 \int_0^{\sqrt{1-y^2}} 3x \, dx \, dy = \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^1 (3r \cos \theta) r \, dr \, d\theta \\ &= \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos \theta \left( r^3 \Big|_0^1 \right) d\theta \\ &= \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos \theta \, d\theta \\ &= \left( \sin \theta \Big|_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \right) = (1 - (-1)) = 2. \end{aligned}$$

2014, S1 4. A thin triangular plate bounded by  $y = 2x$ ,  $y = 6$  and the  $y$  axis has non-uniform density given by  $\rho(x, y) = 4xy$ . Find the mass of the plate by evaluating an appropriate double integral in Cartesian coordinates.

**Solution:** The region of integration  $\Omega$  is depicted in the following diagram.



$$\begin{aligned}
M &= \iint_{\Omega} \rho(x, y) \, dA = \int_0^3 \int_{2x}^6 4xy \, dy \, dx = \int_0^3 \left( 2xy^2 \Big|_{2x}^6 \right) dx \\
&= \int_0^3 (72x - 8x^3) \, dx \\
&= 36x^2 - 2x^4 \Big|_0^3 \\
&= 324 - 162 = 162.
\end{aligned}$$

Note equally the calculation could be done with the order of integration reversed, i.e.,

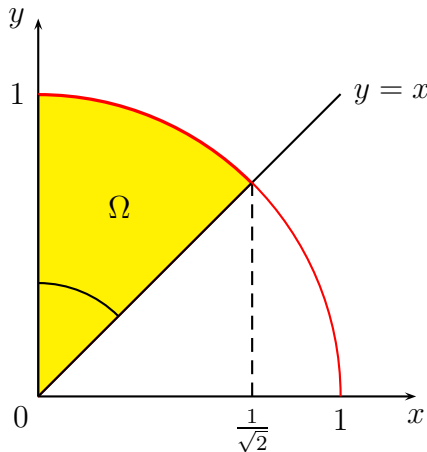
$$\begin{aligned}
M &= \iint_{\Omega} \rho(x, y) \, dA = \int_0^6 \int_0^{y/2} 4xy \, dx \, dy = \int_0^6 \left( 2yx^2 \Big|_0^{y/2} \right) dy \\
&= \int_0^6 \frac{y^3}{2} \, dy \\
&= \frac{y^4}{8} \Big|_0^6 = 162.
\end{aligned}$$

2014, S2 5. Consider the double integral

$$\int_0^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} \int_x^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} 3x \, dy \, dx.$$

i) Sketch the region of integration.

**Solution:** From the limits of integration in the double integral we have for any  $x$  value between 0 and  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  the  $y$  value runs between straight line  $y = x$  and the curve  $y = \sqrt{1-x^2}$  (a circle of radius 1, centre  $(0, 0)$ ).



ii) Evaluate the double integral by first converting to polar coordinates.

**Solution:** In polar coordinates  $x = r \cos \theta$  and  $y = r \sin \theta$ . Considering shape of the region of integration  $\Omega$  (which is a sector of radius 1 between  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  and  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ ) we have

$$\theta \in \left[ \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right], \quad r \in [0, 1].$$

Hence

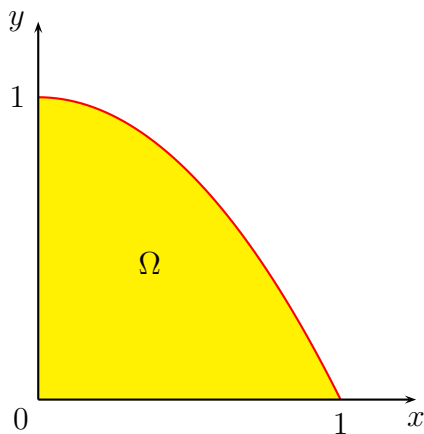
$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} \int_x^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} 3x \, dy \, dx &= \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^1 (3r \cos \theta) r \, dr \, d\theta \\
 &= \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos \theta \left( r^3 \Big|_0^1 \right) d\theta \\
 &= \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos \theta \, d\theta \\
 &= \left( \sin \theta \Big|_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \right) = 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

2015, S1 6. Consider the double integral

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x^2} \frac{y}{\sqrt{1-y}} \, dy \, dx.$$

i) Sketch the region of integration.

**Solution:** From the limits of integration in the double integral we have for any  $x$  value between 0 and 1 the  $y$  value runs between 0 and the parabola  $y = 1 - x^2$ .



ii) Evaluate the double integral by first reversing the order of integration.

**Solution:** Now we wish for any  $y$  value from 0 to 1 the  $x$  value runs between 0 and  $x = \sqrt{1-y}$  (a rearrangement of  $y = 1 - x^2$  with non-negative  $x$  the subject of the equation). Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x^2} \frac{y}{\sqrt{1-y}} \, dy \, dx &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{\sqrt{1-y}} \frac{y}{\sqrt{1-y}} \, dx \, dy \\
 &= \int_0^1 \left( \frac{y}{\sqrt{1-y}} x \Big|_0^{\sqrt{1-y}} \right) dy \\
 &= \int_0^1 \frac{y}{\sqrt{1-y}} \sqrt{1-y} \, dy \\
 &= \int_0^1 y \, dy = \frac{1}{2} y^2 \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

7. The area  $A$  of a region  $R$  of the  $xy$ -plane is given by

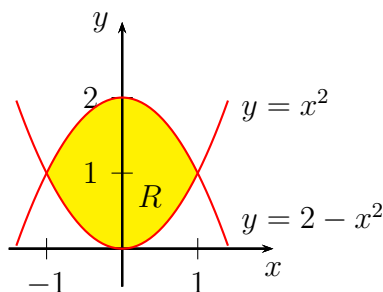
$$A = \int_0^1 \int_{-\sqrt{y}}^{\sqrt{y}} dx dy + \int_1^2 \int_{-\sqrt{2-y}}^{\sqrt{2-y}} dx dy.$$

i) Sketch the region  $R$ .

**Solution:** To determine the region of integration  $R$  we consider the double integrals for  $A$  separately. In the first one, from the limits we have for any  $y$  value between 0 and 1 the  $x$  value runs between the curve  $x = -\sqrt{y}$  and curve  $x = \sqrt{y}$  (which both can be rearranged to  $y = x^2$ ). In the second double integral, from the limits we have for any  $y$  value between 1 and 2 the  $x$  value runs between the curve  $x = -\sqrt{2-y}$  and curve  $x = \sqrt{2-y}$  (which both can be rearranged to  $y = 2 - x^2$ ). Next we determine the points of intersection of the curves  $y = x^2$  and  $y = 2 - x^2$ , i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} y = x^2 = 2 - x^2 &\Rightarrow x^2 = 1 \\ &\Rightarrow x = \pm 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the curves intersect at  $(-1, 1)$  and  $(1, 1)$ . Putting it all together we have the following sketch.



ii) When the order of integration is reversed the expression for  $A$  becomes

$$A = \int_{-1}^1 \int_{l_1(x)}^{l_2(x)} dy dx.$$

Find the limits  $l_1(x)$  and  $l_2(x)$ .

**Solution:** From the diagram above, for any  $x$  from  $-1$  to  $1$  the  $y$  value will run from the lower curve  $y = x^2$  to the upper curve  $y = 2 - x^2$ . Hence

$$l_1(x) = x^2, \quad l_2(x) = 2 - x^2.$$

iii) Hence, find the value of  $A$ .

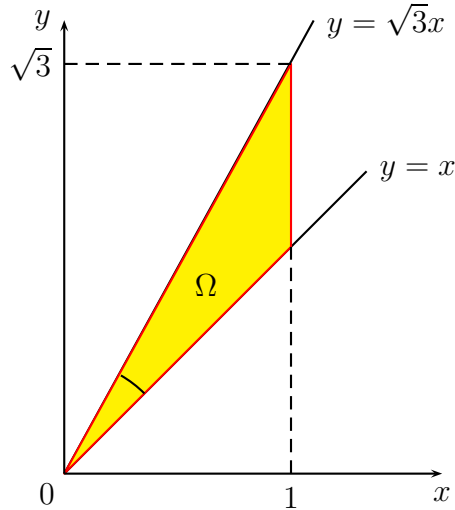
**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \int_{-1}^1 \int_{x^2}^{2-x^2} dy dx = \int_{-1}^1 \left( y \Big|_{x^2}^{2-x^2} \right) dx = \int_{-1}^1 (2 - 2x^2) dx \\ &= 2 \int_{-1}^1 (1 - x^2) dx \\ &= 4 \left( x - \frac{1}{3}x^3 \Big|_{-1}^1 \right) \\ &= 4 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{3} \right) = \frac{8}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_0^1 \int_x^{\sqrt{3}x} \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} dy dx.$$

i) Sketch the region of integration.

**Solution:** From the limits of integration in the double integral we have for any  $x$  value between 0 and 1 the  $y$  value runs between straight lines  $y = x$  and  $y = \sqrt{3}x$ .



ii) Evaluate the double integral using polar coordinates.

**Solution:** In polar coordinates  $x = r \cos \theta$  and  $y = r \sin \theta$ . Considering the region of integration  $\Omega$ , for any  $\theta$  between  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  and  $\frac{\pi}{3}$ , the upper value of  $r$  will be at  $x = 1$ , i.e.,

$$x = 1 = r \cos \theta \Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{\cos \theta}.$$

and thus the region of integration  $\Omega$  in polar coordinates is given by

$$\theta \in \left[ \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{3} \right], \quad r \in \left[ 0, \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \right].$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^1 \int_x^{\sqrt{3}x} \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} dy dx = \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \int_0^{\frac{1}{\cos \theta}} \frac{r \cos \theta}{r^2} r dr d\theta \\ &= \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \int_0^{\frac{1}{\cos \theta}} \cos \theta dr d\theta \\ &= \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \left( r \cos \theta \Big|_0^{\frac{1}{\cos \theta}} \right) d\theta \\ &= \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \cos \theta d\theta \\ &= \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} d\theta = \frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{12}. \end{aligned}$$

9. Because of the effect of rotation, the Earth is not a perfect sphere but is slightly fatter at the equator than it is at the poles. A good approximation for the shape of the earth is an ellipsoid described by the formula

$$\frac{x^2 + y^2}{a^2} + \frac{z^2}{b^2} = 1,$$

where  $z$  is the coordinate measured along the axis of rotation,  $a = 6378$  km is the radius of the Earth at the equator and  $b = 6357$  km is the radius of the Earth at the poles.

Calculate the volume of the Earth using an appropriate double integral.

**Solution:** We can calculate the volume of the Earth by considering the two halves of the "hemisphere" (actually ellipsoid), i.e.,  $z = \pm b\sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2 + y^2}{a^2}}$ . The volume is twice the volume under one "hemisphere"  $z = b\sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2 + y^2}{a^2}}$ . The region of integration  $\Omega$  for the double integral is the projection of  $z$  onto the  $xy$ -plane, i.e.,

$$z = 0 = b\sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2 + y^2}{a^2}} \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = a^2 \quad (\text{circle of radius } a, \text{ centre at the origin}).$$

Since the region of integration is (part of) a circle we use polar coordinates ( $x = r \cos \theta$ ,  $y = r \sin \theta$ ) to calculate the double integral for the volume  $V$ . In polar coordinates the region  $\Omega$  is given by

$$r \in [0, a], \quad \theta \in [0, 2\pi].$$

Thus the volume  $V$  of the Earth is given by

$$\begin{aligned} V &= 2 \iint_{\Omega} b\sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2 + y^2}{a^2}} dA = 2b \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^a \sqrt{1 - \frac{r^2}{a^2}} r dr d\theta \\ &= 2b \int_0^{2\pi} \left( -\frac{a^2}{3} \left( 1 - \frac{r^2}{a^2} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \Big|_0^a \right) d\theta \\ &= -\frac{2a^2b}{3} \int_0^{2\pi} (0 - 1) d\theta \\ &= \frac{2a^2b}{3} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \\ &= \frac{4\pi}{3} a^2 b. \end{aligned}$$

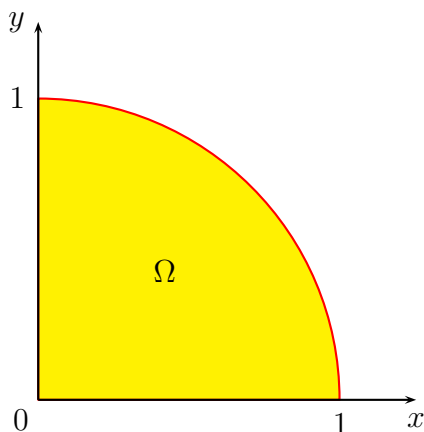
With  $a = 6378$  km and  $b = 6357$  km then  $V = \frac{4\pi}{3}(6378)^2(6357) = 1.083 \times 10^{12} \text{ km}^3$ .



2016, S2 10. A thin plate in the first quadrant is bounded by the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  and the coordinate axes. The plate has uniform density  $\delta(x, y) = 1$ .

i) Sketch the plate in the  $x - y$  plane.

**Solution:**



ii) Without evaluating any integrals write down the mass of the plate.

**Solution:** Mass  $M =$  density  $\delta \times$  area  $A$ . In this case the density  $\delta$  is constant, i.e.,  $\delta = 1$ . Since the region  $\Omega$  is a quarter circle of radius 1 then the area is  $\frac{\pi}{4}$ . Hence the mass  $M = 1 \times \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .

iii) Find the coordinates of the centroid  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  of the plate by evaluating an appropriate double integral in polar coordinates.  
(Note that by symmetry,  $\bar{y} = \bar{x}$ ).

**Solution:** In polar coordinates  $x = r \cos \theta$  and  $y = r \sin \theta$ . Considering shape of the region of integration  $\Omega$  from part i) (which is a quarter-circle of radius 1 in quadrant 1) we have

$$\theta \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right], \quad r \in [0, 1] .$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} M_y &= \iint_{\Omega} x \delta(x, y) dA = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^1 \underbrace{r \cos \theta}_x \underbrace{1}_{\delta(x, y)} \underbrace{r dr d\theta}_{dA} \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^1 r^2 \cos \theta dr d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left( \frac{1}{3} r^3 \cos \theta \Big|_0^1 \right) d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos \theta d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \sin \theta \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{1}{3} . \end{aligned}$$

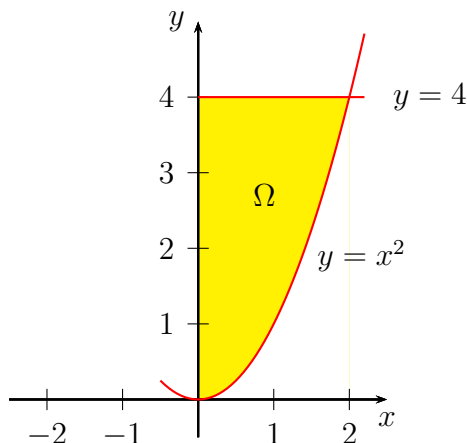
Hence the coordinates of the centroid are  $\bar{x} = \bar{y} = \frac{M_y}{M} = \frac{1/3}{\pi/4} = \frac{4}{3\pi}$ .

2016, S2 11. Consider the double integral

$$I = \int_0^2 \int_{x^2}^4 \frac{e^y}{\sqrt{y}} dy dx$$

i) Sketch the region of integration.

**Solution:** From the limits of integration in the double integral  $I$  we have for any  $x$  value between 0 and 2 the  $y$  value runs between parabola  $y = x^2$  and the straight line  $y = 4$ .



ii) Evaluate  $I$  by first reversing the order of integration.

**Solution:** Now we wish for any  $y$  value from 0 to 4 the  $x$  value runs between 0 and  $x = \sqrt{y}$  (a rearrangement of  $y = x^2$  to make  $x$  the subject). Thus

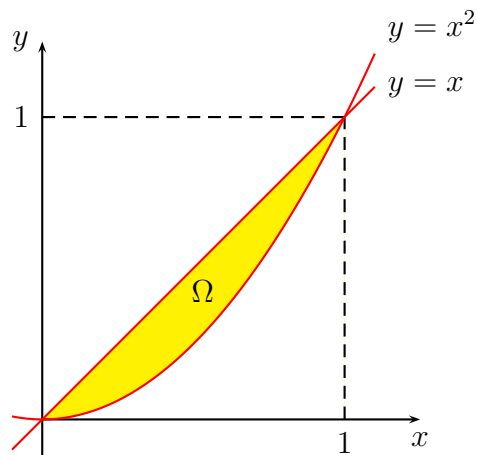
$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^2 \int_{x^2}^4 \frac{e^y}{\sqrt{y}} dy dx = \int_0^4 \int_0^{\sqrt{y}} \frac{e^y}{\sqrt{y}} dx dy \\ &= \int_0^4 \left( \frac{e^y}{\sqrt{y}} x \Big|_0^{\sqrt{y}} \right) dy \\ &= \int_0^4 \frac{e^y}{\sqrt{y}} (\sqrt{y} - 0) dy = \int_0^4 e^y dy = e^4 - 1. \end{aligned}$$

2017, S1 12. Use double integration to find the area bounded by  $y = x$  and  $y = x^2$ .

**Solution:** We first determine the points of intersection of the curves  $y = x$  and  $y = x^2$ , i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} y = x = x^2 &\Rightarrow x(x - 1) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x = 0, 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the curves intersect at  $(0, 0)$  and  $(1, 1)$ . Hence we have the following sketch for the region bounded by the two curves.



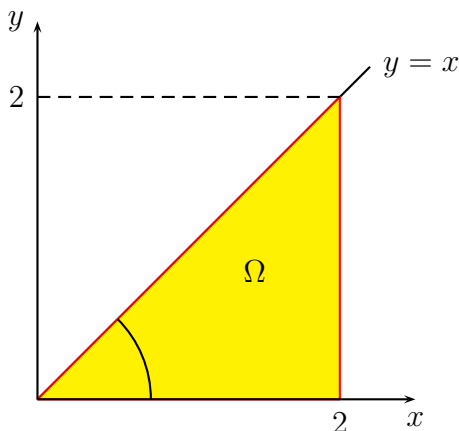
$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \iint_{\Omega} dA = \int_0^1 \int_{x^2}^x 1 \, dy \, dx = \int_0^1 (y|_{x^2}^x) \, dx = \int_0^1 (x - x^2) \, dx \quad \text{i.e., "Top curve" - "Bottom curve"} \\
 &= \left( \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{3}x^3 \right) \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6}.
 \end{aligned}$$

2017, S2 13. Consider the double integral

$$I = \int_0^2 \int_0^x \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} \, dy \, dx.$$

i) Sketch the region of integration.

**Solution:** From the limits of integration in the double integral  $I$  we have for any  $x$  value between 0 and 2 the  $y$  value runs between 0 and the straight line  $y = x$ . The region of integration  $\Omega$  is a triangular region.



ii) Evaluate  $I$  by first changing to polar coordinates.

**Solution:** In polar coordinates  $x = r \cos \theta$  and  $y = r \sin \theta$ . Considering the region of integration  $\Omega$ , for any  $\theta$  between 0 and  $\frac{\pi}{4}$ , the upper value of  $r$  will be at  $x = 2$ , i.e.,

$$x = 2 = r \cos \theta \Rightarrow r = \frac{2}{\cos \theta}.$$

Thus the region of integration  $\Omega$  in polar coordinates is given by

$$\theta \in \left[ 0, \frac{\pi}{4} \right], \quad r \in \left[ 0, \frac{2}{\cos \theta} \right].$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= \int_0^2 \int_0^x \frac{x}{x^2 + y^2} dy dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \int_0^{\frac{2}{\cos \theta}} \frac{r \cos \theta}{r^2} r dr d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \int_0^{\frac{2}{\cos \theta}} \cos \theta dr d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \left( r \cos \theta \Big|_0^{\frac{2}{\cos \theta}} \right) d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{2}{\cos \theta} \cos \theta d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} 2 d\theta = 2 \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

- 2017, S2** 14. Find the volume of the solid bounded above by the surface  $z = 1 - x^2 - y^2$  and below by the plane  $z = 0$ .

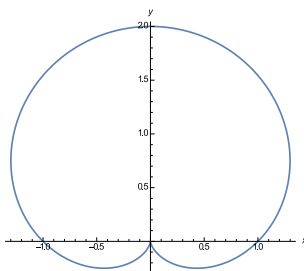
**Solution:** The boundary of the integration region  $\Omega$  is the intersection of the paraboloid  $z = 1 - x^2 - y^2$  and the plane  $z = 0$ , i.e.,  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  at  $z = 0$ . Since the region of integration is (part of) a circle then we use polar coordinates ( $x = r \cos \theta$ ,  $y = r \sin \theta$ ) to calculate the double integral for the volume  $V$ . In polar coordinates the region  $\Omega$  is given by

$$r \in [0, 1], \quad \theta \in [0, 2\pi].$$

Thus the volume of the solid bounded above by the surface  $z = 1 - x^2 - y^2$  and below by the plane  $z = 0$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 V &= \iint_{\Omega} f(x, y) dA = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 (1 - r^2) r dr d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 (r - r^3) dr d\theta \\
 &= 2\pi \left( \frac{1}{2} r^2 - \frac{1}{4} r^4 \Big|_0^1 \right) \\
 &= 2\pi \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \right) = \frac{\pi}{2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

- 2018, S1** 15. Consider the polar curve  $r = 1 + \sin \theta$  whose figure is given below.



Determine the area of the region enclosed by the curve by using a suitable double integral.

**Solution:** Noting the symmetry of the figure about the vertical axis we have the area  $A$  of the region  $\Omega$  enclosed by the curve (a cardioid) is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \iint_{\Omega} dA = 2 \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \int_0^{1+\sin\theta} r \, dr \, d\theta \\
 &= \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} (1 + \sin\theta)^2 d\theta \\
 &= \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} (1 + 2\sin\theta + \sin^2\theta) d\theta \\
 &= \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \left(1 + 2\sin\theta + \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos(2\theta))\right) d\theta \\
 &= \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \left(\frac{3}{2} + 2\sin\theta - \frac{1}{2}\cos(2\theta)\right) d\theta \\
 &= \left. \frac{3}{2}\theta - 2\cos\theta - \frac{1}{4}\sin((2\theta)) \right|_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \\
 &= \frac{3\pi}{2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

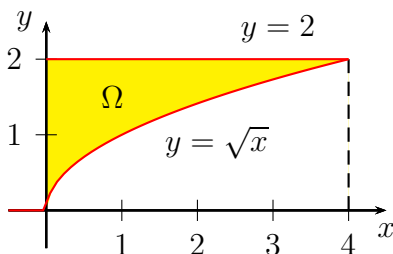
Thus the area of region enclosed by the cardioid is  $3\pi/2$  square unit.

2018, S2 16. Consider the double integral

$$I = \int_0^4 \int_{\sqrt{x}}^2 10x \, dy \, dx.$$

i) Sketch the region of integration.

**Solution:** From the limits of integration in the double integral we have for any  $x$  value between 0 and 4 the  $y$  value runs between  $y = \sqrt{x}$  and the parabola  $y = 2$ .



ii) Evaluate  $I$  with the order of integration reversed.

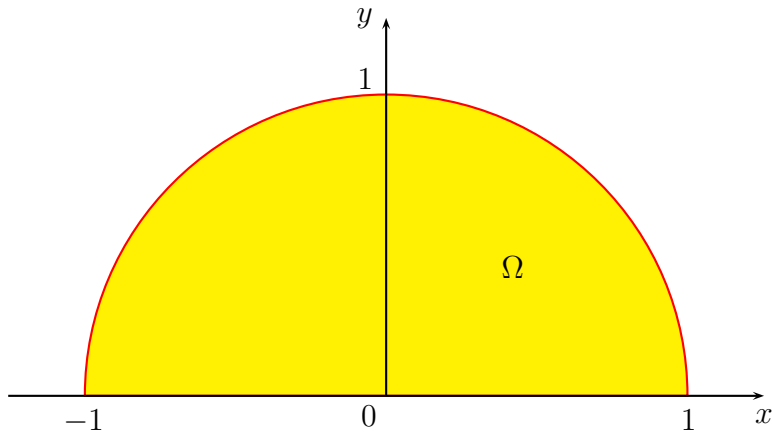
**Solution:** Now we wish for any  $y$  value from 0 to 2 the  $x$  value runs between 0 and  $x = y^2$  (a rearrangement of  $y = \sqrt{x}$  to make  $x$  the subject). Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= \int_0^4 \int_{\sqrt{x}}^2 10x \, dy \, dx = \int_0^2 \int_0^{y^2} 10x \, dx \, dy \\
 &= \int_0^2 \left( 5x^2 \Big|_0^{y^2} \right) dy \\
 &= \int_0^2 5y^4 \, dy \\
 &= \left. y^5 \right|_0^2 \\
 &= 32.
 \end{aligned}$$

17. Let  $\Omega$  be the semi-circular region bounded by  $y = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$  and  $y = 0$ . The region  $\Omega$  is of uniform density and has centroid  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ .

i) Sketch the region  $\Omega$  and write down its area.

**Solution:**



Area of  $\Omega$  is  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  (area of semicircle, radius 1).

ii) Explain why  $\bar{x} = 0$ .

**Solution:** Since BOTH the density (constant in this case) and region  $\Omega$  are symmetric about the  $y$ -axis then  $\bar{x} = 0$ .

iii) Find  $\bar{y}$  by evaluating an appropriate double integral expressed in polar coordinates.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{y} &= \frac{1}{A} \iint_{\Omega} y \delta(x, y) dA = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \int_0^1 r \sin \theta r dr d\theta \\
 &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \left( \frac{1}{3} r^3 \Big|_0^1 \right) \sin \theta d\theta \\
 &= \frac{2}{3\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \sin \theta d\theta \\
 &= \frac{2}{3\pi} (-\cos \theta \Big|_0^{\pi}) \\
 &= \frac{4}{3\pi}.
 \end{aligned}$$