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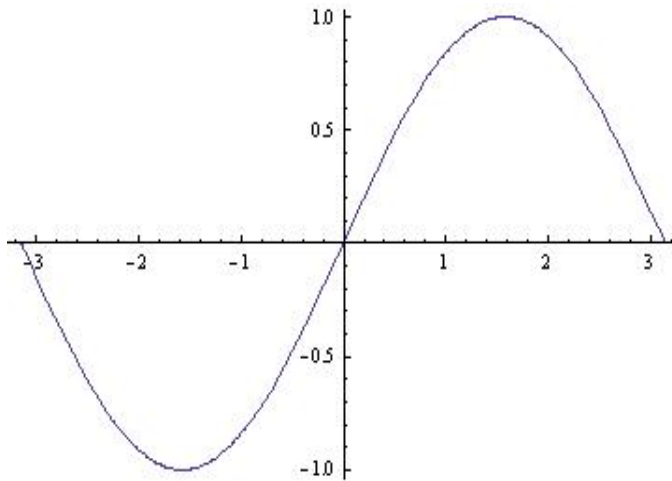


Figure 1.1: Enjoyment and fun

then n -vector x denotes the system state; m -vector u denotes system control; and the l -vector y denotes the system output. If we allow x to go to infinity, you see that $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i$. As follows, $\sqrt{x+y}$ proves the theorem to be correct.

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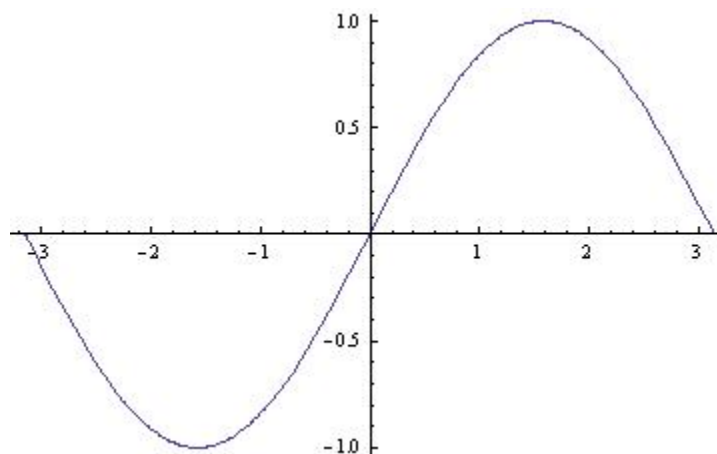


Figure 2.1: Transverse momentum distributions

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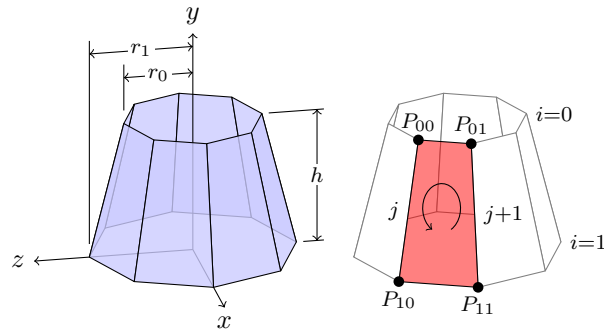


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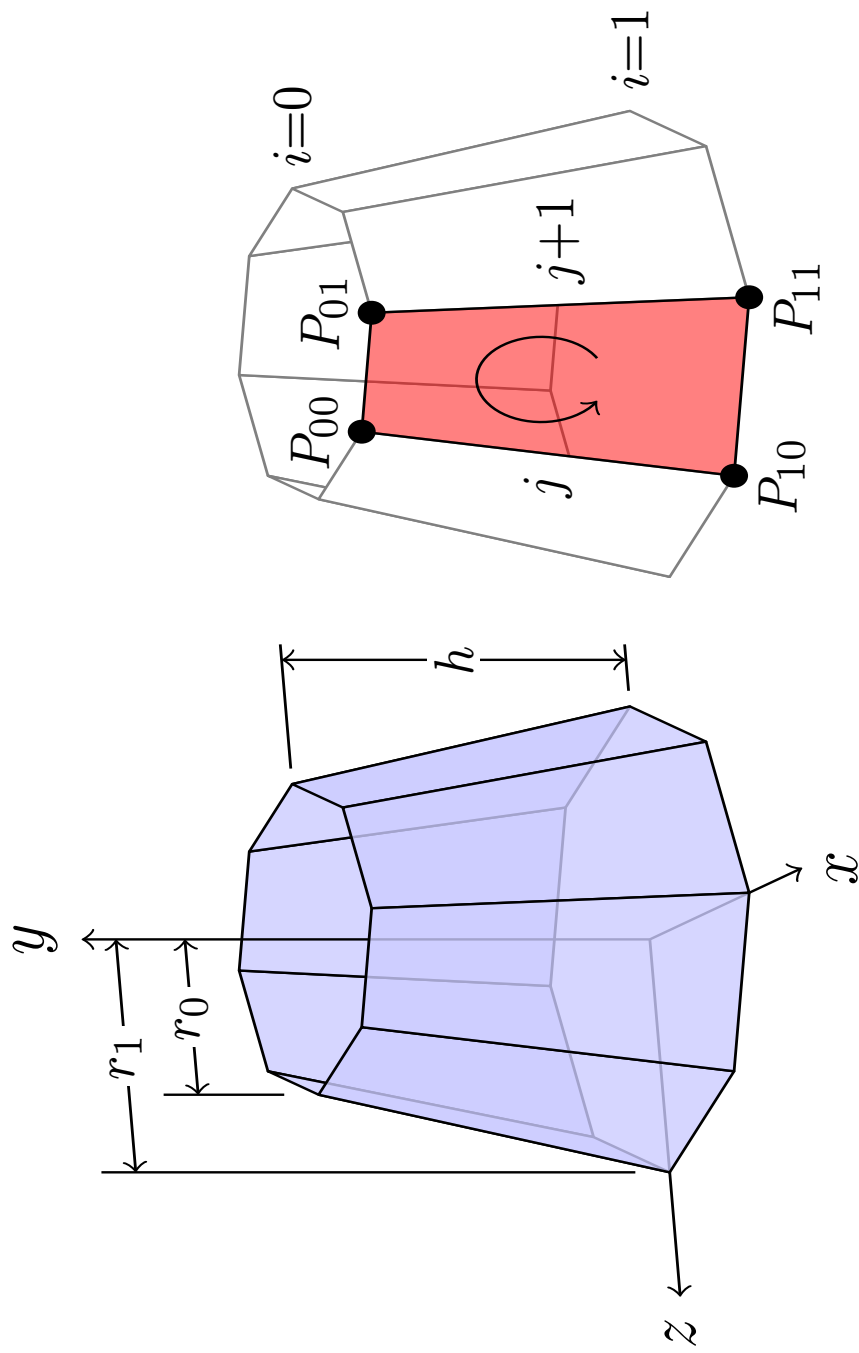


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