

## 16.4: Triple Integrals

$$\int_c^d \int_a^b f(x, y) dx dy = \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx$$

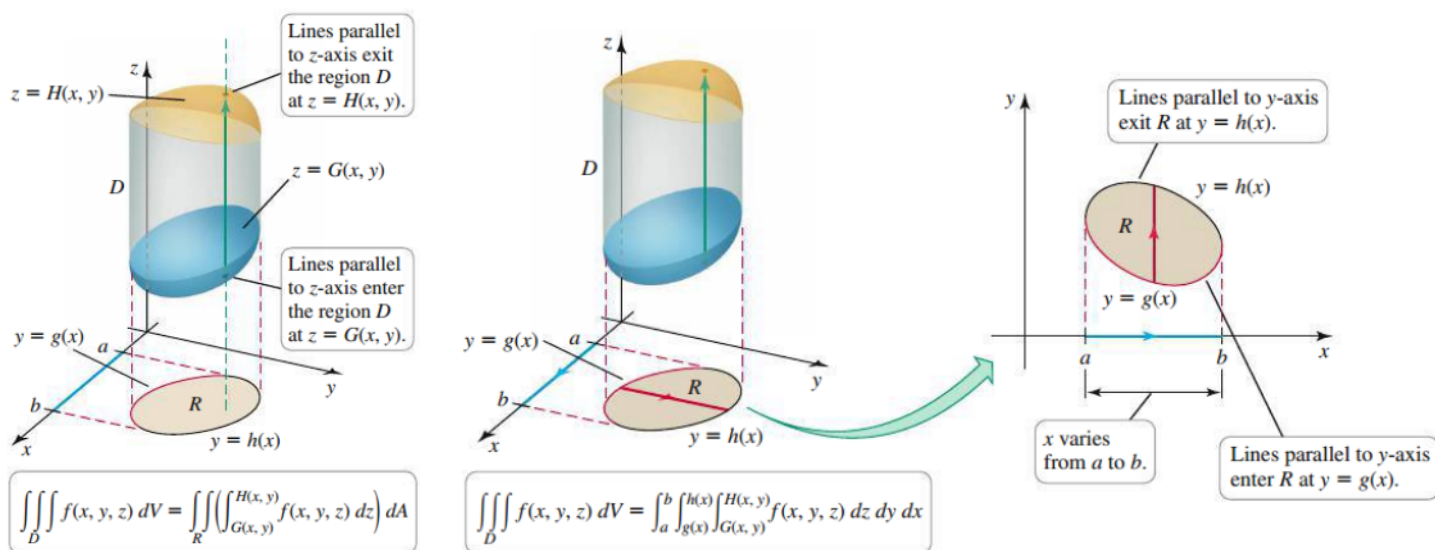
### Theorem 16.5: Triple Integrals

Let  $f$  be continuous over the region

$$D = \{(x, y, z) : a \leq x \leq b, g(x) \leq y \leq h(x), G(x, y) \leq z \leq H(x, y)\},$$

where  $g, h, G$ , and  $H$  are continuous functions. Then  $f$  is integrable over  $D$  and the triple integral is evaluated as the iterated integral

$$\iiint_D f(x, y, z) dV = \int_a^b \int_{g(x)}^{h(x)} \int_{G(x, y)}^{H(x, y)} f(x, y, z) dz dy dx.$$



Integral	Variable	Interval
Inner	$z$	$G(x, y) \leq z \leq H(x, y)$
Middle	$y$	$g(x) \leq y \leq h(x)$
Outer	$x$	$a \leq x \leq b$

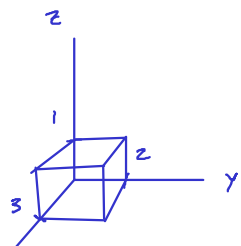
$$0 \leq x \leq 3 \quad 0 \leq y \leq 2 \quad 0 \leq z \leq 1$$

**Example.** A solid box  $D$  is bounded by the planes  $x = 0$ ,  $x = 3$ ,  $y = 0$ ,  $y = 2$ ,  $z = 0$ , and  $z = 1$ . The density of the box decreases linearly in the positive  $z$ -direction and is given by  $f(x, y, z) = 2 - z$ . Find the mass of the box.

$$\int_0^3 \int_0^2 \int_0^1 (2-z) dz dy dx$$

$$= \int_0^3 \int_0^2 \left. \left( 2z - \frac{z^2}{2} \right) \right|_{z=0}^{z=1} dy dx = \int_0^3 \int_0^2 \frac{3}{2} dy dx$$

$$= \int_0^3 \left. \frac{3}{2} y \right|_{y=0}^{y=2} dx = \int_0^3 3 dx = 3x \Big|_{x=0}^{x=3} = \boxed{9}$$



LC #1

**Example.** Find the volume of the prism  $D$  in the first octant bounded by the planes  $y = 4 - 2x$  and  $z = 6$ .

$$0 \leq z \leq 6$$

$$0 \leq y \leq 4$$

$$0 \leq x \leq 2 - y/2$$

$$0 \leq x \leq 2$$

$$0 \leq y \leq 4 - 2x$$

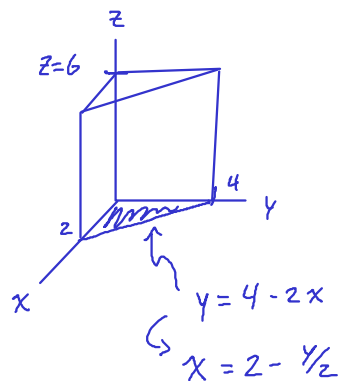
$$\int_0^4 \int_0^{2-y/2} \int_0^6 1 dz dx dy$$

$$= \int_0^4 \int_0^{2-y/2} \left. z \right|_{z=0}^{z=6} dx dy = 6 \int_0^4 \left. x \right|_{x=0}^{x=2-y/2} dy = 6 \int_0^4 (2 - y/2) dy$$

$$= 6 \left( 2y - \frac{y^2}{4} \right) \Big|_{y=0}^{y=4}$$

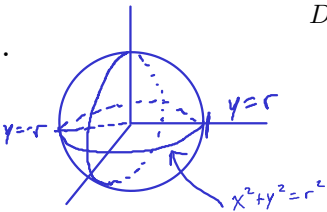
$$= 6(8 - 4) = \boxed{24}$$

LC #2



**Example.** Write the triple integral for  $\iiint_D f(x, y, z) dV$  where  $D$  is a sphere of radius  $r$  centered at the origin.

$0 \leq x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq r^2$   
 $-r \leq y \leq r$   
 $-\sqrt{r^2 - y^2} \leq x \leq \sqrt{r^2 - y^2}$   
 $-\sqrt{r^2 - x^2 - y^2} \leq z \leq \sqrt{r^2 - x^2 - y^2}$



$z = \pm \sqrt{r^2 - x^2 - y^2}$   
 $\int_{-r}^r \int_{-\sqrt{r^2 - y^2}}^{\sqrt{r^2 - y^2}} \int_{-\sqrt{r^2 - x^2 - y^2}}^{\sqrt{r^2 - x^2 - y^2}} f(x, y, z) dz dx dy$

**Example.** Find the volume of the solid  $D$  bounded by the paraboloids  $y = x^2 + 3z^2 + 1$  and  $y = 5 - 3x^2 - z^2$ .

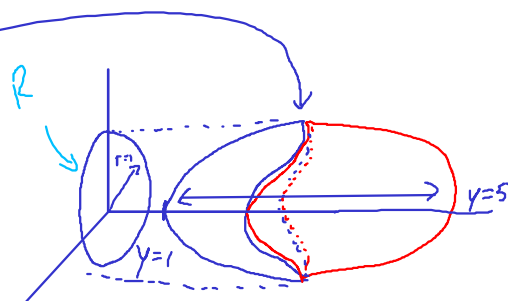
$x^2 + 3z^2 + 1 \leq y \leq 5 - 3x^2 - z^2$   
 $-\sqrt{1 - x^2} \leq z \leq \sqrt{1 - x^2}$   
 $-1 \leq x \leq 1$

$x^2 + 3z^2 + 1 = 5 - 3x^2 - z^2$

$4x^2 + 4z^2 = 4$

$x^2 + z^2 = 1$

$\hookrightarrow z = \pm \sqrt{1 - x^2}$



LC # 3  
 $z \pi$   
 $\Rightarrow c = z$

$\iiint_D dV = \iint_R \left( \int_{x^2 + 3z^2 + 1}^{5 - 3x^2 - z^2} dy \right) dA$

$= \iint_R y \Big|_{y=x^2 + 3z^2 + 1}^{y=5 - 3x^2 - z^2} dA$

$dA = 4 \iint_R (1 - x^2 - z^2) dA$

$= 4 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 (1 - r^2) r dr d\theta$

$= 4 \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 r - r^3 dr d\theta = 4 \int_0^{2\pi} \left[ \frac{r^2}{2} - \frac{r^4}{4} \right]_{r=0}^{r=1} d\theta$   
 $= \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta$

$x = r \cos(\theta)$   
 $z = r \sin(\theta)$

$x^2 + z^2 = r^2$

$= \theta \Big|_{\theta=0}^{\theta=2\pi} = 2\pi$

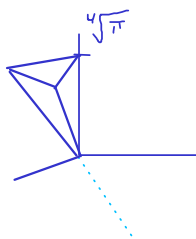
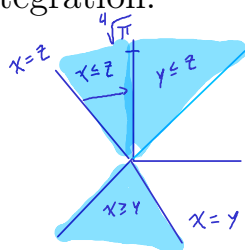
The concept of changing the order of integration for double integrals also extends to triple integrals:

**Example.** Consider the integral

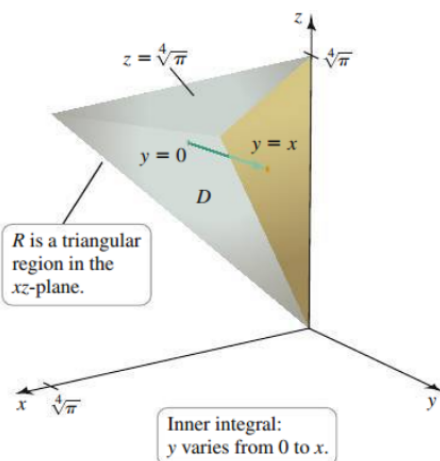
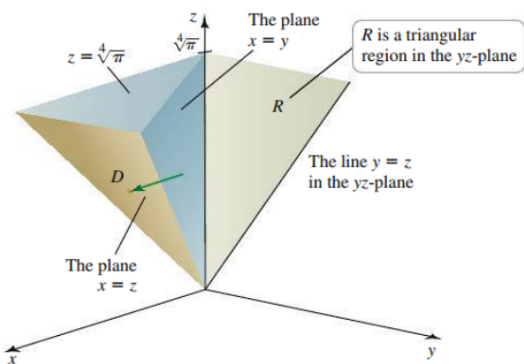
$$\int_0^{\sqrt[4]{\pi}} \int_0^z \int_y^z 12y^2 z^3 \sin(x^4) dx dy dz.$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq z \leq \sqrt[4]{\pi} \\ 0 &\leq y \leq z \\ y &\leq x \leq z \end{aligned}$$

Sketch the region of integration, then evaluate the integral by changing the order of integration.



$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq z \leq \sqrt[4]{\pi} \\ 0 &\leq x \leq z \\ 0 &\leq y \leq x \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^{\sqrt[4]{\pi}} \int_0^z \int_y^z 12y^2 z^3 \sin(x^4) dy dx dz \\ &= \int_0^{\sqrt[4]{\pi}} \int_0^z 4y^3 z^3 \sin(x^4) \Big|_{y=0}^{y=x} dx dz \\ &= \int_0^{\sqrt[4]{\pi}} \int_0^z 4x^3 z^3 \sin(x^4) dx dz \\ &= \int_0^{\sqrt[4]{\pi}} \int_0^{z^4} z^3 \sin(u) du dz \\ &= \int_0^{\sqrt[4]{\pi}} -z^3 \cos(u) \Big|_{u=0}^{u=z^4} dz \\ &= \int_0^{\sqrt[4]{\pi}} -z^3 \cos(z^4) dz + \int_0^{\sqrt[4]{\pi}} z^3 dz \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= x^4 \\ du &= 4x^3 dx \\ x=0, u &= 0 \\ x=z, u &= z^4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= z^4 \\ du &= 4z^3 dz \\ \frac{1}{4} du &= z^3 dz \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z=0, u &= 0 \\ z=\sqrt[4]{\pi}, u &= \pi \end{aligned}$$

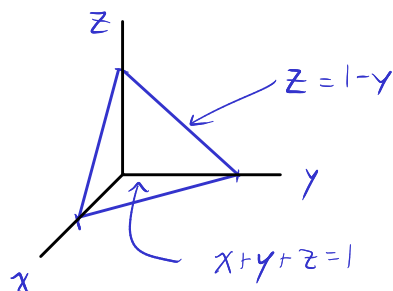
$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_0^{\pi} -\frac{1}{4} \cos(u) du + \frac{z^4}{4} \Big|_{z=0}^{z=\sqrt[4]{\pi}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \sin(u) \Big|_0^{\pi} + \left(\frac{\pi}{4} - 0\right) = \frac{\pi}{4} \end{aligned}$$

**Definition. (Average Value of a Function of Three Variables)**

If  $f$  is continuous on a region  $D$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , then the **average value** of  $f$  over  $D$  is

$$\bar{f} = \frac{1}{\text{volume of } D} \iiint_D f(x, y, z) dV.$$

**Example.** Find the average  $y$ -coordinate of the points in the standard simplex  $D = \{(x, y, z) : x + y + z \leq 1, x \geq 0, y \geq 0, z \geq 0\}$ .



$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq z \leq 1 \\ 0 &\leq y \leq 1-z \\ 0 &\leq x \leq 1-y-z \end{aligned}$$

$$V = \frac{1}{6}$$

This volume can be found using the triple integral of  $f(x, y, z) = 1$

$f(x, y, z) = y$  since we are trying to find the average  $y$ -value

$$\bar{f} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{6}} \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-z} \int_0^{1-y-z} y \, dx \, dy \, dz$$

$$= 6 \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-z} xy \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1-y-z} dy \, dz = 6 \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-z} y(1-z) - y^2 dy \, dz$$

$$= 6 \int_0^1 \left[ \frac{y^2}{2} (1-z) - \frac{y^3}{3} \right]_0^{1-z} dz = 6 \int_0^1 \frac{(1-z)^3}{6} dz$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= 1-z \\ du &= -dz \end{aligned}$$

$$z=0, u=1$$

$$z=1, u=0$$

$$= - \int_1^0 u^3 du = - \frac{u^4}{4} \Big|_{u=1}^{u=0} = \frac{1}{4}$$