

# Triple Integrals

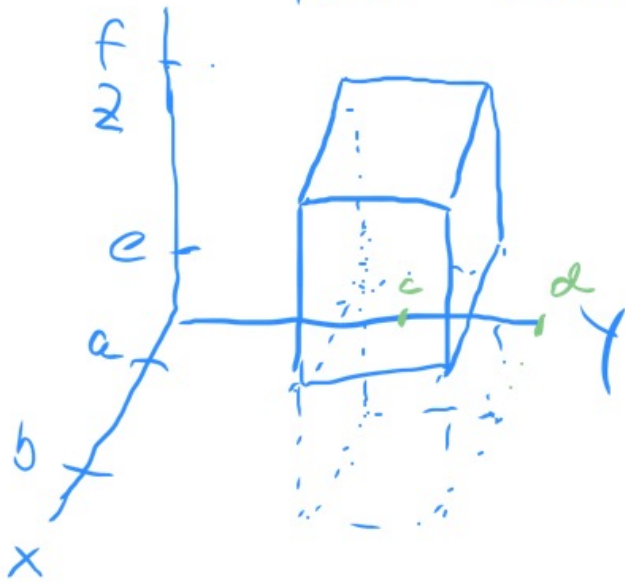
$$f: W \subset \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

integrate  $\iiint_W f \, dV$

simplest case:  $W = \text{a box}$

$$= [a, b] \times [c, d] \times [e, f]$$

$$= \{(x, y, z) \mid \begin{array}{l} a \leq x \leq b \\ c \leq y \leq d \\ e \leq z \leq f \end{array}\}$$



Example:  $W = \text{box } [0,1] \times [1,2] \times [0,2]$

Calculate  $\iiint_W xyz \, dV$

$$= \int_0^1 \int_1^2 \int_0^2 xyz \, dz \, dy \, dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 \int_1^2 xy \left. \frac{z^2}{2} \right|_{z=0}^{z=2} dy \, dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 \int_1^2 xy(2-0) \, dy \, dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 xy^2 \Big|_{y=1}^{y=2} dx = \int_0^1 3x \, dx = \frac{3}{2}$$

generalize concept of  $y$ -simple region  
(elementary region) to 3 dimensions

Def. A region  $W \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  is called elementary  
if it can be described as set of points  $(x, y, z)$   
satisfying

$$a \leq x \leq b$$

for fixed  $x$   $\phi_1(x) \leq y \leq \phi_2(x)$

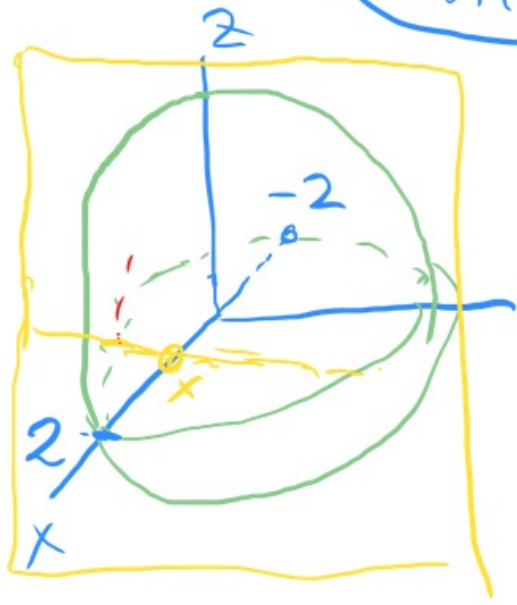
for two functions  $\phi_1(x) \leq \phi_2(x)$

for fixed  $x, y$   $\gamma_1(x, y) \leq z \leq \gamma_2(x, y)$

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Examples: (1) Describe ball  $B$  of radius 2 as an elementary region

aside: definition of elementary region also works for permutations of coordinate  
 e.g.  $a \leq z \leq b$   
 $\phi_1(z) \leq y \leq \phi_2(z)$   
 $\delta_1(y, z) \leq x \leq \delta_2(y, z)$



$B$  given by equation

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 2^2$$

possible x-values:

$$-2 \leq x \leq 2$$

fix x: poss. y-values

$$y^2 + z^2 \leq \underbrace{4 - x^2}_{\text{fixed}}$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 \leq 4 - x^2$$

$$-\sqrt{4 - x^2} \leq y \leq \sqrt{4 - x^2}$$

describes all possible y values of intersection with yellow plane

fix x, y:  $\Rightarrow$

$$z^2 \leq 4 - x^2 - y^2 \Rightarrow -\sqrt{4 - x^2 - y^2} \leq z \leq \sqrt{4 - x^2 - y^2}$$

Remark: • Determine all possible  $x$ -values

• Fix an  $x$ -value, say  $x_0$

$\Rightarrow$  get 2-dim region  $D$  from intersection of  $W$  with plane  $x = x_0$ .

• describe  $(y, z)$ -coordinates of  $D$  as an elementary region in  $y$  and  $z$ .

in our example: intersection =  $\{(x_0, y, z), x_0^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 4\}$

$\Rightarrow$   $(y, z)$  coordinates describe disk given by  $y^2 + z^2 \leq 4 - x_0^2$

usually we just write  $x$  for  $x_0$

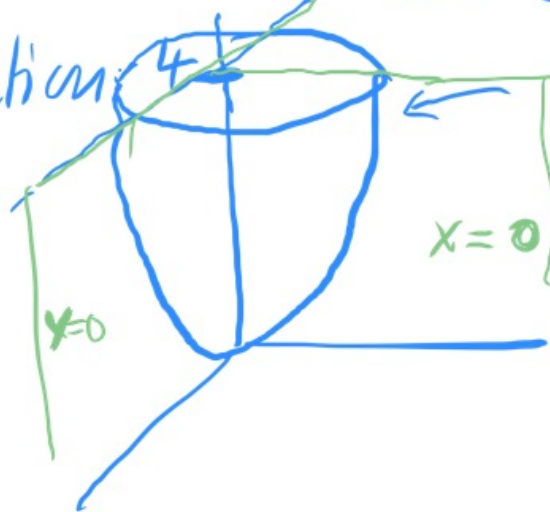
Example 2: Describe the region  $W$

bounded by planes  $x=0$ ,  $y=0$ ,  $z=4$

and above  $z = x^2 + y^2$

as an elementary region

Solution:



$z = x^2 + y^2$  paraboloid.

$$z \leq 4$$

additional conditions:

$$x \geq 0$$

$$y \geq 0$$

get one quarter of paraboloid  
 $z = x^2 + y^2$  with  $z \leq 4$

$$y=0 \Leftrightarrow xz \text{ plane}$$

$$x=0 \Leftrightarrow yz \text{ plane}$$

we got inequalities

$$x \geq 0$$

$$y \geq 0$$

$$x^2 + y^2 \leq z \leq 4$$

possible x-values:

$$x \geq 0 \text{ and } x^2 + y^2 \leq 4$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \leq 4$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$0 \leq x \leq 2$$

fix x:

$$0 \leq y$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$0 \leq y \leq \sqrt{4-x^2}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 \leq 4$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 \leq 4 - x^2$$

$$|y| \leq \sqrt{4-x^2}$$

Fix x and y:

$\Rightarrow$

$$x^2 + y^2 \leq z \leq 4$$