

## § 14.5 Triple Integrals in Rectangular Coordinates. <sup>(1)</sup>

Used to calculate volumes of 3D shapes, average value of a function over a 3D region, in study of vector fields and fluid flows.

• Let  $F(x, y, z)$  be defined on a closed bounded region  $D$  in space.

1) Break  $D$  into rectangular boxes (cells) by using planes parallel to the coordinate planes  $x=0, y=0, z=0$

2) Suppose  $n$  such boxes are inside  $D$  with  $k$ th box with dimensions  $\Delta x_k, \Delta y_k, \Delta z_k$ ,

$$\Rightarrow \Delta V_k = \Delta x_k \Delta y_k \Delta z_k$$

3) Choose a pt.  $(x_k, y_k, z_k)$  in the  $k$ th box and form

$$S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n F(x_k, y_k, z_k) \Delta V_k \rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n =$$

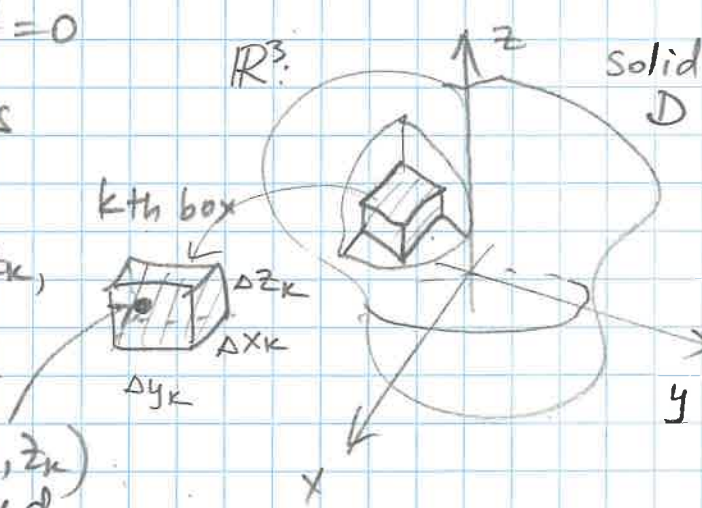
( $\|P\| \rightarrow 0$ )

$$= \iiint_D F(x, y, z) dV$$

$\rightarrow$  max of  $\Delta x_k, \Delta y_k, \Delta z_k$  (over all  $k$ )

If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n$  exists, then

this is the triple integral of  $F$  over  $D$ ;  $F$  is integrable over  $D$ .





• Volume of a region in space is given by

$$V = \underbrace{\iiint_D dV}_{\approx \sum_k \text{ of all } \Delta V_k} \quad (F(x,y,z)=1)$$

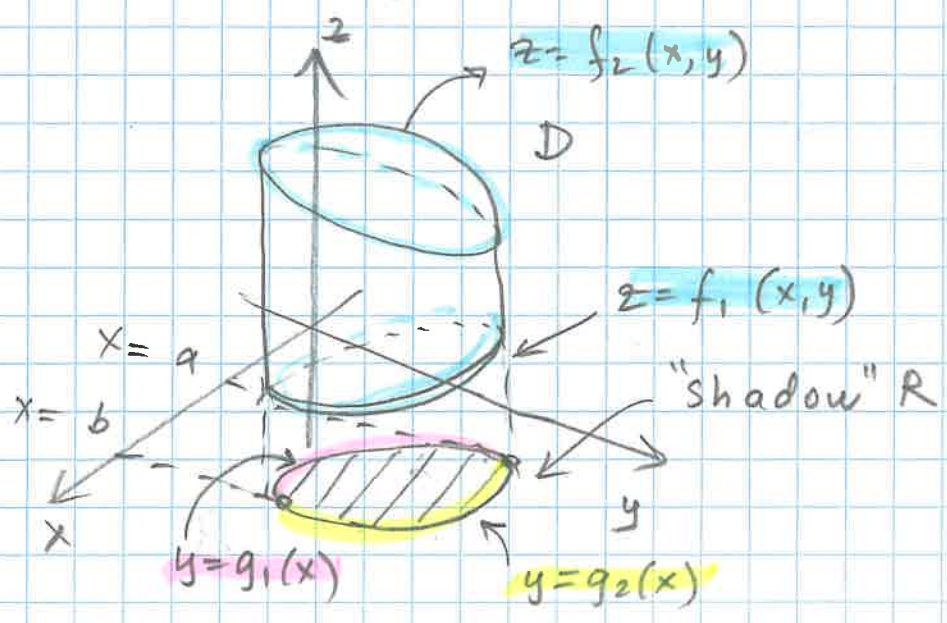
Q: How do we evaluate triple integrals?

we apply a 3D-version of Fubini's Theorem, i.e. use 3 repeated single integrations.

$$\iiint_D F(x,y,z) dV \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \text{(almost always)} \\ \text{integrate} \\ \downarrow \begin{matrix} (1) \text{ w.r.t. } z \\ (2) \text{ w.r.t. } y \\ (3) \text{ w.r.t. } x \end{matrix} \end{matrix} \left. \vphantom{\iiint_D} \right\} dz dy dx$$

① Sketch region D (in 3D) w/ its "shadow" R in 2D (projection on the xy-plane)

Label the upper & lower bounding surfaces of D & upper & lower bounding curves of R









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$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_D z \, dV &= \int_{x=0}^1 \int_{y=0}^{1-x} \int_{z=0}^{1-x-y} z \, dz \, dy \, dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} \left[ \frac{z^2}{2} \right]_0^{1-x-y} dy \, dx = \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} \frac{(1-x-y)^2}{2} dy \, dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \left[ -\frac{(1-x-y)^3}{2 \cdot 3} \right]_0^{1-x} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \int_0^1 (1-x)^3 dx = \frac{1}{6} \left[ -\frac{(1-x)^4}{4} \right]_0^1 = \boxed{\frac{1}{24}} \end{aligned}$$

( u-sub:   
 u = 1-x-y   
 du = -dy )

Example 2:

Each of the following integrals gives the volume of the solid  $D$ :

a)  $\int_0^1 \int_0^{1-z} \int_0^2 dx \, dy \, dz$

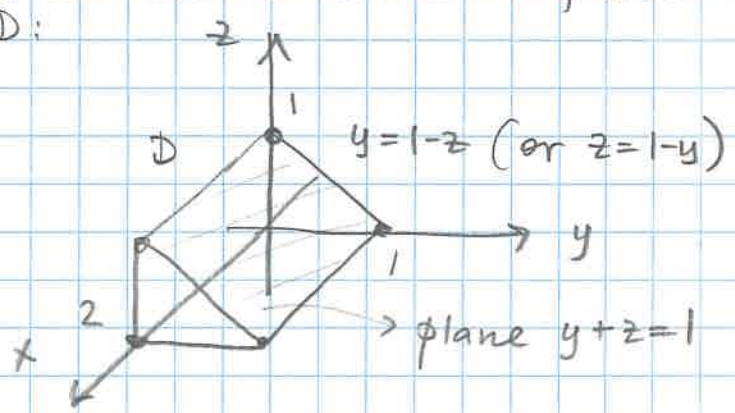
b)  $\int_0^1 \int_0^2 \int_0^{1-z} dy \, dx \, dz$

c)  $\int_0^1 \int_0^2 \int_0^{1-y} dz \, dx \, dy$

d)  $\int_0^1 \int_0^{1-y} \int_0^2 dx \, dz \, dy$

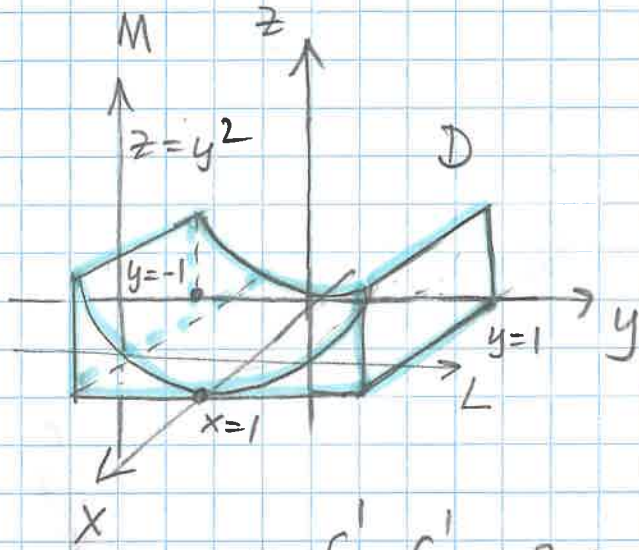
e)  $\int_0^2 \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-z} dy \, dz \, dx$

f)  $\int_0^2 \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-y} dz \, dy \, dx$



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Example 3: Find the volume of the solid between the cylinder  $z = y^2$  & the  $xy$ -plane that is bounded by  $x=0$ ,  $x=1$ ,  $y=-1$ ,  $y=1$  planes.



$$\begin{aligned}
 V &= \iiint_D dV = \\
 &= \int_0^1 \int_{-1}^1 \int_0^{y^2} dz dy dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 \int_{-1}^1 [z]_0^{y^2} dy dx
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_0^1 \int_{-1}^1 y^2 dy dx = \int_0^1 \left[ \frac{y^3}{3} \right]_{-1}^1 dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 \left[ \frac{1}{3} - \left( -\frac{1}{3} \right) \right] dx = \left[ \frac{2}{3}x \right]_0^1 = \boxed{\frac{2}{3}}
 \end{aligned}$$