

Triple Integrals

Objective:

1. Definition of triple integrals
2. Triple integrals over a general solid
3. Applications of triple integrals



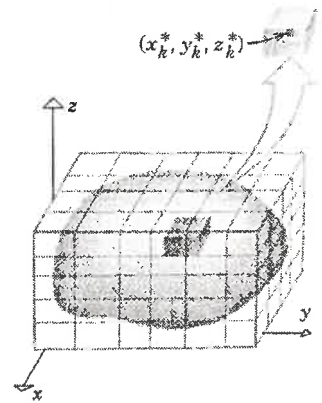
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1. Definition of Triple Integrals

Just as we defined single integrals for functions of one variable over an axis and double integrals for functions of two variables over a closed region on xy -plane, we can define triple integrals for functions of three variables over a closed three-dimensional solid.

To define triple-integrals, we'll first divide the solid into small boxes with sides parallel to the coordinate planes. Each of these small boxes have volume: $\Delta V = \Delta x \Delta y \Delta z$. As we did for two and three variable functions we multiply ΔV by the value of the function, for a sample point, in each box. Then adding them all together we form the triple Riemann sum:

$$\sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_{ijk}^*, y_{ijk}^*, z_{ijk}^*) \Delta V$$



Making the size of the boxes smaller and smaller (by allowing the number of boxes to grow infinitely larger) we will have:

Definition The **triple integral** of f over the box B is

$$\iiint_B f(x, y, z) dV = \lim_{l, m, n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_{ijk}^*, y_{ijk}^*, z_{ijk}^*) \Delta V$$

if this limit exists.

This is solved analogously to double integrals where $dV = dx dy dz$ parallels the formula $dA = dx dy$. If the solid B is a box, the integrals are much easier:

Fubini's Theorem for Triple Integrals If f is continuous on the rectangular box $B = [a, b] \times [c, d] \times [r, s]$, then

$$\iiint_B f(x, y, z) dV = \int_r^s \int_c^d \int_a^b f(x, y, z) dx dy dz$$

Otherwise we have to be very careful in determining the limits of integration. In this course we will only consider continuous functions over simple smooth solids.

Ex1: Evaluate $\iiint_B 2-z \, dv$ over the rectangular box $0 \leq x \leq 3$ $0 \leq y \leq 2$ $0 \leq z \leq 1$

$$\iiint_B 2-z \, dv = \int_0^3 \int_0^2 \int_0^1 2-z \, dz \, dy \, dx$$

$$\left[2z - \frac{z^2}{2} \right]_0^1$$

$$= \int_0^3 \int_0^2 \frac{3}{2} \, dy \, dx$$

$$= 6 \cdot \frac{3}{2}$$

$$= 9$$



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No x or y
in the limits
or integrand

Determining the limits of integration

- Draw a picture of the 3D region over which you are integrating.
- Inner limits:
 - o On the 3D model, sketch an arrow parallel to the axis of the inner variable. The arrow enters the model at the lower limit and exits at the upper limit.
- Draw a second 2D picture. This sketch is of the projection of the 3D object onto the plane formed by the outer two variables.
- Middle limits:
 - o Sketch three arrows parallel to the axis of the middle variable on the 2D picture. The arrow enters the model at the lower limit and exits at the upper limit.
- Outer limits:
 - o On the 2D picture, you should have a left/bottom – middle – right/top arrow.
 - The lower limit would come from the leftmost/lowest possible such arrow.
 - The upper limit would come from the rightmost/highest possible such arrow.

Ex2: Let E be the wedge in the first octant cut from the cylindrical solid $y^2 + z^2 \leq 1$ by the planes

$y = x$ and $x = 0$. Evaluate $\iiint_E z \, dv$.

$$I = \int_0^1 \int_0^y \int_0^{\sqrt{1-y^2}} z \, dz \, dx \, dy$$

$$= \int_0^1 \int_0^y \left[\frac{1}{2} z^2 \right]_0^{\sqrt{1-y^2}} dx \, dy$$

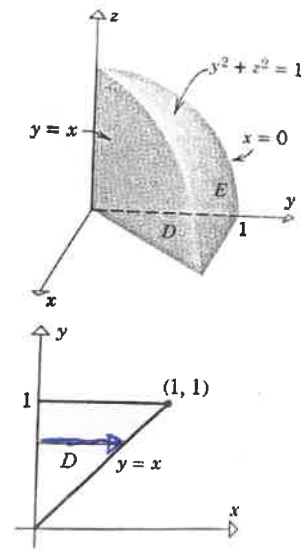
$$= \int_0^1 \int_0^y \frac{1}{2} (1-y^2) dx \, dy$$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2} (1-y^2) y \, dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 y - y^3 \, dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{2} y^2 - \frac{1}{4} y^4 \right]_0^1 \quad \text{thus } I = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \right) = \frac{1}{8}$$

no x's in integrand



Ex3: Go back to example 2 but this time evaluate $\iiint_E z \, dv$ with respect to x first.

$$I = \int_0^1 \int_0^{\sqrt{1-y^2}} \int_0^y z \, dx \, dz \, dy$$

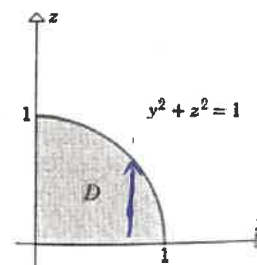
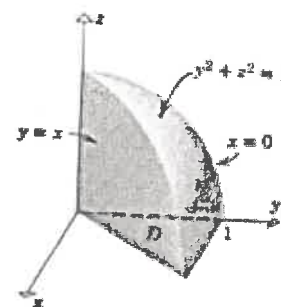
$$= \int_0^1 \int_0^{\sqrt{1-y^2}} \underbrace{z x \Big|_0^y}_{[zx]_0^y} dz \, dy$$

$$= \int_0^1 \int_0^{\sqrt{1-y^2}} z y \, dz \, dy$$

$$= \int_0^1 \left[\frac{1}{2} z^2 y \right]_0^{\sqrt{1-y^2}} dy$$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2} (1-y^2) y \, dy \quad (\text{same as above}).$$

$$= \frac{1}{8}$$



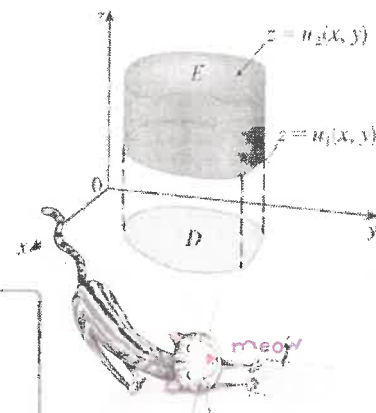
2. Triple Integrals over a General Solid (for those who like memorization)

Type1: When the solid E is bounded between two continuous functions $z = u_1(x, y)$ and $z = u_2(x, y)$ we describe E as:

$$E = \{(x, y, z) \mid (x, y) \in D \text{ and } u_1(x, y) \leq z \leq u_2(x, y)\}$$

where D is the projection of E onto xy -plane.

$$\iiint_E f(x, y, z) dV = \iint_D \left[\int_{u_1(x, y)}^{u_2(x, y)} f(x, y, z) dz \right] dA$$



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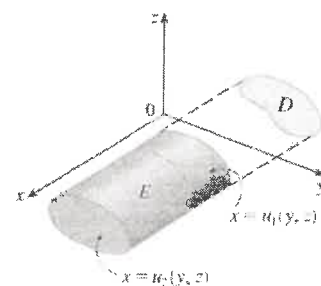
The first (innermost) integration is with respect to z , after that a function of x and y remains. This function then gets integrated over region D in xy -plane which can be evaluated as we learned in the calculus III as a type I or II double integral.

Type2: When the solid E is bounded between two continuous functions $x = u_1(y, z)$ and $x = u_2(y, z)$ we describe E as:

$$E = \{(x, y, z) \mid (y, z) \in D \text{ and } u_1(y, z) \leq x \leq u_2(y, z)\}$$

where D is the projection of E onto yz -plane.

$$\iiint_E f(x, y, z) dV = \iint_D \left[\int_{u_1(y, z)}^{u_2(y, z)} f(x, y, z) dx \right] dA$$

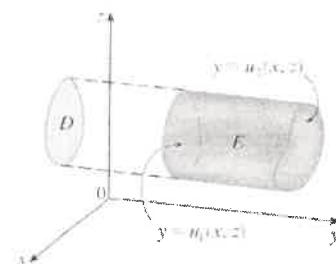


Type3: When the solid E is bounded between two continuous functions $y = u_1(x, z)$ and $y = u_2(x, z)$ we describe E as:

$$E = \{(x, y, z) \mid (x, z) \in D \text{ and } u_1(x, z) \leq y \leq u_2(x, z)\}$$

where D is the projection of E onto xz -plane.

$$\iiint_E f(x, y, z) dV = \iint_D \left[\int_{u_1(x, z)}^{u_2(x, z)} f(x, y, z) dy \right] dA$$



Sometimes you have a choice to choose between type 1, 2 or 3 and may find one type easier. This is a case where practice is superior to memorization.

3. Applications of Triple Integrals

Recall that if $f(x) \geq 0$, then the single integral $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ represents the area under the curve $y = f(x)$ from a to b , and if $f(x, y) \geq 0$, then the double integral $\iint_D f(x, y) dA$ represents the volume under the surface $z = f(x, y)$ and above D . The corresponding interpretation of a triple integral $\iiint_E f(x, y, z) dV$, where $f(x, y, z) \geq 0$, is not very useful because it would be the "hypervolume" of a four-dimensional object and, of course, that is very difficult to visualize. (Remember that E is just the domain of the function f ; the graph of f lies in four-dimensional space.) Nonetheless, the triple integral $\iiint_E f(x, y, z) dV$ can be interpreted in different ways in different physical situations, depending on the physical interpretations of x, y, z , and $f(x, y, z)$.

Let's begin with the special case where $f(x, y, z) = 1$ for all points in E . Then the triple integral does represent the volume of E :

$$V(E) = \iiint_E dV$$

Ex4: Use a triple integral to find the volume of the solid enclosed between the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 9$ and the planes $z = 1$ and $x + z = 5$.

$$V = \int_{-3}^3 \int_{-\sqrt{9-x^2}}^{\sqrt{9-x^2}} \int_1^{5-x} 1 dz dy dx$$

$[z]_1^{5-x}$

$$= \int_{-3}^3 \int_{-\sqrt{9-x^2}}^{\sqrt{9-x^2}} (4-x) dy dx$$

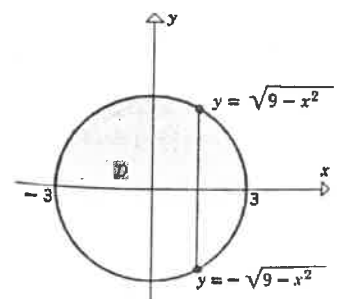
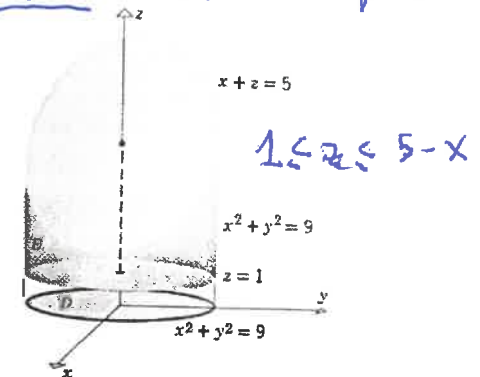
switch to polar

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^3 (4 - r \cos \theta) r dr d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^3 (4r - r^2 \cos \theta) dr d\theta$$

$$\left[2r^2 - \frac{r^3}{3} \cos \theta \right]_0^3$$

step 1: Draw the pic



$$-\sqrt{9-x^2} \leq y \leq \sqrt{9-x^2}$$

$$-3 \leq x \leq 3$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} (18 - 9 \cos \theta) d\theta$$

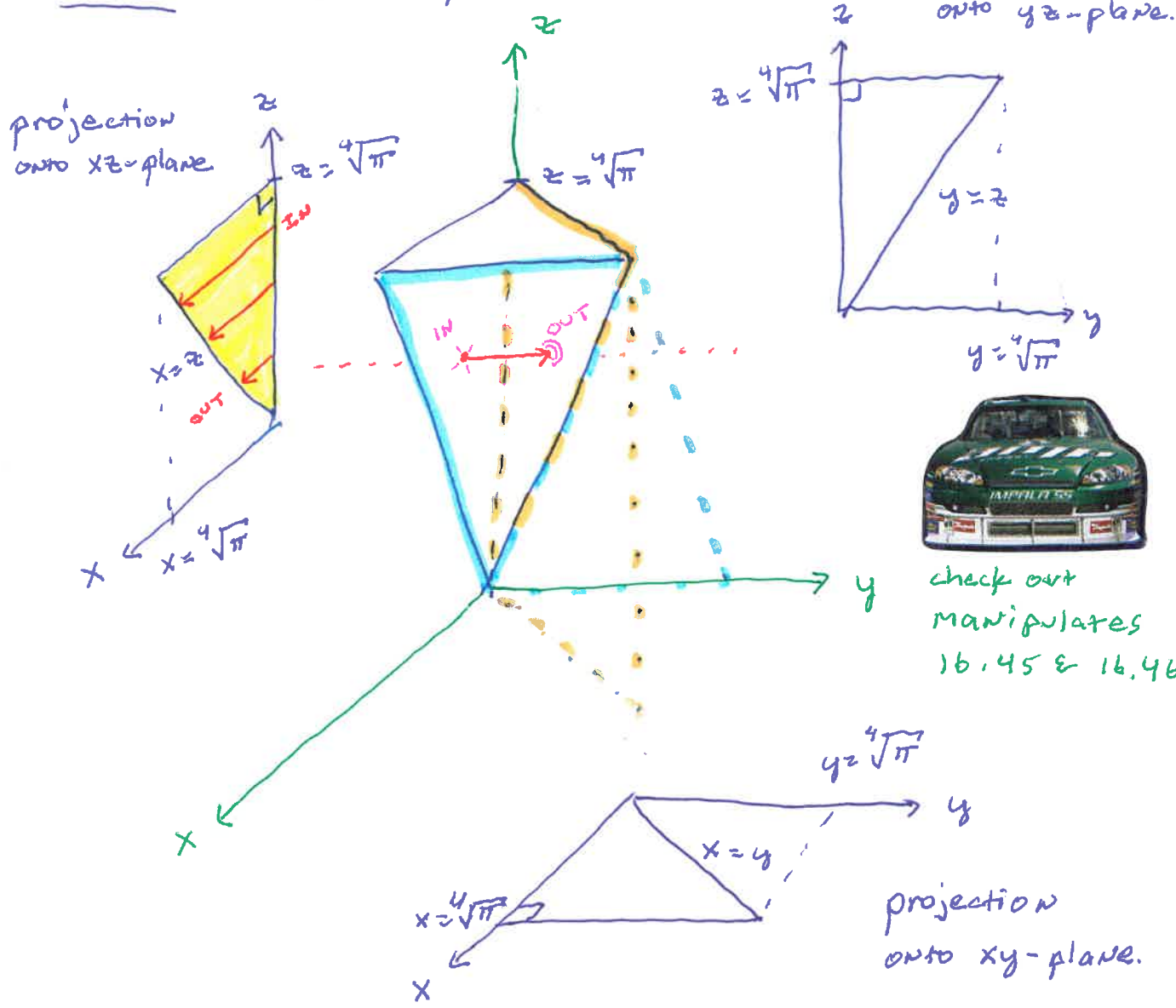
$$= 36\pi - 9 \underbrace{\int_0^{2\pi} \cos \theta d\theta}_0$$

$$= 36\pi.$$

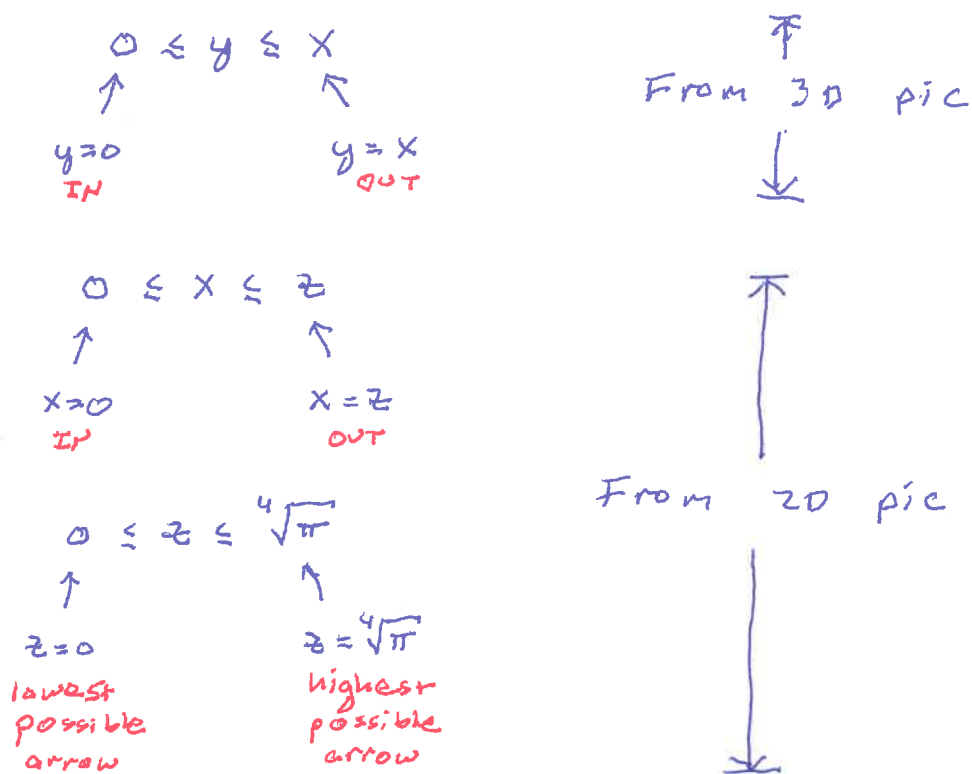
Ex4: Consider the integral $I = \int_0^{\sqrt[4]{\pi}} \int_0^z \int_y^z 12y^2z^3 \sin(x^4) dx dy dz$

We need the antiderivative of $\sin(x^4)$.
The only way we know for finding this is
using a Maclaurin series from calc III...
so let's change the order of integration.

Step 1 sketch the pic



Step 2: Limits



Step 3: Setup and integrate.

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

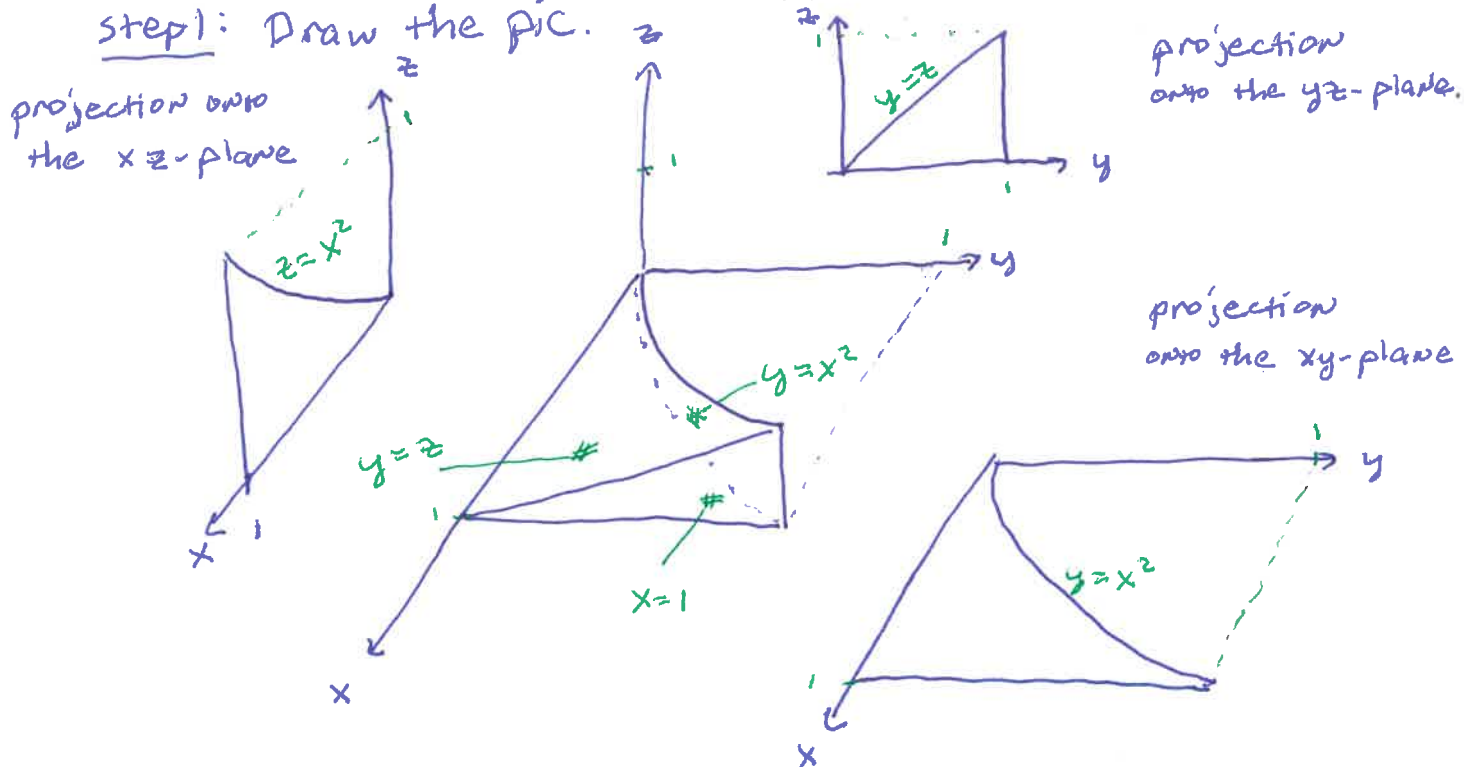
$$= \int_0^{\sqrt[4]{\pi}} \int_0^z \left[4y^3 z^3 \sin(x^4) \right]_{y=0}^{y=x} dx dz$$

$$= \int_0^{\sqrt[4]{\pi}} \left[-z^3 \cos(x^4) \right]_{x=0}^{x=z} dz$$

$$= \left[\frac{z^4}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \sin(z^4) \right]_{z=0}^{z=\sqrt[4]{\pi}} \quad \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Ex5: Write five other iterated integrals that are equal to $\int_0^1 \int_0^{x^2} \int_0^y f(x, y, z) dz dy dx$

step 1: Draw the pic.



(A.) $\int_0^1 \int_{\sqrt{y}}^1 \int_0^y f dz dx dy$

(B.) $\int_0^1 \int_{\sqrt{z}}^1 \int_z^{x^2} f dy dx dz$

(C.) $\int_0^1 \int_0^{x^2} \int_z^{x^2} f dy dz dx$

(D.) $\int_0^1 \int_0^y \int_{\sqrt{y}}^1 f dx dz dy$

(E.) $\int_0^1 \int_z^1 \int_{\sqrt{y}}^1 f dx dy dz$