

Section 15.5  
Thomas Calculus  
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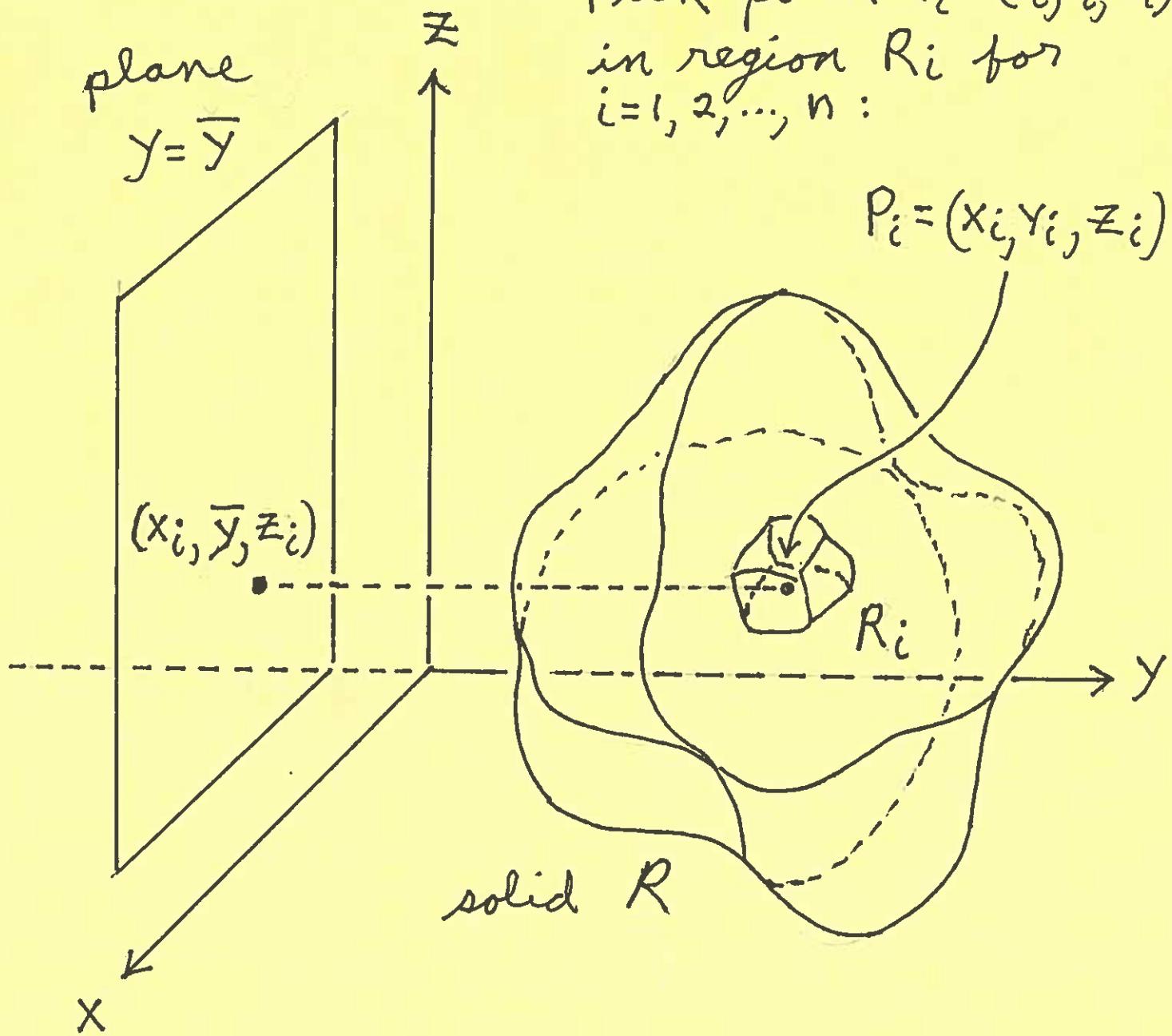
Triple Integrals and  
Moments in 3D-Space

Consider a solid region  $R$  in 3D-Space, where the density at point  $P = (x, y, z)$  is  $\delta(P)$   $\frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}}$  units.

Partition  $R$  into  $n$  parts  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n$  of volumes  $\Delta V_1, \Delta V_2, \dots, \Delta V_n$  for  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Let  $y = \bar{y}$  be a plane parallel to the  $xz$ -plane:

Pick point  $P_i = (x_i, y_i, z_i)$   
in region  $R_i$  for  
 $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ :



The Moment of solid  $R_i$  about  
the plane  $y = \bar{y}$  is

$$(\text{mass})(\text{distance}) = (\text{density})(\text{volume})(\text{distance})$$

$$\approx \delta(P_i) \cdot \Delta V_i \cdot (y_i - \bar{y}),$$

so that the Moment of solid region  $R$  about the plane

$y = \bar{y}$  is

$$M_{y=\bar{y}} = \lim_{\text{mesh} \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y}) \cdot \delta(P_i) \cdot \Delta V_i,$$

i.e.,

$$M_{y=\bar{y}} = \iiint_R (y - \bar{y}) \delta(P) dV.$$

Similarly, the Moment of solid region  $R$  about the plane  $x = \bar{x}$  is

$$M_{x=\bar{x}} = \iiint_R (x - \bar{x}) \delta(P) dV$$

and the Moment of solid region  $R$  about the plane  $z = \bar{z}$  is

$$M_{z=\bar{z}} = \iiint_R (z - \bar{z}) \delta(P) dV.$$

To find the Center of Mass

$(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z})$  of solid region  $R$ , set each of these Moments equal to zero, resulting in

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\iiint_R x \delta(p) dV}{\iiint_R \delta(p) dV},$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{\iiint_R y \delta(p) dV}{\iiint_R \delta(p) dV}, \text{ and}$$

$$\bar{z} = \frac{\iiint_R z \delta(p) dV}{\iiint_R \delta(p) dV}$$

If density  $\delta(p) = k$  is constant,  
then the Centroid  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z})$  of  
solid region  $R$  is

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\iiint_R x \, dV}{\iiint_R 1 \, dV}$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{\iiint_R y \, dV}{\iiint_R 1 \, dV}$$

$$\bar{z} = \frac{\iiint_R z \, dV}{\iiint_R 1 \, dV}$$

, and

The Moment of Inertia of solid region  $R$  about a point  $P_0$  or a line  $L$  is

$$\boxed{\text{Moment of Inertia} = \iiint_R r^2 \delta(P) dV},$$

where  $r$  is the distance from point  $P = (x, y, z)$  in region  $R$  to  $P_0$  or  $L$ .

Example : Consider the solid region  $R$  enclosed by the surfaces  $Z = 9 - X^2 - Y^2$  (a paraboloid) and  $Z = 5$  (a plane). Assume that density at point  $P = (X, Y, Z)$  in  $R$  is given by

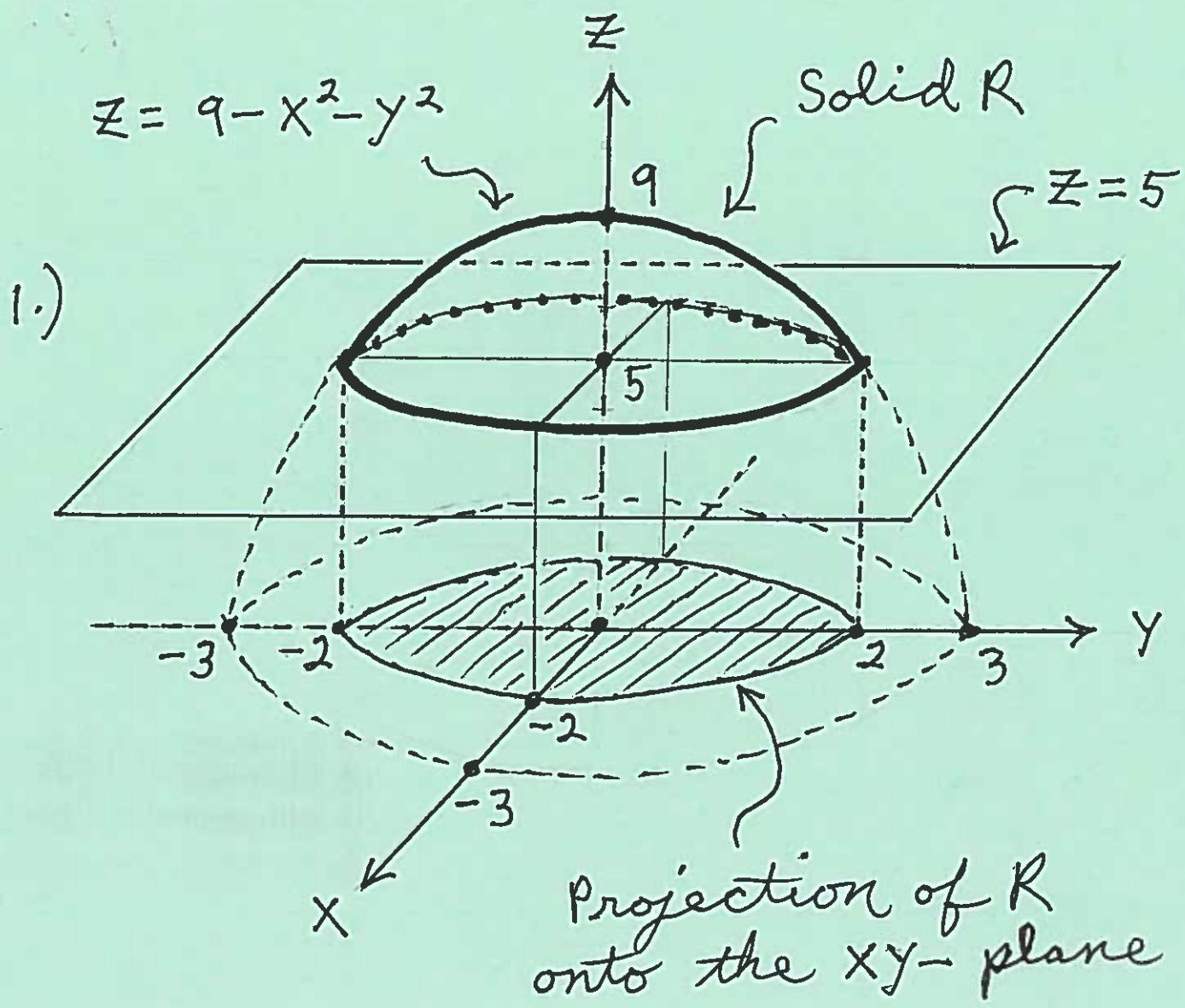
$$\delta(P) = X + Y^2 + 3Z \quad \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$$

- 1.) Sketch the surfaces, their intersection, and solid  $R$ .
- 2.) Sketch the projection of  $R$  onto the  $XY$ -plane and describe this projection using
  - a.) Vertical Cross-Sections.

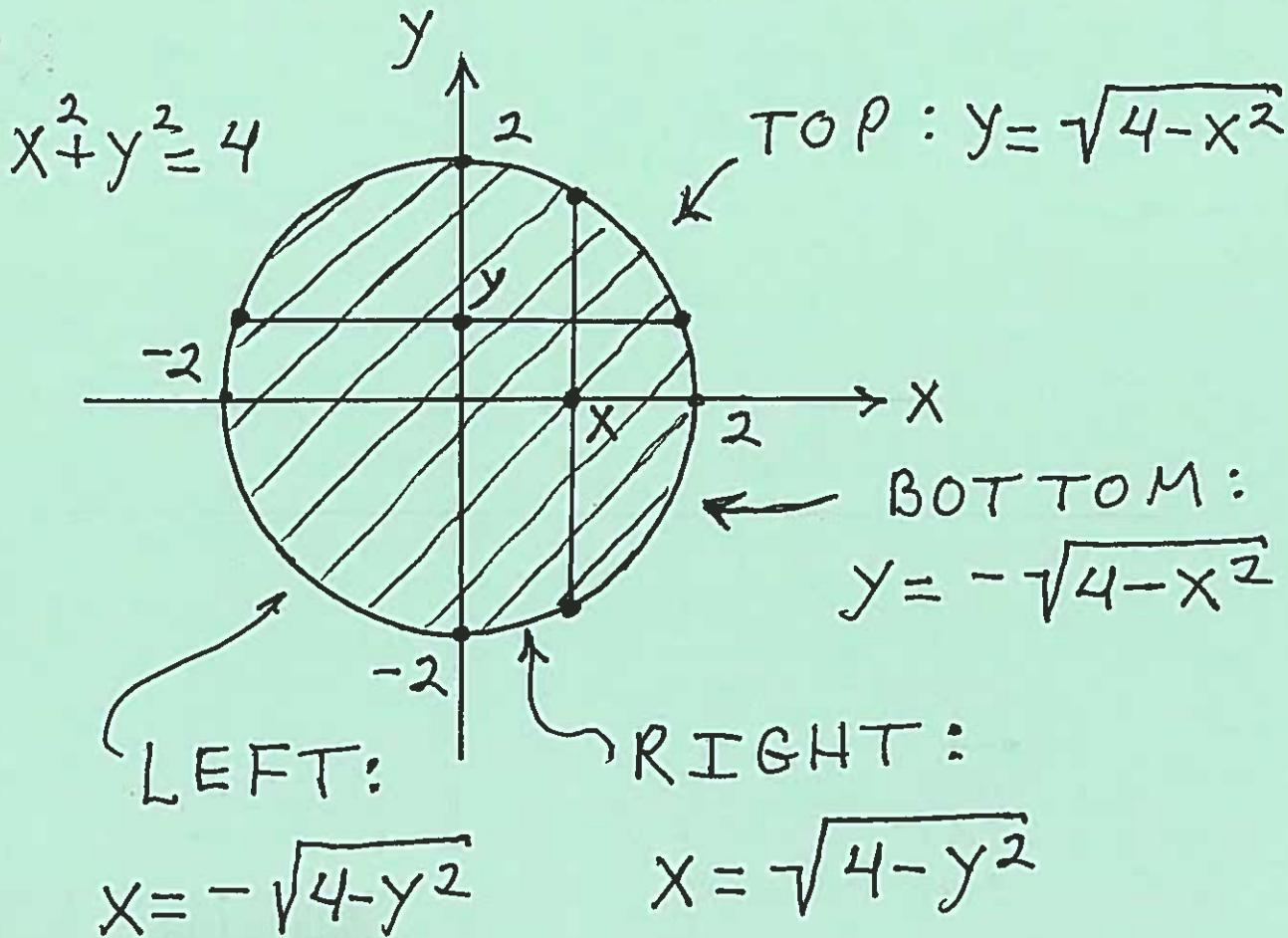
b.) Horizontal Cross-Sections.

SET UP ONLY Double Integrals  
or Triple Integrals for the

- 3.) Area of the Projection .
- 4.) Volume of R .
- 5.) Mass of R .
- 6.) Moment of R about the  
plane  $x = 4$ .
- 7.) Center of Mass of R ( $\bar{x}$  ONLY).
- 8.) Centroid of R ( $\bar{z}$  ONLY).
- 9.) Moment of Inertia of R  
about
  - a.) the origin,  $(0,0,0)$
  - b.) the y-axis .
  - c.) line L passing through  
point  $(3,4,5)$  and parallel to  
the z-axis .



2.)  $z = 9 - x^2 - y^2$  and  $z = 5 \rightarrow$   
 $9 - x^2 - y^2 = 5 \rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 4 = 2^2$ ,  
 a circle of radius  $r = 2$   
 and center  $(0, 0)$ .



a.)  $\begin{cases} -2 \leq x \leq 2 \\ -\sqrt{4 - x^2} \leq y \leq \sqrt{4 - x^2} \end{cases}$

b.)  $\begin{cases} -2 \leq y \leq 2 \\ -\sqrt{4 - y^2} \leq x \leq \sqrt{4 - y^2} \end{cases}$

$$3.) \text{ AREA} = \int_{-2}^2 \int_{-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} 1 \, dy \, dx \quad (\text{m}^2)$$

$$4.) \text{ VOL} = \int_{-2}^2 \int_{-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \left[ (9-x^2-y^2) - 5 \right] dz \, dy \, dx \quad (\text{m}^3)$$

TOP                          BOTTOM

OR

$$\text{VOL} = \int_{-2}^2 \int_{-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \int_5^{9-x^2-y^2} 1 \, dz \, dy \, dx \quad (\text{m}^3)$$

$$5.) \text{ MASS} = \int_{-2}^2 \int_{-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \int_5^{9-x^2-y^2} (x+y^2+3z) \, dz \, dy \, dx \quad (\text{kg})$$

$$6.) M_{x=4} = \int_{-2}^2 \int_{-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \int_5^{9-x^2-y^2} (x-4)(x+y^2+3z) \, dz \, dy \, dx \quad (\text{kg} \cdot \text{m})$$

$$7.) \bar{x} = \frac{\int \int \int_{\substack{2 \\ -2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \int_{\substack{9-x^2-y^2 \\ 5}}^{x(x+y^2+3z)} dz dy dx}{\int \int \int_{\substack{-2 \\ -2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \int_{\substack{9-x^2-y^2 \\ 5}}^{(x+y^2+3z)} dz dy dx}$$

$$8.) \bar{z} = \frac{\int \int \int_{\substack{2 \\ -2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \int_{\substack{9-x^2-y^2 \\ 5}}^{z} dz dy dx}{\int \int \int_{\substack{-2 \\ -2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \int_{\substack{9-x^2-y^2 \\ 5}}^{1} dz dy dx}$$

P = (x, y, z)

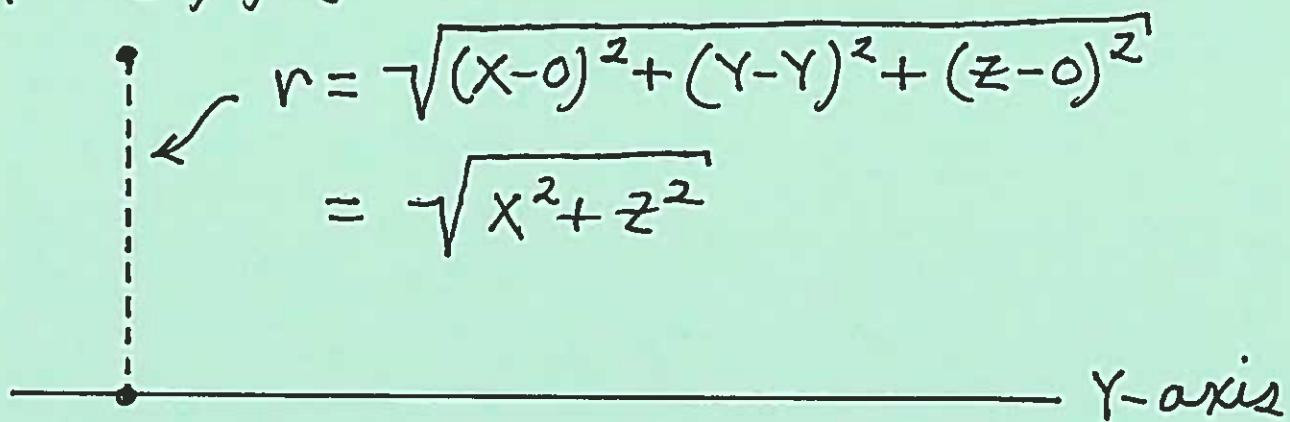
$$9.) a.) r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

$$M. \text{ of } I. = \int \int \int_{\substack{2 \\ -2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \int_{\substack{9-x^2-y^2 \\ 5}}^{(-\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2})^2} (x+y^2+3z) dz dy dx$$

$$(kg \cdot m^2)$$

$$P = (x, y, z)$$

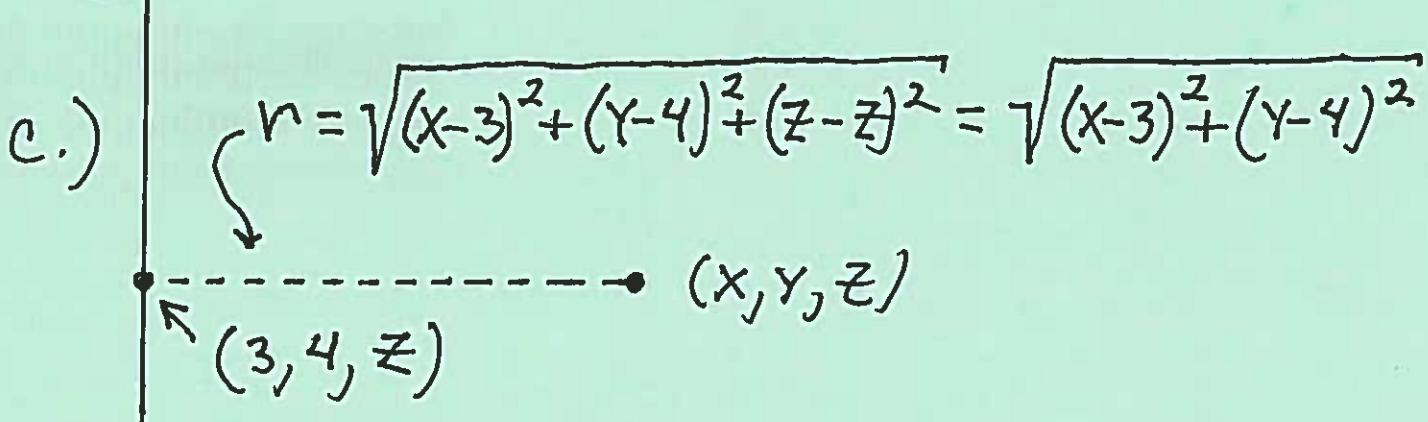
b.)



$$\text{M. of I.} = \iiint_{-2-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^2 \int_5^{9-x^2-y^2} (\sqrt{x^2+z^2})^2 (x+y+3z) dz dy dx$$

$(\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2)$

c.)

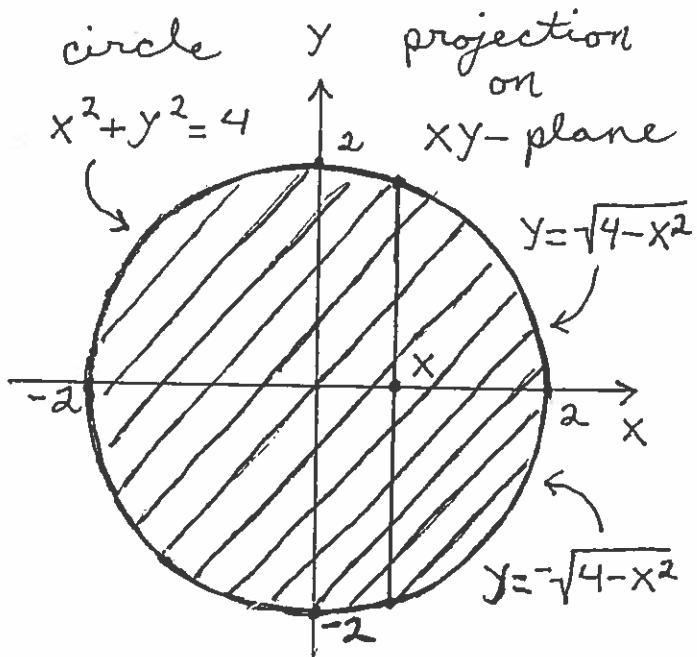
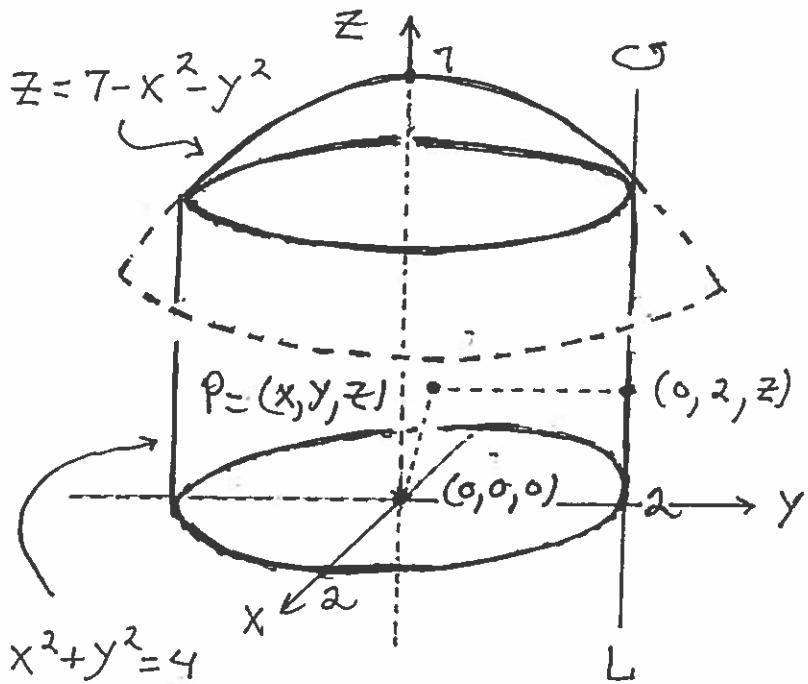


$$\text{M. of I.} = \iiint_{-2-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^2 \int_5^{9-x^2-y^2} (\sqrt{(x-3)^2 + (y-4)^2})^2 (x+y+3z) dz dy dx$$

$(\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2)$

another EXAMPLE follows.

Consider the solid region  $R$  above the plane  $z = 0$ , inside the cylinder  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ , and below the paraboloid  $z = 7 - x^2 - y^2$ . Assume that the density at point  $P = (x, y, z)$  is numerically equal to the distance from  $P$  to the origin. SET UP but do not evaluate a triple integral in rectangular coordinates, which represents the *moment of inertia* of  $R$  about a line parallel to the  $z$ -axis and passing through the edge of the solid.



$$R: \begin{cases} -2 \leq x \leq 2 \\ -\sqrt{4-x^2} \leq y \leq \sqrt{4-x^2} \\ 0 \leq z \leq 7-x^2-y^2 \end{cases};$$

density at  $P$  is  $\delta(x, y, z) = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ ;

distance from  $P$  to line  $L$  is

$$\text{distance} = \sqrt{(x-0)^2 + (y-2)^2 + (z-z)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{x^2 + (y-2)^2}; \text{ then}$$

$$\text{M. of I.} = \int_{-2}^2 \int_{-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \int_0^{7-x^2-y^2} (\sqrt{x^2 + (y-2)^2})^2 \cdot \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} dz dy dx$$