

# DOUBLE INTEGRALS: POLAR COORDINATES [SST 12.3]

**EX 12.3.8:** Using double integral(s), find the volume of the solid  $E$  bounded by the paraboloid  $z = 4 - x^2 - y^2$  and  $xy$ -plane.

For clarity, let  $f(x, y) = 4 - x^2 - y^2$

Find where paraboloid  $z = f(x, y)$  intersects the  $xy$ -plane ( $z = 0$ ):

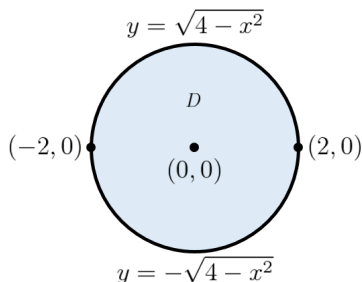
$$f(x, y) = 0 \implies 4 - x^2 - y^2 = 0 \implies x^2 + y^2 = 4 \leftarrow \text{circle of radius 2 centered at } (0, 0)$$

Hence, the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$  is the only BC of region  $D$

Notice that  $f(x, y) > 0$  **inside** this circle: [e.g.  $f(-1, 1) = 4 - (-1)^2 - (1)^2 = 2 > 0$ ]

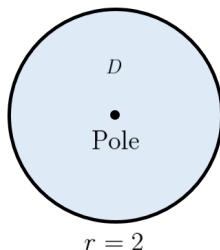
Thus, region  $D$  (which is the bottom face of solid  $E$ ) is the closed disk of radius 2:  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 4$

Sketch region  $D$ , label the BC & BP's (in rectangular coordinates):



$$\therefore \text{Volume}(E) = \iint_D f \, dA = \underbrace{\int_{-2}^2 \int_{-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} (4 - x^2 - y^2) \, dy \, dx}_{\text{Too tedious to compute!}}$$

Instead, sketch  $D$ , label the **pole** & the BC in polar coordinates:



$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Volume}(E) &= \iint_D f \, dA \\ &\stackrel{POLAR}{=} \iint_D f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) \, r \, dr \, d\theta \\ &= \int_{\text{Smallest } \theta\text{-value in } D}^{\text{Largest } \theta\text{-value in } D} \int_{\text{Pole}}^{\text{Outer BC of } D} (4 - r^2) \, r \, dr \, d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 (4r - r^3) \, dr \, d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \left[ 2r^2 - \frac{1}{4}r^4 \right]_{r=0}^{r=2} d\theta \\ &\stackrel{FTC}{=} \int_0^{2\pi} \left[ \left( 2(2)^2 - \frac{1}{4}(2)^4 \right) - \left( 2(0)^2 - \frac{1}{4}(0)^4 \right) \right] d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} 4 \, d\theta \\ &= \left[ 4\theta \right]_{\theta=0}^{\theta=2\pi} \\ &\stackrel{FTC}{=} [4(2\pi) - 4(0)] = \boxed{8\pi} \end{aligned}$$