

QUESTION

- (a) Sketch the region defined by the inequalities $x^2 + y^2 \leq x, 0 \leq z \leq 3$. If the region is occupied by a solid whose density at the point (x, y, z) is $x^2 + y^2 + z$ calculate its total mass by means of an appropriate triple integral.
- (b) A cube having side length 2 has density at a point given by twice the square of its distance from the center of the cube. Find the mass of the cube.

ANSWER

(a) DIAGRAM

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mass} &= \iiint_R x^2 + y^2 + z \, dV \\ &= \iiint_R (\rho^2 + z) \rho \, dz \, d\rho \, d\phi \end{aligned}$$

in cylindrical coordinates.

$$R = \{(\rho, \phi, z) | 0 \leq \rho \leq \sqrt{3}, 0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi, \rho^2 \leq z \leq 3\}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mass} &= \int_{\phi=0}^{2\pi} \int_{\rho=0}^{\sqrt{3}} \int_{z=\rho^2}^3 (\rho^3 + \rho z) \, dz \, d\rho \, d\phi \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\sqrt{3}} \left[\rho^3 z + \rho \frac{z^2}{2} \right]_{\rho^2}^3 \, d\rho \, d\phi \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\sqrt{3}} \left(3\rho^3 + \frac{9}{2}\rho - 3\frac{\rho^5}{2} \right) \, d\rho \, d\phi \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \left[\frac{3}{4}\rho^4 + \frac{9\rho^2}{4} - \frac{\rho^6}{4} \right]_0^{\sqrt{3}} \, d\phi \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{27}{4} + \frac{27}{4} - \frac{27}{4} \right) \, d\phi \\ &= \frac{27}{2}\pi \end{aligned}$$

(b) The cube consists of eight identical octants so its mass is given by

$$\begin{aligned}& 8 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \, dx \, dy \, dz \\&= 8 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \left[\frac{2x^3}{3} + 2(y^2 + z^2)x \right]_0^1 \, dy \, dz \\&= 8 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \left(\frac{2}{3} + 2y^2 + 2z^2 \right) \, dy \, dz \\&= 8 \int_0^1 \left[\left(\frac{2}{3} + 2z^2 \right) y + 2\frac{y^3}{3} \right]_0^1 \, dz \\&= 8 \int_0^1 \left(\frac{2}{3} + 2z^2 + \frac{2}{3} \right) \, dz \\&= 8 \left[\frac{4z}{3} + 2\frac{z^3}{3} \right]_0^1 \\&= 16\end{aligned}$$