

**Review Problem 1.92:** What point on the plane  $x + y + 4z = 8$  is closest to the origin? Give an argument showing that you have found an absolute minimum of the distance function.

**Solution:** Note that for any  $(x, y, z)$  on the plane  $x + y + 4z = 8$  we have

$$(1) \quad z = 2 - \frac{1}{4}x - \frac{1}{4}y,$$

from which we see that

$$(2) \quad d((x, y, z), (0, 0, 0)) = \sqrt{(x - 0)^2 + (y - 0)^2 + (z - 0)^2}$$

$$(3) \quad = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + (2 - \frac{1}{4}x - \frac{1}{4}y)^2} = \sqrt{4 - x - y + \frac{1}{8}xy + \frac{17}{16}x^2 + \frac{17}{16}y^2}.$$

We recall that if  $f(x, y)$  is any nonnegative function, then  $f(x, y)$  and  $f^2(x, y)$  have their (local and global) minimums and maximums occur at the same values of  $(x, y)$ . It follows that we want to optimize the function

$$(4) \quad f(x, y) = 4 - x - y + \frac{1}{8}xy + \frac{17}{16}x^2 + \frac{17}{16}y^2.$$

Since any global minimum of  $f(x, y)$  is also a local minimum, we see that the global minimum of  $f$  (if it exists) is at a critical point. We now begin finding the critical points of  $f$ . We see that

$$(5) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 = f_x(x, y) &= \frac{17}{8}x + \frac{1}{8}y - 1 \rightarrow 0 = (\frac{17}{8}x + \frac{1}{8}y - 1) - (\frac{17}{8}y + \frac{1}{8}x - 1) \\ 0 = f_y(x, y) &= \frac{17}{8}y + \frac{1}{8}x - 1 \end{aligned}$$

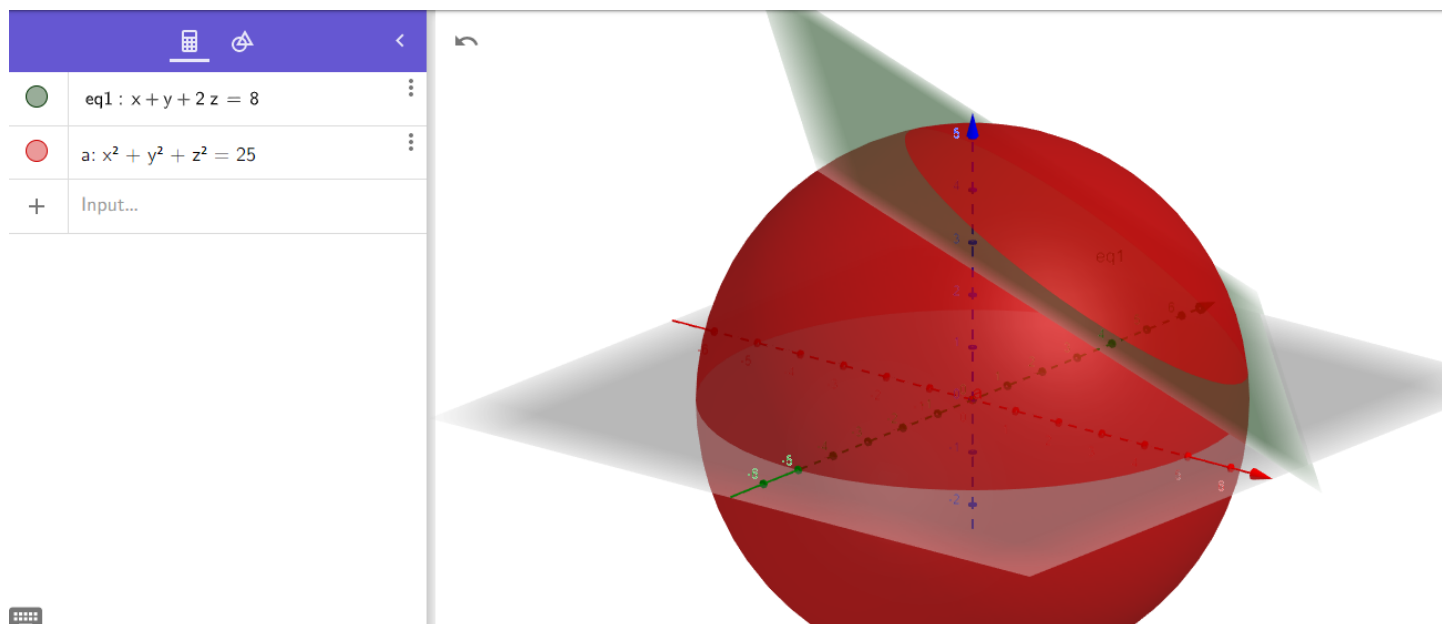
$$(6) \quad = 2x - 2y \rightarrow x = y \rightarrow x = y = \frac{4}{9}.$$

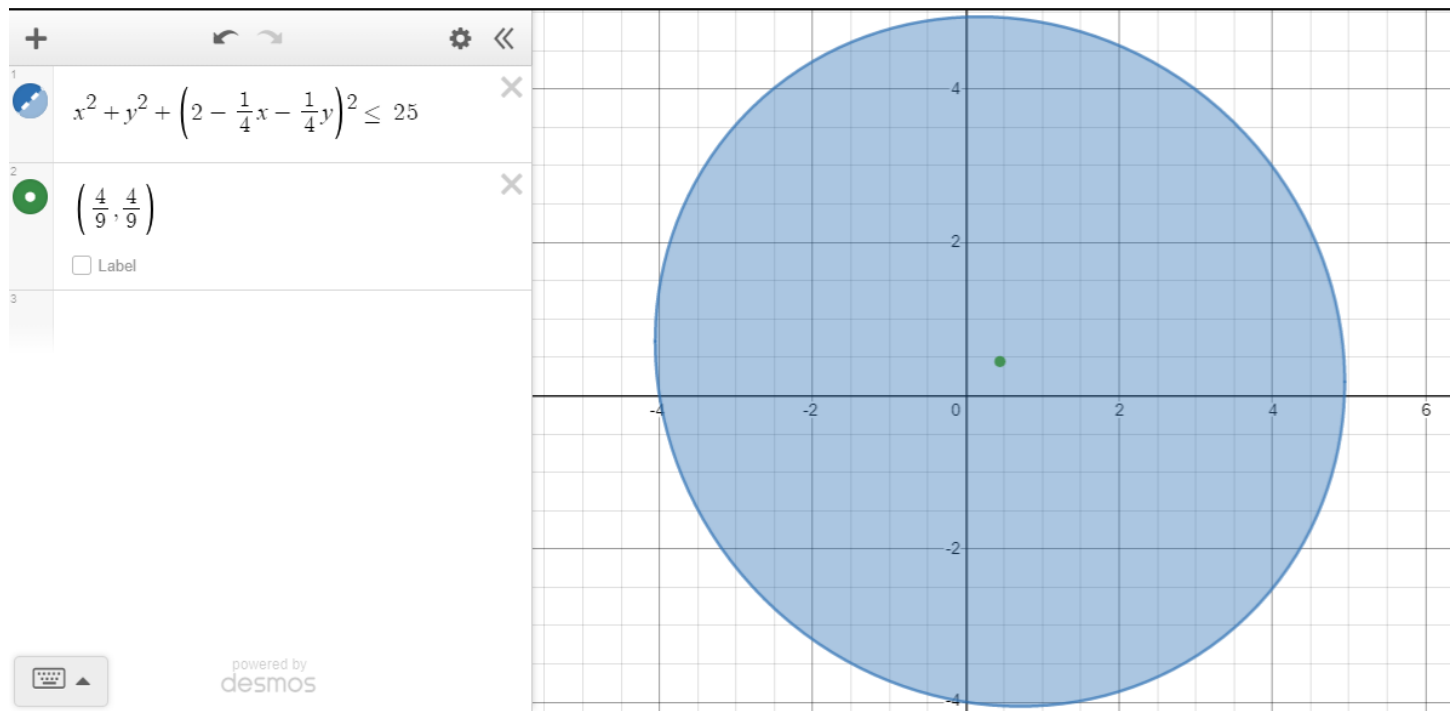
We see that  $(\frac{4}{9}, \frac{4}{9})$  is the only critical point. We will now use the second derivative test to verify that  $(\frac{4}{9}, \frac{4}{9})$  is a local minimum. We see that

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{xx}(x, y) &= \frac{17}{8} \\
 f_{yy}(x, y) &= \frac{17}{8} \rightarrow D(x, y) = f_{xx}(x, y)f_{yy}(x, y) - f_{xy}(x, y)^2 \\
 f_{xy}(x, y) &= \frac{1}{8}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{7}$$

$$\tag{8} \quad = \frac{17}{8} \cdot \frac{17}{8} - \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^2 = \frac{9}{2} \rightarrow D\left(\frac{4}{9}, \frac{4}{9}\right) = \frac{9}{2} > 0.$$

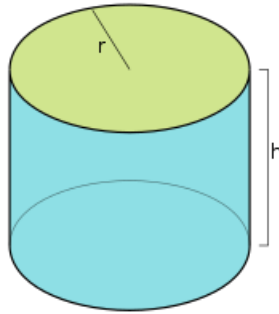
Since we also see that  $f_{xx}\left(\frac{4}{9}, \frac{4}{9}\right) = \frac{17}{8} > 0$ , the second derivative test tells us that  $\left(\frac{4}{9}, \frac{4}{9}\right)$  is indeed a local minimum of  $f(x, y)$ . It remains to show that  $f(x, y)$  attains its global minimum at  $\left(\frac{4}{9}, \frac{4}{9}\right)$ . Firstly, we note that  $f\left(\frac{4}{9}, \frac{4}{9}\right) = \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{3}$ . Since  $\frac{32}{9} < 25$  (I picked 25 randomly, I just needed some larger number), let us consider the region  $R$  of  $(x, y)$  for which  $\underbrace{\left(x, y, 2 - \frac{1}{4}x - \frac{1}{4}y\right)}_z$  has a distance of at most 5 from the origin. This is the same as  $R = \{(x, y) \mid f(x, y) \leq 25\}$ .





Since  $R$  is a closed and bounded region, and  $f(x, y)$  is a continuous function, we know that  $f$  attains an absolute minimum on  $R$ . The point  $\left(\frac{4}{9}, \frac{4}{9}\right)$  is inside of  $R$ , so the minimum of  $f$  is not attained on the boundary of  $R$  (as that is where the distance to the origin is exactly 5). Since the minimum of  $f$  on  $R$  is attained on the interior, we see that it must be obtained at a critical point of  $f(x, y)$ , so it is attained at  $\left(\frac{4}{9}, \frac{4}{9}\right)$ . For any point  $(x, y)$  outside of  $R$ , we have  $f(x, y) > 25$  (by the very definition of  $R$ ), so the global minimum of  $f(x, y)$  is  $\frac{32}{9}$  and is attained at  $\left(\frac{4}{9}, \frac{4}{9}\right)$ . It follows that the point on the plane  $x + y + 2z = 8$  that is closest to the origin is  $\left(\frac{4}{9}, \frac{4}{9}, \frac{16}{9}\right)$ .

**Review Problem 1.98:** Use Lagrange multipliers to find the dimensions of the right circular cylinder of minimum surface area (including the circular ends) with a volume of  $32\pi$  in<sup>3</sup>.



**Solution:** We recall that a cylinder of radius  $r$  and height  $h$  has a volume of  $V = \pi r^2 h$  and a surface area (including the 2 circular ends) of  $S = 2\pi r^2 + 2\pi r h$ . It follows that we want to optimize the function  $f(r, h) = 2\pi r^2 + 2\pi r h$  subject to the constraint  $0 = g(r, h) = \pi r^2 h - 32\pi$ . Since

(9)  $\nabla f(r, h) = \langle 4\pi r + 2\pi h, 2\pi r \rangle$  and  $\nabla g(r, h) = \langle 2\pi r h, \pi r^2 \rangle$ , we obtain

$$(10) \quad \begin{array}{rclclcl} 4\pi r + 2\pi h & = & 2\pi \lambda r h & & 2r + h & = & \lambda r h & & 2r + h & = & 2h \\ 2\pi r & = & \pi \lambda r^2 & \xrightarrow{r \neq 0} & 2 & = & \lambda r & \rightarrow & 2 & = & \lambda r \\ \pi r^2 h & = & 32\pi & & r^2 h & = & 32 & & r^2 h & = & 32 \end{array}$$

$$(11) \quad \begin{array}{rclclcl} 2r & = & h & & 2r & = & h \\ \rightarrow 2 & = & \lambda r & \rightarrow & 2 & = & \lambda r & \rightarrow & r & = & \sqrt[3]{16} = 2\sqrt[3]{2} \rightarrow h & = & 4\sqrt[3]{2}. \\ r^2 h & = & 32 & & 2r^3 & = & 32 \end{array}$$

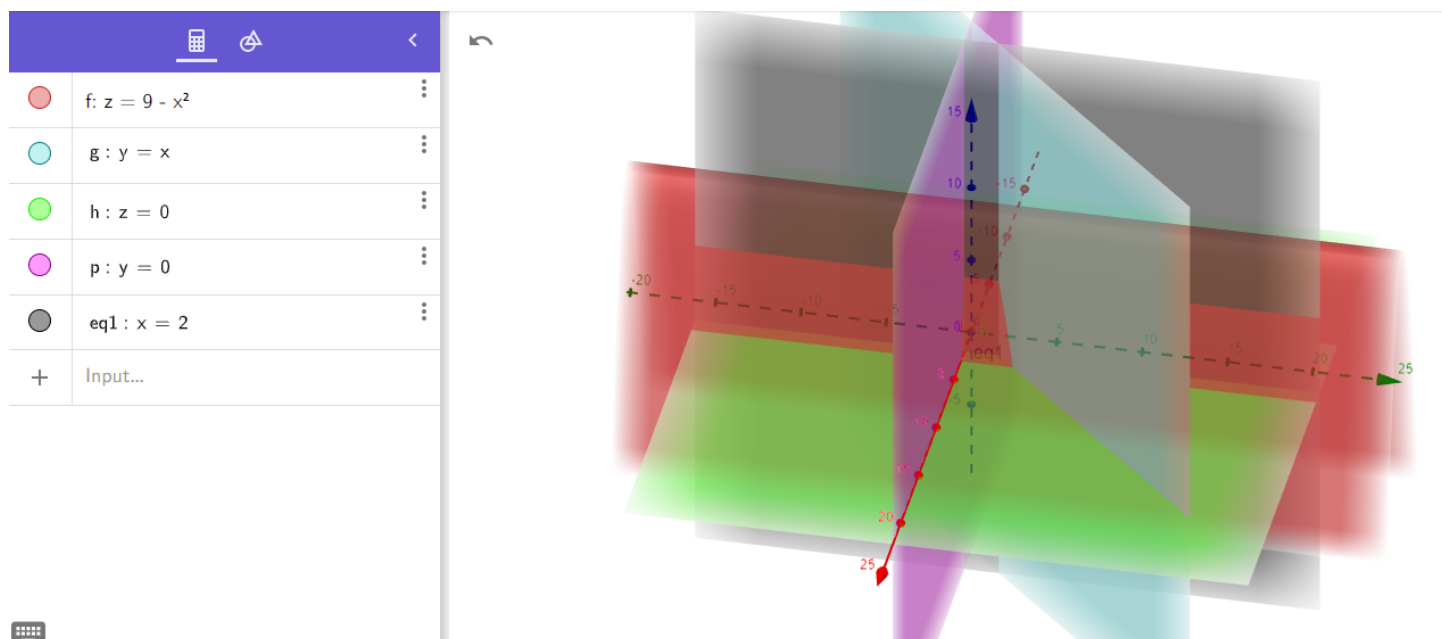
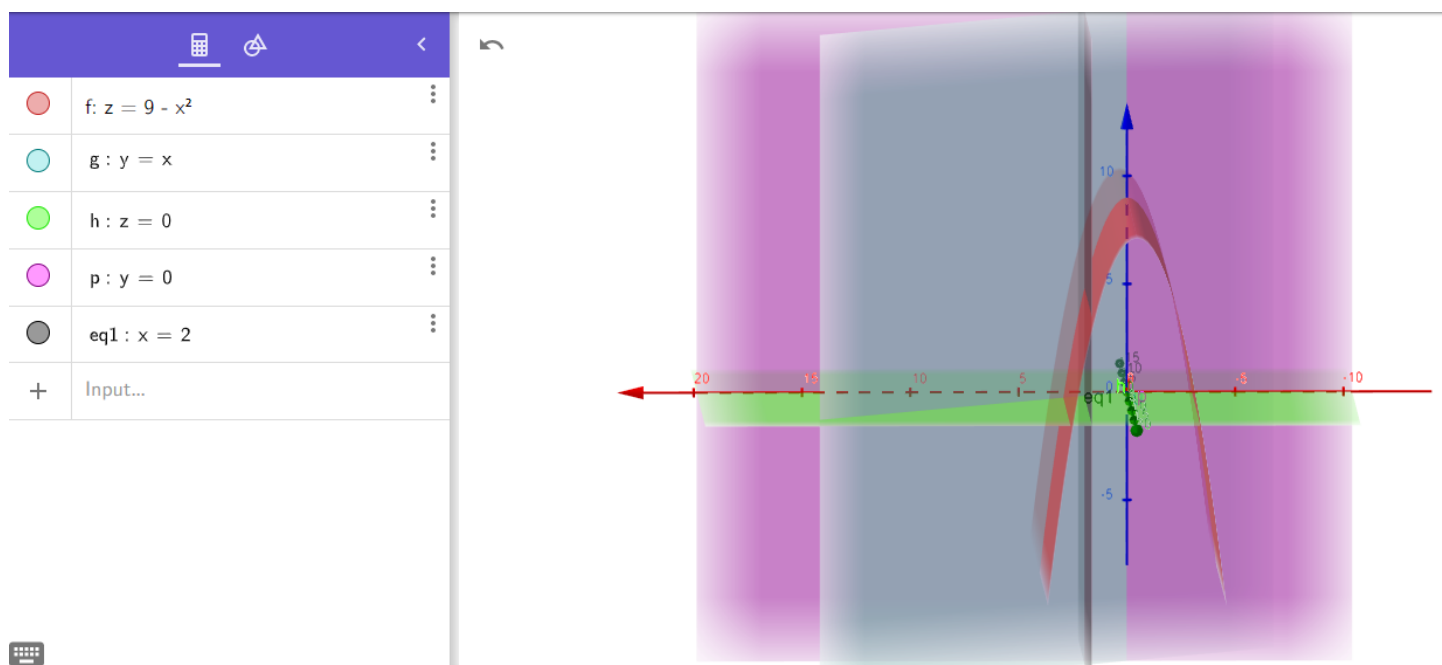
Since the cylinder does not have a maximum surface area when subjected to the constraint  $V = 32\pi$ , we see that the critical point that we found has to correspond to a local minimum. The extreme/boundary cases occur when either  $r \rightarrow \infty$  or  $h \rightarrow \infty$ , in which case we also have  $S \rightarrow \infty$ . It follows that  $f(r, h)$  attains a minimum value of  $24\pi\sqrt[3]{4}$  when  $(r, h) = \boxed{(2\sqrt[3]{2}, 4\sqrt[3]{2})}$ .

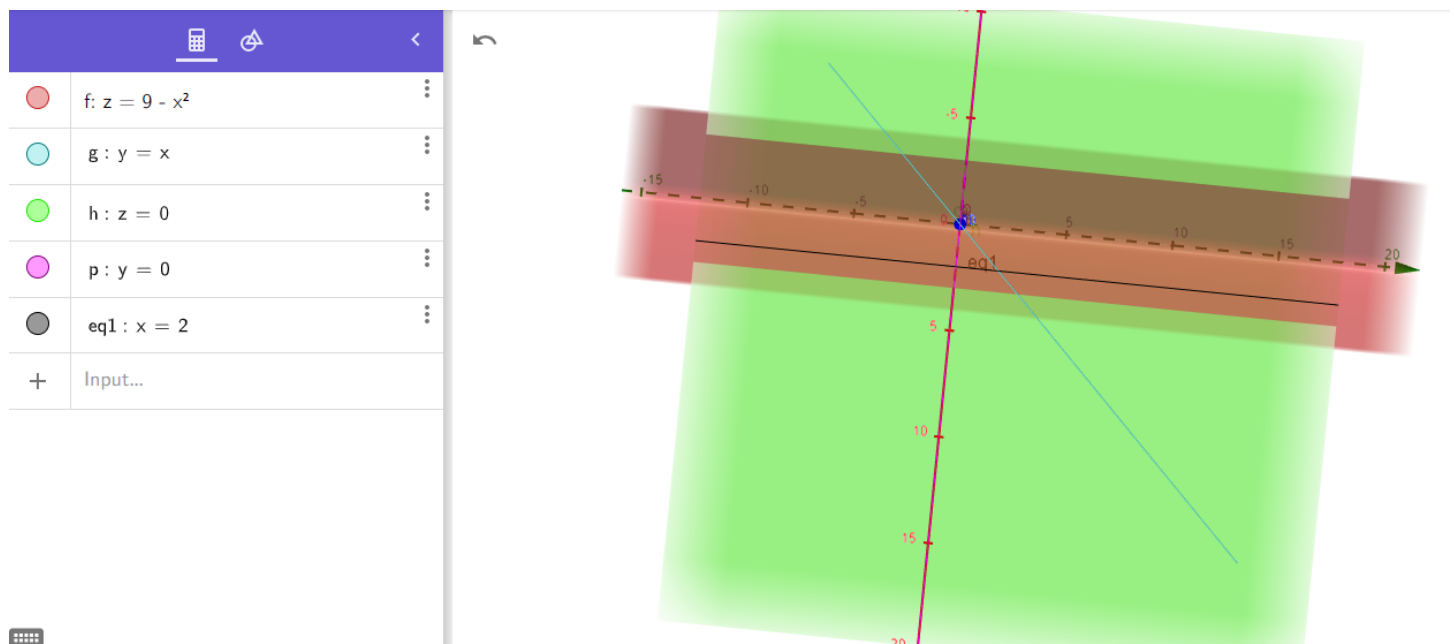
**Review Problem 2.26:** Rewrite the the triple integral

$$(12) \quad \int_0^2 \int_0^{9-x^2} \int_0^x f(x, y, z) dy dz dx$$

using the order  $dz dx dy$ .

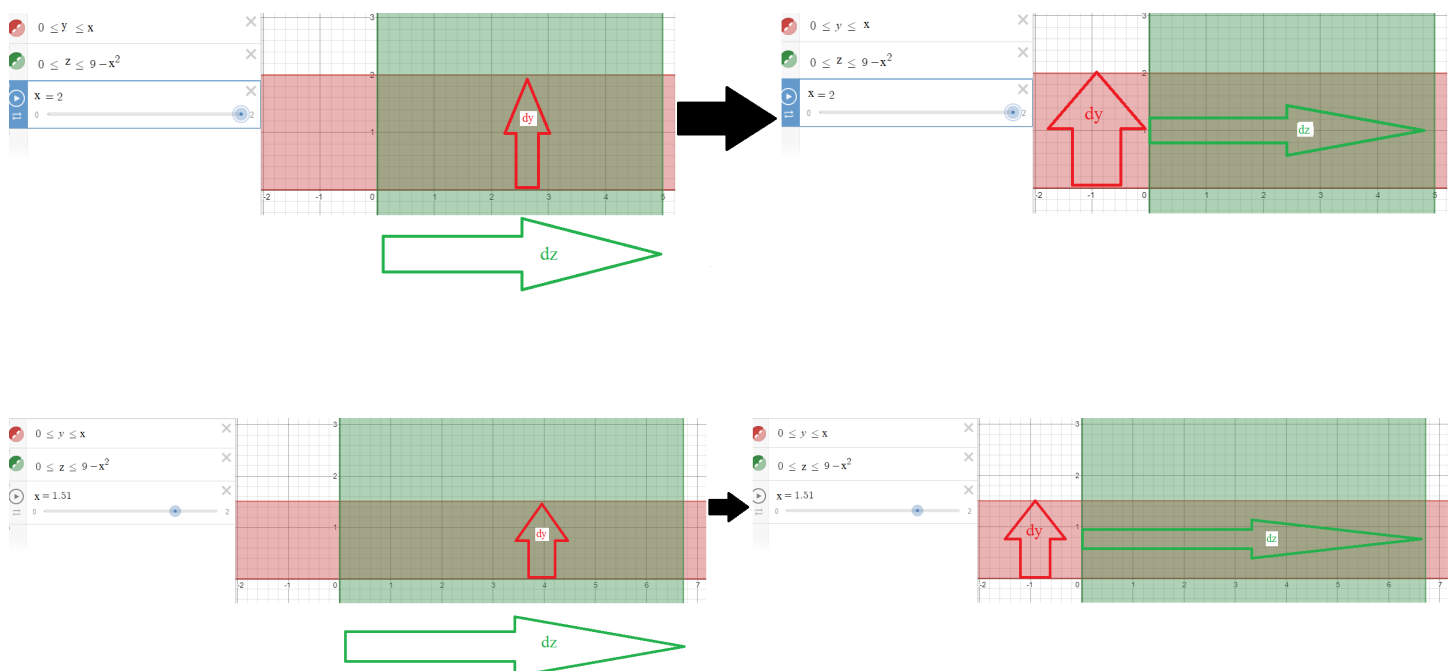
**First Solution:** We envision the 3-dimensional solid that is described by the bounds of the triple integral in the current order of  $dy dz dx$ , and then we traverse the solid using the new order of  $dz dx dy$ .



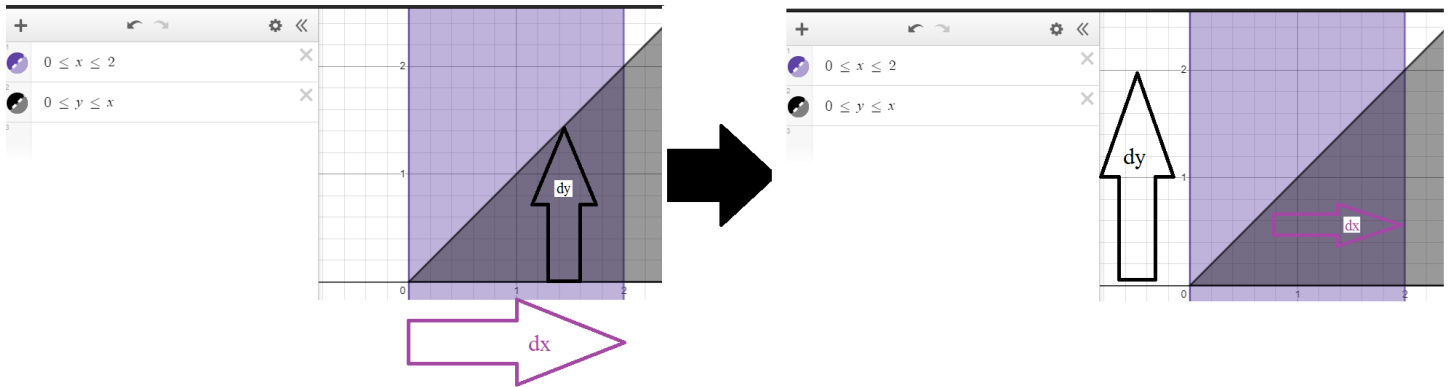


$$(13) \quad \int_0^2 \int_y^2 \int_0^{9-x^2} f(x, y, z) dz dx dy.$$

**Second Solution:** In order to avoid drawing and thinking about 3-dimensional regions, we will perform 2 separate changes of order. We will first change the order from  $dydzdx$  to  $dzdydx$ , and then we will change the order from  $dzdydx$  to  $dzdxdy$ .

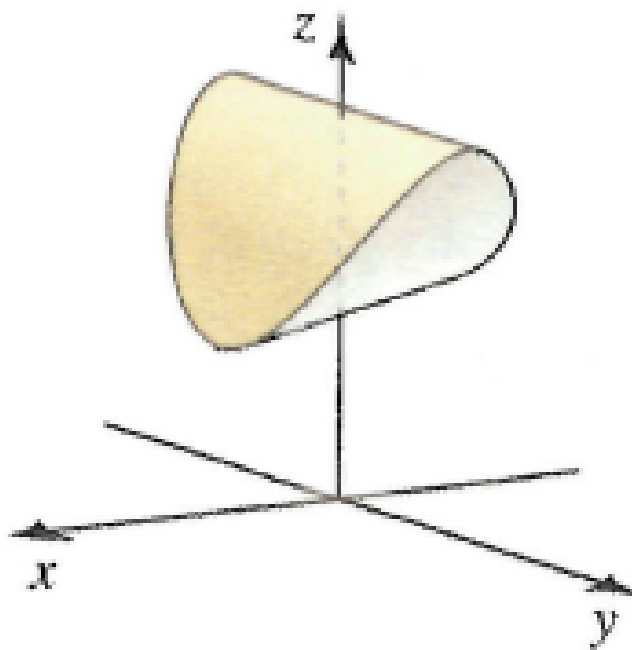


$$(14) \quad \int_0^2 \int_0^{9-x^2} \int_0^x f(x, y, z) dy dz dx = \int_0^2 \int_0^x \int_0^{9-x^2} f(x, y, z) dz dy dx$$

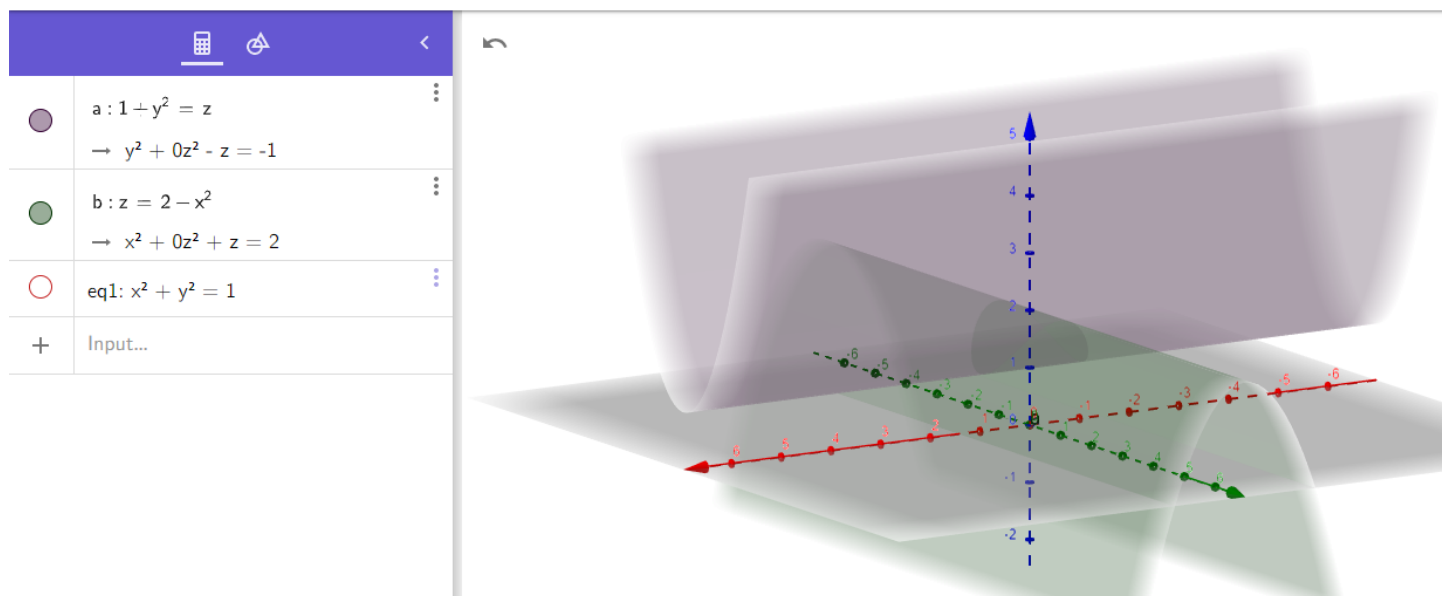


$$(15) \quad \int_0^2 \int_0^x \int_0^{9-x^2} f(x, y, z) dz dy dx = \int_0^2 \int_y^2 \int_0^{9-x^2} f(x, y, z) dz dx dy.$$

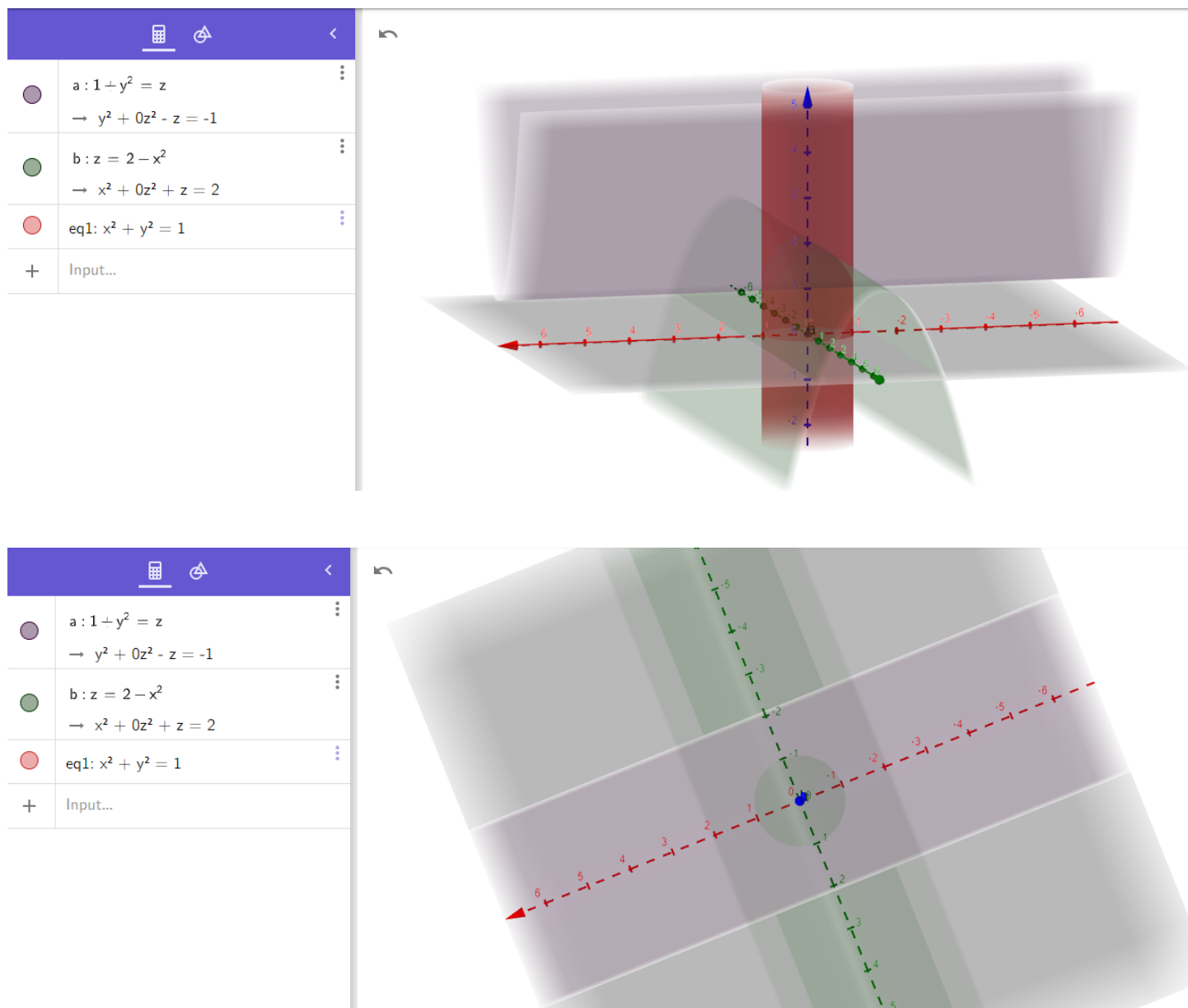
**Review Problem 2.34:** Find the volume of the solid  $S$  that is bounded by the parabolic cylinders  $z = y^2 + 1$  and  $z = 2 - x^2$ .



**Solution:**  $S$  is a 3 dimensional solid that is defined as the region inbetween 2 surfaces. First, we find the intersection  $I$  of  $z = y^2 + 1$  and  $z = 2 - x^2$  to satisfy  $y^2 + 1 = 2 - x^2$  or  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ .







It follows that the  $(x, y)$ -coordinates of  $I$  are the circle of radius 1 centered at the origin. Note that the intersection  $I$  is not itself a circle since the  $z$ -coordinate is not constant on the intersection. Thankfully, for the purposes of calculating the volume of  $S$ , we only need to know the projection  $R$  of  $I$  onto the  $xy$ -plane (along with the interior of the projection), which is the same as knowing the  $(x, y)$ -coordinates of  $I$ .

$$(16) \quad \text{Volume}(S) = \iint_R (z_{\text{top}} - z_{\text{bottom}}) dA$$

$$(17) \quad = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 ((2 - (r \cos(\theta))^2) - ((r \sin(\theta))^2 + 1)) r dr d\theta$$

$$(18) \quad = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 (1 - r^2 \cos^2(\theta) - r^2 \sin^2(\theta)) r dr d\theta$$

$$(19) \quad = \int_0^1 \int_0^{2\pi} (r - r^3) d\theta dr = \int_0^{\sqrt{3}} (r\theta - r^3\theta) \Big|_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} dr$$

$$(20) \quad = \int_0^1 2\pi (r - r^3) dr = 2\pi \left( \frac{1}{2}r^2 - \frac{1}{4}r^4 \right) \Big|_0^1 = \boxed{\frac{\pi}{2}}.$$

**Remark:** We could have also calculated the volume by using a triple integral in cylindrical coordinates as follows.

$$(21) \quad \text{Volume}(S) = \iiint_S 1 dV = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\sqrt{3}} \int_{r^2 \sin^2(\theta)+1}^{2-r^2 \cos^2(\theta)} r dz dr d\theta = \boxed{\pi}.$$