

Answer on Question #76445 – Math – Calculus

Question

Find the mass of an object which is in the form of a cuboid $[0,1] \times [2,4] \times [1,3]$ The density at any point (x,y,z) on the cuboid is given by $\rho(x,y,z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$.

Solution

By definition, the mass of an object is given by integral

$$M = \int_V \rho(x, y, z) dx dy dz.$$

In our case:

$$\rho(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2; \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1; \quad 2 \leq y \leq 4; \quad 1 \leq z \leq 3.$$

$$\begin{aligned} M &= \int_0^1 dx \int_2^4 dy \int_1^3 dz (x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = \int_0^1 dx \int_2^4 dy \left[x^2 z + y^2 z + \frac{z^3}{3} \right]_1^3 \\ &= \int_0^1 dx \int_2^4 dy \left[(3-1)(x^2 + y^2) + \left(\frac{27}{3} - \frac{1}{3} \right) \right] = \int_0^1 dx \int_2^4 dy \left[2(x^2 + y^2) + \frac{26}{3} \right] \\ &= \int_0^1 dx \left[2 \left(x^2 y + \frac{y^3}{3} \right) + \frac{26}{3} y \right]_2^4 = \int_0^1 dx \left[2 \left((4-2)x^2 + \left(\frac{64}{3} - \frac{8}{3} \right) \right) + \frac{26}{3} (4-2) \right] \\ &= \int_0^1 dx \left[2 \left(2x^2 + \frac{56}{3} \right) + \frac{52}{3} \right] = \int_0^1 dx \left[2 \left(2x^2 + \frac{56}{3} \right) + \frac{52}{3} \right] = \int_0^1 dx \left[4x^2 + \frac{164}{3} \right] \\ &= \left[\frac{4}{3} x^3 + \frac{164}{3} x \right]_0^1 = \frac{4}{3} (1-0) + \frac{164}{3} (1-0) = \frac{168}{3} = 56. \end{aligned}$$

So the mass is $M = 56$.

Answer: 56.