

1. A solid object in the first octant is bounded by the surfaces  $z = 1 - y^2$ ,  $z = 1 - x$ ,  $x = 0$ , and  $y = 0$ . Its (variable) density is  $\delta(x, y, z) = 30y$ . Find its mass.

**SOLUTION:** Draw the part of the line  $z = 1 - x$  in the first quadrant of the  $x, z$ -plane (we don't care about the rest of the line). The **plane**  $z = 1 - x$  contains this line and is parallel to the  $y$ -axis.

Draw the part of the parabola  $z = 1 - y^2$  in the first quadrant of the  $y, z$ -plane (we don't care about the rest of the parabola). The **surface**  $z = 1 - y^2$  is formed by lines meeting this parabola and parallel to the  $x$ -axis. This surface is a "parabolic cylinder".

Either the  $x$ -axis or the  $y$ -axis can be thought of as the "floor-to-ceiling" axis of the given solid  $S$ .

Solution 1: If the  $x$ -axis is thought of as the "floor-to-ceiling" axis, then the floor is the region in the first quadrant of the  $y, z$ -plane cut off by  $z = 1 - y^2$ , the ceiling is part of the plane  $z = 1 - x$ , and the "sides" are formed by the surface  $z = 1 - y^2$ , the  $x, y$ -plane and the  $x, z$ -plane. This way,

$$\begin{aligned} m &= \iiint_S \delta \, dV = \int_{y=0}^1 \int_{z=0}^{1-y^2} \int_{x=0}^{1-z} 30y \, dx \, dz \, dy = \int_{y=0}^1 \int_{z=0}^{1-y^2} 30xy \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1-z} dz \, dy \\ &= \int_{y=0}^1 \int_{z=0}^{1-y^2} 30y(1-z) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1-z} dz \, dy = \int_{y=0}^1 30y \left( z - \frac{z^2}{2} \right) \Big|_{z=0}^{z=1-y^2} dy \\ &= \int_{y=0}^1 30y \left( 1 - y^2 - \frac{(1-y^2)^2}{2} \right) dy = \int_{y=0}^1 15(y - y^5) dy = 5. \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2: If the  $y$ -axis is the "floor-to-ceiling" axis then the floor is the triangle in the  $x, z$ -plane enclosed by the two axes and  $z = 1 - x$ . The ceiling is  $z = 1 - y^2$  (that is,  $y = \sqrt{1-z}$ ), and the sides are the  $y, z$ -plane, the  $x, y$ -plane, and the plane  $z = 1 - x$ . This way,

$$\begin{aligned} m &= \iiint_S \delta \, dV = \int_{x=0}^1 \int_{z=0}^{1-x} \int_{y=0}^{\sqrt{1-z}} 30y \, dy \, dz \, dx = \int_{x=0}^1 \int_{z=0}^{1-x} 15y^2 \Big|_{y=0}^{y=\sqrt{1-z}} dz \, dx \\ &= \int_{x=0}^1 \int_{z=0}^{1-x} 15(1-z) dz \, dx = \int_{x=0}^1 \frac{15}{2} (2z - z^2) \Big|_{z=0}^{z=1-x} dx \\ &= \frac{15}{2} \int_{x=0}^1 2(1-x) - (1-x)^2 dx = \frac{15}{2} \int_{x=0}^1 (1-x^2) dx = 5 \end{aligned}$$