

$$\text{So } \bar{z} = \frac{\int_0^4 \int_0^{\sqrt{4-z}} \int_0^{2\pi} z r d\theta dr dz}{\int_0^4 \int_0^{\sqrt{4-z}} \int_0^{2\pi} r d\theta dr dz}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Evaluating this, } \bar{z} &= \frac{\int_0^4 \int_0^{\sqrt{4-z}} 2\pi z r dr dz}{\int_0^4 \int_0^{\sqrt{4-z}} 2\pi r dr dz} = \frac{\int_0^4 \pi z [r^2]_0^{\sqrt{4-z}} dz}{\int_0^4 \pi [r^2]_0^{\sqrt{4-z}} dz} \\ &= \frac{\int_0^4 \pi z (4-z) dz}{\int_0^4 \pi (4-z) dz} = \frac{\int_0^4 (4z - z^2) dz}{\int_0^4 (4-z) dz} = \frac{[2z^2 - \frac{1}{3}z^3]_0^4}{[4z - \frac{1}{2}z^2]_0^4} \\ \bar{z} &= \frac{32 - \frac{64}{3}}{16 - 8} = \frac{32 - 21\frac{1}{3}}{8} = \frac{10\frac{2}{3}}{8} = \frac{32\frac{2}{3}}{8} = \frac{4}{3} \end{aligned}$$

So the centre of mass lies at $(0, 0, \frac{4}{3})$

Question 3

Evaluate $\int_0^7 \int_0^2 \int_0^{\sqrt{4-q^2}} \frac{z}{r+1} dp dq dr$. (Note: here r does not denote radius).

Solution

We need to look at the shape of the region over which we are integrating, by looking at the limits.



The limits on p are 0 to $\sqrt{4-q^2}$.

$p = \sqrt{4-q^2}$ can be rearranged to get $p^2 + q^2 = 4$, which is the equation of a circle of radius 2.

Because p only goes from 0 to $\sqrt{4-q^2}$, it excludes the half of the circle below the q -axis.

The q limits go from 0 to 2 which excludes everything to the left of the p axis. So we are only interested in the top right quarter of the circle. The r -integration goes from 0 to 7, which turns the circle into a cylinder of length 7. So the region over which we are integrating is a quarter of a cylinder.

Instead of using p and q coordinates, we will use polar coordinates instead.



We replace $dp dq$ with $r d\theta dr$. The limits on the r -integration are 0 to 2 because $p = \sqrt{4-q^2}$ is the equation for a circle of radius 2. The range of θ is 0 to $\pi/2$, because we are only concerned with a quarter of the circle. The one remaining term, which we need to