

top of the tetrahedron or near the bottom.

We start by taking the infinitely small square  $dx dy$ . The hypotenuse of the triangular slice is determined by the equation  $x + \frac{y}{2} + \frac{z}{3} = 1$ , so we rearrange this to give our upper  $x$  limit  $x = 1 - \frac{y}{2} - \frac{z}{3}$ .

$$\text{Area of slice} = \int_0^{1 - \frac{y}{2} - \frac{z}{3}} dx dy.$$

To work out the upper limit of the  $y$ -integration, we set  $x=0$  in the equation  $x + \frac{y}{2} + \frac{z}{3} = 1$  and rearrange it to get  $y$ .

So the upper limit of  $y$ -integration is  $y = 2 - \frac{2z}{3}$

$$\text{Area of slice} = \int_0^{2 - \frac{2z}{3}} \int_0^{1 - \frac{y}{2} - \frac{z}{3}} dx dy$$

$$\therefore \text{Volume of slice} = \int_0^{2 - \frac{2z}{3}} \int_0^{1 - \frac{y}{2} - \frac{z}{3}} dx dy dz$$

$$\therefore \text{Mass of slice} = \rho \int_0^{2 - \frac{2z}{3}} \int_0^{1 - \frac{y}{2} - \frac{z}{3}} dx dy dz$$

Now we must sum up all the slices. The lowest has  $z$ -coordinate 0 and the highest 3, so

$$\text{Mass of tetrahedron} = \rho \int_0^3 \int_0^{2 - \frac{2z}{3}} \int_0^{1 - \frac{y}{2} - \frac{z}{3}} dx dy dz$$

$$= \rho \int_0^3 \int_0^{2 - \frac{2z}{3}} [x]_0^{1 - \frac{y}{2} - \frac{z}{3}} dy dz = \rho \int_0^3 \int_0^{2 - \frac{2z}{3}} (1 - \frac{y}{2} - \frac{z}{3}) dy dz$$

$$= \rho \int_0^3 \left[ y - \frac{y^2}{4} - \frac{zy}{3} \right]_0^{2 - \frac{2z}{3}} dz = \rho \int_0^3 \left( 2 - \frac{2z}{3} - \frac{(2 - \frac{2z}{3})^2}{4} - \frac{2z - \frac{2z^2}{3}}{3} \right) dz$$

$$= \rho \int_0^3 \left( 2 - \frac{2z}{3} - 1 + \frac{8z}{12} - \frac{4z^2}{36} - \frac{2z}{3} + \frac{2z^2}{9} \right) dz$$

$$= \rho \int_0^3 \left( 1 - \frac{2z}{3} + \frac{z^2}{9} \right) dz = \rho \left[ z - \frac{z^2}{3} + \frac{z^3}{27} \right]_0^3 = \rho (3 - 3 + 1) = \rho$$

Mass of tetrahedron =  $\rho$ .

