

The Cave

In the year 2020, my mother discovers beautiful cave in northern Minnesota, which consists in part of a passage given by the surface S determined by

$$x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{y^2 + z^2}} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq x < \infty \text{ kilometers (km).}$$

Later that year, the evil company Pollutacorp spills toxic waste in the area, and the walls of the cave passage are covered with waste. Assume the density of waste at a point $(x, y, z) \in S$ is

$$f(x, y, z) = \frac{y^2 + z^2}{x^2} \quad \text{tonnes/km}^2.$$

- a) Sketch the cave. What is the total mass of toxic waste on the cave walls?
- b) If my mother can remove the toxins at a rate of 10 tonnes/day, how long will it take her to restore the cave?
- c) Show that the cave walls have infinite area. Ponder this paradox...
- d) If my mother can restore cave walls at a rate of 1 km²/day, how long will it take her to restore the cave?