

14 Multiple Integrals

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15.1 Double Integrals

Definition

The **double integral** of f over the rectangle R is defined to be

$$\iint_R f(x,y) dA = \lim_{m,n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n f(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*) \Delta A = \lim_{m,n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n f(x_{ij}, y_{ij}) \Delta A$$

provided that these limits exist.

- Note that the double integral is defined, based on the **double Riemann sum**.

Definition

Suppose that $f(x,y) \geq 0$. Then the volume V of the solid that lies above the rectangle R and below the surface $z = f(x,y)$ is

$$V = \iint_R f(x,y) dA$$

- Properties of Double Integrals:

1. Linearity:

$$\int \int_R [f(x,y) + g(x,y)] dA = \int \int_R f(x,y) dA + \int \int_R g(x,y) dA$$
$$\int \int_R c f(x,y) dA = c \int \int_R f(x,y) dA \quad \text{for constant } c$$

2. If $f(x,y) \geq g(x,y)$ for all $(x,y) \in R$, then

$$\int \int_R f(x,y) dA \geq \int \int_R g(x,y) dA$$

Example

1. Evaluate the following example:

$$\int \int_R 7 dA, \quad R = [-1, 1] \times [-2, 5].$$

2. If $f(x,y) = k$ and $R = [a, b] \times [c, d]$, show that

$$\int \int_R k dA = k(b-a)(d-c)$$

Theorem

Fubini's Theorem: If $f(x, y)$ is continuous(bounded) on the rectangle $R = [a, b] \times [c, d]$, then

$$\int \int_R f(x, y) dA = \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx = \int_c^d \int_a^b f(x, y) dx dy.$$

- In this section we learn about how to evaluate double integrals over **bounded Nonrectangular regions**.
- There are two types of double integrals on a plane region D .
- ① If $f(x, y)$ is continuous on a type I region D such that $D = \{(x, y) \mid a \leq x \leq b, g_1(x) \leq y \leq g_2(x)\}$, then

$$\iint_D f(x, y) dA = \int_a^b \int_{g_1(x)}^{g_2(x)} f(x, y) dy dx$$

- ② If $f(x, y)$ is continuous on a type II region D such that $D = \{(x, y) \mid c \leq y \leq d, h_1(y) \leq x \leq h_2(y)\}$, then

$$\iint_D f(x, y) dA = \int_c^d \int_{h_1(y)}^{h_2(y)} f(x, y) dx dy$$

- Note that the limits of the outer integrations must be **constants**.

- For regions that are more complicated, how do we find limits of integration? We assume to integrate first w.r.t. y and then write x :

$$\iint_D f(x, y) dA = \int_a^b \int_{g_1(x)}^{g_2(x)} f(x, y) dy dx$$

- 1 Sketch the region and write the bounded curves.
 - 2 Find the y -limits of integration, using **vertical lines**. Note that y -limits are functions in terms of x .
 - 3 Find the x -limits of integration that will be numbers.
- If you evaluate double integrals with the order of integration reversed:

$$\iint_D f(x, y) dA = \int_c^d \int_{h_1(x)}^{h_2(x)} f(x, y) dx dy,$$

then we use **horizontal lines** in step 2.

Example1

1. Evaluate the iterated integral

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{\sin \theta} e^{\cos \theta} dr d\theta.$$

2. Evaluate the double integral $\iint_D (2x + y) dA$, where D is the region bounded by the two parabolas $y = 2x^2$ and $y = x^2 + 4$.

3. Evaluate the following integral:

$$\iint_D y^2 dA, \quad D = \{(x, y) \mid -1 \leq y \leq 1, -y - 2 \leq x \leq y\}.$$

4. Evaluate the iterated integral

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^y y^2 e^{xy} dx dy.$$

Example2

Example2 Define the function $f(x,y)$ to be

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin x}{x} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Then evaluate

$$\iint_R f(x,y) dA,$$

where R is enclosed by x -axis and $y = x$ and the line $x = 1$

- As you see the previous example, there is no general rule for choosing which order of integration will be the good one.