

15 Multiple Integrals

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15.1 Double Integrals over Rectangles

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

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

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

- **Iterated Integrals:** Suppose that $\int \int_R f(x,y) dx dy$ is bounded over the rectangle $R = [a, b] \times [c, d]$. Then we express the double integral to an iterated integral. You also have to understand the double integral geometrically.

- 1 Consider partial integration $\int_c^d f(x,y) dy$ w.r.t. y from $y = c$ to $y = d$, which depends on the value of x :

$$A(x) = \int_c^d f(x,y) dy$$

- 2 Integrate the function $A(x)$ w.r.t. x from $x = a$ to $x = b$:

$$\int_a^b A(x) dx = \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x,y) dy dx = \int_a^b \left[\int_c^d f(x,y) dy \right] dx,$$

where the last integral is called an iterated integral.

- 3 Similarly,

$$\int_c^d \int_a^b f(x,y) dx dy = \int_c^d \left[\int_a^b f(x,y) dx \right] dy.$$

Example2

1. Evaluate the following double integrals

$$\int \int_R (4 - 2y) dA, \quad R = [0, 1] \times [0, 1].$$

2. Let $f(x, y) = 2x - 3x^2y^2$. Then find

$$\int_0^2 f(x, y) dx \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^1 f(x, y) dy.$$

Theorem

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

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

Example3

Calculate the following iterated integrals

$$1. \int_1^4 \int_0^1 (6x^2y + 2x) dydx$$

$$2. \int_1^4 \int_1^e \left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x} \right) dydx$$

$$3. \int_0^1 \int_1^2 (x + e^{-y}) dx dy$$