

Section 15.1

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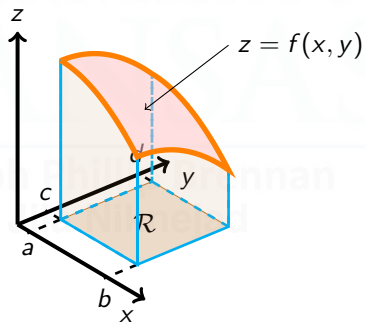
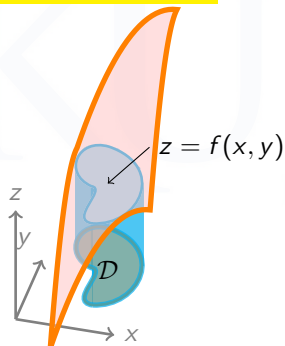
1 Volume Under the Graph of a 2-Variable Function

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Volume Under $f(x, y)$

Let $f(x, y)$ be a function of two variables on a bounded domain \mathcal{D} in \mathbb{R}^2 .

Problem: Find the volume of the solid W between the graph of f and the domain \mathcal{D} .



We will start with the case of a rectangular domain $\mathcal{R} = [a, b] \times [c, d]$.

Integration in Calculus I and Calculus III

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	Calculus I	Calculus III
Function	$y = f(x)$ on $[a, b]$	$z = f(x, y)$ on D
Problem	Find area under curve	Find volume under surface
Idea	Slice into thin rectangles of height $f(x)$ and width Δx	Slice into thin prisms of height $f(x, y)$ and base $\Delta x \Delta y$
Approximation	Riemann sum $\sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i^*) \Delta x$	Riemann sum $\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M f(x_i^*, y_j^*) \Delta x \Delta y$
Final answer	Single integral $\int_a^b f(x) dx$	Double integral $\iint_D f(x, y) dA$

Double Integrals Over a Rectangle, a Riemann Sum $S_{M,N}$

Let $f(x, y)$ be a function on the rectangle $\mathcal{R} = [a, b] \times [c, d]$.

For now, assume $f(x, y) \geq 0$ on R .

- (1) Partition R into small rectangles R_{ij} by dividing $[a, b]$ into N equal subintervals and $[c, d]$ into M equal subintervals:

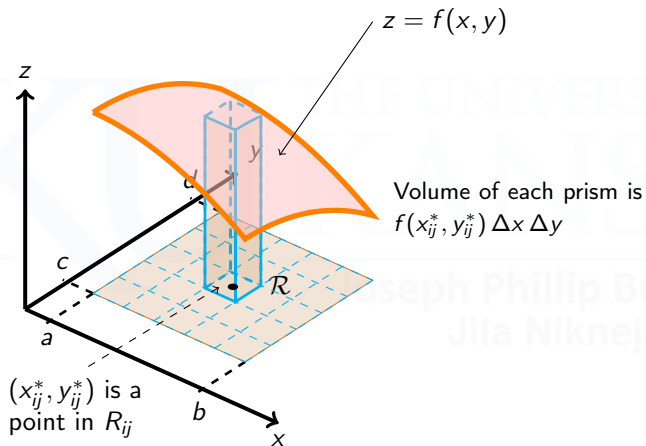
$$\begin{aligned} a &= x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_{N-1} < x_N = b \\ c &= y_0 < y_1 < \dots < y_{M-1} < y_M = d \end{aligned} \quad R_{ij} = [x_{i-1}, x_i] \times [y_{j-1}, y_j]$$

Each rectangle R_{ij} has sides of lengths $\Delta x = \frac{b-a}{N}$ and $\Delta y = \frac{d-c}{M}$.

- (2) Choose a point $P_{ij} = (x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*)$ in the rectangle R_{ij} . Let B_{ij} be the rectangular prism with base R_{ij} and height $f(P_{ij})$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume}(B_{ij}) &= f(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*) \Delta x \Delta y = f(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*) \Delta A \\ &\approx \text{volume under the graph of } f(x, y) \text{ and over } R_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

Double Integrals



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- (3) The volume of W **is approximately** the sum of the volumes of the boxes B_{ij} (a double Riemann sum):

$$\text{Volume}(W) \approx \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M \text{Volume}(B_{ij}) = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M f(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*) \Delta A}_{S_{M,N}}$$

- (4) The volume of W **equals** the limit as both N and M approach ∞ .

$$\text{Volume}(W) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M \text{Volume}(B_{ij}) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} f(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*) \Delta A$$

If the limit exists, we call it the **double integral** of f over R , denoted by

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

Double Integrals

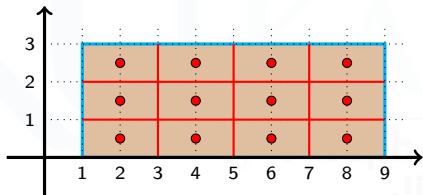
$$\iint_R f(x, y) dA = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M \text{Volume}(B_{ij})$$



Riemann Sums — Example

Example 1: Approximate $\iint_{[1,9] \times [0,3]} xy \, dA$ as a Riemann sum $S_{4,3}$, using the midpoint of each rectangle as the sample point. Repeat with the upper left points.

Solution: Draw the domain of integration and split it up into a 4×3 grid of rectangles.



$$\Delta x = 2$$

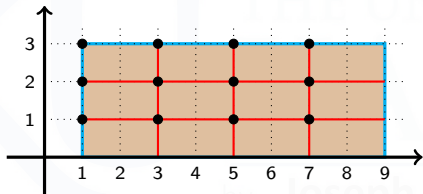
$$\Delta y = 1$$

$$\Delta A = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_{4,3} &= \left(2 \times 0.5 + 4 \times 0.5 + 6 \times 0.5 + 8 \times 0.5 \right. \\ &\quad + 2 \times 1.5 + 4 \times 1.5 + 6 \times 1.5 + 8 \times 1.5 \\ &\quad \left. + 2 \times 2.5 + 4 \times 2.5 + 6 \times 2.5 + 8 \times 2.5 \right) \Delta A = 180. \end{aligned}$$

Riemann Sums, an Example

Example 1 (cont'd): Approximate $\iint_{[1,9] \times [0,3]} xy \, dA$ as a Riemann sum $S_{4,3}$ using the upper left end points. Solution: Draw the domain of integration and split it up into a 4×3 grid of rectangles.



$$\Delta x = 2$$

$$\Delta y = 1$$

$$\Delta A = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_{4,3} &= \left(1 \times 1 + 3 \times 1 + 5 \times 1 + 7 \times 1 \right. \\ &\quad + 1 \times 2 + 3 \times 2 + 5 \times 2 + 7 \times 2 \\ &\quad \left. + 1 \times 3 + 3 \times 3 + 5 \times 3 + 7 \times 3 \right) \Delta A = 192. \end{aligned}$$

2 Using Iterated Integrals to Compute

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Computing Double Integrals

The double integral is defined the same way for functions $f(x, y)$ that are not necessarily positive on the domain R :

$$\iint_R f(x, y) dA = \text{volume above } R \text{ and below graph of } f$$

– volume below R and above graph of f

Definite integrals can be defined over general regions, not just above rectangles. We'll see this in Section 15.2.

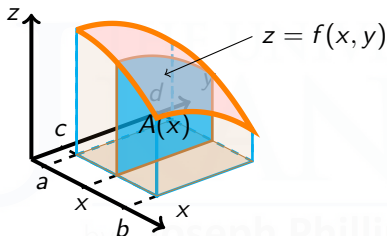
Question: How do we calculate double integrals in practice? [▶ Link](#)

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Iterated Integrals: The Intuition

Assume $f(x, y) \geq 0$. Let W be the solid region below the graph of $f(x, y)$ and above the rectangle $R = [a, b] \times [c, d]$.

We can cut W into “slices” W_x for each $x \in [a, b]$.



For a fixed x , the slice W_x has area $A(x) = \int_c^d f(x, y) dy$.

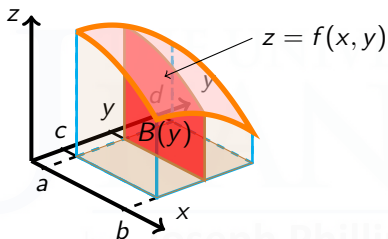
The volume of W is the integral of the cross-sectional areas W_x :

$$\text{Volume}(W) = \iint_R f(x, y) dA = \int_a^b A(x) dx = \int_a^b \left(\int_c^d f(x, y) dy \right) dx$$

Iterated Integrals: The Intuition

Assume $f(x, y) \geq 0$. Let W be the solid region below the graph of $f(x, y)$ and above the rectangle $R = [a, b] \times [c, d]$.

We can cut W into “slices” W_y for each $y \in [c, d]$.



For a fixed y , the slice W_y has area $B(y) = \int_a^b f(x, y) dx$.

The volume of W is the integral of the cross-sectional areas W_y :

$$\text{Volume}(W) = \iint_R f(x, y) dA = \int_c^d B(y) dy = \int_c^d \left(\int_a^b f(x, y) dx \right) dy$$

Iterated Integrals: Fubini's Theorem

Fubini's Theorem

If $f(x, y)$ is continuous on a rectangle $R = [a, b] \times [c, d]$ then

$$\begin{aligned}\iint_R f(x, y) dA &= \int_{x=a}^{x=b} \left(\int_{y=c}^{y=d} f(x, y) dy \right) dx \\ &= \int_{y=c}^{y=d} \left(\int_{x=a}^{x=b} f(x, y) dx \right) dy\end{aligned}$$

The integrals on the right-hand-side are called **iterated integrals**.

To evaluate the iterated integral $\int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx$:

- (i) Evaluate the inner integral for y by treating x as a fixed parameter.

The result of $\int_c^d f(x, y) dy$ is a **function** of x .

- (ii) Then evaluate the integral with respect to x .

Fubini's Theorem

Example 2a: Let $R = [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$. Evaluate $\iint_R (1 + x + 2y) dA$.

Solution: The function is continuous, so by Fubini's Theorem

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_R (1 + x + 2y) dA &= \int_0^1 \left(\int_0^1 (1 + x + 2y) dy \right) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 (y + xy + y^2) \Big|_{y=0}^{y=1} dx = \int_0^1 (x + 2) dx \\ &= \left(2x + \frac{x^2}{2} \right) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1} = 5/2. \end{aligned}$$

Fubini's Theorem

Example 2b: Let $R = [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$. Evaluate $\iint_R (1 + x + 2y) dA$.

Solution: The function is continuous, so by Fubini's Theorem

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_R (1 + x + 2y) dA &= \int_0^1 \left(\int_0^1 (1 + x + 2y) dx \right) dy \\ &= \int_0^1 \left(x + \frac{x^2}{2} + 2xy \right) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1} dy = \int_0^1 \left(\frac{3}{2} + 2y \right) dy \\ &= \left(\frac{3y}{2} + y^2 \right) \Big|_{y=0}^{y=1} = 2(1) + \frac{1^2}{2} = 5/2. \end{aligned}$$

Split Double Integrals

Example 3: Evaluate $\iint_{[0,2] \times [1,3]} x^2 y \, dA$.

Solution: For this integral, both orders of iteration work the same way:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^2 \int_1^3 x^2 y \, dy \, dx &= \int_0^2 x^2 \left(\int_1^3 y \, dy \right) dx \quad \text{or} \quad \int_1^3 y \left(\int_0^2 x^2 \, dx \right) dy \\ &= \left(\int_0^2 x^2 \, dx \right) \left(\int_1^3 y \, dy \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{x^3}{3} \right) \Big|_0^2 \left(\frac{y^2}{2} \right) \Big|_1^3 = \left(\frac{8}{3} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) (9 - 1) = \frac{32}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Split Double Integrals

$$\iint_R f(x)g(y) \, dA = \left(\int_b^a f(x) \, dx \right) \left(\int_c^d g(y) \, dy \right).$$

(Careful! This rule **only** applies if the integrand has the form $f(x)g(y)$.)

Proof: $\iint_R f(x)g(y) \, dA = \int_c^d \int_a^b \underbrace{f(x)}_{\text{constant}} \underbrace{g(y)}_{\text{constant}} \, dx \, dy = \int_c^d g(y) \underbrace{\int_a^b f(x) \, dx}_{\text{constant}} \, dy = \left(\int_b^a f(x) \, dx \right) \left(\int_c^d g(y) \, dy \right)$

Choosing the Order of Iteration

Example 4: Evaluate $\iint_{[0,2] \times [1,2]} xe^{xy} dA$.

Solution: Integrating first with respect to x would require a messy integration by parts. It is easier to integrate first with respect to y :

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_{[0,2] \times [1,2]} xe^{xy} dA &= \int_0^2 \left(\int_1^2 xe^{xy} dy \right) dx \\ &= \int_0^2 (e^{xy}) \Big|_{y=1}^{y=2} dx = \int_0^2 (e^{2x} - e^x) dx \\ &= \left(\frac{e^{2x}}{2} - e^x \right) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=2} = \left(\frac{e^{2(2)}}{2} - e^2 \right) - \underbrace{\left(\frac{e^0}{2} - e^0 \right)}_{=1/2} = \frac{e^4}{2} - e^2 + \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$