MATH 311 Topics in Applied Mathematics I Lecture 32: Area and volume. Multiple integrals.

Area, volume, and determinants

• 2×2 determinants and plane geometry

Let *P* be a parallelogram in the plane \mathbb{R}^2 . Suppose that vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^2$ are represented by adjacent sides of *P*. Then $\operatorname{area}(P) = |\det A|$, where $A = (\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2)$, a matrix whose columns are \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 .

Consider a linear operator $L_A : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2$ given by $L_A(\mathbf{v}) = A\mathbf{v}$ for any column vector \mathbf{v} . Then $\operatorname{area}(L_A(D)) = |\det A| \operatorname{area}(D)$ for any bounded domain D.

• 3×3 determinants and space geometry

Let Π be a parallelepiped in space \mathbb{R}^3 . Suppose that vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3 \in \mathbb{R}^3$ are represented by adjacent edges of Π . Then $\operatorname{volume}(\Pi) = |\det B|$, where $B = (\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3)$, a matrix whose columns are $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2$, and \mathbf{v}_3 .

Similarly, volume $(L_B(D)) = |\det B|$ volume(D) for any bounded domain $D \subset \mathbb{R}^3$.



volume(Π) = |det B|, where $B = (\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3)$. Note that the parallelepiped Π is the image under L_B of a unit cube whose adjacent edges are $\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3$.

The triple $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$ obeys the right-hand rule. We say that L_B preserves orientation if it preserves the hand rule for any basis. This is the case if and only if det B > 0.

Riemann sums in two dimensions

Consider a closed coordinate rectangle $R = [a, b] \times [c, d] \subset \mathbb{R}^2$.

Definition. A **Riemann sum** of a function $f : R \to \mathbb{R}$ with respect to a partition $P = \{D_1, D_2, \dots, D_n\}$ of R generated by samples $t_j \in D_j$ is a sum

$$\mathcal{S}(f, P, t_j) = \sum_{j=1}^n f(t_j) \operatorname{area}(D_j).$$

The norm of the partition P is $||P|| = \max_{1 \le j \le n} \operatorname{diam}(D_j)$.

Definition. The Riemann sums $\mathcal{S}(f, P, t_j)$ converge to a limit I(f) as the norm $||P|| \to 0$ if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $||P|| < \delta$ implies $|\mathcal{S}(f, P, t_j) - I(f)| < \varepsilon$ for any partition P and choice of samples t_j .

If this is the case, then the function f is called **integrable** on R and the limit I(f) is called the **integral** of f over R.

Double integral

Closed coordinate rectangle $R = [a, b] \times [c, d]$ = { $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 | a \le x \le b, c \le y \le d$ }. Notation: $\iint_R f \, dA$ or $\iint_R f(x, y) \, dx \, dy$.

Theorem 1 If f is continuous on the closed rectangle R, then f is integrable.

Theorem 2 A function $f : R \to \mathbb{R}$ is Riemann integrable on the rectangle R if and only if f is bounded on R and continuous almost everywhere on R (that is, the set of discontinuities of f has zero area).

Fubini's Theorem

Fubini's Theorem allows us to reduce a multiple integral to a repeated one-dimensional integral.

Theorem If a function f is integrable on $R = [a, b] \times [c, d]$, then

$$\iint_{R} f \, dA = \int_{a}^{b} \left(\int_{c}^{d} f(x, y) \, dy \right) dx$$
$$= \int_{c}^{d} \left(\int_{a}^{b} f(x, y) \, dx \right) dy.$$

In particular, this implies that we can change the order of integration in a repeated integral.

Integrals over general domains

Suppose $f : D \to \mathbb{R}$ is a function defined on a (Jordan) measurable set $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$. Since D is bounded, it is contained in a rectangle R. To define the integral of f over D, we extend the function f to a function on R:

$$f^{\mathrm{ext}}(x,y) = \begin{cases} f(x,y) & \text{if } (x,y) \in D, \\ 0 & \text{if } (x,y) \notin D. \end{cases}$$

Definition. $\iint_D f \, dA$ is defined to be $\iint_R f^{\text{ext}} \, dA$.

In particular, $\operatorname{area}(D) = \iint_D 1 \, dA$.

Integration as a linear operation

Theorem 1 If functions f, g are integrable on a set $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$, then the sum f + g is also integrable on D and

$$\iint_D (f+g) \, dA = \iint_D f \, dA + \iint_D g \, dA.$$

Theorem 2 If a function f is integrable on a set $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$, then for each $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ the scalar multiple αf is also integrable on D and

$$\iint_D \alpha f \, dA = \alpha \iint_D f \, dA.$$

More properties of integrals

Theorem 3 If functions f, g are integrable on a set $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$, and $f(x, y) \leq g(x, y)$ for all $(x, y) \in D$, then

$$\iint_D f \, dA \leq \iint_D g \, dA.$$

Theorem 4 If a function f is integrable on sets $D_1, D_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^2$, then it is integrable on their union $D_1 \cup D_2$. Moreover, if the sets D_1 and D_2 are disjoint up to a set of zero area, then

$$\iint_{D_1\cup D_2} f \, dA = \iint_{D_1} f \, dA + \iint_{D_2} f \, dA.$$

Change of variables in a double integral

Theorem Let $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be a measurable domain and f be an integrable function on D. If $\mathbf{T} = (u, v)$ is a smooth coordinate mapping such that \mathbf{T}^{-1} is defined on D, then

$$\iint_{D} f(u, v) \, du \, dv$$

=
$$\iint_{\mathbf{T}^{-1}(D)} f(u(x, y), v(x, y)) \left| \det \frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(x, y)} \right| \, dx \, dy.$$

In particular, the integral in the right-hand side is well defined.

Problem Evaluate a double integral

$$\iint_P (2x+3y-\cos(\pi x+2\pi y))\,dx\,dy$$

over a parallelogram P with vertices (-1, -1), (1, 0), (2, 2), and (0, 1).

Adjacent edges of the parallelogram P are represented by vectors $\mathbf{v}_1 = (1,0) - (-1,-1) = (2,1)$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 = (0,1) - (-1,-1) = (1,2)$.

Consider a transformation *L* of the plane \mathbb{R}^2 given by

$$L\begin{pmatrix} u\\v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1\\1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u\\v \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -1\\-1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2u+v-1\\u+2v-1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(columns of the matrix are vectors \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2). By construction, L maps the unit square $[0,1] \times [0,1]$ onto the parallelogram P. The Jacobian matrix J of L is the same at

any point:
$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$
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Changing coordinates in the integral from
$$(x, y)$$
 to (u, v) so
that $(x, y) = L(u, v) = (2u + v - 1, u + 2v - 1)$, we obtain
$$\iint_{P} (2x + 3y - \cos(\pi x + 2\pi y)) \, dx \, dy$$
$$= \iint_{L^{-1}(P)} (7u + 8v - 5 - \cos(4\pi u + 5\pi v - 3\pi)) \, |\det J| \, du \, dv$$
$$= \int_{0}^{1} \int_{0}^{1} 3(7u + 8v - 5 + \cos(4\pi u + 5\pi v)) \, du \, dv$$
$$= \frac{21}{2} + 12 - 15 + \int_{0}^{1} \int_{0}^{1} 3\cos(4\pi u + 5\pi v) \, du \, dv.$$

Further, $\int_{0}^{1} 3\cos(4\pi u + 5\pi v) \, du = \frac{3}{4\pi}\sin(4\pi u + 5\pi v) \, \Big|_{u=0}^{1}$
$$= \frac{3}{4\pi} (\sin(4\pi + 5\pi v) - \sin(5\pi v)) = 0 \text{ for all } v.$$

It follows that $\iint_{P} (2x + 3y - \cos(\pi x + 2\pi y)) \, dx \, dy = \frac{15}{2}.$

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Triple integral

To integrate in \mathbb{R}^3 , volumes are used instead of areas in \mathbb{R}^2 . Instead of coordinate rectangles, basic sets are coordinate boxes (or bricks) $B = [a_1, b_1] \times [a_2, b_2] \times [a_3, b_3] \subset \mathbb{R}^3$. Then we can define an integral of a function f over a measurable set $D \subset \mathbb{R}^3$.

Notation:
$$\iiint_D f \, dV$$
 or $\iiint_D f(x, y, z) \, dx \, dy \, dz$.

The properties of triple integrals are completely analogous to those of double integrals. In particular, Fubini's Theorem is formulated as follows.

Theorem If a function f is integrable on a brick $B = [a_1, b_1] \times [a_2, b_2] \times [a_3, b_3] \subset \mathbb{R}^3$, then

$$\iiint_B f \, dV = \int_{a_1}^{b_1} \left(\int_{a_2}^{b_2} \left(\int_{a_3}^{b_3} f(x, y, z) \, dz \right) dy \right) dx.$$