

Section 13.2 Iterated integrals.

Suppose f is a function of two variables that is integrable over the rectangle $R = [a, b] \times [c, d]$.

We use notation $\int_c^d f(x, y) dy$ to mean that x is held fixed and $f(x, y)$ is integrated with respect to y from $y = c$ to $y = d$. This procedure is called **partial integration with respect to y** .

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

*integrate for y from c to d
treat x as a constant*

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

The integral $\int_a^b \left[\int_c^d f(x, y) dy \right] dx$ is called an **iterated integral**. Thus,

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

means that we first integrate with respect to y from c to d and then with respect to x from a to b . Similarly, the iterated integral

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

means that we first integrate with respect to x from a to b and then with respect to y from c to d .

Example 1. Evaluate the iterated integrals:

$$\begin{aligned} 1. \int_0^3 \int_0^1 \sqrt{x+y} \, dx \, dy &= \int_0^3 \left[\int_0^1 \sqrt{x+y} \, dx \right] dy \\ &= \int_0^3 \left[\frac{(x+y)^{3/2}}{3/2} \right]_{x=0}^{x=1} dy \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \left[(1+y)^{3/2} - y^{3/2} \right] \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \int_0^3 \left[(1+y)^{3/2} - y^{3/2} \right] dy \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \left[\frac{(1+y)^{5/2}}{5/2} - \frac{y^{5/2}}{5/2} \right]_{y=0}^{y=3} \\ &= \frac{4}{15} \left[4^{5/2} - 3^{5/2} - 1 \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2. \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+1}} \, dy \, dx &= \int_0^1 \left[\int_0^1 \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+1}} \, dy \right] dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{x/2}{x^2+1} \, du \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u = y^2 + (x^2+1) \\ du = 2y \, dy \\ y=0 \rightarrow u=x^2+1 \\ y=1 \rightarrow u=x^2+2 \end{array} \right. \quad \leftarrow \text{constant} \\ &= \frac{x}{2} \int_{x^2+1}^{x^2+2} u^{-1/2} \, du \\ &= \frac{x}{2} \left[\frac{u^{1/2}}{1/2} \right]_{u=x^2+1}^{u=x^2+2} \\ &= x \left(\sqrt{x^2+2} - \sqrt{x^2+1} \right) \\ &= \int_0^1 x \left(\sqrt{x^2+2} - \sqrt{x^2+1} \right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 2x \sqrt{x^2+2} \, dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 2x \sqrt{x^2+1} \, dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_2^3 \sqrt{u} \, du - \frac{1}{2} \int_1^2 \sqrt{u} \, du \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u = x^2+2 \\ du = 2x \, dx \\ x=0 \rightarrow u=2 \\ x=1 \rightarrow u=3 \end{array} \right. \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u = x^2+1 \\ du = 2x \, dx \\ x=0 \rightarrow u=1 \\ x=1 \rightarrow u=2 \end{array} \right. \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{u^{3/2}}{3/2} \right]_2^3 - \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{u^{3/2}}{3/2} \right]_1^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \left[3^{3/2} - 2^{3/2} \right] - \frac{1}{3} \left[2^{3/2} - 1 \right] \end{aligned}$$

Fubini's Theorem. If f is continuous on the rectangle $R = [a, b] \times [c, d]$, then

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

Example 2. Calculate the double integral

$$\iint_R \left(xy^2 + \frac{y}{x} \right) dA = \int_2^3 \int_{-1}^0 \left(xy^2 + \frac{y}{x} \right) dy dx = \int_{-1}^0 \int_2^3 \left(xy^2 + \frac{y}{x} \right) dx dy$$

where $R = \{(x, y) | 2 \leq x \leq 3, -1 \leq y \leq 0\}$.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_2^3 \left(x \frac{y^3}{3} + \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{y^2}{2} \right) \Big|_{y=-1}^{y=0} dx \\ &= \int_2^3 \left[\frac{x}{3} (0 - (-1)^3) + \frac{1}{2x} (0 - (-1)^2) \right] dx \\ &= \int_2^3 \left[-\frac{x}{3} - \frac{1}{2x} \right] dx \\ &= \left[-\frac{x^2}{6} - \frac{1}{2} \ln|x| \right]_2^3 \\ &= -\frac{1}{6} (9-4) - \frac{1}{2} (\ln 3 - \ln 2) \\ &= \boxed{-\frac{5}{6} - \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{3}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Example 3. Find the volume of the solid lying under the elliptic paraboloid $\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{9} + z = 1$ and above the rectangle $R = [-1, 1] \times [-2, 2]$.

$$-1 \leq x \leq 1 \quad -2 \leq y \leq 2$$

$$z = 1 - \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{y^2}{9}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \iint_R \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{y^2}{9} \right) dA \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-2}^2 \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{y^2}{9} \right) dy dx = \int_{-2}^2 \int_{-1}^1 \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{y^2}{9} \right) dx dy \\ &= \int_{-2}^2 \left[\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{4} \right) y - \frac{y^3}{27} \right] \Big|_{y=-2}^{y=2} dx \\ &= \int_{-2}^2 \left[\left(1 - \frac{x^2}{4} \right) 4 - \frac{16}{27} \right] dx \\ &= \int_{-2}^2 \left[\left(4 - \frac{16}{27} \right) - x^2 \right] dx \\ &= \int_{-2}^2 \left[\frac{92}{27} - x^2 \right] dx \\ &= \left[\frac{92}{27} x - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-2}^2 \\ &= \boxed{\frac{184}{27} - \frac{2}{3}} \end{aligned}$$