

Chapter 15. Multiple integrals.  
Section 15.1 Double integrals over rectangles.

We would like to define the double integral of a function  $f$  of two variables that is defined on a closed rectangle

$$R = [a, b] \times [c, d] = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid a \leq x \leq b, c \leq y \leq d\}$$

We take a partition  $P$  of  $R$  into subrectangles. This is accomplished by partitioning the intervals  $[a, b]$  and  $[c, d]$  as follows:

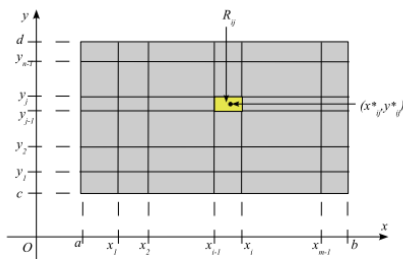
$$a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_{m-1} < x_m = b$$

$$c = y_0 < y_1 < \dots < y_{n-1} < y_n = d$$

By drawing lines parallel to the coordinate axes through these partition points we form the subrectangles

$$R_{ij} = [x_{i-1}, x_i] \times [y_{j-1}, y_j]$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . There are  $mn$  of these subrectangles. If we let  $\Delta x_i = x_i - x_{i-1}$  and  $\Delta y_j = y_j - y_{j-1}$ , then the area of  $R_{ij}$  is  $\Delta A_{ij} = \Delta x_i \Delta y_j$ .



Next we choose a point  $(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*) \in R_{ij}$  and form the **double Riemann sum**

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n f(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*) \Delta A_{ij}$$

We denote by  $\|P\|$  the **norm** of the partition, which is the length of the longest diagonal of all the subrectangles  $R_{ij}$ .

**Definition.** The **double integral** of  $f$  over the rectangle  $R$  is

$$\iint_R f(x, y) dA = \lim_{\|P\| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n f(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*) \Delta A_{ij}$$

if the limit exists.

**Note 1.** In view of the fact that  $\Delta A_{ij} = \Delta x_i \Delta y_j$ , another notation that is used sometimes for the double integral is

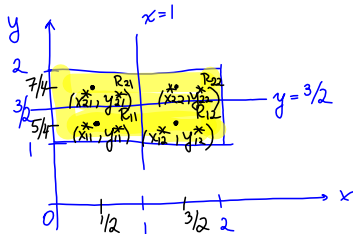
$$\iint_R f(x, y) dA = \iint_R f(x, y) dx dy$$

**Note 2.** A function  $f$  is called **integrable** if the limit in the definition exists.

**Example 1.** Find an approximation to the integral

$$\iint_R (x - 3y^2) dA$$

where  $R = [0, 2] \times [1, 2]$ , by computing the double Riemann sum with partition lines  $x = 1$  and  $y = 3/2$  and taking  $(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*)$  to be the center of each rectangle.

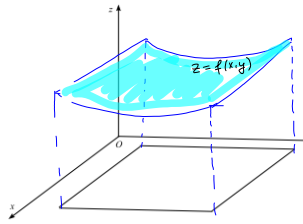


$$R: 0 \leq x \leq 2, 1 \leq y \leq 2 \quad \left| \begin{aligned} &A(R_{11}) = A(R_{12}) = A(R_{21}) = A(R_{22}) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 = \frac{1}{2} \\ &(x_{11}^*, y_{11}^*) = \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{4}\right) \quad f(x_{11}^*, y_{11}^*) = \frac{1}{2} - 3 \cdot \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^2 \\ &(x_{12}^*, y_{12}^*) = \left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{4}\right) \quad f(x_{12}^*, y_{12}^*) = \frac{3}{2} - 3 \cdot \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^2 \\ &(x_{21}^*, y_{21}^*) = \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{7}{4}\right) \quad f(x_{21}^*, y_{21}^*) = \frac{1}{2} - 3 \cdot \left(\frac{7}{4}\right)^2 \\ &(x_{22}^*, y_{22}^*) = \left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{7}{4}\right) \quad f(x_{22}^*, y_{22}^*) = \frac{3}{2} - 3 \cdot \left(\frac{7}{4}\right)^2 \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_R (x - 3y^2) dA &\approx f(x_{11}^*, y_{11}^*) A(R_{11}) + f(x_{12}^*, y_{12}^*) A(R_{12}) + f(x_{21}^*, y_{21}^*) A(R_{21}) + f(x_{22}^*, y_{22}^*) A(R_{22}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} - 3 \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^2 + \frac{3}{2} - 3 \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} - 3 \left(\frac{7}{4}\right)^2 + \frac{3}{2} - 3 \left(\frac{7}{4}\right)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ 3 - \frac{444}{16} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( -\frac{396}{16} \right) = \boxed{-\frac{99}{8}} \end{aligned}$$

Double integrals of positive functions can be interpreted as volumes. Suppose that  $f(x, y) \geq 0$  and  $f$  is defined on the rectangle  $R = [a, b] \times [c, d]$ . The graph of  $f$  is a surface with equation  $z = f(x, y)$ . Let  $S$  be the solid that lies above  $R$  and under the graph of  $f$

$$S = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid 0 \leq z \leq f(x, y), (x, y) \in R\}$$



If we partition  $R$  into subrectangles  $R_{ij}$  and choose  $(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*)$  in  $R_{ij}$ , then we can approximate the part of  $S$  that lies above  $R_{ij}$  by a thin rectangular column with base  $R_{ij}$  and height  $f(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*)$ . The volume of the column is

$$V_{ij} = f(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*) \Delta A_{ij}$$

If we follow this procedure for all rectangles and add the volumes of the corresponding boxes, we get an approximation to the total volume of  $S$

$$V \approx \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n f(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*) \Delta A_{ij}$$

Approximation becomes better if we use a finer partition  $P$ .

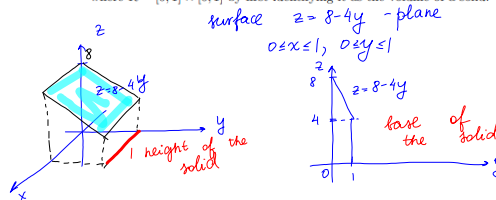
**Theorem.** If  $f(x, y) \geq 0$  and  $f$  is continuous on the rectangle  $R$ , then the volume  $V$  of the solid that lies above  $R$  and under the surface  $z = f(x, y)$  is

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

**Example 2.** Evaluate the double integral

$$\iint_R (8 - 4y) \, dA, \quad R = [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$$

where  $R = [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$  by first identifying it as the volume of a solid.



### 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  $y$** .

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

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

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:

$$\begin{aligned}
 1. \int_0^3 \int_0^1 \sqrt{x+y} \, dx \, dy &= \int_0^3 \left[ \frac{(x+y)^{3/2}}{3/2} \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1} \right] dy = \frac{2}{3} \int_0^3 \left[ (1+y)^{3/2} - y^{3/2} \right] dy \\
 &= \frac{2}{3} \left[ \frac{(1+y)^{5/2}}{5/2} - \frac{y^{5/2}}{5/2} \right]_0^3 = \frac{4}{15} \left[ 4^{5/2} - 3^{5/2} - 1^{5/2} + 0 \right] \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{4}{15} (31 - 3^{5/2})}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 2. \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{xy}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+1}} \, dy \, dx &= \left. \begin{array}{l} u = x^2 + y^2 + 1 \\ du = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dy = 2y \, dy \\ y=0 \Rightarrow u = x^2 + 1 \\ y=1 \Rightarrow u = x^2 + 1^2 + 1 = x^2 + 2 \end{array} \right| \\
 &= \int_0^1 x \left[ \int_{x^2+1}^{x^2+2} \frac{du}{2\sqrt{u}} \right] dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 x \left[ \frac{u^{1/2}}{1/2} \right]_{u=x^2+1}^{u=x^2+2} dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 x \left[ \sqrt{x^2+2} - \sqrt{x^2+1} \right] dx = \int_0^1 x\sqrt{x^2+2} \, dx - \int_0^1 x\sqrt{x^2+1} \, dx \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} v = x^2 + 2 \quad | \quad w = x^2 + 1 \\ dv = 2x \, dx \quad | \quad dw = 2x \, dx \\ x=0 \Rightarrow v=2 \quad | \quad x=0 \Rightarrow w=1 \\ x=1 \Rightarrow v=3 \quad | \quad x=1 \Rightarrow w=2 \end{array} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_2^3 \sqrt{v} \, dv - \frac{1}{2} \int_1^2 \sqrt{w} \, dw = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{v^{3/2}}{3/2} \Big|_2^3 - \frac{w^{3/2}}{3/2} \Big|_1^2 \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} (3\sqrt{3} - 2\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{2} + 1) = \boxed{\frac{1}{3} (3\sqrt{3} - 4\sqrt{2} + 1)}
 \end{aligned}$$

**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

$$\iint_R \left(xy^2 + \frac{y}{x}\right) dA,$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_R \left(xy^2 + \frac{y}{x}\right) dA &= \int_{-1}^0 \left[ \int_2^3 \left(xy^2 + \frac{y}{x}\right) dx \right] dy = \int_{-1}^0 \left(xy^2 + \frac{y}{x}\right) dy dx \\ &= \int_{-1}^0 \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} y^2 + y \ln|x| \right]_{x=2}^{x=3} dy = \int_{-1}^0 \left( \frac{9}{2} y^2 + y \ln 3 - 2y^2 - y \ln 2 \right) dy \\ &= \int_{-1}^0 \left( \frac{5y^2}{2} + y \ln \frac{3}{2} \right) dy = \left( \frac{5y^3}{6} + \frac{y^2}{2} \ln \frac{3}{2} \right)_{-1}^0 = - \left( -\frac{5}{6} + \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{3}{2} \right) \\ &= \boxed{\frac{5}{6} - \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{3}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

**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  $R = [-1, 1] \times [-2, 2]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & z = 1 - \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{y^2}{9} \\ & -1 \leq x \leq 1, \quad -2 \leq y \leq 2 \\ V &= \int_{-1}^1 \left( \int_{-2}^2 \left( 1 - \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{y^2}{9} \right) dy \right) dx = \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-2}^2 \left( 1 - \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{y^2}{9} \right) dx dy \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 \left( y - \frac{x^2}{4} y - \frac{y^3}{27} \right)_{y=-2}^{y=2} dx = \int_{-1}^1 \left( 4 - 4 \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{16}{27} \right) dx \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 \left( \frac{92}{27} - x^2 \right) dx = \left( \frac{92}{27} x - \frac{x^3}{3} \right)_{-1}^1 = \frac{92}{27} (2) - \frac{2}{3} = \boxed{\frac{184}{27} - \frac{2}{3}} \end{aligned}$$