

§15.5-15.6 Triple Integrals & Applications

Idea: Suppose D is a solid region in $\mathbb{R}^3$. If $f(x, y, z)$ is a function on D , e.g. mass density, electric charge density, temperature, etc., we can approximate the total value of f on D with a Riemann sum.

$$\sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k, y_k, z_k) \Delta V_k,$$

by breaking D into small rectangular prisms ΔV_k .

Taking the limit gives a

$$: \iiint_D f(x,y,z) \, dV$$

Important special case:

$$\iiint_D 1 \, dV =$$

Again, we have Fubini’s theorem to evaluate these triple integrals as iterated integrals.

Other important spatial applications:

TABLE 15.1 Mass and first moment formulas

THREE-DIMENSIONAL SOLID

Mass: $M = \iiint_D \delta \, dV$ $\delta = \delta(x,y,z)$ is the density at (x,y,z) .

First moments about the coordinate planes:

$$M_{yz} = \iiint_D x \, \delta \, dV, \quad M_{xz} = \iiint_D y \, \delta \, dV, \quad M_{xy} = \iiint_D z \, \delta \, dV$$

Center of mass:

$$\bar{x} = \frac{M_{yz}}{M}, \quad \bar{y} = \frac{M_{xz}}{M}, \quad \bar{z} = \frac{M_{xy}}{M}$$

TWO-DIMENSIONAL PLATE

Mass: $M = \iint_R \delta \, dA$ $\delta = \delta(x,y)$ is the density at (x,y) .

First moments: $M_y = \iint_R x \, \delta \, dA, \quad M_x = \iint_R y \, \delta \, dA$

Center of mass: $\bar{x} = \frac{M_y}{M}, \quad \bar{y} = \frac{M_x}{M}$

Example 102. 1. **How to do the computation:**

Compute $\int_0^1 \int_0^{2-x} \int_0^{2-x-y} dz \, dy \, dx.$

2. **What does it mean:** What shape is this the volume of?

3. **How to reorder the differentials:** Write an equivalent iterated integral in the order $dy \, dz \, dx.$

Example 103. *You try it!* Evaluate the triple integrals. What is the shape of the region of integration D in each case?

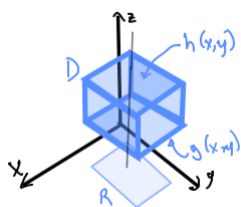
(a)
$$\int_1^e \int_1^{e^2} \int_1^{e^3} \frac{1}{xyz} \, dx \, dy \, dz$$

(b)
$$\int_0^{\pi/3} \int_0^1 \int_{-2}^3 y \sin z \, dx \, dy \, dz$$

We will think about converting triple integrals to iterated integrals in terms of the _____ of D on one of the coordinate planes.

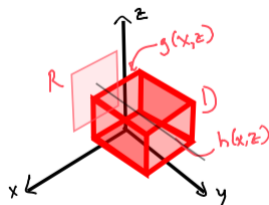
Case 1: **z -simple**) region. If R is the projection of D on the xy -plane and D is bounded above and below by the surfaces $z = h(x, y)$ and $z = g(x, y)$, then

$$\iiint_D f(x, y, z) \, dV = \iint_R \left(\int_{g(x,y)}^{h(x,y)} f(x, y, z) \, dz \right) dy \, dx$$



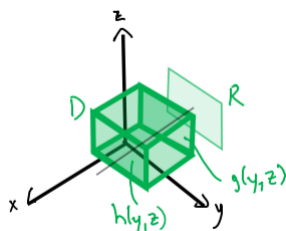
Case 2: **y -simple**) region. If R is the projection of D on the xz -plane and D is bounded right and left by the surfaces $y = h(x, z)$ and $y = g(x, z)$, then

$$\iiint_D f(x, y, z) \, dV = \iint_R \left(\int_{g(x,z)}^{h(x,z)} f(x, y, z) \, dy \right) dz \, dx$$



Case 3: **x -simple**) region. If R is the projection of D on the yz -plane and D is bounded front and back by the surfaces $x = h(y, z)$ and $x = g(y, z)$, then

$$\iiint_D f(x, y, z) \, dV = \iint_R \left(\int_{g(y,z)}^{h(y,z)} f(x, y, z) \, dx \right) dz \, dy$$



Example 104. Write an integral for the mass of the solid D in the first octant with $2y \leq z \leq 3 - x^2 - y^2$ with density $\delta(x, y, z) = x^2y + 0.1$ by treating the solid as a) z -simple and b) x -simple. Is the solid also y -simple?

Example 104 (cont.)

Rules for Triple Integrals for the Sketching Impaired (credit to Wm. Douglas Withers)

Rule 1: Choose a variable appearing exactly twice for the next integral.

Rule 2: After setting up an integral, cross out any constraints involving the variable just used.

Rule 3: Create a new constraint by setting the lower limit of the preceding integral less than the upper limit.

Rule 4: A square variable counts twice.

Rule 5: The region of integration of the next step must lie within the domain of any function used in previous limits.

Rule 6: If you do not know which is the upper limit and which is the lower, take a guess - but be prepared to backtrack.

Rule 7: When forced to use a variable appearing more than twice, choose the most restrictive pair of constraints.

Rule 8: When unable to determine the most restrictive pair of constraints, set up the integral using each possible most restrictive pair and add the results.

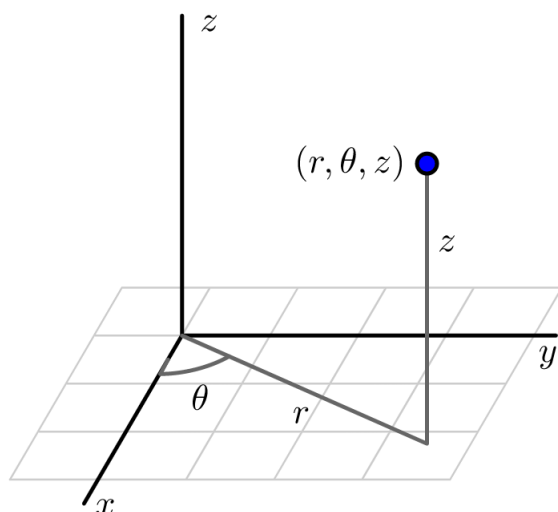
Example 105. *You try it!* Find the volume of the region in the first quadrant bounded by the coordinate planes and the planes $x + z = 1$, $y + 2z = 2$.

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§15.7 Triple Integrals in Cylindrical & Spherical Coordinates

Conventions:

Cylindrical Coordinate System



Example 108. a) Find cylindrical coordinates for the point with Cartesian coordinates $(-1, \sqrt{3}, 3)$.

Cylindrical to Cartesian:

$$x = r \cos(\theta), \quad y = r \sin(\theta), \quad z = z$$

Cartesian to Cylindrical:

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2, \quad \tan(\theta) = \frac{y}{x}, \quad z = z$$

b) Find Cartesian coordinates for the point with cylindrical coordinates $(2, 5\pi/4, 1)$.

Example 109. In xyz -space sketch the *cylindrical box*

$$B = \{(r, \theta, z) \mid 1 \leq r \leq 2, \pi/6 \leq \theta \leq \pi/3, 0 \leq z \leq 2\}.$$

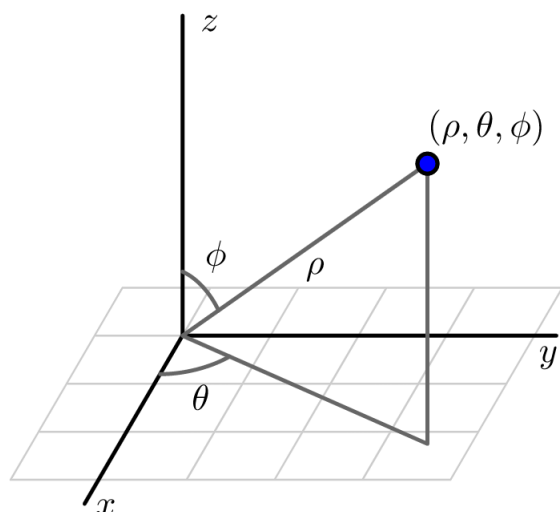
Triple Integrals in Cylindrical Coordinates

We have $dV =$ _____

Example 110. Set up a iterated integral in cylindrical coordinates for the volume of the region D lying below $z = x + 2$, above the xy -plane, and between the cylinders $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ and $x^2 + y^2 = 4$.

Example 111. *You try it!* Suppose the density of the cone defined by $r = 1 - z$ with $z \geq 0$ is given by $\delta(r, \theta, z) = z$. Set up an iterated integral in cylindrical coordinates that gives the mass of the cone.

Spherical Coordinate System



Conventions:

Example 112. a) Find spherical coordinates for the point with Cartesian coordinates $(-2, 2, \sqrt{8})$.

Spherical to Cartesian:

$$x = \rho \sin(\varphi) \cos(\theta)$$

$$y = \rho \sin(\varphi) \sin(\theta)$$

$$z = \rho \cos(\varphi)$$

Cartesian to Spherical:

$$\rho^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

$$\tan(\theta) = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$\tan(\varphi) = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{z}$$

b) Find Cartesian coordinates for the point with spherical coordinates $(2, \pi/2, \pi/3)$.

Example 113. In xyz -space sketch the *spherical box*

$$B = \{(\rho, \varphi, \theta) \mid 1 \leq \rho \leq 2, 0 \leq \varphi \leq \pi/4, \pi/6 \leq \theta \leq \pi/3\}.$$

Triple Integrals in Spherical Coordinates

We have $dV =$ _____

Example 114. Write an iterated integral for the volume of the “ice cream cone” D bounded above by the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ and below by the cone $z = \sqrt{3}\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$.

Example 115. *You try it!* Write an iterated integral for the volume of the region that lies inside the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2$ and outside the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$.

§15.8 Change of Variables in Multiple Integrals

Thinking about single variable calculus: Compute $\int_1^{\sqrt{3}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} dx$

Theorem 116 (Substitution Theorem). *Suppose $\mathbf{T}(u, v)$ is a one-to-one, differentiable transformation that maps the region G in the uv -plane to the region R in the xy -plane. Then*

$$\iint_R f(x, y) \, dx \, dy = \iint_G f(\mathbf{T}(u, v)) |\det(D\mathbf{T}(u, v))| \, du \, dv.$$

Example 117. Evaluate $\int_0^4 \int_{y/2}^{y/2+1} \frac{2x-y}{2} \, dx \, dy$ via the transformation $x = u + v$, $y = 2v$.

1. **Find $\mathbf{T}$:**

2. Find G and sketch:

3. Find Jacobian:

4. Convert and use theorem:

Example 118. a) *You try it!* Find the Jacobian of the transformation

$$x = u + (1/2)v, \quad y = v.$$

b) *You try it!* Which transformation(s) seem suitable for the integral

$$\int_0^2 \int_{y/2}^{(y+4)/2} y^3(2x-y)e^{(2x-y)^2} dx dy?$$

i) $u = x, v = y$

iv) $u = y, v = 2x - y$

ii) $u = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}, v = \arctan(y/x)$

v) $u = 2x - y, v = y$

iii) $u = 2x - y, v = y^3$

vi) $u = e^{(2x-y)^2}, v = y^3$

Theorem 119 (Derivative of Inverse Coordinate Transformation). *If $\mathbf{T}(u, v)$ is a one-to-one differentiable transformation that maps a region G in the uv -plane to a region R in the xy -plane and $T(u_0, v_0) = (x_0, y_0)$, then we have*

$$|\det(D\mathbf{T}(u_0, v_0))| = \frac{1}{|\det(D\mathbf{T}^{-1}(x_0, y_0))|}$$

Example 120. Let's evaluate $\iint_R \frac{y(x+y)}{x^3}$ where R is the region in the xy -plane bounded by $y = x$, $y = 3x$, $y = 1 - x$, and $y = 2 - x$. Consider the coordinate transformation $u = x + y$, $v = y/x$.

1. Find the rectangle G in the uv plane that is mapped to R
2. Evaluate $f(\mathbf{T}(u, v))|\det(D\mathbf{T}(u, v))|$ in terms of u and v without directly solving for $\mathbf{T}$ using the theorem above

3. Use the Substitution Theorem to compute the integral.