

Topic: Changing iterated integrals to polar coordinates**Question:** Convert the iterated integral to polar coordinates.

$$\int_{-1}^1 \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} x^2 + y^2 \, dy \, dx$$

Answer choices:

A $\int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-1}^1 r^2 \, dr \, d\theta$

B $\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 r^3 \, dr \, d\theta$

C $\int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-1}^1 r^3 \, dr \, d\theta$

D $\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 r^2 \, dr \, d\theta$



Solution: B

When we convert from rectangular coordinates to polar coordinates, we use the following conversion formulas.

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

$$dy \, dx = r \, dr \, d\theta$$

We were given the double integral

$$\int_{-1}^1 \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} x^2 + y^2 \, dy \, dx$$

We'll convert the integrand first, leaving the limits of integration.

$$\int_{-1}^1 \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} x^2 + y^2 \, dy \, dx = \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} r^2 r \, dr \, d\theta$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} x^2 + y^2 \, dy \, dx = \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} r^3 \, dr \, d\theta$$

Next we need to convert the limits of integration. We know that the limits of integration with respect to y are $y = \pm \sqrt{1-x^2}$. We can rewrite those as

$$y = \pm \sqrt{1-x^2}$$

$$y^2 = 1 - x^2$$



$$x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

Since we can now see that we're talking about the circle with radius 1, and since in polar coordinates r represents radius, the bounds for r have to be $[0,1]$. Similarly, because we're dealing with the entire circle, the limits of integration for the angle θ have to be $[0,2\pi]$. Therefore, the converted integral is

$$\int_{-1}^1 \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} x^2 + y^2 \, dy \, dx = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 r^3 \, dr \, d\theta$$



Topic: Changing iterated integrals to polar coordinates**Question:** Convert the iterated integral to polar coordinates.

$$\int_{-2}^2 \int_{-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \sin(x^2 + y^2) \, dy \, dx$$

Answer choices:

A $\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 \sin r^2 \, dr \, d\theta$

B $\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 r \cos r^2 \, dr \, d\theta$

C $\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 \cos r^2 \, dr \, d\theta$

D $\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 r \sin r^2 \, dr \, d\theta$



Solution: D

When we convert from rectangular coordinates to polar coordinates, we use the following conversion formulas.

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

$$dy \, dx = r \, dr \, d\theta$$

We were given the double integral

$$\int_{-2}^2 \int_{-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \sin(x^2 + y^2) \, dy \, dx$$

We'll convert the integrand first, leaving the limits of integration.

$$\int_{-2}^2 \int_{-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \sin(x^2 + y^2) \, dy \, dx = \int_{-2}^2 \int_{-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} r \sin r^2 \, dr \, d\theta$$

Next we need to convert the limits of integration. We know that the limits of integration with respect to y are $y = \pm \sqrt{4 - x^2}$. We can rewrite those as

$$y = \pm \sqrt{4 - x^2}$$

$$y^2 = 4 - x^2$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 4$$



Since we can now see that we're talking about the circle with radius 2, and since in polar coordinates r represents radius, the bounds for r have to be $[0,2]$. Similarly, because we're dealing with the entire circle, the limits of integration for the angle θ have to be $[0,2\pi]$. Therefore, the converted integral is

$$\int_{-2}^2 \int_{-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \sin(x^2 + y^2) \, dy \, dx = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 r \sin r^2 \, dr \, d\theta$$



Topic: Changing iterated integrals to polar coordinates**Question:** Convert the iterated integral to polar coordinates.

$$\int_{-4}^4 \int_{-\sqrt{16-x^2}}^{\sqrt{16-x^2}} \ln(x^2 + y^2) \, dy \, dx$$

Answer choices:

- A $\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^4 e^{r^2} \, dr \, d\theta$
- B $\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^4 \ln r^2 \, dr \, d\theta$
- C $\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^4 r \ln r^2 \, dr \, d\theta$
- D $\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^4 r e^{r^2} \, dr \, d\theta$



Solution: C

When we convert from rectangular coordinates to polar coordinates, we use the following conversion formulas.

$$x = r \cos \theta$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

$$dy \, dx = r \, dr \, d\theta$$

We were given the double integral

$$\int_{-4}^4 \int_{-\sqrt{16-x^2}}^{\sqrt{16-x^2}} \ln(x^2 + y^2) \, dy \, dx$$

We'll convert the integrand first, leaving the limits of integration.

$$\int_{-4}^4 \int_{-\sqrt{16-x^2}}^{\sqrt{16-x^2}} \ln(x^2 + y^2) \, dy \, dx = \int_{-4}^4 \int_{-\sqrt{16-x^2}}^{\sqrt{16-x^2}} r \ln r^2 \, dr \, d\theta$$

Next we need to convert the limits of integration. We know that the limits of integration with respect to y are $y = \pm \sqrt{16 - x^2}$. We can rewrite those as

$$y = \pm \sqrt{16 - x^2}$$

$$y^2 = 16 - x^2$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 16$$



Since we can now see that we're talking about the circle with radius 4, and since in polar coordinates r represents radius, the bounds for r have to be $[0,4]$. Similarly, because we're dealing with the entire circle, the limits of integration for the angle θ have to be $[0,2\pi]$. Therefore, the converted integral is

$$\int_{-4}^4 \int_{-\sqrt{16-x^2}}^{\sqrt{16-x^2}} \ln(x^2 + y^2) \, dy \, dx = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^4 r \ln r^2 \, dr \, d\theta$$

