

Double Integrals in Polar Coordinates

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The double integral of the function $f(r, \theta)$ over the polar rectangular region R in the $r\theta$ -plane is defined as

$$\iint_R f(r, \theta) \, dA = \lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n f(r_{ij}^*, \theta_{ij}^*) \, \Delta A = \lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n f(r_{ij}^*, \theta_{ij}^*) r_{ij}^* \, \Delta r \, \Delta \theta$$

If $f(r, \theta)$ is continuous on a general polar region D , then

$$\iint_D f(r, \theta) r \, dr \, d\theta = \int_{\theta=\alpha}^{\theta=\beta} \int_{r=h_1(\theta)}^{r=h_2(\theta)} f(r, \theta) r \, dr \, d\theta$$