Iterated Integration

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Volumes and Double Integrals

The **double integral** of the function f(x,y) over the rectangular region R in the xy-plane is defined as

$$\iint\limits_{B} f(x,y) \, dA = \lim\limits_{m,n \to \inf} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} f(x_i^*, y_j^*) \Delta A$$

Properties of Double Integrals

Assume that the functions f(x,y) and g(x,y) are integrable over the rectangular region R; S and T are subregions of R; and assume that m and M are real numbers.

1. The sum f(x,y) + g(x,y) is integrable and

$$\iint\limits_R \left[f(x,y) + g(x,y) \right] dA = \iint\limits_R f(x,y) \, dA + \iint\limits_R g(x,y) \, dA$$

2. If c is a constant, then cf(x,y) is integrable and

$$\iint\limits_R cf(x,y) \, dA = c \iint\limits_R f(x,y) \, dA$$

3. If $R = S \cup T$ and $S \cap T = \emptyset$ except an overlap on the boundaries, then

$$\iint\limits_R f(x,y) \, dA = \iint\limits_S f(x,y) \, dA + \iint\limits_T f(x,y) \, dA$$

4. If $f(x,y) \ge g(x,y)$ for (x,y) in R, then

$$\iint\limits_{\mathcal{D}} f(x,y) \ dA \ge \iint\limits_{\mathcal{D}} g(x,y) \ dA$$

5. If $m \leq f(x,y) \leq M$, then

$$m \times A(R) \le \iint_{\mathcal{D}} f(x, y) \ dA \le M \times A(R)$$

6. In the case where f(x,y) can be factored as a product of a function g(x) of x only and a function h(y) of y only, then over the region $R = \{(x,y) | a \le x \le b, c \le y \le d\}$, the double integral can be written as

$$\iint\limits_R f(x,y) dA = \left(\int_a^b g(x) dx \right) \left(\int_c^d h(y) dy \right)$$

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Iterated Integrals

Assume a, b, c, and d are real numbers. We define an **iterated integral** for a function f(x, y) over the rectangular region $R = [a, b] \times [c, d]$ as

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$$\int_{a}^{b} \int_{c}^{d} f(x, y) dy dx = \int_{a}^{b} \left[\int_{c}^{d} f(x, y) dy \right] dx$$

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$$\int_{c}^{d} \int_{a}^{b} f(x, y) dx dy = \int_{c}^{d} \left[\int_{a}^{b} f(x, y) dx \right] dy$$

Tubini's Theorem

Suppose that f(x,y) is a function of two variables that is continuous over a rectangular region $R = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 | a \le x \le b, c \le y \le d\}$. Then the double integral of f over the regions is

$$\iint\limits_{R} f(x,y) \, dA = \iint\limits_{R} f(x,y) \, dx \, dy = \int_{a}^{b} \int_{c}^{d} f(x,y) \, dy \, dx = \int_{c}^{d} \int_{a}^{b} f(x,y) \, dx \, dy$$

Applications of Double Integrals

The area of the region R is given by $A(R) = \iint_R 1 \, dA$.

The average value of a function of two variables over a region R is

$$f_{\text{ave}} = \frac{1}{A(R)} \iint\limits_{R} f(x, y) \, dA$$