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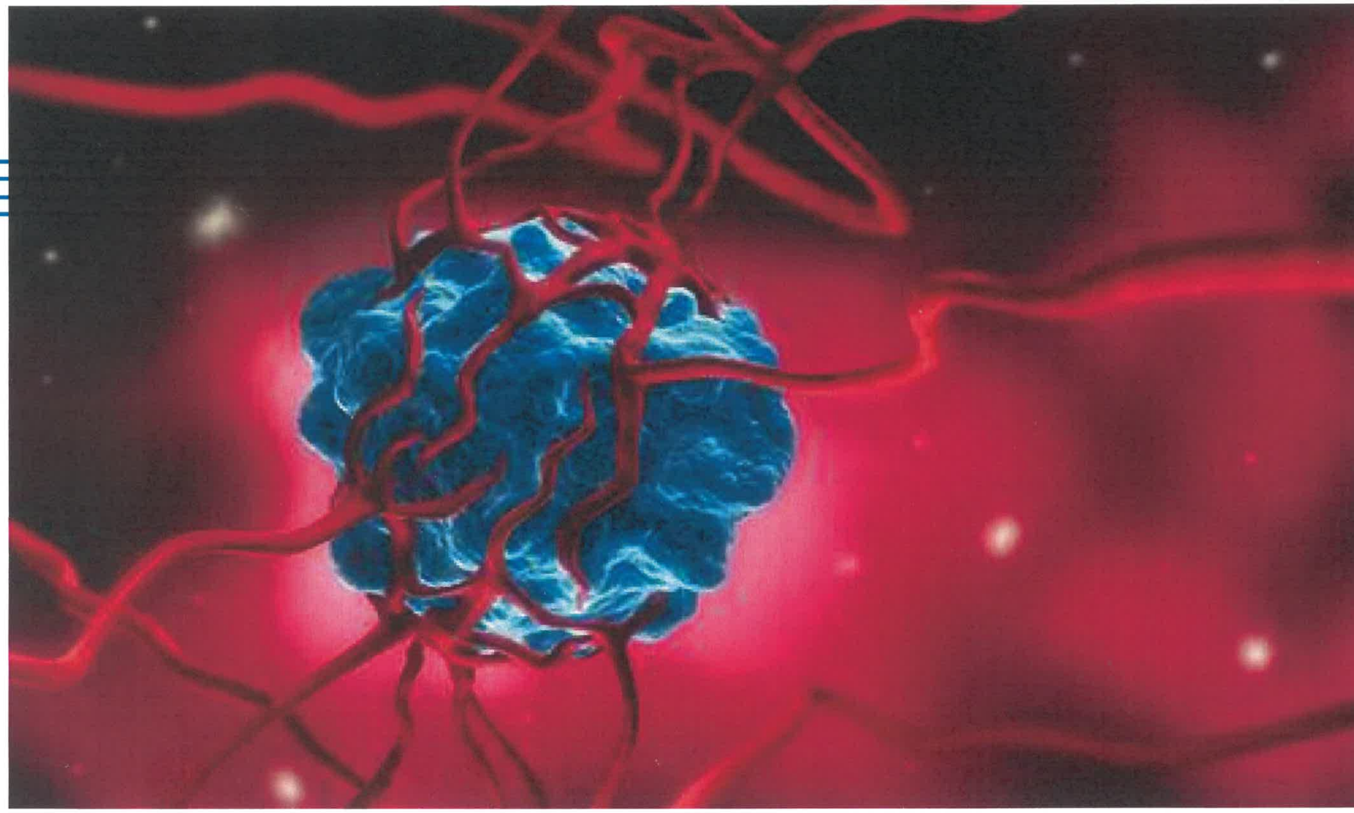


15.3 Double Integrals in Polar Coordinates

Double Integrals in Polar Coordinates (1 of 1)

Suppose that we want to evaluate a double integral $\iint_R f(x, y)\, dA$,
Where the region R is a circular disk centered at the origin.

Review of Polar Coordinates

Review of Polar Coordinates (1 of 2)

We know that from Figure 1 that the polar coordinates (r, θ) of a point are related to the rectangular coordinates (x, y) by the equations

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2 \qquad x = r\cos\theta \qquad y = r\sin\theta \qquad \tan\theta = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$$

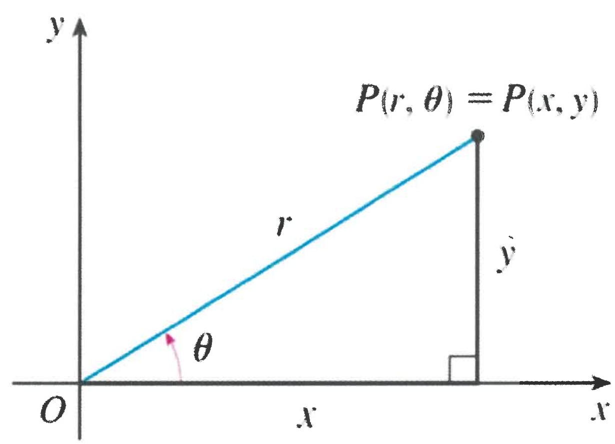
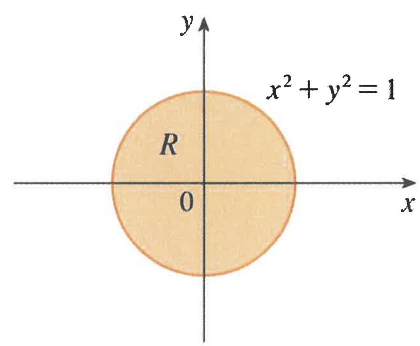


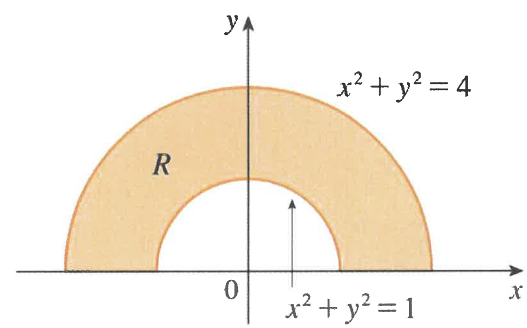
Figure 1

Review of Polar Coordinates (2 of 2)

Equations of circles centered at the origin are particularly simple in polar coordinates. The unit circle has equation $r = 1$; the region enclosed by this circle is shown in Figure 2(a). Figure 2(b) illustrates another region that is conveniently described in polar coordinates.



(a) $R = \{(r, \theta) \mid 0 \leq r \leq 1, 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi\}$



(b) $R = \{(r, \theta) \mid 1 \leq r \leq 2, 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi\}$

Figure 2

Double Integrals in Polar Coordinates

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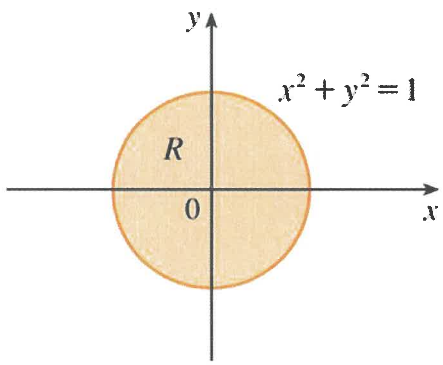
The regions in Figure 2 are special cases of a **polar rectangle**

$$R = \{(r,\ \theta) \mid a \le r \le b,\ \alpha \le \theta \le \beta\}$$

which is shown in Figure 3.



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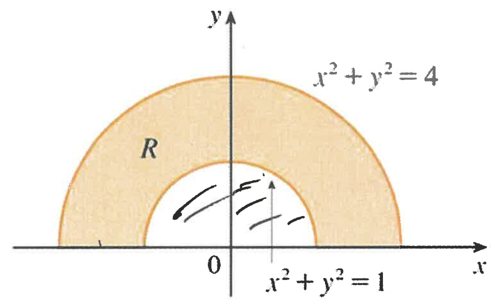
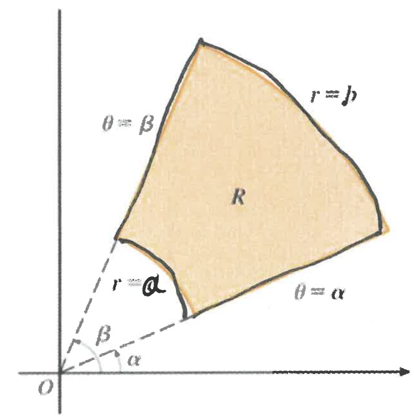


(b) $R = \{(r,\theta) \mid 1 \le r \le 2,\ 0 \le \theta \le \pi\}$

Figure 2



Polar rectangle

Figure 3

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

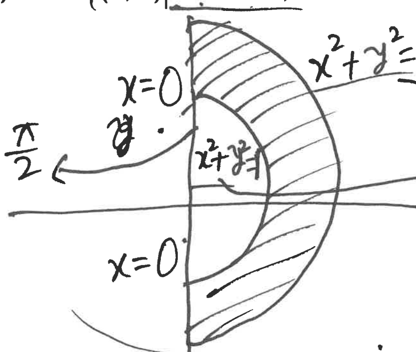
$x=r\cos\theta$

$y=r\sin\theta$

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

$\Leftrightarrow \theta=\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$

$-\frac{\pi}{2}\le\theta\le\frac{\pi}{2}$



$\theta=\frac{\pi}{2}$

$r^2=4 \Rightarrow r=2$

$r^2=1 \Rightarrow r=1$

$1\le r\le 2$

$R=$

$\tan\theta=\frac{y}{x}=\frac{y}{0}=\infty$

$\theta=\frac{\pi}{2}$

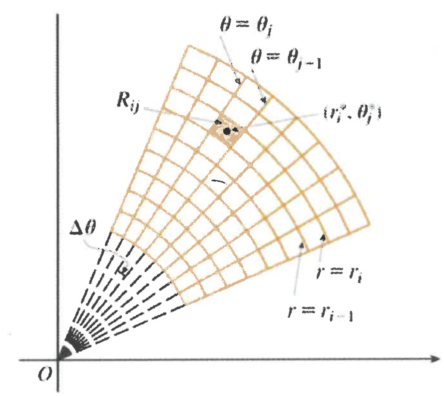
$\tan\theta=\frac{y}{0}=-\infty$

$\theta=-\frac{\pi}{2}$

Double Integrals in Polar Coordinates (2 of 9)

In order to compute the double integral $\iint_R f(x, y)\, dA$, where R is a polar rectangle, we divide the interval $[a, b]$ into m subintervals $[r_{i-1}, r_i]$ of equal width $\Delta r = \dfrac{(b-a)}{m}$ and we divide the interval $[\alpha, \beta]$ into n subintervals $[\theta_{j-1}, \theta_j]$ of equal width $\Delta\theta = \dfrac{(\beta-\alpha)}{n}$.

Then the circles $r = r_i$ and the rays $\theta = \theta_j$ divide the polar rectangle R into the small polar rectangles R_{ij} shown in Figure 4.



Dividing R into polar subrectangles

Figure 4

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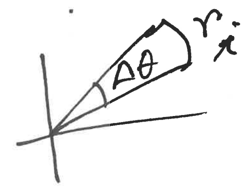
The "center" of the polar subrectangle

$$R_{ij} = \{(r,\ \theta) | r_{i-1} \le r \le r_i,\ \theta_{j-1} \le \theta \le \theta_j\}$$



has polar coordinates

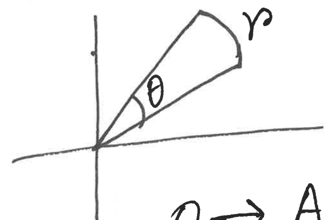
$$r_i^* = \tfrac{1}{2}(r_{i-1} + r_i) \qquad \theta_j^* = \tfrac{1}{2}(\theta_{j-1} + \theta_j)$$

$$A = \frac{r_i^2 \, \Delta\theta}{2}$$

$$\Delta\theta = (\theta_j - \theta_{j-1})$$

$$A = r_{i-1}^2 \, \Delta\theta/2$$

We compute the area of R_{ij} using the fact that the area of a sector of a circle with radius r and central angle θ is $\frac{1}{2} r^2 \theta$.



$$\theta \Rightarrow A = r^2 \theta/2$$

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Subtracting the areas of two such sectors, each of which has central angle $\Delta\theta = \theta_j - \theta_{j-1}$, we find that the area of R_{ij} is

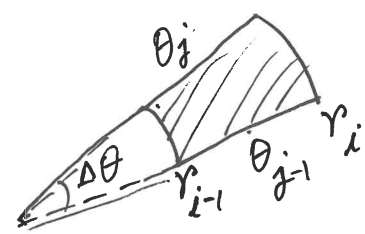
$$\Delta A_i = \tfrac{1}{2}r_i^2\Delta\theta - \tfrac{1}{2}r_{i-1}^2\Delta\theta = \tfrac{1}{2}(r_i^2 - r_{i-1}^2)\Delta\theta$$

$$= \tfrac{1}{2}(r_i + r_{i-1})(r_i - r_{i-1})\,\Delta\theta = r_i^*\,\Delta r\Delta\theta$$

Although we have defined the double integral $\iint_R f(x, y)\, dA$ in terms of ordinary rectangles, it can be shown that, for continuous functions f, we always obtain the same answer using polar rectangles.

$A_{In} = \Delta\theta\, r_{i-1}^2/2$

$A_{out} = \Delta\theta\, r_i^2/2$



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The rectangular coordinates of the center of R_{ij} are $(r_i^* \cos\theta_j^*, r_i^* \sin\theta_j^*)$, so a typical Riemann sum is

$$\mathbf{1} \qquad \sum_{i=1}^{m}\sum_{j=1}^{n} f(r_i^* \cos\theta_j^*,\ r_i^* \sin\theta_j^*)\ \Delta A_i = \sum_{i=1}^{m}\sum_{j=1}^{n} f(r_i^* \cos\theta_j^*,\ r_i^* \sin\theta_j^*)\ r_i^*\ \Delta r\ \Delta\theta$$

If we write $g(r, \theta) = rf(r\cos\theta, r\sin\theta)$, then the Riemann sum in Equation 1 can be written as

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m}\sum_{j=1}^{n} g(r_i^*,\ \theta_j^*)\ \Delta r\ \Delta\theta$$

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

which is a Riemann sum for the double integral

$$\int_\alpha^\beta \int_a^b g(r,\ \theta)\ dr\ d\theta$$

$\int_\alpha^\beta \int_a^b f(r\cos\theta, r\sin\theta)\, r\, dr\, d\theta$

$dA = r\,dr\,d\theta$

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Therefore we have

$$\iint_R f(x,y)\,dA = \lim_{m,n\to\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} f(r_i^* \cos\theta_j^*,\ r_i^* \sin\theta_j^*)\ \Delta A_i$$

$$= \lim_{m,n\to\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} g(r_i^*,\ \theta_j^*)\ \Delta r\ \Delta\theta = \int_\alpha^\beta \int_a^b g(r,\ \theta)\ dr\ d\theta$$

$$= \int_\alpha^\beta \int_a^b f(r\cos\theta,\ r\sin\theta)\ r\ dr\,d\theta$$

2 Change to Polar Coordinates in a Double Integral If f is continuous on a polar rectangle R given by $0 \le a \le r \le b$, $\alpha \le \theta \le \beta$, where $0 \le \beta - \alpha \le 2\pi$, then

$$\iint_R f(x,y)\,dA = \int_\alpha^\beta \int_a^b f(r\cos\theta,\ r\sin\theta)\ r\ dr\,d\theta$$

Double Integrals in Polar Coordinates (7 of 9)

The formula in (2) says that we convert from rectangular to polar coordinates in a double integral by writing $x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta$, using the appropriate limits of integration for r and θ, and replacing dA by $r\, dr\, d\theta$.

Be careful not to forget the additional factor r on the right side of Formula 2.

A classical method for remembering this is shown in Figure 5, where the "infinitesimal" polar rectangle can be thought of as an ordinary rectangle with dimensions $r\, d\theta$ and dr and therefore has "area" $dA = r\, dr\, d\theta$.

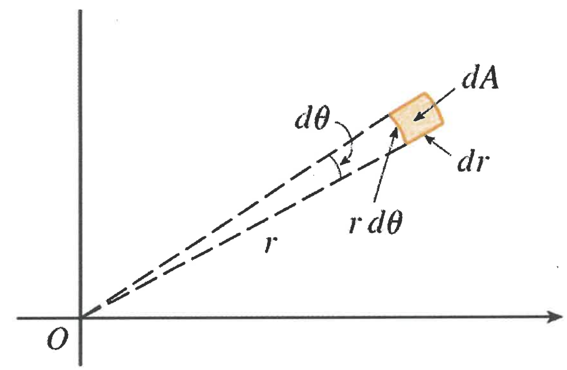


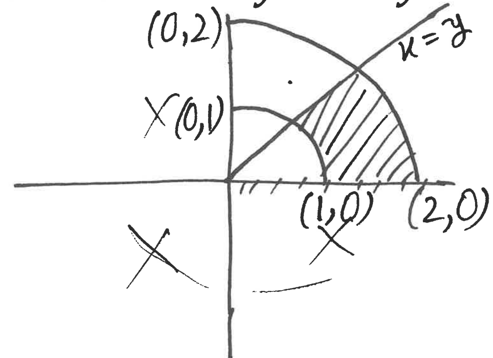
Figure 5

$$x^2+y^2=r^2, \quad x=r\cos\theta,\ y=r\sin\theta, \quad \theta=\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) \iff \frac{y}{x}=\tan\theta$$

$$dA = r\,dr\,d\theta$$

Example 1

Evaluate $\int\int_R (2x-y)dA$ where R is the region in the first quadrant enclosed by the circles $x^2+y^2=1$ and $x^2+y^2=4$ and the lines $x=y$ and $y=0$.



$x^2+y^2=1 \Rightarrow r^2=1 \Rightarrow r=1$ | $x^2+y^2=4 \Rightarrow r=2$

$1 \le r \le 2$

bound for θ:

$y=0$ and $y=x$

$\Rightarrow \theta=0$ and $\theta=\tan^{-1}(1)=\frac{\pi}{4}$

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}}\int_1^2 (2r\cos\theta - r\sin\theta)\, r\,dr\,d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}}\int_1^2 (2\cos\theta-\sin\theta)\, r^2\,dr\,d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \left[(2\cos\theta-\sin\theta)\frac{r^3}{3}\right]_{r=\cancel{0}1}^{2} d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \left[(2\cos\theta-\sin\theta)\left(\frac{8}{3}-\frac{1}{3}\right)\right] d\theta = \frac{7}{3}\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}}(2\cos\theta-\sin\theta)\,d\theta =$$

Example 1

Evaluate $\int \int_R (2x - y)\,dA$ where R is the region in the first quadrant enclosed by the circles $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ and $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ and the lines $x = y$ and $y = 0$.

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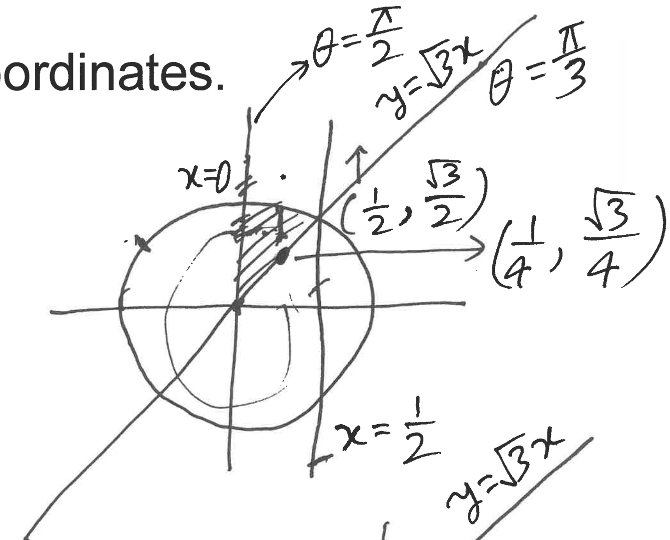
Example 2

Evaluate $\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\sqrt{3}x}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} x \, dydx$ by switching to polar coordinates.



$0 \le x \le \frac{1}{2}$, $\sqrt{3}x \le y \le \sqrt{1-x^2}$

$y \le \sqrt{1-x^2}$

$\Rightarrow y^2 \le 1-x^2$

$\Rightarrow x^2+y^2 \le 1$

$\sqrt{3}x \le y$

Let us pick $x=\frac{1}{4}$, $y=\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$

$x^2+y^2 \le 1$

$\Rightarrow r \le 1$,

$x \ge 0$

$\cancel{\Rightarrow r\sin\theta \ge 0}$

$\cancel{\Rightarrow r\cos\theta \ge 0}$

$\cancel{\Rightarrow \cos\theta \ge \frac{0}{r} = 0}$

$\cancel{\Rightarrow \cos\theta \ge 0}$

$\cancel{\Rightarrow \theta \ge \cos^{-1}(0) = \frac{\pi}{2}}$

$\sqrt{3}x = y$

$\Rightarrow \frac{y}{x} = \sqrt{3}$

$\Rightarrow \tan(\theta) = \sqrt{3}$

$\Rightarrow \theta = \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3})$

$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$

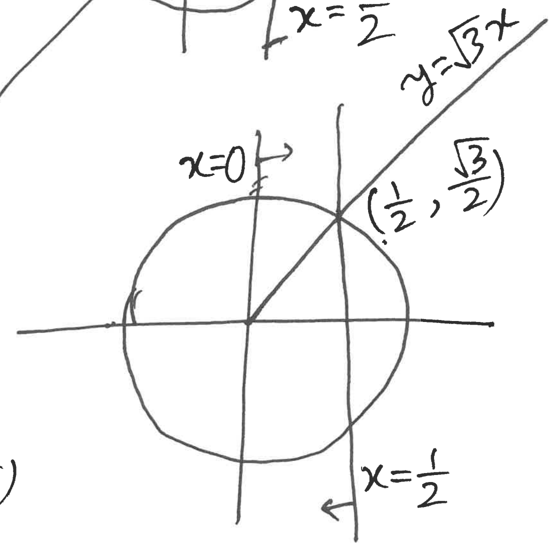
$x=0$

$\Rightarrow r\cos\theta = 0$

$\Rightarrow \cos\theta = 0$

$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$\frac{\pi}{3} \le \theta \le \frac{\pi}{2}$



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$0 \leq r \leq 1, \quad \frac{\pi}{3} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

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

$$= \int_{\frac{\pi}{3}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left[\frac{r^3}{3}\cos\theta\right]_{r=0}^{1} d\theta = \int_{\frac{\pi}{3}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{3}\cos\theta \, d\theta$$

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What we have done so far can be extended to the more complicated type of region shown in Figure 8. In fact, by combining Formula 2 with

$$\iint_D f(x, y)\, dA = \int_c^d \int_{h_1(y)}^{h_2(y)} f(x, y)\, dx\, dy$$

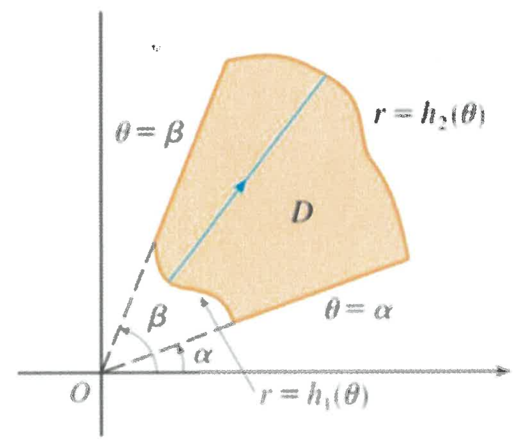
where D is a type II region, we obtain the following formula.

3 If f is continuous on a polar region of the form

$$D = \{(r, \theta) \mid \alpha \le \theta \le \beta,\ h_1(\theta) \le r \le h_2(\theta)\}$$

then

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



$D = \{(r, \theta) \mid \alpha \le \theta \le \beta,\ h_1(\theta) \le r \le h_2(\theta)\}$

Figure 8

Example 3

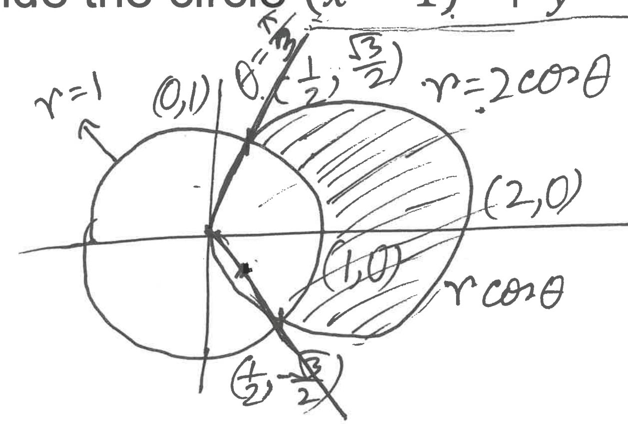
Find the area of D where D is the region inside the circle $(x-1)^2 + y^2 = 1$ and outside the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$.

$f(x, y) = 1$

$f(r\cos\theta, r\sin\theta) = 1$

$x^2 + y^2 = 1$

$\Rightarrow r = 1$



$(x-1)^2 + y^2 = 1$

$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x + \cancel{1} + y^2 = \cancel{1}$

$\Rightarrow r^2 - 2r\cos\theta = 0$

$\Rightarrow r^{\cancel{2}} = 2\cancel{r}\cos\theta$

$\Rightarrow r = 2\cos\theta$

$1 \leq r \leq 2\cos\theta$

$-\frac{\pi}{3} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{3}$

$y^2 = \cancel{(x-1)}\ 1 - (x-1)^2$

$y^2 = 1 - x^2$

$\cancel{1} - (x-1)^2 = \cancel{1} - x^2$

$\Rightarrow -\cancel{x^2} + 2x - 1 = -\cancel{x^2}$

$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$

$\Rightarrow 1 - x^2 = 1 - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$

$\Rightarrow y^2 = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow y = \pm\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

$(0,0)$ and $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$

(a,b) and (c,d)

$m = \frac{d-b}{c-a}$

$m = \frac{\sqrt{3}/2}{1/2} = \sqrt{3}$

$\tan\theta = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$

$m = \frac{-\sqrt{3}/2}{1/2} = -\sqrt{3}$

$\tan\theta = -\sqrt{3}$

$\theta = -\frac{\pi}{3}$

Example 3

Find the area of D where D is the region inside the circle $(x-1)^2+y^2=1$ and outside the circle $x^2+y^2=1$.

$$\int_{-\frac{\pi}{3}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}}\int_{1}^{2\cos\theta} 1\, r\,dr\,d\theta = \int_{-\frac{\pi}{3}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}}\left[\frac{r^2}{2}\right]_{r=1}^{2\cos\theta} d\theta = \int_{-\frac{\pi}{3}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}}\left[\frac{4\cos^2\theta}{2}-\frac{1}{2}\right]d\theta$$

$$= \int_{-\frac{\pi}{3}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}}\left(2\cos^2\theta-\frac{1}{2}\right)d\theta = \int_{-\frac{\pi}{3}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}}\left(\cos 2\theta+\frac{1}{2}\right)d\theta = \left[\frac{1}{2}\sin 2\theta+\frac{\theta}{2}\right]_{-\frac{\pi}{3}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}}$$