

Previously, we integrated a single-variable function over an interval (i.e. a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^1$ ).

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx$$

This week and next week's notes will focus on **multiple integration**, of a function of two or three variables, over a **domain**  $D$ , which is a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  or  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :

- Integrals over rectangular domains (p5-12, §14.1-14.2)
- Integrals over other 2D domains (p13-24, §14.1-14.2)
- Integrals over discs and sectors (p27-34, §14.4)
- Integrals over 3D domains (Week 6 p?-?, §14.5)
- Integrals over cylinders (Week 6 p?-?, §10.6,14.6)
- Integrals over balls and cones (Week 6 p?-?, §10.6,14.6)

$$\iint_D f(x, y) dA$$

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

Note that these are all **definite integrals** - we will **not** consider indefinite integrals in higher dimensions. The symbol  $\iint$ , without a  $D$  attached, has no meaning.

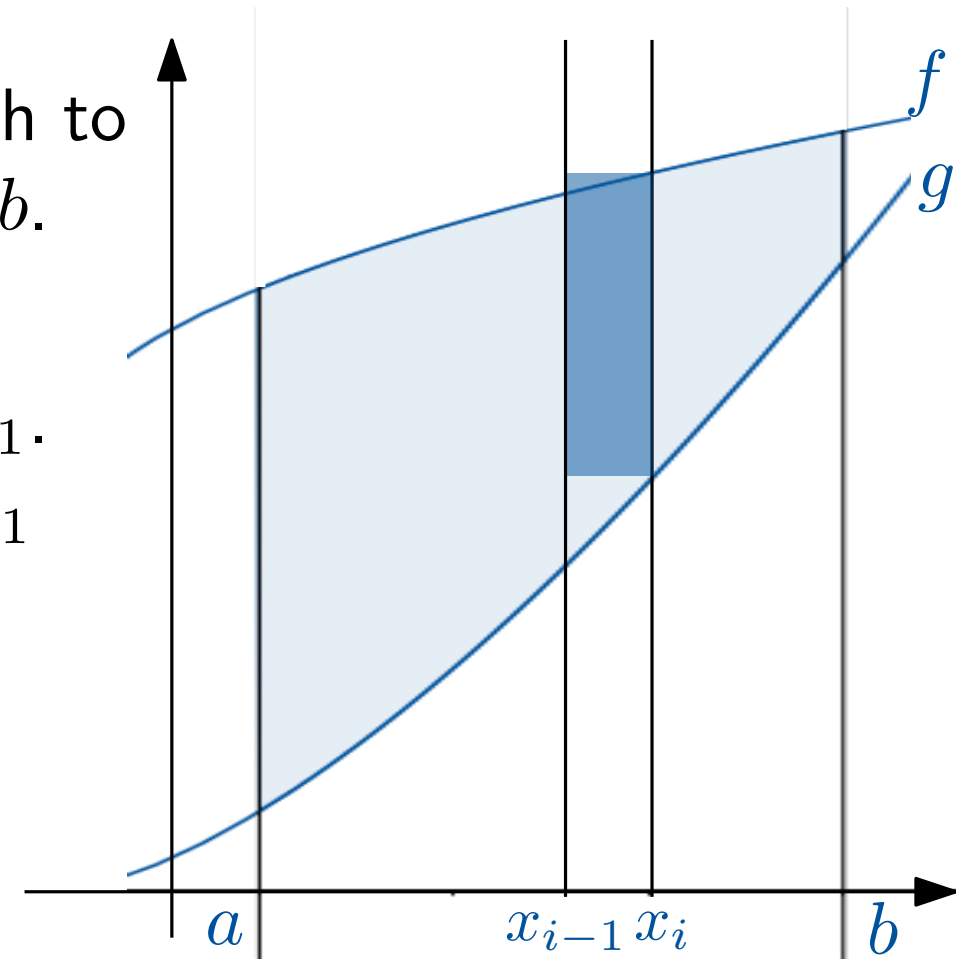
Calculating one of these multiple integrals will require writing it as a limit of a Riemann sum (by considering it as the sum of infinitely many pieces), identifying this limit as a single-variable integral, and then using FTC2. A simple example is:

## §5.7: Areas of Plane Regions

Given functions  $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $f(x) \geq g(x)$  we wish to find the area bounded by  $y = f(x)$ ,  $y = g(x)$ ,  $x = a$ ,  $x = b$ .

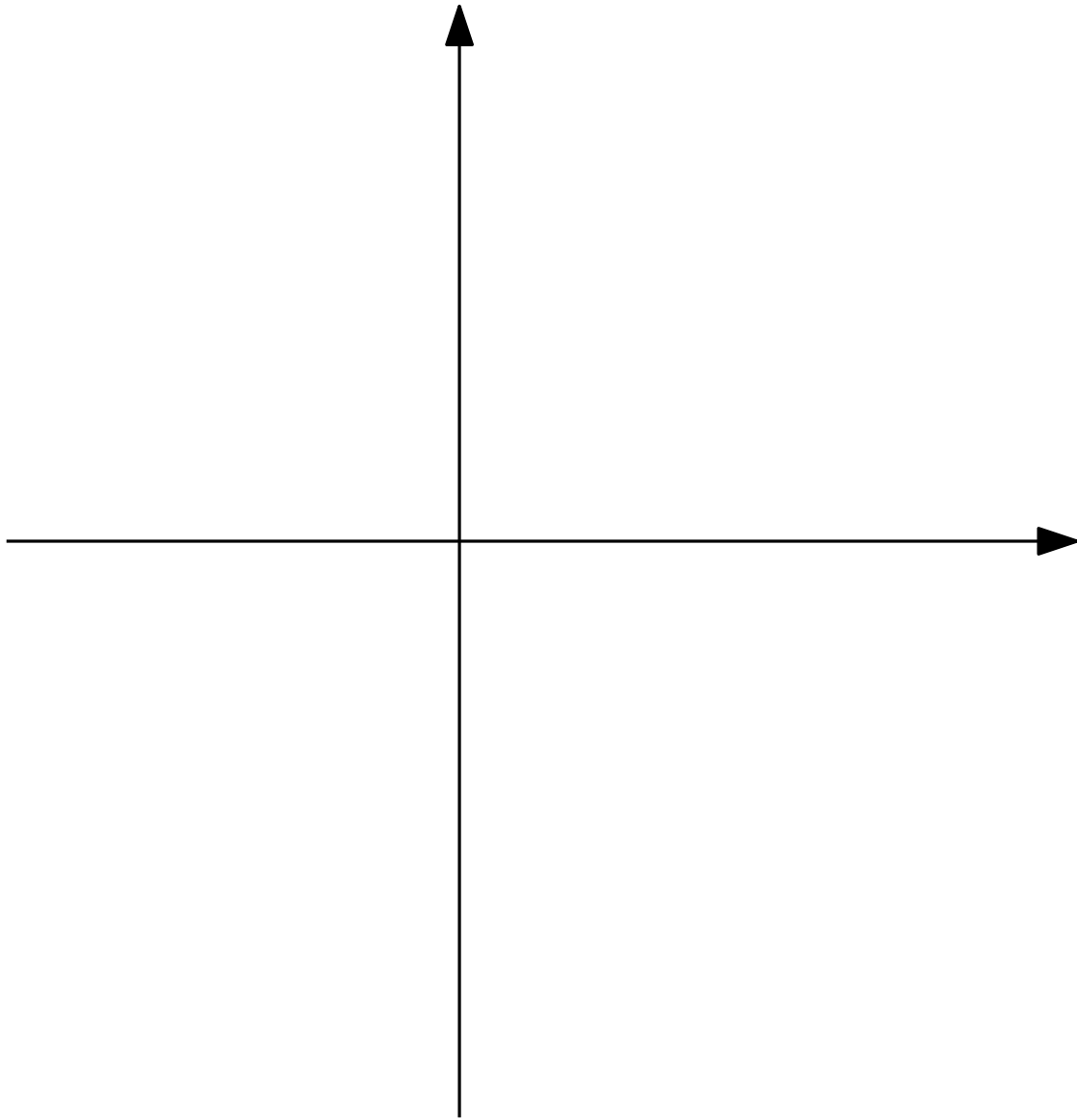
1. Divide  $[a, b]$  into  $n$  subintervals by choosing  $x_i$  with  $a = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n = b$ , and let  $\Delta x_i = x_i - x_{i-1}$ .
2. Approximate the part of the desired area between  $x_{i-1}$  and  $x_i$  by a rectangle, whose width is  $\Delta x_i$  and whose height is  $f(x_i^*) - g(x_i^*)$ , for some  $x_i^* \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]$ .
3. So the area is

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n (f(x_i^*) - g(x_i^*)) \Delta x_i = \int_a^b f(x) - g(x) dx.$$

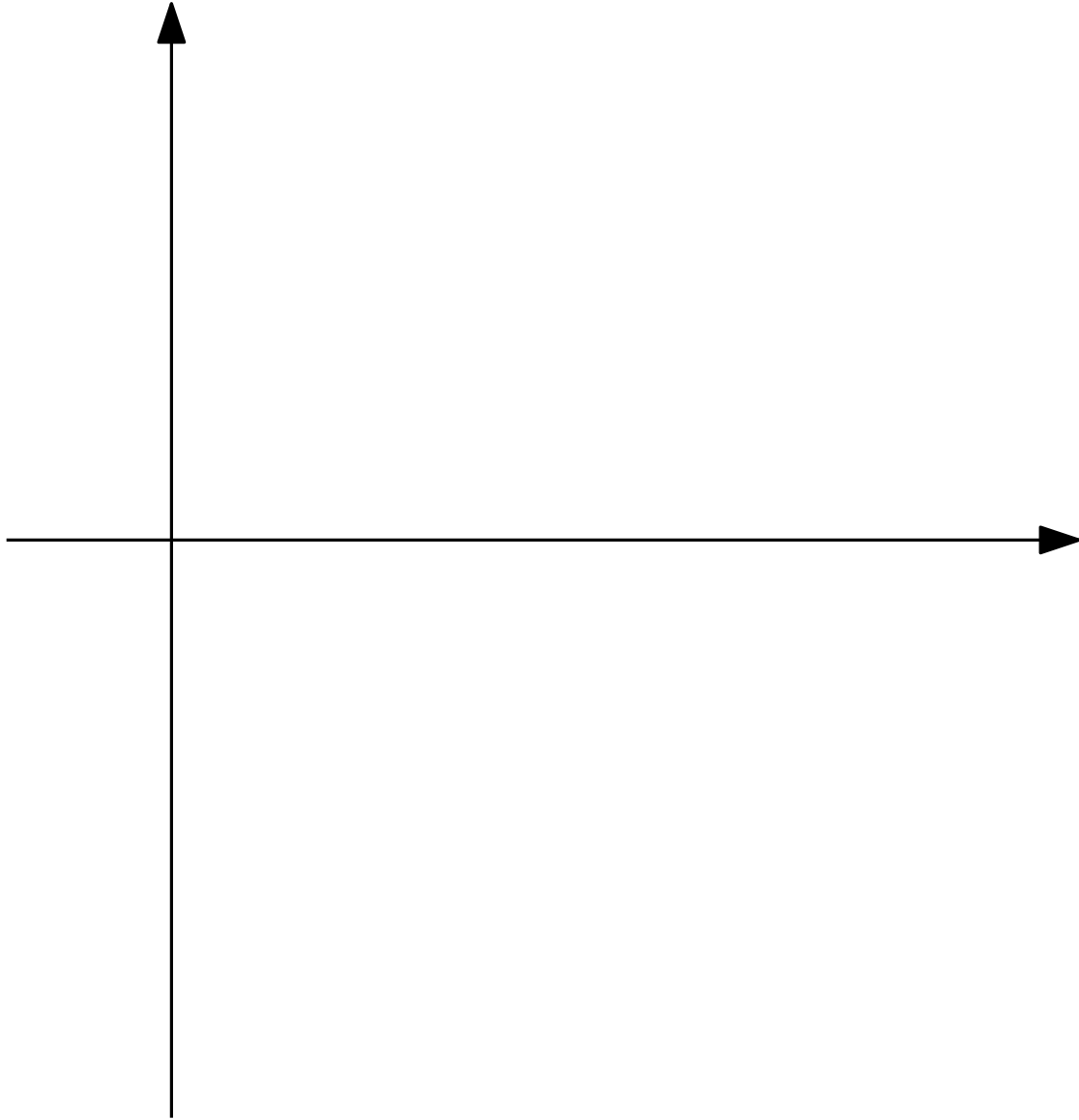


An additional difficulty:  $a, b, f(x), g(x)$  might not be explicitly stated.

**Example:** Find the area of the region bounded by  $y = x^2 - 4$  and  $y = -x^2 + 2x$ .



**Example:** Find the area of the region bounded by  $y = 2\sqrt{x}$ ,  $y = 3 - x$  and  $y = 0$ .

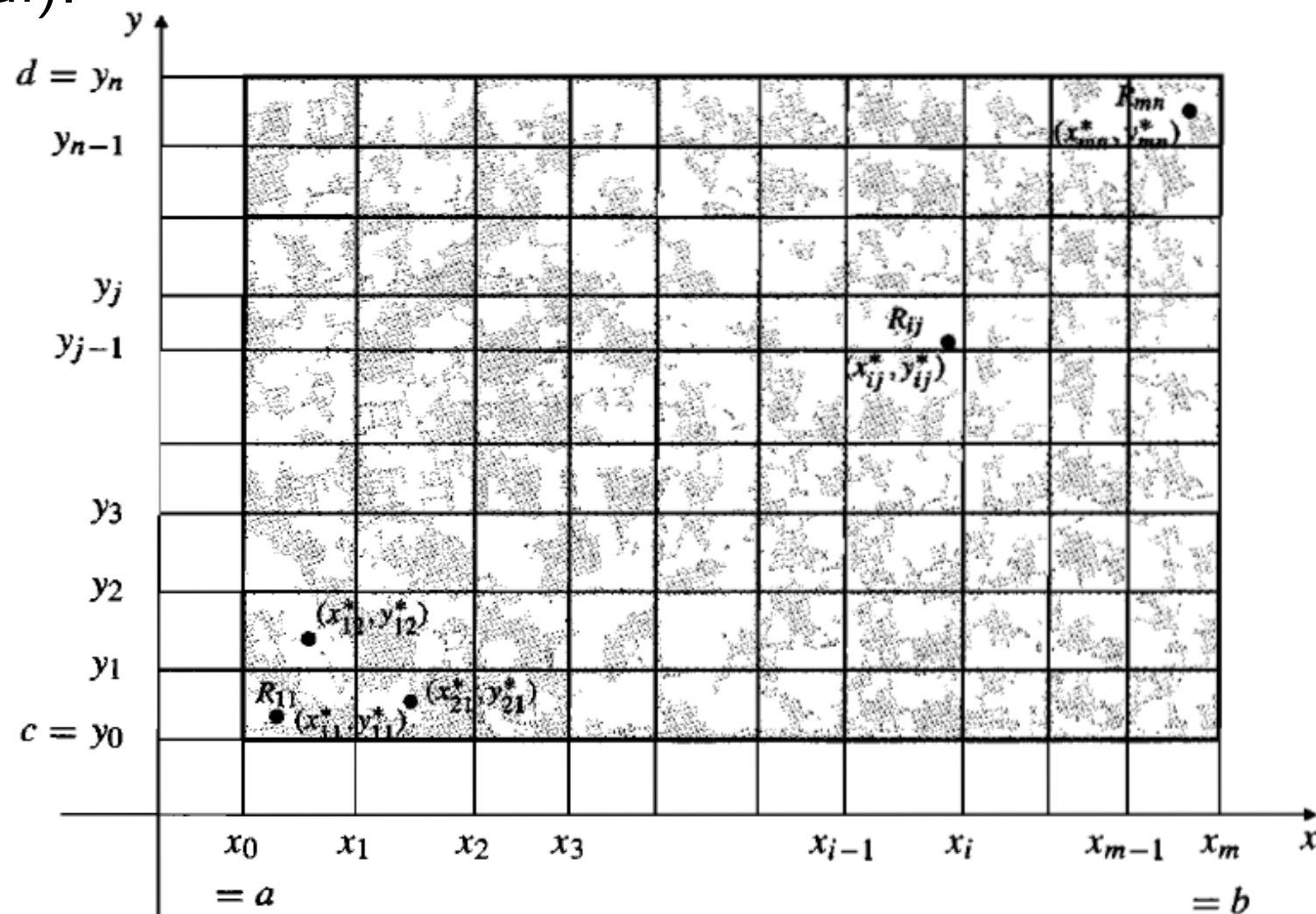


# §14.1-14.2: Double Integrals

define later, §12.2

Suppose we wish to find the volume under the graph of a continuous, positive 2-variable function  $f(x, y)$ , whose domain is a rectangle  $a \leq x \leq b$ ,  $c \leq y \leq d$  (a 2-dimensional version of an interval).

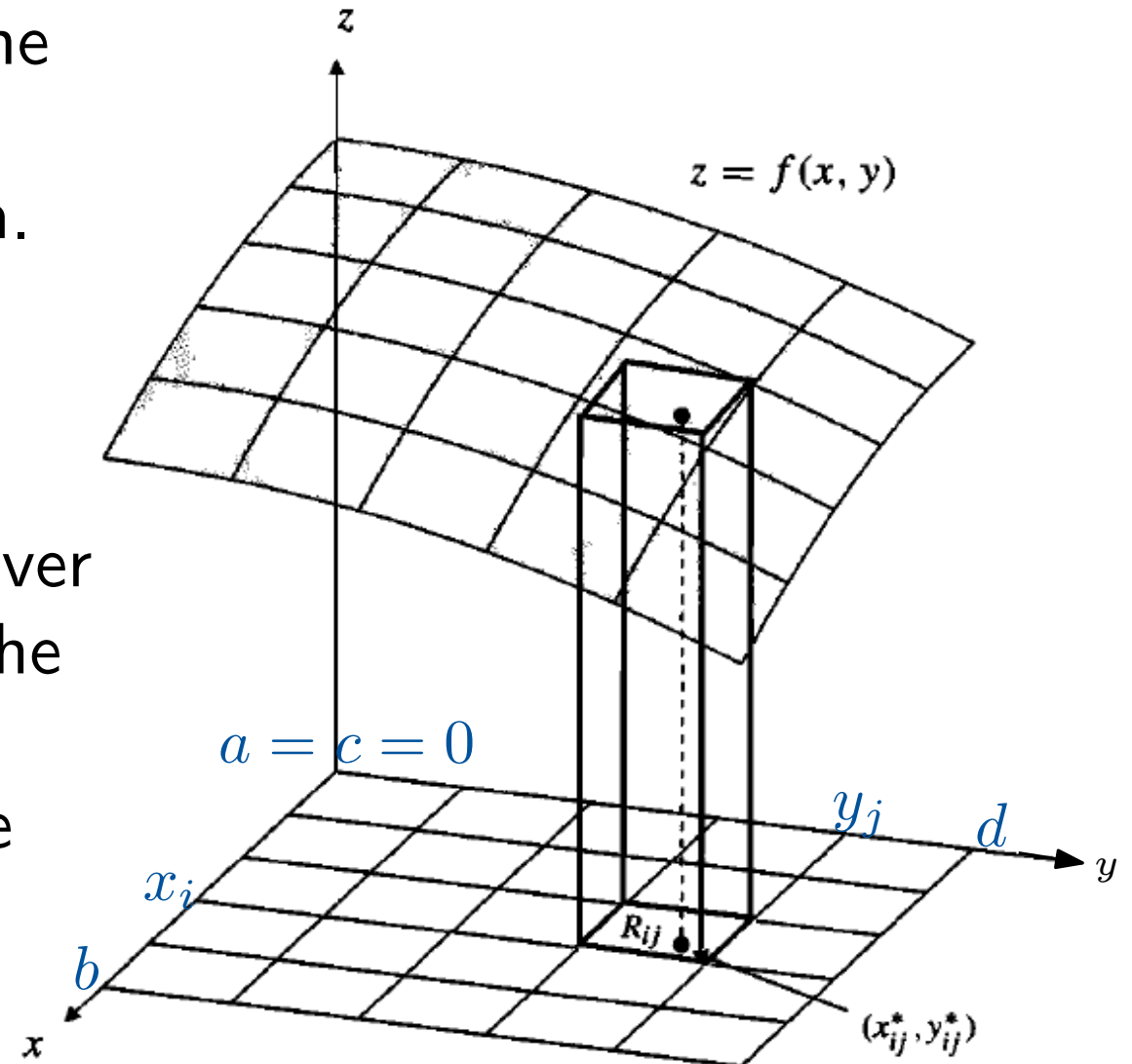
1. Divide the domain into  $mn$  smaller rectangles by choosing  $x_i$  and  $y_j$  with  $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_m = b$  and  $c = y_0 < y_1 < \dots < y_n = d$ . Let  $R_{ij}$  be the small rectangle with  $x_{i-1} < x < x_i$  and  $y_{j-1} < y < y_j$ , and write  $\Delta A_{ij}$  for its area.



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2. Choose a point  $(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*)$  in each small rectangle  $R_{ij}$ . Make a rectangular box above each  $R_{ij}$  with height  $f(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*)$ .
3. The collection of such rectangular boxes, over all the small rectangles  $R_{ij}$ , approximate the region under the graph surface. The total volume of these approximating boxes is the

Riemann sum 
$$\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n f(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*) \Delta A_{ij}.$$



4. Letting  $\Delta x_i = x_i - x_{i-1}$  and  $\Delta y_j = y_j - y_{j-1}$ , the total approximate volume is  $\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n f(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*) \Delta x_i \Delta y_j$ .

If all  $\Delta x_i$  are equal and all  $\Delta y_j$  are equal, (or if  $x_i, y_j$  are chosen in some other careful way), then the limit  $\lim_{m,n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n f(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*) \Delta x_i \Delta y_j$  will exist, and is the volume under the graph surface.

To calculate this limit, note that we can calculate the Riemann sum in two stages:

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n f(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*) \Delta x_i \Delta y_j = \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^n f(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*) \Delta y_j}_{\Delta x_i} \right)$$

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To calculate this 2-dimensional integral, note that we can calculate the Riemann sum in two stages:

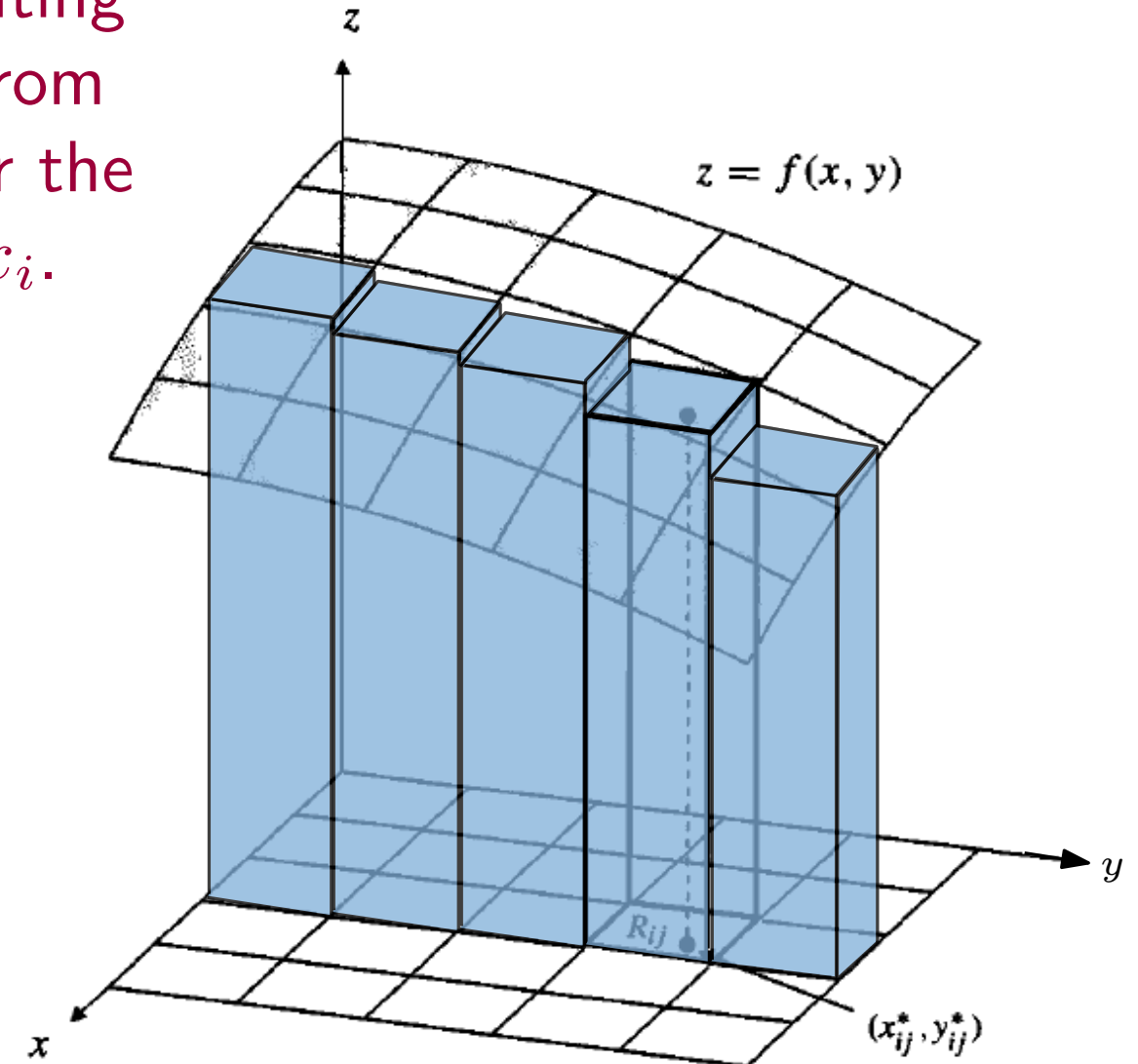
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To continue, take the special case where  $x_{ij}^* = x_i^*$  for all  $j$  and  $y_{ij}^* = y_j^*$  for all  $i$ .





So

$$\lim_{m,n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n f(x_i^*, y_j^*) \Delta x_i \Delta y_j$$

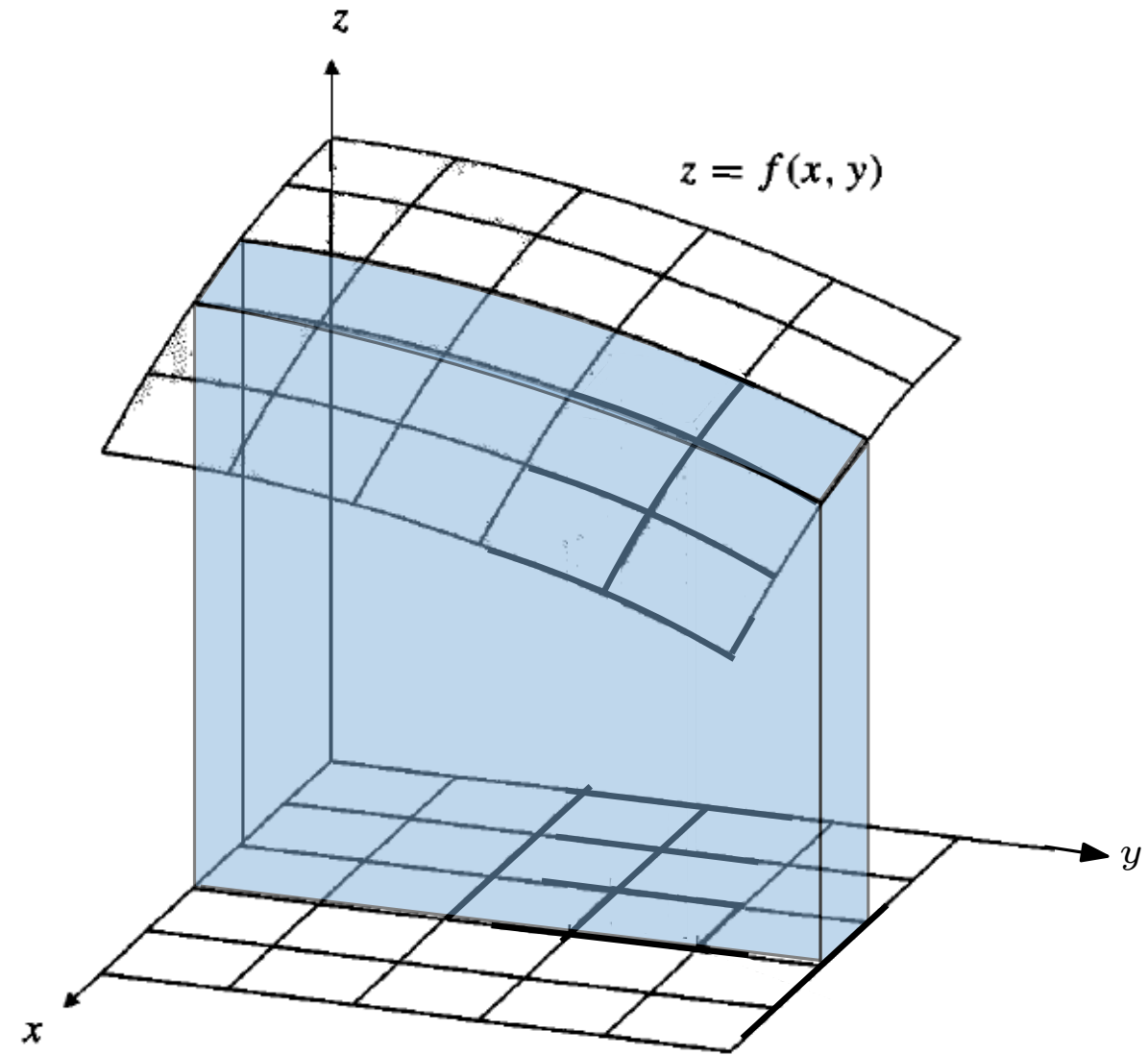
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cross-sectional area of a  
vertical slice at  $x = x_i^*$

$$= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \int_c^d f(x_i^*, y) dy \right) \Delta x_i$$

Treat  $x_i^*$  as a constant when  
computing this integral; the  
result is a function in  $x_i^*$ .

$$= \int_a^b \left( \int_c^d f(x, y) dy \right) dx. \quad \text{This is called an iterated integral.}$$



**Example:** Find the volume lying under the surface  $z = 2x^2y + 3y^2$  and above the region  $0 \leq x \leq 3$ ,  $1 \leq y \leq 2$ .

$$\int_a^b \left( \int_c^d f(x, y) dy \right) dx$$

Previously (p9) we said

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{m,n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n f(x_i^*, y_j^*) \Delta x_i \Delta y_j &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^n f(x_i^*, y_j^*) \Delta y_j \right) \Delta x_i \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \int_c^d f(x_i^*, y) dy \right) \Delta x_i = \int_a^b \left( \int_c^d f(x, y) dy \right) dx.\end{aligned}$$

But we could instead have chosen to sum first in the  $x$ -direction:

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{m,n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n f(x_i^*, y_j^*) \Delta x_i \Delta y_j &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^m f(x_i^*, y_j^*) \Delta x_i \right) \Delta y_j \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \int_a^b f(x, y_j^*) dx \right) \Delta y_j = \int_c^d \left( \int_a^b f(x, y) dx \right) dy.\end{aligned}$$

For a continuous function  $f$ , the two iterated integrals give the same answer.

**Redo Example:** (p10) Find, by first integrating in  $x$ , the volume lying under the surface  $z = 2x^2y + 3y^2$  and above the region  $0 \leq x \leq 3$ ,  $1 \leq y \leq 2$ .

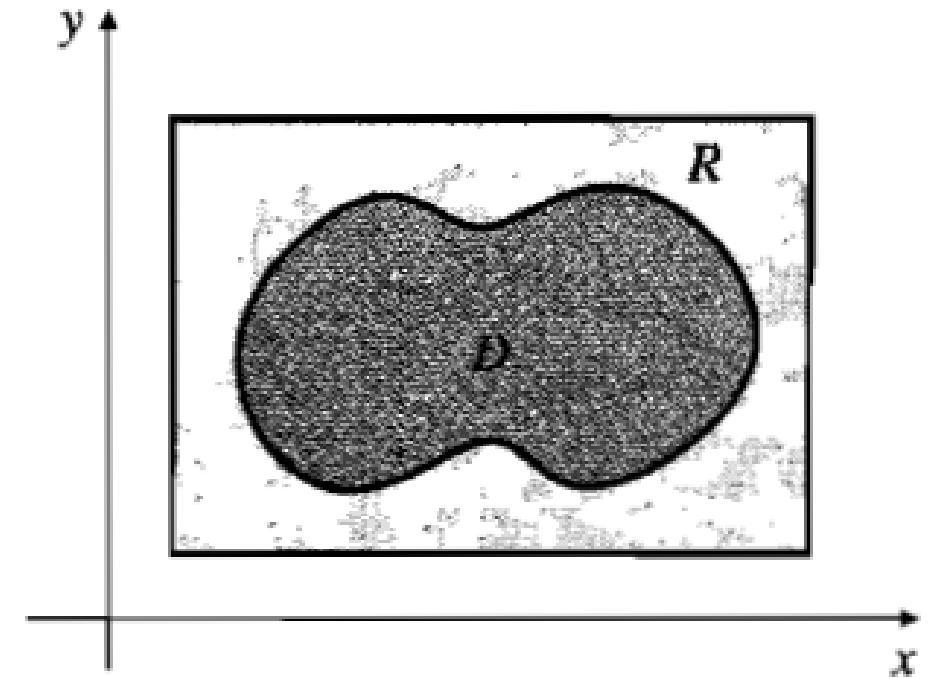
$$\int_c^d \left( \int_a^b f(x, y) dx \right) dy.$$

So we know how to find the volume under the graph of  $f(x, y)$  **over a rectangle**:

$$\int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx \quad \text{or} \quad \int_c^d \int_a^b f(x, y) dx dy.$$

It would be useful to find volumes over domains  $D$  of other shapes.

Theoretically, the idea is simple: draw a large rectangle  $R$  around  $D$ , then extend the domain of the function to  $R$  by defining  $f(x, y) = 0$  on points outside of  $D$ . Now  $f$  is defined on a rectangle, so we can use the previous Riemann sum formula. (The extended function is not continuous, because there is a jump on the boundary of  $D$ , but the Riemann sum will have a limit if  $D$  is “well-behaved”, see p13).



Putting the above all together into a rigorous definition:

**Definition:** Suppose  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a 2-variable function. Choose a rectangle  $R = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid a \leq x \leq b, c \leq y \leq d\}$  such that  $D \subseteq R$ . Define the function

$$\hat{f} : R \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ by } \hat{f} = \begin{cases} f(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \text{ is in } D \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) \text{ is not in } D. \end{cases}$$

Let  $a = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_m = b$  be a division of  $[a, b]$  into  $m$  subintervals of equal width, and let  $c = y_0 < y_1 < \cdots < y_n = d$  be a division of  $[c, d]$  into  $n$  subintervals of equal width. Let  $A_{ij}$  be the area of the small rectangle with  $x_{i-1} < x < x_i$  and  $y_{j-1} < y < y_j$ , and  $(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*)$  be any point in this rectangle.

Then  $f$  is *integrable* on  $D$  if  $\lim_{m,n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \hat{f}(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*) \Delta A_{ij}$  exists and is

independent of the choice of  $(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*)$ . The value of this limit is the *integral of  $f$  on  $D$* :

$$\iint_D f(x) dA = \lim_{m,n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \hat{f}(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*) \Delta A_{ij}.$$

In the single-variable case, we have a theorem that says a continuous function on an interval  $[a, b] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} | a \leq x \leq b\}$  is integrable.

As you might expect, there is a 2-dimensional version of this theorem, which says continuous functions on “reasonable” domains are integrable:

**Theorem 1: Continuous functions on closed and bounded sets are integrable:**

If  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous function and the domain  $D$  is a closed and bounded set whose boundary consists of finitely many curves of finite length, then  $f$  is integrable on  $D$ .

We haven't yet defined “continuous” (§12.2), or “closed”, or “bounded” (§13.2), but:

- Any elementary function (i.e. sums, products and compositions of  $x^n, e^x, \ln x, \sin x, \cos x$ ) is continuous;
- A set that is contained in a large rectangle (i.e. not “going to infinity”) is bounded;
- A set defined by a finite number of weak inequalities (i.e.  $\leq$  or  $\geq$ ) of elementary functions is closed, and its boundary is finitely many curves.

(e.g. closed:  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 | x^2 + y^2 \leq 1, x \geq 0\}$ ; **not** closed:  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 | x^2 + y^2 < 1\}$ .)

Almost all our examples will satisfy these stronger conditions.



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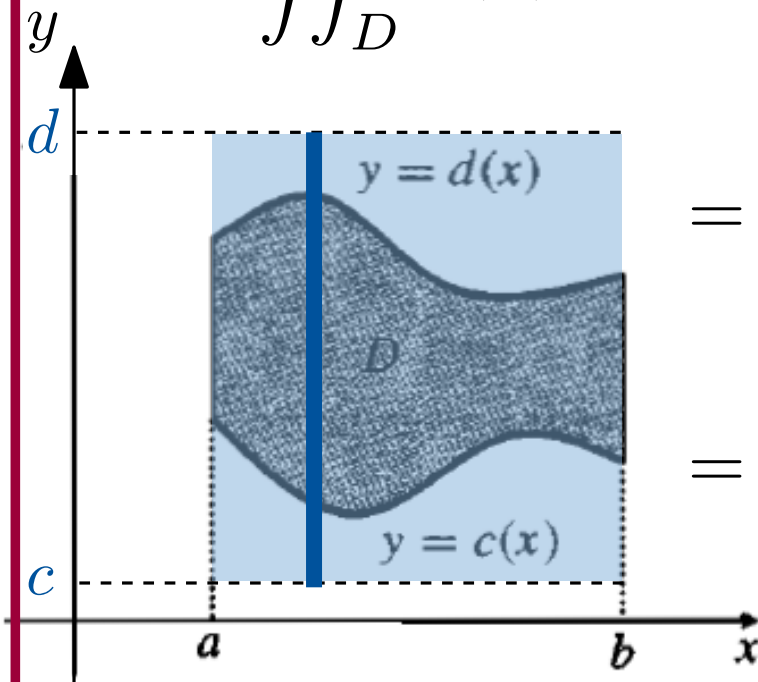
$$\iint_D f(x) dx = \lim_{m,n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \hat{f}(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*) \Delta A_{ij}, \quad \hat{f} = \begin{cases} f & \text{on } D \\ 0 & \text{outside } D. \end{cases}$$

What does this mean for our computation using iterated integrals?

Suppose  $D = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 | a \leq x \leq b, c(x) \leq y \leq d(x)\}$  as in the picture.

We put  $D$  in a rectangle by choosing  $c < c(x)$  and  $d > d(x)$  for all  $x$ . Then

$$\iint_D f(x) dA = \int_a^b \left( \int_c^d \hat{f}(x, y) dy \right) dx$$



$$= \int_a^b \left( \int_c^{c(x)} \hat{f}(x, y) dy + \int_{c(x)}^{d(x)} \hat{f}(x, y) dy + \int_{d(x)}^d \hat{f}(x, y) dy \right) dx$$

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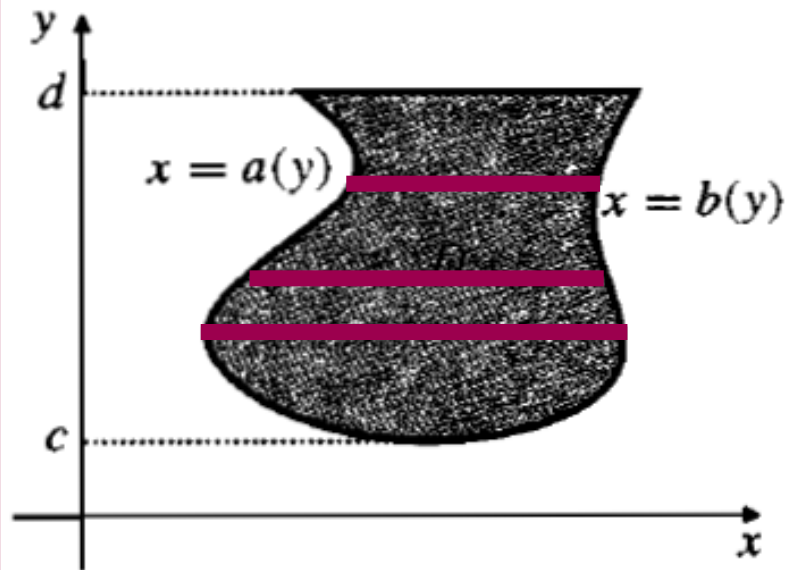
$$= \int_a^b \left( \int_{c(x)}^{d(x)} f(x, y) dy \right) dx$$

The **shape** of  $D$  is encoded in the **limits** of the inner (first) integral.

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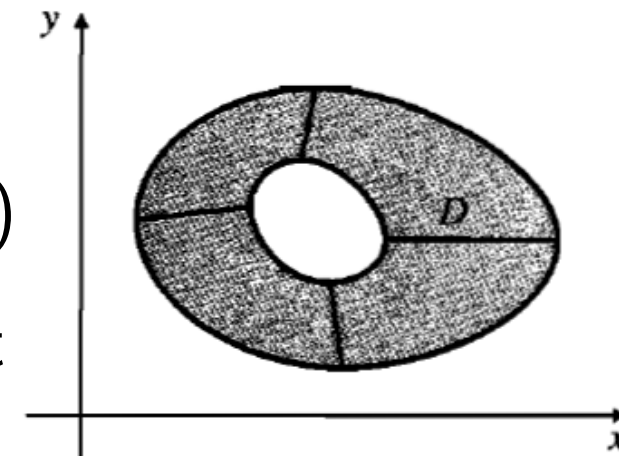
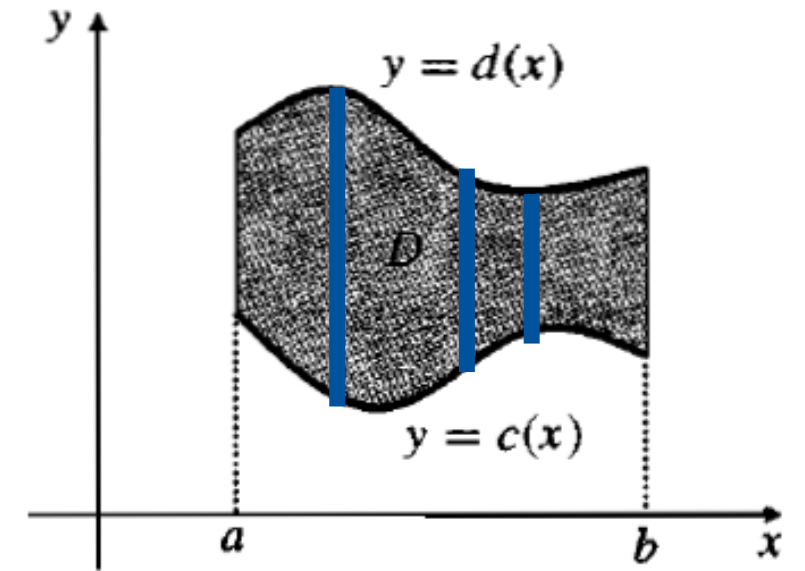


Similarly, if  $D = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid a(y) \leq x \leq b(y), c \leq y \leq d\}$ ,

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$$\iint_D f(x) dA = \int_c^d \int_{a(y)}^{b(y)} f(x, y) dx dy.$$

Many domains (rectangles, triangles) can be written in both the above ways, so both formulas work. (We already saw this for areas of plane regions (p2-4) - indeed, the area of  $D$  is  $\iint_D 1 dA$ .)

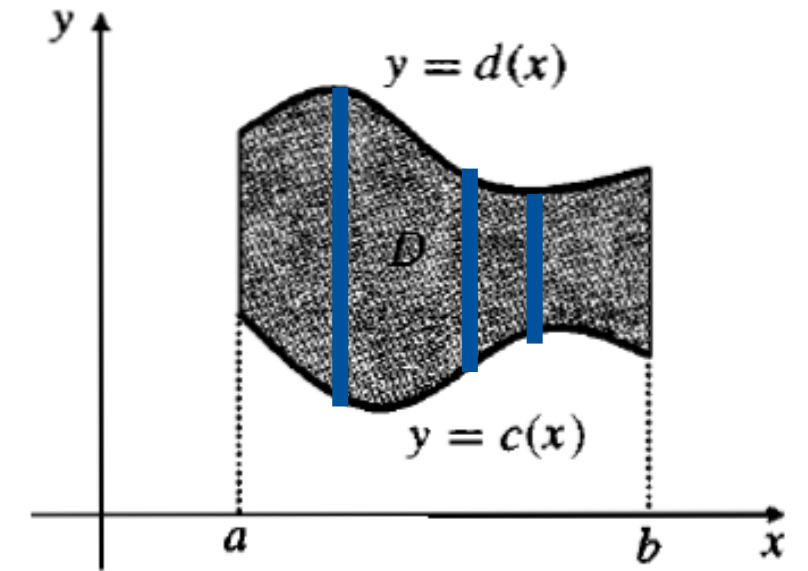
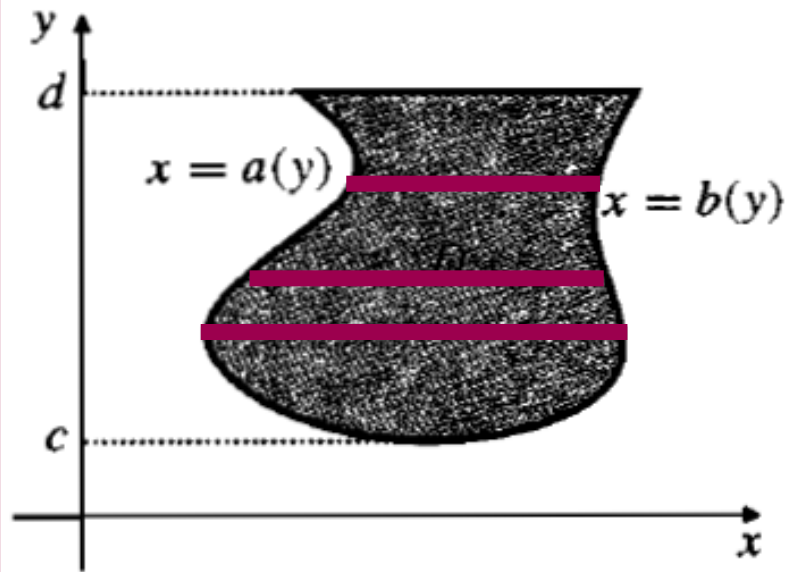
If a domain cannot be written in either way, then we must split it into regions which are of these forms.



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**Warning:** In both cases, only the inner (first) integral may have limits that contain variables, and those must be the variables of the outer (second) integral.

Some **wrong** examples:  ~~$\int_{c(x)}^{d(x)} \int_a^b f(x, y) dx dy,$~~   ~~$\int_a^b \int_{c(y)}^{d(y)} f(x, y) dy dx$~~

**Example:** Find the volume lying under the surface  $z = x^2 + y^2$  and above the triangle with vertices  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 2)$ ,  $(1, 2)$ .

As we saw above, we get the same answer whether we integrate first in  $x$  and then in  $y$ , or first in  $y$  and then in  $x$ . Sometimes one order is much easier than the other - changing the order is called **reiterating the integral**.

**Example:** Evaluate  $\int_0^1 \int_{\sqrt{x}}^1 e^{-y^3} dy dx$ .

The integral  $\int_a^b \int_{c(x)}^{d(x)} f(x, y) dy dx$  is sometimes written  $\int_a^b dx \int_{c(x)}^{d(x)} f(x, y) dy$ , to emphasise that the limits  $a, b$  refer to the variable  $x$ . Similarly,  $\int_c^d dy \int_{a(y)}^{b(y)} f(x, y) dx$  means  $\int_c^d \int_{a(y)}^{b(y)} f(x, y) dx dy$ .

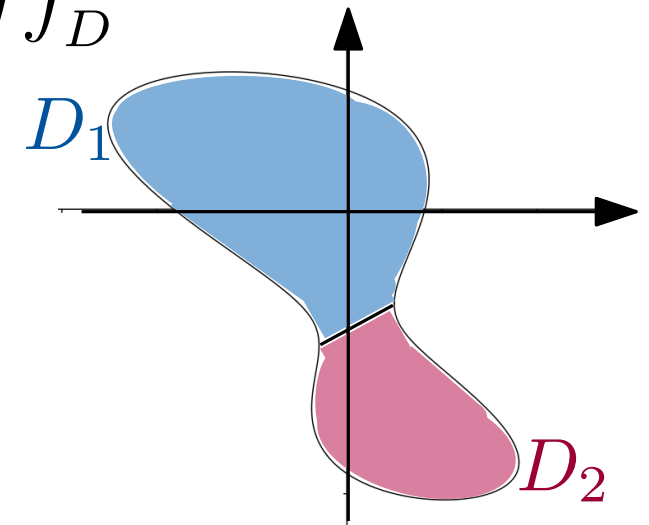
Some properties of multiple integrals, analogous to properties for 1D definite integrals (same labelling as in Week 3 p19-20):

c. An integral depends **linearly on the integrand**: if  $L$  and  $M$  are constants, then

$$\iint_D Lf(x, y) + Mg(x, y) dA = L \iint_D f(x, y) dA + M \iint_D g(x, y) dA.$$

d. An integral depends **additively on the domain** of integration: if  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are non-overlapping domains (except possibly on their boundaries), then

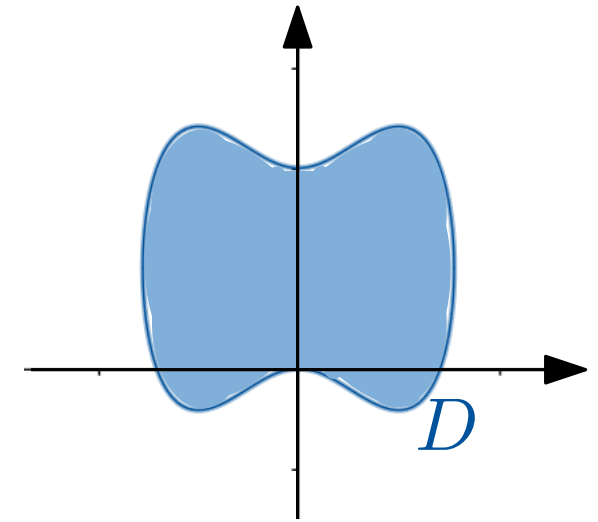
$$\int_{D_1} f(x, y) dA + \int_{D_2} f(x, y) dA = \int_{D_1 \cup D_2} f(x, y) dA.$$



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g. If  $f(x, y)$  is an **odd** function in  $x$  (i.e.  $f(x, y) = -f(-x, y)$ ) and  $D$  is **symmetric** about the  $y$ -axis (i.e. replacing  $x$  by  $-x$  in the definition of  $D$  doesn't change  $D$ ), then

$\int_D f(x, y) dA = 0$  (and similarly for an odd function in  $y$  and a domain symmetric about the  $x$ -axis).



**Example:** Find  $\iint_D y + \sin x \cos y dA$ , where  $D = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid 4x^2 + y^2 \leq 4\}$ .



There is a more interesting symmetry property of 2D integrals that we don't see in 1D definite integrals. This comes from the fact that the variable of integration is a dummy variable, so  $\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b f(t) dt$ , or, in 2D,

$$\int_c^d \int_{a(y)}^{b(y)} f(x, y) dx dy = \int_c^d \int_{a(t)}^{b(t)} f(s, t) ds dt.$$

In particular,

$$\int_c^d \int_{a(y)}^{b(y)} f(x, y) dx dy = \int_c^d \int_{a(x)}^{b(x)} f(y, x) dy dx,$$

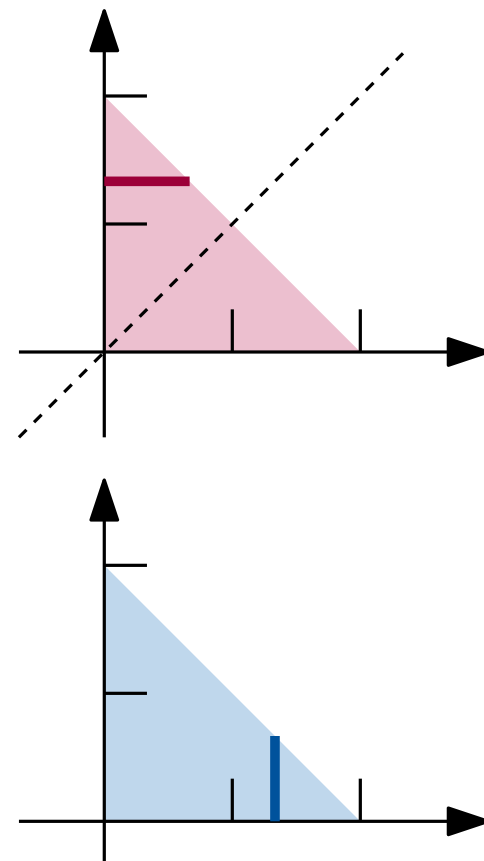
and if the domains on the two sides  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 | a(y) \leq x \leq b(y), c \leq y \leq d\}$  and  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 | a(x) \leq y \leq b(x), c \leq x \leq d\}$  are equal, (i.e.  $D$  is symmetric in  $x$  and  $y$ ) then this is often helpful.

Note that all the symmetry properties depend on **both the integrand and the domain**.

$$\int_c^d \int_{a(y)}^{b(y)} f(x, y) dx dy = \int_c^d \int_{a(x)}^{b(x)} f(y, x) dy dx.$$

**Example:** (ex sheet #9 q2) Let  $D$  be the region bounded by the lines  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 0$  and  $x + y = 2$ . There are two ways to see that  $D$  is symmetric in  $x$  and  $y$ : the set of three lines do not change when we exchange  $x$  and  $y$  in the equations; from the diagram,  $D$  is unaffected by reflection in the line  $y = x$ .

Consider  $\iint_D x^2 dA$ . One way to write it as an iterated integral is  $\int_0^2 \int_0^{2-y} x^2 dx dy$ . Renaming the variables of integration, this is the same as  $\int_0^2 \int_0^{2-x} y^2 dy dx$ , and the domain of this double integral is also  $D$ . Hence  $\iint_D x^2 dA = \iint_D y^2 dA$ , i.e.  $\iint_D x^2 - y^2 dA = 0$ .



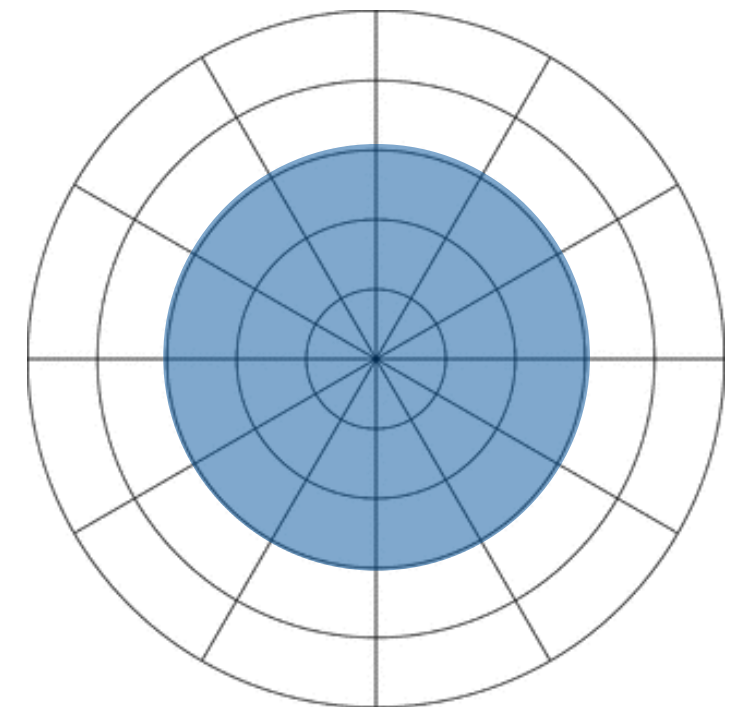
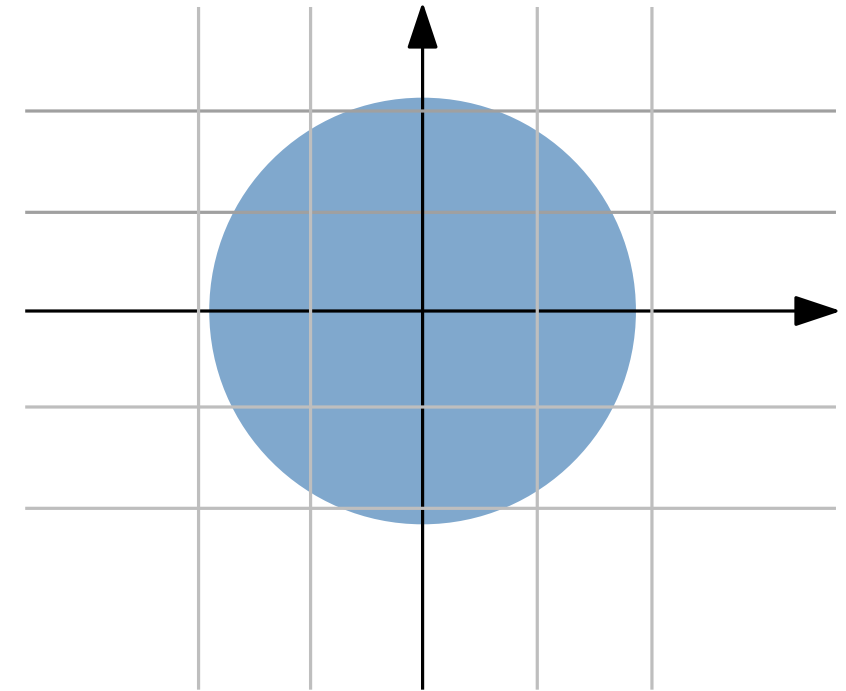
The following example leads to a very complicated integral that we will redo (p33) in a much easier way.

**Example:** Find the volume of the region bounded by  $z = 1 - x^2 - y^2$  and  $z = 0$ .

The integral in the previous example was very complicated because the domain was **circular**, but we were using a method based on Riemann sums over **rectangular** subdomains.

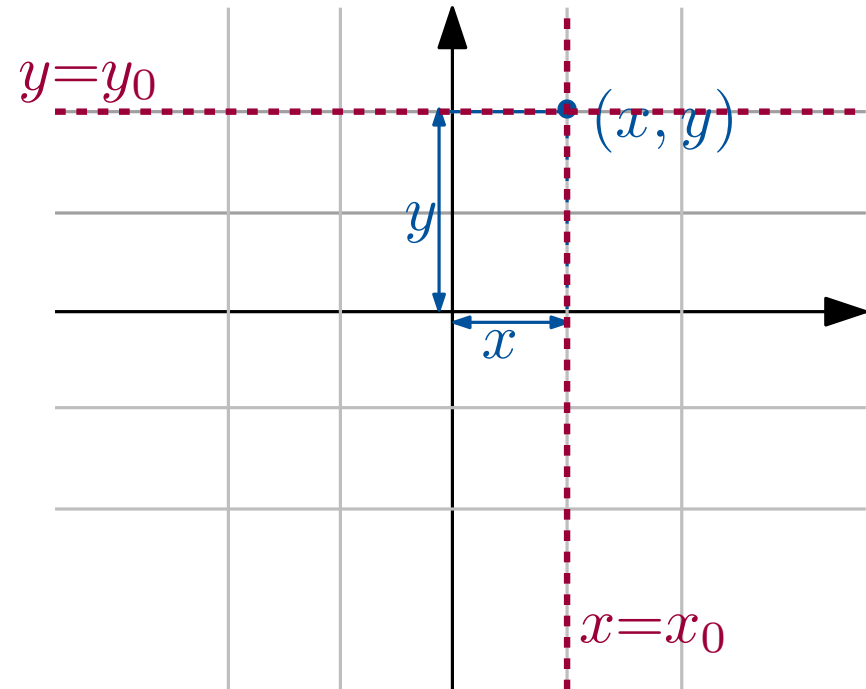
In the next section, we derive a second method for evaluating double integrals that use Riemann sums over the subdomains in the grid at the bottom.

(This second method is one special case of the method of substitution for multiple integrals - we will discuss this in general in the final week of class.)



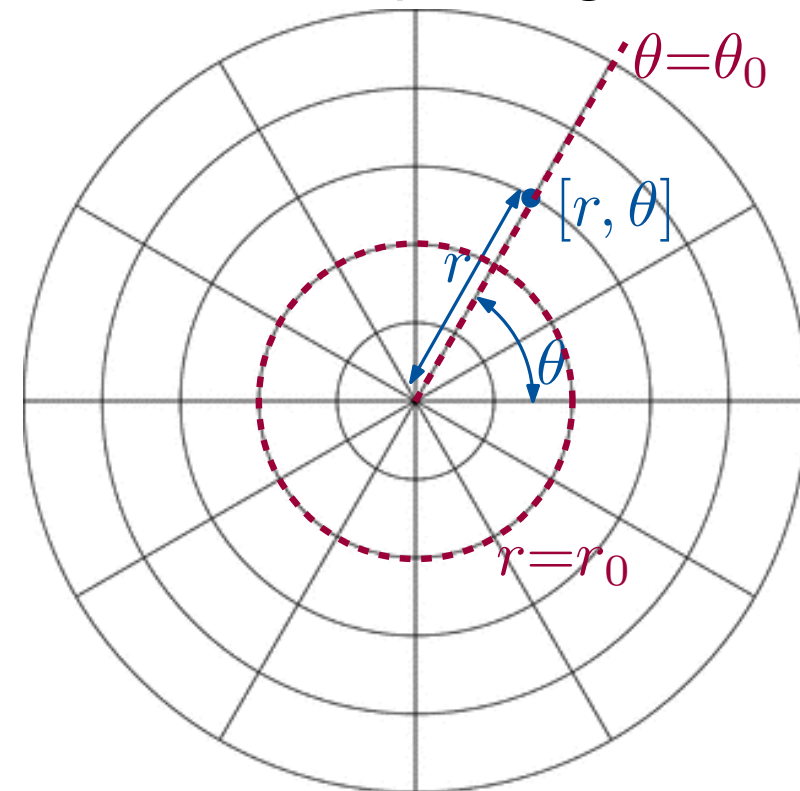
## §14.4: Double Integrals in Polar Coordinates

Cartesian coordinates  $(x, y)$  specify the location of a point  $P$  relative to a rectangular grid:



- $x$  is the distance of  $P$  to the right of the  $y$ -axis (i.e. horizontal distance);
- $y$  is the distance of  $P$  above the  $x$ -axis (i.e. vertical distance).

Polar coordinates  $[r, \theta]$  specify the location of  $P$  relative to the polar grid below:



- $r$  is the distance from  $P$  to the origin;
- $\theta$  is the counterclockwise angle from the positive  $x$ -axis to the vector  $\overrightarrow{OP}$  and (i.e. from  $\mathbf{i}$  to  $\overrightarrow{OP}$ ).

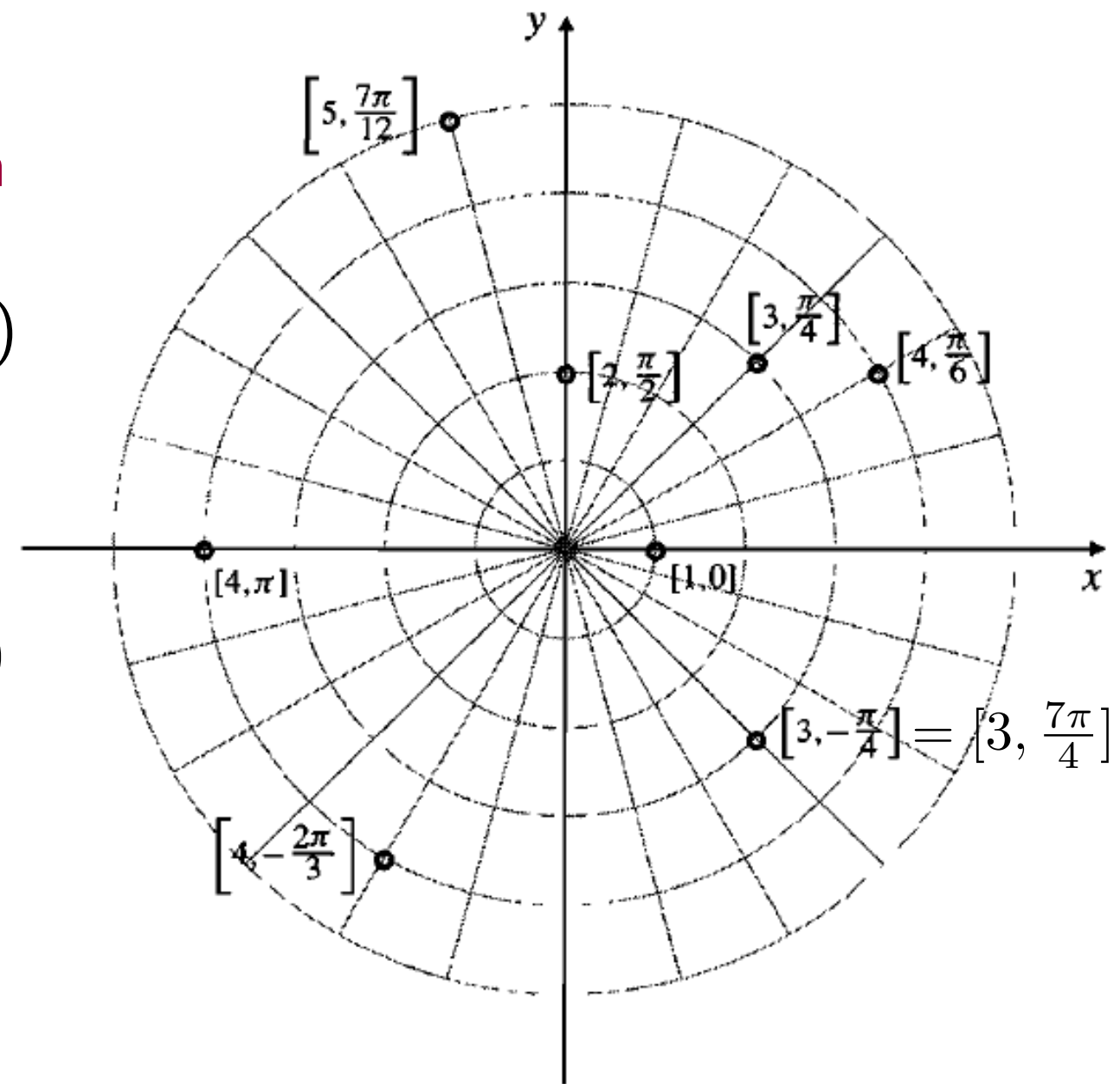
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- $r$  is the distance from  $P$  to the origin;
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(See the first page of §8.5 in the textbook.)

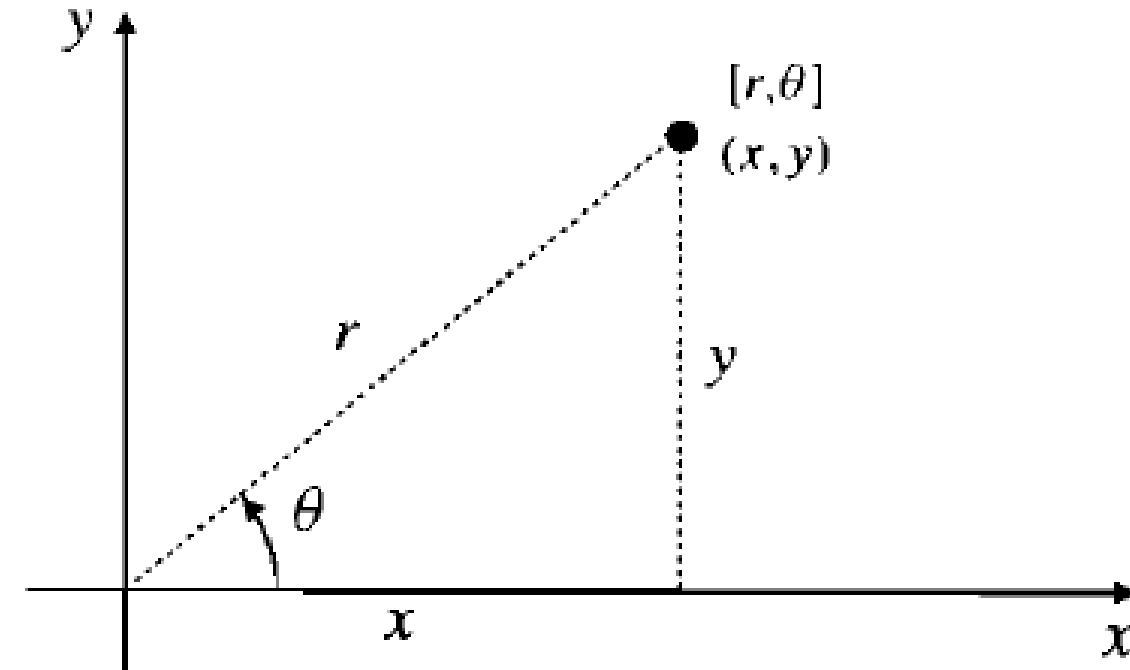
Conventions:

- We will consider only  $r \geq 0$ . (Different conventions exist regarding  $r < 0$ .)
- On the upper half plane,  $\theta$  is between 0 and  $\pi$ . On the lower half plane, we will sometimes take  $\theta \in (\pi, 2\pi)$  (a large counterclockwise angle) and sometimes take  $\theta \in (-\pi, 0)$  (a small clockwise angle).

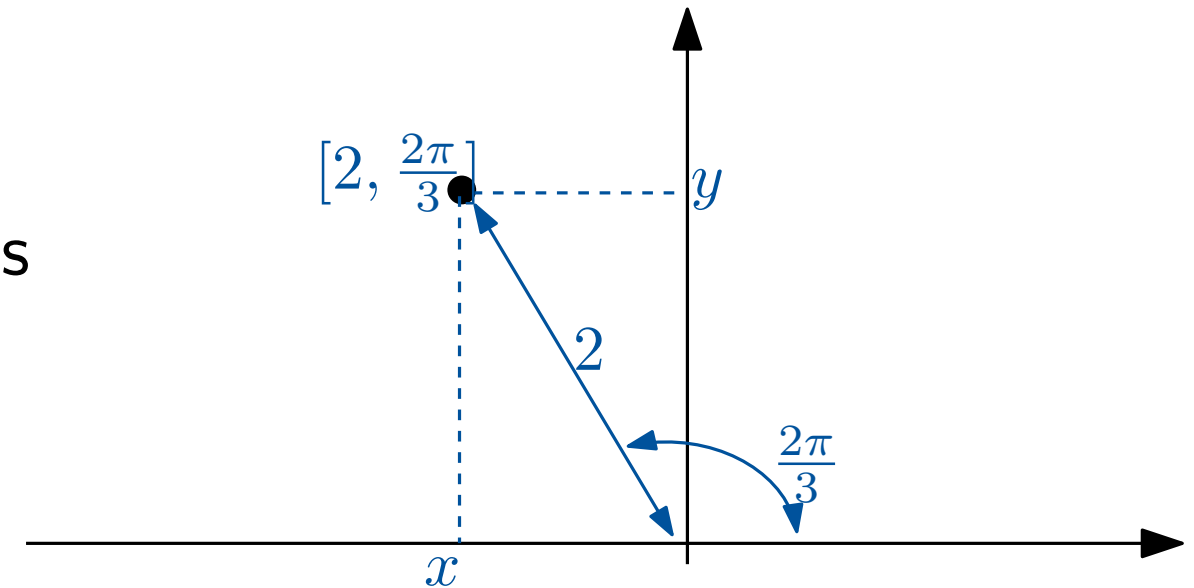


This diagram illustrates how to change between Cartesian and polar coordinates.

- To change from  $[r, \theta]$  to  $(x, y)$ , take  $x = r \cos \theta$  and  $y = r \sin \theta$ ;



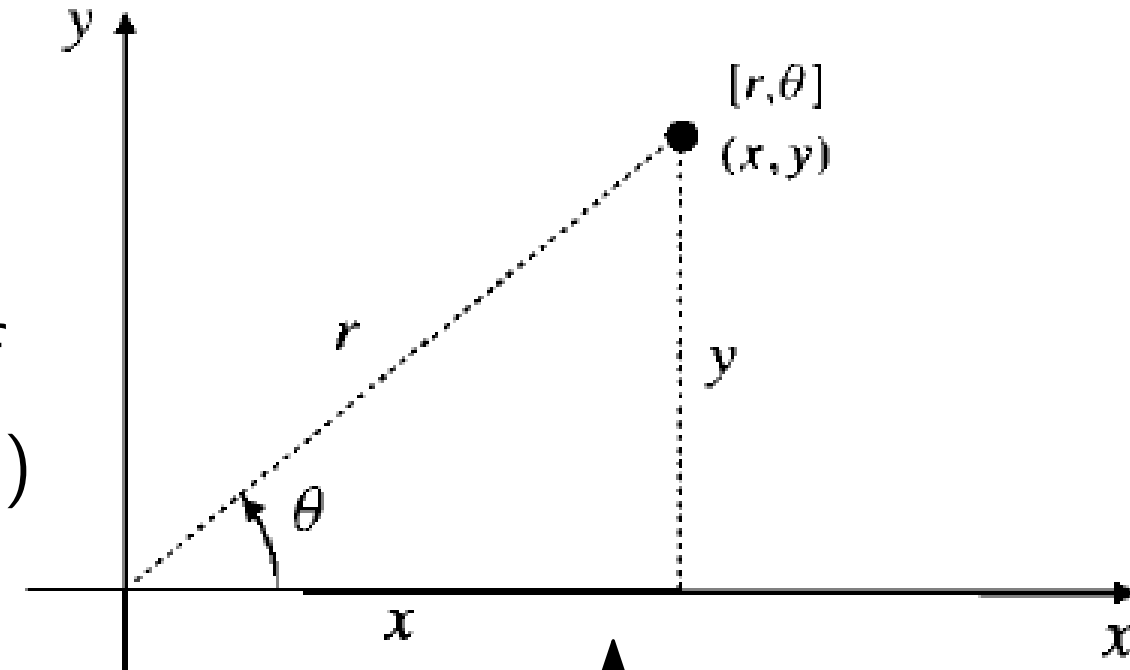
**Example:** Let  $P$  be  $[2, \frac{2\pi}{3}]$  in polar coordinates. Then its Cartesian coordinates are  $x = 2 \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} = -\frac{1}{2}$  and  $y = 2 \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ , i.e.  $(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$ .





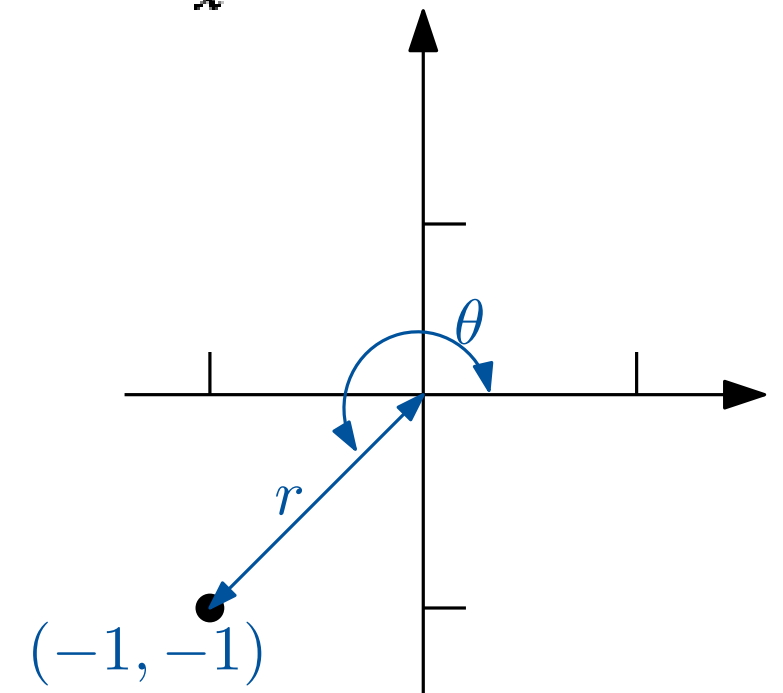
This diagram illustrates how to change between Cartesian and polar coordinates.

- To change from  $[r, \theta]$  to  $(x, y)$ , take  $x = r \cos \theta$  and  $y = r \sin \theta$ ;
- To change from  $(x, y)$  to  $[r, \theta]$ , take  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  and  $\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$ . (Be careful: if  $x < 0$ , then  $\theta \neq \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}$ , see example below.)



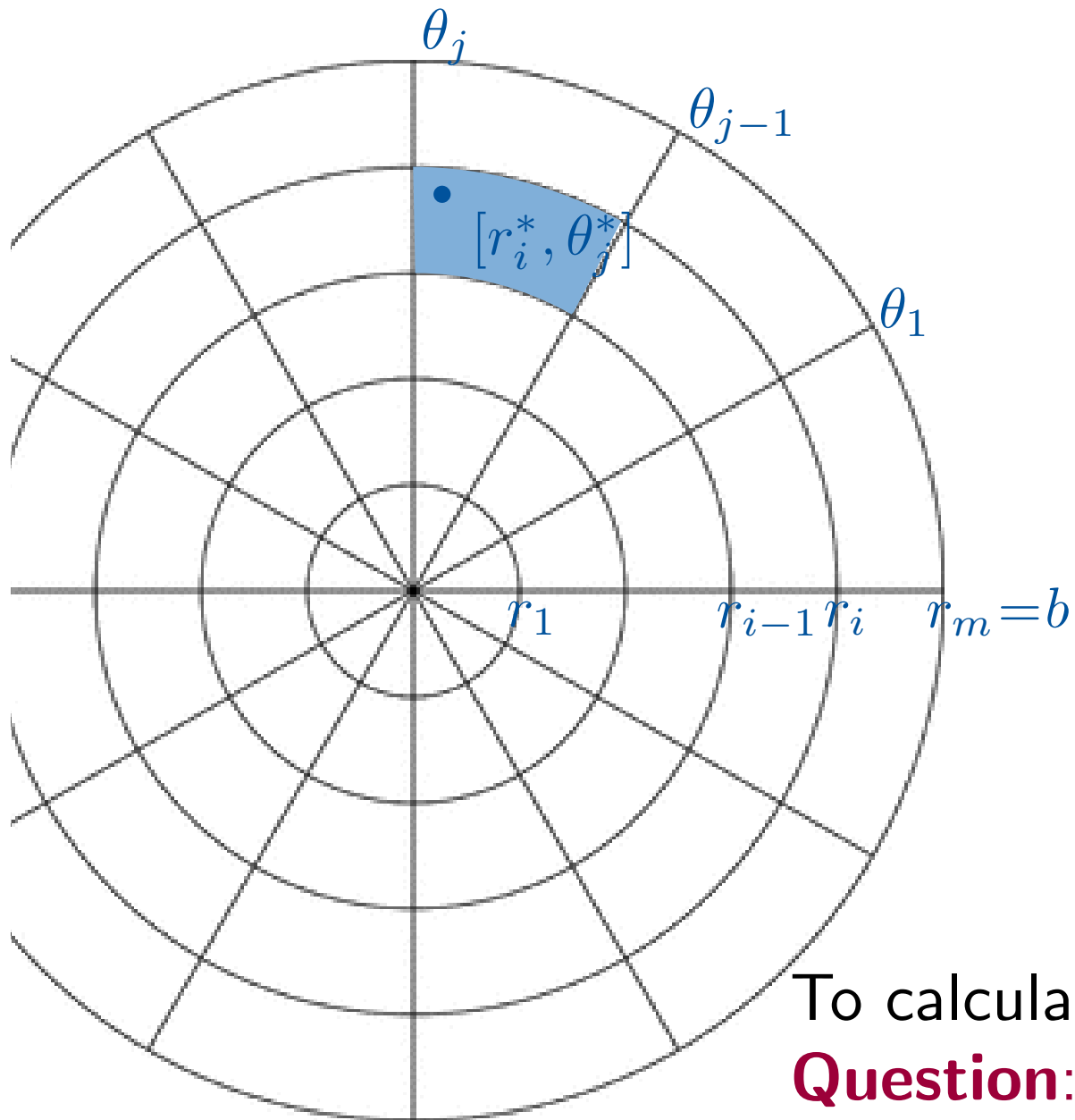
**Example:** Let  $P$  be  $(-1, -1)$  in Cartesian coordinates. Then its distance to the origin is  $\sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{2}$ , and the angle between  $-\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}$  and  $\mathbf{i}$  is  $\frac{5\pi}{4}$ , so its polar coordinates are  $[\sqrt{2}, \frac{5\pi}{4}]$ . Another correct answer is  $[\sqrt{2}, -\frac{3\pi}{4}]$ .

Note that  $\tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x} = \tan^{-1} 1 = \frac{\pi}{4} \neq \frac{5\pi}{4}$  nor  $-\frac{3\pi}{4}$ . It is safest to find  $\theta$  using a diagram.



Back to integration:

Suppose our domain  $D$  is a disk of radius  $b$ , centred at the origin.



Choose  $r_i$  with  $0 = r_0 < r_1 < \dots < r_m = b$  and  $\theta_j$  with  $0 = \theta_0 < \theta_1 < \dots < \theta_n = 2\pi$ , and divide the disk into small pieces along the circles  $r = r_i$  and the lines  $\theta = \theta_j$ .

Write  $\Delta A_{ij}$  for the area of the piece with  $r_{i-1} < r < r_i$  and  $\theta_{j-1} < \theta < \theta_j$ , and choose a point  $[r_i^*, \theta_j^*]$  in this piece.

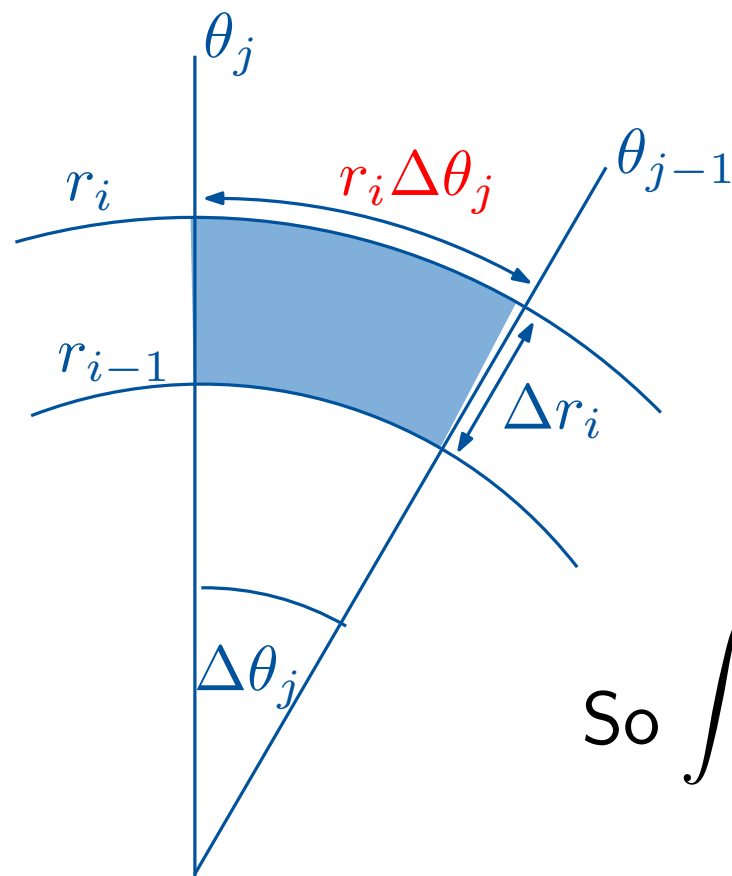
$$\text{Then } \iint_D f(x, y) dA = \lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n f(r_i^* \cos \theta_j^*, r_i^* \sin \theta_j^*) \Delta A_{ij}.$$

To calculate this using iterated integrals, we need to know:

**Question:** What is  $\Delta A_{ij}$ , the area of the small pieces?

$$\iint_D f(x, y) dA = \lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n f(r_i^* \cos \theta_j^*, r_i^* \sin \theta_j^*) \Delta A_{ij}, \text{ where } \Delta A_{ij} \text{ is the}$$

area of the small pieces of the domain (e.g. the shaded piece in the diagram). (Note that the units of  $\Delta A_{ij}$  is  $(\text{unit of length})^2$ , so  $\Delta A_{ij}$  **cannot** simply be  $\Delta r_i \Delta \theta_j$ , whose units is  $(\text{unit of length})$ , because  $\theta$  is an angle with no units.)



Approximate each piece by a rectangle:

- the length of a straight side is  $\Delta r_i$ ;
- the outer curved side is an arc of a circle, with angle  $\Delta \theta_j$  and radius  $r_i$ , so its length is  $r_i \Delta \theta_j$ .

So the area of each piece is approximately  $\Delta A_{ij} = r_i \Delta r_i \Delta \theta_j$  (it can be proved rigorously that the error in this approximation goes to zero when we take the limit in the Riemann sum).

$$\text{So } \iint_D f(x, y) dA = \lim_{m, n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n f(r_i^* \cos \theta_j^*, r_i^* \sin \theta_j^*) r_i \Delta r_i \Delta \theta_j$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^b f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) r dr d\theta.$$

**Redo Example:** (p25) Find the volume of the region bounded by  $z = 1 - x^2 - y^2$  and  $z = 0$ .

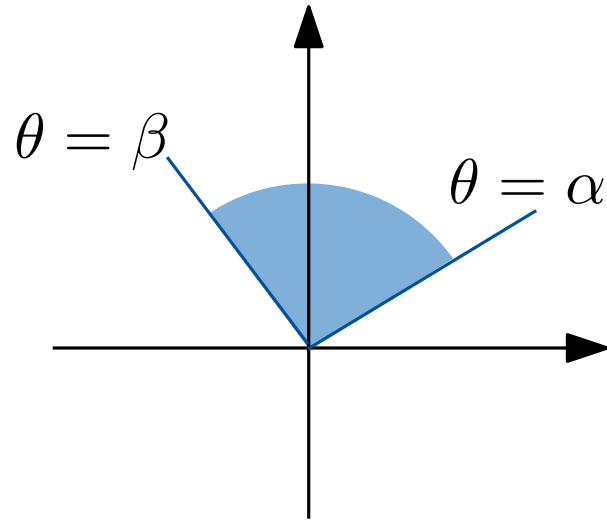
$$\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^b f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) r \, dr \, d\theta$$

Polar coordinates are also useful for integrating over sectors:

**Example:** Find  $\iint_D x^2 dA$ , where  $D$  is the region  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 4, x \geq 0\}$

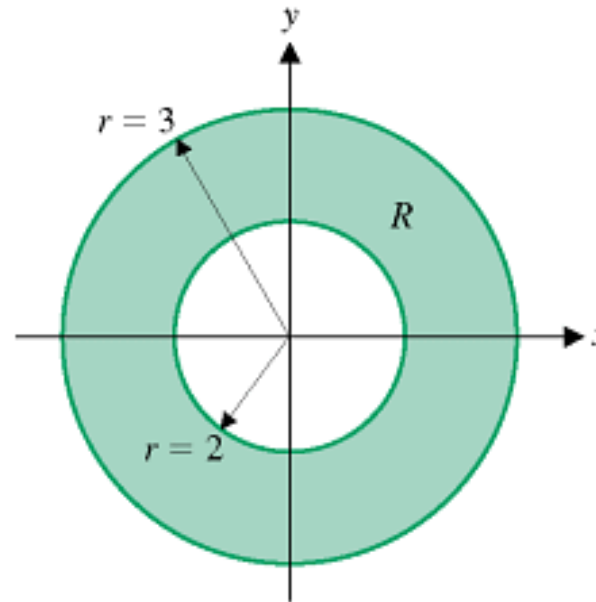
$$\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \int_0^b f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) r dr d\theta$$

Some domains where polar coordinates are useful:



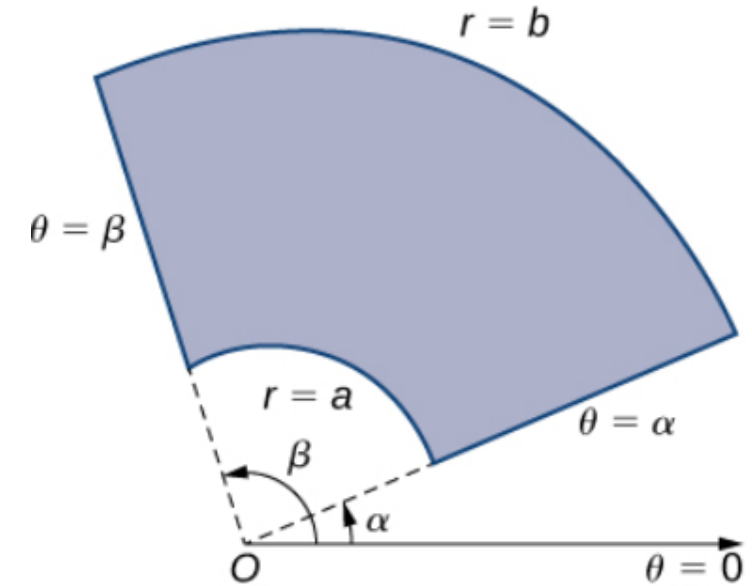
A sector:

$$0 < r < b, \alpha \leq \theta \leq \beta$$



An annulus:

$$a \leq r \leq b, 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$



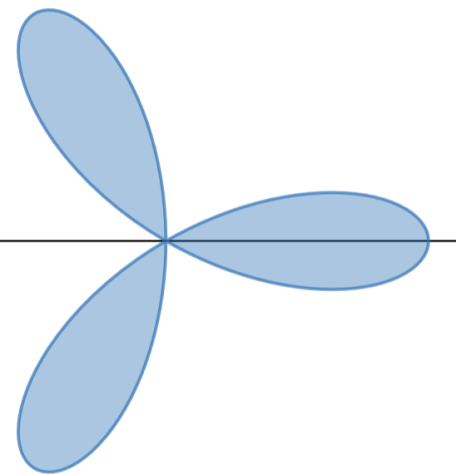
An “annulus-sector”:

$$a \leq r \leq b, \alpha \leq \theta \leq \beta$$

In this class, we will mainly focus on the domains above, where both sets of limits of integration are constant, but integrals of the form

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

are also useful - indeed, it can work with domains that are almost impossible to describe in Cartesian coordinates, e.g.  $r \leq \cos(3\theta)$ .



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Notice the similarity between the formula for double integrals in polar coordinates

$$\int_{c'}^{d'} \int_{a'}^{b'} f(x, y) \, dx \, dy = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \int_a^b f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) \, r \, dr \, d\theta$$

and the method of substitution

$$\int_{a'}^{b'} f(u) \, du = \int_a^b f(u(t)) \frac{du}{dt} \, dt.$$

We will see, in the final week, that the factor of  $r$  in the polar double integral formula is a 2-dimensional “derivative”, and that similar formulas exist for other substitutions (e.g. for elliptical domains).