

15.7 Triple Integrals

1. Evaluate the given triple integrals

(a) $\int_0^3 \int_0^x \int_{x-y}^{x+y} y \, dz \, dy \, dx$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^3 \int_0^x \int_{x-y}^{x+y} y \, dz \, dy \, dx &= \int_0^3 \int_0^x y z \Big|_{x-y}^{x+y} dy \, dx \\ &= \int_0^3 \int_0^x (2y^2) dy \, dx \\ &= \int_0^3 \frac{2}{3} x^3 dx \\ &= \frac{1}{6} x^4 \Big|_0^3 \\ &= \frac{3^4}{6} = \frac{81}{6} = \frac{27}{2} \end{aligned}$$

(b) $\iiint_T x^2 \, dV$ where T is the tetrahedron with vertices

$(0, 0, 0)$, $(1, 0, 0)$, $(0, 1, 0)$, and $(0, 0, 1)$.

Solution: A normal vector to the plane through the three non-zero points is

$$\begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$$

So the plane has equation $x + y + z = 1$ or $z = 1 - x - y$.

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_T x^2 \, dV &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} \int_0^{1-x-y} x^2 \, dz \, dy \, dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} x^2 z \Big|_0^{1-x-y} dy \, dx \\ &= \int_0^1 x^2 \int_0^{1-x} (1 - x - y) dy \, dx \\ &= \int_0^1 x^2 \left(y - xy - \frac{1}{2} y^2 \Big|_{y=0}^{y=1-x} \right) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 x^2 \left(1 - x - x(1 - x) - \frac{1}{2} (1 - x)^2 \right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 x^2 - 2x^3 + x^4 dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{30} \right) = \frac{1}{60}. \end{aligned}$$

- (c) $\iiint_E 6xy \, dV$ where E is the region under the plane $z = 1 + x + y$ and above the part of the xy -plane bounded by curves $y = \sqrt{x}$, $y = 0$, and $x = 1$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \int_0^{\sqrt{x}} \int_0^{1+x+y} 6xy \, dz \, dy \, dx &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{\sqrt{x}} 6xy + 6x^2y + 6xy^2 \, dy \, dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \left(3xy^2 + 3x^2y^2 + 2xy^3 \Big|_0^{\sqrt{x}} \right) dx \\ &= \int_0^1 3x^2 + 3x^3 + 2x^{5/2} \, dx \\ &= 1 + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{4}{7} = \frac{65}{28} \end{aligned}$$

2. Use a triple integral to find the volume of the given solid

- (a) The solid enclosed by the cylinder $y = x^2$ and the planes $z = 0$ and $y + z = 1$.

Solution:

$$\int_0^1 \int_{x^2}^1 \int_0^{1-y} dz \, dy \, dx = \frac{8}{15}$$

- (b) The tetrahedron enclosed by the coordinate planes $x = 0$, $y = 0$, $z = 0$ and the plane $2x + y + z = 4$.

Solution:

$$\int_0^2 \int_0^{4-2x} \int_0^{4-2x-y} dz \, dy \, dx = \frac{16}{3}$$