

# 8 Numerical Integration pt. 3

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# Theory

# Setup

- Area

$A$

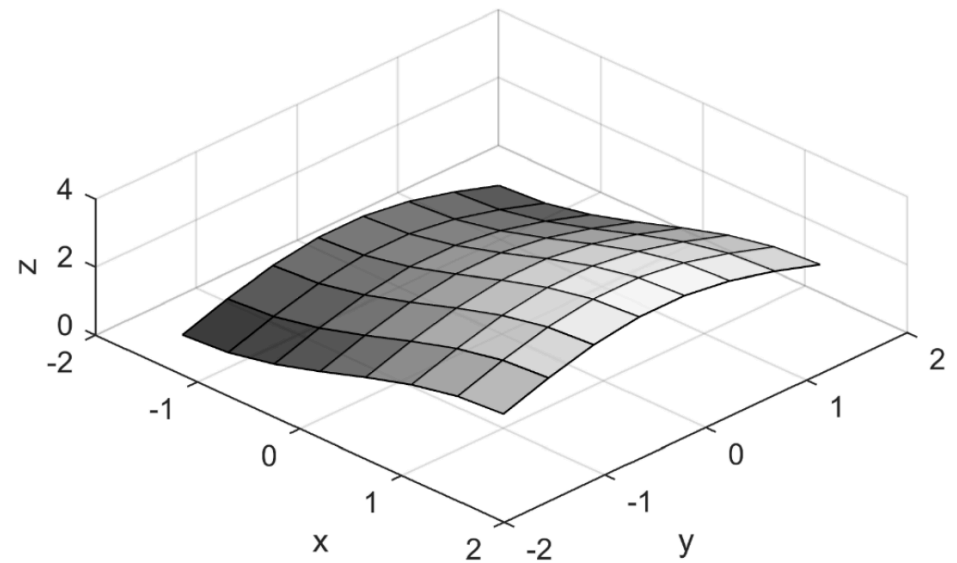
# Multivariate Integration

- The exact integral:

$$I = \int_{\Omega} f(\vec{x}) d\vec{x}$$

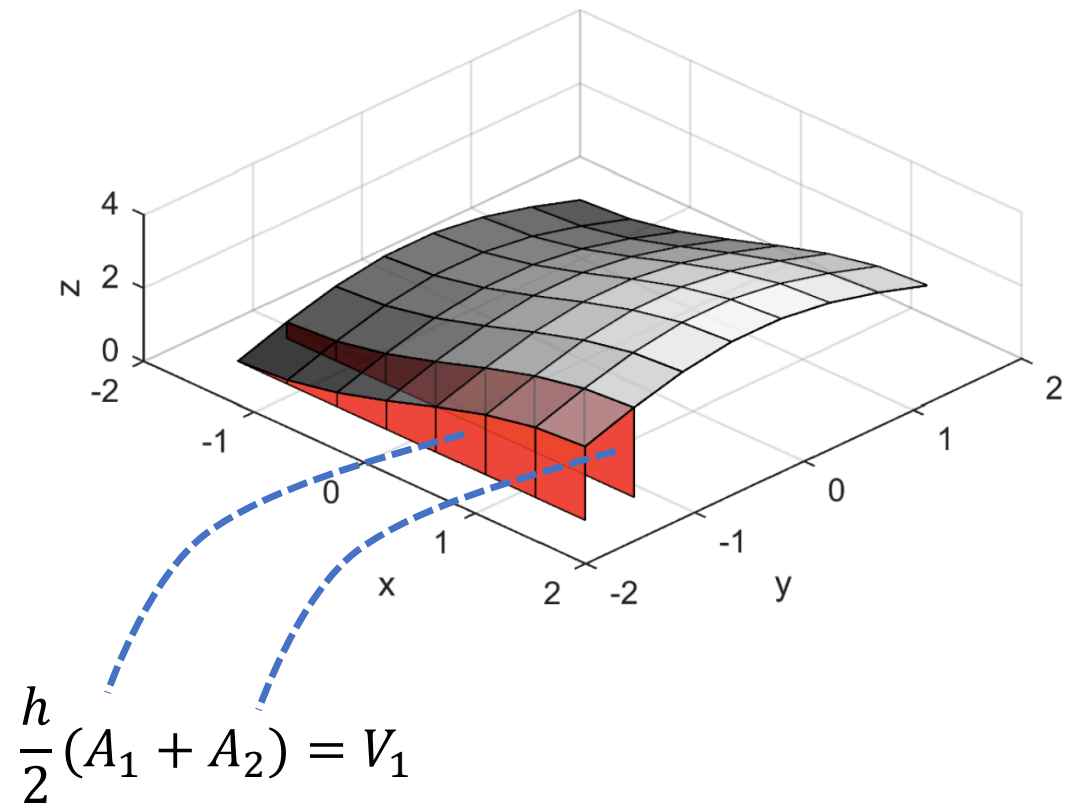
- Approximation:

$$I \approx \sum w_i f(\vec{x}_i)$$



# Multivariate Integration cont. Example

- Given:
  - 3x3 grid (matrix indexing)
  - $h = 1$  (all directions)
- Task:
  - Write down the weights for each  $f_{i,j}$  resulting from the multivariate trapezoidal rule



# Monte Carlo Quadrature

- Probability of hitting the circle:

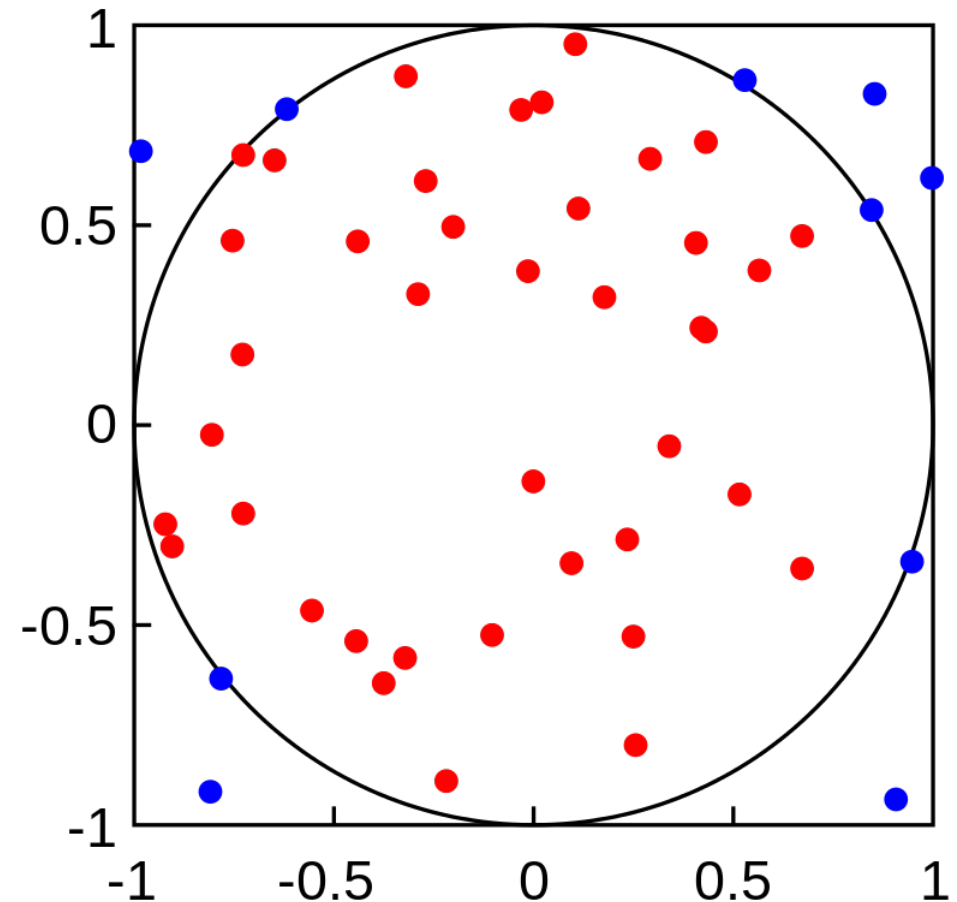
$$p = \frac{A_{circle}}{A_{total}} \approx \frac{n_{inside}}{n_{inside} + n_{outside}}$$

- The area of the circle is therefore:

$$A_{circle} \approx \frac{n_{inside}}{n_{inside} + n_{outside}} \cdot A_{total}$$

- In general:

1. Generate sample from known domain size,  $x \sim p$
2. Check if the sample is inside or outside
3. Update the counters



# Exercises



# Exercise 1

Figure 9 shows the surface  $z = 0.1x^2 + 0.1y^3 + 4$ .

- a) Find the exact volume enclosed between the surface and the  $xy$  plane, for  $x \in [-3, 3]$  and  $y \in [-3, 3]$ . (Hint: you can make your computation easier by exploiting the fact that  $z$  is an odd function of  $y$ .)
- b) Compute the volume using the midpoint (rectangle) rule, with 3 intervals along each of the  $x$  and  $y$  axes. What is the absolute error for your numerical approximation with respect to the exact value of the integral?
- c) How is the error expected to change when you increase the number of function evaluations by a factor of 4?

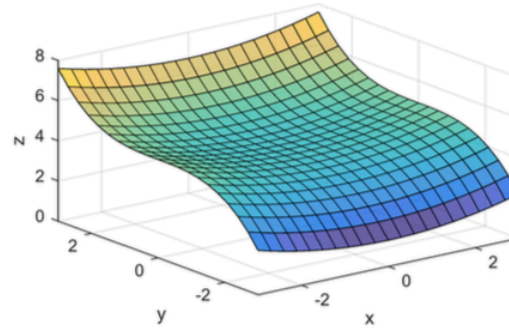
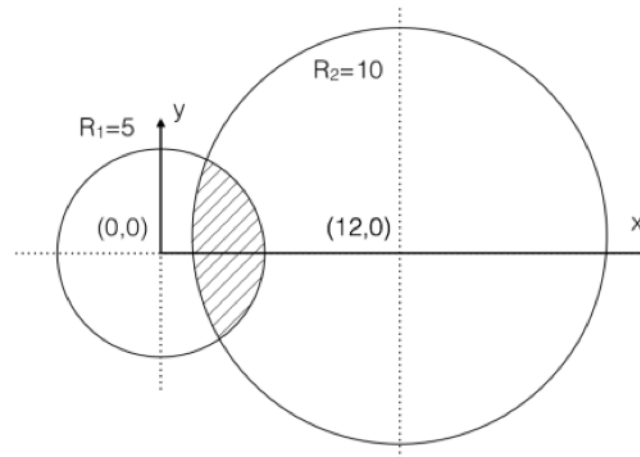


Figure 9

## Exercise 2

- a) Write a pseudocode to calculate the overlapping area of the two circles shown below using Monte Carlo Sampling. Assume that you have a function `random()`, which returns a uniformly distributed random number in the interval  $[0, 1]$ .
- b) What would you have to change in your pseudocode if you wanted to estimate the error of the Monte Carlo sampling? Answer qualitatively, do not write any pseudocode.
- c) How does the error of the method change if you use 10 times more samples?
- d) How does the error of the method change if you use a two times larger sampling space?



# Homework

# HW 1

- Task:

- We want to evaluate the integral

$$I = \int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx$$

- Define  $\varphi(x, y)$  st.  $I = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \varphi(x, y) dx dy$
  - Assume  $x, y$  are uniformly sampled from  $[-1, 1] \times [-1, 1]$ , compute  $\mathbb{E}[\varphi(x, y)]$

# HW 2

The battery in the circuit shown in Fig. 11 supplies a constant voltage of  $V = 10$  volts. The current  $I$  in the circuit depends on the voltage, and the resistance  $R$  according to relation  $V = IR$ . The instantaneous power delivered by the battery is  $P = I^2 R$ . You are told that every time you switch on the circuit,  $R$  may randomly take on any positive value between  $10\Omega$  and  $20\Omega$ , following a given probability distribution  $p(x)$ . Furthermore, the value of  $R$  stays constant until you turn the circuit off.

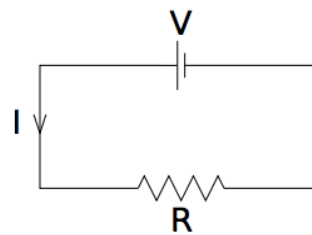


Figure 11

- Write down the expression for  $P$  in terms of  $V$  and  $R$ .
- Write down, in terms of  $V$  and  $p(x)$ , the expression for the expected (averaged over multiple switchings) power  $\bar{P} = \mathbb{E}[P]$  delivered by the battery.
- Approximate  $\bar{P}$  using Monte Carlo method, given that 4 samples drawn from the given distribution  $p(x)$  are as follows:  $\{12, 17, 15, 16\}$ .