Calculus 3 Proof

(jokingly called "The Victor Theorem", according to a classmate)

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Proof. For simplicity, we can start with a simple double integral. This principle can be applied to any arbitrary n-number of iterated integrals.

$$\iint_{R} f(x,y) \, dA.$$

For any iterated integral of some function f(x, y) in any Euclidean coordinate system (e.g. Cartesian, polar, and cylindrical), such that f(x, y) can be expressed as the product of two independent functions g(x) and h(y), and that the bounds of integration are constants:

$$\int_{c}^{d} \int_{a}^{b} f(x,y) dA = \int_{c}^{d} \int_{a}^{b} g(x)h(y) dxdy$$
$$\{(a,b,c,d) \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

h(y) is a constant when you integrate with respect to x.

g(x) is a constant when you integrate with respect to y.

We can represent this as the product of two definite integrals of functions that are independent of each other:

$$\int_a^b g(x) \, dx \cdot \int_c^d h(y) \, dy$$

If this claim is true, it must also apply to partial derivatives due to the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus.

Suppose some function $f(x,y) = x^2y^3$.

$$\begin{split} f(x,y) &= g(x) \cdot h(y); \quad g(x) = x^2, \quad h(y) = y^3 \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} &= \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = 6xy^2 \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} &= 2x \\ \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} &= 3y^2 \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} &= 6xy^2 \end{split}$$

Thus:

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} = \frac{dg}{dx} \cdot \frac{dh}{dy}$$

Therefore, if and only if $f_i(x_i)$ is independent from $f_{i+1}(x_{i+1})$

$$\prod_{i=1}^{n} \int_{a_i}^{b_i} f_i(x_i) \, dx_i = \int_{a_1}^{b_1} f_1(x_1) \, dx_1 \cdot \int_{a_2}^{b_2} f_2(x_2) \, dx_2 \cdots \int_{a_n}^{b_n} f_n(x_n) \, dx_n$$

$$\{(a_i, b_i) \in \mathbb{R} \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}\$$

The proof is trivial.

QED

Fubini's Theorem:

The triple integral of a continious function f(x, y, z) over a box B, where $a \le x \le b$, $c \le y \le d$, and $e \le z \le f$ to the integral:

$$\iiint_B f(x,y,z) \, dV = \int_a^b \int_c^d \int_e^f f(x,y,z) dz dy dx$$

Below is in-class example that this proof was created for, and my work. Professor Maagoul told me that my method was mathematically incorrect, and that if I used this method of integration on the next exam then he'd take points off even if I got the final anwswer correct unless I found him a proof. Since I couldn't find a proof that sufficiently backed my claim online, this was motivation for writing the proof myself.

Take note about how my proof is basically just an extension of Fubini's Theorem.

Evaluate
$$\iiint_B xyz^2 dV$$
 where $B = \{(x, y, z) \mid 0 \le x \le 1, -1 \le y \le 2, 0 \le z \le 3\}$

$$\int_{0}^{1} \int_{-1}^{2} \int_{0}^{3} (xyz^{2}) dz dy dx$$

$$= \int_{0}^{1} x dx \cdot \int_{-1}^{2} y dy \cdot \int_{0}^{3} z^{2} dz$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [x^{2}]_{0}^{1} \cdot \frac{1}{2} [y^{2}]_{-1}^{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} [z^{3}]_{0}^{3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{12} [x^{2}]_{0}^{1} \cdot [y^{2}]_{-1}^{2} \cdot [z^{3}]_{0}^{3}$$

$$= \frac{3^{3}}{12} ((2)^{2} - (-1)^{2})$$

$$= \frac{3^{3}}{12} (4 - 1)$$

$$= \frac{27}{4}$$