

Computational Methods in Physics (PHY 365)

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Lab 15

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- `q = integral (fun , xmin , xmax , Name , Value)` specifies additional options.
 - ◇ For example, specify 'WayPoints' followed by a vector of real or complex numbers to indicate specific points for the integrator to use.

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approximates the integral of the function over the planar region $x_{\min} \leq x \leq x_{\max}$ and $y_{\min}(x) \leq y \leq y_{\max}(x)$.
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- `q = integral3(fun , xmin , xmax , ymin , ymax , zmin , zmax)` approximates the integral of the function over the region $x_{\min} \leq x \leq x_{\max}$, $y_{\min}(x) \leq y \leq y_{\max}(x)$ and $z_{\min}(x,y) \leq z \leq z_{\max}(x,y)$.

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 - `int_int = int (f, x, 0, 2, 'PrincipalValue', true);`

References

- <https://www.mathworks.com/help/matlab/ref/integral.html>
- <https://www.mathworks.com/help/matlab/ref/integral2.html>
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