

# Lecture 1

## 1. Functions

- Mathematics was revolutionised by the observation

"To understand a geometric space we should study functions on it"

- geometric spaces:  $\mathbb{R}^1$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , ..., curves in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,

$$\text{a circle} = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$$

$$\text{a sphere} = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1\}$$

$$\text{twisted cubic} = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \begin{array}{l} x = z + y^2 \\ y = z^2 \end{array}\}$$

etc.

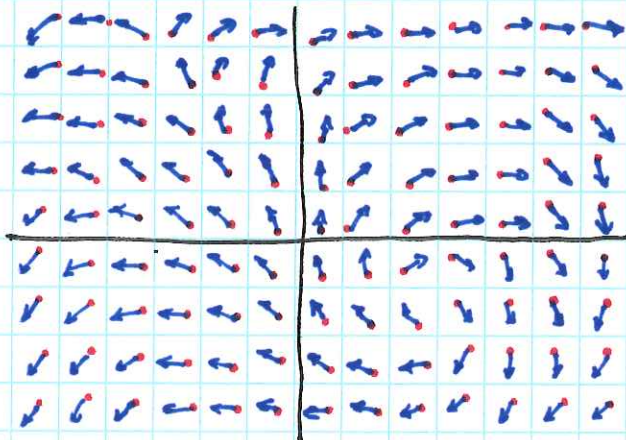
- Functions assign, to every point of our space a

number, vector, other things  
(functions/lines/...)

We concentrate on

- Often we call this a "field" (scalar or vector field).

A vector field  
in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

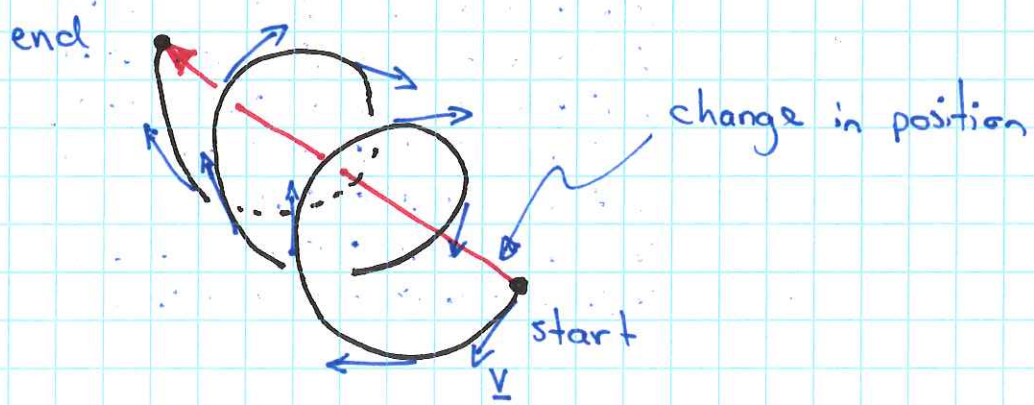


## Examples

- temperature. We can assign to every point on earth its temp (scalar field)
- wind direction/velocity (vector field)
- force due to gravity (vector field)
- density ( $\text{kg}/\text{m}^3$ ) at each point in the earth. (scalar field).

## 2. Integration

- What does it mean to integrate a function over a geometric space?
- Integrals answer questions like:
  - \* Given a solid body and its density at every point, what is its mass?
  - \* Given a probability density function / distribution, what is the probability ~~to~~ the outcome of the experiment is in a given range?
  - \* Given a particle's velocity (a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ) over a period of time, how has its position changed?





\* Given the graph of a function  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

what is the "area under the graph"

\* Given ~~the~~ the height of a rectangular tent ~~also~~

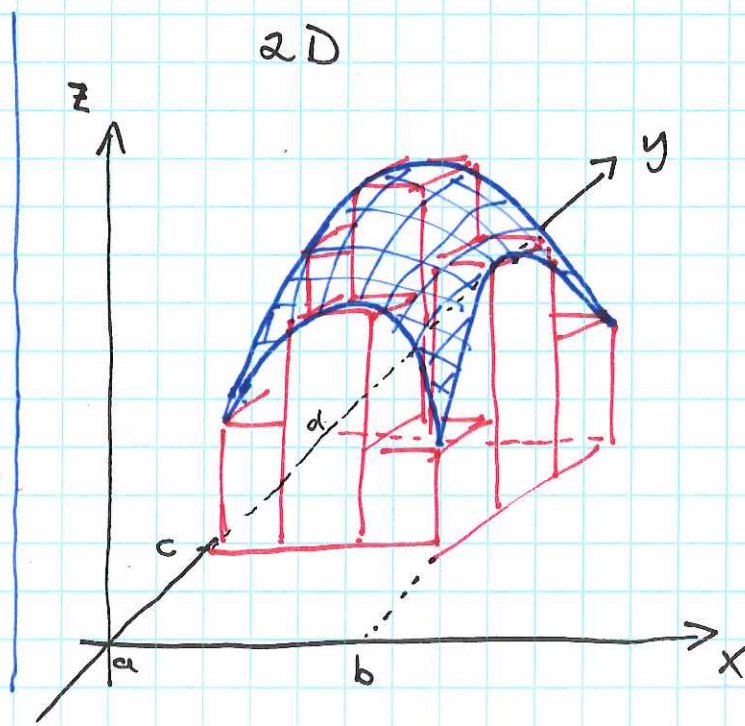
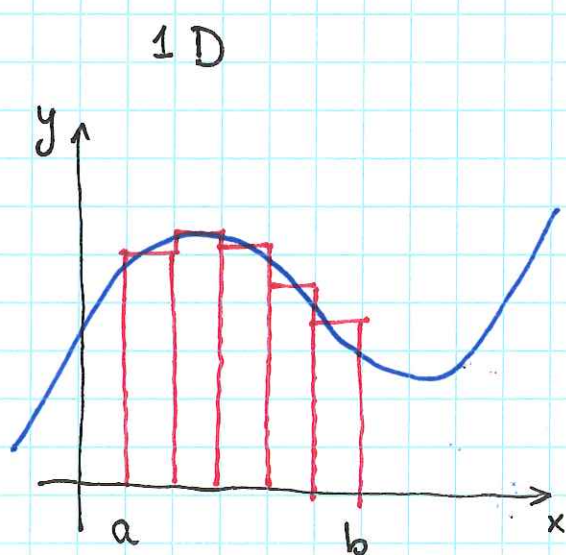
at every point on the ground, what volume does the tent enclose

- In the last example, we can think of the height of the tent as a function

$$f(x, y) : \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

and its "graph" as a surface floating in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  above (or under/through) the  $x$ - $y$ -plane. We can consider finding the volume under such a surface.

3. Riemann Sums  $\int_a^b f(x) dx$  vs  $\iint_R f(x, y) dA$   $R = [a, b] \times [c, d]$

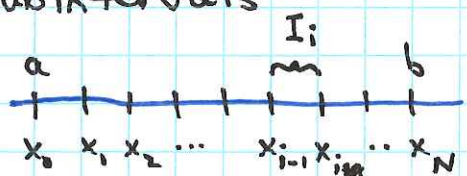


1D

\* Partition interval  $[a, b]$  into

$$a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_N = b$$

so we have a line of subintervals



$$I_i = [x_{i-1}, x_i]$$

\* Pick a sample point in each  $P_i \in I_i$

\* What is the area of the rectangle with

$$\text{width: } \Delta x_i = x_i - x_{i-1}$$

$$\text{height: } f(P_i)$$

A  $f(P_i) \Delta x_i$

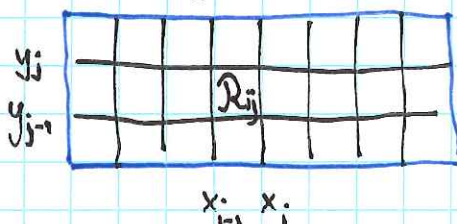
2D

\* Partition  $[a, b]$  and  $[c, d]$  into

$$a < x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_N = b$$

$$c < y_0 < y_1 < \dots < y_M = d$$

so we have a  $N \times M$  grid of subrectangles



$$R_{ij} = [x_{i-1}, x_i] \times [y_{j-1}, y_j]$$

\* Pick a sample point in each,  $P_{ij} \in R_{ij}$ , let  $P_{ij} = (P_{ij}^{(x)}, P_{ij}^{(y)})$

\* What is the volume of the rectangular prism with

$$\text{width: } \Delta x_i = x_i - x_{i-1}$$

$$\text{depth: } \Delta y_j = y_j - y_{j-1}$$

$$\text{height: } f(P_{ij}) = f(P_{ij}^{(x)}, P_{ij}^{(y)})$$

$$f(P_{ij}) \Delta x_i \Delta y_j$$



1D

\* Estimate the total area by summing all contributions

$$S_{NM} = \sum_{i=1}^N f(P_i) \Delta x_i$$

\* Define the integral by taking a limit as the size of the partition shrinks.

2D

\* Estimate the total volume by summing all contributions

$$S_{NM} = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M f(P_{ij}) \Delta x_i \Delta y_j$$

\* ditto.

Def 
$$\iint_R f(x, y) dA = \lim_{\|P\| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^M f(P_{ij}) \Delta x_i \Delta y_j$$

where  $\|P\| = \max \{ \Delta x_i, \Delta y_j \}_{i=1, j=1}^{N, M}$ .

If the limit exists we say  $f(x, y)$  is integrable over  $R$ .

Thm Some properties: suppose  $f(x, y)$  and  $g(x, y)$  are integrable over  $R$ , then

$$(i) \iint_R f(x, y) + g(x, y) dA = \iint_R f(x, y) dA + \iint_R g(x, y) dA$$

and for ~~any~~ any scalar  $\alpha$

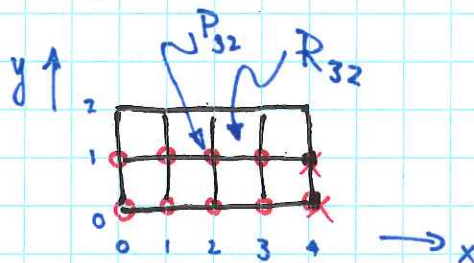
$$(ii) \iint_R \alpha f(x, y) dA = \alpha \iint_R f(x, y) dA.$$

#### 4. Examples

Ex  $\iint_R x^2 + y^2 \, dA$

$$R = [0, 4] \times [0, 2]$$

with the partition:



\* Area ( $\Delta x_i \Delta y_i$ ) of each rectangle = 1

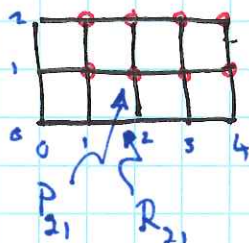
\* Riemann sum is

$$(0^2 + 0^2) + (0^2 + 1^2) + (1^2 + 0^2) + (1^2 + 1^2)$$

$$+ (2^2 + 0^2) + (2^2 + 1^2) + (3^2 + 0^2) + (3^2 + 1^2)$$

$$= 0 + 1 + 1 + 2 + 4 + 5 + 9 + 10 = 32 //$$

with the partition:



\* Areas are again 1.

\* Riemann sum is

$$(1^2 + 1^2) + (1^2 + 2^2) + (2^2 + 1^2) + (2^2 + 2^2)$$

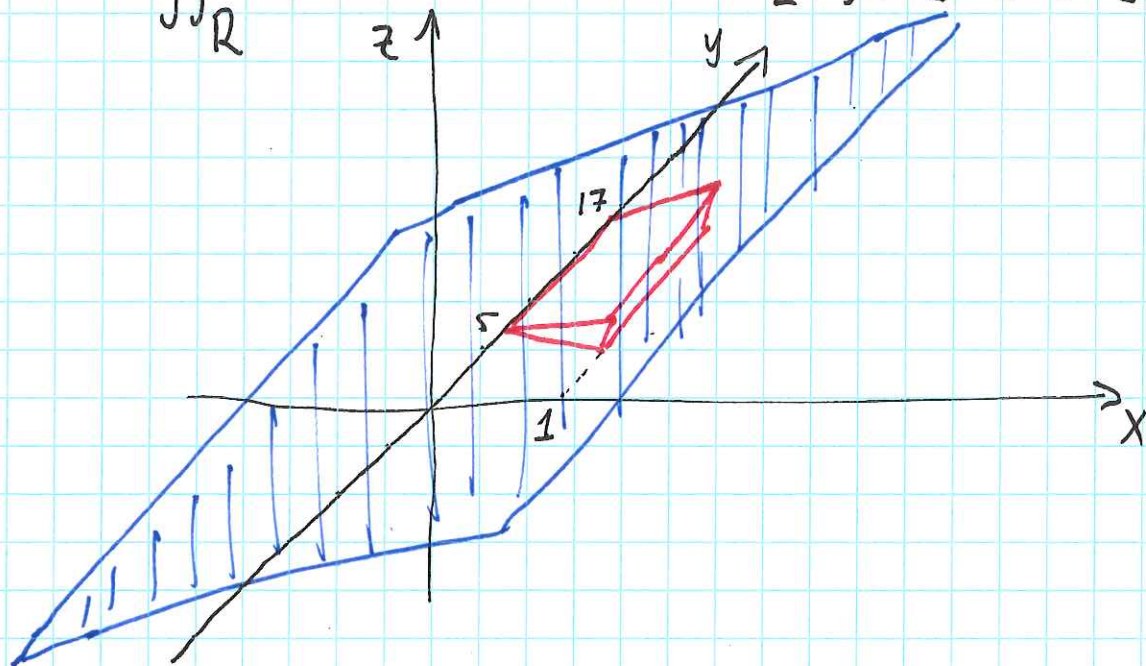
$$+ (3^2 + 1^2) + (3^2 + 2^2) + (4^2 + 1^2) + (4^2 + 2^2)$$

$$= 2 + 5 + 5 + 8 + 10 + 13 + 17 + 20 = 80 //$$

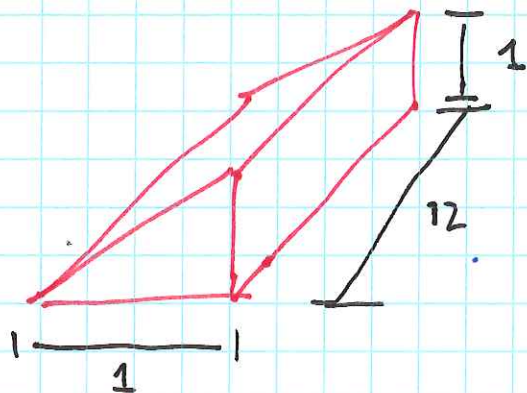


Ex Sometimes we can use simple geometry

$$\iint_R x \, dA \quad \text{where } R = [5, 17] \times [0, 1]$$



\* So we want the vol of a tri. prism



$$\iint_R x \, dA = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 12 = 6$$

Thm If  $R = [a, b] \times [c, d]$  then

$$\iint_R 1 \, dA = \text{Area}(R) = (b-a) \cdot (d-c).$$

- Note that the integral

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

is a signed volume. Volume under the  $x$ - $y$ -plane counts as negative

Ex We can often argue by symmetry if the function is odd in one of its variables.

$$\iint_R x e^{-y^2} dA \quad R = [-3, 3] \times [0, 1]$$

- Note  $f(-x, y) = -f(x, y)$  and  $R$  is symmetric about the  $x$ -axis

- Thus we will have equal <sup>volume</sup> ~~area~~ under and above the  $x$ - $y$ -plane

- Thus 
$$\iint_R x e^{-y^2} dA = 0 //$$

Ex 
$$\iint_R (x+y)(x^2+y^2) + 1 dA \quad R = [-1, 1] \times [-1, 1]$$

$$= \iint_R x(x^2+y^2) dA + \iint_R y(x^2+y^2) + \iint_R dA$$

$$= 0 + 0 + 4 = 4 //$$