

Matematiske metoder (MM 529)

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A (definite single) integral determines the (signed) area between the function graph and the x -axis.

A double integral determines the (signed) volume between the function graph and the x, y -plane.

A triple integral measures a four-dimensional object between the (three-dimensional) function graph and the x, y, z -space.

B axis-parallel box in \mathbb{R}^3 .

$$\iiint_B f(x, y, z) \, dx \, dy \, dz$$

thoroughly defined by subdividing B into smaller axis-parallel sub-boxes and forming the Riemann sum over all sub-boxes where the summands are of the form **function value at an element of the box times volume of the box**. Details omitted here!

Will apply iteration instead, like we did with double integrals.

Examples of triple integrals

Let D be a (not too pathological) subset of \mathbb{R}^3 , and the constant function $f(x, y, z) = 1$. Then

$$\iiint_D f(x, y, z) \, dx \, dy \, dz = \iiint_D dx \, dy \, dz = \text{Vol}(D).$$

Example (iteration):

$$I = \iiint_B (xy^2 + z^3) \, dx \, dy \, dz,$$

where the box $B = \{(x, y, z) \mid x, y, z \geq 0, x \leq a, y \leq b, z \leq c\}$.

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^c dz \int_0^b dy \int_0^a (xy^2 + z^3) \, dx \\ &= \int_0^c dz \int_0^b dy \left(\frac{1}{2} x^2 y^2 + xz^3 \right) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=a} \\ &= \int_0^c dz \int_0^b \left(\frac{1}{2} a^2 y^2 + az^3 \right) dy \end{aligned}$$

Example (iteration):

$$I = \iiint_B (xy^2 + z^3) dx dy dz,$$

where the box $B = \{(x, y, z) \mid x, y, z \geq 0, x \leq a, y \leq b, z \leq c\}$.

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^c dz \int_0^b \left(\frac{1}{2} a^2 y^2 + az^3 \right) dy \\ &= \int_0^c dz \left(\frac{1}{6} a^2 y^3 + ayz^3 \right) \Big|_{y=0}^{y=b} \\ &= \int_0^c \left(\frac{1}{6} a^2 b^3 + abz^3 \right) dz \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{6} a^2 b^3 z + \frac{1}{4} abz^4 \right) \Big|_{z=0}^{z=c} = \frac{1}{6} a^2 b^3 c + \frac{1}{4} abc^4. \end{aligned}$$

Example (more general domains):

$$I = \iiint_D y \, dx \, dy \, dz,$$

where D is the tetrahedron with vertices $(0, 0, 0)$, $(1, 0, 0)$, $(0, 1, 0)$, $(0, 0, 1)$.

Observation: only variable y occurs explicitly, therefore by iteration

$$I = \int_0^1 dy \iint_{T(y)} y \, dx \, dz = \int_0^1 y \, dy \iint_{T(y)} dx \, dz,$$

where $\iint_{T(y)} dx \, dz$ is just the area of the triangle $T(y)$, having side lengths $1 - y$. Therefore

$$\iint_{T(y)} dx \, dz = \frac{1}{2}(1 - y)^2$$

and

$$I = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2} y (1 - y)^2 \, dy = \left(\frac{1}{4} y^2 - \frac{1}{3} y^3 + \frac{1}{8} y^4 \right) \Big|_{y=0}^{y=1} = \frac{1}{24}.$$

Iteration of triple integrals over "nice" solids D can be performed in any order (but the order of iteration may influence whether we can solve the integral).

But: In general, the integration limits depend on the iteration order.

Previous example, D is the tetrahedron with vertices $(0, 0, 0)$, $(1, 0, 0)$, $(0, 1, 0)$, $(0, 0, 1)$.

$$I = \iiint_D y \, dx \, dy \, dz = \int_0^1 y \, dy \iint_{T(y)} dx \, dz,$$

can be iterated further

$$I = \int_0^1 y \, dy \int_0^{1-y} dx \int_0^{1-y-x} dz,$$

or

$$I = \int_0^1 y \, dy \int_0^{1-y} dz \int_0^{1-y-z} dx.$$

Six possible iteration orders for the tetrahedron D with vertices $(0, 0, 0)$, $(1, 0, 0)$, $(0, 1, 0)$, $(0, 0, 1)$ and $I = \iiint_D y \, dx \, dy \, dz$.

$$I = \int_0^1 dx \int_0^{1-x} dy \int_0^{1-x-y} y \, dz,$$

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$$I = \int_0^1 dz \int_0^{1-z} dy \int_0^{1-z-y} y \, dx,$$

Vectors in \mathbb{R}^n : A vector \mathbf{v} is an object having a **length** and a **direction** (representable by an arrow).

Two vectors with the same length and same direction are considered **equal** (no matter where they are located in \mathbb{R}^n).

Ordered pair (P, Q) of two points in \mathbb{R}^n determines a vector $\vec{PQ} = \mathbf{v}$ whose tail is P and whose head is Q .

The **length** $|\mathbf{v}|$ (or $\|\mathbf{v}\|$) of \mathbf{v} is the Euclidean distance between P and Q .

Example:

\mathbf{v} vector from $(1, 1)$ to $(2, 3)$ in \mathbb{R}^2 .

\mathbf{v} is also the vector from $(2, 3)$ to $(3, 5)$ and from $(0, 0)$ to $(1, 2)$.

The length $|\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{(2-1)^2 + (3-1)^2} = \sqrt{5}$.

Representation of a vector: Coordinates (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) of the head, if the tail is $(0, 0, \dots, 0)$ (**position vector** of the point $P = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$).

Scalar multiples of $\mathbf{v} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$, multiplying \mathbf{v} with the scalar $t \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$t \cdot \mathbf{v} = (t \cdot a_1, t \cdot a_2, \dots, t \cdot a_n)$$

Length $|t \cdot \mathbf{v}| = |t| \cdot |\mathbf{v}|$.

$(-1) \cdot \mathbf{v}$ is the vector with the same length as \mathbf{v} but the opposite direction.

Zero vector: $\mathbf{0} = (0, 0, \dots, 0) = 0 \cdot \mathbf{v}$ for any vector \mathbf{v} .

Unit vector: Vector of length 1.

$\frac{\mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|} = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{v}|} \cdot \mathbf{v}$ is the unit vector in the direction of \mathbf{v} .

\mathbf{e}_i : Unit vector in the direction of the i th coordinate axis.

$\mathbf{e}_i = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$, where the 1 is the i -th coordinate.

Addition of vectors $\mathbf{v} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ and $\mathbf{w} = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$:

$$\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w} = (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2, \dots, a_n + b_n).$$

Subtraction: $\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{v} + (-1) \cdot \mathbf{w}$.

The dot product

Dot product (also called scalar product) of a vector

$\mathbf{v} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ with a vector $\mathbf{w} = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$:

$$\mathbf{v} \bullet \mathbf{w} = a_1 \cdot b_1 + a_2 \cdot b_2 + \dots + a_n \cdot b_n = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \cdot b_i \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(Change of notation compared to lecture 7!)

Properties:

$\mathbf{v} \bullet \mathbf{w} = |\mathbf{v}| \cdot |\mathbf{w}| \cdot \cos \theta$ where θ is the angle between the vectors \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} . (I.e. $\mathbf{v} \bullet \mathbf{w} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$, or $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{0}$, or $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} = 90^\circ$).

Rules:

$\mathbf{v} \bullet \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w} \bullet \mathbf{v}$ (commutative law)

$\mathbf{u} \bullet (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{u} \bullet \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} \bullet \mathbf{w}$ (distributive law)

$t \cdot (\mathbf{v} \bullet \mathbf{w}) = (t \cdot \mathbf{v}) \bullet \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{v} \bullet (t \cdot \mathbf{w})$ if $t \in \mathbb{R}$

$\mathbf{v} \bullet \mathbf{v} = |\mathbf{v}|^2$.

Vector projection of \mathbf{u} in the direction of \mathbf{v} :

$$\mathbf{u}_\mathbf{v} = \frac{\mathbf{u} \bullet \mathbf{v}}{|\mathbf{v}|^2} \cdot \mathbf{v}.$$

In \mathbb{R}^2 :

Unit vectors in direction of the coordinate axes:

$$\mathbf{i} = \mathbf{e}_1 = (1, 0),$$

$$\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{e}_2 = (0, 1).$$

In \mathbb{R}^3 :

Unit vectors in direction of the coordinate axes:

$$\mathbf{i} = \mathbf{e}_1 = (1, 0, 0),$$

$$\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{e}_2 = (0, 1, 0).$$

$$\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{e}_3 = (0, 0, 1).$$

Representation of the vector

$$(a_1, a_2, a_3) = a_1 \cdot \mathbf{i} + a_2 \cdot \mathbf{j} + a_3 \cdot \mathbf{k}$$

The cross product in \mathbb{R}^3

The **cross product** $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ of two vectors $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ is the unique vector in \mathbb{R}^3 satisfying the following three properties::

- (i) $(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$ and $(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$,
- (ii) $|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}| = |\mathbf{u}| \cdot |\mathbf{v}| \cdot \sin \theta$, where θ is the angle between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} .
- (iii) \mathbf{u} , \mathbf{v} , and $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ form a right hand triad.

Geometric interpretation:

$|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}| = |\mathbf{u}| \cdot |\mathbf{v}| \cdot \sin \theta$ is the area of the parallelogram spanned by \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} .

Calculating the cross product of $\mathbf{u} = u_1\mathbf{i} + u_2\mathbf{j} + u_3\mathbf{k}$ with $\mathbf{v} = v_1\mathbf{i} + v_2\mathbf{j} + v_3\mathbf{k}$:

$$\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = (u_2v_3 - u_3v_2)\mathbf{i} + (u_3v_1 - u_1v_3)\mathbf{j} + (u_1v_2 - u_2v_1)\mathbf{k}.$$

Cross products of unit vectors:

$$\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{i} = \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{j} = \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{0}.$$

$$\mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{j} = \mathbf{k}, \quad \mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{i}, \quad \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{i} = \mathbf{j}.$$

$$\mathbf{j} \times \mathbf{i} = -\mathbf{k}, \quad \mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{j} = -\mathbf{i}, \quad \mathbf{i} \times \mathbf{k} = -\mathbf{j}$$

Cross product

$$\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = (u_2 v_3 - u_3 v_2)\mathbf{i} + (u_3 v_1 - u_1 v_3)\mathbf{j} + (u_1 v_2 - u_2 v_1)\mathbf{k}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Example: } (2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}) \times (-2\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}) &= \\ &= (1 \cdot 5 - (-2) \cdot (-3))\mathbf{i} + ((-3) \cdot 0 - 5 \cdot 2)\mathbf{j} + (2 \cdot (-2) - 1 \cdot 0)\mathbf{k} \\ &= -\mathbf{i} - 10\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}.\end{aligned}$$

Properties of the cross product \times

If $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^3$, and $t \in \mathbb{R}$ then

- (i) $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$,
- (ii) $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} = -\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u}$,
- (iii) $(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) \times \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{w}$,
- (iv) $\mathbf{u} \times (\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{w}$,
- (v) $(t\mathbf{u}) \times \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} \times (t\mathbf{v}) = t(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v})$.
- (vi) $(\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{0} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$, or $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$, or both vectors are parallel.