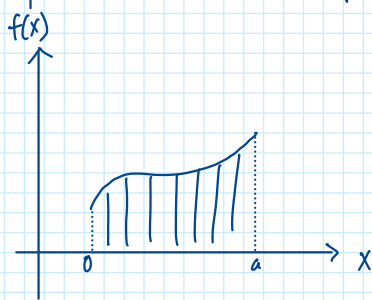


# Math3: integration in 3D space: integral over scalar fields and vector fields (= flux integral)

Integration in one-dimensional space:



$$\int_0^a f(x) dx$$

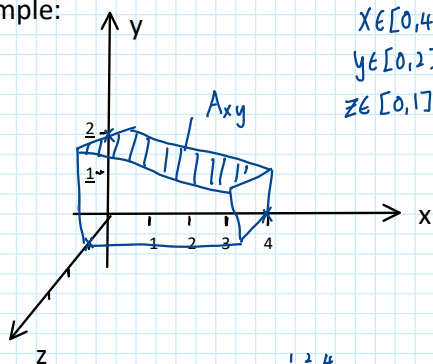
slope of Curve  $\Delta x \rightarrow \text{small}$

$$df = \frac{df}{dx} \cdot dx$$

tangent to Curve, tell how much f varies w.r.t x

## 1. Volume integral over scalar field (analogous to integration in one dimension)

example:



$$2D \text{ Surface integral: } A = \int_0^2 \int_0^4 1 dx dy$$

$$x \in [0, 4]$$

$$y \in [0, 2]$$

$$z \in [0, 1]$$

$$= \int_0^2 [x]_0^4 dy = \int_0^2 4 \cdot dy$$

$$= [4y]_0^2 = 8$$

$$\text{Volume integral: } \int_0^1 \int_0^2 \int_0^4 f(x,y,z) dx dy dz = \int_0^1 \int_0^2 4 dy dz = \int_0^1 8 dz = [8z]_0^1 = 8$$

$dv = \text{differential volume element}$

If eg  $f(x,y,z) = \rho_m = \rho \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{m}^3}$  mass density  $\int_V \rho_m dv = \text{mass}$

differential volume element in Cartesian Coordinates:  $dv = dx dy dz$

for other coordinate systems:  
 ! take into account prefactors  
 coming from coordinate transformation

## 2) Surface integrals:

- We differentiate between surface integrals in scalar fields and surface integral in vector fields

(i) For scalar fields: basically like volume integral, but in 2 dimensions = surface integral over a function  $f(x,y)$

replace differential volume element  $dV \rightarrow$  differential surface element  $da$  scalar

$$\int_A f(\vec{r}) \cdot da \text{ with } f(\vec{r}) = \text{scalar field}$$

in Cartesian coordinates:  $\iint_A f(x,y) dx dy$   $dA = dx dy$

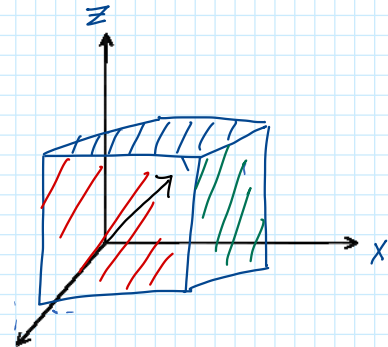
To calculate surface area (scalar, content of area; cf. volume integral, but in 2D)

For cartesian coordinates:

Top surface (parallel to xy-plane):  $da = dx dy$

Side surface (parallel to xz-plane):  $da = dx dz$

Side surface (parallel to yz-plane):  $da = dy \cdot dz$



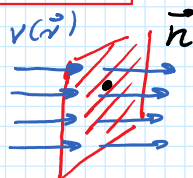
For other coordinates systems:

Take into account prefactors from coordinate transformation  
 $\hookrightarrow$  Recap on CS

Often will use integral over (closed) surfaces in a vector field  $\Rightarrow$  Flux integral

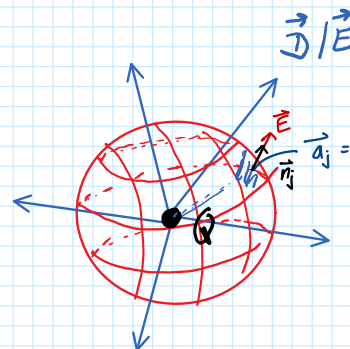
e.g., Chapter 2  $\rightarrow$  Stationary current ; Chapter 1  $\rightarrow$  Closed surfaces  
 Gauss's Law

(ii) For vector fields: flux integral



project the field vector onto the normal vector of the corresponding area

$$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{A} \cdot \vec{n}$$



electric displacement flux

$$\vec{a}_j = a_j \cdot \vec{n}_j$$

$$\vec{E}_j \cdot \vec{a}_j = \vec{E}_j \cdot a_j \cdot \vec{n}_j$$

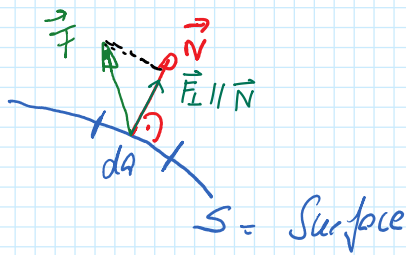
$\Delta A_j \rightarrow$  very small  $dA$

$a_j \rightarrow da$

$$\vec{n}_j \cdot da \Rightarrow d\vec{a}$$

in contrast to scalar  
 field  $\rightarrow$  vectorial surface element  
 $d\vec{a}$

surface integral of a vector field = flux integral



vector field  $\vec{F}(\vec{r})$

$$\int_S \underbrace{\vec{F}(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{N}}_{\text{projection of the vector at each position is}} \cdot da = \text{total flux of } \vec{F} \text{ through } S$$

$\vec{N} \cdot da = d\vec{a}$