

Lecture 37

1 Volume integrals and change of variables

1.1 Triple (Volume) integrals

Let $f(x, y, z)$ be a real valued function defined over a closed and bounded region of space \mathbb{R}^3 . For example the solid ball or rectangular box. Now we want to define the definite integral of $f(x, y, z)$ over such regions.

We partition the region by small planes parallel to the coordinate axes. Then we obtain small rectangular cubes over which the function will be approximated by $f(x_k, y_k, z_k)$. We form the Riemann sum

$$S_n = \sum_k f(x_k, y_k, z_k) |\Omega_k|,$$

where $|\Omega_k|$ is the volume of the small rectangle. Now by our understanding of Riemann sums we choose refinement of partitions in such way that $\max_k |\Omega_k| \rightarrow 0$. Then we obtain the definite integral as

$$\iiint_{\Omega} f(x, y, z) dV = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n.$$

Evaluation of integrals in three dimensions is done again using Fubini's theorem. In this case again Fubini's theorem states

Theorem 1.1.1 *Suppose $f(x, y, z)$ is integrable over $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^3$, then*

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_{\Omega} f(x, y, z) dV &= \int_x \int_y \int_z f(x, y, z) dz dy dx = \int_x \int_z \int_y f(x, y, z) dx dz dy \\ &= \int_z \int_x \int_y f(x, y, z) dy dx dz = \int_z \int_y \int_x f(x, y, z) dx dy dz \\ &= \int_y \int_x \int_z f(x, y, z) dz dx dy = \int_y \int_z \int_x f(x, y, z) dy dz dx \end{aligned}$$

To evaluate the triple integrals we follow the following steps:

1. Draw a line parallel to z axis that passes through the point (x, y) of R where R is the projection of Ω onto \mathbb{R}^2 .
2. Identify the upper surface and lower surface through which this line passes at most once.
3. Identify the upper curve and lower curve of the projection R and limits of integration.

It is easy to see from the definition, the volume of Ω is

$$V = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_k |\Omega_k| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_k 1 |\Omega_k| = \iiint_{\Omega} 1 dV$$

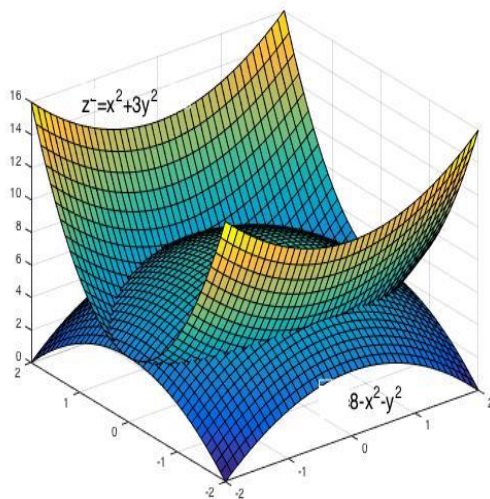


Figure 1: Volume bounded by the surfaces

Problem 1.1.1 Find the volume of the region bounded by the surfaces $z = x^2 + 3y^2$ and $z = 8 - x^2 - y^2$.

Solution: The volume is $V = \iiint_{\Omega} dz dy dx$, where Ω is bounded above by the surface $z = 8 - x^2 - y^2$ and below by the surface $z = x^2 + 3y^2$. Therefore, the limits of z are from $z = x^2 + 3y^2$ to $z = 8 - x^2 - y^2$.

The Projection of Ω on xy -plane is the solution of

$$8 - x^2 - y^2 = x^2 + 3y^2 \implies x^2 + 2y^2 = 4.$$

Therefore the limits of x and y are to be determined by $R : x^2 + 2y^2 = 4$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \iint_R \int_{y=x^2+3y^2}^{8-x^2-y^2} dz dA \\ &= \int_{-2}^2 \int_{-\sqrt{(4-x^2)/2}}^{\sqrt{(4-x^2)/2}} (8 - 2x^2 - 4y^2) dy dx \\ &= \int_{-2}^2 \left((8 - x^2)y - \frac{4}{3}y^3 \right) \Big|_{y=-\sqrt{(4-x^2)/2}}^{\sqrt{(4-x^2)/2}} \\ &= \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{3} \int_{-2}^2 (4 - x^2)^{3/2} dx = 8\pi\sqrt{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Problem 1.1.2 Find the volume of the region bounded by $x + z = 1$, $y + 2z = 2$ in the first quadrant.

Solution: Draw line parallel to z -axis and note that the upper surfaces are: $2z + y = 2$ over triangle bounded by $x = 0, y = 1 - 2x$ and $z = 1 - x$ over the triangle bounded by $y = 0, x = 1, y = 2x$. Therefore,

$$V = \int_{y=0}^2 \int_{x=0}^{y/2} \int_{z=0}^{\frac{2-y}{2}} dz dx dy + \int_{x=0}^1 \int_{y=0}^{2x} \int_{z=0}^{1-x} dz dy dx$$

On the other hand, by first drawing the line parallel to x -axis, we get

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

Taking the line parallel to y -axis we get

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

Example 1.1.1 (Order of integration) Evaluate $\int_{z=0}^4 \int_{y=0}^1 \int_{x=2y}^2 \frac{2 \cos(x^2)}{\sqrt{z}} dx dy dz$.

Note that the projection of Ω onto xy -plane is the triangle bounded by $y = 0, x = 2$ and $x = 2y$. So changing the order of integration in x and y , we get

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_{z=0}^4 \int_{x=0}^2 \int_{y=0}^{x/2} \frac{2 \cos(x^2)}{\sqrt{z}} dy dx dz. \\ &= \int_{z=0}^4 \int_{x=0}^2 \frac{x \cos(x^2)}{\sqrt{z}} dx dz = 2 \sin 4. \end{aligned}$$

1.2 Substitutions in multiple integrals

Suppose a domain G in uv -plane is transformed onto a domain Ω of xy -plane by a transformation $x = g(u, v), y = h(u, v)$. Then any function of x, y may be written as a function of u, v . Then the relation between the double integral over G and Ω is

$$\iint_{\Omega} f(x, y) dx dy = \iint_G f(g(u, v), h(u, v)) |J(u, v)| du dv$$

where J is the Jacobian given by

$$J = \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(u, v)} = \begin{vmatrix} x_u & x_v \\ y_u & y_v \end{vmatrix}$$

The main idea of the proof is as follows. Let $(u, v), (u + \Delta u, v), (u + \Delta u, v + \Delta v)$ and $(u, v + \Delta v)$ be the vertices of the rectangle in the uv -plane. Let ΔA_k be its area element. Under the transformation this points are mapped to $(x_1, y_1) = (g(u, v), h(u, v)), (x_2, y_2) = (g(u + \Delta u, v), h(u + \Delta u, v)), (x_3, y_3) = (g(u + \Delta u, v + \Delta v), h(u + \Delta u, v + \Delta v))$ and $(x_4, y_4) = (g(u, v + \Delta v), h(u, v + \Delta v))$. Then by Taylor's theorem

$$g(u + \Delta u, v) = g(u, v) + \frac{\partial g}{\partial u} \Delta u + o((\Delta u)^2)$$

$$g(u + \Delta u, v + \Delta v) = g(u, v) + \frac{\partial g}{\partial u} \Delta u + \frac{\partial g}{\partial v} \Delta v + o((\Delta u)^2) + o((\Delta v)^2)$$

Then the area of the "rectangle" in xy -plane $\Delta \tilde{A}_k$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \tilde{A}_k &\approx |(x_3 - x_1)(y_3 - y_1) - (x_3 - x_2)(y_3 - y_2)| \\ &\approx |J| \Delta u \Delta v + o((\Delta u)^2) + o((\Delta v)^2) \end{aligned}$$

Taking this as the area in the Riemann sum of $f(x, y)$ we get the required formula.

Example 1.2.1 Evaluate the integral $I = \int_0^4 \int_{y/2}^{1+\frac{y}{2}} \frac{2x-y}{2} dx dy$.

Solution: The domain of integration is a parallelogram with vertices $(0, 0)$, $(1, 0)$, $(3, 4)$ and $(2, 4)$. One has to divide the domain into 3 domains. Instead we can take the transformation $u = \frac{2x-y}{2}$, $v = \frac{y}{2}$. Then the inverse transformation is $x = u + v$, $y = 2v$. Then

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 2.$$

Under this transformation, the parallelogram is transformed into cube with vertices $(0, 0)$, $(1, 0)$, $(1, 2)$ and $(0, 2)$. Now by change of variable formula

$$I = \iint f(u + v, 2v) 2 du dv = \int_0^2 \int_0^1 2u du dv = 2.$$

Example 1.2.2 Evaluate the integral $I = \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} \sqrt{x+y}(y-2x)^2 dA$.

Solution: The given domain is the triangle bounded by $x = 0$, $y = 0$ and $x + y = 1$. In this case the integrand is complicated....so we can take transformation $u = x + y$ and $v = y - 2x$. Under this transformation, the given triangle will be transformed into triangle bounded by $v = u$, $v = -2u$ and $u = 1$. The inverse of this transformation is $x = \frac{u-v}{3}$ and $y = \frac{2u+v}{3}$. Hence the Jacobian

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} 1/3 & -1/3 \\ 2/3 & 1/3 \end{vmatrix} = 1/3.$$

Hence

$$I = \int_0^1 \int_{v=-2u}^u \sqrt{uv}^2 dv du$$

Example 1.2.3 Evaluate the integral $I = \iint_R \frac{dA}{(2-x^2-y^2)^2}$ over $R : x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$.

Solution: Taking the transformation $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$, we get

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{vmatrix} = r.$$

By substitution formula,

$$I = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{r=0}^1 \frac{r \, dr \, d\theta}{(2-r^2)^2} = 2\pi \int_1^2 \frac{dt}{2t^2} = \pi/2.$$

Substitution formula for triple integrals

As discussed above suppose a three dimensional domain G is transformed onto a domain D with a transformation $x = x(u, v, w), y = y(u, v, w), z = z(u, v, w)$, then

$$\iiint_D f(x, y, z) dV = \iiint_G F(u, v, w) |J(u, v, w)| dV$$

where

$$J = \frac{\partial(x, y, z)}{\partial(u, v, w)} = \begin{vmatrix} x_u & x_v & x_w \\ y_u & y_v & y_w \\ z_u & z_v & z_w \end{vmatrix}.$$

Example 1.2.4 Evaluate $\iiint_{\Omega} (x^2y + 3xyz) dV$ where $R = \{(x, y, z) : 1 \leq x \leq 2, 0 \leq xy \leq 2, 0 \leq z \leq 1\}$.

solution: We take the transformation $u = x, v = xy$ and $w = z$. Then the planes $x = 1, 2$ transforms to $u = 1, 2$. The plane $y = 0$ transforms to $v = 0$. The surface $xy = 2$ transforms to $v = 2$. Then the Jacobian J is

$$\frac{1}{J} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ y & x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = x = u.$$

Now by substitution formula,

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_{u=1}^2 \int_{v=0}^2 \int_{w=0}^1 (uv + 3vw) \frac{1}{u} dw \, dv \, du \\ &= \int_1^2 \int_0^2 \left(v + \frac{3v}{2u}\right) dv \, du \\ &= \int_1^2 \left(2 + \frac{3}{u}\right) du = 2 + 3 \ln 2. \end{aligned}$$