

Lesson 27: Double Integrals

Let $z = f(x, y)$ be a function of two variables. Similar to taking partial derivatives with respect to x and y , we can take

• $\int_{x=a}^{x=b} f(x, y) dx$ — Integrate with respect to x and Treat y as a constant

• $\int_{y=c}^{y=d} f(x, y) dy$ — Integrate with respect to y and Treat x as a constant

Combining the above integrals, we obtain the following double integrals:

• $\int_{y=c}^{y=d} \int_{x=a}^{x=b} f(x, y) dx dy = \int_{y=c}^{y=d} \left(\int_{x=a}^{x=b} f(x, y) dx \right) dy$

• $\int_{x=a}^{x=b} \int_{y=c}^{y=d} f(x, y) dy dx = \int_{x=a}^{x=b} \left(\int_{y=c}^{y=d} f(x, y) dy \right) dx$

The strategy to evaluate these integrals is to first integrate the inner integral and work outwards.

Example 1: Evaluate

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{a} \int_1^2 \int_0^1 x^2 y dy dx &= \int_{x=1}^{x=2} \left(\int_{y=0}^{y=1} x^2 y dy \right) dx \\ &= \int_{x=1}^{x=2} \left(x^2 \cdot \frac{y^2}{2} \Big|_{y=0}^{y=1} \right) dx \\ &= \int_{x=1}^{x=2} \left(x^2 \left(\frac{1^2}{2} - \frac{0^2}{2} \right) \right) dx \\ &= \int_{x=1}^{x=2} \left(x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right) dx \\ &= \int_{x=1}^{x=2} \frac{x^2}{2} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{x^3}{3} \Big|_{x=1}^{x=2} \\ &= \frac{1}{6} (2^3 - 1^3) = \frac{7}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{b} \int_5^6 \int_0^y 8xy \, dx \, dy &= \int_{y=5}^{y=6} \left(\int_{x=0}^{x=y} 8xy \, dx \right) dy \\
 &= \int_{y=5}^{y=6} \left(8y \cdot \frac{x^2}{2} \Big|_{x=0}^{x=y} \right) dy \\
 &= \int_{y=5}^{y=6} \left(4y \cdot x^2 \Big|_{x=0}^{x=y} \right) dy \\
 &= \int_{y=5}^{y=6} \left(4y(y^2 - 0^2) \right) dy \\
 &= \int_{y=5}^{y=6} 4y^3 \, dy \\
 &= \frac{4y^4}{4} \Big|_{y=5}^{y=6} \\
 &= y^4 \Big|_{y=5}^{y=6} \\
 &= 6^4 - 5^4 = 671
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{c} \int_{4\pi}^{8\pi} \int_0^y -11 \csc(y) \cos(x) \, dx \, dy &= \int_{y=4\pi}^{y=8\pi} \left(\int_{x=0}^{x=y} -11 \csc(y) \cos(x) \, dx \right) dy \\
 &= \int_{y=4\pi}^{y=8\pi} \left(-11 \csc(y) \cdot (-\sin(x)) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=y} \right) dy \\
 &= \int_{y=4\pi}^{y=8\pi} \left(11 \csc(y) \cdot \sin(x) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=y} \right) dy \\
 &= \int_{y=4\pi}^{y=8\pi} \left(11 \csc(y) \left(\sin(y) - \underbrace{\sin(0)}_{=0} \right) \right) dy \\
 &= \int_{y=4\pi}^{y=8\pi} \left(11 \csc(y) \sin(y) \right) dy
 \end{aligned}$$

Remember $\csc(y) \sin(y) = 1$.

$$= \int_{y=4\pi}^{y=8\pi} 11 \, dy$$

$$= 11y \Big|_{y=4\pi}^{y=8\pi}$$

$$= 11(8\pi - 4\pi) = 11 \cdot 4\pi = 44\pi$$

