

Section 15.4
Thomas Calculus
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Triple Integrals Using Rectangular Coordinates

We will use Triple Integrals to compute Volume, Mass, Moments, Moments of Inertia, Centroids, Centers of Mass, etc., of three-dimensional objects.

SEE the following handout for the Definition of a Triple Integral.

Math 21D

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Triple Integrals Over Solid Regions R Using Rectangular Coordinates

Assume that function $w = f(P)$ is defined on a solid region R in 3D-space, i.e., $w = f(x, y, z)$. Partition R into n parts R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n of volumes $\Delta V_1, \Delta V_2, \dots, \Delta V_n$, resp. Pick sampling points $P_i = (x_i, y_i, z_i)$ in R_i for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Define the diameter of R_i , $\text{diam}(R_i)$, to be the maximum distance between points in R_i and define the mesh of the partition to be

$$\text{mesh} = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} (\text{diam}(R_i))$$

Then

$$\iiint_R f(P) dV = \lim_{\text{mesh} \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n f(P_i) \cdot \Delta V_i$$

If $\Delta V_i = (\Delta z_i)(\Delta y_i)(\Delta x_i)$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, then

$$\iiint_R f(P) dV = \iiint_R f(P) dz dy dx$$

Facts: 1.) $\iiint_R 1 \, dV = \text{Volume of } R$

2.) $\iiint_R \delta(P) \, dV = \text{Mass of } R$, where
 $\delta(P)$ is density ($\frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}}$ units)

3.) The Average Value of $z = f(P)$
on solid region R is

$$\text{AVE} = \frac{1}{\text{volume of } R} \cdot \iiint_R f(P) \, dV$$

Example: Evaluate the following Triple Integrals.

$$\begin{aligned} 1.) & \int_{-1}^0 \int_0^2 \int_1^3 3xe^y z^2 dz dy dx \\ &= \int_{-1}^0 \int_0^2 \left(3xe^y \cdot \frac{1}{3} z^3 \right) \Big|_{z=1}^{z=3} dy dx \\ &= \int_{-1}^0 \int_0^2 xe^y (27-1) dy dx \\ &= 26 \int_{-1}^0 (xe^y) \Big|_{y=0}^{y=2} dx \\ &= 26 \int_{-1}^0 (xe^2 - x) dx \\ &= 26 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} x^2 e^2 - \frac{1}{2} x^2 \right) \Big|_{x=-1}^{x=0} \\ &= 26 \cdot \frac{1}{2} [(0-0) - (e^2-1)] \\ &= -13(e^2-1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 2.) & \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \int_0^y \int_0^{x-y} 180 \cdot \cos(3x+2y-z) \, dz \, dx \, dy \\
 &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \int_0^y \left(-180 \sin(3x+2y-z) \Big|_{z=0}^{z=x-y} \right) \, dx \, dy \\
 &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \int_0^y \left[-180 \sin(3x+2y-(x-y)) - 180 \sin(3x+2y) \right] \, dx \, dy \\
 &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \int_0^y \left[180 \sin(3x+2y) - 180 \sin(2x+3y) \right] \, dx \, dy
 \end{aligned}$$

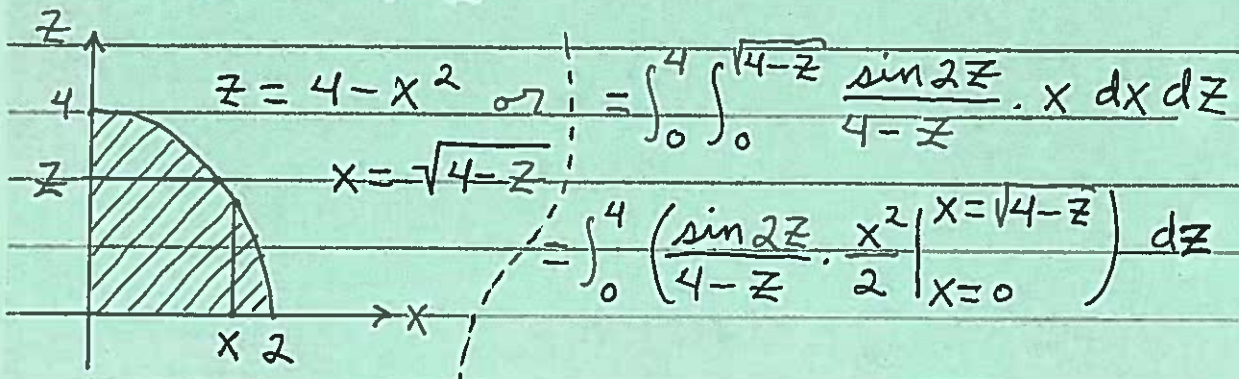
$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \left(60 \cos(3x+2y) + 90 \cos(2x+3y) \right) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=y} \, dy \\
 &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \left[(-60 \cos(5y) + 90 \cos(5y)) - (-60 \cos(2y) + 90 \cos(3y)) \right] \, dy \\
 &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} (30 \cos(5y) + 60 \cos(2y) - 90 \cos(3y)) \, dy \\
 &= \left[6 \sin(5y) + 30 \sin(2y) - 30 \sin(3y) \right] \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \\
 &= \left(6 \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}\right) + 30 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) - 30 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \right) \\
 &\quad - \left(6 \sin(0) + 30 \sin(0) - 30 \sin(0) \right) \\
 &= 6 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 30 \cdot \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) - 30(1) \\
 &= 3 + 15\sqrt{3} - 30 = 15\sqrt{3} - 27
 \end{aligned}$$

3.)

$$\int_0^2 \int_0^{4-x^2} \int_0^x \frac{\sin 2z}{4-z} dy dz dx$$

$$= \int_0^2 \int_0^{4-x^2} \left(\frac{\sin 2z}{4-z} \cdot y \Big|_{y=0}^{y=x} \right) dz dx$$

$$= \int_0^2 \int_0^{4-x^2} \frac{\sin 2z}{4-z} \cdot x dz dx \quad \leftarrow \text{can't integrate, so switch order}$$



$$= \int_0^4 \frac{\sin 2z}{4-z} \cdot \frac{4-z}{2} dz$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{-1}{2} \cos 2z \Big|_0^4$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4} (\cos 8 - \cos 0) = \frac{1}{4} (1 - \cos 8)$$