

1 Lecture 12: Multiple integrals

1.1 Definition of Multiple integrals

Given a cell $E = [a_1, b_1] \times \dots \times [a_n, b_n]$ in $\mathbb{R}^n$. A partition P for E is:

$$\begin{aligned} P: \quad a_1 = x_{10} < \dots < x_{1m_1} = b_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n = x_{n0} < \dots < x_{nm_n} = b_n \end{aligned}$$

Definition 1.1 (i) $\|P\| = \max\{|x_{ij} - x_{ij+1}| : 1 \leq j \leq m_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$;
(ii) $M_{j_1, \dots, j_n} = \sup\{f(x) : x \in [x_{1j_1-1}, x_{1j_1}] \times \dots \times [x_{nj_n-1}, x_{nj_n}]\}$;
(iii) $m_{j_1, j_2, \dots, j_n} = \inf\{f(x) : x \in [x_{1j_1-1}, x_{1j_1}] \times \dots \times [x_{nj_n-1}, x_{nj_n}]\}$;
(iv) $L(f, P) = \sum_{j_1=1}^{m_1} \dots \sum_{j_n=1}^{m_n} m_{j_1, \dots, j_n} (x_{ij_1} - x_{1j_1-1}) \dots (x_{nj_n} - x_{nj_n-1})$;
(v) $U(f, P) = \sum_{j_1=1}^{m_1} \dots \sum_{j_n=1}^{m_n} M_{j_1, \dots, j_n} (x_{ij_1} - x_{1j_1-1}) \dots (x_{nj_n} - x_{nj_n-1})$;
(vi) $L(f) = \lim_{\|P\| \rightarrow 0} L(f, P)$, $U(f) = \lim_{\|P\| \rightarrow 0} U(f, P)$;
(vii) f is bounded on E , say f is integrable on E if $L(f) = U(f)$.

THEOREM 1.2 (Fubini Theorem) Let f be integrable on $E = [a_1, b_1] \times \dots \times [a_n, b_n]$. Then

$$\int_E f(x) dx = \int_{a_1}^{b_1} \dots \int_{a_n}^{b_n} f(x_1, \dots, x_n) dx_n dx_{n-1} \dots dx_1,$$

where dx is positive oriented volume element of $\mathbb{R}^n$.

Let D be a bounded domain on $\mathbb{R}^n$ and let f be a bounded function on D . We say that f is integrable on D if

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} f(x), & \text{if } x \in D \\ 0, & \text{if } x \notin D \end{cases}$$

is integrable on $[M, M]^n$ for $M > 0$ with $D \subset [-M, M]^n$.

EXAMPLE 1 (Fubini them) Evaluate $\int_0^1 \int_{\sqrt{y}}^1 e^{x^3} dx dy$.

Solution Since

$$\int_0^1 \int_{\sqrt{y}}^1 e^{x^3} dx dy = \int_D e^{x^3} dx dy = \int_0^1 \int_0^{x^2} e^{x^3} dy dx = \int_0^1 e^{x^3} x^2 dx = \frac{1}{3} e^{x^3} \Big|_{x=0}^1 = \frac{1}{3} (e-1).$$

1.2 Formula for Change of Variables

Let $\Phi : D \rightarrow G(\subset \mathbb{R}^n)$ be 1-1, onto and differentiable with $\det \phi'(x) \neq 0$. Assume that f is integrable on G , then $f \circ \Phi |\det \Phi'(x)|$ is integrable on D . Moreover,

$$\int_D f(\Phi(x)) |\det \Phi'(x)| dx = \int_G f(y) dy.$$

- In $\mathbb{R}^2$, we have the polar coordinates:

$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta, \quad dA = |\det \Phi(r, \theta)| dr d\theta = r dr d\theta.$$

EXAMPLE 2 Prove $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx = \sqrt{\pi}$.

Proof. Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx \right)^2 &= \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx \right) \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-y^2} dy \right) \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} e^{-(x^2+y^2)} dx dy \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-r^2} r dr d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{2} (-e^{-r^2}) \Big|_{r=0}^{\infty} d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \\ &= \pi \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE 3 For $a, b, c > 0$, we let

$$D(a, b, c) = \{(x, y, z) : \frac{x^2}{c^2} + \frac{y^2}{c^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} < 1\}.$$

Prove that the volume of $D(a, b, c) = \frac{4\pi}{3} abc$.

Proof. Let

$$(x, y, z) = \phi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}) = (a\bar{x}, b\bar{y}, c\bar{z}).$$

Then

$$\det \phi' = abc$$

and

$$\text{Vol}(D(a, b, c)) = \int_{D(a, b, c)} dV(x, y, z)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_{B_3(0,1)} |\det \phi'| dV(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}) \\
&= \int_{B_3(0,1)} abcdV \\
&= abc \operatorname{Vol}(B_3(0,1)) \\
&= \frac{4\pi}{3} abc.
\end{aligned}$$

1.2.1 Coordinate systems in $\mathbb{R}^3$

- (i) Rectangular coordinates (x, y, z) ;
- (ii) Cylindrical coordinates (r, θ, z) , $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$.
 $\Phi(r, \theta, z) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, z)$

$$\det \Phi(r, \theta, z) = \begin{vmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{vmatrix} = r$$

- (iii) Spherical coordinates $x = \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta$, $y = \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta$, $z = \rho \cos \phi$.
The Jacobian matrix of this coordinate change is:

$$J_F(\rho, \phi, \theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \rho} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \phi} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial \rho} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \phi} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial \rho} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial \phi} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial \theta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \phi \cos \theta & \rho \cos \phi \cos \theta & -\rho \sin \phi \sin \theta \\ \sin \phi \sin \theta & \rho \cos \phi \sin \theta & \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta \\ \cos \phi & -\rho \sin \phi & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The determinant of $J_F(\rho, \phi, \theta)$ is $\rho^2 \sin \phi$.

1.3 Line Integrals

Let $\Gamma = (x_1(t), \dots, x_n(t)) : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a piecewise C^1 curve. We define the line integral:

$$\int_{\Gamma} f_1 dx_1 + \dots + f_n dx_n = \int_a^b f_1(\Gamma(t))x'_1(t) + \dots + f_n(\Gamma(t))x'_n(t) dt.$$

Arclength of $\Gamma = \int_a^b |\Gamma'(t)| dt$.

1.4 Integrals on Surface

Let S be a smooth surface in $\mathbb{R}^n$ and let f be a continuous function on S .

Question: How to evaluate $\int_S f(x) d\sigma$ =?

Case 1: If $S = \{(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, f(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})) : (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \in D\}$, D is a domain in $\mathbb{R}^{n-1}$, then

$$\int_S F(x) d\sigma(x) =: \int_S F(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, f(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})) \sqrt{1 + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}\right)^2} dx_1 \cdots dx_{n-1}.$$

Case 2: If $S = \Phi(D)$ and $\Phi = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n) : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, then

$$d\sigma(t_1, \dots, t_{n-1}) = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n (\det \hat{\phi}_j(t))^2} dt_1 \cdots dt_{n-1}$$

where $\hat{\phi}_j = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_{j-1}, \phi_{j+1}, \dots, \phi_n)$.

EXAMPLE 4 Find the area of the portion of the unit sphere: $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ in $\mathbb{R}^3$ with $z \geq \sqrt{3}/2$.

Solution Method 1 Use spherical coordinates:

$$(x, y, z) = \Phi(\theta, \phi) = (\sin \phi \cos \theta, \sin \phi \sin \theta, \cos \phi).$$

Then $z = \sqrt{3}/2$ if and only if $\cos \phi = \sqrt{3}/2$ if and only if $\phi = \pi/6$. By the formula above:

$$d\sigma(\phi, \theta) = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(\phi, \theta)}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial(y, z)}{\partial(\phi, \theta)}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial(x, z)}{\partial(\phi, \theta)}\right)^2} d\phi d\theta = \sin \phi d\phi d\theta.$$

Therefore,

$$\text{Area} = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/6} \sin \phi d\phi d\theta = 2\pi(-\cos \phi) \Big|_{\phi=0}^{\pi/6} = 2\pi(1 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}).$$

Method 2 Using rectangular coordinates (x, y, z) .

Notice that

$$\{(x, y, z) : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1 \text{ and } z \geq \sqrt{3}/2\}$$

if and only if

$$z = \sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2} : D = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 \leq \frac{1}{4}\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3.$$

Therefore,

$$\text{Area} = \iint_D \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right)^2} dx dy$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_D \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{x^2}{1-x^2-y^2}\right) + \left(\frac{y^2}{1-x^2-y^2}\right)} dx dy \\
&= \int_D \sqrt{\frac{1}{1-x^2-y^2}} dx dy. \\
&= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{1/2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{1-r^2}} r dr d\theta \\
&= 2\pi \int_0^{1/2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{1-r^2}} r dr \\
&= \pi \int_0^{1/4} \sqrt{\frac{1}{1-t}} dt \\
&= \pi \int_1^{3/4} -\frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} dt \\
&= \pi \int_{3/4}^1 t^{-1/2} dt \\
&= 2\pi t^{1/2} \Big|_{3/4}^1 \\
&= 2\pi(1 - \sqrt{3}/2).
\end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE 5 Let $B(0, R)$ be the ball in $\mathbb{R}^n$ centered at 0 with radius R . Then

$$\int_{B_n(0, R)} f(x) dv (dv = dx) = \int_0^R \int_{S^{n-1}} f(rx) d\sigma(x) r^{n-1} dr$$

where $S^{n-1} = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x\| = 1\}$ and $d\sigma$ is surface element on S^{n-1} .

In particular,

$$\text{Vol}(B_n(0, R)) = \int_0^R \int_{S^{n-1}} d\sigma r^{n-1} dr = \sigma(S^{n-1}) \int_0^R r^{n-1} dr = \frac{\sigma(S^{n-1})}{n} R^n.$$

When $n = 3$, $\text{Area}(S^2) = 4\pi$, $\text{Vol}(B_n(0, R)) = \frac{4\pi}{3} R^3$.

1.5 Divergence theorem and Stokes theorem

For $n = 1$, Newton-Leibniz's theorem gives $\int_a^b f'(x) dx = f(b) - f(a)$.

Question: What about when $n > 1$?

Answer: There are Stokes theorem and Divergence theorem.

Let $F = (F_1, \dots, F_n) : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a mapping. We define the divergence of F as follows:

$$\text{div}(F) = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial F_j}{\partial x_j}$$

Let $D = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : r(x) < 0\}$ with r is a defining function of D and the $\partial D = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : r(x) = 0\}$ and $\nabla r(x) \neq 0$ on ∂D . Then the unit outer normal vector to ∂D at x is given by:

$$\mathbf{n}(x) = (n_1(x), \dots, n_n(x)) = \frac{1}{\|\nabla r(x)\|} \nabla r(x).$$

Flux of F at $x \in \partial D$ is $\text{Flux}(F) = F \cdot \mathbf{n} = \sum_{j=1}^n F_j(x) n_j(x)$. The divergence theorem says that Total divergence of F on D is equal to the total flux of F on ∂D . Precisely, we have

THEOREM 1.3 (*Divergence Theorem*) Let D be a bounded domain in $\mathbb{R}^n$ with piecewise C^1 boundary. Let $F = (F_1, \dots, F_n) : \bar{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a differentiable map. Then

$$\int_D \text{div}(F) dv = \int_{\partial D} \vec{F} \cdot \vec{n}(x) d\sigma.$$

EXAMPLE 6 Let

$$D(a, b, c) = \{(x, y, z) : r(x) = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} - 1 < 0\}.$$

Evaluate $\int_{\partial D(a,b,c)} \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{\frac{x^2}{a^4} + \frac{y^2}{b^4} + \frac{z^2}{c^4}}} d\sigma$.

Solution. Since $X = (x, y, z) \in \partial D(a, b, c)$ and

$$\nabla r(X) = 2\left(\frac{x}{a^2}, \frac{y}{b^2}, \frac{z}{c^2}\right)$$

Thus,

$$\mathbf{n}(X) = \frac{\nabla r(X)}{\|\nabla r(X)\|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(x^2/a^4) + (y^2/b^4) + (z^2/c^4)}} \left(\frac{x}{a^2}, \frac{y}{b^2}, \frac{z}{c^2}\right)$$

Let

$$F(X) = (a^2 x, 0, 0)$$

Then

$$\text{div}(F) = a^2, \quad \text{Flux}(F) = \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{(x^2/a^4) + (y^2/b^4) + (z^2/c^4)}}$$

By the Divergence Theorem, we have

$$\int_{\partial D(a,b,c)} \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{(x^2/a^4) + (y^2/b^4) + (z^2/c^4)}} d\sigma(x, y, z) = \int_{D(a,b,c)} a^2 dv = \frac{4\pi}{3} a^3 bc.$$

- Differential forms:

- The wedge product $\wedge$: We define

$$dx_i \wedge dx_j = -dx_j \wedge dx_i, \quad dx_i \wedge dx_i = 0$$

and

$$dx^\alpha = dx_{\alpha_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_{\alpha_n}$$

with $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ and $\alpha_j = 0$ or 1 .

- k -form: A k -form is

$$f = \sum_{|\alpha|=k} f_\alpha dx^\alpha$$

where f_α is a function; and df is $(k+1)$ -form defined by

$$df = \sum_{|\alpha|=k} df_\alpha \wedge dx^\alpha = \sum_{|\alpha|=k} \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial f_\alpha}{\partial x_j} dx_j \wedge dx^\alpha.$$

THEOREM 1.4 (*Stokes theorem*) Let D be a bounded domain in $\mathbb{R}^n$ with piecewise C^1 boundary ∂D . Let f be differentiable $(n-1)$ -form on $\bar{D}$, then $\int_{\partial D} f = \int_D df$.

EXAMPLE 7 Evaluate $\int_{\partial B_n} \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^j x_j dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_{j-1} \wedge dx_{j+1} \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n$.

Proof. By Stokes theorem, one has

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\partial B_n} \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^j x_j dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_{j-1} \wedge dx_{j+1} \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n \\ &= \int_{B_n} d\left(\sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^j x_j dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_{j-1} \wedge dx_{j+1} \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n\right) \\ &= \int_{B_n} \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^j dx_j \wedge dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_{j-1} \wedge dx_{j+1} \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n \\ &= \int_{B_n} \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^j (-1)^{j-1} dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_{j-1} \wedge dx_{j+1} \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n \\ &= \int_{B_n} (-1) \sum_{j=1}^n dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n \\ &= -n \int_{B_n} dV \\ &= -n \text{Vol}(B_n) \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM 1.5 (*Green's Formula*) Let D be a bounded domain in $\mathbb{R}^n$ with piecewise C^1 boundary ∂D . Let f, g be twice differentiable in $\bar{D}$. Then

$$\int_{\partial D} g D_{\mathbf{n}} f d\sigma - \int_{\partial D} f D_{\mathbf{n}} g d\sigma = \int_D g \Delta f - f \Delta g dv.$$

where

$$D_{\mathbf{n}}f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^n n_j(x) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j}.$$

Proof. Since

$$\begin{aligned} \int_D g \Delta f - f \Delta g dv &= \int_D \operatorname{div}(g \nabla f) - \operatorname{div}(f \nabla g) dv \\ &= \int_{\partial D} \mathbf{n} \cdot g \nabla f - \mathbf{n} \cdot f \nabla g d\sigma \\ &= \int_{\partial D} (g D_{\mathbf{n}}f - f D_{\mathbf{n}}g) d\sigma \end{aligned}$$

This proves theorem. $\square$

1.6 Exercise

1. Let $f(x) \geq 0$ be continuous on $(0, 1)$. Prove $\int_0^1 f(x)$ exists if and only if $\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0+} \int_{\epsilon}^{1-\epsilon} f(x) dx$ exists.
2. Evaluate the following integral:

$$\int_D \left(\sin(b^2 x^2 + a^2 y^2) + cx^3 + y^5 \right) dx dy$$

where

$$D = \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} \leq 1 \right\}.$$

3. Let D be a Jordan domain in $\mathbb{R}^n$. Let $f(x)$ and $f_n(x)$ be integral on D for $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. Assume that $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ uniformly for $x \in D$. Prove

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_D f_n(x) dx = \int_D f(x) dx.$$

4. Prove

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \|x\|^{-\alpha}, & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

is integrable on the ball $B(0, 1)$ in $\mathbb{R}^n$ when $\alpha < n$. (If you can not do it for general n , try to prove it when $n \leq 3$.)

5. Evaluate the surface integral

$$\int_S x^2 + y^2 + (z - 1)^2 d\sigma$$

where

$$S = \left\{ (x, y, z) : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1 : x > 0, y > 0, z < 0 \right\}.$$

6. Find the area of $S^3 = \left\{ (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in \mathbb{R}^4 : x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2 = 1 \right\}$.

7. Define $dx_i \wedge dx_j = -dx_j \wedge dx_i$ and $g(x)$ is a function of x , we define

$$dg(x) = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_1} dx_1 + \cdots + \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_n} dx_n$$

Let $G(x_1, x_2) = (g_1(x), g_2(x))$. Prove that (here $n = 2$)

$$(dg_1) \wedge (dg_2) = \det G'(x) dx_1 \wedge dx_2.$$

8. Evaluate the integral

$$\int_{S^{n-1}} |x_1|^2 d\sigma(x)$$

where S^{n-1} is the unit sphere in $\mathbb{R}^n$.