

LECTURE #12

* Today: Double Integrals in Polar Coordinates (§15.3 of the textbook)

If we have to integrate $\iint_D f(x,y) dA$, where D is the unit disk, then either
 $\int_{-1}^1 \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} f(x,y) dy dx$ or $\int_{-1}^1 \int_{-\sqrt{1-y^2}}^{\sqrt{1-y^2}} f(x,y) dx dy$ are not very convenient due to $\sqrt{\dots}$.

Instead: Use polar coordinates (r, θ) [Recall: $x = r\cos\theta$, $y = r\sin\theta$]

Def: Polar Rectangle is a region in \mathbb{R}^2 given in polar coordinates as follows:

$$R = \{(r, \theta) \mid \alpha \leq \theta \leq \beta, a \leq r \leq b\} \quad \leftarrow \text{Here: } a \geq 0, \beta - \alpha \leq \pi$$

Theorem: If $f(\cdot, \cdot)$ is continuous on the polar rectangle R as above, then

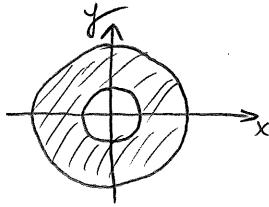
$$\iint_R f(x,y) dA = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \int_a^b f(r\cos\theta, r\sin\theta) \cdot r \cdot dr d\theta$$

Remark: The reason why dA is getting replaced by $rdrd\theta$ is due to the following picture



Never forget this extra r !

Ex 1: Evaluate $\iint_R 4(2x^2 - y^2) dA$, where R is bounded by $x^2 + y^2 = 1$, $x^2 + y^2 = 9$



$$\begin{aligned} \iint_R 4(2x^2 - y^2) dA &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_1^3 4(2r^2 \cos^2\theta - r^2 \sin^2\theta) r dr d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} (160 \cos^2\theta - 80 \sin^2\theta) d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} (160 \cdot \frac{1+\cos(2\theta)}{2} - 80 \cdot \frac{1-\cos(2\theta)}{2}) d\theta \\ &= [80\pi] \end{aligned}$$

For more general regions, we have:

Theorem: If $f(\cdot, \cdot)$ is continuous on the polar region of the form

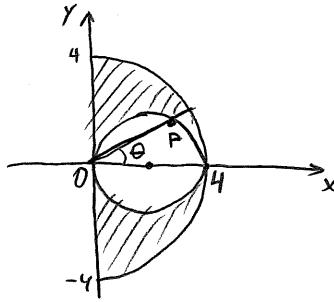
$$D = \{(r, \theta) \mid \alpha \leq \theta \leq \beta \text{ and } h_1(\theta) \leq r \leq h_2(\theta)\}$$

then:

$$\iint_D f(x,y) dA = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \int_{h_1(\theta)}^{h_2(\theta)} f(r\cos\theta, r\sin\theta) \cdot r dr d\theta$$

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Ex 2: Compute $\iint_D y dA$, where D is the region bounded by $x^2 + y^2 = 16$, $x^2 + y^2 = 4x$ in the half-plane $x \geq 0$.



$$\text{Note: } x^2 + y^2 = 4x \Leftrightarrow (x-2)^2 + y^2 = 4$$

To find the distance from O to P , i.e. coordinate r of P , we solve

$$r^2 = 4r \cos \theta \Rightarrow r = 4 \cos \theta \quad (\text{as } r \geq 0 \text{ gives the origin})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So: } \iint_D y dA &= \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \int_{4 \cos \theta}^4 r \sin \theta \cdot r dr d\theta = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \sin \theta \left(\frac{64}{3} - \frac{64}{3} \cos^3 \theta \right) d\theta \\ \text{But: } \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \sin \theta d\theta &= -\cos \theta \Big|_{\theta=-\pi/2}^{\theta=\pi/2} = 0 \\ \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \sin \theta \cdot \cos^3 \theta d\theta &\stackrel{u=\cos \theta}{=} \int_0^0 u^3 \cdot (-du) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

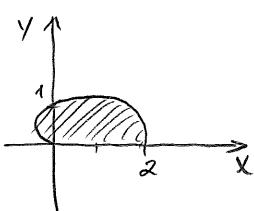
$$\boxed{\iint_D y dA = 0}$$

Remark: The fact we got zero is not surprising as our region D is symmetric w.r.t. reflection in x-axis, while $f(x,y) = y$ is skew-symmetric.

Ex 3: Find the volume of the solid bounded by $z = 0$ and $z = 4 - x^2 - y^2$.

$$\text{Vol} = \iint_D (4 - x^2 - y^2) dA = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 (4 - r^2) r dr d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} (2r^2 - \frac{r^4}{4}) \Big|_{r=0}^2 d\theta = \boxed{8\pi}$$

Ex 4: Evaluate the integral $\iint_D y dA$, where D consists of all points above x-axis and inside the cardioid $r = 1 + \cos(\theta)$



$$\begin{aligned} \iint_D y dA &= \int_0^{\pi} \int_0^{1+\cos \theta} r \sin \theta \cdot r dr d\theta = \int_0^{\pi} \sin \theta \cdot \frac{(1+\cos \theta)^3}{3} d\theta \\ &\stackrel{u=1+\cos \theta}{=} \int_2^0 \frac{u^3}{3} (-du) = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^2 u^3 du = \frac{16}{12} = \boxed{\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)} \end{aligned}$$