

## Triple Integrals

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2. We talked about how to calculate double integrals. Now: theory

This time . . .

- use Riemann sum to explain change of vars
- introduce triple-integrals

Usual Riemann sum:

Idea o

Problem:  $f(x)$  varies as  $x$  goes from  $a$  to  $b$

Solution: Break up  $[a, b]$  into little

pieces on which  $f$  is  $\approx$  a const  
(bc  $f$  can't change too much on a small enough interval)

- precisely: continuity

• usual way to break up  $[a, b]$ , is into  $N$  intervals, each of the same length

$$\cdot I_i = \left[ a + \frac{(i-1)(b-a)}{N}, a + \frac{i(b-a)}{N} \right]$$

$I$  is partitioned into the  $I_i$

↳ Def: A partition of  $I$  is a way of breaking  $I$  into smaller intervals

$$I = I_1 \cup I_2 \cup I_3 \cup \dots \cup I_n$$

so that the overlaps of smaller intervals don't overlap

Note: If  $I_i = [a_i, b_i]$ , its interval is  $(a_i, b_i)$

• eg  $[0, 1] = [0, \frac{1}{3}] \cup [\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}] \cup [\frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{8}] \cup [\frac{5}{8}, 1]$

• mesh of a partition is max length ( $I_i$ )

$$\text{eg mesh } \frac{3}{8}$$

For a region  $R$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , a partition of  $R$  is

$$\text{a decomposition } R = R_1 \cup R_2 \cup \dots \cup R_N$$

$$\text{mesh (partition)} = \max \text{ area } (R_i)$$

$$\text{eg } R = [a, b] \times [c, d]$$

choose  $M$ , and have  $N = M^2$  little rectangles indexed by  $i, j = 1, \dots, M$

$$\left[ a + \frac{(i-1)(b-a)}{N}, a + \frac{i(b-a)}{N} \right] \times \left[ c + \frac{(j-1)(d-c)}{M}, c + \frac{j(d-c)}{M} \right]$$

$$\text{area of } R_{ij} = \frac{(b-a)(d-c)}{M}$$

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Choose  $x_i \in I_i \forall i$

$$\text{Riemann sum} = \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i) \cdot \text{length}(I_i)$$

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_I f(x) dx = \lim_{\text{mesh} \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i)$$

- mesh being small  $\Rightarrow$  every subinterval is "little enough"

Q: why can't just take  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ?  
what if  $I = [0, 1]$



So divide  $[0, \frac{1}{2}]$  into  $N-1$  pieces

and take  $I_N = [\frac{1}{2}, 1]$

then as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , the # of subintervals  $\rightarrow \infty$

but the mesh stays  $\frac{1}{2}$

$\Rightarrow$  need mesh to approach 0

Precisely  $\lim_{\text{mesh} \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i) \cdot \text{length}(I_i) = L$

means  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  s.t. for any partition  $I = I_1 \cup \dots \cup I_N$  of mesh  $< \delta$  and any choice of  $x_i \in I_i \forall i$ :

$$\left| L - \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i) \cdot \text{length}(I_i) \right| < \epsilon$$

Thm

$\lim_{\text{mesh} \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^N \dots$  exists for  $f$  continuous from

~~a to b and is the integral as we know it~~

2 Dimensions: Recall a partition of  $R$  is

a decompr  $R = R_1 \cup R_2 \cup \dots \cup R_N$  whose interiors don't overlap.

$$\iint_R f(x, y) dx dy = \lim_{\text{mesh} \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i, y_i) \text{area}(R_i)$$

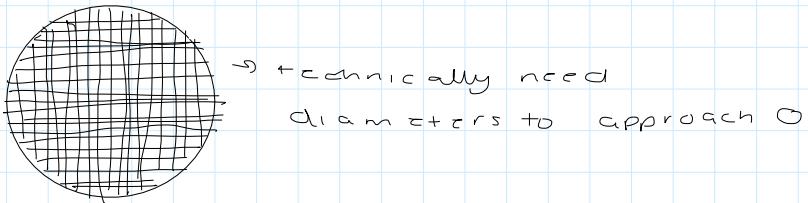
$\begin{cases} (x_i, y_i) \in R_i \\ \text{of the partition} \end{cases}$

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e.g. Sierpinski's triangle

e.g. a circle



Note: theory of Riemann sums and mesh is theory — use it to prove general facts about integration but don't compute w/ it directly

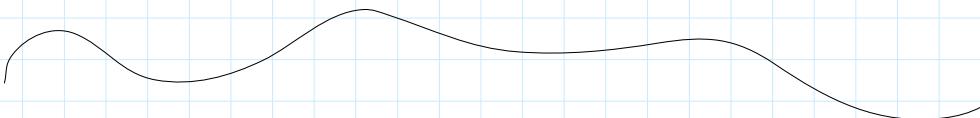
e.g.

$$\iint_{[a,b] \times [c,d]} f(x, y) dx dy = \iint_{a \times c}^b f(x, y) dx dy \quad ] \text{ FUBINI'S THEOREM}$$

$$\iint_{R_1 \cup R_2} f(x, y) dx dy = \iint_{R_1} f(x, y) dx dy + \iint_{R_2} f(x, y) dx dy$$

If  $R_1 \cap R_2$  have disjoint interiors

Proof Let  $L = \iint_{R_1 \cup R_2} f(x, y) dx dy$   $L_1 = \iint_{R_1} f(x, y) dx dy$   $L_2 = \iint_{R_2} f(x, y) dx dy$



Now the Riemann sum over  $R_1 \cup R_2$  is the sum of the Riemann sums over each individual region  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ .

$$\Rightarrow \left| \iint_{R_1 \cup R_2} f(x, y) dx dy - \iint_{R_1} f(x, y) dx dy - \iint_{R_2} f(x, y) dx dy \right| < \epsilon$$

$$\iint_{R_1 \cup R_2} f(x, y) dx dy - \iint_{R_1} f(x, y) dx dy - \iint_{R_2} f(x, y) dx dy = 0 \quad \blacksquare$$

### TRIPLE INTEGRATION

Suppose  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  for  $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$  open and  $R \subseteq D$

Rough idea

$$\iint_R f dx dy dz = f(x, y, z) \cdot \text{volume}(R)$$

R

A partition of  $R = R_1 \cup \dots \cup R_N$  has a mass

$$\iint_R f dx dy dz = \lim_{\text{mesh} \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i, y_i, z_i) \cdot \text{volume}(F_i)$$

$(x_i, y_i, z_i) \in F_i$

↳ calculate in a similar way as in 2-D

eg

$$R = [a, b] \times [c, d] \times [e, f]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_R g(x, y, z) dx dy dz \\ &= \int_a^b \int_c^d \int_e^f g(x, y, z) dx dy dz \end{aligned}$$

$$R = \text{unit ball} = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 1\}$$

$$\iint_R f(x, y, z) dx dy dz = \int_{x=-1}^{x=1} \int_{y=-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{y=\sqrt{1-x^2}} \int_{z=-\sqrt{1-x^2-y^2}}^{z=\sqrt{1-x^2-y^2}} f dz dy$$

↳ easier in spherical coords

But in cylindrical vs cartesian

Recall

$$dx dy = r dr d\theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow dx dy dz &= (dx dy) dz = (r dr d\theta) dz \\ &= r dr d\theta dz \end{aligned}$$

Center of mass

Suppose we have n objects indexed by  $i=1, \dots, n$

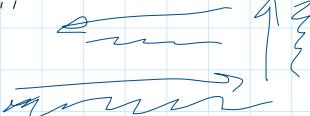
where  $i$ -th object is at location

$$\vec{r}_i = (x_i, y_i, z_i)$$

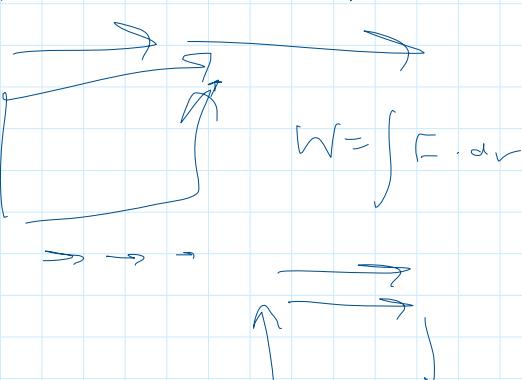
and has mass  $m_i$

Then center of mass is  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \vec{r}_i$

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Then center of mass is vector sum

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \vec{r}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i} = \text{"Weighted average of the locations of the objects - weighted by mass"}$$


Vector sum means: x-coord of center of mass  
 is

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i}$$


y coord:

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i}$$

z-coord:

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i z_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n m_i}$$

These formulas assume each obj has all its mass in a single point / location

realistic: mass density:  $\rho(x, y, z)$  in units of mass/volume

$$\text{center of mass} = \frac{\iiint \rho(x, y, z) \vec{r} \, dx \, dy \, dz}{\text{total mass}} = \iiint \rho(x, y, z) \, dx \, dy \, dz$$

Q What does  $\iiint_D f(x, y, z) \, d\tau$  mean?  
A Output is