

TRIPLE INTEGRALS

In the three dimensional space we introduce a rectangular box

$$B = \{(x, y, z) | a \leq x \leq b, c \leq y \leq d, r \leq z \leq s\}.$$

Here a, b, c, d, r, s are an arbitrary but fixed numbers. the first step is to partition the intervals $[a, b]$, $[c, d]$, and $[r, s]$ as follows

$$a = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_{i-1} < x_i \cdots x_l = b,$$

$$c = y_0 < y_1 < \cdots < y_{j-1} < y_j \cdots y_m = d$$

$$r = z_0 < z_1 < \cdots < z_{k-1} < z_k < \cdots z_n = s.$$

The planes through these partition points parallel to the coordinate planes divide the box B into ℓmn sub-boxes

$$B_{ijk} = [x_{i-1}, x_i] \times [y_{j-1}, y_j] \times [z_{k-1}, z_k].$$

The volume of B_{ijk} is

$$\Delta V_{ijk} = \Delta x_i \Delta y_j \Delta z_k,$$

where

$$\Delta x_i = x_i - x_{i-1}, \quad \Delta y_j = y_j - y_{j-1}, \quad \Delta z_k = z_k - z_{k-1}.$$

Next we form the Riemann sum

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_{ijk}^*, y_{ijk}^*, z_{ijk}^*) \Delta V_{ijk},$$

where a point $(x_{ijk}^*, y_{ijk}^*, z_{ijk}^*)$ is in rectangular box B_{ijk} .

Denote by $\|P\|$ the length of the longest diagonal of all boxes B_{ijk} .

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Definition 1. The triple integral of the function f over the box B is

$$\int \int \int_B f(x, y, z) dV = \lim_{\|P\| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_{ijk}^*, y_{ijk}^*, z_{ijk}^*) \Delta V_{ijk}.$$

if this limit exists.

For the triple integral over rectangular box we have the following Theorem.

Fubini's Theorem for triple integrals. If the function f is continuous on the rectangular box $B = [a, b] \times [c, d] \times [r, s]$ then

$$\int \int \int_B f(x, y, z) dV = \int_r^s \int_c^d \int_a^b f(x, y, z) dx dy dz.$$

Definition 2. We say that E is the region of the type **I** if it can be represented in the form

$$E = \{(x, y, z) | (x, y) \in D, \phi_1(x, y) \leq z \leq \phi_2(x, y)\},$$

where D is some region on the plane.

If E region of the type **I** we have

$$\int \int \int_E f(x, y, z) dV = \int \int_D \left[\int_{\phi_1(x, y)}^{\phi_2(x, y)} f(x, y, z) dz \right] dA.$$

If D is the region of type **I** we can rewrite the previous formula as

$$\int \int \int_E f(x, y, z) dV = \int_a^b \int_{g_1(x)}^{g_2(x)} \int_{\phi_1(x, y)}^{\phi_2(x, y)} f(x, y, z) dz dy dx.$$

If D is the region of type **II** we can rewrite the previous formula as

$$\int \int \int_E f(x, y, z) dV = \int_c^d \int_{h_1(y)}^{h_2(y)} \int_{\phi_1(x, y)}^{\phi_2(x, y)} f(x, y, z) dz dx dy.$$

If we have a solid which occupies the region E then the volume of this solid $V(E)$ is given by triple integral

$$V(E) = \int \int \int_E 1 dV.$$

The mass m of a solid which occupies the region E with the density function $\rho(x, y, z)$ is given by formula

$$m = \int \int \int_E \rho(x, y, z) dV.$$

The **center of mass** located at the point $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z})$ where

$$\bar{x} = \frac{M_{yz}}{m}, \quad \bar{y} = \frac{M_{xz}}{m}, \quad \bar{z} = \frac{M_{xy}}{m},$$

$$M_{yz} = \int \int \int_E x\rho(x, y, z) dV, \quad M_{xz} = \int \int \int_E y\rho(x, y, z) dV, \quad M_{xy} = \int \int \int_E z\rho(x, y, z) dV.$$

The **moments of inertia** are

$$I_x = \int \int \int_E (y^2 + z^2)\rho(x, y, z) dV, \quad I_y = \int \int \int_E (x^2 + z^2)\rho(x, y, z) dV, \\ I_z = \int \int \int_E (x^2 + y^2)\rho(x, y, z) dV.$$

Example 1. Evaluate the iterated integral

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^z \int_0^y xyz dx dy dz.$$

Solution.

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^z \int_0^y xyz dx dy dz = \int_0^1 \int_0^z \frac{x^2 y z}{2} \Big|_0^y dy dz = \int_0^1 \int_0^z \frac{y^3 z}{2} dy dz = \int_0^1 61 \int_0^z \frac{y^3 z}{2} dy dz \\ = \int_0^1 \frac{y^4 z}{8} \Big|_0^z dz = \int_0^1 \frac{z^5}{8} dz = \frac{z^6}{48} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{48}.$$

Example 2. Evaluate the triple integral

$$\int \int \int_E yz dV,$$

where

$$E = \{(x, y, z) | 0 \leq z \leq 1, 0 \leq y \leq 2z, 0 \leq x \leq z + 2\}.$$

Solution. Our double integral equals to the iterated integral

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int \int \int_E yz dV &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{2z} \int_0^{z+2} yz dx dy dz = \int_0^1 \int_0^{2z} xyz \Big|_0^{z+2} dy dz \\
 &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{2z} (z+2)yz dy dz = \int_0^1 \int_0^{2z} (z^2 + 2z)y dy dz \\
 &= \int_0^1 (z^2 + 2z) \frac{y^2}{2} \Big|_0^{2z} dz = 2 \int_0^1 (z^2 + 2z)z^2 dz = 2 \int_0^1 (z^4 + 2z^3) dz = 2 \left(\frac{z^5}{5} + \frac{z^4}{2} \right) \Big|_0^1 \\
 &= 2 \left(\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{2} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 3. Find the volume of a solid enclosed by paraboloids $z = x^2 + y^2$ and $z = 18 - x^2 - y^2$.

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 V(E) &= \int \int \int_E 1 dv = \int \int_D \int_{x^2+y^2}^{18-x^2-y^2} 1 dz dA = \int \int_D z \Big|_{x^2+y^2}^{18-x^2-y^2} dA \\
 &= \int \int_D (18 - 2(x^2 + y^2)) dA = \\
 &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^3 (-2r^2 + 18)r dr d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \left(-\frac{r^4}{2} + 9r^2 \right) \Big|_0^3 d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{3^4}{2} d\theta = 3^4 \pi.
 \end{aligned}$$