

Polar integration formula

$$\int \int_D f(x, y) dA = \int \int_G (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) r dr d\theta \text{ where } G : \alpha \leq \theta \leq \beta, b(\theta) \leq r \leq a(\theta).$$

Note that for all point (r, θ) in the region G :

$$r \geq 0 \text{ and } 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi.$$

Example: Evaluate $\int \int_D e^{x^2+y^2} dydx$, where D is region bounded by the x -axis and the curve $y = \sqrt{1-x^2}$?

Solution

There is no way to integrate $e^{x^2+y^2}$ with respect to either x or y . Thus, we need to use the polar coordinates which enables us to evaluate the integral as

$$y = \sqrt{1-x^2} \implies y^2 = 1-x^2 \implies x^2+y^2 = 1 \implies r^2 = 1 \implies r = \pm 1 \implies r = 1$$

We sketch the region $y = \sqrt{1-x^2}$ and x -axis (see Figure 7) so

$$\begin{aligned} \int \int_D e^{x^2+y^2} dydx &= \int_0^\pi \int_0^1 (re^{r^2}) dr d\theta \\ &= \int_0^\pi \left[\frac{1}{2} e^r \right]_0^1 d\theta, \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi (e - 1) d\theta \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} (e - 1). \end{aligned}$$

Figure 7

Example: Evaluate $\int_{-1}^0 \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^0 \frac{2}{1 + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} dydx$.

Solution

There is no way to integrate $\frac{2}{1 + \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$ with respect to either x or y . By using a polar coordinates gives

$$y = -\sqrt{1-x^2} \implies y^2 = 1-x^2 \implies x^2+y^2 = 1 \implies r^2 = 1 \implies r = \pm 1 \implies r = 1$$

We sketch $y = -\sqrt{1-x^2}$, $y = 0$, $x = 0$ and $x = -1$ (see Figure 8) so

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^0 \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^0 \frac{2}{1+\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} &= \int_{\Pi}^{3\frac{\Pi}{2}} \int_0^1 \frac{2r}{1+r} dr d\theta \\ &= \int_{\Pi}^{3\frac{\Pi}{2}} \left[r - \ln(r+1) \right]_0^1 d\theta, \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (1 - \ln 2) d\theta \\ &= (1 - \ln 2)\Pi. \end{aligned}$$

Figure 8

Example: Evaluate by using polar integral $\int_{-1}^1 \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} (x^2 + y^2) dy dx$.

Solution

2.4 Exercises

Q_1 : Evaluate each of the following double integral

(1) $\int \int_D f(x, y) dA$ for $f(x, y) = x^2y - 2xy$ and $D : 0 \leq x \leq 3, -2 \leq y \leq 0$.

(2) $\int \int_D f(x, y) dA$ for $f(x, y) = x \sin y$ and $D : 0 \leq x \leq \Pi, 0 \leq y \leq x$.

(3) $\int \int_D f(x, y) dA$ for $f(x, y) = e^{x+y}$ and $D : 0 \leq x \leq \ln y, 1 \leq y \leq \ln 8$.

Q_2 : Find the volume of the solid cut from the first actant by the surface $z = 4 - x^2 - y^2$?

Q_3 : Find the area of the region D for each of following by using the double integral

(1) D : The lines $x + y = 2, x = 0$ and $y = 0$.

(2) D : The parabola $x = -y^2$ and the line $y = x + 2$.

(3) D : The curve $y = e^x$ and the lines $y = 0, x = 0$ and $x = \ln 2$.

Q_4 : Evaluate

(1) $\int_0^1 \int_y^1 \frac{\sin x}{x} dx dy$

(2) $\int_0^1 \int_x^1 e^{y^2} dy dx$

(3) $\int_0^3 \int_{x^2}^9 x \cos y^2 dy dx$

(4) $\int_0^{\ln 2} \int_0^{\sqrt{(\ln 2)^2 - y^2}} e^{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} dx dy$

Q_5 : Find a center of mass of a thin plat of density $\delta(x, y) = 3$ bounded by $y = 2 - x^2, y = x$ and y - axis?

Q_6 : Evaluate by using polar integral $\int_{-a}^a \int_{-\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}^{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} dy dx$.