

# Math 2321 (Multivariable Calculus)

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## Computing Double Integrals

- Double Integrals on General Regions
- Changing Order of Integration

This material represents §3.1.2-3.1.3 from the course notes.

## Recall

Last time, we discussed how to find the volume underneath  $z = f(x, y)$  above a region  $R$  in the plane.

- We gave two ways of computing this volume as an iterated integral with either integration order  $dy dx$  or  $dx dy$ .
- With order  $dy dx$  we have  $\int_a^b \int_{c(x)}^{d(x)} f(x, y) dy dx$ .
- With order  $dx dy$  we have  $\int_c^d \int_{a(y)}^{b(y)} f(x, y) dx dy$ .

These will always give the same value as long as  $f$  is continuous:

### Theorem (Fubini's Theorem on General Regions)

If  $f(x, y)$  is continuous on a region

$R = \{(x, y) : a \leq x \leq b, g_1(x) \leq y \leq g_2(x)\}$  and

$R = \{(x, y) : c \leq y \leq d, h_1(y) \leq x \leq h_2(y)\}$ , then

$$\iint_R f(x, y) dA = \int_a^b \int_{g_1(x)}^{g_2(x)} f(x, y) dy dx = \int_c^d \int_{h_1(y)}^{h_2(y)} f(x, y) dx dy.$$

# Computing Double Integrals, I

Here is the procedure for setting up double integrals:

1. Determine the region of integration, and sketch it.
2. Decide on an order of integration and slice up the region according to the chosen order: vertical slices correspond to  $dy dx$  and horizontal slices correspond to  $dx dy$ .
3. Determine the limits of integration one at a time, starting with the outer variable. The region may need to be split into several pieces, if the boundary curves change definition in the middle of the region.
  - For  $R = \{(x, y) : a \leq x \leq b, g_1(x) \leq y \leq g_2(x)\}$ , the integral is  $\int_a^b \int_{g_1(x)}^{g_2(x)} f(x, y) dy dx$ .
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4. Evaluate the integral.

## Computing Double Integrals, II

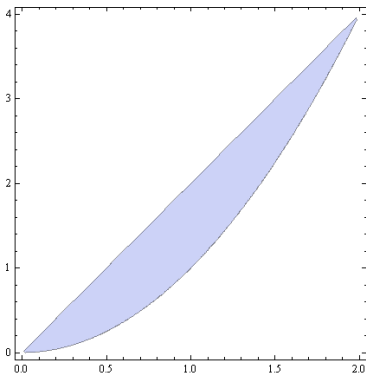
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- The curves  $y = 2x$  and  $y = x^2$  will intersect at  $(0, 0)$  and  $(2, 4)$ , so the region looks like this:



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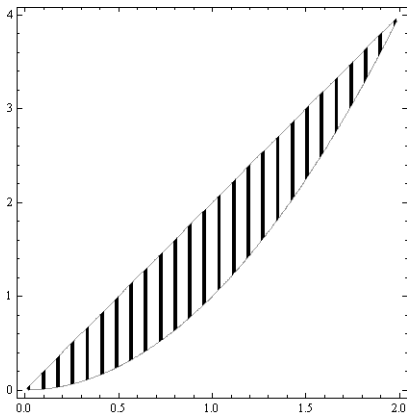
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  - For any given slice, the values of  $y$  range from the lower curve  $y = x^2$  to the upper curve  $y = 2x$ .
  - So, the integral is  $\int_0^2 \int_{x^2}^{2x} xy^2 dy dx$ .
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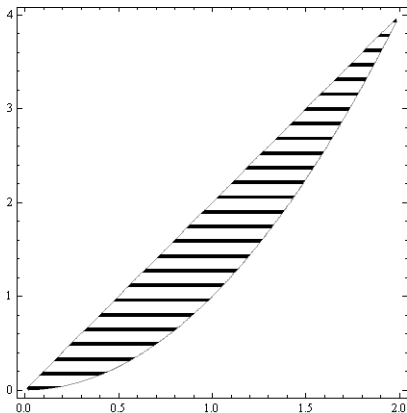
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- with integration order  $dx dy$ .
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  - For any given slice, the values of  $x$  range from the left curve  $y = 2x$  to the right curve  $y = x^2$ .
  - Thus, the integral is  $\int_0^4 \int_{y/2}^{\sqrt{y}} xy^2 dx dy$ .
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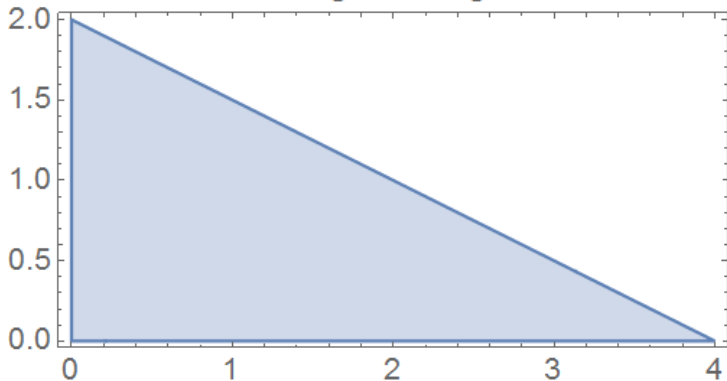
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- First, we sketch the region, and then we slice it up:

Triangular Region



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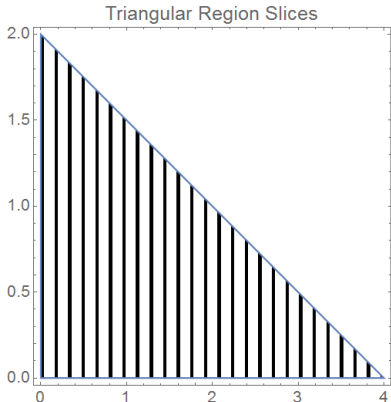
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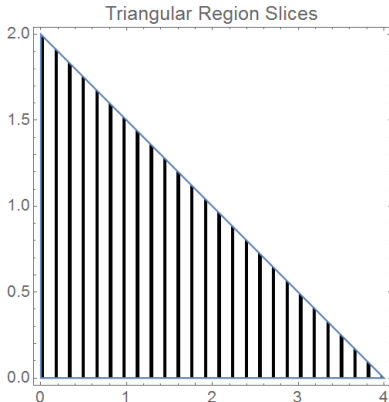
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- For each slice, the bottom is  $y = 0$  and the top is the line  $x + 2y = 4$ , which (since we need  $y$  as a function of  $x$ ) is  $y = (4 - x)/2$ .
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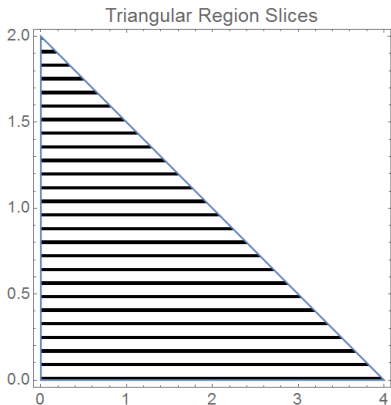
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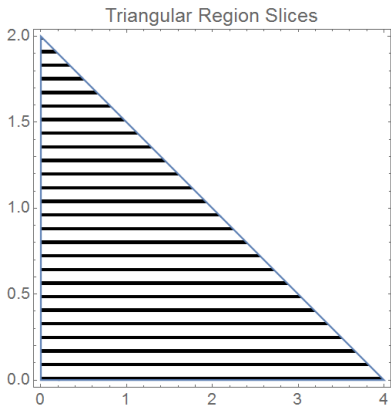
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- The bottom slice occurs at  $y = 0$  and the top slice occurs at  $y = 2$ .
- For each slice, the left curve is  $x = 0$  and the right curve is the line  $x + 2y = 4$ , which (since we need  $x$  as a function of  $y$ ) is  $x = 4 - 2y$ .
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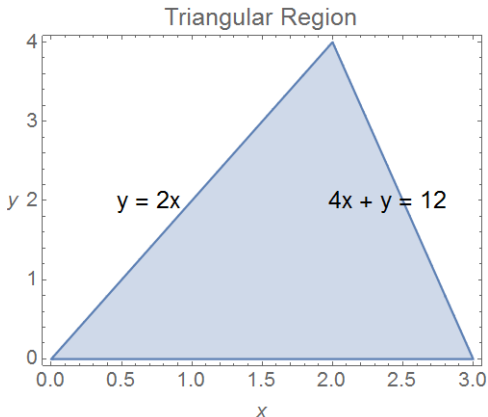
If the equation for one of the boundary curves changes in the middle of the region, we must split the region into pieces, corresponding to the different functions that make up the boundary curve.

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The equations of the two lines are  $y = 2x$  and  $4x + y = 12$ .



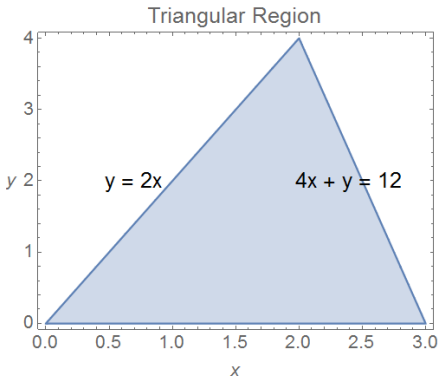
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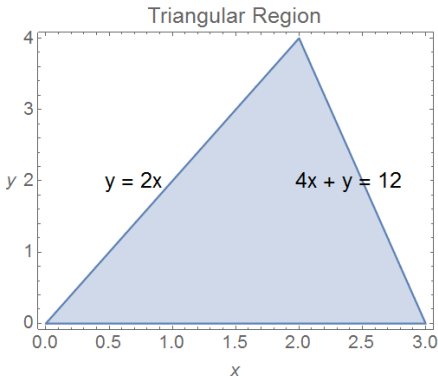
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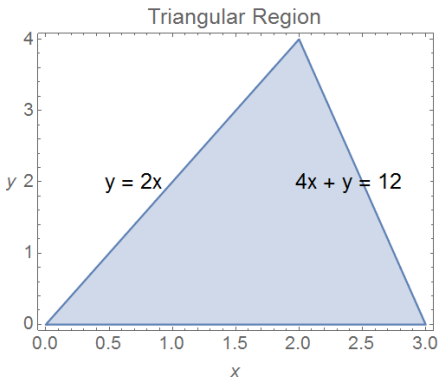


- Although the vertical slices go from  $x = 0$  to  $x = 3$ , the identity of the top curve changes from  $y = 2x$  to  $4x + y = 12$  when  $x = 2$ .
- So, we need to split the region into two pieces, one from  $0 \leq x \leq 2$  and the other from  $2 \leq x \leq 3$ .

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- First, vertical slices (order  $dy \, dx$ ):



- For  $0 \leq x \leq 2$  the bottom curve is  $y = 0$  and the top curve is  $y = 2x$ . This gives 
$$\int_0^2 \int_0^{2x} x^2 y \, dy \, dx.$$
- For  $2 \leq x \leq 3$  the bottom curve is  $y = 0$  and the top curve is  $y = 12 - 4x$ . This gives 
$$\int_2^3 \int_0^{12-4x} x^2 y \, dy \, dx.$$

The integral we want is then the sum of these two integrals.

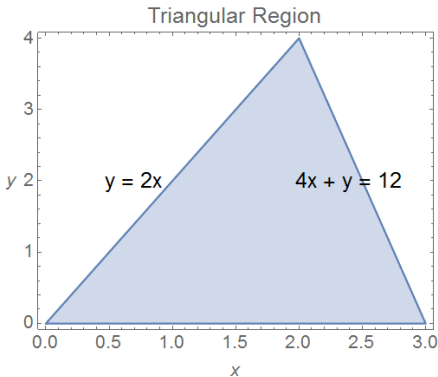
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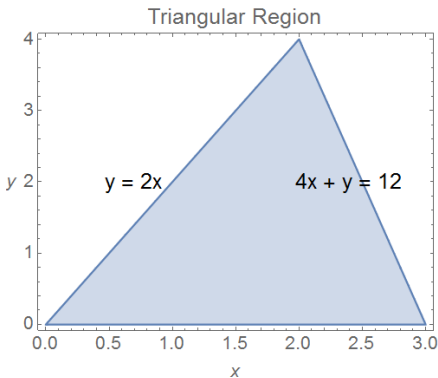
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- The slices go from  $y = 0$  to  $y = 4$ .
- The left curve is  $x = y/2$  and the right curve is  $x = (12 - y)/4$  throughout the region.
- Thus, the desired integral is 
$$\int_0^4 \int_{y/2}^{(12-y)/4} x^2 y \, dx \, dy.$$

## Changing Order of Integration, I

Although Fubini's Theorem guarantees that integrating in either order will yield the same result, it can happen that one order of integration is easier to evaluate than the other.

- In such situations, reversing the order of integration can be useful.
- To do this, we sketch the region, and then slice it up in the opposite direction.
- This may require splitting the region into multiple pieces, depending on the boundary curves.



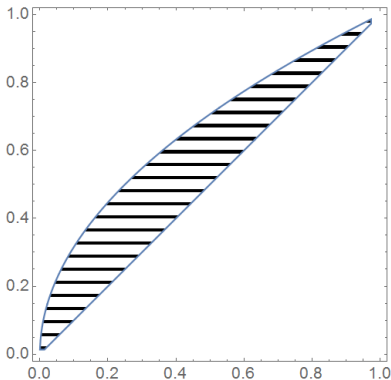
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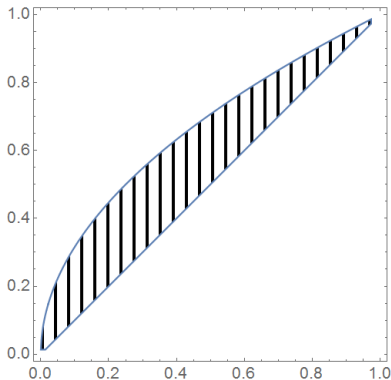
- The region is defined by  $0 \leq y \leq 1$  and  $y^2 \leq x \leq y$ , and the current order of integration has horizontal slices:



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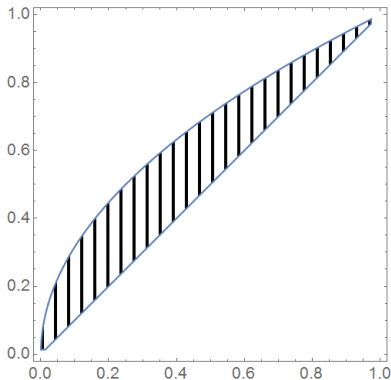
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- The slices go from  $x = 0$  to  $x = 1$ .
- The top curve is  $y = \sqrt{x}$  and the bottom curve is  $y = x$ .
- Thus, the new integral is

$$\int_0^1 \int_x^{\sqrt{x}} xy \, dy \, dx.$$

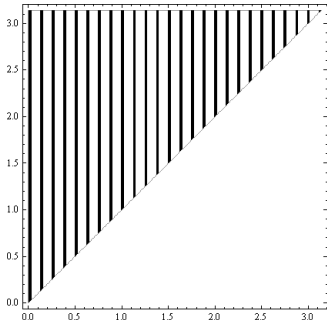
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- It is not possible to evaluate the inner integral as written since  $\frac{\sin(y)}{y}$  does not have an elementary antiderivative.
- The region is defined by  $0 \leq x \leq y$  and  $x \leq y \leq \pi$ , and the current order of integration has vertical slices:



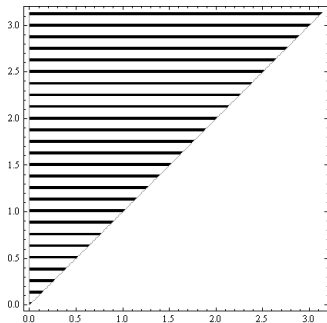
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- With horizontal slices, we obtain the following:

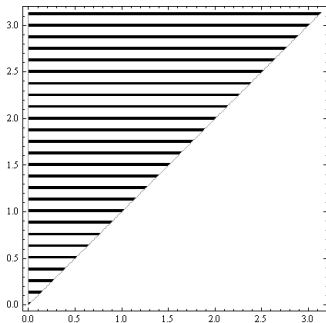




## Changing Order of Integration, V

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- The slices go from  $y = 0$  to  $y = \pi$ .
- The left curve is  $x = 0$  and the right curve is  $x = y$ .
- The new integral is

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\pi \int_0^y \frac{\sin(y)}{y} dx dy \\ &= \int_0^\pi \sin(y) dy = 2. \end{aligned}$$

# Polar Coordinates, I

To lead into the next lecture (double integrals in polar coordinates), we will spend the last few minutes with a quick review of polar coordinates.

- Polar coordinates are perhaps (probably? maybe?) familiar to you already, as they are often discussed in precalculus and single-variable calculus.
- Double integrals in polar coordinates are similar to double integrals in rectangular coordinates: the only difference is that we will now set up iterated integrals using the polar coordinate variables  $r$  and  $\theta$  rather than the rectangular coordinates  $x$  and  $y$ .

## Polar Coordinates, II

So, a brief review of polar coordinates:

### Definition

The polar coordinates  $(r, \theta)$  of a point  $(x, y)$  satisfy  $x = r \cos(\theta)$ ,  $y = r \sin(\theta)$ , for  $r \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ .

- The parameter  $r$  gives the radial distance from the origin (or “pole”), while  $\theta$  measures the angle with respect to the positive  $x$ -axis.
- Some conventions allow for negative values of  $r$ . We will insist that  $r \geq 0$  in our setup.
- Since sine and cosine are periodic, we implicitly identify angles  $\theta$  that differ by an integral multiple of  $2\pi$  radians.
- We have  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ ,  $\theta = \begin{cases} \tan^{-1}(y/x) & \text{for } x > 0 \\ \tan^{-1}(y/x) + \pi & \text{for } x < 0 \end{cases}$ .

## Polar Coordinates, III

Example: Perform the following coordinate conversions:

1. Find polar coordinates for  $(x, y) = (1, 1)$ .
2. Find rectangular coordinates for  $(r, \theta) = (4, \pi/6)$ .
3. Find polar coordinates for  $(x, y) = (-\sqrt{3}, 1)$ .
4. Find rectangular coordinates for  $(r, \theta) = (2.8, 0.7)$ .
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5. Find polar coordinates for  $(x, y) = (-6.0, -1.1)$ .
  - For  $(x, y) = (1, 1)$  we have  $(r, \theta) = (\sqrt{2}, \pi/4)$ .
  - For  $(r, \theta) = (4, \pi/6)$  we have  $(x, y) = (2\sqrt{3}, 2)$ .
  - For  $(x, y) = (-\sqrt{3}, 1)$  we have  $(r, \theta) = (2, 5\pi/6)$ .
  - For  $(r, \theta) = (2.8, 0.7)$  we have  $(x, y) \approx (2.1416, 1.8038)$ .
  - For  $(x, y) = (-6.7, -2.2)$  we have  $(r, \theta) \approx (6.1, 3.4588)$ .

## Polar Coordinates, IV

The primary reason to use polar coordinates is that they will simplify integrals over regions that are portions of circles, because circles have simple descriptions in polar coordinates.

- Specifically, the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$  in rectangular coordinates (over which it is cumbersome to set up double integrals) becomes the much simpler equation  $r = a$  in polar coordinates.
- Polar coordinates are also useful in simplifying functions which involve  $x^2 + y^2$  or (especially)  $\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ .
- Lines through the origin also have reasonably simple descriptions in polar: the line  $y = mx$  becomes the pair of rays  $\theta = \tan^{-1}(m)$  and  $\theta = \tan^{-1}(m) + \pi$  when written in polar coordinates. (The two rays point in opposite directions.)

## Polar Coordinates, V

Example: Describe the following curves in polar coordinates:

1. Find a polar equation for the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ .
2. Find a polar equation for  $x^2 + y^2 = 4x$ .
3. Find a rectangular equation for  $\theta = \pi/4$ .

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3. Find a rectangular equation for  $\theta = \pi/4$ .
  - To convert from rectangular to polar we just put in  $x = r \cos \theta$  and  $y = r \sin \theta$ .
  - So  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$  becomes  $r^2 \cos^2 \theta + r^2 \sin^2 \theta = 4$ , which simplifies to  $r^2 = 4$  so that  $r = 2$ .
  - Also,  $x^2 + y^2 = 4x$  becomes  $r^2 \cos^2 \theta + r^2 \sin^2 \theta = 4r \cos \theta$  so that  $r^2 = 4r \cos \theta$  so that  $r = 4 \cos \theta$ .
  - The polar equation  $\theta = \pi/4$  becomes the ray  $y = x$ ,  $x > 0$ .



## Polar Coordinates, VI

To illustrate why we will want to use polar coordinates, consider this double integral:

$$\int_{-2}^2 \int_{-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \, dy \, dx.$$

- It is possible to evaluate this integral directly, as written, but it is very messy and would take up this entire slide.
- Notice that the region of integration is defined by  $-2 \leq x \leq 2$ ,  $-\sqrt{4-x^2} \leq y \leq \sqrt{4-x^2}$ , which (if we draw it) we can recognize as the interior of the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ .
- If we could set up this integral using polar coordinates, the region would have a much simpler description (it is  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ ,  $0 \leq r \leq 2$ ), as would the function (it is just  $r$ ). We will talk about how to do this next time.

## Summary

We discussed double integrals on general regions.

We discussed how to change the order of integration in a double integral.

We quickly reviewed polar coordinates.

Next lecture: Double integrals in polar coordinates.