

Double integrals; brief preview

Fact: For all "sufficiently nice" (i.e., Math 3-relevant)

functions $g(x, y)$, the expressions

$$\int_a^b \left[\int_c^d g(x, y) dy \right] dx \quad \text{and}$$

a function $u(x)$

$$\int_c^d \left[\int_a^b g(x, y) dx \right] dy \quad \text{are equal,$$

a function $v(y)$

But sometimes, one is easier to compute than the other.

Ex: $\int_{-1}^1 \int_3^4 y e^y \sin(xy) dy dx$

hard to compute

$$= \int_3^4 \int_{-1}^1 y e^y \sin(xy) dx dy$$

= 0

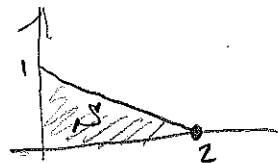
$$\int_{-1}^1 y e^y \sin(xy) dx = -e^y [\cos(xy)]_{x=-1}^{x=1} = 0.$$

What more?

→ The (double) integral as limits of sums:
the Riemann integral

$$\hookrightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2} dx = ? \quad \text{as application}$$

→ Double integrals over other sets. E.g



The double integral over S :

x runs from 0 to 2. For each x ,

y runs from 0 to $1 - \frac{1}{2}x$

$$\int_0^2 \int_0^{1-x/2} \dots dy dx$$

How to change order here?

→ The triple integral