

Double Integrals Over Non-Rectangular Regions

Now that we've seen how to evaluate double integrals over rectangular regions, let's consider non-rectangular regions. Suppose we are interested in the integral of a function, $f(x, y)$, over a region, D , exists such that it can be bounded by inside a rectangular region, R (see figure 1.1). We can then define a new function:

$$F(x, y) = \begin{cases} f(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \text{ is in } D \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) \text{ is in } R \text{ but not in } D \end{cases}$$

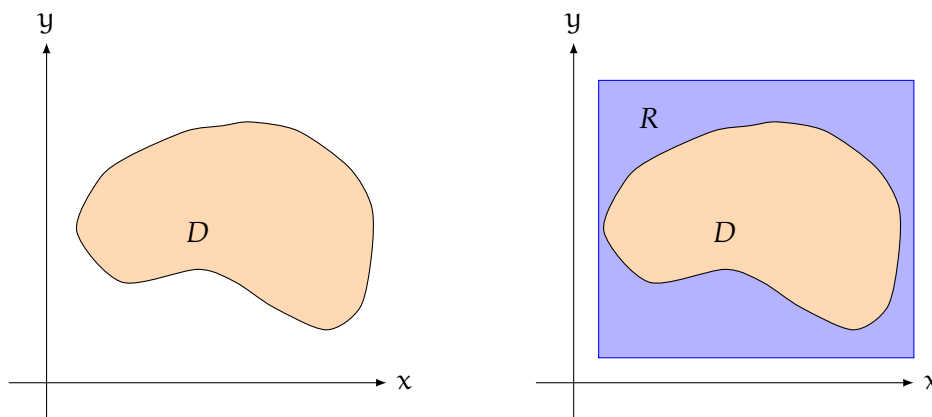


Figure 1.1: We can find a rectangular region, R , that completely encloses D

Then, we can see that:

$$\iint_D f(x, y) \, dA = \iint_R F(x, y) \, dA$$

Which makes sense intuitively, since integrating over F outside of D doesn't contribute anything to the integral, and the integral of F inside D is equal to the integral of f inside D . In general, there are two types of regions for D . A region is **type I** if it lies between two continuous functions of x and can be defined thusly:

$$D = \{(x, y) \mid a \leq x \leq b, g_1(x) \leq y \leq g_2(x)\}$$

Some type I regions are shown in figure 1.2. To evaluate $\iint_D f(x, y) \, dA$, we begin by choosing a rectangle $R = [a, b] \times [c, d]$ such that D is completely contained in R . We again

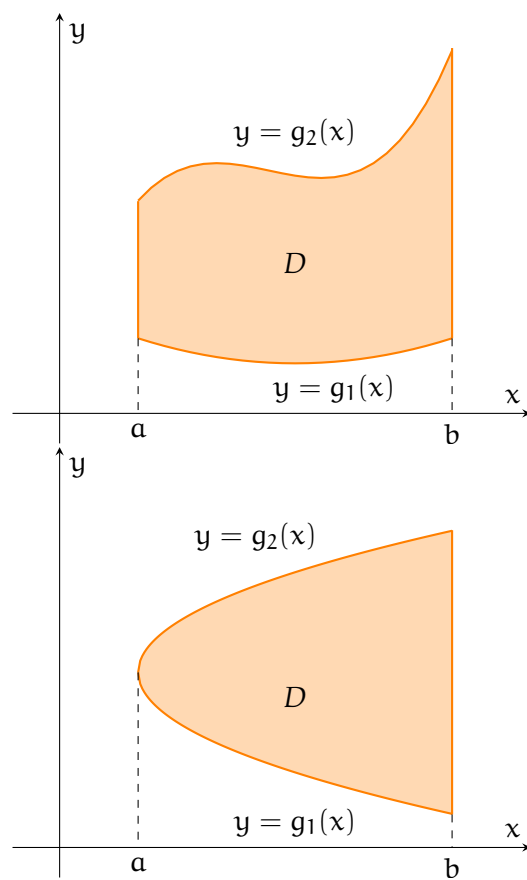


Figure 1.2: Two examples of type I domains

define $F(x, y)$ such that $F(x, y) = f(x, y)$ on D and $F = 0$ outside of D . Then, by Fubini's theorem:

$$\iint_D f(x, y) \, dA = \iint_R F(x, y) \, dA = \int_a^b \int_c^d F(x, y) \, dy \, dx$$

Since $F(x, y) = 0$ when $y \leq g_1(x)$ or $y \geq g_2(x)$, we know that:

$$\int_c^d F(x, y) \, dy = \int_{g_1(x)}^{g_2(x)} F(x, y) \, dy = \int_{g_1(x)}^{g_2(x)} f(x, y) \, dy$$

Substituting this into the iterated integral above, we see that for a type I region $D = \{(x, y) \mid a \leq x \leq b, g_1(x) \leq y \leq g_2(x)\}$,

$$\iint_D f(x, y) \, dA = \int_a^b \int_{g_1(x)}^{g_2(x)} f(x, y) \, dy \, dx$$

Another way to visualize the double integral over a type I region is shown in figure 1.3. For any value of $x \in [a, b]$, we know that $g_1(x) \leq y \leq g_2(x)$. The inner integral represents moving along one blue line from $y = g_1(x)$ to $y = g_2(x)$ and integrating with respect to y . Then, for the outer integral, we integrate with respect to x , which is represented by moving the line from $x = a$ to $x = b$.

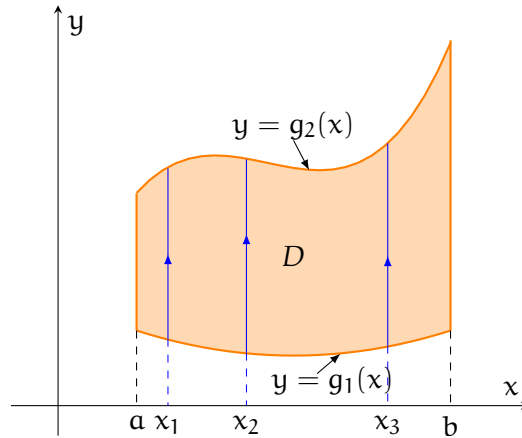


Figure 1.3: On type I domains, for a given value of x , $g_1(x) \leq y \leq g_2(x)$

A **type II** region is a region such that we can define the limits of x in terms of y (see figure 1.4). That is, a type II region can be defined as:

$$D = \{(x, y) \mid c \leq y \leq d, h_1(y) \leq x \leq h_2(y)\}$$

And in a similar manner to above, we can show that:

$$\iint_D f(x, y) \, dA = \int_c^d \int_{h_1(y)}^{h_2(y)} f(x, y) \, dx \, dy$$

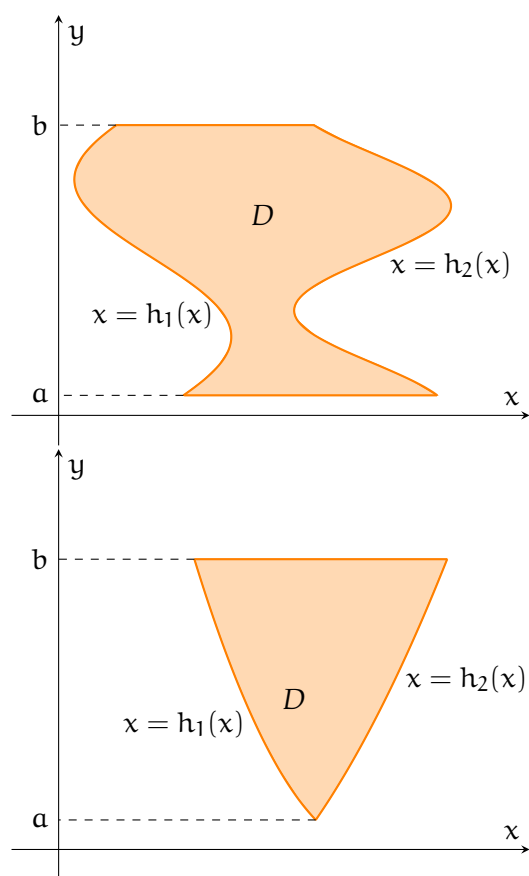


Figure 1.4: Two examples of type II domains

You can annotate type II regions with horizontal lines to show that, for a given y values, all x values in the region are contained in $h_1(y) \leq x \leq h_2(y)$ (see figure 1.5).

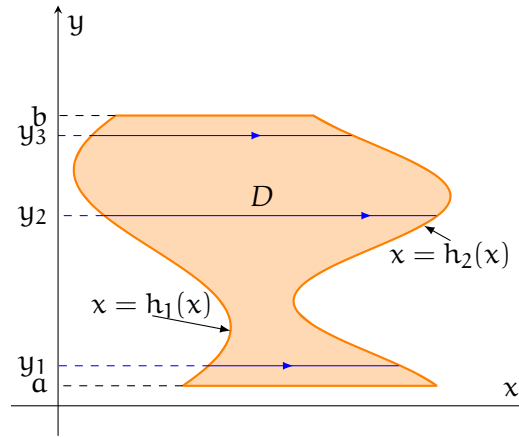


Figure 1.5: On type II domains, for a given value of y , $h_1(y) \leq x \leq h_2(y)$

1.1 Determining Region Type

Many regions can be described as either type I or type II. Consider the region between the curves $y = \frac{3}{2}(x-1)$ and $y = \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2$ (see figure 1.6). [fix me classifying domains examples and explanations]

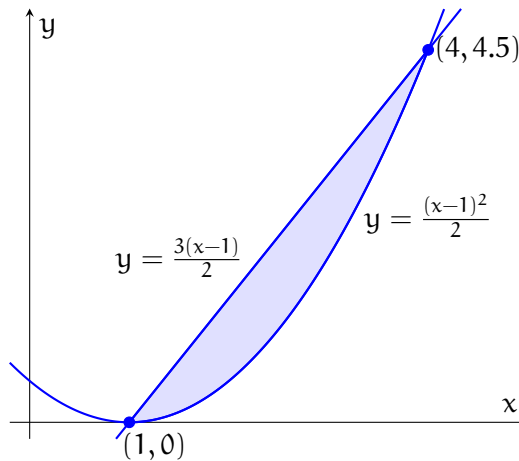


Figure 1.6: The region that lies between $y = \frac{(x-1)^2}{2}$ and $y = \frac{3(x-1)}{2}$ can be classified as type I or type II

Example: Evaluate $\iint_D (2x + y) dA$, where D is the region bounded by the parabolas $y = 3x^2$ and $y = 2 + x^2$. Region D is shown in figure 1.7.

Solution: This is a type I region, since for a given x , $y \in [3x^2, 2 + x^2]$. We can define region

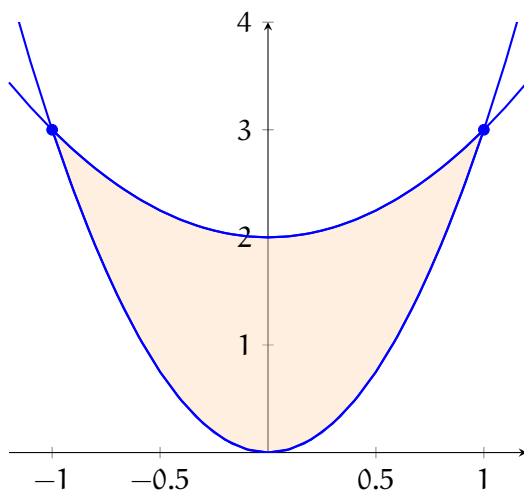


Figure 1.7: Region D is bounded above by $y = 2 + x^2$ and below by $y = 3x^2$

D as $D = \{(x, y) \mid -1 \leq x \leq 1, 3x^2 \leq y \leq 2 + x^2\}$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \iint_D (2x + y) \, dA &= \int_{-1}^1 \int_{3x^2}^{2+x^2} (2x + y) \, dy \, dx \\
 &= \int_{-1}^1 \left[\int_{3x^2}^{2+x^2} 2x \, dy + \int_{3x^2}^{2+x^2} y \, dy \right] dx \\
 &= \int_{-1}^1 \left[2xy \Big|_{y=3x^2}^{y=2+x^2} + \frac{1}{2} y^2 \Big|_{y=3x^2}^{y=2+x^2} \right] dx \\
 &= \int_{-1}^1 \left[2x(2 + x^2 - 3x^2) + \frac{1}{2} \left((2 + x^2)^2 - (3x^2)^2 \right) \right] dx \\
 &= \int_{-1}^1 \left[2 + 4x + 2x^2 - 4x^3 - 4x^4 \right] dx \\
 &= \left[2x + 2x^2 + \frac{2}{3}x^3 - x^4 - \frac{4}{5}x^5 \right]_{x=-1}^{x=1} \\
 &= \left(2 + 2 + \frac{2}{3} - 1 - \frac{4}{5} \right) - \left(-2 + 2 - \frac{2}{3} - 1 + \frac{4}{5} \right) \\
 &= 4 + \frac{4}{3} - \frac{8}{5} = \frac{56}{15}
 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 1 Double Integrals over Non-Rectangular Regions

Evaluate the double integral.

Working Space

1. $\iint_D e^{-y^2} dA$, $D = \{(x, y) \mid 0 \leq y \leq 3, 0 \leq x \leq 2y\}$.
2. $\iint_D x \sin y dA$, D is bounded by $y = 0$, $y = x^2$, $x = 2$.
3. $\iint_D (2y - x) dA$, D is bounded by the circle with center at the origin and radius 3.

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1.2 Double Integrals in Other Coordinate Systems

Consider a region composed of a semi-circular ring (see figure ??). Describing the region in Cartesian coordinates is complicated: you would have to split it into 3 regions (see figure ...). However, in polar coordinates, we can describe the whole region in one statement:

$$D = \{(r, \theta) \mid 1 \leq r \leq 4, 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi\}$$

There are many instances where a region is simpler to describe in polar coordinates, so

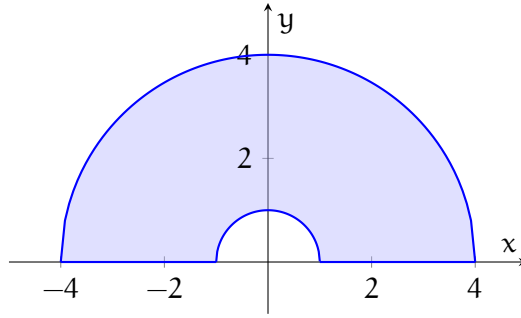
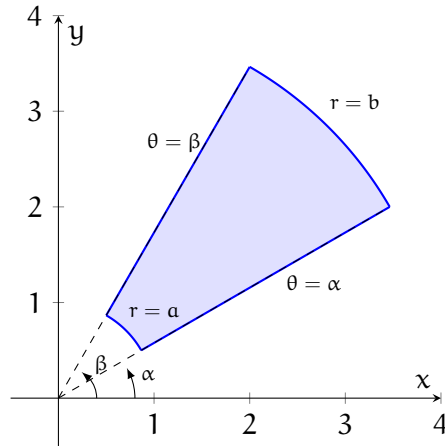


Figure 1.8: A semi-circular ring

how do we take double integrals in polar coordinates? Suppose we want to integrate some function, $f(x, y)$, over a polar rectangle described by $D = \{(r, \theta) \mid a \leq r \leq b, \alpha \leq \theta \leq \beta\}$ (see figure 1.9). Similar to Cartesian coordinates, we can divide this region into many smaller polar rectangles, with each subrectangle defined by $D_{ij} = \{(r, \theta) \mid r_{i-1} \leq r \leq r_i, \theta_{j-1} \leq \theta \leq \theta_j\}$. And the center of each subrectangle has polar coordinates (r_i^*, θ_j^*) , where:

$$r_i^* = \frac{1}{2} (r_{i-1} + r_i)$$

$$\theta_j^* = \frac{1}{2} (\theta_{j-1} + \theta_j)$$

Figure 1.9: A polar rectangle described by $D = \{(r, \theta) \mid a \leq r \leq b, \alpha \leq \theta \leq \beta\}$

Each subrectangle is a larger radius sector minus a smaller radius sector, each with the same central angle, $\Delta\theta = \theta_j - \theta_{j-1}$. Then the total area of each subrectangle is given by:

$$\Delta A_i = \frac{1}{2} (r_i)^2 \Delta\theta - \frac{1}{2} (r_{i-1})^2 \Delta\theta = \frac{1}{2} (r_i^2 - r_{i-1}^2) \Delta\theta$$

Substituting $(r_i^2 - r_{i-1}^2) = (r_i + r_{i-1})(r_i - r_{i-1})$, we see that:

$$\Delta A_i = \frac{1}{2} (r_i + r_{i-1})(r_i - r_{i-1}) \Delta\theta$$

Recall that we have defined $r_i^* = \frac{1}{2}(r_{i-1} + r_i)$. Additionally, $\Delta r = r_i - r_{i-1}$. Substituting this, we find a simplified expression for the area of each subrectangle:

$$\Delta A_i = r_i^* \Delta r \Delta \theta$$

And therefore the Riemann sum of $f(x, y)$ over the region is:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n f(r_i^* \cos \theta_j^*, r_i^* \sin \theta_j^*) \Delta A_i$$

(Recall that to convert from Cartesian to polar coordinates, we use $x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta$). Substituting for ΔA_i :

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n f(r_i^* \cos \theta_j^*, r_i^* \sin \theta_j^*) r_i^* \Delta r \Delta \theta$$

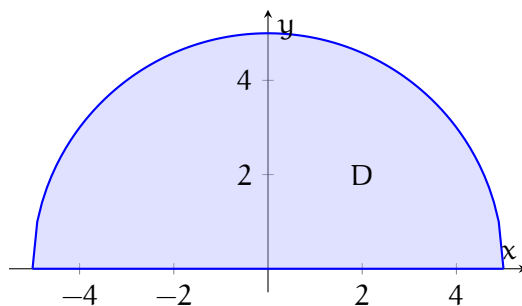
Taking the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$, the Riemann sum becomes the double integral:

$$\int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \int_a^b f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) r \, dr \, d\theta$$

And therefore, if f is continuous on the polar rectangle $a \leq r \leq b$, $\alpha \leq \theta \leq \beta$, then:

$$\iint_D f(x, y) \, dA = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \int_a^b f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) r \, dr \, d\theta$$

Example: Evaluate $\iint_D x^2 y \, dA$, where D is the semi-circle shown below.



Solution: Since the region is a semi-circle with radius 5, we can describe D as $D = \{(r, \theta) \mid 0 \leq r \leq 5, 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi\}$. Therefore,

$$\iint_D x^2 y \, dA = \int_0^{\pi} \int_0^5 (r \cos \theta)^2 (r \sin \theta) r \, dr \, d\theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_0^\pi \int_0^5 r^4 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta \, dr \, d\theta \\ &= \int_0^\pi \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta \left[\frac{1}{5} r^5 \right]_{r=0}^{r=5} d\theta \\ &= \int_0^\pi \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta \frac{5^5}{5} d\theta = 625 \int_0^\pi \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta \, d\theta \end{aligned}$$

Using u -substitution, let $u = \cos \theta$. Then $-du = \sin \theta d\theta$ and therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} 625 \int_0^\pi \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta \, d\theta &= 625 \int_{\theta=0}^{\theta=\pi} -u^2 \, du \\ &= -625 \frac{1}{3} u^3 \Big|_{\theta=0}^{\theta=\pi} = -625 \frac{1}{3} (\cos^3 \theta) \Big|_{\theta=0}^{\theta=\pi} \\ &= -\frac{625}{3} [(-1)^3 - (1)^3] = -\frac{625}{3} (-2) = \frac{1250}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 2 **Changing to Polar Coordinates**

Evaluate the following iterated integrals by converting to polar coordinates:

Working Space

1. $\int_0^2 \int_0^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} e^{-x^2-y^2} dy dx$

2. $\int_0^{1/2} \int_{\sqrt{3}y}^{\sqrt{1-y^2}} xy^2 dx dy$

3. $\int_0^2 \int_0^{\sqrt{2x-x^2}} \sqrt{x^2+y^2} dy dx$

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Exercise 3 **Using Polar Coordinates in Multiple Integration**

Working Space

Find the volume of the solid that lies under the surface $z = 4 - x^2 - y^2$ and above the xy -plane.

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Exercise 4 **The volume of a pool**

A circular swimming pool has a 40-ft diameter. The depth of the pool is constant along the north-south axis and increases from 3 feet at the west end to 10 feet at the east end. What is the total volume of water in the pool?

Working Space

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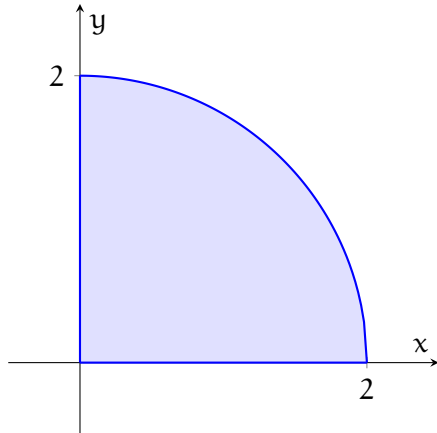
Answers to Exercises

Answer to Exercise 1 (on page 7)

1. $\iint_D e^{-y^2} dA = \int_0^3 \int_0^{2y} e^{-y^2} dx dy = \int_0^3 \left[e^{-y^2} x \right]_{x=0}^{x=2y} dy = \int_0^3 2ye^{-y^2} dy = -e^{-y^2} \Big|_{y=0}^{y=3} = 1 - e^{-9} \approx 0.9999$
2. $\iint_D x \sin y dA = \int_0^2 \int_0^{x^2} x \sin y dy dx = \int_0^2 x \left[-\cos y \right]_{y=0}^{y=x^2} dx = \int_0^2 x (\cos 0 - \cos x^2) dx = \int_0^2 (x - x \cos x^2) dx = \left[\frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{2} \sin x^2 \right]_{x=0}^{x=2} = \frac{1}{2}(2)^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\sin 2^2 - \sin 0) = 2 - \frac{1}{2}(\sin 4 - 0) = 2 - \frac{\sin 4}{2} \approx 2.378$
3. We can describe the region as $D = \{(x, y) \mid -3 \leq x \leq 3, -\sqrt{9-x^2} \leq y \leq \sqrt{9-x^2}\}$.
Therefore, $\iint_D (2y - x) dA = \int_{-3}^3 \int_{-\sqrt{9-x^2}}^{\sqrt{9-x^2}} (2y - x) dy dx = \int_{-3}^3 \left[2xy - \frac{1}{2}y^2 \right]_{y=-\sqrt{9-x^2}}^{y=\sqrt{9-x^2}} dx = \int_{-3}^3 \left[2x(\sqrt{9-x^2} + \sqrt{9-x^2}) - \frac{1}{2}(9-x^2 - (9-x^2)) \right] dx = \int_{-3}^3 4x\sqrt{9-x^2} dx$. Let $u = 9 - x^2$, then $du = -2x$ and $4x = -2du$. Substituting, $\int_{-3}^3 4x\sqrt{9-x^2} dx = \int_{x=-3}^{x=3} -2\sqrt{u} du = -2 \cdot \frac{2}{3} u^{3/2} \Big|_{x=-3}^{x=3} = -\frac{4}{3} [(9-x^2)]_{x=-3}^{x=3} = 0$

Answer to Exercise 2 (on page 11)

1. Let's visualize the region in the xy -plane:

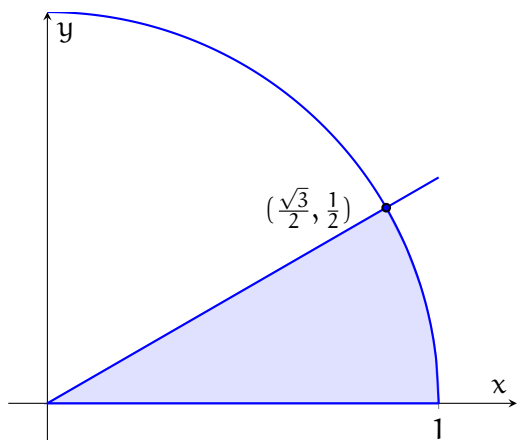


The region is a quarter-circle that can be described with $D = \{(r, \theta) \mid 0 \leq r \leq 2, 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}\}$

$\theta \leq \pi/2$. Then we can re-write the integral in polar coordinates:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^2 \int_0^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} e^{-x^2-y^2} dy dx &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^2 r e^{-r^2} dr d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \left[-\frac{1}{2} e^{-r^2} \right]_{r=0}^{r=2} d\theta = \int_0^{\pi/2} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) [e^{-4} - 1] d\theta \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} 1 - e^{-4} d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{e^4} \right) \int_0^{\pi/2} 1 d\theta \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{e^4} \right) \theta \Big|_{\theta=0}^{\theta=\pi/2} = \frac{\pi}{4} \left(1 - \frac{1}{e^4} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

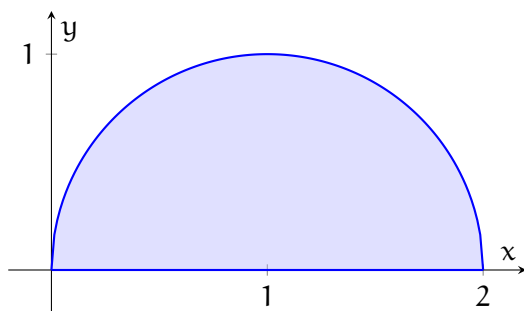
2. The region is bounded by the x -axis, the line $y = x/\sqrt{3}$, and the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$:



We see that the region defined in polar coordinates is $D = \{(r, \theta) \mid 0 \leq r \leq 1, 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/6\}$. And therefore:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^{1/2} \int_{\sqrt{3}y}^{\sqrt{1-y^2}} xy^2 dx dy &= \int_0^{\pi/6} \int_0^1 r (r \cos \theta) (r \sin \theta)^2 dr d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{\pi/6} [\cos \theta \sin^2 \theta] d\theta \cdot \int_0^1 r^4 dr \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{3} \sin^3 \theta \Big|_{\theta=0}^{\theta=\pi/6} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{5} r^5 \Big|_{r=0}^{r=1} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{15} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^3 = \frac{1}{120}
 \end{aligned}$$

3. Visualizing the region:

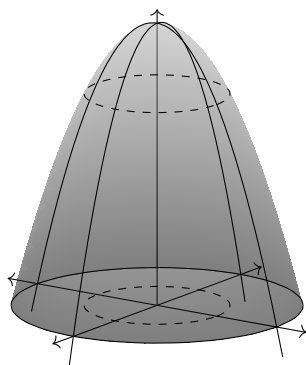


We see that the region is the top half of a circle of radius 1 centered at $(1, 0)$. In polar coordinates, this region is $D = \{(r, \theta) \mid 0 \leq r \leq 2 \cos \theta, 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2\}$. And therefore:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^2 \int_0^{\sqrt{2x-x^2}} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \, dy \, dx &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{2 \cos \theta} r \sqrt{r^2} \, dr \, d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{2 \cos \theta} r^2 \, dr \, d\theta = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{3} \left[r^3 \right]_{r=0}^{r=2 \cos \theta} d\theta \\
 &= \frac{8}{3} \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^3 \theta \, d\theta = \frac{8}{3} \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos \theta (1 - \sin^2 \theta) \, d\theta \\
 &= \frac{8}{3} \left[\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos \theta \, d\theta - \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta \, d\theta \right] \\
 &= \frac{8}{3} \left[(\sin \theta)_{\theta=0}^{\theta=\pi/2} - \left(\frac{1}{3} \sin^3 \theta \right)_{\theta=0}^{\theta=\pi/2} \right] \\
 &= \frac{8}{3} \left[(1 - 0) - \frac{1}{3} (1^3 - 0^3) \right] = \frac{8}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{16}{9}
 \end{aligned}$$

Answer to Exercise 3 (on page 12)

We are finding the volume of the solid that lies under the surface $z = 4 - x^2 - y^2$ and above the xy -plane.



We can use polar coordinates to simplify the double integral. In polar coordinates, $x = r \cos(\theta)$ and $y = r \sin(\theta)$, so $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$. The volume under the surface and above the xy -plane is given by

$$V = \iint (4 - r^2) r \, dr \, d\theta, \quad (1.1)$$

where r ranges from 0 to 2 (since $4 - r^2 \geq 0$ if $0 \leq r \leq 2$) and θ ranges from 0 to 2π .

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 (4r - r^3) \, dr \, d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \left[2r^2 - \frac{1}{4}r^4 \right]_0^2 \, d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} (8 - 4) \, d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} 4 \, d\theta \\ &= [4\theta]_0^{2\pi} \\ &= 8\pi. \end{aligned}$$

So the volume of the solid is 8π cubic units.

Answer to Exercise 4 (on page 13)

Let's describe the footprint of the pool as a 20-foot radius circle centered at the origin (that is, a region $D = \{(r, \theta) \mid 0 \leq r \leq 20, 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi\}$). Further, let's take north-south as parallel to the y -axis and east-west as parallel to the x -axis. Then the depth of water is then given by $z = f(x, y) = \frac{7}{40}x + \frac{13}{2}$ over the footprint of the pool. And the total volume of water is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{20} r \left(\frac{7}{40}r \cos \theta + \frac{13}{2} \right) \, dr \, d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{20} \left[\frac{7}{40}r^2 \cos \theta + \frac{13}{2}r \right] \, dr \, d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \left[\frac{7 \cos \theta}{40} \int_0^{20} r^2 \, dr + \frac{13}{2} \int_0^{20} r \, dr \right] \, d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \left[\frac{7 \cos \theta}{40} \left(\frac{1}{3}r^3 \right)_{r=0}^{r=20} + \frac{13}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2}r^2 \right)_{r=0}^{r=20} \right] \, d\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_0^{2\pi} \left[\frac{1400}{3} \cos \theta + 1300 \right] d\theta = \left[\frac{1400}{3} \sin \theta + 1300\theta \right]_{\theta=0}^{\theta=2\pi} \\ &= 2600\pi \text{ cubic feet} \end{aligned}$$

