

S13: Integrals in Polar Coordinates

Let $f(r, \theta)$ be a function defined over a region R that is bounded by the rays $\theta = \alpha$ and $\theta = \beta$ and by the continuous curves $r = g_1(\theta)$ and $r = g_2(\theta)$, and also suppose that $0 \leq g_1(\theta) \leq g_2(\theta) \leq a$ for every value of θ between α and β .

Then

$$\iint_R f(r, \theta) dA = \int_{\theta=\alpha}^{\theta=\beta} \int_{r=g_1(\theta)}^{r=g_2(\theta)} f(r, \theta) r dr d\theta.$$

1. If $f(r, \theta) \geq 0$ over the region R defined by $\alpha \leq \theta \leq \beta$, $g_1(\theta) \leq r \leq g_2(\theta)$, then

$$\iint_R f(r, \theta) dA = \int_{\theta=\alpha}^{\theta=\beta} \int_{r=g_1(\theta)}^{r=g_2(\theta)} f(r, \theta) r dr d\theta = \text{The}$$

volume of the solid which is bounded below by the region R and above by the surface $z = f(r, \theta)$.

2. If $f(r, \theta) = 1$, then the area of the region R defined by $\alpha \leq \theta \leq \beta$, $g_1(\theta) \leq r \leq g_2(\theta)$ is

$$\text{The area of } R = \iint_R dA = \int_{\theta=\alpha}^{\theta=\beta} \int_{r=g_1(\theta)}^{r=g_2(\theta)} r dr d\theta$$

Example 13.1: Find the area enclosed by the lemniscate $r^2 = 4 \cos 2\theta$

Solution:

To find the limits of the integrals

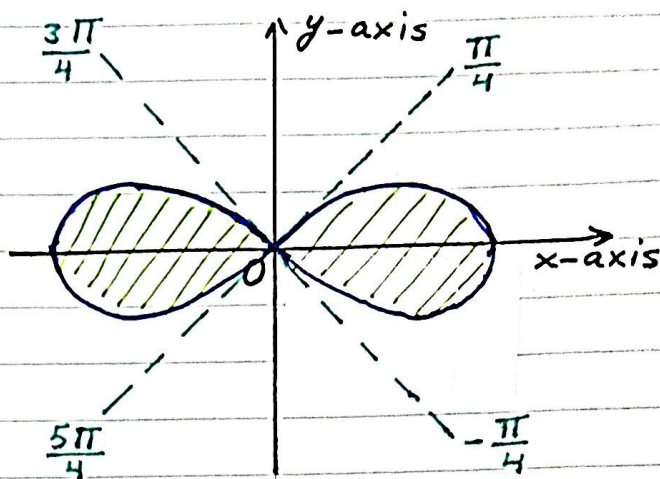
$$\text{let } \cos 2\theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\theta = \cos^{-1} 0$$

$$= \pm \frac{\pi}{2}, 2\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$= \pm \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = -\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}$$



The total area enclosed by the lemniscate curve $r^2 = 4 \cos 2\theta$ is 2 times the area of the right side. Thus

$$\text{The area } A = 2 \int_{-\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \int_0^{\sqrt{4 \cos 2\theta}} r \, dr \, d\theta$$

$$= 2 \int_{-\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \left[\frac{r^2}{2} \right]_0^{\sqrt{4 \cos 2\theta}} d\theta$$

$$= 2 \int_{-\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{4 \cos 2\theta}{2} d\theta = 2 \left[\sin 2\theta \right]_{-\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}}$$

$$= 2 \left(\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) - \sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \right) = 2(1 - (-1))$$

$$= 2(2) = 4$$

Example 13.2: Find the area that is bounded by the curve $r = 2 + \cos \theta$ and the rays $\theta = 0$, $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{The area} &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{2+\cos \theta} r \, dr \, d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left[\frac{r^2}{2} \right]_0^{2+\cos \theta} d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{(2+\cos \theta)^2}{2} d\theta \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (4 + 4\cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta) d\theta \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left(4 + 4\cos \theta + \frac{1+\cos 2\theta}{2} \right) d\theta \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left(4 + 4\cos \theta + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2\cos 2\theta}{4} \right) d\theta \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[4\theta + 4\sin \theta + \frac{1}{2}\theta + \frac{1}{4}\sin 2\theta \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(2\pi + 4 + \frac{\pi}{4} + 0 \right) - 0 \right] \\
 &= \pi + 2 + \frac{\pi}{8} = \frac{9\pi}{8} + 2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Example 13.3: Find the area that lies inside the cardioid curve $r = 1 + \cos \theta$ and

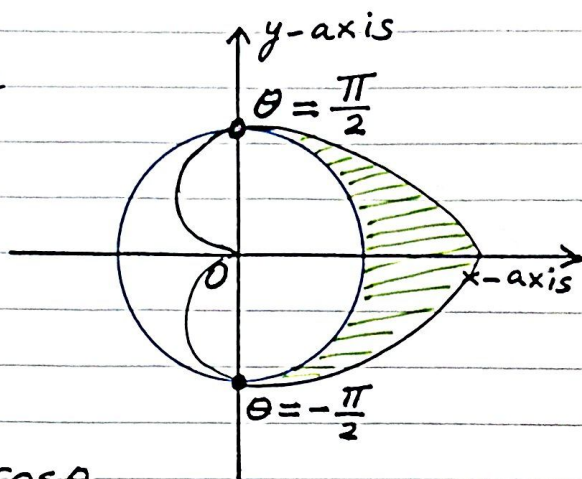
outside the circle $r=1$.

Solution:

To find the limits of the integrals let us solve the two equations $r=1$ and $r=1+\cos\theta$, we get that $1=1+\cos\theta$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1}0 = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$$



$$\therefore \text{The area } A = \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_1^{1+\cos\theta} r \, dr \, d\theta$$

$$= \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left[\frac{r^2}{2} \right]_1^{1+\cos\theta} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} ((1+\cos\theta)^2 - (1^2)) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\cancel{1} + 2\cos\theta + \cos^2\theta - \cancel{1}) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (2\cos\theta + \frac{1+\cos 2\theta}{2}) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (2\cos\theta + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2\cos 2\theta}{4}) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[2\sin\theta + \frac{1}{2}\theta + \frac{1}{4}\sin 2\theta \right]_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(2 + \frac{\pi}{4} + 0 \right) - \left(-2 - \frac{\pi}{4} + 0 \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(4 + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = 2 + \frac{\pi}{4}.$$

Changing Cartesian Integrals to Polar

Integrals 13.4: The general rule for converting a cartesian integral to polar integral is replacing x by $r \cos \theta$, y by $r \sin \theta$, and $dy dx$ by $r dr d\theta$ and then changing the limits of the integral to the polar limits.

Example 13.5: Change the cartesian

integral $\int_0^1 \int_0^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} (x^2 + y^2) dy dx$ to the equivalent polar integral and evaluate the polar integral.

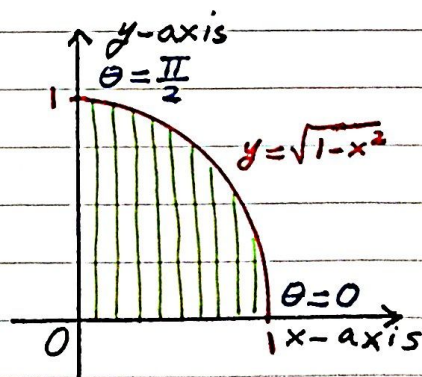
Solution:

When $y=0$ and $x=0$ then $r^2 = x^2 + y^2 = 0 \Rightarrow r=0$, and when

$$y = \sqrt{1-x^2} \text{ then } y^2 = 1-x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 + x^2 = 1 \Rightarrow r^2 = 1 \Rightarrow r=1.$$

Thus the limits of r is $0 \leq r \leq 1$.



Now if $x=0$ then $y = \sqrt{1-x^2} = 1 \Rightarrow r \sin \theta = 1$
 and $r=1 \Rightarrow \sin \theta = 1 \Rightarrow \theta = \sin^{-1} 1 = \frac{\pi}{2}$,
 and if $x=1$ then $y = \sqrt{1-x^2} = 0 \Rightarrow r \sin \theta = 0$
 and $r=1 \Rightarrow \sin \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = \sin^{-1} 0 = 0$.

Thus the limits of θ is $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.

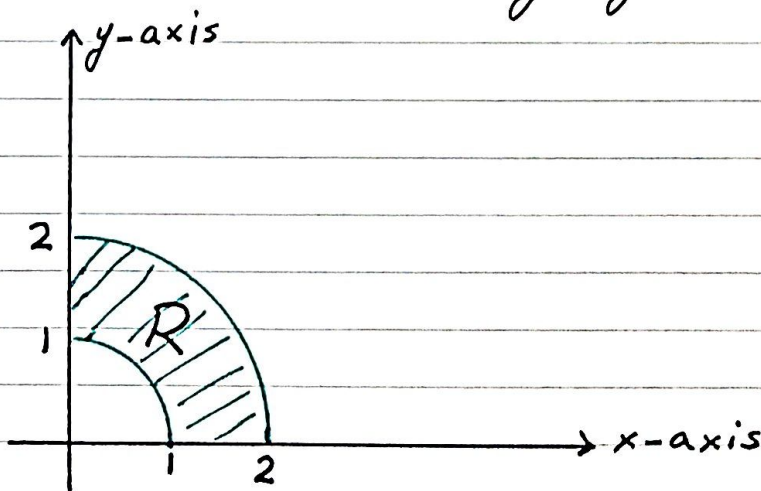
$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \int_0^1 \int_0^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} (x^2+y^2) dy dx &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^1 r^2 \cdot r dr d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^1 r^3 dr d\theta = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left[\frac{r^4}{4} \right]_0^1 d\theta = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{4} d\theta \\ &= \left[\frac{\theta}{4} \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{\pi}{8}. \end{aligned}$$

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Example 13.6: Evaluate the double integral

$$\iint_R \frac{1}{x^2+y^2} dy dx, \text{ where } R \text{ is the}$$

region in the first quadrant bounded by the circles $x^2+y^2=1$ and $x^2+y^2=4$, where R is shown in the following figure



Solution: Change the cartesian integral

$$\iint_R \frac{1}{x^2+y^2} dy dx \quad \text{to the polar}$$

integral with r limits is $1 \leq r \leq 2$ and θ limits is $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ as follows:

$$\iint_R \frac{1}{x^2+y^2} dy dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_1^2 \frac{1}{r^2} r dr d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_1^2 \frac{1}{r} dr d\theta = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} [\ln r]_1^2 d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\ln 2 - \ln 1) d\theta = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln 2 d\theta$$

$$= [(\ln 2) \cdot \theta]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} = (\ln 2) \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} - (\ln 2) \cdot 0$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} \ln 2.$$

§ 14: Sequences of Numbers

Definition 14.1: A sequence of numbers is a function whose domain is the set of positive integers

Definition 14.2: The numbers in the range of a sequence a are called the terms of the sequence a . The number $a(n)$ (which is denoted by a_n) is called the n th term or the term with index n .

Remarks 14.3:

1. The set $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots\}$ is called the range of the sequence a , and the sequence will be denoted by $\{a_n\}$ or $\langle a_n \rangle$.
2. If the set $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots\}$ is a subset of the set of all real numbers $\mathbb{R}$, then the sequence $\{a_n\}$ is called a sequence of real numbers.

Example 14.4: The sequence $\{a_n\}$ whose n th term is defined by $a_n = 2n - 3$ can be written as $-1, 1, 3, 5, \dots, 2n - 3, \dots$ where the first term is $a_1 = -1$, the second term is $a_2 = 1$, the third term is $a_3 = 3$, the fourth term is $a_4 = 5$, $\dots$, and the n th term is $a_n = 2n - 3, \dots$. The range of this sequence is $\{-1, 1, 3, 5, \dots, 2n - 3, \dots\}$.

Example 14.5: The sequence $\{a_n\}$ whose