

MATH 53 DISCUSSION SECTION PROBLEMS – 3/14/23

1. TECHNIQUES FOR DOUBLE INTEGRALS

These problems are not necessarily all from section 15.3; part of the difficulty of this chapter is picking which technique to use.

- (1) True/false practice:

(a)

$$\int_{-1}^1 \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} f(x, y) dy dx = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 f(x, y) dr d\theta$$

since both expressions give the integral of f over the interior of the unit circle.

- (b) Just as we figured out a way to transform double integrals from Cartesian coordinates to polar coordinates, we should in principle be able to figure out a way to transform double integrals from Cartesian coordinates to parametric coordinates.
- (c) We can think of changing from Cartesian coordinates to polar coordinates as a kind of “integration by substitution” where we make the substitutions $x = r \cos \theta$, $y = r \sin \theta$, $dx dy = r dr d\theta$ (and appropriately change our bounds).
- (2) (**textbook 15.3.19**) Find the volume under the paraboloid $z = x^2 + y^2$ and above the disk $x^2 + y^2 \leq 25$ in the xy -plane.
- (3) (**from an old exam**) Evaluate the double integral

$$\int_0^1 \int_1^e \frac{x}{y} dy dx.$$

- (4) (**from an old quiz**) Evaluate the double integral

$$\int_{-1}^1 \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} 2 \cos(x^2 + y^2) dy dx.$$

- (5) (**from an old exam**) Evaluate the double integral

$$\int_0^1 \int_{\sqrt{x}}^1 e^{y^3} dy dx.$$

- (6) (**from an old exam**) Consider a bowl whose inner surface is given by the portion of the graph of $f(x, y) = 1 - (1 - x^2 - y^2)^{1/3}$ lying below the plane $z = 2$. Find the volume of the bowl. For an added challenge, can you make a tricky geometric argument to minimize the amount of computation you need to do here?

2. APPLICATIONS OF DOUBLE INTEGRALS

- (7) (**textbook 15.4.13**) A lamina is the region between $y = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$ and $y = \sqrt{4 - x^2}$ and above the x -axis. Find the center of mass if the density at any point is proportional to the distance to the origin.
- (8) (**textbook 15.4.27**) The joint density function for the random variables X and Y is given by $f(x, y) = Cx(1 + y)$ for $0 \leq x \leq 1$, $0 \leq y \leq 2$, and 0 otherwise.
- (a) Find the value of the constant C .
- (b) Find $P(X \leq 1, Y \leq 1)$.
- (c) Find $P(X + Y \leq 1)$.
- (9) (*) Suppose we have a joint density function $f(x, y)$ for two random variables X and Y .
- (a) How do we find the probability density function for the random variable $X + Y$?
- (b) How do we find the probability density function for the random variable Y given that we know $X = c$ for some real number c ?

- (c) Consider the joint density function of two independent normal random variables of mean 1 and standard deviation 1, and the joint density function of two *Pareto random variables* with PDF $f(x) = 0$ for $x \leq 1$, $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$ for $x > 1$. For both of these situations, find the probability density functions for X and Y given that $X + Y = 4$.

3. NOTES

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All problems labeled “textbook” come from Stewart, James, *Multivariable Calculus: Math 53 at UC Berkeley*, 8th Edition, Cengage Learning, 2016.

Problems marked (*) are challenge problems, with problems marked (**) especially challenging problems.