

### 3. Multiple Integration

**3.0** *Multiple integrals are common things in physics, e.g., area or volume. They can be done in Cartesian co-ordinates but they are often much simpler in polar co-ordinates.*

#### 3.1 Double Integrals

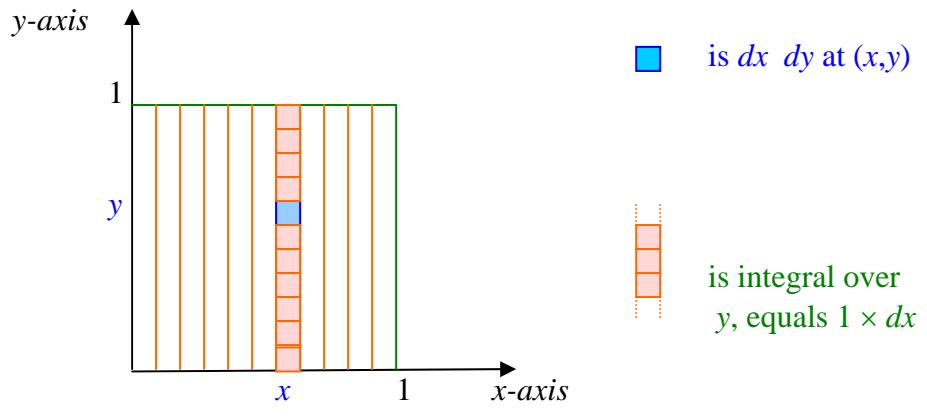
Cartesian:  $I = \int_{y=y_1}^{y_2} \int_{x=x_1}^{x_2} f(x, y) dx dy$

often written:  $I = \int_{y=y_1}^{y_2} dy \int_{x=x_1}^{x_2} dx f(x, y)$

- It is conventional to do the inner integral first
- The limits,  $x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2$ , need not be constants

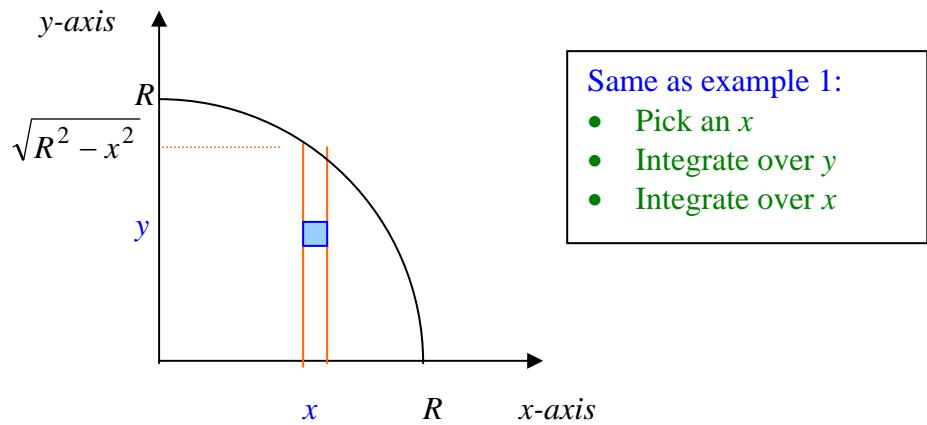
#### Examples

**1.**  $\int_0^1 \int_0^1 dy dx = y \Big|_0^1 \times \int_0^1 dx = y \Big|_0^1 \times x \Big|_0^1 = 1 \times 1 = 1$



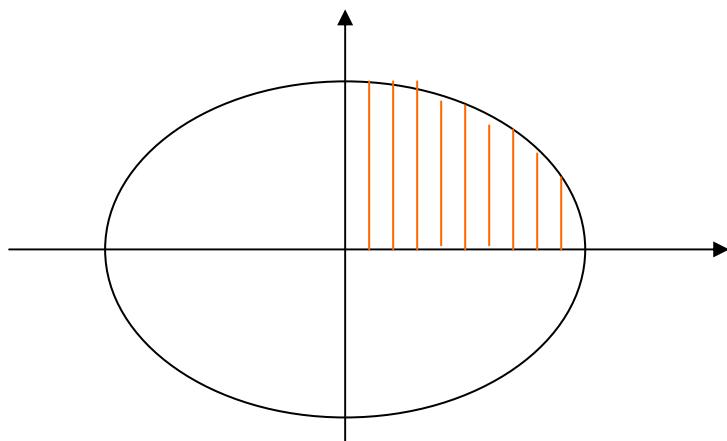
Adding up  $\dots | | | | \dots$  is the integral over  $x$

2.  $\int_0^R dx \int_0^{\sqrt{R^2 - x^2}} dy = \int_0^R dx y \Big|_0^{\sqrt{R^2 - x^2}} = \int_0^R dx \sqrt{R^2 - x^2} = \frac{1}{4} \pi R^2$

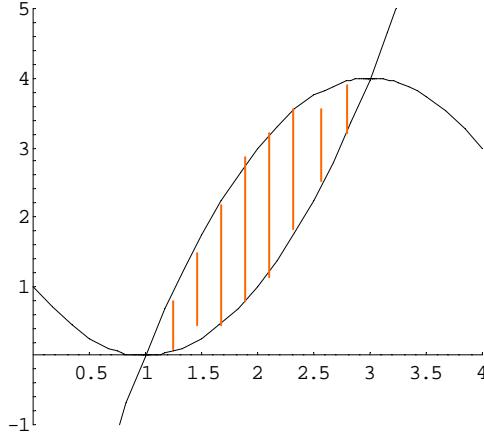


3. An ellipse is  $\frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{x^2}{a^2} = 1$

So area of one quadrant is  $\int_0^a \int_0^b \sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2}} dy dx = \dots = \frac{1}{4} \pi ab$



4.  $\int_1^3 dx \int_{(x-1)^2}^{4-(x-3)^2} dy = -2 \int_1^3 dx (x^2 - 4x + 3) = \frac{8}{3}$



This is the area of the plane figure bounded by the curves,  
 $y = (x - 1)^2$  and  $y = 4 - (x - 3)^2$ , which intersect at  $(1, 0)$  and  $(3, 4)$ .

**Those examples all gave Areas.**

Now, for **Volumes**:

5.  $I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} e^{-\lambda\sqrt{x^2+y^2}} dx dy \quad \lambda \text{ +ve constant}$

$$x \rightarrow r \cos \theta$$

$$y \rightarrow r \sin \theta$$

$$I = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} r e^{-\lambda r} r dr d\theta$$

$$= 2\pi r^2 \left[ \frac{e^{-\lambda r}}{-\lambda} \right]_{r=0}^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} 4\pi r \frac{e^{-\lambda r}}{-\lambda} dr d\theta$$

'By Parts':

$$u = r^2 \quad v' = e^{-\lambda r}$$

$$\int uv' = uv - \int u'v$$

$$= 0 + \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \int_0^{\infty} r e^{-\lambda r} dr d\theta$$

$$= \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} r \left[ \frac{e^{-\lambda r}}{-\lambda} \right]_{r=0}^{\infty} - \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda r}}{-\lambda} dr d\theta$$

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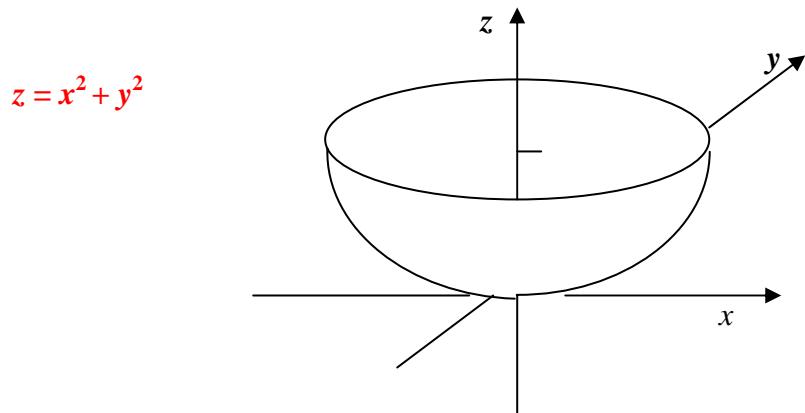
$$= 0 + \frac{4\pi}{\lambda^2} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda r} dr = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda^2} \left[ \frac{e^{-\lambda r}}{-\lambda} \right]_0^{\infty} = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda^3}$$

### 3.2 Triple Integrals

Cartesian:  $I = \int_{z=z_1}^{z_2} \int_{y=y_1}^{y_2} \int_{x=x_1}^{x_2} f(x, y, z) dx dy dz$

#### Triple Integral Examples

##### 6. Volume of a Parabolic Dish



Let  $R = \sqrt{z}$

Then  $V = 4 \int_{z=0}^1 \int_{y=0}^R \int_{x=0}^{\sqrt{R^2-y^2}} dx dy dz$

Go to cylindrical polar co-ordinates:  
 $x \rightarrow \rho \cos\theta, y \rightarrow \rho \sin\theta, z \rightarrow z, dx dy dz \rightarrow \rho d\rho d\theta dz$

so that  $V = 4 \int_{z=0}^1 \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi/2} \int_{\rho=0}^R \rho d\rho d\theta dz = \frac{\pi}{2}$

## 7. Volume of a Sphere

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = R^2$$

$$V = 8 \int_{z=0}^R \int_{y=0}^{\sqrt{R^2 - z^2}} \int_{x=0}^{\sqrt{R^2 - y^2 - z^2}} dx dy dz$$

Go to spherical polar co-ordinates:

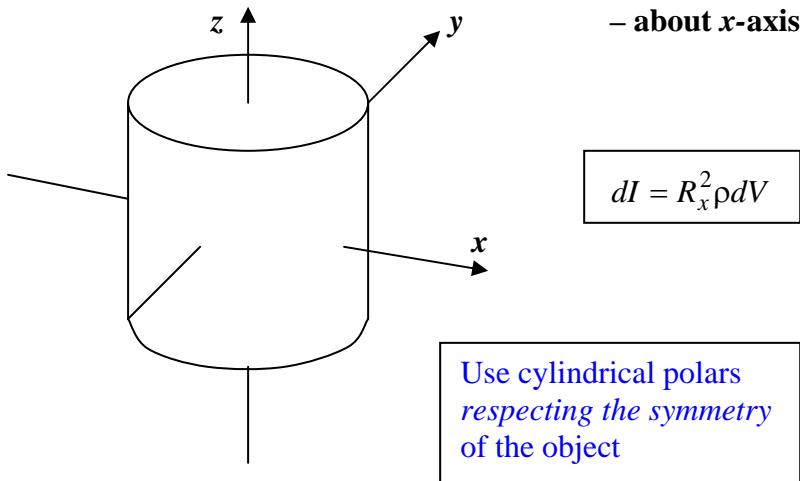
$$x \rightarrow r \sin\theta \cos\phi, y \rightarrow r \sin\theta \sin\phi, z \rightarrow r \cos\theta, dx dy dz \rightarrow r^2 \sin\theta dr d\theta d\phi$$

so that  $V = 8 \int_{r=0}^R \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi/2} \int_{\phi=0}^{\pi/2} r^2 \sin\theta d\phi d\theta dr$

$$= 8 \int_{r=0}^R \int_{\theta=0}^{\pi/2} r^2 \sin\theta \frac{\pi}{2} dr d\theta$$

$$= 8 \int_{r=0}^R r^2 \frac{\pi}{2} dr = 8 \frac{\pi}{6} R^3 = \underline{\underline{\frac{4}{3} \pi R^3}}$$

## 8. Moment of Inertia of a Cylinder about its Centre



$$x \rightarrow r \cos\theta, y \rightarrow r \sin\theta, z \rightarrow z, dV \rightarrow r dr d\theta dz$$

$$R_x^2 = y^2 + z^2 \rightarrow r^2 \sin^2\theta + z^2 \quad \rho = \frac{M}{2\pi a^2 b}$$

$$I = \rho \int_{z=-b}^b \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{r=0}^a R_x^2 r dr d\theta dz = M \left( \frac{1}{4} a^2 + \frac{1}{3} b^2 \right)$$