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### Chapter 14

## Multiple Integration

#### 14.1 Double Integrals and Volume

Let R be a closed and bounded region in the plane, and  $f: R \to \mathbb{R}$  be a non-negative continuous function. We are interested in the volume of the solid in the space

$$D = \{(x, y, z) \mid (x, y) \in R, 0 \le z \le f(x, y)\}.$$

First we assume that  $R = [a, b] \times [c, b] = \{(x, y) \mid a \leq x \leq b, c \leq y \leq d\}$  be a rectangle. Let  $\mathcal{P}_x = \{a = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n = b\}$  and  $\mathcal{P}_y = \{c = y_0 < y_1 < \dots < y_m = d\}$  be partitions of [a, b] and [c, d], respectively,  $R_{ij}$  denote the rectangle  $[x_{i-1}, x_i] \times [y_{j-1}, y_j]$ , and  $\{(\alpha_i, \beta_j)\}_{1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m}$  be a collection of points such that  $\alpha_i \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]$  and  $\beta_j \in [y_{j-1}, y_j]$ . Then as before, we consider an approximation of the volume of D given by

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{m} f(\alpha_i, \beta_j)(x_i - x_{i-1})(y_j - y_{j-1}).$$

Then the limit of the sum above, as  $\|\mathcal{P}_x\|$ ,  $\|\mathcal{P}_y\|$  approaches zero, is the volume of D. The collection of rectangles  $\mathcal{P} = \{R_{ij}\}_{1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m}$  is called a partition of R.

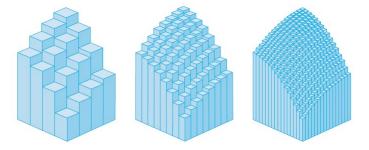


Figure 14.1: The volume of D can be obtained by making  $\|\mathcal{P}_x\|, \|P_y\| \to 0$ .

In general, by relabeling the rectangles as  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_{nm}$  (thus  $\mathcal{P} = \{R_k \mid 1 \leq k \leq nm\}$ ), and letting  $\{(\xi_k, \eta_k)\}_{k=1}^{nm}$  be a collection of point in R such that  $(\xi_k, \eta_k) \in R_k$ , we can consider an approximation of the volume of the solid given by

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} f(\xi_k, \eta_k) A_k \,,$$

where  $A_k$  is the area of the rectangle  $R_k$ . The sum above is called a **Riemann sum of** f for partition  $\mathcal{P}$ . With  $\|\mathcal{P}\|$ , called the norm of  $\mathcal{P}$ , denoting the maximum length of the diagonal of  $R_k$ ; that is,

 $\|\mathcal{P}\| = \max\left\{\ell_k \,\middle|\, \ell_k \text{ is the length of the diagonal of } R_k, 1 \leqslant k \leqslant nm\right\},$ 

then the volume of D is the "limit"

$$\lim_{\|\mathcal{P}\| \to 0} \sum_{k=1}^{n} f(\xi_k, \eta_k) A_k$$

as long as "the limit exists". Similar to the discussion of the limit of Riemann sums in the case of functions of one variable, we can remove the restrictions that f is continuous and non-negative on R and still consider the limit of the Riemann sums. We have the following

#### Definition 14.1

Let  $R = [a, b] \times [c, d]$  be a rectangle in the plane, and  $f : R \to \mathbb{R}$  be a function. f is said to be Riemann integrable on R if there exists a real number V such that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $\mathcal{P}$  is partition of R satisfying  $\|\mathcal{P}\| < \delta$ , then any Riemann sums for the partition  $\mathcal{P}$  belongs to the interval  $(V - \varepsilon, V + \varepsilon)$ . Such a number V (is unique if it exists and) is called the **Riemann integral** or **double integral of** f **on** R and is denoted by  $\iint f(x,y) \, dA$ .