

Section 15.6: Triple Integrals

What We'll Learn In Section 15.6

1. Triple Integrals Over A Rectangular Box
2. Triple Integrals Over General Bounded Regions

Recall: Integrals of a 1-variable function over an interval

Let $f(x)$ be a continuous function on $[a, b]$. ($f(x)$ not necessarily ≥ 0)

Divide the interval $[a, b]$ into n subintervals.

In each subinterval $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$, pick a point x_i^* .



Calculate $\sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*) \Delta x$

This sum approximates some quantity you're interested in

Then
$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i^*) \Delta x$$

gives you the exact value of the quantity you're interested in

Recall: Integrals of a 2-variable function over a rectangle

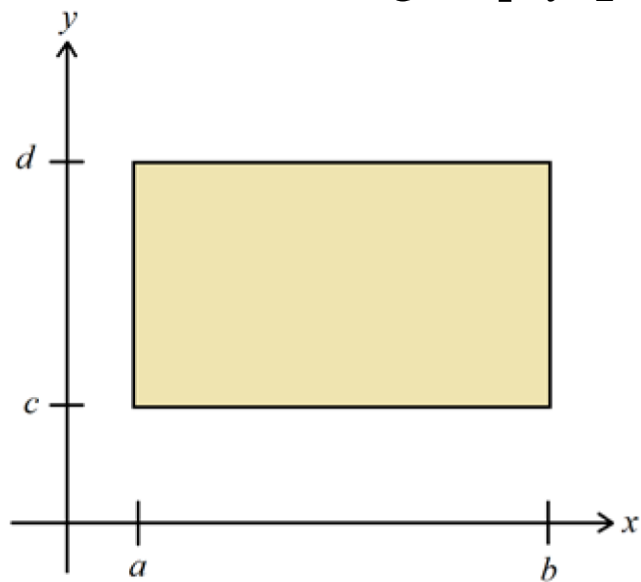
Let $f(x, y)$ be a continuous function on $[a, b] \times [c, d]$.

($f(x, y)$ not necessarily ≥ 0)

Divide the interval $[a, b]$ into m subintervals.

Divide the interval $[c, d]$ into n subintervals.

In each sub-rectangle $[x_{i-1}, x_i] \times [y_{j-1}, y_j]$, pick a point (x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*) .



$f(x, y)$

$f(x_{ij}^*, y_{ij}^*) \Delta A$

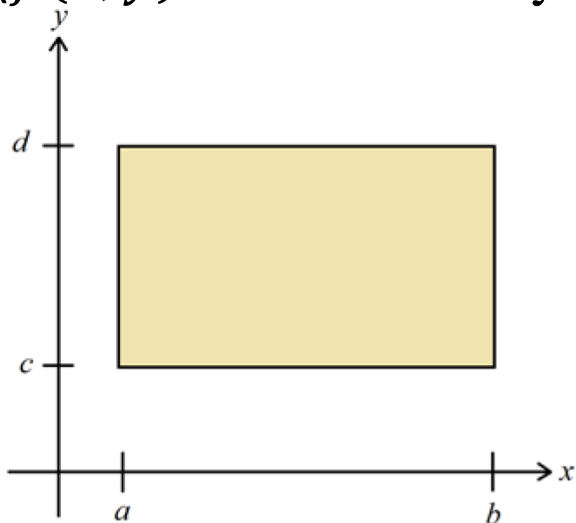
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Recall: Integrals of a 2-variable function over a rectangle

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($f(x, y)$ not necessarily ≥ 0)



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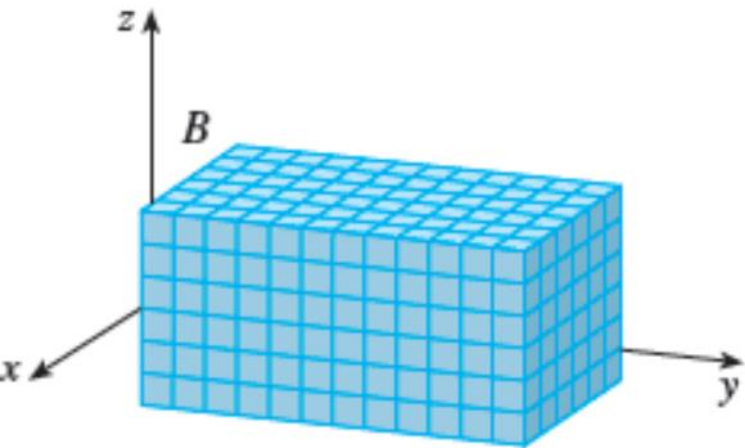
Let $f(x, y, z)$ be a continuous function on $[a, b] \times [c, d] \times [e, f]$.
($f(x, y, z)$ not necessarily ≥ 0)

Divide the interval $[a, b]$ into l subintervals.

Divide the interval $[c, d]$ into m subintervals.

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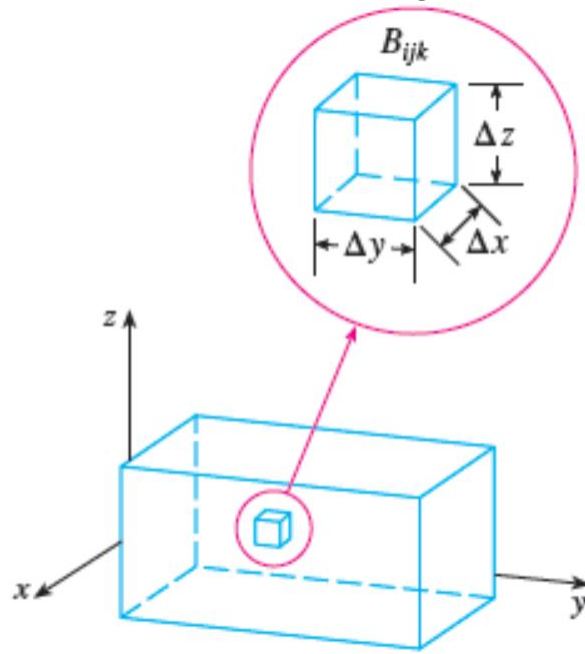
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$$f(x, y, z)$$

$$f(x_{ijk}^*, y_{ijk}^*, z_{ijk}^*) \Delta V$$

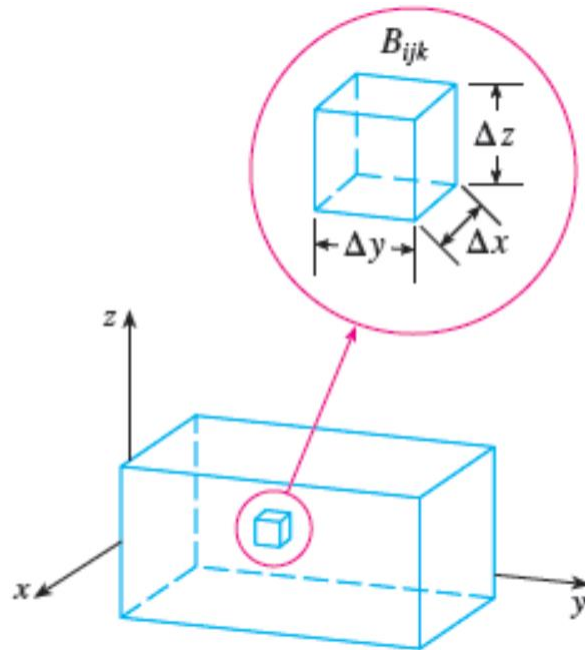
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Then
$$\iiint_B f(x, y, z) dV = \lim_{l, m, n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_{ijk}^*, y_{ijk}^*, z_{ijk}^*) \Delta V$$

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Ex 0: Use the Midpoint Rule for triple integrals to estimate the value of the following integral by dividing B into 8 sub-boxes of equal size.

$$\iiint_B \sqrt{x} e^{xyz} dV \qquad B = \{ (x, y, z) \mid 0 \leq x \leq 4, 0 \leq y \leq 1, 0 \leq z \leq 2 \}$$

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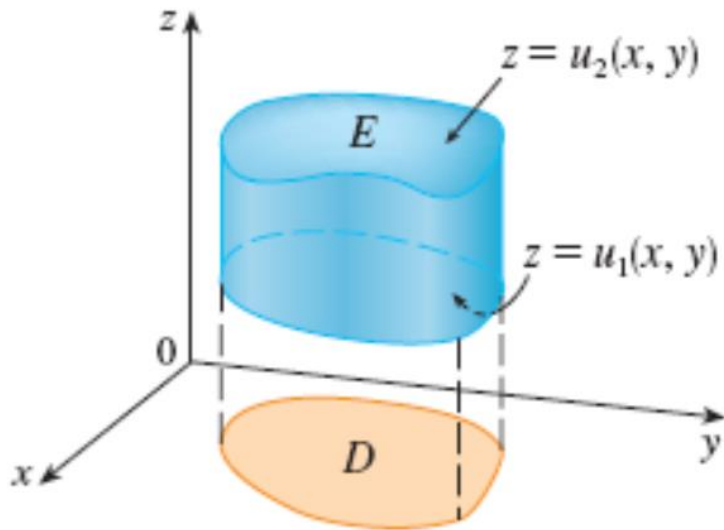
Ex 1: Evaluate the triple integral $\iiint_B xyz^2 dV$, where B is the rectangular box given by $B = \{ (x, y, z) \mid 0 \leq x \leq 1, -1 \leq y \leq 2, 0 \leq z \leq 3 \}$

2. Triple Integrals Over General Bounded Regions

Type 1 Regions (3-dim):

A solid region E is a type 1 region if it is all points in space “over” a plane region D in the xy -plane that are between the graphs of 2 surfaces (2-variable functions of x and y) $u_1(x, y)$ and $u_2(x, y)$.

$$E = \{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid (x, y) \in D \text{ and } u_1(x, y) \leq z \leq u_2(x, y) \}$$



D will be a rectangle,
(2-dim) type 1 or type 2 region,
or a region we can easily describe
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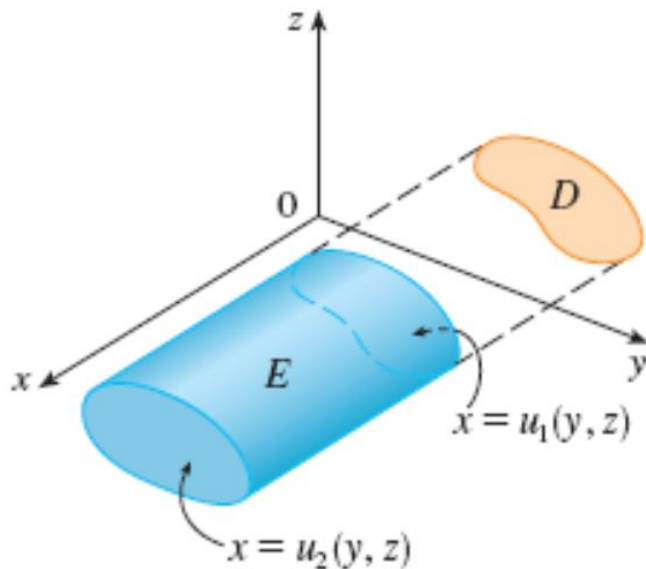
$$\iiint_E f(x, y, z) dV = \iint_D \left[\int_{u_1(x, y)}^{u_2(x, y)} f(x, y, z) dz \right] dA$$

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Type 2 Regions (3-dim):

A solid region E is a type 2 region if it is all points in space “in front” of a plane region D in the yz -plane that are between the graphs of 2 surfaces (2-variable functions of y and z) $u_1(y, z)$ and $u_2(y, z)$.

$$E = \{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid (y, z) \in D \text{ and } u_1(y, z) \leq x \leq u_2(y, z) \}$$



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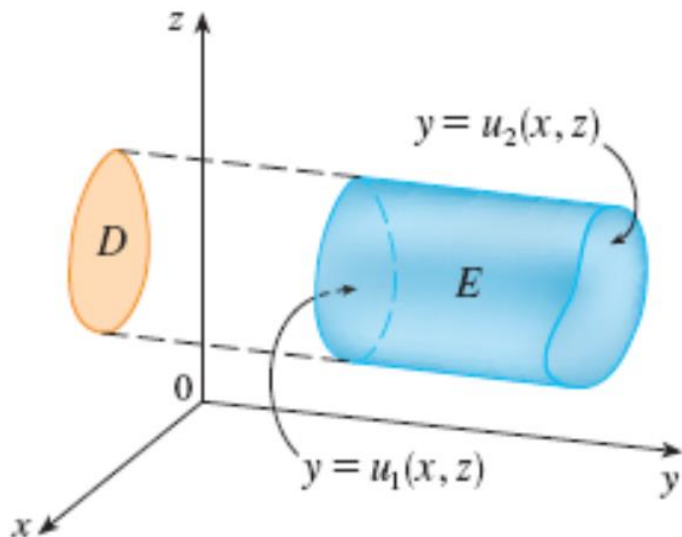
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Type 3 Regions (3-dim):

A solid region E is a type 3 region if it is all points in space “to the right” of a plane region D in the xz -plane that are between the graphs of 2 surfaces (2-variable functions of x and z) $u_1(x, z)$ and $u_2(x, z)$.

$$E = \{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid (x, z) \in D \text{ and } u_1(x, z) \leq y \leq u_2(x, z) \}$$



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$$\iiint_E f(x, y, z) dV = \iint_D \left[\int_{u_1(x, z)}^{u_2(x, z)} f(x, y, z) dy \right] dA$$

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Ex 2: Evaluate $\iiint_E z \, dV$, where E is the solid tetrahedron bounded by the four planes $x = 0$, $y = 0$, $z = 0$, and $x + y + z = 1$.

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Ex 3: Evaluate $\iiint_E \sqrt{x^2 + z^2} \, dV$, where E is the region bounded by the paraboloid $y = x^2 + z^2$ and the plane $y = 4$.

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Ex 4: Express the iterated integral $\int_0^1 \int_0^{x^2} \int_0^y f(x, y, z) \, dz \, dy \, dx$ as a triple integral and then rewrite it as an iterated integral in a different order, integrating first with respect to x , then z , then y .

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Ex 5: Use a triple integral to find the volume of the tetrahedron T bounded by the planes $x + 2y + z = 2$, $x = 2y$, $x = 0$, and $z = 0$.

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Ex 6: Find the center of mass of a solid of constant density that is bounded by the parabolic cylinder $x = y^2$ and the planes $x = z$, $z = 0$, and $x = 1$.