Math 2210 - Section 13.3 Iterated Integrals

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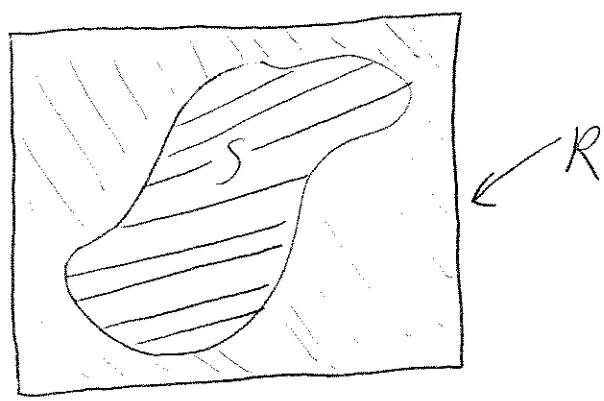
1 Double Integrals over Nonrectangular Regions

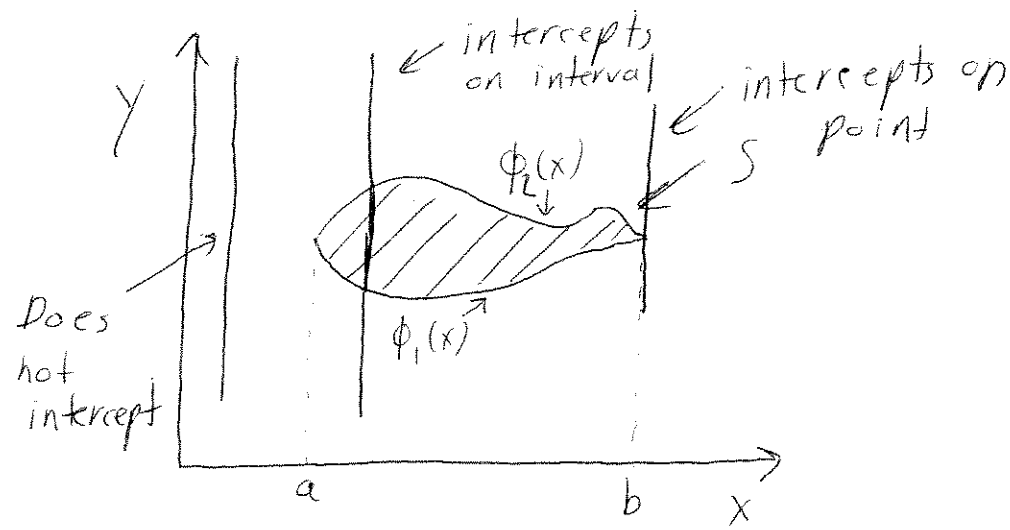
1.1 Double Integrals over y-Simple or x-Simple Regions

Consider an arbitrary closed and bounded set S in the plane. If we surround the set S with a rectangle R with sides parallel to the coordinate axes, then we can define (or redefine, if necessary) $f(x,y) = 0$ on the part of R outside of S. We say that f is integrable on S if it is integrable on R, and we write:



$$\int\int_S f(x,y)dA = \int\int_R f(x,y)dA.$$

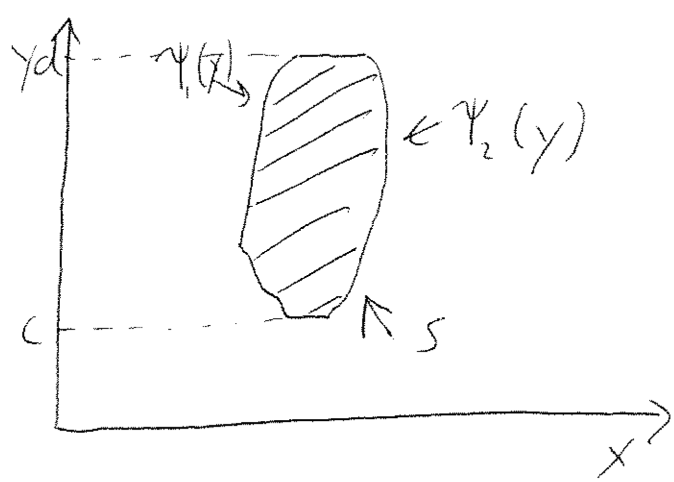
Now, in general, an arbitrary closed and bounded set S can be very complicated. So, we're goint to restrict ourselves to just a subset of these possible sets. Namely, we're going to restrict ourselves to either x-simple or y-simple sets. A set S is y-simple if any line parallel to the y-axis intersects S either in a single interval, at a point, or not at all.



So, a set S is y-simple if there are functiosn $\phi_1(x)$ and $\phi_2(x)$ on $[a,b]$ such that:

$$S = \{(x, y) : \phi_1(x) \leq y \leq \phi_2(x), a \leq x \leq b\}.$$

A set S being x-simple is defined analogously.



Now, if we want to evaluate the double integral of a function $f(x,y)$ over a y-simple set S, we first enclose S in a rectangle R and make $f(x,y) = 0$ outside of S. Then using our earlier definition we get:

$$\int\int_S f(x,y)dA = \int\int_R f(x,y)dA = \int_a^b \left[\int_c^d f(x,y)dy\right] dx = \int_a^b \left[\int_{\phi_1(x)}^{\phi_2(x)} f(x,y)dy\right] dx.$$

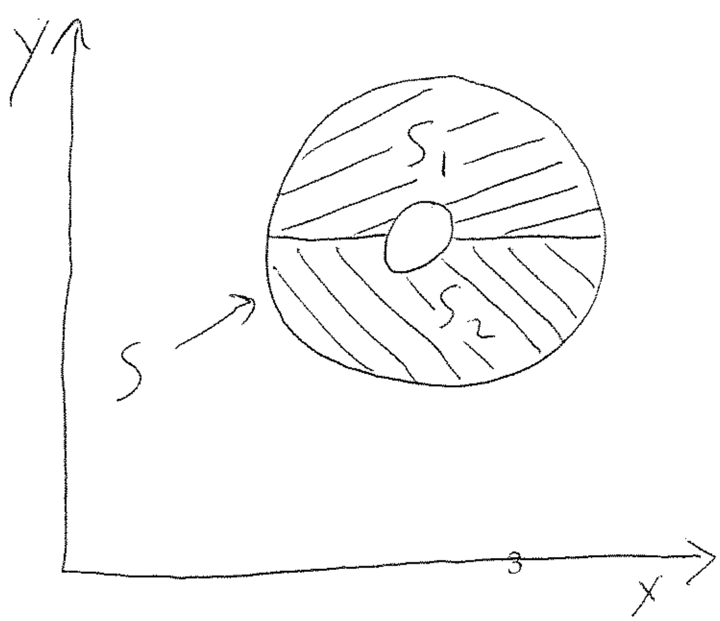
which, eliminating the middle terms gives us:

$$\int\int_S f(x,y)dA = \int_a^b \int_{\phi_1(x)}^{\phi_2(x)} f(x,y)dydx.$$

If the set S is x-simple, identical reasoning gives us the formula:

$$\int\int_S f(x,y)dA = \int_c^d \int_{\psi_1(y)}^{\psi_2(y)} f(x,y)dxdy.$$

Now, if S is neither x-simple nor y-simple, we can frequently divide it up into regions that are, and then integrate these regions individually, and then add up all the individual integrals to get the total integral.



Divide S into S_1 and S_2, both y-simple

1.2 Examples

Example

Evaluate the integral:

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^{3x} x^2 \, dy dx$$

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Evaluate the integral:

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{\sin y} e^x \cos y \, dx dy$$

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Evaluate the integral:

$$\int\int_S x dA$$

where S is the region between $y = x$ and $y = x^3$.