

Tutorial Exercises

T1 By making the change of variables indicated, find the general solution of each of the following partial differential equations.

- a) $x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 6xy$. Change to $u = \frac{y}{x}$ and $v = x$
- b) $2x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 2xy$. Change to $u = xy^2$, and $v = y$

Solution

(a) The chain rule gives

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{-y}{x^2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} + 1 \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \frac{1}{x} + 0.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore the PDE is

$$x \left(\frac{-y}{x^2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \right) + y \left(\frac{1}{x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \right) = 6xy$$

i.e. $f_v = 6y = 6x \frac{y}{x} = 6uv$. Integrating with respect to v gives $f = 3uv^2 + \phi(u)$. Hence the general solution is $f = 3xy + \phi(\frac{y}{x})$, where ϕ is an arbitrary function of one variable.

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = y^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} + 0 \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 2xy \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} + 1 \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial v}.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore the PDE is

$$2xy^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} - 2xy^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} - y \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} = 2xy$$

i.e. $z_v = -2x$. Since $x = u/y^2 = u/v^2$, we have $f_v = -2u/v^2$ and $f = \frac{2u}{v} + \phi(u)$. Hence the general solution is $f = 2xy + \phi(xy^2)$, where ϕ is an arbitrary function.

T2 Evaluate

(a) $\int_0^1 dx \int_0^2 3y^2 - 4x dy$, (b) $\int_0^1 dx \int_0^1 2x + 10y dy$.

Solution

(a) We have

$$\int_0^1 dx \int_0^2 3y^2 - 4x dy = \int_0^1 [y^3 - 4xy]_0^2 dx = 8 \int_0^1 1 - x dx = 4[2x - x^2]_0^1 = 4.$$

(b) We have

$$\int_0^1 dx \int_0^1 2x + 10y dy = \int_0^1 [2xy + 5y^2]_0^1 dx = \int_0^1 2x + 5 dx = [x^2 + 5x]_0^1 = 6.$$

T3 Evaluate

(a) $\int_1^2 dx \int_1^x \frac{1}{x+y} dy$, (b) $\int_0^{\pi/2} dy \int_y^4 x \sin y dx$.

Solution

(a) The integral is

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^2 [\log |x+y|]_1^x dx &= \int_1^2 \log(2x) - \log(x+1) dx \\ &= [x \log(2x) - (x+1) \log(x+1)]_1^2 = 5 \log 2 - 3 \log 3. \end{aligned}$$

Recall, that to calculate the integral of $\log x$ with respect to x you can express the function as $1 \times \log x$ and then use integration by parts. Please see revision sheet 0 and your 1S/1Y notes.

(b) The integral is

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\pi/2} [x^2 \sin y]_y^4 dy &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} (16 - y^2) \sin y dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [-18 \cos y + y^2 \cos y - 2y \sin y]_0^{\pi/2} = 9 - \frac{\pi}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

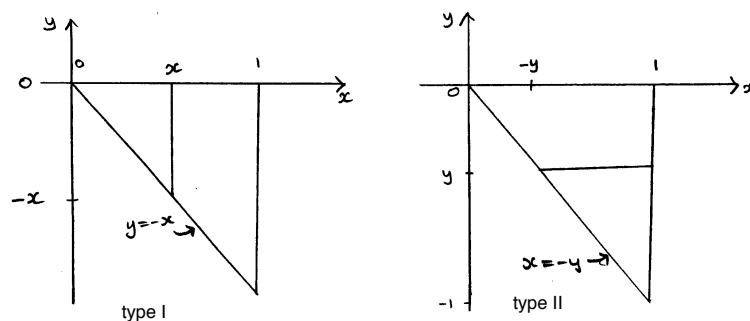
T4 Sketch the triangular domain T , bounded by the lines $y = -x$, $y = 0$ and $x = 1$ and illustrate that it is both type I and type II. Evaluate the double integral

$$\iint_T x dx dy,$$

using (a) the type I formulation of T and (b) the type II formulation of T .¹

¹ The answers you get to (a) and (b) should, of course, be the same.

Solution



(a) Using the type I formulation the integral is

$$\iint_T x dx dy = \int_0^1 \left(\int_{-x}^0 x dy \right) dx = \int_0^1 x^2 dx = \frac{1}{3}.$$

(b) Using the type II formulation the integral is

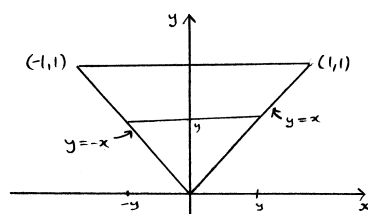
$$\iint_T x \, dx \, dy = \int_{-1}^0 \left(\int_{-y}^1 x \, dx \right) dy = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^0 1 - y^2 \, dy = \frac{1}{3}.$$

T5 Evaluate

$$\iint_D e^{x+y} \, dx \, dy,$$

where D is the triangle with vertices $(0,0)$, $(1,1)$ and $(-1,1)$.

Solution



The type II formulation is simpler and we get

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_D e^{x+y} \, dx \, dy &= \int_0^1 \left(\int_{-y}^y e^{x+y} \, dx \right) dy = \int_0^1 [e^{x+y}]_{-y}^y dy = \int_0^1 e^{2y} - 1 \, dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(e^2 - 3). \end{aligned}$$

Further Exercises

F1 By making the change of variables indicated, find the general solution of each of the following partial differential equations.

a) $x \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 3y(y^2 - x^2)$. Change to $u = x$, $v = \frac{y}{x}$.

b) $2x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{6x^4}{y^2}$. Change to $u = \frac{x}{y^2}$, and $v = x$

c) $x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{4x^3}{y}$. Change to $u = \frac{x}{y}$, $v = x$.

Solution

(a)

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \left(\frac{-y}{x^2} \right).$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \frac{1}{x}.$$

Therefore the PDE is

$$x \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} - \frac{y}{x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} + \frac{y}{x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} = 3y(y^2 - x^2)$$

i.e. $f_u = \frac{y}{x}(y^2 - x^2) = 3v((uv)^2 - u^2) = 3u^2v^3 - 3u^2v$ and $f = u^3v^3 - u^3v + \phi(v)$. Hence the general solution is $f = y^3 - x^2y + \phi(\frac{y}{x})$, where ϕ is an arbitrary function.

(b)

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{y^2} \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial v}, \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{-2x}{y^3} \frac{\partial z}{\partial u}.$$

Therefore the PDE is $\frac{2x}{y^2}z_u + 2xz_v - \frac{2x}{y^2}z_u = \frac{6x^4}{y^2}$, i.e. $z_v = \frac{3x^3}{y^2} = 3uv^2$. Hence, $z = uv^3 + \phi(u)$, i.e.

$$z = \frac{x^4}{y^2} + \phi\left(\frac{x}{y^2}\right).$$

(c)

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{y} \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial v}, \quad \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{-x}{y^2} \frac{\partial z}{\partial u}.$$

Therefore the PDE is $\frac{x}{y}z_u + xz_v - \frac{x}{y}z_u = \frac{4x^3}{y}$, i.e. $z_v = \frac{4x^2}{y} = 4uv$. Hence, $z = 2uv^2 + \phi(u)$, i.e.

$$z = 2\frac{x^3}{y} + \phi\left(\frac{x}{y}\right).$$

F2 Evaluate

$$\int \int x^2 + 2y \, dx dy$$

over the rectangle with vertices at $(0,0)$, $(2,0)$, $(2,3)$ and $(0,3)$.

Solution

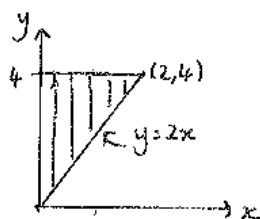
We have

$$\int_0^2 dx \int_0^3 x^2 + 2y \, dy = \int_0^2 [x^2 y + y^2]_0^3 \, dx = \int_0^2 3x^2 + 9 \, dx = [x^3 + 9x]_0^2 = 26.$$

F3 Evaluate

$$\int \int xy \, dx dy$$

over the triangle enclosed by the lines $y = 2x$, $y = 4$ and the y -axis.

Solution

We have

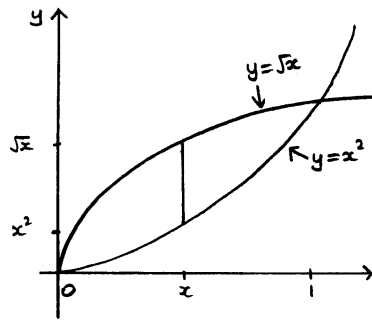
$$\int_0^2 dx \int_{2x}^4 xy \, dy = \int_0^2 x \left[\frac{1}{2} y^2 \right]_{2x}^4 \, dx = \int_0^2 8x - 2x^3 \, dx = \left[4x^2 - \frac{2x^4}{4} \right]_0^2 = 8.$$

F4 Evaluate

$$\iint_D xy \, dx dy,$$

where D is the finite region bounded by the curves $y = x^2$ and $x = y^2$.

Solution



Using the type I formulation,

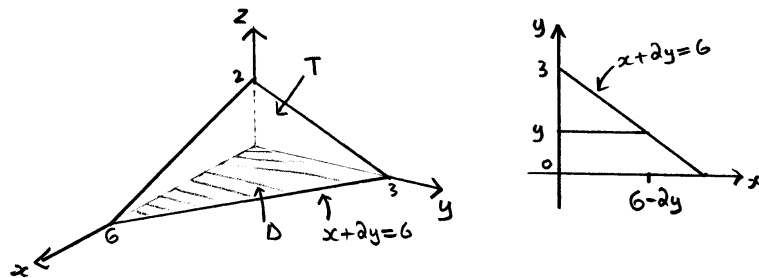
$$\begin{aligned}\iint_D xy \, dx \, dy &= \int_0^1 \left(\int_{x^2}^{\sqrt{x}} xy \, dy \right) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 [xy^2]_{x^2}^{\sqrt{x}} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 x^2 - x^5 dx \\ &= \frac{1}{12}.\end{aligned}$$

F5 Sketch the tetrahedron T formed by the plane $x + 2y + 3z = 6$ and the xy -, xz - and yz -planes. Show that the volume of T is

$$V = \frac{1}{3} \iint_D 6 - x - 2y \, dx \, dy,$$

where D is the finite region bounded by $x = 0$, $y = 0$ and $x + 2y = 6$. Hence evaluate V .

Solution



The volume of T is the volume under the the surface $z = \frac{1}{3}(6 - x - 2y)$ and so

$$V = \iint_D z \, dx \, dy = \frac{1}{3} \iint_D 6 - x - 2y \, dx \, dy,$$

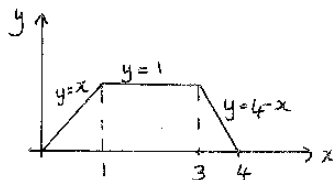
where, as illustrated, D is the finite region bounded by $x = 0$, $y = 0$ and $x + 2y = 6$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned}V &= \frac{1}{3} \int_0^3 \left(\int_0^{6-2y} 6 - x - 2y \, dx \right) dy = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^3 [6x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 - 2xy]_0^{6-2y} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \int_0^3 12(3 - y) - 2(3 - y)^2 - 4y(3 - y) \, dy = \int_0^3 6 - 4y + \frac{2}{3}y^2 \, dy = 6.\end{aligned}$$

F6 Evaluate

$$\iint x \, dx \, dy$$

over the trapezium with vertices at $(0,0)$, $(4,0)$, $(3,1)$ and $(1,1)$.

Solution

To avoid splitting up the domain, we treat it as type II and integrate with respect to x first.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 dy \int_y^{4-y} x \, dx &= \int_0^1 \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \right]_y^{4-y} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (4-y)^2 - y^2 \, dy = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 16 - 8y \, dy = \frac{1}{2} [16y - 4y^2]_0^1 = 6. \end{aligned}$$

With the other order of integration we would have to split the domain into 3 pieces (see diagram).

F7 Evaluate

$$\iint e^{-(x+y)} \, dx \, dy$$

over the region given by the inequalities $y \geq 0$, $y \leq 1$ and $y \leq x$.

Solution

We have,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 dy \int_y^\infty e^{-x} e^{-y} \, dx &= \int_0^1 e^{-y} [-e^{-x}]_y^\infty dy \\ &= \int_0^1 e^{-y} e^{-y} \, dy = \int_0^1 e^{-2y} \, dy = \left[-\frac{1}{2} e^{-2y} \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{2} (1 - e^{-2}). \end{aligned}$$

² Harder challenge problems

F8 Find the volume of the given solid

- Bounded by the cylinder $y^2 + z^2 = 4$ and the planes $x = 2y$, $x = 0$, $z = 0$ in the first octant.
- Bounded by the cylinders $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ and $y^2 + z^2 = r^2$.

² Only attempt these if you have been able to do all the other problems successfully.

Solution

- a) We observe the solid bounded by the cylinder $y^2 + z^2 = 4$ and the planes $x = 2y$, $x = 0$, $z = 0$ in the first octant lies under the surface $z = \sqrt{4 - y^2}$ and above the triangle $x/2 \leq y \leq 2$ and $0 \leq x \leq 4$, hence

$$\int_0^4 \int_{x/2}^2 \sqrt{4 - y^2} dy dx = \int_0^2 \int_0^{2y} \sqrt{4 - y^2} dx dy = 16/3.$$

- b) Using symmetry we find the volume in the first octant and multiply the answer by 8 to get the total volume of the solid. We observe that the solid bounded by the cylinders $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ and $y^2 + z^2 = r^2$ lies under the surface $z = \sqrt{r^2 - y^2}$ and above the quarter circle $0 \leq y \leq r$ and $0 \leq x \leq \sqrt{r^2 - y^2}$, hence the total volume of the solid is

$$8 \int_0^r \int_0^{\sqrt{r^2 - y^2}} \sqrt{r^2 - y^2} dx dy = (16/3)r^3.$$

F9 Use geometry or symmetry, or both, to evaluate the double integral

$$\iint_D (2 + x^2 y^3 - y^2 \sin x) dA,$$

where $D = \{(x, y) \mid |x| + |y| \leq 1\}$.

Solution

$D = \{(x, y) \mid |x| + |y| \leq 1\}$ is a square with corners at $(0, 1)$, $(1, 0)$, $(-1, 0)$ and $(0, -1)$. We then look at the symmetry of the integrand and notice that $x^2 y^3$ is symmetrical about the y -axis and a rotation by π about the x -axis, so the integral of this term must be zero. Similarly the $y^2 \sin x$ is symmetrical about the x -axis and a rotation by π about the y -axis, so the integral of this term is zero also. This leaves $\iint_D 2 dA$. The symmetry of the domain means this integral is

$$4 \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} 2 dy dx = 4.$$