

Lecture 30: More on curl; intro to multivar. integration. (69)

HW: Handout. Return exams.


Next time: §6.1-6.2

Earlier on Math 241:  $\vec{F}: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  a vector field  
 $\vec{F} = (F_1, F_2, F_3)$

An associated vector field is

$$\text{curl } \vec{F} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ \partial/\partial x & \partial/\partial y & \partial/\partial z \\ F_1 & F_2 & F_3 \end{vmatrix} = \left( \frac{\partial F_3}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial z} \right) i - \dots$$

$\vec{F}: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  a vector field given by  $(F_1(x, y), F_2(x, y))$

 If we "promote" to  $\underline{F} = (F_1(x, y), F_2(x, y), 0)$   
on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , then

$$\text{curl } \underline{F} = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ \partial/\partial x & \partial/\partial y & \partial/\partial z \\ F_1 & F_2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \underbrace{\left( \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} \right)}_{\text{scalar curl}} k$$

Suppose  $\vec{F}: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is conservative,  $F = \nabla f$ ,  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

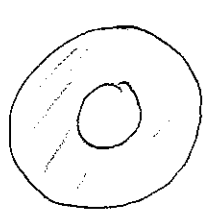
Then

$$\text{s. curl } F = \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x \partial y} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial y \partial x} = 0.$$

Ex:  $\vec{F} = (y, 0)$  not conservative since path dependent,  
or since s.curl  $\vec{F} = 1$ .

Q:  $\vec{F}$  a vector field defined on some region  $U$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .  
If s.curl  $\vec{F} = 0$ , must  $F$  be conservative?

A. Yes if  $U = \mathbb{R}^2$  or if  $U$  "has no holes" [simply connected].  
[Will talk about this later in Chapter 8.] But not always



$$U = \{ 1 < \|\vec{x}\| < 2 \} \quad F(x, y) = \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2} (-y, x)$$

has s.curl = 0 but is not conservative. [HW.]

[Similar story in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with curl( $\nabla f$ ) =  $\vec{0}$ .]

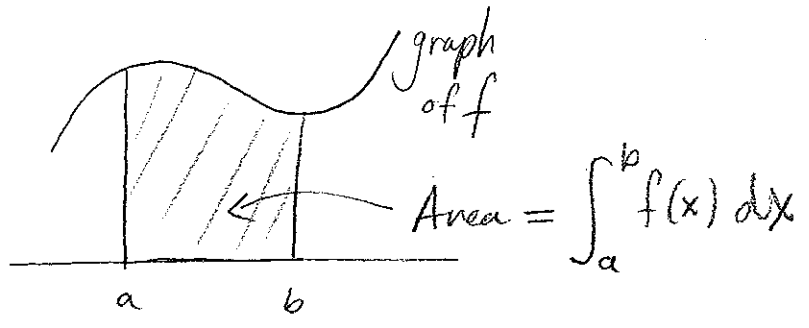
Notation:  $C$  a curve param by  $c; [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\vec{F}$  a vector field  
 $c = (c_1, c_2, c_3)$        $(F_1, F_2, F_3)$

$\int_C \vec{F} \cdot ds$  is sometimes written

$$\int_C F_1 dx + F_2 dy + F_3 dz, \quad dx = c_1'(t) dt \text{ etc.}$$

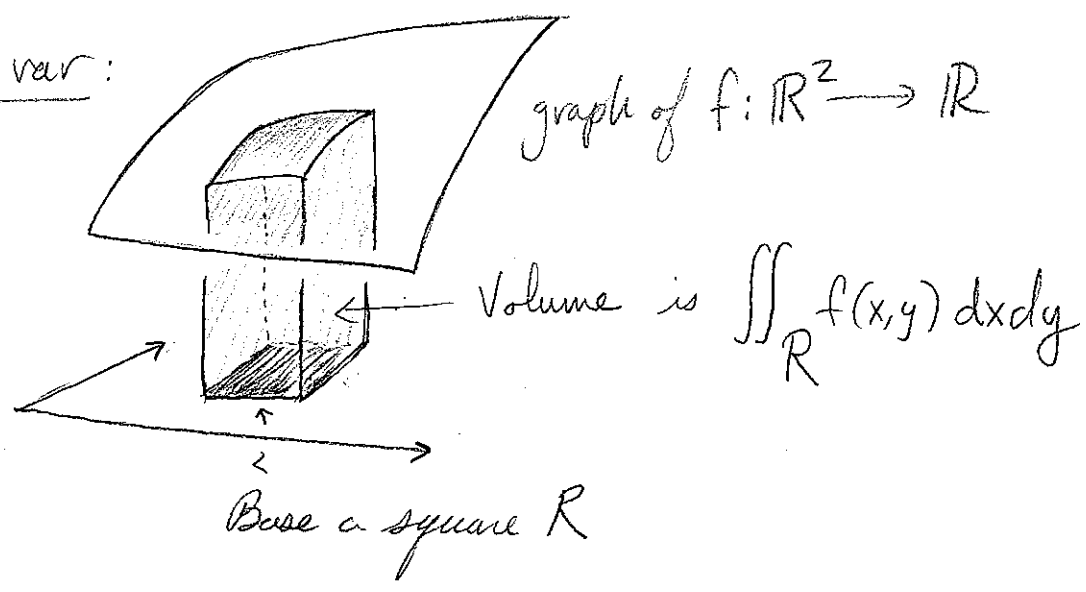
[As mentioned will repeat the curve picture  
for surfaces in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , but first we need learn how  
to do multi-dimensional integrals...]

One var:



[computed using  
fund. thm. of calc.]

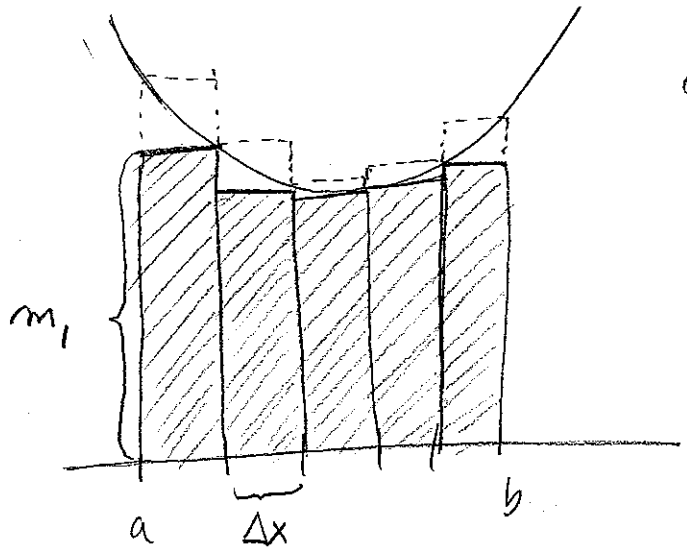
Two var:



Q1: What does this mean mathematically?

Q2: How do we compute it?

[In one var, we addressed the first question as.]



on  $i^{th}$  small interval  $f$  has  
min  $m_i$  and max  $M_i$

Thus

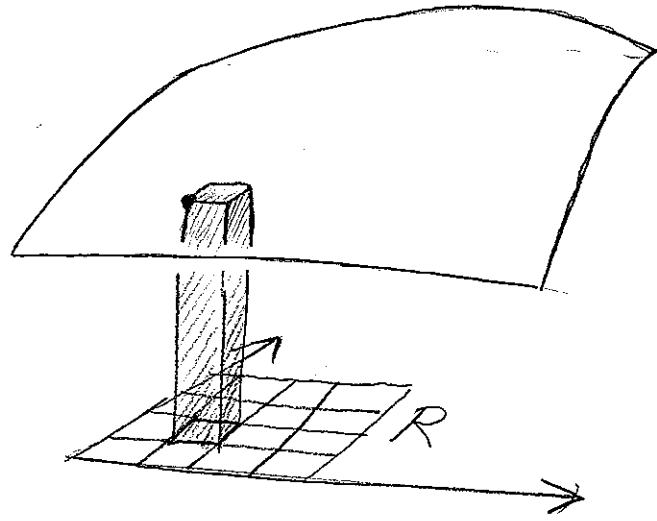
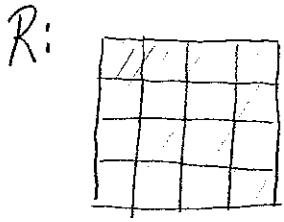
$$\sum_{i=1}^n m_i \Delta x \leq \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq \sum_{i=1}^n M_i \Delta x$$

As  $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$  these two

Divide  $[a, b]$  into segments of length  $\Delta x$ .

bounds converge  
to the middle.

In two vars:



Each square  $\square$  has  
 $\Delta x$  width and  $\Delta y$  height  
area  $\Delta x \Delta y$ .

Box shown has height  
= min of  $f$  on subsquare.

Thus

$$\sum_{\text{small squares}} (\text{min value of } f \text{ on subsquare}) \Delta x \Delta y \leq \iint_R f(x,y) dx dy \leq$$

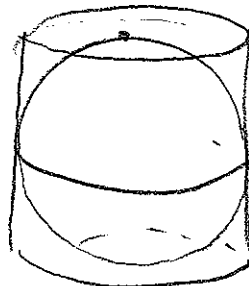
$$\sum_{\text{small squares}} (\text{max of } f \text{ on subsquares}) \Delta x \Delta y$$

As  $\Delta x, \Delta y \rightarrow 0$ , then [provided  $f$  is continuous] these two bounds converge to define the integral.

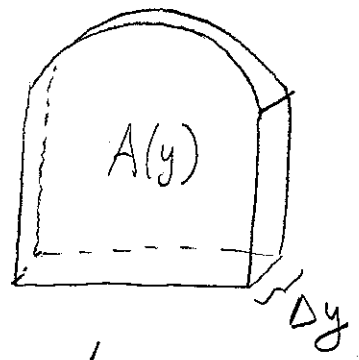
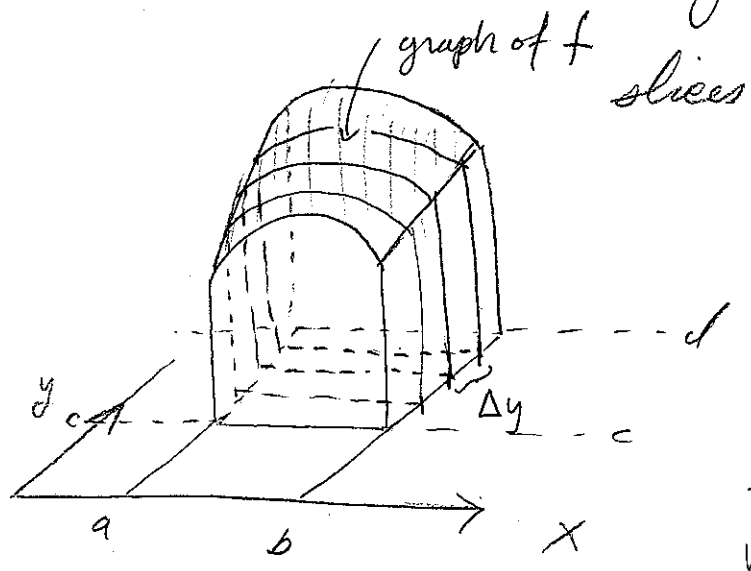
OK, but how do we compute?

Archimedes: (225 B.C.E)

3:2  
volume  $\pm$  surface area!



Can reduce to one var integrals by cutting into



which have  
volume  $\approx A(y)\Delta y$

where  $A(y)$  is the area of  
front of the slice.

To get the total volume, add vols of slices

$$\iint_R f(x,y) dx dy = \int_c^d A(y) dy = \int_c^d \left( \int_a^b f(x,y) dx \right) dy$$

y fixed

$$= \int_a^b \left( \int_c^d f(x,y) dy \right) dx$$

