

A chalkboard with mathematical diagrams and a chalk tray with several pieces of chalk. The background is a blurred image of a chalkboard with various mathematical sketches, including a circle and some lines. In the foreground, there is a wooden chalk tray containing several pieces of white and green chalk. The entire image has a light blue tint.

Lesson 5

Double Integrals, Volume Calculations,
and the Gauss-Green Formula

Example 1: A Double Integral Over a Rectangular Region

Let $f(x, y) = \sin(y) + \cos(x) + 2$ and let R be the region in the xy -plane bounded by $x = 0, x = \pi, y = -2\pi,$ and $y = \pi$. Calculate $\iint_R f(x, y) \, dA$:

$$\int_0^{\pi} \int_{-2\pi}^{\pi} (\sin(y) + \cos(x) + 2) \, dy \, dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi} \left[-\cos(y) + y \cos(x) + 2y \right]_{y=-2\pi}^{y=\pi} dx$$

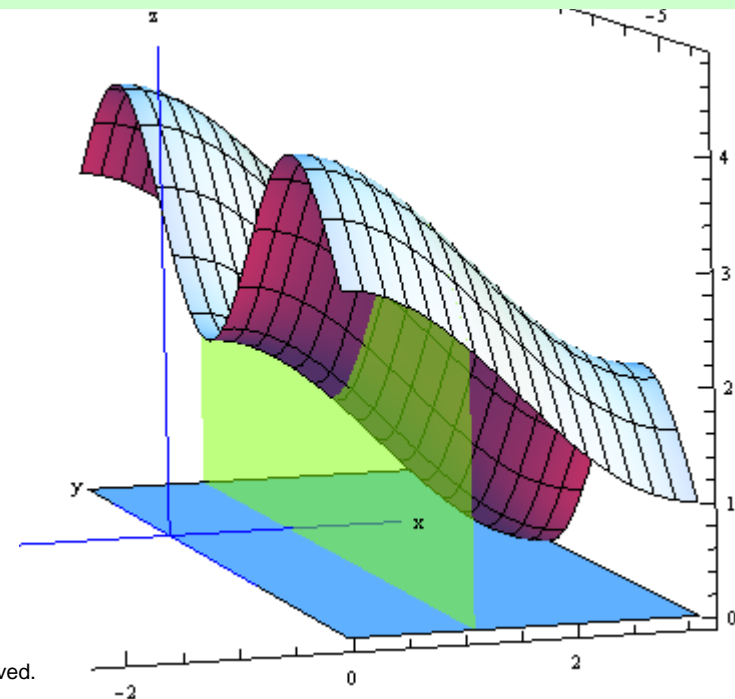
$$= \int_0^{\pi} 2 + 6\pi + 3\pi \cos(x) \, dx$$

$$= \left[2x + 6\pi x + 3\pi \sin(x) \right]_{x=0}^{x=\pi}$$

$$= 2\pi + 6\pi^2$$

$2 + 6\pi + 3\pi \cos(x)$ is a function that sweeps out vertical area cross sections from $x = 0$ to $x = \pi$. If we integrate these area cross sections, we accumulate the volume of the solid:

dx



Example 2: Changing the Order of Integration

Calculate $\iint_R f(x, y) \, dA$ by computing $\iint_R f(x, y) \, dx \, dy$ instead of $\iint_R f(x, y) \, dy \, dx$.

$$\int_{-2\pi}^{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} (\sin(y) + \cos(x) + 2) \, dx \, dy$$

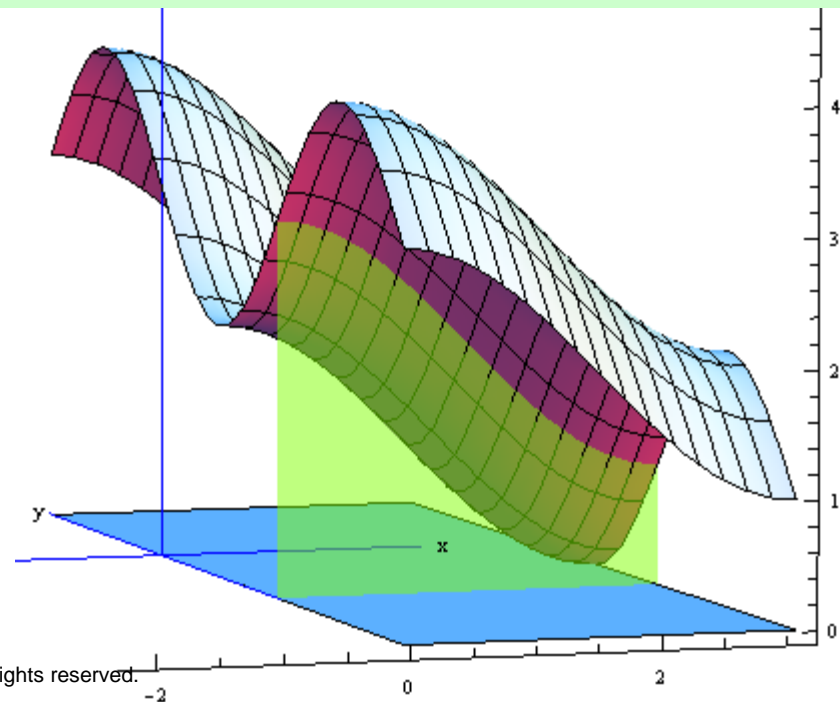
$$= \int_{-2\pi}^{\pi} \left[x \sin(y) + \sin(x) + 2x \right]_{x=0}^{x=\pi} dy$$

$$= \int_{-2\pi}^{\pi} 2\pi + \pi \sin(y) \, dy$$

$$= \left[2\pi y - \pi \cos(y) \right]_{y=-2\pi}^{y=\pi}$$

$$= 2\pi + 6\pi^2$$

$2\pi + \pi \sin(y)$ is a function that sweeps out horizontal area cross sections from $y = -2\pi$ to $y = \pi$. If we integrate these area cross sections, we accumulate the volume of the solid:



Computing Double Integrals Over a Rectangular Region

Let $z = f(x, y)$ be a surface and let R be the rectangular region in the xy -plane bounded by $a \leq x \leq b$ and $c \leq y \leq d$. Calculate $\iint_R f(x, y) \, dA$:

1) Set up $\int_c^d \int_a^b f(x, y) \, dx \, dy$.

2) Hold y constant and integrate with respect to x :

$$\int_c^d \left[F(x, y) \right]_{x=a}^{x=b} dy = \int_c^d \left[F(b, y) - F(a, y) \right] dy$$

3) $F(b, y) - F(a, y)$ is a function of y that measures the area of horizontal cross sections between $y = c$ and $y = d$. So we can integrate these area cross sections to get our volume:

$$\int_c^d \left[F(b, y) - F(a, y) \right] dy$$

1) Set up $\int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) \, dy \, dx$.

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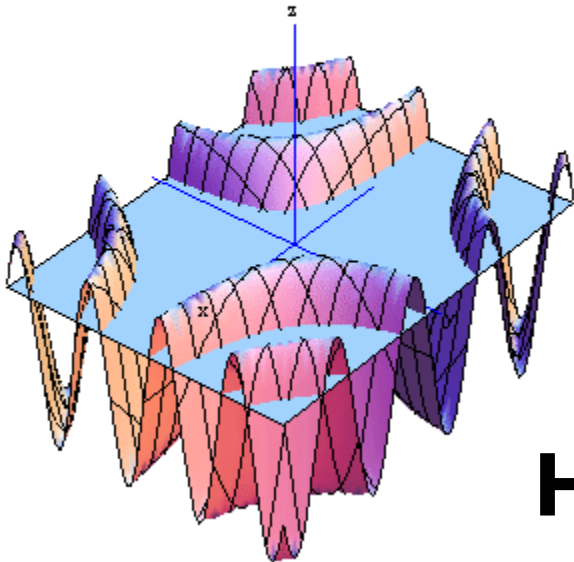
Example 3: Computing Another Double Integral Over a Rectangular Region

Let $f(x, y) = 2\sin(xy) - 1$ and let R be the region in the xy -plane bounded by $x = -4$, $x = 4$, $y = -3$, and $y = 3$. Calculate $\iint_R f(x, y) \, dA$:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-3}^3 \int_{-4}^4 (2\sin(xy) - 1) \, dx \, dy &= \int_{-3}^3 \left[-\frac{2\cos(xy)}{y} - x \right]_{x=-4}^{x=4} \, dy \\ &= \int_{-3}^3 \left[\left(-\frac{2\cos(4y)}{y} - 4 \right) - \left(-\frac{2\cos(-4y)}{y} - (-4) \right) \right] \, dy \\ &= \int_{-3}^3 -8 \, dy \\ &= \left[-8y \right]_{y=-3}^{y=3}\end{aligned}$$

$$= -48$$

How did this end up negative??



Example 4: A Double Integral Over a Non-Rectangular Region

Let $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + 3$ and let R be the region in the xy -plane bounded above by $y = -x^2 + 4$ and below by $y = -5$. Calculate $\iint_R f(x, y) \, dA$:

$$\iint_R f(x, y) \, dA$$

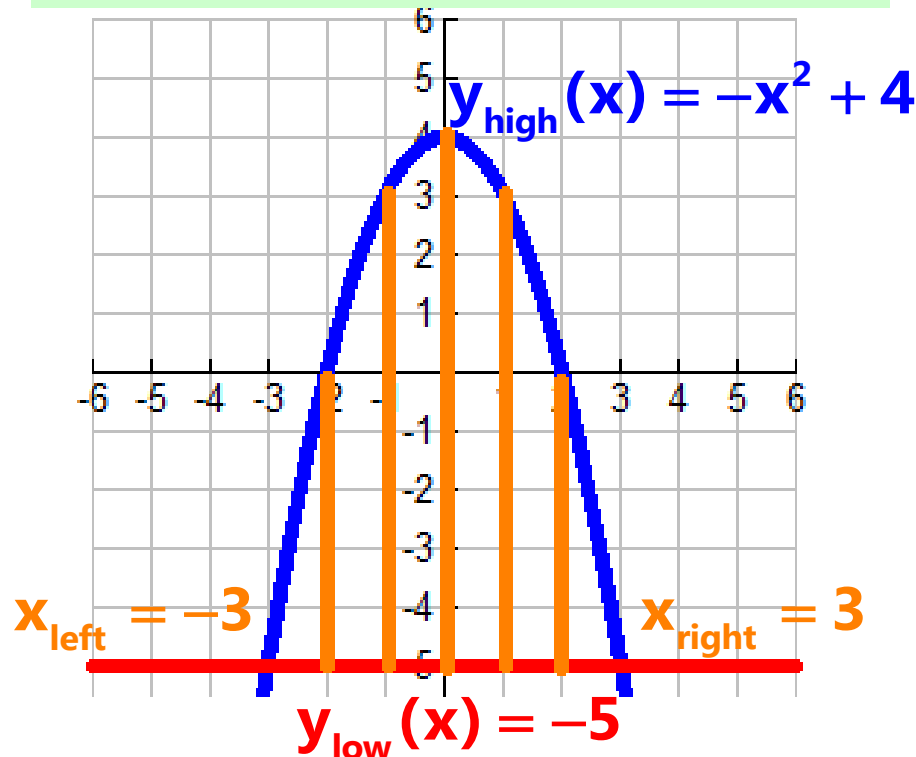
$$= \int_{x_{\text{left}}}^{x_{\text{right}}} \int_{y_{\text{low}}(x)}^{y_{\text{high}}(x)} (x^2 + y^2 + 3) \, dy \, dx$$

$$= \int_{-3}^3 \int_{-5}^{-x^2+4} (x^2 + y^2 + 3) \, dy \, dx$$

$$= \int_{-3}^3 \left[yx^2 + \frac{y^3}{3} + 3y \right]_{y=-5}^{y=-x^2+4} \, dx$$

$$= \int_{-3}^3 \left(90 - 10x^2 + 3x^4 - \frac{x^6}{3} \right) \, dx$$

$90 - 10x^2 + 3x^4 - \frac{x^6}{3}$ is a function that sweeps out vertical area cross sections from -3 to 3 .



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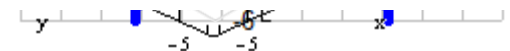
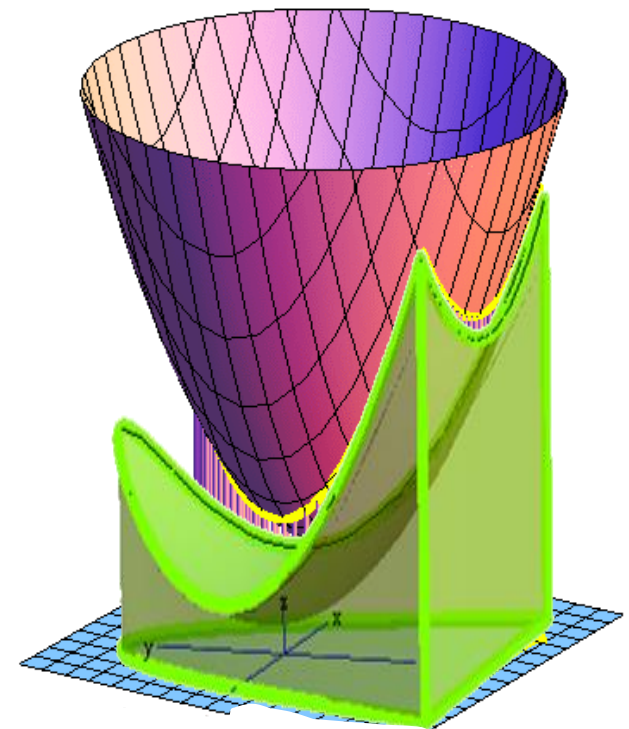
If we integrate these cross sections given by

$$90 - 10x^2 + 3x^4 - \frac{x^6}{3} \text{ from } x = -3 \text{ to } x = 3,$$

we accumulate the volume of the solid:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_{-3}^3 \left(90 - 10x^2 + 3x^4 - \frac{x^6}{3} \right) dx \\ &= \left[90x - \frac{10}{3}x^3 + \frac{3}{5}x^5 - \frac{x^7}{21} \right]_{x=-3}^{x=3} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{15516}{35}$$



Example 5: Change the Order of Integration

Calculate $\iint_R f(x, y) \, dA$ again, but change the order of integration :

$$\iint_R f(x, y) \, dA$$

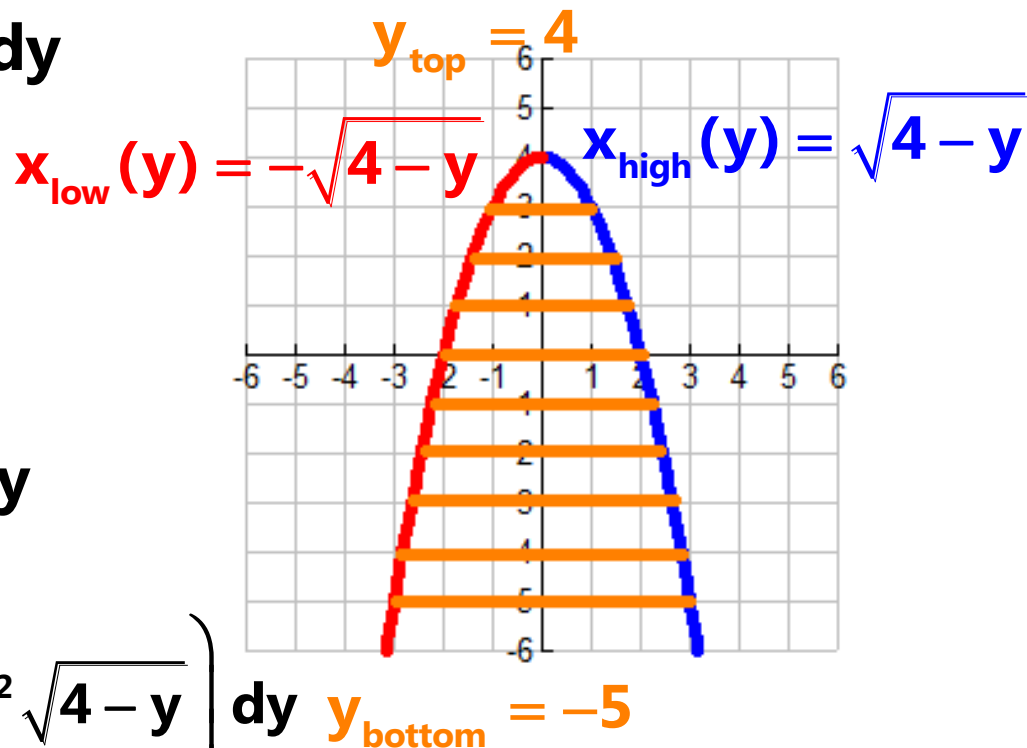
$$= \int_{y_{\text{bottom}}}^{y_{\text{top}}} \int_{x_{\text{low}}(y)}^{x_{\text{high}}(y)} (x^2 + y^2 + 3) \, dx \, dy$$

$$= \int_{-5}^4 \int_{-\sqrt{4-y}}^{\sqrt{4-y}} (x^2 + y^2 + 3) \, dx \, dy$$

$$= \int_{-5}^4 \left[\frac{x^3}{3} + y^2 x + 3x \right]_{x=-\sqrt{4-y}}^{x=\sqrt{4-y}} \, dy$$

$$= \int_{-5}^4 \left(\frac{26\sqrt{4-y}}{3} - \frac{2}{3}y\sqrt{4-y} + 2y^2\sqrt{4-y} \right) \, dy$$

$\frac{26\sqrt{4-y}}{3} - \frac{2}{3}y\sqrt{4-y} + 2y^2\sqrt{4-y}$ is a function that sweeps out horizontal area cross sections from $y = -5$ to $y = 4$.



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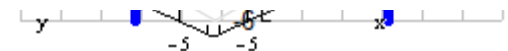
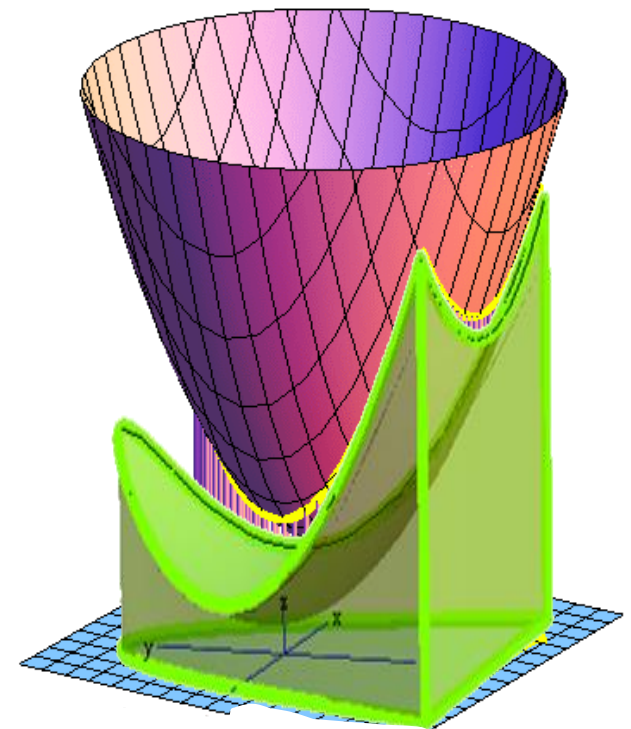
Let $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 + 3$ and let R be the region in the xy -plane bounded above by $y = -x^2 + 4$ and below by $y = -5$. Calculate $\iint_R f(x, y) \, dA$:

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$$= \int_{-5}^4 \left(\frac{26\sqrt{4-y}}{3} - \frac{2}{3}y\sqrt{4-y} + 2y^2\sqrt{4-y} \right) dy$$

$$= \left[-\frac{4}{105}(4-y)^{3/2} (15y^2 + 41y + 261) \right]_{y=-5}^{y=4}$$

$$= \frac{15516}{35}$$

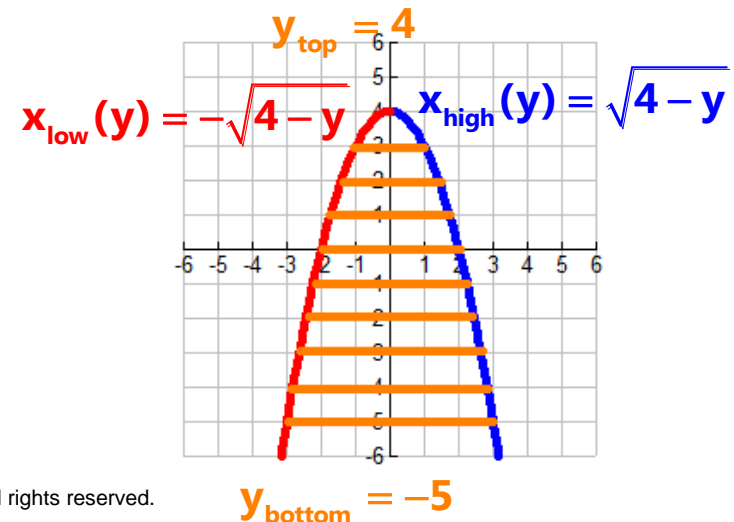
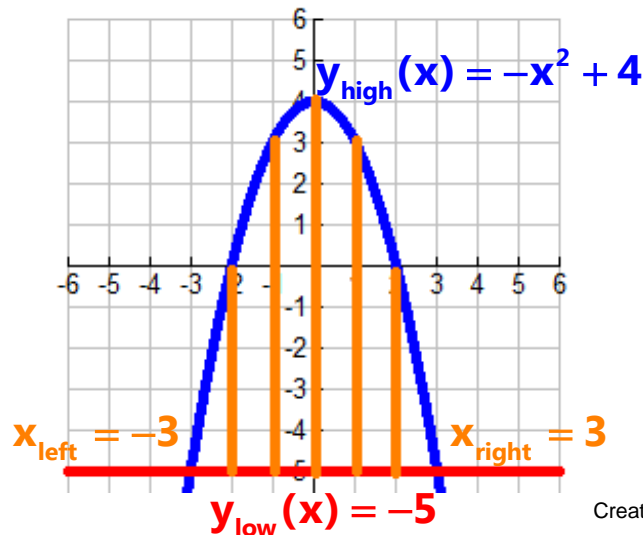


Summary of Example 4 & 5

$$\int_{-3}^3 \int_{-5}^{-x^2+4} (x^2 + y^2 + 3) dy dx \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{-5}^4 \int_{-\sqrt{4-y}}^{\sqrt{4-y}} (x^2 + y^2 + 3) dx dy \quad \text{compute}$$

the exact same thing!!!

We have changed the order of integration. This works whenever we can bound the curve with top/bottom bounding functions or left/right bounding functions.



Computing Double Integrals Over a Non-Rectangular Region

Let $z = f(x, y)$ be a surface and let R be the non-rectangular region in the xy -plane bounded by $y = f(x)$ on top and $y = g(x)$ on bottom. Calculate $\iint f(x, y) \, dA$:

1) Set up $\int_{x_{\text{left}}}^{x_{\text{right}}} \int_{y_{\text{low}}(x)}^{y_{\text{high}}(x)} f(x, y) \, dy \, dx$

2) Hold x constant and integrate with respect to y :

$$\int_{x_{\text{left}}}^{x_{\text{right}}} \left[F(x, y) \right]_{y=y_{\text{low}}(x)}^{y=y_{\text{high}}(x)} \, dx = \int_{x_{\text{left}}}^{x_{\text{right}}} \left[F(x, y_{\text{high}}(x)) - F(x, y_{\text{low}}(x)) \right] \, dx$$

3) $\left[F(x, y_{\text{high}}(x)) - F(x, y_{\text{low}}(x)) \right]$ is a function of x that measures the area of vertical cross sections between $x = x_{\text{left}}$ and $x = x_{\text{right}}$.

So we can integrate these area cross sections to get our volume:

$$\int_{x_{\text{left}}}^{x_{\text{right}}} \left[F(x, y_{\text{high}}(x)) - F(x, y_{\text{low}}(x)) \right] \, dx$$

Likewise for the order integration being reversed.

Example 6: Using the Double Integral to Find the Area of a Region

Let R be the region in the xy -plane from Example 4 and 5 that is bounded above by $y = -x^2 + 4$ and below by $y = -5$. Find the area of R .

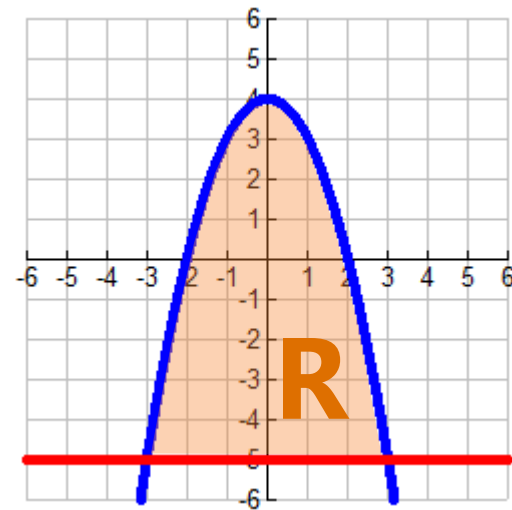
Claim: For a region R , $\text{Area}_R = \iint_R 1 \, dA$

Old Way:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-3}^3 \left((-x^2 + 4) - (-5) \right) dx \\ &= \int_{-3}^3 (-x^2 + 9) dx \\ &= \left[-\frac{x^3}{3} + 9x \right]_{x=-3}^{x=3} \\ &= \mathbf{36} \end{aligned}$$

New Way:

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_R 1 \, dA \\ &= \int_{-3}^3 \int_{-5}^{-x^2+4} 1 \, dy \, dx \\ &= \int_{-3}^3 [y]_{y=-5}^{y=-x^2+4} dx \\ &= \int_{-3}^3 \left((-x^2 + 4) - (-5) \right) dx \end{aligned}$$



It works!!!

The Gauss-Green Formula

Let R be a region in the xy -plane whose boundary is parameterized by $(x(t), y(t))$ for $t_{\text{low}} \leq t \leq t_{\text{high}}$. Then the following formula holds :

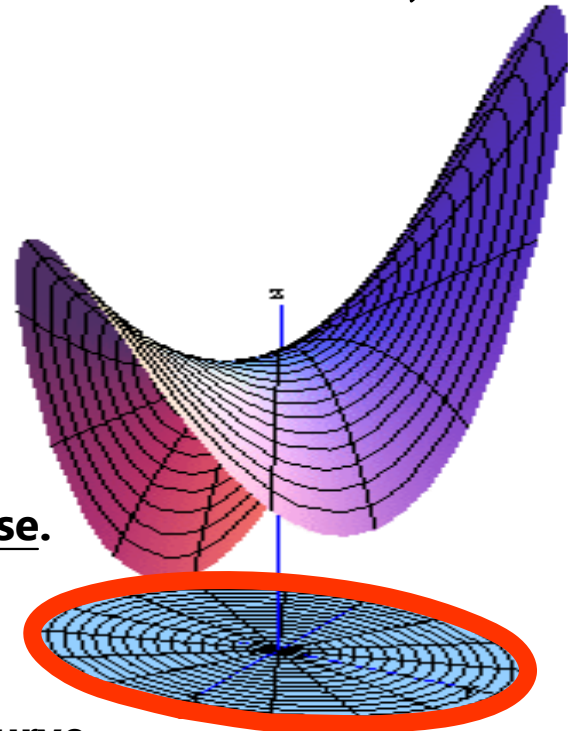
$$\iint_R \left(\frac{\partial n}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial m}{\partial y} \right) dA = \int_{t_{\text{low}}}^{t_{\text{high}}} \left(m(x(t), y(t)) x'(t) + n(x(t), y(t)) y'(t) \right) dt$$

Main Idea: You can compute a double integral

as a single integral, as long as you have a reasonable parameterization of the **boundary curve** of the region R .

Main Rule: For this formula to hold:

- 1) Your parameterization must be counterclockwise.
- 2) Your $t_{\text{low}} \leq t \leq t_{\text{high}}$ must bring you around the boundary curve exactly ONCE.
- 3) Your **boundary curve** must be a simple closed curve.



The Gauss-Green formula is also known as the Gauss-Green Theorem or simply Green's Theorem

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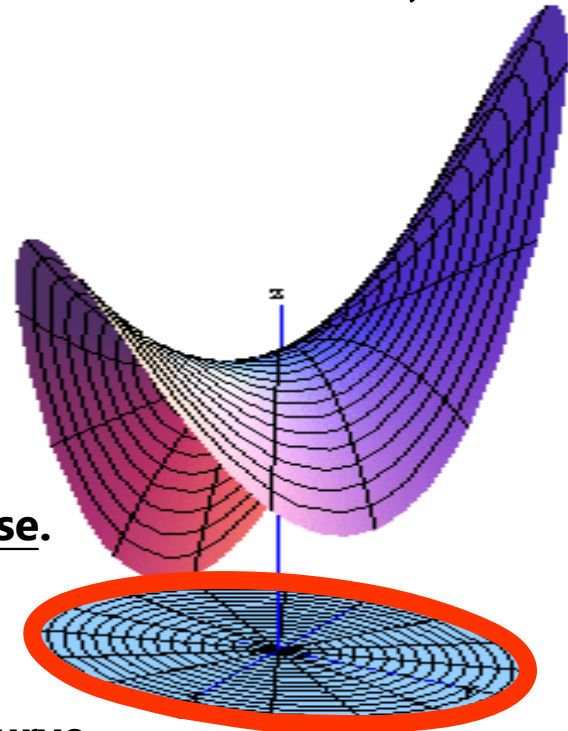
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Example 6 : Let $f(x, y) = y - xy + 9$ and let R be the region in the xy -plane

whose boundary is described by the ellipse $\left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{4}\right)^2 = 1$.

Find $\iint_R f(x, y) \, dx \, dy$:

Gauss-Green: $\iint_R \left(\frac{\partial n}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial m}{\partial y} \right) dx \, dy = \int_{t_{\text{low}}}^{t_{\text{high}}} \left(m(x(t), y(t)) x'(t) + n(x(t), y(t)) y'(t) \right) dt$

Let $(x(t), y(t)) = (3 \cos(t), 4 \sin(t))$ for $0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$

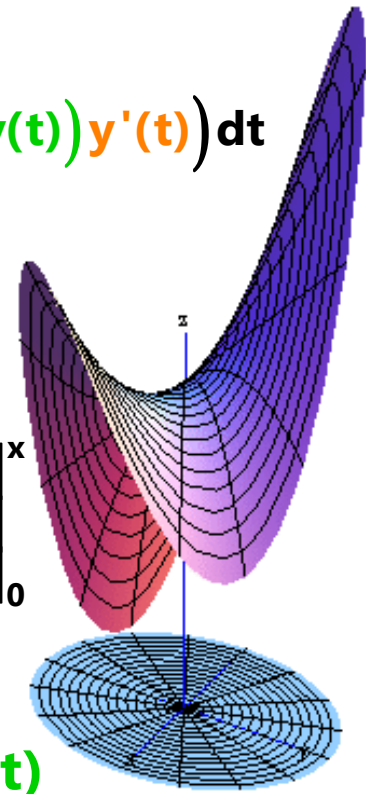
Let $f(x, y) = \frac{\partial n}{\partial x}$ and $0 = \frac{\partial m}{\partial y}$.

Then $n(x, y) = \int_0^x f(s, y) ds = \int_0^x (y - sy + 9) ds = \left[sy - \frac{s^2 y}{2} + 9s \right]_0^x$
 $= xy - \frac{x^2 y}{2} + 9x$

So $n(x(t), y(t)) = 12 \sin(t) \cos(t) - 18 \cos^2(t) \sin(t) + 27 \cos(t)$

Further, $(x'(t), y'(t)) = (-3 \sin(t), 4 \cos(t))$.

Plug in : $\int_{t_{\text{low}}}^{t_{\text{high}}} \left(m(x(t), y(t)) x'(t) + n(x(t), y(t)) y'(t) \right) dt$



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Plug into Gauss-Green :

$$\int_{t_{\text{low}}}^{t_{\text{high}}} \left(m(x(t), y(t))x'(t) + n(x(t), y(t))y'(t) \right) dt$$

$m(x(t), y(t))$	0
$n(x(t), y(t))$	$12\sin(t)\cos(t) - 18\cos^2(t)\sin(t) + 27\cos(t)$
$[t_{\text{low}}, t_{\text{high}}]$	$[0, 2\pi]$
$x'(t)$	$-3\sin(t)$
$y'(t)$	$4\cos(t)$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \left(0 \cdot (-3\sin(t)) + \left(12\sin(t)\cos(t) - 18\cos^2(t)\sin(t) + 27\cos(t) \right) (4\cos(t)) \right) dt$$

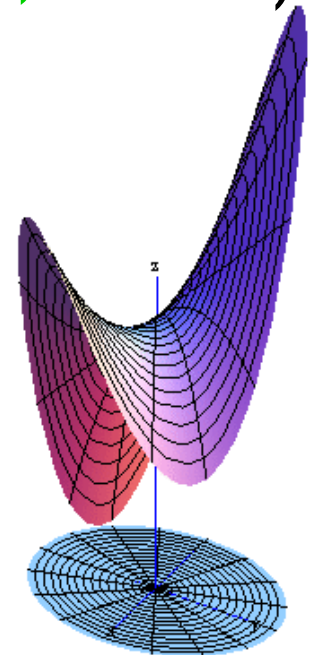
$$= \int_0^{2\pi} \left(48\cos^2(t)\sin(t) - 72\cos^3(t)\sin(t) + 108\cos^2(t) \right) dt$$

$$= 108\pi$$

Hint: $\int_a^b \sin^k(t)\cos(t)dt = \frac{\sin^{k+1}(b)}{k+1} - \frac{\sin^{k+1}(a)}{k+1}$

and $\int_a^b \cos^k(t)\sin(t)dt = \frac{-\cos^{k+1}(b)}{k+1} + \frac{\cos^{k+1}(a)}{k+1}$

and $\cos^2(t) = \frac{1 + \cos(2t)}{2}$



Process for Using Gauss-Green to Compute Integrals

Let $z = f(x, y)$ be a surface and let R be a region in the xy -plane parameterized by $(x(t), y(t))$ for $t_{\text{low}} \leq t \leq t_{\text{high}}$. Calculate $\iint_R f(x, y) \, dA$:

1) Gauss-Green:
$$\iint_R \left(\frac{\partial n}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial m}{\partial y} \right) dx \, dy = \int_{t_{\text{low}}}^{t_{\text{high}}} \left(m(x(t), y(t)) x'(t) + n(x(t), y(t)) y'(t) \right) dt$$

2) Substitute as follows :

$m(x(t), y(t))$	0
$n(x(t), y(t))$	$\int_0^x f(s, y) ds$
$[t_{\text{low}}, t_{\text{high}}]$	Bounds for t in $(x(t), y(t))$
$x'(t)$	Derivative of $x(t)$
$y'(t)$	Derivative of $y(t)$

3) Crunch the integral! Don't forget your trig identities.

Proof of Gauss-Green Theorem

Prove:
$$\iint_R \left(\frac{\partial n}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial m}{\partial y} \right) dA = \int_{t_{\text{low}}}^{t_{\text{high}}} \left(m(x(t), y(t)) x'(t) + n(x(t), y(t)) y'(t) \right) dt$$

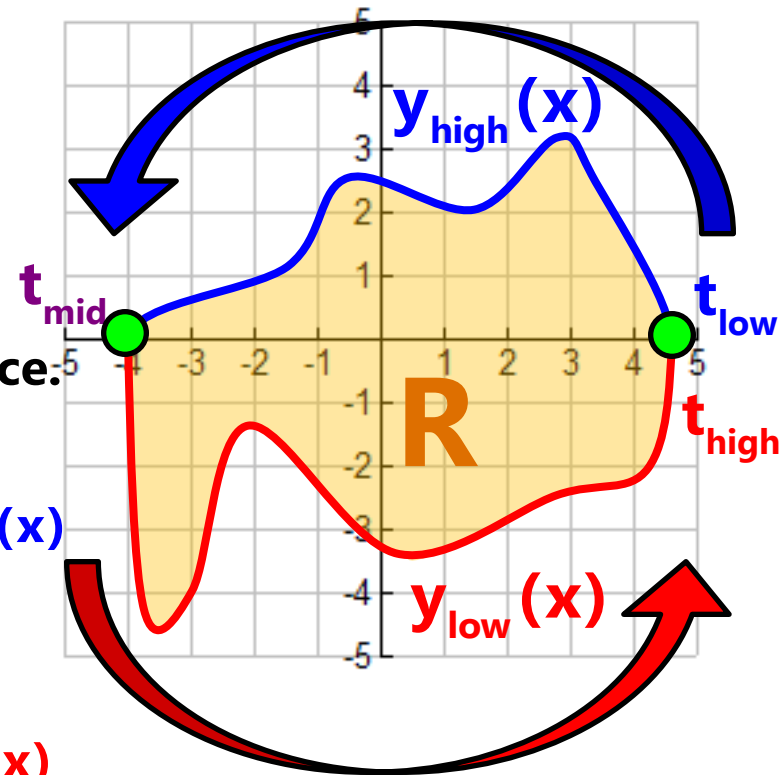
Let's just prove this for one piece: Show
$$\iint_R \left(-\frac{\partial m}{\partial y} \right) dA = \int_{t_{\text{low}}}^{t_{\text{high}}} \left(m(x(t), y(t)) x'(t) \right) dt$$

Let $y_{\text{high}}(x)$ be a function of x that traces the boundary of the top half of R and let $y_{\text{low}}(x)$ trace the boundary of the bottom half of R .

Let $(x(t), y(t))$ be a counterclockwise parameterization of the boundary of R for $t_{\text{low}} < t < t_{\text{high}}$ that traverses the boundary only once:

Then $(x(t), y(t))$ for $t_{\text{low}} \leq t \leq t_{\text{mid}}$ traces out $y_{\text{high}}(x)$ from right to left.

Also $(x(t), y(t))$ for $t_{\text{mid}} \leq t \leq t_{\text{high}}$ traces out $y_{\text{low}}(x)$ from left to right.



Proof of Gauss-Green Theorem

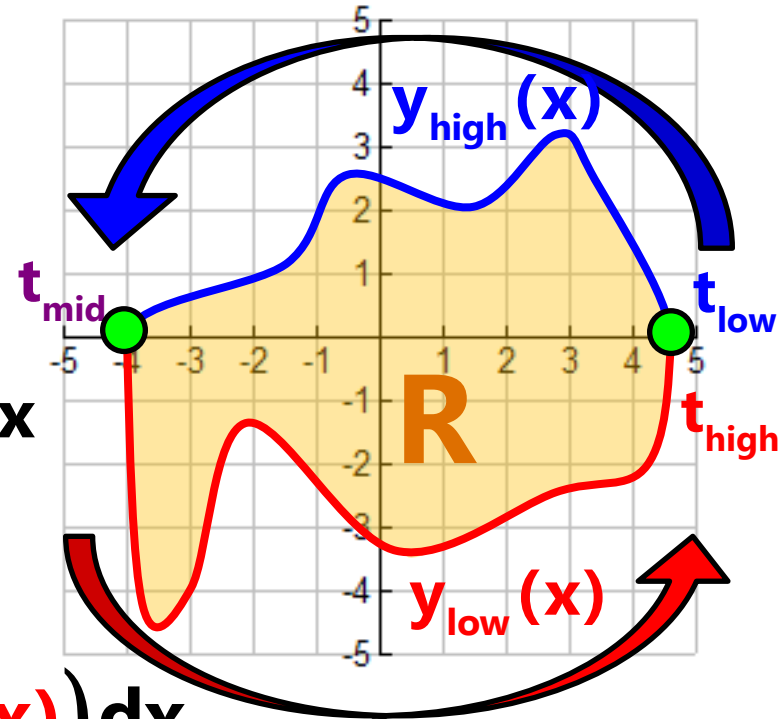
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$$\iint_R \frac{\partial m}{\partial y} dA = \int_a^b \int_{y_{low}(x)}^{y_{high}(x)} \frac{\partial m}{\partial y} dy dx$$

$$= \int_a^b \left[m(x, y_{high}(x)) - m(x, y_{low}(x)) \right] dx$$

$$= \int_a^b m(x, y_{high}(x)) dx - \int_a^b m(x, y_{low}(x)) dx$$

$$= \int_{t_{mid}}^{t_{low}} m(x(t), y(t)) \frac{dx}{dt} dt - \int_{t_{mid}}^{t_{high}} m(x(t), y(t)) \frac{dx}{dt} dt$$



Proof of Gauss-Green Theorem

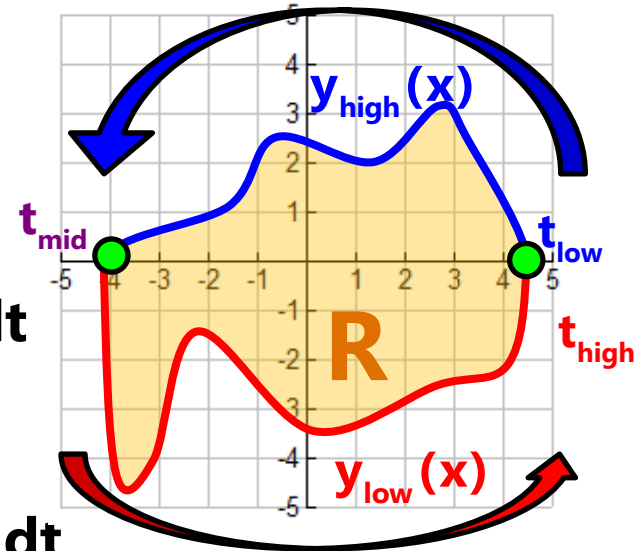
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$$= \int_{t_{mid}}^{t_{low}} m(x(t), y(t)) \frac{dx}{dt} dt - \int_{t_{mid}}^{t_{high}} m(x(t), y(t)) \frac{dx}{dt} dt$$

$$= \int_{t_{mid}}^{t_{low}} m(x(t), y(t)) x'(t) dt - \int_{t_{mid}}^{t_{high}} m(x(t), y(t)) x'(t) dt$$

$$= - \int_{t_{low}}^{t_{mid}} m(x(t), y(t)) x'(t) dt - \int_{t_{mid}}^{t_{high}} m(x(t), y(t)) x'(t) dt$$

$$= - \int_{t_{low}}^{t_{high}} m(x(t), y(t)) x'(t) dt$$



Hence
$$\iint_R \left(-\frac{\partial m}{\partial y} \right) dA = \int_{t_{low}}^{t_{high}} m(x(t), y(t)) x'(t) dt$$

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We can likewise prove...
$$\iint_R \left(\frac{\partial n}{\partial x} \right) dA = \int_{t_{\text{low}}}^{t_{\text{high}}} n(x(t), y(t)) y'(t) dt$$

Put it Together :

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_R \left(\frac{\partial n}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial m}{\partial y} \right) dA &= \iint_R \frac{\partial n}{\partial x} dA - \iint_R \frac{\partial m}{\partial y} dA \\ &= \int_{t_{\text{low}}}^{t_{\text{high}}} n(x(t), y(t)) y'(t) dt + \int_{t_{\text{low}}}^{t_{\text{high}}} m(x(t), y(t)) x'(t) dt \\ &= \int_{t_{\text{low}}}^{t_{\text{high}}} \left(m(x(t), y(t)) x'(t) + n(x(t), y(t)) y'(t) \right) dt \end{aligned}$$

When Should I Use What??

$\int_{y_{\text{bottom}}}^{y_{\text{top}}} \int_{x_{\text{low}}(y)}^{x_{\text{high}}(y)} f(x, y) \, dx \, dy$	$\int_{x_{\text{left}}}^{x_{\text{right}}} \int_{y_{\text{low}}(x)}^{y_{\text{high}}(x)} f(x, y) \, dy \, dx$	$\int_{t_{\text{low}}}^{t_{\text{high}}} n(x(t), y(t)) y'(t) \, dt$
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Integrate with respect to x first then y when you have a region R that is bounded on the left and right by two functions of y :

Integrate with respect to y first then x when you have a region R that is bounded on the top and bottom by two functions of x :

Use Gauss-Green when you have a region R whose boundary you can parameterize with a single function of t , $(x(t), y(t))$ for $t_{\text{low}} \leq t \leq t_{\text{high}}$.

