

Chapter 3. Integration in higher dimensions

3.1 Area integrals *suchen*

Given a function $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with domain of definition $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$.

Aim: Calculate the volume under the graph of $f(\mathbf{x})$:

$$V = \int_D f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

Remember (Analysis II): Riemann–Integral of a function f on the interval $[a, b]$:

$$I = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

The integral I is defined as limit of Riemann upper– and lower-sums, if the limits exist and coincide.

$$U_f = \sum_{i=1}^4 f(x_{i-1}) \Delta x$$

$$O_f = \sum_{i=1}^4 f(x_i) \Delta x$$

$$U_f \leq O_f$$

if $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$

if $U_f \rightarrow I \leftarrow O_f$ then f integrable

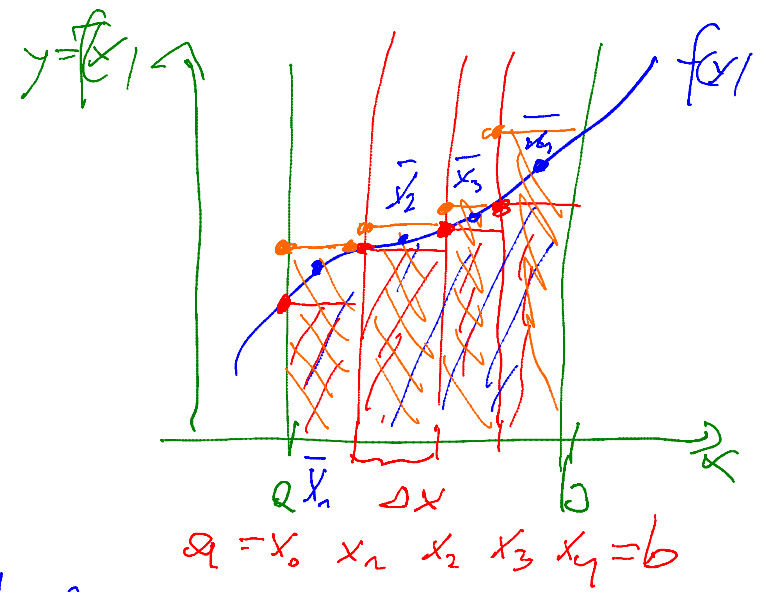
$$I = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

1D/monotone:

f monotone $\rightarrow f$ integrable
 f continuous $\rightarrow f$ integrable

$$F = F(x), \quad F'(x) = f(x)$$

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$$



$$R_f = \sum_{i=1}^4 f(x_i) \Delta x$$

$$U_f < R_f < O_f$$

In practice:

given $f = f(x)$, you look for a primitive function F

Construction of area integrals.

Procedure: Same as in the one dimensional case.

But: the domain of definition D is more complex.

Starting point: consider the case of two variables $n = 2$ and a domain of definition $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ of the form

$$D = [a_1, b_1] \times [a_2, b_2] \subset \mathbb{R}^2$$

i.e. D is compact cuboid (rectangle).

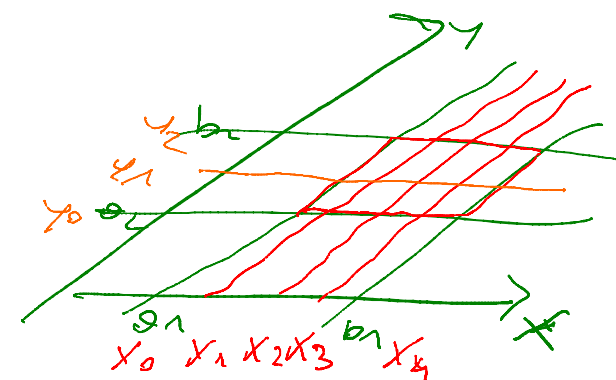
Let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a bounded function.

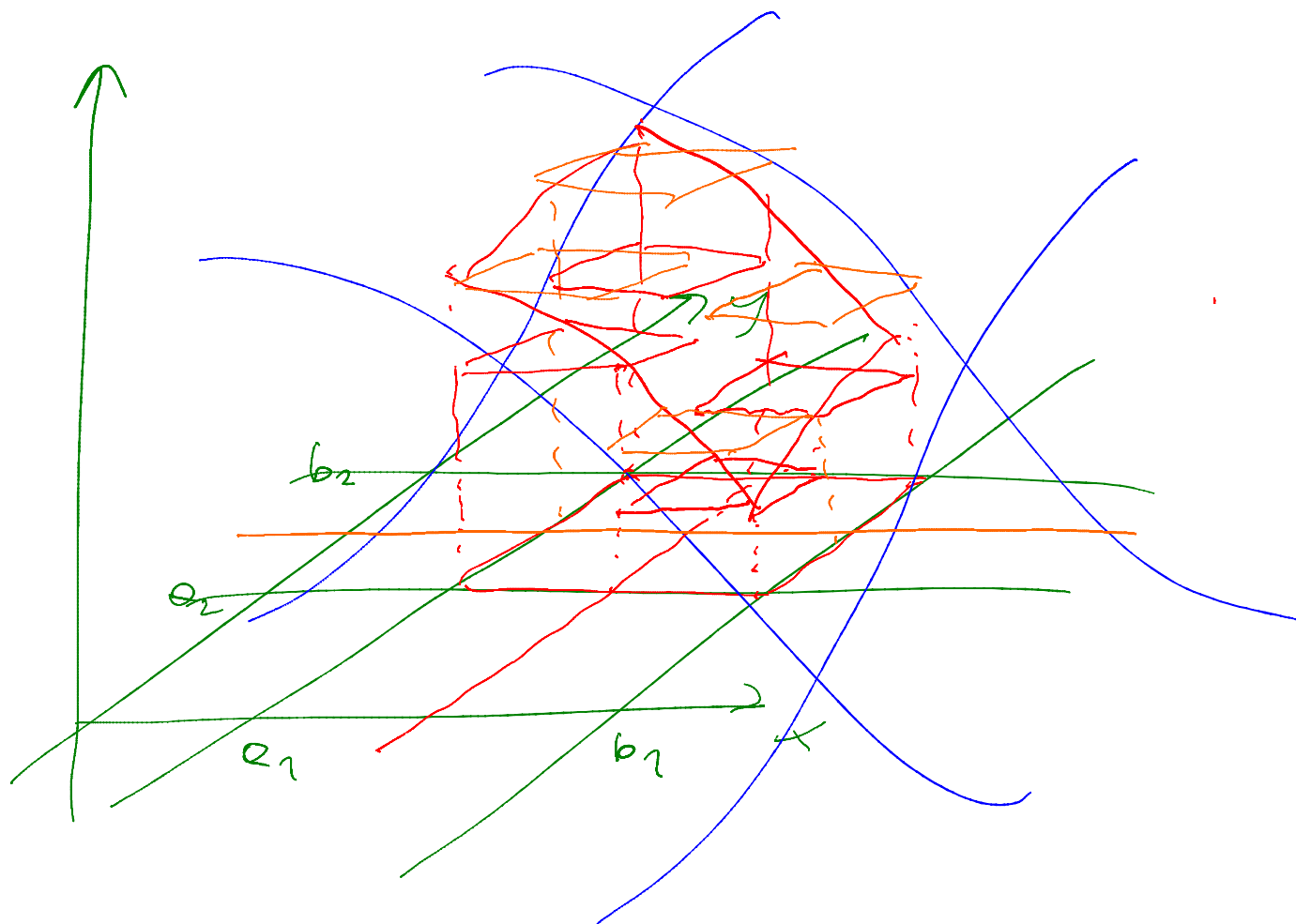
Definition: We call $Z = \{(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n), (y_0, y_1, \dots, y_m)\}$ a **partition** of the cuboid $D = [a_1, b_1] \times [a_2, b_2]$ if it holds

$$a_1 = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = b_1$$

$$a_2 = y_0 < y_1 < \dots < y_m = b_2$$

$\mathbf{Z}(D)$ denotes the **set of partitions** of D .





q_f
 u_f

Partitions and Riemann sums.

Definition:

- The fineness of a partition $Z \in \mathbf{Z}(D)$ is given by

$$\|Z\| := \max_{i,j} \{ \underbrace{|x_{i+1} - x_i|}_{\triangle x_i}, \underbrace{|y_{j+1} - y_j|}_{\triangle y_j} \}$$

- For a given partition Z the sets

$$Q_{ij} := [x_i, x_{i+1}] \times [y_j, y_{j+1}]$$

are called the subcuboid of the partition Z . The volume of the subcuboid Q_{ij} is given by

$$\text{vol}(Q_{ij}) := (x_{i+1} - x_i) \cdot (y_{j+1} - y_j)$$

- For arbitrary points $\underline{x_{ij}} \in Q_{ij}$ of the subcuboids we call

$$R_f(Z) := \sum_{i,j} \underline{f(\underline{x_{ij}})} \cdot \underline{\text{vol}(Q_{ij})}$$

a Riemann sum of the partition Z .

Riemann upper and lower sums.

Definition:

In analogy to the integral for the univariate case we call for a partition Z

Lower Sum $\underline{U}_f(Z) := \sum_{i,j} \inf_{\mathbf{x} \in Q_{ij}} f(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \text{vol}(Q_{ij})$

Upper Sum $\underline{O}_f(Z) := \sum_{i,j} \sup_{\mathbf{x} \in Q_{ij}} f(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \text{vol}(Q_{ij})$

the **Riemann lower sum** and the **Riemann upper sum** of $f(\mathbf{x})$, respectively.

Remark:

A Riemann sum for the partition Z lies always between the lower and the upper sum of that partition i.e.

$$U_f(Z) \leq R_f(Z) \leq O_f(Z)$$

Remark.

$$Z_0 = \{(x_0, x_1) \times (y_0, y_1)\}$$

If a partition Z_2 is obtained from a partition Z_1 by adding additional intermediate points x_i and/or y_j , then

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{monoton increasing} \\ U_f(Z_2) \geq U_f(Z_1) \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{monoton decreasing} \\ O_f(Z_2) \leq O_f(Z_1) \end{array}$$

For arbitrary two partitions Z_1 and Z_2 we always have:

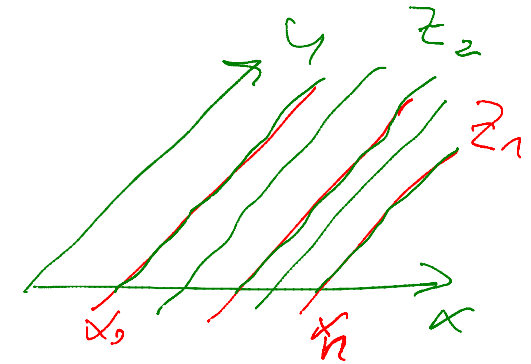
$$U_f(Z_0) \leq U_f(Z_1) \leq O_f(Z_0)$$

U_f bounded from below

$$U_f(Z_1) \leq O_f(Z_2)$$

$$O_f \text{ bounded from above}$$

$$U_f(Z_0) \leq O_f(Z_0)$$



Question: what happens to the lower and upper sums in the limit $\|Z\| \rightarrow 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} U_f &:= \sup\{U_f(Z) : Z \in \mathbf{Z}(D)\} \\ O_f &:= \inf\{O_f(Z) : Z \in \mathbf{Z}(D)\} \end{aligned}$$

Observation: Both values U_f and O_f exist since lower and upper sum are monoton and bounded.

$$U_f, O_f \text{ exist, but in general } U_f \neq O_f$$

Riemann upper and lower integrals.

Definition:

- ① The Riemann lower and upper integral of a function $f(\mathbf{x})$ on D is given by

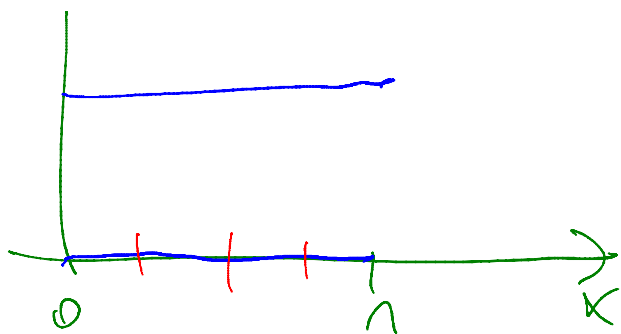
$$\int_D f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} := \sup\{U_f(Z) : Z \in \mathbf{Z}(D)\} = U_f$$

$$\int_{\underline{D}} f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} := \inf\{O_f(Z) : Z \in \mathbf{Z}(D)\} = O_f$$

Definition:

- ② The function $f(\mathbf{x})$ is called Riemann-integrable on D , if lower and upper integral coincide. The Riemann-integral of $f(\mathbf{x})$ on D is then given by

$$\int_D f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} := \int_{\underline{D}} f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = \int_{\overline{D}} f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$



$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \text{ rational } x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 1 & x \text{ irrational } x \in \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

$$U_f(x) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow U_f = 0$$

$$O_f(x) = 1 \\ O_f = 1$$

for any partition Z

f not Riemann integrable

Remark.

Up to now we have "only" considered the case of **two** variables:

$$f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad D \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

In higher dimensions, $n > 2$, the procedure is the same.

Notation: for $n = 2$ and $n = 3$

$$\int_D f(x, y) dx dy \quad \text{bzw.} \quad \int_D f(x, y, z) dx dy dz$$

or

$$\iint_D f(x, y) dx dy \quad \text{bzw.} \quad \iiint_D f(x, y, z) dx dy dz$$

respectively.

Elementary properties of the integral.

Theorem:

a) Linearity

$$\longrightarrow \int_D (\alpha f(\mathbf{x}) + \beta g(\mathbf{x})) d\mathbf{x} = \alpha \int_D f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} + \beta \int_D g(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

b) Monotonicity

If $f(\mathbf{x}) \leq g(\mathbf{x})$ for all $\mathbf{x} \in D$, then:

$$u_f(z) \leq u_g(z) \quad \forall z$$

$$0 \leq |f(z)| \leq |g(z)| \quad \forall z$$

$$\int_D f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \leq \int_D g(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

$$\text{if } f=0$$

$$0 \leq f(x) \Rightarrow 0 \leq \int_D f(x) dx$$

c) Positivity

If for all $\mathbf{x} \in D$ the relation $f(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0$ holds, i.e. $f(\mathbf{x})$ is non-negative, then

$$\int_D f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \geq 0$$

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + y$$

$$(x, y) \in [0, a] \times [0, b]$$

e.g. $x_i = \frac{a}{n} i$

$$i = 0, \dots, n$$

$$\Delta x_i = \frac{a}{n}$$

$$y_j = \frac{b}{m} j$$

$$j = 0, \dots, m$$

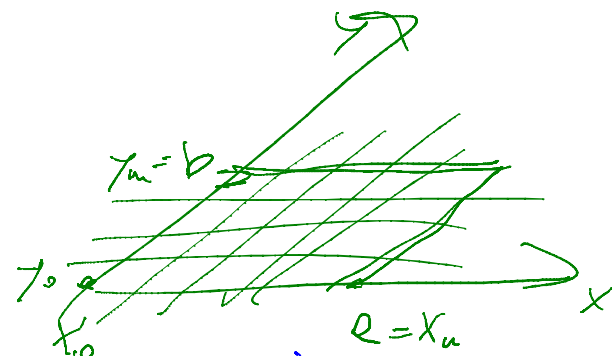
$$\Delta y_j = \frac{b}{m}$$

$$Q_f = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m (x_i^2 + y_j) \underbrace{\frac{a}{n} \frac{b}{m}}_{V(Q_{ij})}$$

is Q_f because

= function increasing

in x and y , we take always the right value



$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \left(\frac{a^2}{n^2} i^2 + \frac{b}{m} j \right) \frac{a}{n} \frac{b}{m} = \frac{a^3}{n^3} \frac{b}{m} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 \right) \left(\sum_{j=1}^m 1 \right) + \frac{a}{n} \frac{b^2}{m^2} \left(\sum_{j=1}^m 1 \right) \left(\sum_{j=1}^m j \right) =$$

$$= a^3 b \frac{1}{6} \frac{(1+\frac{1}{n})/(2+\frac{1}{n})}{1} + a b^2 \frac{1}{2} \frac{(1+\frac{1}{m})^6}{1} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a^3}{3} b + \frac{a b^2}{2}$$

$$U_f = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m (x_{i-1}^2 + y_{j-1}) \frac{a}{n} \frac{b}{m} = \dots = a^3 b \frac{(1-\frac{1}{n})/(2-\frac{1}{n}+\frac{1}{n})}{6} + a b^2 \frac{(1-\frac{1}{m})/1}{2}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{a^3}{3} b + \frac{a b^2}{2}$$

$$U_f = Q_f \quad \text{f. integrable}$$

$$\boxed{\int_0^a \int_0^b (x^2 + y) dy dx = \frac{a^3}{3} b + \frac{a b^2}{2}}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n 1 = n$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

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Additional properties of the integral.

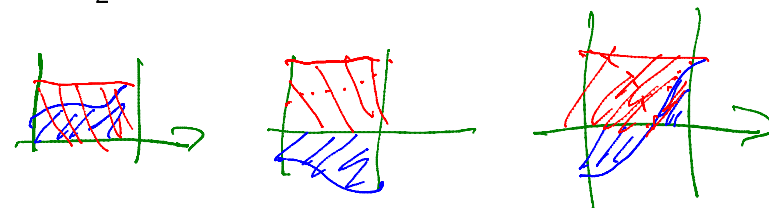
Theorem:

- a) Let D_1 , D_2 and D be cuboids, $D = D_1 \cup D_2$ and $\text{vol}(D_1 \cap D_2) = 0$, then $f(\mathbf{x})$ is on D integrable if and only if $f(\mathbf{x})$ is integrable on D_1 and D_2 . And we have

$$\int_D f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = \int_{D_1} f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} + \int_{D_2} f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

- b) The following **estimate** holds for the integral

$$\left| \int_D f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} \right| \leq \sup_{\mathbf{x} \in D} |f(\mathbf{x})| \cdot \text{vol}(D)$$



- c) **Riemann criterion**

$f(\mathbf{x})$ is integrable on D if and only if :

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad \exists Z \in \mathbf{Z}(D) \quad : \quad O_f(Z) - U_f(Z) < \varepsilon$$

Fubini's theorem.

Theorem: (Fubini's theorem) Let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be integrable, $D = [a_1, b_1] \times [a_2, b_2]$ be a cuboid. If the integrals

$$F(x) = \int_{a_2}^{b_2} f(x, y) dy \quad \text{und} \quad G(y) = \int_{a_1}^{b_1} f(x, y) dx$$

exist for all $x \in [a_1, b_1]$ and $y \in [a_2, b_2]$, respectively, then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_D f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} &= \int_{a_1}^{b_1} \underbrace{\int_{a_2}^{b_2} f(x, y) dy}_{F(x)} dx = \int_{a_1}^{b_1} F(x) dx \\ \int_D f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} &= \int_{a_2}^{b_2} \underbrace{\int_{a_1}^{b_1} f(x, y) dx}_{G(y)} dy = \int_{a_2}^{b_2} G(y) dy \end{aligned}$$

holds true.

Importance:

Fubini's theorem allows to reduce higher-dimensional integrals to one-dimensional integrals.

$$\int_0^b \int_0^a f(x,y) dx dy = \int_0^b \int_0^a (x^2 + y) dx dy = \int_0^b \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \Big|_0^a + y \cdot x \Big|_0^a \right] dy$$

$$= \int_0^b \left(\frac{a^3}{3} + ya \right) dy = \frac{a^3}{3} b + a \frac{b^2}{2}$$

Example.

Given the cuboid $D = [0, 1] \times [0, 2]$ and the function

$$f(x, y) = 2 - xy$$

We will show that continuous functions are integrable on cuboids. Thus we can apply Fubini's theorem:

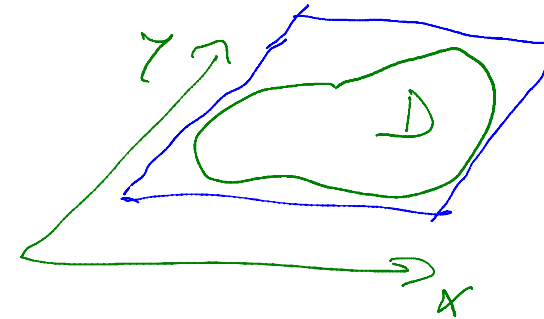
$$\begin{aligned} \int_D f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} &= \int_0^2 \underbrace{\int_0^1 f(x, y) dx}_{\text{Fubini}} dy = \int_0^2 \left[2x - \frac{x^2 y}{2} \right]_{x=0}^{x=1} dy \\ &= \int_0^2 \left(2 - \frac{y}{2} \right) dy = \left[2y - \frac{y^2}{4} \right]_{y=0}^{y=2} = 3 \end{aligned}$$

Remark: Fubini's theorem requires the integrability of $f(\mathbf{x})$. The existence of the two integrals $F(x)$ and $G(y)$ does **not** guarantee the integrability of $f(\mathbf{x})$!

The characteristic function.

Definition: Let $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ compact and $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ bounded. We set

$$f^*(\mathbf{x}) := \begin{cases} f(\mathbf{x}) & : \text{ if } \mathbf{x} \in D \\ 0 & : \text{ if } \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus D \end{cases}$$

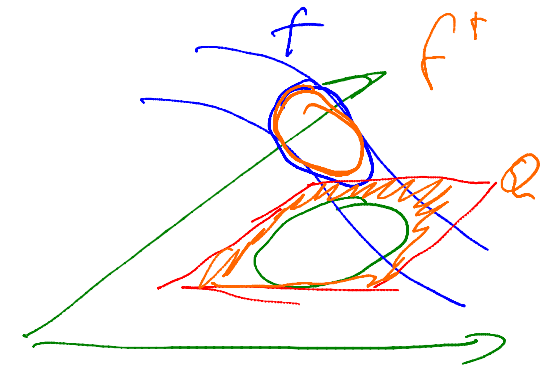


In particular for $f(\mathbf{x}) = 1$ we call $f^*(\mathbf{x})$ the **characteristic function** of D . The characteristic function of D is called $\chi_D(\mathbf{x})$.



Let Q be the smallest cuboid with $D \subset Q$. The function $f(\mathbf{x})$ is called **integrable** on D , if $f^*(\mathbf{x})$ is integrable on Q . We set

$$\int_D f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} := \int_Q f^*(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$



Measurability and null sets.

Definition: The compact set $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is called **measurable**, if the integral

closed and bounded

$$\text{vol}(D) := \int_D 1 d\mathbf{x} = \int_Q \chi_D(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

exists. We call $\text{vol}(D)$ the **volume** of D in \mathbb{R}^n .

The compact set D is called **null set**, if D is measurable and if $\text{vol}(D) = 0$ holds.

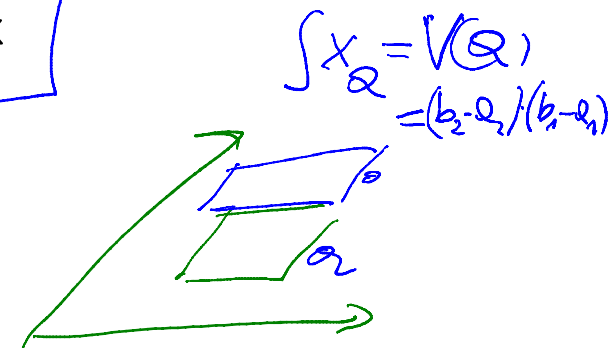
Remark:

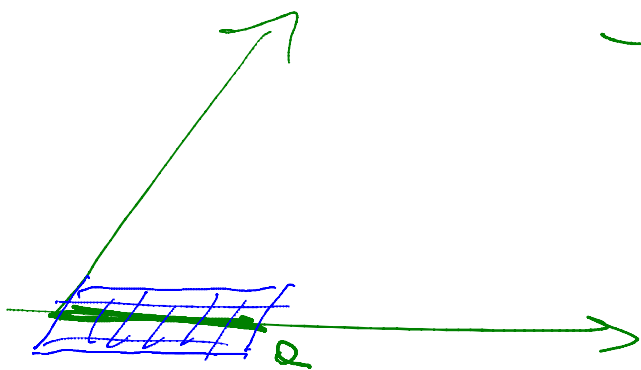
- If D a cuboid, then $Q = D$ and thus

$$\int_D f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = \int_Q f^*(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = \int_Q f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

i.e. the introduced concepts of integrability coincide.

- Cuboids are measurable sets.
- $\text{vol}(D)$ is the volume of the cuboid on \mathbb{R}^n .





$$D = [0, a] \times [0, 0]$$

$$\int_D f(x) dx = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} Q_f = 0 \\ U_f \geq 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

Three more properties of integration.

We have the following theorems for integrals in higher dimensions.

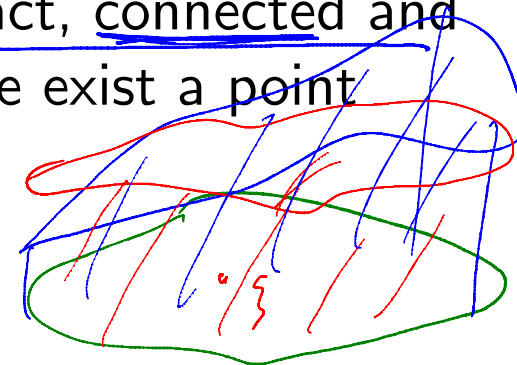
Theorem: Let $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be compact. D is measurable if and only if the boundary ∂D of D is a null set.



Theorem: Let $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be compact and measurable. Let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous. Then $f(\mathbf{x})$ is integrable on D .

Theorem: (Mean value theorem) Let $D \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ be compact, connected and measurable, and let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous, then there exist a point $\xi \in D$ with

$$\int_D f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = f(\xi) \cdot \text{vol}(D)$$



"Normal" areas.

Definition:

- A subset $D \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ is called "normal" area, there exist continuous functions g, h and \tilde{g}, \tilde{h} with

$$D = \{(x, y) \mid a \leq x \leq b \text{ und } g(x) \leq y \leq h(x)\}$$

and

$$D = \{(x, y) \mid \tilde{a} \leq y \leq \tilde{b} \text{ und } \tilde{g}(y) \leq x \leq \tilde{h}(y)\}$$

respectively.

- A subset $D \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ is called "normal" area, if there is a representation

$$D = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \mid a \leq x_i \leq b, g(x_i) \leq x_j \leq h(x_i)$$

$$\text{and } \varphi(x_i, x_j) \leq x_k \leq \psi(x_i, x_j) \}$$

with a permutation (i, j, k) of $(1, 2, 3)$ and continuous functions g, h, φ and ψ .

