

## Section Summary: 16.7

### Triple integrals

#### a. Definitions

The **triple integral** of  $f$  over the box  $B$  is

$$\iiint_R f(x, y, z) dV = \lim_{l, m, n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_{ijk}^*, y_{ijk}^*, z_{ijk}^*) \Delta V$$

#### b. Theorems

**Fubini's theorem for triple integrals:** If  $f$  is continuous on the box  $B = [a, b] \times [c, d] \times [r, s]$ , then

$$\iiint_R f(x, y, z) dV = \int_r^s \int_c^d \int_a^b f(x, y, z) dx dy dz$$

and all other permutations of the integral are equivalent.

#### c. Properties/Tricks/Hints/Etc.

Similar to the “Type I” and “Type II” regions of bivariate integrals, we have special regions for trivariate integrals. Type I is one where  $x$  and  $y$  lie within a fixed domain  $D$ , and values of  $z$  lie between functions of  $x$  and  $y$ :  $E = \{(x, y, z) \mid (x, y) \in D, u_1(x, y) \leq z \leq u_2(x, y)\}$ .

Then

$$\iiint_R f(x, y, z) dV = \int_r^s \int_c^d \left( \int_{u_1(x, y)}^{u_2(x, y)} f(x, y, z) dx dy \right) dz$$

#### d. Summary

There is no big news here: life just gets more complicated,

as we are required to consider more permutations of types of regions, etc. Hopefully a few examples will illuminate the situation.