

and lower Riemann integrals by $\bar{S}(f)$ and $\underline{S}(f)$. Then

$$(5.19) \quad \underline{S}(f) \leq \int f dV \leq \bar{\int} f dV \leq \bar{S}(f).$$

If $\underline{S}(f) = \bar{S}(f)$, then f is called *Riemann integrable*. Their common value $S(f)$ is the *Riemann integral* of f . From (5.19), if f is Riemann integrable, then f is integrable [in the sense of (5.16)] and

$$(5.20) \quad S(f) = \int f dV.$$

It can be proved that a bounded function f with compact support is Riemann integrable if and only if $V(\{x : f \text{ is discontinuous at } x\}) = 0$ [1, pp. 230 and 260].

PROBLEMS

1. Determine whether f is bounded. Find its support.

(a) $f(x) = x - |x|$.

(b) $f(x, y) = x \exp(-x^2 - y^2)$.

(c) $f(x, y) = 1$ if either x or y is a rational number, $f(x, y) = 0$ if both x and y are irrational.

(d) $f(x, y) = (x - y)|x + y| - (x + y)|x - y|$ if $|x| + |y| < 1$, $f(x, y) = 0$ if $|x| + |y| \geq 1$. Illustrate with a sketch.

2. Let $[a]$ denote the largest integer which is no greater than a (for instance, $[\pi] = 3$). Let $\phi(x, y) = [x + y]$ if $0 \leq x < r, 0 \leq y < s$, where r and s are positive integers. For all other (x, y) let $\phi(x, y) = 0$. Show that

$$\int \phi dV_2 = \frac{rs(r + s - 1)}{2}.$$

3. Let a unit square be divided into a square of side $(4m + 1)^{-1}$ in the center and $2m$ annular figures of equal width $(4m + 1)^{-1}$ surrounding it, as shown in Figure 5.5.

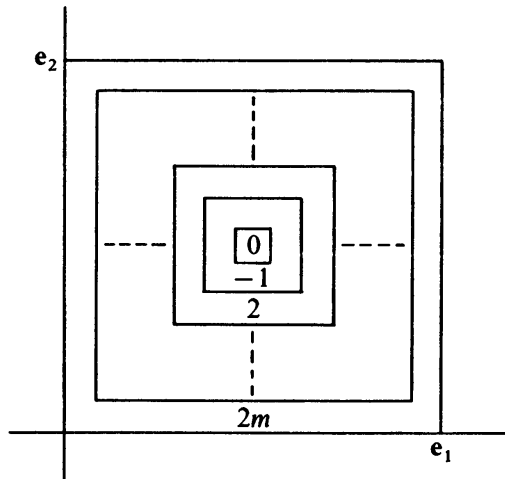


Figure 5.5

Let $\phi(x, y) = 0$ for (x, y) in the small square or outside the large square. Let $\phi(x, y) = (-1)^k k$ in the k th annular figure, $k = 1, \dots, 2m$. Show that

$$\int \phi dV_2 = \frac{8m(2m+1)}{(4m+1)^2}.$$

What is this approximately when m is large?

4. (a) Show that if f is integrable, then $\int (cf)dV = c \int f dV$. [Hint: Show that this is true if $c \geq 0$, and that $-\int g dV = \int (-g)dV$ for every g . If $c < 0$, set $g = cf$ and $g = -cf$.]
 (b) Show that $\int f dV \leq \int g dV$ if $f \leq g$.

5.4 Integrals over bounded sets

Let A be a bounded measurable set and f be a function that is bounded on A . More precisely, the domain of f contains A and there is a number C such that $|f(\mathbf{x})| \leq C$ for every $\mathbf{x} \in A$. Let us consider a new function with the same values as f on A and the value 0 otherwise. This function is denoted by f_A . Thus

$$f_A(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} f(\mathbf{x}) & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \in A \\ 0 & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \notin A. \end{cases}$$

The function f_A is bounded and has compact support. The values of f outside A should contribute nothing to the integral of f over A .

Definition. The function f is *integrable over A* if f_A is an integrable function. The *integral of f over A* is the number

$$(5.21) \quad \int_A f dV = \int f_A dV.$$

In later sections it is sometimes convenient to use the notation $\int_A f(\mathbf{x})dV(\mathbf{x})$ for the integral $\int_A f dV$. Moreover, we sometimes emphasize the role of the dimension n by writing dV_n instead of dV . When $n = 1$, we usually write $\int_A f(x)dx$ instead of $\int_A f(x)dV_1(x)$.

Proposition 5.4 implies that sums and scalar multiples of functions integrable over A are also integrable over A . Theorem 5.5 gives a widely applicable condition for integrability of f . In the meantime, we summarize a number of properties of the integral in the following theorem.

Theorem 5.4. *If all the integrals involved exist, then:*

- (1) $\int_A (f + g)dV = \int_A f dV + \int_A g dV$.
- (2) $\int_A (cf)dV = c \int_A f dV$.
- (3) $\int_A 1 dV = V(A)$.
- (4) If $f(\mathbf{x}) \leq g(\mathbf{x})$ for every $\mathbf{x} \in A$, then $\int_A f dV \leq \int_A g dV$.
- (5) If $|f(\mathbf{x})| \leq C$ for every $\mathbf{x} \in A$, then $|\int_A f dV| \leq \int_A |f| dV \leq CV(A)$.
- (6) If A is a null set, then $\int_A f dV = 0$.
- (7) If $A \cap B$ is a null set, then $\int_{A \cup B} f dV = \int_A f dV + \int_B f dV$.