

1. Compute the double integral

$$\iint_D \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} dA$$

where D is the right half of the unit disk (i.e. the half of the unit disk $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$ where $x \geq 0$).

Solution. The domain D is described by the inequalities

$$-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad 0 \leq r \leq 1.$$

The function $f(x, y) = \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}$ in polar coordinates is

$$f(x, y) = \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} = \frac{r \sin \theta}{(r \cos \theta)^2 + (r \sin \theta)^2} = \frac{r \sin \theta}{r^2(\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)} = \frac{\sin \theta}{r}.$$

Using change of variables in polar coordinates gives

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_D \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} dA &= \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^1 \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{r} \right) r dr d\theta \\ &= \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^1 \sin \theta dr d\theta \\ &= \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin \theta \left(\int_0^1 1 dr \right) d\theta \\ &= \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin \theta d\theta \\ &= (-\cos \theta) \Big|_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Alternate solution. The double integral is the signed volume of the region D between the graph of $f(x, y) = \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}$ and the xy -plane. Note that $f(x, y)$ takes opposite values at (x, y) and $(x, -y)$:

$$f(x, -y) = \frac{-y}{x^2 + (-y)^2} = -\frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} = -f(x, y).$$

By symmetry, the signed volume of the region below the xy -plane where $y \leq 0$ cancels with the signed volume of the region above the xy -plane where $y \geq 0$. Thus

$$\iint_D \frac{y}{x^2 + y^2} dA = 0.$$

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