

DOUBLE INTEGRALS

Double integrals can be evaluated by expressing it in terms of two single integrals. If the region R is bounded by curves $x = x_1, x = x_2$ and $y = y_1, y = y_2$ then

$$I = \iint_R f(x, y) dx dy = \int_{y_1}^{y_2} \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(x, y) dx dy$$

To evaluate this double integral, we proceed as follows

Case (i) Let x_1, x_2 and y_1, y_2 be constants, then it does not matter, whether we first integrate with respect to x and, then with respect to y or vice versa.

Case (ii) Let x_1, x_2 be constants and y_1, y_2 be functions of x , where $y_1 = f_1(x)$ and $y_2 = f_2(x)$. In this case $f(x, y)$ is first integrated with respect to y , treating x as constant between the limits $y_1 = f_1(x)$, $y_2 = f_2(x)$ and, then the resulting expression is integrated with respect to x between the limits x_1 and x_2 .

$$\text{i.e. } I = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left[\int_{f_1(x)}^{f_2(x)} f(x, y) dy \right] dx$$

Case (iii) Let y_1, y_2 be constants and x_1, x_2 be functions of y , where $x_1 = g_1(y)$, $x_2 = g_2(y)$. In this case $f(x, y)$ is first integrated with respect to x treating y as constant between the limits $x_1 = g_1(y)$ and $x_2 = g_2(y)$ and, then the resulting expression is integrated with respect to y between the limits y_1 and y_2 .

$$\text{i.e., } I = \int_{y_1}^{y_2} \left[\int_{g_1(y)}^{g_2(y)} f(x, y) dx \right] dy$$

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Case (iv) Let R be the region bounded by the simple closed curve C

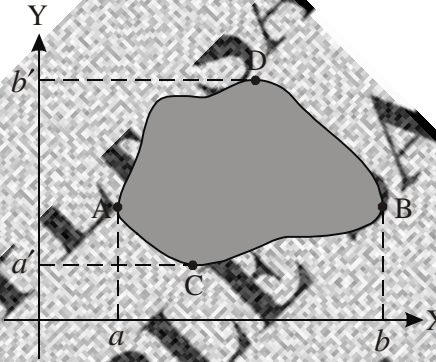


Figure 3.1

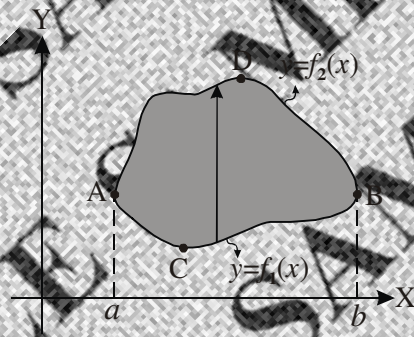


Figure 3.1(a)

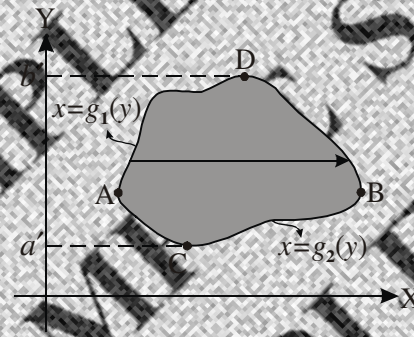


Figure 3.1(b)

Let a be the least and b be the greatest values of x in this region. Now, let $y = f_1(x)$ be the equation of the curve ACB and $y = f_2(x)$ be the equation of the curve ADB . Thus x varies from a to b and y varies from $f_1(x)$ to $f_2(x)$

$$\text{Therefore, } I = \int_a^b \int_{f_1(x)}^{f_2(x)} f(x, y) dy dx$$

Using case (ii), we can evaluate the above integral.

We can construct the integral I in an alternative way by taking constant limits for y as explained below.

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Let a' be the least and b' be the greatest values of y in the region. Now let $x = g_1(y)$ be the equation of the curve DAC and $x = g_2(y)$ be the equation of the curve DBC . Therefore, y varies from a' to b' and x varies from $g_1(y)$ to $g_2(y)$

$$\therefore I = \int_{a'}^{b'} \int_{g_1(y)}^{g_2(y)} f(x, y) dx dy$$

Using case (iii), we can evaluate the above integral.

Worked Examples

1. Evaluate $\int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{dx dy}{\sqrt{(1-x^2)}(1-y^2)}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{dx dy}{\sqrt{(1-x^2)}(1-y^2)} &= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{dx dy}{\sqrt{1-x^2} \cdot \sqrt{1-y^2}} \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} \left[\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx \right] dy \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} \left[\sin^{-1} x \right]_0^1 dy = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-y^2}} \left[\frac{\pi}{2} - 0 \right] dy \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} \left[\sin^{-1} y \right]_0^1 = \frac{\pi}{2} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 0 \right) = \frac{\pi^2}{4} \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

2. Evaluate $\int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin(x+y) dy dx$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{Let } I &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin(x+y) dy dx \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \left[-\cos(x+y) \right]_0^{\pi/2} dx \quad \left[\int \sin(a+x) dx = -\cos(a+x) \right] \\ &= - \int_0^{\pi/2} \left[\cos \left(x + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) - \cos x \right] dx = - \int_0^{\pi/2} [-\sin x - \cos x] dx \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_0^{\pi/2} (\sin x + \cos x) dx = -\cos x + \sin x \Big|_0^{\pi/2} \\
 &= -(0-1) + (1-0) = 2
 \end{aligned}$$

3. Evaluate $\int_0^1 \int_{x^2}^x (x^2 + 3y + 2) dy dx$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rightarrow \int_0^1 \int_{x^2}^x (x^2 + 3y + 2) dy dx &= \int_0^1 (x^2 + 2)y + \frac{3y^2}{2} \Big|_{x^2}^x dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 (x^2 + 2)(x - x^2) + \frac{3}{2}(x^2 - x^4) dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 \left[(x^3 + 2x - x^4 - 2x^2) + \frac{3}{2}x^2 - \frac{3}{2}x^4 \right] dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (2x^3 + 4x - 2x^4 - 4x^2 + 3x^2 - 3x^4) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (-5x^4 + 2x^3 - x^2 + 4x) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[-\frac{5x^5}{5} + \frac{2x^4}{4} - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{4x^2}{2} \right]_0^1 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[-(1-0) + \frac{1}{2}(1-0) - \frac{1}{3}(1-0) + 2(1-0) \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[-1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + 2 \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{-6+3-2+12}{6} \right] = \frac{7}{12}
 \end{aligned}$$

4. Evaluate $\int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} (x+y)^2 dy dx$

$$\rightarrow \text{Let } I = \int_0^1 \int_0^{1-x} (x+y)^2 dy dx$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_0^1 \left. \frac{(x+y)^3}{3} \right|_0^{(1-x)} dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} \int_0^1 [(x+1-x)^3 - (x+0)^3] dx = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^1 (1-x^3) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} \left[x - \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{3} \left[(1-0) - \frac{1}{4}(1-0) \right] = \frac{1}{3} \left(1 - \frac{1}{4} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

5. Evaluate $\int_1^2 \int_0^{2-y} xy dx dy$

➔ Let $I = \int_1^2 \int_0^{2-y} xy dx dy$

$$= \int_1^2 \left. y \frac{x^2}{2} \right|_0^{2-y} dy = \frac{1}{2} \int_1^2 y [(2-y)^2 - 0] dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_1^2 y [4 + y^2 - 4y] dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_1^2 (4y + y^3 - 4y^2) dy = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{4y^2}{2} + \frac{y^4}{4} - 4 \frac{y^3}{3} \right]_1^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[2(2^2 - 1^2) + \frac{1}{4}(2^4 - 1^4) - \frac{4}{3}(2^3 - 1^3) \right]$$

$$= \frac{5}{24}$$

6. Evaluate $\int_0^1 \int_0^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} xye^{x^2} dy dx$

➔ Let $I = \int_0^1 \int_0^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} xye^{x^2} dy dx$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_0^1 xe^{x^2} \frac{y^2}{2} \Big|_0^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 xe^{x^2} (1-x^2-0) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 x(1-x^2)e^{x^2} dx
 \end{aligned}$$

Put $x^2 = t \Rightarrow 2x dx = dt \Rightarrow x dx = \frac{dt}{2}$

If $x = 0 \Rightarrow t = 0$, if $x = 1 \Rightarrow t = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore I &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (1-t) e^t \frac{dt}{2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \left[(1-t) e^t \right]_0^1 - \int_0^1 (-1) e^t dt \right\} \quad \text{[By integration by parts]} \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \left[(0-1) + e^t \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{4} [-1 + (e-1)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} (e-2)
 \end{aligned}$$

7. Evaluate $\int_0^1 \int_x^{\sqrt{x}} xy dy dx$

► Let $I = \int_0^1 \int_x^{\sqrt{x}} xy dy dx$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_0^1 x \frac{y^2}{2} \Big|_x^{\sqrt{x}} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 x(x-x^2) dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (x^2-x^3) dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^1 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{12} \right] \\
 &= \frac{1}{24}
 \end{aligned}$$

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8. Evaluate $\int_0^{2a} \int_0^{\sqrt{2ax-x^2}} xy \, dy \, dx$

\Rightarrow Let $I = \int_0^{2a} \int_0^{\sqrt{2ax-x^2}} xy \, dy \, dx$
 $= \int_0^{2a} x \left[\frac{y^2}{2} \right]_0^{\sqrt{2ax-x^2}} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2a} x [(2ax-x^2) - 0] dx$
 $= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2a} (2ax^2 - x^3) dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[2a \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^{2a}$
 $= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{2a}{3} [(2a)^3 - 0] - \frac{1}{4} [(2a)^4 - 0] \right]$
 $= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{16a^4}{3} - \frac{16a^4}{4} \right] = \frac{16a^4}{2} \left[\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \right]$
 $= 8a^4 \left(\frac{4-3}{12} \right) = \frac{2a^4}{3}$

9. Evaluate $\iint_R (x^2 + y^2) \, dx \, dy$ when R is the triangle bounded by the lines $y=0$, $y=x$ and $x=1$

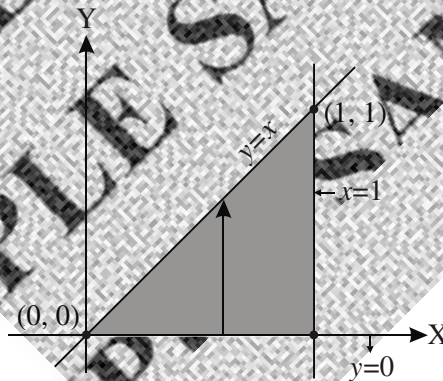


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Here the minimum value of x is 0 and maximum value is 1 . Therefore x varies from 0 to 1 , and y varies from the line $y = 0$ to the line $y = x$

$$\therefore x: 0 \rightarrow 1, y: 0 \rightarrow x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \iint_A (x^2 + y^2) dx dy &= \int_{x=0}^1 \int_{y=0}^x (x^2 + y^2) dy dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \left[x^2 y + \frac{y^3}{3} \right]_0^x dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \left[x^2(x-0) + \frac{1}{3}(x^3-0) \right] dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \left(x^3 + \frac{x^3}{3} \right) dx \\ &= \frac{4}{3} \int_0^1 x^3 dx = \frac{4}{3} \left[\frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{3}(1-0) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

10. Evaluate $\iint_A xy dx dy$ when A is area bounded by the circle $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$ in the first quadrant.

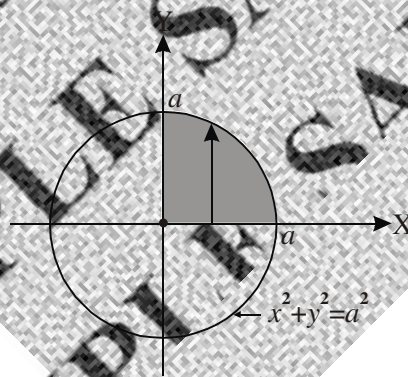


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Here the minimum value of x is 0 and the maximum value is a .
Therefore, $x:0 \rightarrow a$ and y varies from the line $y = 0$ to the circle
 $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$

$$\therefore y^2 = a^2 - x^2 \Rightarrow y = \pm\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$$

We take $y = \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$ because y is positive above the x -axis

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore y:0 &\rightarrow \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} \\ \therefore \iint_A xy \, dx \, dy &= \int_0^a \int_0^{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} xy \, dy \, dx \\ &= \int_0^a x \left[\frac{y^2}{2} \right]_0^{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^a x [a^2 - x^2 - 0] dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^a (a^2 x - x^3) dx = \frac{1}{2} \left[a^2 \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^a = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{a^4}{2} - \frac{a^4}{4} \right] \\ &= \frac{a^4}{8} \end{aligned}$$

11. Evaluate $\iint_R xy \, dx \, dy$ where R is the region bounded by x -axis, the ordinate $x=2a$ and the parabola $x^2 = 4ay$

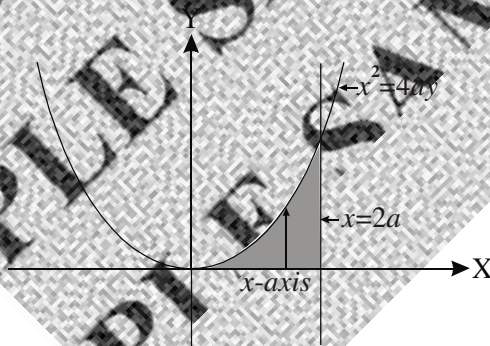


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Here the minimum value of x is 0 and maximum value is $2a \Rightarrow x: 0 \rightarrow 2a$ and y varies from x axis to the parabola

$$x^2 = 4ay \Rightarrow y: 0 \rightarrow \frac{x^2}{4a}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_R xy \, dx \, dy &= \int_0^{2a} \int_0^{\frac{x^2}{4a}} xy \, dy \, dx \\ &= \int_0^{2a} x \left. \frac{y^2}{2} \right|_0^{\frac{x^2}{4a}} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2a} \frac{x^5}{16a^2} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{32a^2} \left. \frac{x^6}{6} \right|_0^{2a} \\ &= \frac{1}{32a^2 \times 6} (2a)^6 = \frac{a^4}{3} \end{aligned}$$

12. If R is the region bounded by the parabolas $x = y^2$ and $y = x^2$

show that $\iint_R xy(x+y) \, dx \, dy = \frac{3}{28}$

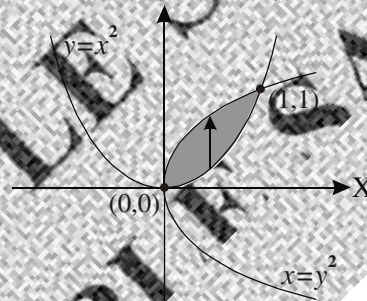


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The given curves are

$$y = x^2 \quad \text{---(1)}$$

$$x = y^2 \quad \text{---(2)}$$

To find the points of intersection we substitute (2) in (1)

$$\therefore y = (y^2)^2 = y^4$$

$$y - y^4 = 0$$

$$y(1 - y^3) = 0$$

$$\therefore y = 0 \text{ or } y = 1$$

$$\therefore \text{If } y = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \quad \text{if } y = 1 \Rightarrow x = 1$$

Therefore, the parabolas intersect at (0,0) and (1,1) $\therefore x: 0 \rightarrow 1$ and y varies from the parabola $y = x^2$ to the parabola $y^2 = x$

$$\text{i.e., } y: x^2 \rightarrow \sqrt{x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_R xy(x+y) dx dy &= \int_0^1 \int_{x^2}^{\sqrt{x}} xy(x+y) dy dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \int_{x^2}^{\sqrt{x}} (x^2 y + xy^2) dy dx = \int_0^1 \left[x^2 \frac{y^2}{2} + x \frac{y^3}{3} \right]_{x^2}^{\sqrt{x}} dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \left[\frac{x^2}{2} (x - x^4) + \frac{x}{3} \left((\sqrt{x})^3 - x^6 \right) \right] dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \left(\frac{x^3}{2} - \frac{x^6}{2} + \frac{x^{7/2}}{3} - \frac{x^7}{3} \right) dx \\ &= \left[\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{x^7}{7} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{x^{7/2}}{(7/2)} - \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{x^8}{8} \right]_0^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{2 \cdot 4} - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 7} + \frac{2}{3 \cdot 7} - \frac{1}{3 \cdot 8} \\ &= \frac{7 \cdot 3 - 3 \cdot 4 + 16 - 7}{7 \cdot 3 \cdot 8} = \frac{21 - 12 + 9}{7 \cdot 3 \cdot 8} = \frac{18}{7 \cdot 3 \cdot 8} \\ &= \frac{3}{28} \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

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13. Evaluate $\iint_R y^2 dx dy$ where R is the region bounded by the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$

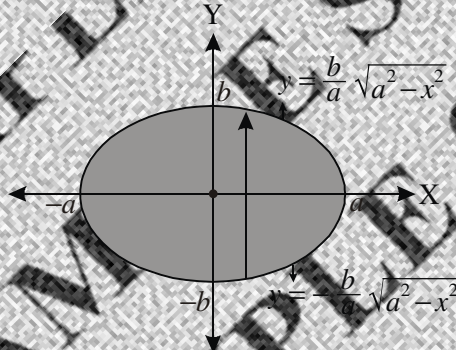


Figure 3.6

Here x varies from $-a$ to a and

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$$

$$\frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2}$$

$$y^2 = \frac{b^2}{a^2} (a^2 - x^2)$$

$$y = \pm \frac{b}{a} \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$$

$$y: -\frac{b}{a} \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} \Rightarrow \frac{b}{a} \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$$

Therefore,

$$\iint_R y^2 dx dy = \int_{-\frac{b}{a} \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}^{\frac{b}{a} \sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} y^2 dy dx$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_{-a}^a \frac{y^3}{3} \left[\frac{b}{a} \sqrt{a^2-x^2} - \frac{b}{a} \sqrt{a^2-x^2} \right] dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} \int_{-a}^a \left[\frac{b^3}{a^3} (a^2-x^2)^{3/2} + \frac{b^3}{a^3} (a^2-x^2)^{3/2} \right] dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} \int_{-a}^a \frac{2b^3}{a^3} (a^2-x^2)^{3/2} dx = \frac{2b^3}{3a^3} \int_{-a}^a (a^2-x^2)^{3/2} dx \\
 &= \frac{2b^3}{3a^3} 2 \int_0^a (a^2-x^2)^{3/2} dx = \frac{4b^3}{3a^3} \int_0^a (a^2-x^2)^{3/2} dx
 \end{aligned}$$

Put $x = a \sin \theta \Rightarrow dx = a \cos \theta d\theta$

If $x = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = 0$, if $x = a \Rightarrow \theta = \pi/2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{4b^3}{3a^3} \int_0^{\pi/2} (a^2 - a^2 \sin^2 \theta)^{3/2} a \cos \theta d\theta \\
 &= \frac{4b^3}{3a^3} \int_0^{\pi/2} a^3 \cos^3 \theta \cdot a \cos \theta d\theta \\
 &= \frac{4b^3}{3} a \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^4 \theta d\theta = \frac{4b^3 a}{3} \left(\frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = \frac{ab^3 \pi}{4} \quad \blacksquare
 \end{aligned}$$

14. Evaluate $\iint_R dx dy$ where R is the region bounded by the lines $y = x$, $x + y = 4$, $y = 1$ and $y = 0$

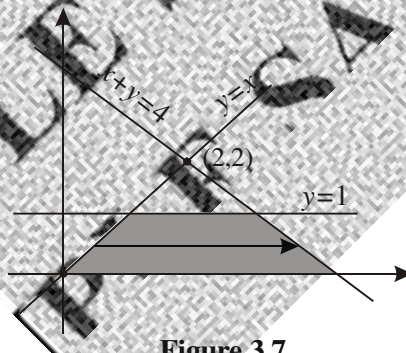


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Here y varies from 0 to 1 and x varies from the line $y = x$ to the line $x + y = 4$

i.e., $y: 0 \rightarrow 1, x: y \rightarrow 4 - y$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } \iint_R dx dy &= \int_0^1 \int_y^{4-y} dx dy \\ &= \int_0^1 x \Big|_y^{4-y} dy = \int_0^1 (4 - y - y) dy \\ &= \int_0^1 (4 - 2y) dy = 4y - \frac{2y^2}{2} \Big|_0^1 \\ &= 4(1 - 0) - (1 - 0) = 4 - 1 = 3 \end{aligned}$$

15. Evaluate $\iint_R dx dy$ where R is the region bounded between the parabola $y = x^2$ and the line $x + y = 2$

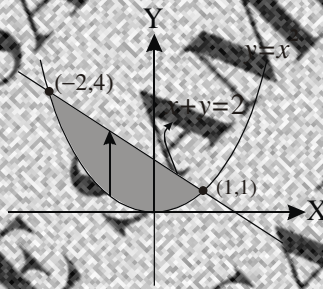


Figure 3.8

$$y = x^2 \quad \text{---(1)}$$

$$x + y = 2 \quad \text{---(2)}$$

Substituting (1) in (2), we get

$$x + x^2 = 2$$

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