

You recently learned how to find the area of a surface by parameterizing, then evaluating the appropriate integral. The first exercise is a review of that concept. In the second problem we will generalize the idea of surface area, introducing a new type of integral: surface integrals of scalar fields.

1. Find the surface area of the part of the surface $z^2 = 4x^2 + 4y^2$ lying between $z = 0$ and $z = 2$.
 - (a) Find the intersection of the surface $z^2 = 4x^2 + 4y^2$ and $z = 2$.
 - (b) Graph the surface we are trying to find the area of.
 - (c) Parameterize the surface using cylindrical coordinates to get $\mathbf{r}(r, \theta)$. Don't forget to include the intervals for the parameters.
 - (d) A rectangle with dimensions Δr and $\Delta \theta$ gets mapped by the parameterization onto the surface, to a patch that is roughly a parallelogram. The area of this patch is approximately calculated by the formula $\Delta S = \frac{\Delta r \Delta \theta \sqrt{4r^2 + 4}}{2}$. Calculate the area ΔS for this surface.
 - (e) Find the total surface area by integrating.

2. In an integral for surface area, we use the differential $|\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| du dv$, which geometrically represents:

3. A student asks "We have calculated $\iint_R |\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| du dv$, which is a double integral. I thought a double-integral gives a volume, so why does this integral only give an area?" Respond to this student.

We have seen that the area of a parameterized surface $\mathbf{r}(u, v)$ over the region R can be found by calculating

$$\iint_R 1 |\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| \, du \, dv.$$

The idea of a surface integral is to generalize by replacing the “1” with an arbitrary function.

4. Suppose the surface of problem 1 has a variable density of $\rho(x, y, z) = \sqrt{4 - z^2}$. Find its total mass. Assume the units of mass are grams, and the units of distance are meters.
- What are the units of ρ ?
 - In the previous problem, we calculated the area of a patch as $|\mathbf{r}_r \times \mathbf{r}_\theta| \Delta r \Delta \theta = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.
 - What is the mass of a patch?
 - Integrate to find the total mass.

The surface integral of a function $f(x, y, z)$ (i.e., a scalar field) over a surface S is written $\iint_S f(x, y, z) \, dS$. It is computed by $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ the surface S as $\mathbf{r}(u, v)$ and computing $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$, (where R defines the domain of u and v).

- Practice at home: Re-do the integrals in problems 1 and 4 using spherical coordinates. Make sure you get the same numerical answers as when you did the calculations in cylindrical coordinates.
- Practice at home: Use spherical coordinates to find the area of the part of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 16$ that lies above the plane $z = 2$. Then find the mass of that surface if the density is given by $\rho = z$.