

Direct Calculation Methods for Integrals

1. *Definite Integral*: $\int_a^b f(x) dx$. Here a and b could involve other variables besides x . Use Calculus I and II to solve these.
2. *Line Integral*: $\int_C M dx + N dy + P dz$ or $\int_C f ds$. Use this three-step procedure:
 - (a) Parametrize C in terms of t , say, with $a \leq t \leq b$.
 - (b) Compute differentials dx, dy, dz, ds as needed.
 - (c) Reduce line integral to a definite integral on interval $a \leq t \leq b$ by substitution.
3. *Iterated Integral*: $\int_a^b \int_{f(v)}^{g(v)} F(u, v) du dv$ or $\int_a^b \int_{f(w)}^{g(w)} \int_{g(v, w)}^{h(v, w)} F(u, v, w) du dv dw$. These are just definite integrals two or three times.
4. *Double or Triple Integral*: $\iint_R f dA$ or $\iiint_D f dV$. Use a Fubini-type theorem to reduce these to iterated integrals.
5. *Surface Integrals*: $\iint_S f d\sigma$. Use this three-step procedure:
 - (a) Parametrize S in terms of u, v , say, with $(u, v) \in R$, a region in the uv -plane and write out a position vector $\mathbf{r}(u, v) = \langle x(u, v), y(u, v), z(u, v) \rangle$ for points on S .
 - (b) Compute differential $d\sigma = |\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| dA$, where dA is differential area in uv -plane.
Important special case where this is “precomputed:” If S is the graph of $z = f(x, y)$, then $d\sigma = \sqrt{f_x^2 + f_y^2 + 1} dA$, where dA is differential area in the xy -plane.
 - (c) Reduce surface integral to a double integral over R by substitution.
6. *Flux Integral*: $\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} d\sigma$. Here \mathbf{n} is a continuous unit normal vector to S . Use same three-step procedure as in 5, except that in (b) $\mathbf{n} d\sigma = \pm \mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v dA$.
Important special case where this is “precomputed:” If S is the graph of $z = f(x, y)$, then $\mathbf{n} d\sigma = \pm \langle -f_x, -f_y, 1 \rangle dA$, where dA is differential area in the xy -plane.

Indirect Calculation Methods for Integrals

The idea is to indirectly calculate one side by directly calculating the other side of one of the following theorems.

1. (Flux integrals) **Gauss Divergence Theorem** in 3-D:

$$\iint_S \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} d\sigma = \iiint_D \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} dV$$

Here the boundary of the solid D is the (closed) surface $S = \partial D$ with outward pointing normal \mathbf{n} .

2. Specialize the Divergence Theorem to 2-D in xy -plane and obtain the **flux form of Green’s Theorem** for boundary closed curve $C = \partial R$ positively oriented with respect to the region R in the xy -plane:

$$\oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} ds = \oint_C M dy - N dx = \iint_R (M_x + N_y) dA = \iint_R \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F} dA$$

3. (Flow Integrals) **Stokes’ Theorem**:

$$\oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \iint_S \nabla \times \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{n} d\sigma$$

Here $C = \partial S$ is the closed boundary of the surface S , positively oriented with respect to the surface normal \mathbf{n} .

4. Specialize Stokes’ Theorem to 2-D in xy -plane and obtain the **flow form of Green’s Theorem** for boundary closed curve $C = \partial R$ positively oriented with respect to the region R in the xy -plane:

$$\oint_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \oint_C M dx + N dy = \iint_R (N_x - M_y) dA = \iint_R \nabla \times \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{k} dA$$