

Exam Question

Topic: Double Integral

By changing the variables so that the region R is transformed into a square, evaluate the integral

$$\iint_R (5(y - x^2)^4 + 6xy) (y + 2x^2) d(x, y),$$

where R is the region in the first quadrant bounded by the curves

$$y = x^2, \quad y = x^2 + 1, \quad xy = 1, \quad xy = 2.$$

Solution

Let $u = y - x^2$; $v = xy$.

$$\left| \frac{\partial(u, v)}{\partial(x, y)} \right| = \left| \begin{pmatrix} -2x & 1 \\ y & x \end{pmatrix} \right| = |y + 2x^2| = y + 2x^2 \quad \text{in the first quadrant.}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_1^2 dv \int_0^1 (5u^4 + 6v) du = \int_1^2 [u^5 + 6uv]_{u=0}^1 dv \\ &= \int_1^2 (1 + 6v) dv = [v + 3v^2]_1^2 = 10. \end{aligned}$$