

Exam Question**Topic: Double Integral in Polars**

Evaluate the double integral

$$\iint_R \ln(1 + x^2 + y^2) \, d(x, y),$$

where R is the region given by

$$\{(x, y): x^2 + y^2 \leq 1 \text{ and } x \leq 0\}.$$

Given your answer both in terms of \ln and also as a decimal correct to 3 places.

Solution

Changing to polar coordinates gives

$$I = \int_0^1 dr \int_{\pi/2}^{3\pi/2} \ln(1 + r^2) \cdot r \, d\theta = \pi \int_0^1 r \ln(1 + r^2) \, dr.$$

Let $1 + r^2 = u$; $2r \, dr = du$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } I &= \pi \int_1^2 \ln u \, du = \frac{\pi}{2} [u \ln u - u]_1^2 \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} [2 \ln 2 - 2 - 1 \ln 1 + 1] = \frac{\pi}{2} [2 \ln 2 - 1] = 0.607 \quad (3 \text{ d.p.}) \end{aligned}$$