

§15.8 Substitutions in

multiple integrals

Now we will discuss a general form of the chain rule. (Sort of already covered this in the lecture on differential forms.)

Suppose we want to integrate $f(x,y)$ $dx dy$ over a region R .

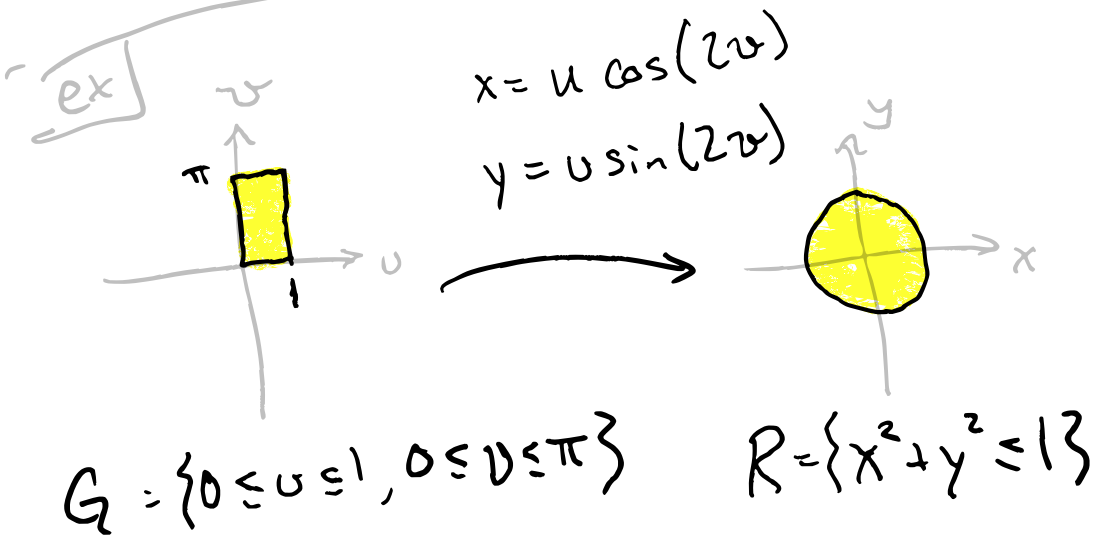
$$\iint_R f(x,y) dx dy$$

Suppose x and y are themselves functions of independent variables u and v ,

$$x = g(u, v), \quad y = h(u, v).$$

The preimage G of R under (g, h) is

$$G = \{ (u, v) \mid (x, y) = (g(u, v), h(u, v)) \in R \}$$



We will assume that (g, h) is one-to-one on the interior of G , and that it maps G onto R . That is,

- for every $(x, y) \in R$, there exists some (u, v) such that $g(u, v) = x$ and $h(u, v) = y$;
- if $g(u_1, v_1) = x = g(u_2, v_2)$ and $h(u_2, v_2) = y = h(u_1, v_1)$, with (u_1, v_1) and (u_2, v_2) in the interior of G , then $(u_1, v_1) = (u_2, v_2)$.

The Jacobian determinant
associated to this coordinate
change is

$$J(u, v) = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} - \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \frac{\partial y}{\partial u}.$$

We also denote this by $\frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(u, v)}$.

In diff. forms lecture I mistakenly
wrote $\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{vmatrix}$ This will work out
the same, but
the above order
is "better".

Then the higher-dimensional chain rule is:

Thm Suppose $f(x, y)$ is continuous on $\mathbb{R}$. Let G be the preimage of $\mathbb{R}$ under $x = g(u, v)$, $y = h(u, v)$, with (g, h) one-to-one on the interior of G . If g and h have continuous first partial derivatives throughout G , then

$$\iint_{\mathbb{R}} f(x, y) dx dy = \iint_G f(g(u, v), h(u, v)) |J(u, v)| du dv$$

⚠ In the definition of $J(u, v)$ we used $| \quad |$ for a determinant, but in the above formula we're taking the absolute value of $J(u, v)$.

This might look strange: after all, the one-variable chain rule

is

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_{g^{-1}(a)}^{g^{-1}(b)} f(g(u)) g'(u) du$$

with no absolute value around $g'(u)$.

The reason is that the integral we learned in single-variable calculus is an oriented integral: we don't just integrate over $[a, b]$, like $\int_{[a, b]} f(x) dx$, we integrate

from a to b , so $\int_a^b f(x) dx$.

And we define $\int_b^a f(x) dx = - \int_a^b f(x) dx$

for $a < b$.

We haven't discussed orientation

in higher dimensions (and we won't), but if we did, then the absolute value sign would go away. Similarly, in one-dimensional unoriented integration we do have

$$\int_{[a,b]} f(x) dx = \int_{g^{-1}[a,b]} f(g(u)) |g'(u)| du.$$

Substitution for triple integrals is the same, where now

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial w} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial w} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial w} \end{vmatrix}.$$

Let's see some examples!

ex] Find

$$\int_1^3 \int_{1/y}^y \frac{y}{\sqrt{x}} e^{\sqrt{xy}} dx dy$$

Let's make the substitution

$u = \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}}$, $v = \sqrt{xy}$. We need
to solve these for (x, y) :

$$x = \frac{v}{u}, \quad y = uv.$$

The Jacobian is

$$J(u, v) = \begin{vmatrix} -\frac{v}{u^2} & \frac{1}{u} \\ v & u \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -2 \frac{v}{u}. \quad \text{Since } \frac{v}{u} = x > 0,$$

$$|J(u, v)| = 2 \frac{v}{u}.$$

We also need to find the new bounds.

$$1 \leq y \leq 3 \Rightarrow 1 \leq uv \leq 3$$

$$\frac{1}{y} \leq x \leq y \Rightarrow \frac{1}{uv} \leq \frac{v}{u} \leq uv$$

The second set of inequalities tells us that $u \geq 1$ and $v \geq 1$.

Combining this with the first set of inequalities, our bounds are

$$1 \leq v \leq 3$$

$$1 \leq u \leq 3/v$$

So

$$\int_1^3 \int_{3/v}^y \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}} e^{\sqrt{xy}} dx dy$$

$$= \int_1^3 \int_1^{3/v} u e^{\frac{2v}{u}} \left(\frac{2v}{u} \right) du dv$$

$$= 2 \int_1^3 \int_1^{3/v} v e^v du dv$$

$$= 2 \int_1^3 (3e^v - v e^v) dv$$

Integration by parts $\Rightarrow$

$$\int v e^v dv = v e^v - e^v, \text{ so}$$

$$= 2 \left[3e^3 - 3e^3 + e^3 - (3e - e + e) \right] = 2e(e^2 - 3)$$

ex] Find

$$\int_0^{\pi} \int_0^{2y} \cos(x-2y)(x+y) \, dx \, dy$$

We'll substitute $u = x - 2y$
 $v = x + y$

① Solve for x and y .

$$x = \frac{u + 2v}{3}$$

$$y = \frac{-u + v}{3}$$

② Find Jacobian determinant!

$$J(u, v) = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ -\frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{3}$$

③ Find new bounds:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq \gamma \leq \pi &\Rightarrow 0 \leq -u + v \leq 3\pi \\ &\Rightarrow u \leq v \leq u + 3\pi \end{aligned}$$

$$0 \leq x \leq 2\gamma \Rightarrow -2\gamma \leq u \leq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} -2\gamma \leq u &\Rightarrow 2v - 2\pi \leq 3u \\ &\Rightarrow -\frac{u}{2} \leq v \end{aligned}$$

Our bounds for u are

thus $-2\pi \leq u \leq 0$. For v , we have

$$u \leq v \leq u + 3\pi$$

but also $-u/2 \leq v$. Since $u \leq 0$,

$u \leq -\frac{u}{2}$, and thus our v bounds

are $-\frac{u}{2} \leq v \leq u + 3\pi$.

④ Evaluate the integral:

$$\int_0^\pi \int_0^{2y} \cos(x-2y)(x+y) dx dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \int_{-2\pi}^0 \int_{-u/2}^{u+3\pi} \cos(u) v dv du$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \int_{-2\pi}^0 \cos(u) \frac{u^2 + 6\pi u + 9\pi^2 - u^2/4}{2} du$$

$$= \int_{-2\pi}^0 \cos(u) \left(\frac{u^2}{8} + \pi u \right) du + \frac{3\pi^2}{2} \int_{-2\pi}^0 \cos(u) du$$

$$= \left(\frac{u^2}{8} + \pi u \right) \sin(u) \Big|_{-2\pi}^0 - \int_{-2\pi}^0 \frac{u}{4} \sin(u) du$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left[u \cos(u) - \sin(u) \right]_{-2\pi}^0$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2}$$