

15.9 Change of Variables in Multiple Integrals

- We recall a change of variable (a substitution rule) for the single integrals. If $x = g(u)$ is differentiable and f is integrable, then

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_c^d f(g(u))g'(u)du,$$

where $a = g(c)$ and $b = g(d)$. Here we used x -substitution rather than u -substitution.

- For the double integrals we consider a change of variable that is given by a transformation $T : S \rightarrow R$ from the uv -plane to the xy -plane:

$$T(u, v) = (x, y),$$

where $x = g(u, v)$ and $y = h(u, v)$. We usually assume that $g, h \in C^1$.

Example 1

Find the image of the set S under the given transformation.

1. $S = \{(u, v) \mid 0 \leq u \leq 1, 0 \leq v \leq 1\}; x = u^2 - v^2, y = uv$

2. $S = \{(u, v) \mid 0 \leq u \leq 2, 0 \leq v \leq 3\}; x = 2u + 3v, y = u - v$

3. S is the triangular region with vertices $(0,0), (1,1), (0,1)$;
 $x = u, y = v^2$

Theorem

Change of Variables in a Double Integral: Suppose that T is a 1-1 transformation. Letting the substitution $x = g(u, v)$ and $y = h(u, v)$, we can set up

$$\int \int_R f(x, y) dx dy = \int \int_S f(g(u, v), h(u, v)) |J(u, v)| du dv,$$

where the Jacobian $J(u, v) (= \partial(x, y) / \partial(u, v))$ is

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

- How to use the given transformation to evaluate the double integrals.
- 1 Solve the transformation for x and y . This step may omit if the transformation is given by x and y .
 - 2 Sketch the region R (image of S) on the xy -plane and find the boundary of R .
 - 3 Using the substitution, find the boundary of S and sketch the region S (pre-image of R) on the uv -plane.
 - 4 Find the Jacobian (determinant) from step 1.
 - 5 Use the formula(derived by the substitution) in the Theorem.

Example2

1. Find the Jacobian of the transformation.

(1) $x = 4u - v, y = u + 2v$

(2) $x = r \cos \theta, y = r \sin \theta$

(3) $x = e^{-r} \sin \theta, y = e^r \cos \theta$

2. Use the given transformation to evaluate the double integral.

(1) $\iint_R (x - 3y) dA$, where R is the triangular region with vertices $(0, 0), (2, 1)$, and $(1, 2)$; $x = 2u + v, y = u + 2v$.

(2) $\iint_R xy dA$, where R is the region in the first quadrant bounded by the lines $y = x$ and $y = 4x$ and the hyperbolas $xy = 1, xy = 4$; $x = u/v, y = v$.

3. Evaluate

$$\iint_R \sqrt{x+y}(y-2x)^2 dA$$

where R is the triangular region with x -axis and y -axis and the line $y = -x + 1$. Note that you need to take suitable substitutions.