

**Theorem 0.1** (The Generalized Stokes' Theorem)

Let  $k > 1$ , let  $M$  be a compact oriented  $k$ -manifold in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , with  $\partial M$  having the induced orientation if  $\partial M$  is not empty, let  $\omega$  be a  $(k-1)$ -form defined in an open set of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  containing  $M$ , then we have the following holds if  $\partial M$  is not empty:

$$\int_M d\omega = \int_{\partial M} \omega$$

and we have the following holds if  $\partial M$  is empty:

$$\int_{\partial M} \omega = 0$$

*Proof.* A detailed proof is provided on Munkres Theorem 37.2. Here it suffices to prove the special case where  $\text{supp}(\omega) \subseteq V$  with  $\alpha : U \rightarrow V$  being a coordinate patch on  $M$ . Note that  $\text{supp}(d\omega) \subseteq \text{supp}(\omega)$ , hence we have  $\text{supp}(\omega) \subseteq V$ . The general case will follow by taking finite sums over regions on  $M$  parametrized by coordinate patches.

First we note that we can extend the definition of domain of  $d(\alpha^*\omega)$  to  $\mathbb{H}^k$

$$\int_M d\omega = \int_U \alpha^* d\omega = \int_U d(\alpha^*\omega) = \int_{\mathbb{H}^k} d(\widetilde{\alpha^*\omega})$$

On the other hand, we can write:

$$\int_{\partial M} \omega = \int_{U \cap \partial \mathbb{H}^k} \alpha^* \omega = \int_{\partial \mathbb{H}^k} \widetilde{\alpha^* \omega}$$

Write  $d\widetilde{\alpha^* \omega} = f_1 dx_2 \wedge dx_3 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_k + f_2 dx_1 \wedge dx_3 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_k + \cdots + f_k \wedge dx_1 \wedge dx_2 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_{k-1}$ . Here we have:

$$d\widetilde{\alpha^* \omega} = (D_1 f_1 - D_2 f_2 + \cdots + (-1)^{k-1} D_k f_k) dx_1 \wedge dx_2 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_k$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{H}^k} d\widetilde{\alpha^* \omega} &= \int_{\mathbb{H}^k} (D_1 f_1 - D_2 f_2 + \cdots + (-1)^{k-1} D_k f_k) \\ &= \int_B (D_1 f_1 - D_2 f_2 + \cdots + (-1)^{k-1} D_k f_k) \end{aligned}$$

where  $B$  is a box  $a_1 \leq x_1 \leq b_1, \dots, 0 = a_k \leq x_k \leq b_k$ . Here by Fubini's Theorem and Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{H}^k} d\widetilde{\alpha^* \omega} &= \int_B (D_1 f_1 - D_2 f_2 + \cdots + (-1)^{k-1} D_k f_k) \\ &= 0 - 0 + 0 - 0 + \cdots + (-1)^{k-1} \int_{\mathbb{H}^k} D_k f_k \\ &= (-1)^{k-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{k-1}} f_k(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{k-1}, 0) \\ &= \int_{\partial \mathbb{H}^k} f_k dx_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_{k-1} \\ &= \int_{\partial \mathbb{H}^k} \alpha^* \omega \end{aligned}$$

The result follows. □