

Section 6.2 The Change of Variables Theorem

Given two regions D and D^* in \mathbb{R}^2 , a differentiable map T on D^* with image D , that is, $T(D^*) = D$, and any real-valued integrable function $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, we would like to express $\iint_D f(x, y) dA$ as an integral over D^* of the composite function $f \circ T$.

Assume that D^* is a region in the uv plane and that D is a region in the xy plane. The map T is given by two coordinate functions:

$$T(u, v) = (x(u, v), y(u, v)) \quad \text{for } (u, v) \in D^*$$

One might conjecture that

$$\iint_D f(x, y) dx dy \stackrel{?}{=} \iint_{D^*} f(x(u, v), y(u, v)) du dv \quad (1)$$

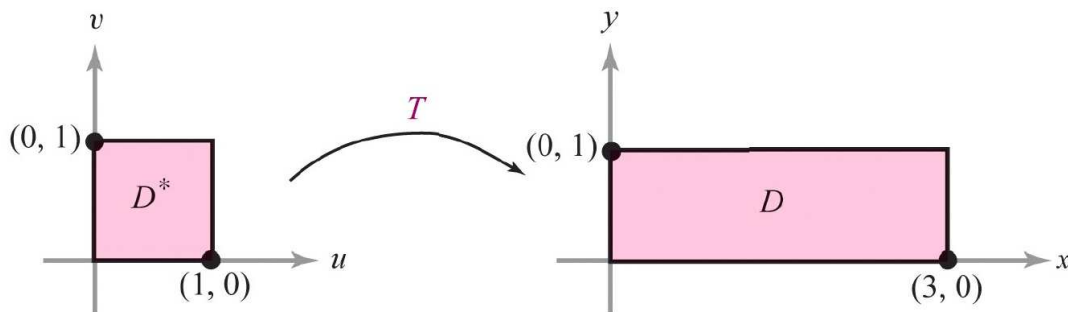
where $f \circ T(u, v) = f(x(u, v), y(u, v))$ is the composite function defined on D^* . However, this formula is wrong. In fact, consider the function $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ where $f(x, y) = 1$, then equation (1) would imply

$$A(D) = \iint_D dx dy \stackrel{?}{=} \iint_{D^*} du dv = A(D^*) \quad (2)$$

But (2) will hold for only a few special cases and not for a general map T . For example, define T by

$$T(u, v) = (-u^2 + 4u, v)$$

Restrict T to the unit square $D^* = [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ in the uv plane. Then, as in Exercise 3, Section 6.1, T takes D^* onto $D = [0, 3] \times [0, 1]$. Clearly, $A(D) \neq A(D^*)$, and so formula (2) is *not valid*.



Jacobian Determinants

DEFINITION: Jacobian Determinant Let $T: D^* \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be a C^1 transformation given by $x = x(u, v)$ and $y = y(u, v)$. The **Jacobian determinant** of T , written $\partial(x, y)/\partial(u, v)$, is the determinant of the derivative matrix $\mathbf{DT}(u, v)$ of T :

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

EXAMPLE 1: The function from \mathbb{R}^2 to \mathbb{R}^2 that transforms polar coordinates into Cartesian coordinates is given by

$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta$$

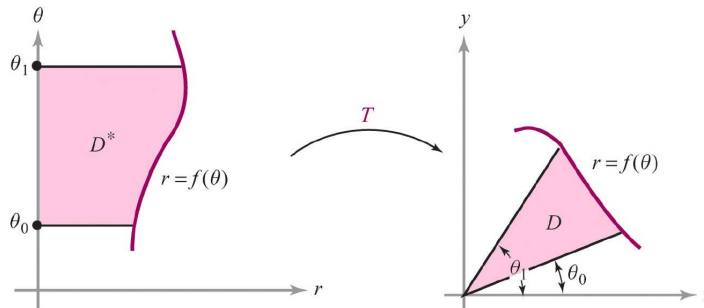
and its Jacobian determinant is

$$\frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(r, \theta)} = \begin{vmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{vmatrix} = r(\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) = r$$

One can show that under suitable restrictions on the function T the area $A(D)$ of $D = T(D^*)$ can be found by using the formula

$$A(D) = \iint_D dx dy = \iint_{D^*} \left| \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(u, v)} \right| du dv \quad (3)$$

EXAMPLE 2: Let the elementary region D in the xy plane be bounded by the graph of a polar equation $f(\theta)$, where $\theta_0 \leq \theta \leq \theta_1$ and $f(\theta) \geq 0$.

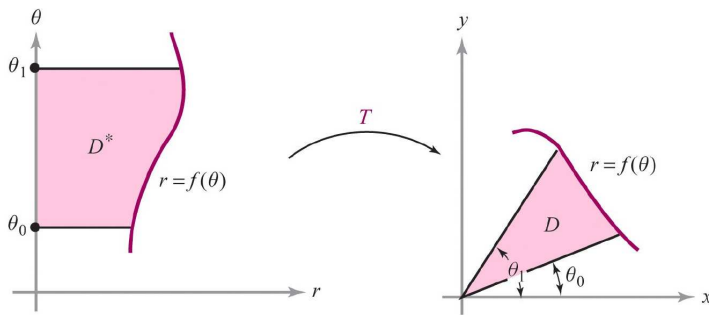


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Solution: From Example 1 it follows that

$$\left| \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(r, \theta)} \right| = r$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned} A(D) &= \iint_D dx dy = \iint_{D^*} \left| \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(r, \theta)} \right| dr d\theta \\ &= \iint_{D^*} r dr d\theta \\ &= \int_{\theta_0}^{\theta_1} \left[\int_0^{f(\theta)} r dr \right] d\theta \\ &= \int_{\theta_0}^{\theta_1} \left[\frac{r^2}{2} \right]_0^{f(\theta)} d\theta \\ &= \int_{\theta_0}^{\theta_1} \frac{[f(\theta)]^2}{2} d\theta \end{aligned}$$

Change of Variables Formula

THEOREM 2: Change of Variables: Double Integrals Let D and D^* be elementary regions in the plane and let $T: D^* \rightarrow D$ be of class C^1 ; suppose that T is one-to-one on D^* . Furthermore, suppose that $D = T(D^*)$. Then for any integrable function $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, we have

$$\iint_D f(x, y) dx dy = \iint_{D^*} f(x(u, v), y(u, v)) \left| \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(u, v)} \right| du dv. \quad (6)$$

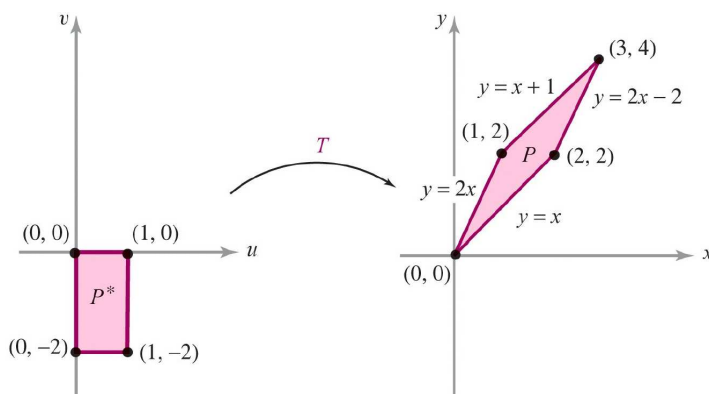
EXAMPLE 3: Let P be the parallelogram bounded by

$$y = 2x, \quad y = 2x - 2, \quad y = x, \quad \text{and} \quad y = x + 1$$

Evaluate $\iint_P xy dx dy$ by making the change of variables

$$x = u - v, \quad y = 2u - v$$

that is, $T(u, v) = (u - v, 2u - v)$.



Solution: The transformation T has nonzero determinant and so is one-to-one (see Exercise 8, Section 6.1). It is designed so that it takes the *rectangle* P^* bounded by

$$v = 0, \quad v = -2, \quad u = 0, \quad u = 1$$

onto P . The use of T simplifies the region of integration from P to P^* . Moreover,

$$\left| \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(u, v)} \right| = \left| \det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \right| = 1$$

Therefore, by the change of variables formula we have

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_P xy dx dy &= \iint_{P^*} (u - v)(2u - v) du dv = \int_{-2}^0 \int_0^1 (2u^2 - 2vu + v^2) du dv \\ &= \int_{-2}^0 \left[\frac{2}{3} u^3 - \frac{3u^2 v}{2} + v^2 u \right]_0^1 dv = \int_{-2}^0 \left[\frac{2}{3} - \frac{3}{2} v + v^2 \right] dv \\ &= \left[\frac{2}{3} v - \frac{3}{4} v^2 + \frac{v^3}{3} \right]_{-2}^0 = - \left[\frac{2}{3}(-2) - 3 - \frac{8}{3} \right] = - \left[-\frac{12}{3} - 3 \right] = 7 \end{aligned}$$

Integrals in Polar Coordinates

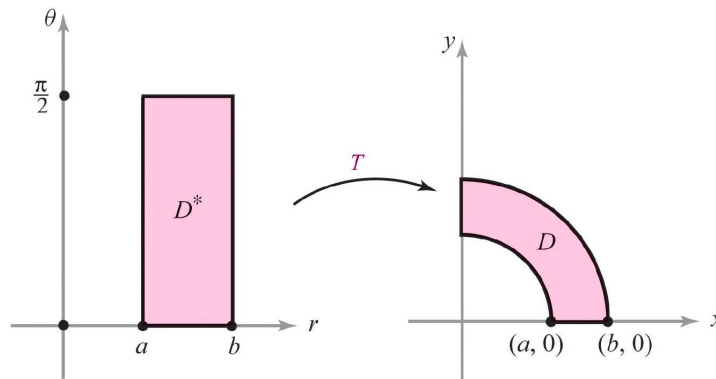
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$$\iint_D f(x, y) dx dy = \iint_{D^*} f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) r dr d\theta \quad (7)$$

EXAMPLE 4: Evaluate $\iint_D \log(x^2 + y^2) dx dy$, where D is the region in the first quadrant lying between the arcs of the circles

$$x^2 + y^2 = a^2 \quad \text{and} \quad x^2 + y^2 = b^2$$

where $0 < a < b$.



Solution: From Example 7, Section 6.1, the polar-coordinate transformation

$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad y = r \sin \theta$$

sends the rectangle D^* given by $a \leq r \leq b$, $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2$ onto the region D . This transformation is one-to-one on D^* and so, by formula (7), we have

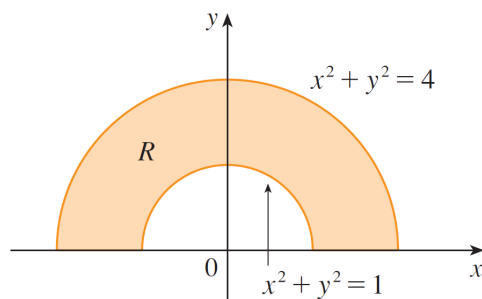
$$\iint_D \log(x^2 + y^2) dx dy = \int_a^b \int_0^{\pi/2} r \log r^2 d\theta dr = \frac{\pi}{2} \int_a^b r \log r^2 dr = \frac{\pi}{2} \int_a^b 2r \log r dr$$

Integrating by parts, we get

$$\frac{\pi}{2} \int_a^b 2r \log r dr = \frac{\pi}{2} \left[b^2 \log b - a^2 \log a - \frac{1}{2}(b^2 - a^2) \right]$$

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$$(b) R = \{(r, \theta) \mid 1 \leq r \leq 2, 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi\}$$

SOLUTION The region R can be described as

$$R = \{(x, y) \mid y \geq 0, 1 \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq 4\}$$

It is the half-ring shown in Figure 1(b), and in polar coordinates it is given by $1 \leq r \leq 2$, $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$. Therefore, by Formula 2,

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_R (3x + 4y^2) dA &= \int_0^\pi \int_1^2 (3r \cos \theta + 4r^2 \sin^2 \theta) r dr d\theta \\ &= \int_0^\pi \int_1^2 (3r^2 \cos \theta + 4r^3 \sin^2 \theta) dr d\theta \\ &= \int_0^\pi [r^3 \cos \theta + r^4 \sin^2 \theta]_{r=1}^{r=2} d\theta = \int_0^\pi (7 \cos \theta + 15 \sin^2 \theta) d\theta \\ &= \int_0^\pi \left[7 \cos \theta + \frac{15}{2} (1 - \cos 2\theta) \right] d\theta \\ &= 7 \sin \theta + \frac{15\theta}{2} - \frac{15}{4} \sin 2\theta \Big|_0^\pi = \frac{15\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

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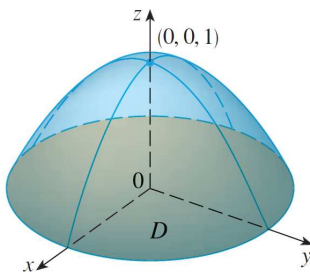


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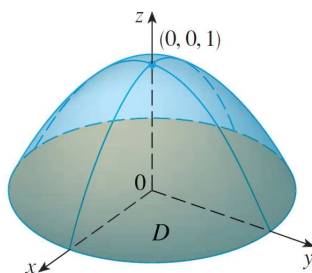


FIGURE 6

SOLUTION If we put $z = 0$ in the equation of the paraboloid, we get $x^2 + y^2 = 1$. This means that the plane intersects the paraboloid in the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$, so the solid lies under the paraboloid and above the circular disk D given by $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$ [see Figures 6 and 1(a)]. In polar coordinates D is given by $0 \leq r \leq 1$, $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$. Since $1 - x^2 - y^2 = 1 - r^2$, the volume is

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \iint_D (1 - x^2 - y^2) dA = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 (1 - r^2) r dr d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^1 (r - r^3) dr = 2\pi \left[\frac{r^2}{2} - \frac{r^4}{4} \right]_0^1 = \frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

If we had used rectangular coordinates instead of polar coordinates, then we would have obtained

$$V = \iint_D (1 - x^2 - y^2) dA = \int_{-1}^1 \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} (1 - x^2 - y^2) dy dx$$

which is not easy to evaluate because it involves finding $\int (1 - x^2)^{3/2} dx$.

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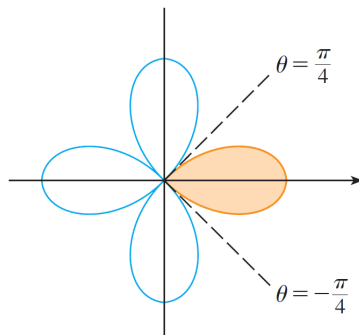


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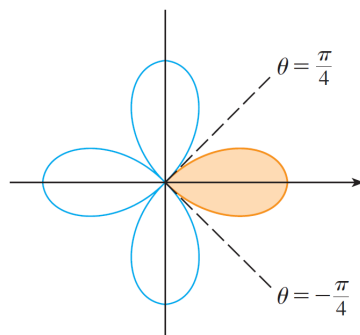


FIGURE 8

SOLUTION From the sketch of the curve in Figure 8, we see that a loop is given by the region

$$D = \{(r, \theta) \mid -\pi/4 \leq \theta \leq \pi/4, 0 \leq r \leq \cos 2\theta\}$$

So the area is

$$\begin{aligned} A(D) &= \iint_D dA = \int_{-\pi/4}^{\pi/4} \int_0^{\cos 2\theta} r \, dr \, d\theta \\ &= \int_{-\pi/4}^{\pi/4} \left[\frac{1}{2} r^2 \right]_0^{\cos 2\theta} d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\pi/4}^{\pi/4} \cos^2 2\theta \, d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int_{-\pi/4}^{\pi/4} (1 + \cos 4\theta) \, d\theta = \frac{1}{4} \left[\theta + \frac{1}{4} \sin 4\theta \right]_{-\pi/4}^{\pi/4} = \frac{\pi}{8} \end{aligned}$$

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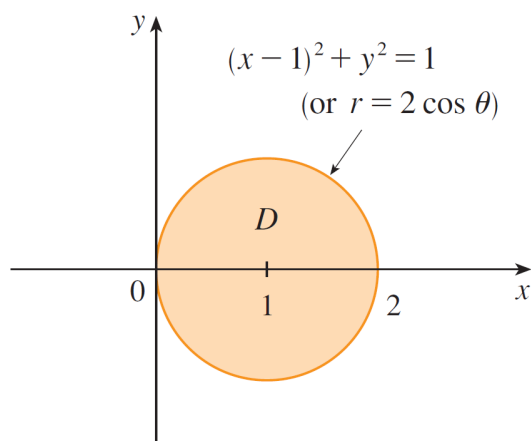


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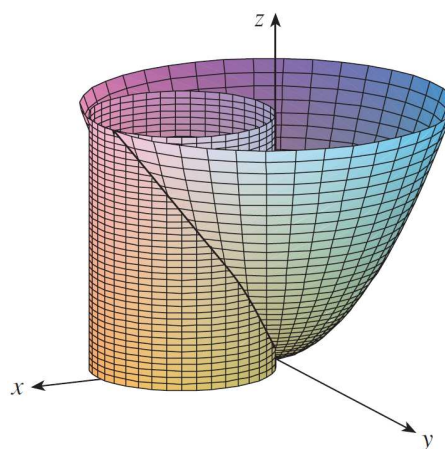


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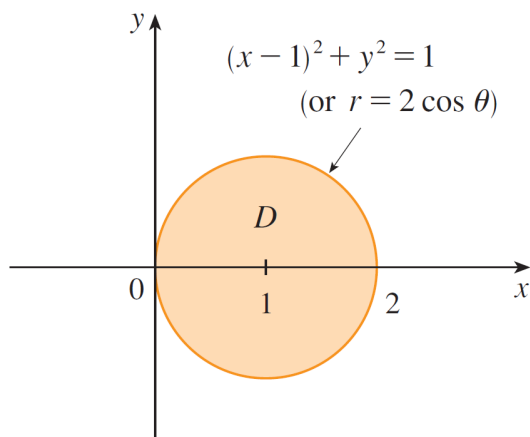


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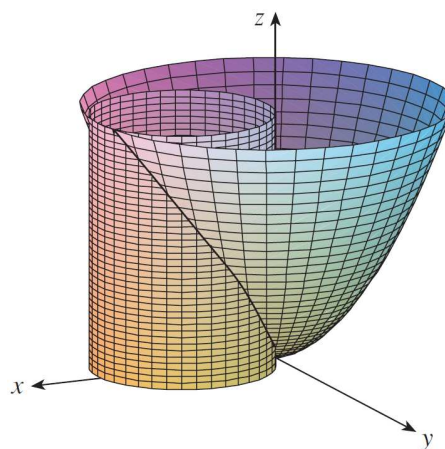


FIGURE 10

SOLUTION The solid lies above the disk D whose boundary circle has equation $x^2 + y^2 = 2x$ or, after completing the square,

$$(x - 1)^2 + y^2 = 1$$

(See Figures 9 and 10.) In polar coordinates we have $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ and $x = r \cos \theta$, so the boundary circle becomes $r^2 = 2r \cos \theta$, or $r = 2 \cos \theta$. Thus the disk D is given by

$$D = \{(r, \theta) \mid -\pi/2 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2, 0 \leq r \leq 2 \cos \theta\}$$

and, by Formula 3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \iint_D (x^2 + y^2) dA = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \int_0^{2 \cos \theta} r^2 r dr d\theta = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \left[\frac{r^4}{4} \right]_0^{2 \cos \theta} d\theta \\ &= 4 \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos^4 \theta d\theta = 8 \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^4 \theta d\theta = 8 \int_0^{\pi/2} \left(\frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2} \right)^2 d\theta \\ &= 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} [1 + 2 \cos 2\theta + \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos 4\theta)] d\theta \\ &= 2 \left[\frac{3}{2} \theta + \sin 2\theta + \frac{1}{8} \sin 4\theta \right]_0^{\pi/2} = 2 \left(\frac{3}{2} \right) \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right) = \frac{3\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

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Solution: We first evaluate

$$\iint_{D_a} e^{-(x^2+y^2)} dx dy, \quad \text{where } D_a \text{ is the disk } x^2 + y^2 \leq a^2$$

Because $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$ and $dx dy = r dr d\theta$, the change of variables formula gives

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_{D_a} e^{-(x^2+y^2)} dx dy &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^a e^{-r^2} r dr d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \left(-\frac{1}{2} e^{-r^2} \right) \Big|_0^a d\theta \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} (e^{-a^2} - 1) d\theta \\ &= \pi(1 - e^{-a^2}) \end{aligned}$$

If we let $a \rightarrow \infty$ in this expression, we get

$$\iint_{R^2} e^{-(x^2+y^2)} dx dy = \pi$$

Assuming (as shown in the Internet supplement) that we can also evaluate this improper integral as the limit of the integrals over the rectangles $R_a = [-a, a] \times [-a, a]$ as $a \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \iint_{R_a} e^{-(x^2+y^2)} dx dy = \pi$$

By reduction to iterated integrals, we can write this as

$$\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \left[\int_{-a}^a e^{-x^2} dx \int_{-a}^a e^{-y^2} dy \right] = \left[\lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-a}^a e^{-x^2} dx \right]^2 = \pi$$

That is,

$$\left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx \right]^2 = \pi$$

Thus, taking square roots, we arrive at the desired result.

EXAMPLE 6: Evaluate

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2x^2} dx$$

Solution: We will use the change of variables formula $y = \sqrt{2}x$:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2x^2} dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-a}^a e^{-2x^2} dx = \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\sqrt{2}a}^{\sqrt{2}a} e^{-y^2} \frac{dy}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-y^2} dy = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

Change of Variables Formula for Triple Integrals

DEFINITION Let $T: W \subset \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be a C^1 function defined by the equations $x = x(u, v, w)$, $y = y(u, v, w)$, $z = z(u, v, w)$. Then the **Jacobian** of T , which is denoted $\partial(x, y, z)/\partial(u, v, w)$, is the determinant

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

Change of Variables Formula: Triple Integrals

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_W f(x, y, z) dx dy dz \\ = \iiint_{W^*} f(x(u, v, w), y(u, v, w), z(u, v, w)) \left| \frac{\partial(x, y, z)}{\partial(u, v, w)} \right| du dv dw, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where W^* is an elementary region in uvw space corresponding to W in xyz space, under a mapping $T: (u, v, w) \mapsto (x(u, v, w), y(u, v, w), z(u, v, w))$, provided T is of class C^1 and is one-to-one, except possibly on a set that is the union of graphs of functions of two variables.

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$$\iiint_W f(x, y, z) dx dy dz = \iiint_{W^*} f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, z) r dr d\theta dz. \quad (9)$$

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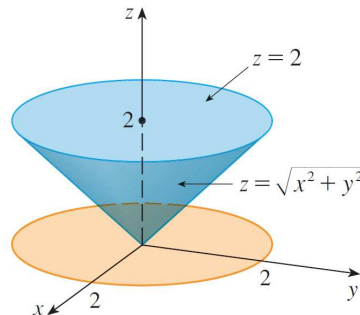


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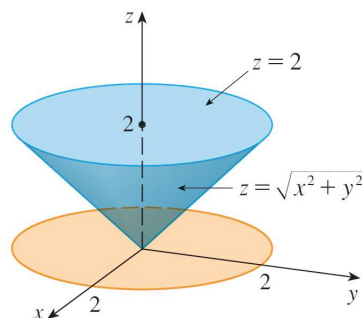


FIGURE 9

SOLUTION This iterated integral is a triple integral over the solid region

$$E = \{(x, y, z) \mid -2 \leq x \leq 2, -\sqrt{4-x^2} \leq y \leq \sqrt{4-x^2}, \sqrt{x^2+y^2} \leq z \leq 2\}$$

and the projection of E onto the xy -plane is the disk $x^2 + y^2 \leq 4$. The lower surface of E is the cone $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ and its upper surface is the plane $z = 2$. (See Figure 9.) This region has a much simpler description in cylindrical coordinates:

$$E = \{(r, \theta, z) \mid 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi, 0 \leq r \leq 2, r \leq z \leq 2\}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-2}^2 \int_{-\sqrt{4-x^2}}^{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \int_{\sqrt{x^2+y^2}}^2 (x^2 + y^2) dz dy dx &= \iiint_E (x^2 + y^2) dV \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^2 \int_r^2 r^2 r dz dr d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^2 r^3(2-r) dr \\ &= 2\pi \left[\frac{1}{2}r^4 - \frac{1}{5}r^5 \right]_0^2 = \frac{16}{5}\pi \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_W f(x, y, z) dx dy dz \\ = \iiint_{W^*} f(\rho \sin \phi \cos \theta, \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta, \rho \cos \phi) \rho^2 \sin \phi d\rho d\theta d\phi. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

EXAMPLE 6: Evaluate

$$\iiint_W \exp(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2} dV$$

where W is the unit ball in \mathbb{R}^3 .

Solution: If W^* is the region such that

$$0 \leq \rho \leq 1, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi, \quad 0 \leq \phi \leq \pi$$

we may apply formula (10) and write

$$\iiint_W \exp(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{3/2} dV = \iiint_{W^*} \rho^2 e^{\rho^3} \sin \phi d\rho d\theta d\phi$$

This integral equals the iterated integral

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} e^{\rho^3} \rho^2 \sin \phi d\theta d\phi d\rho &= 2\pi \int_0^1 \int_0^\pi e^{\rho^3} \rho^2 \sin \phi d\phi d\rho \\ &= -2\pi \int_0^1 \rho^2 e^{\rho^3} [\cos \phi]_0^\pi d\rho = 4\pi \int_0^1 e^{\rho^3} \rho^2 d\rho = \frac{4}{3}\pi \int_0^1 e^{\rho^3} (3\rho^2) d\rho \\ &= \left[\frac{4}{3}\pi e^{\rho^3} \right]_0^1 = \frac{4}{3}\pi(e - 1) \end{aligned}$$

NOTE It would have been extremely awkward to evaluate the integral in Example 3 without spherical coordinates. In rectangular coordinates the iterated integral would have been

$$\int_{-1}^1 \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \int_{-\sqrt{1-x^2-y^2}}^{\sqrt{1-x^2-y^2}} e^{(x^2+y^2+z^2)^{3/2}} dz dy dx$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\iiint_W dx dy dz &= \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^R \rho^2 \sin \phi d\rho d\theta d\phi = \frac{R^3}{3} \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} \sin \phi d\theta d\phi \\ &= \frac{2\pi R^3}{3} \int_0^\pi \sin \phi d\phi = \frac{2\pi R^3}{3} (-[\cos(\pi) - \cos(0)]) = \frac{4\pi R^3}{3}\end{aligned}$$

which is the standard formula for the volume of a solid sphere.

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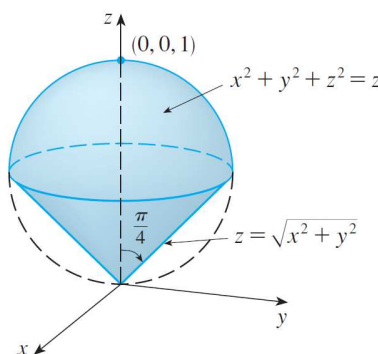


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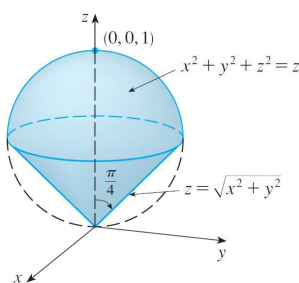


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SOLUTION Notice that the sphere passes through the origin and has center $(0, 0, \frac{1}{2})$. We write the equation of the sphere in spherical coordinates as

$$\rho^2 = \rho \cos \phi \quad \text{or} \quad \rho = \cos \phi$$

The equation of the cone can be written as

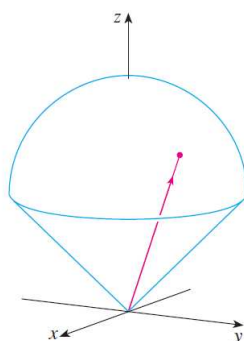
$$\rho \cos \phi = \sqrt{\rho^2 \sin^2 \phi \cos^2 \theta + \rho^2 \sin^2 \phi \sin^2 \theta} = \rho \sin \phi$$

This gives $\sin \phi = \cos \phi$, or $\phi = \pi/4$. Therefore the description of the solid E in spherical coordinates is

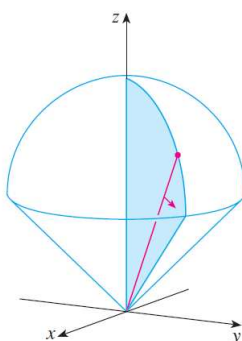
$$E = \{(\rho, \theta, \phi) \mid 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi, 0 \leq \phi \leq \pi/4, 0 \leq \rho \leq \cos \phi\}$$

Figure 11 shows how E is swept out if we integrate first with respect to ρ , then ϕ , and then θ . The volume of E is

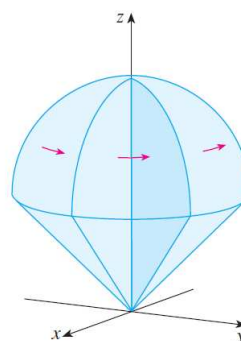
$$\begin{aligned} V(E) &= \iiint_E dV = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi/4} \int_0^{\cos \phi} \rho^2 \sin \phi \, d\rho \, d\phi \, d\theta \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^{\pi/4} \sin \phi \left[\frac{\rho^3}{3} \right]_{\rho=0}^{\rho=\cos \phi} d\phi \\ &= \frac{2\pi}{3} \int_0^{\pi/4} \sin \phi \cos^3 \phi \, d\phi = \frac{2\pi}{3} \left[-\frac{\cos^4 \phi}{4} \right]_0^{\pi/4} = \frac{\pi}{8} \end{aligned}$$



ρ varies from 0 to $\cos \phi$
while ϕ and θ are constant.



ϕ varies from 0 to $\pi/4$
while θ is constant.



θ varies from 0 to 2π .

Appendix

Under suitable restrictions on the function T , we will argue below that the area of $D = T(D^*)$ is obtained by integrating the absolute value of the Jacobian $\partial(x, y)/\partial(u, v)$ over D^* ; that is, we have the equation

$$A(D) = \iint_D dx dy = \iint_{D^*} \left| \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(u, v)} \right| du dv. \quad (3)$$

To illustrate: From Example 1 in Section 6.1, take $T: D^* \rightarrow D$, where $D = T(D^*)$ is the set of (x, y) with $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$ and $D^* = [0, 1] \times [0, 2\pi]$, and $T(r, \theta) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$. By formula (3),

$$A(D) = \iint_{D^*} \left| \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(r, \theta)} \right| dr d\theta = \iint_{D^*} r dr d\theta \quad (4)$$

(here r and θ play the role of u and v). From the preceding computation it follows that

$$\iint_{D^*} r dr d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 r dr d\theta = \int_0^{2\pi} \left[\frac{r^2}{2} \right]_0^1 d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta = \pi$$

is the area of the unit disk D , confirming formula (3) in this case. In fact, we may recall from first-year calculus that equation (4) is the correct formula for the area of a region in polar coordinates.

It is not so easy to rigorously prove assertion (3). However, looked at in the proper way, it becomes quite plausible. Recall that $A(D) = \iint_D dx dy$ was obtained by dividing up D into little rectangles, summing their areas, and then taking the limit of this sum as the size of the subrectangles tended to zero. The problem is that T may map rectangles into regions whose area is not easy to compute. The solution is to approximate these images by simpler regions whose area we can compute. A useful tool for doing this is the derivative of T , which we know (from Chapter 2) gives the best linear approximation to T .

Consider a small rectangle D^* in the uv plane as shown in Figure 6.2.2. Let T' denote the derivative of T evaluated at (u_0, v_0) , so T' is a 2×2 matrix. From our work in Chapter 2, we know that a good approximation to $T(u, v)$ is given by

$$T(u_0, v_0) + T' \begin{pmatrix} \Delta u \\ \Delta v \end{pmatrix},$$

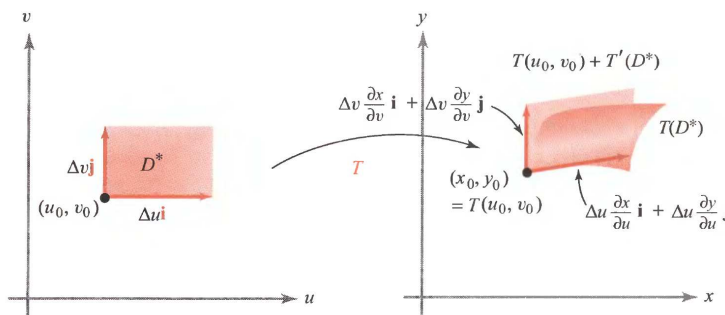


Figure 6.2.2 The effect of the transformation T on a small rectangle D^* .

where $\Delta u = u - u_0$ and $\Delta v = v - v_0$. This mapping T' takes D^* into a parallelogram with vertex at $T(u_0, v_0)$ and with adjacent sides given by the vectors

$$T'(\Delta u \mathbf{i}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta u \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \Delta u \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \end{bmatrix} = \Delta u \mathbf{T}_u$$

and

$$T'(\Delta v \mathbf{j}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \Delta v \end{bmatrix} = \Delta v \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{bmatrix} = \Delta v \mathbf{T}_v,$$

where

$$\mathbf{T}_u = \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \mathbf{j} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{T}_v = \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \mathbf{j}$$

are evaluated at (u_0, v_0) .

Recall from Section 1.3 that the area of the parallelogram with sides equal to the vectors $a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j}$ and $c\mathbf{i} + d\mathbf{j}$ is equal to the absolute value of the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{vmatrix}.$$

Thus, the area of $T(D^*)$ is approximately equal to the *absolute value* of

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

evaluated at (u_0, v_0) .

This fact and a partitioning argument should make formula (3) plausible. Indeed, if we partition D^* into small rectangles with sides of length Δu and Δv , the images of these rectangles are approximated by parallelograms with sides $\mathbf{T}_u \Delta u$ and $\mathbf{T}_v \Delta v$, and hence with area $|\partial(x, y)/\partial(u, v)| \Delta u \Delta v$. Thus, the area of D^* is approximately $\sum \Delta u \Delta v$, where the sum is taken over all the rectangles R inside D^* (see Figure 6.2.3). Hence, the area of $T(D^*)$ is approximately the sum

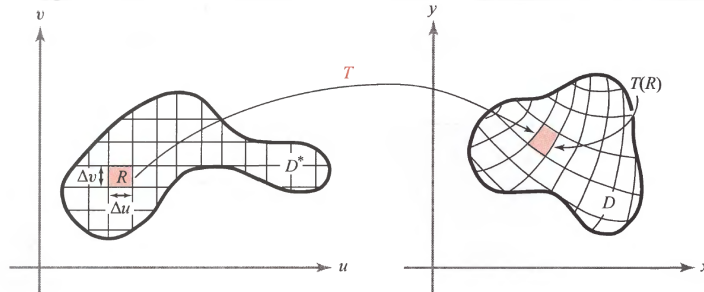


Figure 6.2.3 The area of the little rectangle R is $\Delta u \Delta v$. The area of $T(R)$ is approximately $|\partial(x, y)/\partial(u, v)| \Delta u \Delta v$.

$\sum |\partial(x, y)/\partial(u, v)| \Delta u \Delta v$. In the limit, this sum becomes

$$\iint_{D^*} \left| \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(u, v)} \right| du dv.$$

Let us give another informal argument for the special case (4) of formula (3), that is, the case of polar coordinates. Consider a region D in the xy plane and a grid corresponding to a partition of the r and θ variables (Figure 6.2.4). The area of the shaded region shown is approximately $(\Delta r)(r_{jk} \Delta \theta)$, because the arc length of a segment of a circle of radius r subtending an angle ϕ is $r\phi$. The total area is then the limit of $\sum r_{jk} \Delta r \Delta \theta$; that is, $\iint_{D^*} r dr d\theta$. The key idea is thus that the jk th “polar rectangle” in the grid has area approximately equal to $r_{jk} \Delta r \Delta \theta$. (For n large, the jk th polar rectangle will look like a rectangle with sides of lengths $r_{jk} \Delta \theta$ and Δr). This should provide some insight into why we say the “area element $dx dy$ ” is transformed into the “area element $r dr d\theta$.”

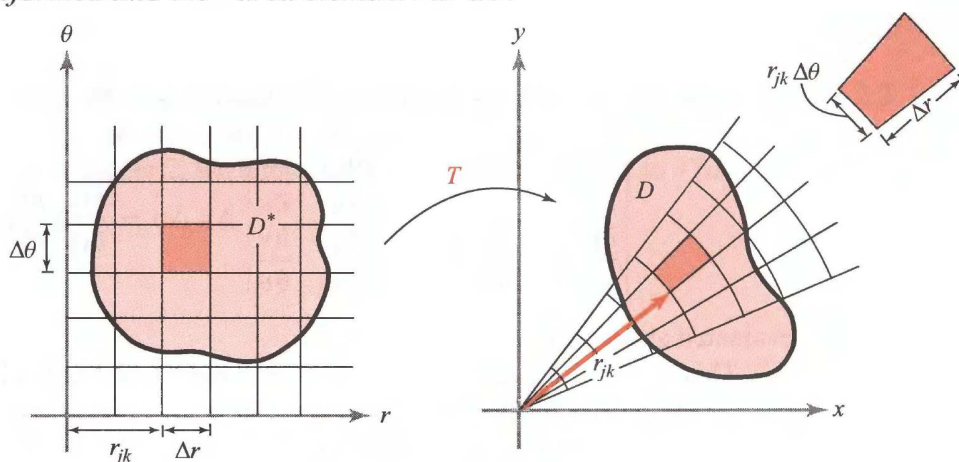


Figure 6.2.4 D^* is mapped to D under the polar-coordinate mapping T .