

Quiz 9: The Jacobian (§13.4-13.5, 13.7)

The Jacobian is a magnification (or reduction) factor that relates the area of a small region, or neighborhood, near a point (u, v) in \mathbb{R}^2 (uv -plane), to the area of the *preimage** of that region near the point (x, y) in \mathbb{R}^2 (xy -plane), where

$$T : x = g(u, v) \quad \text{and} \quad y = h(u, v)$$

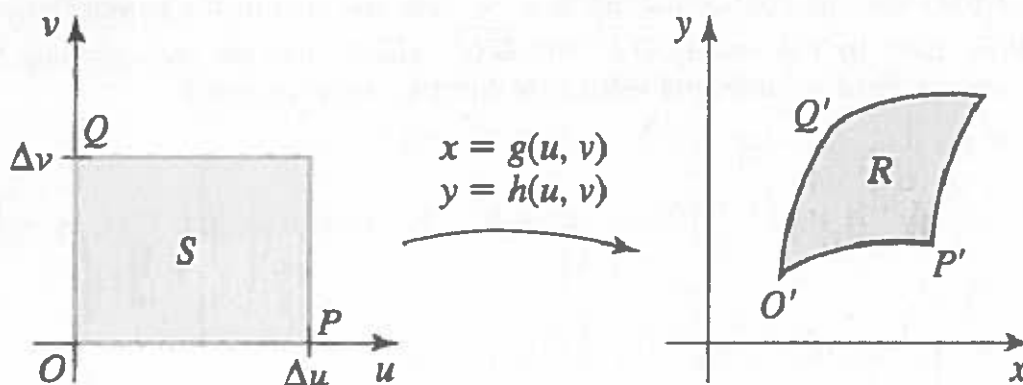
is a one-to-one transformation.

Suppose S is a little rectangle in the uv -plane with vertices $(0, 0)$, $(\Delta u, 0)$, $(\Delta u, \Delta v)$, $(0, \Delta v)$. The preimage of S under the transformation given above is a small region R in the xy -plane. The arrows (\mapsto) below, and the picture, indicate the respective preimages of each of the following points:

$$(0, 0) = O \mapsto O'$$

$$(\Delta u, 0) = P \mapsto P'$$

$$(0, \Delta v) = Q \mapsto Q'$$



(a) (3 pts) Write down the coordinates for each of the points O' , P' , Q' .

$$O' = (g(0, 0), h(0, 0))$$

$$P' = (g(\Delta u, 0), h(\Delta u, 0))$$

$$Q' = (g(0, \Delta v), h(0, \Delta v))$$

*The text instead uses the term *image* and writes $T(S) = R$. The reason for the discrepancy is delicate and relevant to the field of Algebraic Geometry. The transformation T can be described in two ways:

$$T : \{ \text{unknowns in the } xs \text{ and } ys \} \rightarrow \{ \text{unknowns in the } us \text{ and } vs \} \quad (\text{Algebraic Paradigm})$$

or

$$T : \{ \text{known values in the } us \text{ and } vs \} \rightarrow \{ \text{corresponding } x\text{- and } y\text{-values} \} \quad (\text{Geometric Paradigm})$$

(b) The linear approximation of $g(u, v)$ near the point $O = (0, 0)$ is:

$$g(u, v) \approx g(0, 0) + g_u(0, 0) \cdot u + g_v(0, 0) \cdot v$$

i. (1 pt) Write down the linear approximation of $h(u, v)$ near O .

$$h(u, v) \approx h(0, 0) + h_u(0, 0) \cdot u + h_v(0, 0) \cdot v$$

ii. (2 pts) The points P and Q are close to the point O ; use the linear approximations for g and h to compute

$$g(\Delta u, 0) \approx g(0, 0) + g_u(0, 0) \Delta u \quad h(\Delta u, 0) \approx h(0, 0) + h_u(0, 0) \Delta u$$

$$g(0, \Delta v) \approx g(0, 0) + g_v(0, 0) \Delta v \quad h(0, \Delta v) \approx h(0, 0) + h_v(0, 0) \Delta v$$

iii. (2 pts) Use the approximations in ii. to find the area of the parallelogram with sides given by the vectors $\vec{O'P'}$ and $\vec{O'Q'}$. (Hint: Use the cross product by first adding a third variable and setting its direction equal to zero.)

$$\vec{O'P'} = \langle g(\Delta u, 0) - g(0, 0), h(\Delta u, 0) - h(0, 0) \rangle$$

$$\approx \langle g(0, 0) + g_u(0, 0) \Delta u - g(0, 0), h(0, 0) + h_u(0, 0) \Delta u - h(0, 0) \rangle$$

Similarly,

$$\vec{O'Q'} \approx \langle g_v(0, 0) \Delta v, h_v(0, 0) \Delta v \rangle$$

$$(\text{area of } R) \approx \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ g_u(0, 0) \Delta u & h_u(0, 0) \Delta u & 0 \\ g_v(0, 0) \Delta v & h_v(0, 0) \Delta v & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\| = \left| \begin{bmatrix} g_u(0, 0) \Delta u h_v(0, 0) \Delta v \\ -h_u(0, 0) \Delta u g_v(0, 0) \Delta v \end{bmatrix} \cdot \hat{k} \right|$$

$$= |g_u(0, 0) h_v(0, 0) - h_u(0, 0) g_v(0, 0)| \Delta u \Delta v \approx (\text{area of } S)$$

iv. (2 pts) What is the approximate ratio of the area of R to the area of S ?

$|J(0, 0)|$, where $J(u, v)$ is the Jacobian for the transformation T