

# Change of Variable Formula

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We want to show the following:

Change of Variable Formula: Let

$T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  a Lipschitz map, and  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

If  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is Lebesgue measurable and  $T$  is injective on  $E$ , then:

$$\int_{T(E)} f(y) d\lambda(y) = \int_E f \circ T(x) |JT(x)| d\lambda(x)$$

Note: Since  $T$  is Lipschitz, then it is differentiable  $\lambda$ -a.e. Moreover, for  $\lambda$ -a.e.  $x$  we have:

$$dT(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial T^1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial T^1}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial T^n}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial T^n}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $T = (T^1, T^2, \dots, T^n)$ .

We then write, for  $\lambda$ -a.e.  $x$ :

$JT(x) :=$  determinant of  $dT(x)$ .

The Change of Variables  
formula is a consequence of  
 the Area formula :

Thm (Area formula): Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be  
 Lipschitz. Then for each Lebesgue measurable  
 set  $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$\int_E |JT(x)| d\lambda(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} N(T, E, y) d\lambda(y),$$

where  $N(T, E, y)$  is the (possibly infinite)  
 number of points in  $E \cap T^{-1}(y)$

Claim: Area formula  $\Rightarrow$  Change of  
 variable formula

Suppose first that  $f = \chi_A$ ,  $A$  Lebesgue  
 measurable. Then :

$$\chi_A \circ T = \chi_{T^{-1}(A)}$$

$$[\chi_E \circ T^{-1} \Leftrightarrow T(x) \in A]$$

Hence:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f \circ T(x) |JT(x)| d\lambda(x) =$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \chi_{T^{-1}(A)}(x) |JT(x)| d\lambda(x)$$

$$= \int_{T^{-1}(A)} |JT(x)| d\lambda(x)$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} N(T, T^{-1}(A), y) d\lambda(y) ; \text{ by Area formula}$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \chi_A(y) N(T, \mathbb{R}^n, y) d\lambda(y)$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(y) N(T, \mathbb{R}^n, y) d\lambda(y)$$

Clearly, this holds whenever  $f$  is a simple function. If  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , then  $f = f^+ - f^-$  and  $f^+, f^-$  can be approximated by sequences of simple functions:

$$g_i \uparrow f^+, \quad h_i \uparrow f^-$$

Hence:

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$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} g_i \circ T(x) |JT(x)| d\lambda(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} g_i(y) N(T, \mathbb{R}^n, y) d\lambda(y)$$

and

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} h_i \circ T(x) |JT(x)| d\lambda(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} h_i(y) N(T, \mathbb{R}^n, y) d\lambda(y)$$

Letting  $i \rightarrow \infty$  and applying the Monotone Convergence Theorem we get:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f^+ \circ T(x) |JT(x)| d\lambda(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f^+(y) N(T, \mathbb{R}^n, y) d\lambda(y)$$

and

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f^- \circ T(x) |JT(x)| d\lambda(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f^-(y) N(T, \mathbb{R}^n, y) d\lambda(y).$$

We conclude:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (f^+ - f^-) \circ T(x) |JT(x)| d\lambda(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} (f^+ - f^-)(y) N(T, \mathbb{R}^n, y) d\lambda(y)$$

or

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f \circ T(x) |JT(x)| d\lambda(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f(y) N(T, \mathbb{R}^n, y) d\lambda(y),$$

for every  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . In particular, with  $\chi_{T(E)} f$  instead of  $f$  (and hence  $N(T, \mathbb{R}^n, y) \equiv 1$  on  $T(E)$ ), we obtain the Change of Variables formula:

$$\boxed{\int_E f \circ T(x) |JT(x)| d\lambda(x) = \int_{T(E)} f(y) d\lambda(y).} \quad (A)$$

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In the Change of Variable formula, if we put

$$f = \chi_{T(E)}, \quad E \text{ Lebesgue measurable}$$

then the formula reduces to:

$$(1) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \chi_{T(E)} \circ T(x) |JT(x)| d\lambda(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \chi_{T(E)}(y) d\lambda(y)$$

Note:

$$x \notin E \Leftrightarrow T(x) \notin T(E) \Leftrightarrow \chi_{T(E)} \circ T(x) = 0$$

$$x \in E \Leftrightarrow T(x) \in T(E) \Leftrightarrow \chi_{T(E)} \circ T(x) = 1$$

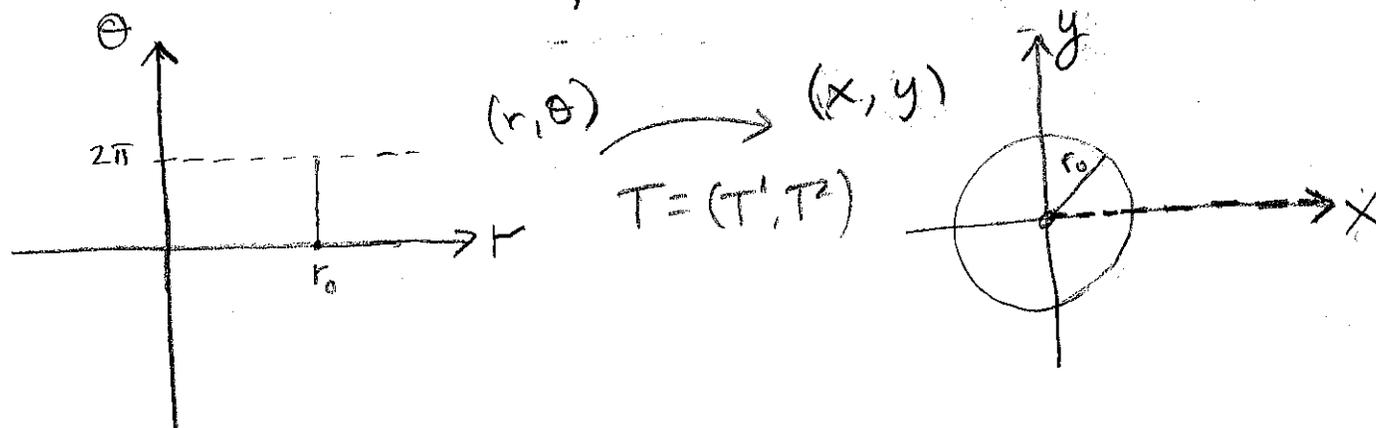
Thus, (1) reduces to:

$$\int_E |JT(x)| d\lambda(x) = \lambda(T(E))$$

Ex: Spherical Coordinates in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

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We consider first the case  $n=2$ :



$$T^1(r, \theta) = x = r \cos \theta$$

$$T^2(r, \theta) = y = r \sin \theta$$

We have:

$$T: (0, \infty) \times (0, 2\pi) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus N,$$

$$\text{where } N = \{(x, 0) : x \geq 0\}$$

$T$  is  $\perp$ - $\perp$ , on-to, and  $C^\infty$ .

The Change of variable formula gives, for any  $A \subset (0, \infty) \times (0, 2\pi)$ :

$$\int_{T(A)} f(x, y) d\lambda(x, y) = \int_A f \circ T(r, \theta) |JT(r, \theta)| d\lambda(r, \theta)$$

$$= \int_A f \circ T(r, \theta) r dr d\theta$$

If  $A = (0, 1) \times (0, 2\pi)$ ,  
 then  $T(A) = \{ (x, y) : x^2 + y^2 < 1 \} \setminus N$   
 $= B(0, 1) \setminus N$

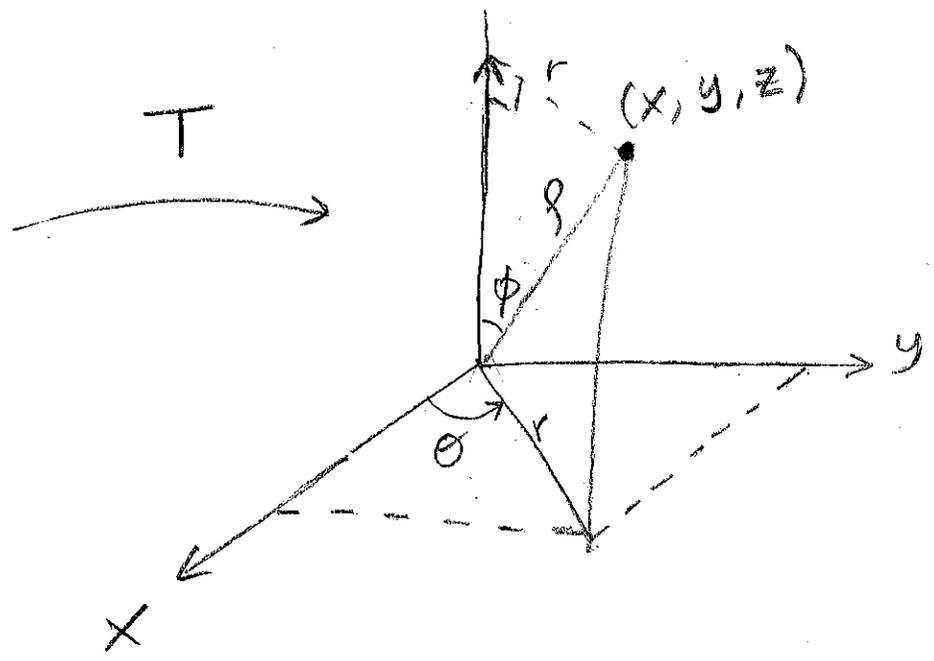
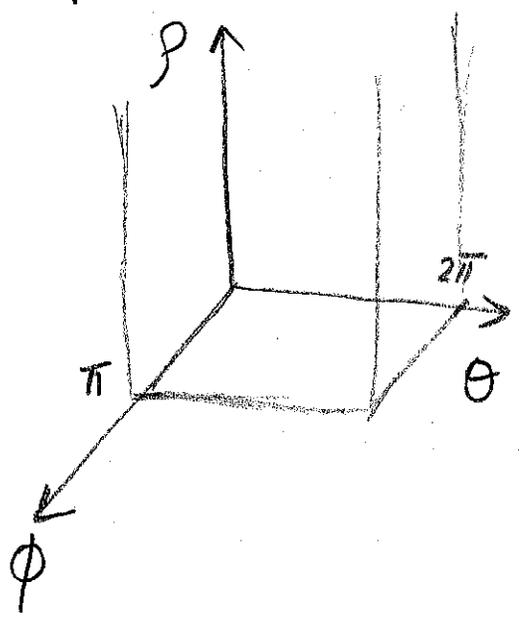
Hence:

$$\int_{B(0,1)} f(x,y) dx dy = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) r dr d\theta$$

Note:  $\lambda(N) = 0$  and hence:

$$\int_{B(0,1)} f d\lambda(x,y) = \int_{T(A)} f d\lambda(x,y)$$

For  $n=3$ :



$$(\rho, \phi, \theta) \xrightarrow{T} (x, y, z)$$

$$T = (T^1, T^2, T^3)$$

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$$T^1(\rho, \phi, \theta) = x = r \cos \theta = \rho \sin \phi \cos \theta$$

$$T^2(\rho, \phi, \theta) = y = r \sin \theta = \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta$$

$$T^3(\rho, \phi, \theta) = z = \rho \cos \phi$$

We have:

$$T: (0, \infty) \times (0, \pi) \times (0, 2\pi) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus N$$

is 1-1 and on-to (Note:  $\lambda(N) = 0$ ).

The Change of variable formula gives,  
for any  $A \subset (0, \infty) \times (0, \pi) \times (0, 2\pi)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{T(A)} f(x, y, z) d\lambda(x, y, z) &= \int_A f \circ T(\rho, \phi, \theta) |JT(\rho, \phi, \theta)| d\lambda(\rho, \phi, \theta) \\ &= \int_A f \circ T(\rho, \phi, \theta) \rho^2 \sin \phi d\lambda(\rho, \phi, \theta) \end{aligned}$$

In particular, if  $A = (0, 1) \times (0, \pi) \times (0, 2\pi)$

we

obtain:

$$T(A) = \{(x, y, z) : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 < 1\} \setminus N$$

Hence:

$$\int_{B(0,1)} f(x,y,z) dx dy dz = \int_0^1 \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} f(\rho \sin \phi \cos \theta, \rho \sin \phi \sin \theta, \rho \cos \phi) \rho^2 \sin \phi d\theta d\phi d\rho$$

Prove the following:

1.- Use the Change of Variable formula to show that  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx = \sqrt{\pi}$

2.- Prove that  $|JT(\rho, \phi, \theta)| = \rho^2 \sin \phi$

3.- Use the Change of variable formula to compute the area of the ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$  and the

volume of the ellipsoid  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ .