

The Jacobian and change of variables — the grid-warp returns

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Practice problems

1. Evaluate $\iint_R (x^2 + y^2) dA$ where R is the region bounded by $x + y = 1$, $x + y = 3$, $x - y = 0$, and $x - y = 2$.
2. Find the Jacobian determinant for the transformation $x = u^2 - v^2$ and $y = 2uv$.
3. Use a change of variables to evaluate $\iint_R e^{x-y} dA$ where R is the region bounded by $x - y = 0$, $x - y = 1$, $x + y = 0$, and $x + y = 2$.

Solutions

1. Evaluate $\iint_R (x^2 + y^2) dA$ where R is the region bounded by $x + y = 1$, $x + y = 3$, $x - y = 0$, and $x - y = 2$.

- Let $u = x + y$ and $v = x - y$. The bounds are $1 \leq u \leq 3$ and $0 \leq v \leq 2$.
- Solve for x and y : $x = (u + v)/2$ and $y = (u - v)/2$.
- Compute the Jacobian: $\det J = \det \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 \end{pmatrix} = -1/2$. The absolute value is $1/2$.
- Substitute into the integrand: $x^2 + y^2 = ((u + v)/2)^2 + ((u - v)/2)^2 = (u^2 + 2uv + v^2 + u^2 - 2uv + v^2)/4 = (2u^2 + 2v^2)/4 = (u^2 + v^2)/2$.
- Set up the integral: $\int_0^2 \int_1^3 \frac{u^2 + v^2}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} du dv = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^2 \left[\frac{u^3}{3} + v^2 u \right]_1^3 dv$.
- Evaluate: $\frac{1}{4} \int_0^2 \left(\frac{26}{3} + 2v^2 \right) dv = \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{26}{3} v + \frac{2v^3}{3} \right]_0^2 = \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{52}{3} + \frac{16}{3} \right) = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{68}{3} = \frac{17}{3}$.

Answer: $17/3$

2. Find the Jacobian determinant for the transformation $x = u^2 - v^2$ and $y = 2uv$.

- Compute partials of x : $\frac{\partial x}{\partial u} = 2u$, $\frac{\partial x}{\partial v} = -2v$.
- Compute partials of y : $\frac{\partial y}{\partial u} = 2v$, $\frac{\partial y}{\partial v} = 2u$.
- Set up the determinant: $\det J = (2u)(2u) - (-2v)(2v)$.
- Simplify: $4u^2 + 4v^2 = 4(u^2 + v^2)$.

Answer: $4(u^2 + v^2)$

3. Use a change of variables to evaluate $\iint_R e^{x-y} dA$ where R is the region bounded by $x - y = 0$, $x - y = 1$, $x + y = 0$, and $x + y = 2$.

- Let $u = x - y$ and $v = x + y$. The bounds are $0 \leq u \leq 1$ and $0 \leq v \leq 2$.
- The Jacobian for this transformation is $1/2$ (as calculated in the lesson example).
- The integral becomes $\int_0^2 \int_0^1 e^u \cdot \frac{1}{2} du dv$.
- Integrate e^u : $\frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 [e^u]_0^1 dv = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 (e - 1) dv$.
- Integrate with respect to v : $\frac{1}{2} (e - 1) [v]_0^2 = \frac{1}{2} (e - 1) \cdot 2 = e - 1$.

Answer: $e - 1$