

### 18.02A Topic 33: Change of variable.

Read: SN: CV

18.01 example: Compute  $I = \int x\sqrt{1-x^2} dx$ .

Direct substitution:  $u = 1 - x^2, du = -2x dx \rightarrow x dx = -\frac{1}{2} du$

$$\Rightarrow I = -\frac{1}{2} \int \sqrt{u} du.$$

Inverse substitution:  $x = \sin u, dx = \cos u du \Rightarrow I = \int \sin u \cos^2 u du$ .

Double integration:  $\int \int_R f(x, y) dA$ .

Direct substitution:  $u = u(x, y), v = v(x, y)$ .

Inverse substitution:  $x = x(u, v), y = y(u, v)$ .

**Example:**  $x = r \cos \theta, y = r \sin \theta$ .

Finding  $dA = dx dy$ :

$$\textbf{Jacobian} = \frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} = \begin{vmatrix} x_u & x_v \\ y_u & y_v \end{vmatrix}, \quad \frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(x,y)} = \begin{vmatrix} u_x & u_y \\ v_x & v_y \end{vmatrix}.$$

$$dA = dx dy = \left| \frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} \right| du dv = \frac{1}{\left| \frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(x,y)} \right|} du dv.$$

(Reason soon)

**Change of variable** for  $\int \int_R f(x, y) dx dy$ :

(A) Change  $f(x, y)$  to  $u, v$  coordinates.

(B) Express  $dA$  in terms of  $du dv$ .

(C) Find  $u, v$  limits on  $R$ .

**Example:** Given the region  $R$  shown, compute  $I = \int \int_R (4x^2 - y^2)^4 dy dx$ .

Change of variable:  $u = 2x - y, v = 2x + y$ .

(A)  $4x^2 - y^2 = uv \Rightarrow f(x, y) = u^4 v^4$ .

$$(B) \frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(x,y)} = \begin{vmatrix} u_x & u_y \\ v_x & v_y \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 4.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} = \frac{1}{4}. \Rightarrow dx dy = \frac{1}{4} du dv.$$

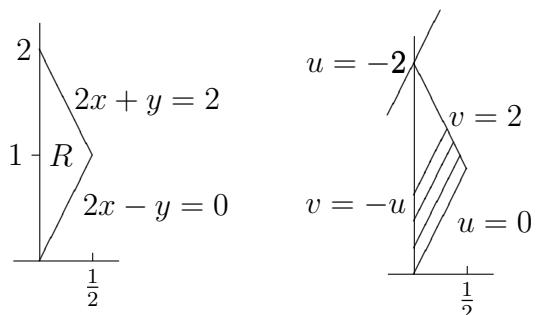
(C) Limits:

$$x = 0 \Rightarrow u = -y, v = y \Rightarrow v = -u.$$

$u: -2$  to  $0$ ; fix  $u \Rightarrow v: -u$  to  $2$ .

$$I = \int_{u=-2}^0 \int_{v=-u}^2 u^4 v^4 \frac{dv du}{4}.$$

(Easy to compute.)



(continued)

**Reason for change of variables formula:**

Draw 'grid' lines  $u = c_1, v = c_2$  (in  $xy$ -plane).

$\Delta A = \text{area } PQRS \approx \text{parallelogram}$ .

In a moment we will see that  $\overrightarrow{PQ} \approx \langle x_u \Delta u, y_u \Delta u \rangle$  and  $\overrightarrow{PS} \approx \langle x_v \Delta v, y_v \Delta v \rangle$ .

Using this we have:

$$\Delta A \approx \pm \begin{vmatrix} x_u \Delta u & x_v \Delta v \\ y_u \Delta u & y_v \Delta v \end{vmatrix} = \pm \begin{vmatrix} x_u & x_v \\ y_u & y_v \end{vmatrix} \Delta u \Delta v = \frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} \Delta u \Delta v.$$

$$\Rightarrow dA = \frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} du dv. \blacksquare$$

Now we show  $\overrightarrow{PQ} \approx \langle x_u \Delta u, y_u \Delta u \rangle$ .

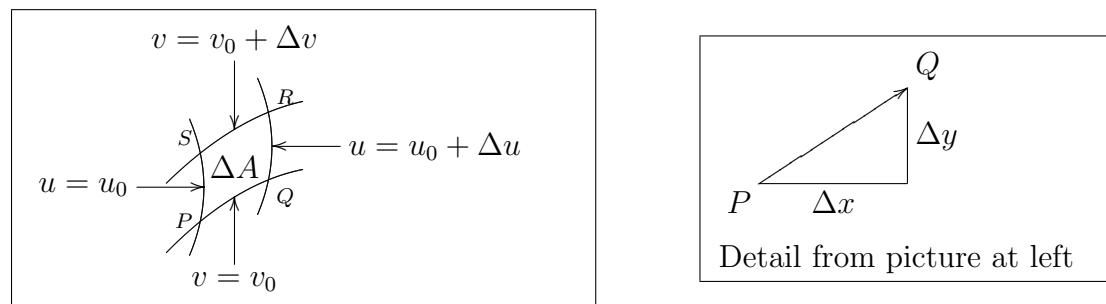
Let  $\overrightarrow{PQ} = \langle \Delta x, \Delta y \rangle$  (see picture).

The approximation formula says:  $\Delta x \approx x_u \Delta u + x_v \Delta v$  and  $\Delta y \approx y_u \Delta u + y_v \Delta v$ .

Going from  $P$  to  $Q$  we have  $\Delta v = 0 \Rightarrow \Delta x \approx x_u \Delta u$  and  $\Delta y \approx y_u \Delta u$ .

$$\Rightarrow \overrightarrow{PQ} \approx \langle x_u \Delta u, y_u \Delta u \rangle. \blacksquare$$

Likewise for  $\overrightarrow{PS} \approx \langle x_v \Delta v, y_v \Delta v \rangle$ .



**Remark on the chain rule:**

$$\frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} \cdot \frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(x,y)} = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{pmatrix} x_u & x_v \\ y_u & y_v \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} u_x & u_y \\ v_x & v_y \end{pmatrix} = I$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1 = \frac{\partial x}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \text{ etc.}$$