

# Integration on manifolds.

We recall that we "know" how to change variables when integrating in multivariable calculus.

Theorem. If  $f: V \rightarrow U$  is a diffeomorphism of open sets in  $\mathbb{R}^k$  and  $a$  is an integrable function on  $U$ . Then

$$\int_U a \, dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_k = \int_V (a \circ f) |\det df| \, dy_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy_k.$$

Now we claimed a few minutes ago that if

$$\omega = a \, dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_k$$

then

$$f^* \omega = (a \circ f) \det df \, dy_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dy_k.$$

So this theorem really says

$$\int_U \omega = \int_V f^* \omega.$$

Now, that was amazing - the missing determinant came from the pullback process itself, or, if you like, from the anticommutativity property of alternating tensors.

We now note that

- a) we proved a lot of stuff about orientation by appealing to properties of  $\det$
- b) ~~det~~ these properties are now revealed to be properties of alternating tensors.

So it isn't surprising that orientation, integration and forms all come together in:

Theorem. Assume that  $f: U \rightarrow V$  is a diffeo. of open sets in  $\mathbb{R}^k$  or  $\mathbb{H}^k$  and let  $\omega$  be an integrable  $k$ -form on  $U$ . Then

$$\int_U \omega = \pm \int_V f^* \omega$$

and the sign depends on whether  $f$  preserves or reverses orientation.

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Example. Suppose  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an integrable function,  $U = [a, b]$  and  $V = [a, b]$  with  $f(x) = -x + (b+a)$ .

We see  $f(a) = b$  and  $f(b) = a$ , while

$$df = [f'(x)] = [-1]$$

has determinant  $-1$ . So this is orientation reversing

$$\int_U g dx = - \int_V f^*(g dx) = - \int_V g(f(y)) \cdot (-1) dy$$

Now

$$\int_U g dx = \int_a^b g(x) dx$$

But

$$\int_V g(f(y)) dy = \int_a^b g(f(y)) dy = - \int_b^a g(f) df$$

since

$$f = f(y), \text{ so } df = f'(y) dy = -dy.$$

so

$$\boxed{\int_a^b g(x) dx = - \int_b^a g(x) dx}$$

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$$f(a) = b$$

$$f(b) = a$$

$$(a, b)$$

$$(b, a) = y_c$$

$$m = \frac{a-b}{b-a} = -1$$

$$f(a) = ma + c$$

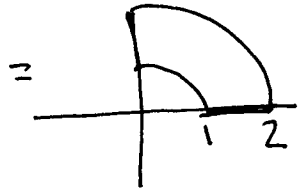
$$b = -1a + c$$

$$b + a = c$$

$$f(x) = -x + (b+a).$$

That was rather abstract, so let's try

Example.  ~~$U = (1, 2) \times (0, \pi/2)$~~   ~~$V = (1, 2) \times (0, \pi/2)$~~   
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$$f(r, \theta) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$$

$$\omega = dx \wedge dy.$$

We compute

$$df = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}, \det df = r > 0$$

Since  $r$  is orientation preserving

$$\begin{aligned} \int_U dx \wedge dy &= \int_V f^*(dx \wedge dy) \\ &= \int_V r \, dr \wedge d\theta \end{aligned}$$

by the determinant theorem.

But if we pull back using our previous formulae directly? (5)

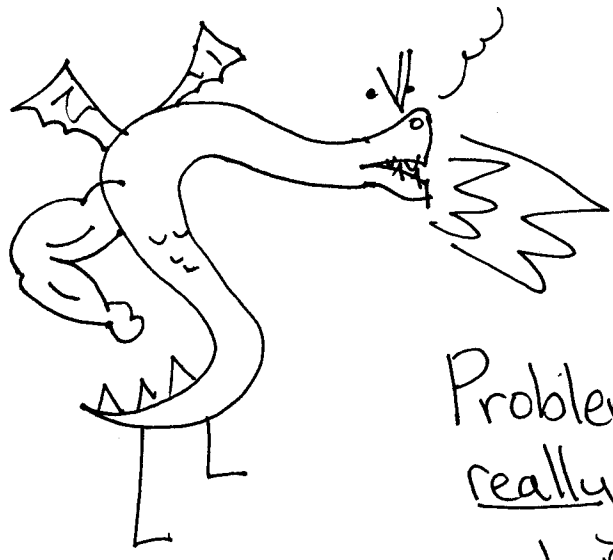
$$\begin{aligned} f^* dx &= \sum_{j=1}^2 \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y_j} dy_j \\ &= \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial r} dr + \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial \theta} d\theta \\ &= \cos \theta dr - r \sin \theta d\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$f^* dy = \sin \theta dr + r \cos \theta d\theta$$

So 
$$= f^* dx \wedge f^* dy$$

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(dx \wedge dy) &= (\cos \theta dr - r \sin \theta d\theta) \wedge (\sin \theta dr + r \cos \theta d\theta) \\ &= r \cos^2 \theta dr \wedge d\theta - r \sin^2 \theta d\theta \wedge dr \\ &= r (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) dr \wedge d\theta. \\ &= r dr \wedge d\theta. \end{aligned}$$

which just has to make you feel better about this theory...



Problem. If integration is really Riemann summation, and Riemann sums depend on coordinates, how do we define a coordinate-free version of integration ~~on~~ on manifolds?

Well, we wouldn't even pose this question if the answer wasn't forms. Here's how.

- 1.) Given a form  $\omega$ , write it as  $\omega = \sum p_i \omega$  where the  $p_i$  are a partition of unity so each  $p_i$  is supported in a parametrizable open subset of  $X$ .

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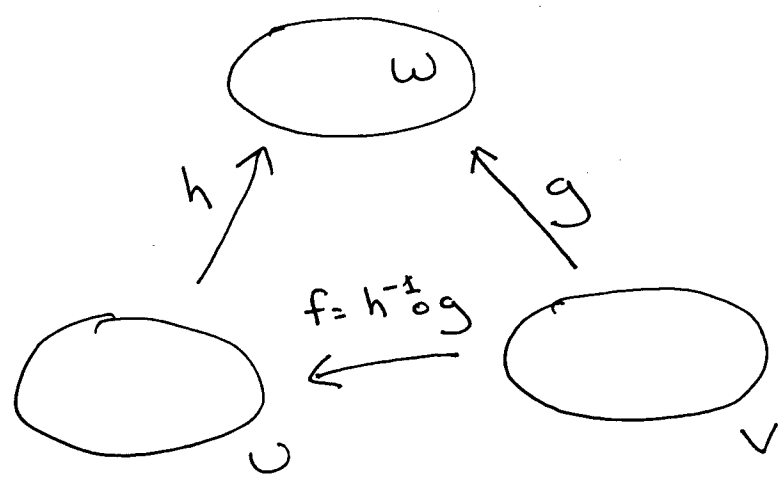
2) For each  $p_i \omega$ , parametrize  $W \subset X$  supporting  $p_i \omega$  by  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^k$  via

$$h: U \rightarrow W$$

Define

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^k} p_i \omega = \int_U h^*(p_i \omega)$$

Is this independent of  $h$ ? Well, take



Observe

$$\begin{aligned} \int_U h^* \omega &= \int_V f^* h^* \omega \\ &= \int_V (h \circ f)^* \omega \\ &= \int_V g^* \omega. \end{aligned}$$

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3) Now define  $\int \omega = \sum_i \int p_i \omega$ .

Does this depend on  $p$ ? Well, suppose  $p'_i$  was another partition: For each  $p_i \omega$ ,

$$\int_X p_i \omega = \sum_j \int_X p'_j p_i \omega$$

since  $\sum_j p'_j = 1$  everywhere, and integration is linear (linearity of integration in  $\mathbb{R}^k$  and of pullback). But then also

$$\int_X p'_j \omega = \sum_i \int_X p_i p'_j \omega$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_i \int_X p_i \omega &= \sum_i \sum_j \int_X p'_j p_i \omega \\ &= \sum_j \sum_i \int_X p_i p'_j \omega \\ &= \sum_j \int_X p'_j \omega, \end{aligned}$$

as desired.



We finally have

Theorem. If  $f: \overset{Y}{\mathbb{R}^k} \rightarrow \overset{X}{\mathbb{R}^k}$  is an orientation preserving diffeomorphism then

$$\int_X \omega = \int_Y f^* \omega$$

for all (compactly supported) smooth  $k$ -forms on  $X$  where  $k = \dim X = \dim Y$ .

Next time: Integrating forms with dimension  $< k$ .

Example

Consider the 1-form

$$\omega = \sin x \, dx + \cos y \, dy$$

and the map  $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  given by  
 $g(x, y, z) = (xy, yz)$  and compute  
 $g^*\omega$ .