

Change of variables formulae

Heuristic

Let $\varphi: J \rightarrow I$ be a C^1 -diffeomorphism between 2 bounded intervals.

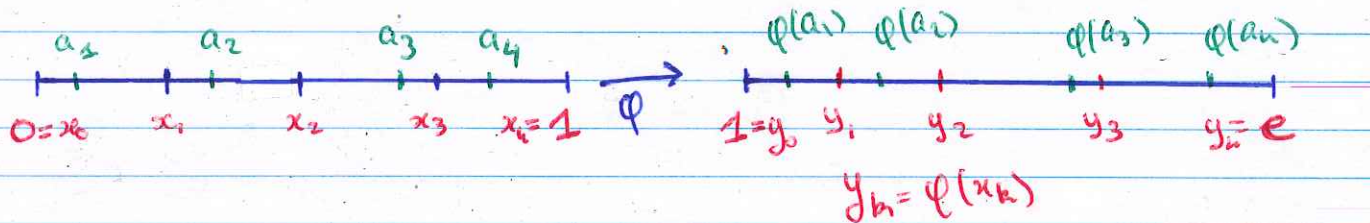
We want to compute $\int_I f$ for $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuous

Since $\varphi: J \rightarrow I$ is a bijection between J and I preserving regularity, it looks like that we can write $\int_I f = \int_J f \circ \varphi$.

Let's try on an example: $f(x) = x$, $\varphi: [0,1] \rightarrow [1,e]$, $\varphi(x) = e^x$

$$\int_{[1,e]} f = \frac{e^2}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \neq \int_{[0,1]} f \circ \varphi = e - 1$$

What went wrong?



A Riemann sum for $f \circ \varphi$ is $f(\varphi(a_1))(x_1 - x_0) + f(\varphi(a_2))(x_2 - x_1) + \dots$

Notice that it involves $(x_{k+1} - x_k)$ and not $(y_{k+1} - y_k)$ the partition induced by φ on $[1, e]$ from the partition on $[0, 1]$.

It doesn't take into account the speed of φ ...

We would like to find F on $[0, 1]$ s.t.

$$\int_{[0,1]} F = \int_{[1,e]} f$$

at the level of Riemann sums we would like

$$F(a_1)(x_1 - x_0) + F(a_2)(x_2 - x_1) + F(a_3)(x_3 - x_2) + \dots$$

to be equal to (at least when the step $x_{k+1} - x_k$ goes to 0)

$$f(\varphi(a_1))|y_1 - y_0| + f(\varphi(a_2))|y_2 - y_1| + f(\varphi(a_3))|y_3 - y_2| + \dots$$

Comment: absolute values because φ could be decreasing

We can set for example

$$F(a_k)(x_{k+1} - x_k) = f(\varphi(a_k)) \overset{\varphi(x_{k+1})}{\overset{\varphi(x_k)}{}} |y_{k+1} - y_k|$$

$$\text{ie } F(a_k) = f(\varphi(a_k)) \left| \frac{\varphi(x_{k+1}) - \varphi(x_k)}{x_{k+1} - x_k} \right| \xrightarrow{x_{k+1} - x_k \rightarrow 0} f(\varphi(x)) \cdot |\varphi'(x)|$$

$$\text{ie } \int_I f = \int_J f \circ \varphi \cdot |\varphi'|$$

Remark: in the MAT137 the absolute value was hidden in the fact that $\int_a^b = -\int_b^a$

$$\text{So if } \varphi \text{ is decreasing ie } \varphi' < 0 \quad \int_{\varphi(b)}^{\varphi(a)} f \circ \varphi \cdot \varphi' = \int_{\varphi(b)}^{\varphi(a)} f \circ \varphi \cdot |\varphi'|$$

with $\varphi(b) < \varphi(a)$

We won't be able to use this trick in the multivariable case
ie the absolute values are going to be important

Conclusion: $\int_I f \neq \int_J f \circ \varphi$ if $\varphi: J \rightarrow I$ is a C^1 -diffeomorphism

$$\text{but } \int_I f = \int_J f \circ \varphi \cdot |\varphi'|$$



The above discussion is informal, that's not a proof
but it explains well the situation that we are going to clarify now

The one variable case (Recollection from MAT137/MAT157)

Theorem: $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ interval, $\varphi: [a, b] \rightarrow I$ C^1 , $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ C^0

$$\text{then } \int_a^b f(\varphi(t)) \varphi'(t) dt = \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\varphi(b)} f(x) dx$$

Remarks: ① the functions involved are integrable since C^0 on segment lines

that will be
a necessary
assumption
in the multivariable
case

② we don't assume φ to be injective

eg: we can compute $\int_{-\sqrt{\pi/2}}^{\sqrt{\pi/2}} 2t \cos(t^2) dt$ using $\varphi(t) = t^2$
even if φ is not injective

③ We may rewrite:
$$\int_{[a, b]} f(\varphi(t)) |\varphi'(t)| dt = \int_{\varphi([a, b])} f(x) dx$$

when φ is monotonic (ie nondecreasing or nonincreasing)

Proof: Since f is continuous, it admits an antiderivative $F: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

notice that $(F \circ \varphi)' = F' \circ \varphi \cdot \varphi' = f \circ \varphi \cdot \varphi'$

hence
$$\int_a^b f \circ \varphi(t) \varphi'(t) dt = \int_a^b (F \circ \varphi)'(t) dt$$

$$= [F \circ \varphi]_a^b$$

$$= [F]_{\varphi(a)}^{\varphi(b)}$$

$$= \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\varphi(b)} F'(x) dx = \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\varphi(b)} f(x) dx$$

□

Remarks: It is possible to weaken the assumptions, but the proof becomes more complicated (cf Thm 3.3 in debaroux.pdf)

• Ex: If φ is monotonic, we may simply assume that f is integrable:

(among others)

ie: If $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is integrable, $\varphi: [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ monotonic, $\varphi([c, d]) \subset [a, b]$
and φ' integrable then
$$\int_{\varphi(c)}^{\varphi(d)} f(x) dx = \int_c^d f(\varphi(t)) \varphi'(t) dt$$

Memoronic device

$$\int_a^b f(\varphi(t)) \varphi'(t) dt = \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\varphi(b)} f(u) du \quad (*)$$

So if you write $u = \varphi(t)$

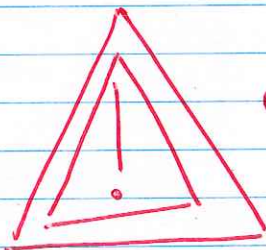
$$\text{and then } \frac{du}{dt} = \varphi'(t)$$

$$\text{you recover } du = \varphi'(t) dt$$



That's just a memoronic device to remember the proved formula (*)

That's not a correct mathematical proof or reasoning



Do NOT forget to change the bounds:

$$\int_a^b f(\varphi(t)) \varphi'(t) dt = \int_{\varphi(a)}^{\varphi(b)} f(u) du$$

The multivariable case

Theorem: • $U \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ open, $\Phi: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m \subset \mathbb{C}^1$ injective and $\forall x \in U, \det D\Phi(x) \neq 0$

• Let $T \subset U$ be a compact Jordan measurable set (i.e. ∂T has \mathcal{ZC})

• If f is integrable on $\Phi(T)$ then $f \circ \Phi \cdot |\det D\Phi|$ is integrable on T and

$$\int_{\Phi(T)} f(x) dx = \int_T f(\Phi(u)) |\det D\Phi(u)| du$$

Remark: ① We have already seen that $\xrightarrow{\text{(Theorem 16, Transformations)}}$ for $\Phi: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ injective
 $\forall x \in U, D\Phi(x)$ invertible $\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \Phi(U) \text{ is open} \\ \Phi: U \rightarrow \Phi(U) \text{ is a } \mathbb{C}^1 \text{-diffeo} \end{cases}$

\hookrightarrow the condition on Φ is simply that $\Phi: U \rightarrow V$ is a \mathbb{C}^1 -diffeomorphism where $V = \Phi(U)$

② $\Phi(T)$ is compact as the continuous image of a compact and $\Phi(T)$ is Jordan measurable (i.e. $\partial(\Phi(T))$ has \mathcal{ZC})

Δ Idea of proof for ②

• ∂T is closed and bounded, hence compact


• Since Φ is \mathbb{C}^1 on ∂T compact, $\exists C > 0, \forall x, y \in \partial T, \|\Phi(x) - \Phi(y)\| \leq C \|x - y\|$

(See the file "A MVT like inequality" for details)

• Hence $\Phi(\partial T)$ has \mathcal{ZC}

• Hence Φ is a homeomorphism $\partial(\Phi(T)) = \Phi(\partial T)$

• Cl: $\partial(\Phi(T))$ has \mathcal{ZC} , i.e. $\Phi(T)$ is Jordan measurable \square

if we present an idea describing the geometric, it's not a proof!!! intuition 

It is possible to generalize the heuristic idea from before:

$$\int_{\Phi(T)} f(x) dx \approx \sum_S f(\Phi(as)) \cdot \text{Vol}(\Phi(S))$$

← (where S is a subrectangle of a partition of a rectangle containing T)

$$\approx \sum_S f(\Phi(as)) \cdot \frac{\text{Vol}(\Phi(S))}{\text{Vol}(S)} \cdot \text{Vol}(S)$$

when $\text{Vol}(S) \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \approx \sum_S f(\Phi(as)) |\det D\Phi(as)| \text{Vol}(S)$

$$\approx \int_T f \circ \Phi \cdot |\det D\Phi|$$

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→ that's actually the geometric interpretation of the Jacobian determinant:

After a translation, we may assume that $0 \in U$ and that $\Phi(0) = 0$ and then use the following lemma:

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Lemma: $U, V \subset \mathbb{R}^m$ two open sets containing 0, $f: U \rightarrow V$ C^1 diffeo. $0 \mapsto 0$
 $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists R > 0, \forall r \in [0, R], (1-\epsilon) Df(0)(B_r) \subset f(B_r) \subset (1+\epsilon) Df(0)(B_r)$

$\Delta f(x) - Df(0)x = \gamma(x)$ where $\frac{\|\gamma(x)\|}{\|x\|} \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow 0} 0$ by differentiability

so $\|f(x) - Df(0)x\| \leq C \epsilon \|x\|$ for x close to 0 take ϵ s.t. it is ϵ

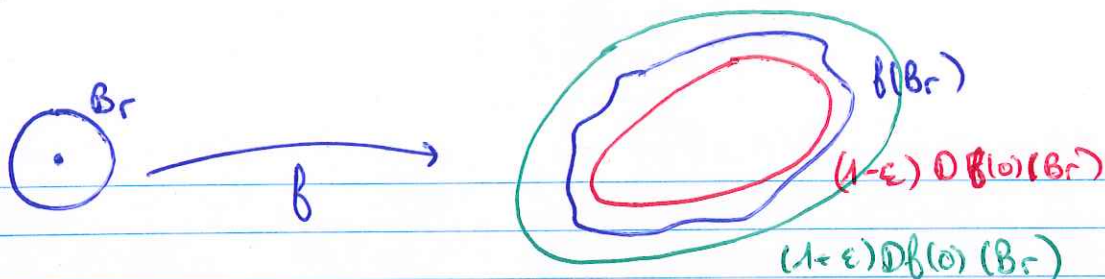
$\Rightarrow \|Df(0)^{-1} f(x) - x\| = \|Df(0)^{-1} (f(x) - Df(0)x)\| \leq \|Df(0)^{-1}\| \cdot C \cdot \epsilon \|x\|$
 for x close to 0
 $\Rightarrow \|Df(0)^{-1} f(x)\| \leq (1+\epsilon) \|x\|$
 hence the second inclusion

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For the first one: $y \mapsto (1-\epsilon) Df(0)y$ is C^0 so $\exists K$ s.t. $\psi(B(0, K)) \subset \psi(B_R)$

then if $(1-\epsilon) Df(0)y = f(x)$, $\|x\| - (1-\epsilon) \|y\| \leq \|(1-\epsilon)y - x\|$
 $= \|Df(0)^{-1} (f(x) - x)\| \leq \epsilon \|x\|$

from which we deduce the first inclusion □



$$\text{and } \text{Vol}((1+\epsilon) D B(0)(B_r)) = |\det((1+\epsilon) Df(0))| \text{Vol}(B_r) \\ = (1+\epsilon)^m |\det Df(0)| \text{Vol}(B_r)$$

$$\text{So } (1-\epsilon)^m |\det Df(0)| \leq \frac{\text{Vol}(f(B_r))}{\text{Vol}(B_r)} \leq (1+\epsilon)^m |\det Df(0)|$$

END OF THE HEURISTIC IDEA

(which can be fixed to become a formal difficult proof)

Historical comment: the above idea may be fixed and made correct, see for instance Folland

There exists another proof, by induction on m , which is more computational, easier, but hides a little bit the geometric idea. See for instance Spivak or Munkres

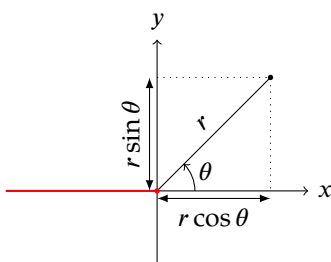
Change of variables: usual coordinate systems

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1 Polar coordinates

$$\Phi : \begin{array}{l} (0, +\infty) \times (-\pi, \pi) \\ (r, \theta) \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(x, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x \leq 0\} \\ \mapsto (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) \end{array}$$



- Φ is C^1 .
- Φ is bijective.
- $\det D\Phi(r, \theta) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} = r(\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) = r > 0$.
- Hence Φ is a C^1 -diffeomorphism.
- And $|\det D\Phi(r, \theta)| = r$.

Example 1. Let $\Delta = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 1 \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq 9, x \geq 0\}$.

We want to compute $\int_{\Delta} e^{x^2+y^2}$.

First, notice that $\Delta = \Phi([1, 3] \times [-\pi/2, \pi/2])$.

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Delta} e^{x^2+y^2} dx dy &= \int_{[1,3] \times [-\pi/2, \pi/2]} e^{r^2} r dr d\theta && \text{by the CoV formula} \\ &= \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \int_1^3 r e^{r^2} dr d\theta && \text{by the iterated integrals theorem} \\ &= \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \frac{e^9 - e}{2} d\theta \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} (e^9 - e) \end{aligned}$$

Example 2. We want to compute $\int_{\overline{B}((1,1),1)} x^2 + y^2 - 2y dx dy$.

First notice that $\Psi : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by $\Psi(x, y) = (x + 1, y + 1)$ is a C^1 -diffeomorphism and that $|\det D\Psi(x, y)| = 1$.

Moreover $\overline{B}((1, 1), 1) = \Psi(\overline{B}(\mathbf{0}, 1))$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\overline{B}((1,1),1)} x^2 + y^2 - 2y dx dy &= \int_{\overline{B}(\mathbf{0},1)} (x+1)^2 + (y+1)^2 - 2(y+1) dx dy && \text{by the CoV formula} \\ &= \int_{\overline{B}(\mathbf{0},1)} x^2 + y^2 - 2x dx dy \end{aligned}$$

Next, we have $\overline{B}(\mathbf{0}, 1) = \Phi([0, 1] \times [-\pi, \pi])$.

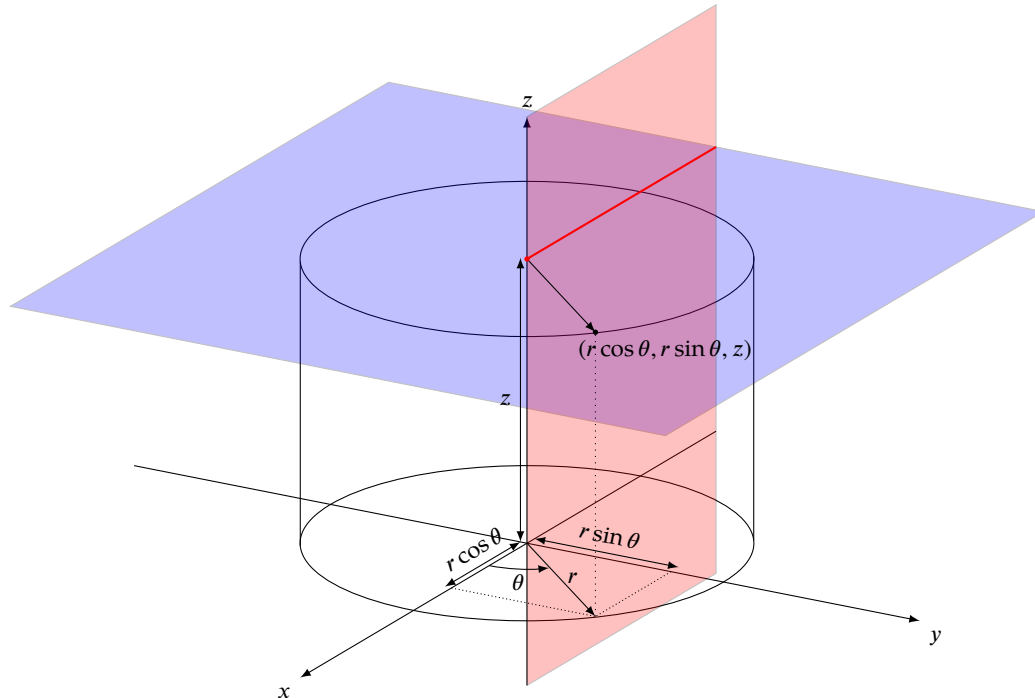
Notice that there is an issue for $r = 0$ or $\theta = \pm\pi$ (i.e. $\{(x, 0) : x \in [-1, 0]\}$) but these sets have zero content.

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\overline{B}(\mathbf{0},1)} x^2 + y^2 - 2x dx dy &= \int_{[0,1] \times [-\pi,\pi]} (r^2 - 2r \cos \theta) r dr d\theta && \text{by the CoV formula} \\ &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_0^1 r^3 - 2r^2 \cos \theta dr d\theta && \text{by the iterated integrals theorem} \\ &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{4} - \frac{2}{3} \cos \theta d\theta \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

2 Cylindrical coordinates

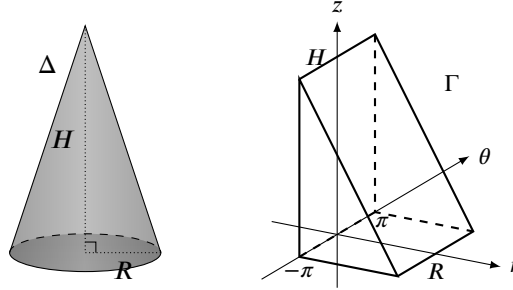
$$\begin{aligned} \Phi : (0, +\infty) \times (-\pi, \pi) \times \mathbb{R} &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus ((-\infty, 0] \times \{0\} \times \mathbb{R}) \\ (r, \theta, z) &\mapsto (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, z) \end{aligned}$$



- Φ is C^1 .
- Φ is bijective.
- $\det D\Phi(r, \theta, z) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \det \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} = r > 0$.
- Hence Φ is a C^1 -diffeomorphism.
- And $|\det D\Phi(r, \theta, z)| = r$.

Example 3. We want to compute $\int_{\Delta} z dx dy dz$

where $\Delta = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 \leq \frac{R^2}{H^2}(H - z)^2, 0 \leq z \leq H\}$.



Notice that $\Delta = \Phi(\Gamma)$ where $\Gamma = \left\{ (r, \theta, z) : 0 \leq r \leq \frac{R}{H}(H - z), \theta \in [-\pi, \pi], z \in [0, H] \right\}$.

Again, Γ goes outside the domain of Φ but the involved sets have zero content.

Hence

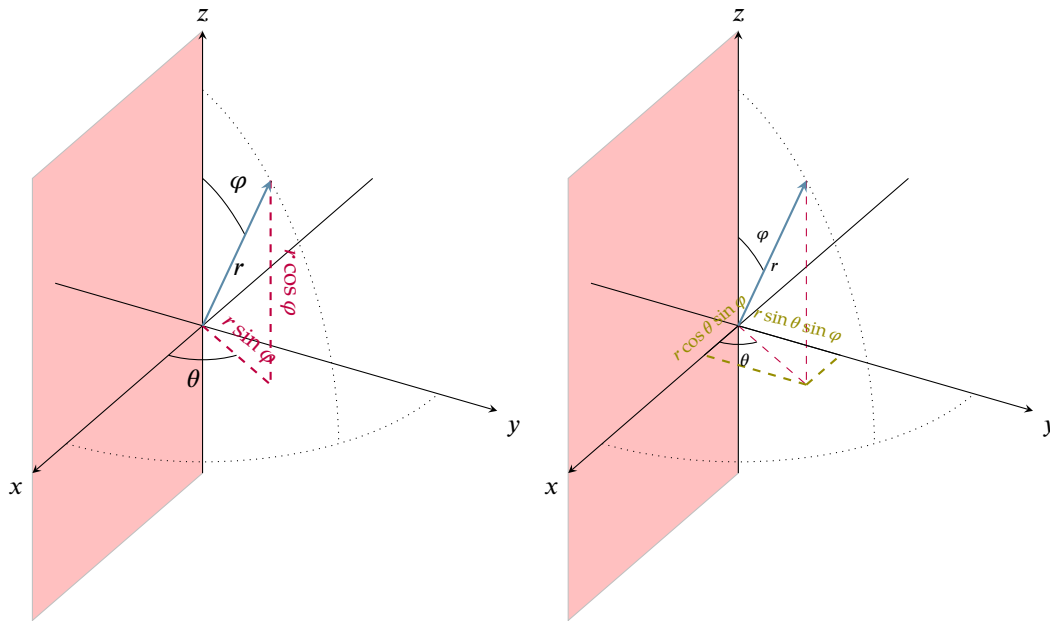
$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\Delta} z dx dy dz &= \int_{\Gamma} z r dr d\theta dz \quad \text{by the CoV formula} \\
 &= \int_0^H \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_0^{\frac{R}{H}(H-z)} z r dr d\theta dz \\
 &= \int_0^H \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{R^2}{2H^2} (H - z)^2 z d\theta dz \\
 &= \frac{\pi R^2}{H^2} \int_0^H (H - z)^2 z dz \\
 &= \frac{\pi R^2 H^2}{12}
 \end{aligned}$$

3 Spherical coordinates

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi : (0, +\infty) \times (0, 2\pi) \times (0, \pi) &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus ([0, +\infty) \times \{0\} \times \mathbb{R}) \\ (r, \theta, \varphi) &\mapsto (r \cos \theta \sin \varphi, r \sin \theta \sin \varphi, r \cos \varphi) \end{aligned}$$

In this course, we use the following convention ^{*}:

$$(r, \theta, \varphi) = (\text{radius/distance to the origin, longitude, colatitude})$$



- Φ is C^1 .
- Φ is bijective.
- The Jacobian determinant is

$$\begin{aligned} \det D\Phi(r, \theta, \varphi) &= \det \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \sin \varphi & -r \sin \theta \sin \varphi & r \cos \theta \cos \varphi \\ \sin \theta \sin \varphi & r \cos \theta \sin \varphi & r \sin \theta \cos \varphi \\ \cos \varphi & 0 & -r \sin \varphi \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \cos \varphi \det \begin{pmatrix} -r \sin \theta \sin \varphi & r \cos \theta \cos \varphi \\ r \cos \theta \sin \varphi & r \sin \theta \cos \varphi \end{pmatrix} - r \sin \varphi \det \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \sin \varphi & -r \sin \theta \sin \varphi \\ \sin \theta \sin \varphi & r \cos \theta \sin \varphi \end{pmatrix} \\ &= r^2 \cos^2 \varphi \sin \varphi \det \begin{pmatrix} -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \\ \cos \theta & \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} - r^2 \sin^3 \varphi \det \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \\ &= -r^2 \cos^2 \varphi \sin \varphi - r^2 \sin^3 \varphi \\ &= -r^2 \sin \varphi < 0 \text{ since } \varphi \in (0, \pi) \end{aligned}$$

- Hence Φ is a C^1 -diffeomorphism.
- And $|\det D\Phi(r, \theta, \varphi)| = r^2 \sin \varphi$.

^{*} This convention may differ from the one used in other courses in math or in physics (the meaning of θ and φ may be swapped, some people use the latitude and not the colatitude...). I believe that the usual convention in physics is $(r, \theta, \varphi) = (\text{radius, colatitude, longitude})$ as in ISO 80000-2, i.e. the meaning of θ and φ are swapped from our convention in MAT237.

Example 4. We want to compute $\int_{\Delta} z dx dy dz$ where $\Delta = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 1, z \geq 0\}$. Notice that $\Delta = \Phi([0, 1] \times [0, 2\pi] \times [0, \pi/2])$.

Again, there is an issue with the domain of Φ but the involved sets have zero content. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Delta} z dx dy dz &= \int_{[0,1] \times [0,2\pi] \times [0,\pi/2]} r^3 \cos \varphi \sin \varphi dr d\theta d\varphi && \text{by the CoV formula} \\ &= \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 r^3 \frac{\sin(2\varphi)}{2} dr d\theta d\varphi && \text{by the iterated integrals theorem} \\ &= 2\pi \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{\cos 0}{4} - \frac{\cos \pi}{4} \right) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{4} \end{aligned}$$