

# Lecture 19

Note Title

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Recall that we have discussed

- double integrals of bounded real-valued functions on rectangles ( $R = [a, b] \times [c, d]$ )  
(defn. via (Riemann) double sums)
- basic properties, including Fubini's Theorem on rectangles
- extension to bounded functions  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  on arbitrary bounded domains  $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$   
(defined via extending  $f$  to  $f^*: R \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $R$  is a rectangle containing  $D$  and  
and  $f^*(x, y) = \begin{cases} f(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in D, \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) \in R \setminus D. \end{cases}$ )

It is readily seen that the algebraic and order properties of double integrals extend easily to the case of arbitrary bounded domains  $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  instead of rectangles. Moreover, we have seen that we have a very useful result: Fubini's theorem for elementary regions when the bounded domain  $D$  is an

- elementary region of type I  $\{ (x, y) : a \leq x \leq b, \varphi_1(x) \leq y \leq \varphi_2(x) \}$
- or of type II  $\{ (x, y) : c \leq y \leq d, \psi_1(y) \leq x \leq \psi_2(y) \}$

Basic Question : Which functions  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  
 $D$  bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , are integrable?

For example, can we say that every continuous bounded function  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is integrable?

The answer to this second question is unfortunately No!

Example : Consider  $R = [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$  and  
 $D = \{ (x, y) \in R : \text{both } x \text{ \& } y \text{ are rational} \}$   
Let  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the constant function  
 $f(x, y) = 1 \quad \forall (x, y) \in D.$

As a function on  $D$ ,  
 $f$  is clearly continuous  
but its extension

$$f^*: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

is the Dirichlet function

$$f^*(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \cap \mathbb{Q}^2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and this is not integrable on  $\mathbb{R}$ ! Hence,  
by defn.,  $f$  is not integrable over  $D$ .

The problem here is that  $f^*$  is discontinuous  
on the boundary of  $D$  (denoted  $\partial D$ ) and  
the boundary of  $D$  is TOO BIG! Indeed,  $\partial D = \mathbb{R}$ .

A Comforting Fact: If the boundary of  $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  is not too big and  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous, then  $f$  is integrable over  $D$ .

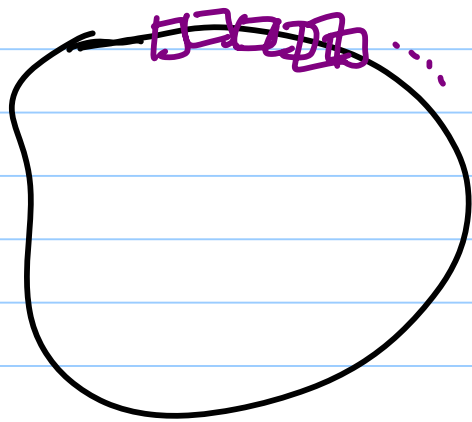
To make the idea of "too big" and "not too big" more precise, we introduce the following

Definition: Let  $E$  be a bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . We say that  $E$  is of (two-dimensional) content zero if the following condition holds:

For every  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $E$  can be covered by finitely many rectangles  $R_1, \dots, R_k$  such that

$$E \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^k R_i \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=1}^k \text{area}(R_i) < \varepsilon$$

Example:



① Any finite subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is of content zero.

② The graph of a Riemann-integrable function is of content zero, i.e., if

$$\varphi: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

is R-integrable, then the set

$$E = \{ (x, \varphi(x)) : x \in [a, b] \}$$

is of content zero.

[ To see this, note that by Riemann condition, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists$  a partition

$P = \{a = x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n = b\}$  of  $[a, b]$  such that

$$U(P, \varphi) - L(P, \varphi) < \varepsilon$$

This implies

$$E \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^n \underbrace{[x_{i-1}, x_i] \times [m_i(\varphi), M_i(\varphi)]}_{R_i}$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \text{area}(R_i) = U(P, \varphi) - L(P, \varphi) < \varepsilon .]$$

Ex ③ : The set  $\{(\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{k}) : n, k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is of content zero.

Theorem : Let  $D$  be a bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a bounded function.

If

- ① the set of discontinuities of  $f$  is of content zero, and
- ②  $\partial D$ , i.e., the boundary of  $D$ , is of content zero

then

$f$  is integrable on  $D$ .

In particular, if  $f$  is continuous on  $D$  and  $\partial D$  is of content zero, then  $f$  is integrable on  $D$ .

[Proof skipped!]



## Fubini's Theorem revisited:

IF  $D$  is an elementary region given by

$$D = \{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : a \leq x \leq b, \varphi_1(x) \leq y \leq \varphi_2(x) \}$$

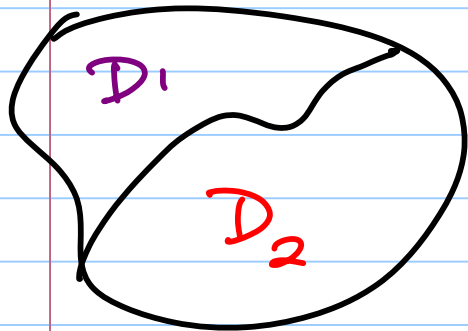
where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$  and  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are bounded functions with at most finitely many discontinuities, and if  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a bounded function such that the set of all discontinuities of  $f$  in  $D$  is of content zero, THEN

$f$  is integrable over  $D$  and

$$\iint_D f(x, y) d(x, y) = \int_a^b \left( \int_{\varphi_1(x)}^{\varphi_2(x)} f(x, y) dy \right) dx.$$

- A similar result holds for elementary regions of type II.

### Domain additivity of double integrals



Let  $D$  be a bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and let  $D_1, D_2$  be subsets of  $D$  s.t.

- $D = D_1 \cup D_2$
- $D_1 \cap D_2$  is of content zero

If  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a bounded function such that  $f$  is integrable over  $D_1$  & over  $D_2$ , then  $f$  is integrable over  $D$  and

$$\iint_D f = \iint_{D_1} f + \iint_{D_2} f .$$

Remark: Fubini + domain additivity

is a very useful and powerful tool for computing double integrals.

Another very useful tool is

Change of Variables

Recall that for Riemann integrals, we have

$$\int_{\varphi(c)}^{\varphi(d)} f(x) dx = \int_c^d f(\varphi(t)) \varphi'(t) dt$$

provided (e.g.)  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous and

$\varphi: [c, d] \rightarrow [a, b]$  is continuously differentiable.

and  $\varphi'(t) \neq 0 \quad \forall t$

Remark: The hypothesis on  $\varphi$  ensures that  $\varphi$  is 1-1 and in fact,  $\varphi'$  doesn't change sign throughout  $[c, d]$ . Consequently  $\varphi$  is either strictly increasing ( $\Leftrightarrow \varphi'(t) > 0 \forall t \in [c, d]$ ) or strictly decreasing ( $\Leftrightarrow \varphi'(t) < 0 \forall t \in [c, d]$ .)

Hence

$$\varphi([c, d]) = [\varphi(c), \varphi(d)] \text{ or } [\varphi(d), \varphi(c)].$$

Thus if we assume that

$$\varphi([c, d]) = [a, b]$$

then we can replace the formula

$$\int_{\varphi(c)}^{\varphi(d)} f(x) dx = \int_c^d f(\varphi(t)) \varphi'(t) dt$$

by the following:

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_c^d f(\varphi(t)) |\varphi'(t)| dt .$$

To obtain a two-variable analogue of this one needs the following important notion:

Let  $\Omega$  be an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and

$$\Phi = (\varphi_1, \varphi_2) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$(u, v) \mapsto (\varphi_1(u, v), \varphi_2(u, v))$$

be a vector-valued function whose component functions  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2$  have continuous partial derivatives. Then the Jacobian of  $\Phi$  is

$$J(\Phi) = \frac{\partial(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)}{\partial(u, v)} := \det \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \varphi_1}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial \varphi_1}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial \varphi_2}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial \varphi_2}{\partial v} \end{pmatrix}.$$

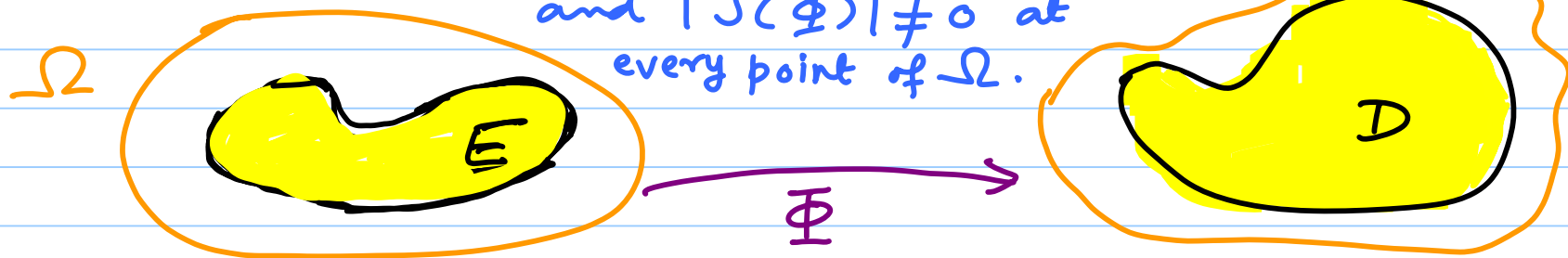
## Theorem (Change of Variables Formula)

$$\iint_D f(x, y) d(x, y) = \iint_E (f \circ \Phi)(u, v) |J(\Phi)| d(u, v)$$

i.e.,

$$\iint_D f(x, y) d(x, y) = \iint_E f(\varphi_1(u, v), \varphi_2(u, v)) \left| \frac{\partial(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)}{\partial(u, v)} \right| d(u, v)$$

provided  $f, \Phi, D, E$  are "nice",  $\Phi(E) = D$ ,  $\Phi(\Omega)$   
and  $|J(\Phi)| \neq 0$  at every point of  $\Omega$ .



Before we explain what is "nice", let us look at some

Examples: Let

$$D = \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 0 \leq y \leq 2, \frac{y}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{y+4}{2} \right\}$$

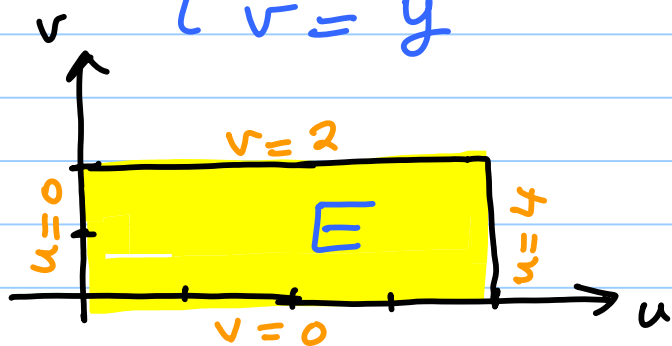
and  $f(x, y) = y^3 (2x - y) e^{(2x - y)^2}$  for  $(x, y) \in D$

Consider the change of variables given by

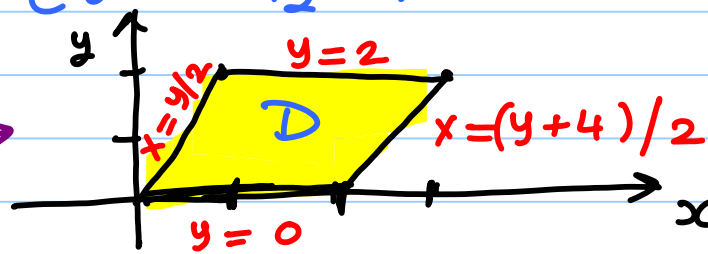
$$\begin{cases} u = 2x - y \\ v = y \end{cases}$$

$\leftrightarrow$

$$\begin{cases} x = \varphi_1(u, v) = \frac{u+v}{2} \\ y = \varphi_2(u, v) = v \end{cases}$$



$\Phi$



Note that

$$J(\Phi) = \frac{\partial(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)}{\partial(u, v)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \neq 0$$

$\forall u, v$

and if

$$\underline{E} = \{ (u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 0 \leq u \leq 4 \text{ \& } 0 \leq v \leq 2 \}$$

then  $\Phi(E) = D$  and so by the Change of Variables formula,

$$\iint_D f(x, y) d(x, y) = \iint_E v^3 u e^{u^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} d(u, v)$$

and hence by Fubini's theorem,



$$\iint_D f = \int_0^1 \left( \int_0^4 v^3 u e^{u^2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} du \right) dv$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 v^3 \left( \frac{e^{16} - 1}{2} \right) dv$$

$$= e^{16} - 1.$$

② Let  $D = \left\{ (x, y) : \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} \leq 1 \right\}$ .

Consider  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$f(x, y) = y^2.$$

Consider a change of variables from rectangular to "polar coordinates", i.e.,

$$x = a r \cos \theta = \varphi_1(r, \theta)$$

$$y = b r \sin \theta = \varphi_2(r, \theta)$$

The Jacobian of  $\underline{\Phi} = (\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  is given by

$$J(\underline{\Phi}) = \frac{\partial(\varphi_1, \varphi_2)}{\partial(r, \theta)} = \begin{vmatrix} a \cos \theta & -a r \sin \theta \\ b \sin \theta & b r \cos \theta \end{vmatrix} = ab r \neq 0$$

$\forall (r, \theta) \text{ in } (0, 1] \times [0, 2\pi]$

Thus the Jacobian is nonzero "almost everywhere" and hence by (a suitable version of the) Change of Variables formula,

$$\iint_D f = \iint_E (b r \sin \theta)^2 r ab \, d(r, \theta) = \int_0^1 \left( \int_0^{2\pi} \dots \, d\theta \right) dr = ab^2 \pi / 4.$$

## Precise Statement of the Change of Variables Formula

Theorem 1: Let  $D$  be a closed and bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $\partial D$  is of content zero, and let  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function. Suppose

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi: \Omega &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \\ (u, v) &\longmapsto (\varphi_1(u, v), \varphi_2(u, v))\end{aligned}$$

is a one-one transformation from an open subset  $\Omega$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $D \subseteq \Phi(\Omega)$  and such that  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2$  have continuous partial derivatives in  $\Omega$  and  $J(\Phi)(u, v) \neq 0$  for all  $(u, v) \in \Omega$ . Then

$$\iint_D f(x, y) d(x, y) = \iint_E (f \circ \Phi)(u, v) |J(\Phi)(u, v)| d(u, v),$$

where  $E$  is a closed & bounded subset of  $\Omega$  such that  $\Phi(E) = D$ .

Remark: The hypothesis that  $f$  is continuous on  $D$  can be replaced by the following weaker hypothesis:

- $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is bounded and its set of discontinuities is of content zero; moreover, the same is true for  $f \circ \Phi: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

Theorem 2 (Changing to polar coordinates):

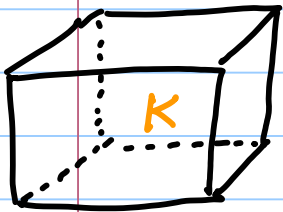
Let  $D$  be a closed and bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $\partial D$  is of content zero, and let  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function. Suppose

$E := \{(r, \theta) \in \mathbb{R}^2: r \geq 0, -\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi, (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) \in D\}$  and suppose  $\partial E$  is also of content zero. Then

$$\iint_D f(x, y) d(x, y) = \iint_E f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) r d(r, \theta).$$

## Triple integrals

The theory of double integrals extends readily to that of triple integrals of functions of three variables. One proceeds along the same lines; here are the key steps



- first define triple integrals of bounded real-valued functions on cuboids, i.e., subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  of the form

$$K = [a, b] \times [c, d] \times [p, q]$$

where  $a, b, c, d, p, q \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b, c < d, p < q$

[for this, one would consider upper triple sums, lower triple sums w.r.t. a partition of  $K$  etc.]

– next one observes that algebraic & order properties hold, and also that continuous functions on cuboids are triple integrable (whereas there do exist functions, such as the trivariate Dirichlet function that are not integrable)

– Fubini's theorem holds for integrable functions on cuboids, e.g., if  $f: K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is integrable, then

$$\iiint_K f(x, y, z) d(x, y, z) = \int_a^b \left( \iint_{[c, d] \times [p, q]} f(x, y, z) d(y, z) \right) dx$$

and

$$" = \iint_{[a, b] \times [c, d]} \left( \int_p^q f(x, y, z) dz \right) d(x, y)$$

provided the inner integrals exist. Consequently

$$\iiint_K f(x, y, z) d(x, y, z) = \int_a^b \left[ \int_c^d \left( \int_p^q f(x, y, z) dz \right) dy \right] dx$$

[ There are other versions with the role of  $x, y, z$  interchanged. ]

— next, one extends the definition to bounded functions  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $D$  is a bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  by choosing a cuboid  $K$  containing  $D$  and extending  $f$  to  $K$  by

$$f^*(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} f(x, y, z) & \text{if } (x, y, z) \in D, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $f$  is said to be integrable over  $D$  if  $f^*$  is integrable on  $K$  and in this case,

$$\boxed{\iiint_D f := \iiint_K f^*}$$

- again algebraic & order properties extend easily
- Continuous functions  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  will be integrable provided the boundary of its domain, i.e.  $\partial D$ , is of three-dimensional content zero.
- Fubini's theorem for "elementary regions" takes the following form:

Cavalieri's principle: Let  $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$  be bounded and  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be integrable over  $D$ .

- ① If  $D = \{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : a \leq x \leq b \text{ \& } (y, z) \in D_x \}$  where for each  $x \in [a, b]$ , the planar slice  $D_x$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $\partial D_x$  is of (two-dimensional) content zero and the double



integral  $\iint_{D_x} f(x, y, z) d(y, z)$  exists. Then

$$\iiint_D f(x, y, z) d(x, y, z) = \int_a^b \left( \iint_{D_x} f(x, y, z) d(y, z) \right) dx.$$

② If  $D$  is a solid between two surfaces, i.e.,  
 $D = \{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : (x, y) \in D_0 \text{ \& } \varphi_1(x, y) \leq z \leq \varphi_2(x, y) \}$   
where  $D_0 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  with  $\partial D_0$  of content zero and where  
 $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 : D_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are integrable functions s.t.  $\varphi_1 \leq \varphi_2$

Then

$$\iiint_D f = \iint_{D_0} \left( \int_{\varphi_1(x, y)}^{\varphi_2(x, y)} f(x, y, z) dz \right) d(x, y).$$

provided the inner integral exists.

Pictures copied from [GL-2] to illustrate the two parts of Cavalieri's Principle for Triple Integrals

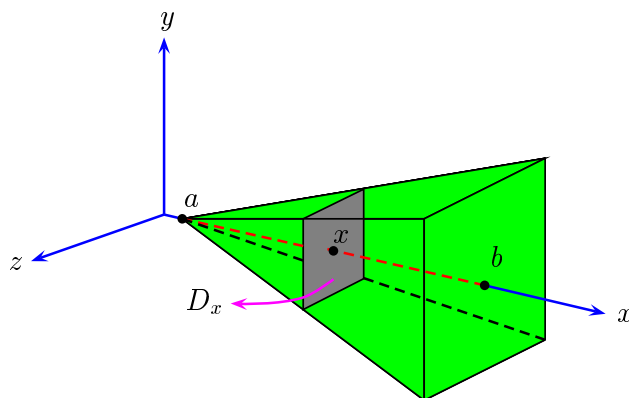


Figure 1: Illustration of Cavalieri's Principle (i): the slice  $D_x$  of a solid  $D$ .

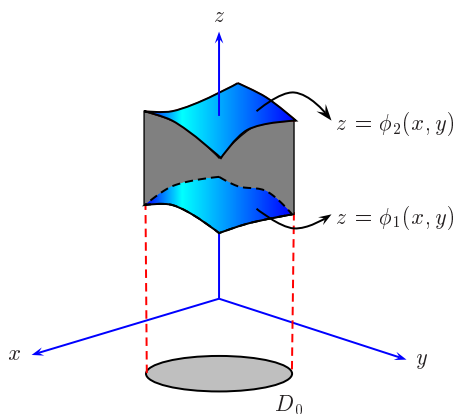


Figure 2: Illustration of Cavalieri's Principle (ii): a solid between two surfaces defined over  $D_0$ .

— the change of variables formula holds

[ the statement of Theorem 1 is completely analogous and left to you to formulate; the key equation being

$$\iiint_D f(x, y, z) d(x, y, z) = \iiint_E (f \circ \Phi)(u, v, w) |J(\Phi)(u, v, w)| d(u, v, w)$$

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where  $J(\Phi)$  is the (3-dim'l) Jacobian of the transformation  $\Phi = (\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  given by

$$J(\Phi) = \det \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \varphi_1}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial \varphi_1}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial \varphi_1}{\partial w} \\ \frac{\partial \varphi_2}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial \varphi_2}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial \varphi_2}{\partial w} \\ \frac{\partial \varphi_3}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial \varphi_3}{\partial v} & \frac{\partial \varphi_3}{\partial w} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\partial(\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3)}{\partial(u, v, w)}.$$

Theorem 2 has the following analogue with two parts.

Theorem 2': Let  $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$  be closed & bounded s.t.  $\partial D$  is of three-dimensional content zero and let  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous.

(i) [Changing to cylindrical coordinates] If

$$E = \left\{ (r, \theta, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : r \geq 0, -\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi, \text{ and } (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, z) \in D \right\}$$

and if  $\partial E$  is of three-dimensional content zero, then

$$\iiint_D f(x, y, z) d(x, y, z) = \iiint_E f(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, z) r d(r, \theta, z).$$

(ii) [Changing to spherical coordinates] If

$$E = \left\{ (p, \varphi, \theta) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : p \geq 0, 0 \leq \varphi \leq \pi, -\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi, \text{ and } (p \sin \varphi \cos \theta, p \sin \varphi \sin \theta, p \cos \varphi) \in D \right\}$$

and if  $\partial E$  is of three-dimensional content zero, then

$$\iiint_D f(x, y, z) d(x, y, z) = \iiint_E f(p \sin \varphi \cos \theta, p \sin \varphi \sin \theta, p \cos \varphi) \times p^2 \sin \varphi d(p, \varphi, \theta).$$

For further details, one may refer to [GL-2] and the references therein, if interested.

That sheet No. 8 has some examples of triple integrals that you are encouraged to attempt.