## Section 15.9 Change of variables in multiple intergrals.

## Double integrals.

We consider a change of variables that is given by a **transformation** T from the uv-plane to xy-plane:

$$T(u, v) = (x, y)$$
 or  $x = x(u, v), y = y(u, v)$ 

We assume that  $\frac{\partial x}{\partial u}$ ,  $\frac{\partial x}{\partial v}$ ,  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial u}$  and  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial v}$  are continuous.

**Example 1.** Let S be the triangular region with vertices (0,0), (1,1), (0,1). Find the image of S under the transformation  $x = u^2$ , y = v.

Now let see how change of variables affects a double integral. We start with a small rectangle S in the uv-plane whose lower left corner is in point  $(u_0, v_0)$  and whose dimensions are  $\Delta u$  and  $\Delta v$ .



The image of S is a region R in the xy-plane, one of whose boundary points is  $(x_0, y_0) = T(u_0, v_0)$ . The vector

$$\mathbf{r}(u,v) = x(u,v)\mathbf{i} + y(u,v)\mathbf{j}$$

is the position vector of the image of the point (u, v). The tangent vector to the image curve  $\mathbf{r}(u, v_0)$  at  $(x_0, y_0)$  is

$$\mathbf{r}_u = rac{\partial x}{\partial u}(u_0, v_0)\mathbf{i} + rac{\partial y}{\partial u}(u_0, v_0)\mathbf{j}$$

Similarly, the tangent vector to the image curve  $\mathbf{r}(u_0, v)$  at  $(x_0, y_0)$  is

$$\mathbf{r}_{u} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial v}(u_{0}, v_{0})\mathbf{i} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}(u_{0}, v_{0})\mathbf{j}$$

We can approximate the image region R = T(S) by a parallelogramm determined by the secant vectors

$$\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{r}(u + \Delta u, v_0) - \mathbf{r}(u_0, v_0) \qquad \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{r}(u_0, v + \Delta v) - \mathbf{r}(u_0, v_0)$$



But since

$$\mathbf{r}_{u} = \lim_{\Delta u \to 0} \frac{\mathbf{r}(u + \Delta u, v_{0}) - \mathbf{r}(u_{0}, v_{0})}{\Delta u}$$
$$\mathbf{r}_{u} = \lim_{\Delta u} \mathbf{r}(u_{0}, v + \Delta v) - \mathbf{r}(u_{0}, v_{0})$$

and

$$\mathbf{I}_u = \lim_{\Delta v \to 0} \Delta v$$

then

and

 $\mathbf{r}(u + \Delta u, v_0) - \mathbf{r}(u_0, v_0) = \Delta u \mathbf{r}_u$ 

$$\mathbf{r}(u_0, v + \Delta v) - \mathbf{r}(u_0, v_0) = \Delta v \mathbf{r}_v$$

Thus, we can approximate R by the parallelogramm determined by the vectors  $\Delta u \mathbf{r}_u$  and  $\Delta v \mathbf{r}_v$ .



Then the area of R approximately equals to the area of the parallelogramm.

$$A(R) \approx |\mathbf{r}_u \times \mathbf{r}_v| \Delta u \Delta v$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{u} \times \mathbf{r}_{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} & 0 \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{k}$$

**Definition.** The **Jacobian** of the transformation T given by x = x(u, v), y = y(u, v) is

$$\frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{vmatrix}$$

We say that

$$\Delta A \approx \left| \frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,v)} \right| \ \Delta u \Delta v$$

Next, we divide a region S in the uv-plane into rectanglers  $S_{ij}$  and call their images in the xy-plane  $R_{ij}$ .



Then

$$\iint_R f(x,y) dA = \iint_S f(x(u,v),y(u,v)) \left| \frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(u,x)} \right| \ du dv$$