

2 Manifolds in \mathbb{R}^n

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Length of a curve and area of a surface in \mathbb{R}^3 are special cases of n -dimensional volume of an n -dimensional manifold in \mathbb{R}^N , given infinitesimally by the volume form.

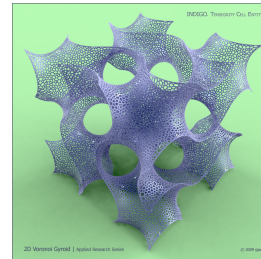


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2a Planar curves

Recall the notions of relative neighborhood and relative open set.

Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^2$.

2a1 Definition. A *chart* of M is a pair (G, ψ) of an open set $G \neq \emptyset$ in \mathbb{R}^2 and a mapping $\psi : G \rightarrow M$ such that

- (a) $\psi(G)$ is (relatively) open in M ;
- (b) ψ is a homeomorphism from G to $\psi(G)$;
- (c) $\psi \in C^1(G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2)$;
- (d) $D\psi$ does not vanish (on G).

If a point of M belongs to $\psi(G)$, we say that (G, ψ) is a chart of M around this point.

2a2 Definition. A *co-chart*¹ of M is a pair (U, φ) of an open set U in \mathbb{R}^2 and a function $\varphi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

- (a) $M \cap U = \{x \in U : \varphi(x) = 0\} \neq \emptyset$;
- (b) $\varphi \in C^1(U)$;
- (c) $D\varphi$ does not vanish on $M \cap U$.

If a point of M belongs to U , we say that (U, φ) is a co-chart of M around this point.

¹Not a standard terminology.

In particular, if M is the graph of a function f of class C^1 near x_0 , we may take $\psi(t) = (t, f(t))$ and $\varphi(x, y) = y - f(x)$. The case $x = g(y)$ may be treated similarly. We'll see soon that the general case reduces to these two special cases (locally, but not globally).

2a3 Remark. (a) If (G, ψ) is a chart of M and $G_0 \subset G$ an open subset (nonempty), then $(G_0, \psi|_{G_0})$ is a chart of M ;¹

(b) if (U, φ) is a co-chart of M and $U_0 \subset U$ is an open subset (that intersects M), then $(U_0, \varphi|_{U_0})$ is a co-chart of M .

2a4 Exercise. Let $h : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be a diffeomorphism. If (G, ψ) is a chart of M , then $(G, h \circ \psi)$ is a chart of $h(M)$. If (U, φ) is a co-chart of M , then $(h(U), \varphi \circ h^{-1})$ is a co-chart of $h(M)$.

Prove it.

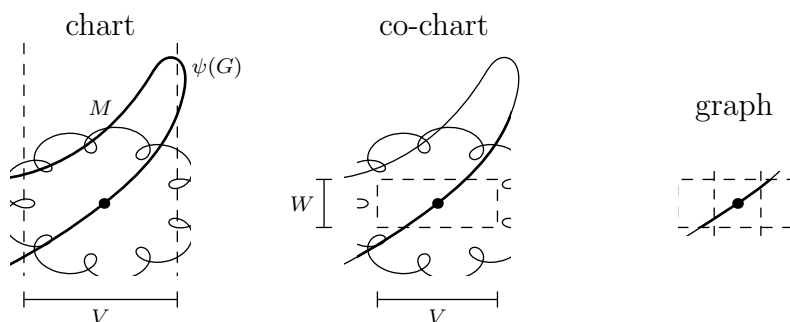
2a5 Proposition. The following three conditions on a set $M \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ and a point $(x_0, y_0) \in M$ are equivalent:

- (a) there exists a chart of M around (x_0, y_0) ;
- (b) there exists a co-chart of M around (x_0, y_0) ;
- (c) there exists a local diffeomorphism $h : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ near (x_0, y_0) such that

$$(x, y) \in M \iff h(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \{0\}$$

for all (x, y) near (x_0, y_0) .

Proof. By 2a4, (c) \implies (a) (and (c) \implies (b)), since the line $\mathbb{R} \times \{0\}$ evidently has a chart (and a co-chart) near every point.



From a chart to a co-chart (and graph).

(a) \implies (b): given G and ψ , $\psi(t) = (\psi_1(t), \psi_2(t))$, $\psi(t_0) = (x_0, y_0)$, we assume that $\psi_1'(t_0) \neq 0$ (otherwise we swap the coordinates x, y) and apply to ψ_1

¹ $\psi(G_0)$ is open in $\psi(G)$, and $\psi(G)$ is open in M , therefore $\psi(G_0)$ is open in M (think, why).

the inverse function theorem. Reducing G as needed we ensure that ψ_1 is a diffeomorphism from G to an open neighborhood V of x_0 . Taking into account that $\psi(G)$ is a neighborhood of (x_0, y_0) in M , we reduce V and G (again) and choose a neighborhood W of y_0 such that

$$M \cap (V \times W) = \psi(G) \cap (V \times W).$$

We take $U = V \times W$, define $\varphi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$\varphi(x, y) = y - \psi_2(\psi_1^{-1}(x)),$$

and check that (U, φ) is a co-chart.

(b) \implies (c): given U and φ , we assume that $(D_2\varphi)_{(x_0, y_0)} \neq 0$ (otherwise we swap the coordinates x, y). The mapping $h : (x, y) \mapsto (x, \varphi(x, y))$ fits, as was seen in the proof of the implicit function theorem. \square

2a6 Definition. A nonempty set $M \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ is a one-dimensional *manifold* (or 1-manifold) if for every $(x_0, y_0) \in M$ there exists a chart of M around (x_0, y_0) .

“Co-chart” instead of “chart” gives an equivalent definition due to 2a5.

2a7 Definition. Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be a 1-manifold; a function $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is *continuously differentiable* if for every chart (G, ψ) of M the function $f \circ \psi$ is continuously differentiable on G .

2a8 Exercise. The set $C^1(M)$ of all continuously differentiable functions on M is an algebra; that is, a vector space, and $f, g \in C^1(M) \implies fg \in C^1(M)$. Also, if $\varphi \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$ and $f \in C^1(M)$ then $\varphi \circ f \in C^1(M)$.

Prove it.

2a9 Exercise. Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be a 1-manifold, $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and for every $x \in M$ there exists a chart (G, ψ) of M around x such that $f \circ \psi \in C^1(G)$. Then $f \in C^1(M)$.

Prove it.

2a10 Exercise. Which of the following subsets of \mathbb{R}^2 are 1-manifolds? Prove your answers, both affirmative and negative.

- * $M_1 = \mathbb{R} \times \{0\}$;
- * $M_2 = [0, 1] \times \{0\}$;
- * $M_3 = (0, 1) \times \{0\}$;
- * $M_4 = \{(0, 0)\}$;
- * $M_5 = \mathbb{R} \times \{0, 1\}$;
- * $M_6 = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{Z}$;

- * $M_7 = \mathbb{R} \times \{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots\}$;
- * $M_8 = M_7 \cup M_1$;
- * $M_9 = \{(r \cos \varphi, r \sin \varphi) : 0 < r < 1, \varphi = 1/r\}$;
- * $M_{10} = M_9 \cup M_4$;
- * $M_{11} = \{(r \cos \varphi, r \sin \varphi) : 0 < r < 1, \varphi = 1/(1-r)\}$;
- * $M_{12} = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$;
- * $M_{13} = M_{11} \cup M_{12}$;
- * $M_p = \{(x, y) : x^p + y^p = 1\}$; examine all $p \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$.

2b Higher dimensions; orientation; tangent space

Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^N$, $n \in \{1, \dots, N-1\}$, and $x_0 \in M$.

2b1 Definition. A *chart* (n -chart) of M is a pair (G, ψ) of an open set $G \neq \emptyset$ in \mathbb{R}^n and a mapping $\psi : G \rightarrow M$ such that

- (a) $\psi(G)$ is (relatively) open in M ;
- (b) ψ is a homeomorphism from G to $\psi(G)$;
- (c) $\psi \in C^1(G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N)$;
- (d) for every $u \in G$ the linear operator $(D\psi)_u$ from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^N is one-to-one.

If a point of M belongs to $\psi(G)$, we say that (G, ψ) is a chart of M around this point.

2b2 Definition. A *co-chart*¹ (n -cochart) of M is a pair (U, φ) of an open set U in \mathbb{R}^N and a mapping $\varphi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N-n}$ such that

- (a) $M \cap U = \{x \in U : \varphi(x) = 0\} \neq \emptyset$;
- (b) $\varphi \in C^1(U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N-n})$;
- (c) for every $x \in M \cap U$ the linear operator $(D\varphi)_x$ from \mathbb{R}^N to \mathbb{R}^{N-n} is onto.

If a point of M belongs to U , we say that (U, φ) is a co-chart of M around this point.

Clearly, n -charts and n -cocharts are well-defined for a subset of an N -dimensional vector space.²

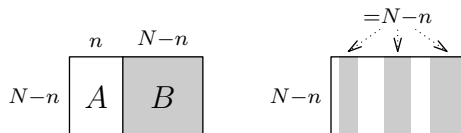
In particular, if M is the graph of a mapping $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N-n}$ of class C^1 near x_0 , that is, $M = \{(u, f(u)) : u \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$, then we may take $\psi(u) = (u, f(u))$ and $\varphi(u, v) = v - f(u)$ for $u \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $v \in \mathbb{R}^{N-n}$.

This is one out of $\binom{N}{n}$ similar cases. If a linear operator maps \mathbb{R}^N onto \mathbb{R}^{N-n} , it does not mean that it is $(A | B)$ with invertible B . Some $(N-n) \times$

¹Not a standard terminology.

²Or affine space S (and then $(D\psi)_x : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \vec{S}$ and $(D\varphi)_x : \vec{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N-n}$).

$(N - n)$ minor is not zero, but not just the rightmost minor. That is, some $N - n$ out of the N variables are functions of the other n variables; but not just the last $N - n$ variables and the first n variables.



2b3 Exercise. Generalize 2a4.

2b4 Proposition. The following three conditions on a set $M \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ and a point $x_0 \in M$ are equivalent:

- (a) there exists an n -chart of M around x_0 ;
- (b) there exists an n -cochart of M around x_0 ;
- (c) there exists a local diffeomorphism $h : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$ near x_0 such that

$$(u, v) \in M \iff h(u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \{0_{N-n}\}$$

for all $(u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^{N-n}$ near x_0 .

I skip the proof; it is a straightforward generalization of 2a5.

As before, the general case reduces (locally) to the $\binom{N}{n}$ special cases; some $N - n$ variables are functions of the other n variables. In other words, M has a n -chart (or n -cochart) around x_0 if and only if M has n degrees of freedom at x_0 .

2b5 Exercise. Let $(G_1, \psi_1), (G_2, \psi_2)$ be two n -charts of M around x_0 . Prove existence of a mapping $\varphi : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ of class C^1 near $u_1 = \psi_1^{-1}(x_0)$ such that $\psi_1(u) = \psi_2(\varphi(u))$ for all u near u_1 , and $\det(D\varphi)_{u_1} \neq 0$.¹

2b6 Exercise. A relation $\det(D\varphi)_{u_1} > 0$ (for $(G_1, \psi_1), (G_2, \psi_2), u_1$ and φ as above) is an equivalence relation between n -charts of M around x_0 .

Prove it.

Clearly, there exist exactly two equivalence classes (provided that M has an n -chart around x_0 , of course). These equivalence classes are called the two *orientations* of M at x_0 .

2b7 Exercise. If M has an n -chart at x_0 then M cannot have an m -chart at x_0 for $m \neq n$. Prove it. However, M can have an m -chart for $m \neq n$ at another point; give an example.

¹Hint: M has n degrees of freedom at x_0 . Values of φ outside a neighborhood of u_1 are irrelevant.

2b8 Definition. A nonempty set $M \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ is an n -dimensional *manifold* (or n -manifold) if for every $x_0 \in M$ there exists an n -chart of M around x_0 .^{1,2}

“Co-chart” instead of “chart” gives an equivalent definition.

The same applies to a subset M of an N -dimensional vector³ space.

A relatively open nonempty subset of an n -manifold is an n -manifold. In particular, for every chart (G, ψ) of M the set $\psi(G)$ is an n -manifold (a *single-chart* piece of M), and for every co-chart (U, φ) of M the set $M \cap U$ is an n -manifold.

In addition, sometimes one defines an N -manifold in \mathbb{R}^N as just a nonempty open subset of \mathbb{R}^N , and a 0-manifold as just a nonempty discrete⁴ subset of \mathbb{R}^N .

2b9 Exercise. Let M_1 be an n_1 -manifold in \mathbb{R}^{N_1} , and M_2 an n_2 -manifold in \mathbb{R}^{N_2} ; then $M_1 \times M_2$ is an $(n_1 + n_2)$ -manifold in $\mathbb{R}^{N_1+N_2}$.

Prove it.⁵

2b10 Definition. Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ be an n -manifold; a function $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is *continuously differentiable* if for every chart (G, ψ) of M the function $f \circ \psi$ is continuously differentiable on G .

2b11 Exercise. Generalize 2a8, 2a9 accordingly.

2b12 Exercise. Define the notion of a function continuous *almost everywhere* on a manifold. Formulate and prove counterparts of 2a8, 2a9 for this notion.

2b13 Example.⁶ Consider the set M of all 3×3 matrices A of the form

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 & ab & ac \\ ba & b^2 & bc \\ ca & cb & c^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for } a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, \quad a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1.$$

¹These are manifolds of class C^1 ; manifolds of class C^m are defined similarly. For M of class C^1 we can define $C^1(M)$ but not $C^2(M)$. You may reconsider the last item of 2a10: when is M_p of class C^m ?

²“In the literature this is usually called a submanifold of Euclidean space. It is possible to define manifolds more abstractly, without reference to a surrounding vector space. However, it turns out that practically all abstract manifolds can be embedded into a vector space of sufficiently high dimension. Hence the abstract notion of a manifold is not substantially more general than the notion of a submanifold of a vector space.” Sjamaar, page 69.

³Or affine.

⁴That is, each point (and therefore each subset) is relatively open.

⁵You may choose one of the three equivalent conditions (a), (b), (c) of 2b4. Or, just for fun, you may give three proofs! On the other hand, you may prove it for $0 \leq n_1 \leq N_1$, $0 \leq n_2 \leq N_2$, not just $0 < n_1 < N_1$, $0 < n_2 < N_2$.

⁶The projective plane in disguise.

These are orthogonal projections to one-dimensional subspaces of \mathbb{R}^3 . We treat M as a subset of the six-dimensional space of all symmetric 3×3 matrices.

The set M is invariant under transformations $A \mapsto UAU^{-1}$ where U runs over all orthogonal matrices (linear isometries); these are linear transformations of the six-dimensional space of matrices. If A corresponds to $x = (a, b, c)$ then UAU^{-1} corresponds to Ux . For arbitrary $A, B \in M$ there exists U such that $UAU^{-1} = B$ (“transitive action”).

Thus, M looks the same around all its points (“homogeneous space”). In order to prove that M is a 2-manifold (in \mathbb{R}^6) it is sufficient to find a chart (or co-chart) around a single point of M , say,

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in M.$$

2b14 Exercise. Find a 2-chart of M around A_1 .¹

2b15 Exercise. Locally, near A_1 , four coordinates should be smooth functions of the other two coordinates. Which two? Calculate explicitly these four functions of two variables.²

Recall the two orientations of M at x_0 introduced after 2b6.

2b16 Definition. (a) An *orientation* of an n -manifold $M \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ is a family $(\mathcal{O}_x)_{x \in M}$ of orientations \mathcal{O}_x of M at points x such that for every $x_0 \in M$ and every $(G, \psi) \in \mathcal{O}_{x_0}$ the relation $(G, \psi) \in \mathcal{O}_x$ holds for all x near x_0 .

(b) M is *orientable* if it has (at least one) orientation.

The same applies to $M \subset V$ where V is an N -dimensional vector³ space.

We will see that a sphere is orientable but the Möbius strip (see 2c21) is not, as well as M of 2b13. However, a single-chart piece of a manifold is orientable.

An *oriented* manifold is, by definition, a pair (M, \mathcal{O}) of a manifold and its orientation. By a chart of an oriented manifold (M, \mathcal{O}) we mean a chart (G, ψ) of M such that $(G, \psi) \in \mathcal{O}_x$ for all $x \in \psi(G)$.

If two orientations of M agree at x , then they agree near x (think, why). Thus, they agree on a relatively open subset of M . Similarly, they disagree on a relatively open subset of M . These two sets are relatively clopen. If M

¹Hint: $(b, c) \mapsto (\sqrt{1 - b^2 - c^2}, b, c) = x \mapsto A = \psi(b, c)$.

²Hint: solve a quadratic equation.

³Or affine.

is connected, then it has at most two orientations. If M is connected and orientable (in particular, connected and single-chart), then it has exactly two orientations. For instance, \mathbb{R}^n has exactly two orientations; and the same holds for arbitrary n -dimensional vector or affine subspace of \mathbb{R}^N .

When $M = V$ is an n -dimensional vector subspace of \mathbb{R}^N (or of arbitrary N -dimensional vector space), *linear charts* are convenient: $G = \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\psi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow V$ is a linear bijection. Two such linear charts (\mathbb{R}^n, ψ_1) , (\mathbb{R}^n, ψ_2) are related via a matrix $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $\psi_1 = \psi_2 \circ \varphi$, that is, $\varphi = \psi_2^{-1} \circ \psi_1$. If $\det \varphi > 0$, then these two charts give the same orientation of V ; if $\det \varphi < 0$, they give the two different orientations. Note that the linear operators $\psi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow V$ correspond bijectively to bases $(\psi(e_1), \dots, \psi(e_n))$ of V (here (e_1, \dots, e_n) is the usual basis of \mathbb{R}^n), and two such bases are related via the matrix $\varphi = (\varphi_{i,j})_{i,j}$:

$$\psi_1(e_k) = \psi_2(\varphi(e_k)) = \psi_2(\varphi_{1,k}e_1 + \dots + \varphi_{n,k}e_n) = \varphi_{1,k}\psi_2(e_1) + \dots + \varphi_{n,k}\psi_2(e_n).$$

Thus, an orientation of $M = V$ may be thought of as an equivalence class of bases. The same applies to an n -dimensional affine subspace $M = S$ of \mathbb{R}^N (or of arbitrary N -dimensional vector¹ space); the two orientations of S correspond evidently to the two orientations of the difference space \vec{S} .

If in addition V (or S) is endowed with a Euclidean metric, then it is convenient to use linear isometries $\psi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow V$ and the corresponding orthonormal bases of V (or \vec{S}).

2b17 Example. (a) $M = \mathbb{R}$; there are two orthonormal bases, (1) and (-1) ; they give the two orientations of \mathbb{R} .

(b) $M = \mathbb{R}^2$; an orthonormal basis is either

$$((\cos \theta, \sin \theta), (\cos(\theta + \frac{\pi}{2}), \sin(\theta + \frac{\pi}{2}))) = ((\cos \theta, \sin \theta), (-\sin \theta, \cos \theta))$$

or

$$((\cos \theta, \sin \theta), (\cos(\theta - \frac{\pi}{2}), \sin(\theta - \frac{\pi}{2}))) = ((\cos \theta, \sin \theta), (\sin \theta, -\cos \theta));$$

these two cases give the two orientations of \mathbb{R}^2 .

(c) $M = \mathbb{R}^3$; an orthonormal basis is either $(a, b, a \times b)$ or $(a, b, -a \times b)$ for $|a| = |b| = 1$, $\langle a, b \rangle = 0$; these two cases give the two orientations of \mathbb{R}^3 .²

2b18 Definition. Let M be an n -manifold in \mathbb{R}^N .

¹Or affine.

²About relevance of orientations of our three-dimensional space to physics, chemistry and biology see Wikipedia:Chirality (and follow the links there).

(a) A vector $h \in \mathbb{R}^N$ is *tangent* to M at $x_0 \in M$ if $\text{dist}(x_0 + \varepsilon h, M) = o(\varepsilon)$ (as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$);

(b) the *tangent space* $T_{x_0}M$ (to M at x_0) is the set of all tangent vectors (to M at x_0).

The same applies to $M \subset V$ where V is an N -dimensional vector space.^{1,2} Though, the distance needs a metric; but $o(\cdot)$ does not depend on the choice of a norm on V .

The next exercise shows (in particular) that the tangent space is indeed a vector subspace of \mathbb{R}^N , of dimension n , and may be defined without mentioning a distance.

2b19 Exercise. Let (G, ψ) be a chart around $x_0 = \psi(u_0)$ and (U, φ) a co-chart around x_0 . Prove that the following three conditions on a vector $h \in \mathbb{R}^N$ are equivalent:

(a) h is a tangent vector (at x_0);

(b) h belongs to the image of the linear operator $(D\psi)_{u_0} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$;

(c) h belongs to the kernel of the linear operator $(D\varphi)_{x_0} : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N-n}$.

What about $(D_h f)_x$ for $h \in T_x M$ and $f \in C^1(M)$? Wait for Sect. 5a.

2b20 Example. Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be the graph of a function $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$. Then $T_{(t, f(t))}M = \{(\lambda, \lambda f'(t)) : \lambda \in \mathbb{R}\}$.

2b21 Exercise. Generalize 2b20 to curves and surfaces in \mathbb{R}^3 (that are graphs).

If $M = S$ is an affine subspace then $T_x S = \vec{S}$ for every $x \in S$; and

if M is a vector subspace then $T_x M = M$ for every $x \in M$; for affine subspace $T_x M = M - M$.

If (G, ψ) is a chart of M around $x_0 = \psi(u_0)$ then $(D\psi)_{u_0} : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow T_{x_0}M$ is a linear chart of $T_{x_0}M$ (“the tangent chart”). For two charts $(G_1, \psi_1), (G_2, \psi_2)$ of M around x_0 , $\psi_1 = \psi_2 \circ \varphi$, the chain rule gives $(D\psi_1)_{u_1} = (D\psi_2)_{u_2} \circ (D\varphi)_{u_1}$, where $\psi_1(u_1) = x_0 = \psi_2(u_2)$. Clearly, the charts (G_1, ψ_1) and (G_2, ψ_2) of M give the same orientation of M at x_0 if and only if the tangent charts $(\mathbb{R}^n, (D\psi_1)_{u_1})$ and $(\mathbb{R}^n, (D\psi_2)_{u_2})$ give the same orientation of $T_{x_0}M$. This way the two orientations of M at x_0 correspond to the two orientations of $T_{x_0}M$.

Thus, an orientation of M may be thought of as a family of orientations of the tangent spaces $T_x M$, $x \in M$.³

¹Or affine space S ; and then $T_{x_0}M \subset \vec{S}$.

²Geometrically, it looks more natural to define $T_{x_0}M$ as the affine subspace of all $x_0 + h$. But the version $T_{x_0}M \subset \vec{S}$ is algebraically natural and widely used.

³But not an arbitrary family; indeed, the family $(\mathcal{O}_x)_{x \in M}$ in Def. 2b16 is not arbitrary.

2b22 Exercise (CYLINDER). Let M_1 be an n -manifold in \mathbb{R}^N , and $h \in \mathbb{R}^N$ satisfy

$$\forall x \in M_1 \quad h \notin T_x M_1.$$

Consider the set

$$M = \{x + \lambda h : x \in M_1, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

Assume that the mapping $(x, \lambda) \mapsto x + \lambda h$ is a homeomorphism $M_1 \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M$. Then

- (a) M is an $(n + 1)$ -manifold in \mathbb{R}^N ;
- (b) if (G, ψ_1) is a chart of M_1 , then $(G \times \mathbb{R}, \psi)$ for $\psi : (u, \lambda) \mapsto \psi_1(u) + \lambda h$ is a chart of M .

Prove it. And show by counterexamples that no one of the two conditions ($h \notin T_x M_1$, and homeomorphism) can be dropped.

2b23 Exercise (CONE). Let M_1 be an n -manifold in \mathbb{R}^N such that

$$\forall x \in M_1 \quad x \notin T_x M_1.$$

Consider the set

$$M = \{\lambda x : x \in M_1, \lambda \in (0, \infty)\}.$$

Assume that the mapping $(x, \lambda) \mapsto \lambda x$ is a homeomorphism $M_1 \times (0, \infty) \rightarrow M$. Then

- (a) M is an $(n + 1)$ -manifold in \mathbb{R}^N ;
- (b) if (G, ψ_1) is a chart of M_1 , then $(G \times (0, \infty), \psi)$ for $\psi : (u, \lambda) \mapsto \lambda \psi_1(u)$ is a chart of M .

Prove it.

2b24 Exercise (SURFACE OF REVOLUTION OR BODY OF REVOLUTION). Let M_1 be an n -manifold in \mathbb{R}^3 (here $n = 1$ or $n = 2$) such that

$$\forall (x, y, z) \in M_1 \quad (0, -z, y) \notin T_{(x,y,z)} M_1.$$

Consider the set

$$M = \{(x, cy - sz, sy + cz) : (x, y, z) \in M_1, (c, s) \in S\}$$

where $S = \{(c, s) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : c^2 + s^2 = 1\}$ (the circle). Assume that the mapping $((x, y, z), (c, s)) \mapsto (x, cy - sz, sy + cz)$ is a homeomorphism $M_1 \times S \rightarrow M$. Then

- (a) M is an $(n + 1)$ -manifold in \mathbb{R}^3 ;
- (b) if (G_1, ψ_1) is a chart of M_1 and (G_2, ψ_2) is a chart of S , then $(G_1 \times G_2, \psi)$ is a chart of M ; here $\psi(u_1, u_2) = (x, cy - sz, sy + cz)$ whenever $\psi_1(u_1) = (x, y, z)$ and $\psi_2(u_2) = (c, s)$.

Prove it.

2c Forms on manifolds; local integration

2c1 Definition. A *differential form* of order k (or k -form)¹ on an n -manifold $M \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ is a continuous function ω on the set $\{(x, h_1, \dots, h_k) : x \in M, h_1, \dots, h_k \in T_x M\}$ such that for every $x \in M$ the function $\omega(x, \cdot, \dots, \cdot)$ is an antisymmetric multilinear k -form on $T_x M$.

Given a k -form ω on M , the integral $\int_\Gamma \omega$ is well-defined for every singular k -box Γ in M (that is, k -box $\Gamma : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$ such that $\Gamma(B) \subset M$); recall (1e12) and note that $(D_i \Gamma)_u \in T_{\Gamma(u)} M$.

The case $k = n$ is important.

Let us compare two notions, singular n -box in M and n -chart of M . These are $\Gamma : B \rightarrow M$ and $\psi : G \rightarrow M$; both B and G are subsets of \mathbb{R}^n ; both Γ and ψ are continuously differentiable; but B is a closed box, while G is an open set; and ψ is a homeomorphism (and more), while Γ may degenerate (even be constant). Anyway, let us define $\int_{(G, \psi)} \omega$ similarly to $\int_\Gamma \omega$:

$$(2c2) \quad \int_{(G, \psi)} \omega = \int_G \omega(\psi(u), (D_1 \psi)_u, \dots, (D_n \psi)_u) du.$$

The integrand is continuous, but may be unbounded; also G may be unbounded; thus, the integral is interpreted as improper, and may converge or diverge.

Here is parametrization invariance, similar to (1b6).

2c3 Proposition. Let $(G_1, \psi_1), (G_2, \psi_2)$ be two charts of an oriented manifold (M, \mathcal{O}) . If $\psi_1(G_1) = \psi_2(G_2)$ then

$$\int_{(G_1, \psi_1)} \omega = \int_{(G_2, \psi_2)} \omega$$

for every n -form ω on M ; that is, either these two integrals converge and are equal, or both integrals diverge.

Some observations before the proof.

The space of all antisymmetric multilinear n -forms L on \mathbb{R}^n (or on arbitrary n -dimensional vector space) is one-dimensional (recall the paragraph before 1e13), thus, an n -form ω on an n -manifold M is basically a (scalar) function on M . More exactly, such ω corresponds to the scalar function $x \mapsto \omega(x, e_1(x), \dots, e_n(x))$ where $x \in M$ and $(e_1(x), \dots, e_n(x))$ is a basis of $T_x M$. Be warned: such a basis, continuous in x , need not exist (on the whole

¹These are forms of class C^0 .

M) even if M is orientable.¹ But clearly, it exists on a single-chart piece of M .

On \mathbb{R}^n , the determinant is an antisymmetric multilinear n -form; and therefore (by the one-dimensionality), every such form L is

$$L(a_1, \dots, a_n) = c \det(a_1, \dots, a_n) \quad \text{for } a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

A linear operator $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ corresponds to a matrix,

$$\mathbb{R}^n \ni x \mapsto Ax \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

and leads to such an antisymmetric multilinear n -form L on \mathbb{R}^n :

$$L(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \det(Aa_1, \dots, Aa_n) \quad \text{for } a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

For the usual basis (e_1, \dots, e_n) of \mathbb{R}^n we have $L(e_1, \dots, e_n) = \det A$, since Ae_1, \dots, Ae_n are the columns of the matrix A . By the one-dimensionality, $L(a_1, \dots, a_n) = (\det A) \det(a_1, \dots, a_n)$, that is,

$$(2c4) \quad \det(Aa_1, \dots, Aa_n) = (\det A) \det(a_1, \dots, a_n).$$

By the one-dimensionality (again),

$$(2c5) \quad L(Aa_1, \dots, Aa_n) = (\det A)L(a_1, \dots, a_n)$$

for every antisymmetric multilinear n -form L on \mathbb{R}^n .

Applying linear change of variables to the unit cube $[0, 1]^n \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ we get the volume of the *parallelotope*

$$\mathcal{P}(a_1, \dots, a_n) = A([0, 1]^n) = \{\lambda_1 a_1 + \dots + \lambda_n a_n : \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in [0, 1]\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$$

generated by vectors $a_1 = Ae_1, \dots, a_n = Ae_n$ (the columns of the matrix A) emanating from the vertex 0 (the corner point):

$$v(\mathcal{P}(a_1, \dots, a_n)) = |\det(a_1, \dots, a_n)|.$$

Taking into account that the sign of $\det(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ is related to an orientation of \mathbb{R}^n (as explained before 2b17), one says that $\det(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ is the *oriented volume* (or signed volume) of the parallelotope generated by a_1, \dots, a_n .

On an n -dimensional vector space V “the” volume (Jordan measure) is defined up to a (positive) coefficient. On the other hand, “the” antisymmetric

¹In particular, it does not exist for the sphere $M = \mathcal{S}^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^3$; see Wikipedia:Hairy ball theorem.

multilinear n -form L on V is defined up to a coefficient (not just positive). They correspond naturally by the formula

$$v(\mathcal{P}(a_1, \dots, a_n)) = |L(a_1, \dots, a_n)|;$$

each Jordan measure v (a special set function) corresponds to two forms ($\pm L$) that in turn correspond to the two orientations of V .

On an n -dimensional Euclidean vector space E we have a single Jordan measure and two “normalized” antisymmetric multilinear n -forms $\pm L$ (corresponding to the two orientations of E); $L(e_1, \dots, e_n) = \pm 1$ for every orthonormal basis of E . In particular, this holds in every n -dimensional vector subspace of \mathbb{R}^N .

Proof of Prop. 2c3.

The mapping $\varphi = \psi_2^{-1} \circ \psi_1 : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ is a homeomorphism (the composition of two homeomorphisms $G_1 \rightarrow \psi_1(G_1) = \psi_2(G_2) \rightarrow G_2$), and moreover, a diffeomorphism (since 2b5 applies near every point). By change of variable (Sect. 0c) it is sufficient to prove that

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(\psi_1(u_1), (D_1\psi_1)_{u_1}, \dots, (D_n\psi_1)_{u_1}) &= \\ &= \omega(\psi_2(u_2), (D_1\psi_2)_{u_2}, \dots, (D_n\psi_2)_{u_2}) |\det(D\varphi)_{u_1}| \end{aligned}$$

whenever $u_2 = \varphi(u_1)$. Also, $\det(D\varphi)_{u_1} > 0$, since both charts conform to the given orientation \mathcal{O} .

Let $x \in M$, $u_1 \in G_1$, $u_2 \in G_2$ satisfy $\psi_1(u_1) = x = \psi_2(u_2)$, then $\varphi(u_1) = u_2$. We introduce an antisymmetric multilinear n -form

$$L(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \omega(x, (D\psi_2)_{u_2}a_1, \dots, (D\psi_2)_{u_2}a_n) \quad \text{for } a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}^n.$$

By the chain rule, the relation $\psi_1 = \psi_2 \circ \varphi$ implies $(D\psi_1)_{u_1} = (D\psi_2)_{u_2} \circ (D\varphi)_{u_1}$; therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(x, (D_1\psi_1)_{u_1}, \dots, (D_n\psi_1)_{u_1}) &= \omega(x, (D\psi_1)_{u_1}e_1, \dots, (D\psi_1)_{u_1}e_n) = \\ &= \omega(x, (D\psi_2)_{u_2}(D\varphi)_{u_1}e_1, \dots, (D\psi_2)_{u_2}(D\varphi)_{u_1}e_n) = \\ &= L((D\varphi)_{u_1}e_1, \dots, (D\varphi)_{u_1}e_n) = (\det(D\varphi)_{u_1})L(e_1, \dots, e_n) = \\ &= (\det(D\varphi)_{u_1})\omega(x, (D_1\psi_2)_{u_2}, \dots, (D_n\psi_2)_{u_2}) \end{aligned}$$

by (2c5). □

Thus, we may write $\int_{\psi(G)} \omega$ instead of $\int_{(G, \psi)} \omega$. Also, we may write $\int_U \omega$ whenever a relatively open set $U \subset M$ is such that $U = \psi(G)$ for some n -chart (G, ψ) of (M, \mathcal{O}) . However, the orientation of M is essential. The opposite orientation leads to the opposite value of the integral.

2c6 Definition. An n -form μ on an oriented n -manifold (M, \mathcal{O}) in \mathbb{R}^N is the *volume form*, if for every $x \in M$ the antisymmetric multilinear n -form $\mu(x, \cdot, \dots, \cdot)$ on $T_x M$ is normalized and \mathcal{O}_x -positive.

“Normalized” means that it corresponds to the Jordan measure on the Euclidean subspace $T_x M$ of the Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^N . And “ \mathcal{O}_x -positive” means that for some (therefore, every) chart $(G, \psi) \in \mathcal{O}_x$,

$$(2c7) \quad \mu(\psi(u), (D_1\psi)_u, \dots, (D_n\psi)_u) > 0 \quad \text{where } u = \psi^{-1}(x).$$

The same applies to a manifold in an N -dimensional Euclidean vector¹ space (but fails in the absence of a Euclidean metric).

Clearly, such μ is unique. Is it clear that μ exists? Surely, $\mu(x, \cdot, \dots, \cdot)$ is well-defined for each x ; but is it continuous in all the variables (including x)? An affirmative answer will be given (after Example 2c18).

Having the volume form μ on (M, \mathcal{O}) we define the n -dimensional volume

$$(2c8) \quad v(U) = \int_{(G, \psi)} \mu \in (0, \infty]$$

whenever $U = \psi(G)$ for an n -chart (G, ψ) of (M, \mathcal{O}) .

Also, for a function $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuous almost everywhere we define²

$$(2c9) \quad \int_U f = \int_G f(\psi(u)) \mu(\psi(u), (D_1\psi)_u, \dots, (D_n\psi)_u) du;$$

the integral is interpreted as improper, and may converge or diverge.

2c10 Exercise. Formulate and prove parametrization invariance for $\int_U f$ (similar to 2c3).³

2c11 Example. Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be the graph of a function $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$. The whole M is covered by the chart $\mathbb{R} = G_+ \ni x \mapsto \psi_+(x) = (x, f(x)) \in M$; denote by \mathcal{O}_+ the corresponding orientation of M , and by \mathcal{O}_- the other orientation. The two volume forms on M are $\mu_{\pm}((x, f(x)), (\lambda, \lambda f'(x))) = \pm \lambda \sqrt{1 + f'^2(x)}$ (clearly, continuous functions of x and λ); thus,

$$v(\psi_+(G)) = \int_G \mu_+((x, f(x)), (1, f'(x))) dx = \int_G \sqrt{1 + f'^2(x)} dx$$

¹Or affine.

²Surely, such $\int_U f$ is never interpreted as $\int_{\mathbb{R}^N} f \cdot \mathbb{1}_U$ (unless $n = N$); indeed, U cannot be a Jordan set of non-zero volume (since $U^\circ = \emptyset$). On the other hand, for $n = N$, this $\int_U f$ is the same as the improper integral of Analysis-3 (just use the trivial chart). Many authors include n into the notation; say, $V_n(U)$ rather than $v(U)$, and $\int_U f dV_n$ rather than $\int_U f$. When $N = 3$, one often uses $d\ell$ (or ds) for $n = 1$; dA (or dS , or $d\sigma$) for $n = 2$; and dv for $n = 3$.

³For a continuous f we may just apply 2c3 to the n -form $f\mu$.

is the 1-dimensional volume (just the length) of a part of the curve M . Note that

$$(2c12) \quad v(\{(x, f(x)) : a < x < b\}) = \int_a^b \sqrt{1 + f'^2(x)} \, dx$$

is an additive function of a box $(a, b) \subset \mathbb{R}$, and $x \mapsto \sqrt{1 + f'^2(x)}$ is the derivative of this box function. Informally,

$$(dl)^2 = (dx)^2 + (dy)^2, \quad \text{where } y = f(x).$$

Another chart $\mathbb{R} = G_- \ni x \mapsto \psi_-(x) = (-x, f(-x)) \in M$ corresponds to \mathcal{O}_- ; we have $v(\psi_-(G)) = \int_G \mu_-((-x, f(-x)), (-1, -f'(-x))) \, dx = \int_G \sqrt{1 + f'^2(-x)} \, dx$; taking $G = (-b, -a)$ we get (2c12) again. The same length via the other orientation.

Can we generalize 2c11 to a surface M in \mathbb{R}^3 (the graph of a function $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$)? We know the tangent space (recall 2b21) $T_{(x,y,f(x,y))}M$, it is spanned by two vectors, $(1, 0, (D_1f)_{(x,y)})$ and $(0, 1, (D_2f)_{(x,y)})$, but they are not orthogonal. How to know that a form is normalized? We could apply the orthogonalization process, but it leads to unpleasant formulas already for $n = 2$ (and even worse for higher n). Fortunately a better way exists.

For arbitrary n vectors $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$,

$$\begin{aligned} (\det(a_1, \dots, a_n))^2 &= (\det(A))^2 = \det(A^t A) = \\ &= \det(\langle a_i, a_j \rangle)_{i,j} = \begin{vmatrix} \langle a_1, a_1 \rangle & \dots & \langle a_1, a_n \rangle \\ \langle a_2, a_1 \rangle & \dots & \langle a_2, a_n \rangle \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \langle a_n, a_1 \rangle & \dots & \langle a_n, a_n \rangle \end{vmatrix}; \end{aligned}$$

here $A = (a_1 | \dots | a_n)$ is the matrix whose columns are the vectors a_1, \dots, a_n ; accordingly, $A^t A$ is the matrix of scalar products (think, why), the so-called Gram matrix, and its determinant is called the Gram determinant, or Gramian of a_1, \dots, a_n . We see that the volume of a parallelotope is the root of the Gramian,

$$(2c13) \quad v(\mathcal{P}(a_1, \dots, a_n)) = \sqrt{\det(\langle a_i, a_j \rangle)_{i,j}}$$

in \mathbb{R}^n , and therefore, in every n -dimensional Euclidean vector space. In particular, in every n -dimensional subspace of \mathbb{R}^N .

Given a one-to-one linear operator $B : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$, we have $v_n(B(E)) = cv_n(E)$ for all Jordan sets $E \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, with some $c > 0$ that depends on B (but

does not depend on E). Taking a parallelotope $E = \mathcal{P}(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ we have $B(E) = \mathcal{P}(Ba_1, \dots, Ba_n)$. Thus, the ratio

$$\frac{\sqrt{\det(\langle Ba_i, Ba_j \rangle)_{i,j}}}{|\det(a_1, \dots, a_n)|} \quad \text{does not depend on a basis } (a_1, \dots, a_n) \text{ of } \mathbb{R}^n.$$

In particular,

$$(2c14) \quad \sqrt{\det(\langle Be_i, Be_j \rangle)_{i,j}} \quad \text{does not depend} \\ \text{on an orthonormal basis } (e_1, \dots, e_n) \text{ of } \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Let μ be a volume form on (M, \mathcal{O}) , and (G, ψ) a chart of (M, \mathcal{O}) . By (2c13), $v_n(\mathcal{P}((D_1\psi)_u, \dots, (D_n\psi)_u)) = J_\psi(u)$, where

$$J_\psi(u) = \sqrt{\det(\langle (D_i\psi)_u, (D_j\psi)_u \rangle)_{i,j}}$$

is the (generalized) Jacobian of ψ . Clearly, $J_\psi : G \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ is continuous. Normalization of μ becomes

$$(2c15) \quad \mu(\psi(u), (D_1\psi)_u, \dots, (D_n\psi)_u) = J_\psi(u).$$

By (2c8) and (2c2),

$$(2c16) \quad v(U) = \int_{\psi(G)} \mu = \int_G J_\psi(u) \, du.$$

By (2c9),

$$(2c17) \quad \int_U f = \int_G f(\psi(u)) J_\psi(u) \, du.$$

Here $U = \psi(G)$ for an n -chart (G, ψ) of (M, \mathcal{O}) .

Now we are in position to generalize 2c11.

2c18 Example. Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ be the graph of a function $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$; that is, $M = \{(x, y, f(x, y)) : x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$. The whole M is covered by the chart $\mathbb{R}^2 = G \ni (x, y) \mapsto \psi(x, y) = (x, y, f(x, y)) \in M$; denote by \mathcal{O} the corresponding orientation of M . We have

$$\begin{aligned} (D_1\psi)_{(x,y)} &= (1, 0, (D_1f)_{(x,y)}); & (D_2\psi)_{(x,y)} &= (0, 1, (D_2f)_{(x,y)}); \\ J_\psi^2(x, y) &= \begin{vmatrix} 1 + (D_1f)^2 & D_1f \cdot D_2f \\ D_1f \cdot D_2f & 1 + (D_2f)^2 \end{vmatrix} = \\ &= 1 + (D_1f)^2 + (D_2f)^2 + (D_1f)^2(D_2f)^2 - (D_1f)^2(D_2f)^2 = \\ &= 1 + (D_1f)^2 + (D_2f)^2 = 1 + |\nabla f(x, y)|^2. \end{aligned}$$

The volume form μ must satisfy

$$\mu((x, y, f(x, y)), (1, 0, (D_1f)_{(x,y)}), (0, 1, (D_2f)_{(x,y)})) = \sqrt{1 + |\nabla f(x, y)|^2}.$$

Given $h, k \in T_{(x,y,f(x,y))}M$, we have $h = (h_1, h_2, h_3) = h_1(1, 0, (D_1f)_{(x,y)}) + h_2(0, 1, (D_2f)_{(x,y)})$ (think, why), and the same for k ; thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu((x, y, f(x, y)), h, k) &= (h_1k_2 - k_1h_2)\mu(\cdot, (1, 0, D_1f), (0, 1, D_2f)) = \\ &= \sqrt{1 + |\nabla f(x, y)|^2} \begin{vmatrix} h_1 & h_2 \\ k_1 & k_2 \end{vmatrix}; \end{aligned}$$

clearly, a continuous function of x, y, h and k . Existence of the volume form is thus verified (for the considered case), and

$$v(\psi(G)) = \int_G \sqrt{1 + |\nabla f(x, y)|^2} \, dx dy$$

is the 2-dimensional volume (just the area) of a part of the surface M . Once again,

$$(2c19) \quad v(\psi(B)) = \int_B J_\psi$$

is an additive function of a box $B \subset \mathbb{R}^2$, and J_ψ is its derivative. Informally,

$$(dA)^2 = (dxdy)^2 + (dxdz)^2 + (dydz)^2, \quad \text{where } z = f(x, y).$$

The other orientation leads to the same area.

Existence of the volume form in general is proved similarly. Locally, M is the graph $\{(x, f(x))\}$ of a mapping $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{N-n}$. Using a chart (G, ψ) , $\psi(x) = (x, f(x))$, we see that $\mu(\psi(x), h_1, \dots, h_n)$ is the (continuous) $J_\psi(x)$ multiplied by a polynomial (in fact, just the determinant) of the projections on h_1, \dots, h_n from $T_{(x,f(x))} \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ onto \mathbb{R}^n .

The case $n = N-1$ (a hypersurface) is important. In this case $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ has the gradient ∇f , and we wonder, whether the formula $J_\psi^2 = 1 + |\nabla f|^2$ still holds, or was it a good luck in low dimensions.

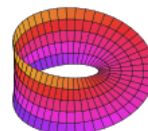
2c20 Lemma. $J_\psi = \sqrt{1 + |\nabla f|^2}$.

Proof. We have $D_k\psi = e_k + (D_kf)e_N$ for $k = 1, \dots, n$. According to (2c14), we are free to choose an orthonormal basis in \mathbb{R}^n . We choose it such that $\nabla f = |\nabla f|e_1$. Then $(D_1\psi)_{(x,f(x))} = e_1 + |\nabla f(x)|e_N$, $(D_2\psi)_{(x,f(x))} = e_2, \dots$, $(D_n\psi)_{(x,f(x))} = e_n$; these vectors being orthogonal, we get the determinant of a diagonal matrix: $J_\psi^2 = |e_1 + |\nabla f(x)|e_N|^2 \cdot |e_2|^2 \dots |e_n|^2 = 1 + |\nabla f(x)|^2$. \square

2c21 Exercise. Consider a Möbius strip¹ (without the edge),

$$M = \{\Gamma(s, \theta) : s \in (-1, 1), \theta \in [0, 2\pi]\},$$

$$\Gamma(s, \theta) = \begin{pmatrix} (R+rs \cos \frac{\theta}{2}) \cos \theta \\ (R+rs \cos \frac{\theta}{2}) \sin \theta \\ rs \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix},$$



for given $R > r > 0$. Prove that it is a non-orientable 2-manifold in \mathbb{R}^3 .²

Two facts without proofs: every 1-manifold in \mathbb{R}^N is orientable; every compact 2-manifold in \mathbb{R}^3 is orientable.

2c22 Exercise. Continuing 2b13 prove that the compact 2-manifold $M \subset \mathbb{R}^6$ is non-orientable.³

2c23 Exercise. Let $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$, M_a be the graph of $f(\cdot) + a$ for $a \in \mathbb{R}$, and $g \in C(\mathbb{R}^2)$ compactly supported. Prove that

(a) $\int_{\mathbb{R}} da \int_{M_a} g^2 \geq \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} g^2$;

(b) the equality holds if and only if $\forall x, y \quad f'(x)g(x, y) = 0$.

2c24 Exercise. Find J_ψ given $\psi(\varphi, \theta) = (\sin \theta \cos \varphi, \sin \theta \sin \varphi, \cos \theta)$. Compare your answer with the formula of volume in spherical coordinates.

2c25 Exercise. Find J_ψ given $\psi(x) = (x, \sqrt{1 - |x|^2}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $|x| < 1$.

Answer: $1/\sqrt{1 - |x|^2}$.

2c26 Exercise. Consider spherical caps $M_a = \{x : |x| = 1, x_N > a\}$ in \mathbb{R}^N (for $0 < a < 1$).

(a) $v(M_a) = \int_{|u|^2 < 1-a^2} \frac{du}{\sqrt{1 - |u|^2}}$ (n -dimensional integral, $n = N - 1$);

(b) $v(M_a) = nV_n \int_0^{\sqrt{1-a^2}} \frac{r^{n-1} dr}{\sqrt{1-r^2}}$, where $V_n = \frac{2\pi^{n/2}}{n\Gamma(n/2)}$ is the volume of

the n -dimensional unit ball;

(c) $\frac{v(M_a)}{NV_N/2} \rightarrow 0$ as $N \rightarrow \infty$ (but not uniformly in a , of course);

(d) (*Archimedes*) $v(M_a) = 2\pi(1 - a)$ for $N = 3$.

Prove it.⁴

¹Images from Wikipedia.

²Hint: think about the function $\theta \mapsto \mu(\Gamma(0, \theta), D_1\Gamma(0, \theta), D_2\Gamma(0, \theta))$.

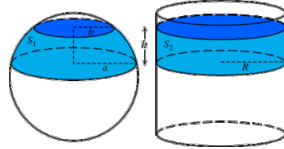
³Hint: similar to 2c21. (In fact, a part of M is diffeomorphic to the Möbius strip.)

⁴Hint: (a) use 2c25; (b) recall Sect. 0g.

Here is a probabilistic interpretation. Let a point (x_1, \dots, x_N) on the unit sphere in \mathbb{R}^N be chosen at random, uniformly;

- (c) if N is large, then x_N is usually small;
- (d) if $N = 3$, then x_N is distributed uniformly.

Geometric interpretation of Item (d) is Archimedes' Hat-Box Theorem.¹



2c27 Exercise. Consider a half-space $G = \mathbb{R}^{N-1} \times (0, \infty) \subset \mathbb{R}^N$, semi-spheres $M_r = \{x \in G : |x| = r\}$ for $r > 0$, and a compactly supported $f \in C(G)$. Prove that

- (a)
$$\int_{M_r} f = \int_{|u| < r} \frac{r}{\sqrt{r^2 - |u|^2}} f(u, \sqrt{r^2 - |u|^2}) du;$$
- (b)
$$\int_0^\infty dr \int_{M_r} f = \int_G f.$$

2c28 Exercise (PRODUCT). Let M_1 be an n_1 -manifold in \mathbb{R}^{N_1} and M_2 an n_2 -manifold in \mathbb{R}^{N_2} . By 2b9, the set $M = M_1 \times M_2$ is an n -manifold in \mathbb{R}^N where $n = n_1 + n_2$ and $N = N_1 + N_2$. Let (G_1, ψ_1) be a chart of M_1 and (G_2, ψ_2) a chart of M_2 ; consider the product-chart (G, ψ) of M , that is, $G = G_1 \times G_2$ and $\psi(u_1, u_2) = (\psi_1(u_1), \psi_2(u_2))$. Prove that

- (a) $J_\psi(u_1, u_2) = J_{\psi_1}(u_1)J_{\psi_2}(u_2)$;
- (b) $v(U_1 \times U_2) = v(U_1)v(U_2) \in (0, \infty]$, where $U_1 = \psi_1(G_1)$, $U_2 = \psi_2(G_2)$.

2c29 Exercise (SCALING). Let M be an n -manifold in \mathbb{R}^N , and $s \in (0, \infty)$. By 2b3, the set $sM = \{sx : x \in M\}$ is an n -manifold. Let (G, ψ) be a chart of M ; consider the scaled chart $(G, s\psi)$ of sM . Prove that

- (a) $J_{s\psi}(u) = s^n J_\psi(u)$;
- (b) $v(sU) = s^n v(U) \in (0, \infty]$, where $U = \psi(G)$.

2c30 Exercise (MOTION). Let M be an n -manifold in \mathbb{R}^N , and $T : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$ an isometric affine mapping. By 2b3, the set $T(M)$ is an n -manifold. Let (G, ψ) be a chart of M ; consider the corresponding chart $(G, T \circ \psi)$ of $T(M)$. Prove that

- (a) $J_{T \circ \psi}(u) = J_\psi(u)$;
- (b) $v(T(U)) = v(U) \in (0, \infty]$, where $U = \psi(G)$.

¹Weisstein, Eric W. "Archimedes' Hat-Box Theorem." From MathWorld – A Wolfram Web Resource.

2c31 Exercise (CYLINDER). Let $M_1, h, M, (G_1, \psi_1), (G \times \mathbb{R}, \psi)$ be as in 2b22(b). Then

$$J_\psi(u, \lambda) = J_{\psi_1}(u) \operatorname{dist}(h, T_{\psi_1(u)}M_1).$$

In particular, if $\langle h, \cdot \rangle$ is constant on M_1 , then $h \perp T_x M_1$, thus,

$$J_\psi(u, \lambda) = |h| J_{\psi_1}(u).$$

Prove it.¹

2c32 Exercise (CONE). Let $M_1, M, (G, \psi_1), (G \times (0, \infty), \psi)$ be as in 2b23(b). Then

$$J_\psi(u, \lambda) = \lambda^n J_{\psi_1}(u) \operatorname{dist}(x, T_x M_1) \quad \text{where } x = \psi_1(u).$$

In particular, if $\forall x \in M_1 \quad |x| = c$, then $x \perp T_x M_1$, thus,

$$J_\psi(u, \lambda) = c \lambda^n J_{\psi_1}(u).$$

Prove it.

2c33 Exercise (SURFACE OF REVOLUTION OR BODY OF REVOLUTION). Let $M_1, n, M, S, (G_1, \psi_1), (G_2, \psi_2), (G_1 \times G_2, \psi)$ be as in 2b24(b). Then

$$J_\psi(u_1, u_2) = J_{\psi_1}(u_1) \operatorname{dist}((0, -z, y), T_{(x,y,z)}M_1) \quad \text{where } (x, y, z) = \psi_1(u_1).$$

In particular, if $M_1 \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \times \{0\}$, then also $T_{(x,y,z)}M_1 \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \times \{0\}$; $(0, -z, y) = (0, 0, y) \perp \mathbb{R}^2 \times \{0\}$; thus,

$$J_\psi(u_1, u_2) = |y| J_{\psi_1}(u_1) \quad \text{where } (x, y, 0) = \psi_1(u_1).$$

Prove it.

2d Partitions of unity; global integration

2d1 Definition. (a) A k -form ω on an n -manifold $M \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ is *compactly supported* if there exists a compact set $K \subset M$ that supports ω in the sense that $\omega(x, h_1, \dots, h_k) = 0$ for all $x \in M \setminus K$ and $h_1, \dots, h_k \in T_x M$.

(b) ω is a *single-chart form* if there exist a compact set $K \subset M$ that supports ω and a chart (G, ψ) of M such that $K \subset \psi(G)$.

The same applies to continuous functions on M (they are 0-forms).

¹Hint: first, try $N = 2, n = 1$.

Recall that $\int_{(M,\mathcal{O})} \omega$ is defined (in Sect. 2c) whenever (M, \mathcal{O}) is an oriented n -manifold and ω a single-chart n -form on M . The linearity,

$$(2d2) \quad \int_{(M,\mathcal{O})} (c_1\omega_1 + c_2\omega_2) = c_1 \int_{(M,\mathcal{O})} \omega_1 + c_2 \int_{(M,\mathcal{O})} \omega_2,$$

is evident provided that both forms ω_1, ω_2 have compact supports within the same chart.

Every compact subset of M can be covered by finitely many charts. They overlap. We could try to construct a partition of the compact set into simple-chart sets. But it is better to split ω into single-chart forms, using the so-called “partition of unity”.¹

2d3 Lemma. Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ be an n -manifold and $K \subset M$ a compact set. Then there exist single-chart continuous functions $\rho_1, \dots, \rho_i : M \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that $\rho_1 + \dots + \rho_i = 1$ on K .

Proof. For every $x \in K$ the function $f_x : y \mapsto (\varepsilon_x - |y - x|)^+$ is single-chart if ε_x is small enough; it is also continuous, and (strictly) positive in the open ε_x -neighborhood of x . These neighborhoods are an open covering of K ; we choose a finite subcovering and get single-chart functions $f_1, \dots, f_i : M \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ whose sum $f = f_1 + \dots + f_i$ is (strictly) positive on K . We take $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $f(\cdot) \geq \varepsilon$ on K and note that functions $\rho_1, \dots, \rho_i : M \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ defined by

$$\rho_j(x) = \frac{f_j(x)}{\max(f(x), \varepsilon)}$$

have the required properties. □

It follows that every compactly supported k -form on M is the sum of some single-chart k -forms,

$$\omega = \omega_1 + \dots + \omega_i, \quad \omega_j = \rho_j \omega$$

(that is, $\omega_j(x, h_1, \dots, h_k) = \rho_j(x)\omega(x, h_1, \dots, h_k)$).

For $k = n$ we can define (assuming that \mathcal{O} is an orientation of M)

$$(2d4) \quad \int_{(M,\mathcal{O})} (\omega_1 + \dots + \omega_i) = \int_{(M,\mathcal{O})} \omega_1 + \dots + \int_{(M,\mathcal{O})} \omega_i$$

¹For now, partition of unity into continuous functions. Later, partition into C^1 functions will be needed. (See 3b10. Ultimately, partitions into C^∞ functions exist, but we do not need them.)

if this is correct; that is, we need

$$(2d5) \quad \int_{(M,\mathcal{O})} \omega_1 + \cdots + \int_{(M,\mathcal{O})} \omega_i = \int_{(M,\mathcal{O})} \tilde{\omega}_1 + \cdots + \int_{(M,\mathcal{O})} \tilde{\omega}_i$$

whenever $\omega_1 + \cdots + \omega_i = \tilde{\omega}_1 + \cdots + \tilde{\omega}_i$. This equality will be proved after some preparation.

All compactly supported k -forms on M are a vector space (infinite-dimensional, of course). Forms compactly supported by a given chart are a vector subspace; and these subspaces, together, span the whole space. Therefore

(2d6) if two linear functionals on compactly supported forms are equal on all single-chart forms, then they are equal.

In particular, this applies to continuous functions (0-forms).

Given single-chart n -forms $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_i$, we introduce the functional

$$L : f \mapsto \int_{(M,\mathcal{O})} f\omega_1 + \cdots + \int_{(M,\mathcal{O})} f\omega_i$$

on compactly supported continuous functions $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$; it is linear, since each $\int_{(M,\mathcal{O})} f\omega_j$ is linear by (2d2). By (2d2) (again),

$$L(f) = \int_{(M,\mathcal{O})} f\omega \quad \text{where } \omega = \omega_1 + \cdots + \omega_i$$

for single-chart f (for non-single-chart f the right-hand side is generally not defined yet). Given also $\omega = \tilde{\omega}_1 + \cdots + \tilde{\omega}_i$, we introduce \tilde{L} and note that

$$L(f) = \int_{(M,\mathcal{O})} f\omega = \tilde{L}(f)$$

for single-chart f . By (2d6), $L = \tilde{L}$. Choosing f such that $f(\cdot) = 1$ on the union of supports of $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_i, \tilde{\omega}_1, \dots, \tilde{\omega}_i$ we get (2d5).

We see that (2d4) is indeed a correct definition of $\int_{(M,\mathcal{O})} \omega$ whenever ω is a compactly supported n -form on M .

Improper integral applies to forms without compact support. Arbitrary n -form ω on M splits into the \mathcal{O} -positive part $\omega_{+\mathcal{O}}$ and the \mathcal{O} -negative part $\omega_{-\mathcal{O}}$,

$$\omega_{+\mathcal{O}}(x, \cdot) = \begin{cases} \omega(x, \cdot) & \text{if } \omega(x, \cdot) \text{ is } \mathcal{O}_x\text{-positive,} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$$

$$\omega_{-\mathcal{O}} = (-\omega)_{+\mathcal{O}};$$

$$\omega = \omega_{+\mathcal{O}} - \omega_{-\mathcal{O}};$$

see (2c7) for “ \mathcal{O}_x -positive”. We define

$$\int_{(M,\mathcal{O})} \omega_{+\mathcal{O}} = \sup_f \int_{(M,\mathcal{O})} f \omega_{+\mathcal{O}} \in [0, \infty]$$

where the supremum is taken over all compactly supported continuous $f : M \rightarrow [0, 1]$. Finally,

$$\int_{(M,\mathcal{O})} \omega = \int_{(M,\mathcal{O})} \omega_{+\mathcal{O}} - \int_{(M,\mathcal{O})} \omega_{-\mathcal{O}};$$

of course, $\int_{(M,\mathcal{O})} \omega_{-\mathcal{O}} \in [0, \infty]$ is defined similarly to $\int_{(M,\mathcal{O})} \omega_{+\mathcal{O}}$. If $\int_{(M,\mathcal{O})} \omega_{+\mathcal{O}} < \infty$ and $\int_{(M,\mathcal{O})} \omega_{-\mathcal{O}} < \infty$, one says that ω is *integrable*. Otherwise the improper integral may be $-\infty$, $+\infty$, or $\infty - \infty$ (undefined).

2d7 Exercise. Integrable forms are a vector space, and the integral is a linear functional on this space.

Prove it.¹

Now we can define the n -dimensional volume of an oriented n -manifold (M, \mathcal{O}) by

$$v(M, \mathcal{O}) = \int_{(M,\mathcal{O})} \mu_{(M,\mathcal{O})} \in (0, \infty]$$

where $\mu_{(M,\mathcal{O})}$ is the volume form on (M, \mathcal{O}) . Compactness of M is sufficient and not necessary for finiteness of the volume. Nice; but the Möbius strip should have an area, too!

We want to define

$$(2d8) \quad \int_M f = \int_{(G,\psi)} f \mu_{(G,\psi)} = \int_G (f \circ \psi) J_\psi$$

for a single-chart $f \in C(M)$; here (G, ψ) is a chart such that f is compactly supported within $\psi(G)$, and $\mu_{(G,\psi)}$ is the volume form on the n -manifold $\psi(G)$ (oriented, even if M is non-orientable). To this end we need a counterpart of Prop. 2c3:

$$\int_{(G_1,\psi_1)} f \mu_{(G_1,\psi_1)} = \int_{(G_2,\psi_2)} f \mu_{(G_2,\psi_2)}$$

whenever $(G_1, \psi_1), (G_2, \psi_2)$ are charts such that $\psi_1(G_1) = \psi_2(G_2)$ supports f . We do it similarly to the proof of 2c3, but this time we split the relatively open set $U = \psi_1(G_1) = \psi_2(G_2)$ in two relatively open sets U_-, U_+ according

¹Hint: recall 0b3–0b5.

to the sign of $\det D\varphi$ (having $\psi_2^{-1} = \varphi \circ \psi_1^{-1}$ on U). It remains to take into account that $\mu_{(G_1, \psi_1)} = \mu_{(G_2, \psi_2)}$ on U_+ but $\mu_{(G_1, \psi_1)} = -\mu_{(G_2, \psi_2)}$ on U_- .

We see that (2d8) is indeed a correct definition of $\int_M f$ for a single-chart $f \in C(M)$. Now, similarly to (2d4), we define

$$(2d9) \quad \int_M f = \int_M f_1 + \cdots + \int_M f_i$$

whenever $f = f_1 + \cdots + f_i$ with single-chart $f_j \in C(M)$.

2d10 Exercise. (a) Prove that (2d9) is a correct definition of $\int_M f$ for all compactly supported $f \in C(M)$;

(b) formulate and prove linearity and monotonicity of the integral.

Consider a function $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuous almost everywhere.¹ If f is single-chart, we define

$$\int_M f = \int_G (f \circ \psi) J_\psi = (2c9)$$

for a chart (G, ψ) that supports f ; by 2c10, the integral does not depend on the chart. But now it is treated as improper, and may converge (then f is called integrable) or diverge. This integral is a linear functional on the vector subspace of integrable functions supported by a given chart. Similarly to (2d5) it extends to a linear functional on compactly supported f (continuous almost everywhere, of course). And then, by exhaustion, we get rid of the compact support.

Accordingly, we have the (n -dimensional) Jordan measure on M , and sets of volume zero. A single point is of volume zero, of course.

2d11 Exercise. (a) Every compact subset of an n -manifold in \mathbb{R}^N (for $n < N$) is of (N -dimensional) volume zero in \mathbb{R}^N .²

(b) Let M be an n -manifold in \mathbb{R}^N ; M_1 an n_1 -manifold in \mathbb{R}^N ; $n_1 < n$; and $M_1 \subset M$. Then every compact subset of M_1 is of (n -dimensional) volume zero in M .

Prove it.³

2d12 Example. Consider the sphere $M = \{(x, y, z) : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ and the 2-chart (G, ψ) of the sphere, called the spherical coordinates:

$$G = (-\pi, \pi) \times (0, \pi), \quad \psi(\varphi, \theta) = (\sin \theta \cos \varphi, \sin \theta \sin \varphi, \cos \theta).$$

¹Recall 2b12.

²Why just compact? Wait for Example 3b7.

³Hint: (a) locally, a graph; (b) $\psi^{-1} \circ \psi_1$.

The circle $\{(x, 0, z) : x^2 + z^2 = 1\} \subset M$ is a set of volume zero by 2d11(b). Therefore the semicircle $M \setminus \psi(G) = \{(x, 0, z) : x^2 + z^2 = 1, x \leq 0\}$ is of volume zero. Using 2c16 and 2c24 we calculate the area of the sphere; not unexpectedly, we get

$$v(M) = \int_G J_\psi = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\varphi \int_0^{\pi} \sin \theta d\theta = 4\pi.$$

2d13 Exercise. Prove that the area of the (non-compact) Möbius strip 2c21 is $4\pi rR(1 + \mathcal{O}(\frac{r^2}{R^2}))$.

2d14 Example (PRODUCT). Let M_1 be an n_1 -manifold in \mathbb{R}^{N_1} and M_2 an n_2 -manifold in \mathbb{R}^{N_2} . Then, using 2c28,

$$v(M_1 \times M_2) = v(M_1)v(M_2) \in (0, \infty].$$

2d15 Example (SCALING). Let M be an n -manifold in \mathbb{R}^N , and $s \in (0, \infty)$. Then, using 2c29,

$$v(sM) = s^n v(M) \in (0, \infty].$$

This is a generalization of the special case $v(sE) = s^N v(E)$ from Analysis-III. In contrast, we have no such generalization of the more general formula $v(T(E)) = s_1 \dots s_N v(E)$ where $T(x_1, \dots, x_N) = (s_1 x_1, \dots, s_N x_N)$. Indeed, everyone knows the length of a circle, but the length of an ellipse is an elliptic integral!¹

2d16 Example (MOTION). Let M be an n -manifold in \mathbb{R}^N , and $T : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$ an isometric affine mapping. Then, using 2c30,

$$v(T(M)) = v(M) \in [0, \infty].$$

Also,

$$\int_{T(M)} f \circ T^{-1} = \int_M f$$

(in the appropriate sense) for every $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuous almost everywhere. In particular, (a) if $f \circ T^{-1} = f$ then $\int_{T(M)} f = \int_M f$; and (b) if $T(M) = M$ then $\int_M f \circ T^{-1} = \int_M f$.

2d17 Example (CYLINDER). Let M_1, h, M be as in 2b22, but with $(a, b) \subset \mathbb{R}$ rather than the whole \mathbb{R} ; and let $\langle h, \cdot \rangle$ be constant on M_1 . Then, using 2c31,

$$v(M) = (b - a)|h|v(M_1).$$

¹Wikipedia:Ellipse#Circumference.

2d18 Example (CONE). Let M_1 and M be as in 2b23, but with $(a, b) \subset (0, \infty)$ rather than the whole $(0, \infty)$; and let $\forall x \in M_1 \ |x| = c$. Then, using 2c32,

$$v(M) = \frac{c}{n+1}(b^{n+1} - a^{n+1})v(M_1).$$

2d19 Example (SURFACE OF REVOLUTION OR BODY OF REVOLUTION). Let M_1, n, M be as in 2b24, and $M_1 \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \times \{0\}$. Then, using 2c33,

$$v(M) = 2\pi \int_{M_1} |y|.$$

Assuming in addition that $M_1 \subset \mathbb{R} \times (0, \infty) \times \{0\}$ we get the Pappus-Guldin centroid theorem:^{1,2}

(for $n = 1$) The surface area of a surface of revolution generated by rotating a plane curve about an external axis on the same plane is equal to the product of the arc length of the curve and the distance traveled by its geometric centroid.

(for $n = 2$) The volume of a solid of revolution generated by rotating a plane figure about an external axis on the same plane is equal to the product of the area of the figure and the distance traveled by its geometric centroid.

2d20 Exercise. (a) Find the integral of the function $x \mapsto x_i^2$ over the sphere $x_1^2 + \dots + x_N^2 = 1$ without ANY computation.³

(b) Prove that $\frac{v(M_a)}{NV_N} \leq \frac{1}{2a^2N}$ (here M_a is the spherical cap as in 2c26).

2d21 Exercise. Find the area of the part of the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ in \mathbb{R}^3 situated inside the cylinder $x^2 + z^2 = 1$ (that is, satisfying $x^2 + z^2 < 1$).⁴

2d22 Exercise. Find (a) the area of the part of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ in \mathbb{R}^3 situated inside the cylinder $x^2 + y^2 = x$; and (b) the area of the part of the cylinder inside the sphere.⁵

2d23 Exercise. The density of a “material” sphere of radius R is proportional to the distance to the vertical diameter. Find the centroid of the upper hemisphere.⁶

¹See “Pappus’s centroid theorem” in Wikipedia.

²Centroid, defined in Analysis-3 for sets of positive volume, generalizes readily to manifolds.

³Hint: use 2d16.

⁴Answer: 8.

⁵Answer: (a) $2\pi - 4$; (b) 8.

⁶Answer: $(0, 0, \frac{4}{3\pi}R)$.

2d24 Exercise. Find the centroid of the (homogeneous) conic surface $0 < z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} < 1$.¹

Vector-valued functions may be integrated as well. Given $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^\ell$, $f : x \mapsto (f_1(x), \dots, f_\ell(x))$, we define

$$(2d25) \quad \int_M f = \left(\int_M f_1, \dots, \int_M f_\ell \right)$$

provided that these ℓ integrals are well-defined. Accordingly, for $f : M \rightarrow V$ where V is an ℓ -dimensional vector space, we define $\int_M f$ by

$$(2d26) \quad L\left(\int_M f\right) = \int_M L \circ f \quad \text{for all linear } L : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

provided that the right-hand side is well-defined for all L .

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¹Answer: $(0, 0, \frac{2}{3})$.