

1. Folland, Jones 10.F (on HW 7)

Calculate $\iint_S (x+y)^4 (x-y)^{-5} dA$ where S is the square $-1 \leq x+y \leq 1$, $1 \leq x-y \leq 3$. Answer: $\frac{4}{81}$

2. Warm-Up

Prove that the area of an ellipse $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} \leq 1$ is πab .

3. Stewart (on HW 7)

Evaluate the integral by making an appropriate change of variables:

$$\iint_E \sin(9x^2 + 4y^2) dA,$$

where E is the region in the first quadrant bounded by the ellipse $9x^2 + 4y^2 = 1$. Answer: $\frac{\pi}{24}(1 - \cos 1)$.

4. Jones 10-41

UPDATED so that E is actually an ellipsoid: Let E be the ellipsoid

$$\frac{x_1^2}{a_1^2} + \frac{x_2^2}{a_2^2} + \dots + \frac{x_n^2}{a_n^2} \leq 1,$$

where the semi-axes a_1, \dots, a_n are any positive integers. Prove that

$$\text{vol}(E) = a_1 \cdots a_n \text{vol}_n(B(0, 1))$$

Sanity check: The unit 2-ball is the unit disk, which has area π . Phew!

5. Folland & Jones 10:29

Use “double polar coordinates” in \mathbb{R}^4 :

$$\begin{aligned} x &= r \cos \theta, \\ y &= r \sin \theta, \\ z &= s \cos \varphi, \\ w &= s \sin \varphi \end{aligned}$$

to compute the 4-dimensional volume of the ball $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + w^2 \leq R^2$. Answer: $\frac{\pi^2}{2} R^4$

6. (Challenging) Jones 10:29

Using “ $n \times$ polar coordinates” in \mathbb{R}^{2n} , prove that the $2n$ -dim volume of the ball $x_1^2 + \dots + x_{2n}^2 \leq 1$ is

$$\text{vol}_{2n}(B(0, 1)) := \frac{\pi^n}{n!}.$$

(Extra Spicy) Modifying this choice of coordinates appropriately for odd dimensions (one possibility is coming up with the analogue of higher dimensional spherical coordinates):

$$\text{vol}_{2n+1}(B(0, 1)) := \frac{2(n!)(4\pi)^n}{(2n+1)!}.$$

Suggestions: Using $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_{2n-1} \in [0, \pi]$, and $\varphi_{2n} \in [0, 2\pi]$, set $x_1 = \rho \cos(\varphi_1)$ and for $i \in [1, n]$,

$$\begin{aligned} x_{2i} &= \rho \sin(\varphi_1) \cdots \sin(\varphi_{2i-1}) \cos(\varphi_{2i}) \\ x_{2i+1} &= \rho \sin(\varphi_1) \cdots \sin(\varphi_{2i-1}) \sin(\varphi_{2i}) \end{aligned}$$

You then should get

$$\text{Jac}_{2n+1} = \rho \sin(\varphi_1) \cdots \sin(\varphi_{2n-1}) \text{Jac}_{2n}$$

You can then use this to prove by induction that closed form expression for the volume element in $(2n + 1)$ -spherical coordinates is:

$$d^n V = \left| \det \frac{\partial(x_i)}{\partial(\rho, \varphi_j)} \right| = \rho^{2n} \sin^{2n-1}(\varphi_1) \sin^{2n-2}(\varphi_2) \cdots \sin(\varphi_{2n-1}) d\rho d\varphi_1 \cdots d\varphi_n$$

Sanity check: When $n = 1$, how do these hyperspherical coordinates compare with our 3-D spherical coordinates? If you get stuck, see also §1-3 of <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/N-sphere>.

The other means of attack is to prove the recursive formula using some tricks:

$$\text{vol}_n(B(0, 1)) := \frac{2\pi}{n} \text{vol}_{n-2}(B(0, 1)).$$

(Frank does this in the book.)