Change of Variables

- Useful to change the coordinate system to have simpler bounds when the current bounds are difficult, if impossible to describe and evaluate in the standard Cartesian system.
- Example: transform a region in the xy-plane to the uv-plane (i.e. uv-substitution).
- Generally, transform (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) to (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) .
- Application of the **Implicit Function Theorem**.
- Come up with a vector-valued function that takes in a vector in one coordinate system and transform it to vector in another coordinate system.
- Don't forget to add the Jacobian! The Jacobian is what allows us to change the coordinate system of the integral it is what makes change of variables possible!
- Example of change in two variables (can be generalized to *n* variables):

$$\iint_{D} f(x, y) dy dx = \iint_{S} f(u(x, y), v(x, y)) \left| \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(u, v)} dv du \right|$$

- Don't forget to take the absolute value of the Jacobian!
- Common transformations:
 - Cartesian plane to polar plane: $(x, y) \leftrightarrow (r, \theta)$

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$$x = r\cos\theta$$
 $y = r\sin\theta$ $r^2 = x^2 + y^2$ $\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$

- Cartesian to cylindrical: $(x, y, z) \leftrightarrow (r, \theta, z)$: same as Cartesian to polar.
- Cartesian to spherical: $(x, y, z) \leftrightarrow (\rho, \theta, \phi)$
 - $x = \rho \cos \theta \sin \phi$ $y = \rho \sin \theta \sin \phi$ $z = \rho \cos \phi$ • $\rho^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ $\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$ $\varphi = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{z}\right)$
- Jacobians for these common transformations:
 - For $(x, y) \leftrightarrow (r, \theta)$:

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$$\frac{\partial(x,y)}{\partial(r,\theta)} = r$$
 $\frac{\partial(r,\theta)}{\partial(x,y)} = \frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$

• For $(x, y, z) \leftrightarrow (r, \theta, z)$:

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$$\frac{\partial(x, y, z)}{\partial(r, \theta, z)} = r$$
 $\frac{\partial(r, \theta, z)}{\partial(x, y, z)} = \frac{1}{r} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$

• For $(x, y, z) \leftrightarrow (\rho, \theta, \varphi)$:

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$$\frac{\partial(x, y, z)}{\partial(r, \theta, \varphi)} = \rho^2 \sin \varphi$$
 $\frac{\partial(r, \theta, \varphi)}{\partial(x, y, z)} = \frac{1}{\rho^2 \sin \varphi}$