

PDG I
(Tutorium)

Tutorial 3
(Integrals on the Ball)

Question 1

Recall that

$$\alpha_n := \text{volume of unit ball in } \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \omega_n := \text{surface area of unit ball in } \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Use polar coordinates to show that $\omega_n = n\alpha_n$.

Question 2

Let $B(x, R)$ be a ball in $\mathbb{R}^n$, and let $u \in C(B(x, r))$. For $r \in (0, R)$, consider the integrals

$$\varphi(r) := \int_{\partial B(x, r)} u(y) \, dS(y) = \int_{\partial B(0, 1)} u(x + rz) \, dS(z)$$

and

$$\psi(r) := \int_{B(x, r)} u(y) \, dy.$$

(i) Show that $\varphi \in C(0, R)$.

(ii) Show that $\psi \in C^1(0, R)$ with

$$\psi'(r) = \int_{\partial B(x, r)} u(y) \, dS(y) \quad (= \omega_n r^{n-1} \varphi(r)).$$

(iii) Now suppose $u \in C^1(\overline{B(x, R)})$. Show that $\varphi \in C^1(0, R)$ with

$$\varphi'(r) = \int_{\partial B(0, 1)} \nabla u(x + rz) \cdot z \, dS(z).$$

Hint: Note that $\frac{d}{dr}(u(x + rz)) = \nabla u(x + rz) \cdot z$. Consider the difference quotient

$$\frac{\varphi(r+h) - \varphi(r)}{h} \quad (h \neq 0, r+h \in (0, R))$$

and use the Dominated Convergence Theorem.