

ON MULTIPLE INTEGRALS

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§1. *Introduction.*

In the theory of multiple proper integrals the chief difficulty arises in the consideration of the frontier points of the field of integration \mathfrak{A} . The older writers as GAUSS, DIRICHLET, JACOBI and CAUCHY, supposed the field \mathfrak{A} to be bounded by a finite number of surfaces of simple nature. In later years the theory of point aggregates has made it possible to consider more general classes of fields. STOLZ, PRINGSHEIM † and JORDAN ‡ have made valuable contributions in this direction. The work of JORDAN is particularly important as he has not only blocked out the way for multiple integrals in any number of variables but has treated the case of two variables with great generality and completeness.

Two fundamental theorems in this theory relate to the reduction of a multiple integral to an iterated integral and the change of variables in a multiple integral. As far as the writer was aware a year ago when he began to consider the general treatment of these questions, none of the existing methods admitted an extension to n variables, at least not without considerable complication. It occurred to him that by properly generalizing the definition of an integral the grave difficulties which the frontier points create might very readily be obviated.

The theory of integration which is here given, was presented by the author at the April meeting of the American Mathematical Society in 1904. At that time Professor MOORE called his attention to a paper of STOLZ's, § published in 1897, where not only the integrals considered in the present paper but also another class of integrals are introduced. The importance of the integrals first mentioned seems entirely to have escaped STOLZ's observation. At any rate he seems to have made no further use of them, and to have considered them more as curiosities. The only theorem he establishes is theorem 2 of the present paper.

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† Sitzungsberichte der Münchener Akademie, vol. 29 (1899), p. 39.

‡ Journal de Mathématiques, ser. 4, vol. 8 (1892), p. 69, and Cours d'Analyse, vol. 1.

§ *Zwei Grenzwerte, von welchen das obere Integral ein besonderer Fall ist*, Sitzungsberichte der Wiener Akademie, vol. 106, abt. II, a, p. 453.

§ 2. *Preliminary definitions.*

It is convenient to represent the points $x = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$ of an m -way space R_m by a set of points marked off on m axes. Let us divide each of these axes into intervals of length $\leq d$; in such a manner, however, that no finite segment of any axis contains more than a finite number of intervals. We shall say that we have effected a *rectangular division of space of norm d* . It divides R_m into rectangular *cells* whose sides are of length $\leq d$. The boundaries of the cells are planes parallel to the coördinate-planes. When the lengths of the intervals are all the same, these cells become cubes. The corresponding division may be called *cubical*.

Let \mathfrak{A} be a limited point aggregate, i. e., let no coördinate of any point of \mathfrak{A} be greater numerically than some fixed number.

Let $f(x_1, \dots, x_m)$ be a limited one-valued function defined over \mathfrak{A} . Let D be a rectangular division of space of norm d . Let d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots denote those cells of D containing at least one point of \mathfrak{A} . Without ambiguity we may denote the volume of these cells by the same letters.

Let

$$M_i = \max f, \quad m_i = \min f, \quad \text{in } d_i;$$

and

$$|f(x_1, \dots, x_m)| \leq F, \quad \text{in } \mathfrak{A}.$$

We shall set

$$(1) \quad \bar{S}_D = \sum_i M_i d_i, \quad \underline{S}_D = \sum_i m_i d_i,$$

which may be called the *upper* and *lower sums* for the division D . It is sometimes necessary to consider such sums over different aggregates as $\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}, \dots$. These may be indicated by

$$\bar{S}_{\mathfrak{A}D}, \bar{S}_{\mathfrak{B}D}, \dots,$$

where the subscripts indicate that the sums (1) are taken over $\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}, \dots$ respectively.

The difference $M_i - m_i$ is the oscillation of f in the cell d_i . We denote it by

$$\text{osc } f_i.$$

We remark here once for all that all functions and point aggregates considered in this paper are supposed to be limited. The case when either or both are unlimited will be considered in a later paper.

Let $a = (a_1, \dots, a_m), b = (b_1, \dots, b_m)$ be two points. The distance between a and b is defined by

$$\text{dist}(a, b) = \sqrt{(a_1 - b_1)^2 + \dots + (a_m - b_m)^2}.$$

If c is any other point, we have

$$\text{dist}(a, c) \leq \text{dist}(a, b) + \text{dist}(b, c).$$

Let \mathfrak{B} be a partial aggregate of \mathfrak{A} . If the distance between any frontier point \mathfrak{A} and any frontier point of \mathfrak{B} is $\geq \rho > 0$, we say \mathfrak{B} is an *inner aggregate* of \mathfrak{A} ; also \mathfrak{A} is an *outer aggregate* of \mathfrak{B} .

If \mathfrak{A} contains all its limiting points, it is *complete*. If it is complete and contains only limiting points, it is *perfect*.

A point aggregate embracing none of its frontier points is called a *region*.

The points x such that $\text{dist}(a, x) \leq \delta$ form the *domain of a of norm* δ . We denote it by $D_\delta(a)$.

§ 3. Fundamental theorems.

THEOREM 1. Let $f(x_1, \dots, x_m) \geq 0$ be defined over the field \mathfrak{A} . Let

$$\bar{S} = \min S_D$$

with respect to all rectangular division D of norm d , however small. Then

$$(1) \quad \lim_{d=0} \bar{S}_D = \bar{S}.$$

The points of \mathfrak{A} lie in a certain cube \mathfrak{C} of edge C . The representation of \mathfrak{C} is formed of m segments $\mathfrak{C}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{C}_m$ on the x_1, \dots, x_m axes. We may suppose \mathfrak{C} taken so large that no point of \mathfrak{A} comes within a certain distance of any side of \mathfrak{C} .

Since \bar{S} is obviously finite, there exists for each $\epsilon > 0$ a division Δ such that

$$(2) \quad \bar{S} \leq \bar{S}_\Delta < \bar{S} + \frac{\epsilon}{2}.$$

Let D be an arbitrary division of norm d . Let us superimpose Δ on D , forming a division E . The division E is formed by interpolating certain points, let us say at most μ in each of the segments $\mathfrak{C}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{C}_m$. The interpolation of one of these points may be interpreted as passing a plane parallel to one of the sides of \mathfrak{C} . Its effect is to subdivide certain of the cells of \mathfrak{C} . The volume of the cells so effected is

$$\leq d C^{m-1}.$$

Hence the superimposition of Δ on D , being equivalent to passing at most $m\mu$ planes, affects cells of \mathfrak{C} belonging to the original division D , whose volume is

$$(3) \quad V < m\mu d C^{m-1}.$$

Let Δ subdivide d_i , a cell of D containing points of \mathfrak{A} , into the cells

$$d_{i1}, d_{i2}, \dots$$

containing points of \mathfrak{A} and into cells

$$\delta_{i1}, \delta_{i2}, \dots$$

containing no points of \mathfrak{A} . Then

$$\bar{S}_D = \sum_i M_i d_i + R; \quad \bar{S}_E = \sum_{ik} M_{ik} d_{ik} + R,$$

where R denotes the sum of those terms common to \bar{S}_D and \bar{S}_E corresponding to cells of D unaffected by the division Δ . But

$$d_i = \sum_{ik} d_{ik} + \sum_{ik} \delta_{ik};$$

hence

$$\bar{S}_D = \sum M_i d_{ik} + \sum M_i \delta_{ik} + R.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq \bar{S}_D - \bar{S}_E &\leq \sum (M_i - M_{ik}) d_{ik} + \sum M_i \delta_{ik}, \\ &< F \sum d_{ik} + F \sum \delta_{ik} = FV, \\ &< m\mu d F C^{m-1}, \end{aligned}$$

by (3). If we take

$$d' < \frac{\epsilon}{2m\mu F C^{m-1}},$$

we have

$$\bar{S}_D < \bar{S}_E + \frac{\epsilon}{2},$$

for any $d \leq d'$. But regarding E as formed by superimposing D on Δ , we have

$$\bar{S}_E \leq \bar{S}_\Delta$$

since $f \geq 0$.

Thus

$$\bar{S} \leq \bar{S}_D < \bar{S}_\Delta + \frac{\epsilon}{2} < \bar{S} + \epsilon,$$

which proves (1).

In the same way we establish:

Let $f(x_1 \dots x_m) \leq 0$. Let

$$\underline{S} = \max \underline{S}_D$$

with respect to all rectangular divisions D . Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \underline{S}_D = \underline{S}.$$

THEOREM 2. *Let $f(x_1, \dots, x_m)$ be defined over the field \mathfrak{A} . Then the limits*

$$\lim_{d=0} \underline{S}_D, \quad \lim_{d=0} \bar{S}_D$$

exist and are finite. They are called respectively the lower and upper integrals of f over \mathfrak{A} and are denoted by

$$\int_{\mathfrak{A}} f d\mathfrak{A} = \int_{\mathfrak{A}} f dx_1 \cdots dx_m; \quad \bar{\int}_{\mathfrak{A}} f d\mathfrak{A} = \bar{\int}_{\mathfrak{A}} f dx_1 \cdots dx_m.$$

This is a corollary of theorem 1. We have only to introduce an auxiliary function

$$g(x_1, \dots, x_m) = f(x_1, \dots, x_m) + c$$

and take the constant c so that g is either ≤ 0 or ≥ 0 in \mathfrak{A} according as we wish to show the existence of the first or second of the above limits.

When

$$\int_{\mathfrak{A}} f d\mathfrak{A} = \bar{\int}_{\mathfrak{A}} f d\mathfrak{A},$$

we say f is integrable in \mathfrak{A} ; the common value of these two limits we denote by

$$\int_{\mathfrak{A}} f d\mathfrak{A} = \int_{\mathfrak{A}} f dx_1 \cdots dx_m$$

and call it the integral of f over \mathfrak{A} .

We may now prove at once the following theorem:

THEOREM 3. *Let D be any rectangular division of norm d , and ξ_i any point of \mathfrak{A} in the cell d_i . Then if f is integrable in \mathfrak{A} ,*

$$\lim_{d=0} \sum f(\xi_i) d_i = \int_{\mathfrak{A}} f d\mathfrak{A},$$

however the D 's and ξ 's are chosen. Conversely if this limit exists, f is integrable in \mathfrak{A} .

It is now easy to show that the usual criteria for integrability hold for the present case.

An important class of integrable functions are those having limited variation. In fact, let $f(x_1, \dots, x_m)$ be defined over \mathfrak{A} . Let D be a cubical division of norm $d \leq d_0$. If there exists a positive number ω such that

$$\sum_i d^{m-1} \text{osc } f_i < \omega,$$

however D be chosen, we say f has *limited variation* in \mathfrak{A} ; otherwise f has *unlimited variation*.

THEOREM 4. *If $f(x_1, \dots, x_m)$ has limited variation in \mathfrak{A} , it is integrable in \mathfrak{A} .*

For,

$$\sum d_i \operatorname{osc} f_i \leq \sum d^m \operatorname{osc} f_i < \omega d.$$

But

$$\lim_{d=0} \omega d = 0.$$

Hence f is integrable.

§ 4. *Content of point aggregates.*

In all the following work the notion of *content* is fundamental. This has been defined in various ways, e. g., by CANTOR, BOREL, JORDAN. The definition we adopt is equivalent to that of CANTOR and JORDAN, although on the face, it is different. We have chosen it because of its relation to the definition of a multiple integral just given.

Let \mathfrak{A} be any limited point aggregate in R_m . Let us effect a division D of space of norm δ . Let

$$d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots$$

denote those cells of D containing at least one point of \mathfrak{A} , while

$$d'_1, d'_2, d'_3, \dots$$

denote those cells *all* of whose points lie in \mathfrak{A} .

Then the limits

$$\bar{\mathfrak{A}} = \lim_{\delta=0} \sum d_i; \quad \underline{\mathfrak{A}} = \lim_{\delta=0} \sum d'_i$$

exist and are finite.

For, let

$$g(x_1, \dots, x_m) = 1 \text{ at points of } \mathfrak{A}, \\ = 0 \text{ at other points.}$$

Then obviously

$$\bar{\mathfrak{A}} = \overline{\operatorname{cont}} \mathfrak{A} = \int_{\bar{\mathfrak{A}}} g d\mathfrak{A}; \quad \underline{\mathfrak{A}} = \underline{\operatorname{cont}} \mathfrak{A} = \int_{\underline{\mathfrak{A}}} g d\mathfrak{A}.$$

The number $\bar{\mathfrak{A}}$, $\underline{\mathfrak{A}}$ are called *the upper and lower content of \mathfrak{A}* . When

$$\bar{\mathfrak{A}} = \underline{\mathfrak{A}},$$

their common value is called the *content of \mathfrak{A}* ; in this case we say \mathfrak{A} is *measurable*.

We observe that criteria for the integrability of $f(x_1, \dots, x_m)$ give at once criteria for the measurability of \mathfrak{A} . When no ambiguity can arise, we may denote the content of \mathfrak{A} by the same letter, otherwise we denote it by

$$\text{cont } \mathfrak{A}.$$

When $\text{cont } \mathfrak{A} = 0$, we say that \mathfrak{A} is *discrete*. We show at once:

For \mathfrak{A} to be measurable, it is necessary that the content of its frontier points \mathfrak{F} be 0; i. e. that \mathfrak{F} be discrete.

With the points of an aggregate \mathfrak{A} let us form partial aggregates $\mathfrak{A}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{A}_s$, such that the aggregate of the common frontier points of any two of these aggregates is discrete. We shall say that we have divided \mathfrak{A} into the *unmixed aggregates* $\mathfrak{A}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{A}_s$.

THEOREM 5. *If we divide \mathfrak{A} into the unmixed aggregates $\mathfrak{A}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{A}_s$, then*

$$\bar{\mathfrak{A}} = \bar{\mathfrak{A}}_1 + \dots + \bar{\mathfrak{A}}_s; \quad \underline{\mathfrak{A}} = \underline{\mathfrak{A}}_1 + \dots + \underline{\mathfrak{A}}_s.$$

For, let D be a rectangular division of norm δ . Let $\bar{\mathfrak{F}}_D$ be the volume of those cells of D which contain points of more than one of the aggregates $\mathfrak{A}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{A}_s$. Let $\bar{\mathfrak{A}}_{i,D}$ be the volume of those cells containing points of \mathfrak{A}_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, s$). Then

$$(1) \quad \bar{\mathfrak{A}}_D \leq \bar{\mathfrak{A}}_{1,D} + \dots + \bar{\mathfrak{A}}_{s,D} \leq \bar{\mathfrak{A}}_D + s\bar{\mathfrak{F}}_D.$$

By hypothesis

$$\lim_{\delta=0} \bar{\mathfrak{F}}_D = 0.$$

Hence passing to the limit in (1), we get the first half of the theorem. The other half follows similarly.

In showing that certain aggregates have content, the two following theorems are sometimes useful. They rest on the notion of a total difference quotient.

Let $f(x_1, \dots, x_m)$ be defined over \mathfrak{A} . Let $x = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$ be an arbitrary but fixed point of \mathfrak{A} while $x' = (x_1 + h_1, \dots, x_m + h_m)$ is a variable point of \mathfrak{A} . Let $\Delta f = f(x') - f(x)$, and $\Delta x = \text{dist}(x, x')$. The quotient

$$\frac{\Delta f}{\Delta x}$$

may be called the *total difference quotient of f at x* . The point x' may, or may not, be restricted to remain near x , as required.

Let

$$y_1 = f_1(x_1, \dots, x_m), \dots, y_n = f_n(x_1, \dots, x_m)$$

be defined over \mathfrak{A} . As $x = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$ ranges over \mathfrak{A} , the point $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$

will range over an aggregate \mathfrak{B} in an n -way space R_n . We call \mathfrak{B} the *image* of \mathfrak{A} .

THEOREM 6. *If \mathfrak{A} is discrete, and the functions*

$$y_1 = f(x_1, \dots, x_m), \dots, y_n = f_n(x_1, \dots, x_m) \quad (n = m + p \cong m)$$

have limited total difference quotients, the image \mathfrak{B} of \mathfrak{A} is discrete.

THEOREM 7. *Let the functions*

$$y_1 = f_1(x_1, \dots, x_m), \dots, y_n = f_n(x_1, \dots, x_m) \quad (n = m + r > m)$$

have limited total difference quotients in \mathfrak{A} except at points of a discrete aggregate Δ . In the cells of any cubical division of norm $d \cong d_0$, let at least m of these difference quotients remain limited. Then \mathfrak{B} , the image of \mathfrak{A} , is discrete.

We prove only theorem 6, as the demonstration of 7 is similar. Let us effect a cubical division D of the x -space of norm d . Since the difference quotients are limited,

$$|\Delta f_i| < dG \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, m),$$

when x ranges over any one of the cells d_i of D . Hence each coördinate remains in an interval of length $< dG$ as x ranges over the points of \mathfrak{A} in d_i . Hence $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$ remains within a cube of volume $d^n G^n$, and thus

$$\bar{\mathfrak{B}} < \sum_{\mathfrak{A}} d^n G^n = d^n G^n \sum_{\mathfrak{A}} d^m = d^n G^n \bar{\mathfrak{A}}_d.$$

As $\lim_{d \rightarrow 0} \bar{\mathfrak{A}}_d = 0$, it follows that $\bar{\mathfrak{B}} = 0$; hence $\text{cont } \mathfrak{B} = 0$.

It is convenient to extend the terms cells, division of space into cells, etc., as follows. Let us suppose the points of any aggregate \mathfrak{A} , which may be R_m , arranged in partial aggregates which we shall call *cells* and which have the following properties:

- 1°. There are only a finite number of cells in any limited portion of space.
- 2°. The frontier of each cell is discrete.
- 3°. Each cell lies in a cube of side $\cong \delta$.

We shall call this a *division of \mathfrak{A} of norm δ* .

Let Δ be such a division of space. As in the case of rectangular division, $\bar{\mathfrak{A}}_\Delta$ may denote the contents of all the cells which contain at least one point of \mathfrak{A} ; while $\underline{\mathfrak{A}}_\Delta$ may denote the content of those cells *all* of whose points lie in \mathfrak{A} .

It is now easy to show that

THEOREM 8. $\lim_{\delta=0} \bar{\mathfrak{A}}_\Delta = \bar{\mathfrak{A}}, \quad \lim_{\delta=0} \underline{\mathfrak{A}}_\Delta = \underline{\mathfrak{A}}.$

If \mathfrak{A} does not contain all of its limiting points, these may be adjoined to \mathfrak{A} . The resulting aggregate is called the *completed aggregate*.

THEOREM 9. *An aggregate \mathfrak{A} and its completed aggregate \mathfrak{B} have the same upper content.*

For, let us effect a rectangular division D of norm d . The cells containing points of \mathfrak{B} fall into two classes: 1° those cells d_1, d_2, \dots containing points of \mathfrak{A} ; 2° those cells e_1, e_2, \dots containing no point of \mathfrak{A} . Each of these latter cells as e_i is contiguous to at least one cell d_k . If e_1, \dots are contiguous to d_k we will join them to d_k to form a new cell δ_k , in such a way that each e -cell has been joined to some one d -cell. The cells $\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots$ together with the cells d_1, d_2, \dots which remain unchanged by this process of consolidation define a division Δ . The norm δ of this division converges to 0 with d .

But for the division Δ ,

$$\bar{\mathfrak{A}}_\Delta = \bar{\mathfrak{B}}_\Delta;$$

and by theorem 8,

$$\lim_{\delta=0} \bar{\mathfrak{A}}_\Delta = \bar{\mathfrak{A}}.$$

Hence

$$\bar{\mathfrak{B}} = \bar{\mathfrak{A}}.$$

We may now show at once:

THEOREM 10. *If \mathfrak{A} is measurable, its completed aggregate is also measurable; and both have the same content.*

THEOREM 11. *If \mathfrak{A} is measurable, it has the same content as its derivative \mathfrak{A}' .*

Connected with any complete aggregate \mathfrak{A} of upper content $\bar{\mathfrak{A}} > 0$, is an aggregate \mathfrak{B} , obtained from \mathfrak{A} by a process of sifting, and therefore it may be called the *sifted aggregate of \mathfrak{A}* .

Let D_1, D_2, \dots be a set of rectangular divisions of space each formed by superimposing a division on the preceding. Let the norms of these divisions converge to zero. The division D_1 effects a division of \mathfrak{A} into unmixed partial aggregates. Let \mathfrak{A}_1 denote those partial aggregates whose upper content is > 0 . Then $\bar{\mathfrak{A}}_1 = \bar{\mathfrak{A}}$. Similarly D_2 defines a partial aggregate of \mathfrak{A}_1 , such that $\bar{\mathfrak{A}}_2 = \bar{\mathfrak{A}}$. As this process goes on, the cells of D_n containing points of \mathfrak{A}_n diminish in size and, for $n = \infty$, converge to a set of points \mathfrak{B} . The upper content of the points of \mathfrak{A} in the domain of any point of \mathfrak{B} is > 0 . Thus each point of \mathfrak{B} is a limiting point of \mathfrak{A} , and hence is a point of \mathfrak{A} . It is now easy to show that \mathfrak{B} contains no isolated points, and is hence perfect. Moreover

$$\bar{\mathfrak{B}} = \bar{\mathfrak{A}}.$$

§ 5. Some properties of multiple integrals.

THEOREM 12. *Let $f(x_1, \dots, x_m)$ be defined over the field \mathfrak{A} . Let Δ be any division of norm δ into cells $\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots$, not necessarily rectangular. Let $\mathfrak{M}_1, \mathfrak{m}_1$ be respectively the maximum and minimum of f in δ . Then*

$$(1) \quad \lim_{\delta=0} \bar{S}_\Delta = \lim \sum \mathfrak{M}_i \delta_i = \int_{\mathfrak{A}} \bar{f} d\mathfrak{A}.$$

$$(2) \quad \lim_{\delta=0} \underline{S}_\Delta = \lim \sum m_i \delta_i = \int_{\mathfrak{A}} f d\mathfrak{A}.$$

For, let D be a cubical division of norm d . Let d_1, d_2, \dots be the cells of D containing points of \mathfrak{A} ; while M_i, m_i denote as usual the maximum and minimum of f in d_i . Let $|f| \leq F$ in \mathfrak{A} . For convenience, we also take $F \equiv 1$. Then for each $\epsilon > 0$ there exists a d such that

$$(3) \quad \left| \bar{S}_D - \int_{\mathfrak{A}} \bar{f} \right| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}.$$

We may also take d so small that

$$(4) \quad \bar{\mathfrak{A}}_D - \bar{\mathfrak{A}} < \frac{\epsilon}{8F}.$$

Consider now the division Δ . Those of its cells containing points of \mathfrak{A} fall into two classes: 1° those lying in only one cell of D ; 2° those lying in more than one cell of D . Let $\delta_{i1}, \delta_{i2}, \dots$ be the cells of the 1° class lying in d_i ; let $\delta'_1, \delta'_2, \dots$ denote all the cells of the 2° class.

Then the content of all the cells of Δ containing points of \mathfrak{A} is

$$(5) \quad \bar{\mathfrak{A}}_\Delta = \sum \delta_{ik} + \sum \delta'_i.$$

But since the frontier of $\bar{\mathfrak{A}}_D$ is discrete, there exists a δ_0 such that

$$(6) \quad \sum \delta'_i < \frac{\epsilon}{16F},$$

for any $\delta \leq \delta_0$. As moreover $\bar{\mathfrak{A}}_\Delta$ converges to $\bar{\mathfrak{A}}$, we may also suppose δ_0 small enough that

$$(7) \quad \bar{\mathfrak{A}}_\Delta - \bar{\mathfrak{A}} < \frac{\epsilon}{16F}, \quad \delta \leq \delta_0.$$

From (5), (6) and (7) we have

$$|\sum \delta_{ik} - \bar{\mathfrak{A}}| < \frac{\epsilon}{8F},$$

which with (4) gives finally

$$(8) \quad |\sum \delta_{ik} - \bar{\mathfrak{A}}_D| < \frac{\epsilon}{4F}.$$

Let $\mathfrak{M}_{ik}, \mathfrak{M}'_i$ be the maxima of f in δ_{ik}, δ'_i respectively. Then

$$\mathfrak{M}_{ik} \leq M_i, \quad \mathfrak{M}'_i \leq F.$$

Hence

$$\bar{S}_\Delta \cong \sum M_i \delta_{ik} + F \sum \delta'_i.$$

With (6) this gives

$$(9) \quad |\bar{S}_\Delta - \sum M_i \delta_{ik}| < \frac{\epsilon}{4}.$$

But

$$|\bar{S}_D - \sum M_i \delta_{ik}| \cong F(\sum l_i - \sum \delta_{ik}) = F(\mathfrak{A}_D - \sum \delta_{ik})$$

$$(10) \quad < \frac{\epsilon}{4}, \text{ by (8).}$$

From (3), (9) and (10) we have

$$|\bar{S}_\Delta - \int_{\mathfrak{A}} \bar{f}| < \epsilon, \quad \delta \cong \delta_0.$$

This proves (1); in a similar manner we may establish (2).

It is now easy to prove the following theorems:

THEOREM 13. *Let $f(x_1, \dots, x_m)$ be defined over the measurable field \mathfrak{A} . Let Δ be an unmixed division of \mathfrak{A} of norm δ . Let \underline{S} be the maximum of S_Δ and \bar{S} be the minimum of \bar{S}_Δ for all divisions Δ of norm $\delta \cong \delta_0$. Then*

$$\underline{S} = \int_{\mathfrak{A}} f d\mathfrak{A}, \quad \bar{S} = \int_{\mathfrak{A}} \bar{f} d\mathfrak{A}.$$

THEOREM 14. *Let $f(x_1, \dots, x_m)$ be integrable in \mathfrak{A} . Let \mathfrak{B}_η be a partial aggregate depending on $\eta > 0$ such that $\bar{\mathfrak{B}}_\eta \doteq \bar{\mathfrak{A}}$ as $\eta \rightarrow 0$. Then*

$$\lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0} \int_{\mathfrak{B}_\eta} f d\mathfrak{B} = \int_{\mathfrak{A}} f d\mathfrak{A}.$$

THEOREM 15. *Let $f(x_1, \dots, x_m)$ be defined over \mathfrak{A} . Let \mathfrak{B} be a partial aggregate of \mathfrak{A} such that $\bar{\mathfrak{A}} = \bar{\mathfrak{B}}$. Then*

$$\int_{\mathfrak{A}} \bar{f} d\mathfrak{A} = \int_{\mathfrak{B}} \bar{f} d\mathfrak{B}; \quad \int_{\mathfrak{A}} f d\mathfrak{A} = \int_{\mathfrak{B}} f d\mathfrak{B}.$$

THEOREM 16. *Let $f(x_1, \dots, x_m)$ be defined over the measurable field \mathfrak{A} , which is an inner field of \mathfrak{B} . Let $g(x_1, \dots, x_m) = 0$ in \mathfrak{B} , except at the points of \mathfrak{A} where it = $f(x_1, \dots, x_m)$. Then*

$$\int_{\mathfrak{A}} \bar{f} d\mathfrak{A} = \int_{\mathfrak{B}} \bar{g} d\mathfrak{B}; \quad \int_{\mathfrak{A}} f d\mathfrak{A} = \int_{\mathfrak{B}} g d\mathfrak{B}.$$

THEOREM 17. *Let $f(x_1, \dots, x_m)$ be defined over the field \mathfrak{A} which is divided into the unmixed fields $\mathfrak{A}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{A}_s$. Then*

$$\int_{\mathfrak{A}} f d\mathfrak{A} = \int_{\mathfrak{A}_1} + \dots + \int_{\mathfrak{A}_s},$$

$$\int_{\mathfrak{A}} f d\mathfrak{A} = \int_{\mathfrak{A}_1} + \dots + \int_{\mathfrak{A}_s}.$$

THEOREM 18. *Let $f(x_1, \dots, x_m) \cong \lambda$ in \mathfrak{A} . Then*

$$\int_{\mathfrak{A}} f d\mathfrak{A} \cong \lambda \bar{\mathfrak{A}}.$$

THEOREM 19. *Let $f(x_1, \dots, x_m)$ be defined over the field \mathfrak{A} . Let \mathfrak{A}_σ denote the points of \mathfrak{A} at which $|f| \cong \sigma$. If \mathfrak{A}_σ is discrete for any $\sigma > 0$, f is integrable and*

$$\int_{\mathfrak{A}} f d\mathfrak{A} = 0.$$

THEOREM 20. *Let $f(x_1, \dots, x_m)$ be integrable in the complete field \mathfrak{A} . Let \mathfrak{C} be the points of \mathfrak{A} at which f is continuous. Then $\bar{\mathfrak{C}} = \bar{\mathfrak{A}}$.*

For, if \mathfrak{A} is discrete, the theorem is true even if f has no points of continuity in \mathfrak{A}_i . Let us therefore suppose that $\bar{\mathfrak{A}} > 0$. Let \mathfrak{B} be the sifted aggregate of \mathfrak{A} . Let D be a rectangular division, and d one of its cells containing points of \mathfrak{B} . We can choose D so that no cell has points of \mathfrak{B} only on its sides. Let α be the points of \mathfrak{A} in d . Since f is integrable in \mathfrak{A} , it is in α . We can therefore choose a system of cubical subdivisions of α whose norms converge to zero, such that for each subdivision there is a cube lying in one of the preceding division, in which the oscillation is as small as we choose. These cubes converge to a point in α at which f is continuous. Returning now to the original division D , we see that every cell of D which contains a point of \mathfrak{B} contains a point of \mathfrak{C} . Hence $\bar{\mathfrak{C}}_D = \bar{\mathfrak{B}}_D$; hence $\bar{\mathfrak{C}} = \bar{\mathfrak{B}} = \bar{\mathfrak{A}}$.

THEOREM 21. *Let $f(x_1, \dots, x_m) \cong 0$ in \mathfrak{A} . If*

$$\int_{\mathfrak{A}} f d\mathfrak{A} = 0,$$

the points \mathfrak{A}_σ at which f is equal to or greater than an arbitrarily small positive number σ , form a discrete aggregate. Let \mathfrak{B} denote the points at which $f = 0$. If \mathfrak{A} is complete, $\bar{\mathfrak{A}} = \bar{\mathfrak{B}}$.

For,

$$0 \cong \int_{\mathfrak{A}_\sigma} \cong \sigma \bar{\mathfrak{A}}_\sigma.$$

Hence, $\bar{\mathfrak{A}}_\sigma = 0$. To prove the second part of the theorem, let b be a point of the sifted aggregate \mathfrak{B} of \mathfrak{A} , at which f is continuous. Then we can choose $\delta > 0$ so small that $f \cong \lambda > 0$ in any $D_\delta(b)$. But the upper content of the points \bar{a} of \mathfrak{A} in $D(b)$ is $\bar{a} > 0$. Hence

$$\int_{\mathfrak{A}} f d\mathfrak{A} \cong \int_a f da \cong \lambda \bar{a} > 0.$$

Hence $f = 0$ at every point of continuity of \mathfrak{A} in \mathfrak{B} . Let now D be a rectangular division of space. Any cell of D which contains a point of \mathfrak{B} also contains a point of continuity lying in \mathfrak{B} . Hence

$$\bar{\mathfrak{B}}_D \cong \mathfrak{B}_D;$$

which gives

$$\bar{\mathfrak{B}} \cong \bar{\mathfrak{B}}, \quad \text{or} \quad \bar{\mathfrak{B}} = \bar{\mathfrak{B}}.$$

§ 6. *Reduction of multiple integrals to iterated integrals.*

Let \mathfrak{A} be a point aggregate in R_m . As $x = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$ ranges over \mathfrak{A} , x_i will range over an aggregate \mathfrak{r}_i on the x_i axis which we call the *projection of \mathfrak{A} on this axis*.

The points of R_m for which one of the coördinates as x_i has a fixed value $x_i = \xi_i$ lie in an $(m - 1)$ -way plane perpendicular to the x_i axis. We denote it by P_{ξ_i} or more shortly by P_i . The points of \mathfrak{A} in P_{ξ_i} form a *plane section of \mathfrak{A} corresponding to the point ξ_i in \mathfrak{r}_i* . We denote it by \mathfrak{P}_{ξ_i} or by \mathfrak{P}_i .

As $x = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$ ranges over \mathfrak{A} , the point $(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, 0, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_m)$ ranges over an aggregate \mathfrak{X}_i , called the *projection of \mathfrak{A} on the plane $x_i = 0$* .

Let us fix all the coördinates of $x = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$ except x_i . Then x describes a line; the points of \mathfrak{A} on one of these lines we call the *rectilinear section of \mathfrak{A} parallel to the x_i axis*. We mention a few properties of these aggregates, whose demonstration is readily given.

THEOREM 22. *If \mathfrak{A} is complete, so are the aggregates \mathfrak{r}_i , \mathfrak{X}_i , \mathfrak{a}_i , \mathfrak{P}_i , above mentioned.*

THEOREM 23. *Let \mathfrak{A} be measurable. Let \mathfrak{r}_σ denote those points of \mathfrak{r}_i for which the upper content of the frontier points of \mathfrak{P}_i is $\cong \sigma$. Then \mathfrak{r}_σ is discrete.*

A similar theorem holds for the aggregate \mathfrak{X}_σ .

THEOREM 24. *Let $f(x_1, \dots, x_m)$ be defined over the measurable field \mathfrak{A} . Then*

$$(1) \quad \int_{\mathfrak{A}} f d\mathfrak{A} \cong \int_{\mathfrak{r}_i} dx_i \int_{\mathfrak{P}_i} f d\mathfrak{P}_i \cong \int_{\mathfrak{r}_i} dx_i \int_{\mathfrak{P}_i} f d\mathfrak{P}_i \cong \int_{\mathfrak{B}} f d\mathfrak{A},$$

$$(2) \quad \int_{\mathfrak{A}} f d\mathfrak{A} \cong \int_{\mathfrak{r}_i} dx_i \int_{\mathfrak{P}_i} f d\mathfrak{P}_i \cong \int_{\mathfrak{r}_i} dx_i \int_{\mathfrak{P}_i} f d\mathfrak{P}_i \cong \int_{\mathfrak{A}} f d\mathfrak{A}.$$

Let us prove (1); the demonstration of (2) is similar. Let \mathfrak{A} lie in an outer cube \mathfrak{B} , whose projection on the x_i axis is b , and whose plane sections perpendicular to this axis are Ω . We introduce the auxiliary function

$$g(x_1, \dots, x_m) = f(x_1, \dots, x_m) \text{ in } \mathfrak{A},$$

$$= 0 \text{ at other points of } \mathfrak{B}.$$

Let D be a cubical division of R_m of norm d . This divides \mathfrak{B} into cells which we denote by δ . It also divides the plane section Ω into cells δ' , and the segment b into intervals which we denote by δ'' .

Let M, M' be the maxima, and m, m' the minima of g in the cells δ, δ' . Let $|f| \leq F$ in \mathfrak{A} . Let \bar{G}, \underline{G} denote the upper and lower integrals of g in the field \mathfrak{B} . Then for each $\epsilon > 0$ there exists a d_0 such that

$$(3) \quad \underline{G} - \epsilon < \sum_{\mathfrak{A}} m\delta \leq \sum_{\mathfrak{A}} M\delta < \bar{G} + \epsilon \quad (d \leq d_0).$$

Also for each x_i of b

$$\sum_{\Omega} m'\delta' \leq \int_{\Omega} g d\Omega \leq \sum_{\Omega} M'\delta';$$

or since $m \leq m'$, and $M' \leq M$,

$$\sum_{\Omega} m\delta' \leq \int_{\Omega} g d\Omega \leq \sum_{\Omega} M\delta'.$$

Multiplying by δ'' and summing over b we have, since $\delta = \delta'\delta''$,

$$\sum_{\mathfrak{A}} m\delta \leq \sum_b \delta'' \int_{\Omega} \leq \sum_{\mathfrak{A}} M\delta.$$

Combined with (3), this gives

$$\underline{G} - \epsilon < \sum_b \delta'' \int_{\Omega} < \bar{G} + \epsilon,$$

or

$$(4) \quad \underline{G} \leq \int_b \int_{\Omega} \leq \int_b \int_{\Omega} \leq \bar{G}.$$

From (4) and theorem 16 we have

$$(5) \quad \int_{\mathfrak{A}} f d\mathfrak{A} \leq \int_b dx_i \int_{\Omega} g d\Omega \leq \int_b dx_i \int_{\Omega} g d\Omega \leq \int_{\mathfrak{A}} f d\mathfrak{A}.$$

Let $\bar{\mathfrak{F}}_{\mathfrak{A}}$ denote the upper content of the frontier points of \mathfrak{A} . Then

$$(6) \quad \left| \int_{V_i} f d\mathfrak{B} - \int_{\Omega} g d\Omega \right| \leq F \bar{\mathfrak{F}}_{\mathfrak{A}}.$$

Let us set

$$h(x_i) = \int_{\underline{x}_i} f d\mathfrak{B}_i, \text{ for points of } \underline{x}_i; \\ = 0, \text{ for other points of } \mathfrak{b}.$$

Then by (6), since the points of \underline{x}_i for which $\bar{\mathfrak{F}}_{\mathfrak{B}} > \sigma$ form a discrete set,

$$(7) \quad \int_{\underline{\mathfrak{b}}} h dx_i = \int_{\underline{\mathfrak{b}}} dx_i \int_{\underline{\mathfrak{Q}}} g d\mathfrak{D}.$$

But obviously

$$(8) \quad \int_{\underline{\mathfrak{b}}} h dx_i = \int_{\underline{x}_i} h dx_i.$$

Hence from (7), (8),

$$(9) \quad \int_{\underline{\mathfrak{b}}} dx_i \int_{\underline{\mathfrak{Q}}} g d\mathfrak{D} = \int_{\underline{x}_i} dx_i \int_{\underline{\mathfrak{B}}_i} f d\mathfrak{B}_i.$$

In the same way we show

$$(10) \quad \int_{\underline{\mathfrak{b}}} dx_i \int_{\underline{\mathfrak{Q}}} g d\mathfrak{D} = \int_{\underline{x}_i} dx_i \int_{\underline{\mathfrak{B}}_i} f d\mathfrak{B}_i.$$

By placing (9) and (10) in (5) we get (1).

In a similar manner we may prove:

THEOREM 25. *Let \mathfrak{A} be measurable. Let \mathfrak{X}_i be its projection on the plane $x_i = 0$. Let \mathfrak{a}_i be the rectilinear section of \mathfrak{A} parallel to the x_i axis. Then*

$$\int_{\underline{\mathfrak{A}}} f d\mathfrak{A} \leq \int_{\underline{x}_i} d\mathfrak{X}_i \int_{\underline{\mathfrak{a}}_i} f dx_i \leq \int_{\underline{x}_i} d\mathfrak{X}_i \int_{\underline{\mathfrak{a}}_i} f dx_i \leq \int_{\underline{\mathfrak{A}}} f d\mathfrak{A}.$$

$$\int_{\underline{\mathfrak{A}}} f d\mathfrak{A} \leq \int_{\underline{x}_i} d\mathfrak{X}_i \int_{\underline{\mathfrak{a}}_i} f dx_i \leq \int_{\underline{x}_i} d\mathfrak{X}_i \int_{\underline{\mathfrak{a}}_i} f dx_i \leq \int_{\underline{\mathfrak{A}}} f d\mathfrak{A}.$$

Many theorems follow now from 24 and 25 as corollaries. We state only the two following.

THEOREM 26. *Let $f(x_1, \dots, x_m)$ be integrable in the measurable field \mathfrak{A} . Let \underline{x}_σ denote those points of \underline{x}_i for which*

$$\int_{\underline{\mathfrak{B}}_i} f d\mathfrak{B} - \int_{\underline{\mathfrak{B}}} f d\mathfrak{B} \geq \sigma.$$

Then \underline{x}_σ is discrete. If \mathfrak{A} is complete, the upper content of the points at which the above difference vanishes is $\bar{\underline{x}}_i$.

THEOREM 27. *Let $f(x_1, \dots, x_m)$ be integrable in the measurable complete field \mathfrak{A} . Let \underline{y}_i denote those points of \underline{x}_i for which the integrals over the cor-*

responding plane sections \mathfrak{P}_i exist. Let \mathfrak{Y}_i denote the points of \mathfrak{X}_i for which the integrals over the corresponding rectilinear sections α_i exist. Then

$$\int_{\mathfrak{A}} f d\mathfrak{A} = \int_{\mathfrak{Y}_i} dx_i \int_{\mathfrak{P}_i} f d\mathfrak{P}_i = \int_{\mathfrak{Y}_i} d\mathfrak{Y}_i \int f dx_i.$$

§ 7. Change of variables.

Let the transformation T be defined by the equations

$$T; \quad x_1 = \phi_1(t_1, \dots, t_m), \dots, x_m = \phi_m(t_1, \dots, t_m),$$

where the ϕ 's have continuous first derivatives in the region R . Let the correspondence between R and its image R_T be uniform. Let the determinant of the transformation $J \neq 0$. We say the transformation T is regular.

It is easy to show now that to any inner aggregate \mathfrak{A} in R corresponds an inner aggregate \mathfrak{A}_T in R_T . To inner and frontier points of \mathfrak{A} correspond similar points in \mathfrak{A}_T , and conversely.

As a direct consequence of theorem 6 we have

THEOREM 28. *If either \mathfrak{A} or \mathfrak{A}_T is measurable, so is the other. Also if one is discrete, so is the other.*

We show next how the transformation T can be expressed as the product of two simpler regular transformations.

Since $J \neq 0$, not all the first partial derivatives vanish at any point of R . Let

$$\frac{\partial \phi_m}{\partial t_m} \neq 0$$

at a point t and hence in a certain domain $D_\delta(t)$ of t . Let us define the first of these new transformations by

$$T_1; \quad u_1 = t_1, \dots, u_{m-1} = t_{m-1}, \quad u_m = \phi_m(t_1, \dots, t_m).$$

Since T_1 is regular, it can be inverted, giving

$$t_1 = u_1, \dots, t_{m-1} = u_{m-1}, \quad t_m = \theta(u_1, \dots, u_m),$$

where θ is a one-valued function having continuous first partial derivatives in a certain domain $D_\eta(u)$. If $\delta' \leq \delta$ is taken sufficiently small, the image U of $D_{\delta'}(t)$ lies in $D_\eta(u)$. The second transformation is

$$T_2; \quad x_1 = \phi_1(u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}, \theta), \dots, x_{m-1} = \phi_{m-1}(u_1, \dots, u_{m-1}, \theta), \quad x_m = u_m,$$

and is defined over U .

Obviously now

$$T = T_1 T_2$$

when t ranges over $D_{\delta'}(t)$, and the determinant J_2 of T_2 is $\neq 0$, since the determinants J, J_1 of T and T_1 are $\neq 0$, by hypothesis.

Let \mathfrak{A} be an inner aggregate of R . It is easy now to show that we can effect a cubical division of the t -space of norm d such that for the points of \mathfrak{A} in each cell d_x , there exist two transformations $T_1^{(k)}, T_2^{(k)}$ of the kind just considered such that

$$(1) \quad \mathcal{I} = T_1^{(k)} T_2^{(k)}.$$

For we can take d so small that not all the first partial derivatives vanish in any cell, since otherwise $J = 0$ at some point in this cell. Next, making use of the uniform continuity of our functions, we show that the norms η of the domains $D_\eta(u)$, and hence the norms δ' of $D_{\delta'}(t)$ considered above, do not sink below some positive number, as t ranges over any inner region of R . Thus taking $d > 0$ small enough, the relation (1) holds in each cell containing a point of \mathfrak{A} .

THEOREM 29. *Let*

$$T; \quad x_1 = \phi_1(t_1, \dots, t_m), \dots, x_m = \phi_m(t_1, \dots, t_m)$$

define a regular transformation of determinant J in the region R . Let \mathfrak{X} be any inner perfect measurable aggregate of R and let \mathfrak{X} be its image. Let $f(x_1, \dots, x_m)$ be continuous in \mathfrak{X} . Then

$$(2) \quad \int_{\mathfrak{X}} f(x_1, \dots, x_m) dx_1 \dots dx_m = \int_{\mathfrak{X}} |J| f dt_1 \dots dt_m.$$

For $m = 1$, the theorem is obviously true. Let us therefore assume it correct for $m - 1$, and show it is so for m . As just shown, we can effect a cubical division of the t -space such that the relation (1) holds in each cell containing points of \mathfrak{X} . But if (2) holds for each of these partial aggregates of \mathfrak{X} , it obviously holds for \mathfrak{X} . We may therefore assume without loss of generality that the relation (1) holds throughout \mathfrak{X} . Let \mathfrak{U} be the image of \mathfrak{X} in the u -space, while η'_m, \mathfrak{B}'_m are the images of η_m, \mathfrak{B}_m . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathfrak{X}} f dx_1 \dots dx_m &= \int_{\eta_m} dx_m \int_{\mathfrak{B}'_m} f dx_1 \dots dx_{m-1} \\ &= \int_{\eta'_m} du_m \int_{\mathfrak{B}'_m} |J_2| f du_1 \dots du_{m-1} \\ &= \int_{\mathfrak{U}} |J_2| du_1 \dots du_m. \end{aligned}$$

The application of the transformation T_2 to the integral on the right gives similarly,

$$\int_u |J_2| du_1 \cdots du_m = \int_x |J_1| |J_2| f dt_1 \cdots dt_m.$$

This and the preceding equation give (2).

As a corollary of the last theorem we have

THEOREM 30. *Let d_k denote the volume of one of the cells of a rectangular division D of norm d in the t -space. Let \mathfrak{X} be any inner region of R and \mathfrak{X} its image. To the division D correspond a division Δ of the x -space into cells of volume δ_k . The cells of Δ following within \mathfrak{X} are unmixed, and*

$$\delta_k = |J| d_k + \epsilon_k, \quad t \text{ in } d_k,$$

where $|\epsilon_k| < \epsilon$ uniformly, if d is taken sufficiently small.

THEOREM 31. *Let T be a regular transformation of determinant J defined over a region R . Let \mathfrak{X} be an inner aggregate of R and let \mathfrak{X} be its image. Let $f(x_1, \dots, x_m)$ be limited in \mathfrak{X} . Then*

$$(3) \quad \int_{\mathfrak{X}} f(x_1, \dots, x_m) d\mathfrak{X} = \int_x |J| f d\mathfrak{X},$$

$$(4) \quad \int_{\mathfrak{X}} f(x_1, \dots, x_m) d\mathfrak{X} = \int_x |J| f d\mathfrak{X}.$$

Let us prove (3); the demonstration of (4) is similar. To the end we effect a cubical division of the t -space of norm d . To it corresponds a division of \mathfrak{X} into cells of norm δ .

Let us consider the integral on the left of (3). Employing the usual notation, and letting J_i denote the value of J at some point of d_i , we have

$$(5) \quad \begin{aligned} \sum M_i \delta_i &= \sum M_i (|J_i| + \epsilon_i) d_i \\ &= \sum M_i |J_i| d_i + \sum \epsilon_i M_i d_i. \end{aligned}$$

Here

$$(6) \quad |\sum \epsilon_i M_i d_i| < \epsilon F \overline{\text{cont}} \mathfrak{X} = \eta,$$

which may be made as small as we choose, on taking d sufficiently small.

Let us consider now the integral on the right of (3). In the cell d_i ,

$$\max_J \cdot \min |J| \leq \max \cdot f |J| \leq \max f \cdot \max |J|,$$

if $\max f$ is positive, while the signs are reversed if it is negative. Let us set

$$M'_i = \max \cdot f |J|, \text{ in } d_i.$$

Then

$$M'_i = M_i (|J_i| + \epsilon'_i),$$

where $|\epsilon'_i| < \epsilon$ uniformly.

Thus

$$(7) \quad \sum M'_i d_i = \sum M_i |J| d_i + \sum \epsilon'_i M_i d_i,$$

where, as in (6),

$$|\sum \epsilon'_i M_i d_i| < \eta.$$

Thus (5) and (7) give

$$|\sum M_i \delta_i - \sum M_i d_i| < 2\eta,$$

which proves (3).

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