

# Jacobian Determinant

$q_i$  general curvilinear coordinates  
 $i=1, \dots, n$  . To prove

for nD volume element:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial q_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial q_n} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial q_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial q_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial q_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial q_n} \end{vmatrix} dq_1 \dots dq_n$$

$$\nearrow = dx_1 \dots dx_n = d^n x$$

Jacobian Determinant.

Proper generalization of 1D

$$dx = \frac{dx}{dq} dq$$

2 D case:  $d^2x = dx_1 dx_2$

Why is substituting

$$dx_1 = \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial q_1} dq_1 + \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial q_2} dq_2$$

$$dx_2 = \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial q_1} dq_1 + \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial q_2} dq_2$$

NOT correct?

$d^2x = dx_1 dx_2$  is a symbol for an infinitesimal area and NOT the product of individual  $dx_1$  and  $dx_2$ .

In some part of mathematics (differential forms) a notation  $dx_1 \wedge dx_2$  is therefore used. We can do without.

Consider the position vector in the  $x-y$  plane as function of  $q_1, q_2$ :



$$\vec{s} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(q_1, q_2) \\ x_2(q_1, q_2) \end{pmatrix} = x_1(q_1, q_2) \hat{x}_1 + x_2(q_1, q_2) \hat{x}_2$$

In finitesimal changes:

$$d\vec{q}_1 = \frac{\partial \vec{s}}{\partial q_1} dq_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial q_1} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial q_1} \end{pmatrix} dq_1$$

$$d\vec{q}_2 = \frac{\partial \vec{s}}{\partial q_2} dq_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial q_2} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial q_2} \end{pmatrix} dq_2$$

$$\hat{x}_3 \cdot (d\vec{q}_1 \times d\vec{q}_2) = \hat{x}_3 \cdot \epsilon_{3ij} \hat{x}_3 \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial q_1} \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial q_2} dq_1 dq_2$$

$$= \left( \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial q_1} \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial q_2} - \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial q_1} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial q_2} \right) dq_1 dq_2$$

$$= \epsilon_{ij} \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial q_1} \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial q_2} dq_1 dq_2$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial q_1} \\ \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial q_2} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial q_2} \end{vmatrix} dq_1 dq_2$$

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Remember, definition of the determinant:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & \dots & a_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \text{ matrix.}$$

$$\det A = |A| = \varepsilon_{i_1, \dots, i_n} a_{1i_1} \dots a_{ni_n}$$

Proof: 
$$= \varepsilon_{i_1, \dots, i_n} a_{1i_1} \dots a_{ni_n}$$

For fixed  $\{i_1, \dots, i_n\}$  (let  $\{j_1, \dots, j_n\}$  be a permutation)

$$a_{1i_1} \dots a_{ni_n} = a_{j_1 i_1} \dots a_{j_n i_n}$$

To show  $\varepsilon_{i_1, \dots, i_n} = \varepsilon_{j_1, \dots, j_n}$

i.e.  $\pm 1$  match. To see this,



build both starting with  $\varepsilon_{12 \dots (n-1)n}$

$$\varepsilon_{2 \dots i_{j_1} \dots n} = \varepsilon_{j_1 2 \dots n}$$

$\nearrow$                        $\uparrow$   
 At position  $j_1$                       Number  $j_1$

Because # of transposition agrees,

Next, either

$$\varepsilon_{3 \dots i_{j_2} \dots i_{j_1} \dots n} = \varepsilon_{i_{j_1} i_{j_2} \dots n}$$

$\downarrow$  Number of transpositions agree  
 Or  
 $\varepsilon_{3 \dots i_{j_1} \dots i_{j_2} \dots n} = \varepsilon_{i_{j_1} i_{j_2} \dots n}$   
 $\uparrow$                        $\uparrow$   
 Position of number 2,                      Number of position

And so on for  $i_{j_3} \dots i_{j_m}$

Therefore, also

$$\begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial q_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial q_1} \\ \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial q_2} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial q_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial q_2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial q_n} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial q_n} & \dots & \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial q_n} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$dq_1 \dots dq_n = d^n X$$

Infinitesimal area element in 3D space:

$$\vec{r} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(q_1, q_2) \\ x_2(q_1, q_2) \\ x_3(q_1, q_2) \end{pmatrix} = \sum_{i=1}^3 x_i(q_1, q_2) \hat{x}_i$$

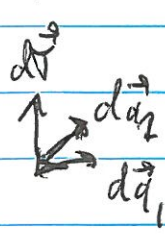
Infinitesimal changes:

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$$d\vec{q}_1 = \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial q_1} dq_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial q_1} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial q_1} \\ \frac{\partial x_3}{\partial q_1} \end{pmatrix} dq_1$$

$$d\vec{q}_2 = \frac{\partial \vec{r}}{\partial q_2} dq_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial q_2} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial q_2} \\ \frac{\partial x_3}{\partial q_2} \end{pmatrix} dq_2$$

$$d\vec{r} = \epsilon_{ijk} \hat{x}_i \left( \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial q_1} \right) \left( \frac{\partial x_k}{\partial q_2} \right) dq_1 dq_2$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \hat{x}_1 & \hat{x}_2 & \hat{x}_3 \\ \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial x_3}{\partial q_1} \\ \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial q_2} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial q_2} & \frac{\partial x_3}{\partial q_2} \end{vmatrix} dq_1 dq_2$$




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Infinitesimal 3D volume element:

$$d\tau = d^3x = d\vec{q}_3 \cdot d\vec{q} = \epsilon_{ijk} \left( \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial q_1} \right) \left( \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial q_2} \right) \left( \frac{\partial x_k}{\partial q_3} \right)$$

Recall (!?):  $\vec{c} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$   
parallel piped

$dq_1, dq_2, dq_3$

Because,

$$d\vec{q}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial q_3} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial q_3} \\ \frac{\partial x_3}{\partial q_3} \end{pmatrix} dq_3$$

$$d^3x = d\tau =$$

$$\epsilon_{ijk}$$

$$\left( \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial q_1} \right) \left( \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial q_2} \right) \left( \frac{\partial x_k}{\partial q_3} \right)$$

$$dq_1, dq_2, dq_3$$

Due to cyclic permutation. As determinant

$$d\tau = d^3x = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial q_1} & \frac{\partial x_3}{\partial q_1} \\ \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial q_2} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial q_2} & \frac{\partial x_3}{\partial q_2} \\ \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial q_3} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial q_3} & \frac{\partial x_3}{\partial q_3} \end{vmatrix} dq_1, dq_2, dq_3$$



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3D volume element in 4D

Space:  $\hat{x}_i, i=1,2,3,4$ 

$$d\vec{\tau} = \epsilon_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} \hat{x}_{i_1} \left( \frac{\partial x_{i_2}}{\partial q_1} \right) \left( \frac{\partial x_{i_3}}{\partial q_2} \right) \left( \frac{\partial x_{i_4}}{\partial q_3} \right) dq_1 dq_2 dq_3$$


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4D volume element:

$$d^4\tau = d^4x = \epsilon_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} \left( \frac{\partial x_{i_1}}{\partial q_1} \right) \left( \frac{\partial x_{i_2}}{\partial q_2} \right) \left( \frac{\partial x_{i_3}}{\partial q_3} \right) \left( \frac{\partial x_{i_4}}{\partial q_4} \right) dq_1 dq_2 dq_3 dq_4$$

$$= d\vec{q}_4 \cdot d\vec{\tau}$$

$$d^5\tau = d\vec{q}_5 \cdot d^4\tau \quad \text{etc to } nD.$$