

Exercise HW4

Let $U := (0, \infty) \times (0, 2\pi)$ and $V := \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus L$, where L is the halfline $[0, \infty) \times \{0\}$.

- (a) Show that U and V are open subsets of \mathbb{R}^2 and that the map $\Phi : (r, \varphi) \mapsto (r \cos \varphi, r \sin \varphi)$ is a diffeomorphism from U onto V .
- (b) Let $g : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous with support contained in V . For $R > 0$ let $\bar{D}(0; R)$ be the closed disk of center 0 and radius R . Use the change of variables formula for Riemann integrable functions with compact support in V to show that

$$\int_{\bar{D}(0; R)} g(x) dx = \int_0^R \int_0^{2\pi} g(\Phi(r, \varphi)) r d\varphi dr.$$

Hint: consider the function $1_{\bar{D}(0; R)} \cdot g$.

We define the continuous function $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$\varphi(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } |x_2| \leq 1 \\ |x_2| - 1 & \text{if } 1 < |x_2| < 2 \\ 1 & \text{if } |x_2| \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

Furthermore, for $\varepsilon > 0$ we define the function $\varphi_\varepsilon : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $\varphi_\varepsilon(x) = \varphi(\varepsilon^{-1}x)$.

- (c) For $R > 0$ show that

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \int_{D(0; R)} |1 - \varphi_\varepsilon(x)| dx = 0$$

and

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \int_0^R \int_0^{2\pi} |1 - \varphi_\varepsilon(\Phi(r, \varphi))| r d\varphi dr = 0.$$

Hint for the second integral: observe that for all $(r, \varphi) \in U$ with $|r \sin \varphi| \leq 2\varepsilon$ we have $|r| \leq \sqrt{2\varepsilon}$ or $|\sin \varphi| \leq \sqrt{2\varepsilon}$. Use this to obtain an estimate for the second integral.

- (d) For $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a continuous function, show that $\varphi_\varepsilon f$ is locally Riemann integrable for every $\varepsilon > 0$ and that

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0} \int_{D(0; R)} \varphi_\varepsilon(x) f(x) dx = \int_{D(0; R)} f(x) dx.$$

- (e) For f as in (d), show that

$$\int_{D(0; R)} f(x) dx = \int_0^R \int_0^{2\pi} f(\Phi(r, \varphi)) r d\varphi dr.$$

(f) For $R > 0$ we write

$$I(R) = \int_{D(0;R)} e^{-\|x\|^2} dx.$$

Show that:

$$I(R) \leq \left(\int_{-R}^R e^{-t^2} dt \right)^2 \leq I(2R).$$

Show that $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-t^2} dt = \sqrt{\pi}$.