

231 FS 2007 q1 Outline Solution.<sup>1</sup>

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1(a) Ok, so it isn't so clear why its a good thing to do, but follow the instructions and do the change of variable:  $x^2 + y^2 = (u^2 + v^2)/2$  either by solving for  $x$  and  $y$  or just by staring at it. Now, the Jacobian is

$$\frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(u, v)} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \quad (1)$$

and under the change of coördinates

$$\begin{aligned} (0, 0) &\rightarrow (0, 0) \\ (1, 1) &\rightarrow (2, 0) \\ (2, 0) &\rightarrow (2, 2) \\ (1, -1) &\rightarrow (0, 2) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

So, now I get it, the coördinate change makes the boundaries easier

$$\int \int_R (x^2 + y^2) dx dy = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 du \int_0^2 dv (u^2 + v^2) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^2 du \left( 2u^2 + \frac{8}{3} \right) = \frac{8}{3} \quad (3)$$

1(b) So lots of repetition here, that was mostly a test of nerve, yes the  $x$  and  $y$  integrals are the same, being asked both makes you think they should be different, but they aren't. The area first, convert to polars, remembering the  $r$  from the Jacobian.

$$A = \int_0^{\pi/2} d\theta \int_0^1 dr r = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (4)$$

The centroids require we work out the first moments, in some made up notation:

$$\langle x \rangle = \int_0^{\pi/2} d\theta \int_0^1 dr x r = \int_0^{\pi/2} d\theta \int_0^1 dr r^2 \cos \theta = \frac{1}{3} \quad (5)$$

where the  $1/3$  comes from the  $r$  integral and the one from the  $\theta$ , and

$$\langle y \rangle = \int_0^{\pi/2} d\theta \int_0^1 dr y r = \int_0^{\pi/2} d\theta \int_0^1 dr r^2 \sin \theta = \frac{1}{3} \quad (6)$$

Hence  $\bar{x} = \bar{y} = 4/3\pi$ . Finally, the moments of inertia, I know the symbols  $I_{xx}$  and  $I_{yy}$  are completely misused here, that was corrected on the day, let me call them  $\langle xx \rangle$  and  $\langle yy \rangle$  instead.

$$\langle xx \rangle = \int_0^{\pi/2} d\theta \int_0^1 dr x^2 r = \int_0^{\pi/2} d\theta \int_0^1 dr r^3 \cos^2 \theta = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^2 \theta = \frac{\pi}{16} \quad (7)$$

using the usual  $\cos^2 \theta = (1 + \cos 2\theta)/2$ .  $\langle yy \rangle$  is the same.

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