## Fundamental theorem of calculus:

Given a k dimensional chain  $\Omega$  and a degree k-1 differential form  $\omega$ , we have  $\int_{\partial \Omega} \omega = \int_{\Omega} d\omega$ .

## **Proof of FTC for the** k dimensional unit box:

Since the integral and the exterior derivative are linear, we may assume  $\omega = a(x) \widehat{dx_i}$ . Then  $d\omega = (-1)^{i+1} \partial_i a \, dV$ . Only the 2 faces orthogonal to the i-th axis contribute to

$$\int_{\partial\Omega} \omega = (-1)^i \left[ \int_{F_{i0}} \omega - \int_{F_{i1}} \omega \right].$$

On the other hand, by Fubini's theorem and the univariate FTC,

$$\int_{\Omega} d\omega = (-1)^{i+1} \int_{\Omega} \partial_i a \, dV = (-1)^{i+1} \int_{\Omega} \partial_i a \, dV = (-1)^{i+1} \left[ \int_{F_{i1}} \omega - \int_{F_{i0}} \omega \right].$$

**Pullbacks:** Given  $\varphi: U \to \Omega$ , define  $\varphi^* f = f \circ \varphi$ ,  $\varphi^* dx_i = d\varphi_i$ . and extend to all forms by

- $\varphi^*(\alpha + \omega) = \varphi^* \alpha + \varphi^* \omega$
- $\varphi^*(f\omega) = (f \circ \varphi) \varphi^* \omega$
- $\varphi^*(\alpha \wedge \omega) = \varphi^* \alpha \wedge \varphi^* \omega$

Applying  $\varphi^* \omega$  at a point u in U to k vectors is the same as applying  $\omega$  to the images of the vectors:  $(\varphi^*\omega)_u[v_1, \dots v_k] = \omega_{\varphi(u)}[d\varphi_u(v_1), \dots d\varphi_u(v_k)].$ 

- Furthermore,

**Proof of FTC for a** k cell: Parametrize the cell  $\Omega$  by  $\varphi: I^k \to \Omega$ . Then

$$\int_{\Omega} d\omega = \int_{I^k} \varphi^*(d\omega) = \int_{I^k} d(\varphi^*\omega) = \int_{\partial I^k} \varphi^*\omega = \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^i \left[ \int_{F_{i0}} \varphi^*\omega - \int_{F_{i1}} \varphi^*\omega \right] = \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^i \left[ \int_{\varphi(F_{i0})} \omega - \int_{\varphi(F_{i1})} \omega \right] = \int_{\partial \Omega} \omega.$$

Proof for an oriented cellular region:



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