

## A theory of non-absolutely convergent integrals in $\mathbb{R}^n$ with singularities on a regular boundary

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**Abstract.** Specializing a recently developed axiomatic theory of non-absolutely convergent integrals in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , we are led to an integration process over quite general sets  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  with a regular boundary. The integral enjoys all the usual properties and yields the divergence theorem for vector-valued functions with singularities in a most general form.

**Introduction.** Consider an  $n$ -dimensional vector field  $\vec{v}$  which is differentiable everywhere on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . We seek an integration process which integrates  $\operatorname{div} \vec{v}$  over reasonable sets  $A (\subseteq \mathbb{R}^n)$  and expresses the integral  $\int_A \operatorname{div} \vec{v}$  in terms of  $\vec{v}$  on the boundary  $\partial A$  of  $A$  in the expected way. While the classical Denjoy–Perron integral (1912/14) solves this problem in dimension one, first solutions in higher dimensions were given for intervals  $A$  only in the eighties by [Maw], [JKS], [Pf 1].

More general sets were first discussed in [Jar-Ku 1], where the authors treat compact sets  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  with a smooth boundary, while in general (see [Jar-Ku 2, 3]) they take  $A = \mathbb{R}^n$  and allow certain exceptional points where differentiability is replaced by weaker conditions.

Another approach, involving transfinite induction, is discussed in [Pf 2]. Here  $BV$  sets  $A$  (e.g., compact sets  $A$  with  $|\partial A|_{n-1} < \infty$ ) are treated, and  $(n - 1)$ -dimensional sets are allowed where  $\vec{v}$  is only continuous or bounded.

In [Ju-No 1] we introduced a descriptive, axiomatic theory of non-absolutely convergent integrals in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  which was specialized in [Ju-No 2] to the relatively simple  $\nu_1$ -integral over compact intervals. This integral not only enjoys all the usual properties but yields a very general form of the divergence theorem including *exceptional points* where the vector field  $\vec{v}$  is not differentiable but still bounded, as well as *singularities* where  $\vec{v}$  is not bounded. At these singularities we assume  $\vec{v}$  to be of Lipschitz type with a negative exponent

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$\beta > 1 - n$ . Countably many types  $\beta$  are allowed, and the set of singularities of type  $\beta$  is assumed to have a finite outer  $(\beta + n - 1)$ -dimensional Hausdorff measure. Similar singularities were discussed in [Pf 1] but they were restricted to lie on hyperplanes. Also [Jar-Ku 3] discussed singularities, but only at isolated points.

In [Ju-No 3], using the  $\nu_1$ -theory, we were able to treat this type of singularities in a corresponding divergence theorem on sets  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , i.e. compact sets  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $|\partial A|_{n-1} < \infty$  (cf. also [No 1] where general  $BV$  sets  $A$  are discussed). Here we assumed the singularities to lie in the interior of  $A$  since otherwise the integral over  $\partial A$  (occurring in the divergence theorem) might not exist.

Imposing suitable *regularity conditions* on  $\partial A$ , balancing the magnitude of  $\partial A$  against the growth of the vector field, it is possible to relax this assumption. The involved ideas lead to a second specialization of our abstract theory which is presented in this paper. Here we fix an arbitrary set  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  (the set of potential singularities), and we treat sets  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  which satisfy a simple (but very general) local regularity condition at each point  $x \in S \cap \partial A$ . In particular, the regularity condition is satisfied by any interval. The resulting  $\nu(S)$ -integral over such sets  $A$  again has all the usual properties (as additivity and extension of Lebesgue's integral), and in a corresponding divergence theorem, which in particular generalizes our results in [Ju-No 2, 3], we can now treat on  $A$  singularities of the type mentioned above lying in  $S$ .

The dependence of our  $\nu(S)$ -theory on  $S$  is as follows: if  $S_1 \subseteq S_2 (\subseteq \mathbb{R}^n)$  then the  $\nu(S_2)$ -integral extends the  $\nu(S_1)$ -integral, and since the  $\nu_1$ -integral extends any  $\nu(S)$ -integral all integrals discussed are compatible.

For  $S = \emptyset$  and  $S = \mathbb{R}^n$  we establish a substitution formula for bilipschitzian transformation maps by verifying the transformation axiom in our abstract theory [Ju-No 1].

Finally, we state without proof a directly constructive definition of the general  $\nu(S)$ -integral in terms of Riemann sums. The proof is provided in [No 2].

**0. Preliminaries.** We denote by  $\mathbb{R}$  (resp.  $\mathbb{R}^+$ ) the set of all real (resp. all positive real) numbers. Throughout this paper  $n$  is a fixed positive integer, and we work in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with the usual inner product  $x \cdot y = \sum x_i y_i$  ( $x = (x_i), y = (y_i) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ) and the associated norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . For  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $r > 0$  we set  $B(x, r) = \{y \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x - y\| \leq r\}$ .

If  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  we denote by  $E^\circ$ ,  $\bar{E}$ ,  $\partial E$ ,  $d(E)$  and  $\text{dist}(x, E)$  the interior, closure, boundary, diameter of  $E$  and the distance from the point  $x$  to the set  $E$ .

By  $|\cdot|_s$  ( $0 \leq s \leq n$ ) we denote the  $s$ -dimensional normalized outer Hausdorff measure in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  which coincides for integral  $s$  on  $\mathbb{R}^s (\subseteq \mathbb{R}^n)$  with

the  $s$ -dimensional outer Lebesgue measure ( $|\cdot|_0$  being the counting measure). Instead of  $|\cdot|_{n-1}$  we also write  $\mathcal{H}(\cdot)$ , and terms like measurable and almost everywhere (a.e.) always refer to the Lebesgue measure  $|\cdot|_n$  unless the contrary is stated explicitly. A set  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  is called  $\sigma_s$ -finite if it can be expressed as a countable union of sets with finite  $s$ -dimensional outer Hausdorff measure, and  $E$  is called an  $s$ -null set if  $|E|_s = 0$ .

An interval  $I$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is always assumed to be compact and non-degenerate.

**1. The  $\nu(S)$ -integral and its basic properties.** In this section we specialize the abstract quadruple  $\nu = (\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{D}, \dot{\Gamma}, \Gamma)$  occurring in our axiomatic theory ([Ju-No 1]), and obtain a well-behaved  $n$ -dimensional integration process over quite general sets. The specialization will depend on an arbitrary set  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ , the set of potential singularities (cf. Thm. 2.1). For the sake of completeness we will restate the basic properties of the associated  $\nu = \nu(S)$ -integral.

**1a. Definition of  $\nu(S) = (\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{D}, \dot{\Gamma}, \Gamma)$ .** By  $\mathcal{A}$  we denote the system of all compact sets  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $|\partial A|_{n-1}$  is finite.

Given  $\varrho > 0$  we call a set  $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$   $\varrho$ -regulated if  $|B(x, r) \cap M|_{n-1} \leq \varrho r^{n-1}$  for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and any  $r > 0$ .

Let  $S$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $\mathcal{A}(S)$  consist of those  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  for which there is a  $\varrho > 0$  such that for any  $x \in S \cap \partial A$  there exists a neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  with  $U \cap \partial A$  being  $\varrho$ -regulated.

For  $\varrho > 0$  we denote by  $\mathcal{A}'_\varrho$  the system of all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  whose boundary is  $\varrho$ -regulated, and we let  $\mathcal{A}_\varrho(S)$  consist of all sets  $A \in \mathcal{A}(S)$  with  $d(A)^n \leq \varrho |A|_n$  and  $|\partial A|_{n-1} \leq \varrho d(A)^{n-1}$ .

**Remark 1.1.** (i) Note that there exists a positive constant  $\varrho^* (\geq 2n^n)$ , depending only on  $n$ , such that each cube, i.e. an interval whose sides have equal length, belongs to  $\mathcal{A}_{\varrho^*}(S)$ , and each interval belongs to  $\mathcal{A}'_{\varrho^*}$ .

(ii) For any  $\varrho > 0$  we have  $\mathcal{A}'_\varrho \subseteq \mathcal{A}(S)$ , and if  $A \in \mathcal{A}'_\varrho$  then  $|\partial A|_{n-1} \leq (1 + \varrho)d(A)^{n-1}$ .

(iii) Observe that  $\mathcal{A}(\emptyset) = \mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{A}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \bigcup_{\varrho > 0} \mathcal{A}'_\varrho$ . For, if  $A \in \mathcal{A}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  there exists a  $\varrho > 0$  such that we can find for any  $x \in \partial A$  a neighborhood  $U(x)$  with  $U(x) \cap \partial A$  being  $\varrho$ -regulated. Since  $\partial A$  is compact there are finitely many points  $x_i \in \partial A$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$ , with  $\partial A \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^m U(x_i)$ , and if  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $r > 0$  we see that

$$|B(x, r) \cap \partial A|_{n-1} \leq \sum_{i=1}^m |B(x, r) \cap U(x_i) \cap \partial A|_{n-1} \leq m \varrho r^{n-1}$$

and thus  $A \in \mathcal{A}'_{m\varrho}$ .

(iv) If  $A, B \in \mathcal{A}(S)$  with corresponding parameters  $\varrho_A, \varrho_B$  (according to the definition of  $\mathcal{A}(S)$ ) then  $A \cap B, A \cup B, A - B^\circ \in \mathcal{A}(S)$  with (a possible) corresponding parameter  $\varrho_A + \varrho_B$ .

In what follows we assume  $S$  to be an arbitrary but fixed subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Obviously (use Remark 1.1)  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{A}(S)$  (resp.  $\mathcal{D}(K) = \mathcal{A}_K(S)$  for  $K > 0$ ) is a semi-ring (resp. differentiation class) according to [Ju-No 1, Sec. 1].  $\mathcal{D}$  associates with each positive  $K$  the class  $\mathcal{D}(K)$ .

Let  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\delta : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  be given. Then a finite sequence of pairs  $\{(x_k, A_k)\}$  with  $x_k \in A_k \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $A_i^\circ \cap A_j^\circ = \emptyset$  ( $i \neq j$ ),  $x_k \in E$  and  $d(A_k) < \delta(x_k)$  is called  $(E, \delta)$ -fine. If in addition  $E = \bigcup A_k$  we call  $\{(x_k, A_k)\}$  a  $\delta$ -fine partition of  $E$ .

The *control conditions* we want to use are defined as follows:

For  $0 \leq \alpha < n - 1$  the control condition  $C_1^\alpha$  (resp.  $C_2^\alpha$ ) associates with any positive numbers  $K$  and  $\Delta$  the system of all finite sequences  $\{A_k\}$  with  $A_k \in \mathcal{A}'_K$  such that each  $x \in S$  is contained in at most  $K$  of the  $A_k$  and such that  $\sum d(A_k)^\alpha \leq K$  (resp.  $\sum d(A_k)^\alpha \leq \Delta$ ). By  $\mathcal{E}(C_1^\alpha)$  (resp.  $\mathcal{E}(C_2^\alpha)$ ) we denote the system of all  $E \subseteq S$  with  $|E|_\alpha < \infty$  (resp.  $|E|_\alpha = 0$ ).

The condition  $C_1^{n-1}$  (resp.  $C_2^{n-1}$ ) associates with  $K, \Delta > 0$  the system of all finite sequences  $\{A_k\}$  with  $A_k \in \mathcal{B}$  and  $\sum |\partial A_k|_{n-1} \leq K$  (resp.  $\sum |\partial A_k|_{n-1} \leq \Delta$ ), and we let  $\mathcal{E}(C_1^{n-1})$  (resp.  $\mathcal{E}(C_2^{n-1})$ ) be the system of all  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $|E|_{n-1} < \infty$  (resp.  $|E|_{n-1} = 0$ ).

If  $n - 1 < \alpha < n$  the control condition  $C_1^\alpha$  (resp.  $C_2^\alpha$ ) associates with  $K, \Delta > 0$  the system of all finite sequences  $\{A_k\}$  with  $A_k \in \mathcal{D}(K)$  and  $\sum d(A_k)^\alpha \leq K$  (resp.  $\sum d(A_k)^\alpha \leq \Delta$ ).  $\mathcal{E}(C_1^\alpha)$  (resp.  $\mathcal{E}(C_2^\alpha)$ ) consists of all  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $|E|_\alpha < \infty$  (resp.  $|E|_\alpha = 0$ ).

Finally, the condition  $C^n$  associates with any positive  $K$  the system of all finite sequences  $\{A_k\}$  with  $A_k \in \mathcal{D}(K)$ , and we let  $\mathcal{E}(C^n) = \{E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n : |E|_n = 0\}$ .

**Remark 1.2.** The requirement that each  $x \in S$  lies in at most  $K$  of the sets  $A_k$  in the definition of  $C_i^\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < n - 1$ ) will be important when we give an equivalent constructive definition of our integral in terms of Riemann sums. Remember that if the  $A_k$  are intervals with disjoint interiors then each  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is contained in at most  $2^n$  of them.

Set  $\dot{\Gamma} = \{C^n\} \cup \{C_i^\alpha : n - 1 < \alpha < n, i = 1, 2\}$  (the requirements  $(\dot{\Gamma}_1)$  and  $(\dot{\Gamma}_2)$  in [Ju-No 1, Sec. 1] then obviously being satisfied) and  $\Gamma = \{C_i^\alpha : 0 \leq \alpha < n - 1, i = 1, 2\}$  (disjoint from  $\dot{\Gamma}$ ). We will prove that  $\Gamma$  is ordered by the relation  $\succeq$  (see [Ju-No 1, Sec. 1]) and that  $C^* = C_1^{n-1}$  is a minimal element of  $\Gamma$ . Analogously one then shows that  $\dot{\Gamma}$  is ordered.

If  $0 \leq \beta < \alpha < n - 1$  then  $C_1^\beta \succeq C_2^\alpha$ . For, given  $K_1 > 0$  we let  $K_2 = K_1$  and if  $\Delta_2 > 0$  we set  $\Delta_1 = \Delta_2$ . If  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  choose  $\delta(x) > 0$  such that  $\delta(x)^{\alpha-\beta} \leq \Delta_2/K_1$  (this defines  $\delta : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ ), and let  $\{(x_k, A_k)\}$  be any  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \delta)$ -fine sequence with  $\{A_k\} \in C_1^\beta(K_1, \Delta_1)$ . Since  $\sum d(A_k)^\alpha \leq \sum \delta(x_k)^{\alpha-\beta} d(A_k)^\beta \leq \Delta_2$  we have  $\{A_k\} \in C_2^\alpha(K_2, \Delta_2)$ .

Furthermore,  $C_1^\alpha \succeq C_2^{n-1}$  for  $0 \leq \alpha < n - 1$ . For, if  $K_1 > 0$  set  $K_2 = K_1$

and if  $\Delta_2 > 0$  let  $\Delta_1 = 1$ . If  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  we find  $\delta(x) > 0$  such that  $\delta(x)^{n-1-\alpha} \leq \Delta_2/K_1(1+K_1)$ ; this defines  $\delta : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ . Given any  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \delta)$ -fine sequence  $\{(x_k, A_k)\}$  with  $\{A_k\} \in C_1^\alpha(K_1, \Delta_1)$  and recalling Remark 1.1(ii) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum |\partial A_k|_{n-1} &\leq (1+K_1) \sum d(A_k)^{n-1} \\ &\leq (1+K_1) \sum \delta(x_k)^{n-1-\alpha} d(A_k)^\alpha \leq \Delta_2 \end{aligned}$$

and thus  $\{A_k\} \in C_2^{n-1}(K_2, \Delta_2)$ .

Obviously  $C_2^\alpha \succeq C_1^\alpha$  for  $0 \leq \alpha \leq n-1$ , and thus the transitivity property of the relation  $\succeq$  shows that  $\Gamma$  is ordered. Since  $C_2^\alpha \succeq C_1^\alpha \succeq C_2^{n-1} \succeq C_1^{n-1} = C^*$  for  $0 \leq \alpha < n-1$  we furthermore see that  $C^*$  is a minimal element of  $\Gamma$  which in addition satisfies conditions  $(\Gamma_1)$  and  $(\Gamma_2)$  since  $\partial A \in \mathcal{E}(C^*)$  and  $|A|_n \leq d(A)|\partial A|_{n-1}$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ .

**1b. Verification of the decomposition and intersection axioms.** Before we can apply the results of our abstract theory it remains to verify the decomposition and intersection axioms ([Ju-No 1, Sec. 2]). The decomposition axiom is a direct consequence of the Decomposition Theorem in [Ju] which we state here in a slightly more general form.

**DECOMPOSITION THEOREM.** *Suppose that an  $n$ -dimensional interval  $I$  is the disjoint union of countably many sets  $E_m$  with  $|E_m|_{\alpha_m} < \infty$  ( $0 \leq \alpha_m \leq n$ ) and that positive numbers  $\varepsilon_m$  and a function  $\delta : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  are given. Then there are finitely many intervals  $I_k$ , similar to  $I$ , and points  $x_k$  such that  $\{(x_k, I_k)\}$  is a  $\delta$ -fine partition of  $I$  and*

$$\sum_{x_k \in E_m} d(I_k)^{\alpha_m} \leq \frac{c(n)}{r(I)^n} (|E_m|_{\alpha_m} + \varepsilon_m)$$

for all  $m$ , where  $c(n)$  denotes a positive constant ( $\geq n^{n/2}$ ) and  $r(I)$  is the ratio of the smallest and the largest edges of  $I$ .

Recall that a *division* of a set  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $|\partial A|_n = 0$  consists of a set  $\dot{E}$  and a sequence  $(E_i, C_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $\dot{E} \subseteq A^\circ$ ,  $|A - \dot{E}|_n = 0$ ,  $C_i \in \Gamma \cup \dot{\Gamma}$ ,  $E_i \in \mathcal{E}(C_i)$  and  $A$  is the disjoint union of all the sets  $E_i$  and  $\dot{E}$ .

To verify the decomposition axiom let  $I$  be any interval in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and denote by  $\dot{E}$ ,  $(E_i, C_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  a division of  $I$ . Set  $K^* = \varrho^* + (\sqrt{n}/r(I))^n$ , where  $\varrho^*$  is the constant of Remark 1.1(i), and  $K_i^* = K^* + 2nc(n)|E_i|_\alpha/r(I)^n$  (resp.  $K_i^* = K^*$ ) depending on  $C_i = C_1^\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < n$ ) (resp.  $C_i = C^n$  or  $C_i = C_2^\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < n$ )). Then for any  $\Delta_i > 0$  and  $\delta : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ , by the Decomposition Theorem, there is a  $\delta$ -fine partition  $\{(x_k, I_k)\}$  of  $I$  with  $r(I_k) = r(I)$  and

$$\sum_{x_k \in E_i} d(I_k)^\alpha \leq \begin{cases} \frac{K^*}{2n} + \frac{c(n)}{r(I)^n} |E_i|_\alpha & \text{if } C_i = C_1^\alpha \ (0 \leq \alpha < n), \\ \frac{\Delta_i}{2n} & \text{if } C_i = C_2^\alpha \ (0 \leq \alpha < n). \end{cases}$$

Since in our situation all  $I_k \in \mathcal{D}(K^*) \cap \mathcal{A}'_{K^*}$  and all  $K_i^* \geq K^*$  the partition  $\{(x_k, I_k)\}$  meets all requirements of the decomposition axiom.

The following remark will be needed when verifying the intersection axiom.

**Remark 1.3.** Let  $E, M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $|E|_{n-1} = 0$  and  $|M|_{n-1} < \infty$ . Then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is an open set  $G$  containing  $E$  such that  $|G \cap M|_{n-1} < \varepsilon$ . For, as is well known, we can find a set  $G' \supseteq E$  with  $|G'|_{n-1} = 0$  which is the countable intersection of a decreasing collection of open sets  $G_i$ . Since  $0 = |G' \cap M|_{n-1} = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} |G_i \cap M|_{n-1}$  the result follows.

To verify the intersection axiom fix a control condition  $C_i^\alpha \in \Gamma$  ( $0 \leq \alpha \leq n-1$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ ),  $E \in \mathcal{E}(C_i^\alpha)$  and  $A \in \mathcal{B}$ .

Assume first  $0 \leq \alpha < n-1$ , recall that  $E \subseteq S$  and let  $\varrho > 0$  be a parameter coming from the condition  $A \in \mathcal{B}$ . Given  $K_1 > 0$  set  $K_2 = K_1 + \varrho$  and if  $\Delta_2 > 0$  let  $\Delta_1 = \Delta_2$ . Set  $\delta(x) = \text{dist}(x, \mathbb{R}^n - A^\circ)$  if  $x \in E \cap A^\circ$ , and for  $x \in E \cap \partial A$  find a neighborhood  $U(x)$  of  $x$  and a  $\delta(x) > 0$  such that  $U(x) \cap \partial A$  is  $\varrho$ -regulated and  $B(x, \delta(x)) \subseteq U(x)$ . Then for any  $(E \cap A, \delta)$ -fine sequence  $\{(x_k, A_k)\}$  with  $\{A_k\} \in C_i^\alpha(K_1, \Delta_1)$  it follows that  $\{A \cap A_k\} \in C_i^\alpha(K_2, \Delta_2)$ , since for  $x_k \in E \cap \partial A$  we have  $\partial(A \cap A_k) \subseteq (A_k^\circ \cap \partial A) \cup \partial A_k \subseteq (U(x_k) \cap \partial A) \cup \partial A_k$  giving  $A \cap A_k \in \mathcal{A}'_{K_2}$  for all  $k$ , and the other conditions to be checked are obvious.

Now assume  $\alpha = n-1$  and look first at  $C_1^{n-1}$ : For given  $K_1 > 0$  we set  $K_2 = K_1 + |\partial A|_{n-1}$ , and if  $\Delta_2 > 0$  we let  $\Delta_1 = \Delta_2$  and  $\delta(\cdot) = 1$  on  $E \cap A$ . Then for any  $(E \cap A, \delta)$ -fine sequence  $\{(x_k, A_k)\}$  with  $\{A_k\} \in C_1^{n-1}(K_1, \Delta_1)$ ,

$$\sum |\partial(A \cap A_k)|_{n-1} \leq \sum (|A_k^\circ \cap \partial A|_{n-1} + |\partial A_k|_{n-1}) \leq |\partial A|_{n-1} + K_1 = K_2$$

and thus  $\{A \cap A_k\} \in C_1^{n-1}(K_2, \Delta_2)$ .

Finally, let us look at  $C_2^{n-1}$  and assume therefore  $K_1 > 0$  to be given. Set  $K_2 = K_1$  and for  $\Delta_2 > 0$  let  $\Delta_1 = \Delta_2/2$ . Since  $|E \cap \partial A|_{n-1} = 0$ , by Remark 1.3 we can find an open set  $G \supseteq E \cap \partial A$  with  $|G \cap \partial A|_{n-1} < \Delta_1$ , and for  $x \in E \cap \partial A$  we choose a  $\delta(x) > 0$  such that  $B(x, \delta(x)) \subseteq G$  while for  $x \in E \cap A^\circ$  we set  $\delta(x) = \text{dist}(x, \mathbb{R}^n - A^\circ)$ . Thus  $\delta : E \cap A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is defined, and if  $\{(x_k, A_k)\}$  denotes a  $(E \cap A, \delta)$ -fine sequence with  $\{A_k\} \in C_2^{n-1}(K_1, \Delta_1)$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum |\partial(A \cap A_k)|_{n-1} &\leq \sum_{x_k \in E \cap \partial A} |A_k^\circ \cap \partial A|_{n-1} + \sum |\partial A_k|_{n-1} \\ &\leq |G \cap \partial A|_{n-1} + \Delta_1 \leq \Delta_2 \end{aligned}$$

and hence  $\{A \cap A_k\} \in C_2^{n-1}(K_2, \Delta_2)$ .

**1c. Integrability and properties of the integral.** We now define  $\nu(S)$ -integrability for point functions, and we summarize some of the results of [Ju-No 1, Sec. 5] for the associated  $\nu(S)$ -integral.

For  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  we denote by  $\mathcal{B}(A)$  the system of all subsets  $B$  of  $A$  with  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ . Given a set function  $F : \mathcal{B}(A) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (on  $A$ ) we call  $F$  *additive* if  $F(B) = \sum F(B_k)$  for any  $B \in \mathcal{B}(A)$  and every finite sequence  $\{B_k\}$  with  $B_k \in \mathcal{B}(A)$  having disjoint interiors and  $B = \bigcup B_k$ .

A set function  $F : \mathcal{B}(A) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called *differentiable* at  $x \in A^\circ$  if there exists a real number  $\alpha$  such that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $K > 0$  there is a  $\delta = \delta(x) > 0$  with  $|F(B) - \alpha|B|_n| \leq \varepsilon|B|_n$  for every  $B \in \mathcal{B}(A)$  satisfying  $B \in \mathcal{D}(K)$ ,  $x \in B$  and  $d(B) < \delta$ . In this case  $\alpha$  is uniquely determined and denoted by  $\dot{F}(x)$ .

Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $E \subseteq A$ ,  $C \in \Gamma \cup \dot{\Gamma}$  and let  $F : \mathcal{B}(A) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a set function on  $A$ . We say that  $F$  satisfies the *null condition corresponding to  $C$  on  $E$*  (see [Ju-No 1, Sec. 3]), for short  $F$  satisfies  $\mathcal{N}(C, E)$ , if the following is true:  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, K > 0 \exists \Delta > 0 \exists \delta : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  such that  $\sum |F(A_k)| \leq \varepsilon$  for any  $(E, \delta)$ -fine sequence  $\{(x_k, A_k)\}$  with  $A_k \in \mathcal{B}(A)$  and  $\{A_k\} \in C(K, \Delta)$ .

Given  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  we call an additive set function  $F : \mathcal{B}(A) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a  $\nu(S)$ -*integral on  $A$*  if there exists a division  $\dot{E}, (E_i, C_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $A$  such that  $F$  is differentiable on  $\dot{E}$  and satisfies  $\mathcal{N}(C_i, E_i)$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{N}(C^*, \dot{E})$  and  $\mathcal{N}(C^*, E_i)$  if  $C_i \in \dot{\Gamma}$ .

Let  $A \in \mathcal{B}$  and let  $f$  be a real-valued function defined on  $A$ . We call  $f$   $\nu(S)$ -*integrable on  $A$*  if there exists a  $\nu(S)$ -integral  $F$  on  $A$  with  $\dot{F} = f$  a.e. on  $A$ . In this case  $F$  is uniquely determined, and we write

$$\nu^{(S)} \int_A f = F(A) \quad (\text{see [Ju-No 1, Remark 5.1(iii)]}).$$

The space of all  $\nu(S)$ -integrable functions on  $A$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{I}_{\nu(S)}(A)$ .

If there is no danger of misunderstanding we will often omit the index  $\nu(S)$ .

**PROPOSITION 1.1.** *Let  $A \in \mathcal{B}$ .*

(i)  $\mathcal{I}(A)$  is a real linear space, and the map  $f \mapsto \int_A f$  is a non-negative linear functional on  $\mathcal{I}(A)$ .

(ii) If  $A$  is the finite union of sets  $A_k \in \mathcal{B}$  with disjoint interiors then  $f \in \mathcal{I}(A)$  iff  $f \in \mathcal{I}(A_k)$  for all  $k$ , and in that case

$$\int_A f = \sum \int_{A_k} f.$$

(iii) If for a measurable function  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a finite Lebesgue integral

$\mathcal{L}\int_A |f|$  exists, then  $f$  belongs to  $\mathcal{I}_{\nu(S)}(A)$  and

$$\nu(S) \int_A f = \mathcal{L} \int_A f.$$

**Remark 1.4.** In [Ju-No 2] we defined, also using our axiomatic theory, a relatively simple integral over  $n$ -dimensional compact intervals, the so-called  $\nu_1$ -integral. Since any interval  $I$  is contained in  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{A}(S)$  it follows immediately that every  $\nu(S)$ -integrable function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is also  $\nu_1$ -integrable and both integrals coincide.

**1d. Discussion.** Here we discuss the dependence of the integration theory induced by the quadruple  $\nu(S) = (\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{D}, \dot{I}, \Gamma)$  on  $S$ . First, we extend the notion of  $\nu(S)$ -integrability to functions defined on quite arbitrary sets  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Assume in this subsection  $A$  to be a measurable and bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and let  $f$  be a real-valued function defined at least on  $A$ . By  $f_A$  we denote the function  $f_A : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f_A(x) = f(x)$  if  $x \in A$  and  $f_A(x) = 0$  else.

Then, according to [Ju-No 1, Sec. 5a], we call  $f$   $\nu(S)$ -integrable on  $A$  if there exists a  $\nu(S)$ -integral  $F$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\dot{F} = f_A$  a.e. In this case  $F$  is uniquely determined, and if  $I$  denotes any interval containing  $A$  the number  $F(I)$  does not depend on  $I$ , and we set

$$\nu(S) \int_A f = F(I).$$

Again we denote by  $\mathcal{I}_{\nu(S)}(A)$  the set of all  $\nu(S)$ -integrable functions on  $A$ . (Note that in case of  $A \in \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{A}(S)$  this definition of integrability coincides with the one given in Section 1c.)

Now suppose  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  to be subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $S_1 \subseteq S_2$ . A glance shows that  $\mathcal{A}(S_2) \subseteq \mathcal{A}(S_1)$ , and any  $\nu(S_1)$ -integral on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  also represents a  $\nu(S_2)$ -integral on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  when restricted to  $\mathcal{A}(S_2)$ . Consequently, any  $f \in \mathcal{I}_{\nu(S_1)}(A)$  also belongs to  $\mathcal{I}_{\nu(S_2)}(A)$  and both integrals coincide. Thus all  $\nu(S)$ -integrals are compatible and, in particular,  $\mathcal{I}_{\nu(\mathbb{R}^n)}(A) = \bigcup_{S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n} \mathcal{I}_{\nu(S)}(A)$ .

**Remark 1.5.** (i) Of particular interest are the extreme cases  $S = \emptyset$  and  $S = \mathbb{R}^n$  yielding  $\mathcal{A}(\emptyset) = \mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{A}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \bigcup_{\rho > 0} \mathcal{A}'_\rho$  (see Remark 1.1), and the associated integral will also be called the  $\nu_3$ -integral and  $\nu_2$ -integral respectively. Furthermore, we set  $\mathcal{I}_{\nu_3}(A) = \mathcal{I}_{\nu(\emptyset)}(A)$  and  $\mathcal{I}_{\nu_2}(A) = \mathcal{I}_{\nu(\mathbb{R}^n)}(A)$ .

(ii) By Remark 1.4,  $\mathcal{I}_{\nu_3}(I) \subseteq \mathcal{I}_{\nu(S)}(I) \subseteq \mathcal{I}_{\nu_2}(I) \subseteq \mathcal{I}_{\nu_1}(I)$  for any interval  $I$  and any  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ , and all integrals coincide.

**2. The divergence theorem.** Here we prove the divergence theorem for our  $\nu(S)$ -integral. The singularities, i.e. the points of unboundedness, of



the vector-valued function  $\vec{v}$  are assumed to lie in the set  $S$ , and we require  $\vec{v}$  to satisfy Lipschitz conditions of suitable (negative) order at those points.

**2a.** *Formulation of the theorem.* Assume  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n, x \in A, 1 - n \leq \beta \leq 1$  and let  $\vec{v} : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ . Consider the following conditions:

( $\ell_1$ ) there exists a real  $n \times n$  matrix  $M$  such that

$$\vec{v}(y) - \vec{v}(x) - M(y - x) = o(1)\|y - x\| \quad (y \rightarrow x, y \in A),$$

( $\ell_\beta$ ) ( $\beta \neq 1$ )  $\vec{v}(y) - \vec{v}(x) = o(1)\|y - x\|^\beta \quad (y \rightarrow x, y \neq x, y \in A),$

( $L_\beta$ )  $\vec{v}(y) - \vec{v}(x) = O(1)\|y - x\|^\beta \quad (y \rightarrow x, y \neq x, y \in A).$

If  $x \in A^\circ$  and  $\vec{v} = (v_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  is (totally) differentiable at  $x$  we set  $\operatorname{div} \vec{v}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial v_i}{\partial x_i}(x)$ , and at all other points  $x \in A$  we set  $\operatorname{div} \vec{v}(x) = 0$ .

By [Fed], for each  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  there exists an  $\mathcal{H}$ -measurable vector function  $\vec{n}_A : \partial A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , the so-called exterior normal, with  $\|\vec{n}_A\| \leq 1$ . Furthermore, for any  $\vec{v}$  which is continuously differentiable in a neighborhood of  $A$  we have  $\int_{\partial A} \vec{v} \cdot \vec{n}_A d\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{L} \int_A \operatorname{div} \vec{v}$ .

**THEOREM 2.1 (Divergence Theorem).** *Suppose  $A \in \mathcal{A}(S)$  and let  $\vec{v} : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ . Denote by  $D$  the set of all points from the interior of  $A$  where  $\vec{v}$  is differentiable, and write  $A - D$  as a disjoint countable union of  $\sigma_{\alpha_i}$ -finite sets  $M_i$  and  $\alpha_i$ -null sets  $N_i$  with  $0 < \alpha_i \leq n$  ( $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ) such that  $\bigcup_{\alpha_i < n-1} (M_i \cup N_i)$  lies in  $S$ . If  $\vec{v}$  satisfies the condition ( $\ell_{\alpha_i+1-n}$ ) (resp. ( $L_{\alpha_i+1-n}$ )) at each point of  $M_i$  (resp.  $N_i$ ) then  $\vec{v}$  is continuous on  $A$  except for an  $(n-1)$ -null set, and for each subset  $B \in \mathcal{A}(S)$  of  $A$  the integral  $\int_{\partial B} \vec{v} \cdot \vec{n}_B d\mathcal{H}$  exists with a finite value,  $\operatorname{div} \vec{v}$  is  $\nu(S)$ -integrable on  $B$  and*

$$\int_{\partial B} \vec{v} \cdot \vec{n}_B d\mathcal{H} = \nu(S) \int_B \operatorname{div} \vec{v} \quad \left( = \nu_2 \int_B \operatorname{div} \vec{v} \right).$$

**Remark 2.1.** In the formulation of the theorem we have excluded the situation  $\alpha_i = 0$  which in case of  $n = 1$  is of course superfluous since  $\vec{v}$  remains continuous on  $A$ . But for  $n \geq 2$  the integral  $\int_{\partial B} \vec{v} \cdot \vec{n}_B d\mathcal{H}$  can fail to exist. Anyhow, by redefining the condition ( $\ell_{1-n}$ ) it is possible to include the case  $\alpha_i = 0$ :

We say that  $\vec{v} : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  satisfies the condition ( $\ell_{1-n}$ ) ( $n \geq 2$ ) at  $x \in A$  if there exists a decreasing function  $g_x : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  which is Lebesgue integrable on  $[0, 1]$  and

$$\vec{v}(y) - \vec{v}(x) = O(1)g_x(\|y - x\|)\|y - x\|^{2-n} \quad (y \rightarrow x, y \neq x, y \in A).$$

In the following proof of the theorem we will include this situation.

**2b.** *Proof of the theorem.* Observe that  $|A - D|_n = 0$  since  $\vec{v}$  satisfies ( $\ell_1$ ) on  $M_i$  with  $\alpha_i = n$  and consequently  $M_i \subseteq \partial A$ . Furthermore,  $\vec{v}$  is continuous

on  $A$  except for an  $(n - 1)$ -null set, and hence the  $\mathcal{H}$ -measurability of  $\vec{v}$  on  $A$  follows.

Now fix  $B \in \mathcal{B}(A)$ , i.e.  $B \subseteq A$  with  $B \in \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{A}(S)$ . We first show the existence of the finite integral  $\int_{\partial B} \vec{v} \cdot \vec{n}_B d\mathcal{H}$ ; we closely follow [Ju-No 2, Sec. 2]. Note that for  $n = 1$  there is nothing to prove since  $\vec{v}$  is continuous on  $A$ , and we therefore assume  $n \geq 2$ . At each  $x \in \partial B - \bigcup_{\alpha_i < n-1} (M_i \cup N_i)$  the function  $\vec{v}$  is locally bounded, i.e. there is a positive number  $K(x)$  and an open neighborhood  $U(x)$  of  $x$  such that  $\|\vec{v}(y)\| \leq K(x)$  for all  $y \in U(x) \cap A$ .

We denote by  $\varrho > 0$  a parameter corresponding to  $B \in \mathcal{A}(S)$ . If  $0 < \alpha_i < n - 1$  and  $x \in M_i \cap \partial B$  (resp.  $x \in N_i \cap \partial B$ ) there is an open neighborhood  $U(x)$  of  $x$  such that  $U(x) \cap \partial B$  is  $\varrho$ -regulated and

$$\|\vec{v}(y) - \vec{v}(x)\| \leq \|y - x\|^{\alpha_i+1-n}$$

(resp.

$$\|\vec{v}(y) - \vec{v}(x)\| \leq K(x)\|y - x\|^{\alpha_i+1-n}$$

with some  $K(x) > 0$  for all  $y \in U(x) \cap A$ ,  $y \neq x$ .

Finally, if  $\alpha_i = 0$  (note that  $N_i = \emptyset$ ) and  $x \in M_i \cap \partial B$  there is a decreasing function  $g_x : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  Lebesgue integrable on  $[0, 1]$ , a positive number  $K(x)$  and an open neighborhood  $U(x)$  of  $x$  with  $d(U(x)) \leq 1$  such that  $U(x) \cap \partial B$  is  $\varrho$ -regulated and

$$\|\vec{v}(y) - \vec{v}(x)\| \leq K(x)g_x(\|y - x\|)\|y - x\|^{2-n}$$

for all  $y \in U(x) \cap A$ ,  $y \neq x$ .

Since  $\partial B$  is compact there are finitely many points  $x_k \in \partial B$  with  $\partial B \subseteq \bigcup U(x_k)$ , and it suffices to prove that  $\int_{U(x_k) \cap \partial B} \|\vec{v}\| d\mathcal{H}$  remains finite for all  $k$ . Since this is obvious for  $x_k \notin \bigcup_{\alpha_i < n-1} (M_i \cup N_i)$ , we first consider an  $x_k \in M_i \cup N_i$  where  $0 < \alpha_i < n - 1$ .

We may assume  $d(B) > 0$  since otherwise  $|\partial B|_{n-1} = 0$  ( $n \geq 2$ ), and for  $j = 0, 1, \dots$  we let  $C_j = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : d(B)/2^{j+1} < \|x - x_k\| \leq d(B)/2^j\}$ . It suffices to observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{U(x_k) \cap \partial B} \|y - x_k\|^{\alpha_i+1-n} d\mathcal{H}(y) &\leq \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \int_{C_j \cap U(x_k) \cap \partial B} \|y - x_k\|^{\alpha_i+1-n} d\mathcal{H}(y) \\ &\leq \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{d(B)}{2^{j+1}}\right)^{\alpha_i+1-n} |B(x_k, d(B)/2^j) \cap U(x_k) \cap \partial B|_{n-1} \\ &\leq \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{d(B)}{2^{j+1}}\right)^{\alpha_i+1-n} \varrho \left(\frac{d(B)}{2^j}\right)^{n-1} = \frac{\varrho d(B)^{\alpha_i}}{2^{\alpha_i+1-n}} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2^{\alpha_i}}\right)^j, \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$(*) \quad \int_{U(x_k) \cap \partial B} \|y - x_k\|^{\alpha_i + 1 - n} d\mathcal{H}(y) \leq \frac{\varrho 2^{n-1}}{2^{\alpha_i} - 1} d(B)^{\alpha_i} \quad (< \infty).$$

For  $x_k \in M_i$  with  $\alpha_i = 0$  the same arguments (use  $U(x_k) \cap B$  instead of  $B$  in the definition of the  $C_j$ ) combined with the properties of the function  $g = g_{x_k}$  yield the inequality

$$(**) \quad \int_{U(x_k) \cap \partial B} g(\|y - x_k\|) \|y - x_k\|^{2-n} d\mathcal{H}(y) \leq \varrho \beta(n) \int_0^\gamma g(t) dt \quad (< \infty),$$

where  $\beta(n)$  denotes a positive absolute constant, and  $\gamma = d(U(x_k) \cap B)$ .

By what has just been proved, we can define an additive set function  $F$  on  $A$  by  $F(B) = \int_{\partial B} \vec{v} \cdot \vec{n}_B d\mathcal{H}$  for  $B \in \mathcal{B}(A)$ . We will show that  $F$  is a  $\nu(S)$ -integral on  $A$  with  $\dot{F} = \operatorname{div} \vec{v}$  a.e. on  $A$ , thus  $\operatorname{div} \vec{v} \in \mathcal{I}_{\nu(S)}(A)$  and  $\int_{\partial A} \vec{v} \cdot \vec{n}_A d\mathcal{H} = F(A) = \nu^{(S)} \int_A \operatorname{div} \vec{v}$ . Of course the equality then also holds for each  $B \in \mathcal{B}(A)$  (apply the theorem to  $B$  in place of  $A$  or use Thm. V(2) of [Ju-No 1]).

Without loss of generality we assume  $|M_i|_{\alpha_i}$  to be finite ( $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ),  $M_i = \emptyset$  if  $\alpha_i = n$  ( $|M_i|_n = 0$ ), and we also assume the  $O$ -constant occurring in  $(L_{\alpha_i+1-n})$  to be bounded on  $N_i$  by  $K_i > 0$  ( $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ). Then a division of  $A$  is given by  $D$ ,  $(M_i, C_1^{\alpha_i})_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ ,  $(N_i, C_2^{\alpha_i})_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  with the understanding that  $C_1^{\alpha_i} = C_2^{\alpha_i} = C^n$  if  $\alpha_i = n$ .

•  $F$  is differentiable on  $D$  with  $\dot{F} = \operatorname{div} \vec{v}$ . Indeed, take  $x \in D$ , let  $\varepsilon, K > 0$  and take a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\|\vec{v}(y) - \vec{v}(x) - \vec{v}'(x) \cdot (y - x)\| \leq \varepsilon \|y - x\| / K^2$  for all  $y \in B(x, \delta)$  ( $\subseteq A^\circ$ ), where  $\vec{v}'(x)$  denotes the derivative of  $\vec{v}$  at  $x$ . Then for each  $B \in \mathcal{D}(K)$  with  $x \in B$  and  $d(B) < \delta$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} |F(B) - \operatorname{div} \vec{v}(x) |B|_n| &= \left| \int_{\partial B} (\vec{v}(y) - \vec{v}(x) - \vec{v}'(x) \cdot (y - x)) \cdot \vec{n}_B d\mathcal{H}(y) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{K^2} d(B) |\partial B|_{n-1} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{K} d(B)^n \leq \varepsilon |B|_n. \end{aligned}$$

• Similarly one proves that  $F$  satisfies the null conditions  $\mathcal{N}(C_1^{\alpha_i}, M_i)$  and  $\mathcal{N}(C_2^{\alpha_i}, N_i)$  if  $n - 1 \leq \alpha_i \leq n$  (cf. [Ju-No 2, proof of Thm. 2.1]). For example, let us show that  $F$  satisfies  $\mathcal{N}(C_2^{\alpha_i}, N_i)$  if  $n - 1 < \alpha_i < n$ .

Let  $\varepsilon, K > 0$ . For  $x \in N_i$  find  $K(x), \delta(x) > 0$  such that  $\|\vec{v}(y) - \vec{v}(x)\| \leq K(x) \|y - x\|^{\alpha_i + 1 - n}$  for all  $y \in B(x, \delta(x)) \cap A$ . By assumption,  $K(x) \leq K_i$  for all  $x \in N_i$ , and we set  $\Delta = \varepsilon / (K K_i)$ . Then for any  $(N_i, \delta)$ -fine sequence

$\{(x_k, A_k)\}$  with  $A_k \in \mathcal{B}(A)$  and  $\{A_k\} \in C_2^{\alpha_i}(K, \Delta)$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum |F(A_k)| &= \sum \left| \int_{\partial A_k} (\vec{v}(y) - \vec{v}(x_k)) \cdot \vec{n}_{A_k} d\mathcal{H}(y) \right| \\ &\leq K_i \sum d(A_k)^{\alpha_i+1-n} |\partial A_k|_{n-1} \\ &\leq KK_i \sum d(A_k)^{\alpha_i} \leq KK_i \Delta = \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

• Let us show that  $F$  satisfies  $\mathcal{N}(C_1^{\alpha_i}, M_i)$  if  $0 < \alpha_i < n-1$ . Analogously one then proves that  $F$  also satisfies  $\mathcal{N}(C_2^{\alpha_i}, N_i)$  for  $0 < \alpha_i < n-1$ .

Given  $\varepsilon, K > 0$  we choose for  $x \in M_i$  a  $\delta(x) > 0$  such that  $\|\vec{v}(y) - \vec{v}(x)\| \leq \varepsilon' \|y - x\|^{\alpha_i+1-n}$  for all  $y \in B(x, \delta(x)) \cap A$  with  $y \neq x$ , where  $\varepsilon' = \varepsilon 2^{1-n} (2^{\alpha_i} - 1) / K^2$ . Now let  $\{(x_k, A_k)\}$  be an  $(M_i, \delta)$ -fine sequence with  $A_k \in \mathcal{B}(A)$  and  $\{A_k\} \in C_1^{\alpha_i}(K)$ . In particular,  $\partial A_k$  is  $K$ -regulated for all  $k$ , and thus we can use the inequality (\*) with  $B = A_k$ ,  $\varrho = K$  and  $U(x_k) = B(x_k, \delta(x_k)) \supseteq A_k$  yielding

$$\begin{aligned} \sum |F(A_k)| &= \sum \left| \int_{\partial A_k} (\vec{v}(y) - \vec{v}(x_k)) \cdot \vec{n}_{A_k} d\mathcal{H}(y) \right| \\ &\leq \varepsilon' \sum \int_{\partial A_k} \|y - x_k\|^{\alpha_i+1-n} d\mathcal{H}(y) \\ &\leq \varepsilon' \sum \frac{K 2^{n-1}}{2^{\alpha_i} - 1} d(A_k)^{\alpha_i} \leq \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

•  $F$  satisfies  $\mathcal{N}(C_1^{\alpha_i}, M_i)$  if  $\alpha_i = 0$ . Indeed, given  $\varepsilon, K > 0$  find for  $x \in M_i$  a function  $g_x : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  and positive numbers  $K(x)$  and  $\delta(x)$  such that  $\|\vec{v}(y) - \vec{v}(x)\| \leq K(x) g_x(\|y - x\|) \|y - x\|^{2-n}$  for all  $y \in B(x, \delta(x)) \cap A$ ,  $y \neq x$ . Without loss of generality we may assume  $\delta(x) \leq 1/2$  and  $\int_0^{\delta(x)} g_x(t) dt \leq \varepsilon / (\beta(n) K(x) K^2)$  by the Lebesgue integrability of  $g_x$ . Here  $\beta(n)$  denotes the absolute constant occurring in (\*\*). Now let  $\{(x_k, A_k)\}$  be an  $(M_i, \delta)$ -fine sequence with  $A_k \in \mathcal{B}(A)$  and  $\{A_k\} \in C_1^{\alpha_i}(K)$ . Using the inequality (\*\*) with  $B = A_k$ ,  $\varrho = K$  and  $U(x_k) = B(x_k, \delta(x_k))$  we conclude

$$\begin{aligned} \sum |F(A_k)| &= \sum \left| \int_{\partial A_k} (\vec{v}(y) - \vec{v}(x_k)) \cdot \vec{n}_{A_k} d\mathcal{H}(y) \right| \\ &\leq \sum K(x_k) \int_{\partial A_k} g_{x_k}(\|y - x_k\|) \|y - x_k\|^{2-n} d\mathcal{H}(y) \\ &\leq \sum K(x_k) K \beta(n) \int_0^{\delta(x_k)} g_{x_k}(t) dt \leq \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

• Finally, the continuity of  $\vec{v}$  directly implies that  $F$  satisfies  $\mathcal{N}(C^*, D \cup \bigcup_{\alpha_i > n-1} (M_i \cup N_i))$ , which completes the proof. ■

Remark 2.2. (i) Since any interval is contained in  $\mathcal{A}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and since the  $\nu_1$ -integral extends the  $\nu_2$ -integral, our result contains the divergence theorem for the  $\nu_1$ -integral of [Ju-No 2].

(ii) Furthermore, the divergence theorem of [Ju-No 3] can also be deduced from the theorem above: set  $S = \bigcup_{\alpha_i < n-1} (M_i \cup N_i)$ , and recall that the  $\nu_1$ -integral extends any  $\nu(S)$ -integral.

**3. The transformation formula.** In this section we establish a quite general transformation formula for the  $\nu_2$ -integral, i.e. the  $\nu(S)$ -integral with  $S = \mathbb{R}^n$  (cf. Sec. 1.d), by verifying the transformation axiom in our abstract theory ([Ju-No 1, Sec. 7]).

Given a measurable subset  $A$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and a function  $\phi : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , we call  $\phi$  a *transformation map* if it is one-to-one and if  $\phi$  and its inverse  $\phi^{-1}$  are Lipschitzian.

LEMMA 3.1. *Let  $A$  be a measurable subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , assume  $\phi : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  to be a transformation map and denote by  $c_1$  (resp.  $c_2$ ) a positive Lipschitz constant of  $\phi$  (resp.  $\phi^{-1}$ ).*

(i) *If  $K > 0$  and  $B \subseteq A$  with  $B \in \mathcal{A}_K(\emptyset)$ , then  $\phi(B) \in \mathcal{A}_{\tilde{K}}(\emptyset)$  with  $\tilde{K} = 1 + (c_1 c_2)^n (1 + K)^2$ .*

(ii) *Assume  $M \subseteq A$  to be  $\varrho$ -regulated ( $\varrho > 0$ ). Then  $\phi(M)$  is  $\tilde{\varrho}$ -regulated with  $\tilde{\varrho} = \varrho(2c_1 c_2)^{n-1}$ .*

Proof. (i) Let  $K > 0$  and  $B \subseteq A$  with  $B \in \mathcal{A}_K(\emptyset)$ , i.e.  $B \in \mathcal{A}(\emptyset) = \mathcal{A}$  and  $d(B)^n \leq K|B|_n$ ,  $|\partial B|_{n-1} \leq Kd(B)^{n-1}$ . Since  $\phi(B)$  is compact and  $\phi(\partial B) = \partial\phi(B)$ , we have  $|\partial\phi(B)|_{n-1} \leq c_1^{n-1}|\partial B|_{n-1}$  and thus  $\phi(B) \in \mathcal{A}$ . Furthermore, because  $\phi$  and  $\phi^{-1}$  are Lipschitzian we have

$$d(\phi(B))^n \leq c_1^n d(B)^n \leq K c_1^n |B|_n \leq K (c_1 c_2)^n |\phi(B)|_n \leq \tilde{K} |\phi(B)|_n.$$

It remains to show that  $|\partial\phi(B)|_{n-1} \leq \tilde{K} d(\phi(B))^{n-1}$ . Since this is obvious if  $d(\phi(B)) = 0$ , we assume  $d(\phi(B)) > 0$ , yielding

$$\begin{aligned} |\partial\phi(B)|_{n-1} &\leq c_1^{n-1} |\partial B|_{n-1} \leq K c_1^{n-1} d(B)^{n-1} \leq K c_1^n \frac{d(B)^n}{d(\phi(B))} \\ &\leq K^2 c_1^n \frac{|B|_n}{d(\phi(B))} \leq (c_1 c_2)^n K^2 \frac{|\phi(B)|_n}{d(\phi(B))} \\ &\leq (c_1 c_2)^n K^2 d(\phi(B))^{n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) To prove the  $\tilde{\varrho}$ -regularity of  $\phi(M)$  we first take a  $y = \phi(x) \in \phi(M)$  and any  $r > 0$ , and we set  $E = \phi^{-1}(B(y, r) \cap \phi(A))$ , which is contained in

$B(x, rc_2)$ . Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} |B(y, r) \cap \phi(M)|_{n-1} &= |\phi(E \cap M)|_{n-1} \leq c_1^{n-1} |E \cap M|_{n-1} \\ &\leq c_1^{n-1} |B(x, rc_2) \cap M|_{n-1} \leq c_1^{n-1} \varrho (rc_2)^{n-1} \\ &= \varrho (c_1 c_2)^{n-1} r^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

since  $M$  is  $\varrho$ -regulated.

If  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is arbitrary and if  $r > 0$  we choose (if possible) a  $z \in B(y, r) \cap \phi(M)$ , which implies  $B(y, r) \subseteq B(z, 2r)$ , and thus

$$|B(y, r) \cap \phi(M)|_{n-1} \leq |B(z, 2r) \cap \phi(M)|_{n-1} \leq \tilde{\varrho} r^{n-1}. \blacksquare$$

To verify the transformation axiom for our  $\nu_2$ -integral take a set  $A \in \mathcal{A}(\mathbb{R}^n) = \bigcup_{\varrho > 0} \mathcal{A}'_{\varrho}$  and a transformation map  $\phi : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ .

If  $B \subseteq A$  with  $B \in \mathcal{A}'_{\varrho}$  for some  $\varrho > 0$ , Lemma 3.1 implies  $\phi(B) \in \mathcal{A}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  since  $\partial\phi(B) = \phi(\partial B)$ , and this, combined with Lemma 3.1(i), yields the invariance of  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{A}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  with respect to  $\phi$ . Finally, one has to check the invariance of the control conditions under  $\phi$  and this again is a simple consequence of Lemma 3.1. For example, take  $C = C_1^{\alpha}$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < n-1$ , and let  $K > 0$ . Denote again by  $c_1$  (resp.  $c_2$ ) a Lipschitz constant of  $\phi$  (resp.  $\phi^{-1}$ ) and set  $\tilde{K} = K(1 + c_1^{\alpha} + (2c_1 c_2)^{n-1})$ . For  $\tilde{\Delta} > 0$  let  $\Delta = 1$  and assume  $\{A_k\} \in C_1^{\alpha}(K, \Delta)$  with  $A_k \subseteq A$ . Since  $\partial A_k$  is  $K$ -regulated Lemma 3.1(ii) implies that  $\partial\phi(A_k)$  is  $\tilde{K}$ -regulated,  $\sum d(\phi(A_k))^{\alpha} \leq c_1^{\alpha} \sum d(A_k)^{\alpha} \leq \tilde{K}$ , and since each  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is contained in at most  $K$  of the  $A_k$  the same is true for the sequence  $\{\phi(A_k)\}$  and thus  $\{\phi(A_k)\} \in C_1^{\alpha}(\tilde{K}, \tilde{\Delta})$ . Furthermore, if  $E \subseteq A$  with  $E \in \mathcal{E}(C_1^{\alpha})$  we have  $|\phi(E)|_{\alpha} \leq c_1^{\alpha} |E|_{\alpha} < \infty$  and therefore  $\phi(E) \in \mathcal{E}(C_1^{\alpha})$ .

Now we can state the following

**THEOREM 3.1 (Transformation Formula).** *Let  $A \in \mathcal{A}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $\phi : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a transformation map and let  $f : \phi(A) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f$  is  $\nu_2$ -integrable on  $\phi(A)$  iff  $(f \circ \phi)|\det \phi'|$  is  $\nu_2$ -integrable on  $A$ , and in that case*

$$\nu_2 \int_{\phi(A)} f = \nu_2 \int_A (f \circ \phi) |\det \phi'|.$$

**Remark 3.1.** (i) Analogously one verifies the transformation axiom for the  $\nu_3$ -integral, i.e. the  $\nu(\emptyset)$ -integral, and thus the corresponding transformation formula holds.

(ii) For  $S = \emptyset$  and  $S = \mathbb{R}^n$  we have seen the quadruple  $\nu(S)$  to be invariant under transformation maps, and therefore a transformation formula holds within the  $\nu(S)$ -theory.

Of course for general  $S$  the semi-ring  $\mathcal{A}(S)$  will no longer be invariant with respect to transformations, and thus no transformation formula can be

stated within the  $\nu(S)$ -theory. Instead one also has to consider the transformed  $\nu(\phi(S))$ -theory, and then an analogue of Theorem 3.1 can be proved in which one of the integrals is a  $\nu(S)$ -integral and the other a  $\nu(\phi(S))$ -integral.

**4. A constructive definition of the  $\nu(S)$ -integral.** Here we assume  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  again to be arbitrary but fixed.

The definition of the  $\nu(S)$ -integral for a point function  $f$  given in Section 1 is of descriptive type, i.e. we associate with  $f$  a set function satisfying certain conditions. In contrast to this a constructive definition in the Riemann sense would associate with  $f$  only a single real number. Ideally, this seems to be the most natural way of defining an integration process, and our  $\nu(S)$ -integral indeed allows such an equivalent constructive definition.

**THEOREM 4.1.** *Let  $A \in \mathcal{A}(S)$  and  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f$  is  $\nu(S)$ -integrable on  $A$  iff there exists a real number  $J$  and a division  $\dot{E}$ ,  $(E_i, C_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $A$  with the following property:  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ ,  $K > 0$ ,  $K_i > 0 \exists \Delta_i > 0$ ,  $\delta : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  such that*

$$\left| J - \left( \sum f(x_k) |A_k|_n + \sum f(x'_k) |A'_k|_n \right) \right| \leq \varepsilon$$

for any  $\delta$ -fine partition  $\{(x_k, A_k)\} \cup \{(x'_k, A'_k)\}$  of  $A$  with

- (i) if  $x_k \in \dot{E}$  then  $A_k \in \mathcal{A}_K(S)$ ,  $\{A_k : x_k \in E_i\} \in C_i(K_i, \Delta_i)$  ( $i \in \mathbb{N}$ ),
- (ii)  $\{A'_k\} \in C^*(K)$  and  $x'_k \in \dot{E} \cup \bigcup_{C_i \in \dot{E}} E_i$  for all  $k$ ,

and in that case  $J$  is uniquely determined and  $J = \nu^{(S)} \int_A f$ .

Since the control condition  $C^* = C_1^{n-1}$  does not depend on  $\Delta$  one part of the theorem, assuming the  $\nu(S)$ -integrability of  $f$ , is nothing but the concrete version of Corollary 6.1 of [Ju-No 1]. The other part of the theorem is much more involved and will be presented in a separate paper [No 2].

**Remark 4.1.** The analogous theorem for the  $\nu_1$ -integral (cf. Remark 1.4) has been proved in [Ju-No 2, Thm. 3.1].

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