

Area of intrinsic graphs in homogeneous groups

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What is an "area formula"?

The evasive answer is:

"It depends on the notion of Jacobian."

Metric space area formulas

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be metric spaces and assume that

(covering relation)  $V = \{(x, S) \mid x \in S \subset X\}$

$V$  is a  $\mu$ -Vitali relation if

$\forall C \subset V$  such  $C$  is fine at each point of  $Z \subset X$ , then  $\exists \mathcal{F} \subset C(Z)$  countable and disjoint such that

$$\mu(Z \setminus \cup \mathcal{F}) = 0$$

Valentino Magnani. An area formula in metric spaces. *Colloq. Math.*, 124(2):275–283, 2011.

DEFINITION Let  $f : E \rightarrow Y$  be continuous and let  $x \in E$ . Then we introduce two *metric Jacobians* of  $f$  at  $x$  as follows:

$$J_f(x) = (V) \limsup_{S \rightarrow x} \frac{\nu(f(S \cap E))}{\mu(S)}, \quad Jf(x) = (V) \limsup_{S \rightarrow x} \frac{f^* \nu(S)}{\mu(S)}.$$

Assuming that  $V$  is a  $\mu$ -Vitali relation  $\Rightarrow$

THEOREM (Area formula). Let  $f : E \rightarrow Y$  be continuous and assume that the pull-back  $f^* \nu$  is finite on bounded sets and absolutely continuous with respect to  $\mu$ . Then  $Jf$  is  $\mu$ -a.e. finite and for all  $\mu$ -measurable sets  $A \subset E$ , we have

$$\int_A Jf(x) d\mu(x) = \int_Y N(f, A, y) d\nu(y).$$

When the metric spaces have more structure, a less tautological notion of Jacobian is expected, that makes it computable and possibly related to a suitable notion of differential.

equipped with Euclidean norm 1-1

The case of  $f: \mathbb{R}^k = X \longrightarrow Y$

The metric differential of  $f$  at  $x$  is a seminorm  $\|\cdot\|_x$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$\rho_Y(f(x), f(y)) - \|y-x\|_x = o(\|y-x\|) \quad y \rightarrow x$$

Kirchheim, B.: Rectifiable metric spaces: local structure and regularity of the Hausdorff measure. Proc. Am. Math. Soc. **121**(1), 113–123 (1994)

**Theorem** Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow (X, \|\cdot\|)$  be Lipschitzian, and let  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be Lebesgue measurable. Then

$$\int_A \mathcal{J}(MD(f, x)) d\mathcal{L}^n(x) = \int_X N(f|A, x) d\mathcal{H}_{\|\cdot\|}^n(x),$$

where  $N(f|A, x)$  denotes the cardinality of the set  $A \cap f^{-1}(x)$ .

metric Jacobian of  $f$  at  $x$

The metric Jacobian is defined with respect to the metric differential, which is a seminorm  $S$ .

$$J(S) = \frac{n \omega_n}{\int_{\mathbb{S}^{n-1}} S(x)^{-n} d\mathcal{H}^{n-1}(x)}$$

domain from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to stratified groups  $G$

Kirchheim's area formula extends to domains made by measurable subsets of a stratified Lie group  $G$  (real and finite dimensional).

ACG mess.  $f: A \rightarrow Y$

$Y$  is a metric space

Magnani, V., Rajala, T.: Radon-Nikodym property and area formula for Banach homogeneous group targets. *Int. Math. Res. Not. IMRN* **23**, 6399–6430 (2014)

As usual, the point of an area formula is its notion of Jacobian. The *metric Jaco-*

*bian*  $J(s)$  of the homogeneous seminorm  $s$  is defined as follows:

$$J(s) = \begin{cases} \frac{\mathcal{H}_s^Q(B_1)}{\mathcal{H}_d^Q(B_1)} & \text{if } s \text{ is a homogeneous norm,} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Theorem** Let  $A \subset \mathbb{G}$  be measurable, let  $f: A \rightarrow Y$  be Lipschitz and almost everywhere metrically differentiable. It follows that

$$\int_A J(mdf(x)) \, d\mathcal{H}_d^Q(x) = \int_Y N(f, y) \, d\mathcal{H}_\rho^Q(y),$$

What happens when the codomain  $Y$  is the Heisenberg group?

Ambrosio, L., Kirchheim, B.: Rectifiable sets in metric and Banach spaces. *Math. Ann.* **318**(3), 527–555 (2000)

Magnani, V. "Unrectifiability and rigidity in stratified groups." *Archiv der Mathematik* 83, no. 6 (2004): 568–76.

imply that  $\mathcal{H}_d^2(f(A)) = 0 \quad \forall A \subset \mathbb{R}^2$

where  $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{H}^1$  is Lipschitz continuous

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{H}_d^3(f(A)) = 0.$

Notice that  $H\text{-dim}(\mathbb{H}^1) = 4$  and  
obviously  $\text{top-dim}(\mathbb{H}^1) = 3$

## Theorem

If  $\Sigma \subset \mathbb{H}^1$  is smooth, then  $\mathcal{H}_0^3(\Sigma) > 0$   
and then it is not 2-rectifiable, so  
Kirchheim's area formula does not apply!

Kirchheim's area formula is then replaced by the "measure-theoretic area formula"

The point is to differentiate a suitable measure on the surface.

Valentino Magnani. On a measure-theoretic area formula. *Proc. Roy. Soc. Edinburgh Sect. A*, 145:885–891, 2015.

**THEOREM** (differentiation with respect to the spherical Hausdorff measure).  
Let  $X$  be a diametrically regular metric space, let  $\alpha > 0$  and let  $\mu$  be a Borel regular measure over  $X$  such that there exists a countable open covering of  $X$  whose elements have  $\mu$  finite measure. If  $B \subset A \subset X$  are Borel sets and  $\mathcal{S}_{\mu, \zeta_b, \alpha}$  covers  $A$  finely, then  $\theta^\alpha(\mu, \cdot)$  is Borel on  $A$ . In addition, if  $\mathcal{S}^\alpha(A) < +\infty$  and  $\mu \llcorner A$  is absolutely continuous with respect to  $\mathcal{S}^\alpha \llcorner A$ , then we have

$$\mu(B) = \int_B \theta^\alpha(\mu, x) d\mathcal{S}^\alpha(x).$$

Further extensions of the measure-theoretic area formula can be found in the paper

Giacomo Maria Leccese and Valentino Magnani. A study of measure-theoretic area formulas. *Ann. Mat. Pura Appl. (4)*, 201(3):1505–1524, 2022.

In the measure-theoretic area formula

$$\mu(B) = \int_B \theta^\alpha(\mu, x) dS^\alpha(x)$$

we have defined the following

**spherical Federer density**

$$\theta^\alpha(\mu, x) = \inf_{\varepsilon > 0} \sup \left\{ \frac{\mu(\mathbb{B})}{r(\mathbb{B})^\alpha} : x \in \mathbb{B} \in \mathcal{F}_b, \text{diam}(\mathbb{B}) < \varepsilon \right\} \in [0, +\infty]$$

$\mathbb{B}$  = metric unit closed ball

$\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_b$  = family of closed metric balls

Aim: compute the spherical Federer  
of a suitable measure on intrinsic graphs

What is an intrinsic graph?

We need first to consider what a **homogeneous**  
**group**  $G$  is. It is a Lie group **bianalytic** to  
 $\mathbb{R}^n$  and it is equipped with a **graded Lie**  
**algebra**  $\text{Lie } G = V_1 \oplus \dots \oplus V_2$ ,  $[V_i, V_j] \subset V_{i+j}$   
 $i, j \geq 1$ ,  $V_k = \{0\}$  for  $k > 2$ .

In local coordinates  $G \simeq \mathbb{R}^n$   
 and has a noncommutative polynomial  
 group operation  $x \cdot y = p(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

# Factorization

Let  $W, V \subset G$  be homogeneous subgroups of  $G$  such that

$$W \cdot V = G \quad \text{and} \quad W \cap V = \{0\}$$

Then we say that  $(W, V)$  is a couple

of complementary subgroups of  $G$ .

→ this notion emphasizes the order  $WV = X$   
(since  $V'W' = X$  and  $V \neq V'$ ,  $W \neq W'$ )

# Projections and intrinsic graphs

$(W, V)$  is a couple of complementary subgroups

$$\pi_W = \pi_{W, V}^W : G \longrightarrow W$$
$$x = wv \longrightarrow w$$

$$\pi_V = \pi_{V, W}^V : G \longrightarrow V$$
$$x = wv \longrightarrow v$$

are the group projections associated with  $(W, V)$ .

Definition of intrinsic graph

$(W, V)$  complementary subgroups,  $A \subset W$

$$\phi : A \longrightarrow V,$$

$$\text{graph } \phi = \{ w \phi(w) : w \in A \}$$

Many of the subsequent notions were first introduced by Franchi, Serapioni and Serra Cassano in stratified groups :

Bruno Franchi, Raul Serapioni, and Francesco Serra Cassano. Intrinsic Lipschitz graphs in Heisenberg groups. *J. Nonlinear Convex Anal.*, 7(3):423–441, 2006.

Bruno Franchi, Marco Marchi, and Raul Paolo Serapioni. Differentiability and approximate differentiability for intrinsic Lipschitz functions in Carnot groups and a Rademacher theorem. *Anal. Geom. Metr. Spaces*, 2:258–281, 2014.

Bruno Franchi and Raul Paolo Serapioni. Intrinsic Lipschitz graphs within Carnot groups. *J. Geom. Anal.*, 26(3):1946–1994, 2016.

Francesco Serra Cassano. Some topics of geometric measure theory in Carnot groups. In *Geometry, Analysis and Dynamics on sub-Riemannian manifolds. Vol. 1*, EMS Ser. Lect. Math., pages 1–121. Eur. Math. Soc., Zürich, 2016.

some of them were first introduced in Heisenberg groups :

Gabriella Arena and Raul Serapioni. Intrinsic regular submanifolds in Heisenberg groups are differentiable graphs. *Calculus of Variations and Partial Differential Equations*, 35(4):517–536, 2009.

## Intrinsic translations

$$x \in G, \sigma_x : W \rightarrow W, \quad \sigma_x(w) = \tilde{\pi}_{w, W}^{w, W}(xw)$$

and satisfy  $(\sigma_x)^{-1} = \sigma_{x^{-1}}$  ;

the translation of  $\phi : A \subset W \rightarrow W$  by  $x$

is a function  $\phi_x : \sigma_x(A) \rightarrow W$  which

must satisfy

$$x \text{ graph } \phi = \text{graph } \phi_x.$$

imposing the equality

$$\underline{x \circ \phi(\omega)} = \pi_{\omega}(x \circ \omega) \pi_{\omega}(x \circ \omega) \phi(x^{-1} \circ x \circ \omega)$$

$\uparrow$   
graph( $\phi$ )

$$= \sigma_x(\omega) \pi_{\omega}(x \circ \omega) \phi(x^{-1} \circ \sigma_x(\omega) \pi_{\omega}(x \circ \omega))$$

$$= \eta \pi_{\omega}(x \circ \sigma_x^{-1}(\eta)) \phi(x^{-1} \circ \eta \pi_{\omega}(x \circ \sigma_x^{-1}(\eta)))$$

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$$= \eta \pi_{\omega}(x^{-1} \circ \eta)^{-1} \phi(\pi_{\omega}(x^{-1} \circ \eta))$$

$$= \eta \pi_{\omega}(x^{-1} \circ \eta)^{-1} \phi(\sigma_x^{-1}(\eta))$$

$$= \eta \phi_x(\eta), \quad \eta \in \sigma_x(A)$$

## Intrinsically linear map

An intrinsically linear map  $l: W \rightarrow V$

is characterized by the request that

$$\text{graph } l = H$$

is a homogeneous subgroup of  $G$ ,

namely  $\delta_\epsilon H \subset H \quad \forall \epsilon > 0$  and  $H \subset H$

Remark

Intrinsically linear maps are not linear!

(They have a polynomial form)

# Intrinsic differentiability

$x = w$   
 $\phi(w) = \Phi(w)$

We say that  $\phi: A \subset W \rightarrow V$  is **intrinsically**

**differentiable** at  $w \in A$  if there exists

an intrinsically linear map  $l: W \rightarrow V$

such that

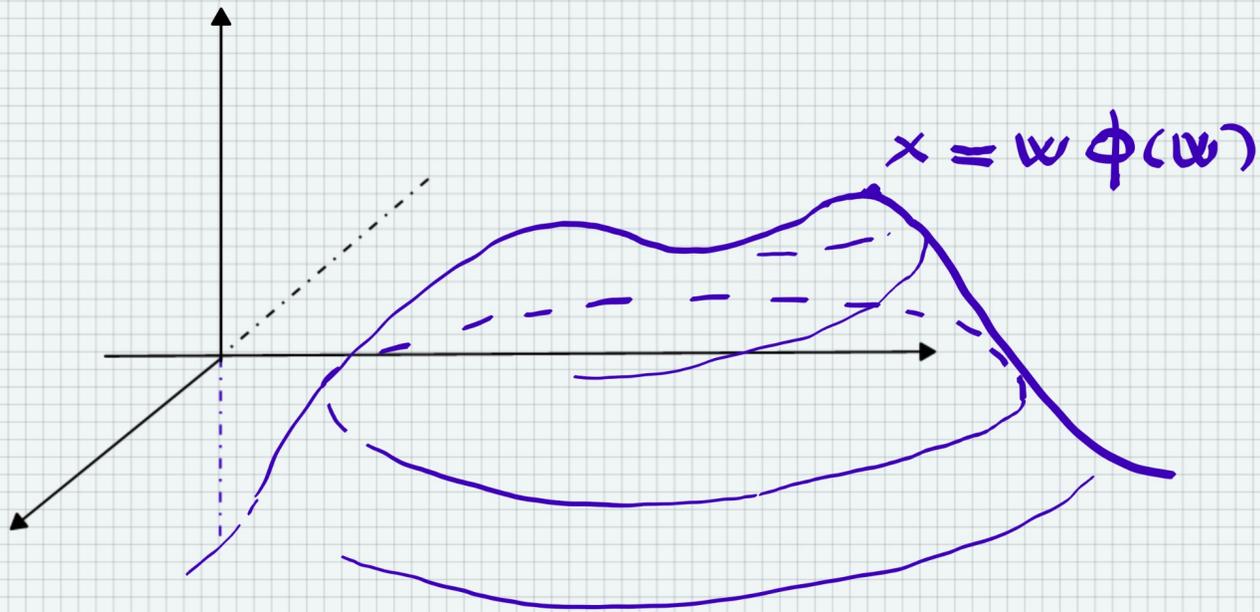
$$\frac{d(\phi_x(u), l(u))}{\|u\|} \xrightarrow{u \rightarrow 0} 0$$

where we have set

$$x = w \phi(w).$$

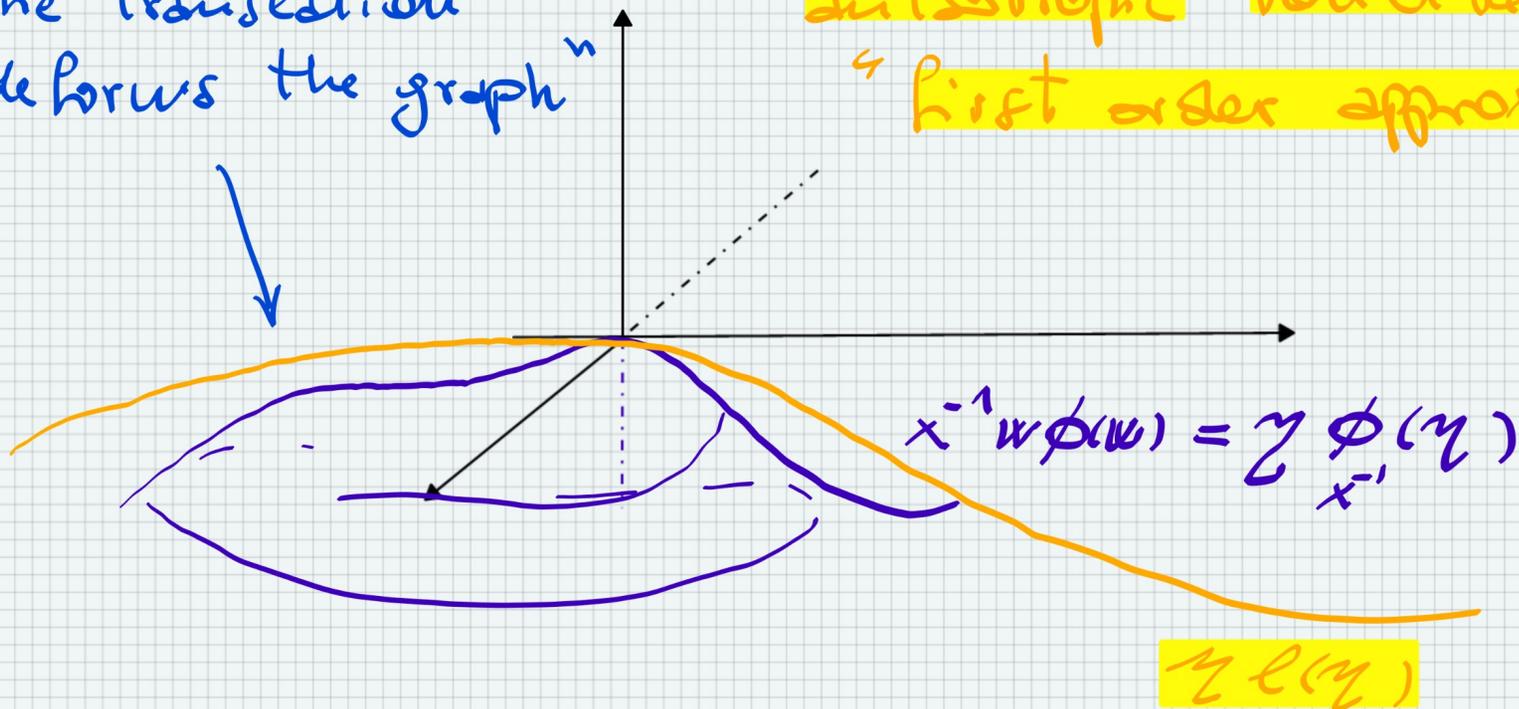
Therefore

$$\pi_w^{W, V}(x) = w.$$



the translation  
"deforms the graph"

anisotropic nonlinear  
"first order approximation"



# Recent results on the area formula for intrinsic graphs

Antoine Julia, Sebastiano Nicolussi Golo, and Davide Vittone. Area of intrinsic graphs and coarea formula in Carnot groups. *Math. Z.*, 301(2):1369–1406, 2022.

**Theorem** (Area formula) Let  $\mathbb{G}$  be a Carnot group and let  $\mathbb{G} = \mathbb{W}\mathbb{V}$  be a splitting. Let  $A \subset \mathbb{W}$  be an open set,  $\phi \in C^1_{\mathbb{W},\mathbb{V}}(A)$  and let  $\Sigma := \{w\phi(w) : w \in A\}$  be the intrinsic graph of  $\phi$ ; let  $d$  be the homogeneous dimension of  $\mathbb{W}$ . Then, for all Borel functions  $h : \Sigma \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ ,

$$\int_{\Sigma} h d\psi^d = \int_A h(w\phi(w)) \mathcal{A}(T_{w\phi(w)}^H \Sigma) d\psi^d(w). \quad (1)$$

$\psi^d =$  Hausdorff or spherical measure

we recall the graph mapping

$$\mathcal{I}(w) = w\phi(w)$$

$$(I) \quad A(T_{\Phi(\omega)}^H \Sigma) = \frac{\Psi^d \lrcorner T_{\Phi(\omega)}^H \Sigma}{(\Phi)_\#(\Psi^d \lrcorner W)}$$

$T_{\Phi(\omega)}^H \Sigma = \ker Df(\Phi(\omega)) =$  tangent subgroup  
to the intrinsic graph

$L(\omega) = \omega \lrcorner(\omega)$ ,  $L: W \longrightarrow \mathcal{G}$  graph map

$$L(W) = T_{\Phi(\omega)}^H \Sigma = \ker Df$$

# Comments

- 1) Their arguments only work on stratified groups, where the implicit function theorem holds.
- 2) The intrinsic differentiability of the implicit map does not appear.
- 3) The "area factor" (I) cannot be computed using the underlying Euclidean structure.

Gioacchino Antonelli and Andrea Merlo. On rectifiable measures in Carnot groups: representation. *Calc. Var. Partial Differential Equations*, 61(1):Paper No. 7, 52, 2022.

**Theorem** Let  $\mathbb{V}, \mathbb{L}$  be homogeneous complementary subgroups of a Carnot group  $\mathbb{G}$  such that  $h := \dim_H \mathbb{V}$ . Let  $\Gamma$  be the graph of an intrinsic Lipschitz map  $\varphi : A \subseteq \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{L}$  with  $A$  Borel, such that  $\mathcal{S}^h \llcorner \Gamma$  is  $\mathcal{P}_h^c$ -rectifiable with tangent measures  $\mathcal{S}^h \llcorner \Gamma$ -almost everywhere supported on homogeneous subgroups complemented by  $\mathbb{L}$ . Then, for every Borel function  $\psi : \Gamma \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  the following area formula holds

$$\int_{\Gamma} \psi d\mathcal{C}^h \llcorner \Gamma = \int_A \psi(a \cdot \varphi(a)) \mathcal{A}(\mathbb{V}(a \cdot \varphi(a))) d\mathcal{C}^h \llcorner \mathbb{V},$$

where  $\mathcal{C}^h$  is the centered Hausdorff measure,  $\mathbb{V}(a \cdot \varphi(a))$  is the tangent on which it is supported the tangent measure of  $\mathcal{S}^h \llcorner \Gamma$  at the point  $a \cdot \varphi(a) \in \Gamma$ , and  $\mathcal{A}(\cdot)$  is the centered area factor defined with respect to the splitting  $\mathbb{G} = \mathbb{V} \cdot \mathbb{L}$ .

$$(II) \quad \mathcal{A}(\mathbb{V}(a \cdot \varphi(a))) = \frac{\mathcal{C}^h \llcorner \mathbb{V}(a \cdot \varphi(a))}{(\Phi)_{\#}(\mathcal{C}^h \llcorner \mathbb{V})}$$

$\mathcal{C}^h$  =  $h$ -dimensional centered Hausdorff measure

$\Phi$  = graph of intrinsic linear function with  $\Phi(\mathbb{V}) = \mathbb{V}(a \cdot \varphi(a))$ .

## Comments

- 1) The existence of the blow-up comes from the assumption that we have a **rectifiable measure** (namely it has good tangent measures)
- 2) The **argument does not rely on an implicit function theorem** and it seems does not really rely on the stratified structure
- 3) Their **area formula extends to intrinsic Lipschitz graphs** that are assumed to be **a.e. intrinsically differentiable**
- 4) The **issue of missing an explicit formula for the area factor (II) remains.**

Let  $\mathbb{G}$  be an arbitrary homogeneous group.

F. Corni & V. Magnani, ArXiv 2023

**Theorem 1.2** (Area formula). We consider a couple  $(\mathbb{W}, \mathbb{V})$  of complementary subgroups of  $\mathbb{G}$ . Let  $m$  and  $M$  be the topological and the Hausdorff dimensions of  $\mathbb{W}$ , respectively. We consider an open set  $A \subset \mathbb{W}$  and a mapping  $\phi : A \rightarrow \mathbb{V}$ . We also assume that  $\phi$  is intrinsically differentiable at any point of  $A$  and that  $d\phi : A \rightarrow \mathcal{IL}(\mathbb{W}, \mathbb{V})$  is continuous. Setting  $\Sigma = \Phi(A)$ , where  $\Phi$  is the graph map of  $\phi$ , then for every Borel set  $B \subset \Sigma$ , we have the formula

$$(5) \quad \int_{\Phi^{-1}(B)} J\Phi(n) d\mathcal{H}_{|\cdot|}^m(n) = \int_B \beta_d(\mathbb{T}_x) d\mathcal{S}^M(x),$$

where  $\mathbb{T}_x$  is the tangent subgroup of  $\Sigma$  at  $x$ .

Approximating by simple functions  $\Rightarrow$

$$\int_A h \circ \Phi(x) J\Phi(x) d\mathcal{H}_{|\cdot|}^m(x) = \int_{\Sigma} h(y) \beta_d(\mathbb{T}_y) d\mathcal{S}^M(y)$$

it has the same form of the Euclidean area formula

# low regularity of intrinsic graphs

Bernd Kirchheim and Francesco Serra Cassano. Rectifiability and parameterization of intrinsic regular surfaces in the Heisenberg group. *Ann. Sc. Norm. Super. Pisa Cl. Sci. (5)*, 3(4):871–896, 2004.

THEOREM 3.1. *There exists an  $\mathbb{H}$ -regular surface  $S \subset \mathbb{H}^1$  such that*

$$(18) \quad \mathcal{H}^{(5-\varepsilon)/2}(S) > 0 \text{ for all } \varepsilon \in (0, 1).$$

*In particular,  $S$  is not 2- Euclidean rectifiable.*

Combining the results by F. Corui (PhD 2021) or D. DiDato (P.A. 2021) and Corui-Magnani (ArXiv 2023)

$\Rightarrow$   $S$  is the intrinsic graph of a continuously intrinsically differentiable function  $\phi$  with  $S = \{u\phi(u)\}$

Remark

Setting  $h(y) = \frac{\psi(y)}{\beta_d(\pi_y)} \Rightarrow$

$$A(\pi_{\Phi(x)}) = \frac{J\Phi(x)}{\beta_d(\pi_{\Phi(x)})} \cdot C_d$$

Jacobian with explicit formula

area factor

of Julia Nicolussi-Golo Vittore

spherical factor

where  $\mathcal{H}_{1,1}^m = C_d \int_d^m$

# New notion of Jacobian

$(W, V)$  couple of complementary subgroups

$A \subset W$  open set,  $\phi: A \rightarrow V$ ,  $w \in A$

$\phi$  intrinsically differentiable at  $w$

with intrinsic differential  $d\phi_w: W \rightarrow V$

$$(III) \quad J\phi(w) = \frac{\mathcal{H}_{1,1}^m(G(d\phi_w)(B))}{\mathcal{H}_{1,1}^m(B)}$$

$B \subset W$  unit metric ball

$$G(d\phi_w)(u) = u \oplus d\phi_w(u)$$

graph mapping

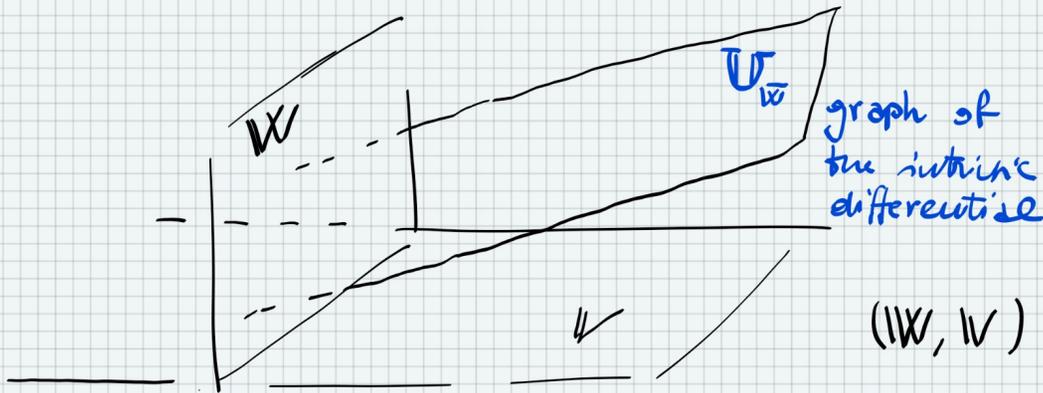
F. Corni & V. Magnani, ArXiv 2023

**Proposition** Let  $(\mathbb{W}, \mathbb{V})$  be a couple of complementary subgroups of  $\mathbb{G}$ . Let  $A \subset \mathbb{W}$  be an open set,  $\bar{w} \in A$  and let  $p$  be the topological dimension of  $\mathbb{V}$ . Let  $\Phi : A \rightarrow \mathbb{G}$  be the graph map of  $\phi : A \rightarrow \mathbb{V}$ . Assume that  $\phi$  is intrinsically differentiable at  $\bar{w}$  and set

$$(52) \quad \mathbb{U}_{\bar{w}} = \text{graph}(d\phi_{\bar{w}}).$$

If  $\mathbf{V}$  is an orienting unit  $p$ -vector of  $\mathbb{V}$  and  $\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{U}_{\bar{w}}$  are orienting unit  $(q-p)$ -vectors of  $\mathbb{W}$  and  $\mathbb{U}_{\bar{w}}$ , respectively, then

$$J\Phi(\bar{w}) = \frac{|\mathbf{V} \wedge \mathbf{W}|}{|\mathbf{V} \wedge \mathbf{U}_{\bar{w}}|}.$$



$(\mathbb{W}, \mathbb{V})$  represent our system of coordinates

$$J\phi(\bar{w}) = \frac{\mathcal{H}_{1,1}^m(\mathbb{G}(d\phi_{\bar{w}})(A))}{\mathcal{H}_{1,1}^m(A)} = \frac{|\mathbf{V} \wedge \mathbf{W}|}{|\mathbf{V} \wedge \mathbf{U}_{\bar{w}}|}$$

does not depend  
on the set  $A$

To see the independence from A  
we need the second blow-up, that  
is hidden in definition (III) of Jacobian.  
and this is **delicate** since the graph  
map  **$G(d\phi_{\bar{\omega}})$  is nonlinear.**

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Behind the well-posedness of the  
definition of Jacobian there is an  
important tool of the paper.

# The algebraic lemma

$$\mathcal{H}_{1,1}^m(\tilde{\pi}_{\mathbb{W},\mathbb{V}}(B \cap \Pi)) = \frac{|V \wedge T|}{|V \wedge W|} \mathcal{H}_{1,1}^m(B \cap \Pi)$$

$V$  is the unit  $p$ -vector orienting  $\mathbb{V}$

$W$  is the unit  $m$ -vector orienting  $\mathbb{W}$

$T$  is the unit  $m$ -vector orienting  $\Pi$

$(\mathbb{W}, \mathbb{V})$  and  $(\Pi, \mathbb{V})$  are complementary subgroups

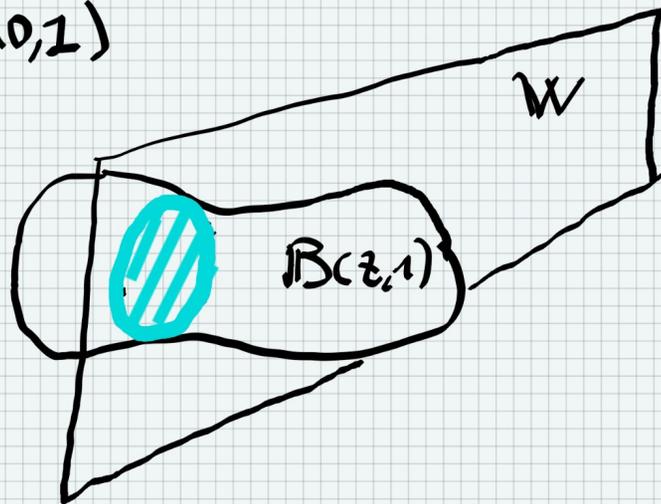
$\mathcal{H}_{1,1}^m$  is the  $m$ -dimensional Hausdorff measure  
in  $\mathbb{G}$  with respect to the Euclidean distance

# Spherical factor

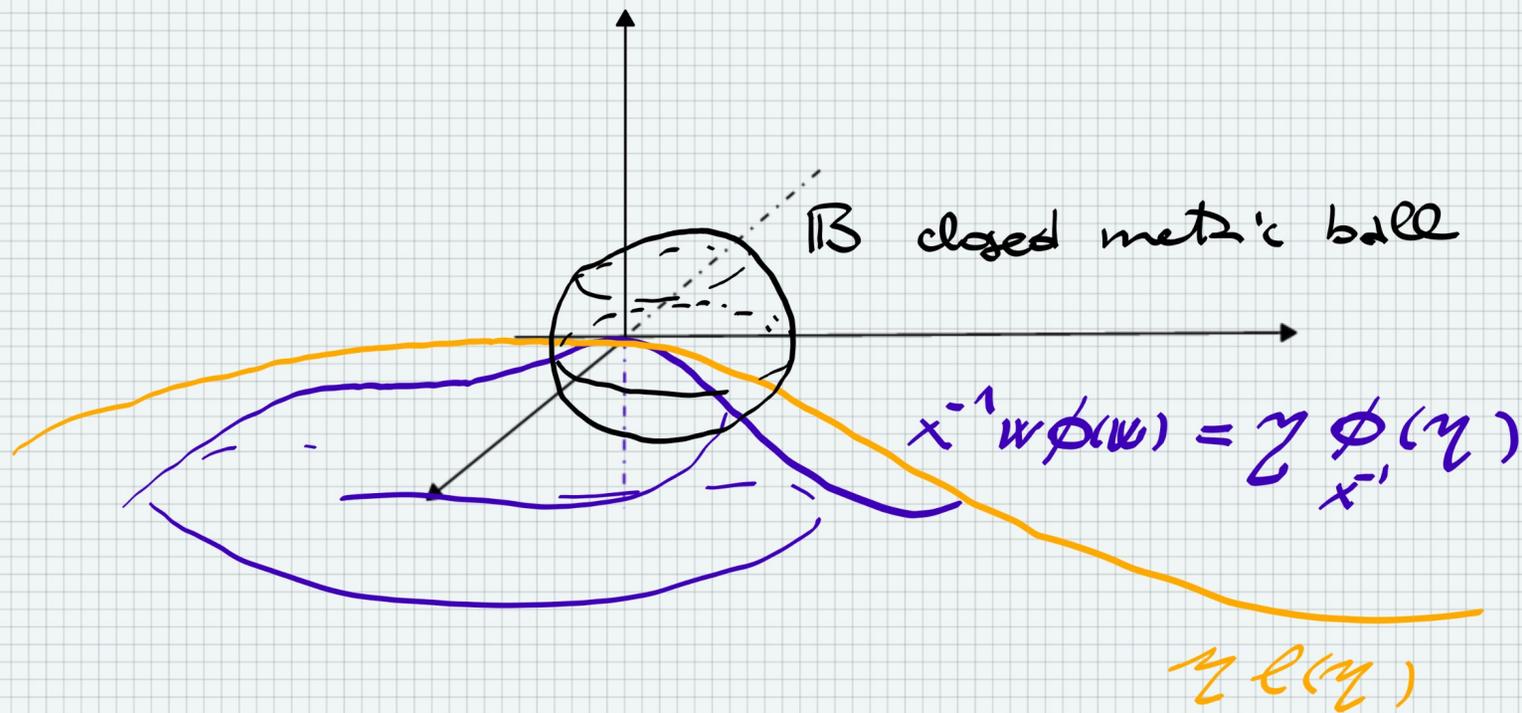
Consider a homogeneous subgroup  $W \subset G$   
and a homogeneous distance  $d$  on  $G$ .

The spherical factor of  $d$  with respect  
to  $W$  is the number

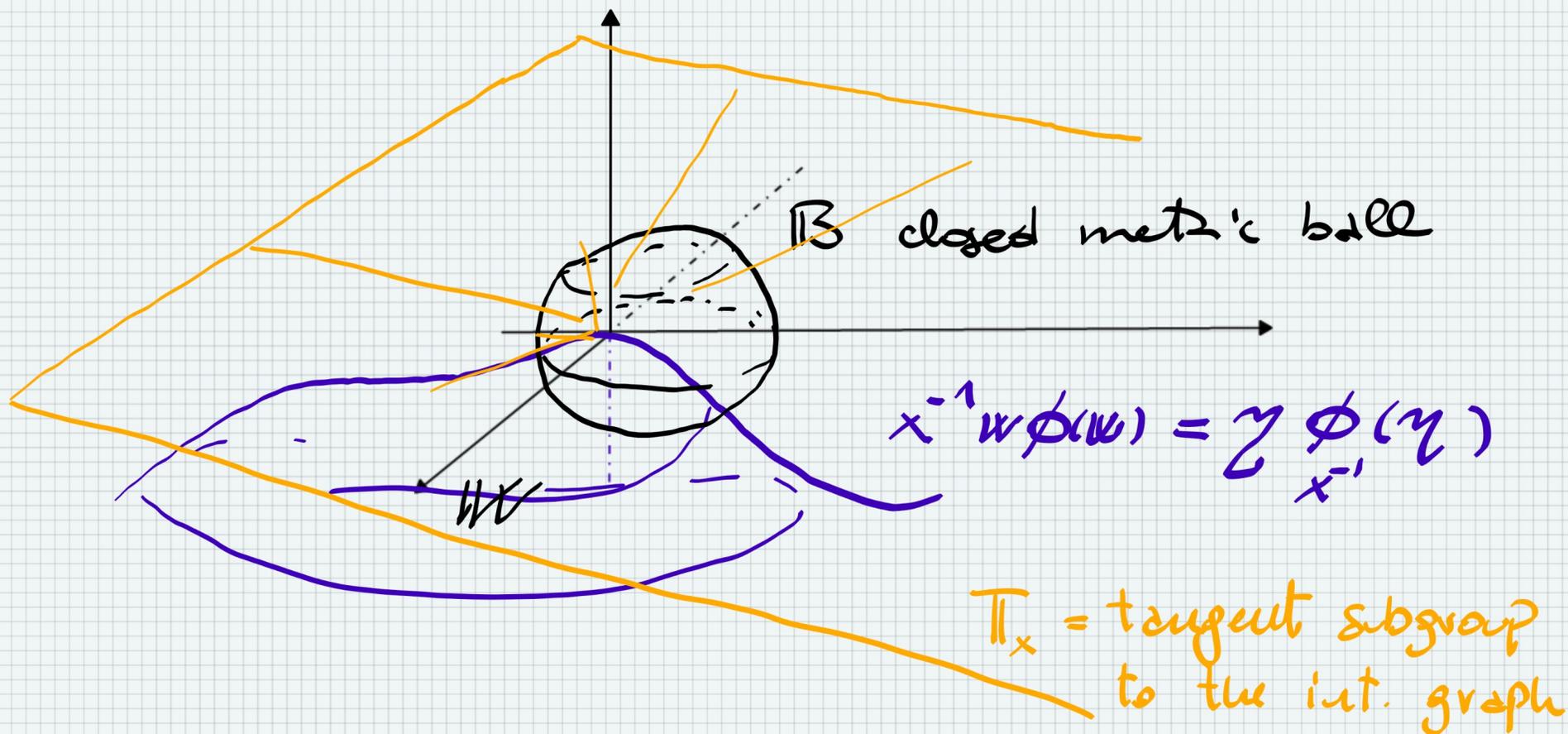
$$\beta_d(W) = \max_{z \in B(0,1)} \#_{i=1}^m (B(z,1) \cap W).$$



# Blow-up of the intrinsic graph



we put the measure  $\mu(B) = \int_{\Phi^{-1}(B)} \mathcal{J}\phi(x) d\mathcal{H}_{1-1}^m(x)$   
 on the intrinsic graph.



**Definition** (Tangent subgroup). Let  $A \subset \mathbb{W}$  be an open set and let  $\phi : A \rightarrow \mathbb{V}$  be a function. Let us fix  $\bar{w} \in A$  and consider a point  $\bar{x} = \bar{w}\phi(\bar{w}) \in \text{graph}(\phi)$ . We say that a homogeneous subgroup  $\mathbb{T}$  of  $\mathbb{G}$  is the **tangent subgroup to  $\text{graph}(\phi)$  at  $\bar{x}$**  if for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that we have

$$\text{graph}(\phi_{\bar{x}^{-1}}) \cap \{x \in \mathbb{G} : \|\pi_{\mathbb{W}}(x)\| < \delta\} \subset X(0, \mathbb{T}, \varepsilon).$$

① The domain of the graph map of the intrinsic differential is

$$\pi_{W,W}^{W,W} (B \cap \pi_x)$$

② Its  $\mathcal{H}_{H_1}^m$ -measure is related to

$$\mathcal{H}_{H_1}^m (B \cap \pi_x) \text{ by the algebraic lemma.}$$

③ maximizing  $\mathcal{H}_{H_1}^m (B \cap \pi_x)$  in  $B$   
we get the spherical factor

Let  $\mathbb{G}$  be a stratified group.

F. Corni & V. Magnani, ArXiv 2023

**Theorem** Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{G}$  be an open set and let  $f \in C_h^1(\Omega, \mathbb{M})$ . Consider  $\Sigma = f^{-1}(0)$  and assume that there exist an open set  $\Omega' \subset \Omega$  and a homogeneous subgroup  $\mathbb{V} \subset \mathbb{G}$  of topological dimension  $p$  such that  $J_{\mathbb{V}}f(y) > 0$  for any  $y \in \Sigma \cap \Omega'$ . Let  $\mathbb{W} \subset \mathbb{G}$  be a homogeneous subgroup complementary to  $\mathbb{V}$  and consider the unique map  $\phi : A \rightarrow \mathbb{V}$ , whose graph mapping  $\Phi : A \rightarrow \mathbb{G}$  satisfies  $\Sigma \cap \Omega' = \Phi(A)$ , where  $A \subset \mathbb{W}$  is an open set. If  $\mathbf{V}$  is an orienting unit  $p$ -vector of  $\mathbb{V}$  and  $\mathbf{W}$  is an orienting unit  $(q-p)$ -vector of  $\mathbb{W}$ , then we have

$$\int_B \beta_d(\mathbb{T}_x) d\mathcal{S}^{Q-P}(x) = |\mathbf{V} \wedge \mathbf{W}| \int_{\Phi^{-1}(B)} \frac{J_H f(\Phi(n))}{J_{\mathbb{V}} f(\Phi(n))} d\mathcal{H}_{|\cdot|}^{q-p}(n)$$

for every Borel set  $B \subset \Sigma \cap \Omega'$ , where  $\mathbb{T}_x$  is the tangent subgroup of  $\Sigma$  at  $x$ .



$$J\Phi(n) = |\mathbf{V} \wedge \mathbf{W}| \frac{J_H f(\Phi(n))}{J_{\mathbb{V}} f(\Phi(n))}$$

# Symmetric distances

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a family of homogeneous subgroups.  
A homogeneous distance  $d$  is rotationally symmetric with respect to  $\mathcal{F}$  if

$$\beta_d(W) \equiv \omega_d(\mathcal{F}) \quad \forall W \in \mathcal{F}.$$

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**Theorem** Let  $(W, V)$  be a couple of complementary subgroups of  $\mathbb{G}$  and denote by  $m$  and  $M$  the topological and the Hausdorff dimensions of  $W$ , respectively. We consider an open set  $A \subset W$  and a mapping  $\phi : A \rightarrow V$ . We assume that  $\phi$  is intrinsically differentiable at any point of  $A$  and that  $d\phi : A \rightarrow \mathcal{IL}(W, V)$  is continuous. We set  $\Sigma = \Phi(A)$  and suppose that  $d$  is rotationally symmetric with respect to

$$\mathcal{F}_V = \{W \subset \mathbb{G} : W \text{ homogeneous subgroup complementary to } V\}.$$

Thus, setting  $\mathcal{S}_d^M = \omega_d(\mathcal{F}_V)\mathcal{S}^M$ , for every Borel set  $B \subset \Sigma$  we have

$$(7) \quad \mathcal{S}_d^M \llcorner \Sigma(B) = \int_{\Phi^{-1}(B)} J\Phi(n) d\mathcal{H}_{|\cdot|}^m(n).$$

## An even more explicit Jacobian

In the special case where  $\phi: A \subset \mathbb{W} \rightarrow \mathbb{V}$   
and  $\mathbb{W}$  is horizontal, by a result of  
Antonelli - Di Donato - Deu - Le Donne we have

$$D_{X_j}^\phi \tilde{\phi}_i = (\nabla^{\phi} \phi)_{ij}$$

where we have defined

**Definition** (Projected vector fields). Let  $A \subset \mathbb{W}$  be an open set and let  $\phi: A \rightarrow \mathbb{V}$  be a continuous function. Let  $\Phi$  be the graph map of  $\phi$ . For  $j = p+1, \dots, q$  we define the *continuous projected vector field*  $D_{X_j}^\phi$  on  $\mathbb{W}$  as

$$(D_{X_j}^\phi)_w(f) = (X_j)_{\Phi(w)}(f \circ \pi_{\mathbb{W}})$$

for every  $w \in A$  and  $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{W})$ .

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**Definition** Let  $A \subset \mathbb{W}$  be an open set, let  $w \in A$  and consider a map  $\phi : A \rightarrow \mathbb{V}$  intrinsically differentiable at  $w$ . We introduce the *intrinsic Jacobian* of  $\tilde{\phi}$  at  $\tilde{w}$  as

$$J^\phi \tilde{\phi}(\tilde{w}) = \sqrt{1 + \sum_{\ell=1}^{\min\{p, n_1 - p\}} \sum_{I \in \mathcal{I}_\ell} (M_I^{\tilde{\phi}}(\tilde{w}))^2},$$

where  $\mathcal{I}_\ell$  is the set of multiindexes

$$\{(i_1, \dots, i_\ell, j_1, \dots, j_\ell) \in \mathbb{N}^{2\ell} : p+1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_\ell \leq n_1, 1 \leq j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_\ell \leq p\}.$$

We have also introduced the minors

$$M_I^{\tilde{\phi}}(\tilde{w}) = \det \begin{pmatrix} D_{X_{i_1}}^\phi \tilde{\phi}_{j_1}(\tilde{w}) & \dots & D_{X_{i_\ell}}^\phi \tilde{\phi}_{j_1}(\tilde{w}) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ D_{X_{i_1}}^\phi \tilde{\phi}_{j_\ell}(\tilde{w}) & \dots & D_{X_{i_\ell}}^\phi \tilde{\phi}_{j_\ell}(\tilde{w}) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Finally, we prove that  $J\phi(w) = J^\phi \tilde{\phi}(\tilde{w})$ ,

which is not algebraically easy.

In this case  $\mathbb{W}$  is assumed to be orthogonal to  $\mathbb{V}$ .

Thank You for  
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