

## On Some Formulas of Integral Geometry on the Sphere (II).

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W. Blaschke and L. A. Santaló have given many fine integral formulas not only on the sphere but on the general surface. In the present paper we shall give another proof one of them and show a formula of pairs of a point and a great circle on the sphere.

### § 1. Formula of pairs of great circles.

We consider a fixed great circle  $C_0$  on a sphere of unit radius and a fixed point  $A$  on  $C_0$ .

A great circle  $C$  on the sphere can be determined for the abscissa  $t$  of one of the intersection points of  $C$  and  $C_0$  and the angle  $\alpha$  between the two circles.

Then the "density" for measuring sets of great circles on the sphere is given by

$$dc = \sin \alpha [d\alpha dt] *$$

and the "density" for measuring sets of points on the sphere is given by

$$dP = \sin \theta [d\theta d\varphi]$$

where  $\theta$  and  $\varphi$  are the spherical coordinates of the point  $P$ . Let  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are two points on the unit sphere and let  $C$  be the great circle determined by them.

If  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  are the abscissae of  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  on  $C$  in relation to the fixed origin on this circle, then

$$[dP_1 dP_2] = |\sin (\beta_1 - \beta_2)| [d\beta_1 d\beta_2 dc] \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

This formula was proved by L. A. Santaló using the property of duality of great circle and its correspondence pole. We shall prove it directly by calculation. Let  $P$  be one of the intersection points of  $C$  and  $C_0$ , and  $N$  be a pole of the great circle  $C_0$ . Put  $\widehat{PP_1} = r$ ,  $\widehat{PP_2} = s$ ,  $\widehat{PM} = \varphi_1$ , and  $\widehat{PK} = \varphi_2$  (see Fig. 1).

then

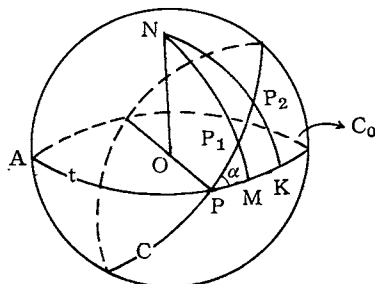


Fig. 1

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\* We will always use square brackets in order to indicate "exterior multiplication",

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{\sin (\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_1)}{\sin s}$$

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{\sin (\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_2)}{\sin r}$$

hence

$$\cos \theta_1 = \sin s \sin \alpha \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

$$\cos \theta_2 = \sin r \sin \alpha \dots\dots\dots (2)'$$

where  $(\theta_1, \varphi_1)$  and  $(\theta_2, \varphi_2)$  are the spherical coordinates of the points  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  respectively.

Differentiating both sides of (2) and (2)'

$$-\sin \theta_1 d\theta_1 = \cos s \sin \alpha ds + \sin s \cos \alpha d\alpha$$

$$-\sin \theta_2 d\theta_2 = \cos r \sin \alpha dr + \sin r \cos \alpha d\alpha$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 [d\theta_1 d\theta_2] &= \cos s \cos r \sin^2 \alpha [ds dr] \\ &+ \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \{ \sin r \cos s [ds d\alpha] - \cos r \sin s [dr d\alpha] \} \dots\dots\dots (3) \end{aligned}$$

By the spherical trigonometric formulas, we have

$$\tan \varphi_1 = \cos \alpha \tan s \dots\dots\dots (4)$$

$$\tan \varphi_2 = \cos \alpha \tan r \dots\dots\dots (4)'$$

Differentiating both sides of (4) and (4)'

$$\sec^2 \varphi_1 d\varphi_1 = -\sin \alpha \tan s d\alpha + \cos \alpha \sec^2 s ds$$

$$\sec^2 \varphi_2 d\varphi_2 = -\sin \alpha \tan r d\alpha + \cos \alpha \sec^2 r dr$$

Since  $d\varphi_1$  and  $d\varphi_2$  can be expressed in the form of linear combination of  $d\alpha$ ,  $ds$  and  $d\alpha$ ,  $dr$  respectively, we have

$$\begin{aligned} -[dP_1, dP_2] &= \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 [d\theta_1 d\theta_2 (dt + d\varphi_1) (dt + d\varphi_2)] \\ &= \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2 [d\theta_1 d\theta_2 (d\varphi_1 - d\varphi_2) dt] \dots\dots\dots (5) \end{aligned}$$

By (3) and (5) we have

$$\begin{aligned} [dP_1 dP_2] &= [ \{-\cos s \cos r \sin^2 \alpha [ds dr] - \sin \alpha \cos \alpha \\ &(\sin r \cos s [ds d\alpha] - \cos r \sin s [dr d\alpha]) \} \\ &\{ \cos^2 \varphi_1 (-\sin \alpha \tan s d\alpha + \cos \alpha \sec^2 s ds) - \cos^2 \varphi_2 \\ &(-\sin \alpha \tan r d\alpha + \cos \alpha \sec^2 r dr) \} dt] \\ &= (\sin s \cos r \sin^2 \alpha \cos^2 \varphi_1 + \sin s \cos r \cos^2 \alpha \sec^2 s \cos^2 \varphi_1 \\ &- \cos s \sin r \sin^2 \alpha \cos^2 \varphi_2 - \cos s \sin r \cos^2 \alpha \sec^2 r \cos^2 \varphi_2) \sin \alpha [d\alpha dt ds dr] \\ &= [\sin s \cos r \{ \sin^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha (1 + \tan^2 s) \} \cos^2 \varphi_1 \\ &- \cos s \sin r \{ \sin^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha (1 + \tan^2 r) \} \cos^2 \varphi_2] [dC dr ds] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (\sin s \cos r - \cos s \sin r) [dC ds dr] \\
 &= \sin (s-r) [dC ds dr] \\
 &= |\sin (\beta_1 - \beta_2)| [d\beta_1 d\beta_2 dC] \cdot
 \end{aligned}$$

hence we can proved the following formula.

$$[dP_1 dP_2] = |\sin (\beta_1 - \beta_2)| [d\beta_1 d\beta_2 dC]$$

§ 2. Formula of pairs of a point and a great circle.

Let us consider a point P and a great circle C on the unit sphere, the great circle C intersect the fixed great circle C<sub>0</sub> on the sphere with angle α and abscissa is t of one of the intersecting points of C and C<sub>0</sub>. Let the spherical coordinates of the point P be (θ, φ), and the great circle which is determined by the points N and P intersect the great circles C and C<sub>0</sub> at the points Q and R respectively. (see Fig. 2),

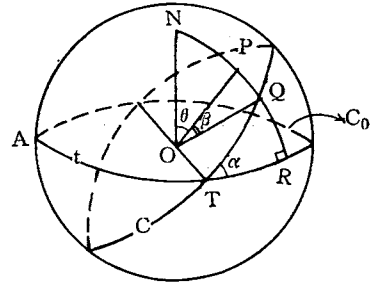


Fig. 2

Put  $\widehat{PQ} = \beta, \widehat{TR} = \gamma$   
then

$$\tan \alpha \sin (\varphi - t) = \tan \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta - \beta \right) \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

Differentiating both sides of the equation (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sec^2 \alpha \sin (\varphi - t) d\alpha + \tan \alpha \cos (\varphi - t) (d\varphi - dt) \\
 &= -\operatorname{cosec}^2 (\theta + \beta) (d\theta + d\beta) \dots \dots \dots (2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying both sides of the (2) by the product [dt dr dφ]

$$\sec^2 \alpha \sin (\varphi - t) [d\alpha dt d\theta d\varphi] = \operatorname{cosec}^2 (\theta + \beta) [d\beta dt d\theta d\varphi]$$

$$\text{Since } [d\beta dt d\theta d\varphi] = -[d\beta d(\varphi - t) d\theta d\varphi]$$

we have

$$\sec^2 \alpha \sin (\varphi - t) [d\alpha dt d\theta d\varphi] = -\operatorname{cosec}^2 (\theta + \beta) [d\beta dr d\theta d\varphi]$$

Multiplying both sides of the last equation by sin α sin θ

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sin \alpha \sin \theta \sec^2 \alpha \sin (\varphi - t) [d\alpha dt d\theta d\varphi] \\
 &= \sin \alpha \sin \theta \operatorname{cosec}^2 (\theta + \beta) [dr d\beta d\theta d\varphi]
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have the following formula

$$[dC dP] = \frac{\sin \alpha}{\sin r} \cdot \frac{\cos^2 \alpha}{\cos^2 \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta - \beta \right)} [dr d\beta dP]$$

Next we want to show an another formula of pairs of a point and a great circle.

Denote the pole of the great circle C by  $N_1$ . Let the great circle  $C_0$  intersect the great circle through the points N and P, the great circle through the points  $N_1$  and P, and the great circle through the points N and  $N_1$  at the points Q, R, S respectively. (see Fig. 3)

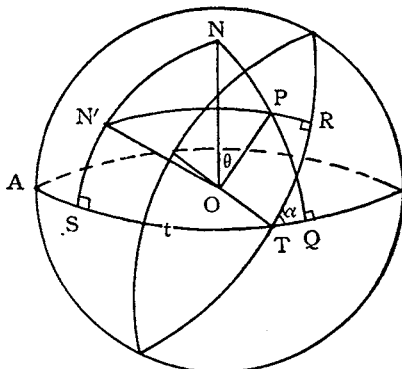


Fig. 3

Put  $\widehat{PR} = a$ ,  $\widehat{RT} = b$

then by the spherical trigonometric formulas, we have

$$\cos a \cos b = \cos(\varphi - t) \sin \theta \dots\dots\dots (3)$$

$$\sin a = \cos \alpha \cos \theta + \sin \alpha \sin \theta \sin(t - \varphi) \dots\dots\dots (4)$$

Differentiating both sides of (3) and (4)

$$\begin{aligned} -\sin a \cos b da - \cos a \sin b db \\ = -\sin(\varphi - t) \sin \theta (d\varphi - dt) \\ + \cos(\varphi - t) \cos \theta d\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos a da = \{ -\sin \alpha \cos \theta + \cos \alpha \sin \theta \sin(t - \varphi) \} d\alpha \\ + \{ -\cos \theta \sin \theta + \sin \alpha \cos \theta \sin(t - \varphi) \} d\theta \\ + \sin \alpha \sin \theta \cos(t - \varphi) (dt - d\varphi) \end{aligned}$$

By the last two equations, we have

$$\begin{aligned} -\cos^2 a \sin b [da db] = A D [d\alpha d\theta] \\ + (CD + BE) [dt d\theta] - (CD + BE) [d\varphi d\theta] \\ + AE [d\alpha d\varphi] - AE [d\alpha dt] \dots\dots\dots (5) \end{aligned}$$

where  $A = -\sin \alpha \cos \theta + \cos \alpha \sin \theta \sin(t - \varphi)$

$B = -\cos \alpha \sin \theta + \sin \alpha \cos \theta \sin(t - \varphi)$

$C = \sin \alpha \sin \theta \cos(t - \varphi)$

$D = \cos(\varphi - t) \cos \theta$

$E = -\sin(\varphi - t) \sin \theta$

Next multiplying both sides of (5) by the product  $[d\alpha dt]$ , then we have

$$(CD + BE) [d\theta d\varphi d\alpha dt] = -\cos^2 a \sin b [da db d\alpha dt]$$

$$\sin \theta \{ \sin \alpha \cos \theta + \cos \alpha \sin \theta \sin(\varphi - t) \} [d\theta d\varphi d\alpha dt]$$

$$= -\cos^2 a \sin b [da db d\alpha dt]$$

hence we have the following formula

$$\{ \sin \alpha \cos \theta + \cos \alpha \sin \theta \sin(\varphi - t) \} [dP dC]$$

$$= -\cos^2 a \sin b [dC da db]$$

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