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The present thesis addresses a number of basic problems concerning integration over surfaces in the Euclidean space. Some of the aspects we are concerned with are as follows:

1. how the surface measure and unit normal changes under a smooth diffeomorphism;

2. how the integration process is affected by a surface to surface change of variables.

We provide precise answers to these and other related issues, and discuss a number of applications, such as the invariance of Lebesgue and Sobolev spaces on surfaces.