

Frenet 标架的定义,

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for some function $\tau(s)$. (Warning: Many authors write $-\tau(s)$ instead of our $\tau(s)$.)

For later use, we shall call the equations

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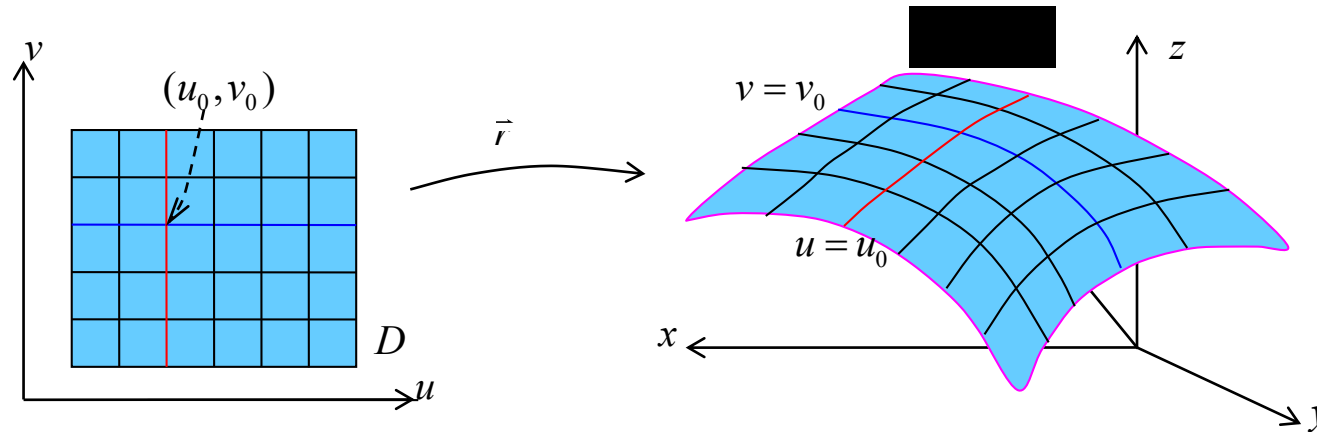
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Corollary

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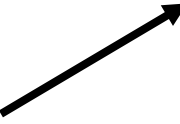
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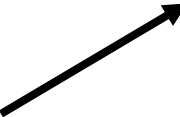
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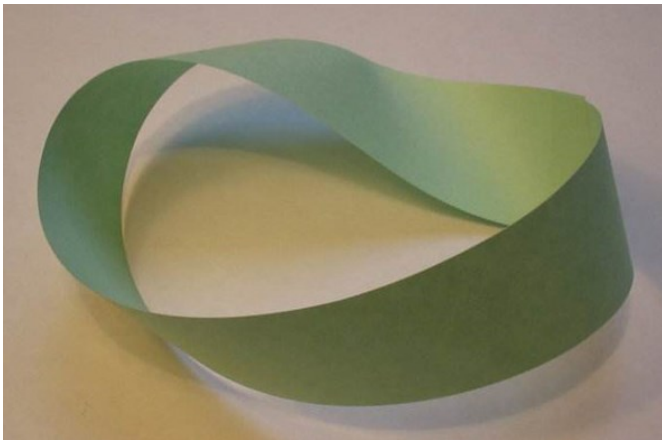
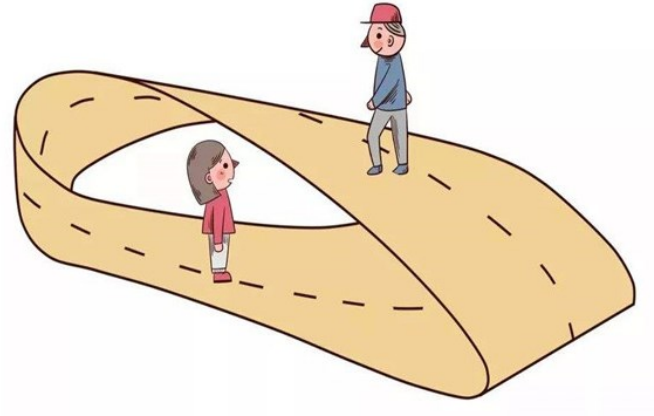
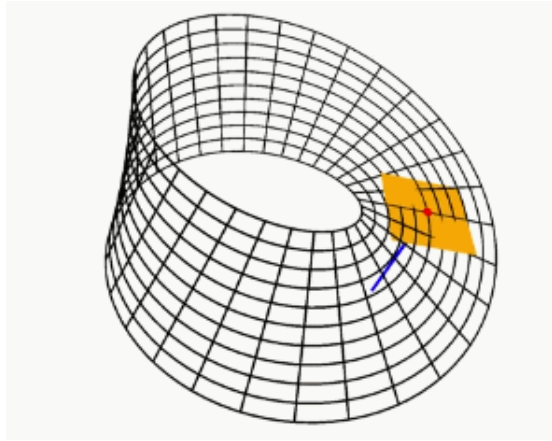
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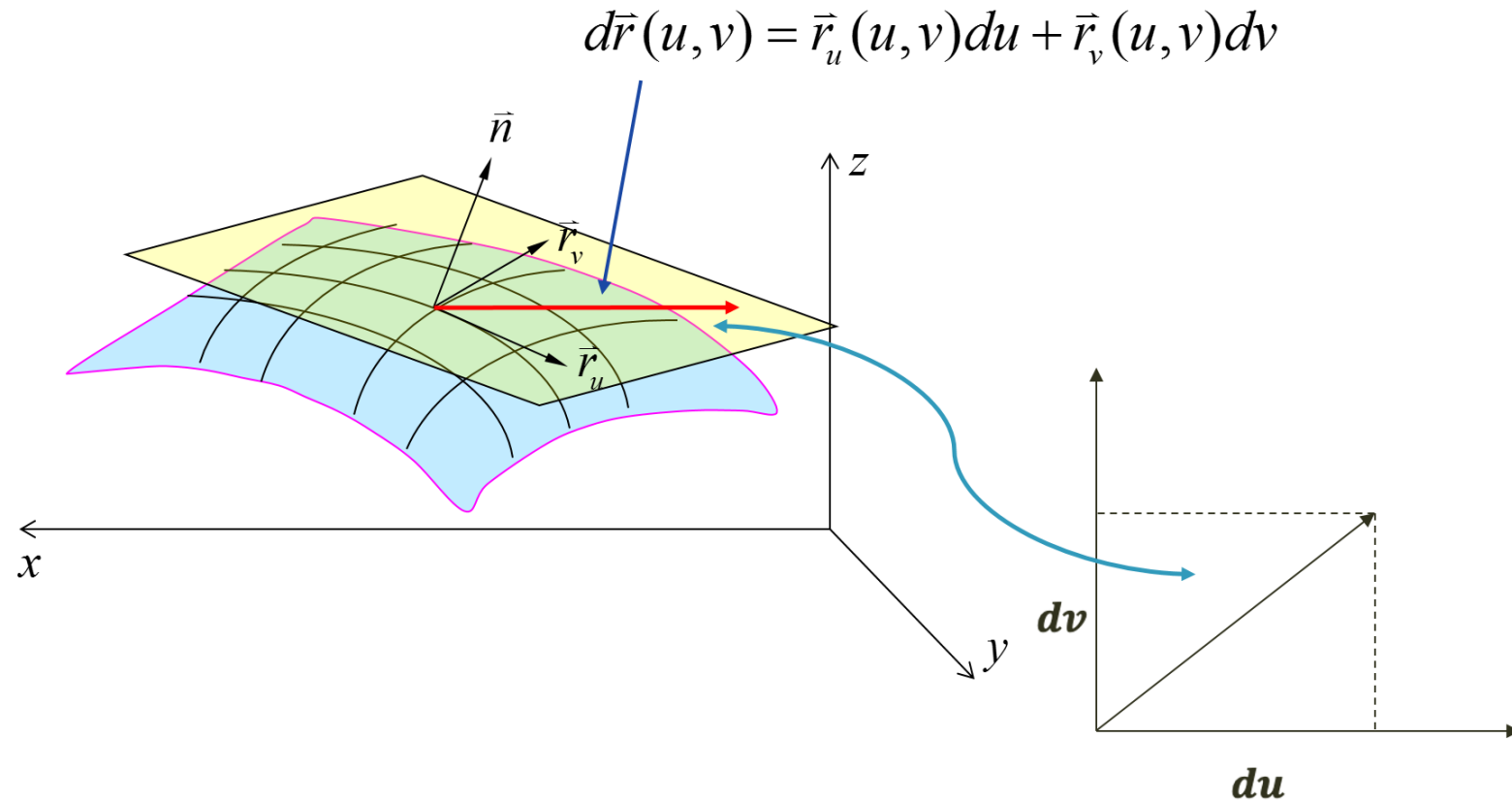
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Geometric meaning of $d\vec{r}$



The first fundamental form

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \langle d\mathbf{r}, d\mathbf{r} \rangle = d\mathbf{r} \cdot d\mathbf{r} \\ &= (\mathbf{r}_u du + \mathbf{r}_v dv)^2 \\ &= \mathbf{r}_u \cdot \mathbf{r}_u du^2 + \mathbf{r}_u \cdot \mathbf{r}_v dudv + \mathbf{r}_v \cdot \mathbf{r}_u dudv + \mathbf{r}_v \cdot \mathbf{r}_v dv^2 \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} E(u, v) &= \mathbf{r}_u(u, v) \cdot \mathbf{r}_u(u, v) \\ F(u, v) &= \mathbf{r}_u(u, v) \cdot \mathbf{r}_v(u, v) = \mathbf{r}_v(u, v) \cdot \mathbf{r}_u(u, v) \\ G(u, v) &= \mathbf{r}_v(u, v) \cdot \mathbf{r}_v(u, v) \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \langle d\mathbf{r}, d\mathbf{r} \rangle = d\mathbf{r} \cdot d\mathbf{r} \\ &= Edu^2 + 2Fdudv + Gdv^2 \\ &= (du, dv) \begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} du \\ dv \end{pmatrix} \\ &= I \end{aligned}$$

Independent of the selection of parametrization

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Let $u = u(\tilde{u}, \tilde{v})$, $v = v(\tilde{u}, \tilde{v})$, the Jacobi matrix of parameter transformation is

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \tilde{u}} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial \tilde{u}} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \tilde{v}} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial \tilde{v}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{r}_{\tilde{u}} \\ \mathbf{r}_{\tilde{v}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \tilde{u}} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial \tilde{u}} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \tilde{v}} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial \tilde{v}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{r}_u \\ \mathbf{r}_v \end{pmatrix} = J \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{r}_u \\ \mathbf{r}_v \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{E} & \tilde{F} \\ \tilde{F} & \tilde{G} \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{r}_{\tilde{u}} \\ \mathbf{r}_{\tilde{v}} \end{pmatrix} (\mathbf{r}_{\tilde{u}} \quad \mathbf{r}_{\tilde{v}}) \\ &= J \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{r}_u \\ \mathbf{r}_v \end{pmatrix} (\mathbf{r}_u \quad \mathbf{r}_v) J^T \\ &= J \begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{pmatrix} J^T \end{aligned}$$

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The relationship between the coefficients of the 1st fundamental form:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tilde{E} = \mathbf{r}_{\tilde{u}}^2 = E \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \tilde{u}} \right)^2 + 2F \frac{\partial u}{\partial \tilde{u}} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \tilde{u}} + G \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial \tilde{u}} \right)^2 \\ \tilde{F} = \mathbf{r}_{\tilde{u}} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{\tilde{v}} = E \frac{\partial u}{\partial \tilde{u}} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \tilde{v}} + F \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \tilde{u}} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \tilde{v}} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial \tilde{v}} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \tilde{u}} \right) + G \frac{\partial v}{\partial \tilde{u}} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \tilde{v}} \\ \tilde{G} = \mathbf{r}_{\tilde{v}}^2 = E \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \tilde{v}} \right)^2 + 2F \frac{\partial u}{\partial \tilde{v}} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \tilde{v}} + G \left(\frac{\partial v}{\partial \tilde{v}} \right)^2 \end{array} \right.$$

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Under the new parameter (\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}) , the 1st fundamental form keeps unchanged, that is

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{I} &= (d\tilde{u}, d\tilde{v}) \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{E} & \tilde{F} \\ \tilde{F} & \tilde{G} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d\tilde{u} \\ d\tilde{v} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (d\tilde{u}, d\tilde{v}) J \begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{pmatrix} J^T \begin{pmatrix} d\tilde{u} \\ d\tilde{v} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (du, dv) \begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} du \\ dv \end{pmatrix} \\ &= I\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the first fundamental form is independent of the parameterization.

Example

Calculate the 1st fundamental form of the revolution surface

$$\mathbf{r}(u, v) = (f(v)\cos(u), f(v)\sin(u), g(v))$$

Angle between two tangent vectors

For two tangent vectors $d\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_u du + \mathbf{r}_v dv$ and $\delta\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_u \delta u + \mathbf{r}_v \delta v$, their angle $\angle(d\mathbf{r}, \delta\mathbf{r})$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}\cos\angle(d\mathbf{r}, \delta\mathbf{r}) &= \frac{d\mathbf{r} \cdot \delta\mathbf{r}}{|d\mathbf{r}| |\delta\mathbf{r}|} \\ &= \frac{Edu\delta u + F(du\delta v + dv\delta u) + Gdv\delta v}{\sqrt{Edu^2 + 2Fdu dv + Gdv^2} \sqrt{E\delta u^2 + 2F\delta u \delta v + G\delta v^2}}\end{aligned}$$

Then, $d\mathbf{r}$ and $\delta\mathbf{r}$ are perpendicular to each other if and only if

$$Edu\delta u + F(du\delta v + dv\delta u) + Gdv\delta v = 0$$

Parametric curve network(参数曲线网)

The parametric curves network is a orthogonal curves network, **if and only if** $F \equiv 0$.

That is $\mathbf{r}_u \perp \mathbf{r}_v$.

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If we use (u^1, u^2) instead of (u, v) and $\mathbf{X}_i = \frac{\partial \mathbf{X}}{\partial u^i}$,

$$\ell = \int_a^b \left(\sum_{i,j=1}^2 g_{ij} \frac{du^i}{dt} \frac{du^j}{dt} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} dt. \quad g_{ij} = \langle X_i, X_j \rangle$$

Length of a curve, cont.

So sometimes, the first fundamental form is written symbolically as

$$ds^2 = Edu^2 + 2Fdudv + Gdv^2,$$

or

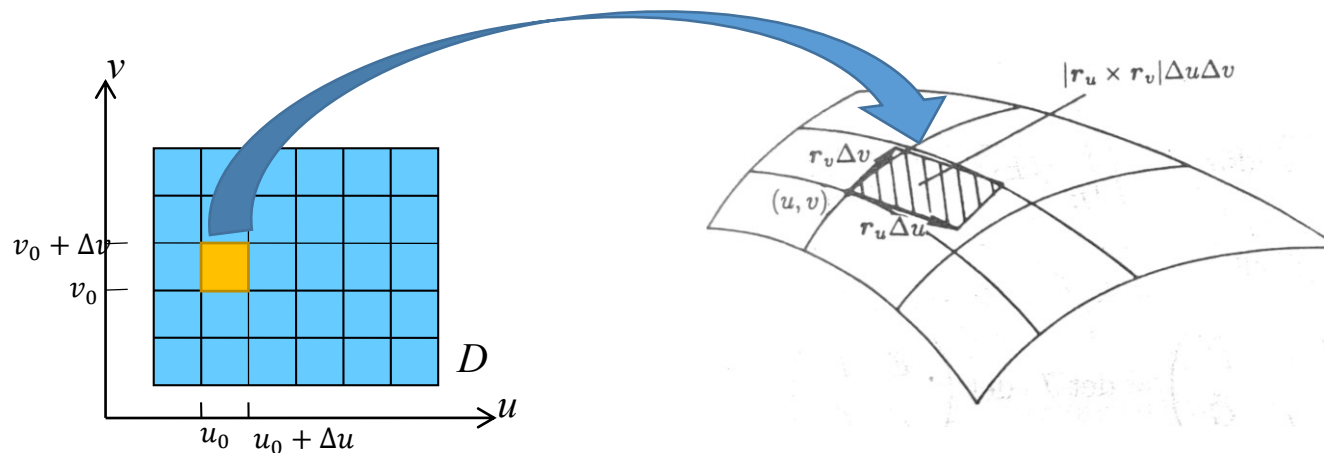
$$g = \sum_{i,j=1}^2 g_{ij} du^i du^j.$$

Area of a region

Assume the domain of definition of a regular parametric surface $S: \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}(u, v)$ is $D \subset E^2$.

Consider a small patch formed by parametric curves

$$u = u_0, u = u_0 + \Delta u, v = v_0, v = v_0 + \Delta v$$



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The area of the surface region is approximated as

$$\begin{aligned} A &\approx |(r_u \Delta u) \times (r_v \Delta v)| = |r_u \times r_v| \Delta u \Delta v \\ &= |r_u| |r_v| \sin \angle(r_u, r_v) \Delta u \Delta v \\ &= \sqrt{EG - F^2} \Delta u \Delta v \end{aligned}$$

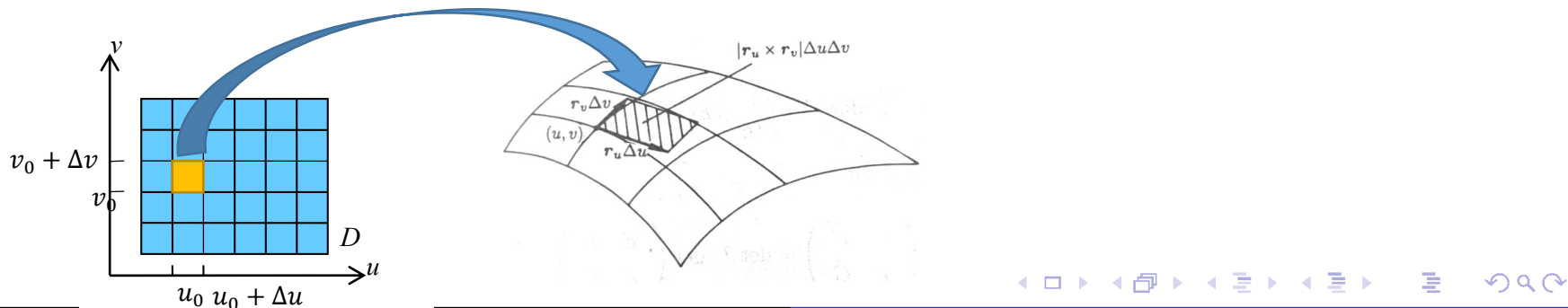
Let

$$d\sigma = \sqrt{EG - F^2} du dv$$

$d\sigma$ is called as the **area element (面积元素)** of surface S .

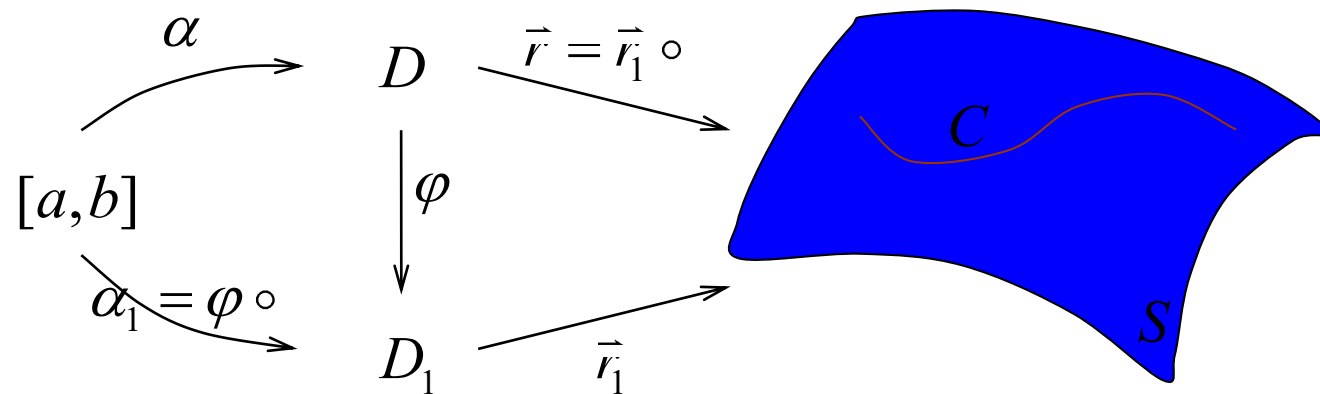
The area of S is

$$A = \iint_D \sqrt{EG - F^2} du dv$$



Geometric quantities(几何量) of surface

The arc length ds , area element(面积元) $d\sigma$ and area of a surface A are geometric quantities of this surface



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$$\mathbf{X}_\varphi = (-\sin \theta \sin \varphi, \sin \theta \cos \varphi, 0)$$

So $E = 1$; $F = 0$; $G = \sin^2 \theta$.

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The first fundamental form is:

$$E = G = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{4}(u^2 + v^2)^2}; F = 0.$$

Homework

1. Calculate the first fundamental form of the following parametric functions:

a) $r = (a(u + v), b(u - v), 2uv)$, where a and b are constants

b) $r = (u \cos(v), u \sin(v), bv)$, where b is a constant.

2. Parametrized the torus by:

$$\mathbf{X}(u, v) = ((a + r \cos u) \cos v, (a + r \cos u) \sin v, r \sin u).$$

$0 < u, v < 2\pi$. Find the coefficients of the first fundamental form and find the area of the torus.

3. The 1st fundamental form of surface S is $I = du^2 + \sinh^2(u)dv^2$, try to calculate the arc length of the curve $u = v$ under S.