

$$\underline{\Pi} := (\sigma_{ij} \cdot N) du^i du^j$$

Examples:

1) Graph $z = f(x, y)$ with $f(0) = 0$, $\nabla f(0) = 0$

$$T_0 S = \{x-y \text{ plane}\}, N = (0, 0, 1)$$

$$\sigma(u^1, u^2) = (u^1, u^2, f(u^1, u^2))$$

$$\sigma_{ij} = (0, 0, f_{ij})$$

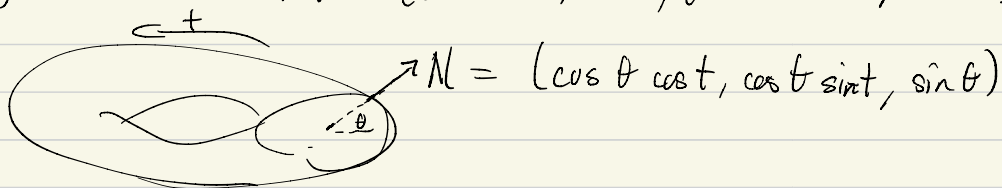
$$\Rightarrow \underline{\Pi}(0,0) = f_{ij} du^i du^j$$

Picture $\underline{\Pi}$ as the quadratic approx. to S at p , relative to N

At a general pt. $N = \frac{(-f_1, -f_2, 1)}{\sqrt{1 + f_1^2 + f_2^2}}$

$$\underline{\Pi} = \frac{f_{ij}}{\sqrt{1 + f_1^2 + f_2^2}} du^i du^j$$

2) torus $\sigma(t, \theta) = ((R + \cos \theta) \cos t, (R + \cos \theta) \sin t, \sin \theta)$

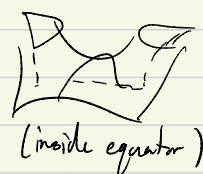
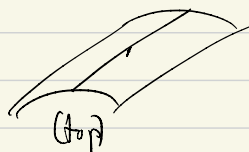
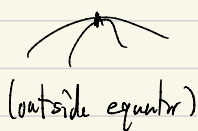


$$\Rightarrow \underline{\Pi} = - (R + \cos \theta) \cos \theta dt^2 - d\theta^2$$

$$\theta = 0$$

$$\theta = \pi/2$$

$$\theta = \pi$$

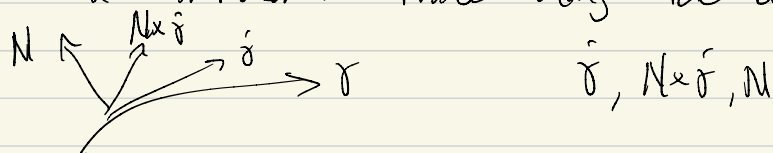


Curves on Surfaces

Suppose S is a regular surface, and $\gamma: I \rightarrow S$ is a unit-speed curve

$$\implies \|\dot{\gamma}\| = 1, \|\ddot{\gamma}\| = \kappa$$

Given a unit normal vector N , we can define an orthonormal frame along the curve



Now consider $\ddot{\gamma}$ (which is \perp to $\dot{\gamma}$ since $\dot{\gamma} \cdot \dot{\gamma} = 1$)

define: normal curvature $K_n := \ddot{\gamma} \cdot N$ (at unit speed)

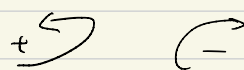
geodesic curvature $K_g := \ddot{\gamma} \cdot (N \times \dot{\gamma})$

This gives $\ddot{\gamma} = K_n N + K_g N \times \dot{\gamma}$

$$\implies \kappa = \sqrt{K_n^2 + K_g^2}$$

Examples

1) $S = \text{plane}$, $N = e_3$



$\ddot{\gamma}$ lies in the plane $\implies K_n = 0$, $K_g = \pm \kappa$

2) $S = \text{unit sphere}$, $N = \text{outward}$

Along the curve γ , $N = \gamma$

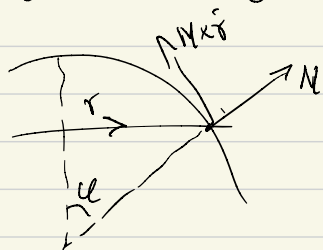
$\implies K_n = \ddot{\gamma} \cdot \gamma$ for a unit speed curve

Consider $\gamma \cdot \dot{\gamma} = 0$

It gives $\frac{d}{dt} \gamma \cdot \dot{\gamma} + \gamma \cdot \ddot{\gamma} = 0$

$\therefore K_n = -1$ always

Let γ = circle at angle α from pole



γ has radius $\sin \alpha \Rightarrow K = \frac{1}{\sin \alpha}$

$$K^2 = \frac{K_n^2 + K_g^2}{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow K_g^2 = \frac{1}{\sin^2 \alpha} - 1 = \cot^2 \alpha$$

From the picture, $K_g > 0$ for $\alpha < \pi/2$, $K_g = 0$ for $\alpha = \pi/2$

$$\therefore K_g = \cot \alpha$$

(= 0 at the equator)

Interpretation: K_n measures curvature caused by the surface
 K_g is intrinsic curvature

Relation to II:

Suppose $\sigma(u^1, u^2)$ is a coord. patch

$$\gamma(t) = \sigma(\gamma^1(t), \gamma^2(t))$$

$$\dot{\gamma} = \sigma_j \dot{\gamma}^j$$

$$\text{unit speed} \Rightarrow g_{ij} \dot{\gamma}^i \dot{\gamma}^j = 1$$

$$\ddot{\gamma} = \sigma_{ij} \dot{\gamma}^i \dot{\gamma}^j + \sigma_j \ddot{\gamma}^j$$

$$\Rightarrow K_n = \ddot{\gamma} \cdot N \quad \leftarrow \perp \text{ to } N$$

$$= (\sigma_{ij} \cdot N) \dot{\gamma}^i \dot{\gamma}^j$$

$$= II(\dot{\gamma}, \dot{\gamma})$$

$$\text{Fact: for a general curve, } K_n = \frac{II(\dot{\gamma}, \dot{\gamma})}{g(\dot{\gamma}, \dot{\gamma})}$$