

# Surfaces

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## **Definition 2.1 (Regular Surface)**

A subset  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  is a regular surface if for each  $p \in S$ , there exists a neighborhood  $V \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , an open set  $U \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and an onto map  $x : U \rightarrow V \cap S$  such that

(1)  $x$  is differentiable, i.e. if  $x(u, v) = (x_1(u, v), x_2(u, v), x_3(u, v))$ ,  $(u, v) \in U$ , then  $x_i(u, v)$  have continuous partial derivatives of all orders in  $U$ .

(2)  $x$  is a homeomorphism, i.e.  $x^{-1} : V \cap S \rightarrow U$  is continuous.

(3) (regularity condition)

For each  $q \in U$ ,

## **Definition 2.2 (Principle Curvature)**

Let  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  be a regular surface.