

# Digital Geometry

## -Continuous Geometry of Curves & Surfaces

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Pleasure may come from illusion, but happiness can come only of reality.

# Last Time

- **Discrete Representations**

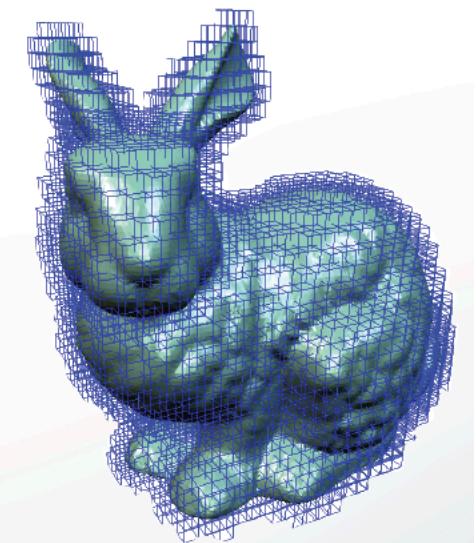
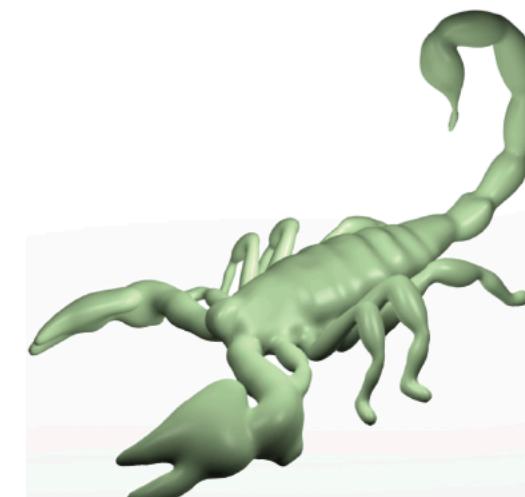
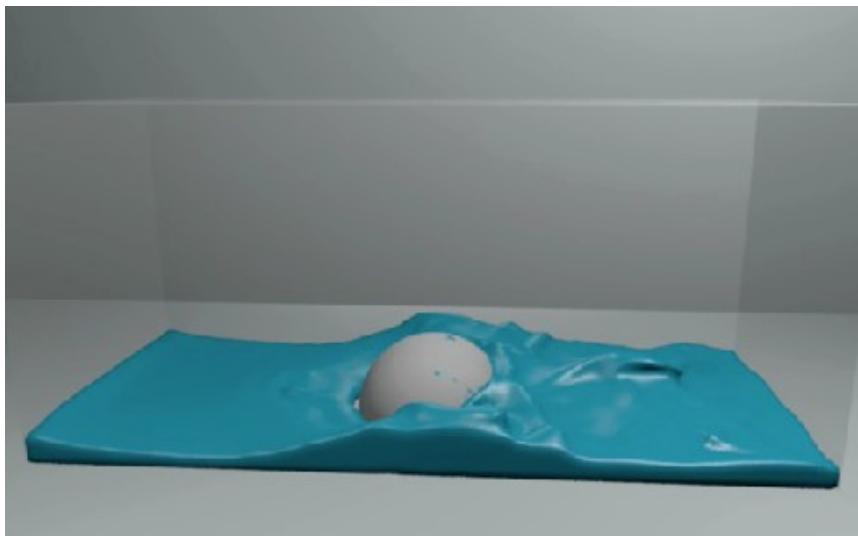
- Explicit (parametric, polygonal meshes)
- Implicit Surfaces (SDF, grid representation)

Geometry

Topology

- **Conversions**

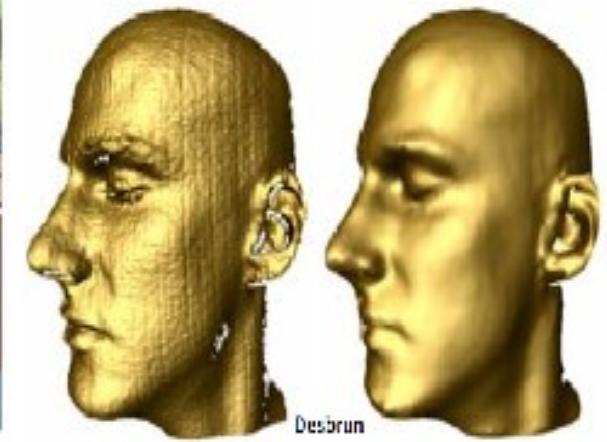
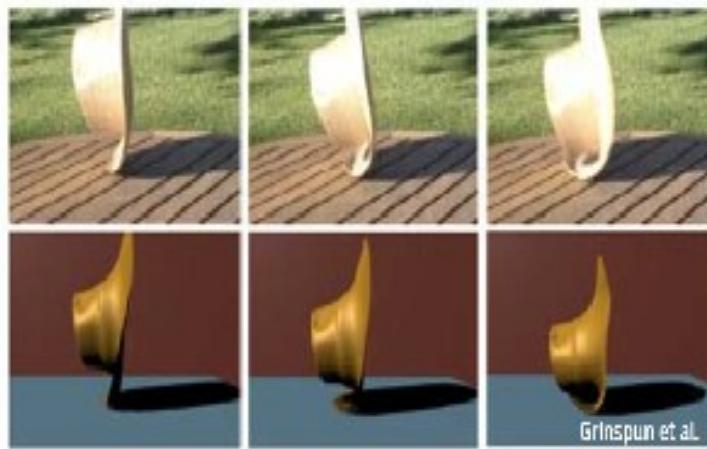
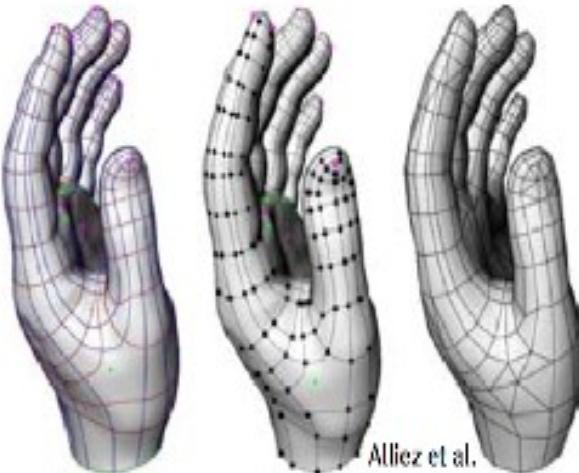
- E→I: Closest Point, SDF, Fast Marching
- I→E: Marching Cubes Algorithm



# Differential Geometry

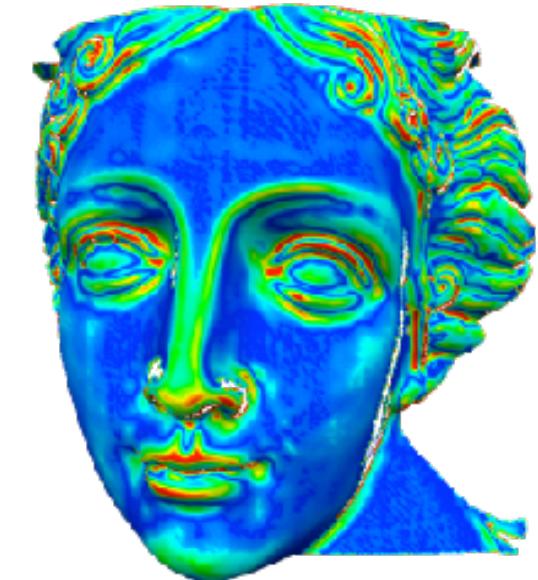
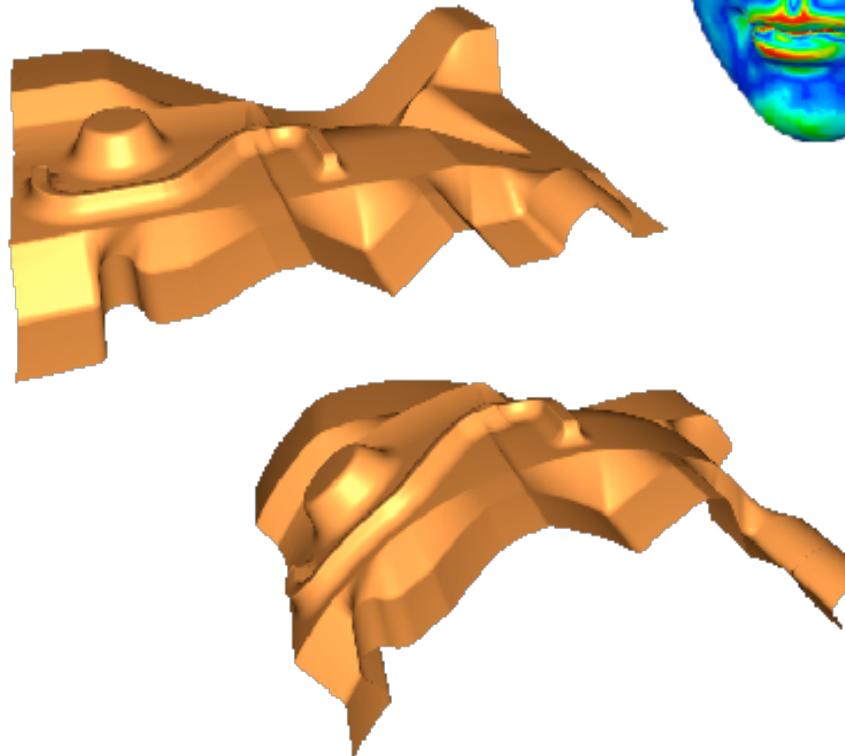
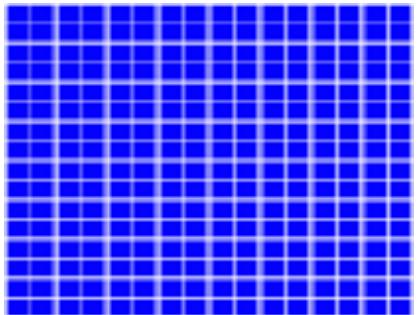
## Why do we care?

- Geometry of surfaces
- Mother tongue of physical theories
- Computation: processing / simulation



# Motivation

- We need differential geometry to compute
  - surface curvature
  - parameterization distortion
  - deformation energies



# Getting Started - How to apply DiffGeo ideas?

- surfaces as a collection of samples
  - and topology (connectivity)
- apply continuous ideas
  - BUT: setting is discrete
- what is the right way?
  - discrete vs. **discretized**

Let's look at that first

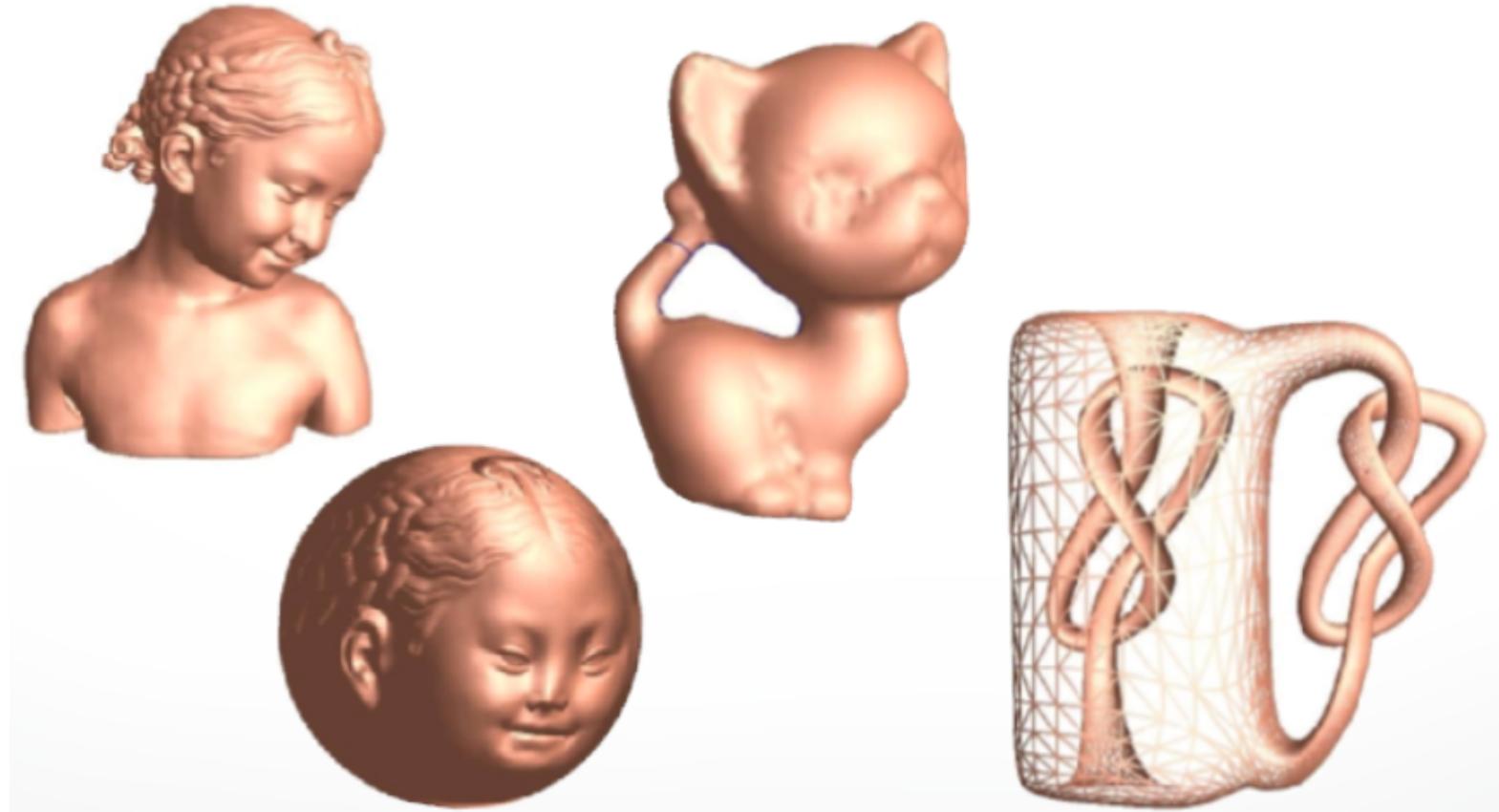
# Differential Geometry

- Parametric Curves
- Parametric Surfaces

Formalism & Intuition

# What characterizes Surfaces/Shape?

- Intrinsic descriptor
  - quantities which do **not depend on a coordinate frame / Euclidean motions**
  - metric and curvatures



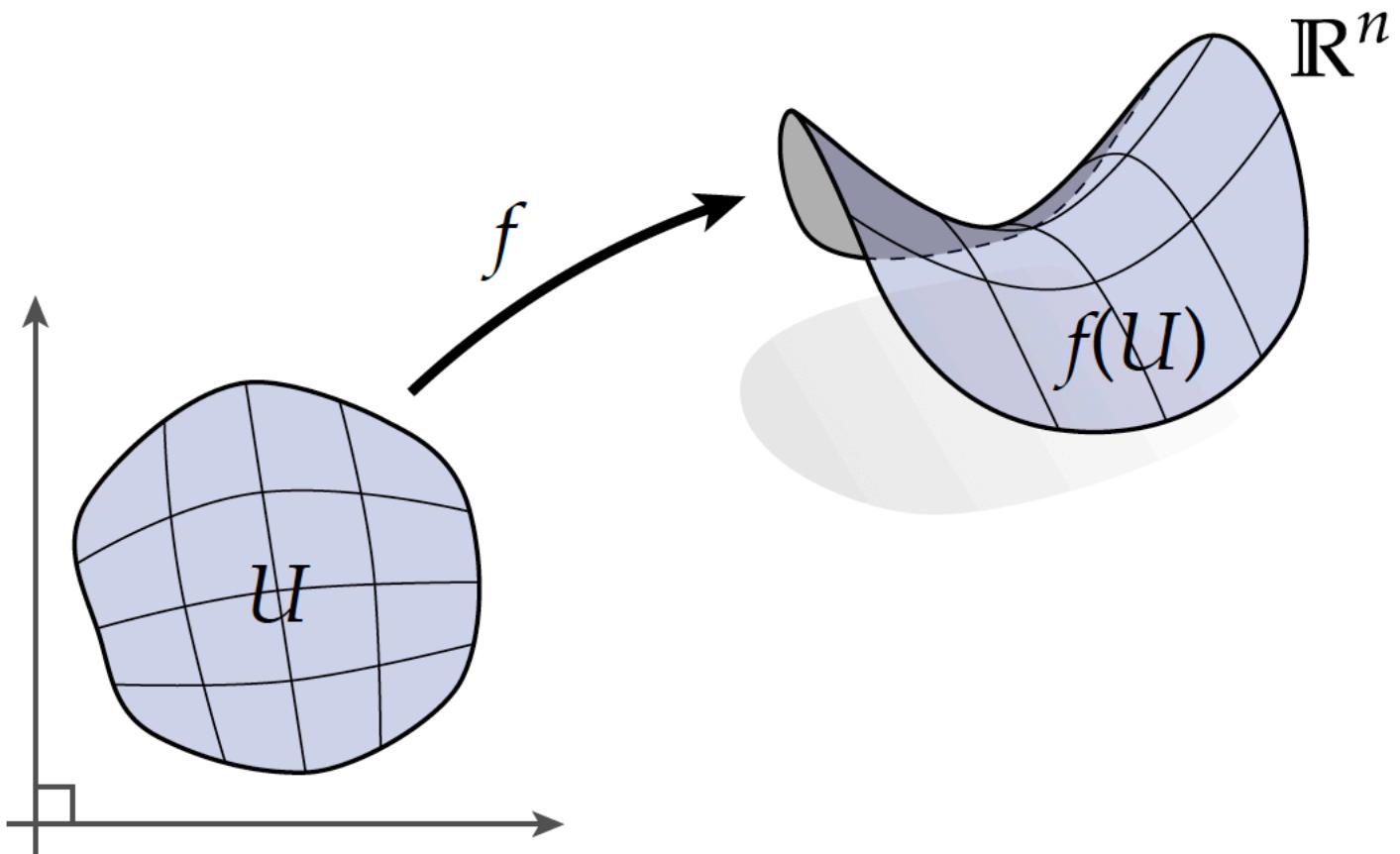
# Metric on Surfaces

- Measure Stuff
  - angle, length, area
  - **requires** an inner product
- we have:
  - Euclidean inner product in domain
- we want to turn this into:
  - **inner product on surface**

# Parameterized Surface

A **parameterized surface** is a map from a two-dimensional region  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  into  $\mathbb{R}^n$ :

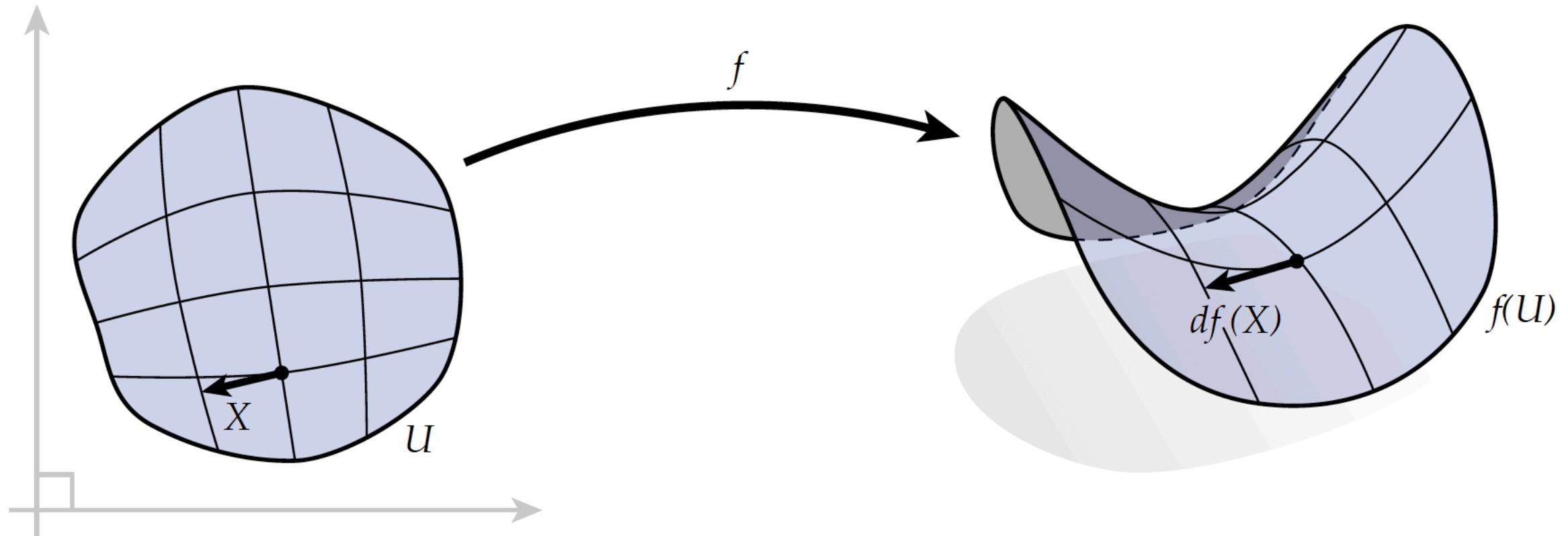
$$f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$



The set of points  $f(U)$  is called the **image** of the parameterization.

# Differential of a Surface

Intuitively, the *differential* of a parameterized surface tells us how tangent vectors on the domain get mapped to vectors in space:



We say that  $df$  “pushes forward” vectors  $X$  into  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , yielding vectors  $df(X)$

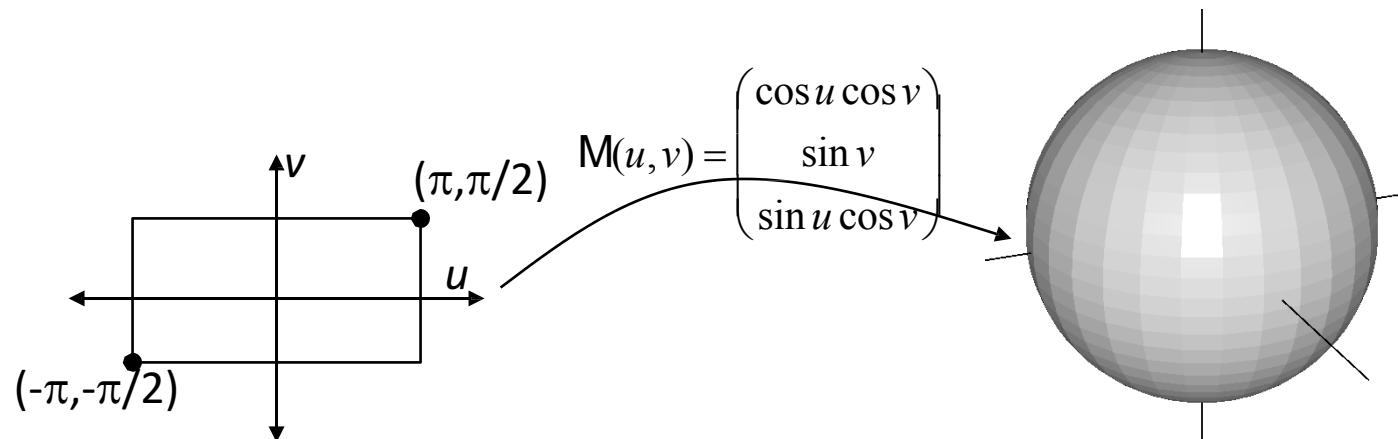
# Differentiable Surfaces

Definition:

A parameterized **differentiable** surface is a differentiable map  $M: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^3$  of an open domain  $\Omega \subset \mathbf{R}^2$  into  $\mathbf{R}^3$ :

$$M(u, v) = (x(u, v), y(u, v), z(u, v))$$

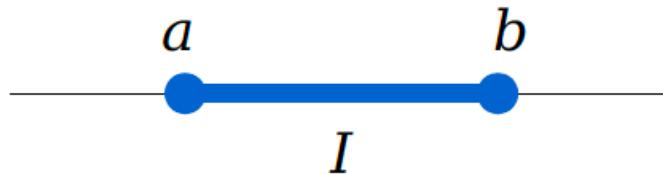
where  $x(u, v)$ ,  $y(u, v)$ , and  $z(u, v)$  are differentiable functions.



# Curves and surfaces in 3D

- For our purposes:

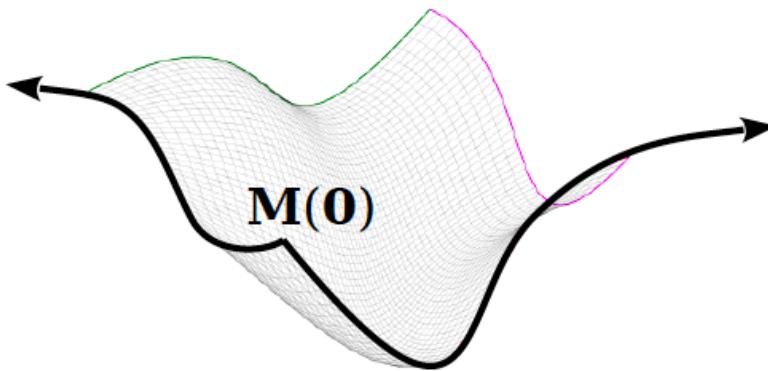
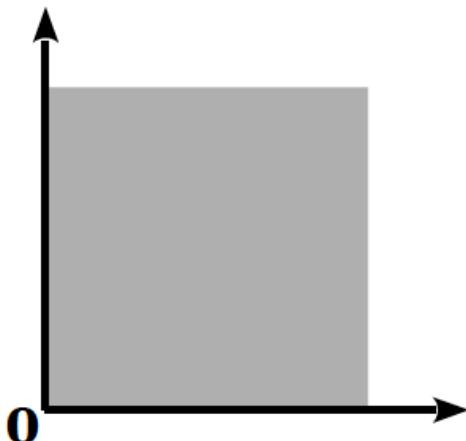
- A **curve** is a map  $\alpha : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  (or from some subset  $I$  of  $\mathbb{R}$ )



$$\alpha(t) = (x, y, z)$$

- A **surface** is a map  $\mathbf{M} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  (or from some subset  $\Omega$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ )

$$\mathbf{M}(u, v) = (x, y, z)$$

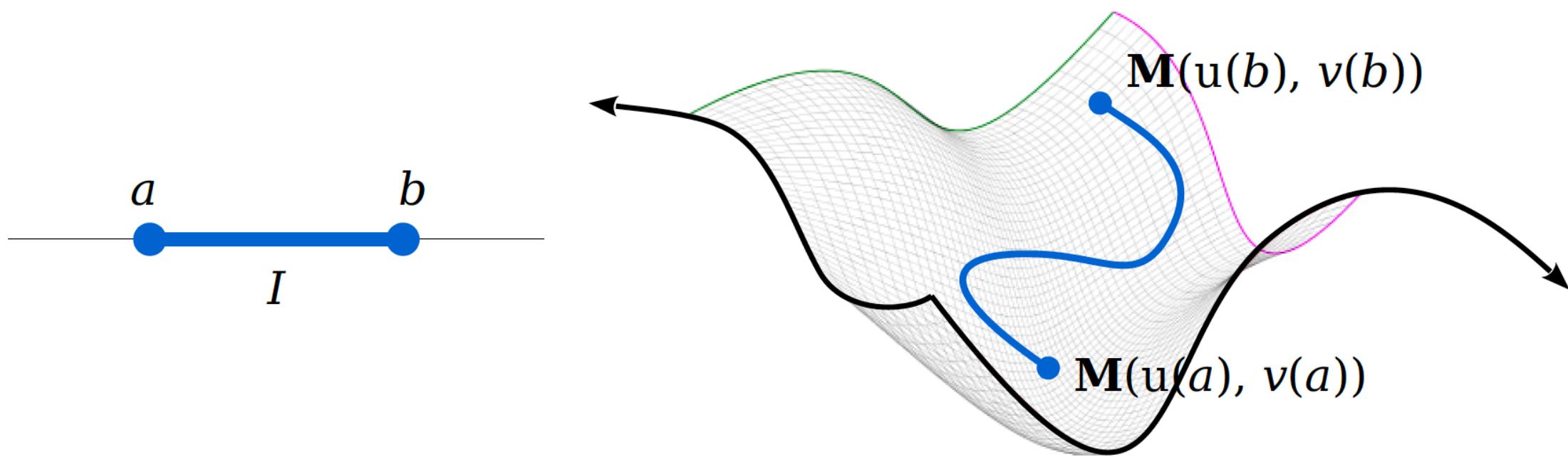


# Curve on a surface

- A curve  $C$  on surface  $M$  is defined as a map
- $C(t) = M(c(t))$ ,  $c(t) = (u(t), v(t))$  is preimage/inverse image of  $C(t)$

$$= M(u(t), v(t)) = \begin{aligned} & x(u(t), v(t)) \\ & y(u(t), v(t)) \\ & z(u(t), v(t)) \end{aligned}$$

where  $u$  and  $v$  are smooth scalar functions



# Special cases

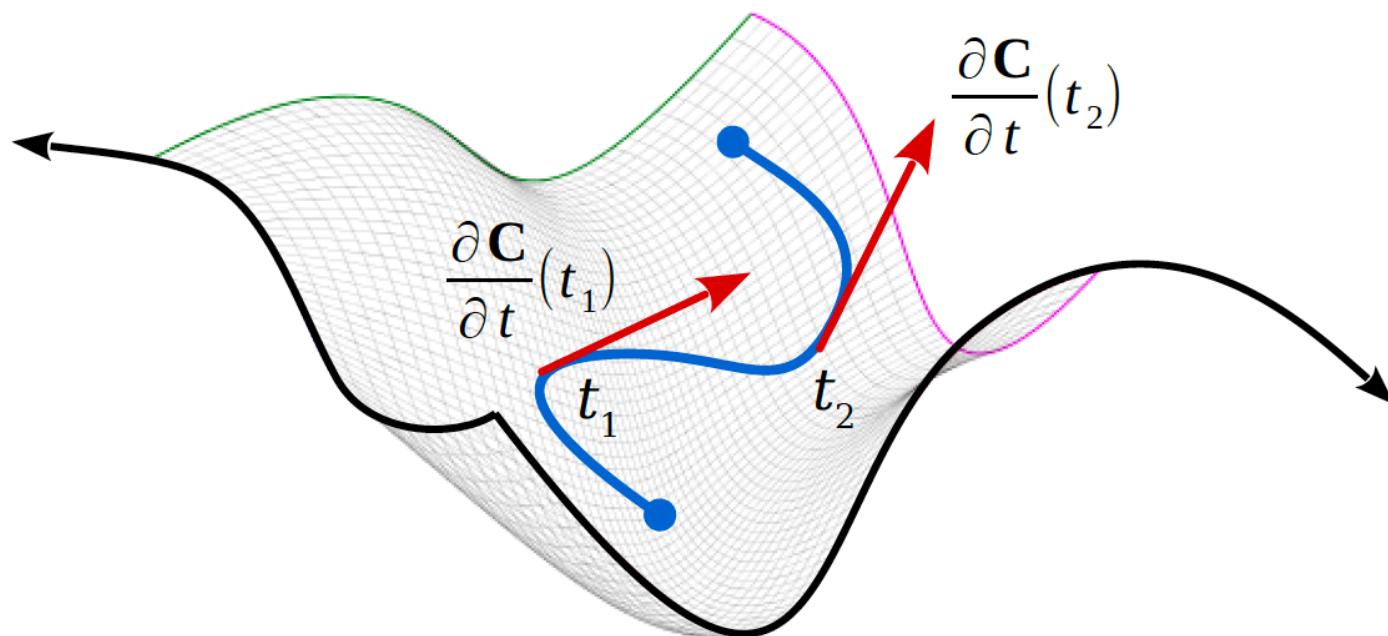
- The curve  $C(t) = M(u_0, v(t))$  for constant  $u_0$  is called a u-curve
- The curve  $C(t) = M(u(t), v_0)$  for constant  $v_0$  is called a v-curve
- These are collectively called coordinate curves



# Tangent vector

- $\mathbf{C}(t) = \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{u}(t), \mathbf{v}(t)) = \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{c}(t))$ ,  $\mathbf{c}(t) = (\mathbf{u}(t), \mathbf{v}(t))$
- The **tangent vector** to the surface curve  $C$  at  $t$  can be found by the chain rule

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{C}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{M}}{\partial u} \frac{du}{dt} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{M}}{\partial v} \frac{dv}{dt}$$



We will use the following shorthand

$$\mathbf{M}_u(u, v) = \frac{\partial \mathbf{M}(u, v)}{\partial u} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial x / \partial u \\ \partial y / \partial u \\ \partial z / \partial u \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{M}_v(u, v) = \frac{\partial \mathbf{M}(u, v)}{\partial v} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial x / \partial v \\ \partial y / \partial v \\ \partial z / \partial v \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{M}_u := \frac{\partial \mathbf{M}}{\partial u}$$

$$\mathbf{M}_v := \frac{\partial \mathbf{M}}{\partial v}$$

$$\mathbf{J} = (\mathbf{M}_u, \mathbf{M}_v)$$

$$\dot{u} := \frac{du}{dt}$$

$$\dot{v} := \frac{dv}{dt}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{C}} := \frac{\partial \mathbf{C}}{\partial t}$$

- Then the tangent vector is  $\dot{\mathbf{C}} = \mathbf{M}_u \dot{u} + \mathbf{M}_v \dot{v}$

# Tangent vector

- $C(t) = M(u(t), v(t)) = M(c(t)), c(t) = (u(t), v(t))$
- The **tangent vector** to the surface curve  $C$  at  $t$ :  $\dot{C} = M_u \dot{u} + M_v \dot{v} = J \begin{bmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \end{bmatrix}$
- **What is  $(\dot{u}, \dot{v})$ ?**
  - $c'(t) = (du/dt, dv/dt) = du/dt e_1 + dv/dt e_2$ 
    - a tangent vector in parameter domain
    - with basis:  $e_1=(1,0)$ ,  $e_2=(0,1)$ , and origin  $p=c(t)$
  - $J$  is a linear transformation
    - $\dot{c} \rightarrow \dot{C}$
    - transfers basis to basis, & coefficients are kept.
- **What is  $M_u$  and  $M_v$ ?**

$J = (M_u, M_v)$ , taking  $T_p \mathbb{R}^2$  to  $T_{M(p)} \mathbb{R}^3$

- What is  $M_u$  and  $M_v$ ? or what is the preimage of  $M_u, M_v$ ?
  - $J$  is a linear transformation
    - transfers basis to basis, & coefficients are kept.
    - $M_u = J\mathbf{e}_1, M_v = J\mathbf{e}_2$ 
      - $\mathbf{e}_1 = (1, 0)', \mathbf{e}_2 = (0, 1)'$  are “pushed forward” to basis  $M_u, M_v$
    - $\dot{C} = J \begin{bmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \end{bmatrix}$ 
      - Coefficients  $du/dt, dv/dt$  are kept

$J = (M_u, M_v)$ , taking  $T_p \mathbb{R}^2$  to  $T_{M(p)} \mathbb{R}^3$

- $J: T_p \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow T_{M(p)} \mathbb{R}^3$ 
  - Frame of  $T_p \mathbb{R}^2$ :  $e_1 = (1, 0)$ ,  $e_2 = (0, 1)$ ,  $p$
  - Frame of  $T_{M(p)} \mathbb{R}^3$ :  $M_u$ ,  $M_v$ ,  $M(p)$
- $J$  is the Jacobian matrix taking directions/tangent vectors in  $\Omega$  to tangent vectors on the surface.

# Differential of a Function

$$f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

**Matrix:**

$$Df = \left( \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j} \right) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

**Linear operator:**

$$Df_p : T_p \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow T_{f(p)} \mathbb{R}^m$$

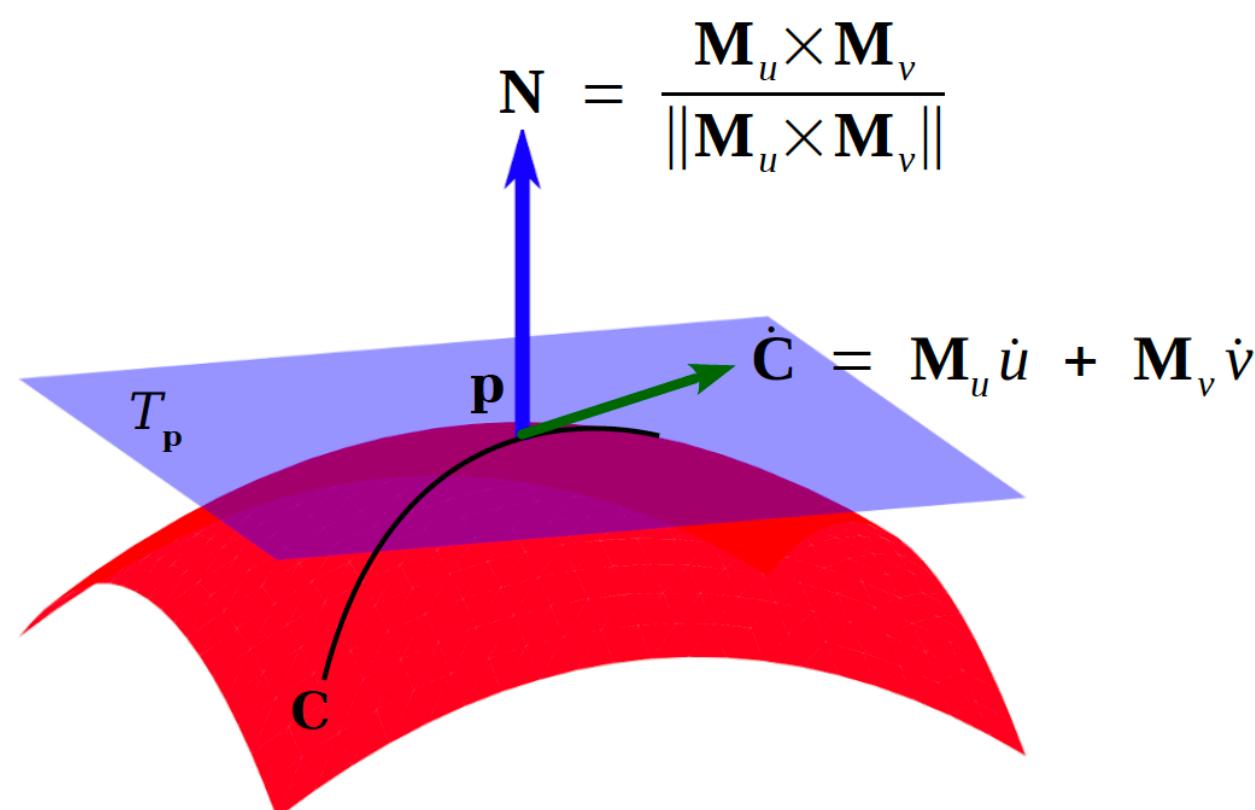
# Regular surface

- A surface  $M$  is **regular** if  $M_u \times M_v \neq 0$  everywhere
  - (i.e. that a normal can be defined everywhere)
- A point where  $M_u \times M_v \neq 0$  is called a **regular point**
  - (else, it is a **singular point**)

# Tangent space & Normal Vectors

- If the point is regular, the tangent vectors form a **2D space** called the **tangent space  $T_p$**  at  $p$ 
  - **$M_u$  and  $M_v$  are basis vectors** for the tangent space
- The unit normal to the tangent space, also known as the normal to the surface at the point, is

$$N = \frac{\mathbf{M}_u \times \mathbf{M}_v}{\|\mathbf{M}_u \times \mathbf{M}_v\|}$$

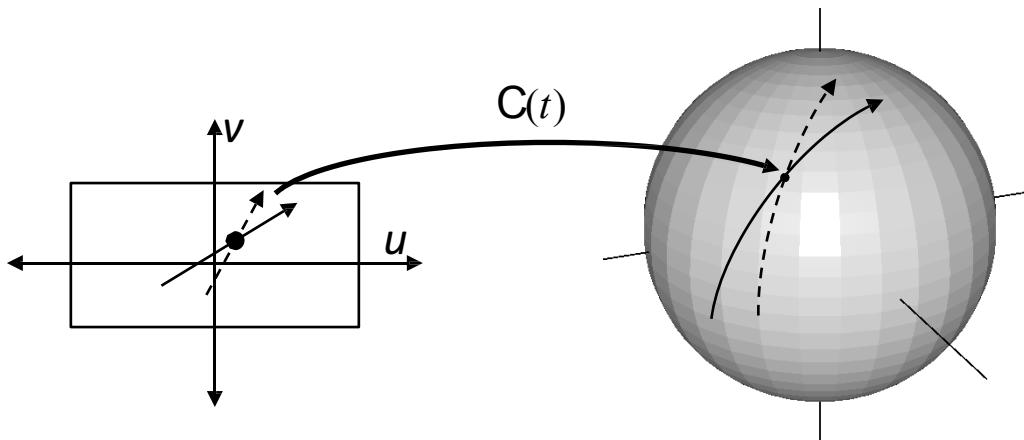


# Curve in parameter domain => curve on surface

## Definition:

Given a point  $p_0 = (u_0, v_0) \in \Omega$  and given a **direction  $w = (w_u, w_v)$**  in the parameter space, we can define the (3D) curve:

$$C(t) = C(p_0 + tw), \text{ (Special case: 2d line to 3d curve)}$$



# Directional derivatives

Definition:  $\mathbf{M}(t) = \mathbf{M}(p_0 + tw)$ ,  $w = (w_u, w_v)$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{C}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{M}}{\partial u} \frac{du}{dt} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{M}}{\partial v} \frac{dv}{dt}$$

Taking the derivative:

$$\mathbf{M}'(t) = w_u \mathbf{M}_u + w_v \mathbf{M}_v = \mathbf{J}_W$$

$\mathbf{J}$  is the Jacobian matrix **taking directions in  $\Omega$  to tangent vectors** on the surface:

$$\mathbf{J} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \end{pmatrix} \text{ i.e. } \mathbf{J} = (\mathbf{M}_u, \mathbf{M}_v),$$

$$\mathbf{M}_u(u, v) = \frac{\partial \mathbf{M}(u, v)}{\partial u}$$

$$\mathbf{M}_v(u, v) = \frac{\partial \mathbf{M}(u, v)}{\partial v}$$

# Differential is a linear operator

$$\mathbf{x}'(t) = w_u \mathbf{x}_u + w_v \mathbf{x}_v = \mathbf{J}w$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{C}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{M}}{\partial u} \frac{du}{dt} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{M}}{\partial v} \frac{dv}{dt}$$

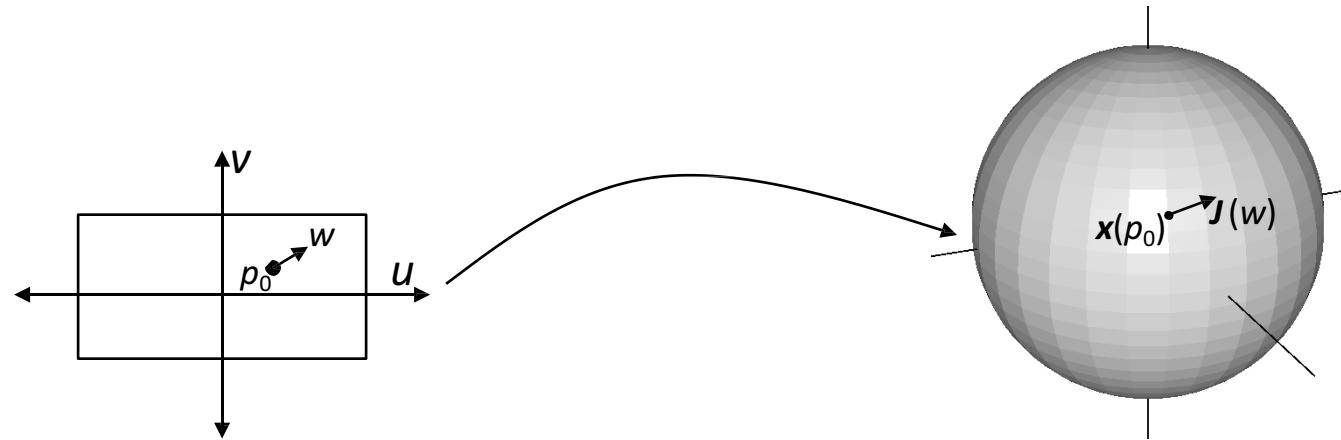
- Basis of  $T_p \mathbb{R}^2$ :  $e_1 = (1,0)$ ,  $e_2 = (0,1)$
- Basis of  $T_{f(p)} \mathbb{R}^3$ :  $x_u, x_v$
- Vector  $w = (w_u, w_v)$  in  $T_p \mathbb{R}^2$ :  $w = w_u e_1 + w_v e_2$
- To vector  $\mathbf{x}'(t)$  in  $T_{f(p)} \mathbb{R}^3$ , coefficients are kept

# **Riemannian Metric & first fundamental form**

# Metric Properties - length

Thus, given a point  $p_0 = (u_0, v_0) \in \Omega$  and given a direction  $w = (w_u, w_v)$ , we can use the Jacobian to compute the length of the corresponding tangent vector over  $x(p_0)$ :

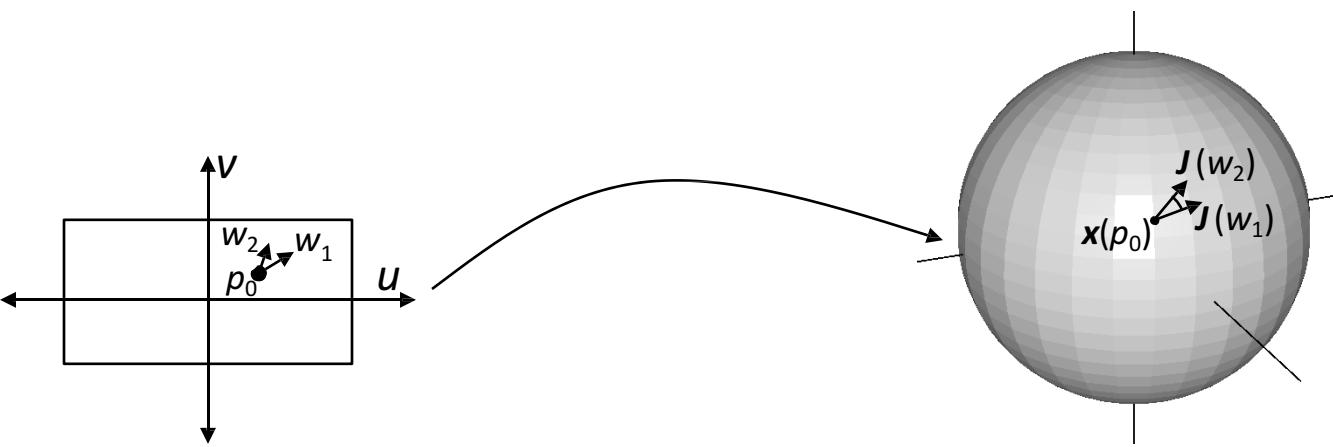
$$\text{length}^2 = \|\mathcal{J}w\|^2 = w^t J^t \mathcal{J}w$$



# Metric Properties - angle

- Similarly, given a point  $p_0=(u_0, v_0) \in \Omega$  and given directions  $w_1=(u_1, v_1)$  and  $w_2=(u_2, v_2)$  we can use the Jacobian to compute the angle of the corresponding tangent vectors over  $x(p_0)$ :

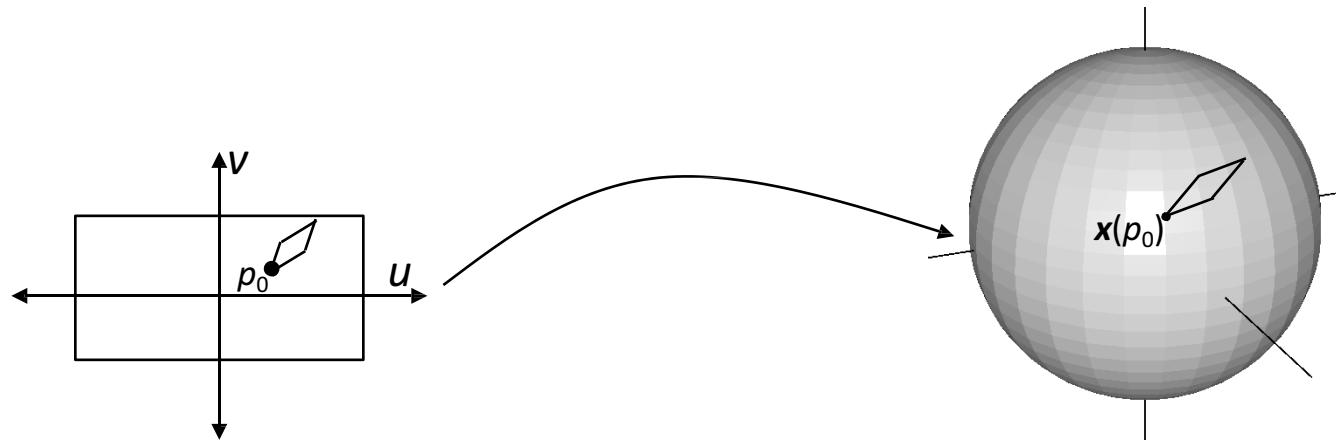
$$\cos(\text{angle}) = \frac{\langle Jw_1, Jw_2 \rangle}{\|Jw_1\| \|Jw_2\|} = \frac{w_1^t J^t J w_2}{\sqrt{w_1^t J^t J w_1} \sqrt{w_2^t J^t J w_2}}$$



# Metric Properties - area

- Finally, given a point  $p_0 = (u_0, v_0) \in \Omega$  and given directions  $w_1 = (u_1, v_1)$  and  $w_2 = (u_2, v_2)$  we can use the Jacobian to compute the area of the corresponding parallelogram in the tangent space:

$$\text{area} = |w_1 \times w_2| = |w_1| \cdot |w_2| \cdot \sin(\text{angle})$$

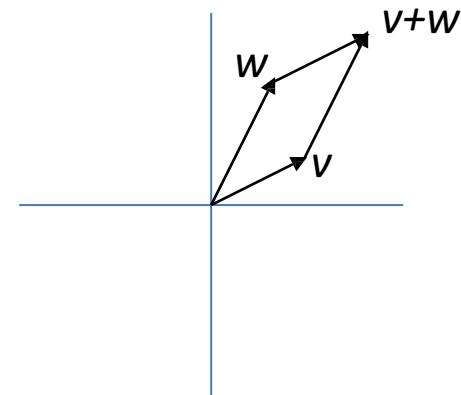


# Metric Properties - area

Note:

Given vectors  $v$  and  $w$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the area of the parallelogram spanned by  $v$  and  $w$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area}(v, w) &= |v| \cdot |w| \cdot \sin(\text{Angle}(v, w)) \\ &= |v| \cdot |w| \cdot \sqrt{1 - \cos^2 \text{Angle}(v, w)} \\ &= |v| \cdot |w| \cdot \sqrt{1 - \frac{\langle v, w \rangle^2}{|v|^2 |w|^2}} \\ &= \sqrt{|v|^2 |w|^2 - \langle v, w \rangle^2} \end{aligned}$$



# Metric Properties - area

- The area in tangent space is scaled by  $\sqrt{\det(I)}$ :

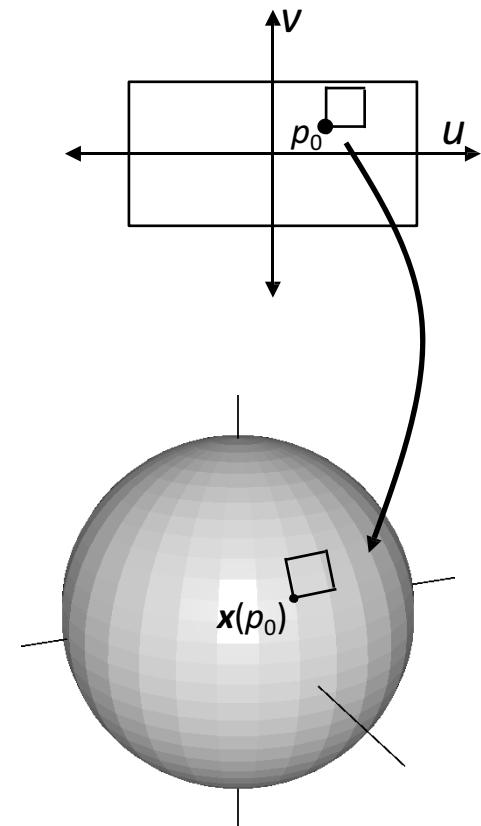
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area}(Jw_1, Jw_2) &= \sqrt{|Jw_1|^2 |Jw_2|^2 - \langle Jw_1, Jw_2 \rangle^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\det(I)} \text{Area}(w_1, w_2), \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } I = J'J = \begin{bmatrix} \langle M_u, M_u \rangle & \langle M_u, M_v \rangle \\ \langle M_u, M_v \rangle & \langle M_v, M_v \rangle \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{bmatrix}$$

- When  $w_1 = (du, 0)$ ,  $w_2 = (0, dv)$ :

$$\text{Area}(w_1, w_2) = dudv$$

$$\text{Area}(Jw_1, Jw_2) = \sqrt{\det(I)} dudv$$



# First Fundamental Form $I_S$

- **Riemannian metric, Metric Tensor, Fundamental Tensor**

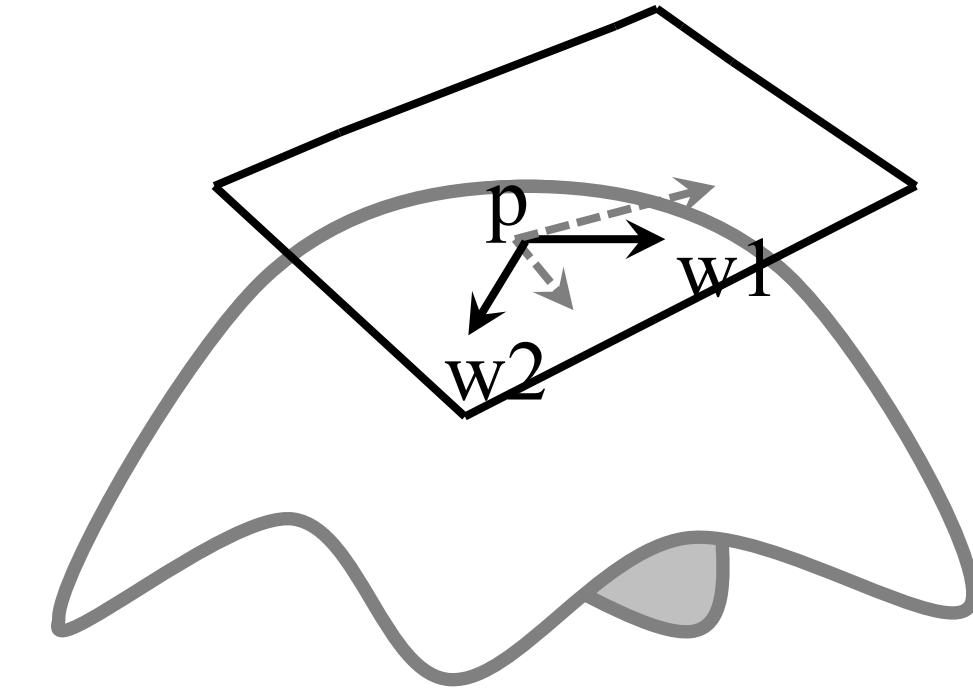
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$$\bullet M(u,v) = (x(u,v), y(u,v), z(u,v))$$

$$\bullet \text{Jacobian matrix } J = [M_u, M_v] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bullet w = J\hat{w} = [M_u, M_v] \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bullet \langle \hat{w}_1, \hat{w}_2 \rangle_S := I_S(\hat{w}_1, \hat{w}_2) = \langle w_1, w_2 \rangle = (J\hat{w}_1)^T (J\hat{w}_2) = \hat{w}_1^T (J^T J) \hat{w}_2$$



# First Fundamental Form

First fundamental form I allows to measure  
(w.r.t. surface metric)

Angles       $\mathbf{t}_1^\top \mathbf{t}_2 = \langle (\alpha_1, \beta_1), (\alpha_2, \beta_2) \rangle$

Length      
$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= \langle (du, dv), (du, dv) \rangle \\ &= Edu^2 + 2Fdudv + Gdv^2 \end{aligned}$$

squared infinitesimal length

Area      
$$\begin{aligned} dA &= \|\mathbf{x}_u \times \mathbf{x}_v\| du dv \\ &= \sqrt{\mathbf{x}_u^T \mathbf{x}_u \cdot \mathbf{x}_v^T \mathbf{x}_v - (\mathbf{x}_u^T \mathbf{x}_v)^2} du dv \\ &= \sqrt{EG - F^2} du dv \end{aligned}$$

infinitesimal Area

cross product → determinant with unit vectors → area

- curve length

$$L = l(a, b) = \int_a^b \|\mathbf{x}'(u)\| du$$

$$\begin{aligned} l(a, b) &= \int_a^b \sqrt{(u_t, v_t) \mathbf{I}(u_t, v_t)^T dt} \\ &= \int_a^b \sqrt{E u_t^2 + 2F u_t v_t + G v_t^2} dt. \end{aligned}$$

- Surface area

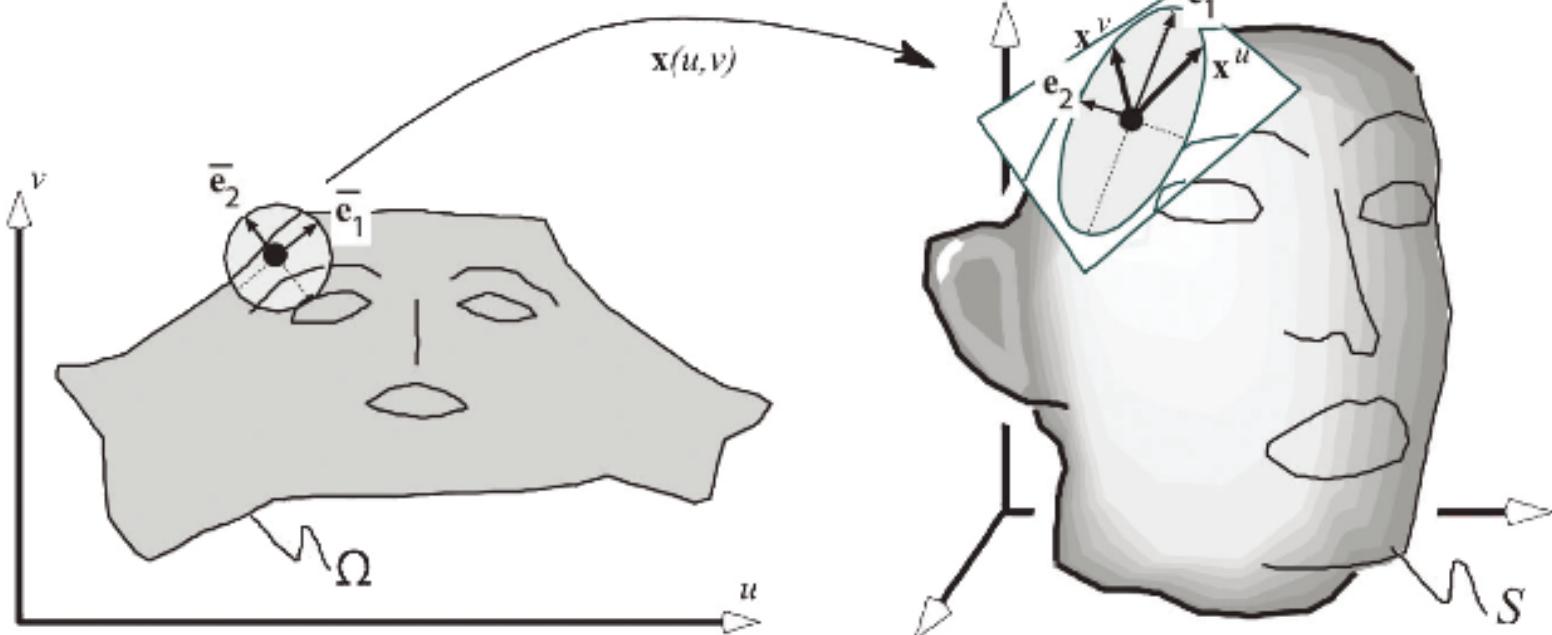
$$A = A(X) = \iint_U |x_u \times x_v| dudv = \iint_U \sqrt{EG - F^2} dudv = \iint_U \sqrt{\det(I_X)} dudv$$

# Anisotropy

- ▶ the axes of the anisotropy ellipse are  $\mathbf{e}_1 = \mathbf{J}\bar{\mathbf{e}}_1$  and  $\mathbf{e}_2 = \mathbf{J}\bar{\mathbf{e}}_2$ ;
- ▶ the lengths of the axes are  $\sigma_1 = \sqrt{\lambda_1}$  and  $\sigma_2 = \sqrt{\lambda_2}$ .

$$\sigma_1 = \sqrt{1/2(E + G) + \sqrt{(E - G)^2 + 4F^2}},$$

$$\sigma_2 = \sqrt{1/2(E + G) - \sqrt{(E - G)^2 + 4F^2}},$$

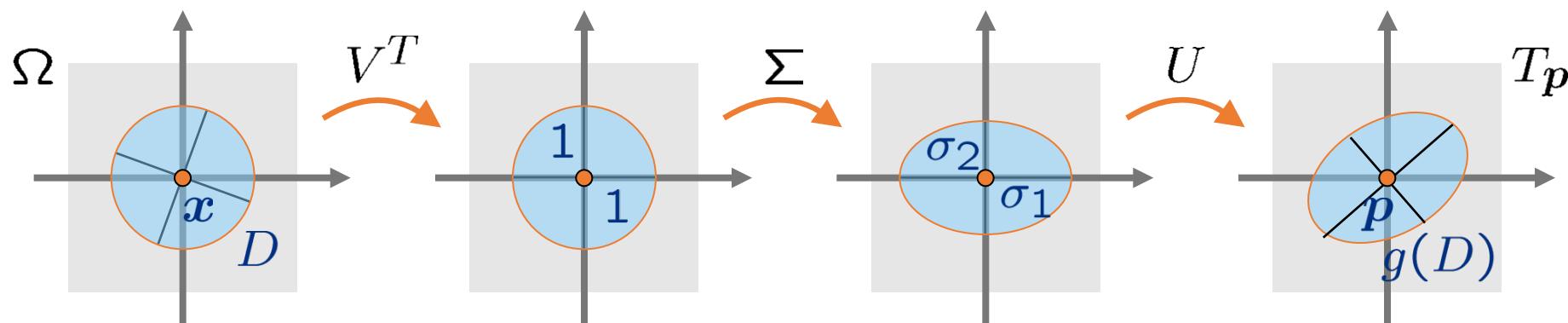


# Linear Map Surgery

- Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) of  $J_f$

$$J_f = U \Sigma V^T = U \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} V^T$$

with **rotations**  $U \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$  and  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$   
and **scale factors** (singular values)  $\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 > 0$



# SVD

- Each matrix can be treated as a linear map or Jacobian Matrix of a map. Each owns a SVD decomposition, i.e. can be described as an aligner followed by a stretch followed by a hanger. (can be represented by a concatenation of rotation and scale.)

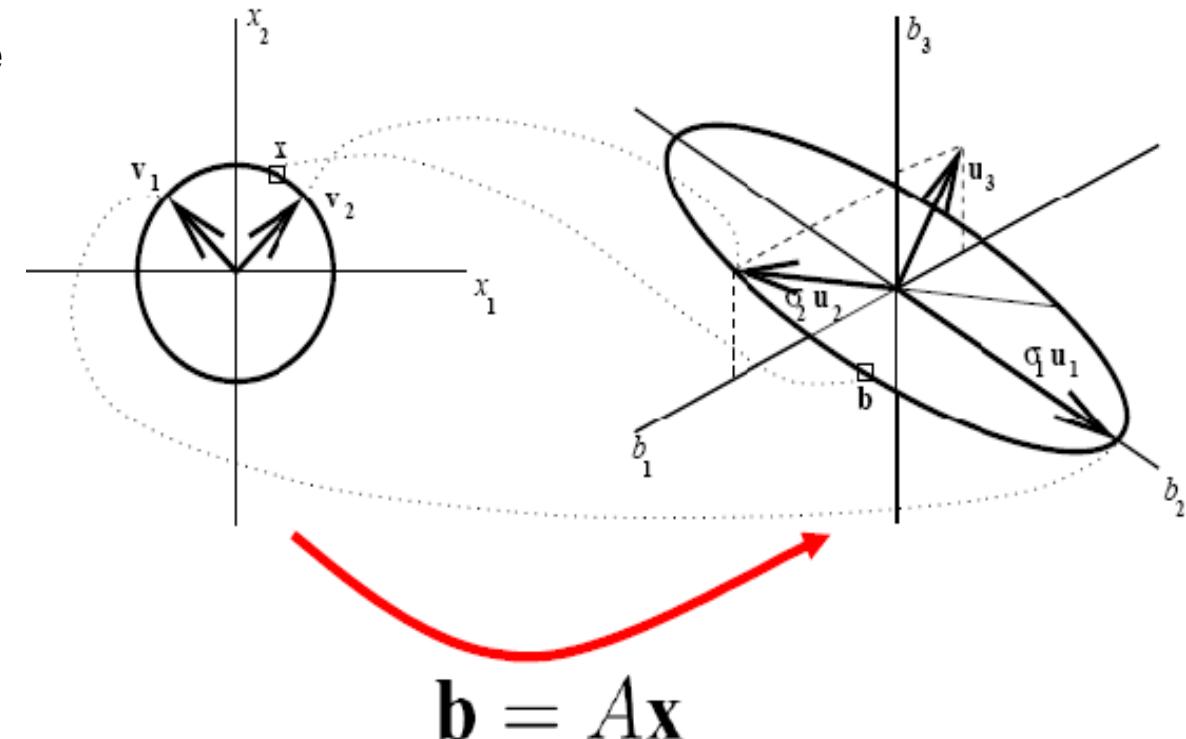
$J_f = (f_u \quad f_v)$  is a matrix of 3 by 2.

$$J_f = U\Sigma V^T = (U_1 \quad U_2 \quad U_3) \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} (V_1 \quad V_2)^T, V_i \text{ are}$$

eigenvectors of  $J_f^T J_f$ ,  $U_i$  are eigenvectors of  $J_f J_f^T$ .

(Note:  $\sigma_1 = \sqrt{\lambda_1}, \sigma_2 =$

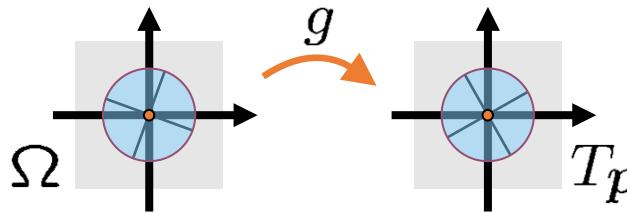
$\sqrt{\lambda_2}, \lambda_1, \lambda_2$  are eigenvalues of  $J_f^T J_f$ , not  $J_f J_f^T$ )



# Notion of Distortion

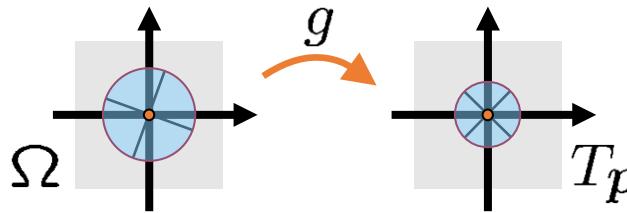
- **isometric** or **length**-preserving

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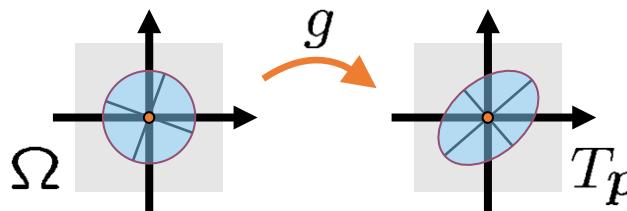
- **conformal** or **angle**-preserving

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_2$$



- **equiareal** or **area**-preserving

$$\sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2 = 1$$



- everything defined **pointwise** on  $\Omega$

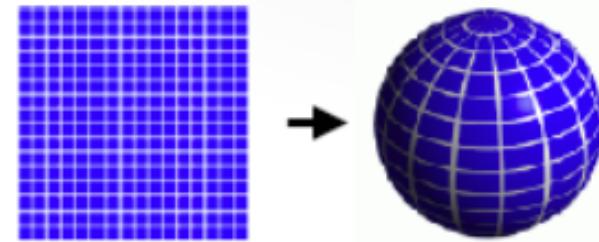
Theorem 4. Every isometric mapping is conformal and equiareal, and every conformal and equiareal mapping is isometric, i.e.,

$$\text{isometric} \Leftrightarrow \text{conformal} + \text{eqiareal}.$$

# Sphere Example

Spherical parameterization

$$\mathbf{x}(u, v) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos u \sin v \\ \sin u \sin v \\ \cos v \end{pmatrix}, \quad (u, v) \in [0, 2\pi) \times [0, \pi)$$



Tangent vectors

$$\mathbf{x}_u(u, v) = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin u \sin v \\ \cos u \sin v \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}_v(u, v) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos u \cos v \\ \sin u \cos v \\ -\sin v \end{pmatrix}$$

First fundamental Form

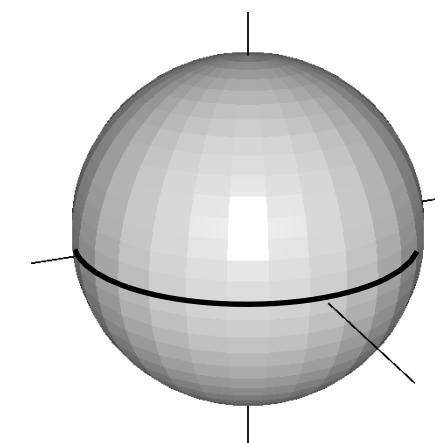
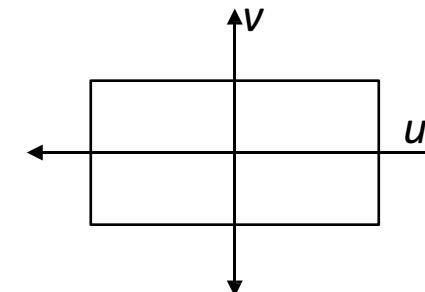
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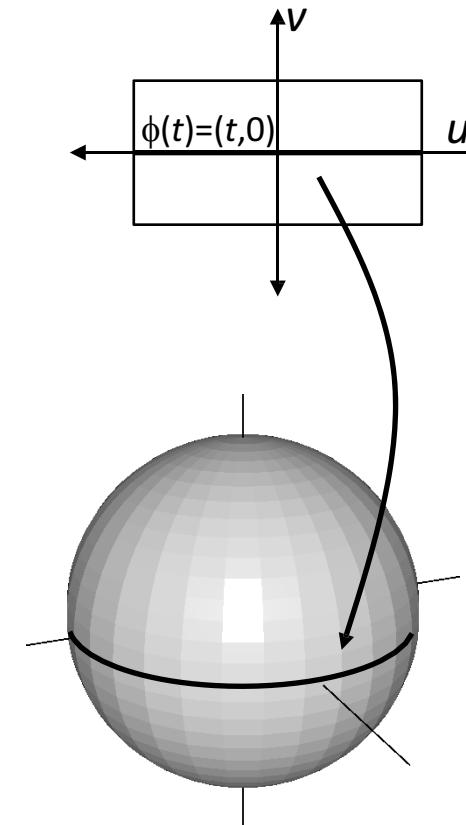
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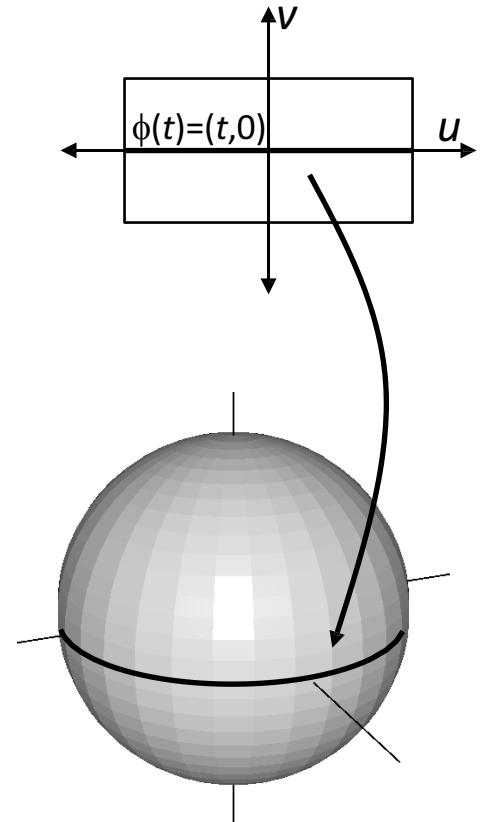
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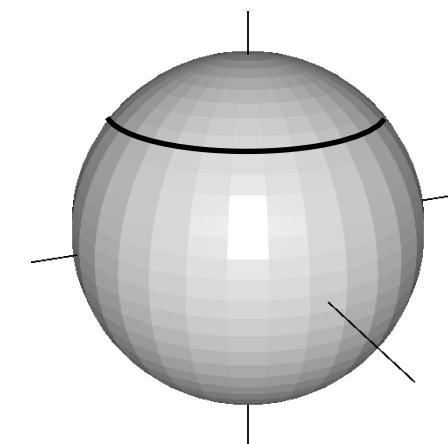
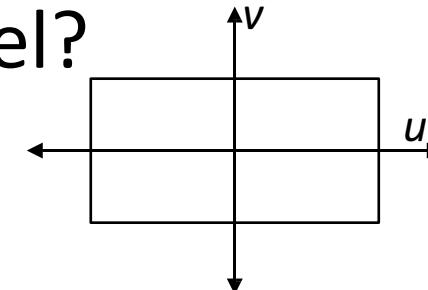


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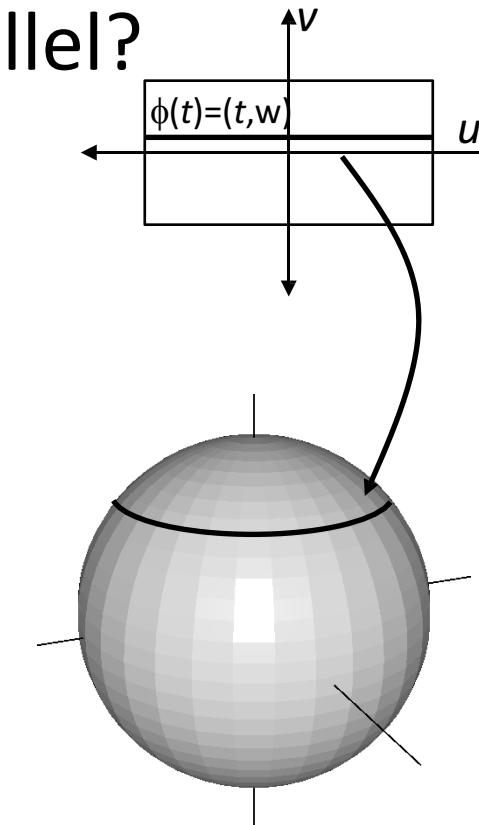
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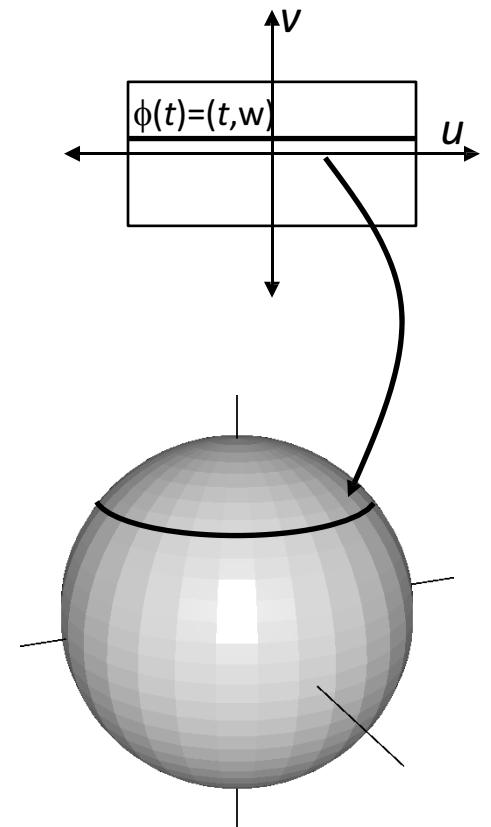
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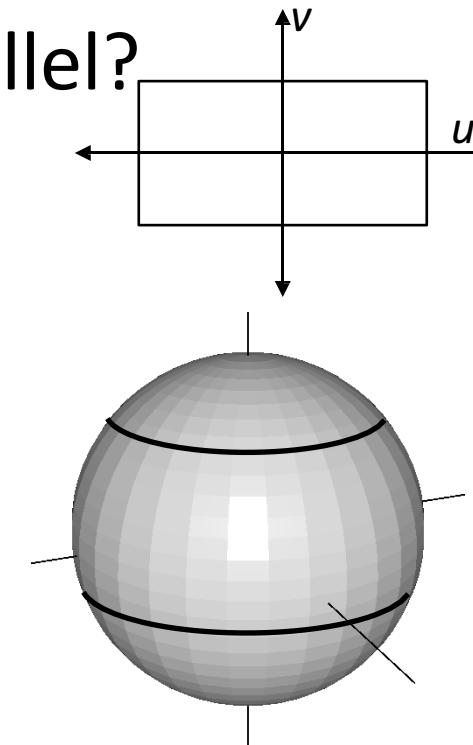


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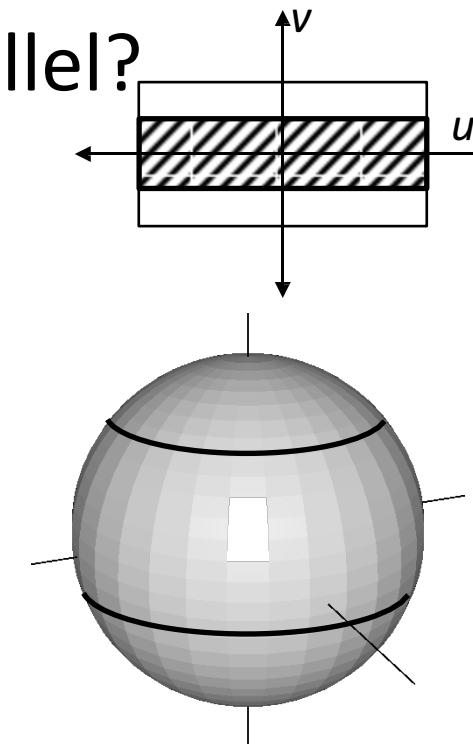
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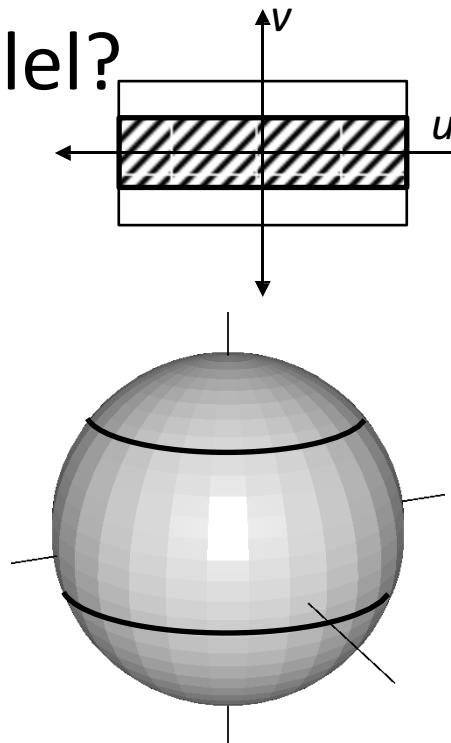
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$$= 2\pi(\sin w_2 - \sin w_1)$$

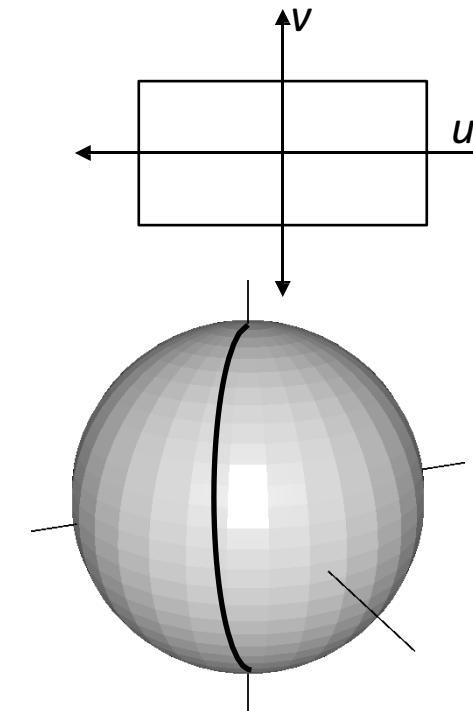


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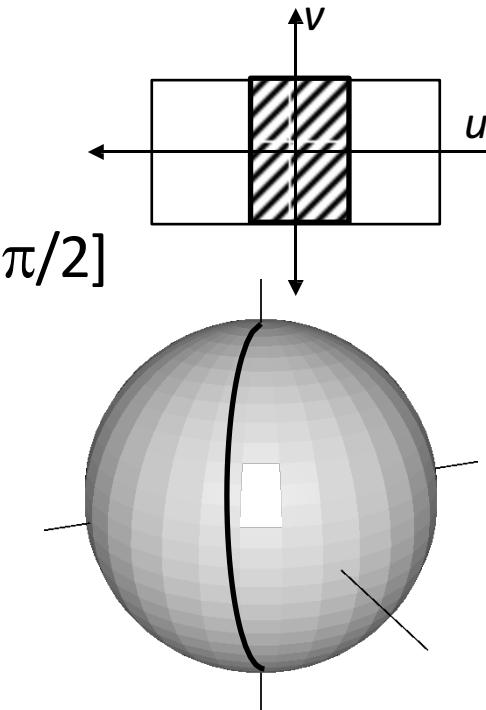
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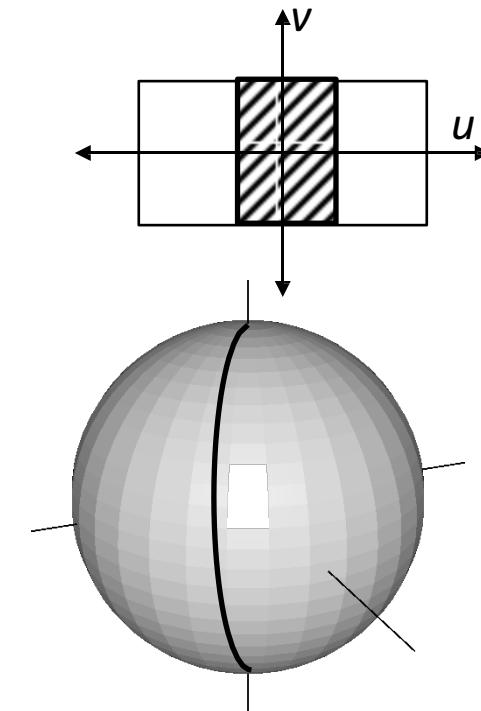
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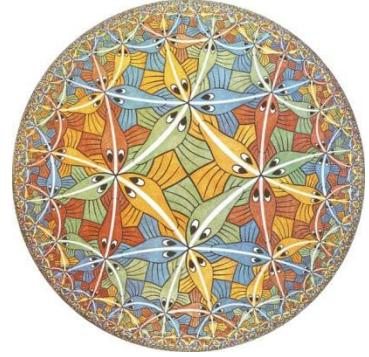
$$= (w_2 - w_1) \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos t dt$$

$$= (w_2 - w_1)(\sin(\pi/2) - \sin(-\pi/2))$$

$$= 2(w_2 - w_1)$$



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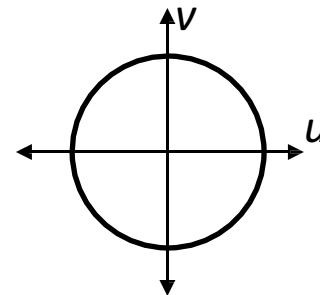


## Example (Hyperbolic Plane):

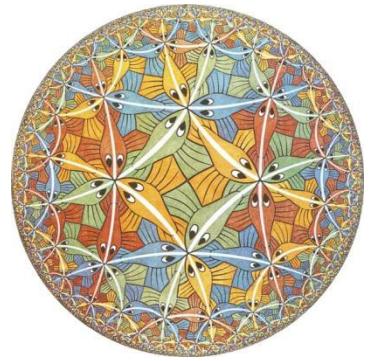
If we are given the first fundamental form, we can ignore the embedding of the surface in 3D, and integrate directly.

Consider the domain  $\Omega = \{u, v \mid (u^2 + v^2 < 1)\}$ , with the first fundamental form:

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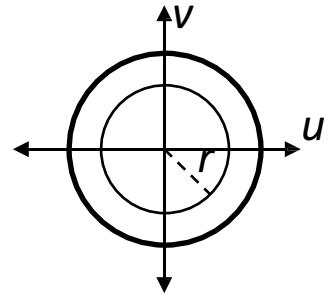
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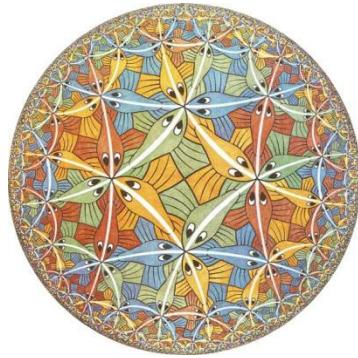
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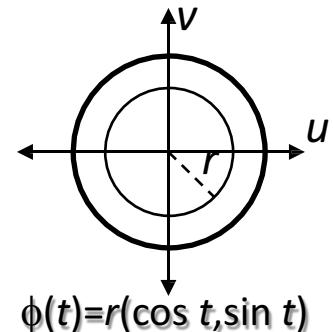


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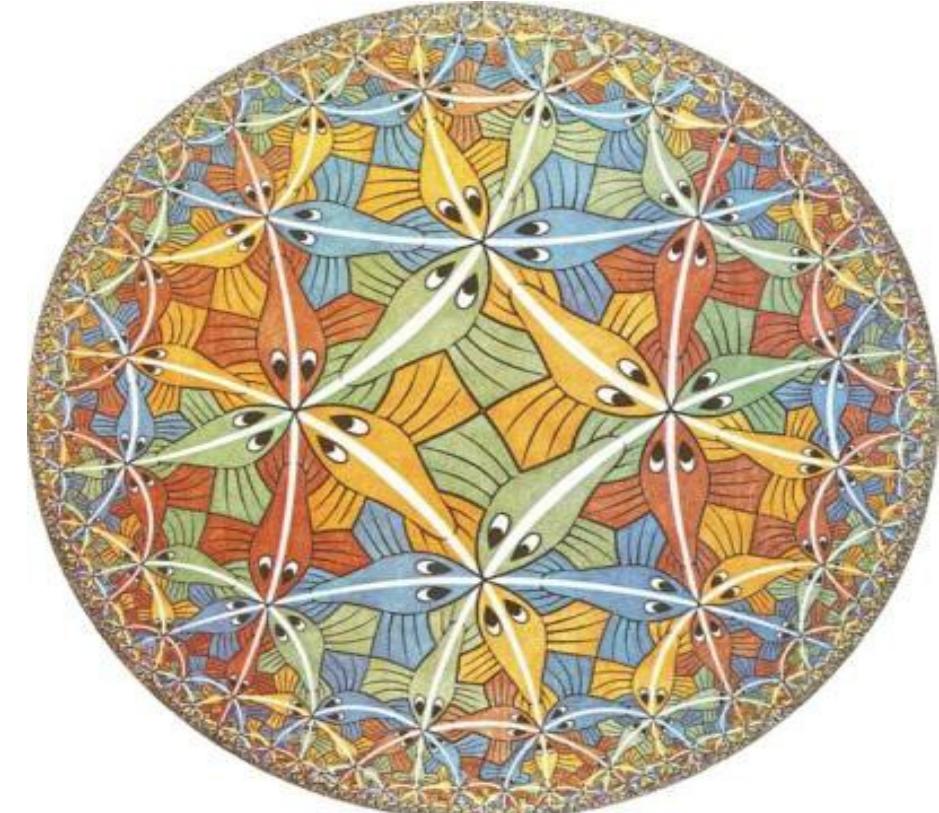
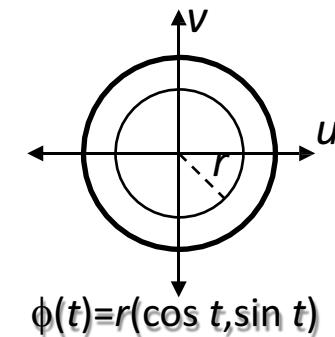
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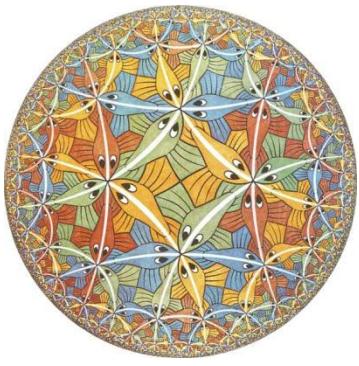
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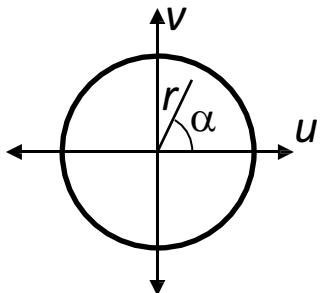
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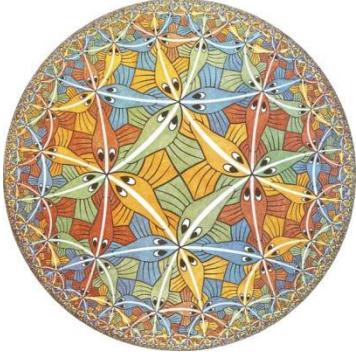
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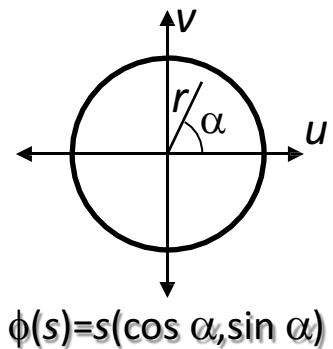
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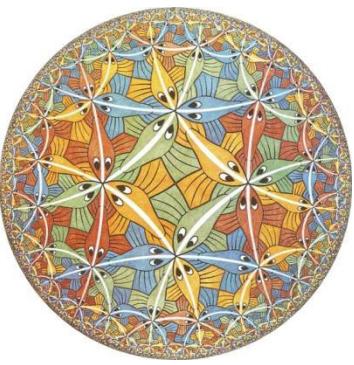
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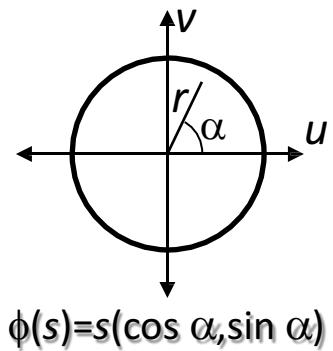


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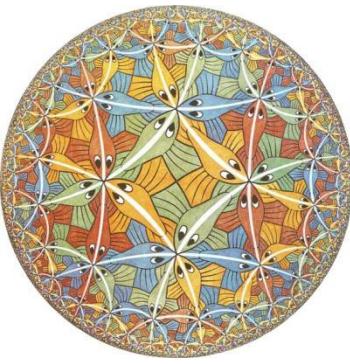
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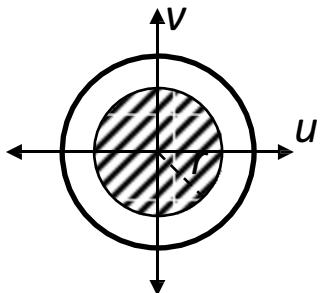
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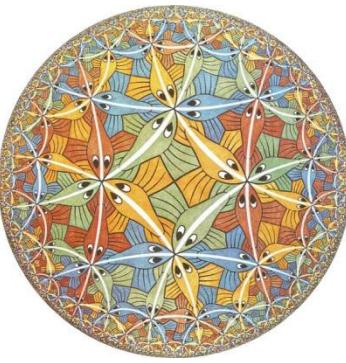
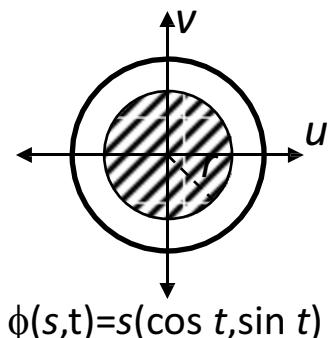
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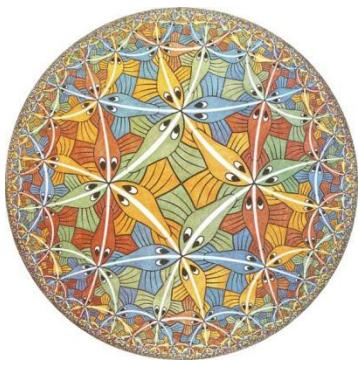
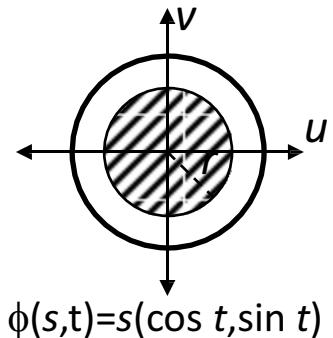
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# Surfaces Curvatures

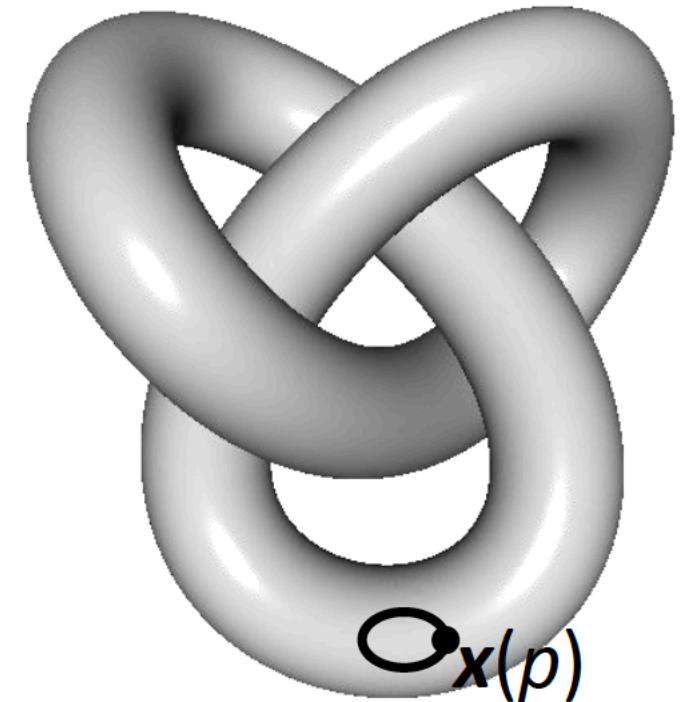
Quantify how a surface  
bends.

# Curvatures of curves

$$\kappa(u) = -\frac{\langle \mathbf{n}'(u), \mathbf{t}(u) \rangle}{|\mathbf{x}'(u)|} = \frac{\langle \mathbf{n}(u), \mathbf{t}'(u) \rangle}{|\mathbf{x}'(u)|} = \dots = \frac{\langle \mathbf{n}(u), \mathbf{x}''(u) \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{x}'(u), \mathbf{x}'(u) \rangle}$$

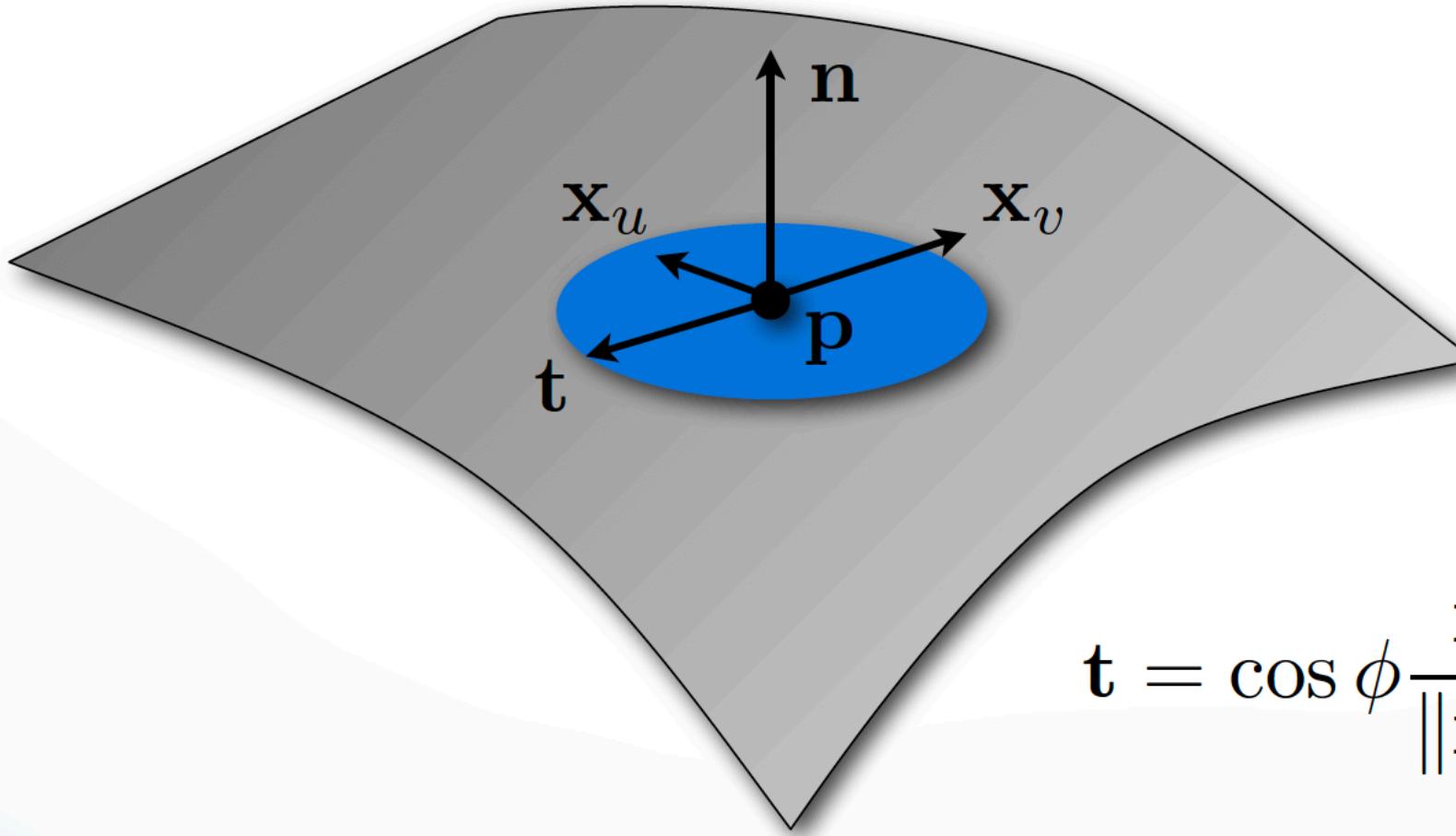
# Curvature

- We extend the notion to the curvature of a surface at the point  $\mathbf{x}(p)$  by looking at the curvature of curves on the surface.
- Using arbitrary curves, we don't get a sense of the curvature as we go "around" the surface, e.g. we can get the curvature to be arbitrarily small.



# Curvature

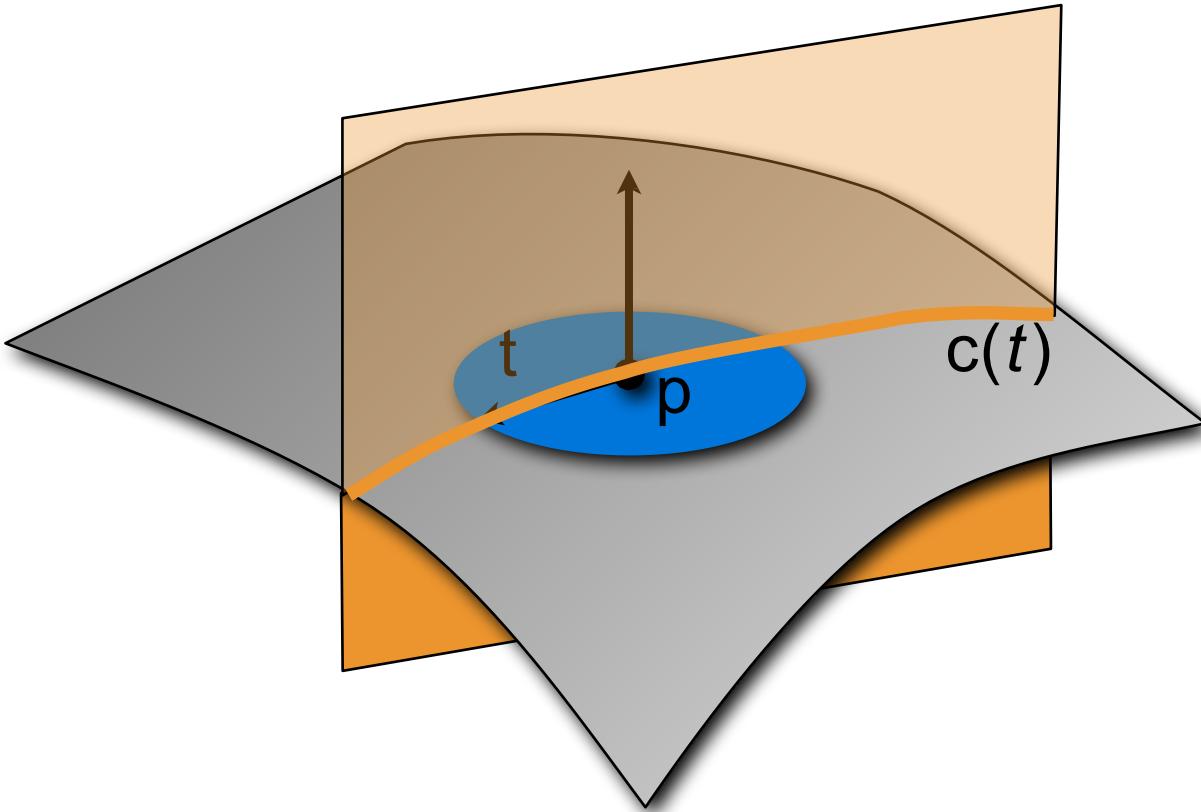
Tangent vector  $t \dots$



$$\mathbf{t} = \cos \phi \frac{\mathbf{x}_u}{\|\mathbf{x}_u\|} + \sin \phi \frac{\mathbf{x}_v}{\|\mathbf{x}_v\|}$$

# Normal Curvature

Instead, we look at the curvature of *normal curves*  $c(t)$  – curves through  $x(p)$  obtained by intersecting the surface with a plane containing the normal at  $x(p)$ .



$$t = \cos \varphi \frac{x_u}{\|x_u\|} + \sin \varphi \frac{x_v}{\|x_v\|}$$

# Regular Surfaces

$$\kappa(u) = \frac{\langle \mathbf{n}(u), \mathbf{x}''(u) \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{x}'(u), \mathbf{x}'(u) \rangle}$$

Computing the curvature of the curve  $\mathbf{x}(\phi(t))$  at  $\mathbf{x}(\phi(0)) = \mathbf{x}(p)$  gives:

$$\begin{aligned}\kappa(0) &= \frac{\langle \mathbf{n}, (\mathbf{x} \circ \phi)''(0) \rangle}{\langle (\mathbf{x} \circ \phi)'(0), (\mathbf{x} \circ \phi)'(0) \rangle} \\ &= \frac{\langle \mathbf{n}, ((d^2 \mathbf{x} \circ \phi) \cdot \phi'(0)) \cdot \phi'(0) + ((d\mathbf{x} \circ \phi) \cdot \phi'')(0) \rangle}{\langle J_w, J_w \rangle} \\ &= \frac{w^t \begin{pmatrix} \langle \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{x}_{uu}(p) \rangle & \langle \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{x}_{vu}(p) \rangle \\ \langle \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{x}_{uv}(p) \rangle & \langle \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{x}_{vv}(p) \rangle \end{pmatrix} w}{w^t I(p) w}\end{aligned}$$

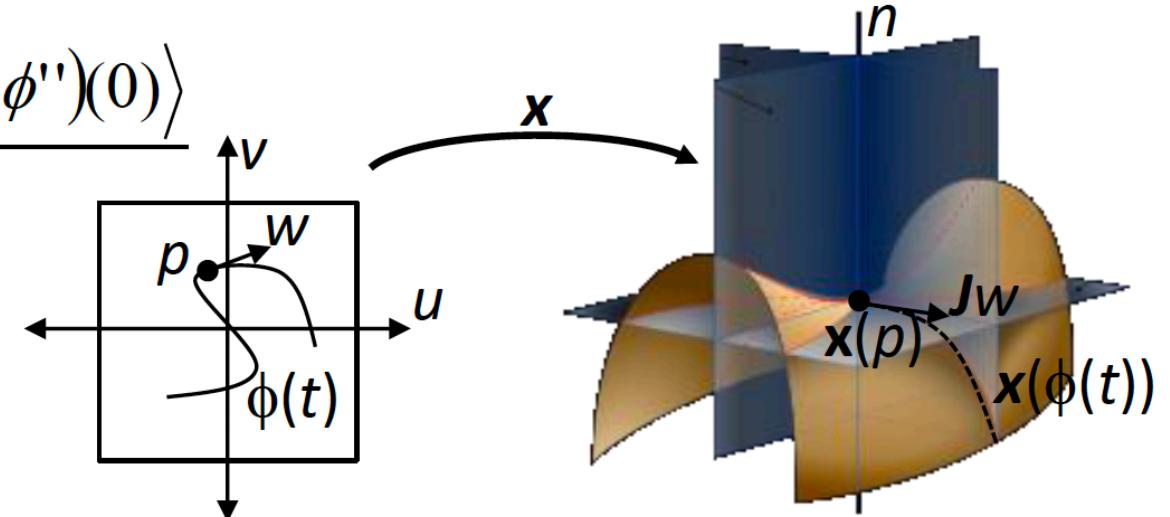
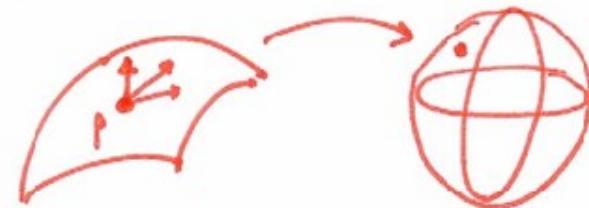


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# Geometry of the Normal

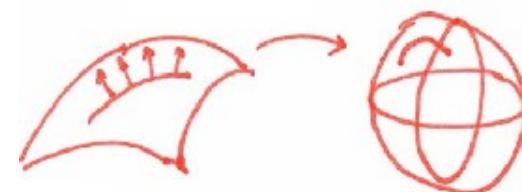
## Gauss map

- normal at point



$$N(p) = \frac{S_{,u} \times S_{,v}}{|S_{,u} \times S_{,v}|}(p) \quad N : S \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^2$$

- consider curve in surface again
  - study its curvature at p
  - normal “tilts” along curve



*normal curvature*  $\kappa_n(\bar{t})$  at  $p$

Let  $t = u_t X_u + v_t X_v$  be a tangent vector at a surface point  $p \in S$  represented as  $\bar{t} = (u_t, v_t)^T$  in parameter domain

$$\kappa_n(\bar{t}) = \frac{\bar{t}^T \mathbf{II} \bar{t}}{\bar{t}^T \mathbf{I} \bar{t}} = \frac{eu_t^2 + 2fu_tv_t + gv_t^2}{Eu_t^2 + 2Fu_tv_t + Gv_t^2},$$

where  $\mathbf{II}$  denotes the *second fundamental form* defined as

$$\mathbf{II} = \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ f & g \end{bmatrix} := \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_{uu}^T \mathbf{n} & \mathbf{x}_{uv}^T \mathbf{n} \\ \mathbf{x}_{uv}^T \mathbf{n} & \mathbf{x}_{vv}^T \mathbf{n} \end{bmatrix}.$$

# Principal Curvatures

- Normal curvatures
- Principal curvatures

$$\kappa_n(\bar{t}) = \frac{\bar{t}^T \mathbf{II} \bar{t}}{\bar{t}^T \mathbf{I} \bar{t}}$$

- We can find the principal curvature values (and directions) by setting the derivative of normal curvature to 0:

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{K}_p}(w) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{(w^T \mathbf{H} w)}{(w^T \mathbf{H} w)} \mathbf{H} w = \mathbf{H} w$$

- Thus, the principal curvature values (and directions) can be obtained by solving:

$$\mathbf{I}^{-1} \mathbf{H} w = \lambda w$$

- it has two distinct eigen values

$$\mathbf{I}^{-1} \mathbf{H} w_1 = \kappa_1 w_1 \quad \mathbf{I}^{-1} \mathbf{H} w_2 = \kappa_2 w_2$$

- We denote with  $k_1$  the minimum curvature and with  $k_2$  the maximum curvature.

$$I^{-1} / \kappa_1 w_1 = \kappa_1 w_1 \quad I^{-1} / \kappa_2 w_2 = \kappa_2 w_2$$

- $I^{-1} / \kappa$  is also called the shape operator S
- This implies that mean and Gaussian curvatures are the trace and determinant of this matrix:
  - mean curvature  $H = \text{Tr}(S) = k_1 + k_2$
  - Gaussian curvature  $K = \text{Det}(S) = k_1 * k_2$

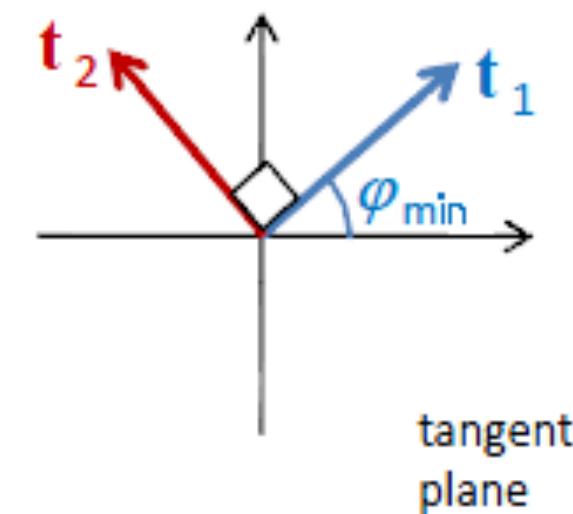
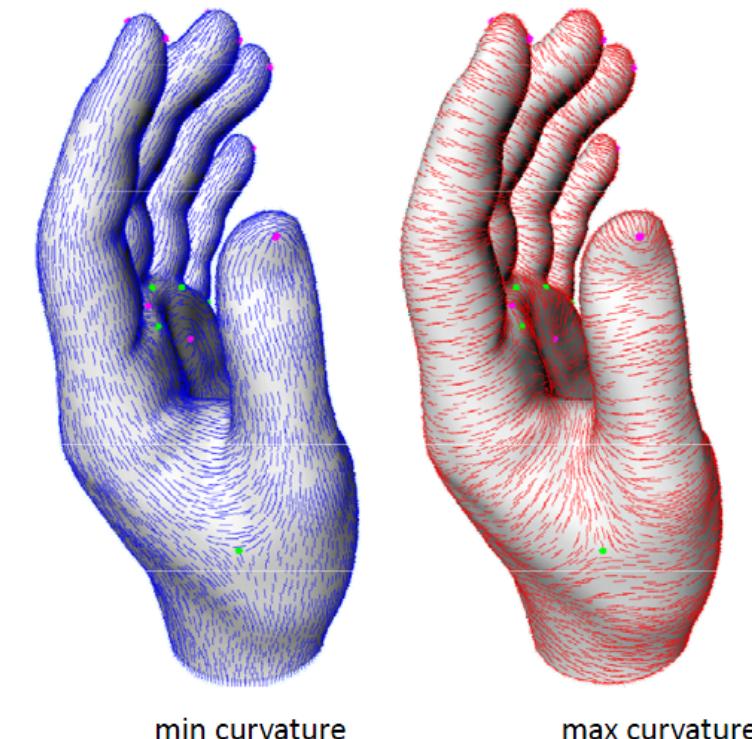
# Principal Curvatures

$$\kappa_n(\bar{t}) = \frac{\bar{t}^T \mathbf{II} \bar{t}}{\bar{t}^T \mathbf{I} \bar{t}}$$

- Euler theorem

$$\kappa_n(\bar{t}) = \kappa_1 \cos^2 \psi + \kappa_2 \sin^2 \psi,$$

- $\psi$  is the angle between  $t$  and  $t_1$
- $t_1$  &  $t_2$  are principal directions: tangent vectors corresponding to  $\varphi_{min}$  &  $\varphi_{max}$
- **any normal curvature is a convex combination of the minimum and maximum curvature**
- **principal directions are orthogonal to each other**



# Curvature tensor

$$\kappa_p(w) = \kappa_1(p) \cos^2 \alpha + \kappa_2(p) \sin^2 \alpha$$

To prove it, we define curvature tensor

Given the **unit principal curvatures directions**  $Jw_1$  and  $Jw_2$ , and the principal curvature  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ , the *curvature tensor* is a  $3 \times 3$  symmetric matrix associated to each point on the surface, defined by:

$$C(X(p)) = k_1 Jw_1 {Jw_1}^t + k_2 Jw_2 {Jw_2}^t$$

# Curvature tensor & Euler theorem

$$C(X(p)) = k_1 J w_1 J w_1^t + k_2 J w_2 J w_2^t$$

Note:

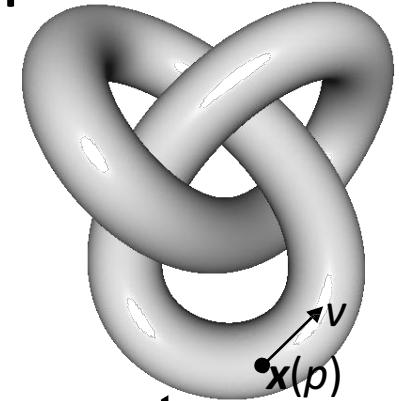
Given a (non-tangent) vector  $v$  at the point  $x(p)$ , we can express  $v$  as:

$$v = \cos\psi J w_1 + \sin\psi J w_2 + \gamma n(p)$$

Applying the curvature tensor to  $v$ , gives:

$$v^t C(X(p)) v = k_1 \cos^2 \psi + k_2 \sin^2 \psi$$

So the curvature tensor gives the curvature in the tangent component (scaled by square length).



$$\kappa_n(\bar{t}) = \kappa_1 \cos^2 \psi + \kappa_2 \sin^2 \psi,$$

# Surfaces Curvatures

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- Principal curvatures
  - Maximal curvature  $\kappa_1 = \max_{\phi} \kappa_n(\phi)$
  - Minimal curvature  $\kappa_2 = \min_{\phi} \kappa_n(\phi)$
- Mean curvature:  
$$k_H = \frac{k_1+k_2}{2} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} k_n(\theta) d\theta = \lim_{diam(A) \rightarrow 0} \frac{\nabla A}{A}$$
- Gaussian curvature:  
$$k_G = k_1 \cdot k_2 = \lim_{diam(A) \rightarrow 0} \frac{A^G}{A}$$
- Curvature tensor:  
$$C = PDP^{-1}, \text{ with } P=[\mathbf{t}_1, \mathbf{t}_2, \mathbf{n}] \text{ and } D=\text{diag}(k_1, k_2, 0)$$

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- Principal curvatures: eigenvalues of the shape operator  $\mathbf{S}$ :  $\mathbf{H}^I/\mathbf{I}$

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- Gaussian curvature:

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# Gauss-Bonnet Theorem

**For any closed manifold surface with Euler characteristic  $\chi = 2 - 2g$**

$$\int K = 2\pi\chi$$

$$\int K(\text{Hand}) = \int K(\text{Cow}) = \int K(\text{Sphere}) = 4\pi$$

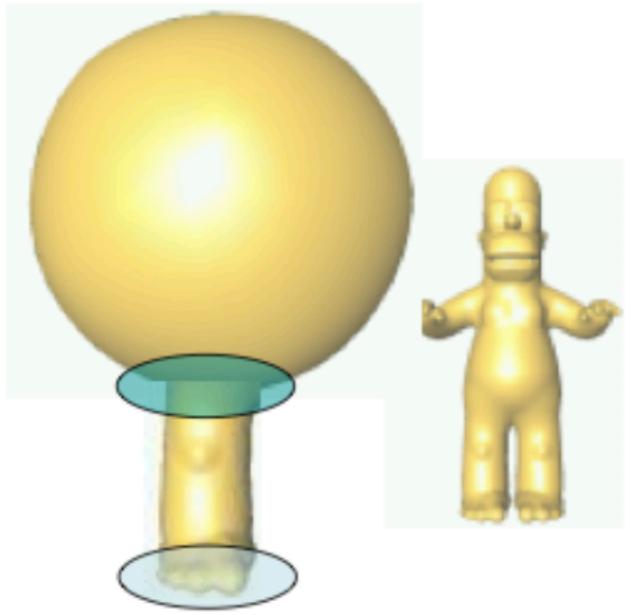
# Gauss-Bonnet Theorem

## Sphere

$$\kappa_1 = \kappa_2 = 1/r$$

$$K = \kappa_1 \kappa_2 = 1/r^2$$

$$\int K = 4\pi r^2 \cdot \frac{1}{r^2} = 4\pi$$



when sphere is deformed, new  
**positive and negative curvature cancel out**

**高斯曲率** 反应了曲面的弯曲程度。在给出高斯曲率的几何解释之前，首先引入高斯映射的定义，设  $A$  是曲面上包含  $p$  点的一小片曲面（其面积仍用  $A$  表示），把  $A$  上的每点的单位法向量  $n$  平移到原点  $O$  处，那么  $n$  的终点轨迹是以  $O$  为中心的单位球面  $S^2$  上的一块区域  $A^*$ 。这个对应称为高斯映射。则  $p$  点的高斯曲率可以表示为：

$$\kappa_G(p) = \lim_{A \rightarrow 0} \frac{A^*}{A}$$

其中高斯曲率  $\kappa_G$  和平均曲率  $\kappa_H$  都反映局部曲面的几何特征。

Lagrange注意到  $\kappa_H = 0$  是极小曲面的Lagrange方程，于是就给出了一个极小曲面与平均曲率的直接关系：

$$2\kappa_H n = \lim_{diam(A) \rightarrow 0} \frac{\nabla A}{A}$$

其中， $A$  是点  $p$  处无穷小区域的面积， $diam(A)$  是它的直径，  
 $\nabla$  是关于点  $p(x, y, z)$  坐标的梯度，因此，定义算子  $K(p) = 2\kappa_H(p)n(p)$  这就是著名的Laplace-Beltrami算子。

# Analogy with curves

Curves:

First derivative  $\rightarrow$  arc length

Second derivative  $\rightarrow$  curvature

Surfaces:

First fundamental form  $\rightarrow$  distances

Second fundamental form  $\rightarrow$  (extrinsic) curvatures

# Intrinsic and Extrinsic Properties

- Properties of the surface related to the first fundamental form are called **intrinsic** properties
  - Determined only by measuring distances on the surface
- Properties of the surface related to the second fundamental form are called **extrinsic** properties
  - Determined by looking at the full embedding of the surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

# Gaussian Curvature

- The Gaussian curvature at a surface point is an intrinsic property

$$K = \frac{LN - M^2}{EG - F^2}$$

- But this involves  $L, M, N$  from the second fundamental form, how is this intrinsic?

# Theorem Egregium of Gauss

- The Gaussian curvature can be expressed solely as a function of the coefficients of the first fundamental form and their derivatives

$$K = \frac{\det \begin{vmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}E_{vv} + F_{uv} - \frac{1}{2}G_{uu} & \frac{1}{2}E_u & F_u - \frac{1}{2}E_v \\ F_v - \frac{1}{2}G_u & E & F \\ \frac{1}{2}G_v & F & G \end{vmatrix} - \det \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2}E_v & \frac{1}{2}G_u \\ \frac{1}{2}E_v & E & F \\ \frac{1}{2}G_u & F & G \end{vmatrix}}{(EG - F^2)^2}$$

# Bonnet's Theorem

- A surface in 3-space is uniquely determined upto rigid motion by its first and second fundamental forms
- Compare to the Fundamental Theorem of Space Curves:
  - curvature and torsion uniquely define a curve upto rigid motion.

# Who cares?

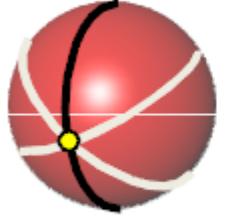
**Curvature  
completely determines  
local surface geometry.**

# Classification

A point p on the surface is called

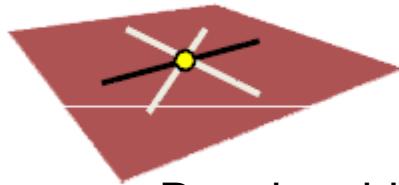
**Isotropic:** all  
directions are  
principle directions

$$K > 0, \kappa_1 = \kappa_2$$



spherical (umbilical)

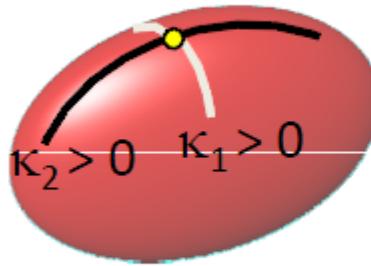
$$K = 0$$



Developable surface  $\Leftrightarrow K=0$   
planar

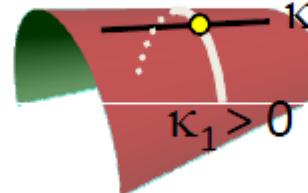
**Anisotropic:** 2  
distinct principle  
directions

$$K > 0$$



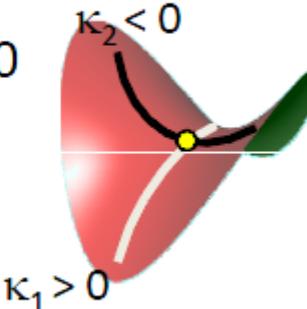
elliptic

$$K = 0$$



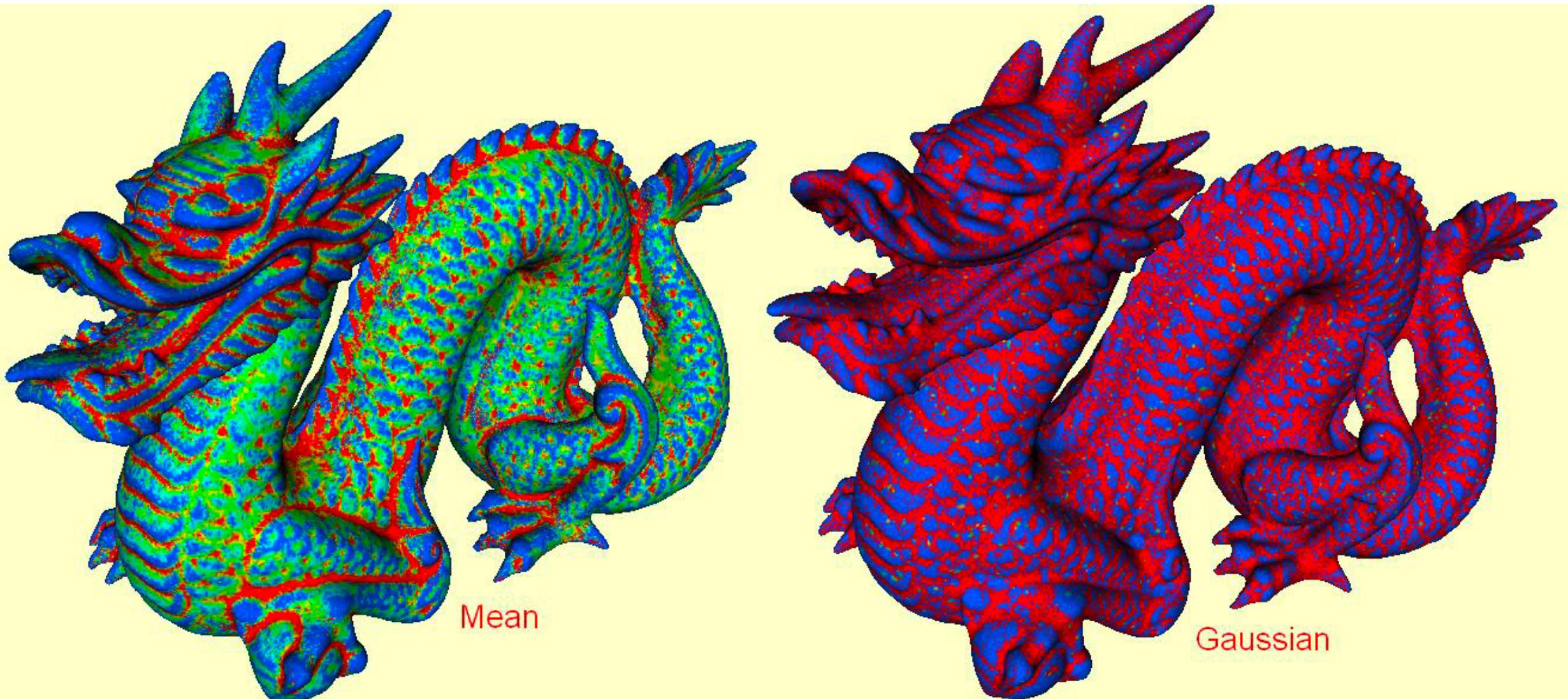
parabolic

$$K < 0$$

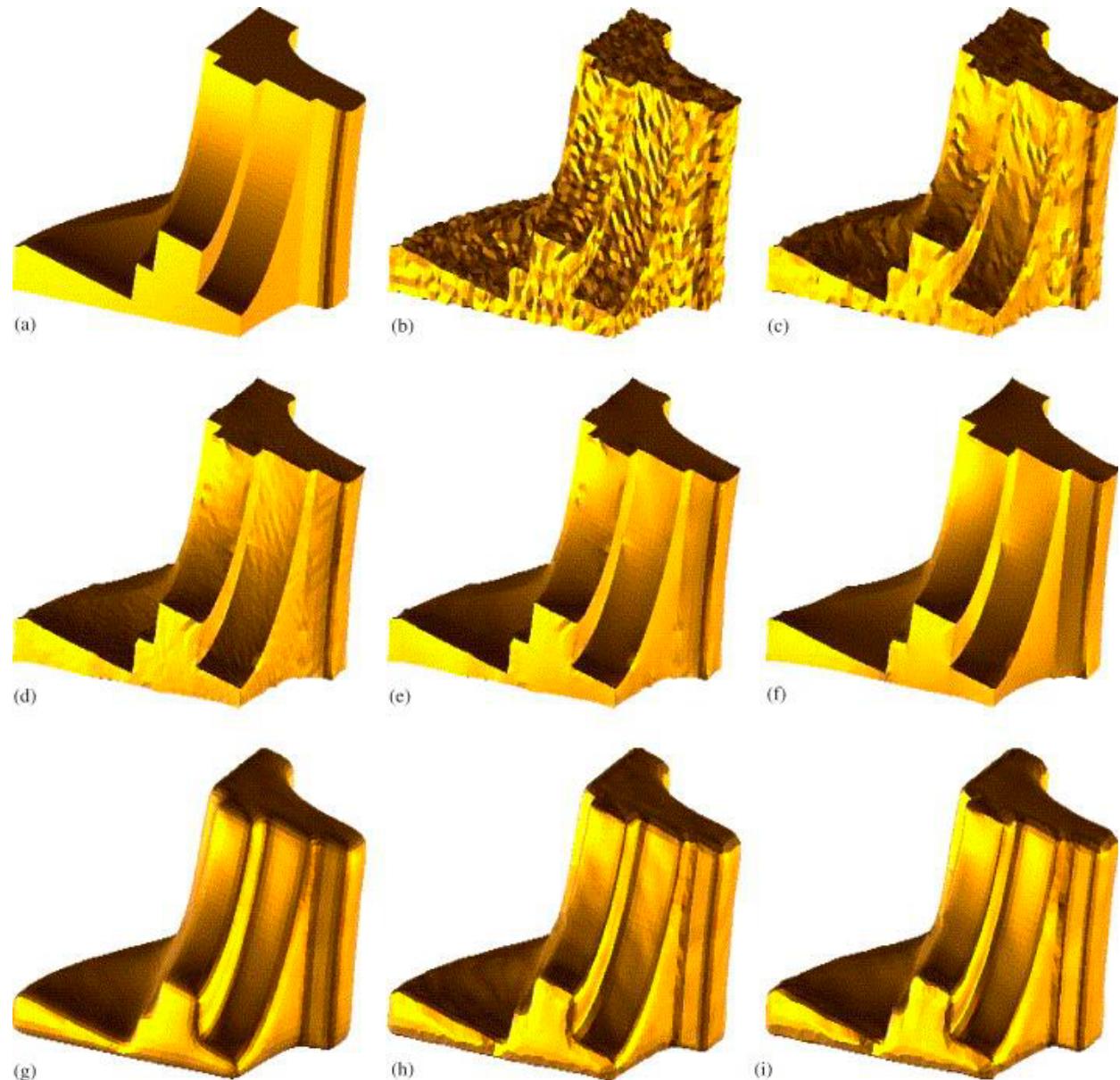


hyperbolic

# Use as a descriptor



# Fairness measure



**Triangular Surface Mesh Fairing via Gaussian Curvature Flow**

Zhao, Xu

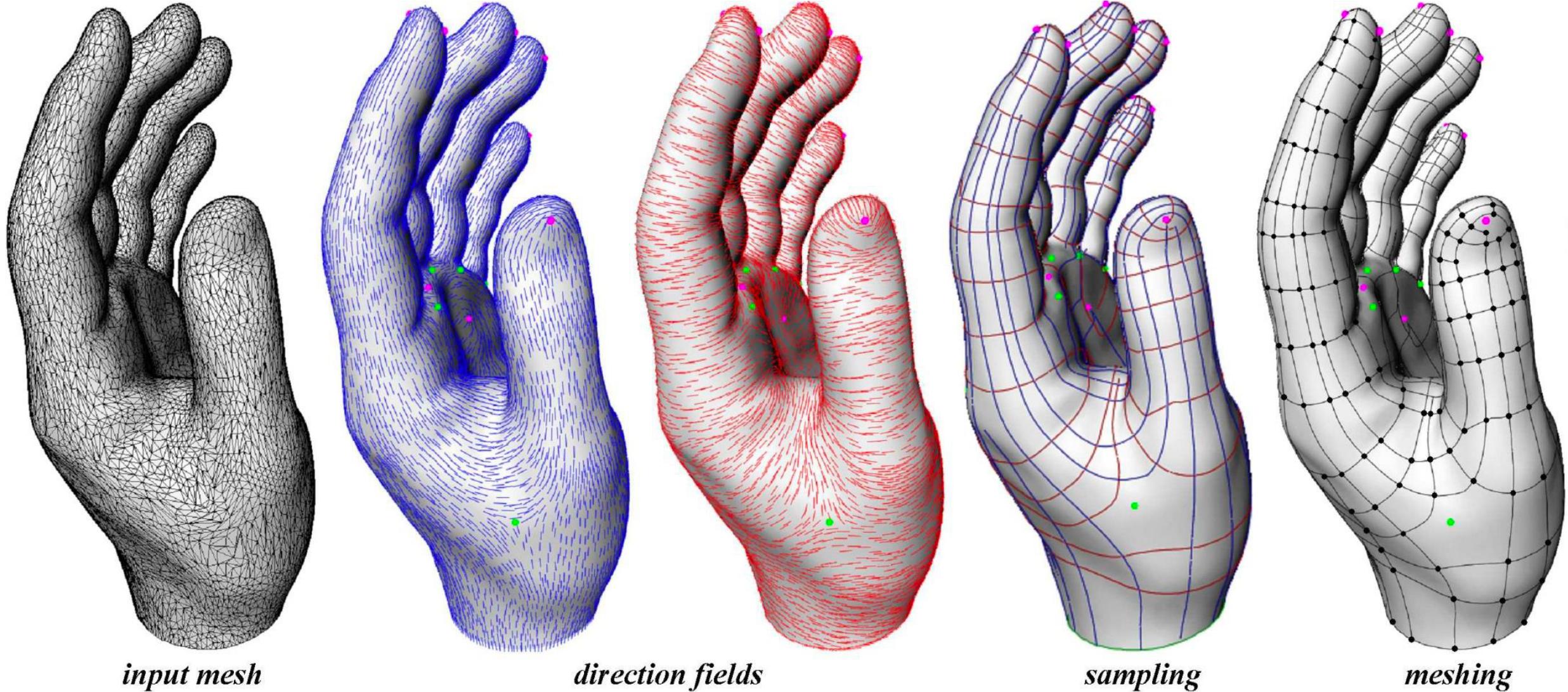
Journal of Computational and Applied Mathematics  
(2006)

# Guiding rendering



**Highlight Lines for Conveying Shape**  
DeCarlo, Rusinkiewicz  
NPAR(2007)

# Guiding meshing



Anisotropic Polygonal Remeshing  
Alliez et al.  
SIGGRAPH(2003)

# Curvature of Surfaces

**Mean curvature**  $H = \frac{d_1 + d_2}{2}$

- $H = 0$  everywhere      minimal surface



soap film

# Curvature of Surfaces

$$\text{Mean curvature } H = \frac{d_1 + d_2}{2}$$

- $H = 0$  everywhere      minimal surface



Green Void, Sydney  
Architects: Lava



# Curvature of Surfaces

Gaussian curvature  $K = K_1 \cdot K_2$

- $K = 0$  everywhere developable surface

surface that can be flattened to a plane without distortion (stretching or compression)



Disney, Concert Hall, L.A.  
Architects: Gehry  
Partners



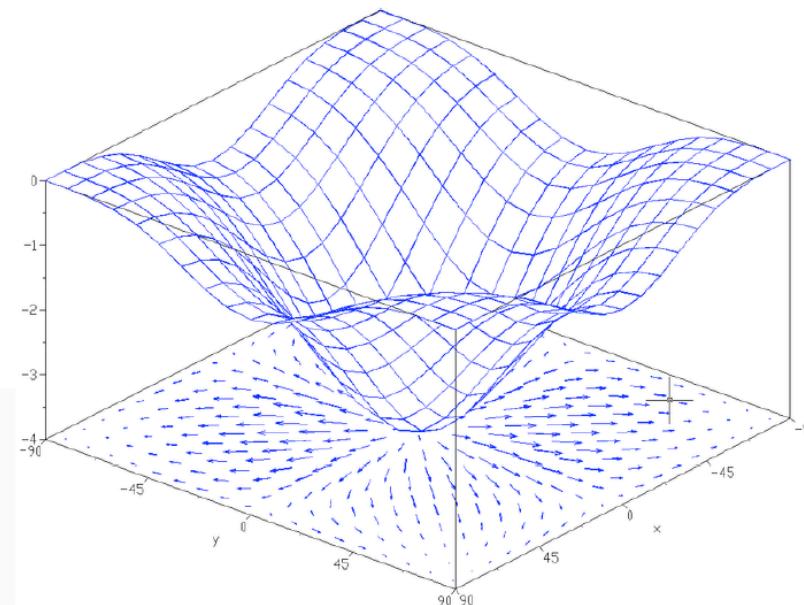
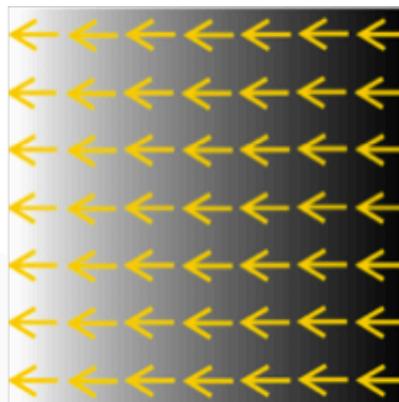
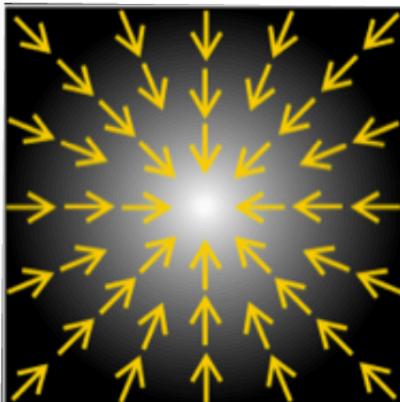
Timber Fabric  
IBOIS, EPFL

# Differential Operators

## Gradient

$$\nabla f := \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \right)$$

- points in the direction of the steepest ascend

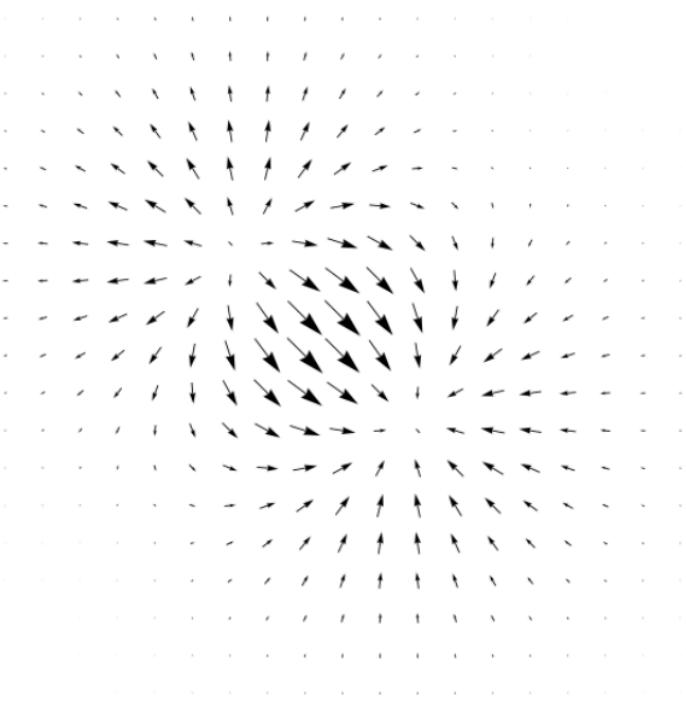


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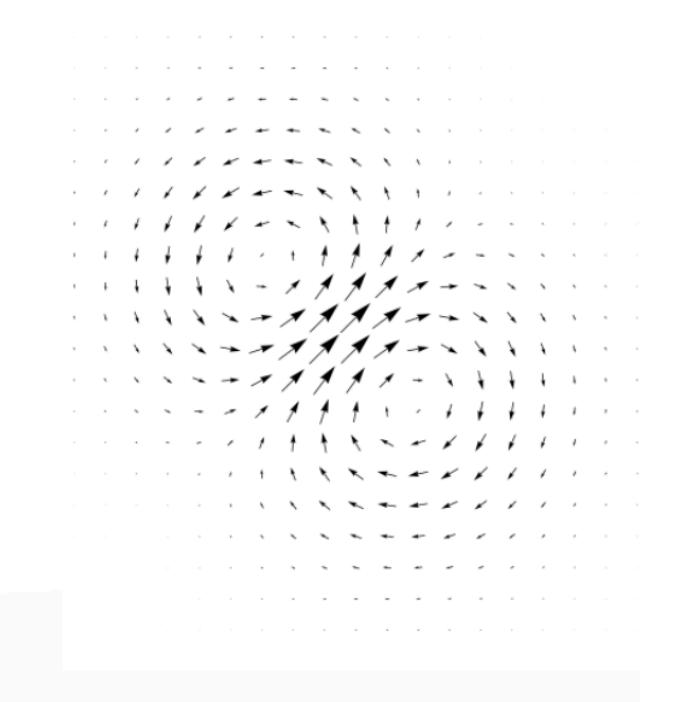
## Divergence

$$\operatorname{div} F = \nabla \cdot F := \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x_1} + \dots + \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial x_n}$$

- volume density of outward flux
- magnitude of source or sink
- Example: incompressible flow
  - velocity field is divergence-free



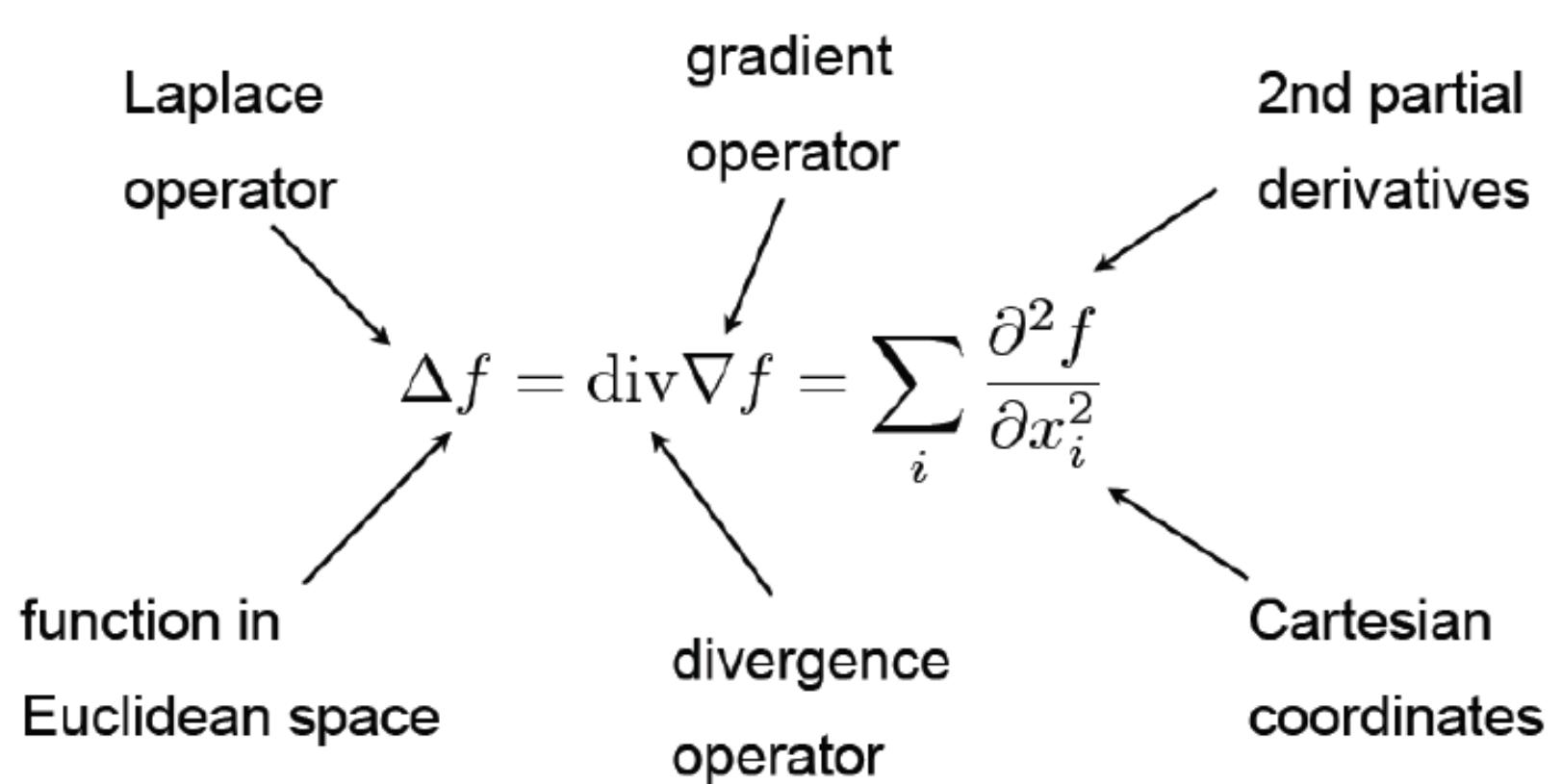
high divergence



low divergence

# Laplace Operator: $\text{div}F = \nabla \cdot F$

- $\nabla = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)$
- $f = f(x, y, z), \nabla f = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right)$
- $F = (U(x, y, z), V(x, y, z), W(x, y, z))$
- $\text{div}F = \nabla \cdot F = \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial W}{\partial z}$



# Laplace-Beltrami Operator

- Extension of Laplace of functions on manifolds

Laplace-  
Beltrami

gradient  
operator

$$\Delta_S f = \operatorname{div}_S \nabla_S f$$

function on  
manifold  $S$

divergence  
operator

...of the surface

Laplace on the surface

# Laplace-Beltrami Operator

- Extension of Laplace of functions on manifolds

Laplace-  
Beltrami

gradient  
operator

mean  
curvature

$$\Delta_S \mathbf{x} = \operatorname{div}_S \nabla_S \mathbf{x} = -2H\mathbf{n}$$

function on  
manifold  $S$

divergence  
operator

surface  
normal

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