

Digital Geometry

-Continuous Geometry of Curves & Surfaces

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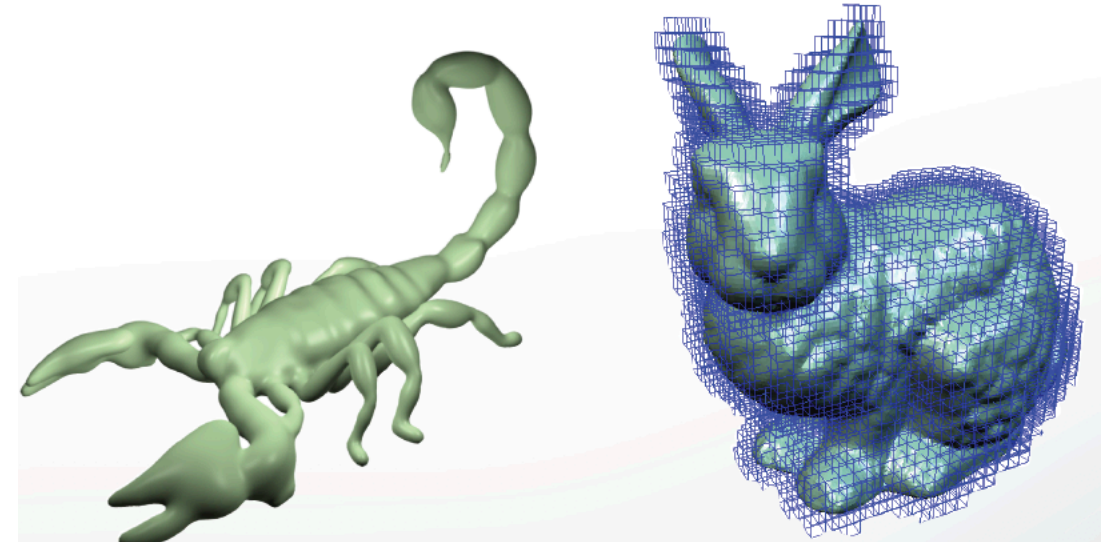
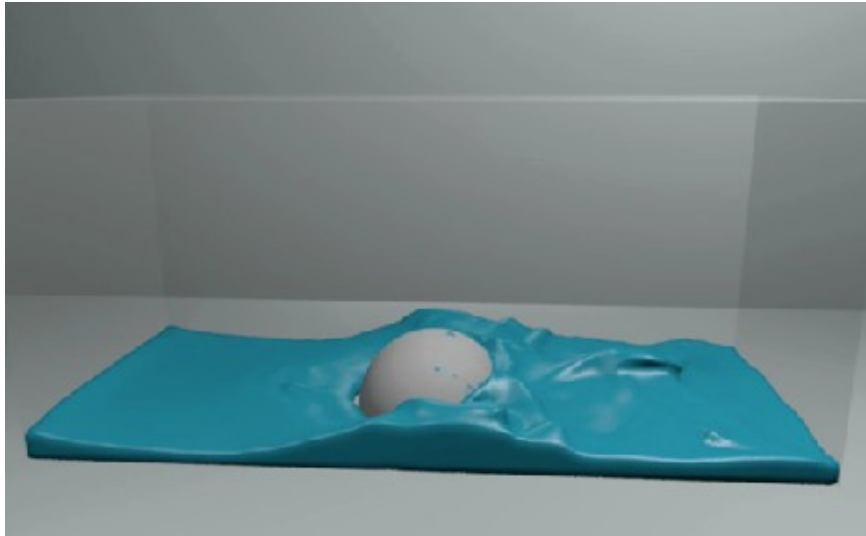
Pleasure may come from illusion, but happiness can come only of reality.

Last Time

- **Discrete Representations**
 - Explicit (parametric, polygonal meshes)
 - Implicit Surfaces (SDF, grid representation)
- **Conversions**
 - $E \rightarrow I$: Closest Point, SDF, Fast Marching
 - $I \rightarrow E$: Marching Cubes Algorithm

Geometry

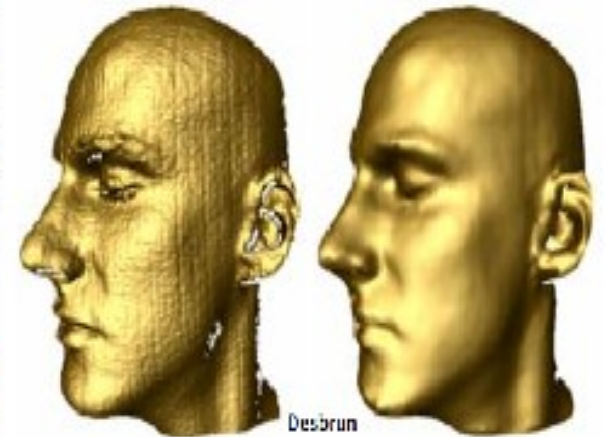
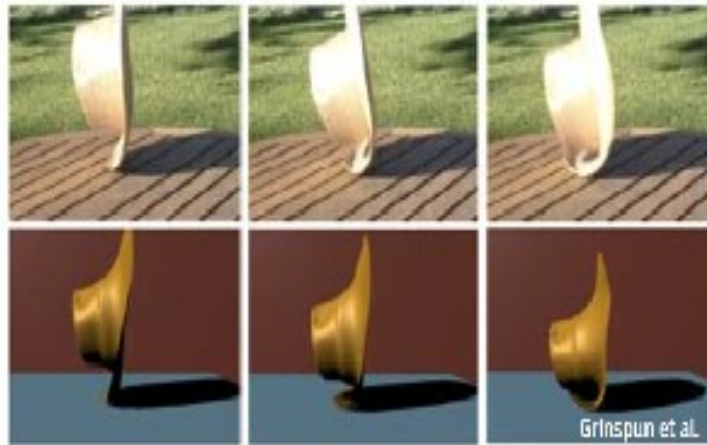
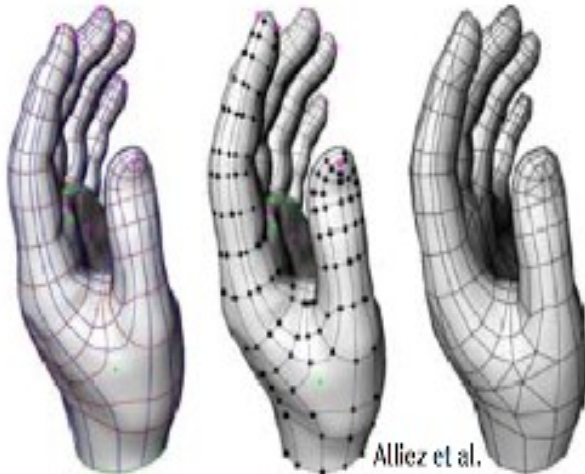
Topology



Differential Geometry

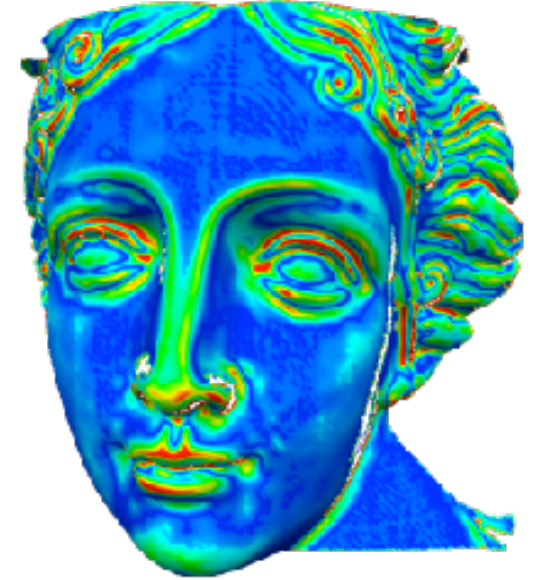
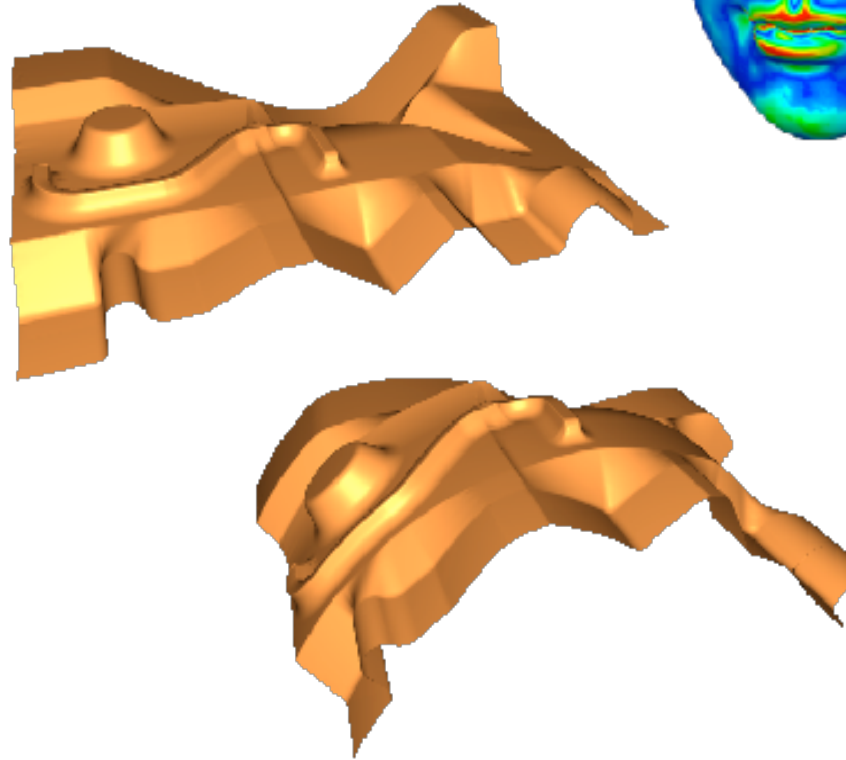
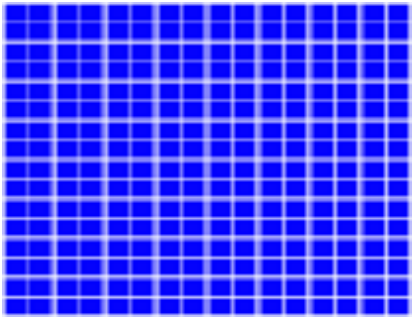
Why do we care?

- Geometry of surfaces
- Mothertongue 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

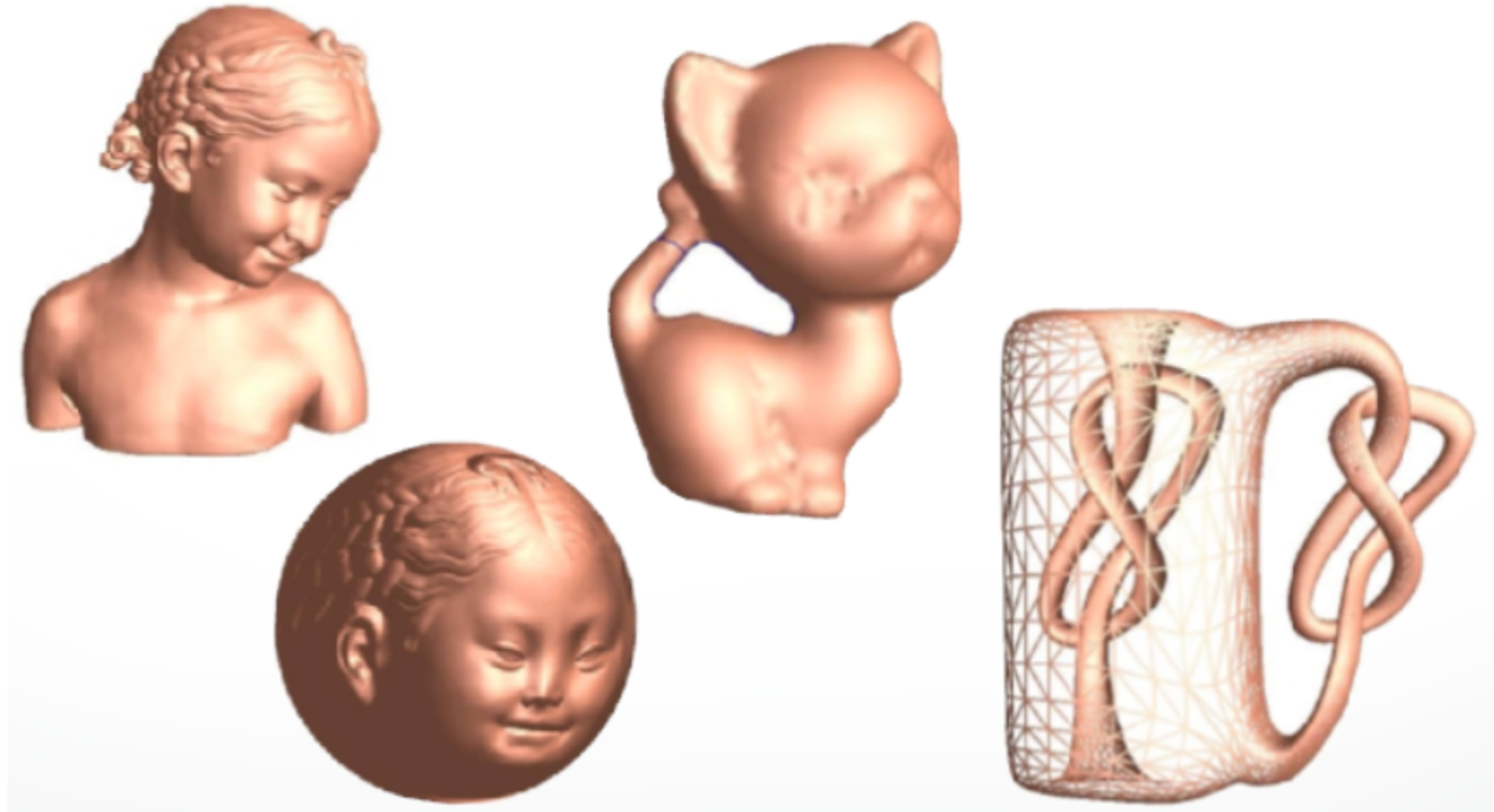
Differential Geometry

- 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

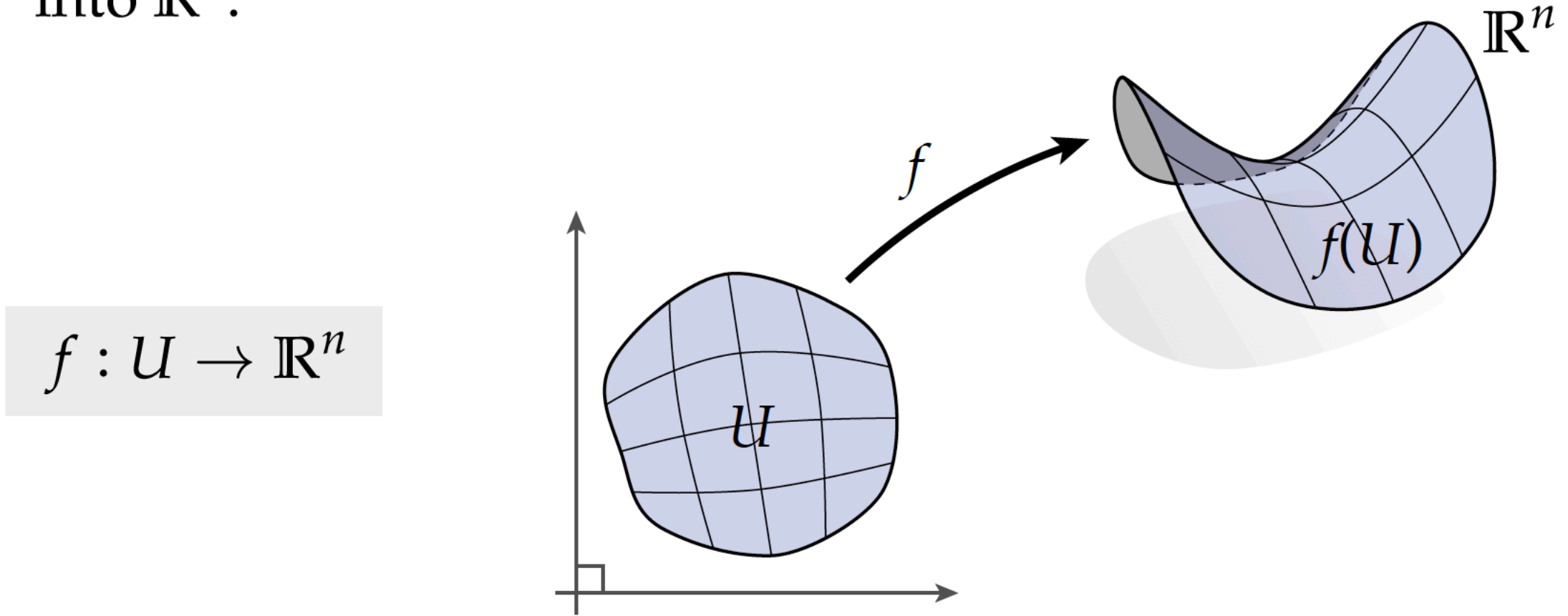


Metric on Surfaces

- 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 :

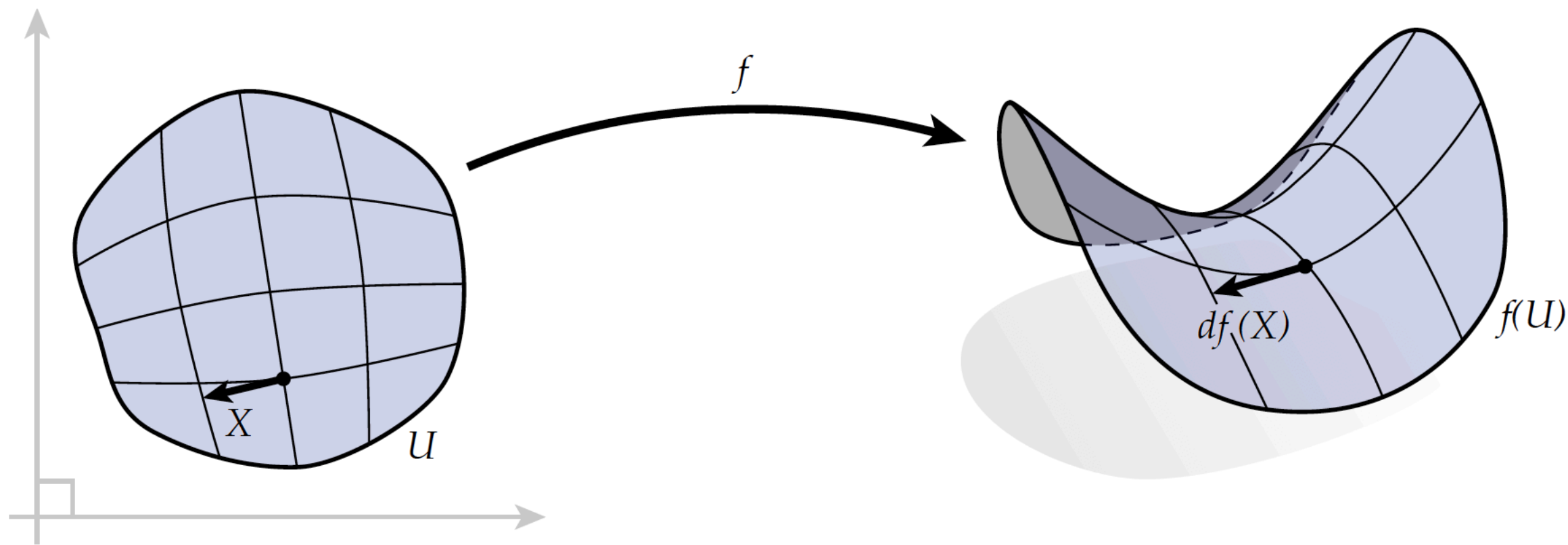


$$f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

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 R^n , yielding vectors $df(X)$

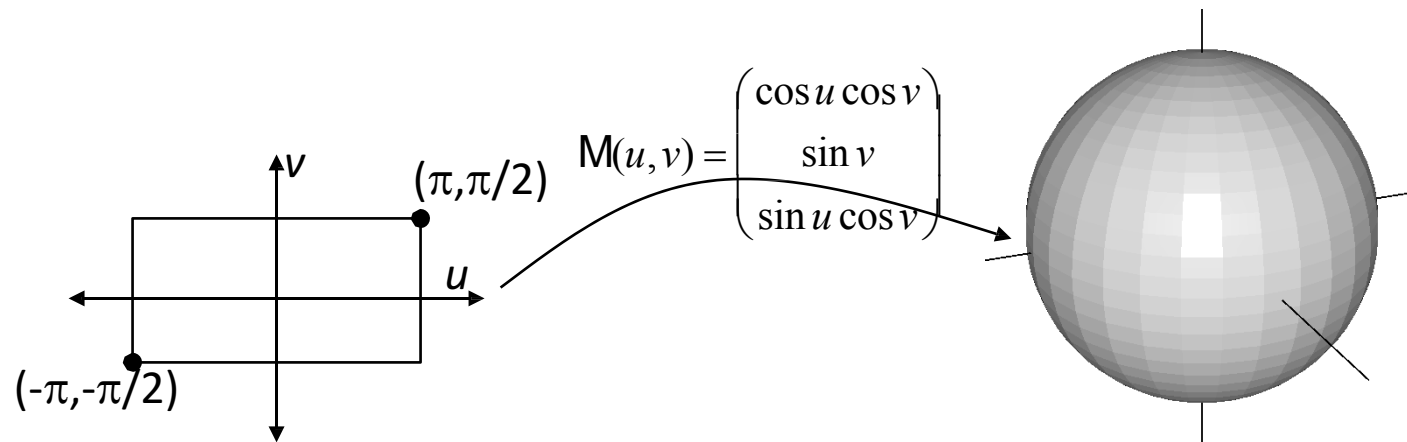
Differentiable Surfaces

Definition:

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

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

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

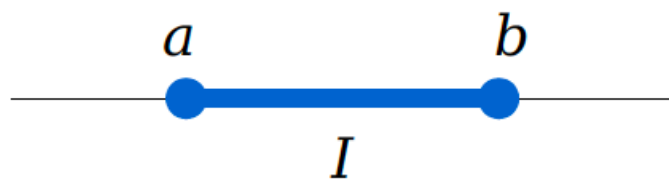


Curves and surfaces in 3D

- For our purposes:

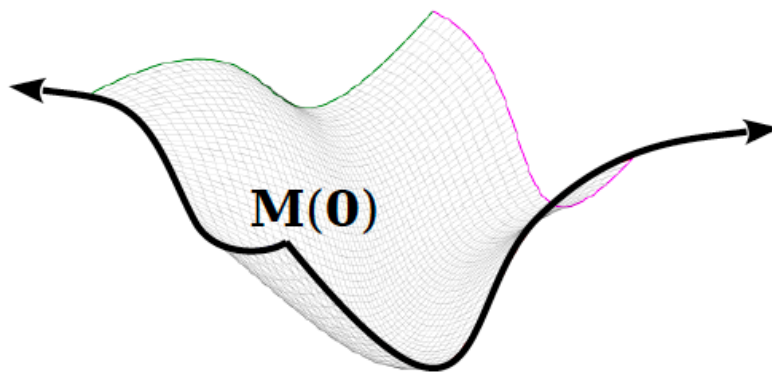
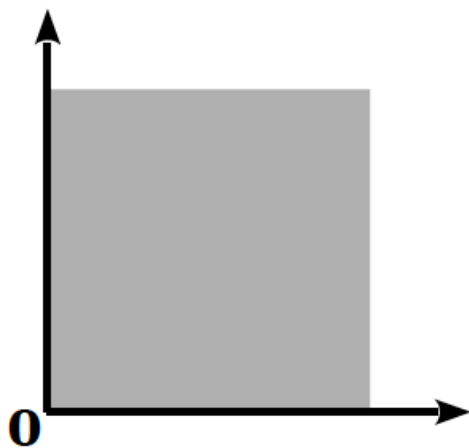
- A **curve** is a map $\alpha : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ (or from some subset I of \mathbb{R})

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



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

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

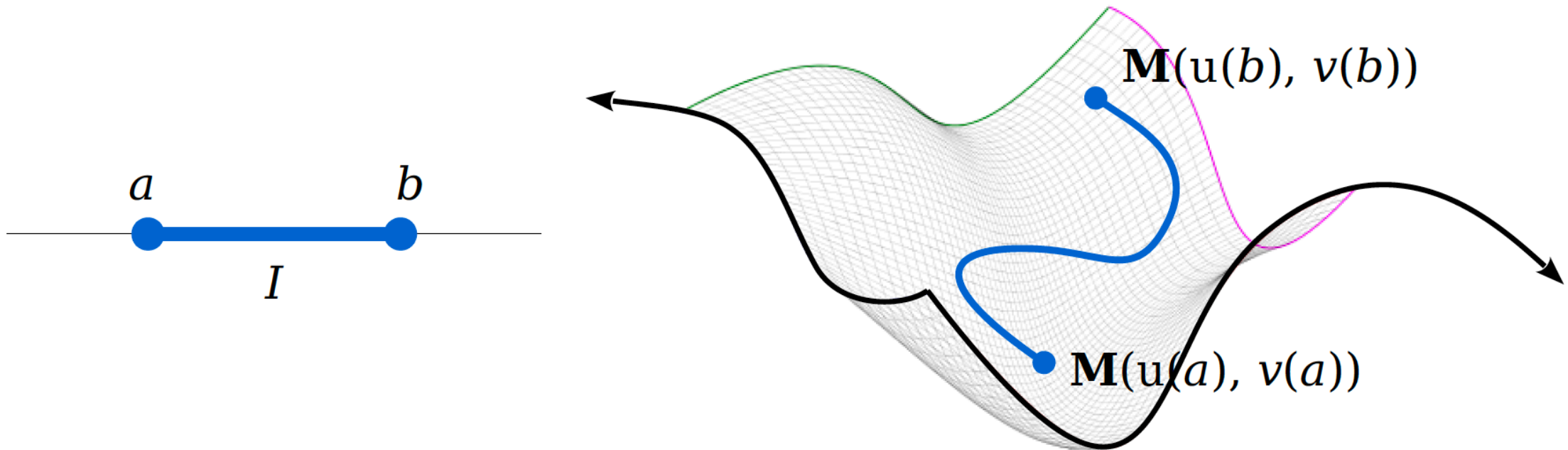


Curve on a surface

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

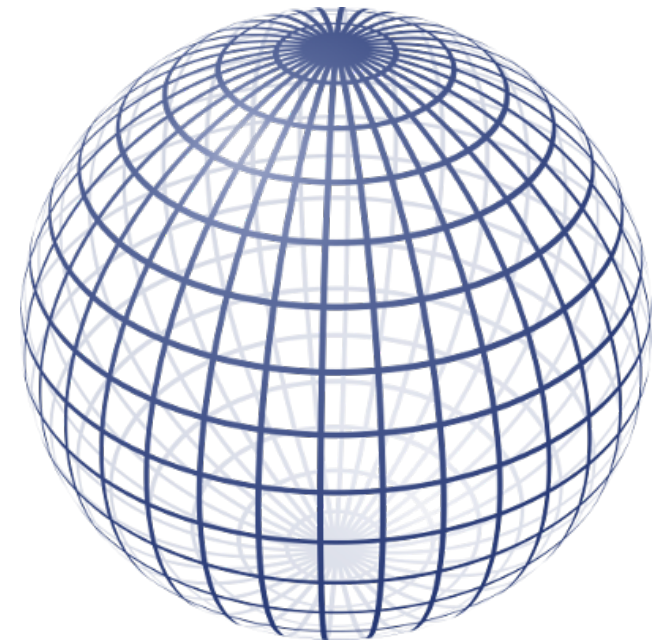
$$= \mathbf{M}(u(t), v(t)) = \begin{pmatrix} x(u(t), v(t)) \\ y(u(t), v(t)) \\ z(u(t), v(t)) \end{pmatrix}$$

where u and v are smooth scalar functions



Special cases

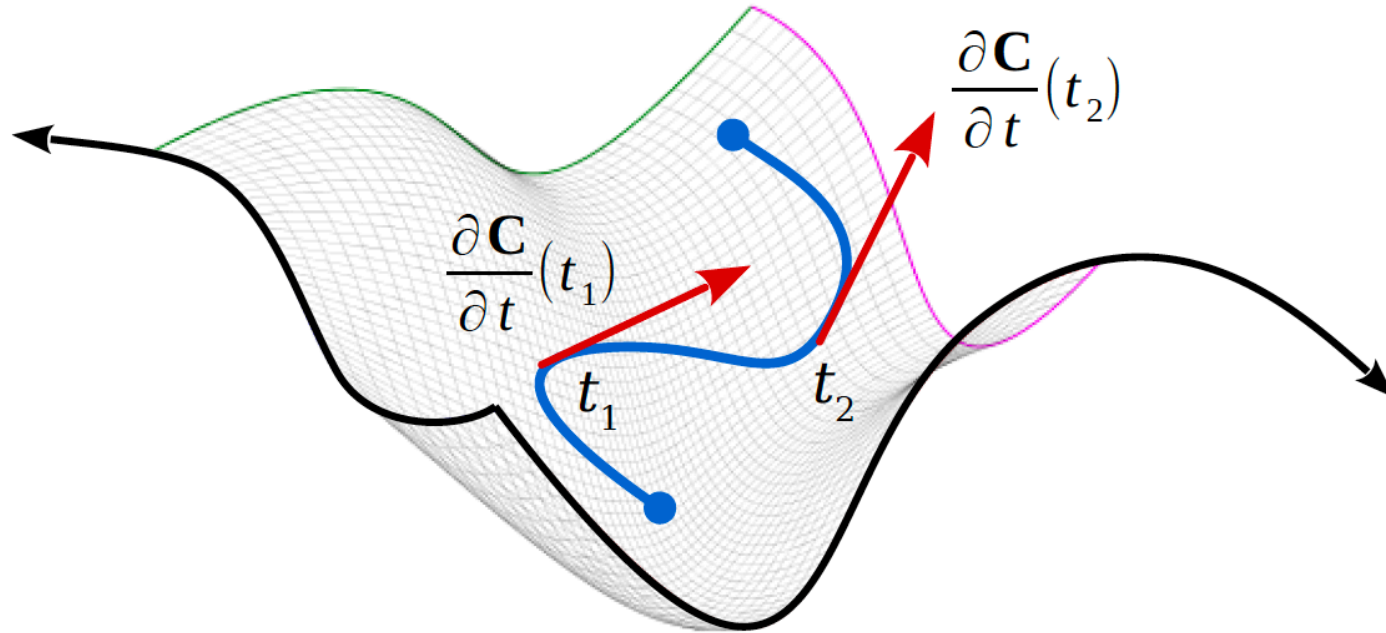
- The curve $C(t) = M(u_0, v(t))$ for constant u_0 is called a u -curve
- The curve $C(t) = M(u(t), v_0)$ for constant v_0 is called a v -curve
- These are collectively called coordinate curves



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 \mathbf{C} at t can be found by the chain rule

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{C}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{M}}{\partial u} \frac{d u}{d t} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{M}}{\partial v} \frac{d v}{d t}$$



We will use the following shorthand

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tangent vector

- $\mathbf{C}(t) = \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{u}(t), \mathbf{v}(t)) = \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{c}(t))$, $\mathbf{c}(t) = (u(t), v(t))$
- The **tangent vector** to the surface curve C at t : $\dot{\mathbf{C}} = M_u \dot{u} + M_v \dot{v} = J \begin{bmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \end{bmatrix}$
- What is (\dot{u}, \dot{v}) ?
 - $\mathbf{c}'(t) = (du/dt, dv/dt) = du/dt \mathbf{e}_1 + dv/dt \mathbf{e}_2$
 - a tangent vector in parameter domain
 - with basis: $\mathbf{e}_1=(1,0)$, $\mathbf{e}_2=(0,1)$, and origin $\mathbf{p}=\mathbf{c}(t)$
 - J is a linear transformation
 - $\dot{\mathbf{c}} \rightarrow \dot{\mathbf{C}}$
 - transfers basis to basis, & coefficients are kept.
- What is M_u and M_v ?

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

- 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.
 - $M_u = J e_1, M_v = J e_2$
 - $e_1 = (1, 0)', e_2 = (0, 1)'$ 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

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

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

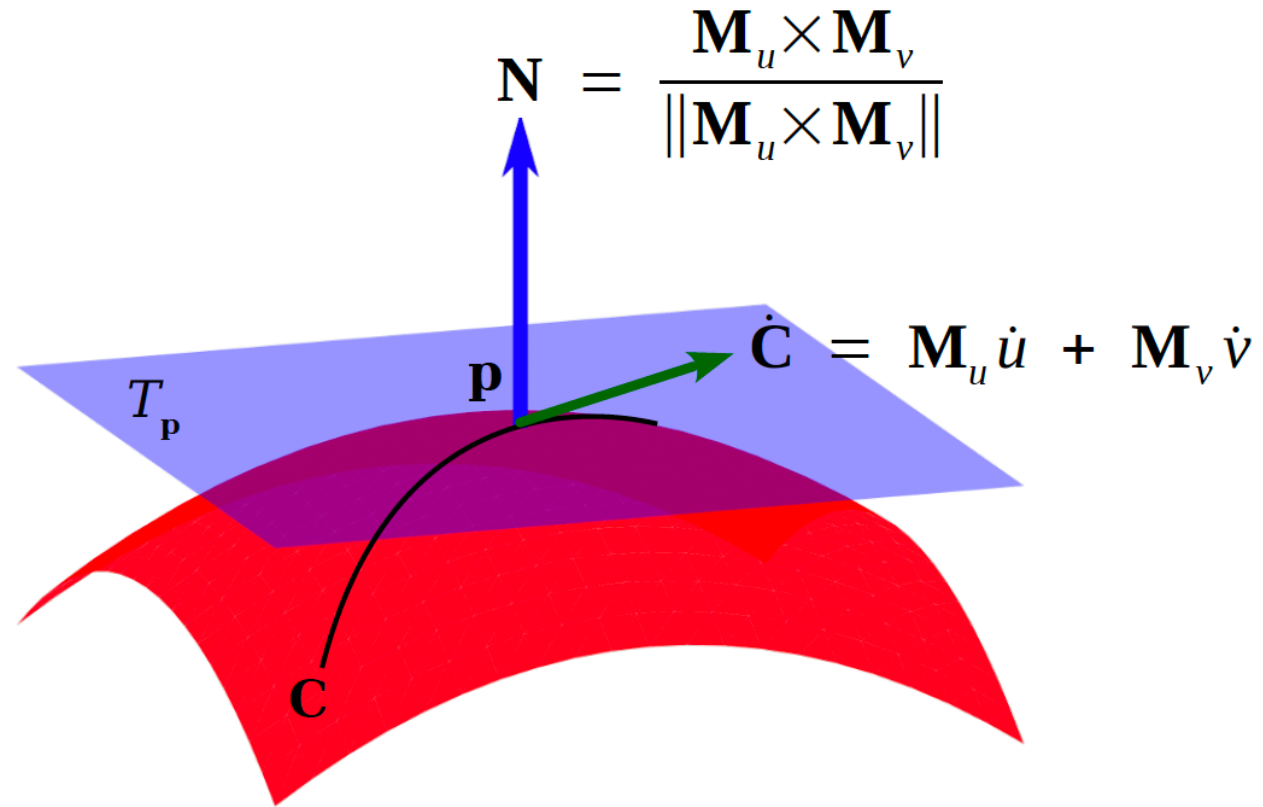
$$Df_p : T_p \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow T_{f(p)} \mathbb{R}^m$$

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

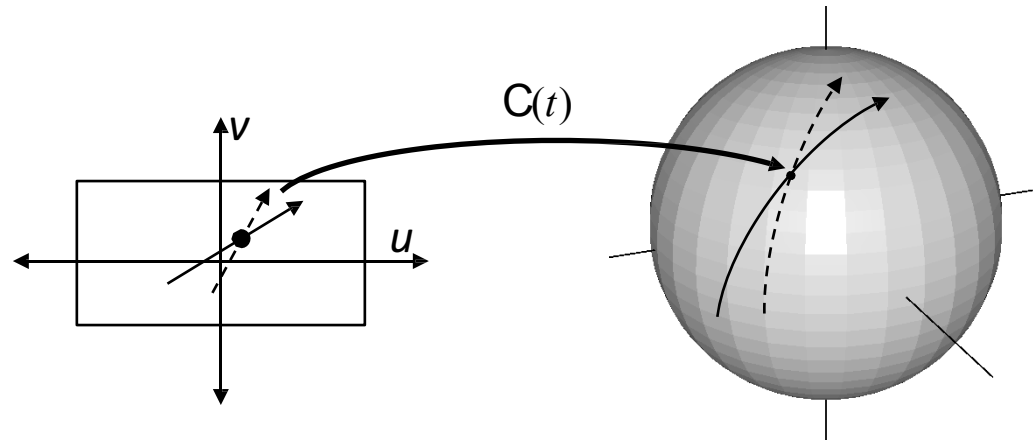


Curve in parameter domain \Rightarrow curve on surface

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: $M(t) = M(p_0 + tw)$, $w=(w_u, w_v)$

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

Taking the derivative:

$$M'(t) = w_u M_u + w_v M_v = Jw$$

J is the Jacobian matrix **taking directions in Ω to tangent vectors** on the surface:

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

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

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

Differential is a linear operator

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

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

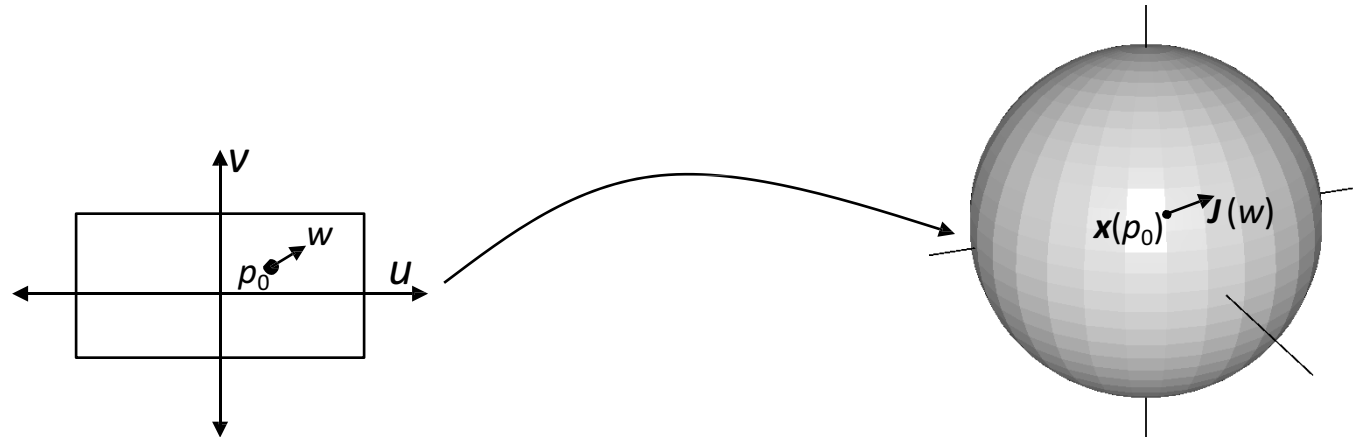
- Basis of $T_p \mathbb{R}^2$: $\mathbf{e}_1=(1,0)$, $\mathbf{e}_2=(0,1)$
- Basis of $T_{f(p)} \mathbb{R}^3$: \mathbf{x}_u , \mathbf{x}_v
- Vector $\mathbf{w}=(w_u, w_v)$ in $T_p \mathbb{R}^2$: $\mathbf{w} = w_u \mathbf{e}_1 + w_v \mathbf{e}_2$
- To vector $\mathbf{x}'(t)$ in $T_{f(p)} \mathbb{R}^3$, 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 $\mathbf{x}(p_0)$:

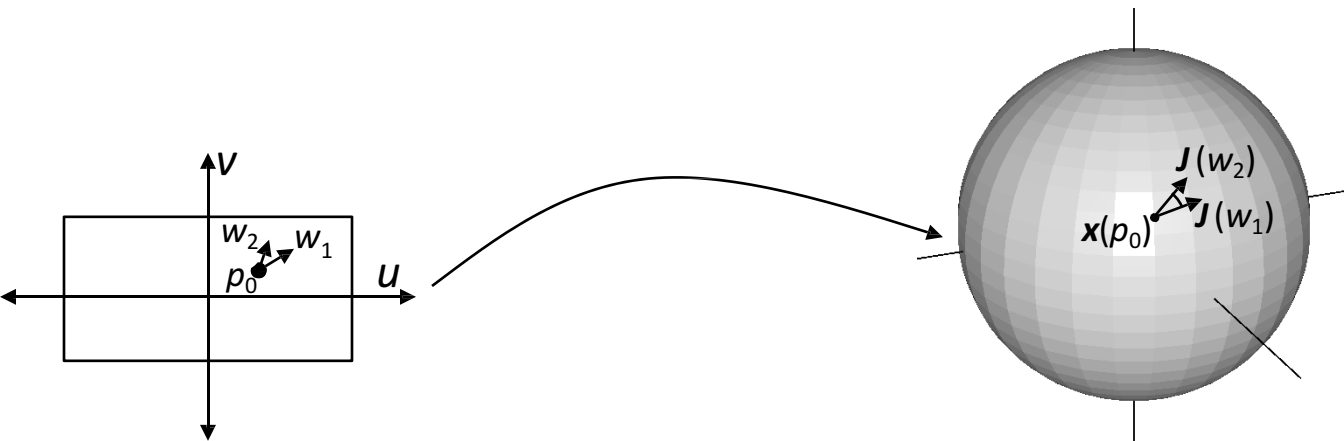
$$length^2 = \|\mathbf{J}w\|^2 = w^t \mathbf{J}^t \mathbf{J} w$$



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 $\mathbf{x}(p_0)$:

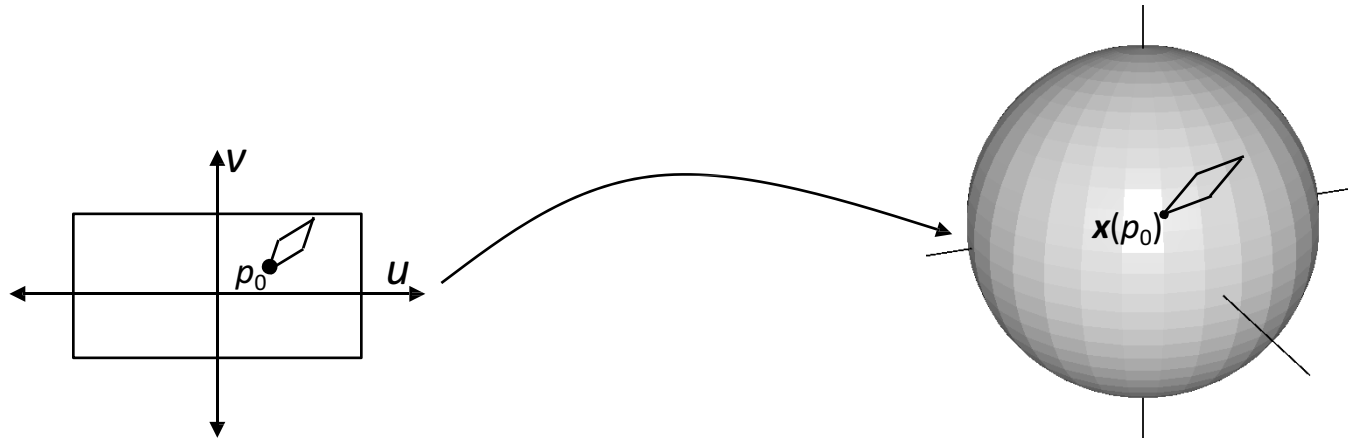
$$\cos(\text{angle}) = \frac{\langle \mathbf{J}w_1, \mathbf{J}w_2 \rangle}{\|\mathbf{J}w_1\| \|\mathbf{J}w_2\|} = \frac{w_1^t \mathbf{J}^t \mathbf{J} w_2}{\sqrt{w_1^t \mathbf{J}^t \mathbf{J} w_1} \sqrt{w_2^t \mathbf{J}^t \mathbf{J} w_2}}$$



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:

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

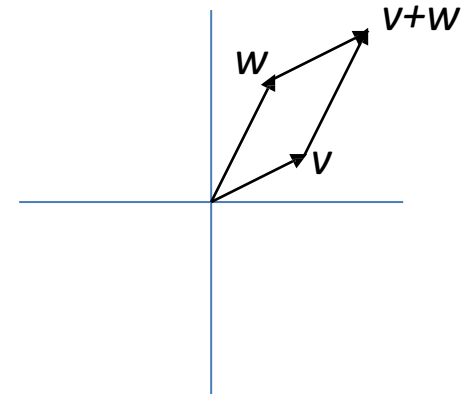


Metric Properties - area

Note:

Given vectors v and w in \mathbf{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 $\sqrt{\det(I)}$:

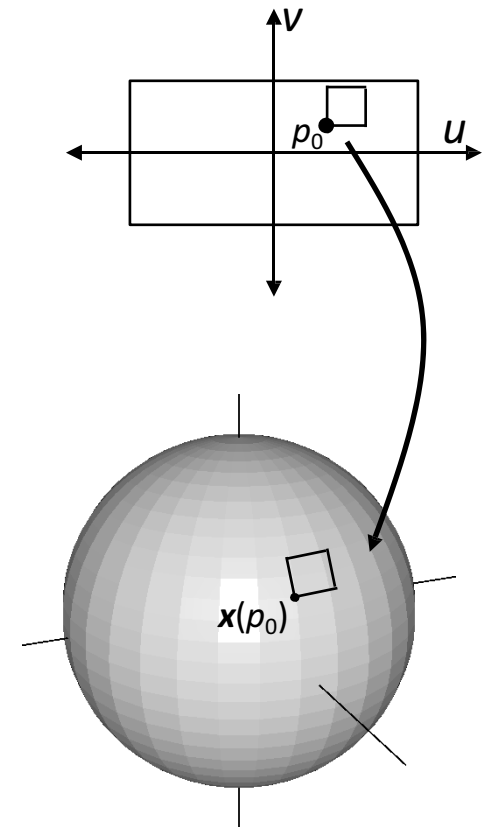
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area}(Jw_1, Jw_2) &= \sqrt{|Jw_1|^2 |Jw_2|^2 - \langle Jw_1, Jw_2 \rangle^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\det(I)} \text{Area}(w_1, w_2), \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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



First Fundamental Form I_S

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

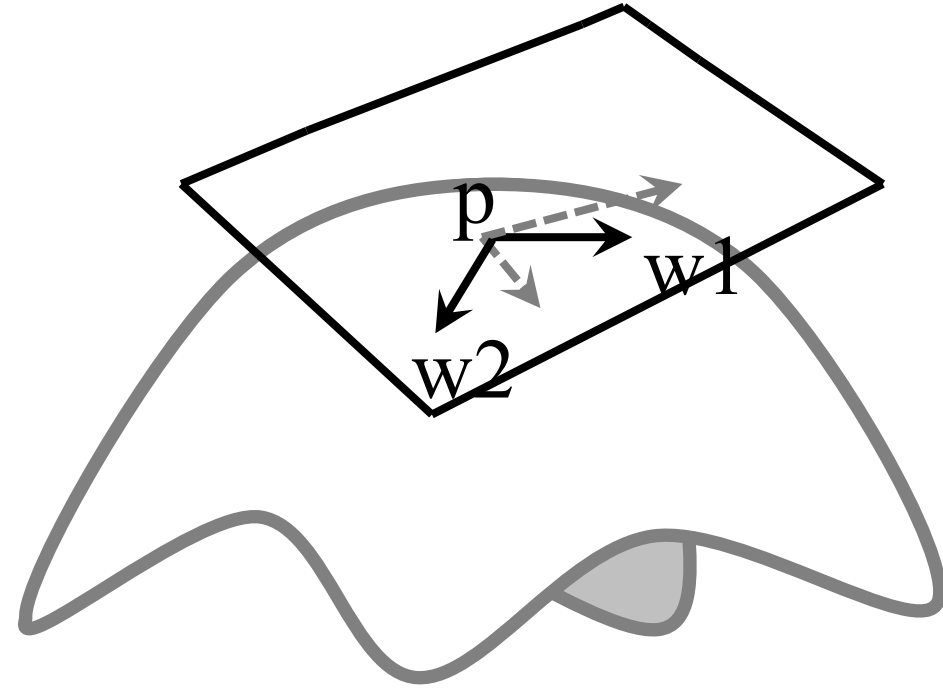
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- $M(u,v) = (x(u,v), y(u,v), z(u,v))$

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

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

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



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
$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= \langle (du, dv), (du, dv) \rangle \\ &= E du^2 + 2F du dv + G dv^2 \end{aligned}$$

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 \rightarrow determinant with unit vectors \rightarrow area

- curve length

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

$$l(a, b) = \int_a^b \sqrt{(u_t, v_t) \mathbf{I}(u_t, v_t)^T} dt$$

$$= \int_a^b \sqrt{Eu_t^2 + 2Fu_tv_t + Gv_t^2} dt.$$

- Surface area

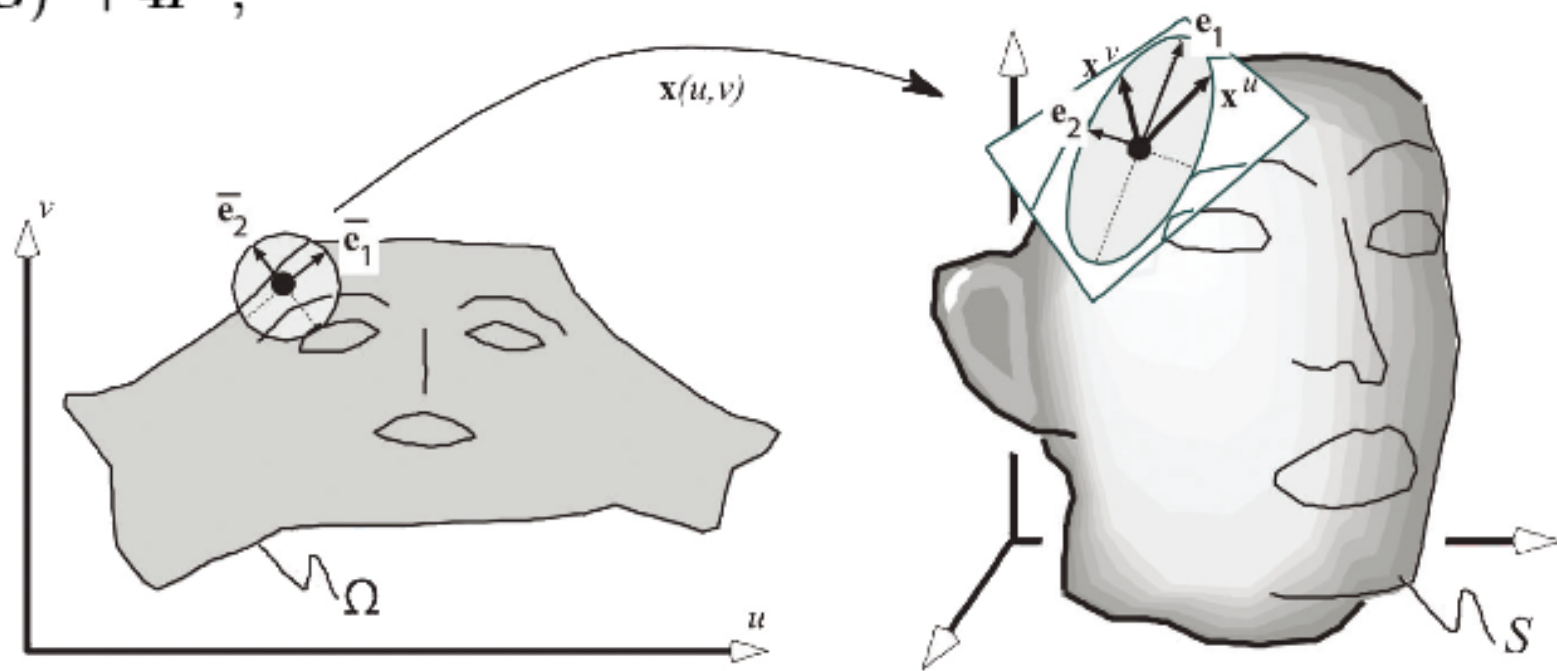
- $A = A(X) = \iint_U |\mathbf{x}_u \times \mathbf{x}_v| du dv = \iint_U \sqrt{EG - F^2} du dv = \iint_U \sqrt{\det(\mathbf{I}_X)} du dv$

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 $\sigma_2 = \sqrt{\lambda_2}$.

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

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

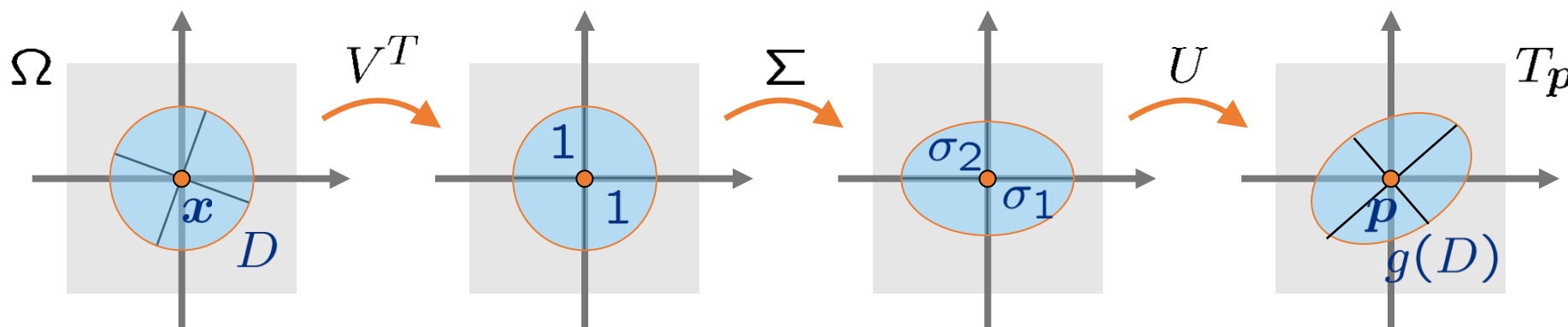


Linear Map Surgery

- **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.)

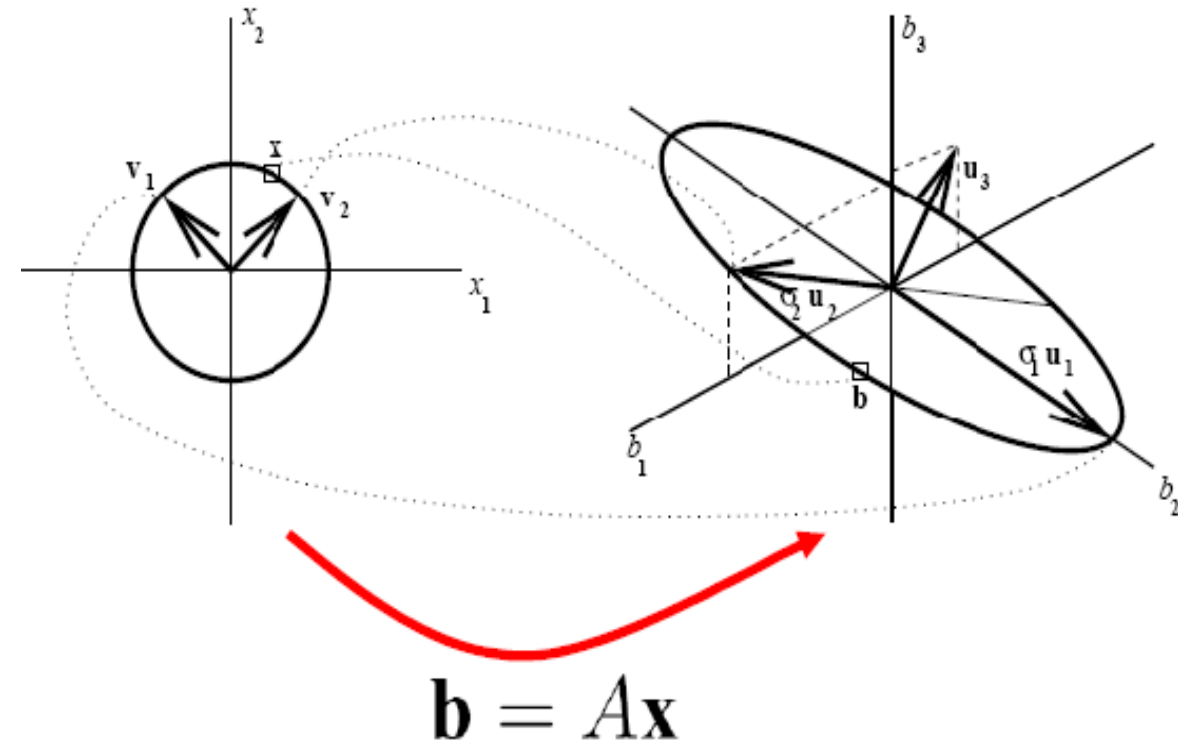
$J_f = (f_u \ f_v)$ is a matrix of 3 by 2.

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

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

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

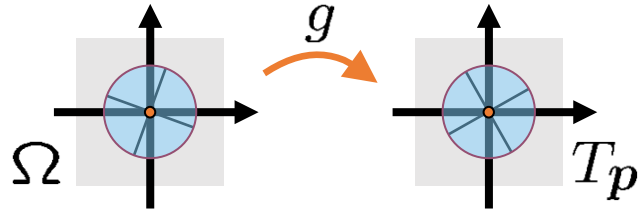
$\sqrt{\lambda_2}, \lambda_1, \lambda_2$ are eigenvalues of $J_f^T J_f$, not $J_f J_f^T$)



Notion of Distortion

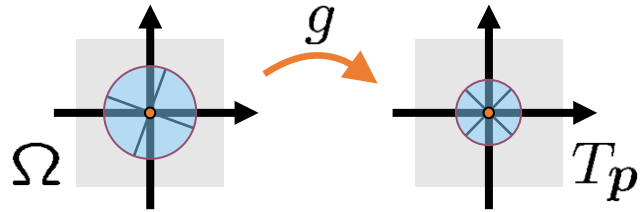
- **isometric** or **length**-preserving

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = 1$$



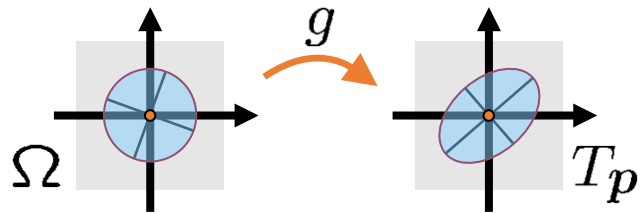
- **conformal** or **angle**-preserving

$$\sigma_1 = \sigma_2$$



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

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



- everything defined **pointwise** on Ω

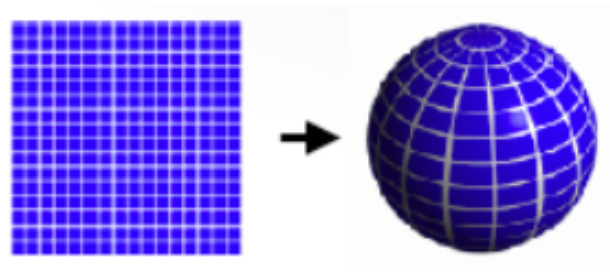
Theorem 4. Every isometric mapping is conformal and equiareal, and every conformal and equiareal mapping is isometric, i.e.,

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

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

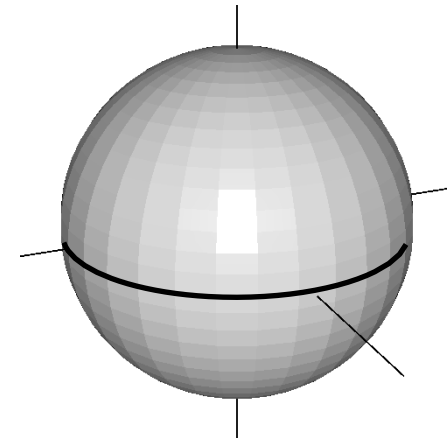
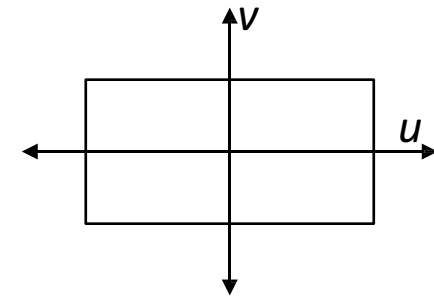
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Metric Properties

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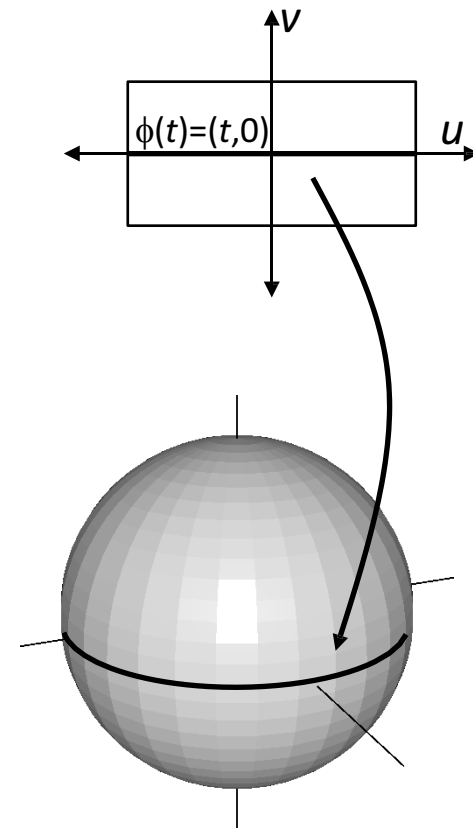
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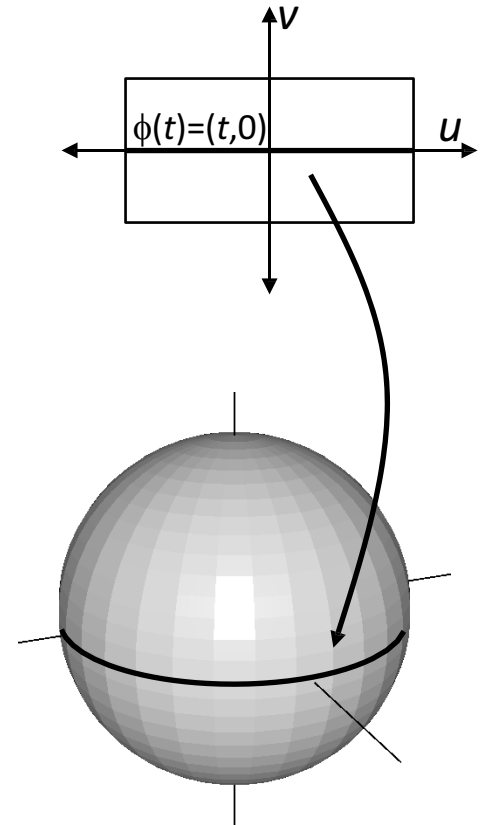
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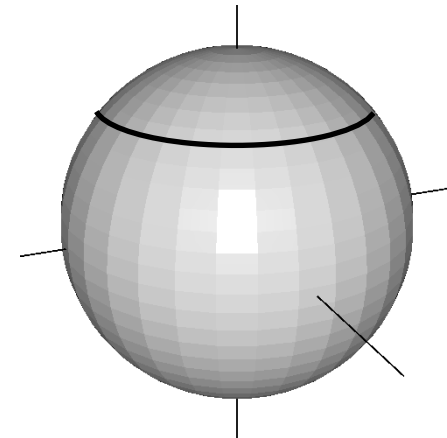
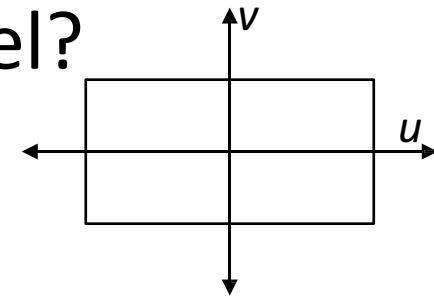


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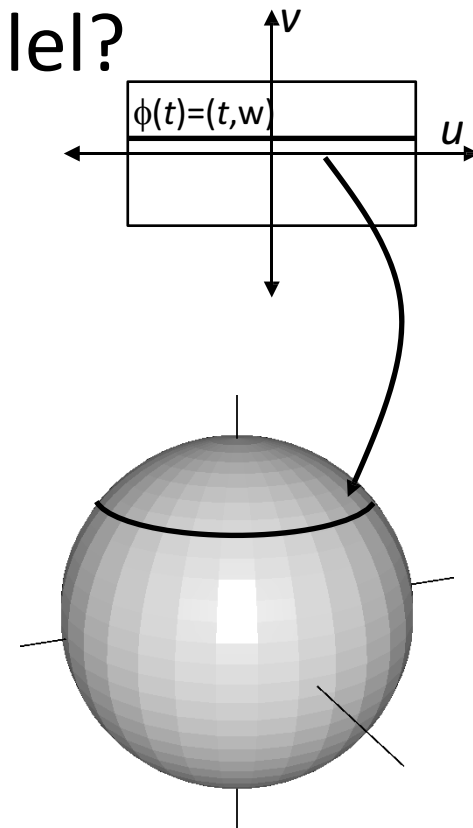
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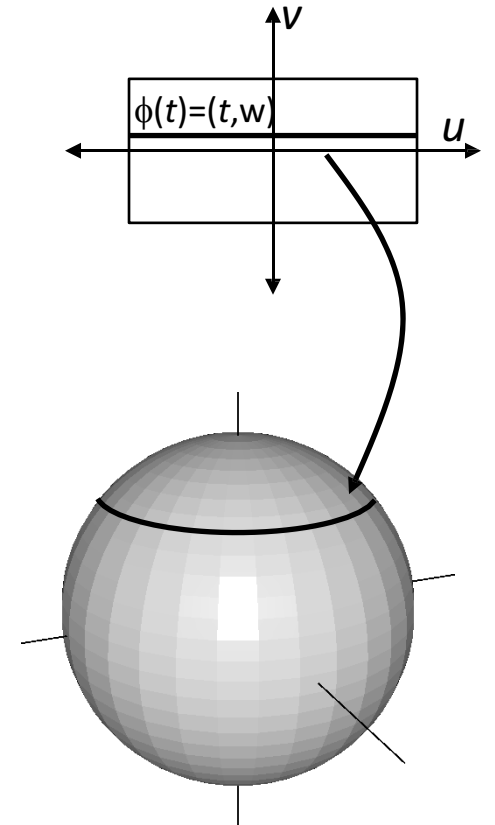
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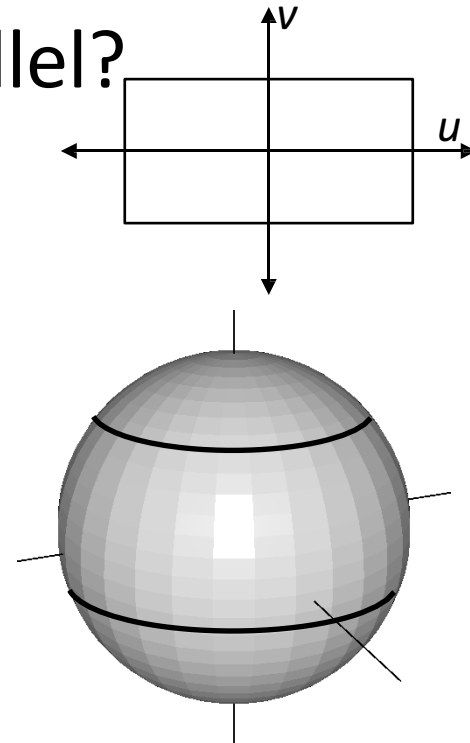


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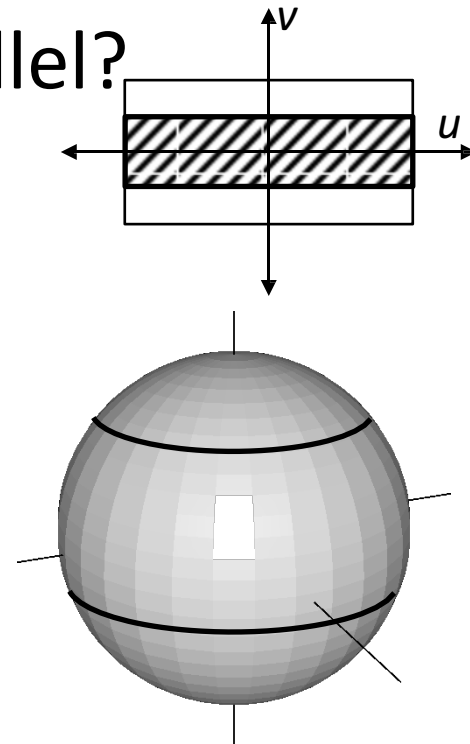
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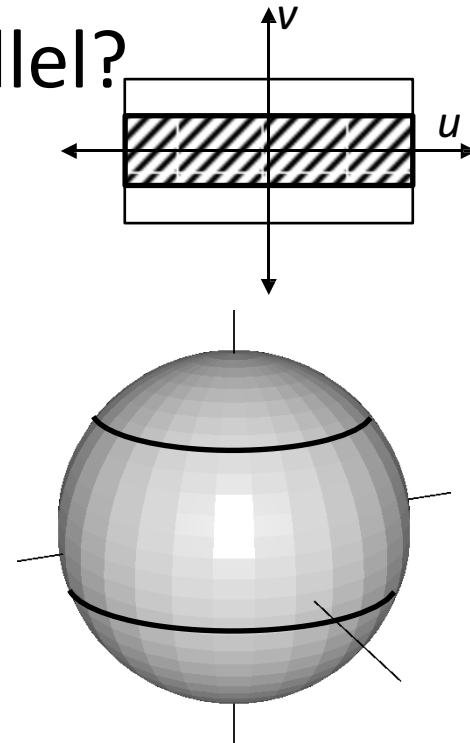
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$$= \int_{w_1}^{w_2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos t ds dt$$

$$= 2\pi \int_{w_1}^{w_2} \cos t dt$$

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

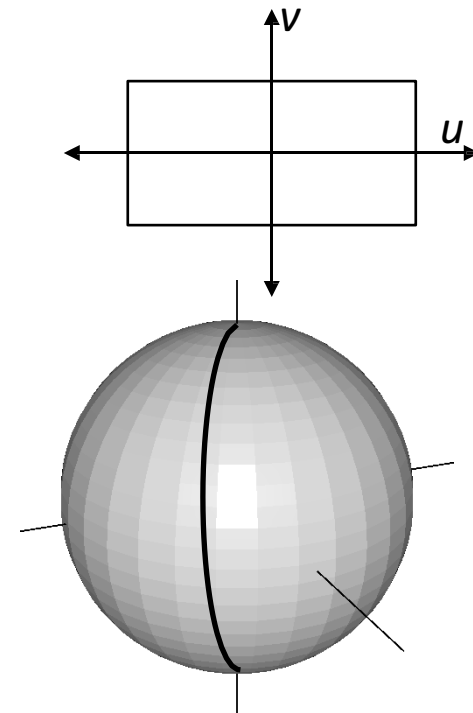


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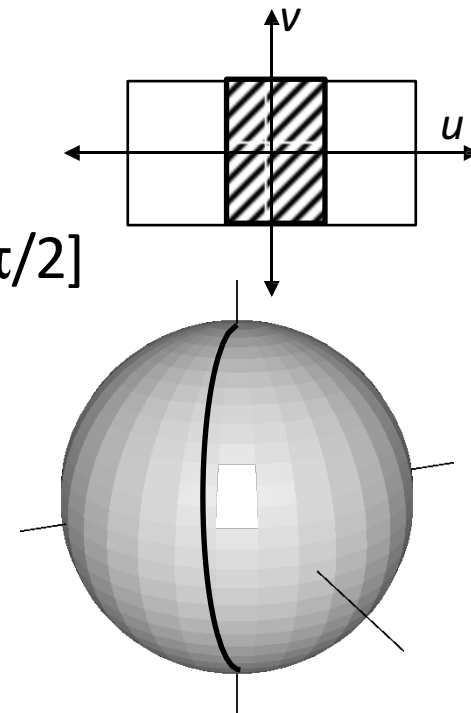
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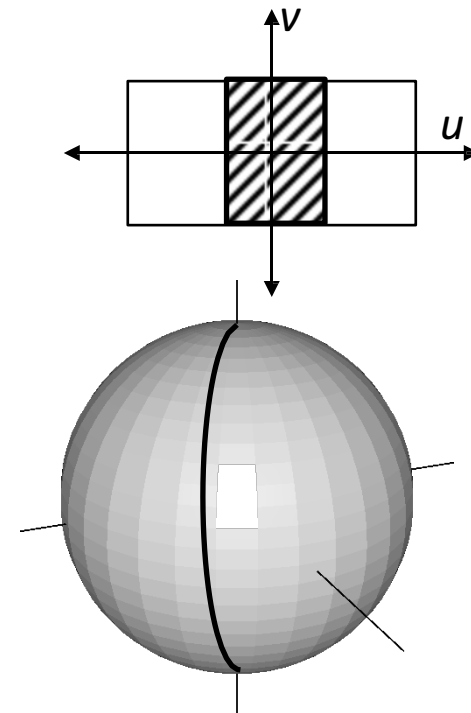
$$\text{area}(\mathbf{x} \circ \phi) = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \int_{w_1}^{w_2} \sqrt{\det \mathbf{I}} ds dt$$

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

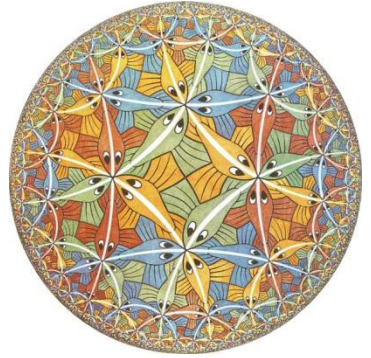
$$= (w_2 - w_1) \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos t dt$$

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

$$= 2(w_2 - w_1)$$



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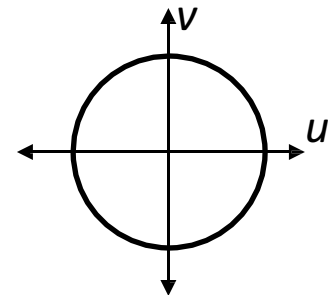


Example (Hyperbolic Plane):

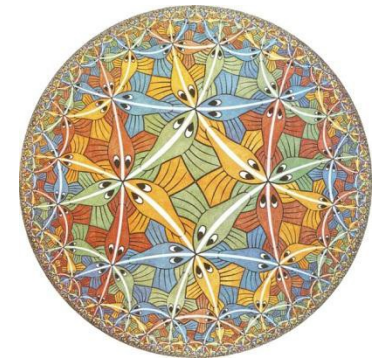
If we are given the first fundamental form, we can ignore the embedding of the surface in 3D, and integrate directly.

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

$$I(u, v) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{1-u^2-v^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{1-u^2-v^2} \end{pmatrix}$$



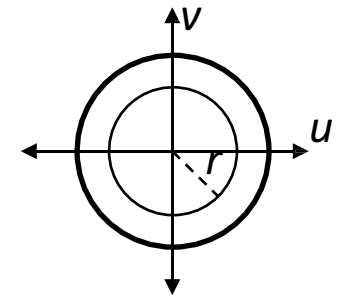
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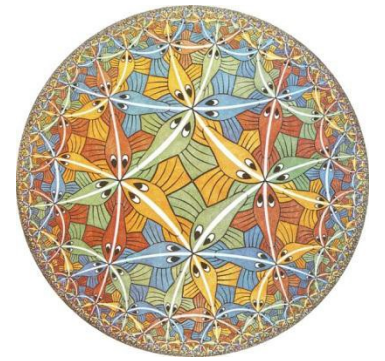
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Example (Hyperbolic Plane):

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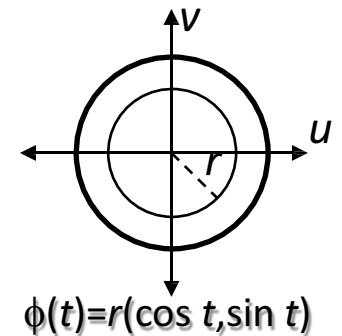
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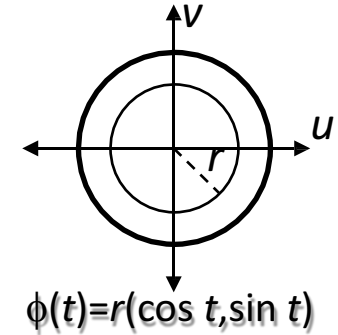
The circle is described by:

$$\phi(s) = r(\cos s, \sin s) \quad \text{with } s \in [0, 2\pi].$$



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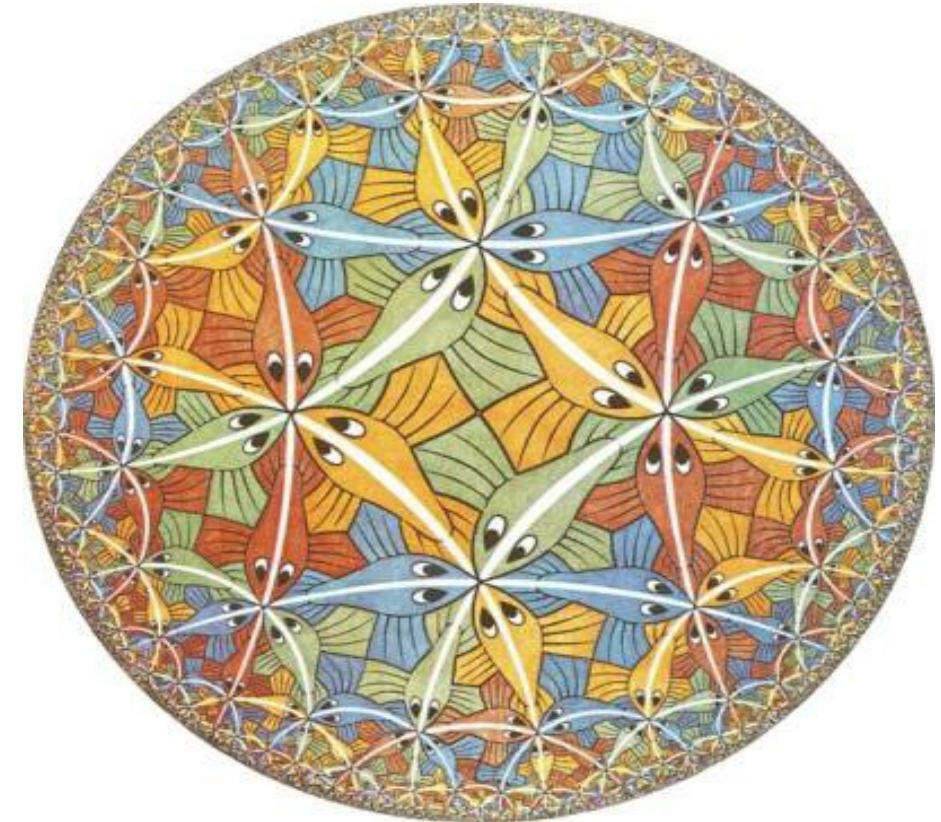
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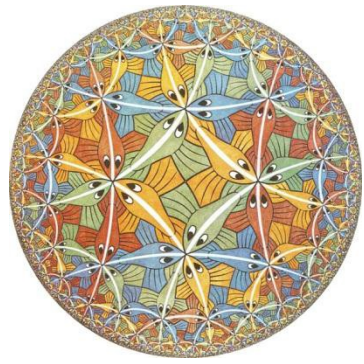
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$$\begin{aligned} \text{length}(\phi) &= \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{\phi(t)^t I \phi(t)} dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{r(-\sin t, \cos t) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{1-r^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{1-r^2} \end{pmatrix} r(-\sin t, \cos t)} dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{r^2}{1-r^2}} dt \\ &= 2\pi r \sqrt{\frac{1}{1-r^2}} \end{aligned}$$



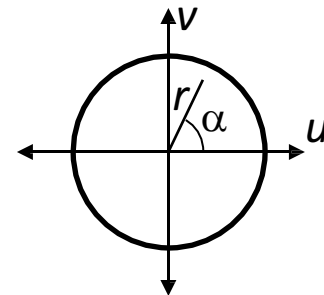
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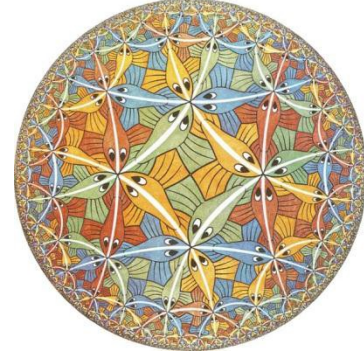
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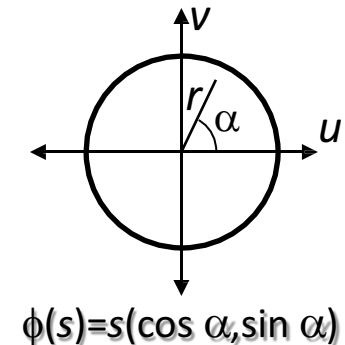
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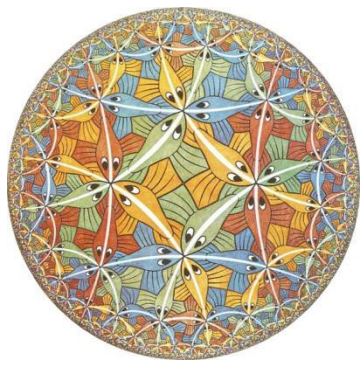
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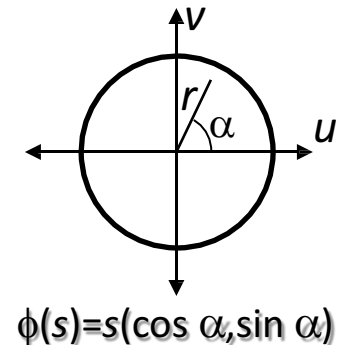
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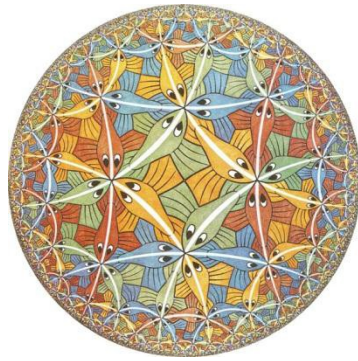
$$length(\phi) = \int_0^r \sqrt{\phi(s)^t \mathbb{B}(s) \phi(s)} ds$$

$$= \int_0^r \sqrt{(\cos \alpha, \sin \alpha) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{1-s^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{1-s^2} \end{pmatrix} (\cos \alpha, \sin \alpha)} ds$$

$$= \int_0^r \frac{1}{1-s^2} ds = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1+r}{1-r}$$



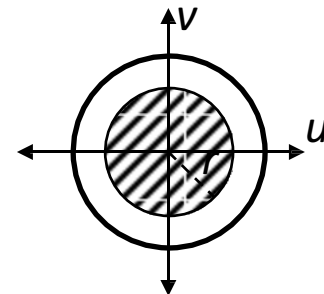
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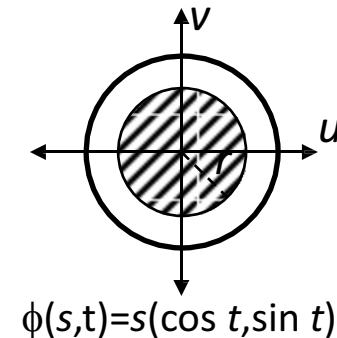
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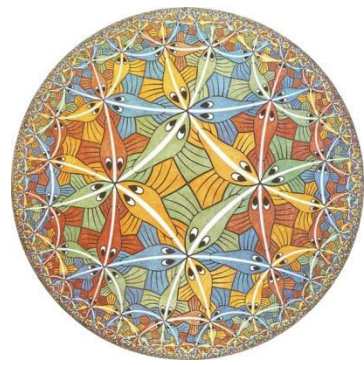
- What is the area of the region with radius less than r ?

The region is the image of:

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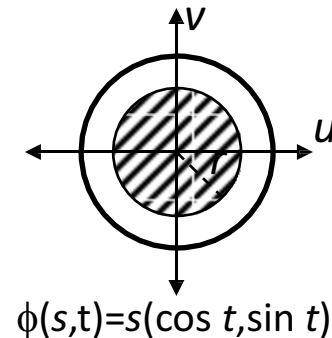


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Surfaces Curvatures

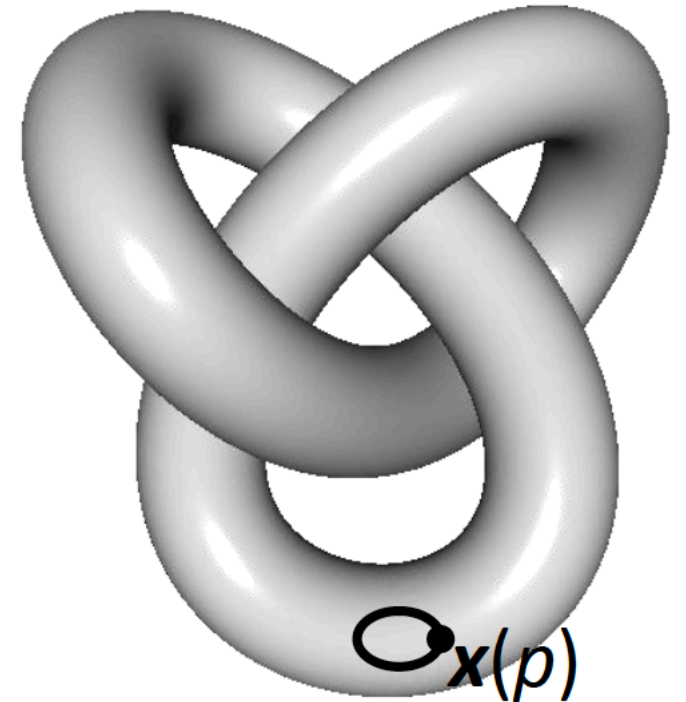
Quantify how a surface
bends.

Curvatures of curves

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

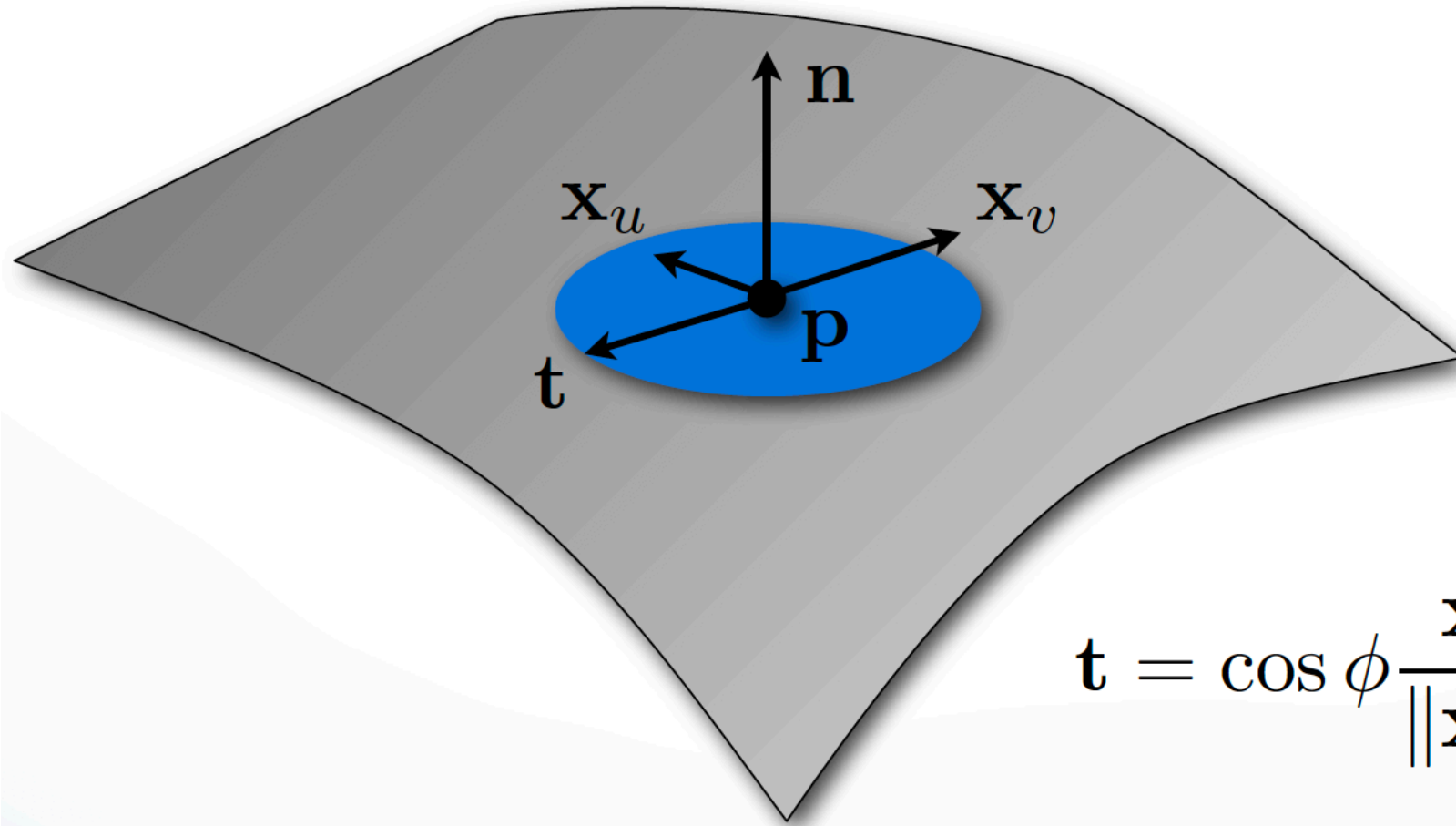
Curvature

- 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

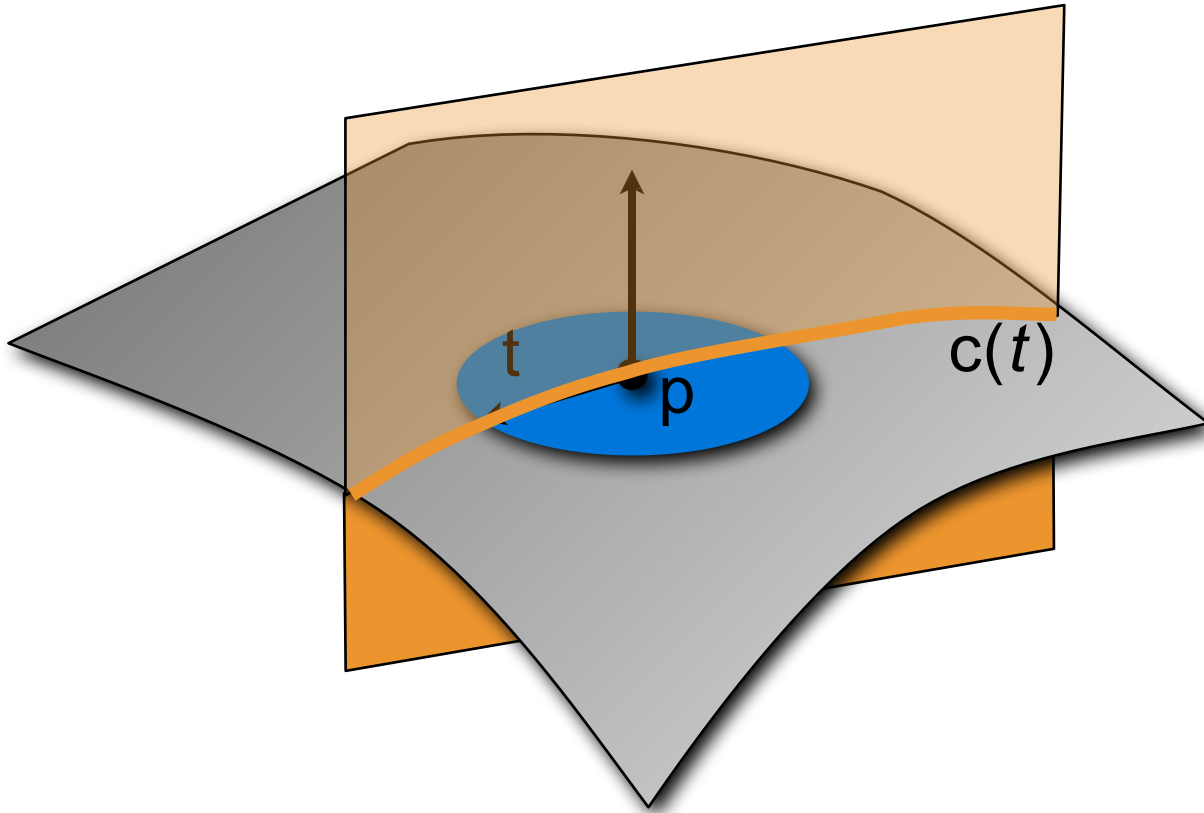
Tangent vector \mathbf{t} ...



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

Normal Curvature

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



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

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:

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa(0) &= \frac{\langle \mathbf{n}, (\mathbf{x} \circ \phi)''(0) \rangle}{\langle (\mathbf{x} \circ \phi)'(0), (\mathbf{x} \circ \phi)'(0) \rangle} \\ &= \frac{\langle \mathbf{n}, ((d^2 \mathbf{x} \circ \phi) \cdot \phi'(0)) \cdot \phi'(0) + ((d\mathbf{x} \circ \phi) \cdot \phi''(0)) \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{J}w, \mathbf{J}w \rangle} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{w^t \begin{pmatrix} \langle \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{x}_{uu}(p) \rangle & \langle \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{x}_{vu}(p) \rangle \\ \langle \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{x}_{uv}(p) \rangle & \langle \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{x}_{vv}(p) \rangle \end{pmatrix} w}{w^t I(p) w}$$

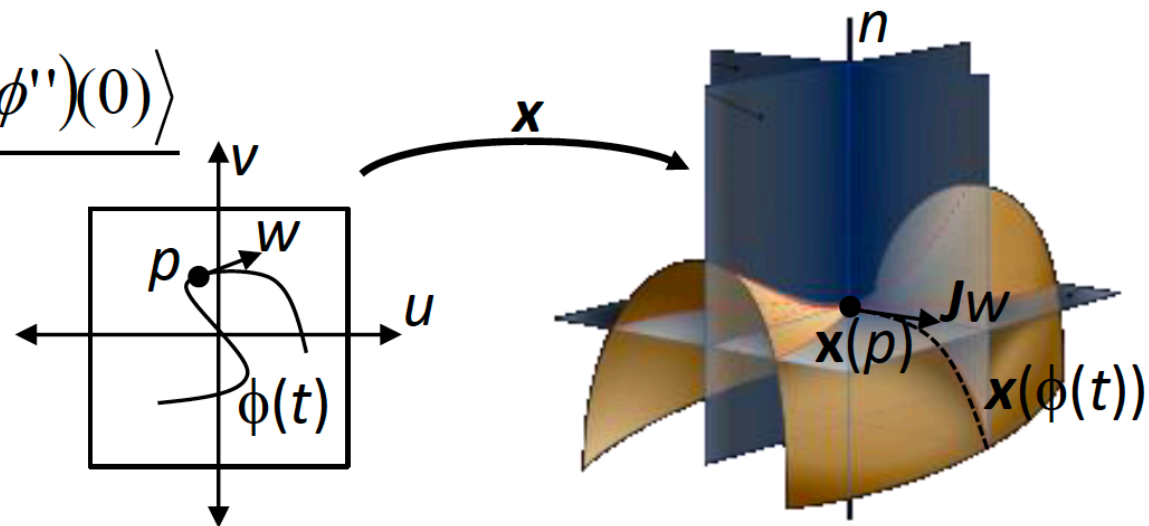


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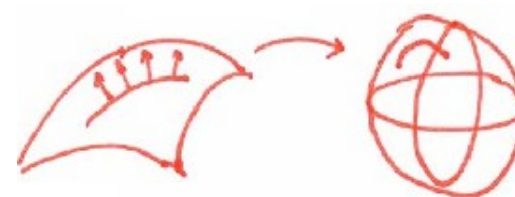
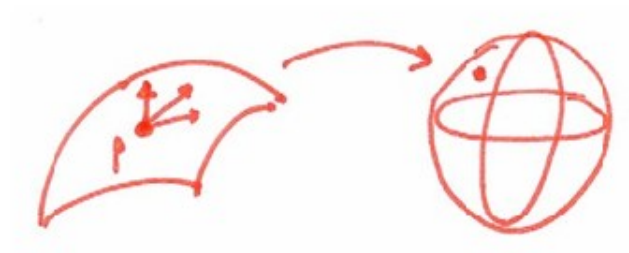
Geometry of the Normal

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 $\kappa_n(\bar{\mathbf{t}})$ at \mathbf{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

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

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

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

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

$$\nabla \kappa_p(w) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{(w^t I w)}{(w^t I w)} I w = I w$$

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

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

- it has two distinct eigen values

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

- We denote with κ_1 the minimum curvature and with κ_2 the maximum curvature.

$$L^{-1} \nabla w_1 = K_1 w_1 \quad L^{-1} \nabla w_2 = K_2 w_2$$

- $L^{-1} \nabla$ 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 $K = \text{Det}(S) = k_1 * k_2$

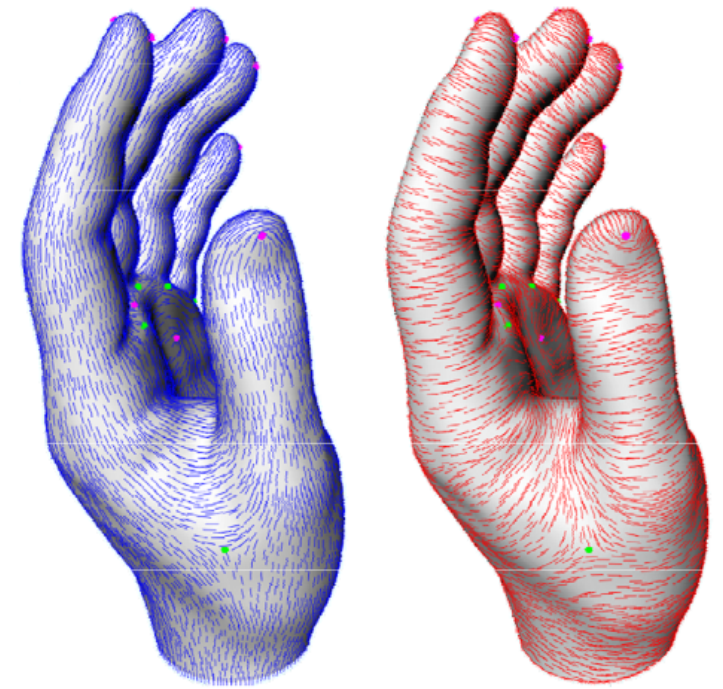
Principal Curvatures

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

- Euler theorem

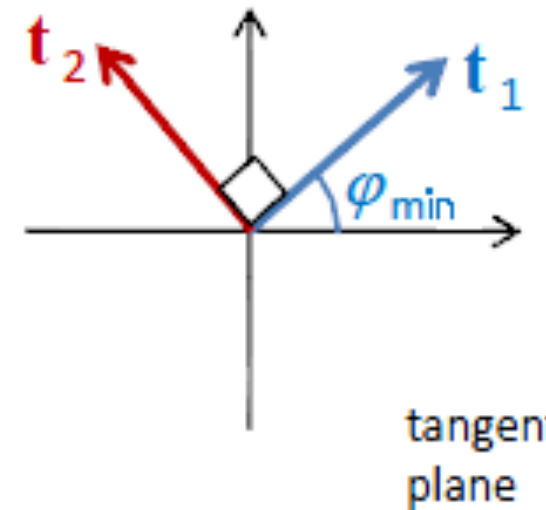
$$\kappa_n(\bar{\mathbf{t}}) = \kappa_1 \cos^2 \psi + \kappa_2 \sin^2 \psi,$$

- ψ is the angle between \mathbf{t} and \mathbf{t}_1
- \mathbf{t}_1 & \mathbf{t}_2 are principal directions: tangent vectors corresponding to φ_{min} & φ_{max}
- **any normal curvature is a convex combination of the minimum and maximum curvature**
- **principal directions are orthogonal to each other**



min curvature

max curvature



tangent plane

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 3x3 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

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Note:

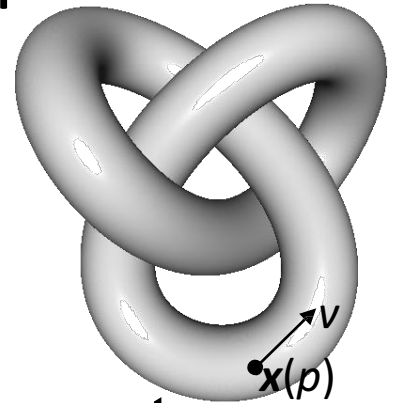
Given a (non-tangent) vector v at the point $\mathbf{x}(p)$, we can express v as:

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

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).



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

Surfaces Curvatures

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

- 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: $C = PDP^{-1}$, with $P=[\mathbf{t}_1, \mathbf{t}_2, \mathbf{n}]$ and $D=\text{diag}(k_1, k_2, 0)$

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- Principal curvatures: eigenvalues of the shape operator S: $I^{-1}II$

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Gauss-Bonnet Theorem

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

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

$$\int K(\text{👉}) = \int K(\text{🐮}) = \int K(\text{🔴}) = 4\pi$$

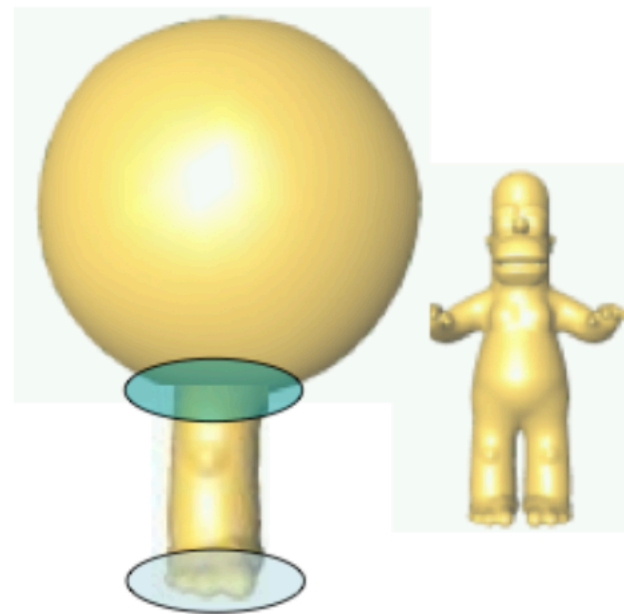
Gauss-Bonnet Theorem

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 κ_G 和平均曲率 κ_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， ∇ 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。

Analogies 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

$$K = \frac{L N - M^2}{E G - F^2}$$

- 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

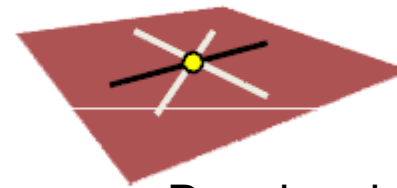
Isotropic: all directions are principle directions

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



spherical (umbilical)

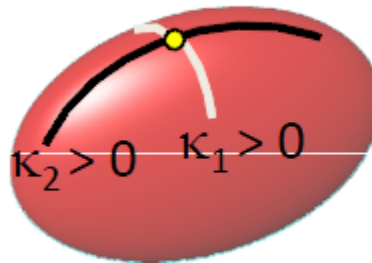
$$K = 0$$



Developable surface $\Leftrightarrow K=0$
planar

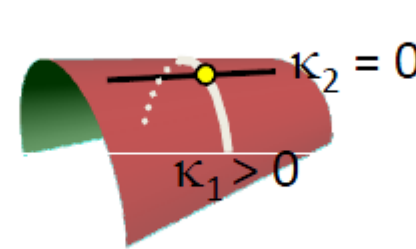
Anisotropic: 2 distinct principle directions

$$K > 0$$



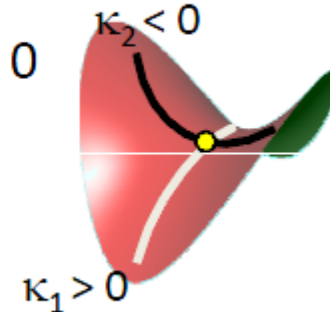
elliptic

$$K = 0$$



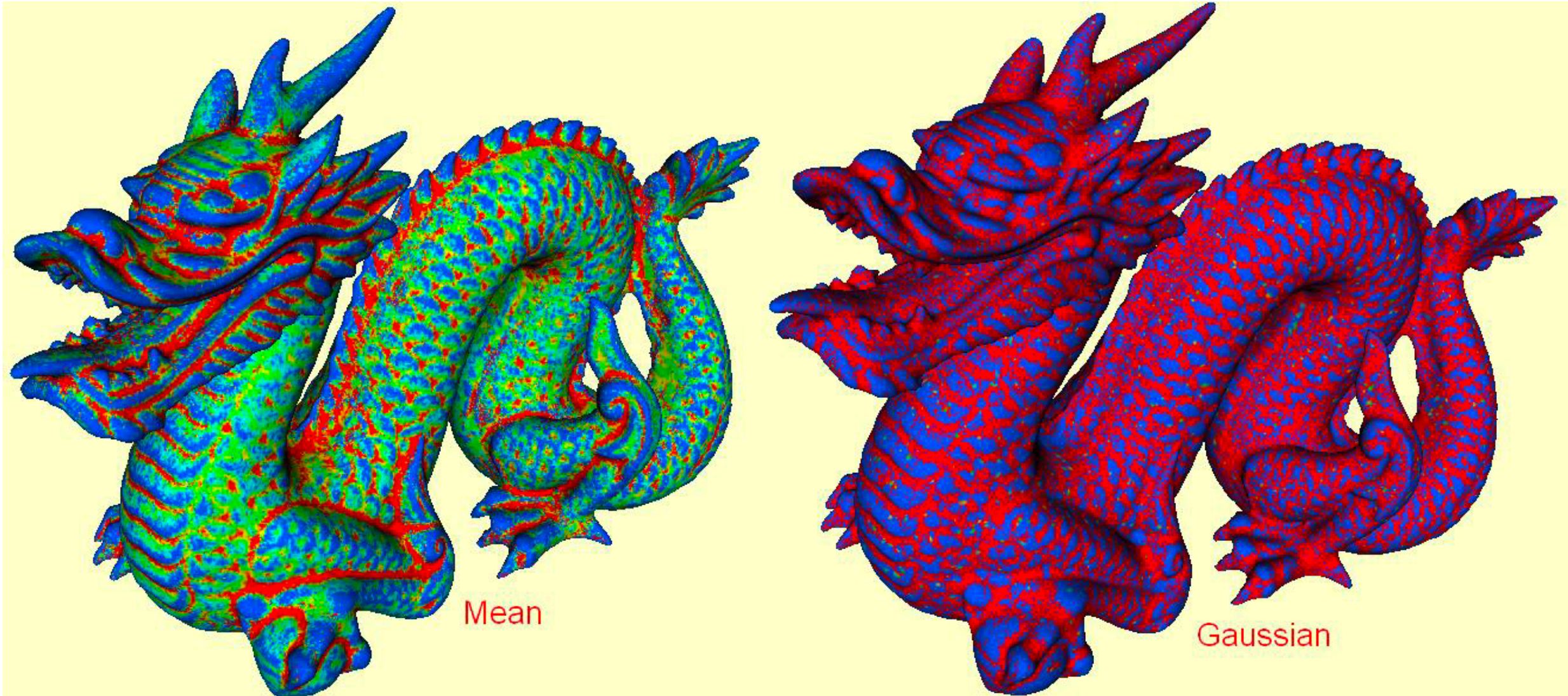
parabolic

$$K < 0$$

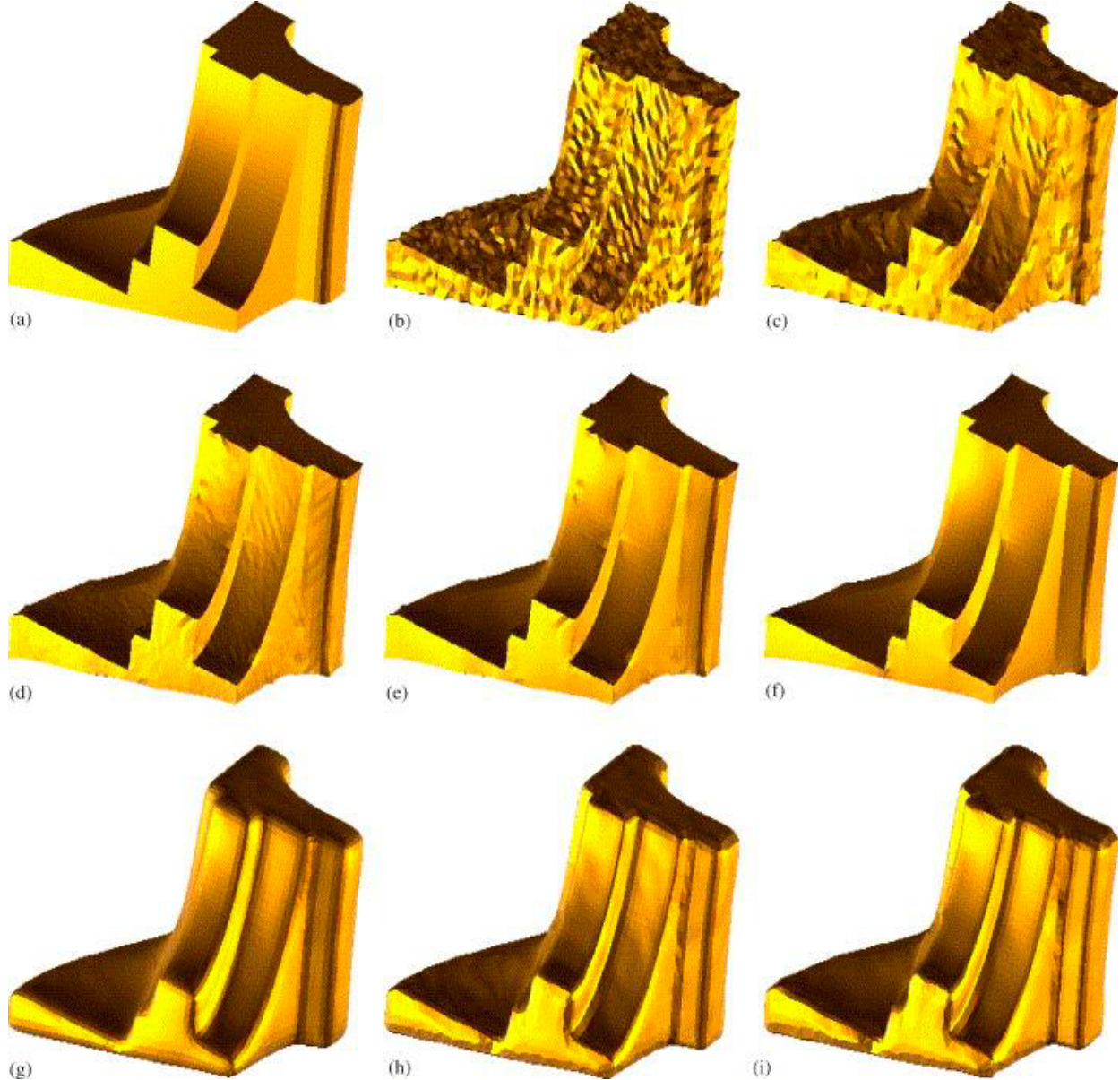


hyperbolic

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

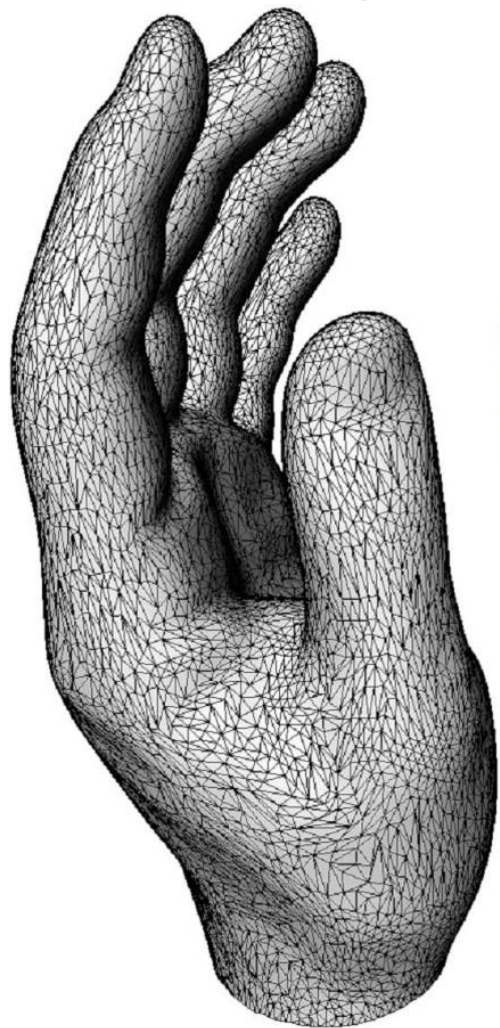


Highlight Lines for Conveying Shape

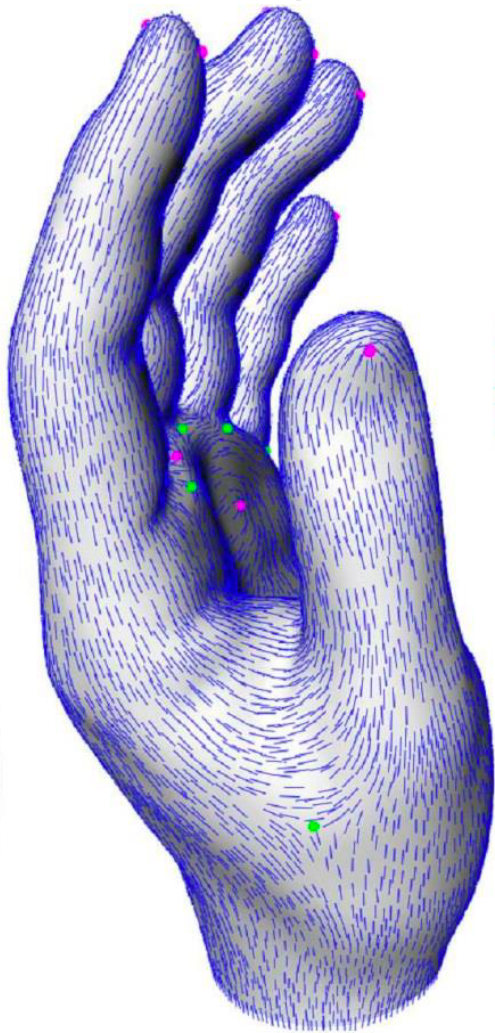
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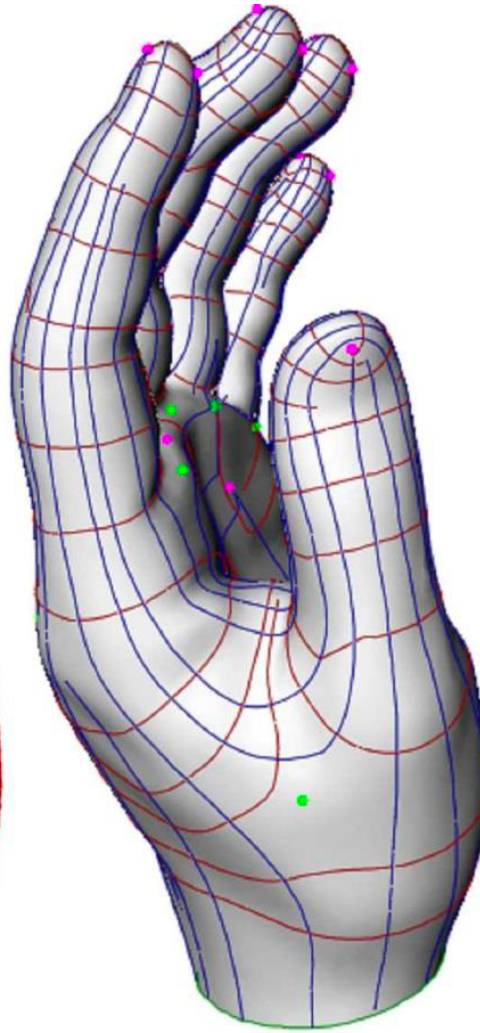
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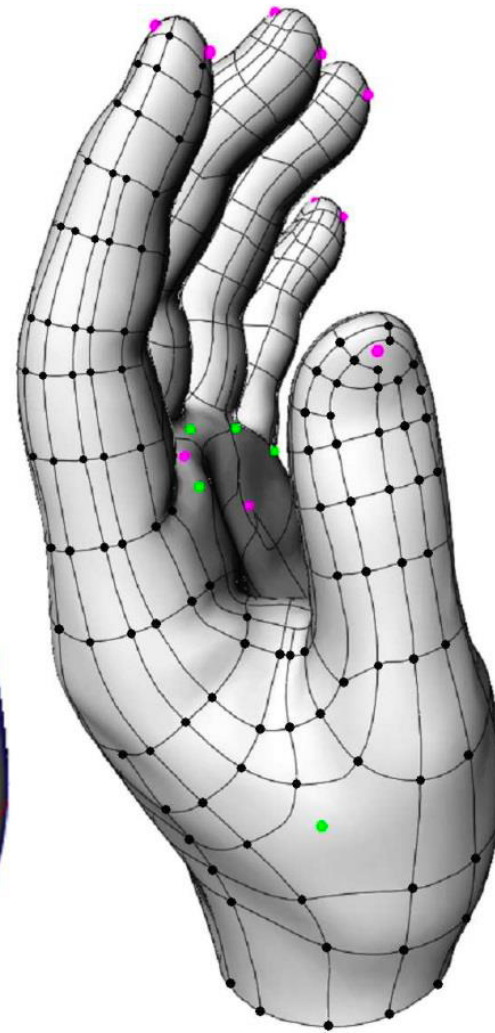
input mesh



direction fields



sampling



meshing

Anisotropic Polygonal Remeshing

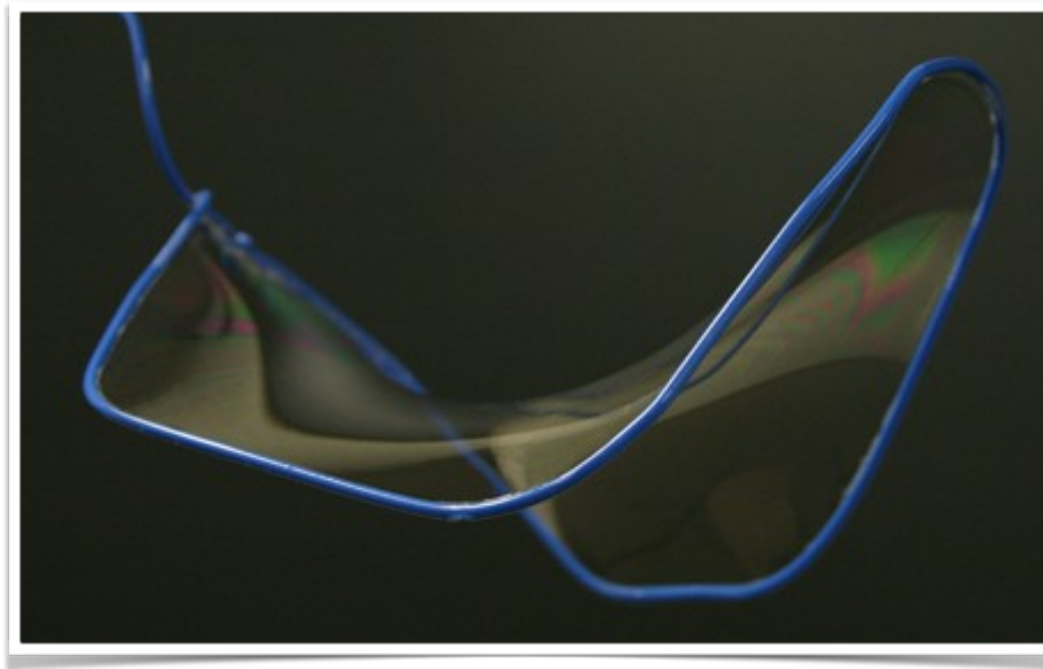
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Curvature of Surfaces

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

- $H = 0$ everywhere minimal surface



soap film

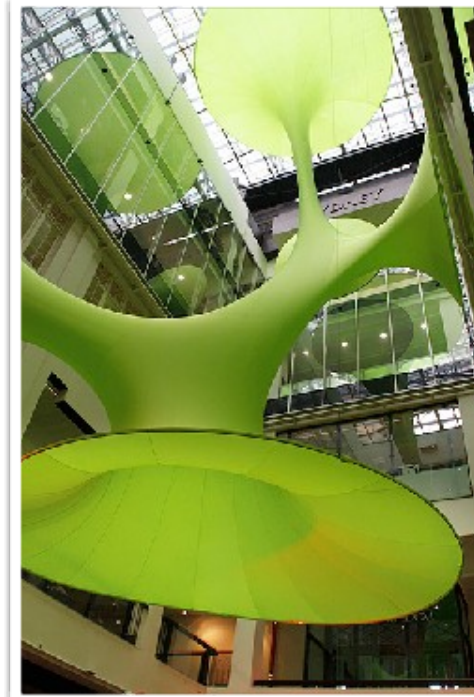
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Green Void, Sydney
Architects: Lava



Curvature of Surfaces

Gaussian curvature $K = \kappa_1 \cdot \kappa_2$

- $K = 0$ everywhere developable surface

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



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



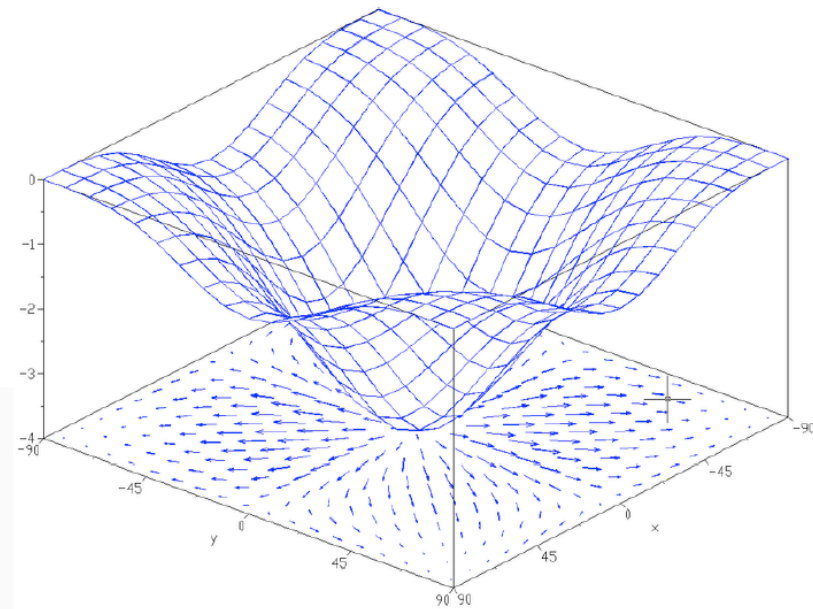
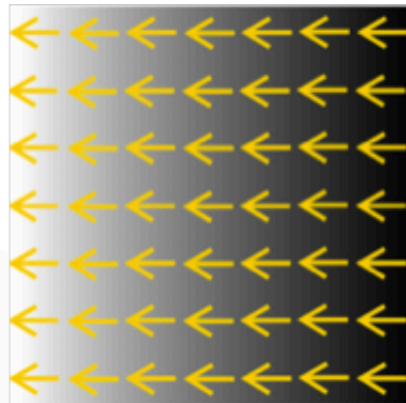
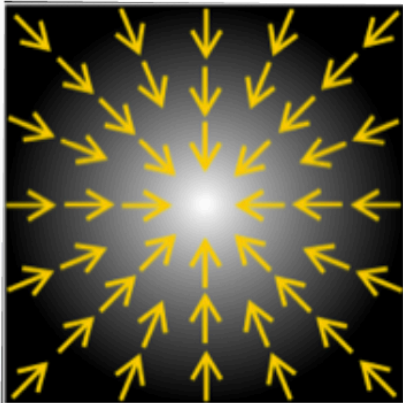
Timber Fabric
IBOIS, EPFL

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

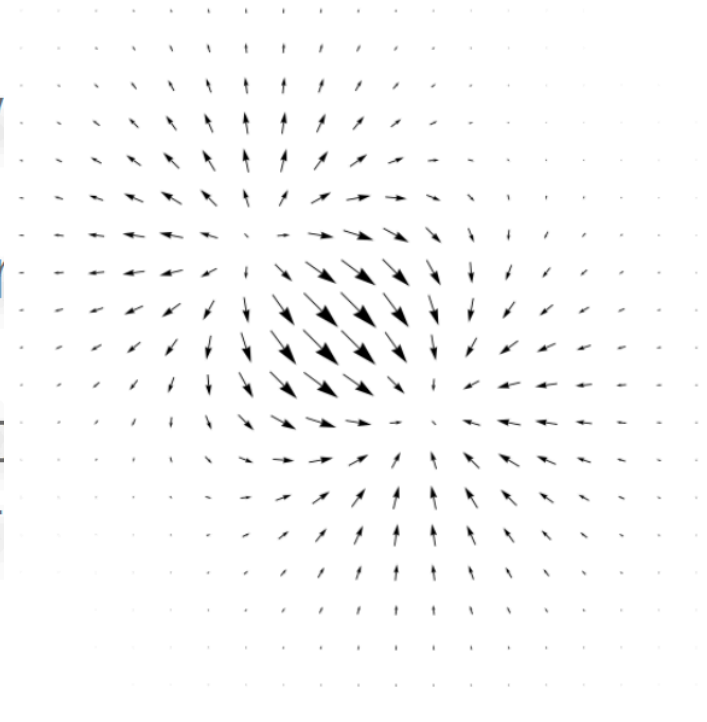


Differential Operators

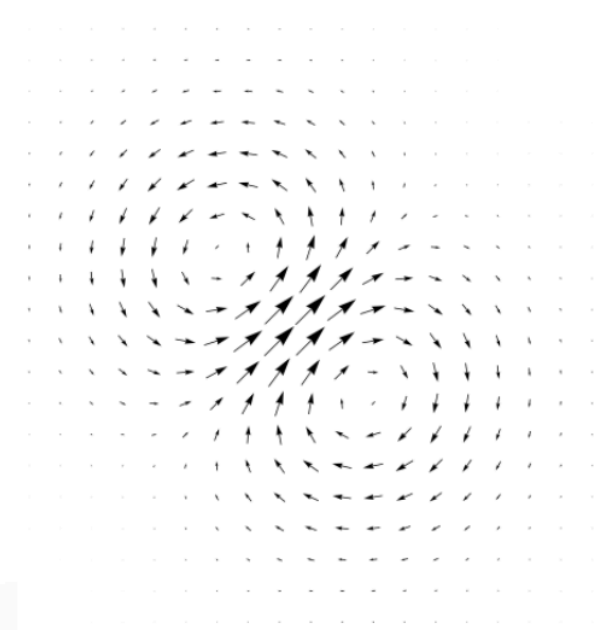
Divergence

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

- volume density of outw
- magnitude of source or
- Example: incompressible
 - velocity field is diver



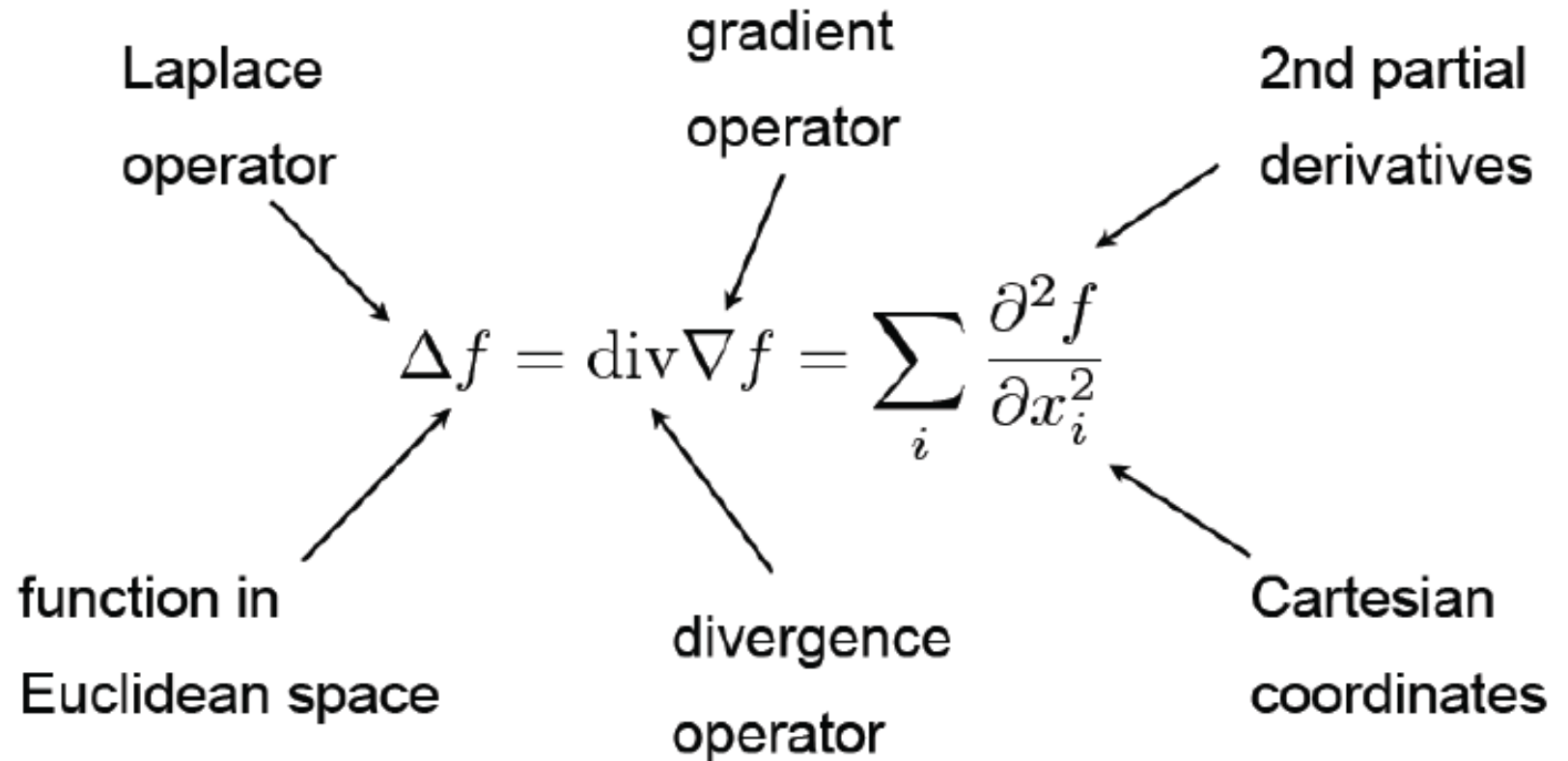
high divergence



low divergence

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

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



Laplace-Beltrami Operator

- Extension of Laplace of functions on manifolds

Laplace-
Beltrami

gradient
operator

...of the surface

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

The diagram shows the equation $\Delta_S f = \operatorname{div}_S \nabla_S f$ with four arrows pointing to its parts: one to Δ_S from the top-left, one to f from the bottom-left, one to div_S from the bottom-right, and one to $\nabla_S f$ from the top-right.

function on
manifold S

divergence
operator

Laplace on the surface

Laplace-Beltrami Operator

- Extension of Laplace of functions on manifolds

The diagram illustrates the Laplace-Beltrami operator equation on a manifold S . The equation is $\Delta_S \mathbf{x} = \operatorname{div}_S \nabla_S \mathbf{x} = -2H \mathbf{n}$. Arrows point from descriptive labels to the corresponding parts of the equation: 'Laplace-Beltrami' points to Δ_S , 'function on manifold S ' points to \mathbf{x} , 'gradient operator' points to ∇_S , 'divergence operator' points to div_S , 'mean curvature' points to H , and 'surface normal' points to \mathbf{n} . A light blue wavy shape at the bottom represents the manifold S .

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

Labels and their corresponding parts in the equation:

- Laplace-Beltrami: Δ_S
- function on manifold S : \mathbf{x}
- gradient operator: ∇_S
- divergence operator: div_S
- mean curvature: H
- surface normal: \mathbf{n}

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