

## V. The second fundamental form

→ extend notion of curvature to surfaces: will not be possible to describe it by a number. The description is based on concept of normal curvature, which associates a number to each of the infinite many unit tangent vectors at a given point  $p$ .

### 5.1 Shape operator (Weingarten map)

→ For plane curve with unit speed ( $t' = \kappa \hat{t}$ ) the  $\kappa$  is given by the rate of change of dir. of the tangent angle  $t$ .  
 for surfaces we will look at the rate of change of the tangent space at  $p$ .  
 → Let  $\sigma: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  a regular surface: position of  $T_p\sigma$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  completely determined by unit normal vec  $N = \frac{\sigma'_u \times \sigma'_v}{\|\sigma'_u \times \sigma'_v\|}$ .  
 ↳ for rate of change, both  $-N'_u$  and  $-N'_v$  have to be considered ( $N'_u, N'_v \in T_p\sigma$  as  $N$  a unit vec)

oD.5.1: Let  $p = (u_0, v_0) \in U$ . The linear map  $W = W_p: T_p\sigma \rightarrow T_p\sigma$ ,  $W(a\sigma'_u + b\sigma'_v) = -aN'_u - bN'_v \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  is called the shape operator of  $\sigma$  at  $p$ . ( $\sigma'_u, \sigma'_v, N'_u, N'_v$  all evaluated in  $p$ )  
 $W(\sigma'_u) = -N'_u, \quad W(\sigma'_v) = -N'_v$

Examples: (1)  $\sigma(u, v) = p + uq_1 + vq_2$  with  $q_1, q_2$  linearly independent  $\Rightarrow N = \frac{q_1 \times q_2}{\|q_1 \times q_2\|}$  constant and  $W$  the zero operator.  
 (2) unit sphere with standard spherical coordinates:  $N(u, v) = -\sigma(u, v) \Rightarrow N'_u = -\sigma'_u, N'_v = -\sigma'_v \Rightarrow W = \text{id}_{T_p\sigma}$  identity.  
 (3)  $\gamma: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  plane line with unit speed. Since  $(\hat{t})' = \hat{\kappa} \hat{n} \Rightarrow (\hat{t})' = \hat{\kappa} \hat{n} = -\kappa \hat{t}, (\hat{n})' = \kappa \hat{t}$ .  
 $N$  and  $\hat{n}$  analogues of each other  $\Rightarrow W(a\gamma'(t_0)) = -a(\hat{n})'(t_0) = a\kappa \hat{t} \rightarrow W$  a higher dim. version of  $\kappa$ .

oL.5.1:  $\sigma = \sigma \circ \mu$  with  $\mu(t_0) = p \Rightarrow W(\sigma'(t_0)) = -m'(t_0)$  where  $m = N \circ \mu$  the surface normal along the curve.  
 ↳  $W$  more directly related to a geometric prop of  $\sigma$  than  $N'_u, N'_v$ .  
 ↳  $W$  associates to a tan vec. the derivative of  $-N$  along any curve that has the tan. vec as its tangent in that point.

oT.5.1: The shape operator  $W$  is unchanged under dir preserving reparametrization and changes to  $-W$  for reversing.

Proof:  $\tau = \sigma \circ \phi$  reparam with diffeo  $\phi: V \rightarrow U$ . Claim that  $W^\tau = \pm W^\sigma \xRightarrow{2.4} \forall v \in T_{p_0}\tau \exists t_0: v = \tau'(t_0)$  for some curve  $\gamma = \sigma \circ \mu$ .  
 $\Rightarrow v = \tau'(t_0) = (\sigma \circ \mu)'(t_0) = \sigma'(\mu(t_0)) = \sigma'(p)$ ,  $\gamma = \sigma \circ \mu = \tau \circ \phi^{-1} \circ \mu: I \rightarrow V$  plane curve,  $\tau'_s \times \tau'_t = \det(D\phi) \sigma'_u \times \sigma'_v$ .  
 $\Rightarrow N^\tau = \pm N^\sigma \circ \phi$  with  $\pm \Leftrightarrow \det(D\phi) > 0$ ,  $N^\tau = \frac{\tau'_s \times \tau'_t}{\|\tau'_s \times \tau'_t\|} \Rightarrow W^\tau(v(t_0)) = -(N^\tau \circ \mu)'(t_0) = -(\pm N^\sigma \circ \phi \circ \mu)'(t_0) = \pm (N^\sigma \circ \mu)'(t_0) = \pm W^\sigma(v(t_0))$ .  
 ↳ normal unchanged

### 5.2 Second fundamental form

→ introduce another object, closely related to  $W$ , to relate  $V$  with  $\kappa_n$ .

oD.5.2: The map  $W \in T_p\sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad II_p(v) = W \cdot W(v) \in \mathbb{R}$  is called the second fundamental form of  $\sigma$  in  $p$ , which does not change under reparametrizations, except by a sign if dir reversing ( $T$ ).

oT.5.2: The normal curvature in direction  $w_0$  is  $\kappa_n = \frac{II_p(w_0)}{\|w_0\|^2}$  (recall  $\kappa_n$  the same for all curves through  $p$  with  $\gamma'(t_0) = w_0$ ).  
 Proof: use proof in 4.5 that  $\kappa_n = -\gamma'(t_0) \cdot m'(t_0) / \|\gamma'(t_0)\|^2$  with  $\gamma'(t_0) = w_0$  for a  $\gamma$  with  $\gamma = \sigma \circ \mu$  and  $\gamma(t_0) = p$ .  
 $W = N \circ \sigma' = \frac{\det(\sigma'_u, \sigma'_v, \sigma'_{uu}, \sigma'_{uv}, \sigma'_{vv})}{\|\sigma'_u \times \sigma'_v\|}$   
 $N = N \circ \sigma' = \frac{\det(\sigma'_u, \sigma'_v, \sigma'_{uu}, \sigma'_{uv}, \sigma'_{vv})}{\|\sigma'_u \times \sigma'_v\|}$

### 5.3 Coordinate expressions for second fundamental form

→ give an explicit expression by which  $II$  can be computed for a given parametrization.

oT.5.3:  $II_p(a\sigma'_u + b\sigma'_v) = La^2 + 2Mab + Nb^2$  with respect to basis  $(\sigma'_u, \sigma'_v)$  with  $L := N \cdot \sigma''_{uu} = \frac{\det(\sigma'_u, \sigma'_v, \sigma'_{uu})}{\|\sigma'_u \times \sigma'_v\|}$ ,  
 (where all terms are eval in given  $p \in U$ )  $M = N \cdot \sigma''_{uv}$  and  $N = N \cdot \sigma''_{vv}$ .  
 $\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} L & M \\ M & N \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow II_p(a\sigma'_u + b\sigma'_v) = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} L & M \\ M & N \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow$  second fundamental is a quadratic form

Example:  $\sigma(u, v) = (r \cos u \cos v, r \cos u \sin v, r \sin u), r > 0 \Rightarrow N(u, v) = -\sigma(u, v) \Rightarrow L = r, M = 0, N = r \cos^2 u \Rightarrow II(a\sigma'_u + b\sigma'_v) = r(b^2 - a^2)$

oT.5.4: The matrix for the shape operator  $W$  with respect to  $(\sigma'_u, \sigma'_v)$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} EF & FG \\ FG & FN \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} LM \\ MN \end{pmatrix}$ .  
 Proof:  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$ , write  $W(\sigma'_u) = h\sigma'_u + j\sigma'_v, W(\sigma'_v) = i\sigma'_u + k\sigma'_v \Rightarrow$  mat for  $W_p$  of form  $\begin{pmatrix} h & i \\ j & k \end{pmatrix}$ .  
 $\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} L & M \\ M & N \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} EF & FG \\ FG & FN \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h \\ j \end{pmatrix} \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} h \\ j \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} EF & FG \\ FG & FN \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} LM \\ MN \end{pmatrix}$

→  $\Delta W_p$  in general not symmetric (product of symm mat not necessarily symmetric)



## 5.5 Diagonalization of the second fundamental form

o D.5.5: An eigenvec. for  $W_p$  is called a principal vector in  $T_p\sigma$  and the corresponding principal curvature at  $p$ .

↳ if  $u \in T_p\sigma$  is principal vec. with corresponding principal curvature  $\lambda \Rightarrow k_n = II_p(u) = \lambda$

↳ T.5.1: principal vectors unchanged under reparam., while corresponding principal curvatures have opposite for direction reversing reparam.

↳  $W: T_p\sigma \rightarrow T_p\sigma$  symmetric with respect to dot product:  $u_1 \cdot W(u_2) = W(u_1) \cdot u_2 \quad \forall u_1, u_2 \in T_p\sigma$

o T.5.5: There exists for each  $p \in U$  an orthonormal basis  $(u_1, u_2)$  for  $T_p\sigma$  consisting of principal vectors with corresponding principal curvatures  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ . With respect to this basis:

$$II_p(au_1 + bu_2) = k_1 a^2 + k_2 b^2 \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

Proof: first one follows from C.D.1 in Appendix, other formula follows from evaluation of  $u \cdot W(u)$  with  $u = au_1 + bu_2$

o C.5.5.1: Let  $u_1, u_2$  and  $k_1, k_2$  as above,  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $u_\theta = \cos\theta u_1 + \sin\theta u_2 \Rightarrow k_n = k_1 \cos^2\theta + k_2 \sin^2\theta$   
in particular  $k_n \in [k_1, k_2]$

o C.5.5.2: The principal curvatures  $k_1, k_2$  are the roots  $k$  of equation:  $\det \begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} L & M \\ M & N \end{pmatrix} - k \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$   
The corresponding principal vectors are  $a\sigma'_u + b\sigma'_v$  where  $(a, b)$  is non-zero and solves  $D \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = k_i \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$

Example: cylinder  $\sigma(u, v) = (\cos v, \sin v, u) \Rightarrow E=G=1, F=0, N=(-\cos v, -\sin v, 0) \cdot \sigma''_{vv} = 0, \sigma''_{uv} = \sigma''_{vu} = 0, L=M=0, N=1$   
 $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow k_1=0, k_2=1 \rightarrow$  normal curvature in dir  $\sigma'_u$  (vertical) is zero and (horizontally)  $\sigma'_v$ -dir is 1

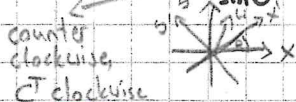
## 5.6 graph of a quadratic form

↳ transport, transposition

→ A quadratic form on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is a function  $q: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  of the form  $q(x, y) = ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2$  for some  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $q(x, y) = (x, y) \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$

→ Recall from linear algebra that every symmetric matrix  $A$  is orthogonally diagonalizable,  $C$  is an orthogonal matrix such that  $D = C^{-1}AC$  is a diagonal mat. with real entries and the columns of  $C$  ( $C^{-1} = C^T$ ) ( $\det C = \pm 1$ ) form an orthonormal basis of eigenvectors. Coordinates of  $u = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  with respect to the basis given by the columns of  $C$  are denoted  $\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow u = C \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix}, u' = \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow u = Cu' \Rightarrow q(u) = u^t A u = (Cu')^t A (Cu') = u'^t C^t A C u' = u'^t D u' = u'^t \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} u' = \lambda_1 x'^2 + \lambda_2 y'^2$   
↳ change of variables results in simplification of the expression for  $q$  ( $xy$  term disappears)

→ Notice  $\det C = \pm 1$  and by changing the sign of one column (if necessary) we can arrange  $\det C = 1$   
 $\Rightarrow C = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$  for some  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$  → basis vecs of  $C$  are obtained from the standard basis vecs  $e_i$  exactly by this rotation,  $x'$  and  $y'$  new coordinates of  $u$  with respect to this new basis (rotated)



$$u = \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

o T.5.6: Let  $q(u) = u^t A u$  a quadratic form on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with a symm.  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A$ . There exists a rotation of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that in the rotated  $x'y'$ -coord.  $q(u) = \lambda_1 x'^2 + \lambda_2 y'^2$  where  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  are eigenvalues of  $A$

→ in these rotated coordinates we can easily describe the graph of  $q$ : Vertical crosssections of graph, obtained by taking intersection with one of the two vertical coordinate planes ( $x'z$ -plane and  $y'z$ -plane).

Therefore surface is called paraboloid.

⇒ shape of the horizontal cross sections depends on the eigenvalues  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ . If they are both positive or both negative, then horizontal cross section of graph is an ellipse and graph called elliptic paraboloid. If  $\lambda_1 \neq 0 \neq \lambda_2$  and different signs, then graph is called a hyperbolic paraboloid because every horizontal crosssection is a hyperbola.

Part of a saddle

If one eigenvalue is zero but the other isn't, then graph is called a parabolic cylinder (cylinder where the cross section is a parabola instead of a circle). Finally if  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0 \Rightarrow$  graph is a plane.

both pos

both neg

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In the rotated coordinates we obtain a graph  $\sigma(u,v) = (u,v, \lambda_1 u^2 + \lambda_2 v^2)$ . A simple calculation shows that at  $(u,v) = (0,0)$  we have  $\begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} L & M \\ M & N \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2\lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2\lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}$  in rotated coordinates

→ rotation of coordinates has exactly the effect that shape operator is diagonalized. The principal curvatures are  $2\lambda_1$  and  $2\lambda_2$  and the principal vectors "along the two horizontal axes for rotated basis."

Example:  $q(x,y) = x^2 + xy + y^2$  corresponds to  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow D = C^T A C = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{2} \end{pmatrix}$  where  $C = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$   
 → quadratic form becomes  $\frac{1}{2}x'^2 + \frac{3}{2}y'^2$  in rotated coordinates, graph an elliptic paraboloid. Its axes are rotated from the  $x$  and  $y$  axes by angle  $\theta$ , determined by  $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ ,  $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  that is clockwise by 45 degrees

## 5.7 type of a surface at a point

→ principal curvatures and vectors can be explained geometrically:

can assume that  $\sigma(p)$  is the origin and the  $x_3$ -plane is  $T_p\sigma$  (can always be arranged by translation followed by a suitable rotation of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ). Can be shown that transformation does not alter  $\kappa_1$  and  $\kappa_2$ . Furthermore, it follows from 2.11 and its proof that  $\sigma$  allows orientation preserving reparam. as smooth graph over  $x_3$ -plane (principal curvatures unchanged by such a reparam.). We therefore assume  $\sigma(u,v) = (u,v, h(u,v))$  with  $h$  smooth.

Since  $\sigma(p) = (0,0,0) \Rightarrow p = (0,0)$ ,  $h(0,0) = 0$ ,  $\sigma'_u = (1,0,h'_u)$ ,  $\sigma'_v = (0,1,h'_v)$  and as  $T_p\sigma$  is  $x_3$ -plane  $\Rightarrow h'_u = h'_v = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow E = G = 1$ ,  $F = 0$  in  $p$ .

$N = (0,0,1)$  and  $\sigma''_{uu} = (0,0,h''_{uu})$ ,  $\sigma''_{vv} = (0,0,h''_{vv})$ ,  $\sigma''_{uv} = (0,0,h''_{uv}) \xrightarrow{5.3} L = h''_{uu}(0,0)$ ,  $M = h''_{uv}(0,0)$ ,  $N = h''_{vv}(0,0)$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Taylor expansion to order two of  $\sigma$ :  $\sigma(u,v) \approx \sigma(0,0) + u\sigma'_u(0,0) + v\sigma'_v(0,0) + \frac{1}{2}(u^2\sigma''_{uu}(0,0) + 2uv\sigma''_{uv}(0,0) + v^2\sigma''_{vv}(0,0))$   
 $= (u,v, \frac{1}{2}II_p(u\sigma'_u + v\sigma'_v)) \Rightarrow \sigma$  approxed near  $p$  by  $\frac{1}{2}II_p$  (its graph)

→ we can now read off the shape of  $\sigma$  from this shape of the graph

→ conclusion: after suitable rotation of  $x_3$ -plane which brings the principal vectors in the direction of the axes, surface will appear as in 5.6 (depending on signatures of  $\kappa_1, \kappa_2$ )

o D.5.7: the type of  $\sigma$  at  $p \in U$  is defined as follows. It's called elliptic point if principal curvatures  $\kappa_1, \kappa_2$  are both non-zero with same sign, a hyperbolic point if non-zero (both) with opposite signs. If one is zero but other one is not → point is called parabolic and if  $\kappa_1 = \kappa_2 = 0$  planar

→ type of a point unchanged under reparam as principal curvatures are either unchanged or both change signs