

Analysis of 3D Shapes (IN2238)

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Summary and Notations

Given a coordinate map $x: U \rightarrow M$ and the Gauss map $G: M \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^2$ of the surface $M \subset \mathbb{R}^3$, we have for $p = x(u)$ and $v_1, v_2 \in T_p M$

- $\{\partial_1 x(u), \partial_2 x(u)\}$ is a base of the tangent plane $T_p M$.
- $g_{ij}(u) = \langle \partial_i x(u), \partial_j x(u) \rangle$ is the first fundamental form.
- $N(u) = \frac{\partial_1 x(u) \times \partial_2 x(u)}{\|\partial_1 x(u) \times \partial_2 x(u)\|} = G \circ x(u)$ is the Gauss map in local coordinates.
- $S_p[v_i] = DG(p)[v_i]$ is the shape operator.
- $\mathbb{I}(v_1, v_2) = \langle S_p[v_1], v_2 \rangle$ is the second fundamental form.

Using Γ_{ij}^k for the Christoffel symbols and $\alpha_{ij}(u) = \mathbb{I}(\partial_i x(u), \partial_j x(u))$, we have

$$\partial_{ij} x(u) = \sum_{k=1}^2 \Gamma_{ij}^k(u) \partial_k x(u) - \alpha_{ij}(u) N(u)$$

$$\partial_j N(u) = DG(p)[\partial_j x(u)] = \sum_{i=1}^2 \nu_j^i(u) \partial_i x(u)$$

Third Derivatives

Gauss curvature $K(p) = \det(\nu(u))$ depends on the derivatives of N .

To this end let

$$\partial_{\ell j i} x = \sum_{k=1}^2 \partial_{\ell} \Gamma_{ij}^k \partial_k x + \Gamma_{ij}^k \partial_{\ell k} x - \partial_{\ell} \alpha_{ij} N - \alpha_{ij} \partial_{\ell} N.$$

Observing that $\partial_{211} x = \partial_{121} x$, we obtain for the $\partial_2 x$ -component of this expression:

$$\partial_2 \Gamma_{11}^2 + \sum_{k=1}^2 \Gamma_{11}^k \Gamma_{2k}^2 - \alpha_{11} \nu_2^2 = \partial_1 \Gamma_{12}^2 + \sum_{k=1}^2 \Gamma_{12}^k \Gamma_{1k}^2 - \alpha_{12} \nu_1^2$$

In other words, $\alpha_{11} \nu_2^2 - \alpha_{12} \nu_1^2$ is an intrinsic expression.

Theorema Egregium

The following expression is intrinsic:

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha_{11}\nu_2^2 - \alpha_{12}\nu_1^2 &= \alpha_{11} \sum_{k=1}^2 g^{2k} \alpha_{k2} - \alpha_{12} \sum_{k=1}^2 g^{2k} \alpha_{k1} \\ &= g^{22} [\alpha_{11}\alpha_{22} - \alpha_{12}\alpha_{21}] + g^{21} [\alpha_{11}\alpha_{12} - \alpha_{12}\alpha_{11}] \\ &= g_{11} \frac{\alpha_{11}\alpha_{22} - \alpha_{12}\alpha_{21}}{g_{11} \cdot g_{22} - g_{12}^2} = g_{11} K\end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1 (Theorema Egregium). *The Gauss curvature K is an intrinsic feature. In particular, we have*

$$K = \frac{1}{g_{11}} \left[(\partial_2 \Gamma_{11}^2 - \partial_1 \Gamma_{12}^2) + \sum_{k=1}^2 (\Gamma_{11}^k \Gamma_{2k}^2 - \Gamma_{12}^k \Gamma_{1k}^2) \right]$$

Riemann Curvature Tensor

For the Theorema Egregium, we separated the term $\partial_{211}x - \partial_{121}x$ in an intrinsic part (using Christoffel Symbols) and an extrinsic part.

Since $\partial_{211}x = \partial_{121}x$, we were able to express the “extrinsic part” with the help of the Christoffel symbols.

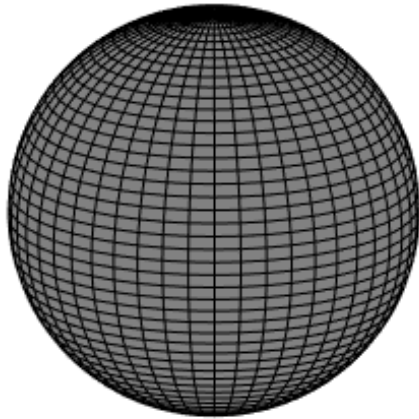
Riemann used this insight in order to define the **Riemann Curvature Tensor** R . Given two vector fields X and Y it assigns to each vector field Z and new vector field $R(X, Y)Z$. If X and Y are given as $\partial_i x$ and $\partial_j x$ of a coordinate map x , R is defined via

$$R(X, Y)Z = \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z$$

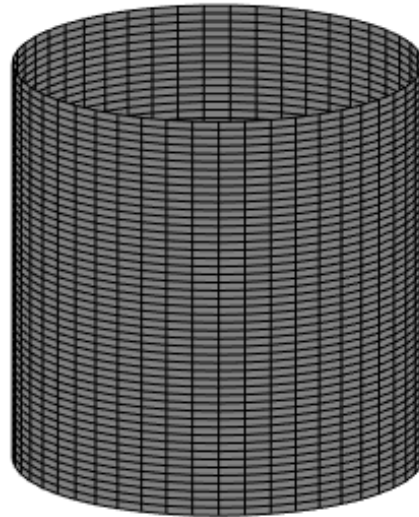
In other words, the Gauss curvature can be intrinsically written as

$$K = \frac{\langle R(\partial_2 x, \partial_1 x) \partial_1 x, \partial_2 x \rangle}{\det(g)}$$

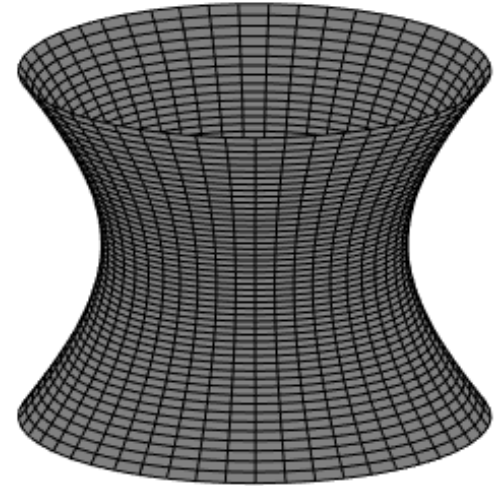
Different Gauss Curvatures



$$K > 0$$



$$K = 0$$



$$K < 0$$

Moving Frame

Given a coordinate map $x: U \rightarrow M$, the vector fields $\partial_1 x$ and $\partial_2 x$ form a base. Using Gram-Schmidt, we can create three orthonormal vector fields $Y_1, Y_2, Y_3: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ via $(p = x(u))$

$$Y_1(p) = \frac{\partial_1 x(u)}{\|\partial_1 x(u)\|}$$

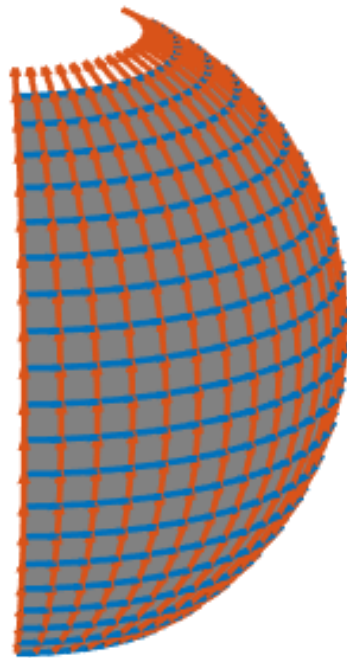
$$Y_2(p) = \frac{\partial_2 x(u) - \langle Y_1(p), \partial_2 x(u) \rangle}{\|\partial_2 x(u) - \langle Y_1(p), \partial_2 x(u) \rangle\|}$$

$$Y_3(p) = Y_1(p) \times Y_2(p)$$

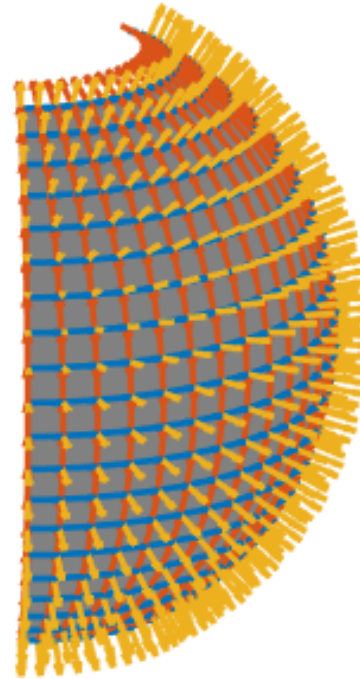
We call these three vector fields a **moving frame**.

Note that a moving frame can not necessarily be derived from a coordinate map x , but it is quite usefull to have an orthonormal system at each point of the coordinate domain U respectively its codomain $x(U)$.

Moving Frame and Coordinate Maps



Parametrization induced
Vector Field



Moving Frame

Derivatives of the Moving Frame

The differentials $DY_i(p): T_pM \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ can be written as

$$DY_i(p)[v] = \sum_{j=1}^3 \langle \omega_{ij}(p), v \rangle Y_j(p) \quad \omega_{ij}(p) \in T_pM$$

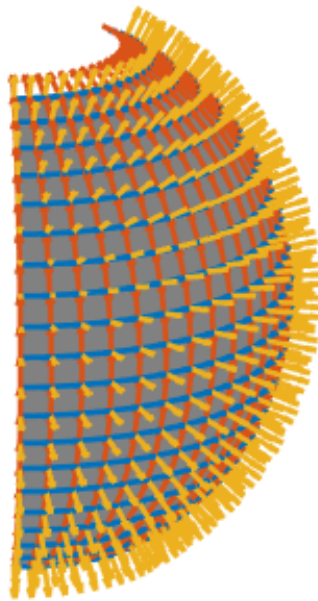
Since we have $\langle Y_i, Y_j \rangle = 0$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= D \langle Y_i(p), Y_j(p) \rangle [v] = \langle DY_i(p)[v], Y_j(p) \rangle + \langle Y_i(p), DY_j(p)[v] \rangle \\ &= \langle \omega_{ij}(p) + \omega_{ji}(p), v \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

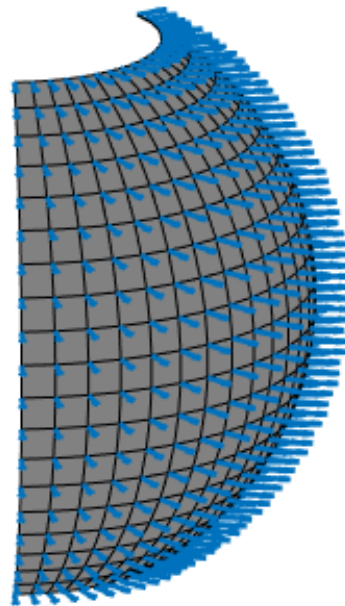
This means, we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} DY_1(p)[v] \\ DY_2(p)[v] \\ DY_3(p)[v] \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \langle \omega_{12}(p), v \rangle & \langle \omega_{13}(p), v \rangle \\ -\langle \omega_{12}(p), v \rangle & 0 & \langle \omega_{23}(p), v \rangle \\ -\langle \omega_{13}(p), v \rangle & -\langle \omega_{23}(p), v \rangle & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} Y_1(p) \\ Y_2(p) \\ Y_3(p) \end{pmatrix}$$

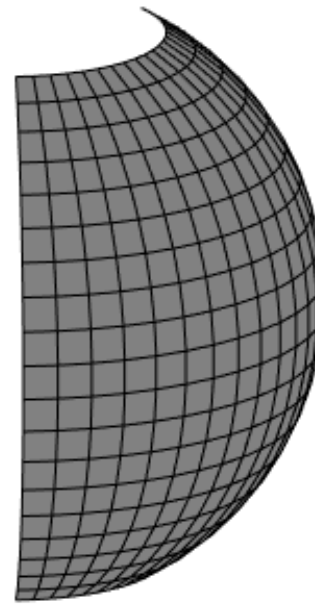
Moving Frame and Coordinate Maps



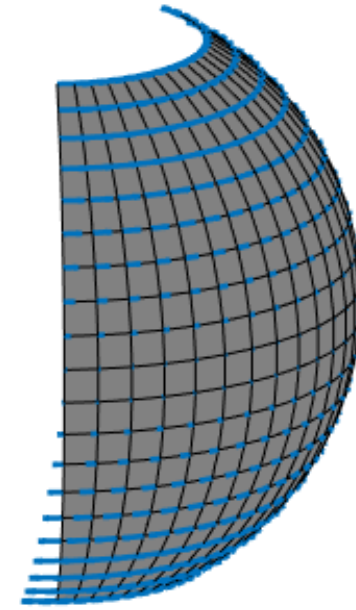
Y_1, Y_2, Y_3



$DY_1[Y_1]$



$DY_1[Y_2]$



ω_{12}

Winding Number for Circles

Given a closed non-intersecting curve $\gamma: I \rightarrow U$ and its corresponding curve $c = x \circ \gamma: I \rightarrow M$, we can define the angle function $\theta: c(I) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ via $(p = x(u) = c(t))$

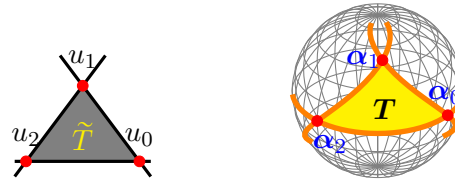
$$\theta(p) = \angle(\dot{c}(t), Y_1(p))$$

$\theta(p)$ is unique up to multiples of 2π , but if we fix $\theta(c(0)) \in [0, 2\pi)$ there is only one unique $\theta(\cdot)$ that remains continuous.

For this setup, we have

$$\int_{c(I)} \theta'(p) \, dp = \theta(c(1)) - \theta(c(0)) = 2\pi$$

Winding Number for Triangles



A triangle T can be represented by three vertices $v_0 = x(u_0)$, $v_1 = x(u_1)$, $v_2 = x(u_2) \in M$ with connected edges that can be represented as non-intersecting curves parametrized by arc-length

$$c_i : [0, L_i] \rightarrow M$$

$$c(0) = v_i$$

$$c(L_i) = v_{i \oplus 1}$$

Considering also the outer angles α_i , we obtain

$$\sum_{i < 3} \int_{\text{Im } c_i} \theta'_i(p) \, dp + \sum_{i < 3} \alpha_i = 2\pi$$

Recap: Geodesic Curvature

Given a curve $c : (0, L) \rightarrow M$ that is parametrized by arc-length, we know that $\langle \dot{c}(t), \ddot{c}(t) \rangle = 0$. Since $\frac{\nabla}{dt} \dot{c}(p)$ contains the component of $\ddot{c}(t)$ in $T_p M$, we have

$$\frac{\nabla}{dt} \dot{c}(p) = \kappa_g(p) \dot{c}(t)^\perp,$$

where $\dot{c}(t)^\perp$ is the vector in $T_p M$ that is normal to $\dot{c}(t)$.

Using the angle function θ , we obtain

$$\kappa_g(p) = \left\langle \frac{\nabla}{dt} \dot{c}(p), \dot{c}(t)^\perp \right\rangle$$

with

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{c}(t) \\ \dot{c}(t)^\perp \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta(p)) & \sin(\theta(p)) \\ -\sin(\theta(p)) & \cos(\theta(p)) \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} Y_1(p) \\ Y_2(p) \end{pmatrix}$$

Integrating Geodesic Curvature

We have

$$\nabla_{\dot{c}} \dot{c} = \cos(\theta) \nabla_{\dot{c}} Y_1 + \sin(\theta) \nabla_{\dot{c}} Y_2 - \sin(\theta) \theta' Y_1 + \cos(\theta) \theta' Y_2$$

and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa_g &= \langle \nabla_{\dot{c}} \dot{c}, -\sin(\theta) Y_1 + \cos(\theta) Y_2 \rangle \\ &= \theta' + \langle \cos(\theta) \nabla_{\dot{c}} Y_1 + \sin(\theta) \nabla_{\dot{c}} Y_2, -\sin(\theta) Y_1 + \cos(\theta) Y_2 \rangle \\ &= \theta' + \langle \omega_{12}, \dot{c} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

In other words

$$-\sum_{i < 3} \int_{\text{Im } c_i} \langle \omega_{12}(p), \dot{c}_i(t) \rangle \, dp + \sum_{i < 3} \int_{\text{Im } c_i} \kappa_g(p) \, dp + \sum_{i < 3} \alpha_i = 2\pi$$

Recap: Integration Theorem of Gauss

Given a vector field $V: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, the **integration theorem of Gauss** states

$$\int_S \operatorname{div}(V)(x) \, dx = \int_{\partial S} \langle V(s), \nu(s) \rangle \, ds,$$

where the boundary ∂S of $S \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ is a smooth, closed contour.

Assuming that $c: [0, L] \rightarrow \partial S$ is an arc-length parametrization of the boundary and $V(x) = (w_2(x), -w_1(x))$, we obtain the **integration theorem of Green**

$$\begin{aligned} \int_S \partial_1 w_2(x) - \partial_2 w_1(x) \, dx &= \int_0^L w_2(s) \cdot \dot{c}_2(s) - w_1(s) \cdot (-\dot{c}_1(s)) \, ds \\ &= \int_{\partial S} w_1(x) \, dx_1 + w_2(x) \, dx_2 \end{aligned}$$

Integrating ω_{12}

In order to express the integral of $\langle \omega_{12}, \dot{c} \rangle$ in means of p alone, we have

$$\int_{\text{Im } c_i} \langle \omega_{12}(p), \dot{c}(t) \rangle dp = \int_{\text{Im } c_i} \langle \nabla_{\dot{c}} Y_1(p), Y_2(p) \rangle dp$$

Analogously to the Green integration theorem, one can show that

$$\int_{\partial T} \langle \nabla_{\dot{c}} Y_1(p), Y_2(p) \rangle dp = \int_T \langle R(Y_1, Y_2)Y_1(p), Y_2(p) \rangle dp = - \int_T K(p) dp$$

In other words the **Theorem of Gauss-Bonnet for Triangles** is

$$\int_T K(p) dp + \int_{\partial T} \kappa_g(p) dp + \sum_{i=1}^3 \alpha_i = 2\pi$$

Gauss-Bonnet without Boundary

Let us assume we have a smooth triangulation of a closed surface M that uses the vertex set V , the edge set E and the face set F , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2\pi \cdot |F| &= \sum_{T \in F} \left[\int_T K(p) \, dp + \int_{\partial T} \kappa_g(p) \, dp + \sum_{i < 3} \alpha_i^{(T)} \right] \\ &= \int_M K(p) \, dp + |E| \cdot 2\pi - |V| \cdot 2\pi \end{aligned}$$

In other words the **Theorem of Gauss-Bonnet for Closed Surfaces** is

$$\int_M K(p) \, dp = 2\pi (|F| - |E| + |V|)$$

Gauss-Bonnet with Smooth Boundary

Let us assume we have a surface M with a smooth boundary. Further assume a smooth triangulation that uses the vertex set V , the edge set E and the face set F . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2\pi \cdot |F| &= \sum_{T \in F} \left[\int_T K(p) \, dp + \int_{\partial T} \kappa_g(p) \, dp + \sum_{i < 3} \alpha_i^{(T)} \right] \\ &= \int_M K(p) \, dp + \int_{\partial M} \kappa_g(p) \, dp + |E| \cdot 2\pi - |V| \cdot 2\pi \end{aligned}$$

In other words the **Theorem of Gauss-Bonnet for Surfaces With Smooth Boundaries** is

$$\int_M K(p) \, dp + \int_{\partial M} \kappa_g(p) \, dp = 2\pi (|F| - |E| + |V|)$$

Euler Characteristic

Given a triangulation (V, E, F) of a surface M , we call

$$\chi(M) = |V| - |E| + |F| \in \mathbb{Z}$$

the **Euler Characteristic** of M .

Due to the Gauss-Bonnet theorem, we know that

$$\chi(M) = \frac{\int_M K(p) \, dp + \int_{\partial M} \kappa_g(p) \, dp}{2\pi}$$

is a global property of M .

For every triangulation (V, E, F) of \mathbb{S}^2 we have

$$|V| - |E| + |F| = \chi(\mathbb{S}^2) = 2$$

Gauss Curvature at a Vertex

Given a discrete triangulation (V, E, F) of a surface M , we assume that at a vertex $v \in V$, we have k triangles T_1, \dots, T_k with the angles α_i , β_i and γ_i (γ_i at v). It is common to use the following approximation of the Gauss curvature as a feature (point descriptor)

$$K(v) := \frac{\int_{\bigcup_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{3}T_i} K(p) \, dp}{\sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{3} \text{area}(T_i)} \approx \frac{2\pi - \sum_{i=1}^k \gamma_i}{\sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{3} \text{area}(T_i)}$$

