

at each point, there are two <sup>orthogonal</sup> directions in which the directional curvature is extremal. ⑨

principal directions  
curvatures

for a surface

$$(s, t, \frac{1}{2}(k_1 s^2 + k_2 t^2) + O(3))$$

Compute tangents:

• think of surface as map from a piece of  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

•  $(s, t) \rightarrow \underline{x}(s, t)$ .

• Then  $\frac{\partial \underline{x}}{\partial s}$  must be tangent, by the same argument as for curves

$\frac{\partial \underline{x}}{\partial t}$      "

• and  $N$  is unit vector  $\perp$  to tangents



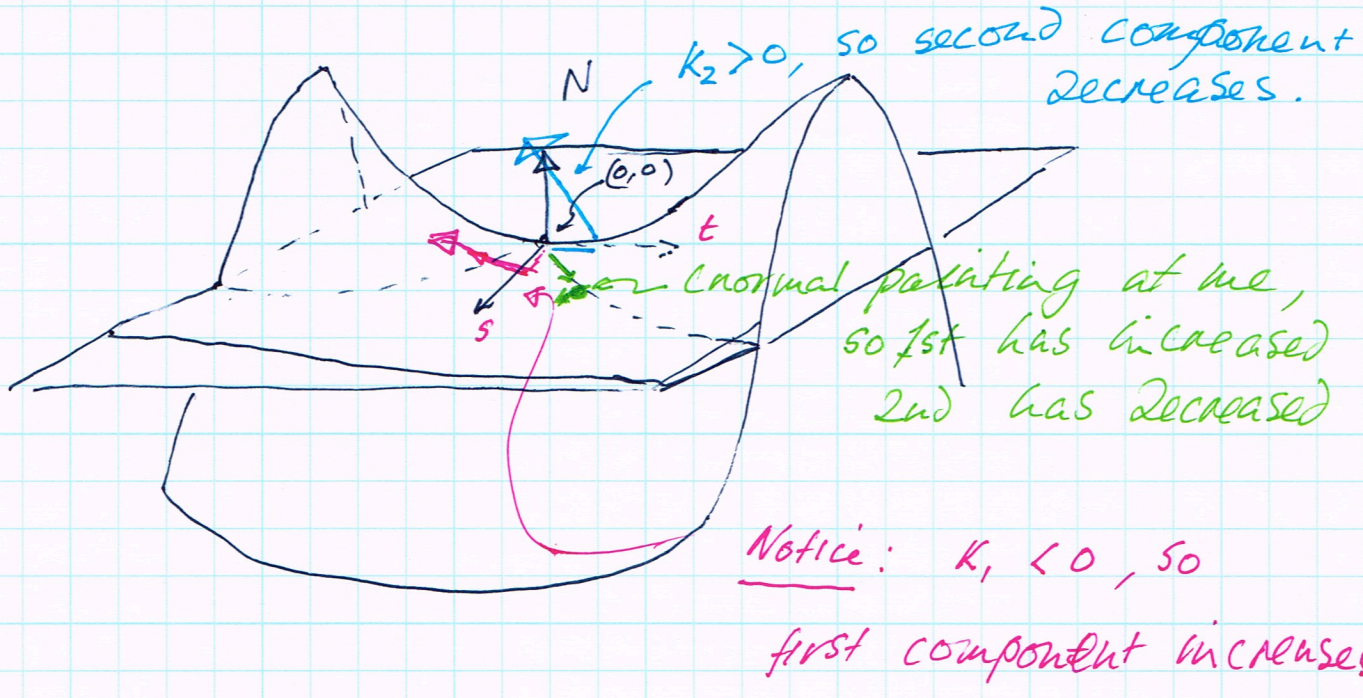
So

$$T_1: (1, 0, k_1 s) (1 + O(2))$$

$$T_2: (0, 1, k_2 t) (1 + O(2))$$

$$N: (-k_1 s, -k_2 t, 1) (1 + O(2))$$

A small step away from  $(0,0)$  to  $(\Delta u, \Delta v)$  in the tangent plane causes the normal to swing to  $(-k_1 \Delta u, -k_2 \Delta v, 1)$





• Now consider a "box"  $(0,0) \rightarrow (\overset{\varepsilon}{\cancel{0}}, 0) \rightarrow (\overset{\varepsilon}{\cancel{0}}, \overset{\varepsilon}{\cancel{0}}) \rightarrow (0, \varepsilon) \rightarrow (0,0)$  (11)

• To first order, 3rd normal component doesn't change

• on gauss map, we get "box"

$(0,0,1) \rightarrow (-k_1\varepsilon, 0, 1) \rightarrow (\overset{-k_1\varepsilon}{\bullet}, -k_2\varepsilon, 1) \rightarrow (0, -k_2\varepsilon, 1) \rightarrow (0,0,1)$

• i.e ratio of areas is

Gaussian curvature =  $k_1 k_2$

• Notice that rotating the coordinate system <sup>in the tangent plane</sup> will get us non-zero st terms in the quadratic form. — this expression applies only in the right coordinate system.



But . consider a new coordinate system in tangent plane

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s \\ t \end{bmatrix}$$

$\uparrow$  rotation

then

$$\begin{bmatrix} s & t \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} k_1 & 0 \\ 0 & k_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s \\ t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u & v \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} k_1 & \\ & k_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $Q$ 
 $RQR^T$

we say: the action of the rotation on the quadratic form takes  $Q \rightarrow RQR^T$

Notice

$$\det(Q) = \det(RQR^T) = k_1 k_2$$

- it's invariant to the rotation!



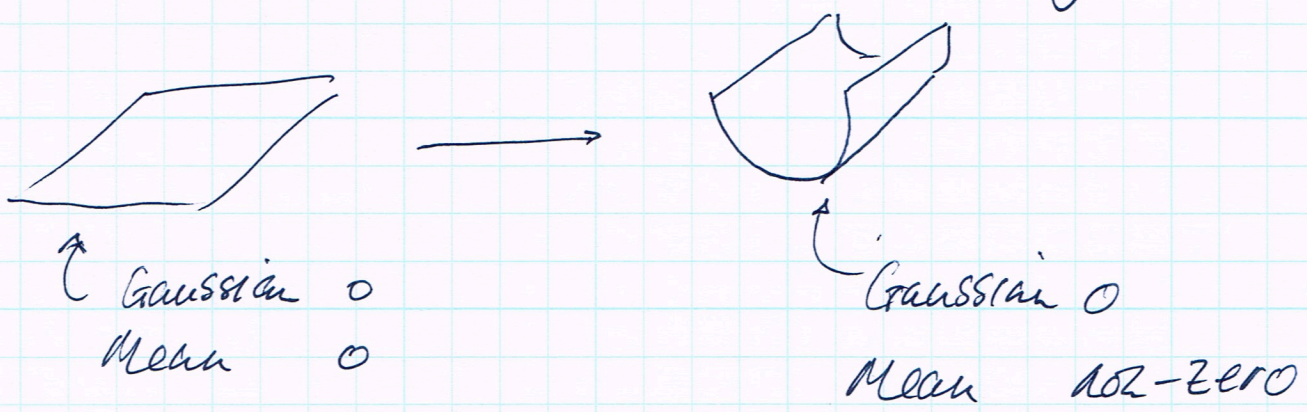
Notice that there is a second invariant

$$\text{Trace}(Q) = \text{Trace}(R^T Q R) = K_1 + K_2$$

$$\text{Mean curvature} = K_1 + K_2$$

Gaussian curvature has to do with area  
(demo w/ piece of paper)

Mean curvature with bending



Clearly, there are surfaces w/ non-zero G.C. and zero M.C.

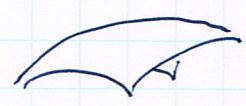
⇒ here G.C. is always -ve.

At this point, we need more powerful machinery - we don't want to constantly reparametrize.

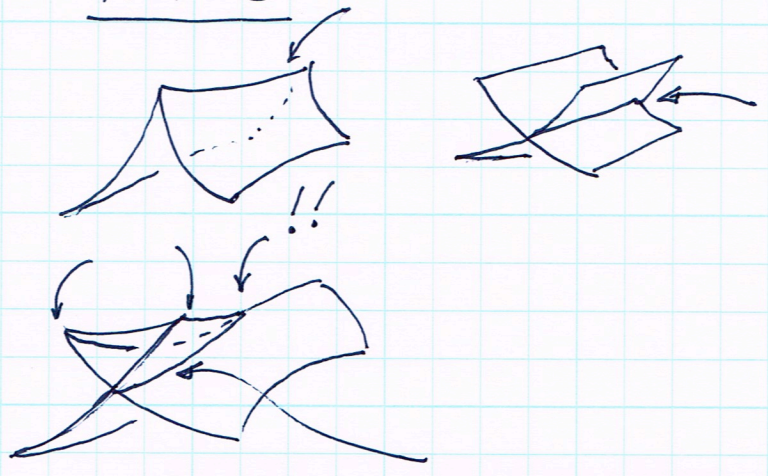


• we are interested in surfaces away from singular points

OK



NOT OK



formally

$$\underline{x}: U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

• Such that  $\frac{D\underline{x}}$  has full rank (=2)  
^ [ Jacobian of  $\underline{x}$  ]  
| [ Derivative of  $\underline{x}$  ]  
|

• Notice that anything smooth can (locally) be reparametrized to be like this



• In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , we have a metric we're used to working with — we can tell the length of a vector, or the angle between 2 vectors, easily.

• Define

$$\mathbf{x}_s = \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial s} \quad \leftarrow \text{tangent in } s \text{ direction}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}}{\partial t} \quad \leftarrow \text{tangent in } t \text{ direction}$$

- these two aren't <sup>necessarily</sup> unit, and they're not necessarily orthogonal either.
- They span a tangent plane at each point  $p$ , often  $T_p$
- There's one, usually different, Tangent plane at each point.
- They're not parallel, because  $D\mathbf{x}$  has full rank.



• Now at any point  $p$ , we can specify any tangent vector by using  $\underline{x}_s, \underline{x}_t$  as basis elements

$$V = a \underline{x}_s + b \underline{x}_t$$

↑  
tangent vector

and

$$V \cdot V = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x}_s \cdot \underline{x}_s & \underline{x}_s \cdot \underline{x}_t \\ \underline{x}_s \cdot \underline{x}_t & \underline{x}_t \cdot \underline{x}_t \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

and if we have

$$U = c \underline{x}_s + d \underline{x}_t$$

$$V \cdot U = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x}_s \cdot \underline{x}_s & \underline{x}_t \cdot \underline{x}_s \\ \underline{x}_s \cdot \underline{x}_t & \underline{x}_t \cdot \underline{x}_t \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix}$$

• this object allows us to measure lengths and angles in the given parametrization — ~~change param,~~ and then change

• Quadratic form — The first fundamental form



• then write  $I(u, v)$

for  $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x}_s \cdot \underline{x}_s & \underline{x}_s \cdot \underline{x}_t \\ \underline{x}_s \cdot \underline{x}_t & \underline{x}_t \cdot \underline{x}_t \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix}$

• we can now consider

$N =$  the unit normal.

$= \frac{\underline{x}_s \times \underline{x}_t}{\|\underline{x}_s \times \underline{x}_t\|}$

Defined for our patch, because  $Dx$  has full rank.

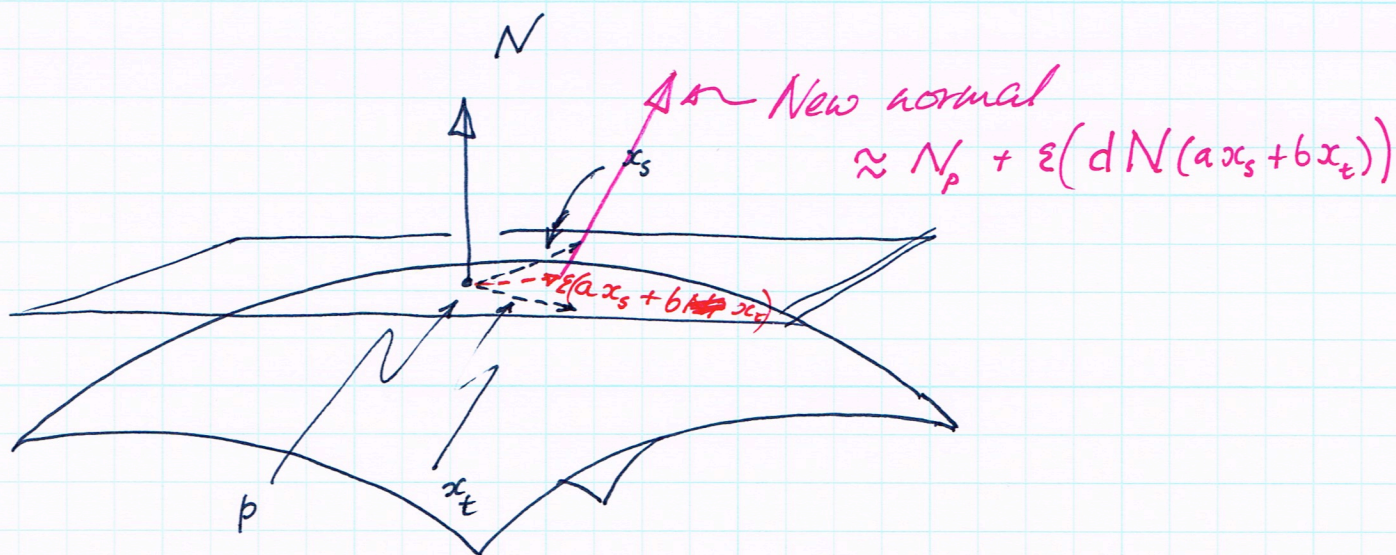
• because  $N$  is unit normal, we have

$N \cdot N = 1$  ,  $N \cdot \underline{x}_s = 0$  ,  $N \cdot \underline{x}_t = 0$

• now consider moving away from  $p$ , by a small ~~amount~~, a step in the tangent plane at  $p$ .

• represent as  $\epsilon(a \underline{x}_s + b \underline{x}_t)$





• if we think of  $N$  as a map from  $2D$  to  $2D$  [this is the Gauss map]  $\mathbb{R}^2(s, t)$   
 ↖ points on the sphere

• it must have a derivative

$dN$

• which is a linear map from plane to plane

↖ tangent plane to surf

↖ tangent plane to sphere.



This may worry you - why doesn't the normal swing "in 3D"?

$N \cdot N = 1$  so  $N_s \cdot N = 0$ ,  $N_t \cdot N = 0$

and the derivative in some new dir'n ( $u$  on  $T_p$ )

$u$  has  $\frac{\partial}{\partial u} = a \frac{\partial}{\partial s} + b \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$  so  $N_u \cdot N = 0$

• the normal only moves on  $T_p$  for infinitesimal steps.

• particularly interesting is

$-I(dN(u), v) = II(u, v)$

first fundamental form  
another tangent vector  
tangent vector

SECOND FUNDAMENTAL FORM



this is easy to work out in coords:

$$\text{let } V = v_0 \underline{x}_s + v_1 \underline{x}_t$$

$$u = u_0 \underline{x}_s + u_1 \underline{x}_t$$

$$dN(u) = u_0 \underline{x}_s N_s + u_1 \underline{x}_t N_t$$

$$I(dN(u), V) = (u_0 \quad u_1) \begin{pmatrix} \underline{N}_s \cdot \underline{x}_s & \underline{N}_s \cdot \underline{x}_t \\ \underline{N}_t \cdot \underline{x}_s & \underline{N}_t \cdot \underline{x}_t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

this might worry you, because it looks like it isn't symmetric

→ untidy

→ you have to remember order of arguments

BUT

$$N \cdot x_s = 0$$

$$N \cdot x_t = 0$$

$$\therefore N_t \cdot x_s = -N \cdot x_{st}$$

$$= -N_s \cdot x_t$$

$$N_s \cdot x_s = -N \cdot x_{ss} ;$$

$$N_t \cdot x_t = -N \cdot x_{tt}$$



So

$\underline{II}$  is symmetric

Key result

$$K = \text{Gaussian curvature} = \det(-I^{-1} \underline{II})$$

$$H = \text{Mean curvature} = \text{trace}(-I^{-1} \underline{II})$$

Which we can establish a bunch of different ways

Advantage: • don't need to compute Taylor series at some location



Elegant way to see that  $K$  and  $H$  are as given.

① for our surfaces

$$I = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + O(t) \quad \text{at } (0,0)$$

$$II = -\begin{pmatrix} k_1 & 0 \\ 0 & k_2 \end{pmatrix} + O(t) \quad \text{at } (0,0)$$

So at  $(0,0)$   $\det(I^{-1}II) = k_1 k_2$

$$\text{trace}(I^{-1}II) = k_1 + k_2$$

② rotating and translating a surface cannot change  $I$  or  $II$

• entries are dot products of vectors that also rotate; translation doesn't change the vectors

③ What about change of parametrification? we could think about

$$x(s(u,v), t(u,v))$$

↑ New parameters - but parametrizing THE SAME geometry.



$$\begin{bmatrix} \underline{x}_u^T \\ \underline{x}_v^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_u & t_u \\ s_v & t_v \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_s^T \\ x_t^T \end{bmatrix}$$

I haven't been careful about rows + cols till now, because there wasn't

derivative of reparam map, transp write  $J = \begin{bmatrix} s_u & s_v \\ t_u & t_v \end{bmatrix}$

a need; but vectors are col. vectors, and this is  $2 \times 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } I^{(u,v)} &= \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x}_u^T \\ \underline{x}_v^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x}_u & \underline{x}_v \end{bmatrix} = J^T I^{(st)} J \\ II^{(u,v)} &= \begin{bmatrix} N_u^T \\ N_v^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x}_u & \underline{x}_v \end{bmatrix} = J^T II^{(st)} J \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } \left[ I^{(u,v)} \right]^{-1} \left[ II^{(u,v)} \right] = J^{-1} \left[ I^{(st)} \right]^{-1} II^{(st)} \cdot J$$

now  $\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B)$  and  $\text{trace}(ABC)$

$$\text{So } \det\left(\left[ I^{(u,v)} \right]^{-1} II^{(u,v)}\right) = \det\left(\left[ I^{(st)} \right]^{-1} II^{(st)}\right) = \text{trace}(BCA)$$

$$\text{and } \text{trace}\left(-I^{-1} II^{(st)}\right) = \text{trace}\left(-I^{-1} II^{(u,v)}\right)$$



NOTE: I have used a standard, superpowerful, geometric argument.

- Prove something in an easy coordinate system, then show that change of coords doesn't matter.

NOTE: We think of  $K, H$  as local geometric properties of surfaces BECAUSE they're invariant to rigid motion and reparametrization.

- Sometimes, we are interested in other groups (rigid motion + scale; affine tx; projective tx).
- All the above has analogous, much fiddlier, constructions for these cases - can be looked up, or worked out; not usually worth it.



Some notation:

it is traditional to write

$$\begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_s \cdot x_s & x_s \cdot x_t \\ x_s \cdot x_t & x_t \cdot x_t \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{I}$$

and

$$\begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ f & g \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} N \cdot x_{ss} & N \cdot x_{st} \\ N \cdot x_{st} & N \cdot x_{tt} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{II}$$

now we know that

$$\begin{pmatrix} \underline{N}_s^T \\ \underline{N}_t^T \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{12} = a_{21} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \underline{x}_s^T \\ \underline{x}_t^T \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for some } a_{ij}$$

(because  $N_s \in T_p$ , etc) but we don't know  $a_{ij}$

→ easy to get

$$\begin{bmatrix} \underline{N}_s^T \\ \underline{N}_t^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \underline{x}_s & \underline{x}_t \end{bmatrix} = -\text{II} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \text{I}$$



$$\text{so } \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} = -\underline{II} \underline{I}^{-1}$$

$$\text{and so } K = \det \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}, \quad H = \text{tr} \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

Now  $\{x_u, x_v, N\}$  is a basis for any vector at  $p$  (not just tangent).

Recall the situation w/ curves — we had a frame at  $p$ , and much geometry was revealed by what happened if we took a small step

$$\underline{\mathcal{X}}_{ss} = \Gamma_{11}^1 \underline{\mathcal{X}}_s + \Gamma_{11}^2 \underline{\mathcal{X}}_t + L_1 \underline{N}$$

$$\underline{\mathcal{X}}_{st} = \Gamma_{12}^1 \underline{\mathcal{X}}_s + \Gamma_{12}^2 \underline{\mathcal{X}}_t + L_2 \underline{N} \quad (= \underline{\mathcal{X}}_{ts})$$

$$\underline{\mathcal{X}}_{tt} = \Gamma_{22}^1 \underline{\mathcal{X}}_s + \Gamma_{22}^2 \underline{\mathcal{X}}_t + L_3 \underline{N}$$

$$\underline{N}_s = a_{11} \underline{\mathcal{X}}_s + a_{12} \underline{\mathcal{X}}_t$$

$$\underline{N}_t = a_{12} \underline{\mathcal{X}}_s + a_{22} \underline{\mathcal{X}}_t$$

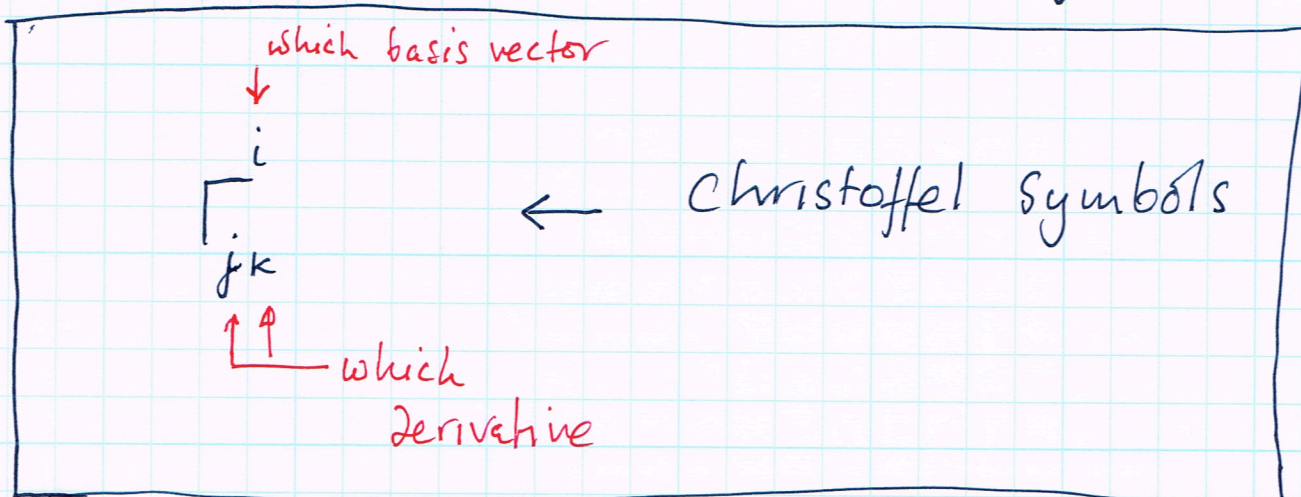


above is basically just notation  
 (  $\{x_u, x_v, N\}$  is a complete basis, so  
 there must be an expansion )

We can fill in some detail.

$$x_{ss} \cdot N = h_1, (N \cdot N) = h_1 = e$$

Similarly  ~~$x_{st}$~~   $h_2 = f$ ,  $h_3 = g$



Notice  $\bar{E}_s = 2(x_{ss} \cdot x_s)$   $\bar{E}_t = 2(x_{st} \cdot x_s)$

$$F_s = (x_{ss} \cdot x_t) + (x_s \cdot x_{st})$$

$$F_t = (x_{st} \cdot x_t) + (x_s \cdot x_{st})$$

$$G_s = 2(x_{st} \cdot x_t)$$

$$G_t = 2(x_{tt} \cdot x_t)$$



Linear algebra yields

$$\begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_{11}^1 \\ \Gamma_{11}^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} E_{ss} \\ F_{ss} - \frac{1}{2} E_{tt} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_{12}^1 \\ \Gamma_{12}^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} E_{ts} \\ \frac{1}{2} G_{ts} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_{22}^1 \\ \Gamma_{22}^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} F_{tt} - \frac{1}{2} G_{ss} \\ \frac{1}{2} G_{tt} \end{pmatrix}$$

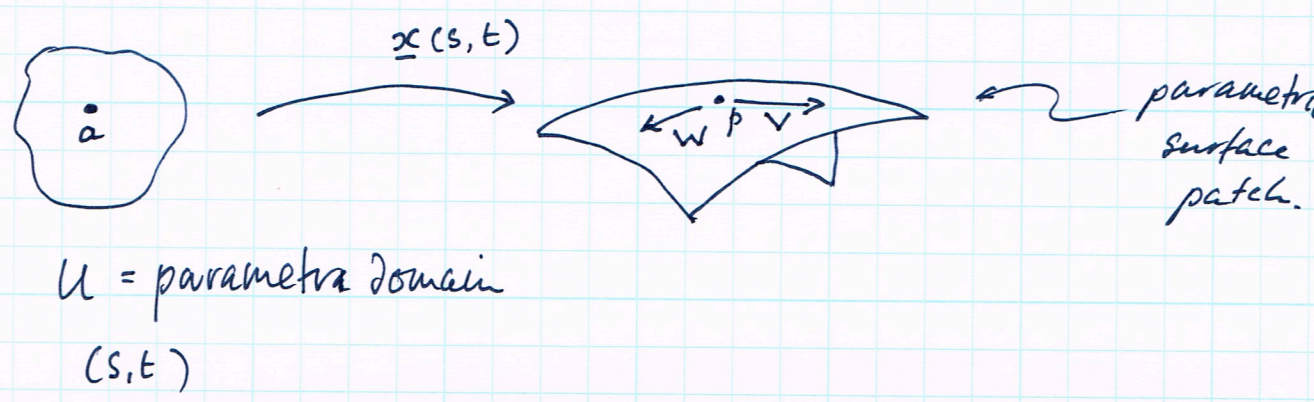
(you can look these up, or derive them; the form isn't that significant)

SIGNIFICANT: Christoffel symbols can be recovered from  $\mathbf{I}$  and its derivatives. — no use of the embedding.



I as a metric:

- recall what I does.



- Given tangent vectors  $v, w$  on surface at  $p$ , I can measure lengths, angles ~~at~~ by

$$\text{length}(v) = (v \cdot v)^{1/2}, \text{ etc, using}$$

Dot product in 3-space

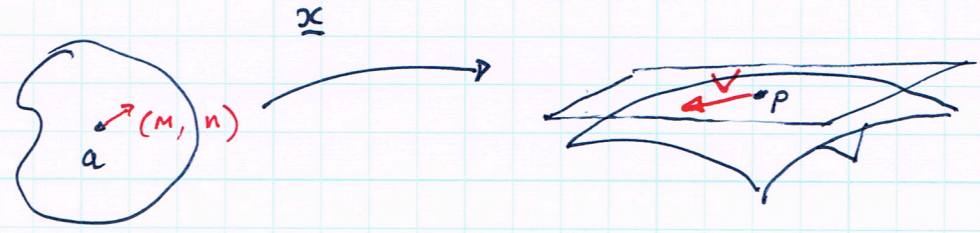
- ~~I~~ there is a natural rep'n of ~~the~~  $v, w$  at  $p$  in terms of basis  $\underline{x}_s, \underline{x}_t$

$$v = m \underline{x}_s + n \underline{x}_t \text{ etc.}$$

- Now I could represent  $v$  (on  $T_p$ ) as  $(m, n) \in$  (at  $a, \underline{x}: a \rightarrow p$ , in par domain).



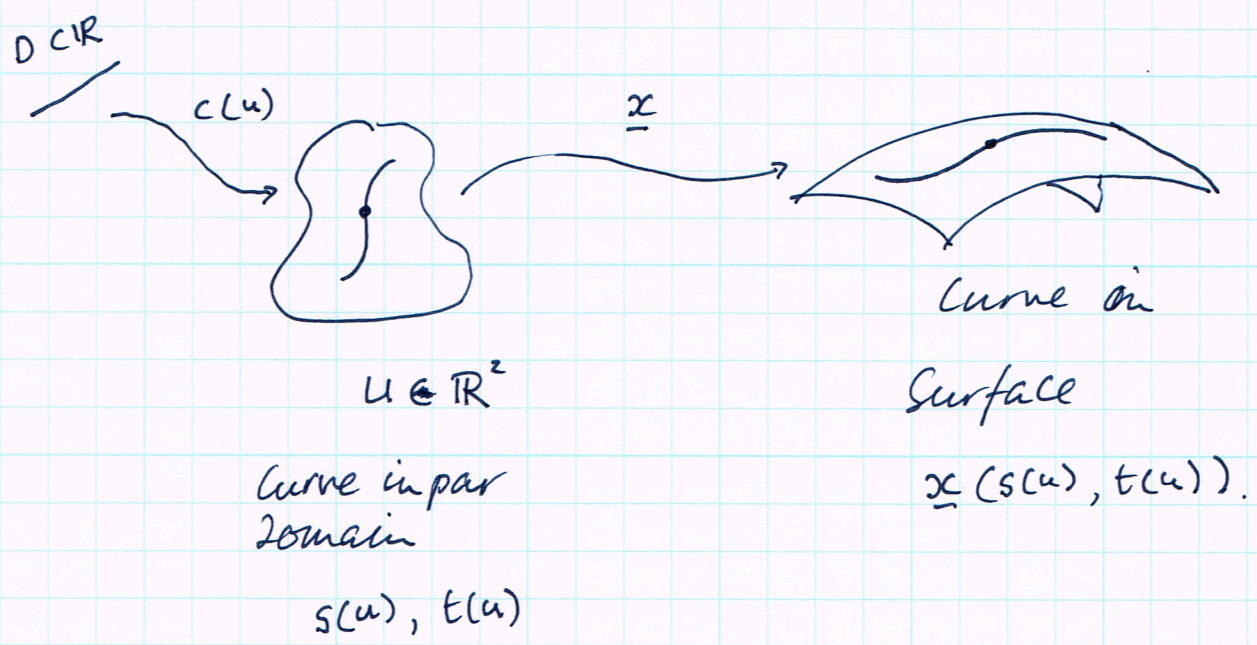
I allows me to measure lengths, angles there



$$I \left( \begin{pmatrix} m \\ n \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} m \\ n \end{pmatrix} \right) = v \cdot v$$

etc for angles

So I can measure the length of a curve on the surface



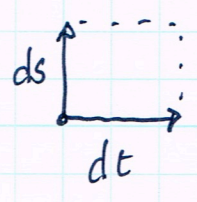
So length =  $\int_D \sqrt{I \left( \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial s}{\partial u} \\ \frac{\partial t}{\partial u} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial s}{\partial u} \\ \frac{\partial t}{\partial u} \end{pmatrix} \right)} du$

↑ tangent to curve in surface pars

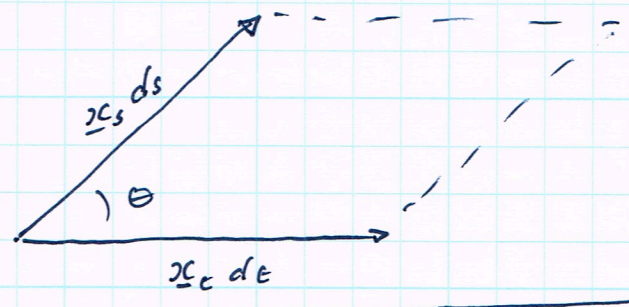
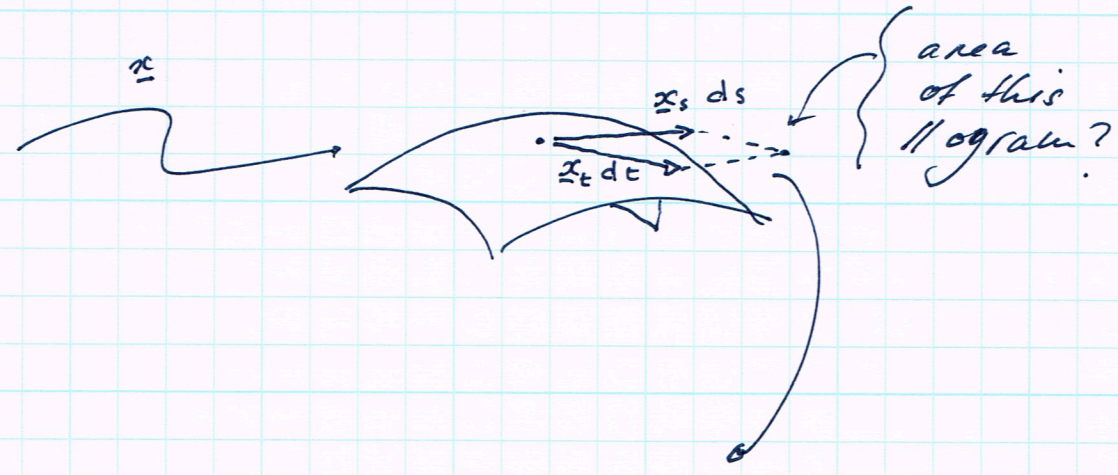


Area:

- I get the area of a patch on a surface by adding up the area of elementary patches
- Divide relevant piece of parametrization domain into infinitesimal quads  $ds, dt$  and add up areas



$U$  = param domain



Area:  $(ds dt) \left( \|x_s\| \|x_t\| \sqrt{1 - \left[ \frac{(x_s \cdot x_t)}{\|x_s\| \|x_t\|} \right]^2} \right)$



So

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\text{Area}} &= ds dt \left[ \sqrt{\|x_s\|^2 \|x_t\|^2 - (x_s \cdot x_t)^2} \right] \\ &= ds dt \left[ \sqrt{EF - G^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

↙ this is  $\det I$

so area cut out by  $U \subseteq \text{domain}$

$$\int_U \det(I) ds dt \quad (\text{not usually easy!})$$

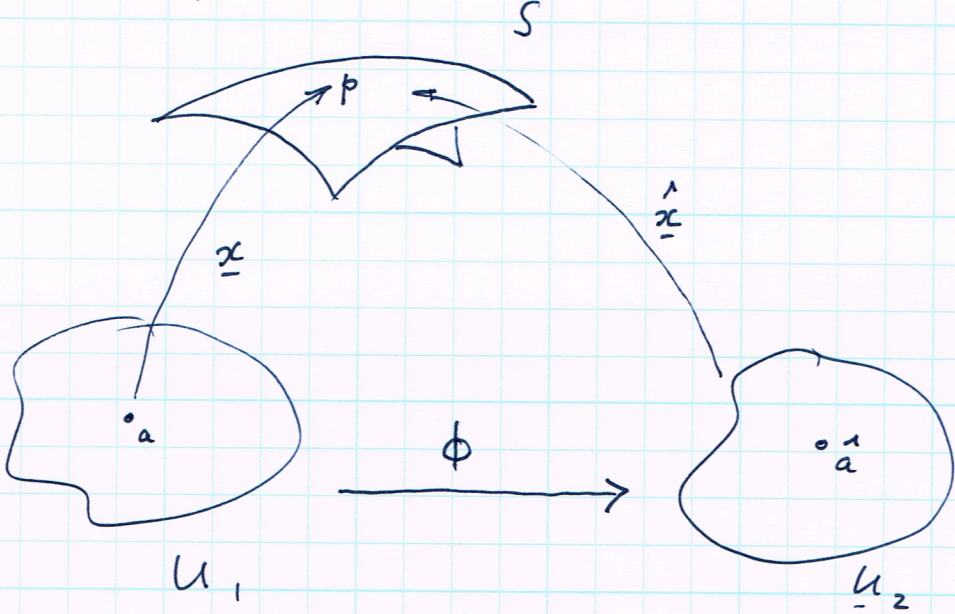
Notice that in these calculations, we used  $I$ , not  $x$ .

- i.e. if I have a  $I$  over a domain, I can compute length, area w/o knowing  $x$



# Reparametrizing a surface

• The same surface can have many different parametrizations



• Consider two parametrizations,  $\underline{x}$ ,  $\hat{\underline{x}}$  of a surface  $S$ ; there must be some  $\phi$ , 1-1 linking them. In this picture

$$\hat{\underline{x}} \circ \phi = \underline{x}$$

Now since the parametrization can't affect lengths, angles on surf,



we must have

$$\bar{I}_{a^{(x)}}^{(x)}(u, v) = \bar{I}_{\phi(a)}^{(\hat{x})}(d\phi(u), d\phi(v))$$

← for  $\underline{x}, \hat{x}$  case →  
 ← location →  
 ← corresponding location for  $\hat{x}$ , found using  $\phi$  →  
 ← Derivative of  $\phi$  at  $a$ . →

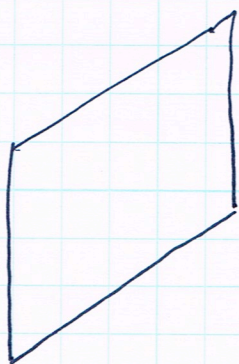
- Notice that if  $\underline{x}, \hat{x}$  are parametrizations of the same surface  $S$ , then some  $\phi$  with this property must exist.

- Now consider  $\Psi: S_1 \rightarrow S_2$   
(maps surfaces to surfaces).

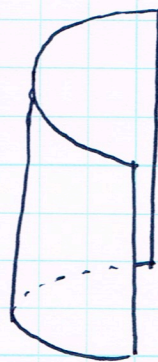
- if  $\Psi$  does not change lengths (and so angles) it is an isometry

- Example: Rotation + Translation





flat sheet =  $S_1$



roll up  
without stretch  
=  $S_2$

• There is no stretch

∴ all lengths on surface are unchanged  
(if follows all angles are unchanged, too)

∴ an isometry must exist

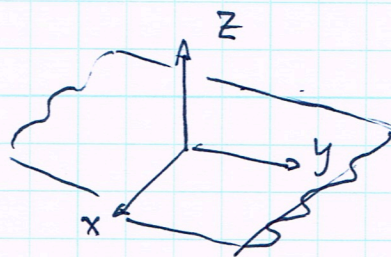
in coordinates:

$$S_1 = [s, t, 0]$$

$$s \in [-1, 1]$$

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

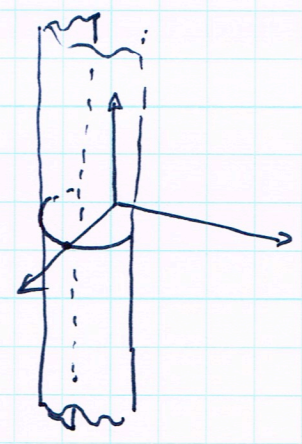
at all points





$$S_2 = [\cos s, \sin s, t]$$

$$s \in [-1, 1]$$



$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ at } \underline{\text{all points}}$$

So an isometry must exist  
~~( $\phi = \text{identity works}$ )~~.

Q: When does an isometry exist?

⊗ Geometric properties ~~of~~ invariant under isometry are referred to as Intrinsic

Clearly, H is not intrinsic.

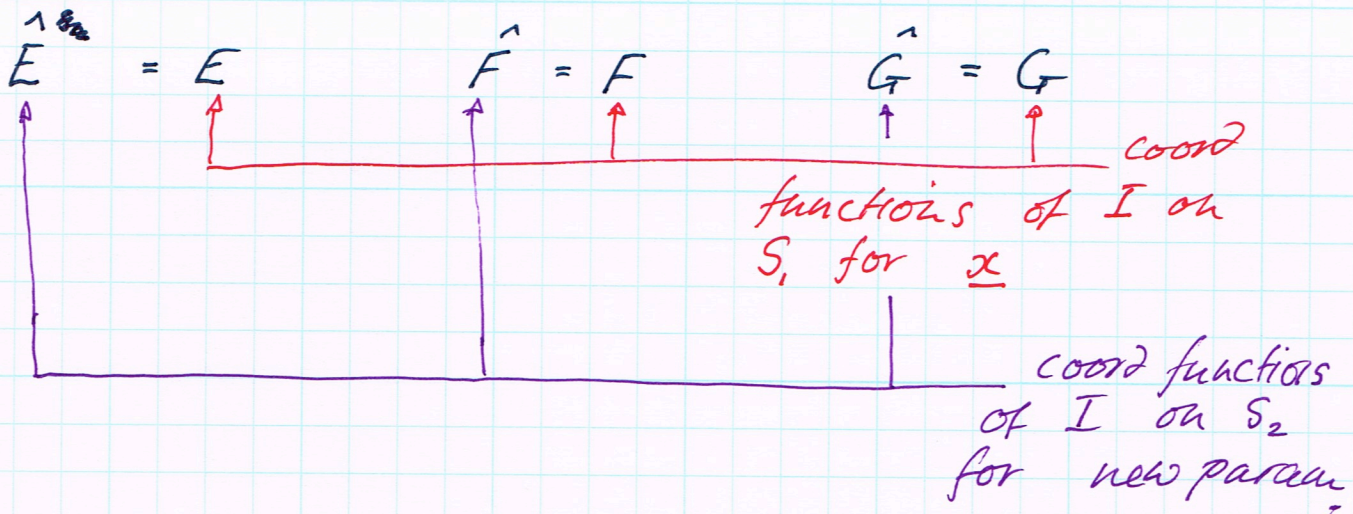


Lemma: assume  $\Psi: \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  is an isometry.

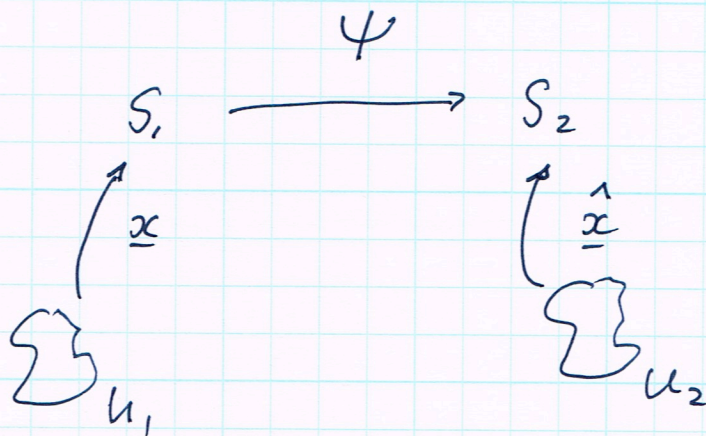
$\Psi: S_1 \rightarrow S_2$        $\underline{x}: (U_1 \subset \mathbb{R}^2) \rightarrow S_1$

$\hat{\underline{x}}: (U_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^2) \rightarrow S_2$

then ~~em~~ there is a parametrization of  $S_2$  such that



Proof:



Now parametrize  $S_2$  by  $\Psi \circ S_1$

- lengths, angles are the same
- ~~same~~ a in  $U_1$  refers to CSP pts in  $S_1, S_2$
- $\hat{E} = E$ , etc.



Important consequence:

- Any property that can be expressed in terms of  $E, F, G$  (and their derivatives) is intrinsic

Theorema egregium: Gaussian curvature is intrinsic

Proof: (not super enlightening - see scanned pages) Manipulate formula for  $K$  to produce expression in  $E, F, G$  and derivatives.

Corollary: Isometric surfaces have the same Gaussian curvature at csp points



We now have two threads to look at:

- We can abstract away embeddings and study only intrinsic properties (given by  $E, F, G$ ). To do this, we think about  $I$  as a function on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , and don't really worry about embedding. This leads to Riemannian geometry; we'll do some of this.
- We can look at extrinsic (+ intrinsic, on occasion) properties, where the embedding matters (often a lot). We'll do lots of this, next.