

Remark: An important feature of Koszul formula is that we can compute T_{ij}^k directly from g_{ij} and its first derivatives, i.e.

$$T_{ij}^k = F(g_{ij}, \partial_k g_{ij})$$

Now, we can derive some sort of "Frenet-type" formulas by differentiating the moving basis $\{\partial_1, \partial_2, N\}$.

Prop: (Gauss)

(Weingarten)

$$D_{\partial_i} \partial_j = T_{ij}^k \partial_k + A_{ij} N$$

$$D_{\partial_i} N = - g^{jk} A_{ij} \partial_k$$

(*)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof: } D_{\partial_i} \partial_j &= (D_{\partial_i} \partial_j)^T + (D_{\partial_i} \partial_j)^N \\ &= \nabla_{\partial_i} \partial_j + \langle D_{\partial_i} \partial_j, N \rangle N \\ &= T_{ij}^k \partial_k + A_{ij} N \end{aligned}$$

This proves the first equation. For the second equation, first notice that $\langle N, N \rangle \equiv 1$, therefore

$$0 = \partial_i \langle N, N \rangle = 2 \langle D_{\partial_i} N, N \rangle \quad \text{i.e. } D_{\partial_i} N \text{ is tangential!}$$

On the other hand, since $\langle \mathbf{N}, \partial_j \rangle \equiv 0$,

$$\langle D_{\partial_i} \mathbf{N}, \partial_j \rangle = - \langle \mathbf{N}, D_{\partial_i} \partial_j \rangle = - A_{ij}$$

So, if we let $D_{\partial_i} \mathbf{N} = C_i^k \partial_k$, then

$$C_i^k g_{kj} = - A_{ij}$$

$$\Rightarrow C_i^k = - g^{kj} A_{ij}$$

This proves the second equation.

Remark: From (*) we see that the second f.f. A_{ij} can be obtained from the "rate of change of the moving basis $\{\partial_1, \partial_2, \mathbf{N}\}$ ", which in turn gives the Gauss and mean curvatures K and H .

§ Gauss and Codazzi equations

We are now ready to prove one of the most important theorems in classical differential geometry.

Theorema Egregium: (Gauss' Golden Theorem)

The Gauss curvature K is an intrinsic invariant, i.e. it depends only on the 1st f.f. g_{ij} (and its higher derivatives)

The theorem above follows from a set of equations called "Constraint equations". To understand these equations, we look at the following:

Problem: Given an open set $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$, and two smooth family of matrices defined on U s.t.

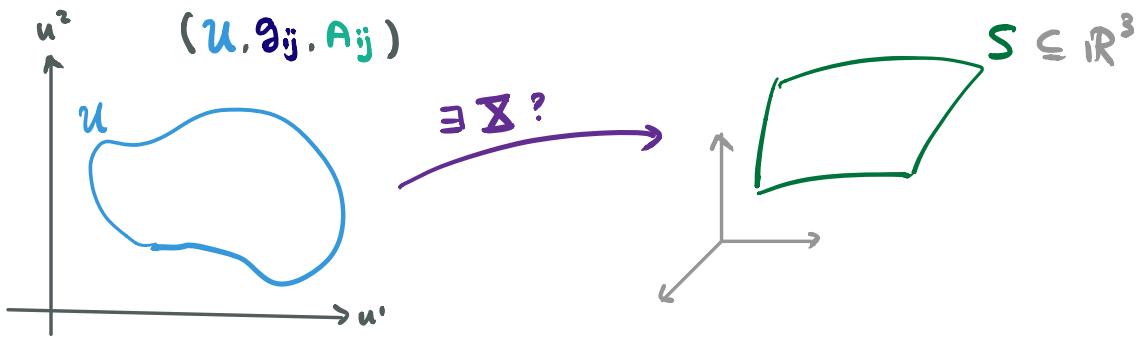
(g_{ij}) : symmetric & positive definite

(A_{ij}) : symmetric

Can one find a parametrization $\Sigma: U \rightarrow S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ of a surface S s.t.

$(g_{ij}) = 1^{\text{st}}$ f.f. and $(A_{ij}) = 2^{\text{nd}}$ f.f.

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Recall: For curves in \mathbb{R}^2 or \mathbb{R}^3 , one can prescribe any curvature and torsion.

The situation is drastically different that the f.f.'s have to satisfy a natural set of "compatibility equations".

Theorem: If (g_{ij}) and (A_{ij}) are the 1st & 2nd f.f. of a surface in \mathbb{R}^3 under some local coordinate system, then we have:

Gauss equation:

$$\partial_k T_{ij}^k - \partial_j T_{ik}^k + T_{ij}^p T_{pk}^k - T_{ik}^p T_{pj}^k = g^{kp} (A_{ij} A_{kp} - A_{ik} A_{jp})$$

Codazzi equation:

$$\partial_k A_{ij} - \partial_j A_{ik} + T_{ij}^p A_{pk} - T_{ik}^p A_{pj} = 0$$

Proof: Let $\Sigma(u^1, u^2) : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be a parametrization.

Recall the Gauss & Weingarten equations :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_i \partial_j \Sigma = T_{ij}^k \partial_k + A_{ij} N \\ \partial_i N = - g^{jk} A_{ij} \partial_k \end{array} \right.$$

Since partial derivatives of any order commute :

$$\partial_k (\partial_i \partial_j \Sigma) = \partial_j (\partial_i \partial_k \Sigma) \quad (\#)$$

We will show that Gauss & Codazzi equations follow from equating the tangential and normal components respectively in (#).

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_k (\partial_i \partial_j \Sigma) &\stackrel{\text{Gauss}}{=} \partial_k (T_{ij}^k \partial_k + A_{ij} N) \\ &= (\partial_k T_{ij}^k) \partial_k + T_{ij}^k (\partial_k \partial_k \Sigma) \\ &\quad + (\partial_k A_{ij}) N + A_{ij} (\partial_k N) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\stackrel{\text{Gauss}}{=} (\partial_k T_{ij}^k) \partial_k + T_{ij}^k (T_{kl}^p \partial_p + A_{kl} N) \\ &\stackrel{\text{Weingarten}}{=} + (\partial_k A_{ij}) N + A_{ij} (-g^{pl} A_{kp} \partial_k) \end{aligned}$$

(grouping tangential and normal terms
and renaming some dummy indices)

$$\partial_k (\partial_i \partial_j \Sigma) = (\partial_k T_{ij}^k + T_{ij}^p T_{kp}^k - g^{pq} A_{ij} A_{kp}) \partial_\ell$$

$$+ (\partial_k A_{ij} + T_{ij}^k A_{k\ell}) N$$

Switching the indices k & j , we obtain

$$\partial_j (\partial_i \partial_k \Sigma) = (\partial_j T_{ik}^k + T_{ik}^p T_{jp}^k - g^{pq} A_{ik} A_{jp}) \partial_\ell$$

$$+ (\partial_j A_{ik} + T_{ik}^k A_{j\ell}) N$$

Equating the tangential part \Rightarrow Gauss equation.

Equating the normal part \Rightarrow Codazzi equation.

It turns out that these are all the equations constraining (g_{ij}) and (A_{ij}) .

Bonnet's Theorem: Given (g_{ij}) & (A_{ij}) on an open set U of \mathbb{R}^2 satisfying Gauss & Codazzi equations, then

\exists parametrization $\Sigma: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

with $(g_{ij}) = 1^{\text{st}}$ f.f. & $(A_{ij}) = 2^{\text{nd}}$ f.f.

Proof: Omitted.

Proof of Theorema Egregium: (i.e. K is intrinsic.)

Recall:

$$K = \frac{\det(A_{ij})}{\det(g_{ij})}$$

It suffices to show that $\det(A_{ij}) = A_{11}A_{22} - A_{12}^2$ is intrinsic (i.e. depends only on g_{ij} and its derivatives)

Take $i=j=1, k=l=2$ in Gauss equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_2 T_{11}^2 - \partial_1 T_{12}^2 + T_{11}^p T_{p2}^2 - T_{12}^p T_{p1}^2 &= g^{2p} (A_{11}A_{2p} - A_{12}A_{1p}) \\ &= g^{21} (\underbrace{(A_{11}A_{21} - A_{12}A_{11})}_{=0}) + g^{22} (A_{11}A_{22} - A_{12}A_{12}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(A_{ij}) = \frac{1}{g^{22}} \left(\partial_2 T_{11}^2 - \partial_1 T_{12}^2 + T_{11}^p T_{p2}^2 - T_{12}^p T_{p1}^2 \right)$$

*depends only on g_{ij}
(up to 2nd derivatives).*
