

# Geometric Modeling

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## Mathematical Tools (2)

Recap: Analysis · Differential Geometry

# Today...

## Topics:

- Mathematical Background
  - Linear algebra
  - Analysis & differential geometry
  - Numerical techniques



# Overview

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## Analysis

- Multi-dimensional differentiation
- Multi-dimensional integration

## Differential Geometry

- Length, area, volume
- Curvature of curves and surfaces

# **Recap: Analysis**

Multi-Dimensional Differentiation

# Derivative of a Function

**Reminder:** The *derivative* of a function is defined as

$$\frac{d}{dt} f(t) := \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(t+h) - f(t)}{h}$$

If this limit exists, the function is called differentiable (on the set, on which the limit converges).

Other notation:

$$\frac{d}{dt} f(t) = \underbrace{f'(t)}_{\substack{\text{in case the} \\ \text{reference is} \\ \text{clear from} \\ \text{the context}}} = \underbrace{\dot{f}(t)}_{\substack{\text{in case the} \\ \text{variable} \\ \text{is the time}}}$$

# Repeated Differentiation

## Multiple Differentiation:

- The differentiation operation can be applied repeatedly:

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} f(t) = f''(t) = \ddot{f}(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(t+h) - 2f(t) + f(t-h)}{h^2}$$

$$\frac{d^k}{dt^k} f(t) = f^{(k)}(t)$$

- A function that can be  $k$ -times differentiated resulting in a smooth function belongs to the set  $C^k$ .  
Abuse of notation:  $C^0$  means just smoothness.  $C^{-1}$  means “not even smooth”.

# Taylor Approximation

Smooth functions can be approximated locally:

- $f(x) \approx f(x_0)$

$$+ \frac{d}{dx} f(x_0)(x - x_0)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} f(x_0)(x - x_0)^2 + \dots$$

$$\dots + \frac{1}{k!} \frac{d^k}{dx^k} f(x_0)(x - x_0)^k + O(x^{k+1})$$

- Guaranteed to converge globally for holomorphic functions
- Usually a good local approximation for smooth functions

# Partial Derivative

If a function depends on more than one variable:

- The notation changes: (but the rest remains the same)

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$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} f(x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}, x_k, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n) :=$$
$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}, x_k + h, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n) - f(x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}, x_k, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n)}{h}$$

- Derivative in one direction  $x_k$  only, other variables remain constant.
- This is called a partial derivative. Other notation:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} f(\mathbf{x}) = \partial_k f(\mathbf{x}) = f_{x_k}(\mathbf{x})$$



# Special Cases

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## Derivatives for:

- Functions  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (“heightfield”)
- Functions  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  (“curves”)
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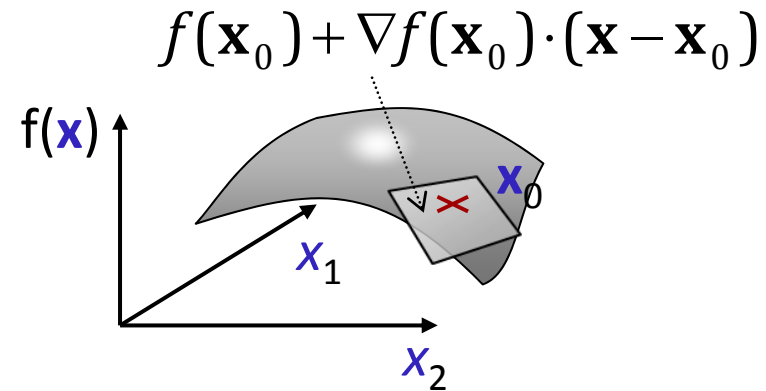
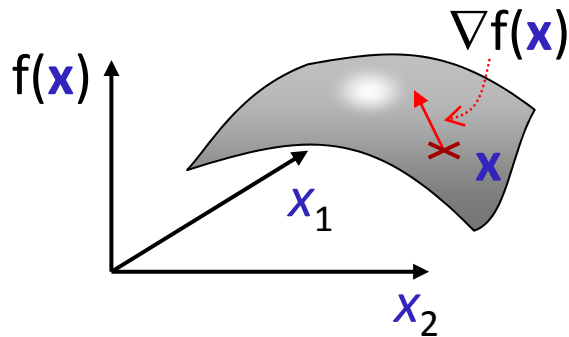
## Gradient:

- Given a function  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (“heightfield”)
- The vector of all partial derivatives of  $f$  is called the *gradient*:

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix} f(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} f(\mathbf{x}) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} f(\mathbf{x}) \end{pmatrix}$$

# Gradient

## Gradient:



- The gradient is a vector that points in the direction of steepest ascent.
- Local linear approximation (first order Taylor approx.):

$$f(\mathbf{x}) \approx f(\mathbf{x}_0) + \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_0) \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0)$$

- These are all heightfields ( $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ )

# Higher Order Derivatives

## Higher order Derivatives:

- Can do all combinations:  $\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i_1}} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i_2}} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{i_k}} \right) f$
- Order does not matter for  $f \in C^k$

# Hessian Matrix

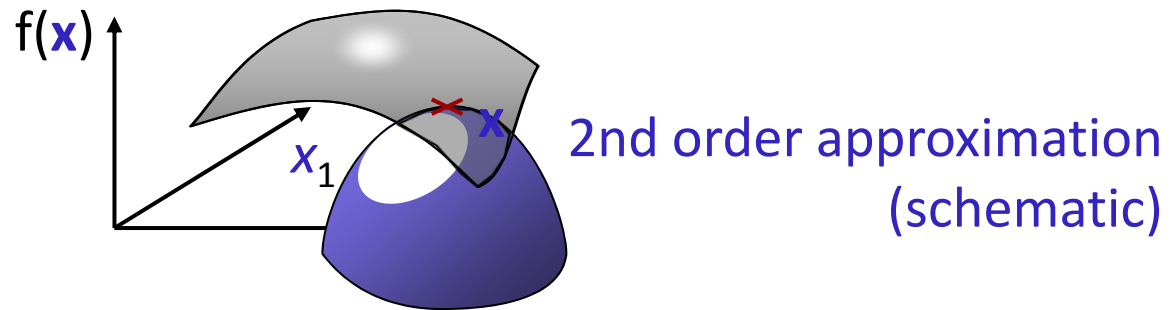
## Higher order Derivatives:

- Important special case: Second order derivative

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} & \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} & & \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} & \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} & \dots & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_n^2} \end{array} \right) f(\mathbf{x}) =: H_f(\mathbf{x})$$

- “Hessian” matrix (symmetric for  $f \in C^2$ )

# Taylor Approximation



## Second order Taylor approximation:

- Fit a paraboloid to a general function

$$f(\mathbf{x}) \approx f(\mathbf{x}_0) + \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_0) \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0) + \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0)^T \cdot H_f(\mathbf{x}_0) \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0)$$

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# Derivatives of Curves

## Derivatives of vector valued functions:

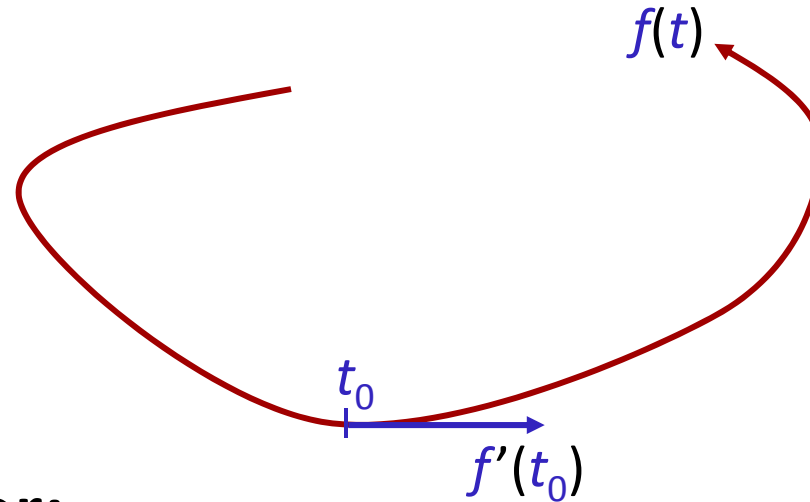
- Given a function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  (“curve”)

$$f(t) = \begin{pmatrix} f_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ f_n(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

- We can compute derivatives for every output dimension:

$$\frac{d}{dt} f(t) := \begin{pmatrix} \frac{d}{dt} f_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{d}{dt} f_n(t) \end{pmatrix} =: f'(t) =: \dot{f}(t)$$

# Geometric Meaning



## Tangent Vector:

- $f'$  is a vector in tangent direction
- If  $f$  describes the motion of a physical particle,  $\dot{f}$  is its velocity vector.
- Higher order derivatives: Again vector functions
- The second derivative  $\ddot{f}$  is the acceleration vector.

# Special Cases

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# You can combine it...

## General case:

- Given a function  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  (“space warp”)

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = f((x_1, \dots, x_n)) = \begin{pmatrix} f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ \vdots \\ f_m(x_1, \dots, x_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

- Maps points in space to other points in space
- Now we can compute derivatives of all *output components* of  $f$  in all *input directions*.
- This is called the Jacobian matrix, usually still denoted by  $\nabla$ , like the gradient

# Jacobian Matrix

## Jacobian Matrix:

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) &= J_f(\mathbf{x}) = \nabla f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \nabla f_1(x_1, \dots, x_n)^T \\ \vdots \\ \nabla f_m(x_1, \dots, x_n)^T \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_{x_1} f_1(\mathbf{x}) & \cdots & \partial_{x_n} f_1(\mathbf{x}) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \partial_{x_1} f_m(\mathbf{x}) & \cdots & \partial_{x_n} f_m(\mathbf{x}) \end{pmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

## Use in a first-order Taylor approximation:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) \approx f(\mathbf{x}_0) + J_f(\mathbf{x}_0)(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0)$$



matrix / vector  
product

# **Recap: Analysis**

Properties of Multi-Dimensional Derivatives

# Coordinate Systems

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## Problem:

- What happens, if the coordinate system changes?
- Partial derivatives go into different directions then.
- Do we get the same result?

# Total Derivative

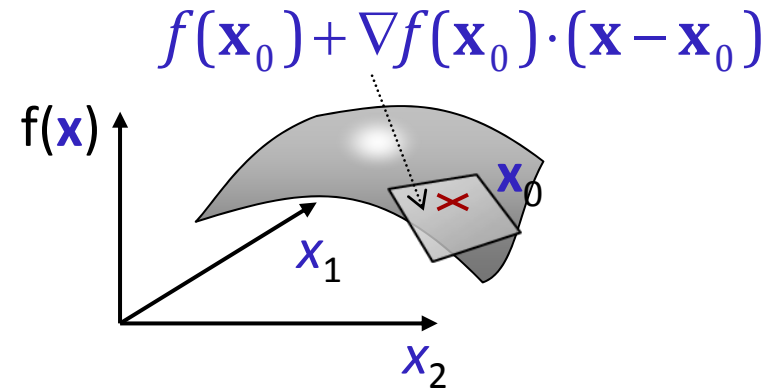
## First order Taylor approx.:

- $f(\mathbf{x}_0) + \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_0) \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0) + R_{x_0}(\mathbf{x})$
- If this converges to the function with first order, i.e.

$$\lim_{\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_0} \frac{R_{x_0}(\mathbf{x})}{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0\|} = 0,$$

the function is called *totally differentiable*.

- This means, the function can be locally well-approximated with a linear function.
- Every  $C^1$  function  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  is totally differentiable





# Partial Derivatives

## Consequences:

- A linear function is fully determined by the image of a basis (a linear independent set)
- This means: The directions of partial derivatives do not matter – this is just a basis transform.
- We can use any linear independent set of directions  $\mathbf{T}$  and transform to standard basis by multiplying with  $\mathbf{T}^{-1}$ .

# Directional Derivative

The directional derivative is defined as:

- Given a function  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ , and a direction  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}$ .
- Then the directional derivative of  $f$  in direction  $\mathbf{v}$  is given by:

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{x}) := \frac{d}{dt} f(\mathbf{x} + t\mathbf{v})$$

- In case of total differentiability, the directional derivative can be computed using the Jacobian matrix:

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f(\mathbf{x}) = \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|}$$

# Rules of Thumb

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- “ $\nabla$ ” means differentiation (everything by everything)
  - Might be a scalar ( $1D \rightarrow 1D$ ),
  - a vector ( $kD \rightarrow 1D$ ,  $1D \rightarrow kD$ ), or
  - a matrix ( $nD \rightarrow mD$ ).
- “Jacobian” means “ $\nabla$ ”
- Higher order derivatives:
  - Can combine directions  $\partial_x \partial_y \partial_z \dots$
  - Order (usually) does not matter (continuity of deriv. sufficient)
  - Hessian matrix: 2nd order derivative ( $kD \rightarrow 1D$ )

# Rules of Thumb

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## More Rules of Thumb

- Coordinate system (usually) does not matter
- The derivative is just local linear approximation
  - We can compute this in different (linear independent) directions
  - Do a basis transform to change coordinates
  - To evaluate in a single direction: Multiply Jacobian matrix (first order derivative) with unit direction vector.

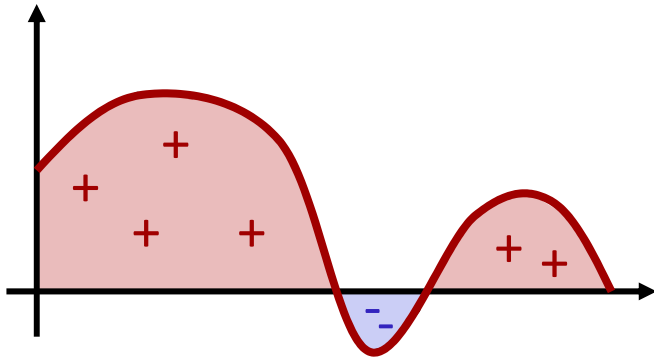
# **Recap: Analysis**

Multi-Dimensional Integration

# Integral

## Integral of a function

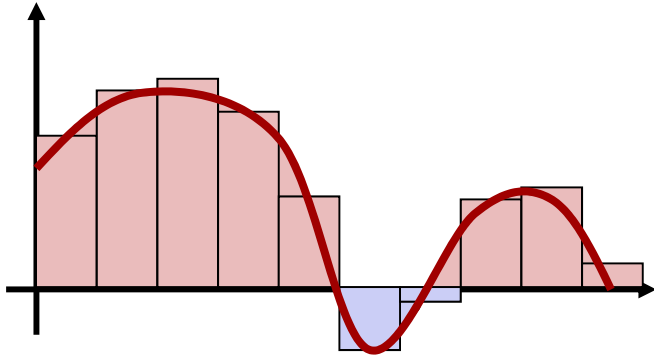
- Given a function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- The integral  $\int_a^b f(t)dt$  measures the signed area under the curve:  
curve:



# Integral

## Numerical Approximation

- Sum up a series of approximate shapes

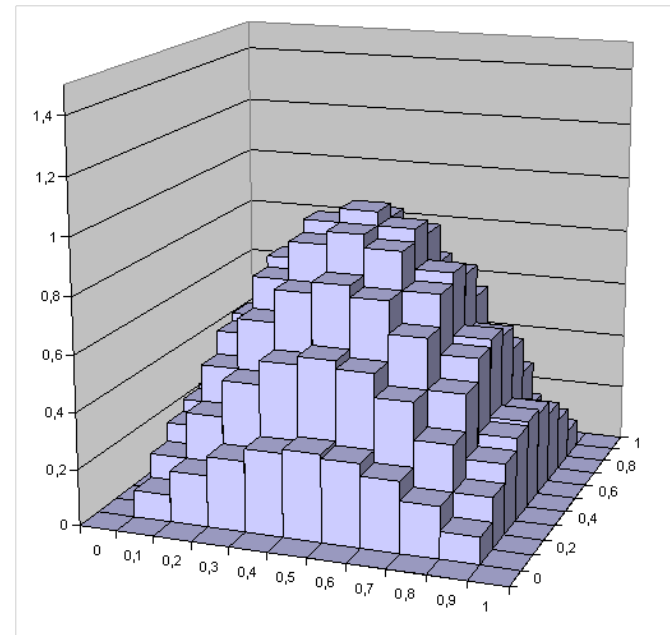
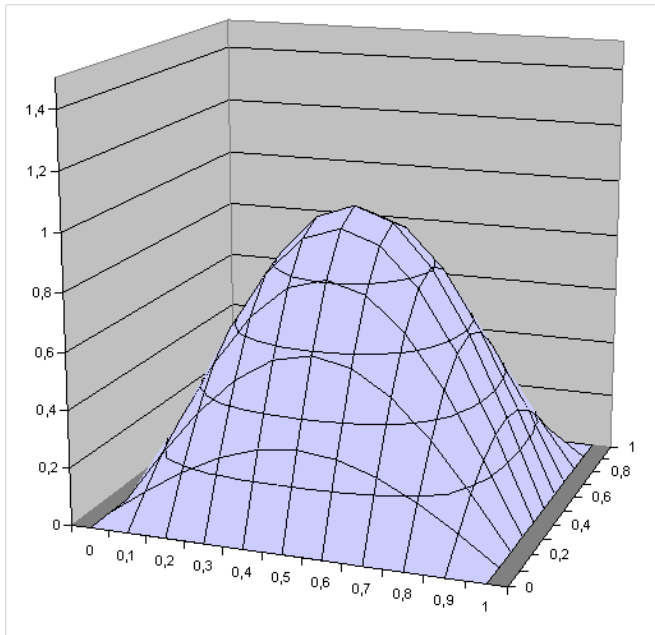


- (Riemannian) Definition: limit for baseline  $\rightarrow$  zero

# Multi-Dimensional Integral

## Integration in higher dimensions

- Same idea.
- Consider functions  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- Tessellate domain and sum up volume of cuboids



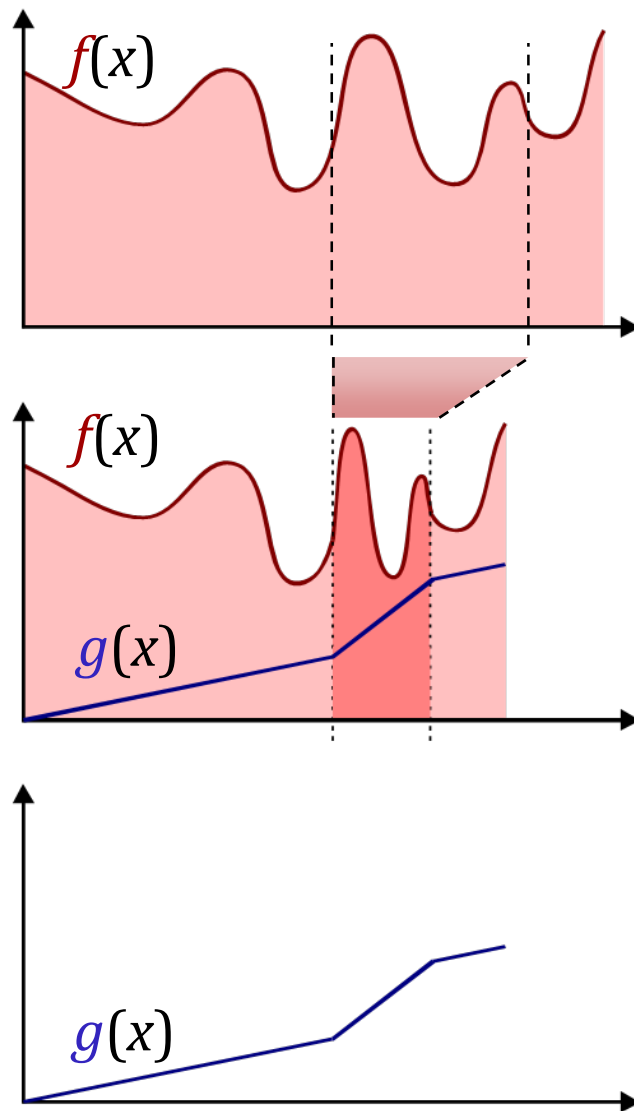


# Integral Transformations

## Integration by substitution:

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \int_{g^{-1}(a)}^{g^{-1}(b)} f(g(t))g'(t)dt$$

Need to compensate for speed of movement that shrinks the measured area.

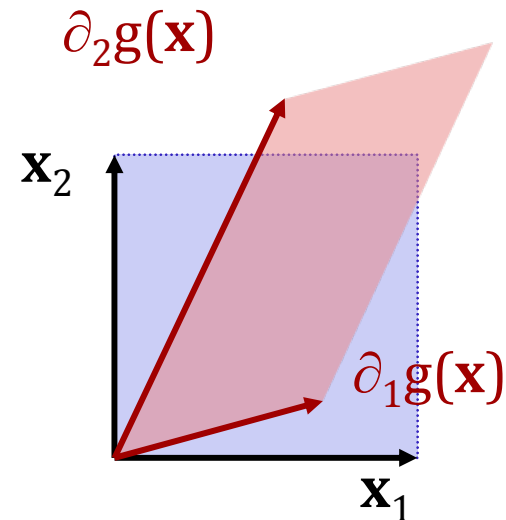


# Multi-Dimensional Substitution

## Transformation of Integrals:

$$\int_{\Omega} f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x} = \int_{g^{-1}(\Omega)} f(g(\mathbf{y})) |\det(\nabla g(\mathbf{y}))| d\mathbf{y}$$

- $g \in C^1$ , invertible
- Jacobian approximates local behavior of  $g()$  (linear consistency sufficient)
- Determinant computes local area/volume change
- In particular:  $|\det(\nabla g(\mathbf{y}))| = 1$  means  $g()$  is *area/volume conserving*.



# **Differential Geometry**

of Curves & Surfaces (Overview)

# Part I: Curves

# Parametric Curves

## Parametric Curves:

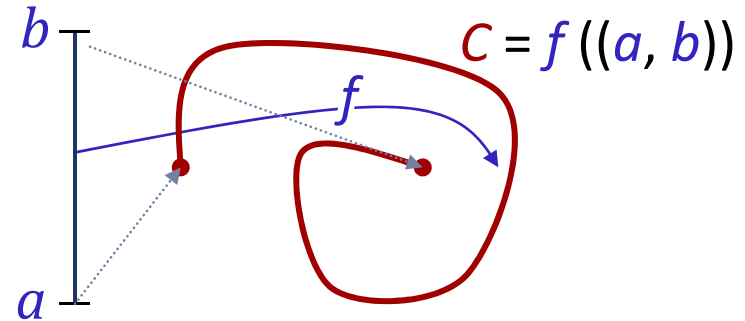
- A differentiable function

$$f: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

describes a *parametric curve*

$$C = f((a, b)), C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n.$$

- The parametrization is called *regular* if  $f'(t) \neq 0$  for all  $t$ .
- If  $\|f'(t)\| \equiv 1$  for all  $t$ ,  $f$  is called a *unit-speed parametrization* of the curve  $C$ .



# Length of a Curve

## The length of a curve:

- The length of a regular curve  $C$  is defined as:

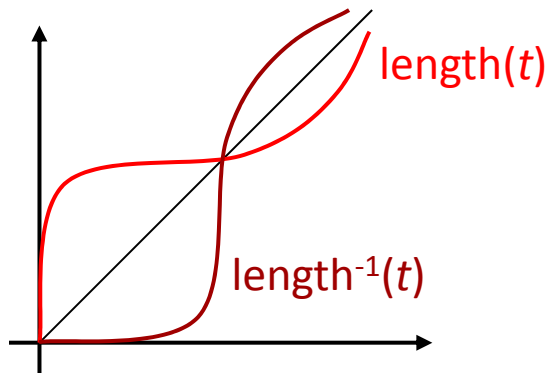
$$\text{length}(C) = \int_a^b \|f'(t)\| dt$$

- This definition is independent of the parametrization (integral transformation theorem).
- Alternatively, the length of the curve can be defined as  $\text{length}(C) = |b - a|$  for a unit-speed parametrization  $C = f((a, b))$ ; this obviously yields the same result.

# Reparametrization

## Enforcing unit-speed parametrization:

- Assume:  $\|f'(t)\| \neq 0$  for all  $t$ .
- We have:  
$$\text{length}(C) = \int_a^b \|f'(t)\| dt \quad (\text{invertible, because } f'(t) > 0)$$
- Concatenating  $f \circ \text{length}^{-1}(C)$  yields a unit-speed parametrization of the curve



# Tangents

## Unit Tangents:

- The unit tangent vector at  $x \in (a, b)$  is given by:

$$\text{tangent}(t) = \frac{f'(t)}{\|f'(t)\|}$$

- For curves  $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ , the unit normal vector of the curve is defined as:

$$\text{normal}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \frac{f'(t)}{\|f'(t)\|}$$

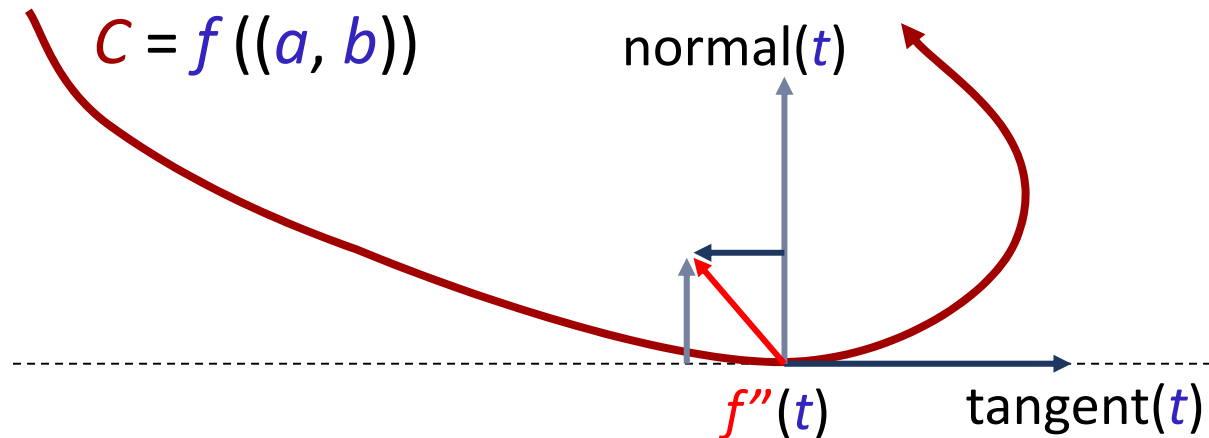


# Curvature

## Curvature:

- First derivatives show curve direction / speed of movement.
- Curvature is encoded in 2nd order information.
- Why not just use  $f''$ ?
- Two problems:
  - Depends on parametrization (different velocity yields different results)
  - Have to distinguish between acceleration in tangential and non-tangential directions.

# Curvature & 2nd Derivatives



## Definition of curvature

- We want only the non-tangential component of  $f''$ .
- Braking / accelerating does not matter for curvature of the traced out curve  $C$ .
- Need to normalize speed.

# Curvature

## Curvature of a Curve $C \in \mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$\kappa^2(t) = \frac{\left\langle f''(t), \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} f'(t) \right\rangle}{\|f'(t)\|^3}$$

- Normalization factor:

- Divide by  $\|f'\|$  to obtain unit tangent vector

- Divide again twice to normalize  $f''$

- Taylor expansion / chain rule:

$$f(\lambda t) = f(t_0) + \lambda f'(t_0)(t - t_0) + \frac{1}{2} \lambda^2 f''(t)(t - t_0)^2 + O(t^3)$$

- Second derivative scales quadratically with speed

# Unit-speed parametrization

## Unit-speed parametrization:

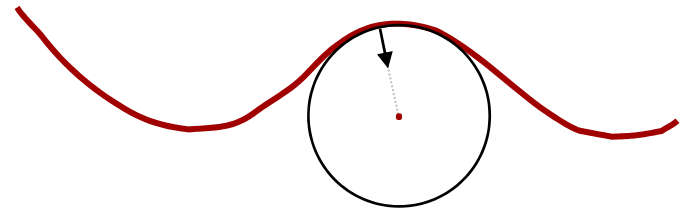
- Assume a unit-speed parametrization, i.e.  $\|f'\| \equiv 1$ .
- Then,  $\kappa^2$  simplifies to:

$$\kappa^2(t) = \|f''(t)\|$$

# Radius of Curvature

## Easy to see:

- Curvature of a circle is constant,  $\kappa^2 \equiv \pm 1/r$  ( $r$  = radius).  
(see problem sets)
- Accordingly: Define radius of curvature as  $1/\kappa^2$ .
- Osculating circle:
  - Radius:  $1/\kappa^2$
  - Center:  $f(t) + \frac{1}{\kappa^2} \text{normal}(t)$



# Theorems

## Definition:

- Rigid motion:  $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{b}$  with orthogonal  $\mathbf{A}$ 
  - Orientation preserving (no mirroring) if  $\det(\mathbf{A}) = +1$
  - Mirroring leads to  $\det(\mathbf{A}) = -1$

## Theorems for plane curves:

- Curvature is invariant under rigid motion
  - Absolute value is invariant
  - Signed value is invariant for orientation preserving rigid motion
- Two unit speed parameterized curves with identical signed curvature function differ only in a orientation preserving rigid motion.

# Space Curves

## General case: Curvature of a Curve $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$

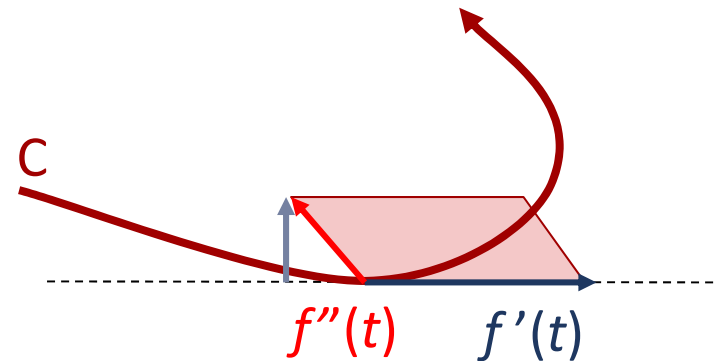
- *W.l.o.g.*: Assume we are given a unit-speed parametrization  $f$  of  $C$
- The *curvature* of  $C$  at parameter value  $t$  is defined as:

$$\kappa(t) = \|f''(t)\|$$

- For a general, regular curve  $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$  (any regular parametrization):

$$\kappa(t) = \frac{\|f'(t) \times f''(t)\|}{\|f'(t)\|^3}$$

- General curvature is unsigned



# Torsion

## Characteristics of Space Curves in $\mathbb{R}^3$ :

- Curvature not sufficient
- Curve may “bend” in space
- Curvature is a 2nd order property
- 2nd order curves are always flat
  - Quadratic curves are specified by 3 points in space, which always lie in a plane
  - Cannot capture out-of-plane bends
- Missing property: Torsion



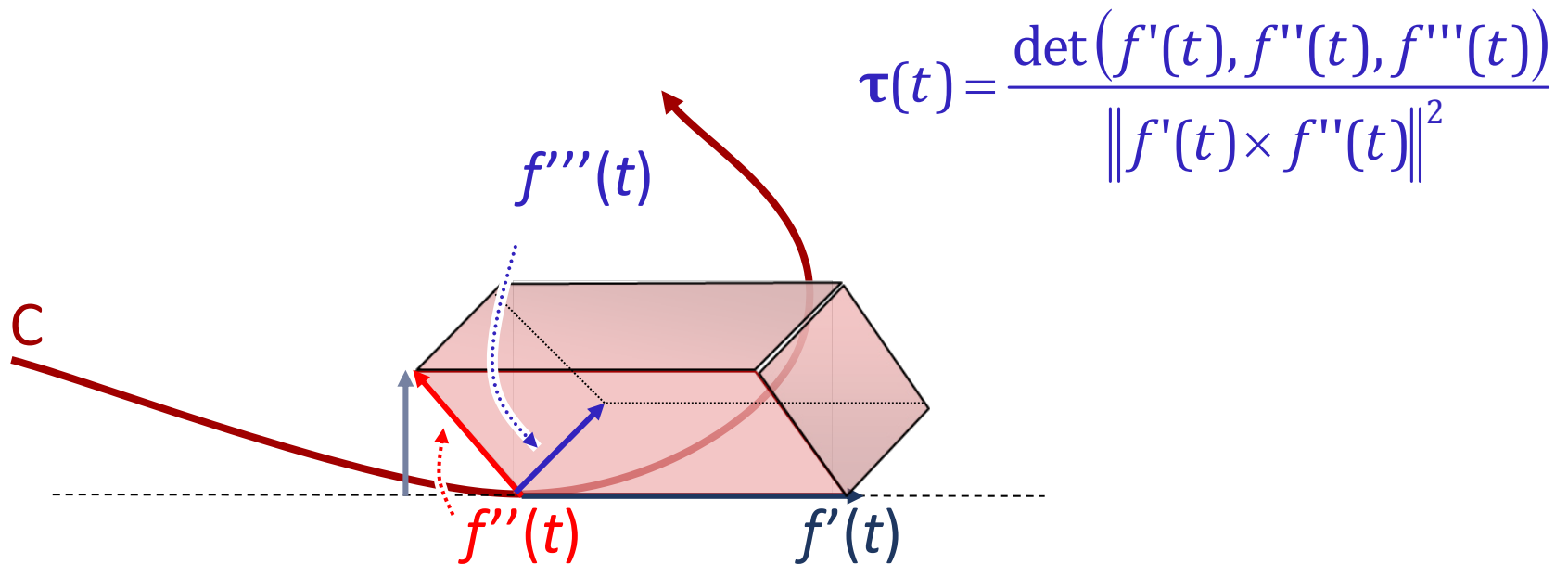
# Torsion

## Definition:

- Let  $f$  be a regular parametrization of a curve  $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$  with non-zero curvature
- The torsion of  $f$  at  $t$  is defined as

$$\tau(t) = \frac{f'(t) \times f''(t) \cdot f'''(t)}{\|f'(t) \times f''(t)\|^2} = \frac{\det(f'(t), f''(t), f'''(t))}{\|f'(t) \times f''(t)\|^2}$$

# Illustration



# Theorem

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## Fundamental Theorem of Space Curves

- Two unit speed parameterized curves  $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$  with identical, positive curvature and identical torsion are identical up to a rigid motion.

# Part II: Surfaces

# Parametric Patches

## Parametric Surface Patches:

A smoothly differentiable function

$$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \supseteq \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

describes a *parametric surface patch*

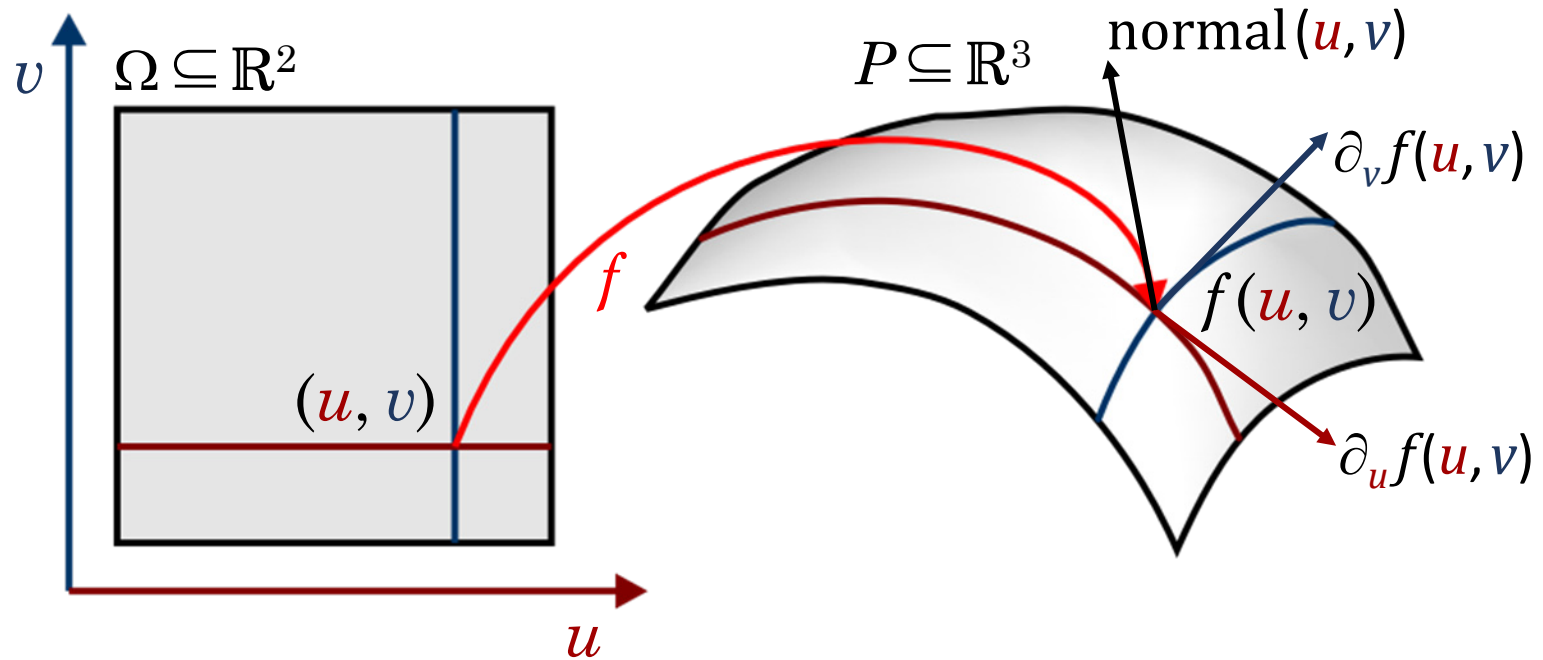
$$P = f(\Omega), P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n.$$

# Parametric Patches

## Parametric Surface Patches:

- The vectors  $\text{tangent}_{\mathbf{x}_0}(r) = \frac{d}{dt} f(\mathbf{x}_0 + tr) = \nabla_r f(x_0)$  are *tangent vectors* of the surface. In particular, there are canonical tangents  $\partial_u f(u,v), \partial_v f(u,v)$  in principal parameter directions.
- *Regular parametrization*:  $\partial_u f, \partial_v f$  linearly independent.
- For a regularly parametrized patch in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , the unit normal vector is given by:
$$\text{normal}(u,v) = \frac{\partial_u f(u,v) \times \partial_v f(u,v)}{\|\partial_u f(u,v) \times \partial_v f(u,v)\|}$$

# Illustration



# Tangents

## Computing Tangents:

- General tangents can be computed from principal tangents:

$$\text{tangent}_{\mathbf{x}_0}(\mathbf{r}) = \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_0)\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} | & | \\ \partial_u f(\mathbf{x}_0) & \partial_v f(\mathbf{x}_0) \\ | & | \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} r_u \\ r_v \end{pmatrix}$$



# Surface Area

## Surface Area:

- Computation is simple
- For a patch  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \supseteq \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , integrate over a constant function (one everywhere) over the surface area:
- Then just apply integral transformation theorem:

$$\text{area}(P) = \int_{\Omega} \|\partial_u f(\mathbf{x}) \times \partial_v f(\mathbf{x})\| d\mathbf{x}, \quad x = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix}$$

# Fundamental Forms

## Fundamental Forms:

- Describe the local parametrized surface
- Measure...
  - ...distortion of length (first fundamental form)
  - ...surface curvature (second fundamental form)
- Parametrization independent surface curvature measures will be derived from this

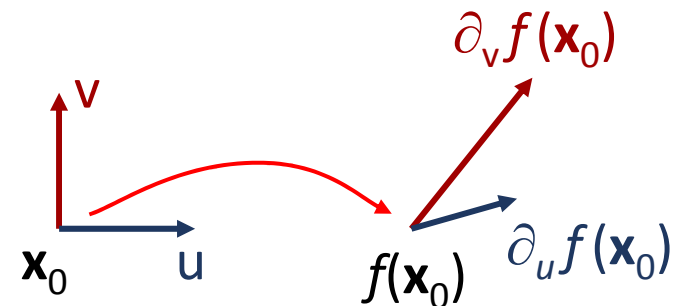
# First Fundamental Form

## First Fundamental Form

- Also known as *metric tensor*.
- Given a regular parametric patch  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \supseteq \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ .
- $f$  will distort angles and distances
- We will look at a local first order Taylor approximation to measure the effect:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) \approx f(\mathbf{x}_0) + \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_0)(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0)$$

- Length changes become visible in the scalar product...



# First Fundamental Form

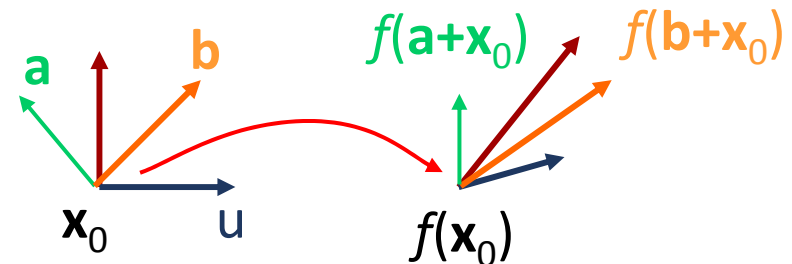
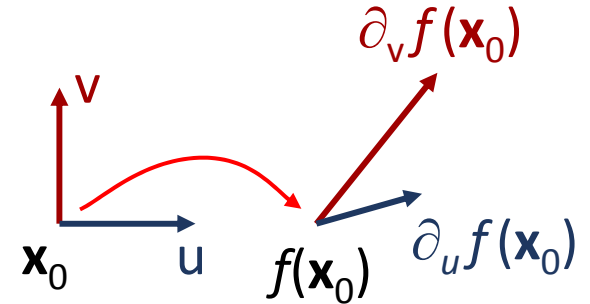
## First Fundamental Form

- First order Taylor approximation:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) \approx f(\mathbf{x}_0) + \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_0)(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0)$$

- Scalar product of vectors  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f(\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{a}) - f(\mathbf{x}_0), f(\mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{b}) - f(\mathbf{x}_0) \rangle &\approx \langle \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_0) \mathbf{a}, \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_0) \mathbf{b} \rangle \\ &= \mathbf{a}^T \underbrace{(\nabla f(\mathbf{x}_0)^T \nabla f(\mathbf{x}_0))}_{\text{first fundamental form}} \mathbf{b} \end{aligned}$$



# First Fundamental Form

## First Fundamental Form

- The first fundamental form can be written as a  $2 \times 2$  matrix:

$$\left(\nabla f^T \nabla f\right) = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_u f \partial_u f & \partial_u f \partial_v f \\ \partial_u f \partial_v f & \partial_v f \partial_v f \end{pmatrix} =: \begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{I}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) := \mathbf{x}^T \left(\nabla f^T \nabla f\right) \mathbf{y}$$

- The matrix is symmetric and positive definite (for a regular parametrization)
- Defines a *generalized scalar product* that measures lengths and angles *on the surface*.

# Second Fundamental Form

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## Problems:

- The first fundamental form measures length changes only
- A cylinder looks like a flat sheet in this view
- We need a tool to measure curvature of a surface as well
- Again, we will need second order information  
(any first order approximation is inherently flat)

# Second Fundamental Form

## Definition:

- Given a regular parametric patch  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \supseteq \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ .
- The *second fundamental form* (also known as *shape operator*, or *curvature tensor*) is the matrix:

$$S(\mathbf{x}_0) = \begin{pmatrix} \partial_{uu}f(\mathbf{x}_0) \cdot \mathbf{n} & \partial_{uv}f(\mathbf{x}_0) \cdot \mathbf{n} \\ \partial_{uv}f(\mathbf{x}_0) \cdot \mathbf{n} & \partial_{vv}f(\mathbf{x}_0) \cdot \mathbf{n} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Notation:

$$\mathbf{II}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{x}^T \begin{pmatrix} \partial_{uu}f(\mathbf{x}_0) \cdot \mathbf{n} & \partial_{uv}f(\mathbf{x}_0) \cdot \mathbf{n} \\ \partial_{uv}f(\mathbf{x}_0) \cdot \mathbf{n} & \partial_{vv}f(\mathbf{x}_0) \cdot \mathbf{n} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{y}$$

# Second Fundamental Form

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## Basic Idea:

- Compute second derivative vectors
- Project in normal direction (remove tangential acceleration)



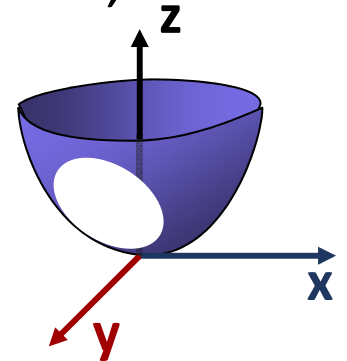
# Alternative Computation

## Alternative Formulation (Gauss):

- Local height field parameterization  $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = z$
- Orthonormal  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$  coordinates *tangential* to surface,  $\mathbf{z}$  in normal direction, origin at zero

- 2nd order Taylor representation:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) \approx \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\mathbf{x}^T f''(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{x}} + \underbrace{f'(\mathbf{x}) \mathbf{x} + f(0)}_0$$
$$= ex^2 + 2fxy + gy^2$$



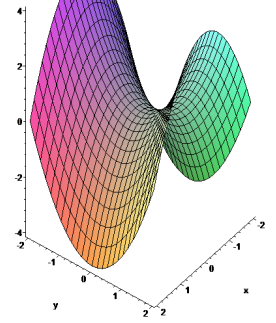
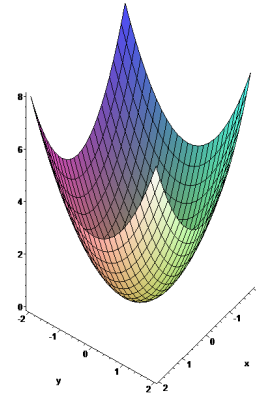
- Second fundamental form: Matrix of second derivatives

$$\begin{pmatrix} \partial_{xx} f & \partial_{xy} f \\ \partial_{xy} f & \partial_{yy} f \end{pmatrix} =: \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ f & g \end{pmatrix}$$

# Basic Idea

## In other words:

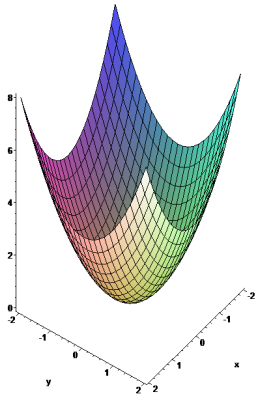
- The first fundamental form is the linear part (squared) of local Taylor approximation.
- The second fundamental form is the quadratic part of a local quadratic approximation of the heightfield
- The matrix is symmetric. So next thing to try is eigenanalysis, of course...



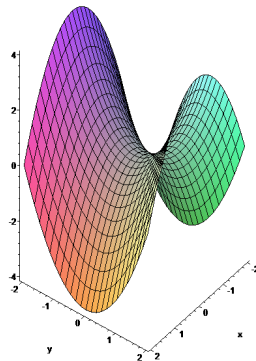
# Principal Curvature

## Eigenanalysis:

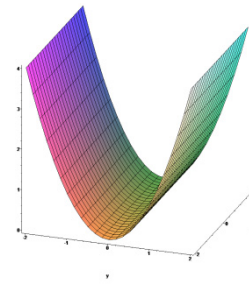
- The eigenvalues of the shape operator for an orthonormal tangent basis are called *principal curvatures*  $\kappa_1, \kappa_2$ .
- The corresponding eigenvectors (which are orthogonal) are called *principal directions of curvature*.
- Again, we get different cases...:



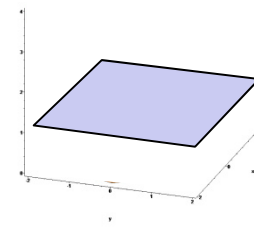
$$\kappa_i > 0$$



$$\kappa_0 > 0, \kappa_1 < 0$$



$$\kappa_0 = 0, \kappa_1 > 0$$



$$\kappa_0 = 0, \kappa_1 = 0$$

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# Normal Curvature

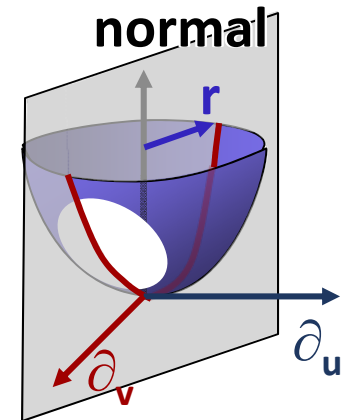
## Definition:

- The *normal curvature*  $\mathbf{k}(\mathbf{r})$  in direction  $\mathbf{r}$  for a unit length direction vector  $\mathbf{r}$  at parameter position  $\mathbf{x}_0$  is given by:

$$\mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{x}_0}(\mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{II}_{\mathbf{x}_0}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{x}_0) \mathbf{r}$$

## Relation to Curvature of Plane Curves:

- Intersect the surface locally with plane spanned by **normal** and  $\mathbf{r}$  through point  $\mathbf{x}_0$ .
- The curvature of the curve at  $\mathbf{x}_0$  is equal to the normal curvature up to its sign.



# Principal Curvatures

## Relation to principal curvature:

- The maximum principal curvature  $\kappa_1$  is the maximum of the normal curvature
- The minimum principal curvature  $\kappa_2$  is the minimum of the normal curvature

# Gaussian & Mean Curvature

## More Definitions:

- The Gaussian curvature  $K$  is the product of the principal curvatures:  $K = \kappa_1 \kappa_2$
- The mean curvature  $H$  is the average:  $H = 0.5 \cdot (\kappa_1 + \kappa_2)$

## Theorems:

- $K(\mathbf{x}_0) = \det(S(x_0)) = \frac{eg - f^2}{EG - F^2}$
- $H(\mathbf{x}_0) = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(S(x_0)) = \frac{eG - 2fF + gE}{2(EG - F^2)}$

# Global Properties

## Definition:

- An *isometry* is a mapping between surfaces that preserves distances on the surface (geodesics)
- A *developable surface* is a surface with Gaussian curvature zero everywhere (i.e. no curvature in at least one direction)
  - Examples: Cylinder, Cone, Plane
- A developable surface can be locally mapped to a plane isometrically (flattening out, unroll).

# Theorema Egregium

## Theorema egregium (Gauss):

- Any isometric mapping preserves Gaussian curvature, i.e. Gaussian curvature is invariant under isometric maps (“intrinsic surface property”)
- Consequence: The earth ( $\approx$  sphere) cannot be mapped to a plane in an exactly length preserving way.

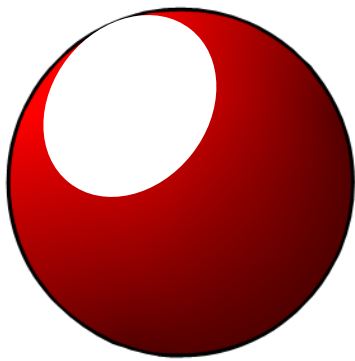


# Gauss Bonnet Theorem

## Gauss Bonnet Theorem:

For a compact, orientable surface without boundary in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , the area integral of the Gauss curvature is related to the genus  $g$  of the surface:

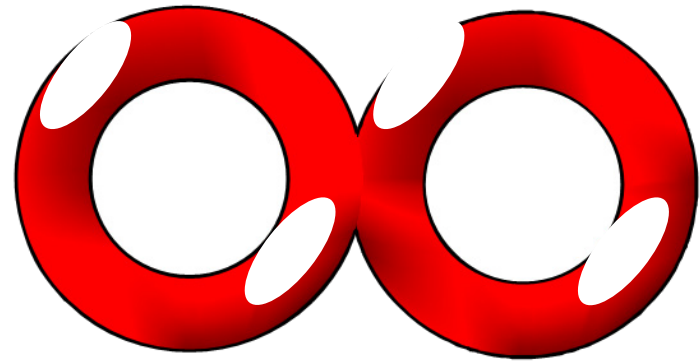
$$\int_S K(x) dx = 4\pi(1 - g)$$



$g = 0$



$g = 1$



$g = 2$

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# Fundamental Theorem of Surfaces

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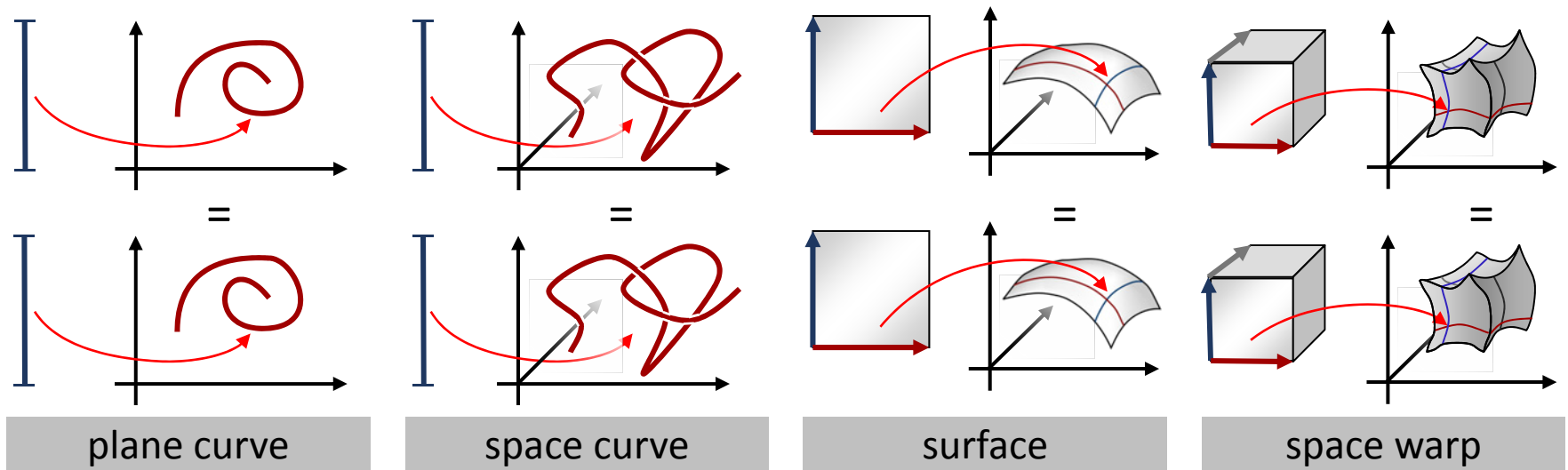
## Theorem:

- Given two parametric patches in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  defined on the same domain  $\Omega$ .
- Assume that the first and second fundamental form are identical.
- Then there exists a rigid motion that maps one surface to the other.

# Summary

## Objects are the same up to a rigid motion, if...:

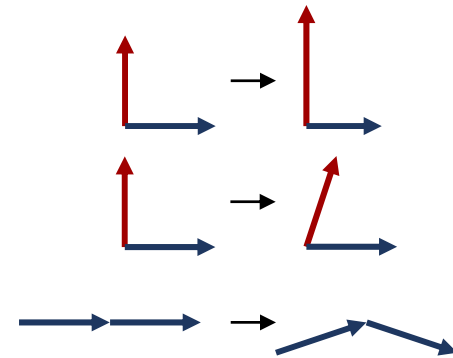
- Curves  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ : Same *speed*, same *curvature*
- Curves  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ : Same *speed*, same *curvature*, *torsion*
- Surfaces  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ : Same *first* & *second* fundamental form
- Volumetric Objects  $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ : Same *first* fundamental form



# Deformation Models

## What if this does not hold?

- Deviation in fundamental forms is a measure of deformation
- Example: Surfaces
  - Diagonals of  $\mathbf{I}_1 - \mathbf{I}_2$ : **scaling** (stretching)
  - Off-diagonals of  $\mathbf{I}_1 - \mathbf{I}_2$ : **sheering**
  - Elements of  $\mathbf{II}_1 - \mathbf{II}_2$ : **bending**
- This is the basis of *deformation models*.



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