

# Geometry

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## 0 Overview

**Definition.** A **topological surface** is a topological space  $\Sigma$  s.t.

- (i)  $\forall p \in \Sigma$  there is an open neighbourhood  $p \in U \subset \Sigma$  s.t.  $U$  is homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , or a disc  $D^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ , with its usual Euclidean topology
- (ii)  $\Sigma$  is Hausdorff and second countable

**Remarks.**

- (i)  $\mathbb{R}^2 \cong D(0, 1) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \|x\| < 1\}$  (homeomorphic to)
  - (ii) A space  $X$  is **Hausdorff** if for  $p \neq q$  in  $X$   $\exists$  disjoint open sets  $p \in U$  and  $q \in V$  in  $X$ .  
A space  $X$  is **second countable** if it has a countable base, i.e.  $\exists \{U_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  open sets s.t. every open set is a union of some of the  $U$
  - (iii) If  $X$  is Hausdorff/ second countable, so are subspaces of  $X$ . Euclidean space has these properties.  
(For second countable, consider the open sets  $B(c, r)$  with  $c \in \mathbb{Q}^n \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $r \in \mathbb{Q}_+ \subset \mathbb{R}_+$ )
- (i) is the point. (ii) is for technical honesty.

### 0.1 Examples of Topological Spaces

**Examples.** (i)  $\mathbb{R}^2$  the plane

(ii) Any open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , i.e.  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus z$  where  $z$  is closed.

- $z = \{0\}$ .  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$  is a surface
- $z = \{(0, 0)\} \cup \{(0, 1/n) : n = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

(iii) Graphs: let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function. The graph

$$\Gamma_f = \{(x, y, f(x, y)) : (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2\} \\ \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$

Recall if  $X, Y$  are spaces, the product topology on  $X \times Y$  has basic open sets  $U \times V$  with  $U \subset X$  and  $V \subset Y$  open. It has the feature that  $f : Z \rightarrow X \times Y$  is continuous  $\iff \pi_X \circ f : Z \rightarrow X$  and  $\pi_Y \circ f : Z \rightarrow Y$  are continuous, where  $\pi_X$  is the projection to  $X$  and  $\pi_Y$  is the projection to  $Y$ .  
Application:  $\Gamma_f \subset X \times Y$ , if  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous, is homeomorphic to  $X$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Gamma_f \subset X \times Y & & s : x \mapsto (x, f(x)) \\ \downarrow \pi|_{\Gamma_f} & & \\ X & & \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \text{(continuous by above)} \end{array}$$

So  $\pi|_{\Gamma_f}$  and  $s$  are inverse homeomorphisms. So

$$\Gamma_f \cong \mathbb{R}^2$$

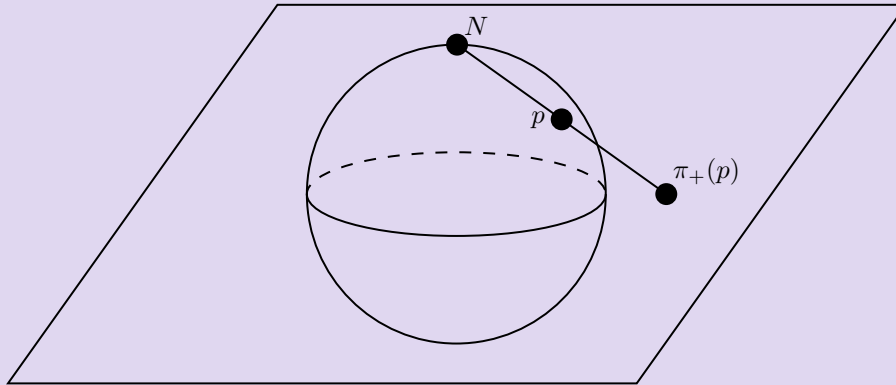
for any  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  so  $\Gamma_f$  is a topological surface

**Note.** As a topological surface,  $\Gamma_f$  is independent of  $f$ . Later, as a geometric object, it will reflect features of  $f$

**Examples.** (iv) The sphere:

$$S^2 = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1\}$$

(subspace topology)

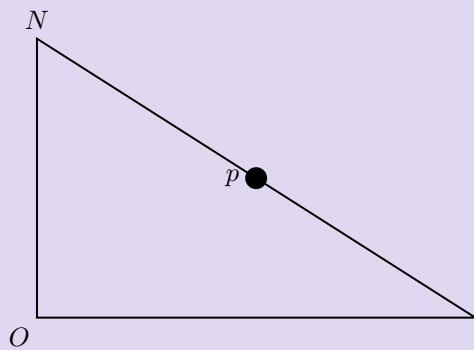


Stereographic projection

$$\pi_+ : S^2 \setminus \{(0, 0, 1)\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \quad (z = 0) \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$(x, y, z) \mapsto \left( \frac{x}{1-z}, \frac{y}{1-z} \right)$$

We can check:

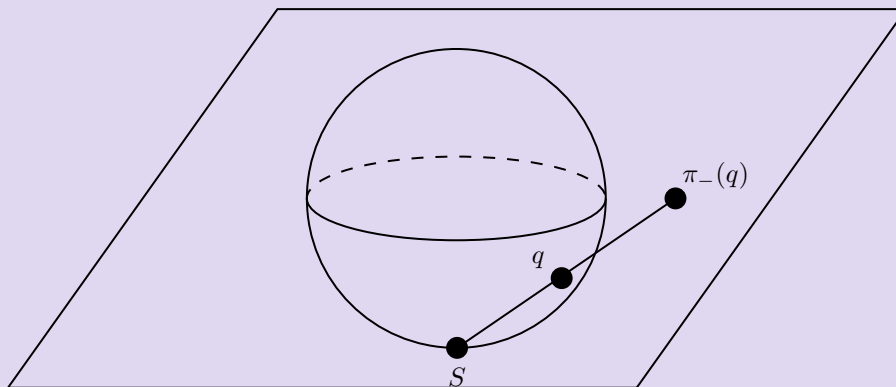


$$\begin{aligned} \pi_+(p) &= (x_0, y_0, 0) \\ &= (x, y, z) + \lambda(x, y, z - 1) \end{aligned}$$

**Examples** (continued). (iv) We note that  $\pi_+$  is continuous and has inverse

$$(u, v) \mapsto \left( \frac{2u}{u^2 + v^2 + 1}, \frac{2v}{u^2 + v^2 + 1}, \frac{u^2 + v^2 - 1}{u^2 + v^2 + 1} \right)$$

So  $\pi_+$  is a continuous bijection with continuous inverse and hence a homeomorphism.



Stereographic projection

$$\pi_- : S^2 \setminus \{(0, 0, -1)\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \quad (z = 0) \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$(x, y, z) \mapsto \left( \frac{x}{1+z}, \frac{y}{1+z} \right)$$

This is also a homeomorphism from  $S^2 \setminus \{(0, 0, -1)\}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . So  $S^2$  is a topological surface:  $\forall p \in S^2$ , either  $p$  lies in the domain of  $\pi_+$  or of  $\pi_-$  (or both) so it lies in an open set  $S^2 \setminus \{(0, 0, 1)\}$  or  $S^2 \setminus \{(0, 0, -1)\}$  homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . (Hausdorff and second countable from  $\mathbb{R}^2$ )

**Remark.**  $S^2$  is **compact** as a topological space, since it is a closed bounded set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

**Examples.** (v) The real projective plane: the group  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  acts on  $S^2$  by homeomorphisms via the **antipodal map**  $a : S^2 \rightarrow S^2$

$$a(x, y, z) = (-x, -y, -z)$$

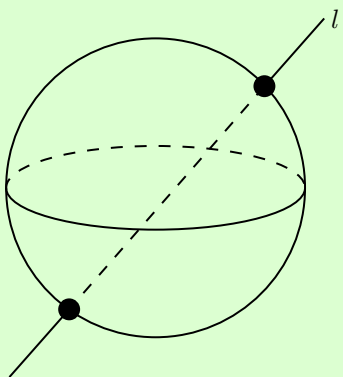
i.e.  $\exists$  homeomorphism  $\mathbb{Z}/2 \rightarrow \text{Homeo}(S^2)$ , the groups of all homeomorphisms under composition of maps. Non-trivial element  $\mapsto a$

**Definition.** The **real projective plane** is the quotient space of  $S^2$  given by identifying every point with its antipodal image:

$$\mathbb{RP}^2 = S^2 / (\mathbb{Z}/2) = S^2 / \sim \quad x \sim a(x)$$

**Lemma.** As a set,  $\mathbb{RP}^2$  is naturally in bijection with the set of straightlines in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  through 0

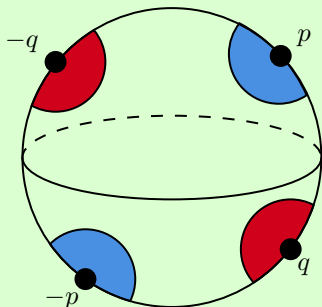
**Proof.**



Any straight line through  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^3$  meets  $S^2$  in exactly a pair of antipodal points and each such pair determines a straight line

**Lemma.**  $\mathbb{RP}^2$  is a topological surface

**Proof.** We check that it is Hausdorff: Recall if  $X$  is a space and  $q : X \rightarrow Y$  is a quotient map,  $V \subset Y$  is open  $\iff q^{-1}V \subset X$  is open



If  $[p] \neq [q] \in \mathbb{RP}^2$ , then  $\pm p$  and  $\pm q$  are distinct antipodal pairs. Take small open discs centered on  $p, q$  and their antipodal images, as in the diagram. This gives us disjoint open neighbourhoods of  $[p], [q]$  in  $\mathbb{RP}^2$ .

Note we could take small balls  $B_{\pm p}(\delta), B_{\pm q}(\delta)$  ( $\delta \ll 1$  small), which meet  $S^2$  in open sets. If  $q : S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{RP}^2$  is the quotient map, then  $q(B_q(p))$  is open since

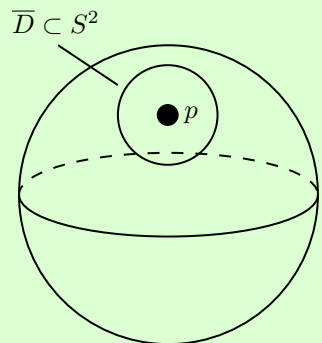
$$q^{-1}(qB_\delta(p)) = B_\delta(p) \cup (-B_\delta(p))$$

$\mathbb{RP}^2$  is also countable.

Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a countable base for topology on  $S^2$ , and (wlog)  $\forall U \in \mathcal{U}$ , the antipodal image is in  $\mathcal{U}$ . Let  $\bar{\mathcal{U}}$  be the family of open sets in  $\mathbb{RP}^2$  of the form  $q(U) \cup q(-U)$ ,  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ .

Now if  $V \subset \mathbb{RP}^2$  is open, by definition  $q^{-1}V$  is open in  $S^2$ . So  $q^{-1}V$  contains some  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  and hence contains  $U \cup (-U)$ . So  $\bar{\mathcal{U}}$  is a countable base for the quotient topology on  $\mathbb{RP}^2$ .

Finally, let  $p \in S^2$  and  $[p] \in \mathbb{RP}^2$  its image. Let  $\bar{D}$  be a small closed disc neighbourhood of  $p \in S^2$ .



Quotient map  $q|_{\bar{D}} : \bar{D} \rightarrow q(\bar{D}) \subset \mathbb{RP}^2$  is continuous from a compact space to a Hausdorff space. Also on  $\bar{D}$ , the map  $q$  is injective. Recall “Topological inverse function theorem”: a continuous bijection from a compact space to a Hausdorff space is a homeomorphism. So  $q|_{\bar{D}} : \bar{D} \rightarrow q(\bar{D})$  is a homeomorphism inducing a homeomorphism  $q|_D : D \rightarrow q(D) \subset \mathbb{RP}^2$  where  $D$  is the open disc interior of  $\bar{D}$ . So  $[p] \in q(D)$  has an open neighbourhood in  $\mathbb{RP}^2$  homeomorphic to an open disc and we are done.

**Examples.** (vi) Let  $S^1 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$ . The torus  $S^1 \times S^1$  with the subspace topology from  $\mathbb{C}^2$  (which is the product topology)

**Lemma.** The torus is a topological surface

**Proof.** We consider the map

$$\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow S^1 \times S^1 \subset \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \quad (s, t) \mapsto (e^{2\pi is}, e^{2\pi it})$$

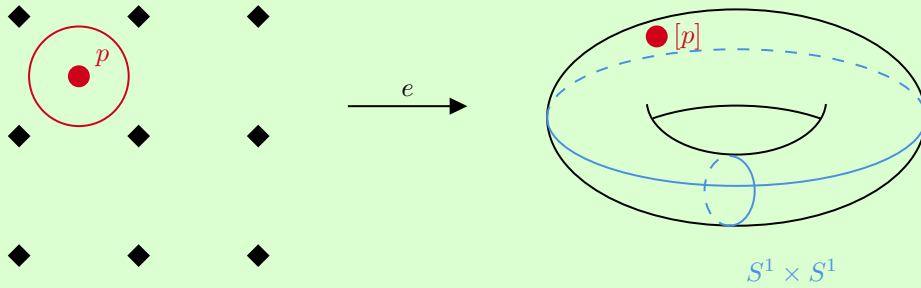
Note: this induces a map:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R}^2 & \xrightarrow{e} & S^1 \times S^1 \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \hat{e} & \\ \mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2 & & \end{array}$$

i.e. on the equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  given by translating by  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ ,  $e$  is constant on the equivalence classes so induces a map of sets

$$\mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow S^1 \times S^1$$

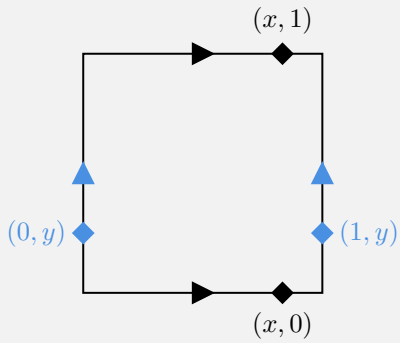
View  $\mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2$  as the quotient space for  $q: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2$ . The map  $[0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2$  is onto, so  $\mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2$  is compact. So  $\hat{e}$  is a continuous map from a compact space to a Hausdorff space, and a bijection, so a homeomorphism (T.I.F.T)



Note we already know  $S^1 \times S^1$  is compact and Hausdorff (closed and bounded in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ ). As for  $S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^2$ . Pick  $[p] = q(p)$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and a small closed disc  $\bar{D}(p) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  s.t.  $\forall (n, m) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$

$$\bar{D}(p) \cap (\bar{D}(p) + (n, m)) = \emptyset$$

Then  $e|_{\bar{D}(p)}$  is injective and  $a|_{\bar{D}(p)}$  is injective. Now restricting to the open disc as before, we get an open disc neighbourhood of  $[p] \in S^1 \times S^1$ . Since  $[p]$  arbitrary,  $S^1 \times S^1$  is a topological surface

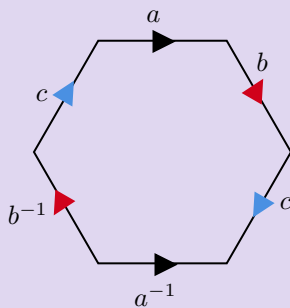
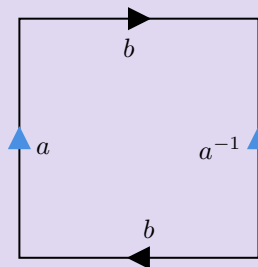
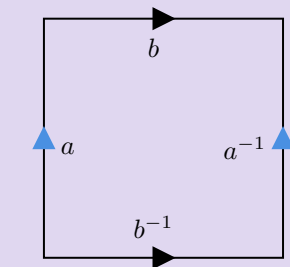


Another viewpoint:  $\mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2$  is also given by imposing on  $[0, 1]^2$  the equivalence relation generated by:

$$(x, 0) \sim (x, 1) \quad \forall 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$(0, y) \sim (1, y) \quad \forall 0 \leq y \leq 1$$

**Examples.** (vii) Let  $p$  be a planar Euclidean polygon. Assume the edges are oriented and paired, and (for simplicity) assume the Euclidean lengths of the  $e$  and  $\hat{e}$  are equal if  $\{e, \hat{e}\}$  are paired.



Label by letters and describe orientation by a sign  $a^\pm$  relative to the clockwise orientation of  $\mathbb{R}^2$

If  $\{e, \hat{e}\}$  are paired edges, there is a unique isometry from  $e$  to  $\hat{e}$  respected their orientations, say

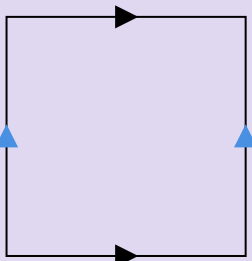
$$f_{e\hat{e}} : e \rightarrow \hat{e}$$

These maps generate an equivalence relation on  $p$ , where we identify  $x \in P$  with  $f_{e\hat{e}}(x)$  whenever  $x \in e$ .

**Lemma.**  $P/\sim$  (with the quotient topology) is a topological surface

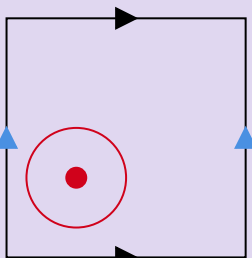


**Example.** The torus on  $[0, 1] / \sim$



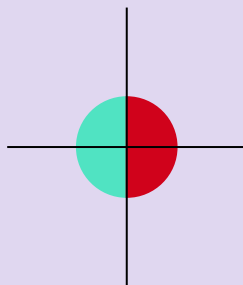
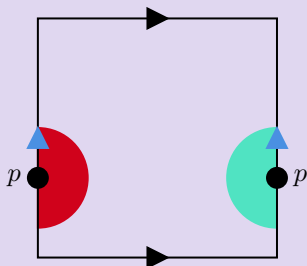
$$P = [0, 1]^2$$

If  $p \in \text{interior}(P)$



I pick  $\delta > 0$  sufficiently small that  $B_\delta(p)$  and  $\overline{B_\delta(p)}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  lie in  $\text{interior}(p)$ . Now argue as before: the quotient map is injective on  $\overline{B_\delta(p)}$  and a homeomorphism on its interior.

If  $p \in \text{edge}(p)$ ,



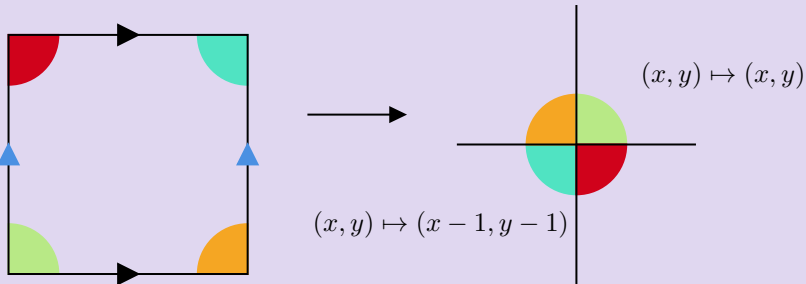
Say  $p = (0, y_0) \sim (1, y_0)$  and  $\delta > 0$  sufficiently small that half-discs of radius  $\delta$  as shown don't meet vertices( $P$ ). Define a map from the union of these half-discs to  $B(0, \delta) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  via  $(x, y) \mapsto (x, y - y_0)$  say  $f_U$  on the right half-disc ( $V$ ) and  $(x, y) \mapsto (x - 1, y - y_0)$  say  $f_V$  on the left half disc ( $V$ ).

Recall: if  $X = A \cup B$  is a union of closed subspaces and  $f : A \rightarrow Y$ ,  $g : B \rightarrow Y$  are continuous and  $f|_{A \cap B} = g|_{A \cap B}$  then they define a continuous map on  $X$

Explicitly:  $f_U, f_V$  are continuous on  $[0, 1]^2 \implies$  they induce continuous maps on  $qU, qV \subset T^2$

$$q : [0, 1]^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]^2 / \sim = T^2$$

**Example** (continued). Thus in  $T^2$ , the half discs  $qU, qV$  overlap but our maps agree on the closed intersection locus (as  $f_U, f_V$  compatible with equivalence relation). Hence,  $f_U, f_V$  give and define a continuous map on an open neighbourhood of  $[p] - T^2$  to  $B(0, \delta) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ .  
 Now “usual argument” (pass to closed disc, use T.I.F.T, pass back to interior) shows that if  $[p] \subset T^2$  lies on the image of edge of  $[0, 1]^2$ , it has an open neighbourhood homeomorphic to a disc.  
 Analogously, at the vertex of  $[0, 1]^2$



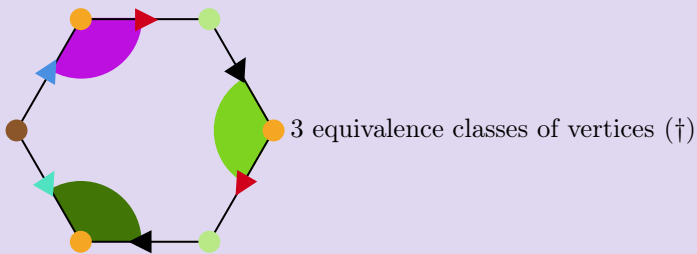
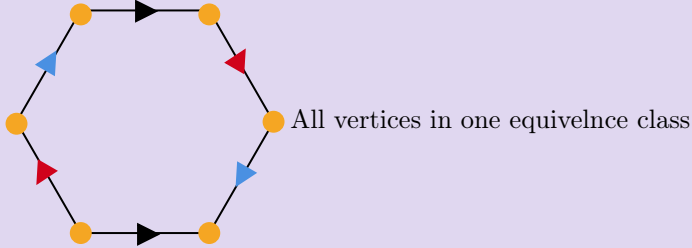
This shows  $[0, 1]^2 / \sim$  is a topological surface.

**Example.** For a general planar polygon  $P \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ :

Our equivalence relation

$$x \mapsto f_{e\hat{e}}(x) \quad x \in e \subset \text{Edge}(p)$$

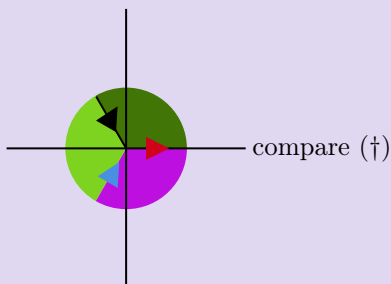
$\{e, \hat{e}\}$  pairs,  $f : e \rightarrow \hat{e}$  compatible walk orientation. This induces an equivalence relation on  $\text{Vert}(P)$ :



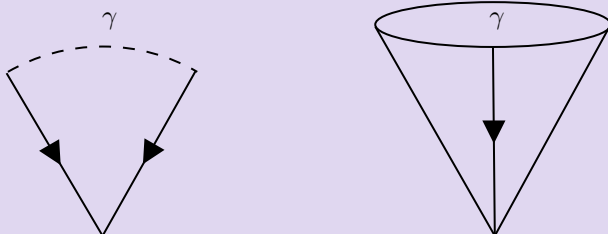
If  $v \in \text{Vert}(P)$  has  $r$  vertices in its equivalence class,  $\exists r$  sectors in  $P$ , of total angle  $\alpha_v$ . Any sector can be identified with our favourite sector

$$(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ or } (r, \theta) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \quad 0 \leq r < \delta, \theta \in [0, 2\pi/r]$$

In (†), we get an open disc neighbourhood of  $v$  (red dot) via



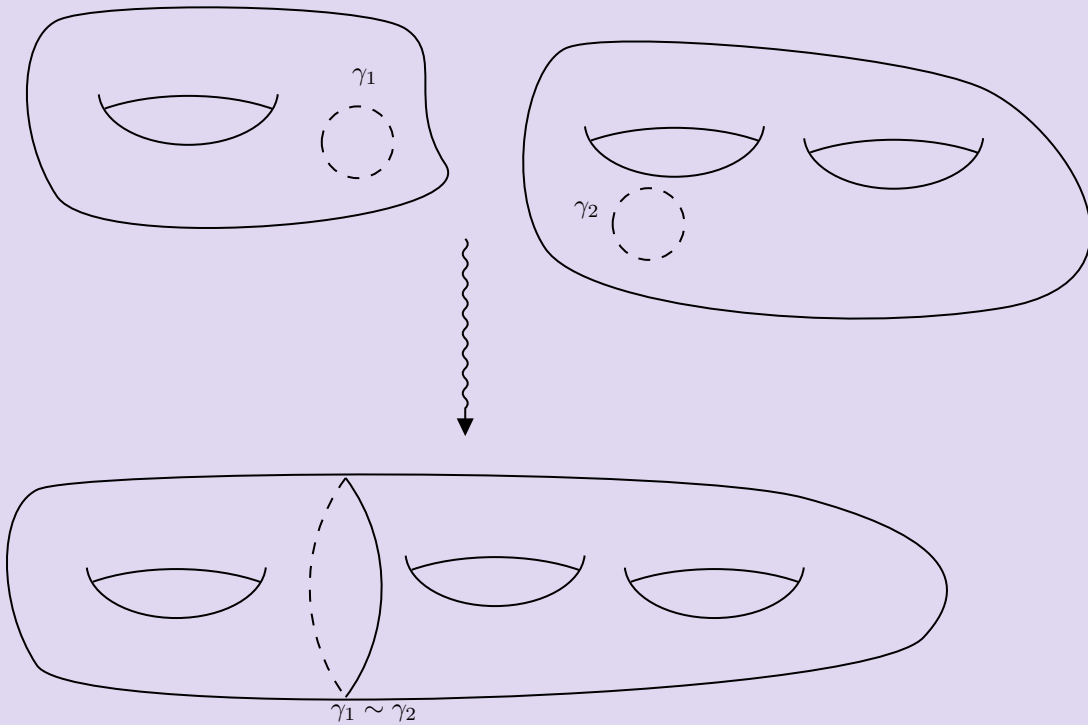
If  $r = 1$ , we have two arrows pointing outward or two arrows pointing inward. In either case, our quotient space is a cone, homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .



These open neighbourhoods of points in  $P/\sim$  show  $P/\sim$  is locally homeomorphic to a disc. We can also see  $P/\sim$  is Hausdorff and second countable: By construction, if the  $\delta$  discs, half discs or sections are sufficiently small and  $p, q \in P$  lie in different equivalence classes, these are disjoint. So  $P/\sim$  is Hausdorff.

For second countable, we can consider discs in interior of  $P$  with rational centres and radii, and if  $e \in \text{edge}(P)$  and  $e \rightarrow [0, \text{length}(e)]$  an isometry, take only  $1/2$  discs on  $e$  which are centered at rational values in  $[0, \text{length}(e)]$  and have rational radius and at vertices allow rational radius sectors. This gives us a countable base

**Examples.** (vii) Given topological surface,  $\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2$ , we can remove an open disc from each and give the resulting boundary circles

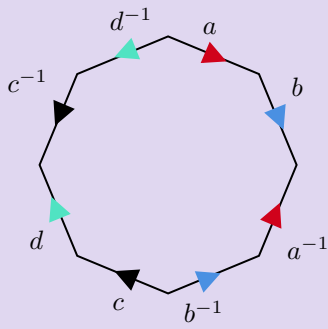


Explicitly, we take  $\Sigma_1 \setminus D_1 \cup \Sigma_2 \setminus D_2$  and impose a quotient relation  $\theta \in \partial D_1 \sim \theta \in \partial D_2$  where  $\partial D_i$  is the boundary of  $D_i$  and  $\theta$  parameter.

The result  $\Sigma_1 \# \Sigma_2$  is called the connect sum of  $\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma_2$ . (In principle, this depends on many choices, suppressed from the notation)

**Lemma.** The connect sum  $\Sigma_1 \# \Sigma_2$  is a topological surface

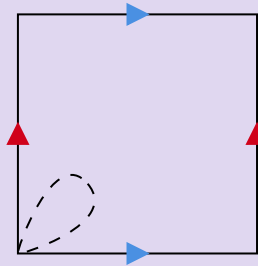
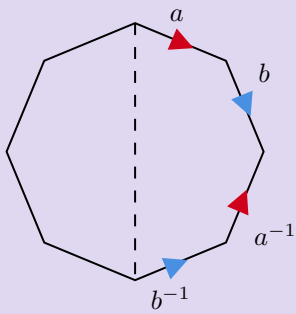
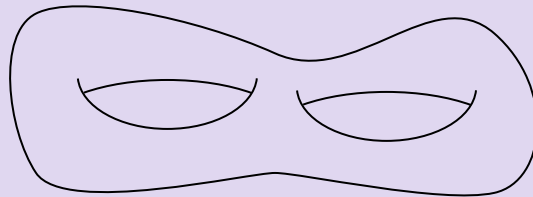
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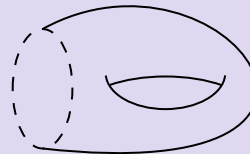
Consider octagon  $P$

Claim:

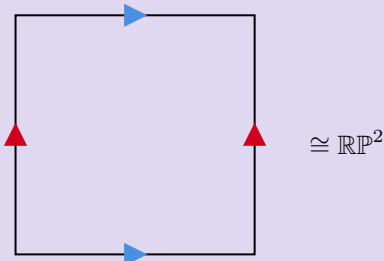
$P / \sim \cong$



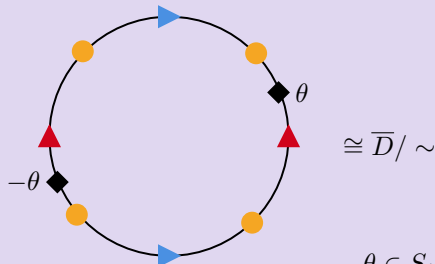
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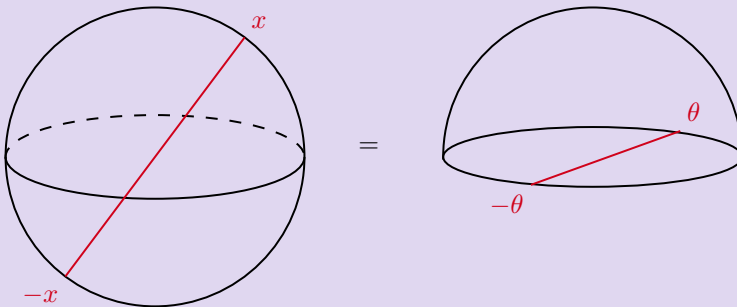


Since: *LHS* is the same identification space as



$$\theta \in S_1 \sim -\theta$$

$\mathbb{R}P^2 = S^3 / \pm 1 = (\text{Closed upper hemisphere}) / \theta \sim -\theta \text{ for points on equator}$

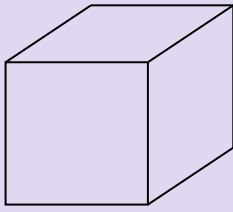


**Definition.** A **subdivision** of a compact topological surface  $\Sigma$  comprises:

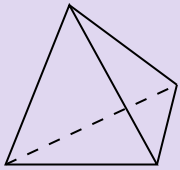
- (i) A finite set  $V \subset \Sigma$  of vertices
- (ii) A finite collection  $E = \{e_i : [0, 1] \rightarrow \Sigma\}_{i \in \Sigma}$  of edges s.t.
  - $\forall i : e_i$  is a continuous injection on its interior and  $e_i^{-1}V = \{0, 1\}$
  - $e_i$  and  $e_j$  have disjoint images except perhaps their endpoints in  $V$
- (iii) Such that each connected component of  $\Sigma \setminus (\bigcup e_i [0, 1] \cup V)$  is homeomorphic to an open disc called a **face**. (So the closure of a face has a boundary  $\bar{F} \setminus F$  lying in  $E \cup V$ )

A subdivision is a **triangulation** if each closed face (closure of a face) contains exactly 3 edges, and two closed faces are disjoint or meet in exactly one edge (or possibly just one vertex)

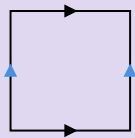
**Examples.**



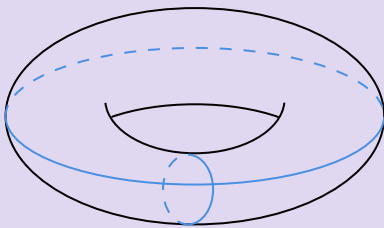
displays a subdivision of  $S^2$



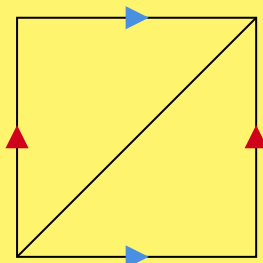
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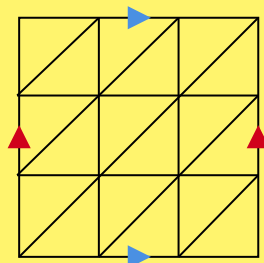
shows a subdivision of  $T^2$  with 1 vertex, 2 edges, 1 face



**Note.**

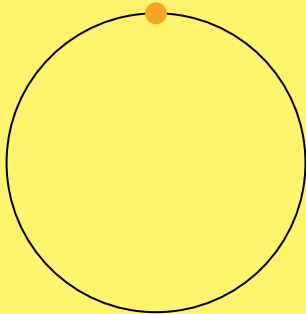


NOT a triangulation  
(faces meet in more than 1 edge)



Is a triangulation of  $T^2$

**Remark.**



Denotes a very degenerate subdivision of  $S^2$  (1 vertex, 0 edges, 1 face)

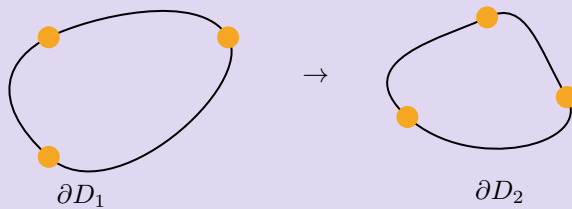
**Definition.** The **Euler characteristic** of a subdivision is the number  $\#V - \#E + \#F$ . (no. of vertices - no. of edges + no. of faces)

**Theorem.** (i) Every compact topological surface admits subdivisions (and indeed triangulations)  
 (ii) The Euler characteristic, denoted  $\chi(\Sigma)$  does not depend on the choice of subdivision and describes a topological invariant of the surface (depends only on the homeomorphism type of  $\Sigma$ )

**Examples.** (i)  $\chi(S^2) = 2$

(ii)  $\chi(T^2) = 0$

(iii) If  $\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma_2$  are compact topological spaces, we can form  $\Sigma_1 \# \Sigma_2$  by removing an open disc  $D_i \subset \Sigma_i$  which is a face of a triangulation, and giving the boundary circles  $\partial D_i$  by a homeomorphism taking edges to edges



Then  $\Sigma_1 \# \Sigma_2$  inherits a subdivision, and

$$\chi(\Sigma_1 \# \Sigma_2) = \chi(\Sigma_1) + \chi(\Sigma_2) - 2$$

In particular, if

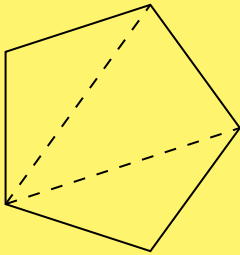
$$\Sigma_g = \text{[Diagram of a surface with } g \text{ holes]} = \#_1^g T^2$$

$g$  holes

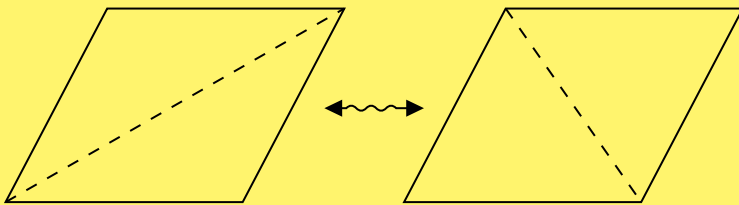
Then  $\chi(\Sigma_g) = 2 - 2g$ ;  $g$  is called the **genus** of  $\Sigma$



**Remark.** For the theorem earlier, (i) is hard. (ii) We should believe as we can turn a subdivision into a triangulation



and we can relate triangulations by local means



(changing the set of edges), and easy to see these preserve  $\chi$ . But

- Hard to rigorise this
- You learn essentially nothing

A much cleaner approach is disclosed in Part II Algebraic Topology

**Note.** Recall, if  $\Sigma$  is a topological surface, each  $p \in \Sigma$  lies in an open neighbourhood  $p \in U \subset \Sigma$  with  $U$  homeomorphic to an open disc (or  $\mathbb{R}^2$ )

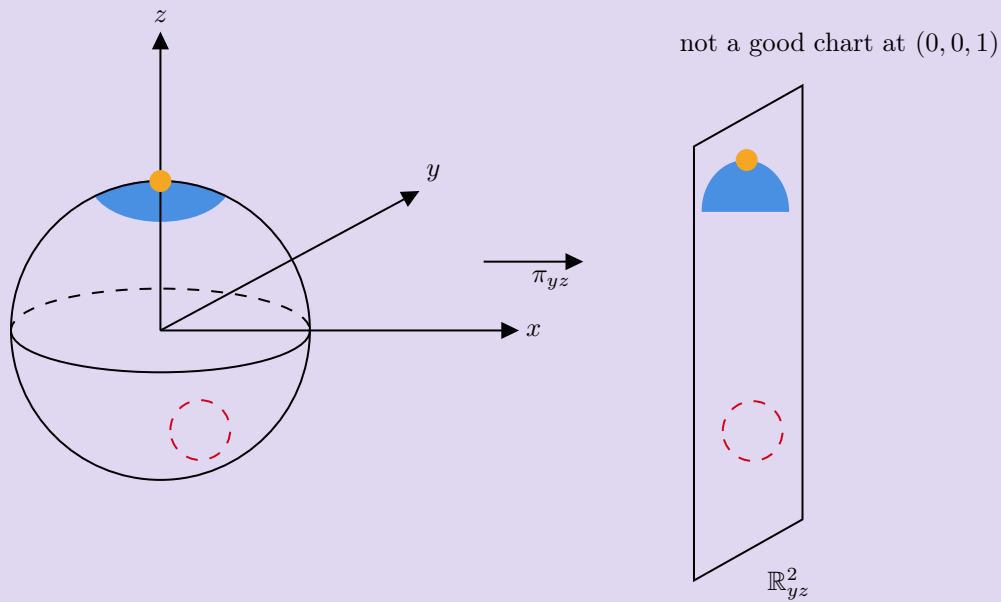
**Definition.** A pair  $(U, \varphi)$  where  $U \subset \Sigma$  open and  $\varphi : U \rightarrow V \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  a homeomorphism is called a **chart** for  $\Sigma$   
(If  $p \in U$  we might say “a chart for  $\Sigma$  at  $p$ ”)

**Definition.** A collection  $\{(U_i, \varphi_i)_{i \in I} : \varphi_i : U_i \rightarrow V_i\}$  of charts such that  $\bigcup_{i \in \Sigma} U_i = \Sigma$  is called an **atlas** for  $\sigma$ . The inverse

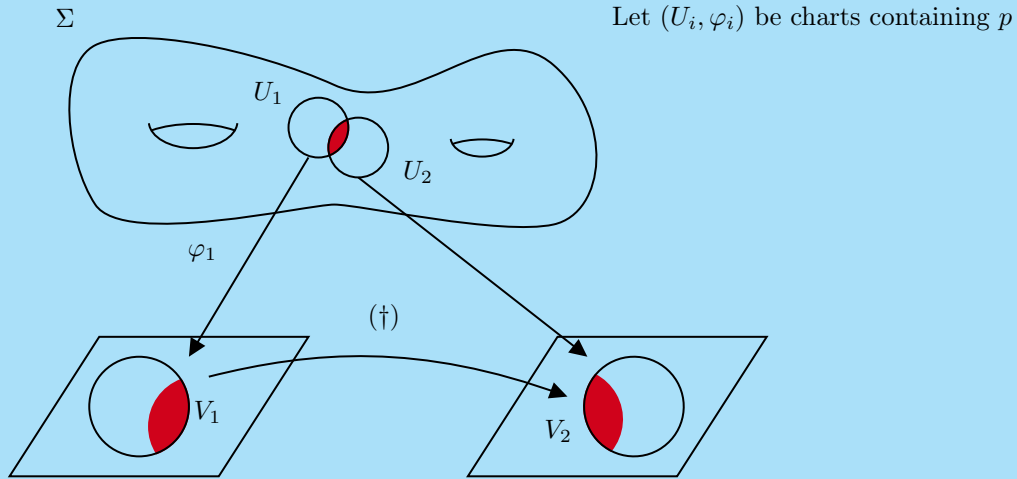
$$\sigma = \varphi^{-1} : V \rightarrow U \subset \Sigma$$

is called a **local parameterisation** for  $\Sigma$

- Examples.** (i) If  $Z \in \mathbb{R}^2$  is closed,  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus Z$  is a topological surface with an atlas with one chart  $(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus Z, \varphi = \text{id.})$   
(ii) For  $S^2$ , we have an atlas with 2 charts, the 2 stereographic projections



**Definition.**



$$(\dagger) \text{ is } \varphi_1(U_1 \cap U_2) \xrightarrow{\varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1^{-1}} \varphi_2(U_1 \cap U_2)$$

The map  $\varphi_2 \circ \varphi_1^{-1}|_{\varphi_1(U_1 \cap U_2)}$  is called the **transition map** between the charts. This is a homeomorphism of open sets in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

**Note.** Recall if  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $V^1 \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  are open, then a map  $f : V \rightarrow V^1$  is called smooth if it is infinitely differentiable, i.e. it has partial derivatives of all orders

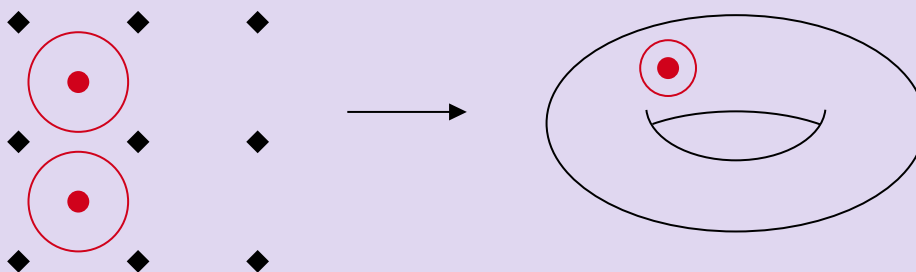
**Definition.** If  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $V^1 \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  a homeomorphism,  $f : V \rightarrow V^1$  is called a **diffeomorphism** if it is smooth and its inverse is smooth

**Definition.** An **abstract smooth surface**  $\Sigma$  is a topological surface with an atlas of charts  $\{(U_i, \varphi_i) : \varphi_i : U_i \rightarrow V_i \subset \mathbb{R}^2\}_{i \in I}$ ,  $\bigcup_{i \in I} U_i = \Sigma$  s.t. all transition maps  $\varphi_i \circ \varphi_j^{-1} : \varphi_j(U_i \cap U_j) \rightarrow \varphi_i(U_i \cap U_j)$  are diffeomorphisms of open sets in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

**Note.** It would NOT make sense to ask for the  $\varphi_i$  themselves to be smooth, as  $\Sigma$  is just a topological space.

**Example.** The atlas of 2 charts with stereographic projections gives  $S^2$  the structure of an abstract smooth surface

**Example.** The torus  $S^2 = \mathbb{R}^2 / \mathbb{Z}^2$



Recall, we obtained charts from (the inverses of) the projection restricted to small discs in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (ones disjoint from translation by  $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0, 0\}$ ). The transition maps are translations so  $T^2$  inherits the structure of an abstract smooth surface.

Explicitly:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 e : \mathbb{R}^2 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & T^2 \\
 \downarrow & & \nearrow \\
 \mathbb{R}^2 / \mathbb{Z}^2 & & \cong
 \end{array}
 \quad (t, s) \mapsto (e^{2\pi it}, e^{2\pi is})$$

Consider the atlas

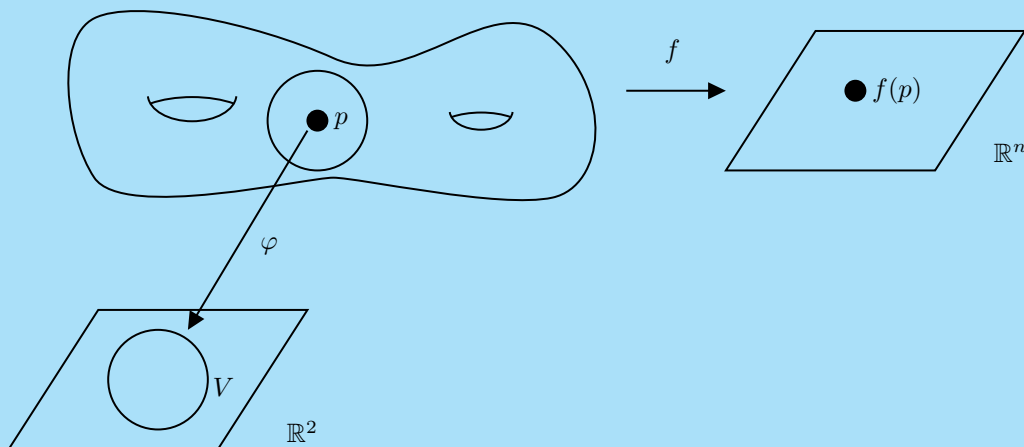
$$\{e(D_\varepsilon(x, y)) : e^{-1} \text{ on this image}\} \text{ where } \varepsilon < \frac{1}{2}$$

These are charts on  $T^2$  and the transition maps are (restrictions), and the transition maps are (restrictions to the appropriate domain of) translations in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . So  $T^2$  has the structure (via this atlas) of an abstract smooth surface

**Remark** (Philosophical). Being a topological surface is structure. (One can ask if a topological space  $X$  is a topological surface or not).

Being an abstract smooth surface is data. (I have to you an atlas of charts with smooth transition maps with smooth inverses: there could be many choices)

**Definition.** Let  $\Sigma$  be an abstract smooth surface and  $f : \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  a continuous map. We say  $f$  is **smooth** at  $p \in \Sigma$  if



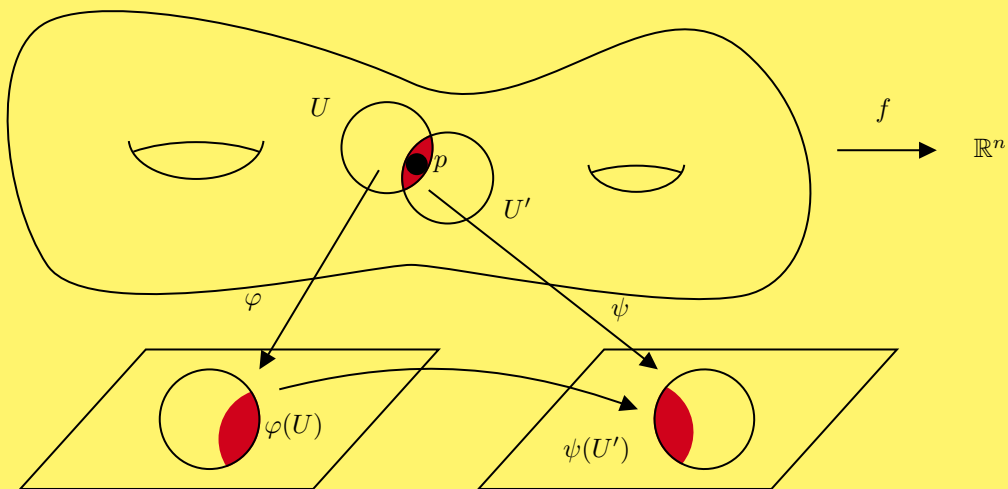
whenever  $(U, \varphi)$  is a chart at  $p$  belonging to my smooth atlas for  $\Sigma$ , the map

$$f \circ \varphi^{-1} : \varphi(U) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

is smooth. ( $\varphi(U) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  an open set)

**Note.** Smoothness of  $f$  at  $p$  is independent of the choice of chart  $(U, \varphi)$  at  $p$  in the smooth atlas, since the transition maps between two such are diffeomorphisms.

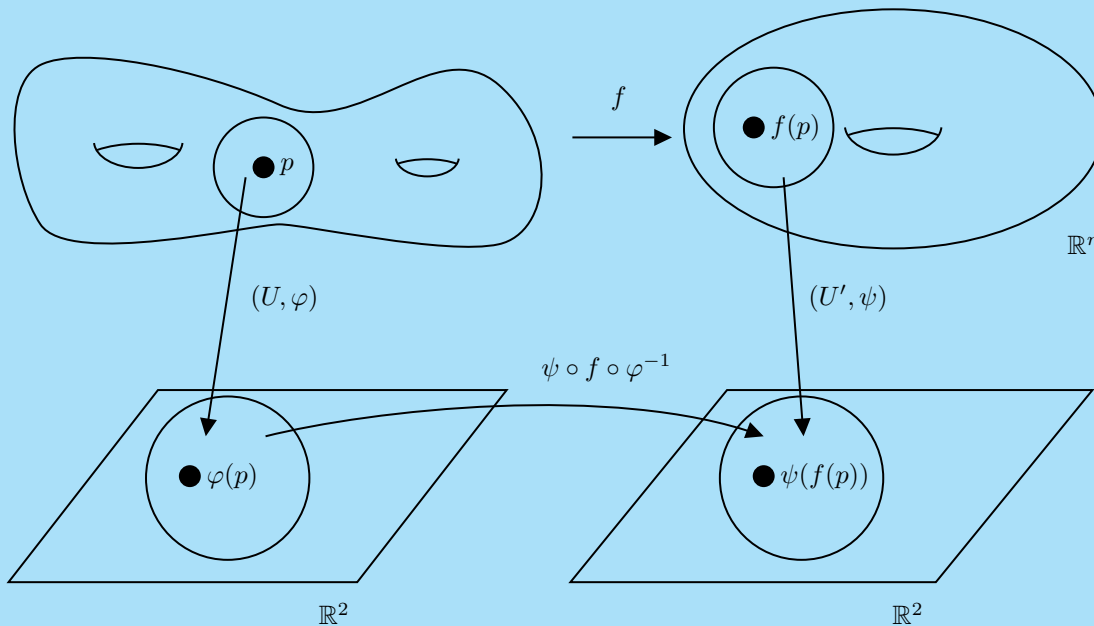
$\Sigma$



$$\psi \circ \varphi^{-1} : \varphi(U \cap U') \xrightarrow{\text{diffeom}} \psi(U \cap U')$$

We have a related definition

**Definition.** If  $\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma_2$  are abstract smooth surfaces, a map  $f : \Sigma_1 \rightarrow \Sigma_2$  is **smooth** if “it is smooth in the local charts”



I.e. given charts  $(U, \varphi)$  at  $p$  and  $(U', \psi)$  at  $f(p)$  (in our chosen smooth atlases), we want  $\psi \circ f \circ \varphi^{-1}$  smooth at  $\varphi(p)$

**Note.** Again: smoothness of  $f$  does not depend on the choices of charts at  $p, f(p)$  provided we take charts from our smooth atlas

**Definition.** abstract smooth surfaces  $\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma_2$  are **diffeomorphic** if  $\exists$  a homeomorphism

$$f : \Sigma_1 \rightarrow \Sigma_2$$

which is smooth and has smooth inverse

**Remark.** We often pass from a given smooth atlas for an abstract smooth surface  $\Sigma$  to the maximal “compatible” such atlas: i.e. we add to our atlas  $\{(U_i, \varphi_i)_{i \in X}\}$  for  $\Sigma$  all charts  $(V, \psi)$  with the property that the transition maps are still all diffeomorphisms. (Technically use Zorn’s Lemma)

Recall: if  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $V' \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  are open, then  $f : V \rightarrow V'$  is smooth if it is infinitely differentiable.

**Definition.** If  $Z \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is an arbitrary subset, we say  $f : Z \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  (continuous) is **smooth** at  $p \in Z$  if  $\exists$  open  $p \in B \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and a smooth map  $F : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  s.t.

$$F|_{B \cap Z} = f|_{B \cap Z}$$

i.e.  $f$  is locally the restriction of a smooth map defined on an open set

**Definition.** If  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $Y \subset \mathbb{R}^m$  are subsets, we say  $X$  and  $Y$  are **diffeomorphic** if  $\exists f : X \rightarrow Y$  continuous s.t.  $f$  is a smooth homeomorphism with smooth inverse

**Definition.** A **smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$**  is a subspace  $\Sigma \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  s.t.  $\forall p \in \Sigma, \exists$  an open set  $p \in U \subset \Sigma$  s.t.  $U$  is diffeomorphic to an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$\forall p \in \Sigma, \exists$  open ball  $p \in B \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  s.t. if  $U = B \cap \Sigma$ , and a smooth map  $f : B \rightarrow V \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  open s.t.  $f|_U \rightarrow V$  is a homeomorphism and the inverse map  $V \rightarrow U \subset \Sigma \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  is also smooth

**Theorem.** For a subset  $\Sigma \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ , the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $\Sigma$  is a smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$
- (ii)  $\Sigma$  is locally the graph of a smooth function over one of the coordinate planes, i.e.  $\forall p \in \Sigma \exists$  open  $p \in B \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  and open  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  s.t.

$$\Sigma \cap B = \{(x, y, g(x, y)) : g : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ smooth}\}$$

(or a graph over the  $xz$  or  $yz$  plane, locally)

- (iii)  $\Sigma$  is locally cut out by a smooth function with nonzero derivative, i.e.  $\forall p \in \Sigma, \exists$  open  $p \in B \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  and  $f : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  smooth s.t.

$$\Sigma \cap B = f^{-1}(0) \text{ and } Df_x \neq 0 \forall x \in B$$

- (iv)  $\Sigma$  is locally the image of an allowable parametrization, i.e. if  $p \in \Sigma, \exists$  open  $p \in U \subset \Sigma$  and  $\sigma : V \rightarrow U$  ( $V \subset \mathbb{R}^2, U \subset \Sigma \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  open) s.t.  $\sigma^2$  is a homeomorphism and  $D\sigma|_x$  has rank 2  $\forall x \in V$

**Proof.** (i) (ii)  $\implies$  all others.

- If  $\Sigma$  is locally  $\{(x, y, g(x, y))\}$ , then one gets a chart from projection  $\pi_{xy}$  which is smooth and defined on an open neighbourhood of points of  $\Sigma$  in its domain ((ii)  $\implies$  (i))
- If  $\Sigma$  is locally  $\{(x, y, g(x, y))\}$ , it is locally cut out by  $f(x, y, z) = z - g(x, y)$ . Clearly  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \neq 0$  ((ii)  $\implies$  (iii))
- The parametrisation  $\sigma(x, y) := (x, y, g(x, y))$  is allowable as smooth and  $\sigma_x = (1, 0, g_x), \sigma_y = (0, 1, g_y)$  are linearly independent (and  $\sigma$  is injective) ((ii)  $\implies$  (iv))

(ii) (i)  $\implies$  (iv) is part of the definition of being a smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and hence locally diffeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . [At  $p \in \Sigma, \Sigma$  is locally diffeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and the inverse of such a local diffeomorphism gives an allowable parametrisation]

(iii) (iii)  $\implies$  (ii) was “illustrative example # 2” for the implicit function theorem

(iv) We’ll show (iv)  $\implies$  (ii), (i) and then done. Let  $p \in \Sigma$  and  $V \rightarrow \Sigma \subset \mathbb{R}^3$   $\sigma(0) = q \in U \subset \Sigma$ . If  $\sigma = (\sigma_1(u, v), \sigma_2(u, v), \sigma_3(u, v))$

$$D\sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \sigma_1}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial \sigma_1}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial \sigma_2}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial \sigma_2}{\partial v} \end{bmatrix}$$

so  $\exists 2$  rows defining an invertible matrix our  $\Theta \mapsto p$ . Suppose the 1st 2 rows and let  $pr := \pi_{xy}$  and consider  $pr \circ \sigma : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ . Inverse function theorem (since  $D(pr \circ \sigma)|_0$  isomorphism) says this is locally invertible. So  $\Sigma$  is locally a graph, i.e. (ii) holds.

Moreover, if we let  $\phi := pr \circ \sigma$

$$B(p, \delta) \ni (x, y, z) \mapsto \phi^{-1}(x, y)$$

Here  $\phi^{-1} : W \rightarrow \Sigma$ . This is locally defined, smooth and open in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

**Example.** The unit sphere  $S^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  is  $f^{-1}(0)$  for

$$f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad (x, y, z) \mapsto x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 1$$

If  $p \in S^2, Df|_p \neq 0$ , so  $f$  is a smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

**Example.** Surfaces of revolution:

Let  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a smooth map with image in the  $xz$ -plane

$$\gamma(t) = (f(t), 0, g(t))$$

Assume  $\gamma$  is injective,  $\gamma'(t) \neq 0 \forall t$ ,  $f > 0$ . The associated surface of revolution has (allowable) parametrisation

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(u, v) &= (f(u) \cos v, f(u) \sin v, g(u)) \\ (u, v) &\in (a, b) \times (\theta, \theta + 2\pi) \quad v \in (0, 2\pi)\end{aligned}$$

Note

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_u &= (f_u \cos v, f_u \sin v, g_u) \\ (\sigma_v &= -f(u) \sin v, f(u) \cos v, 0)\end{aligned}$$

and  $\|\sigma_u + \sigma_v\| = f^2((f')^2 + (g')^2) \neq 0$

so  $D\sigma$  has rank 2 and  $\sigma$  is injective on given domain, so allowable diagram

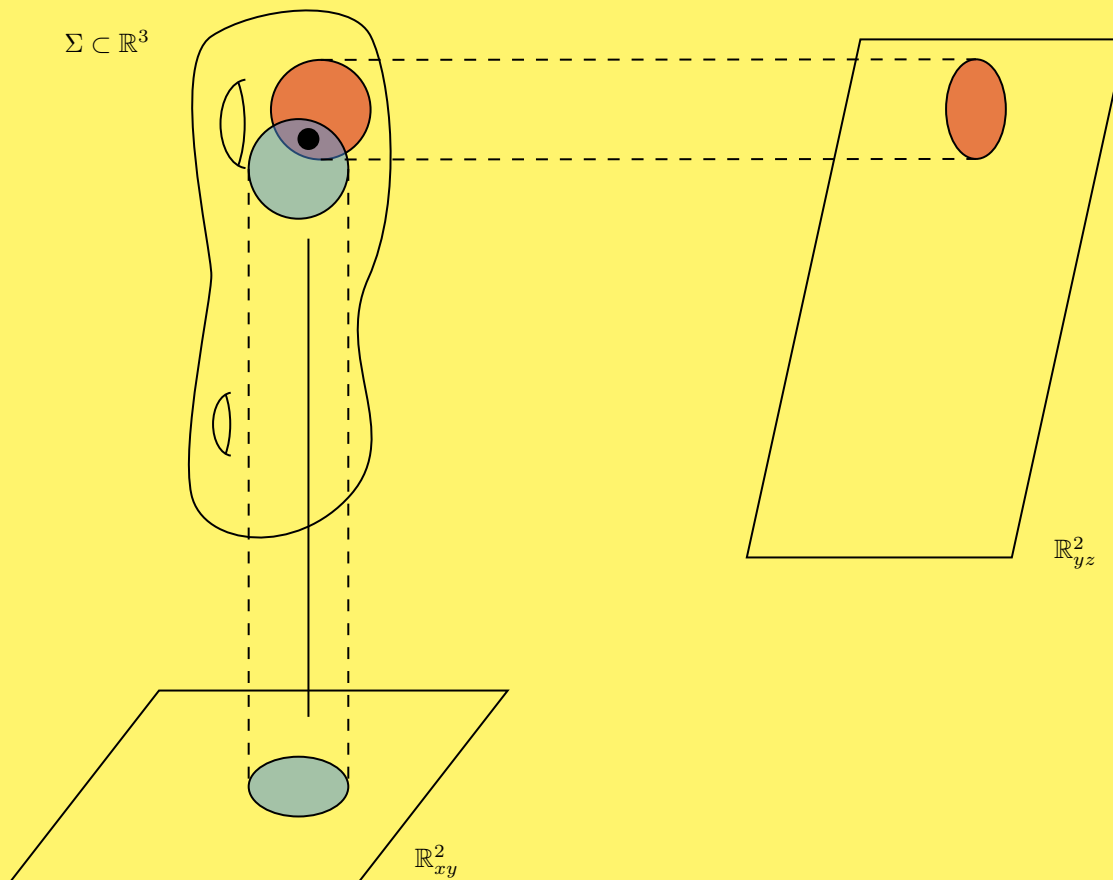
**Example.** The orthogonal group  $O(3)$  acts on  $S^2$  by diffeomorphisms

**Proof.**  $A \in O(3)$  defines an invertible linear (smooth) map  $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  preserving  $S^2$ , so induced map on  $S^2$  is a homeomorphism which is smooth in our definition. (globally so locally restriction of a smooth map).

Compare: action of Möb on  $\hat{\mathbb{C}} = \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$



**Remark.** (ii) above says that if  $\Sigma$  is a smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , each  $p \in \Sigma$  belongs to a chart  $(U, \varphi)$ , where  $\varphi$  is (the restriction of)  $\pi_{xy}, \pi_{yz}, \pi_{xz}$  from  $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  (co-ordinate plane projection)



The transition map

$$(x, y) \mapsto (x, y, g(x, y)) \mapsto (y, g(x, y))$$

has inverse

$$(y, z) = (h(y, z), y, z) \mapsto (h(y, z), y)$$

All the transition maps between such charts involve projection maps and the smooth maps involved in  $\Sigma$  as a graph. This gives  $\Sigma$  the structure of an abstract smooth surface

Our next goal is to prove the Theorem. The non-trivial work comes from the inverse function theorem and its friends

**Theorem** (Inverse function theorem). Let  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be continuously differentiable. Let  $p \in U$ ,  $f(p) = q$  and suppose  $Df|_p$  is invertible. Then there is an open neighbourhood  $V$  of  $q$  and a differentiable map

$$g : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, \quad g(q) = p$$

with image an open neighbourhood  $U' \subset U$  of  $p$ , s.y.  $f \circ g = \text{id}_V$ . If  $f$  is smooth, so is  $g$

**Remark.**  $Dg|_q = (Df|_p)^{-1}$  by Chain Rule.

Inverse function Theorem concerns  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  with  $Df|_p$ . If we have a map  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  where  $n > m$ , can ask about what to conclude if  $Df|_p$  onto?  $Df|_p = (\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j})_{n \times m}$  having full rank means, permuting co-ordinates if necessary, I can assume last  $m$  columns linearly independent

**Theorem** (Implicit function Theorem). Let  $p = (x_0, y_0) \in U \subset \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^l$  and a map  $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^l$  where  $p \mapsto 0$  with  $(\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial y_j})_{l \times l}$  is an isomorphism at  $p$ . Then there's an open neighbourhood  $x_0 \in V \subset \mathbb{R}^k$  and a continuously differentiable map  $g : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^l$ ,  $x_0 \mapsto y_0$  s.t. if  $(x, y) \in \cap(V \times \mathbb{R}^l)$ , then

$$f(x, y) = 0 \iff y = g(x)$$

Addendum: If  $f$  is smooth, so is  $g$

**Proof.** Introduce  $F : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^l$  with  $(x, y) \mapsto (x, f(x, y))$  then

$$DF = \begin{bmatrix} I & * \\ 0 & \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial y_j} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\circ DF|_{(x_0, y_0)}$  is isomorphism. So inverse function theorem says  $F$  is locally invertible near  $F(x_0, y_0) = (x_0, f(x_0, y_0)) = (x_0, 0)$ . Take a product open neighbourhood

$$(x_0, 0) \in V \times V' \quad V \subset \mathbb{R}^k, \quad 0 \in V' \subset \mathbb{R}^l$$

And the continuously differentiable inverse

$$G : V \times V' \rightarrow U' \subset U \subset \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^l$$

s.t.  $F \circ G = \text{id}_{V \times V'}$ . Write  $G(x, y) = (\varphi(x, y), \psi(x, y))$  then

$$\begin{aligned} F \circ G(x, y) &= (\varphi(x, y), f(\varphi(x, y), \psi(x, y))) \\ &= (x, y) \end{aligned}$$

So  $\varphi(x, y) = x$ . So  $G$  has form

$$(x, y) \mapsto (x, \psi(x, y))$$

And  $f(x, \psi(x, y)) = y$  when  $(x, y) \in V \times V'$  so  $f(x, y) = 0 \iff y = \psi(x, 0)$ . Define  $g : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^l$ ,  $x \mapsto \psi(x, 0) = y$  and this does what we want

**Example.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be smooth,  $f(x_0, y_0) = 0$  and suppose  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}|_{(x_0, y_0)} \neq 0$ . Then  $\exists$  smooth  $g : (x_0 - \varepsilon, x_0 + \varepsilon) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $g(x_0) = y_0$  s.t.

$$f(x, y) = 0 \iff y = g(x)$$

for  $(x, y)$  in some open neighbourhood of  $(x_0, y_0)$

Since  $f(x, g(x)) = 0$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \cdot g'(x) = 0$$

$$\implies g'(x) = -\frac{f_x}{f_y} \text{ noting } f_y \neq 0$$

(Idea: set  $f(x, y) = 0$  is “implicitly” described in  $g$ , a function for which we have an integral expression)

**Example.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be smooth

$$f(x_0, y_0, z_0) = 0$$

Let  $\Sigma = f^{-1}(0)$  and assume  $Df|_{(x_0, y_0, z_0)} \neq 0$ . Permuting coordinates if necessary,  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial z}|_{(x_0, y_0, z_0)} \neq 0$ . Then  $\exists$  an open neighbourhood  $(x_0, y_0) \in V \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  and a smooth  $g : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $(x_0, y_0) \mapsto z_0$  s.t. in open  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) \in U$ ,  $f^{-1}(0) \cap U = \Sigma \cap U = \text{Graph}(g)$  i.e. is  $\{(x, y, g(x, y)) : (x, y) \in V\}$

**Note.** If  $V, V'$  are open subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , and  $f : V \rightarrow V'$  a diffeomorphism, then at  $x \in V$ ,  $Df|_x \in GL(2, \mathbb{R})$ . Invertible as  $f$  is a diffeomorphism.

Let  $GL^+(2, \mathbb{R}) \leq GL(2, \mathbb{R})$  be the subgroup of matrices of positive determinant. We say  $f$  is orientation-preserving if  $Df|_x \in GL^+(2, \mathbb{R}) \forall x \in V$ .

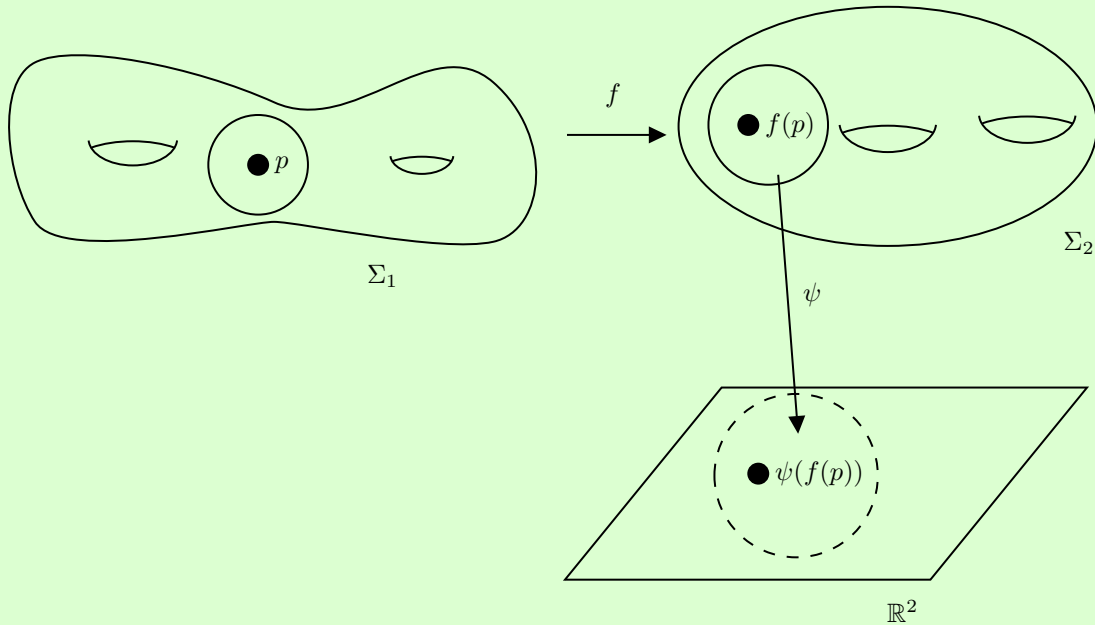
**Definition.** An abstract smooth surface  $\Sigma$  is **orientable** if it admits an atlas  $\{(U_i, \varphi_i) : \cup U_i = \Sigma\}$  s.t. the transition maps are orientation-preserving diffeomorphisms of open subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

A choice of such an atlas is an **orientation** of  $\Sigma$  and we say  $\Sigma$  is **oriented**

**Remark.** An oriented atlas (in this sense) belongs to a maximal compatible oriented smooth atlas

**Lemma.** If  $\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma_2$  are abstract smooth surfaces and they are diffeomorphic, then  $\Sigma_1$  is orientable if and only if  $\Sigma_2$  is orientable

**Proof.** Suppose  $f : \Sigma_1 \rightarrow \Sigma_2$  is a diffeomorphism and  $\Sigma_2$  is orientable and equipped with an oriented smooth atlas.

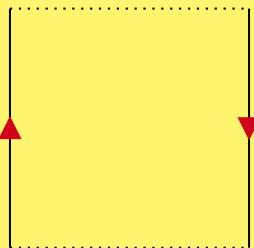


Let's consider the atlas on  $\Sigma_1$  of charts of form  $(f^{-1}U, \psi \circ f|_{f^{-1}U})$  where  $(U, \psi)$  is a chart at  $f(p)$  in our atlas for  $\Sigma_2$ . A transition map between 2 such is exactly a transition map in the  $\Sigma_2$  atlas. Put differently, if we already have a maximal smooth atlas, we already have for  $\Sigma_1$  (an abstract smooth surface), we'll allow  $(\tilde{U}, \tilde{\psi})$  exactly when for any chart  $(U, \psi)$  at  $f(p)$  in the  $\Sigma_2$  atlas, the map  $\psi \circ f \circ \tilde{\psi}^{-1}$  preserves orientation.

If the atlas on  $\Sigma_2$  was maximal as an oriented atlas, this recovers previous set of charts.

**Remarks.**

- (i) There's no really sensible classification of all smooth or topological surfaces, e.g.  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus Z$  for  $Z$  closed in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  realises uncountably many homeomorphism types (Hard Exercise).  
By contrast, compact smooth surfaces up to diffeomorphism are classified by (Euler characteristic, orientability)
- (ii) There is a definition of orientation-preserving homeomorphism, which needs Algebraic Topology  
The Möbius band is the surface



It turns out that an abstract smooth surface is orientable  $\iff$  it contains no subsurface homeomorphic to the Möbius band. So we say a topological surface is orientable  $\iff$  it contains no subsurface (open set) homeomorphic to a Möbius band, as an ad hoc definition

- (iii) We can get other structures on an abstract smooth surface by asking for a smooth atlas s.t. if  $\varphi_1\varphi_2^{-1}$  is one of our transition maps, then  $D(\varphi_1\varphi_2^{-1})|_x \in G \leq GL(2, \mathbb{R})$  e.g.  $G = \{e\}$  leads to “Euclidean surfaces” (or  $\{\pm I\}$ )
- (iv)  $G = GL(1, \mathbb{C}) \leq GL(2, \mathbb{R})$  is the theory of Riemann surfaces

**Examples.** (i) For  $S^2$  with the atlas of two stereographic projections, we computed the transition map

$$(u, v) \mapsto \left( \frac{u}{u^2 + v^2}, \frac{v}{u^2 + v^2} \right) \text{ on } \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$$

and (check) this is orientation-preserving

- (ii) For  $T^2$ , we exhibited an atlas s.t. all the transition maps were translations of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (restricted to small open discs)

We want to investigate orientability for surfaces in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Recall an affine subspace of a vector space is a translate of a linear subspace

**Definition.** Let  $\Sigma$  be a smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $p \in \Sigma$ . Fix an allowable parametrisation

$$\sigma : V \rightarrow U \subset \Sigma \quad 0 \mapsto p \in U$$

where  $V$  an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Then the **tangent plane**  $T_p$  of  $\Sigma$  at  $p$  is  $\text{image}(D\sigma)_0 \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ , a 2d vector subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . The **affine tangent plane** of  $\Sigma$  at  $p$  is  $p + T_p\Sigma \subset \mathbb{R}^3$

**Lemma.**  $T_p\Sigma$  is well-defined, i.e. independent of the choice of allowable parametrisation near  $p$

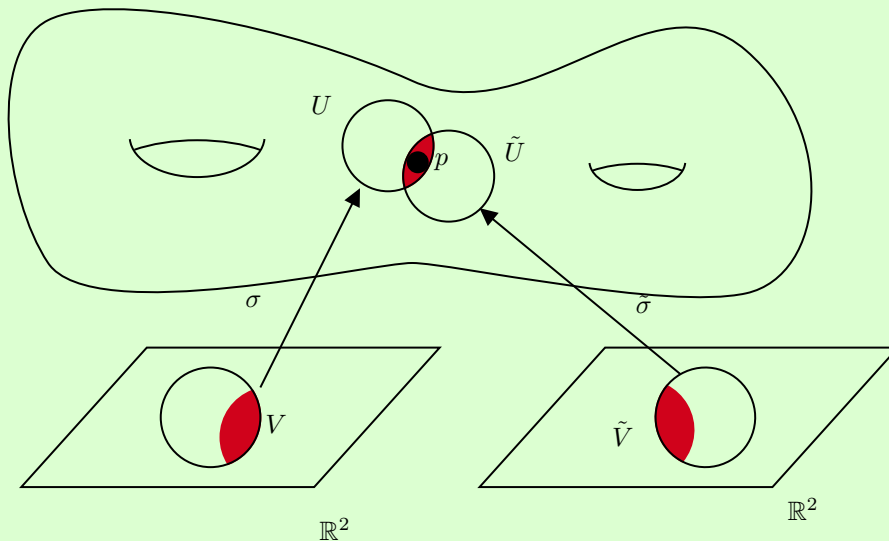
**Proof.** (i) If

$$\sigma : V \rightarrow U \subset \Sigma \quad \sigma(0) = p$$

$$\tilde{\sigma} : \tilde{V} \rightarrow \tilde{U} \subset \Sigma \quad \tilde{\sigma}(0) = p$$

are two allowable parametrisations, near  $p$

$\Sigma$



There's a transition map  $\sigma^{-1} \circ \tilde{\sigma}$  is a diffeomorphism of open sets in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . This means we can write

$$\tilde{\sigma} = \sigma \circ (\sigma^{-1} \circ \tilde{\sigma})$$

where  $\sigma^{-1} \circ \tilde{\sigma}$  a diffeomorphism so  $D(\sigma^{-1} \circ \tilde{\sigma})|_0$  is an isomorphism. This means  $\text{image}(D\tilde{\sigma}|_0)$  and  $\text{image}(D\sigma|_0)$  agree

- (ii) Let  $\gamma : (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \Sigma$  be a smooth map s.t.  $\gamma$  has image inside  $\Sigma$  and  $\gamma(0) = p$ . Then we claim  $\gamma'(0) \in T_p\Sigma$ . Well, if  $\sigma : V \rightarrow U \subset \Sigma$  is our allowable parametrisation near  $p$ , and  $\varepsilon$  is small enough so  $\text{image}(\gamma) \subset U \subset \Sigma$ , then we can write

$$\gamma(t) = \sigma(u(t), v(t))$$

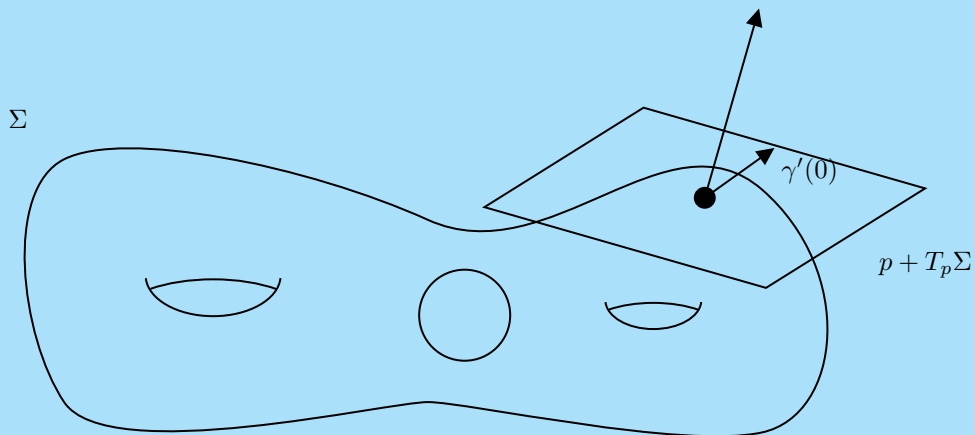
for smooth functions,  $u, v : (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow V$ . Then

$$\gamma'(t) = \sigma_u \cdot u'(t) + \sigma_v \cdot v'(t) \in \text{image}(D\sigma)$$

This exhibits

$$T_p\Sigma = \mathbb{R}\{\gamma'(0) : \gamma \text{ is a smooth curve as above}\}$$

**Definition.** If  $\Sigma$  is a smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , and  $p \in \Sigma$ , the **normal direction** to  $\Sigma$  at  $p$  is just  $(T_p\Sigma)^\perp$  (the Euclidean orthogonal complement to  $T_p\Sigma$  w.r.t.  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{eucl}$ )  
 So at each  $p \in \Sigma$ , there are two unit normal vectors



Affine tangent plane is the “best linear approximation” to  $\Sigma$  at  $p$

**Definition.** A smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is **two-sided** if it admits a continuous global choice of unit normal vector

**Lemma.** A smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is orientable with its abstract smooth surface structure if and only if it is two-sided

**Proof.** Let  $\sigma : V \rightarrow U \subset \Sigma$  be an allowable parametrisation for  $U \subset \Sigma$  and say  $\sigma(0) = p$  ( $V, U$  open). Define the positive unit normal w.r.t.  $\sigma$  at  $p$  to be the normal  $n_\sigma(p)$  s.t.

$$\{\sigma_u, \sigma_v, n_\sigma(p)\} \text{ and } \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$$

are related by a positive determinant change of basis matrix, where  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  is the standard basis. Explicitly

$$n_\sigma(p) = \frac{\sigma_u \times \sigma_v}{\|\sigma_u \times \sigma_v\|}$$

If  $\tilde{\sigma}$  is another allowable parametrisation  $\tilde{\sigma} : \tilde{V} \rightarrow \tilde{U} \subset \Sigma$ ,  $0 \mapsto p$  and suppose  $\Sigma$  is orientable as an abstract surface and  $\tilde{\sigma}$  belongs to the same oriented smooth atlas. So

$$\sigma = \tilde{\sigma} \circ \varphi$$

with  $\varphi = \tilde{\sigma}^{-1} \circ \sigma$ . Write  $D\varphi|_0 = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{bmatrix}$ . Chain rule says

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_u &= \alpha \tilde{\sigma}_u + \gamma \tilde{\sigma}_v \\ \sigma_v &= \beta \tilde{\sigma}_u + \delta \tilde{\sigma}_v \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\sigma_u \times \sigma_v = \underbrace{\det(D\varphi|_0)}_{>0} \cdot \tilde{\sigma}_u \times \tilde{\sigma}_v \quad (\dagger)$$

. Determinant  $> 0$  as  $\sigma, \tilde{\sigma}$  belong to the same oriented atlas. So the positive unit normal at  $p$  was intrinsic; it depends on the orientation of  $\Sigma$  but not the choice of allowable parametrisation in the oriented atlas. And the expression  $\sigma_u \times \sigma_v / \|\sigma_u \times \sigma_v\|$  is continuous, so  $\Sigma$  is 2-sided.

Conversely, if  $\Sigma$  is 2-sided and we have a continuous choice of normal vector, we can consider the subatlas of the natural smooth atlas s.t. allow a chart  $(U, \varphi)$  if the associated parametrisation  $\varphi^{-1} = \sigma$  has  $\{\sigma_u, \sigma_v, n\}$  is a positive basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Same  $(\dagger)$  shows transition maps between such charts are orientation-preserving. So  $\Sigma$  is orientable.

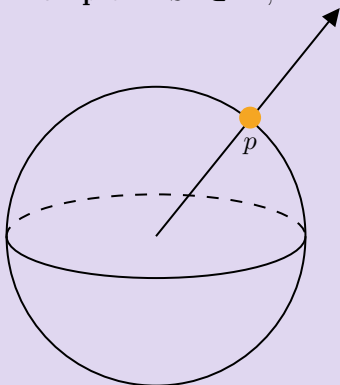
**Lemma.** If  $\Sigma$  is a smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $A : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is a smooth map preserving  $\Sigma$  setwise, then  $DA|_p : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  sends  $T_p\Sigma$  to  $T_{A(p)}\Sigma$  whenever  $p \in \Sigma$ .

Suppose  $\gamma : (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is a smooth map s.t.  $\text{image}(\gamma) \subset \Sigma$  and  $\gamma(0) = p$ . (Recall  $T_p\Sigma$  is spanned by  $\gamma'(0)$  for such  $\gamma$ .) Now  $A \circ \gamma : (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  also has image in  $\Sigma$  and

$$\begin{aligned} DA|_{\gamma(0)} \circ D\gamma|_0 &= DA|_p \underbrace{(\gamma'(0))}_{\in T_p\Sigma} \\ &= \underbrace{D(A \circ \gamma)|_0}_{\in T_{A(p)}\Sigma} \end{aligned}$$

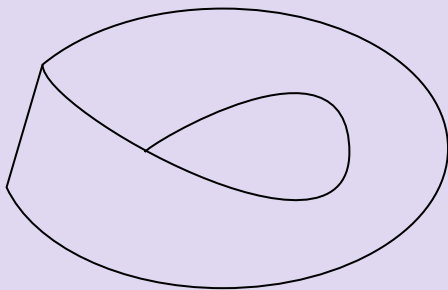


**Example.** If  $S^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ ,

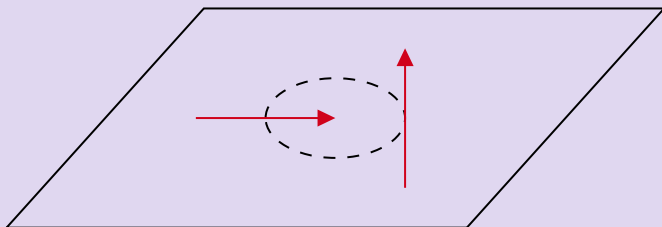


Then the normal line  $(T_p \Sigma)^\perp = (T_p S^2)^\perp = \mathbb{R}\langle p \rangle$  is the line through  $p$ . (Since  $SO_3$  acts transitively on  $S^2$ , check this at the north pole.) So there is at each point an outwards-pointing normal  $n(p)$  (s.t.  $p \notin \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} n(0) + p$ ). So  $S^2$  is 2-sided, and so orientable

**Example** (A Möbius band). Let  $\sigma(t, \theta) = ((1 - t \sin \theta/2) \cos \theta, (1 - t \sin \theta/2) \sin \theta, t \cos \theta/2)$  where  $(t, \theta) \in V_1 = \{t \in (-1/2, 1/2), \theta \in (0, 2\pi)\}$  or  $V_2 = \{t \in (-1/2, 1/2), \theta \in (-\pi, \pi)\}$



We start with the unit circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  in the  $xy$ -plane ( $t = 0$ ), and take an open interval of length 1, and this line rotates as you move around the circle s.t. has rotated by  $\theta/2$  at point  $\theta$



Check: if  $\sigma_i$  is  $\sigma$  on  $V_i$  then  $\sigma_i$  is allowable (smooth, injective,  $D\sigma_i$  injective)

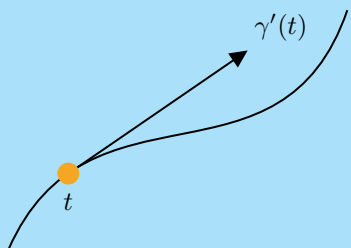
Also:  $\sigma_t \times \sigma_\theta = (-\cos \theta \cos \theta/2, -\sin \theta \cos \theta/2, -\sin \theta/2) =: n_\theta$  (already unit length).

As  $\theta \rightarrow 0^+$ ,  $n_\theta \rightarrow (-1, 0, 0)$ , as  $\theta \rightarrow 2\pi^-$ ,  $n_\theta \rightarrow (+1, 0, 0)$  and so this surface is not 2-sided

## 1 Geometry of Surfaces in $\mathbb{R}^3$ - Length, Area and Curvature

## 1.1 Length

**Definition.** Let  $\gamma : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  smooth.



The **length** of  $\gamma$  is:

$$L(\gamma) := \int_a^b \|\gamma'(t)\| dt$$

**Note.** If  $s : (A, B) \rightarrow (a, b)$  is monotone increasing, and let  $\tau(t) = \gamma(s(t))$ , then

$$L(\tau) = \int_A^B \|\tau'(t)\| dt = \int_A^B \|\gamma(s(t))\| \underbrace{|s'(t)|}_{\geq 0} dt = L(\gamma)$$

**Lemma.** If  $\gamma : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is continuously differentiable and  $\gamma'(t) \neq 0 \forall t$ , then  $\gamma$  can be parametrised by arc-length (i.e. in a parameter  $s$  s.t.  $|\gamma'(s)| = 1 \forall s$ )

**Proof.** Exercise.

Let  $\Sigma$  be a smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and let  $\sigma : V \rightarrow U \subset \Sigma$  allowable. If  $\gamma : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is smooth and has image  $\subset U$  then  $\exists u(t), v(t) : (a, b) \rightarrow V$  s.t.  $\gamma(t) = \sigma(u(t), v(t))$

$$\implies \gamma'(t) = \sigma_u u'(t) + \sigma_v v'(t)$$

$$\implies \|\gamma'(t)\|^2 = Eu'(t)^2 + 2Fu'(t)v'(t) + Gv'(t)^2$$

where

$$E = \langle \sigma_u, \sigma_u \rangle = \|\sigma_u\|^2$$

$$F = \langle \sigma_u, \sigma_v \rangle = \langle \sigma_v, \sigma_u \rangle$$

$$G = \langle \sigma_v, \sigma_v \rangle = \|\sigma_v\|^2$$

are smooth functions on  $V$ , and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is usual Euclidean inner product. Note  $E, F, G$  depend only on  $\sigma$ , NOT on  $\gamma$

**Definition.** The **first fundamental form** (FFF) of  $\Sigma$  in the parametrisation of  $\sigma$  is the expression

$$E du^2 + 2F du dv + G dv^2$$

The notation is designed to remind you that if  $\gamma : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  lands in  $\sigma(V) = U \subset \Sigma$ , then

$$\text{length}(\gamma) = \int_a^b \sqrt{Eu'(t)^2 + 2Fu'(t)v'(t) + Gv'(t)^2} dt$$

where  $\gamma(t) = \sigma(u(t), v(t))$

**Remark.** Really, the Euclidean inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  gives me an inner product on  $T_p\Sigma \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ . If we pick a parametrisation  $\sigma$ ,  $T_p\Sigma = \text{image}(D\sigma|_p) = \langle \sigma_u, \sigma_v \rangle_{\mathbb{R}} \text{span}$ . FFF is a symmetric bilinear form on  $T_p\Sigma$  (varying smoothly in  $p$ ) expressed in a basis coming from the parametrisation  $\sigma$ , so it is often helpful to consider  $\begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{bmatrix}$

**Example.** (i) The plane  $\mathbb{R}_{xy}^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  has parametrisation  $\sigma(u, v) = (u, v, 0)$  so  $\sigma_u = (1, 0, 0); \sigma_v = (0, 1, 0)$ , FFF:  $du^2 + dv^2$   
(ii) Or in polar coordinates  $\sigma(r, \theta) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, 0)$  for  $r \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $\theta \in (0, 2\pi)$ . Now  $\sigma_r = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta, 0)$  and  $\sigma_\theta = (-r \sin \theta, r \cos \theta, 0)$  and FFF  $dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2$

**Definition.** Let  $\Sigma, \Sigma'$  be smooth surfaces in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . We say  $\Sigma$  and  $\Sigma'$  are **isometric** if there is a diffeomorphism

$$f : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma'$$

s.t. for every smooth curve  $\gamma : (a, b) \rightarrow \Sigma$

$$\text{length}_\Sigma(\gamma) = \text{length}_{\Sigma'}(f \circ \gamma)$$

**Example.** If  $\Sigma' = f(\Sigma)$  where  $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is a “rigid motion”, i.e.

$$f : v \mapsto Av + b, \quad A \in O(3), \quad b \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

(so  $f$  preserves  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\text{eucl}}$  on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ), then  $f : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma'$  is an isometry

**Note.** In the definition, importantly,  $f$  is only a priori defined on  $\Sigma$ , not all of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Often, we are really interested in a local statement.

**Definition.** We say  $\Sigma, \Sigma'$  are **locally isomorphic** (near point  $p \in \Sigma$  and  $q \in \Sigma'$ ) if  $\exists$  open neighbourhoods  $p \in U \subset \Sigma$  and  $q \in U' \subset \Sigma'$  which are isometric

**Lemma.** Smooth surfaces  $\Sigma, \Sigma'$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  are locally isometric near  $p \in \Sigma$  and  $q \in \Sigma'$  if and only if there exist allowable parametrisations

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma &: V \rightarrow U \subset \Sigma \\ \sigma' &: V \rightarrow U' \subset \Sigma'\end{aligned}$$

with  $p \in U, q \in U'$ , for which the FFF's are equivalent (equal as functions on  $V$ )

**Proof.** We know (by definition) that the FFF of  $\sigma$  determines lengths of all curves on  $\Sigma$  inside  $\sigma(V) = U$ .

We will show lengths of curves determine the FFF of a parametrisation.

Given  $\sigma : V \rightarrow U \subset \Sigma$ , w.l.o.g.  $V = B(0, \delta)$  for some  $\delta > 0$ , with  $\sigma(0) = p$ , and consider

$$\gamma_\varepsilon : [0, \varepsilon] \rightarrow U \subset \Sigma, \quad \varepsilon < \delta, \quad t \mapsto \sigma(t, 0)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{d\varepsilon} L(\gamma_\varepsilon) &= \frac{d}{d\varepsilon} \int_0^\varepsilon \sqrt{E(t, 0)} dt \\ &= \sqrt{E(\varepsilon, 0)}\end{aligned}$$

so  $\left. \frac{d}{d\varepsilon} \right|_{\varepsilon=0} L(\gamma_\varepsilon) = \sqrt{E(0, \varepsilon)}$  so lengths of curves  $\gamma_\varepsilon$  determine  $E$  at  $p$ .

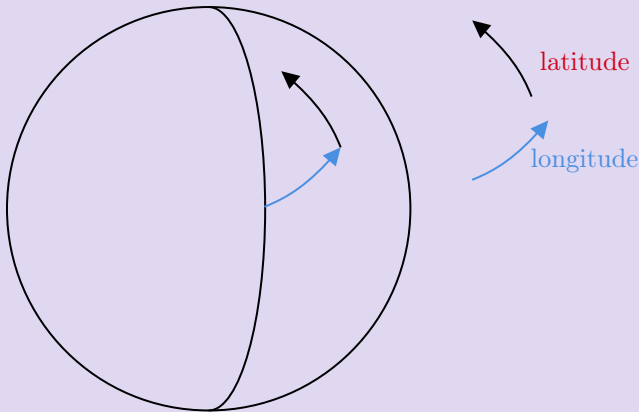
Analogously  $\chi_\varepsilon : [0, \varepsilon] \rightarrow \Sigma, t \mapsto \sigma'(0, t)$  and we find their lengths determine  $\sqrt{E(0, \varepsilon)}$  then  $\lambda_\varepsilon : [0, \varepsilon] \rightarrow \Sigma, t \mapsto \sigma(t, t)$  determines  $\sqrt{(E = 2F + g)(0, 0)}$ , so (knowing  $E, G$ ) we get  $F$

**Examples.** (i) The sphere  $\{x^2+y^2+z^2 = a^2\} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  has an open set with allowable parametrisation

$$\sigma(u, v) = (a \cos u \cos v, a \cos u \sin v, a \sin u)$$

$$u = \text{latitude} = (-\pi, \pi)$$

$$v = \text{longitude} = (0, 2\pi)$$



(parametrises the complement of a 1/2 great circle)

$$\sigma_u = (-a \sin u \cos v, -a \sin u \sin v, a \cos u)$$

$$\sigma_v = (-a \cos u \sin v, a \cos u \cos v, 0)$$

$$E = \sigma_u \cdot \sigma_u = a^2, \quad F = 0, \quad G = a^2 \cos^2 u$$

FFF:  $a^2 du^2 + a^2 \cos^2(u) dv^2$

(ii) Surface of revolution: take  $q(t) = (f(t), 0, g(t))$  in  $xz$ -plane and rotate about  $z$ -axis

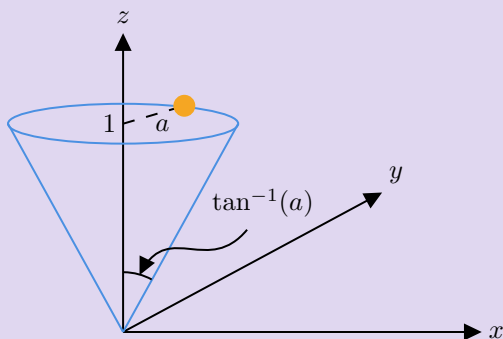
$$\sigma(u, v) = (f(u) \cos v, f(u) \sin v, g(u))$$

$$\sigma_u = (f_u \cos v, f_u \sin v, g_u)$$

$$\sigma_v = (-f \sin v, f \cos v, 0)$$

FFF:  $(f_u^2 + g_u^2) du^2 + f^2 dv^2$

Examples (continued). (iii) Cone:



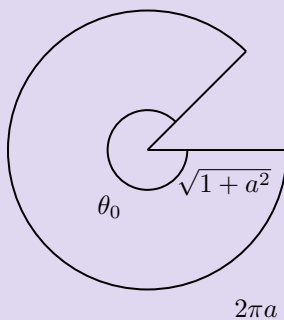
For  $u > 0$  and  $v \in (0, 2\pi)$

$$\sigma(u, v) = (au \cos v, au \sin v, u)$$

parametrises complement of one line on the cone

$$\text{FFF: } (1 + a^2) du^2 + a^2 u^2 dv^2$$

If we cut open the cone and unfold it, we get a plane sector:



$$\theta_0 = \frac{2\pi a}{\sqrt{1+a^2}}$$

Parametrise this plane sector by

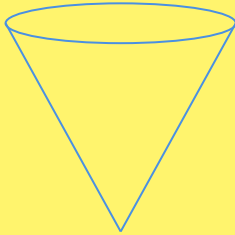
$$\sigma(r, \theta) = \left( \sqrt{1+a^2} r \cos\left(\frac{a\theta}{\sqrt{1+a^2}}\right), \sqrt{1+a^2} r \sin\left(\frac{a\theta}{\sqrt{1+a^2}}\right), 0 \right)$$

$r > 0, \theta \in (0, \theta_0)$ . We can check that we have:

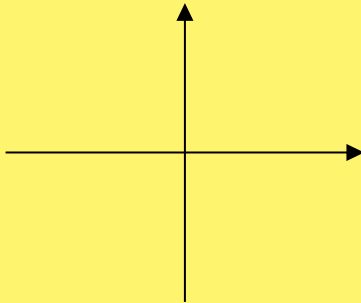
$$\text{FFF: } (1 + a^2) dr^2 + r^2 a^2 d\theta^2$$

So the cone is locally isometric to the plane

**Note.** The cone

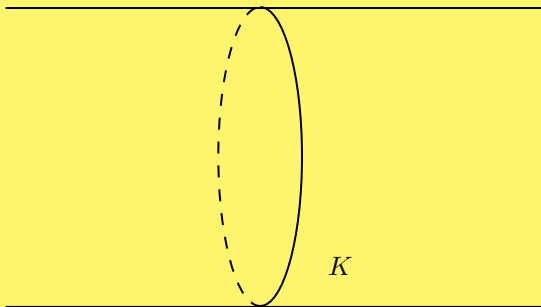


and the plane



cannot be globally isometric, since these two spaces are not homeomorphic

(The cone  $\cong_{C^0} S^1 \times \mathbb{R}$ , in the plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , every compact set  $K$  lies inside a larger compact set  $K' = \overline{V(0, N)}$   $N \gg 0$ , s.t.  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus K'$  is connected. But on  $S^1 \times \mathbb{R}$



for any compact  $K' \supset K$ ,  $(S^1 \times \mathbb{R}) \setminus K'$  is disconnected)

Let  $\Sigma$  be a smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $p \in \Sigma$ , and take two allowable parametrisations near  $p$

$$\sigma : V \rightarrow U \subset \Sigma, \quad \sigma(0) = p$$

$$\tilde{\sigma} : \tilde{V} \rightarrow U \subset \Sigma, \quad \tilde{\sigma}(0) = p$$

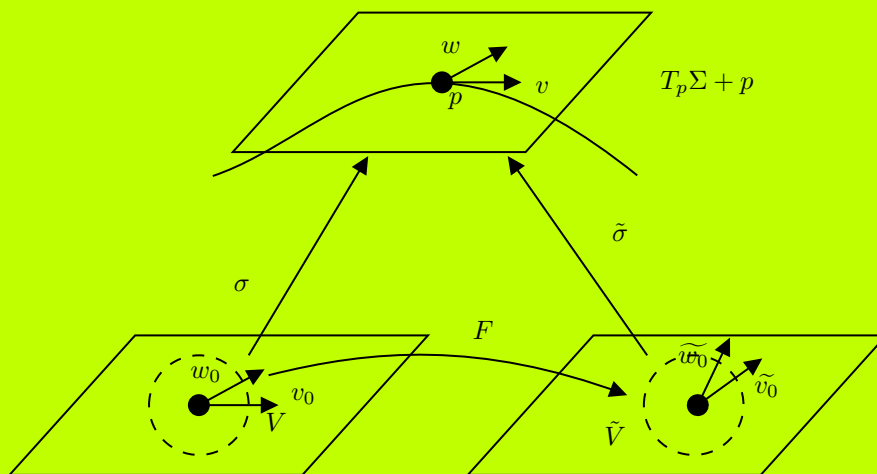
We have a transition map  $F = \tilde{\sigma}^{-1} \circ \sigma : V \rightarrow \tilde{V}$  (diffeomorphism) of open sets of  $\mathbb{R}^2$

We have FFFs

$$\begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{bmatrix} \text{ for } \sigma, \quad \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{E} & \tilde{F} \\ \tilde{F} & \tilde{G} \end{bmatrix} \text{ for } \tilde{\sigma}$$

**Lemma.**

$$\begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{bmatrix} = (DF)^T \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{E} & \tilde{F} \\ \tilde{F} & \tilde{G} \end{bmatrix} DF$$



$$D\sigma : v_0 \mapsto v, w_0 \mapsto w$$

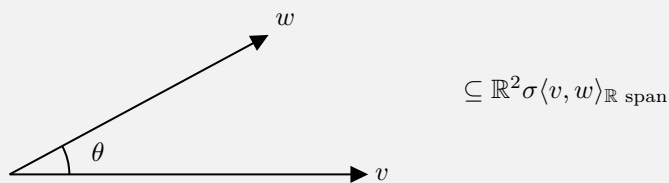
**Proof.**

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_u \sigma_u & \sigma_u \sigma_v \\ \sigma_v \sigma_u & \sigma_v \sigma_v \end{bmatrix} \\ &= (D\sigma)^T D\sigma \end{aligned}$$

Now  $\sigma = \tilde{\sigma} \circ F$  and result follows

**Remark.** Later, we will define “FFF” (called abstract Riemannian metrics) on abstract smooth surfaces by making local definitions on charts and insisting they transform in this way

If  $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^3, v \cdot w = |v||w| \cos \theta$



Considering  $v, w \in T_p \Sigma, \cos \theta = \frac{v \cdot w}{|v||w|}$ . If we have an allowable parametrisation  $\sigma$  for  $\Sigma$  near  $p$  and  $D\sigma|_0(v_0) = v, \sigma(0) = p$ , and  $D\sigma|_0(w_0) = w$  then

$$\cos \theta = \frac{I(v_0, w_0)}{\sqrt{I(v_0, w_0)} \sqrt{I(w_0, v_0)}}$$

where  $I$  denotes the FFF of  $\sigma$  at 0 (so  $I(v_0, w_0) = v_0^T \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{bmatrix} w_0$ )



**Lemma.** If  $\Sigma$  is a smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\sigma : V \rightarrow U \subset \Sigma$  is an allowable parametrisation, then  $\sigma$  is conformal (preserves angles) exactly when  $E = G$ ,  $F = 0$

**Proof.** Consider curves

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma &: t \mapsto (u(t), v(t)) \text{ in } V \\ \tilde{\gamma} &: t \mapsto (\tilde{u}(t), \tilde{v}(t))\end{aligned}$$

with  $\gamma(0) = \tilde{\gamma}(0) = 0 \in V$  and

$$\sigma : V \rightarrow U \subset \Sigma \text{ s.t. } \sigma(0) = p \in \Sigma$$

Then the curves  $\sigma \circ \gamma$  and  $\sigma \circ \tilde{\gamma}$  meet at angle  $\theta$  on  $\Sigma$ , where

$$\cos \theta = \frac{E\dot{u}\dot{\tilde{u}} + F(\dot{u}\dot{\tilde{v}} + \dot{v}\dot{\tilde{u}}) + G(\dot{v}\dot{\tilde{v}})}{(E\dot{u}^2 + F\dot{u}\dot{v} + G\dot{v}^2)^{1/2}(E\dot{\tilde{u}}^2 + 2F\dot{\tilde{u}}\dot{\tilde{v}} + G\dot{\tilde{v}}^2)^{1/2}}$$

If  $\sigma$  is conformal and  $\gamma(t) = (t, 0)$ ,  $\tilde{\gamma}(t) = (0, t)$ , meeting at  $\pi/2$  in  $V$ , they meet at  $\pi/2$  on  $\Sigma$ , and then  $F = 0$ .

Similarly, if  $\gamma(t) = (t, t)$  and  $\tilde{\gamma}(t) = (t, -t)$  these are orthogonal in  $V$ , so images are orthogonal on  $\Sigma$ , and then  $E = G$ .

Conversely, if  $\sigma$  is s.t.

$$E = G \text{ and } F = 0$$

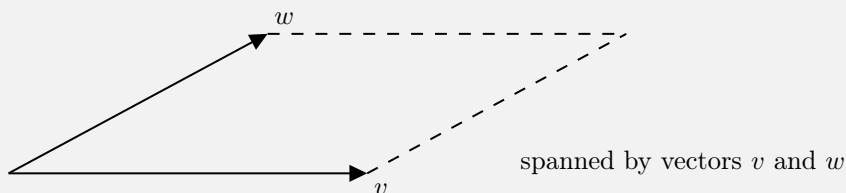
then wrt  $\sigma$ , the FFF of  $\Sigma$  is of the form  $\rho(du^2 + dv^2)$  for  $\rho(= E) : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a smooth function. i.e. the FFF is a pointwise rescaling of the Euclidean fundamental form  $du^2 + dv^2$ . But rescaling doesn't change angles

**Remarks.**

- (i) Historically important for maps, cf ES2
- (ii) Existence of conformal charts is closely connected to “Riemann surfaces”, topological surfaces locally modelled on  $\mathbb{C}$

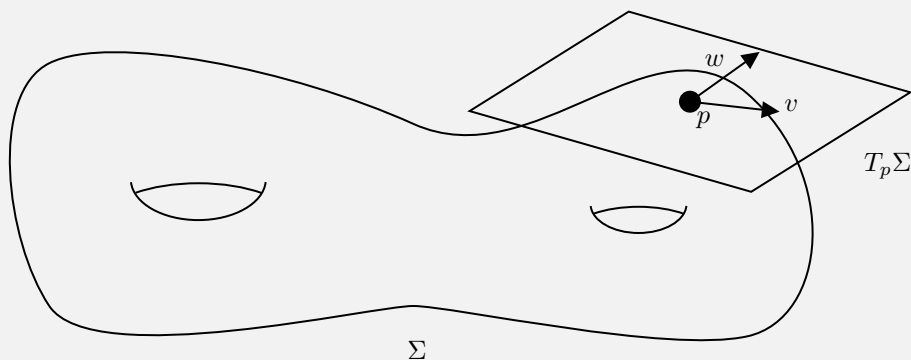
## 1.2 Area

Recall a parallelogram



has area

$$(\langle v \times w, v \times w \rangle)^{1/2} = (\langle v, v \rangle \langle w, w \rangle - \langle v, w \rangle^2)^{1/2}$$



Suppose we have an allowable parametrisation

$$\sigma : V \rightarrow U \subset \Sigma, \quad \sigma(0) = p$$

and consider  $\sigma_u, \sigma_v \in T_p \Sigma$ . These span a parallelogram in  $T_p \Sigma$  which we think of as an “infinitesimal” parallelogram on  $\Sigma$  of area

$$(\langle \sigma_u, \sigma_u \rangle \langle \sigma_v, \sigma_v \rangle - \langle \sigma_u, \sigma_v \rangle^2)^{1/2} = \sqrt{EG - F^2}$$

**Definition.** Let  $\Sigma$  be a smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\sigma : V \rightarrow U \subset \Sigma$  allowable. Then  $\text{Area}(U) = \int_V \sqrt{EG - F^2} \, du \, dv$

**Note.** Suppose  $\sigma : V \rightarrow U$ ,  $\tilde{\sigma} : \tilde{V} \rightarrow U$  are both allowable. So  $\tilde{\sigma} = \sigma \circ \varphi$ ,  $\varphi = \sigma^{-1} \circ \tilde{\sigma}$  transition map and

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{E} & \tilde{F} \\ \tilde{F} & \tilde{G} \end{bmatrix} = (D\tilde{\sigma})^T D\tilde{\sigma} = (D\varphi)^T \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{bmatrix} D\varphi$$

So

$$\sqrt{\tilde{E}\tilde{G} - \tilde{F}^2} = |\det(D\varphi)| \cdot \sqrt{EG - F^2}$$

Now the change-of-variables formula for integration, and fact that  $\varphi : \tilde{V} \rightarrow V$  is a diffeomorphism, shows

$$\int_{\tilde{V}} \sqrt{\tilde{E}\tilde{G} - \tilde{F}^2} \, d\tilde{u} \, d\tilde{v} = \int_V \sqrt{EG - F^2} \, du \, dv$$

So  $\text{Area}(U)$  is intrinsic and well-defined.

ALSO: we can compute  $\text{area}(U)$  for any open  $U \subset \Sigma$ , not necessarily lying in a single parametrisation, by covering it in pieces which do lie in sets  $\sigma(V)$ .

**Example.** Consider a graph

$$\Sigma = \{(u, v, f(u, v)) : (u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2, f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ smooth}\}$$

We take the obvious parametrisation

$$\sigma : (u, v) \mapsto (u, v, f(u, v))$$

$$\sigma_u = (1, 0, f_u)$$

$$\sigma_v = (0, 1, f_v)$$

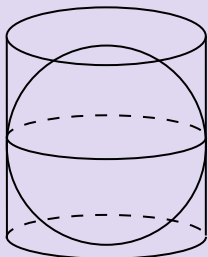
and  $\sqrt{EG - F^2} = \sqrt{1 + f_u^2 + f_v^2}$ .

If  $U_R \subset \Sigma$  is part of the graph lying over  $B(0, R) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area}(U_R) &= \int_{B(0, R)} \sqrt{1 + f_u^2 + f_v^2} \, du^2 \, dv^2 \\ &\geq \pi R^2 \end{aligned}$$

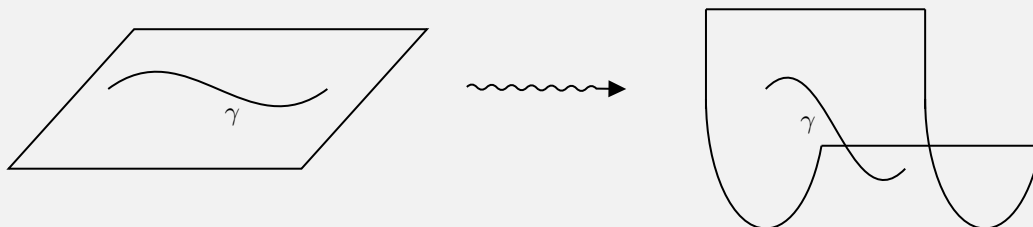
With equality only when  $f_u = 0 = f_v$  throughout  $B(0, R)$  i.e. only when  $U_R \leq$  plane ( $z = \text{const.}$ )  
So projection from  $\Sigma$  to  $\mathbb{R}_{xy}^2$  is not area preserving unless  $\Sigma$  is plane parallel to  $\mathbb{R}_{xy}^2$

**Example.** Contrast above with the following (Archimedes)



The radial projection from  $S^2$  to the cylinder is area-preserving. (cf ES2)

Take a plane and bend it:



This won't change lengths and areas, but we clearly change the way the surface sits in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . We measure that change by considering how  $\Sigma$  deviated from its own tangent planes.

Let  $\sigma : V \rightarrow U \subset \Sigma$  be allowable. Use Taylor's theorem

$$\sigma(u+h, v+l) = \sigma(u, v) + h\sigma_u(u, v) + l\sigma_v(u, v) + \frac{1}{2}(h^2\sigma_{uu}(u, v) + 2hl\sigma_{uv}(u, v) + l^2\sigma_{vv}(u, v)) + O(h^3, l^3)$$

where  $h, l$  are small so  $(u, v)$  and  $(u+h, v+l) \in V$ .

Recall, if  $p = \sigma(u, v)$

$$T_p\Sigma = \langle \sigma_u, \sigma_v \rangle$$

So the distance from  $\sigma(u+h, v+l)$  to  $T_p\Sigma + p$ , measured orthogonally, is given by projection to the normal direction:

$$\langle n, \sigma(u+h, v+l) - \sigma(u, v) \rangle = \frac{1}{2}(h^2\langle n, \sigma_{uu} \rangle + 2hl\langle n, \sigma_{uv} \rangle + l^2\langle n, \sigma_{vv} \rangle) + O(h^3, l^3)$$

**Definition.** The **second fundamental form** of the smooth surface  $\Sigma$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  in the allowable parametrisation  $\sigma$  is the quadratic form

$$L du^2 + 2M du dv + N dv^2$$

where

$$L = \langle n, \sigma_{uu} \rangle$$

$$M = \langle n, \sigma_{uv} \rangle$$

$$N = \langle n, \sigma_{vv} \rangle$$

where (as usual)  $n = \frac{\sigma_u \times \sigma_v}{\|\sigma_u \times \sigma_v\|}$  the positive unit normal

**Note.** Again,  $\begin{bmatrix} L & M \\ M & N \end{bmatrix}$  defines a quadratic form on  $T_p\Sigma$ , varying smoothly in  $p$

**Lemma.** Let  $V$  be connected and  $\sigma : V \rightarrow U \subset \Sigma$  an allowable parametrisation s.t. 2nd FF vanishes identically w.r.t.  $\sigma$ . Then  $U$  lies in an affine plane  $\mathbb{R}^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^3$

**Proof.** Recall

$$\begin{aligned}\langle n, \sigma_u \rangle &= 0 = \langle n, \sigma_v \rangle \\ \implies \langle n_u, \sigma_u \rangle + \langle n, \sigma_{uu} \rangle &= 0 \\ \langle n_v, \sigma_v \rangle + \langle n, \sigma_{vv} \rangle &= 0 \\ \langle n_v, \sigma_u \rangle + \langle n, \sigma_{uv} \rangle &= 0\end{aligned}$$

So in the second fundamental form

$$\begin{aligned}L &= \langle n, \sigma_{uu} \rangle = -\langle n_u, \sigma_v \rangle \\ M &= \langle n, \sigma_{uv} \rangle = -\langle n_v, \sigma_u \rangle = -\langle n_u, \sigma_v \rangle \\ N &= \langle n, \sigma_{vv} \rangle = -\langle n_v, \sigma_v \rangle\end{aligned}$$

So if 2nd FF vanishes then  $n_u$  is orthogonal to  $\sigma_u, \sigma_v$  and  $\langle n, n \rangle = 1 \implies \langle n, n_u \rangle = 0 \implies n_u$  orthogonal to  $n$ .

So  $n_u$  orthogonal to  $\{\sigma_u, \sigma_v, n\} \implies n_u \equiv 0$  and similarly  $n_v \equiv 0$ , so  $n$  is constant by MVT. So  $U$  is constrained in the affine hyperplane  $\{\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{n} = \text{constant}\}$

**Remark.** Recall the FFF is a non-degenerate symmetric bilinear form on  $T_p\Sigma$ . Contrast with 2nd FF

**Remark.** The FFF in parametrisation  $\sigma$  was

$$(D\sigma)^T D\sigma \cdot \begin{bmatrix} E & G \\ F & G \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_u \cdot \sigma_v & \sigma_u \sigma_v \\ \sigma_v \sigma_u & \sigma_v \sigma_v \end{bmatrix}$$

Analogously the 2nd FF

$$(Dn)^T D\sigma = \begin{bmatrix} L & M \\ M & N \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} n_u \cdot \sigma_u & n_u \cdot \sigma_v \\ n_v \cdot \sigma_u & n_v \cdot \sigma_v \end{bmatrix}$$

(using the alternative expressions for  $L, M, N$  derived in the previous proof).

So if  $\sigma : V \rightarrow \Sigma$  and  $\tilde{\sigma} : \tilde{V} \rightarrow \Sigma$  are 2 allowable parametrisations for  $U \subset \Sigma$  with transition map

$$\varphi : \tilde{V} \xrightarrow{\cong_{C^\infty}} V \quad \varphi = \sigma^{-1} \circ \tilde{\sigma}$$

then

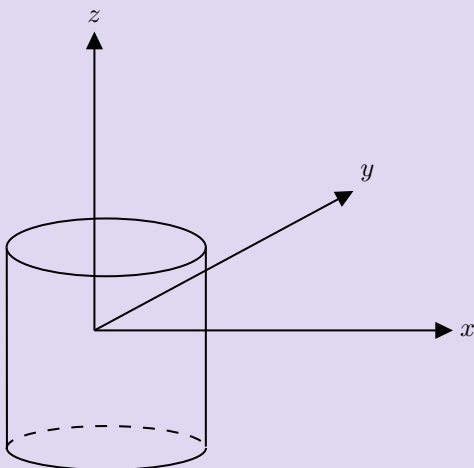
$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{L} & \tilde{M} \\ \tilde{M} & \tilde{N} \end{bmatrix} = \pm (D\varphi)^T \begin{bmatrix} L & M \\ M & N \end{bmatrix} D\varphi$$

where we get a minus sign if  $\varphi$  is orientation reversing. Here note that

$$n_{\sigma \circ \varphi}|_{(\tilde{u}, \tilde{v})} = \pm n_\sigma|_{\varphi(\tilde{u}, \tilde{v})}$$

for  $(\tilde{u}, \tilde{v}) \in \tilde{V}$ . With sign depending on  $\det(D\varphi)$  (assume  $V, \tilde{V}$  connected)

**Example.**



The cylinder has allowable parametrisation

$$\sigma(u, v) = (a \cos u, a \sin u, v), \quad u \in (0, 2\pi), \quad v \in \mathbb{R}$$

Note  $\sigma_{uv} = 0 = \sigma_{vu}$

$$\implies M = N = 0$$

Check 2nd FF is  $\begin{bmatrix} -a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  i.e.  $-a du^2$

Next goal: “intrinsic” description of 2nd FF for an oriented smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

**Definition.** Let  $\Sigma \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  be a smooth oriented surface. The **Gauss map**

$$n : \Sigma \rightarrow S^2 = \{x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$

is the map  $p \mapsto n(p)$  normal unit vector at  $p$ , well-defined as  $\sigma$  oriented

**Lemma.** The Gauss map  $n : \Sigma \rightarrow S^2$  is smooth

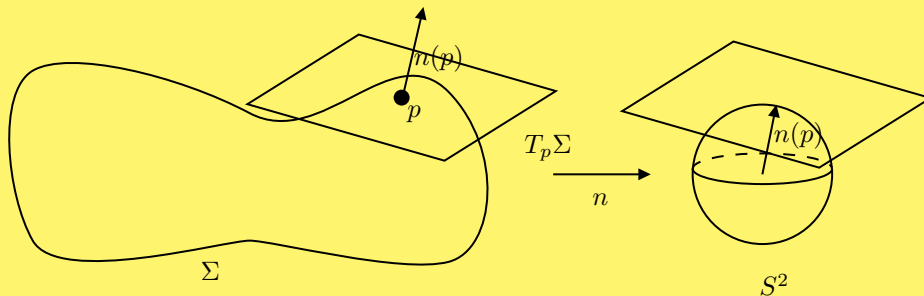
**Proof.** Smoothness can be checked locally. We know if  $\sigma : V \rightarrow U \subset \Sigma$  is allowable and compatible with orientation, then at  $\sigma(u, v) = p \in \Sigma$

$$n(p) = \frac{\sigma_u \times \sigma_v}{\|\sigma_u \times \sigma_v\|}$$

and this is smooth since  $\sigma$  is smooth (and denominator never vanishes)

**Remark.** If  $\Sigma = F^{-1}(0)$ ,  $F : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  where  $F$  is smooth and  $DF|_{\mathbf{x}} \neq 0 \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Sigma$  (so  $\Sigma$  is a smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ), recall

$$n(p) = \frac{\nabla F}{\|\nabla F\|}$$



**Note.** By definition, if  $n : \Sigma \rightarrow S^2$  is the Gauss map

$$T_p \Sigma = T_{n(p)} S^2 \quad (= n(p)^\perp)$$

Concretely: if  $v \in T_p \Sigma$  is  $\gamma'(0)$  where  $\gamma : (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \Sigma$ ,  $\gamma(0) = p$ ,  $\gamma$  smooth, then  $n \circ \gamma : (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow S^2$  has

$$n \circ \gamma(0) = n(p)$$

and

$$Dn|_p(v) = (n \circ \gamma)'(0) = T_{n(p)} S^2 = T_p \Sigma$$

So  $Dn|_p : T_p \Sigma \rightarrow T_p \Sigma$  can be viewed as an endomorphism of a fixed 2d subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Recap of the fundamental forms:

Take  $\Sigma$  an oriented (so two-sided) smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

- (i) The FFF is a symmetric bilinear form  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : T_p \Sigma \times T_p \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  which is restriction of  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{eucl}$  on  $T_p \Sigma \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ . We'll write

$$I_p(v, w) \quad v, w \in T_p \Sigma$$

- (ii) The 2nd FF is the symmetric bilinear form  $T_p \Sigma \times T_p \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $(v, w) \mapsto \mathbb{I}_p(v, w)$  defined by

$$\mathbb{I}_p(v, w) = I_p(-Dn|_p(v), w)$$

where  $n : \Sigma \rightarrow S^2$  is the Gauss map

If we choose an allowable (oriented) parametrisation  $\sigma : V \rightarrow U \subset \Sigma$  near  $p \in \Sigma$  and if

$$D\sigma|_0(\hat{v}) = v \quad \sigma(0) = p$$

$$D\sigma|_0(\hat{w}) = w \quad v, w \in T_p \Sigma$$

then

$$I_p(v, w) = \hat{v}^T \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{bmatrix} \hat{w}$$

$$\mathbb{I}_p(v, w) = \hat{v}^T \begin{bmatrix} L & M \\ M & N \end{bmatrix} \hat{w}$$

**Lemma.** The Gauss map  $n : \Sigma \rightarrow S^2$  satisfies

$$Dn|_p : T_p\Sigma \rightarrow T_p\Sigma$$

is a self-adjoint linear map w.r.t. the non-degenerate inner product  $I_p$  on  $T_p\Sigma$

**Proof.** The lemma means

$$I_p(Sn|_p(v), w) = I_p(v, Dn|_p(w)) \quad v, w \in T_p\Sigma$$

We know (e.g. from our local expression) that  $I_p$  and  $\mathbb{I}$  are symmetric so

$$\begin{aligned} I_p(Dn|_p(v), w) &= -\mathbb{I}_p(v, w) \\ &= -\mathbb{I}_p(w, v) \\ &= I_p(Dn|_p(w), v) \\ &= I_p(v, Dn|_p(w)) \end{aligned}$$

**Remark.** The “fundamental theorem of surfaces in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ” says that a smooth oriented connected surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is determined up to rigid motion (global isometry of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ) by its first and 2nd FF

**Definition.** Let  $\Sigma$  be a smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . The **Gauss curvature**  $\kappa : \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  of  $\Sigma$  is the function

$$p \mapsto \det(Dn|_p : T_p\Sigma \rightarrow T_p\Sigma)$$

**Remark.** This is always well-defined, even if  $\Sigma$  is not oriented. (since  $\Sigma$  is always locally orientable, e.g. in the open subset of an allowable parametrisation, and the unit normal to  $\Sigma$  is at most ambiguous up to sign. But for a  $2 \times 2$  matrix, det is unchanged on reversing the sign)

**Method.** Computing  $\kappa$ :

Take  $\Sigma$  smooth in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\sigma$  an allowable parametrisation for an open subset.

Recall:

$$\begin{aligned} I_p : T_p\Sigma \times T_p\Sigma &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} & (v, w) &\mapsto \langle v, w \rangle_{eucl} \\ \mathbb{I}_p : T_p\Sigma \times T_p\Sigma &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} & (v, w) &\mapsto I_p(-Dn|_p(v), w) \end{aligned}$$

and have  $Dn|_p : T_p\Sigma \rightarrow T_p\Sigma$ .

The choice of parametrisation  $\sigma$  for  $p \in U$  gives me a preferred basis  $\{\sigma_u, \sigma_v\}$  for  $T_p\Sigma$  and in this basis

$$I_p = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{bmatrix}}_A, \quad \mathbb{I}_p = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} L & M \\ M & N \end{bmatrix}}_B$$

and we write  $\mathbb{S}$  for  $Dn|_p$  in this same basis  $\{\sigma_u, \sigma_v\}$

The identity  $\mathbb{I}_p(v, w) = I_p(-Dn|_p(v), w)$  says  $B = -\mathbb{S}^T A$

$$\implies \mathbb{S} = -(BA^{-1})^T = -A^{-1}B$$

$$\implies \kappa(p) = \det(\mathbb{S}|_p) = \frac{LN - M^2}{EG - F^2}$$



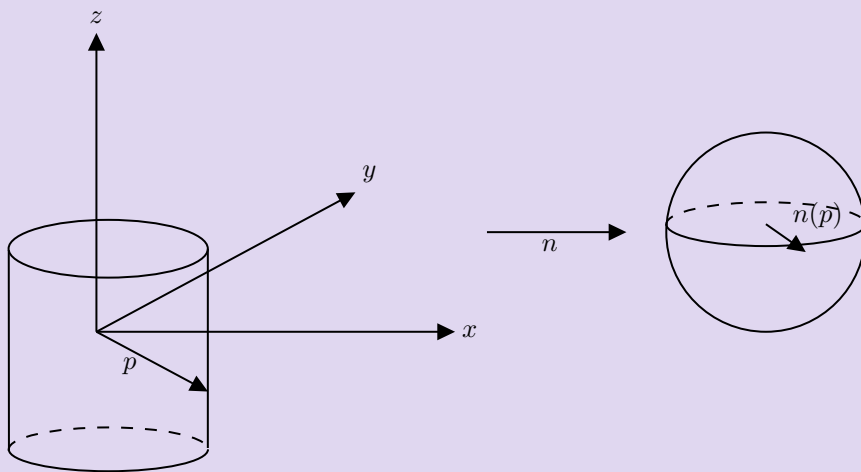
**Note.** Recall: we already saw that if  $\sigma, \tilde{\sigma}$  are 2 allowable parametrisations for  $U$ , and  $\varphi = \sigma^{-1} \circ \tilde{\sigma}$ , we saw

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{E} & \tilde{F} \\ \tilde{F} & \tilde{G} \end{bmatrix} = (D\varphi)^T \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{bmatrix} D\varphi$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{L} & \tilde{M} \\ \tilde{M} & \tilde{N} \end{bmatrix} = \pm (D\varphi)^T \begin{bmatrix} L & M \\ M & N \end{bmatrix} D\varphi$$

from which we directly see that the expression  $\frac{LN-M^2}{EG-F^2}$  is intrinsic

**Example.**



The image of  $n : \Sigma \rightarrow S^2$  is contained in the equator  $S^1 \subset S^2$ .

So  $\forall p \in \Sigma$ ,  $Dn|_p : T_p\Sigma \rightarrow T_pS^2$  has 1 dimensional image since  $\forall \gamma : (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \Sigma$ ,  $n \circ \gamma \subset S^1$ . So  $\det(Dn|_p) = 0$  and  $\kappa(p) = 0 \forall p$

**Definition.** If  $\Sigma$  is a smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and if  $\kappa \equiv 0$  on  $\Sigma$ , we say  $\Sigma$  is **flat**

**Remark.** We saw before that if  $\sigma$  is an allowable parametrisation  $\sigma : V \rightarrow U \subset \Sigma$  and if we write  $n_\sigma$  for  $n \circ \sigma$  so  $n_\sigma : V \rightarrow S^2$  then

$$Dn_\sigma|_0 : \sigma_u \mapsto (n_\sigma)_u \text{ and } \sigma_v \mapsto (n_\sigma)_v$$

so  $\kappa(p) = 0 \iff (n_\sigma)_u \times (n_\sigma)_v = 0$

Usually, we just write  $n$  for  $n_\sigma$  and the above as  $n_u \times n_v = 0$

**Example.** If  $\Sigma$  is the graph of a smooth function of  $f$  then (ES2)

$$\kappa = \frac{f_{uu}f_{vv} - f_{uv}^2}{(1 + f_u^2 + f_v^2)^2}$$

so depends on the Hessian of  $f$ .

If  $f(u, v) = \sqrt{r^2 - u^2 - v^2}$ , then

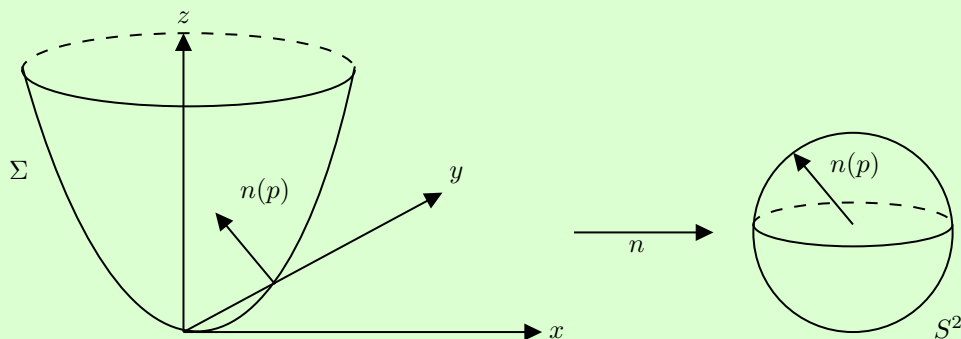
$$f_{uu}|_0 = f_{vv}|_0 = -\frac{1}{r}, \quad f_{uv}|_0 = 0$$

and  $\kappa(0, 0, r) = 1/r^2$ .

Since  $O(3)$  acts transitively on the sphere, we see  $\kappa(p) = 1/r^2 \forall p \in S_r^2$

**Example.** Let  $\Sigma$  be the smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$   $\{z = x^2 + y^2\}$ . We claim for a suitable choice of orientation, the image of the Gauss map is the open northern hemisphere

**Proof.**



Note  $\Sigma$  is invariant under  $R_\theta : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ .

ES2:  $n(R_\theta(p)) = R_\theta(n(p))$

So it suffices to compute  $n(p)$  for

$$p = (x, 0, x^2) = (x, 0, x^2) \in \Sigma$$

$\Sigma = F^{-1}(0)$ , for  $F : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$(x, y, z) \mapsto z - x^2 - y^2$$

(which has  $DF|_p \neq 0$ ) so

$$n(p) = \frac{\nabla F}{\|\nabla F\|} = \frac{(-2x, 0, 1)}{\sqrt{1 + 4x^2}}$$

at  $(x, 0, x^2)$ . We can check

$$x \mapsto \frac{(-2x, 0, 1)}{\sqrt{1 + 4x^2}}$$

sends  $\mathbb{R} \mapsto \{y = 0, z > 0\} \subset S^2$

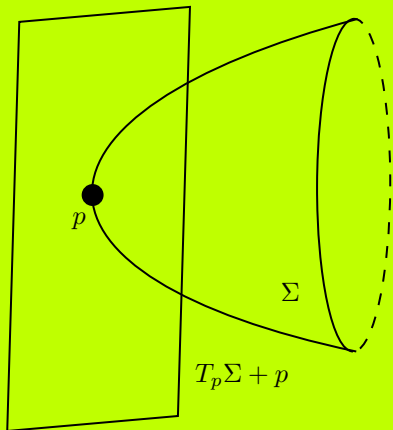
**Note.** If we choose the other orientation on  $\Sigma$ , then we get the open lower hemisphere as image of Gauss

**Definition.** If  $\Sigma$  is a smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $p \in \Sigma$ , we say  $p$  is:

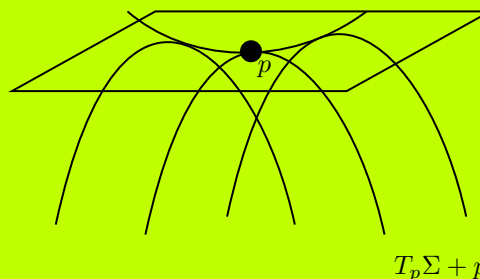
- **elliptic** if  $\kappa(p) > 0$
- **hyperbolic** if  $\kappa(p) < 0$
- **parabolic** if  $\kappa(p) = 0$

**Lemma.** (i) In a sufficiently small neighbourhood of an elliptic point  $p$ ,  $\Sigma$  lies entirely on one side of the affine tangent plane  $p + T_p\Sigma$

(ii) In a sufficiently small neighbourhood of a hyperbolic point,  $\Sigma$ , meets both sides of its affine tangent plane



Elliptic  $p$ ,  $\kappa(p) > 0$



Hyperbolic  $p$ ,  $\kappa(p) < 0$

**Proof.** Take a local parametrisation  $\sigma$  near  $p$ . Recall  $\kappa = (LN - M^2)/(EG - F^2)$  and  $EG - F^2 > 0$  since  $I_p$  is positive definite. Recall that if

$$w = h\sigma_u + l\sigma_v \in T_p\Sigma$$

then  $\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{I}_p(w, w)$  measured the signed distance from  $\sigma(h, l)$  to  $T_p\Sigma$  (here  $\sigma(0, 0) = p$ ), measured via inner product with the positive normal distance

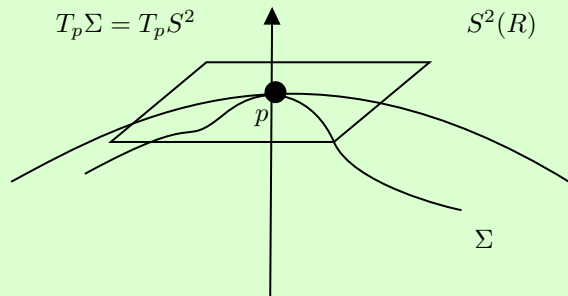
$$\frac{1}{2}(Lh^2 + 2Mhl + Nl^2) + O(h^3, l^3)$$

If  $p$  elliptic,  $\begin{bmatrix} L & M \\ M & N \end{bmatrix}$  has eigenvalues of same sign so is positive or negative definite at  $p$ , so in a neighbourhood of  $p$ , this signed distance only has one sign locally. But if  $p$  is hyperbolic, then  $\mathbb{I}_p(w, w)$  takes both signs in a neighbourhood of  $p$ , so  $\Sigma$  meets both sides of  $p + T_p\Sigma$

**Remark.** If  $p$  is parabolic, cannot conclude either (Monkey Saddle)

**Prop.** Let  $\Sigma$  be a compact smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Then  $\Sigma$  has an elliptic point

**Proof.** As  $\Sigma$  is compact, we know it is closed and bounded as a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . So for  $R \gg 0$ ,  $\Sigma \subset \overline{B(0, R)}$ . Decrease  $R$  to the minimal such value: up to applying a global isometry (rotation of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ )



i.e. we've used rotation to put a point of contact of  $\Sigma$  and  $S^2(R)$  on the positive  $z$ -axis. Locally near  $p$ , we can view  $\Sigma$  as the graph of a smooth function  $f$  st.

$$f - \sqrt{R^2 - u^2 - v^2} \leq 0$$

$f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $V$  open in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Consider the Taylor series of  $f$  and note  $f_u = 0 = f_v$  at  $(u, v) = (0, 0)$  as  $f(0, 0) = p$  is a maximum

$$\implies \frac{1}{2}(f_{uu}u^2 + 2f_{uv}uv + f_{vv}v^2) + \frac{1}{2R}(u^2 + v^2) \leq 0$$

for sufficiently small  $u, v$  so  $\begin{bmatrix} L & M \\ M & N \end{bmatrix}$  is locally negative definite near  $(0, 0)$

$$\implies \kappa|_{\sigma(0,0)} = \kappa(p) > 0$$

(In fact at  $p$ ,  $\kappa(p) \geq 1/R^2$ , which is  $\kappa(p)$  of  $S^2(R)$ )

**Moral.** There is a nice reformulation of Gauss curvature using area

**Theorem.** Let  $\Sigma$  be a smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $p \in \Sigma$  where  $\kappa(p) \neq 0$ . Pick a small open neighbourhood  $p \in U \subset \Sigma$  and a decreasing sequence

$$p \in A_i \subset U \subset \Sigma$$

where  $A_i$  open neighbourhoods which “shrink to”  $p$  in the sense that

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \quad A_i \subset B(p, \varepsilon) \subset \mathbb{R}^3 \quad \forall i \gg 0$$

Then

$$|\kappa(p)| = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{Area}_{S^2}(n(A_i))}{\text{Area}_{\Sigma}(A_i)}$$

i.e. Gauss curvature is an infinitesimal measure of how much Gauss map  $n$  distorts area

**Proof.** Fix an allowable parametrisation  $\sigma : V \rightarrow U \subset \Sigma$  near  $p$ , s.t.  $\sigma(0, 0) = p$ . Using  $\sigma$ , we get  $\sigma^{-1}A_i = V_i \subset V$  open. since  $A_i$  shrink to  $p$

$$\bigcap_{i \in I} V_i = \{(0, 0)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area}_{\Sigma}(A_i) &= \int_{V_i} \sqrt{EG - F^2} \, du \, dv \\ &= \int_{V_i} \|\sigma_u \times \sigma_v\| \, du \, dv \end{aligned} \quad (\dagger)$$

Recall: (chain rule applied to  $n \circ \gamma$  for  $\gamma$  a curve in  $\Sigma$ ) that

$$Dn|_{(u,v)} \sigma_u \mapsto n_u, \quad \sigma_v \mapsto n_v$$

Since  $\kappa(p) = \kappa(\sigma(0, 0)) \neq 0$ , the map  $n \circ \sigma : V \rightarrow S^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  has rank 2 derivative near  $(0, 0)$ , so it defines an allowable parametrisation for an open neighbourhood of  $n(p) \in S^2$ , by inverse function theorem. Therefore

$$\text{Area}_{S^2}(n(A_i)) = \int_{V_i} \|n_u \times n_v\| \, du \, dv$$

(i.e. some formula as  $(\dagger)$  but on  $S^2$ ) provided  $i \gg 0$  so  $\sigma^{-1}A_i = V_i$  lies in the open neighbourhood of  $(0, 0)$  where  $n \circ \sigma$  is a diffeomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{V_i} \|n_u \times n_v\| \, du \, dv &= \int_{V_i} \|Dn(\sigma_u) \times Dn(\sigma_v)\| \, du \, dv \\ &= \int_{V_i} |\det(Dn)| \cdot \|\sigma_u \times \sigma_v\| \, du \, dv \\ &= \int_{V_i} |\kappa(u, v)| \cdot \|\sigma_u \times \sigma_v\| \, du \, dv \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\kappa$  is continuous, given  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $|\kappa(u, v) - \kappa(0, 0)| < \varepsilon$  if  $(u, v) \in B((0, 0), \delta) \subset V$  so if  $i \gg 0$

$$|\kappa(u, v)| \in (|\kappa(p)| - \varepsilon, |\kappa(p)| + \varepsilon)$$

throughout  $V_i$ .

**Proof** (continued). So

$$(|\kappa(p)| - \varepsilon) \int_{V_i} \|\sigma_u \times \sigma_v\| \, du \, dv' \leq \int_{V_i} |\kappa(u, v)| \cdot \|\sigma_u \times \sigma_v\| \, du \, dv$$

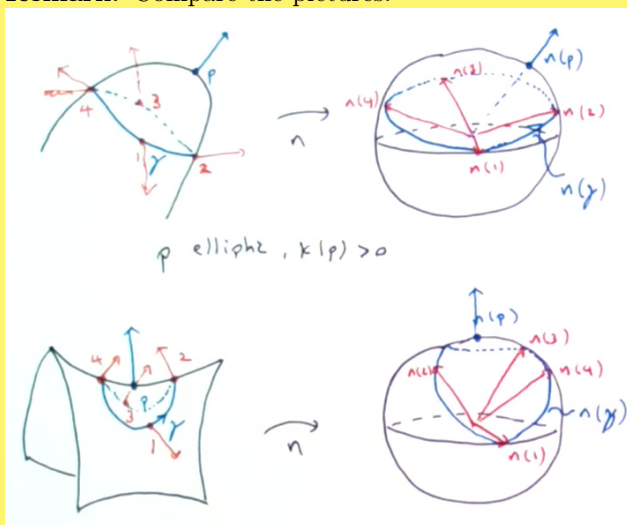
$$\leq (|\kappa(p)| + \varepsilon) \underbrace{\int_{V_i} \|\sigma_u \times \sigma_v\| \, du \, dv}_{\text{Area}_\Sigma(A_i)}$$

i.e.

$$|\kappa(p)| - \varepsilon \leq \frac{\text{Area}_{S^2}(n(A_i))}{\text{Area}_\Sigma(A_i)} \leq |\kappa(p)| + \varepsilon$$

(this holds  $\forall i \gg 0$ ) so done

**Remark.** Compare the pictures:



In the top picture,  $n$  locally preserves orientation:  $\gamma$  oriented anticlockwise looking down at  $\Sigma$  along  $n(p)$ , and  $n \circ \gamma$  similarly oriented anticlockwise if we look down at  $S^2$  at  $n(p)$  along normal.

But in the lower picture,  $n$  locally reverses orientation: the curve  $n \circ \gamma$  has opposite sense to curve  $\gamma$ . Gauss defined this **signed area** of  $n(A_i)$  to be  $\text{area}(n(A_i))$  if  $\kappa > 0$ ,  $-\text{area}(n(A_i))$  if  $\kappa < 0$  and then stated

$$\kappa(p) = \lim_{A_i \rightarrow p} \frac{\text{signed area}_{S^2}(n(A_i))}{\text{area}_\Sigma(A_i)}$$

Note this result also holds when  $\kappa = 0$ , with a bit more care

Gauss curvature is constrained by two amazing theorems:

- local result, called the “theorema egregium” (remarkable theorem)
- global rigidity

**Theorem.** The Gauss curvature of a smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is an isometry invariant i.e. if  $f : \Sigma_1 \rightarrow \Sigma_2$  is a diffeomorphism of surfaces in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , which is an isometry then

$$\kappa(p) = \kappa(f(p)) \quad \forall p \in \Sigma$$

(The Gauss curvature can be extracted from  $I_p$  even though its definition uses  $I_p$  and  $\mathbb{I}_p$ )

**Theorem** (Gauss-Bonnet theorem). If  $\Sigma$  is a compact smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  then

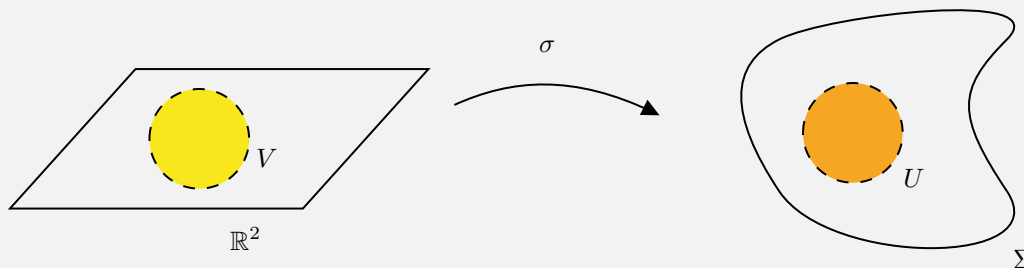
$$\int_{\Sigma} \kappa \, dA_{\Sigma} = 2\pi\chi(\Sigma)$$

( $dA_{\Sigma} = \sqrt{EG - F^2}$  locally)

How might one prove “theorema egregium”?

- direct proof in part II
- ask a different question: are some allowable parametrisations of a smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  “better” than others?

A paramterisation:  $\sigma : V \rightarrow U \subset \Sigma$  defines distinguished curves, the images of coordinate lines



So looking for a “best” local parametrisation is related to looking for distinguished local curves in  $\Sigma$

Later we’ll see every smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  admits a local parametrisation such that FFF has form  $du^2 + G(u, v) dv^2$  (i.e.  $E = 1, F = 0$ ), and (ES3) if you have a local parametrisation then

$$\kappa = (\text{expression in } G)$$

This is a (more conceptual?) route to theorema egregium

## 2 Geodesics

If  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is smooth, recall

$$\text{length}(\gamma) := \int_a^b \|\gamma'(t)\| \, dt$$

**Definition.** The **energy** of  $\gamma$

$$E(\gamma) := \int_a^b \|\gamma'(t)\|^2 dt$$

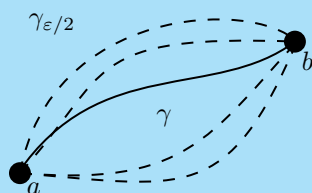
Given  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \Sigma$  smooth, for a smooth surface  $\Sigma$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , then:

**Definition.** A **one-parameter variation** (with fixed end-points) of  $\gamma$  is a smooth map

$$\Gamma : (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \times [a, b] \rightarrow \Sigma$$

s.t. if  $\gamma_s = \Gamma(s, \cdot)$  then

- (i)  $\gamma_0(t) = \gamma(t) \forall t$
- (ii)  $\gamma_s(a), \gamma_s(b)$  are independent of  $s$



**Definition.** A smooth curve  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \Sigma$  is a **geodesic** if for every variation  $(\gamma_s)$  of  $\gamma$  with fixed end points, we have

$$\left. \frac{d}{ds} \right|_{s=0} E(\gamma_s) = 0$$

i.e.  $\gamma$  is a “critical point” of the energy functional on curves from  $\gamma(a)$  to  $\gamma(b)$ .



**Equation.** Suppose  $\gamma$  has image in the image of an allowable parametrisation  $\sigma$ , and write

$$\gamma_s(t) = \sigma(u(s, t), v(s, t))$$

Suppose FFF wrt  $\sigma$  is

$$E du^2 + 2F du dv + G dv^2$$

and set

$$R := E\dot{u}^2 + 2F\dot{u}\dot{v} + G\dot{v}^2$$

where  $\dot{u} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$  and  $\dot{v} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial t}$  so

$$E(\gamma_s) = \int_a^b R dt$$

noting  $R$  depends on  $s$ . so

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial R}{\partial s} &= (E_u \dot{u}^2 + 2F_u \dot{u}\dot{v} + G_u \dot{v}^2) \frac{\partial u}{\partial s} \\ &\quad + (E_v \dot{u}^2 + 2F_v \dot{u}\dot{v} + G_v \dot{v}^2) \frac{\partial v}{\partial s} \\ &\quad + 2(E\dot{u} + F\dot{v}) \frac{\partial \dot{u}}{\partial s} \\ &\quad + 2(F\dot{u} + G\dot{v}) \frac{\partial \dot{v}}{\partial s} \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\frac{d}{ds} E(\gamma_s) = \int_a^b \frac{\partial R}{\partial s} dt$$

We can integrate by parts and note that  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial s}$  and  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial s}$  vanish at the endpoints  $a, b$  (variation has fixed endpoints). So

$$\left. \frac{d}{ds} \right|_{s=0} E(\gamma_s) = \int_a^b (A \frac{\partial u}{\partial s} + B \frac{\partial v}{\partial s}) dt$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A &= E_u \dot{u}^2 + 2F_u \dot{u}\dot{v} + G_u \dot{v}^2 - 2 \frac{d}{dt} (E\dot{u} + F\dot{v}) \\ B &= E_v \dot{u}^2 + 2F_v \dot{u}\dot{v} + G_v \dot{v}^2 - 2 \frac{d}{dt} (F\dot{u} + G\dot{v}) \end{aligned}$$

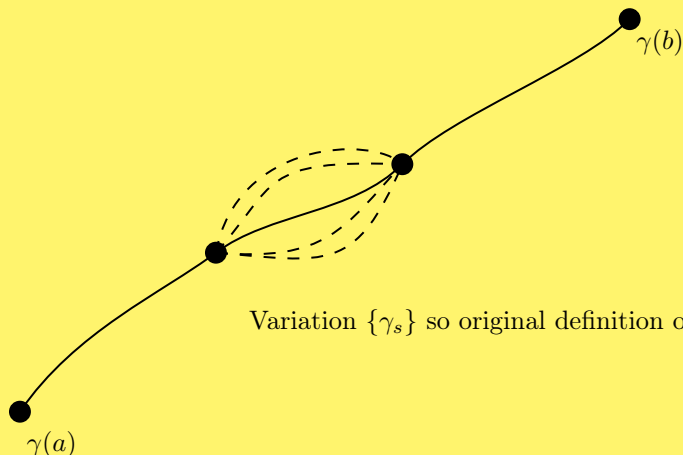
**Corollary.** A smooth curve  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \Sigma$  (with image in the image of  $\sigma$ ) is a geodesic if and only if it satisfies the geodesic equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} (E\dot{u} + F\dot{v}) &= \frac{1}{2} (E_u \dot{u}^2 + 2F_u \dot{u}\dot{v} + G_u \dot{v}^2) \\ \frac{d}{dt} (F\dot{u} + G\dot{v}) &= \frac{1}{2} (E_v \dot{u}^2 + 2F_v \dot{u}\dot{v} + G_v \dot{v}^2) \end{aligned}$$

Note: these only depend on  $\gamma$  not  $\{\gamma_s\}$

**Remarks.**

- (i) Solving a differential equation is a local property on  $\gamma$ :



Variation  $\{\gamma_s\}$  so original definition of geodesic also has a local character

- (ii) Unlike length  $L(\gamma)$ , the energy  $E(\gamma)$  does depend on the paramterisation of  $\gamma$ . If  $f, g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are smooth, Cauchy-Schwartz says

$$\left( \int_a^b fg \, dt \right)^2 \leq \int_a^b f^2 \, dt \int_a^b g^2 \, dt$$

Apply this with

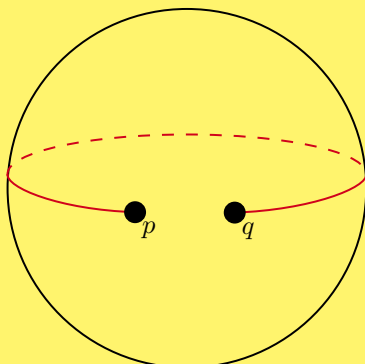
$$f = \sqrt{R} = (E\dot{u}^2 + 2F\dot{u}\dot{v} + G\dot{v}^2)^{1/2}, \quad g = 1$$

to see  $\text{Length}(\gamma)^2 \leq E(\gamma)(b - a)$ .

Since we get equality in Cauchy-Schwartz only when  $f = c\dot{g}$  for a constant  $c$ , which here would say  $\|\dot{\gamma}(t)\| = \text{constant}$  so  $\gamma$  parametrised proportional to arc length

- Corollary.**
- (i) If  $\gamma$  has constant speed and locally minimises length, then  $\gamma$  is a geodesic
  - (ii) If  $\gamma$  globally minimised energy (amongst paths with the same end-points) then it globally minimises length, and is parametrised with constant speed (so geodesics are naturally constant-speed parametrised)

**Remark.**



red arc is a geodesic from  $p$  to  $q$

Want geodesics to be local but not necessarily global-length minimisers.

**Example.** The plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$  has parametrisation

$$\sigma(u, v) = (u, v, 0) \text{ and FFF: } du^2 + dv^2$$

Geodesic equations:

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\dot{u}) = \frac{d}{dt}(\dot{v})$$

for a curve  $\gamma(t) = (u(t), v(t), 0) = \sigma(u(t), v(t))$  i.e.  $\ddot{u} = 0 = \ddot{v}$ . So

$$u(t) = \alpha t + \beta$$

$$v(t) = \gamma t + \delta$$

which is a straight line parametrised at constant speed

**Example.** Take the unit sphere with parametrisation

$$\sigma(u, v) = (\cos u \cos v, \cos u \sin v, \sin u)$$

$u \in (-\pi/2, \pi/2)$  latitude;  $v \in (0, 2\pi)$  longitude.

FFF:  $du^2 + \cos^2(u) dv^2$  ( $E = 1$ ,  $F = 0$ ,  $G = \cos^2(u)$ )

Geodesic equation:

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\dot{u}) = -\cos(u) \sin(u) v^2$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\cos^2(u) \dot{v}) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \implies \ddot{u} + \sin(u) \cos(u) \dot{v}^2 &= 0 \\ \ddot{v} - 2 \tan(u) \dot{u} \dot{v} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Let's assume our geodesic is parametrised at unit speed. Then

$$u^2 + \cos^2(u) \dot{v}^2 = 1$$

so  $\ddot{v}/\dot{v} = 2 \tan(u) \dot{u}$

$$\implies \ln(\dot{v}) = -2 \ln(\cos u) + \text{constant}$$

$$\implies \dot{u} = \frac{C}{\cos^2(u)}$$

So  $\dot{u}^2 = 1 - C/\cos^2(u)$ .

So

$$\dot{u} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\cos^2(u) - C^2}{\cos^2(u)}\right)}$$

Then

$$\frac{\dot{v}}{\dot{u}} = \frac{dv}{du} = \frac{C}{\cos(u) \sqrt{\cos^2(u) - C^2}}$$

and so

$$V = \int \frac{\partial v}{\partial u} du = \int \frac{C \sec^2(u)}{\sqrt{1 - C^2 \sec^2 u}} du$$

and if we set  $w = \frac{C \tan u}{\sqrt{1 - C^2}}$  then

$$r = \int \frac{dw}{\sqrt{1 - w^2}} = \sin^{-1}(w) + \text{const} = \sin^{-1}(\lambda \tan u) + \delta$$

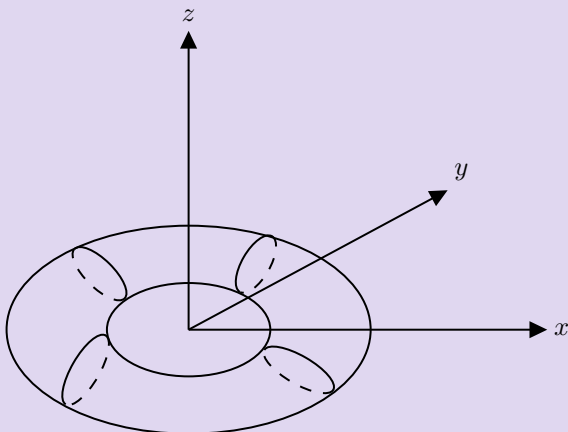
for constants  $\lambda, \delta$ . We saw:  $\sin(v - \delta) = \lambda \tan u$

$$\sin r \cos \delta - \cos v \sin \delta - \lambda \tan u = -$$

$$\implies \underbrace{(\sin v \cos u)}_x \cos \delta - \underbrace{(\cos v \cos u)}_y \sin \delta - \lambda \underbrace{\sin u}_z = 0$$

So our geodesic  $\gamma$  lies on a plane through  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^3$ , i.e.  $\gamma$  is an arc of a great circle on  $S^2$

**Example.** A Torus in  $\mathbb{R}^3$



Rotate  $(x - a)^2 + z^2 = 1$  about  $xz$ -axis. An allowable parametrisation is

$$\sigma(u, v) = ((a + \cos u) \cos v, (a + \cos u) \sin v, \sin u)$$

FFF:  $du^2 + (a + \cos u)^2 dv^2$

$$E = 1, F = 0, G = (a + \cos u)^2$$

Note: if formally we set  $a = 0$ , this recovers the unit sphere and its FFF.

Follow same procedure as for  $S^2$ , or formally substitute  $\cos u \mapsto a + \cos u$  and we'll get

$$\frac{dv}{du} = \frac{C}{(a + \cos u) \sqrt{(a + \cos u)^2 - C^2}}$$

which can't be integrated using classical functions (c.f. "elliptic" functions)

Next goal: give a different characterisation of geodesics on a smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

**Moral.** Straight lines in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  are not just locally shortest but locally straightest.

Idea: characterise via saying the change in the tangent vector of the curve is as small as it could be subject to the fact that the curve  $\gamma$  stays on the surface

**Prop.** Let  $\Sigma$  be a smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . A smooth curve  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow \Sigma$  is a geodesic if and only if the vector  $\ddot{\gamma}(t)$  is everywhere normal to  $\Sigma$

**Proof.** Being a geodesic as we defined or having  $\ddot{\gamma}(t)$  normal to  $\Sigma$ , are both local conditions on  $\gamma$ , so we can work in one allowable parametrisation. As usual:

$$\sigma : V \rightarrow U \subset \Sigma$$

and suppose  $\gamma(t) = \sigma(u(t), v(t))$  so

$$\dot{\gamma}(t) = \sigma_u \dot{u} + \sigma_v \dot{v}$$

so  $\ddot{\gamma}$  is normal to  $\Sigma$  exactly when it's orthogonal to  $T_p \Sigma = \langle \sigma_u, \sigma_v \rangle$  if and only if

$$\left\langle \frac{d}{dt} (\sigma_u \dot{u} + \sigma_v \dot{v}), \sigma_u \right\rangle = 0 \quad (\dagger)$$

$$\left\langle \frac{d}{dt} (\sigma_u \dot{u} + \sigma_v \dot{v}), \sigma_v \right\rangle = 0 \quad (\dagger\dagger)$$

We'll consider  $(\dagger)$ , which is equivalent to

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \sigma_u \dot{u} + \sigma_v \dot{v}, \sigma_u \rangle - \langle \sigma_u \dot{u} + \sigma_v \dot{v}, \frac{d}{dt} (\sigma_u) \rangle = 0$$

Noting

$$\langle \sigma_u, \sigma_u \rangle = E, \quad \langle \sigma_u, \sigma_v \rangle = F$$

this is:

$$\frac{d}{dt} (E\dot{u} + F\dot{v}) - \langle \sigma_u \dot{u} + \sigma_v \dot{v}, \sigma_{uu} \dot{u} + \sigma_{uv} \dot{v} \rangle = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (E\dot{u} + F\dot{v}) - \{ \dot{u}^2 \langle \sigma_u, \sigma_{uu} \rangle + \dot{u} \dot{v} (\langle \sigma_u, \sigma_{uv} \rangle + \langle \sigma_v, \sigma_{uu} \rangle) + \dot{v}^2 \langle \sigma_v, \sigma_{uv} \rangle \} = 0$$

But

$$E = \langle \sigma_u, \sigma_u \rangle \implies E_u = 2 \langle \sigma_u, \sigma_{uu} \rangle$$

and

$$G = \langle \sigma_v, \sigma_v \rangle \implies G_u = 2 \langle \sigma_v, \sigma_{uv} \rangle$$

and

$$F = \langle \sigma_u, \sigma_v \rangle = \langle \sigma_v, \sigma_u \rangle \implies F_u = \langle \sigma_u, \sigma_{uv} \rangle + \langle \sigma_{uu}, \sigma_v \rangle$$

and  $(\dagger)$  becomes

$$\frac{d}{dt} (E\dot{u} + F\dot{v}) = \frac{1}{2} (E_u \dot{u}^2 + 2F_u \dot{u} \dot{v} + G_u \dot{v}^2)$$

the first of the geodesic equations.

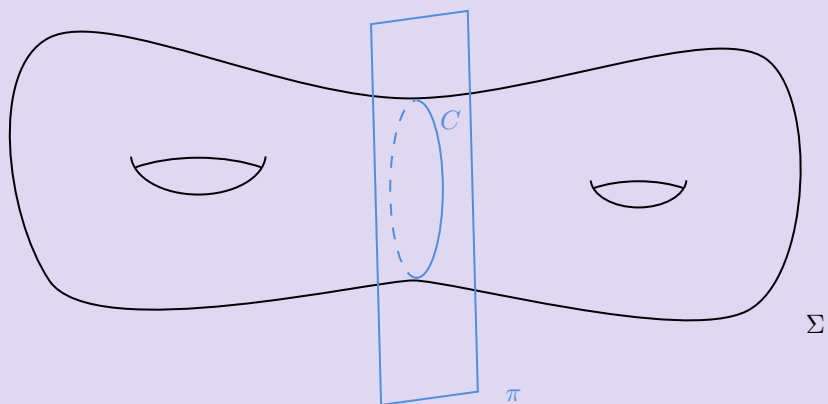
Similarly  $(\dagger\dagger)$  is equivalent to the second geodesic equation

**Remark.** Note

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \dot{\gamma}(t), \dot{\gamma}(t) \rangle = 2 \left\langle \underbrace{\dot{\gamma}(t)}_{\text{tang. to } \Sigma}, \underbrace{\ddot{\gamma}(t)}_{\text{norm. to } \Sigma} \right\rangle$$

So  $\langle \dot{\gamma}(t), \dot{\gamma}(t) \rangle$  is constant i.e. geodesics are indeed parametrised with constant speed, so proportional to arc-length

**Example.** A surface with symmetry,

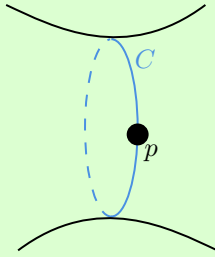


Let  $\Sigma$  be a smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and assume there is a plane  $\Pi \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  s.t.

- (i)  $\Pi \cap \Sigma$  is a smooth embedded curve  $C \subset \Sigma$
- (ii)  $\Sigma$  is setwise preserved by reflection in  $\Pi$

**Claim.**  $C$  is a geodesic when parametrized at constant speed

**Proof.**



We can write  $\mathbb{R}^3 = \Pi \oplus \Pi^\perp$  (e.g.) suppose  $p$  is the origin of our co-ordinates, by translation, and also  $\mathbb{R}^3 = T_p\Sigma \oplus \mathbb{R}n_p$

Clearly  $\text{Ref}_\Pi$  acts on  $\Pi$  by identity  $\Pi^+$  by  $-1$ .

Since  $\text{Ref}_\Pi$  fixes  $\Sigma$  setwise and fixes  $p$ , it also preserves  $T_p\Sigma$ , so it also preserves  $\mathbb{R}n_p$

$$\implies \mathbb{R}n_p \subset \Pi$$

as  $\Pi$  not identity on  $T_p\Sigma$ .

Let's parametrise  $C$  locally near  $p$  via

$$t \mapsto \gamma(t) \in C \subset \Sigma \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$

at constant speed. Well:

$$\gamma(t) \subset \Pi \implies \dot{\gamma}(t), \ddot{\gamma}(t) \in \Pi$$

But

$$\langle \dot{\gamma}(t), \ddot{\gamma}(t) \rangle = 0$$

so

$$\dot{\gamma}(t) \in \Pi \cap T_p\Sigma$$

and  $\ddot{\gamma}(t)$  is orthogonal to this and in  $\Pi$

$$\implies \ddot{\gamma}(t) \in \mathbb{R}n_p \subset \Pi$$

so  $\gamma$  is a geodesic

**Remark.** As given,  $C$  is not parametrized at all

**Example.** Surfaces of revolution revisited

We take  $\eta(u) = (f(u), 0, g(u))$  in  $xz$ -plane and rotate it about  $xz$ -axis.

( $\eta$  smooth, injective,  $f(u) > 0$ )

**Definition.** A circle obtained by rotating a point of  $\eta$  is called a **parallel**.

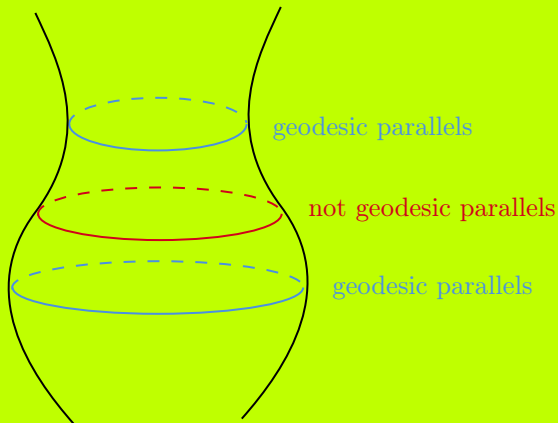
A curve obtained by rotating  $\eta$  itself by a fixed angle is called a **meridian**.

A plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  containing the  $z$ -axis is a **plane of symmetry**.

**Corollary.** All meridians are geodesics



**Lemma.** A parallel  $u = U_0$  (constant) is a geodesic (parametrised at constant speed)  $\iff f'(u_0) = 0$



**Proof.** We take our usual allowable parametrisation

$$\sigma(u, v) = (f(u) \cos v, f(u) \sin v, g(u) \quad a < u < b, v \in (0, 2\pi)$$

Then the FFF is

$$((f')^2 + (g')^2) du^2 + f^2 dv^2$$

We can parametrise  $\eta$  by arc-length and then FFF becomes

$$du^2 + f^2 dv^2$$

i.e.  $E = 1$ ,  $F = 0$ ,  $G = f(u)^2$ . Geodesic equations are then:

$$\frac{d}{dy} (\dot{u}) = \ddot{u} = f f_u \dot{v}^2$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (f^2 \dot{v}) = 0$$

and we know  $\gamma(t) = (u(t), v(t))$  is constant speed so

$$\dot{u}^2 + f^2 \dot{v}^2 = \text{constant (non-zero)}$$

Up to now this was for any geodesic on surface of revolution.

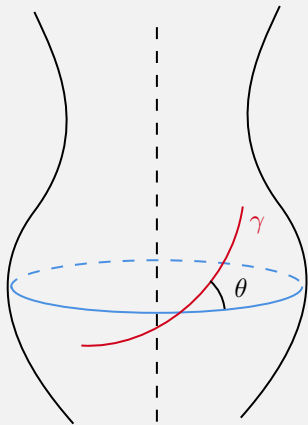
Parallels:  $u = u_0 = \text{constant}$

$$\implies \dot{u} = 0 \quad \dot{v} = \frac{\text{const.}}{f(u_0)}$$

2nd geodesic equation automatically holds.

1st geodesic equation holds exactly if

$$f_u|_{u_0} = 0$$



Consider a curve  $\gamma(t)$  on our surface of revolution making angle  $\theta$  with the parallel of radius  $\rho(= f)$

**Claim** (Clairout's Relation). If  $\gamma$  is a geodesic, then  $\rho \cos \theta$  is constant along  $\gamma$

**Proof.** As usual, if  $\gamma(t) = \sigma(u(t), v(t))$  and  $\dot{\gamma}(t) = \sigma_u \dot{u} + \sigma_v \dot{v}$  and note that the tangent vector to the parallel is  $\sigma_v$ , then we know (cf discussion of angles wrt FFF)

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\langle \sigma_v, \sigma_u \dot{u} + \sigma_v \dot{v} \rangle}{\|\sigma_v\| \cdot \|\sigma_u \dot{u} + \sigma_v \dot{v}\|}$$

and if  $\gamma$  is parametrised by arc-length then

$$\|\sigma_u \dot{u} + \sigma_v \dot{v}\| = 1$$

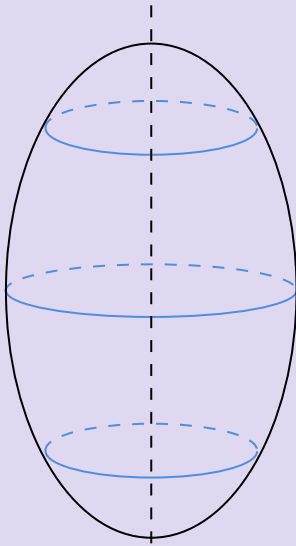
so (using  $F = 0$  and  $G = f^2$  in our case)

$$\cos \theta = |f(u) \dot{v}| = \rho \dot{v}$$

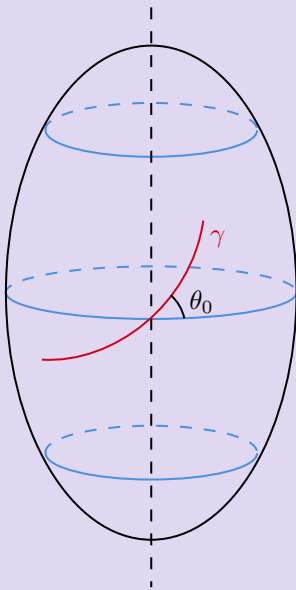
2nd geodesic equation ( $\frac{d}{dt} f^2 \dot{v} = 0$ )

$$\implies \rho \cos \theta \text{ is constant}$$

**Example.** Ellipsoid of revolution:



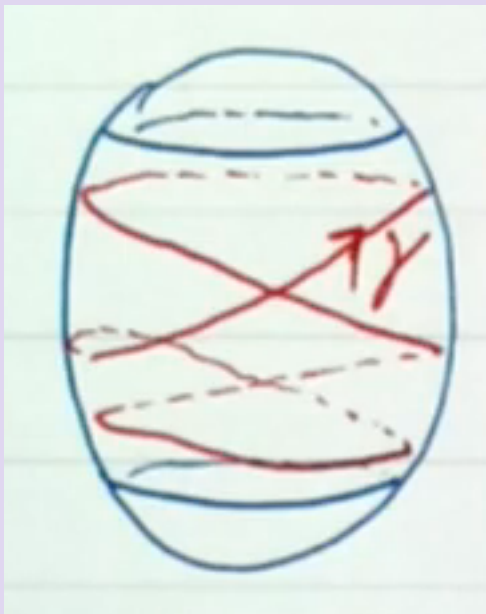
Observe: usually for a surface of revolution we take  $\eta$  in the  $xz$ -plane away from the  $z$ -axis ( $f > 0$ )  
But in fact we can allow  $\eta$  to meet the  $z$  axis orthogonally as in the ellipsoid (or for a sphere) [Or, remove the 2 poles]



$\rho \cos \theta$  is constant along geodesic  $\gamma$

**Example** (continued). If we meet  $\rho_0$ -parallel at angle  $\theta_0$ , and suppose  $\gamma$  is not a meridian, so  $\theta_0 \in [0, \pi/2)$ , so

$$\rho \cos \theta \text{ constant} \implies \rho \text{ bounded below}$$



Geodesic that isn't meridian is trapped between parallels coming from bound on  $\rho$ .

When we can't say global things about geodesics, because we can't solve the equations, there's an important local existence theory.

Recall Picard's theorem

$$I = [t_0 - a, t_0 + a] \subset \mathbb{R}$$

$$B = \{x : \|x - x_0\| \leq b\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$$

and  $f : I \times B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  continuous and Lipschitz in 2nd variable

$$\|f(t, x_1) - f(t, x_2)\| \leq N \|x_1 - x_2\|$$

Then

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(t, x), \quad x(t_0) = x_0$$

has a unique solution for some interval  $|t - t_0| < h$  (e.g. for  $h = \min\{a, b/s\}$ ,  $s = \sup \|f\|$ )

**Note.** If  $f$  is smooth, then the solution depends smoothly on the initial condition (and is smooth)

Our setting: recall

$$\frac{d}{dt}(E\dot{u} + F\dot{v}) = \frac{1}{2}(E_u\dot{u}^2 + 2F_u\dot{u}\dot{v} + G_u\dot{v}^2)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(F\dot{u} + G\dot{v}) = \frac{1}{2}(E_v\dot{u}^2 + 2F_v\dot{u}\dot{v} + G_v\dot{v}^2)$$

i.e.

$$\begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{u} \\ \ddot{v} \end{bmatrix} = [\dots]$$

$M \rightarrow M^{-1}$  is smooth in  $GL(2, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow GL(2, \mathbb{R})$  so the geodesic equations are

$$\ddot{u} = A(u, v, \dot{u}, \dot{v})$$

$$\ddot{v} = B(u, v, \dot{u}, \dot{v})$$

for smooth  $A, B$ . We introduce  $p = \dot{u}$ ,  $q = \dot{v}$  and rewrite as

$$\dot{u} = p$$

$$\dot{v} = q$$

$$\dot{p} = A(u, v, p, q)$$

$$\dot{q} = B(u, v, p, q)$$

so Picard's theorem applies, noting since  $A, B$  smooth, a local bound on  $\|DA\|$  and  $\|DB\|$  will give us the required Lipschitz condition

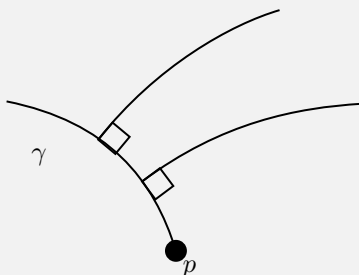
**Corollary.** Let  $\Sigma$  be a smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . For  $p \in \Sigma$  and  $0 \neq v \in T_p\Sigma$ , there is some  $\varepsilon > 0$  and a geodesic

$$\gamma : [0, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \Sigma$$

s.t.  $\gamma(0) = p$ ,  $\dot{\gamma}(0) = v$ . Moreover,  $\gamma$  depends smoothly on the initial condition  $(p, v)$ .

The local existence of geodesics gives rise to parametrisations of  $\Sigma$  with nice properties.

Fix  $p \in \Sigma$  and consider a geodesic arc  $\gamma$  starting at  $p$  and parametrised by arc-length



For  $t > 0$ , small, let  $\gamma_t$  be the geodesic s.t.

$$\gamma_t(0) = \gamma(t)$$

$\gamma'_t(0)$  is orthogonal to  $\gamma'(t)$ ,  $\gamma_t$  parametrised by arc-length.

Define  $\sigma(u, v) = \gamma_v(u)$  defined for  $u \in [0, \varepsilon)$ ,  $v \in [0, \delta)$

**Lemma.** For  $\varepsilon, \delta$  sufficiently small,  $\sigma$  defines an allowable parametrisation of an open set in  $\Sigma$  (taking interior of domain)

**Proof.** Smoothness of  $\sigma$  is immediate from our note/ last line in Picard's theorem.  
 At  $(0, 0)$ ,  $\sigma_u, \sigma_v$  are orthogonal by construction so they are linearly independent for  $\varepsilon, \delta$  sufficiently small.  
 So  $D\sigma$  has rank 2 and (shrinking set if necessary)  $\sigma$  is injective and parametrisation is allowable

**Corollary.** Any smooth surface  $\Sigma$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  admits local parametrisations for which the FFF is of shape

$$du^2 + G(u, v) dv^2$$

i.e.  $E = 1, F = 0$

**Proof.** We'll consider this parametrisation  $\sigma(u, v) = \gamma_v(u)$ . If we fix  $v_0$ , the curve  $u \mapsto \gamma_{v_0}(u)$  is a geodesic parametrised by arc-length so

$$E = \langle \sigma_u, \sigma_u \rangle = 1$$

Also, one of the geodesic equations

$$\frac{d}{dt} (F\dot{u} + G\dot{v}) = \frac{1}{2}(E_v\dot{u}^2 + 2F_v\dot{u}\dot{v} + G_v\dot{v}^2)$$

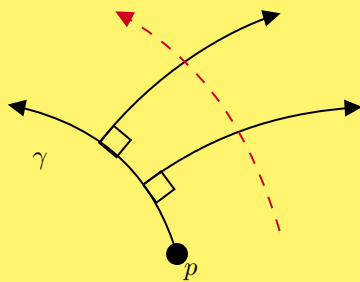
and again consider  $v = v_0, u(t) = t$ .

We get  $\frac{d}{dt} (F) = 0$  or equivalently

$$F_u \dot{u} = 0 \implies F_u = 0$$

so  $F$  is independent of  $u$ . But when  $u = 0$ , then (by construction of  $\gamma_v$  as orthogonal to  $\gamma$  at  $\gamma(v)$ ), we see  $F = 0$ . so  $F = 0$  everywhere

**Remark.** Co-ordinates built this way are sometimes called "geodesic normal co-ordinates"



Fix  $v$ , vary  $u$ : geodesics

$u$  fixed, varying  $v$ : Typically NOT a geodesic  
 (except  $u = 0$  i.e.  $\gamma$  itself)

**Remark.** In these co-ordinates

(i)  $G(0, v) = 1$

(ii)  $G_u(0, v) = 0$

(i) holds because  $\sigma_v$  has length 1 at  $u = 0$

(ii) holds because  $u = 0$  is a geodesic with arc-length parametrisation and

$$\frac{d}{dt}(E\dot{u} + F\dot{v}) = \frac{1}{2}(E_u\dot{u}^2 + 2F_u\dot{u}\dot{v} + G_u\dot{v}^2)$$

which becomes

$$0 = \frac{1}{2}G_u(0, v)$$

**Remark.** In ES3, we show that for a smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with allowable parametrisation s.t.  $E = 1, F = 0$ , have

$$\kappa = -\frac{\sqrt{G_{uu}}}{\sqrt{G}}$$

If  $\Sigma$  is in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $a : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is just a dilation  $(x, y, z) \mapsto (ax, ay, az)$ , then

$$\kappa_{a(\Sigma)} = \frac{1}{a^2}\kappa_\Sigma$$

(the coeffs  $E, F, G$  rescale by  $a^2$ , and  $L, N, M$  by  $a$ , c.f. our computation for spheres of radii  $R$  for different  $R$ )

Question: what do constant curvature surfaces look like?

By dilating, it suffices to understand surfaces of constant curvature  $1, -1, 0$

**Prop.** Let  $\Sigma$  be a smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

- (i) If  $\kappa_\Sigma \equiv 0$ , then  $\Sigma$  is locally isometric to  $(\mathbb{R}^2, du^2 + dv^2)$
- (ii) If  $\kappa_\Sigma \equiv 1$ , then  $\Sigma$  is locally isometric to  $(S^2, du^2 + \cos^2(u) dv^2)$

**Proof.** We know  $\Sigma$  admits an allowable parametrisation with  $E = 1$ ,  $F = 0$  (so  $\kappa = -\sqrt{G_{uu}}/\sqrt{G}$ ) and s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} G(0, v) &= 1 \\ G_u(0, v) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

If  $\kappa = 0$ , we get

$$\sqrt{G_{uu}} = 0$$

so  $\sqrt{G_{uu}} = A(v)u + B(v)$  and our “boundary conditions” on  $G$  show

$$B(v) \equiv 1, \quad A(v) \equiv 0$$

Then the FFF is  $du^2 + dv^2$ .

$$\kappa = +1, \quad \sqrt{G_{uu}} + \sqrt{G} = 0$$

so

$$\sqrt{G} = A(v) \sin u + B(v) \cos u$$

Now boundary conditions show

$$A(v) \equiv 0, \quad B(v) \equiv 1$$

so FFF  $du^2 + \cos^2(u) dv^2$ . In parametrisation

$$\sigma(u, v) = (\cos u \cos v, \cos u \sin v, \sin u)$$

this was the FFF of the round unit sphere

**Remark.** If  $\kappa = -1$ , and we do the same thing, we’ll get FFF:  $du^2 + \cosh^2(u) dv^2$ , which we might not recognise from any smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

- we can look for one (“tractoid”)
- we can widen our imagination and let go of  $\mathbb{R}^3$

**Remark.** In fact, the change of variables

$$\begin{aligned} V &= e^v \tanh u \\ W &= e^v \operatorname{sech} u \end{aligned}$$

turns  $du^2 + \cosh^2(u) dv^2$  into  $\frac{dV^2 + dW^2}{W^2}$  which is a “standard” presentation of the FFF of the “hyperbolic plane”

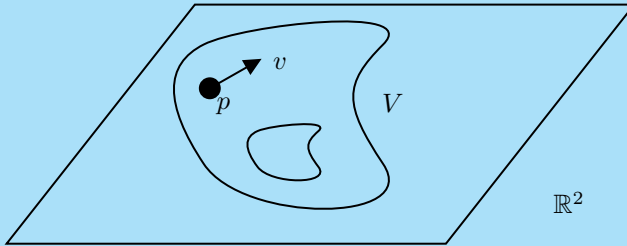


**Definition.** Let  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  be an open set. An **(abstract) Riemannian metric** on  $V$  is a smooth map

$$V \rightarrow \{\text{positive-definite symmetric bilinear forms}\} \subset \mathbb{R}^4$$

$$v \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} E(v) & F(v) \\ F(v) & G(v) \end{bmatrix}$$

s.t.  $E > 0$ ,  $G > 0$ ,  $EG - F^2 > 0$



If  $v$  is a vector at  $p \in V$

$$\|v\|^2 \begin{bmatrix} E(p) & F(p) \\ F(p) & G(p) \end{bmatrix} = v^t \begin{bmatrix} E(p) & F(p) \\ F(p) & G(p) \end{bmatrix} v$$

and if  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow V$  is smooth

$$\text{Length}(\gamma) = \int_a^b (E\dot{u}^2 + 2F\dot{u}\dot{v} + G\dot{v}^2)^{1/2} dt$$

where  $\gamma(t) = (u(t), v(t)) : [a, b] \rightarrow V$

**Definition.** Let  $\Sigma$  be an abstract smooth surface, so  $\Sigma = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$ ,  $U_i \subset \Sigma$  and

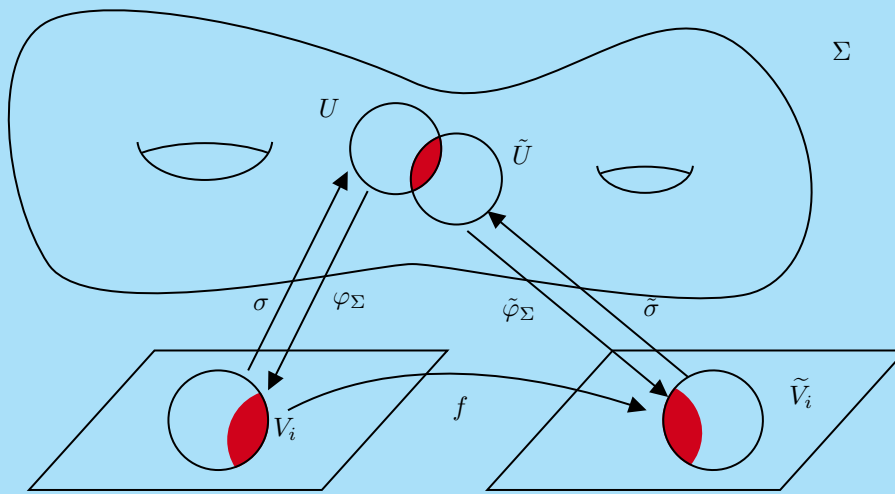
$$\varphi_i : U_i \rightarrow V_i \subset \mathbb{R}^2$$

a homeomorphism and s.t. the transition maps

$$\varphi_i \varphi_j^{-1} : \varphi_j(U_i \cap U_j) \rightarrow \varphi_i(U_i \cap U_j)$$

is smooth  $\forall i, j$

A Riemannian metric on  $\Sigma$ , usually called  $g$  or  $ds^2$ , is a choice of Riemannian metric on each  $V_i$  which are compatible in the following sense:



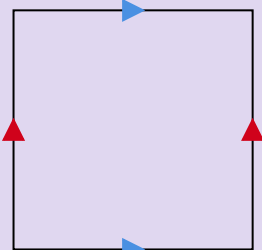
$$f : \tilde{\sigma}^{-1} \circ \sigma \text{ transition map}$$

Require:

$$(df)^t \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{E} & \tilde{F} \\ \tilde{F} & \tilde{G} \end{bmatrix} df = \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{bmatrix} \quad (\dagger)$$

so  $df$  defines an isometry from an open set in the chart  $(U, \varphi(U) = V)$  to one in  $(\tilde{U}, \varphi(\tilde{U}) = \tilde{V})$   
 c.f.  $(\dagger)$  was the transformation law for FFF

**Example.** Recall the torus  $T^2 = \mathbb{R}^2 / \mathbb{Z}^2 =$



We exhibited an atlas of charts for which the transition maps were restrictions of translations of open subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Equip each  $V_i \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  (image of such a chart) with the Euclidean metric  $du^2 + dv^2$  i.e. the map  $V_i \rightarrow \{+ve \text{ def. s.b.f}\}$  is constant at  $I$ .

If  $f$  is a translation,  $Df = \text{Identity}$  and

$$(Df)^t I (Df) = I \quad (\dagger)$$

holds trivially.

So  $T^2$  inherits a global Riemannian metric which is flat (everywhere locally isometric to  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ).

Contrast:

For a torus in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  e.g. our torus of revolution, we know there is an elliptic point (it's compact and smooth in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ).

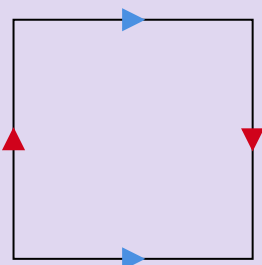
So the (abstract) flat Riemannian metric is not the induced metric from any embedding of  $T^2$  as a smooth surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$

**Example.** The real projective plane  $\mathbb{RP}^2$  admits a Riemannian metric with constant curvature  $+1$ . Indeed, we built a smooth atlas for  $\mathbb{RP}^2$  with charts of the form  $(U, \varphi)$  where  $U = q\hat{U}$ ,  $q : S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{RP}^2$  quotient map,  $\hat{U} \subset S^2$  small enough such that  $\hat{U} \subset$  (open hemisphere), and  $\varphi : U \rightarrow V \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  was  $\hat{\varphi} \circ q^{-1}|_U \hat{\varphi} : \hat{U} \rightarrow V$  chart on  $S^2$ .

Transition maps for this atlas were all the identity or induced from the antipodal map of  $S^2$ .

But  $a : S^2 \rightarrow S^2$  (antipodal) is an isometry so both transition maps preserve usual round metric on  $S^2$

**Example.** In ES1, we considered the Klein bottle



Which has a smooth atlas s.t. all transition maps are translations or reflections.

These preserve the usual flat metric on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , so Klein bottle inherits a flat Riemannian metric.

(Note:  $\mathbb{RP}^2$ , Klein do NOT embed in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  so we had no "non-abstract" construction of Riemannian metrics on these)

**Definition.** If  $(\Sigma_1, g_1)$  and  $(\Sigma_2, g_2)$  are abstract smooth surfaces with Riemannian metrics  $g_i$  on  $\Sigma_i$ , then a diffeomorphism

$$f : \Sigma_1 \rightarrow \Sigma_2$$

is an **isometry** if it preserved the lengths of all cruves

**Example.** If  $(\Sigma_2, g_2)$  is given and  $f : \Sigma_1 \rightarrow \Sigma_2$  is a diffeomorphism, we can equip  $\Sigma_1$  with a metric (called the pullbac metric  $f^*g_2 = g_1$ ) s.t.  $f$  becomes an isometry.

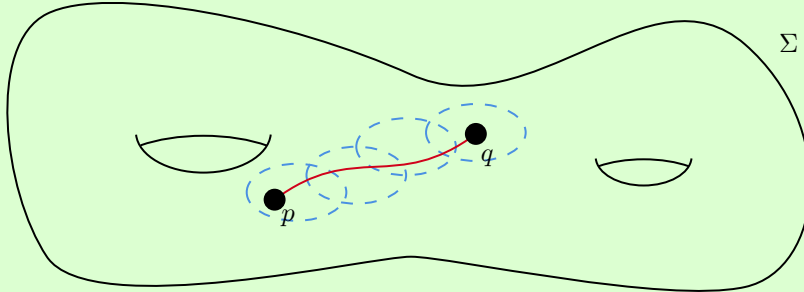
**Prop.** Given a Riemannian metric  $g$  on a connected abstract smooth surface  $\Sigma$ , define the **length** metric

$$d_g(p, q) = \inf_{\gamma} L(\gamma)$$

where  $\gamma$  varies over piecewise smooth paths in  $\Sigma$  from  $p$  to  $q$ , and  $L(\gamma)$  is computed using  $g$ . Then

- (i)  $d_g$  is a metric (in the sense of metric spaces) on  $\Sigma$ , and
- (ii)  $d_g$  induces the given topology on  $\Sigma$

**Proof.**  $\Sigma$  is path-connected so  $\exists$  some piecewise smooth path from  $p$  to  $q$  so  $d_g(p, q) < \infty \forall p, q$



Take some continuous path from  $p$  to  $q$  and a finite set of charts  $(U_i, \varphi_i)$  with associated parametrisations  $\sigma_i = \varphi_i^{-1} : V_i \rightarrow U_i \subset \Sigma$  s.t.  $\text{path} \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^N U_i$ .

Now pick points

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 &= p \in U_1 \\ x_1 &\in U_1 \cap U_2 \\ x_2 &\in U_2 \cap U_3 \\ &\vdots \\ x_{N-1} &= q \in U_{N-1} \cap U_N \end{aligned}$$

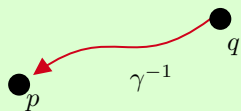
and smooth paths in  $V_i$  from  $\varphi_i(x_i)$  to  $\varphi_{i+1}(x_{i+1})$ .

Since our atlas is smooth, being a smooth path in some  $U_i$  is the same as being smooth in  $U_{i+1}$  whenever  $U_i \cap U_{i+1} \neq \emptyset$ , as the transition maps are smooth.

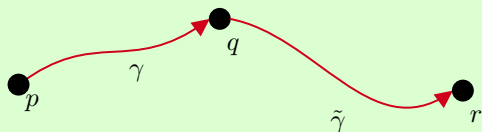
So indeed  $p, q \in \Sigma$  are joined by some piecewise smooth path. We can reverse paths:



We also have:



**Proof** (continued). and we can concatenate:



then we have  $\tilde{\gamma} \circ \gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow \Sigma$  from  $p$  to  $r$ .

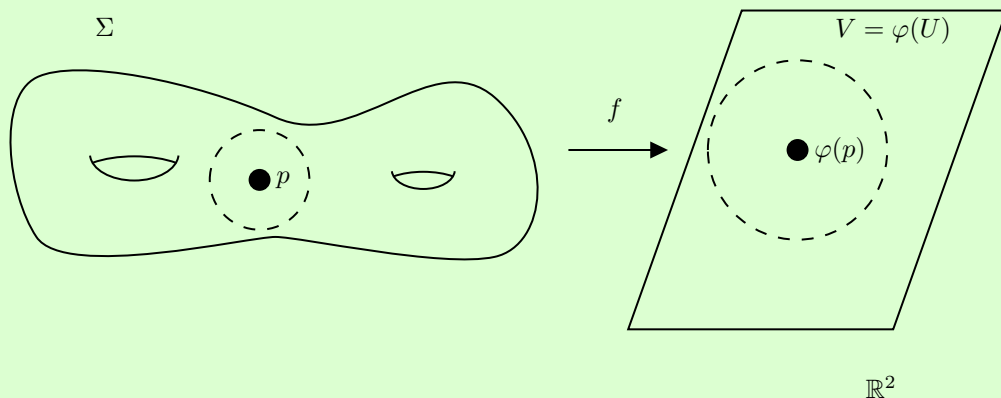
Reversal and concatenation in class of piecewise smooth paths implies

$$d_g(p, q) = d_g(q, p)$$

and

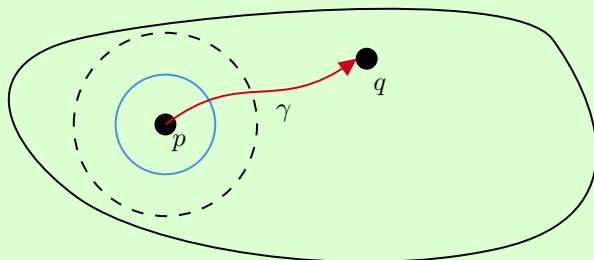
$$d_g(p, r) \leq d_g(p, q) + d_g(q, r)$$

remaining  $d_g(p, q) = 0 \implies p = q$  (converse is obvious)



Take  $p \in \Sigma$  and fix chart  $(U, \varphi)$  at  $p$ . W.l.o.g. suppose  $V = B(0, 1) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ , with  $\varphi(p) = 0$ . If  $q \neq p \in \Sigma$ ,  $\exists \varepsilon > 0$  s.t.  $q \notin \varphi^{-1}(B(0, \varepsilon))$ .

Suppose  $\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow \Sigma$  is a piecewise smooth path from  $p$  to  $q$ .



$$\varphi^{-1}(\overline{B(0, \varepsilon)})$$

Certainly  $\gamma$  must escape  $\varphi^{-1}(\overline{B(0, \varepsilon)}) \ni p$ . By  $\Delta$ -inequality, suffices to show  $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.  $d_g(p, q) \geq \delta$  whenever  $r \in \text{Boundary}(\varphi^{-1}(\overline{B(0, \varepsilon)})) = \varphi^{-1}(\{\text{circle radius } \varepsilon \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^2\})$ .

Data of Riemannian metric  $g$  on  $\Sigma$  includes  $\begin{bmatrix} E_z & F_z \\ F_z & G_z \end{bmatrix}$  for  $z \in \overline{B(0, \varepsilon)} \subset V$ .

Also have usual Euclidean inner product

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \forall z \in \overline{B(0, \varepsilon)} \subset V$$

**Proof** (continued). So  $\forall z \in \overline{B(0, \varepsilon)}$  we have 2 positive definite inner products, and  $\overline{B(0, \varepsilon)}$  is compact so  $\exists \delta > 0$  s.t.

$$\begin{bmatrix} E_z - \delta & F_z \\ F_z & G_z - \delta \end{bmatrix} \text{ still +ve definite } \forall z \in \overline{B(0, \varepsilon)}$$

(i.e.  $EF - G^2 > 0 \forall z \in \overline{B(0, \varepsilon)}$  so bounded below by something positive).

So  $\text{Length}_g(\hat{\gamma}) \geq \text{Length}_{\delta\text{-euclidean}}(\hat{\gamma})$  (†)

for any  $\hat{\gamma}$  contained in  $\overline{B(0, \varepsilon)}$ . So taking  $\hat{\gamma} = \varphi[\gamma \cap \varphi^{-1}(\overline{B(0, \varepsilon)})]$  (part of  $\gamma$  in  $\overline{B(0, \varepsilon)}$  w.r.t. our chart).

(†) has RHS  $\geq \delta\varepsilon$  so  $d_g(p, q) \geq \delta\varepsilon$

**Remark.** We've proved (i), we should think why the last step of the argument, comparing the inner products  $\begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{bmatrix}$  associated to  $g$  with Euclidean inner products, also gives (ii) i.e.  $d_g$ -metric topology is the one we have from  $\Sigma$  being locally homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^2$

**Definition.** We define an abstract Riemannian metric on the disc

$$D = B(0, 1) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$$

by

$$\begin{aligned} g_{hyp} &= \frac{4(du^2 + dv^2)}{(1 - u^2 - v^2)^2} \\ &= \frac{4|dz|^2}{(1 - |z|^2)^2} \end{aligned}$$

I.e. if  $\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow D$  is smooth,

$$L_{g_{hyp}}(\gamma) = 2 \int_0^1 \frac{|\dot{\gamma}(t)|}{1 - |\gamma(t)|^2} dt$$

and if  $\gamma(t) = (u(t), v(t))$

$$L(\gamma) = 2 \int_0^1 \frac{(\dot{u}(t)^2 + \dot{v}(t)^2)^{1/2}}{1 - u(t)^2 - v(t)^2} dt$$

(c.f. a FFF with

$$E = G = \frac{4}{(1 - u^2 - v^2)^2}, \quad F = 0$$

but there is no embedding in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  in the background).

The flat metric on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and the round metric on  $S^2$  both have large (transitive) isometry groups.

Recall the Möbius group

$$\text{Möb} = \left\{ z \mapsto \frac{az + b}{cz + d} : \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in GL(2, \mathbb{C}) \right\}$$

acts on  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$

**Lemma.**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Möb} &= \{T \in \text{Möb} : T(D) = D\} \\ &= \{z \mapsto e^{i\theta} \frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z} : |a| < 1\} \\ &= \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ \bar{b} & \bar{a} \end{bmatrix} \in \text{Möb} : |a|^2 - |b|^2 = 1 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.**

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z} \right| = 1 &\iff (z-a)(\bar{z}-\bar{a}) = (1-\bar{a}z)(1-a\bar{z}) \\ &\iff z\bar{z} - a\bar{z} - \bar{a}z + a\bar{a} = 1 - a\bar{z} - \bar{a}z + a\bar{a}z\bar{z} \\ &\iff |z|^2(1-|a|^2) = 1-|a|^2 \\ &\iff |z| = 1 \end{aligned}$$

So  $z \mapsto e^{i\theta} \frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}$  does preserve  $|z| = 1$  and sends  $0 \in D$  to  $a \in D$ . So preserves disc

**Lemma.** The Riemannian metric  $g_{hyp} = \frac{4|dz|^2}{(1-|z|^2)^2}$  is invariant under  $\text{Möb}(D)$ , i.e. it acts by hyperbolic isometries.

**Proof.**  $\text{Möb}(D)$  is generated by  $e^{i\theta}z$  and  $z \mapsto \frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}$ ,  $|a| < 1$ . The first (rotations) clearly preserve  $g_{hyp}$ .

For second type, let  $w = \frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}$  so

$$\begin{aligned} dw &= \frac{dz}{1-\bar{z}z} + \frac{z-a}{(1-\bar{a}z)^2} \bar{a} dz \\ &= \frac{dz}{(1-\bar{a}z)^2} (1-|a|^2) \end{aligned}$$

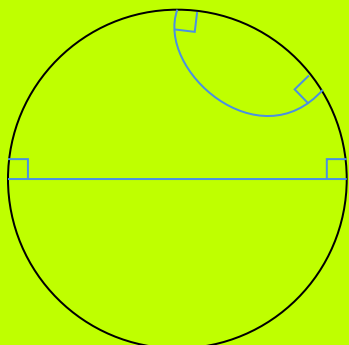
Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|dw|}{1-|w|^2} &= \frac{|dz|}{|1-\bar{a}z|^2} \frac{(1-|a|^2)}{\left(1 - \left|\frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}\right|^2\right)} \\ &= \frac{|dz|(1-|a|^2)}{|1-\bar{a}z|^2 - |z-a|^2} \\ &= \frac{|dz|}{1-|z|^2} \end{aligned}$$

so done



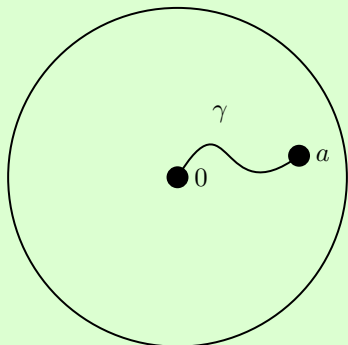
- Lemma.** (i) Every pair of points in  $(D, g_{hyp})$  is joined by a unique geodesic (up to reparametrisation)  
(ii) The geodesics are diameters of the disc and circular arcs orthogonal to  $\partial D$



geodesics in the hyperbolic disc

The whole geodesics (i.e. the ones that are defined on  $\mathbb{R}$ ) are called **hyperbolic lines**

**Proof.**



Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}_+ \cap D$  and  $\gamma$  a smooth path from  $0 \in D$  to  $a$ . Say  $\gamma(t) = (u(t), v(t))$  and note that  $\text{Re}(\gamma)(t) = (u(t), 0)$  is also a smooth path from 0 to  $a$

$$\begin{aligned} L(\gamma) &= \int_0^1 \frac{2|\dot{\gamma}(t)|}{1 - |\gamma(t)|^2} dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{2\sqrt{\dot{u}^2 + \dot{v}^2}}{1 - u^2 - v^2} dt \\ &\geq \int_0^1 \frac{2|\dot{u}(t)|}{1 - u^2} dt \\ &\geq \int_0^1 \frac{2\dot{u}(t)}{1 - u(t)^2} dt \end{aligned}$$

With equalities  $\iff \dot{v} \equiv 0 \iff v \equiv 0$  and equality  $\iff u$  is monotonic.

So the arc of the diameter (parametrised monotonically) is globally length-minimised among all paths from 0 to  $a$ , and hence a geodesic.

Indeed  $L(\text{diameter arc}) = 2 \tanh^{-1}(a)$ .

Now 0 and  $a \in \mathbb{R}_+ \cap D$  are joined by a unique geodesic and  $\text{Möb}(D)$  acts transitively and can be used to send any  $p, q \in D$  to  $0, a \in \mathbb{R}_+ \cap D$ .

Since isometries send geodesics to geodesics, every  $p, q \in D$  is joined by one geodesic.

And Möbius maps send circles to circles, and preserve angles and hence orthogonality to  $\partial D$ .

This implies our description of geodesics

**Corollary.** If  $p, q \in D$ , then

$$d_{hyp}(p, q) = 2 \tanh^{-1} \left| \frac{p - q}{1 - \bar{p}q} \right|$$

**Definition.** The **hyperbolic upper half-plane**  $(h, g_{hyp})$  is the set

$$h = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Im}(z) > 0\}$$

with the abstract Riemannian metric  $\frac{dx^2 + dy^2}{y^2}$  (or  $\frac{|dz|^2}{\text{Im}(z)^2}$ )

**Lemma.** The  $(D^2, g_{hyp})$  and  $(h, g_{hyp})$  are isometric

**Proof.** We have maps

$$\begin{aligned} h &\xrightarrow{T} D & D &\rightarrow h \\ w &\mapsto \frac{w-i}{w+i} & z &\mapsto i \left( \frac{1-z}{1+z} \right) \end{aligned}$$

which are inverse diffeomorphisms (compare to ES4).

If  $w \in h$ , let  $T(w) = \frac{w-i}{w+i} \in D$ . Then

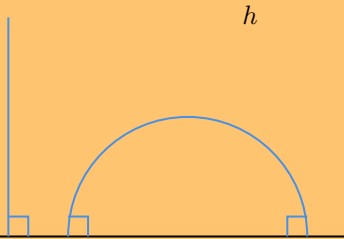
$$T'(w) = \frac{1}{w+i} - \frac{w-i}{(w+i)^2} = \frac{2i}{(1+i)^2}$$

Considering  $T(w) = z \in D$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|dz|}{1-|z|^2} &= \frac{|d(Tw)|}{1-|T(w)|^2} = \frac{|T'(w)| \cdot |dw|}{1-|T(w)|^2} \\ &= \frac{2|dw|}{|w+i|^2 \left(1 - \left|\frac{w-i}{w+i}\right|^2\right)} = \frac{|dw|}{2\text{Im}(w)} \end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $\frac{4|dz|^2}{(1-|z|^2)^2}$  is the metric obtained under pullback by  $T$  from  $\frac{|dw|}{\text{Im}(w)}$

**Corollary.** In  $(h, g_{hyp})$ , every pair of points is joined by a unique geodesic, and the geodesics are vertical straight lines and semi-circles centered on  $\mathbb{R}$



**Proof.** Our isometry  $h \rightarrow D$  is given by a Möbius map sending  $\mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\} \rightarrow \partial D$ , and Möbius maps preserve circles and orthogonality

**Remarks.**

- (i) Wenn we discussed surfaces in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with constant Gauss curvature, we saw that if something had  $\kappa = -1$ , its FFF in geodesic normal co-ordinates was  $du^2 + \cosh^2(u) dv^2$  and there is a change of variables taking that to  $\frac{dV^2+dW^2}{W^2}$  ( $= g_{hyp}$  on  $h$ )  
Gauss' theorema egregium implies Gauss curvature makes sense for an abstract Riemannian metric (lengths, areas angles do; so do geodesics, and hence so do co-ordinate systems letting us express/ define  $\kappa$ )  
So  $h$  has constant curvature  $-1$
- (ii) Suppose we looked for a metric

$$d : D \times D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$$

on  $D^2$  with the properties

- Möb( $D$ )-invariant:

$$d(Tx, Ty) = d(x, y) \quad \forall T \in \text{Möb}(D)$$

- $\mathbb{R} \cap D$  to be length-minimising

Möb( $D$ )-invariance means that  $d$  is completely determined by  $d(0, a)$  for  $a \in \mathbb{R}_+ \cap D$ . Call this  $p(a)$ .

If  $\mathbb{R}_+ \cap D$  is "length-minimising", distance along it should be additive, so if  $0 < a < b < 1$ ,

$$d(0, a) + d(a, b) = d(0, b)$$

i.e.

$$p(a) + p\left(\frac{b-a}{1-ab}\right) = p(b)$$

If we furthermore suppose  $p$  is differentiable and differentiate w.r.t.  $b$  and set  $b = a$ ,

$$p'(a) = \frac{p'(a)}{1-a^2}$$

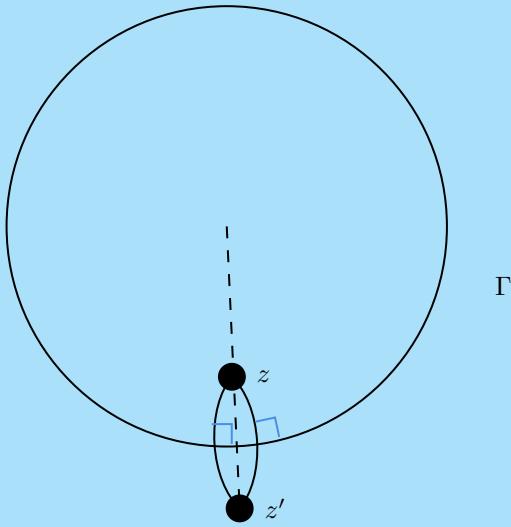
i.e.  $p(a) = \text{const.} \tanh^{-1}(a)$ .

So up to scale, length metric associated to  $g_{hyp}$  on  $D$  is the only metric with these nice properties.

The scale is chosen to make  $\kappa \equiv -1$  (and not  $-c$  for some other  $c > 0$ )

We would like to understand the full isometry group of  $(D, g_{hyp})$  or  $(h, g_{hyp})$  The result is we need to add "reflections" in hyperbolic lines, called **inversions**

**Definition.** Let  $\Gamma \subset \hat{\mathbb{C}}$  be a circle or line. We say points  $z, z' \in \hat{\mathbb{C}}$  are **inverse** for  $\Gamma$  if every circle through  $z$  and orthogonal to  $\Gamma$  also passes through  $z'$



**Lemma.** For every circle  $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{C}$  and  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ , there is a unique inverse point w.r.t.  $\Gamma$  for  $z$

**Proof.** Recall Möbius maps send circles (in  $\hat{\mathbb{C}}$ ) to circles and preserve angles. So if  $z, z'$  are inverse for  $\Gamma$ , and  $\Gamma \in \text{Möb}$ , then  $Tz$  and  $Tz'$  are inverse for  $T(\Gamma)$ .

If  $\Gamma = \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$ , then  $Jz = \bar{z}$  gives inverse points (i.e. this map satisfies the requirements and is unique such).

Now if  $\Gamma \subseteq \hat{\mathbb{C}}$  is any circle,  $\exists T \in \text{Möb}$  s.t.

$$T(\mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}) = \Gamma$$

Define inversion in  $\Gamma$  by

$$J_{\Gamma} : z \mapsto T(\text{conj.})T^{-1}(z)$$

This works!

**Definition.** The map  $z \mapsto J_{\Gamma}(z)$  sending  $z$  to the unique inverse point  $z'$  for  $z$  w.r.t.  $\Gamma$  is called **inversion** in  $\Gamma$ .

(This fixes all points of  $\Gamma$  and exchanges the two complementary regions)

**Examples.** (i) If  $\Gamma$  is a straight line (circle in  $\hat{\mathbb{C}}$  through  $\infty \in \hat{\mathbb{C}}$ ),  $J_{\Gamma}$  is reflection in  $\Gamma$

(ii) If  $S^1 = \{|z| = 1\}$

$$J_{S^1} : z \mapsto \frac{1}{\bar{z}} \quad (0 \mapsto \infty)$$

(cf. ES4)

**Remark.** A composition of two inversions is a Möbius map. Let  $C : z \mapsto \bar{z}$  be inversion in  $\mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$  so if  $\Gamma$  is any circle,

$$J_\Gamma = T \circ C \circ T^{-1} \quad (*)$$

where  $T(\mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}) = \Gamma$ . Now given  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  circles, and  $T_i$  takes  $\mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$  to  $\Gamma_i$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} J_{\Gamma_1} \circ J_{\Gamma_2} &= (J_{\Gamma_1} \circ C) \circ (C \circ J_{\Gamma_2}) \\ &= (C \circ J_{\Gamma_1})^{-1} \circ (C \circ J_{\Gamma_2}) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$C \circ J_\Gamma = C \circ T \circ C \circ T^{-1}$$

by (\*). So STP  $C \circ T \circ C \in \text{Möb}$ . But if  $T(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$

$$C \circ T \circ C : z \mapsto \frac{\bar{a}z + \bar{b}}{\bar{c}z + \bar{d}} \in \text{Möb}$$

**Lemma.** An orientation preserving isometry of  $(\mathbb{H}^2, g_{hyp})$  is an element of  $\text{Möb}(\mathbb{H})$  where

$$\mathbb{H} = D \text{ or } h$$

The full isometry group is generated by inversions in hyperbolic lines (circles  $\perp$  to  $\partial\mathbb{H}$ )

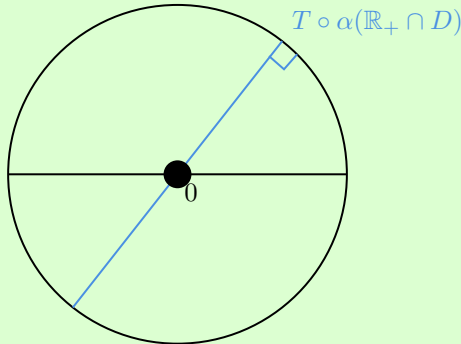
**Proof.** Suffices to prove this in either model.

In  $D$ , inversion in  $\mathbb{R} \cap D$ , i.e. conjugation, preserves

$$g_{hyp} = \frac{4|dz|^2}{(1-|z|^2)^2}$$

Now  $\text{Möb}(\mathbb{H})$  acts transitively on geodesics and its acting by isometries, so all inversions in hyperbolic lines are isometries.

Now suppose  $\alpha \in \text{Isom}(D, g_{hyp})$  is some isometry of the hyperbolic disc.  $a := \alpha(0) \in D$  and using  $z \mapsto \frac{z-a}{1-\bar{a}z}$ ,  $\exists T \in \text{Möb}(D)$  s.t.  $R \circ T \circ \alpha$  sends  $D \cap \mathbb{R}_+$  to itself.



Composing with  $C$  and if necessary,  $\exists A \in \text{Isom}(D)$  of the form (inversion)  $\circ$  (Möbius) s.t.  $A \circ \alpha$  fixes  $\mathbb{R} \cap D$  pointwise & fixes  $i\mathbb{R} \cap D$  pointwise (unique geodesic through  $0 \perp$  to  $\mathbb{R} \cap D$ ). Now  $A \circ \alpha = \text{id}$ , so  $\alpha = A^{-1}$ . If  $\alpha$  preserved orientation and fixed  $\mathbb{R} \cap D$ , it necessarily fixed  $i\mathbb{R} \cap D$  pointwise and so in fact  $\alpha = (R \circ T)^{-1} \in \text{Möb}$ .

In general,  $\alpha \in \langle \text{Möb}(\mathbb{H}), \text{inversions in hyperbolic geodesics} \rangle$  and we saw compositions of 2 inversions are Möbius maps, and in fact every Möbius map is a product of inversions (cf ES4)

**Remark.** In upper half-plane model

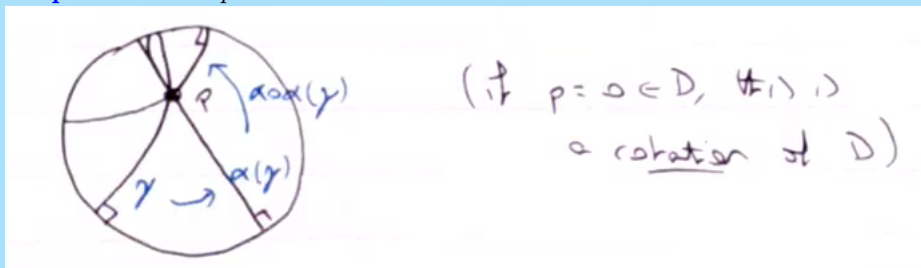
$$\begin{aligned}\text{Möb}(h) &= \mathbb{P}SL(2, \mathbb{R}) \\ &= \left\{ z \mapsto \frac{az + b}{cz + d} : \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in GL(2, \mathbb{R}) \right\}\end{aligned}$$

and

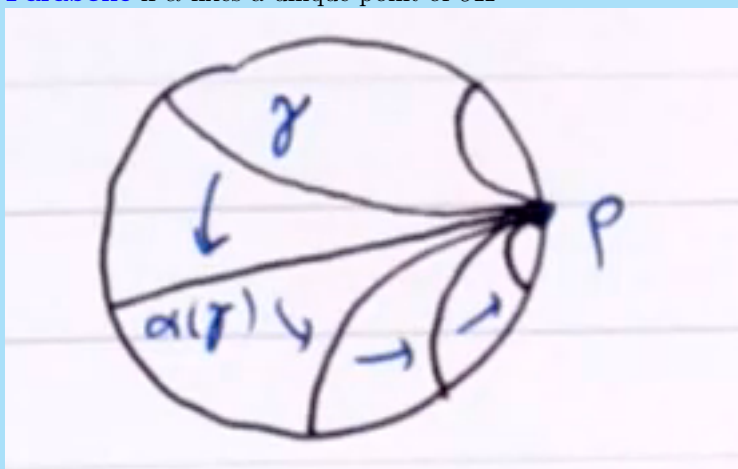
$$d_{hyp}(a, b) = 2 \tanh^{-1} \left| \frac{b - a}{b - \bar{a}} \right|$$

**Definition.** Let  $\alpha \in \text{Isom}^+(\mathbb{H}) = \text{Möb}(\mathbb{H})$  orientation preserving isometries. Suppose  $\alpha \neq \text{id}$ . We say  $\alpha$  is

- **Elliptic** if  $\alpha$  fixes  $p \in \mathbb{H}$

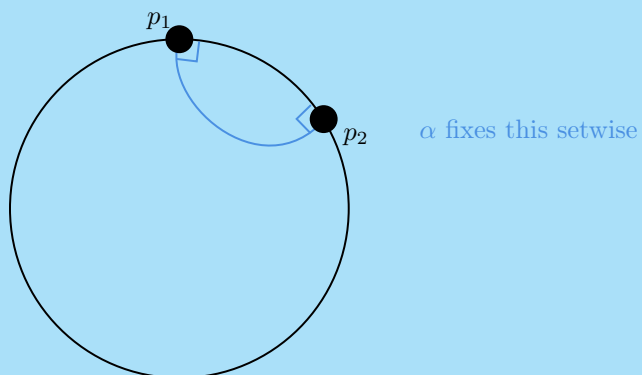


- **Parabolic** if  $\alpha$  fixes a unique point of  $\partial\mathbb{H}$



(If  $p = \infty \in h$ , then  $\alpha : z \mapsto z + t$ )

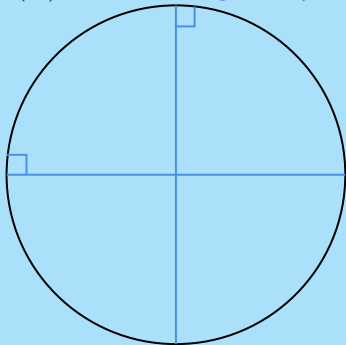
- **Hyperbolic** if  $\alpha$  fixes 2 points on  $\partial\mathbb{H}$



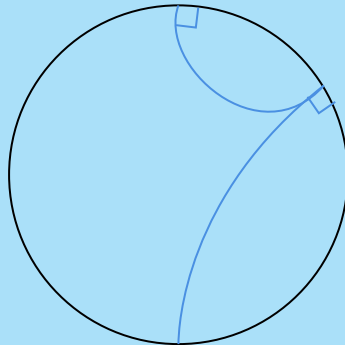
Exercise: All elements of  $\text{Möb}(\mathbb{H})$  falls into one of these 3 cases

**Definition.** Let  $l, l'$  be hyperbolic lines. We say  $l, l'$  are

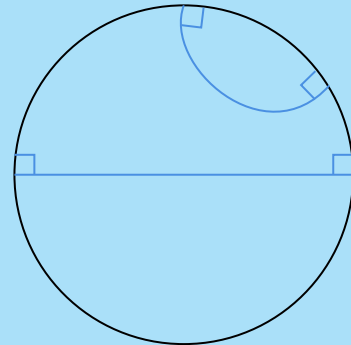
- (i) **Parallel** if they meet in  $\partial\mathbb{H}$  but not in  $\mathbb{H}$
- (ii) **Ultraparallel** if they do not meet in  $\mathbb{H} \cup \partial\mathbb{H}$
- (iii) **Intersecting** if they meet in  $\mathbb{H}$



intersecting



parallel

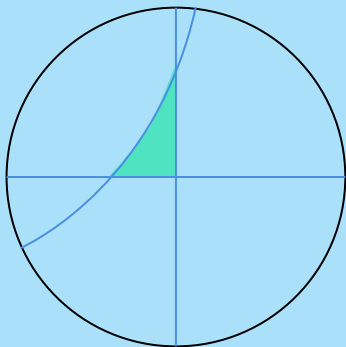


ultra-parallel

Exercise (cf ES4): What is  $J_{\Gamma_1} \circ J_{\Gamma_2}$  where  $\{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2\}$  are in the 3 cases?

**Remark.** The parallel postulate fails!

**Definition.** A **hyperbolic triangle** is the region bound by 3 hyperbolic lines, no two of which are ultraparallel

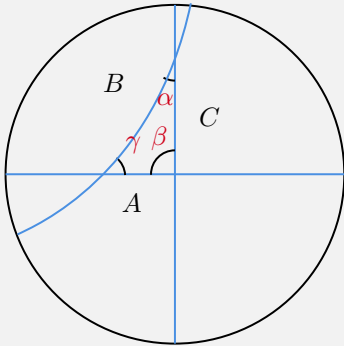


Vertices lying at infinity (on  $\partial\mathbb{H}$ ) are called **ideal** vertices

**Note.** Remember points of  $\partial\mathbb{H}$  are NOT in the hyperbolic plane



Consider a hyperbolic triangle



We take a triangle in  $\mathbb{H}^2$  with hyperbolic side lengths  $A, B, C$  and opposite angles  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$

**Note.** The hyperbolic metric  $g_{hyp}$  was

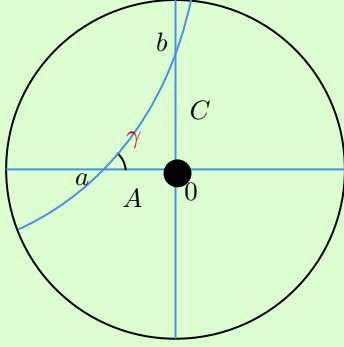
$$\frac{du^2 + dv^2}{(1 - u^2 - v^2)^2} \text{ with } E = G, F = 0$$

So this is conformal: angles computed w.r.t.  $g_{hyp}$  agree with Euclidean angles

**Equation** (Hyperbolic cosine formula).

$$\cosh C = \cosh A \cosh B - \sinh A \sinh B \cos \gamma$$

**Proof.** To simplify, by an isometry, put vertex of angle  $\gamma$  at  $0 \in D$  and put the vertex of angle  $\beta$  on  $\mathbb{R}_+ \cap D$



$$d_{hyp}(0, a) = 2 \tanh^{-1}(a)$$

i.e.  $a = \tanh \frac{A}{2}$  and  $b = e^{i\gamma} \tanh(\frac{B}{2})$  and

$$\left| \frac{b - a}{1 - \bar{a}b} \right| = \tanh\left(\frac{C}{2}\right)$$

If  $t = \tanh(\lambda/2)$ , “recall”

$$\cosh(\lambda) = \frac{1 + t^2}{1 - t^2}$$

$$\sinh(\lambda) = \frac{2t}{1 - t^2}$$

So

$$\cosh(A) = \frac{1 + |a|^2}{1 - |a|^2}$$

$$\cosh(B) = \frac{1 + |b|^2}{1 - |b|^2}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \cosh C &= \frac{|1 - \bar{a}b|^2 + |b - a|^2}{|1 - \bar{a}b|^2 - |b - a|^2} \\ &= \frac{(1 + |a|^2)(1 + |b|^2) - 2(\bar{a}b + a\bar{b})}{(1 - |a|^2)(1 - |b|^2)} \end{aligned}$$

but  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $b + \bar{b} = 2\operatorname{Re}(b) = 2b \cos \gamma$ . Using that

$$\cosh C = \cosh A \cosh B - \sinh A \sinh B \cos \gamma$$

as required

**Remarks.**

(i) If  $A, B, C$  small, and

$$\begin{aligned}\sinh A &\approx A \\ \cosh A &\approx 1 + \frac{A^2}{2}\end{aligned}$$

then formula reduces to

$$C^2 = A^2 + B^2 - 2AB \cos \gamma$$

(up to higher order terms), Euclidean cosine formula.

Recall dilating a surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  rescaled its curvature. Zooming in to any point on an abstract smooth surface with a Riemannian metric, the surface looks closer and closer to being flat

(ii)  $\cos \gamma \geq -1$  so formula says

$$\begin{aligned}\cosh C &\leq \cosh A \cosh B + \sinh A \sinh B \\ &= \cosh(A + B)\end{aligned}$$

and  $\cosh$  increasing so  $C \leq A + B$  which is the triangle inequality for  $g_{hyp}$ . (We already know the triangle inequality holds for any length metric, but our formula refines it)

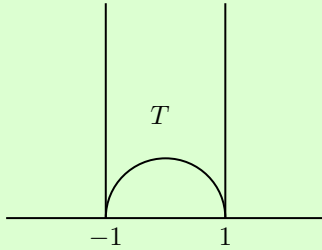
## 2.1 Area of Triangles

**Claim.** Let  $T \subset \mathbb{H}^2$  be a hyperbolic triangle with internal angles  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$

$$\text{Area}_{hyp}(T) = \pi - \alpha - \beta - \gamma$$

(this is a version of Gauss-Bonnet)

**Proof.** Möb( $\mathbb{H}^2$ ) acts transitively on triples of points in the boundary with the correct cyclic order. In particular,  $\exists$  a unique ideal triangle (all 3 vertices at infinity) up to isometry. Consider:

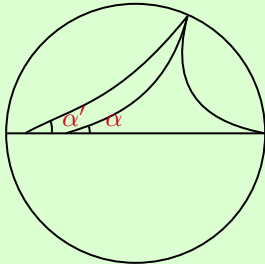


$$\text{Area}_{hyp}(T) = \int_{-1}^1 \int_{\sqrt{1-x^2}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{y^2} dy dx$$

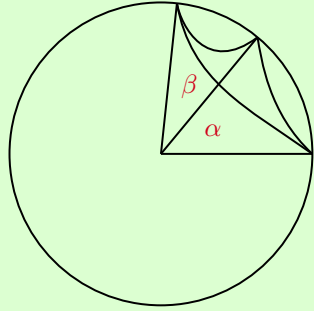
noting  $\sqrt{EG - F^2} = \frac{1}{y^2}$ . So

$$\text{Area}(T) = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} = \pi$$

Let  $A(\alpha)$  be the area of a triangle with angles  $0, 0, \alpha$



$A(\alpha)$  is decreasing in  $\alpha$ , and clearly continuous in  $\alpha$ .



**Proof** (continued).

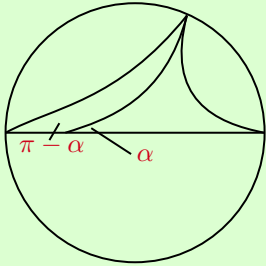
$$A(\alpha) + A(\beta) = A(\alpha + \beta) + \pi$$

Set  $F(\alpha) = \pi - A(\alpha)$ , this says

$$F(\alpha) + F(\beta) = F(\alpha + \beta)$$

and  $F$  is continuous and increasing so  $F(\alpha) = \lambda\alpha$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+$

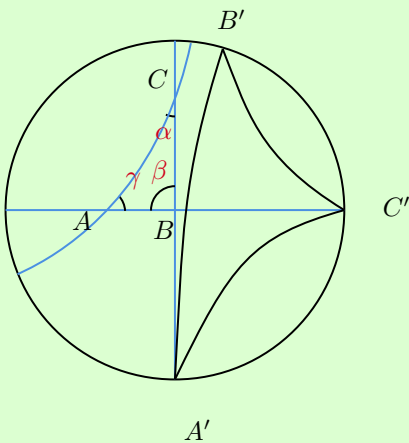
$$\implies A(\alpha) = \pi - \lambda\alpha$$



This picture shows

$$A(\alpha) + A(\pi - \alpha) = \pi \implies \lambda = 1$$

General case:



Now

$$ABC + A'CB' + A'B'C' = AB'C' + A'BC'$$

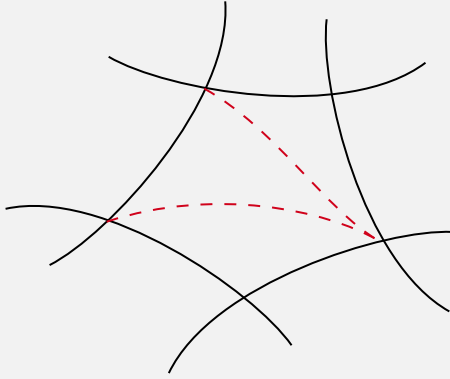
where  $ABC$  stands for  $\text{Area}_{hyp}$ (triangle with vertices  $A, B, C$ )

$$\implies ABC + \pi - (\pi - \gamma) + \pi = (\pi - \alpha) + (\pi - \beta)$$

which rearranges to what we want

**Note.** We allow  $R$  to have ideal vertices, i.e. ones at infinity (on  $\partial\mathbb{H}$ ) then the internal angle is zero

If  $G$  is a hyperbolic  $n$ -gon, i.e. region bound by  $n$  hyperbolic geodesics:



then  $\text{Area}(G)$  is

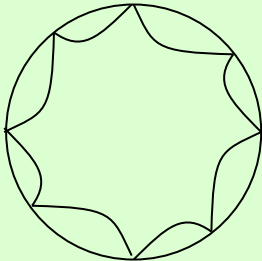
$$(n-2)\pi - \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i$$

where  $\{\alpha_i\}$  are the internal angles. (See this by cutting  $G$  into hyperbolic triangles. Recall any two points in  $\mathbb{H}^2$  are joined by a unique geodesic)

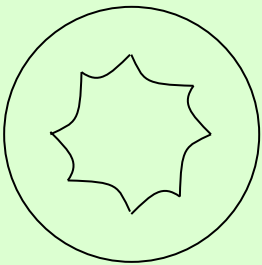
**Lemma.** If  $g \geq 2$ , there is a regular  $4g$ -gon in  $\mathbb{H}^2$  with internal angle

$$\frac{2\pi}{4g} = \frac{\pi}{2g}$$

**Proof.**



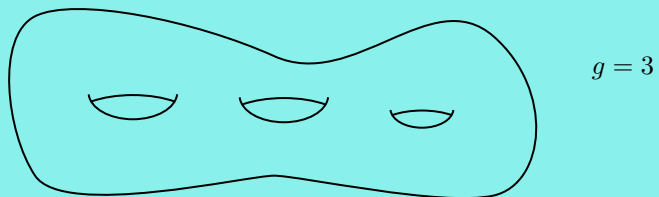
Take an ideal  $4g$ -gon in  $D^2$ , with all vertices at  $\partial D$ , being the  $4g$ -th roots of unity. Slide all-vertices radially inwards



This gives a continuous family of regular  $4g$ -gons, and their areas vary monotonically from  $(4g - 2)\pi$  to 0. The internal angle varies continuously from 0 to  $\beta_{min}$  s.t.  $(4g - 2)\pi = 4g\beta_{min}$ , and

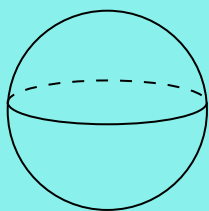
$$\frac{\pi}{2g} \in (0, \beta_{min})$$

**Theorem.** For each  $g \geq 2$ ,  $\exists$  an abstract Riemannian metric on the compact surface of genus  $g$  with curvature  $\kappa \equiv -1$  (locally isometric to  $\mathbb{H}^2$ ). Recall:



genus  $g$  = number of holes

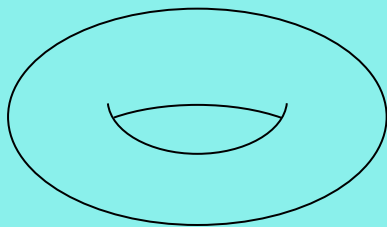
$g = 0$



round sphere

$\kappa \equiv 1$

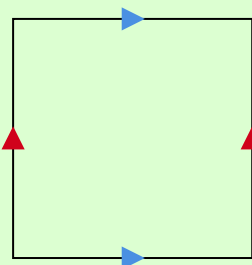
$g = 1$



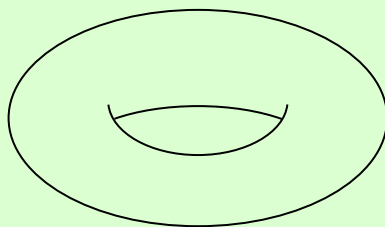
torus with  $\kappa \equiv 0$

$= \mathbb{R}^2 / \mathbb{Z}^2$

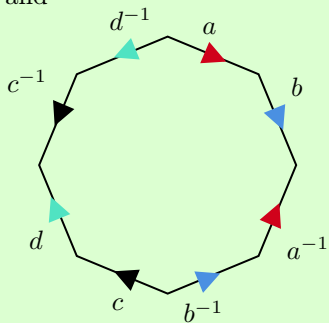
**Proof.** Recall



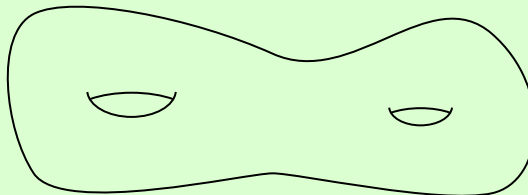
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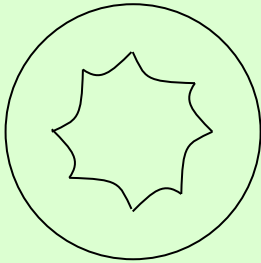
**Proof** (continued). Analogously, a  $4g$ -gon with side labels

$$a_1, b_1, a_1^{-1}, b_1^{-1}, a_2, b_2, a_2^{-1}, b_2^{-1}, \dots, a_g, b_g, a_g^{-1}, b_g^{-1}$$

would give on gluing an orientable compact surface of genus  $g$ . Observation: let's say a flag comprises

- (i) an oriented hyperbolic line
- (ii) a point on that line
- (iii) a choice of side to the line

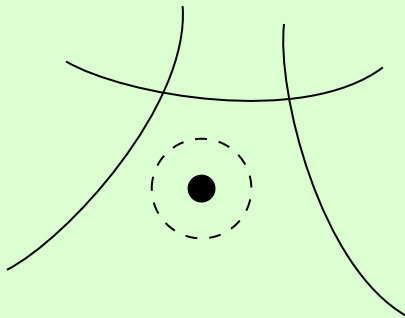
Given 2 such, there is a hyperbolic isometry taking one to the other. (We can "swap sides" using inversions)



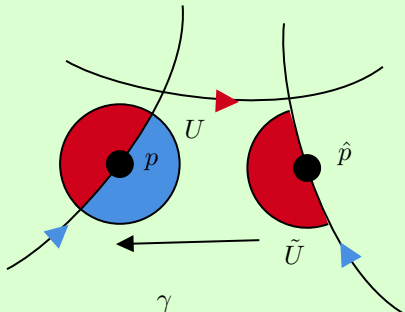
Take our regular  $4g$ -gon with internal angle  $\pi/2g$ . For each paired set of 2 edges, there is a hyperbolic isometry taking one to the other (respecting orientations) and taking the "inside" of polygon at  $e_1$  to the "outside" at its twin  $e_2$ .

Now we'll give an atlas  $\Sigma_g$  as follows:

- if  $p \in \text{interior}(\text{Polygon})$ , just take a small disc contained in  $\text{interior}(P)$  and include it into  $D (\subseteq \mathbb{R}^2)$



- if  $p \in \text{edge}(P)$ , say  $e_1$ , and  $\hat{p} \in e_2$  on the paired edge, we have an isometry  $\gamma$  from  $e_1$  to  $e_2$  exchanging sides (as above)



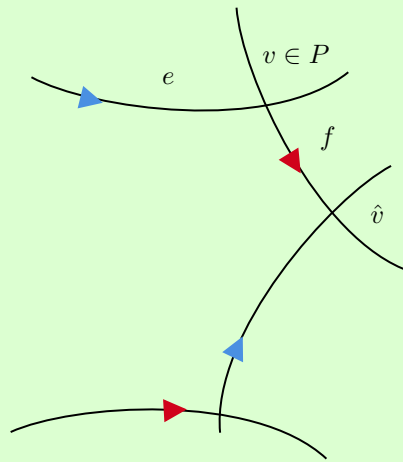
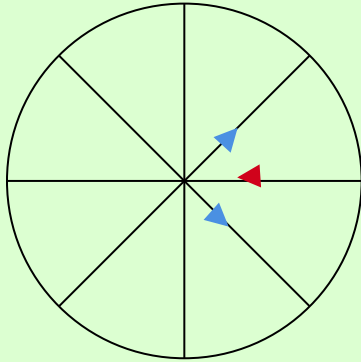
$$[p] = [\hat{p}] \in \Sigma = (\text{Polygon}) / \sim$$

Define  $U \cup \tilde{U} \rightarrow D$  (hyperbolic disc) to be inclusion on  $U$  and  $\gamma$  on  $\tilde{U}$ . These descend to maps on

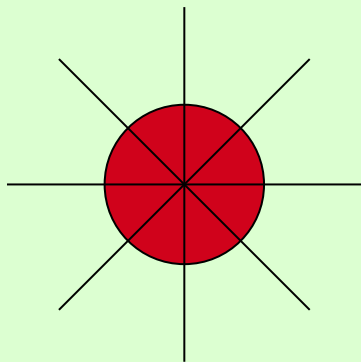
$$[U] \subseteq \Sigma, \quad [\tilde{U}] \subseteq \Sigma$$

which agree on the set  $[U \cap \tilde{U}]$  (projection to  $\Sigma_g$ )

**Proof** (continued). • In our gluing pattern, all  $4g$  vertices are identified to one point of  $\Sigma_g$  and we want a chart there.  
 Imaging putting a vertex of  $P$  at  $0 \in D$

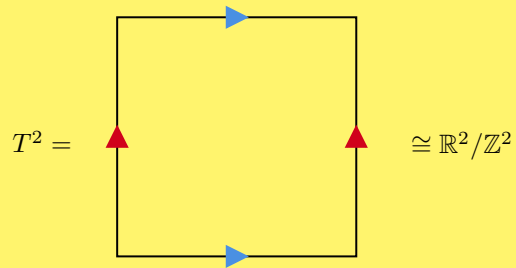


Condition that internal angles sum to  $2\pi$  means that we have a neighbourhood of  $[v] \in \Sigma_g$



Define chart at  $[v] \in \Sigma$  this way all our charts are obtained either from inclusion into  $D$ , or the composite of inclusion and some hyperbolic isometry. So the transition maps are hyperbolic isometries (so smooth)

**Remark.**



The second description was especially helpful for seeing the flat metric.

In fact, for  $\Sigma_g$ , we picked  $2g$  hyperbolic isometries (which paired sides) so we have a group

$$\Gamma = \langle \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{2g} \rangle \subseteq \text{Isom}(\mathbb{H})$$

Part II Algebraic topology will construct

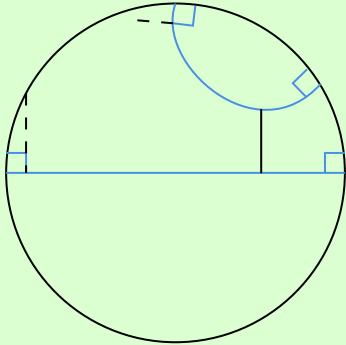
$$\Sigma_f = \mathbb{H}/\Gamma$$

A variant construction: we have another construction of metrics on  $\Sigma_g$  ( $g \geq 2$ ) which starts from polygons but is “more flexible”.

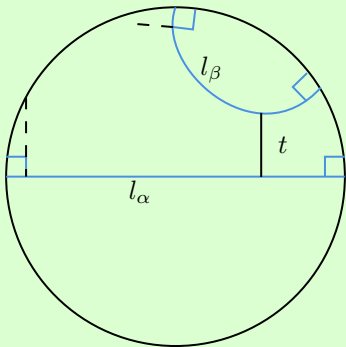
**Lemma.** For each  $l_\alpha, l_\beta, l_\gamma \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$  there is a right-angled hyperbolic hexagon with side lengths

$$l_\alpha, \gamma, l_\beta, \beta, l_\gamma, \alpha$$

**Proof.**

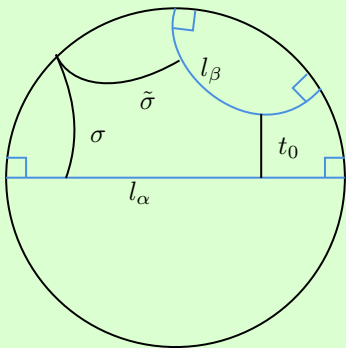


Take a pair of ultraparallel hyperbolic lines. ES4:  $\exists$  a unique common perpendicular geodesic. Given  $l_\alpha > 0$  and  $l_\beta > 0$ , we shoot off new geodesics orthogonal to the originals having travelled  $l_\alpha, l_\beta$  from the common perpendicular. In fact, given  $t > 0$ ,  $\exists$  an original ultraparallel pair distance exactly  $t$  apart.

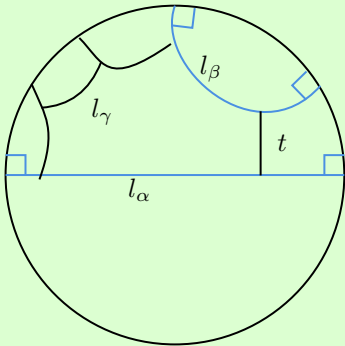


If  $t \gg 0$ , the new geodesics will also be ultraparallel.

$\exists$  a threshold value  $t_0$ , by continuity when the new geodesics first become parallel:

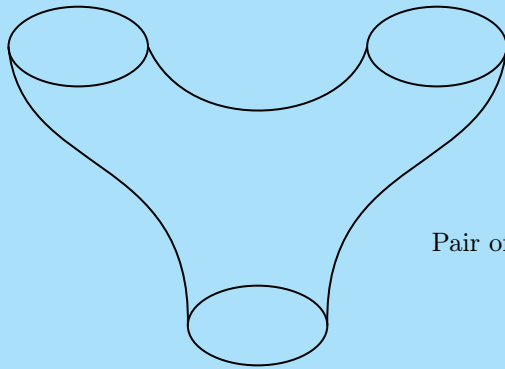


**Proof** (continued). Now consider  $t \in (t_0, \infty)$ . Then  $\sigma, \tilde{\sigma}$  are ultraparallel, so they have a unique common perpendicular. As we increase  $t$ , the length of that increases monotonically, so  $\exists$  a value of  $t > t_0$  s.t. the new common  $\perp r$  has length  $l_\gamma$

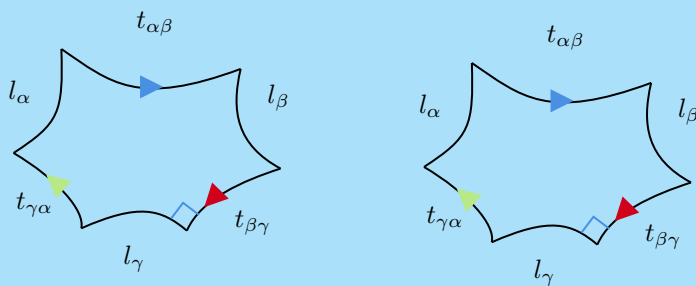


This is our right-angled hexagon

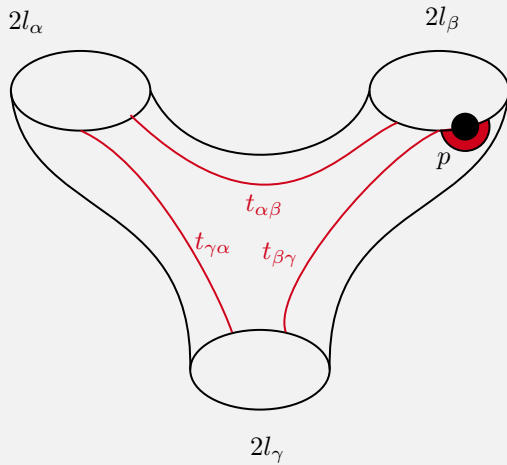
**Definition.** A **pair of pants** is any topological space homeomorphic to the complement of 3 open discs in  $S^2$



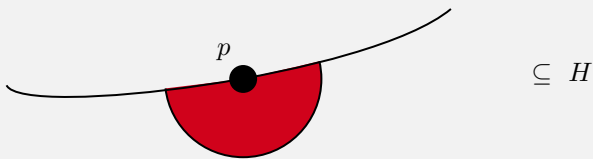
Pair of pants (a surface with boundary)



We take 2 copies of the  $(l_\alpha, l_\beta, l_\gamma)$  hexagon. The original configuration of 2 ultraparallel geodesics distance  $t$  apart is unique up to isometry (exercise). So our hexagon is unique.  
 We glue this pair of polygons as indicated  
 Since hexagon was right-angled, in the end we get a “hyperbolic” pair of pants



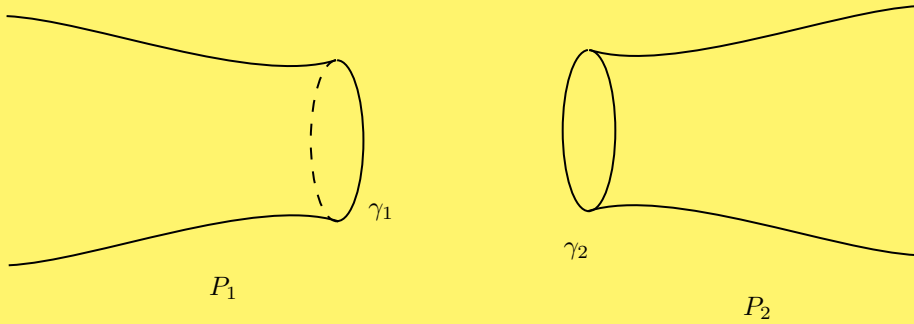
the boundary circles are geodesics in the sense that for any point on such, the local neighbourhood is like



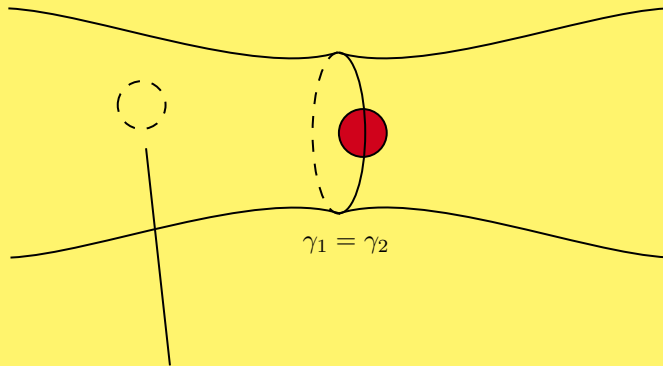
**Remark.** Using pairs-of-pants, we also obtain hyperbolic metrics on compact surfaces.  
 If  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are two hyperbolic “surfaces” with geodesic boundary circles and if  $\gamma_1 \subseteq P_1$  and  $\gamma_2 \subseteq P_2$  are boundary circles of the same hyperbolic length, then

$$P_1 \cup_{\gamma_1 \sim \gamma_2} P_2$$

inherits a hyperbolic metric where we glue by an isometry of  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$



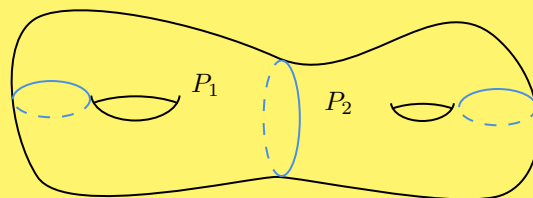
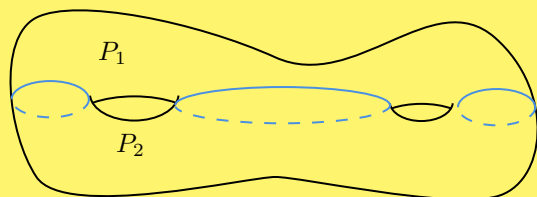
If  $l(\gamma_1) = l(\gamma_2)$  (length in the hyperbolic metrics on  $P_i$ ), then  $P_1 \cup_{\gamma_1 \sim \gamma_2}$  is hyperbolic



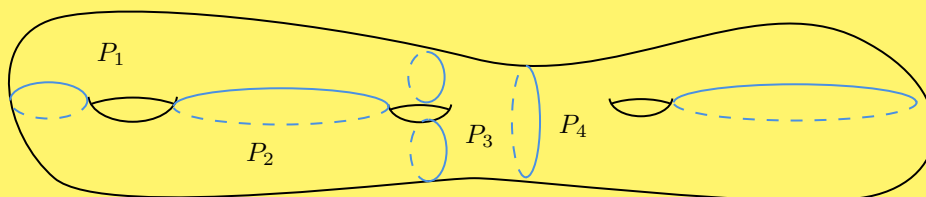
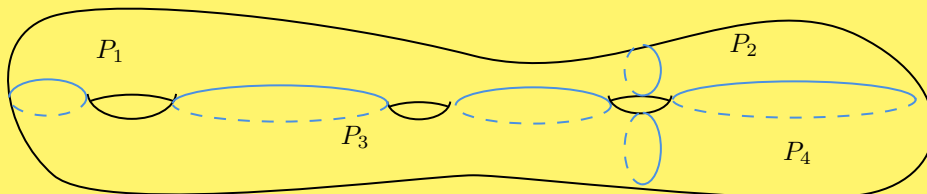
Open neighbourhood looks like a disc in  $\mathbb{H}$  since  $P$  was hyperbolic

At  $p \in \gamma_1 \sim \gamma_2$  we get a chart to a small disc in  $\mathbb{H}$  using that the boundary circles were geodesic (cf charts near points  $p \in \text{edge}(Q)$  for a hyperbolic polygon  $Q$  with side identifications).

Now every compact surface of genus  $g \geq 2$  can be built from pairs of pants



**Remark** (continued). For  $g = 3$ :



These are topological pictures, but we can use them as guides for gluing pairs-of-pants along common-length boundaries

**Notes.**

We have many choices here

- (i) lengths of circles coming from hyperbolic hexagons
- (ii) Topologically different “pants” decompositions

**Recall:**

- (i) In a spherical triangle with internal angles  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ , we saw in ES2 area  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma - \pi$  whilst a hyperbolic triangle with internal angles  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  had area  $\pi - \alpha - \beta - \gamma$
- (ii) We also saw a convex Gauss-Bonnet theorem

$$\int_{\Sigma} \kappa \, dA = 4\pi$$

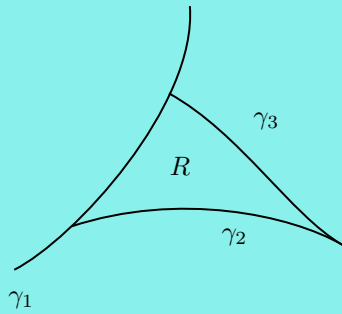
if  $\Sigma$  bounds a convex region in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\kappa_{\Sigma} > 0$



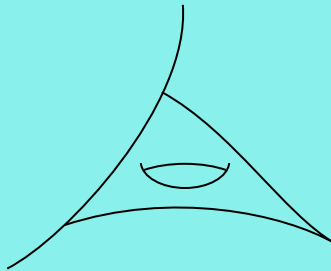
**Theorem** (Local Gauss-Bonnet). Let  $\Sigma$  be an abstract smooth surface with abstract Riemannian metric  $g_\Sigma$ . Take a geodesic polygon  $R$  on  $\Sigma$ , i.e. a smooth disc whose boundary is decomposed into finitely many geodesic arcs. Then

$$\int_{R \subseteq \Sigma} \kappa_\Sigma \, dA = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i - (n-2)\pi$$

where  $\{\alpha_i\}$  are the internal angles of the polygon  $R$



Geodesic polygon



Not a geodesic polygon for our purposes

**Theorem** (Global Gauss-Bonnet). If  $\Sigma$  is a compact smooth surface with abstract Riemannian metric  $g_\Sigma$

$$\int_{\Sigma} \kappa_\Sigma \, dA = 2\pi\chi(\Sigma)$$

**Remarks.**

- (i) Gauss curvature, area and  $dA$  can be defined just using an abstract Riemannian metric
- (ii) For our hyperbolic surfaces
  - We glued  $\Sigma_g$  from a regular  $4g$ -gon with angles  $\pi/2g$  so then total area of  $\Sigma$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Sigma} 1 \, dA &= \text{Area}(\text{Polygon}) \\ &= (4g - 2)\pi - \sum_1^{4g} \frac{\pi}{2g} \\ &= (4g - 4)\pi \end{aligned}$$

and

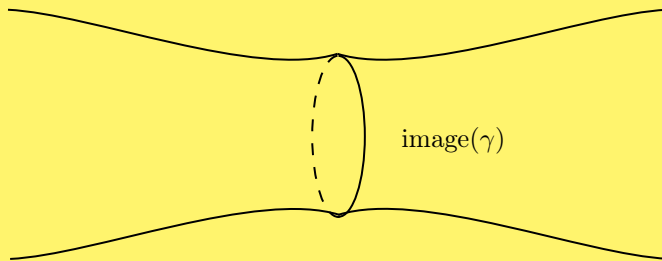
$$\kappa_{\Sigma} \equiv -1, \quad \chi(\Sigma_g) = 2 - 2g$$

- A right-angled hyperbolic hexagon has area

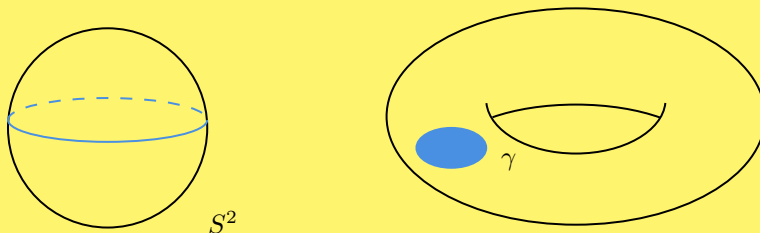
$$4\pi - \sum_1^6 \frac{\pi}{2} = \pi$$

Each pair of pants has 2-such, and a genus  $g$  surfaces uses  $2g - 2$  pants. So again this fits.

- (iii) Shows  $\chi(\Sigma)$  doesn't depend on choice of triangulation
- (iv) Suppose  $\Sigma$  is a flat surface, so  $\kappa_{\Sigma} \equiv 0$  and  $\gamma$  is a closed geodesic, i.e.  $\gamma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \Sigma$  is defined on all of  $\mathbb{R}$  but  $\exists T > 0$  s.t.  $\gamma(t+T) = \gamma(t) \forall t$



Then  $\gamma$  cannot bound a (smooth) disc in  $\Sigma$



Indeed,



Local Gauss-Bonnet

$$0 = \int_R \kappa_{\Sigma} \, dA = \underbrace{\sum_1^n \alpha_i}_{2\pi} - (n - 2)\pi$$

$$n = 2 \implies \alpha_1 = \pi = \alpha_2 \quad \times$$

Global Gauss-Bonnet is deduced from local Gauss-Bonnet

**Lemma.** A compact smooth surface admits subdivisions into geodesic polygons  
(cf “exponential map” in Part II)

Given that lemma, take a subdivision on  $\Sigma$  and apply local Gauss-Bonnet

$$\sum_{\text{Polygons}} \int_P \kappa_\Sigma \, dA = \int_\Sigma \kappa_\Sigma \, dA$$

$$\sum_n \sum_{P \text{ an } n\text{-gon}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i(P) - (n-2)\pi \right) = 2\pi V + 2\pi F - 2\pi E = 2\pi\chi(\Sigma)$$

where  $V, E, F$  are the numbers of vertices, edges and faces in the subdivision.  
The local G-B theorem is ver closely related to Green’s theorem in the plane

Non-examinable sketch of this:

Green's theorem says

Take a region  $R \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  bound by piecewise smooth curve  $\gamma$  and take  $P, Q : V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  smooth defined on open set  $V \supseteq R$ , then

$$\int_{\gamma} P du + Q dv = \int_R (Q_u - P_v) dy dv$$

Consider a geodesic polygon on  $\Sigma$  lying wholly in the domain of a local parametrisation defined on some open  $V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ .

We'll work with an orthonormal basis for  $\mathbb{R}^2$  varying from point to point ("moving frames"). Specifically we take

$$e = \sigma_u$$

$$f = \frac{\sigma_v}{\sqrt{G}}$$

where we use geodesic normal co-ordinates  $u, v$  (s.t.  $E = 1, F = 0, G = G(u, v)$ ). So  $T_p \Sigma = \text{Span}_{\mathbb{R}}(e, f)$  if  $p \in \text{image}(\sigma)$ . We parametrise  $\gamma$  by arc-length and let

$$I := \int_{\gamma} \langle e, \dot{\gamma} \rangle dt$$

$\dot{\gamma} = f_u \dot{u} + f_v \dot{v}$  so let  $P = \langle e, f_u \rangle, Q = \langle e, f_v \rangle$  then

$$\begin{aligned} Q_v - P_v &= \langle e_v, f_v \rangle - \langle f_u, e_v \rangle + \langle e, f_{uv} \rangle - \langle e, f_{uv} \rangle \\ &= \langle e_v, f_v \rangle - \langle f_u, e_v \rangle \\ &= -\sqrt{G} G_{uu} \text{ (ES3)} \\ &= \kappa \sqrt{G} \text{ but } \sqrt{G} = \sqrt{EG - F^2} \\ &= \kappa dA \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\int_R (Q_u - P_v) du dv = \int_R \kappa_{\Sigma} dA$$

Let  $\theta(t) = \text{angle between } \dot{\gamma}(t) \text{ and } e(t) \text{ (function of } t \in \text{Domain}(\gamma))$

i.e.  $\dot{\gamma}(t) = e \cos \theta(t) + f \sin \theta(t)$

$$\implies \ddot{\gamma}(t) = \dot{e} \cos \theta + \dot{f} \sin \theta + \eta \dot{\theta}$$

where  $\eta = -e \sin \theta + f \cos \theta$ .  $\gamma$  is a (piecewise smooth) geodesic so (if  $\Sigma \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$  was smooth in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ) then  $\ddot{\gamma} \perp T_p \Sigma = \langle e, f \rangle_{\mathbb{R}\text{-Span}}$  so

$$\langle \ddot{\gamma}, \eta \rangle = 0 \tag{†}$$

Expand this:

$$\langle \dot{e} \cos \theta + \dot{f} \sin \theta + \eta \dot{\theta}, -e \sin \theta + f \cos \theta \rangle = 0$$

But  $\langle e, e \rangle = 1 = \langle f, f \rangle, \langle e, f \rangle = 0$

$$\implies \langle e, \dot{e} \rangle = 0 = \langle f, \dot{f} \rangle$$

and

$$\langle e, \dot{f} \rangle + \langle \dot{e}, f \rangle = 0$$

Then  $\langle \ddot{\gamma}, \eta \rangle = 0$  becomes  $\dot{\theta} = \langle e, \dot{f} \rangle$  so

$$I = \int_{\gamma} \langle e, \dot{\gamma} \rangle dt = \int_{\gamma} \dot{\theta}(t) dt$$

and

$$\int_{\gamma} \dot{\theta}(t) dt = 2\pi - \sum_{\text{external angles of } R}$$

this is RHS of local Gauss-Bonnet.

**Remarks.**

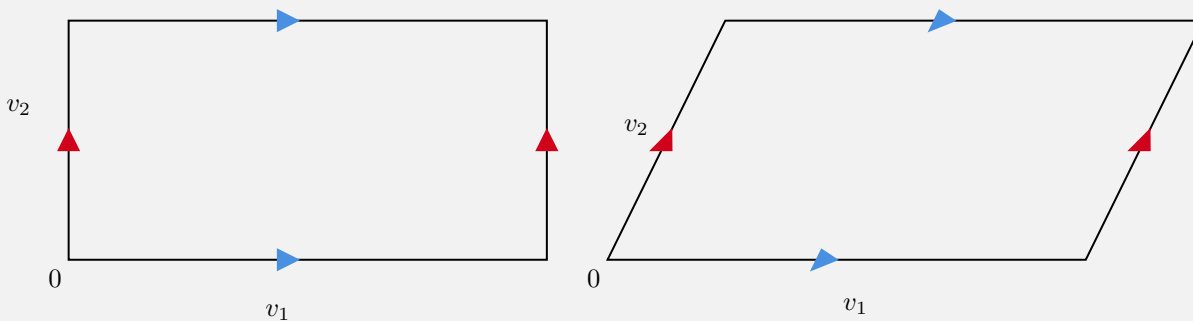
- (i) For surfaces not in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  need a little more technology
- (ii) Green's theorem suggests one should ask about non-geodesic polygons too

## 2.2 Back To The Torus

We built a flat metric on

$$T^2 = \mathbb{R}^2 / \mathbb{Z}^2 = [0, 1]^2 / \sim$$

The key to getting a smooth atlas s.t. the transition maps preserved  $g_{eucl}$  - Euclidian metric on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is that we could identify sides by translation. So any parallelogram  $Q \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  defines a flat metric  $g_Q$  on  $T^2$



**Remark.** If we make one vertex  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and label the edges by their endpoints  $v_1, v_2$  then

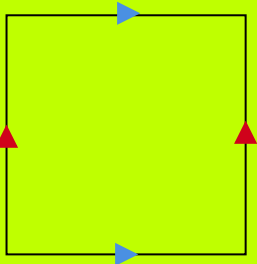
$$(T^2, g_Q) = \mathbb{R}^2 / (\mathbb{Z}v_1 \oplus \mathbb{Z}v_2)$$

where  $\mathbb{Z}v_1 \oplus \mathbb{Z}v_2$  is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  of translations

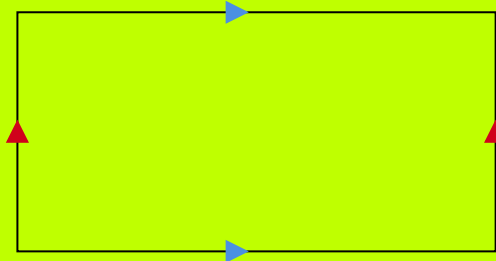
Observation:  $\text{Area}_{g_Q}(T^2) = \text{Area}_{Eucl}(Q)$

So if two quadrilaterals  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  have different Euclidean area, then the associated metrics  $g_{Q_1}$  and  $g_{Q_2}$  on  $T^2$  are not globally isometric

**Lemma.**



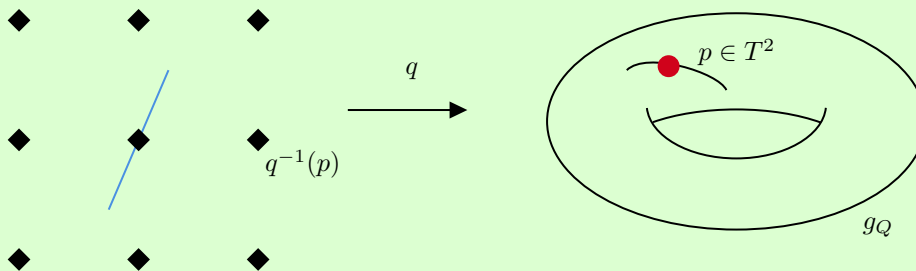
$$Q = [0, 1]^2$$



$$[0, 10] \times [0, \frac{1}{10}] = \hat{Q}$$

The metrics  $g_Q$  and  $g_{\hat{Q}}$  are not isometric (both have total area 1)

**Proof.** Recall geodesics in flat  $T^2$  are straight lines in a local isometry to  $\mathbb{R}^2$



geodesic through  $p$  lifts to a straight arc

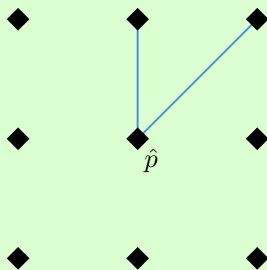
Picard: there is a unique geodesic through  $p$  in each possible direction.

We see in fact all geodesics through  $p$  are the images of straight lines in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  through  $\hat{p}$ .

Recall a closed geodesic is one defined on all of  $\mathbb{R}$  and periodic ( $\gamma(t+T) = \gamma(t) \forall t$  and fixed  $T > 0$ )

A geodesic in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  through  $\hat{p}$  defines a closed geodesic on  $T^2$  through  $p$  exactly if the line passes through another lift of  $p$ , i.e. line has rational slope.

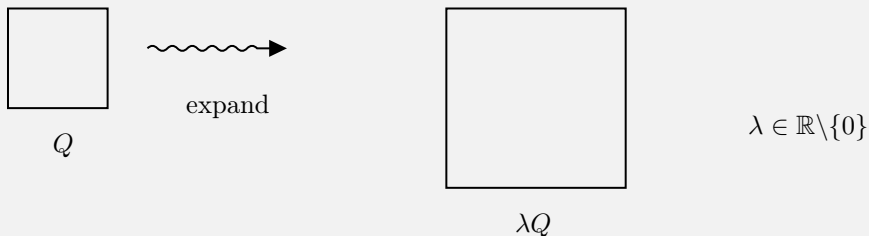
So the shortest closed geodesic on  $(T^2, g_Q)$  is length 1.



But in  $g_{\hat{Q}}$  corresponding to rectangle  $[0, 10] \times [0, \frac{1}{10}] \exists$  a clearly closed geodesic of length  $1/10$

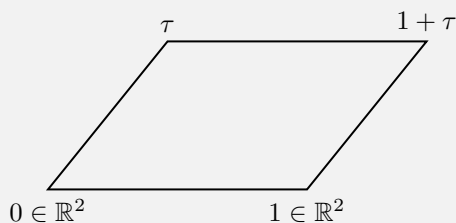
We would like to understand all flat metrics on  $T^2$ ; up to various notions of equivalence

- global dilation



- translation, isometries of  $Q \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  lead to essentially the same geometry on  $(T^2, g_Q)$ .

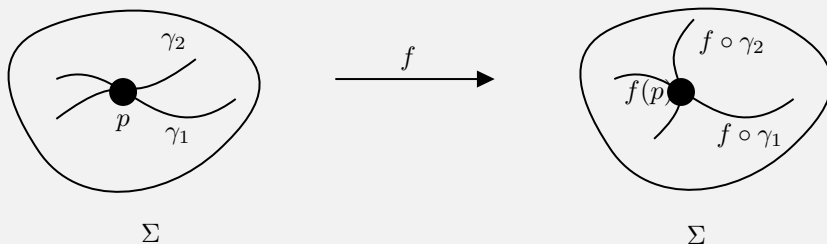
Using this, given a quadrilateral, we can put vertices at  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $1 \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\tau \in h$  upper-half plane and final vertex is  $1 + \tau$



This defines a map

$$h \rightarrow \{\text{flat metrics on } T^2\} / \text{Dilation}$$

“Recall” also one can pull back metrics by diffeomorphisms



Metrics let us measure lengths of curves, by integrating lengths of tangent vectors, so view metric on  $g$  as an inner product on  $T_p \Sigma$ ,  $\forall p \in \Sigma$ . Pullback metric  $f^*g$  was defined s.t.

$$\langle \dot{\gamma}_1, \dot{\gamma}_2 \rangle_{p, f^*g} := \langle (f \circ \dot{\gamma}_1), (f \circ \dot{\gamma}_2) \rangle_{f(p), g}$$

Note  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  acts on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  preserving  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  so it acts on  $\mathbb{R}^2 / \mathbb{Z}^2 = T^2$

**Lemma.** This is an action by diffeomorphism of the abstract smooth surface  $T^2$

**Proof.** Clearly  $A \in SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  acts smoothly (linearly) on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and the charts for our smooth atlas are s.t.  $A$  then acts smoothly with our local charts

**Note.** Also  $SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \subseteq SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  acts on  $h$  via Möbius maps

**Theorem.** The map  $h \rightarrow \{\text{Flat metrics on } T^2\}/\text{Dilation}$  descends to a map

$$h/SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \frac{\{\text{Flat metrics on } T^2\}}{\text{Dilation and diffeomorphism}}$$

which is a bijection. We say that  $h/SL(2, \mathbb{Z})$  is the **Moduli space** of flat metrics on  $T^2$  (Our diffeomorphisms here preserve a choice of orientation)

**Remark.** (i) The LHS is naturally an object of hyperbolic geometry

(ii) The moduli space of hyperbolic metrics on  $\Sigma_g$  ( $g \geq 2$ ) is perhaps the most studied space in all of geometry

What next?

- (i) Algebraic topology: study spaces through algebraic invariants like Euler characteristic, and covering maps of surfaces like  $S^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}P^2$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow R^2$
- (ii) Differential geometry: we studied  $\det(DN)$ ,  $N : \Sigma \rightarrow S^2$  the Gauss map. The tract is the mean-curvature, related to soap films
- (iii) Riemann surfaces is about the fact that if  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is holomorphic and  $w \in \mathbb{C}$   $f(z + w)$  is holomorphic.  $f : D \rightarrow D$  is holomorphic and  $A \in \text{Möb}(D)$ ,  $f \circ A$  is holomorphic
- (iv) General Relativity is the study of geodesics