

A big picture of geometry of gauss map

Motivation: We want to use maps and their differentials to study the surfaces. What kind of maps should we consider? *Gauss Map* : $S \rightarrow S^2, p \rightarrow N(p)$. Let p be a point on a surface S and let $\mathbf{x}_u, \mathbf{x}_v$ be a basis for $T_p(S)$. Then

$$N(p) = \frac{\mathbf{x}_u \times \mathbf{x}_v}{\|\mathbf{x}_u \times \mathbf{x}_v\|}$$

The second fundamental form $II_p(v) = - \langle dN_p(v), v \rangle$

2) We can diagonalize dN_p . Let k_1, k_2 be the eigenvalues. Recall that the eigenvalues are the principle curvatures. That means there exists an orthonormal basis $\{e_1, e_2\} \in T_p(S)$ such that,

$$\begin{aligned} dN_p(e_1) &= k_1 e_1 \\ dN_p(e_2) &= k_2 e_2 \end{aligned}$$

$-k_1, -k_2$ are the max and min of $\{II_p(v) : v \in T_p(S)\}$. Each invariant characteristic of dN_p has geometric meaning.

- (a) $II_p(v)_i \triangleq$ normal curvature along v
- (b) $k_1, k_2 \triangleq$ principal curvature
- (c) $\det(dN_p) \triangleq$ Gaussian curvature
- (d) $-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(dN_p)$

The Gauss Map in local coordinates

Let S be a surface. Let $\mathbf{x}(u, v)$ be a parameterization at a point $p \in S$.

Then **local coordinates** are u, v . A neighborhood in local coordinates gets mapped to a neighborhood on the surface.

Let α be a regular curve. Then $dN_p(\alpha'(0)) = N_u u'(0) + N_v v'(0)$.

Note that $N_u, N_v \in T_p(S)$. Then $N_u = [\mathbf{x}_u \ \mathbf{x}_v] \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$. Then that matrix representation of dN_p in local coordinates is A .

The second fundamental form in local coordinates

Let S be a surface. Let $w = \alpha'(0)$ where α is a regular curve in S . Let $p = \alpha(0) \in S$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} II_p(w) &= II_p(\alpha'(0)) \\ &\triangleq - \langle dN_p(w), w \rangle \\ &= -u'(0)^2 \langle N_u, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle - u'(0)v'(0)(\langle N_u, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle + \langle N_v, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle) - v'(0)^2 \langle N_v, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle \end{aligned}$$

So $e = - \langle N_u, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle, f = - \langle N_u, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle, g = - \langle N_v, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle$.

Calculating e, f, g is hard. Recall that $\langle N, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle = 0$. Therefore, $\langle N_u, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle + \langle N, \mathbf{x}_{uu} \rangle = 0$. Therefore, $-\langle N_u, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle = \langle N, \mathbf{x}_{uu} \rangle$. So then $e = \langle N, \mathbf{x}_{uu} \rangle, f = - \langle N, \mathbf{x}_{vu} \rangle, g = \langle N, \mathbf{x}_{vv} \rangle$. So all you need is some derivatives, dot products, and cross products.

Claim

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ f & g \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

Proof:

$-e = \langle N_u, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle = \langle a_{11}\mathbf{x}_u + a_{21}\mathbf{x}_v, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle = a_{11} \langle \mathbf{x}_u, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle + a_{21} \langle \mathbf{x}_v, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle = a_{11}E + a_{21}F$. Similarly, $-f = a_{11}F + a_{21}G, -g = a_{12}F + a_{22}G$. This matches the given equation.

The principal curvatures are the eigenvalues of dN_p so they are the roots of the polynomial $k^2 + k(a_{11} + a_{12}) + \det(dN_p)$.

$F = 0$ if and only if $\mathbf{x}_u \perp \mathbf{x}_v$.

If $F = 0$ then $k_1 = e/E, k_2 = g/G$. For any compact manifold at a point p there exists a parameterization such that $\mathbf{x}_u \perp \mathbf{x}_v$.

$$\begin{aligned}
x(u, v) &= \begin{bmatrix} (a + r \cos u) \cos v \\ (a + r \cos u) \sin v \\ r \sin u \end{bmatrix} \\
\mathbf{x}_u &= \begin{bmatrix} -r \sin u \cos v \\ -r \sin u \sin v \\ r \cos u \end{bmatrix} \\
\mathbf{x}_v &= \begin{bmatrix} -(a + r \cos u) \sin v \\ (a + r \cos u) \cos v \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
\mathbf{x}_u \times \mathbf{x}_v &= \begin{bmatrix} -r \cos u (a + r \cos u) \cos v \\ -r \cos u (a + r \cos u) \sin v \\ -r \sin u \cos^2 v (a + r \cos u) - r \sin u \sin^2 v (a + r \cos u) \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} r \cos u (a + r \cos u) \cos v \\ -r \cos u (a + r \cos u) \sin v \\ -r \sin u (a + r \cos u) \end{bmatrix} \\
&= -r(a + r \cos u) \begin{bmatrix} \cos u \cos v \\ \cos u \sin v \\ \sin u \end{bmatrix} \\
N &= \frac{\mathbf{x}_u \times \mathbf{x}_v}{\|\mathbf{x}_u \times \mathbf{x}_v\|} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos u \cos v \\ \cos u \sin v \\ \sin u \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\cos^2 u \cos^2 v + \cos^2 u \sin^2 v + \sin^2 u} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \cos u \cos v \\ \cos u \sin v \\ \sin u \end{bmatrix} \\
\mathbf{x}_{uu} &= \begin{bmatrix} -r \cos u \cos v \\ -r \cos u \sin v \\ -r \sin u \end{bmatrix} \\
\mathbf{x}_{vu} &= \begin{bmatrix} r \sin u \sin v \\ -r \sin u \cos v \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
\mathbf{x}_{vv} &= \begin{bmatrix} -(a + r \cos u) \cos v \\ -(a + r \cos u) \sin v \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\
e &= \langle N, \mathbf{x}_{uu} \rangle \\
&= -r \cos^2 u \cos^2 v - r \cos^2 u \sin^2 v - r \sin^2 u \\
&= -r \\
f &= \langle N, \mathbf{x}_{vu} \rangle \\
&= r \sin u \sin v \cos u \cos v - r \sin u \cos v \cos u \sin v \\
&= 0 \\
g &= \langle N, \mathbf{x}_{vv} \rangle \\
&= -(a + r \cos u) (\cos^2 v \cos u + \sin^2 v \cos u) \\
&= -(a + r \cos u) \cos u \\
E &= \langle \mathbf{x}_u, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle = r^2 \sin^2 u \cos^2 v + r^2 \sin^2 u \sin^2 v + r^2 \cos^2 u
\end{aligned}$$

$$= 1$$

$$F = \langle \mathbf{x}_u, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle = 0$$

$$G = \langle \mathbf{x}_v, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle = (a + r \cos u)^2$$

Then the curvature is,

$$\frac{(a + r \cos(u))^3 \cos(u)}{r}$$