

Codazzi and Gauss Equations II

Things now start to get heavy:

$$\begin{aligned} S_p &= \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} l & m \\ m & n \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{EG-F^2} \begin{bmatrix} G & -F \\ -F & E \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} l & m \\ m & n \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{EG-F^2} \begin{bmatrix} lG-mF & mG-nF \\ mE-lF & nE-mF \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

We can use this to compute

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_u = D_{X_u} n &= -S_p(\dot{X}_u) = \frac{1}{EG-F^2} \left((lG-mF) X_u \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (mE-lF) X_v \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\eta_v = D_{X_v} n = -S_p(\dot{X}_v) = \frac{1}{EG-F^2} \left((mG-nF) X_u + (nE-mF) X_v \right).$$

We're in it to win it, so we return to this defining equations for the Christoffel symbols

$$X_{uu} = \Gamma_{uu}^u X_u + \Gamma_{uu}^v X_v + l \vec{n}$$

$$X_{uv} = \Gamma_{uv}^u X_u + \Gamma_{uv}^v X_v + m \vec{n}$$

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and observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_{uv} &= (\Gamma_{uu}^u)_v X_u + \Gamma_{uu}^u \left(\underbrace{\Gamma_{uv}^u X_u + \Gamma_{uv}^v X_v + m \vec{n}}_{X_{uv}} \right) \\
 &+ (\Gamma_{uu}^v)_v X_v + \Gamma_{uu}^v \left(\underbrace{\Gamma_{vu}^u X_u + \Gamma_{vu}^v X_v + n \vec{n}}_{X_{vu}} \right) \\
 &+ l_v \vec{n} + l \underbrace{(-c X_u - d X_v)}_{\vec{n}_v}
 \end{aligned}$$

Collecting this in X_u, X_v , and n , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left((\Gamma_{uu}^u)_v + \Gamma_{uu}^u \Gamma_{uv}^u + \Gamma_{uu}^v \Gamma_{vu}^u - cl \right) X_u \\
 &+ \left((\Gamma_{uu}^v)_v + \Gamma_{uu}^u \Gamma_{uv}^v + \Gamma_{uu}^v \Gamma_{vu}^v - dl \right) X_v \\
 &+ \left(\Gamma_{uu}^u m + \Gamma_{uu}^v n + l_v \right) \vec{n}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now this is equal to X_{uvu} , which is

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_{uvu} &= (\Gamma_{uv}^u)_u X_u + \Gamma_{uv}^u \left(\underbrace{\Gamma_{uu}^u X_u + \Gamma_{uv}^v X_v + l \vec{n}}_{X_{uu}} \right) \\
 &+ (\Gamma_{uv}^v)_u X_v + \Gamma_{uv}^v \left(\underbrace{\Gamma_{vu}^u X_u + \Gamma_{vu}^v X_v + m \vec{n}}_{X_{vu}} \right) \\
 &+ m_u \vec{n} + m \underbrace{(-a X_u - b X_v)}_{n_u}
 \end{aligned}$$

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As you'd expect, we collect these in x_u, x_v, \vec{n} :

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_{uvu} = & \left((\Gamma_{uv}^u)_u + \Gamma_{uv}^u \Gamma_{uu}^u + \Gamma_{uv}^v \Gamma_{uv}^u - am \right) x_u \\
 & + \left((\Gamma_{uv}^v)_u + \Gamma_{uv}^u \Gamma_{uu}^v + \Gamma_{uv}^v \Gamma_{uv}^v - bm \right) x_v \\
 & + \left(\Gamma_{uv}^u l + \Gamma_{uv}^v m + m_u \right) \vec{n}
 \end{aligned}$$

Equating the coefficients, we have three equations. We can ~~use~~^{solve} these to isolate the l, m, n and a, b, c, d variables:

$$\begin{aligned}
 lc - ma = & (\Gamma_{uu}^u)_v + \cancel{\Gamma_{uu}^u \Gamma_{uv}^u} + \Gamma_{uu}^v \Gamma_{vv}^u \\
 & - (\Gamma_{uv}^u)_u - \cancel{\Gamma_{uv}^u \Gamma_{uu}^u} - \Gamma_{uv}^v \Gamma_{uv}^u
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 ld - mb = & (\Gamma_{uu}^v)_v + \Gamma_{uu}^u \Gamma_{uv}^v + \Gamma_{uu}^v \Gamma_{vv}^v \\
 & - (\Gamma_{uv}^v)_u - \Gamma_{uv}^u \Gamma_{uu}^v - \Gamma_{uv}^v \Gamma_{uv}^v
 \end{aligned}$$

$$l_v - m_u = \Gamma_{uv}^u l + (\Gamma_{uv}^v - \Gamma_{uu}^u) m + \Gamma_{uu}^v n$$

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Returning to our first computations,

$$\ell d - mb = (\ell(nE - mF) - m(mE - \ell F)) \frac{1}{EG - F^2}$$

$$= (\ell n E - \cancel{m \ell F} - m^2 E + \cancel{m \ell F}) \frac{1}{EG - F^2}$$

$$= E \frac{\ell n - m^2}{EG - F^2}$$

But we know

$$\begin{aligned} K &= \det S_p = \det \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \ell & m \\ m & n \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{\det \begin{bmatrix} \ell & m \\ m & n \end{bmatrix}}{\det \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{bmatrix}} = \frac{\ell n - m^2}{EG - F^2} \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have shown

$EK =$ < some mess of Christoffel symbols and their derivatives! >

This is the first Gauss equation.

Theorem. (Gauss's Theorema Egregium)

I_p determines Gauss curvature.

Proof. Already done - the Christoffel symbols determine K and I_p determines the Christoffel symbols. \square

Now you'll note that we have three more equations with l, m, n and a, b, c, d and two equations with partials of $l, m,$ and n (from matching n components) if we also use $X_{uvv} = X_{vuu}$.

It turns out that the three give us equations for FK and GK:

$$FK = (\Gamma_{uv}^u)_u - (\Gamma_{uu}^u)_v + \underbrace{\Gamma_{uv}^v \Gamma_{uv}^u - \Gamma_{uu}^v \Gamma_{vv}^u}_{\parallel}$$

$$FK = (\Gamma_{uv}^v)_v - (\Gamma_{vv}^v)_u + \Gamma_{uv}^u \Gamma_{uv}^v - \Gamma_{vv}^u \Gamma_{uu}^v$$

$$GK = (\Gamma_{vv}^u)_u - (\Gamma_{uv}^u)_v + \Gamma_{vv}^u \Gamma_{uu}^u + \Gamma_{vv}^v \Gamma_{uv}^u - \Gamma_{uv}^u \Gamma_{uv}^u - \Gamma_{vv}^v \Gamma_{vv}^u$$

These are also called Gauss equations.

The remaining two are called Codazzi equations:

$$l_v - m_u = l \Gamma_{uv}^u + m(\Gamma_{uv}^v - \Gamma_{uv}^u) + n \Gamma_{uv}^v$$

$$m_v - n_u = l \Gamma_{vv}^u + m(\Gamma_{vv}^v - \Gamma_{uv}^u) + n \Gamma_{uv}^v$$

If we're really pressed, we can use the Gauss equations to compute Gauss curvature. But the main point was to show the Theorema Egregium.

Corollary. If M and M^* are locally isometric, their Gauss curvatures K and K^* are equal.

We say this means

"Gauss curvature is an isometry invariant"

Since this may be the first time

you've seen an invariant, let's unpack what this means.

$$M \text{ isometric to } M^* \Rightarrow K = K^*$$

is the same as

$$K \neq K^* \Rightarrow M \text{ not isometric to } M^*$$

This can be quite powerful.

Example. No map of the Earth can have correct angles, lengths and areas.

Proof. ~~The~~ The map is on a planar sheet of paper with $K=0$ and the curvature K^* of the sphere is 1. Hence I_p (map) is different from I_p^* (earth). But that means lengths and angles are different on map and Earth (if not, we could use

$$I_p(\vec{u}, \vec{v}) = |\vec{u}| |\vec{v}| \cos \theta = |\vec{u}|_* |\vec{v}|_* \cos \theta_* = I_p^*(\vec{u}_*, \vec{v}_*)$$

to show $I_p(\text{map}) = I_p^*(\text{earth})$.)

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It is natural to ask whether

$$K = K^* \Rightarrow M \text{ isometric to } M^*$$

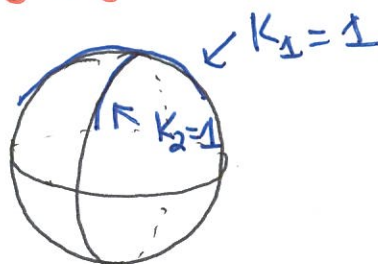
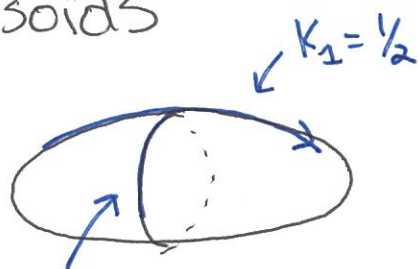
even though this more powerful statement does not follow from

$$M \text{ isometric to } M^* \Rightarrow K = K^*$$

~~Example.~~

Answer: No. You'll do an example in homework, but the ~~v~~ idea is that ellipsoids

slightly bogus



are really not isometric.