

Shape Operator

Defn Let U be unit normal to a patch of a regular surface in a neighborhood of p , on M , $v \in T_p M$. We define

$$S_p(v) = -\nabla_v U, \text{ shape operator} \\ \text{Weingarten Map.}$$

Obs. $-\nabla_v U \in T_p \mathbb{R}^3$ a priori.

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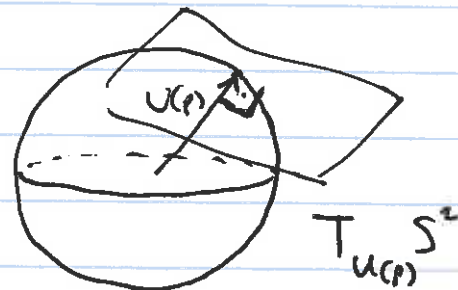
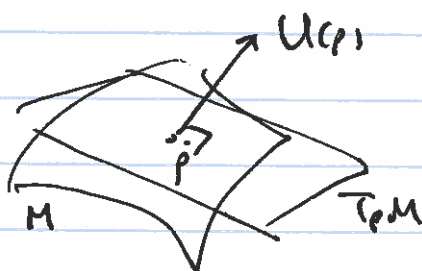
① $\nabla_v U(p) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} U(\alpha(t)) \right|_{t=0}$

Take $\alpha(t)$ on M

$$\alpha(0) = p$$

$$\alpha'(0) = v$$

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$$U(p) \perp T_p M$$

$$U(p) \perp T_{U(p)} S^2$$

$$\Rightarrow T_p M = T_{U(p)} S^2$$

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Proof of Lemma: I

$$U \cdot U \equiv 1.$$

$$U(\alpha(t)) \cdot U(\alpha(t)) \equiv 1$$

$$\alpha \text{ is a curve } \alpha(0) = p$$

$$\alpha'(0) = v.$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (U(\alpha(t)) \cdot U(\alpha(t))) \equiv 0$$

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} U(\alpha(t)) \right) \cdot U(\alpha(t)) = 0.$$

at $t=0$

$$(\nabla_v U)(p) \cdot \underbrace{U(p)}_{\text{normal of } T_p M} = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow (\nabla_v U)(p) \in T_p M.$$

Hence

$$S_p : T_p M \rightarrow T_p M = T_{U(p)} S^2$$

Lemma I $S_p: T_p M \rightarrow T_p M$ is a linear map.

Proof:

$$v[f] = c_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial u} (f \circ \Psi) + c_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial v} (f \circ \Psi)$$

for a parametrization Ψ of M about p .

$$\text{where } v = (c_1 \Psi_u + c_2 \Psi_v)(u_0, v_0)$$

$$\Psi(u_0, v_0) = p.$$

$$\begin{aligned} (v+w)[f] &= (c_1 + d_1) \frac{\partial}{\partial u} (f \circ \Psi) + (c_2 + d_2) \frac{\partial}{\partial v} (f \circ \Psi) \\ &= v[f] + w[f], \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } v = (c_1 \Psi_u + c_2 \Psi_v)(u_0, v_0)$$

$$w = (d_1 \Psi_u + d_2 \Psi_v)(u_0, v_0)$$

$$\nabla_{v+w} U = ((v+w)[U_1], (v+w)[U_2], (v+w)[U_3])$$

$$\text{where } U = (U_1, U_2, U_3)$$

$$= (v[U_1], v[U_2], v[U_3]) + (w[U_1], w[U_2], w[U_3])$$

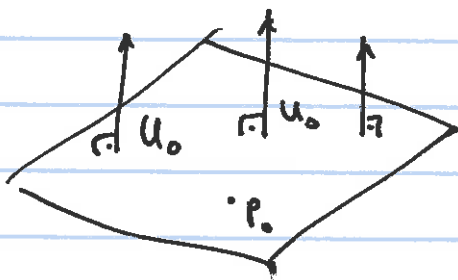
$$= \nabla_v U + \nabla_w U.$$

Similarly for $\nabla_{c v} U = c \nabla_v U \quad \forall c \in \mathbb{R}.$

Example Planes

\forall plane $\exists U_0 \in \mathbb{R}^3$ fixed, vector of the given plane normal

$$U_0 \cdot (\vec{x} - p_0) = 0$$



$$\nabla_v U_0 \equiv 0, \quad S_p \equiv 0 \text{ for planes.}$$

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Given ψ a parametrization of M about $p = \psi(u_0, v_0)$, $\{\psi_u(u_0, v_0), \psi_v(u_0, v_0)\}$ forms a basis of $T_p M$.

$$S_p: T_p M \rightarrow T_p M \text{ linear}$$

We want $S_p(\psi_u), S_p(\psi_v)$

$$S_p(\psi_u) = -\nabla_{\psi_u} U = -\frac{\partial}{\partial u} (U \circ \psi)$$

$\psi(u, v_0)$ coordinate curves are in the direction of ψ_u .

$$S_p(\psi_v) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial v} (U \circ \psi)$$

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Ex Sphere of radius R .

Geographical $\Psi(u, v) = (R \cos u \cos v, R \sin u \cos v, R \sin v)$

$$\Psi_u = (-R \sin u \cos v, R \cos u \cos v, 0)$$

$$\Psi_v = (-R \cos u \sin v, -R \sin u \sin v, R \cos v)$$

$$\Psi_u \times \Psi_v = N = (R^2 \cos u \cos^2 v, R^2 \sin u \cos^2 v, R^2 \sin v \cos v)$$

$$R^2 \sin^2 u \sin v \cos v + R^2 \cos^2 u \cos v \sin v$$

$$U = \frac{\Psi_u \times \Psi_v}{|\Psi_u \times \Psi_v|}$$

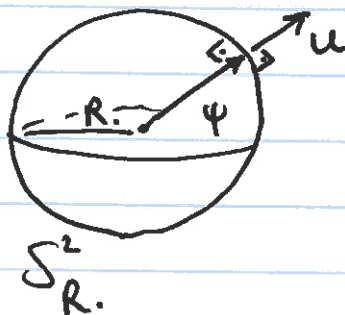
$$\rightarrow (R^4 (\cos^2 u \cos^4 v + \sin^2 u \cos^4 v + \sin^2 v \cos^2 v))^{1/2}$$

$$= (R^4 (\cos^4 v + \sin^2 v \cos^2 v))^{1/2}$$

$$= (R^4 \cos^2 v)^{1/2} = R^2 \cos v \geq 0$$

$-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq v \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$U = (\cos u \cos v, \sin u \cos v, \sin v) = \frac{\Psi}{R}$$



$$|\Psi| = R$$

$$|U| = 1$$

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$$U = \frac{\psi}{R}$$

$$S_p(\psi_u) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial u}(U \circ \psi) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial u} \frac{\psi}{R} = -\frac{1}{R} \psi_u$$

$$S_p(\psi_v) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial v}(U \circ \psi) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial v} \frac{\psi}{R} = -\frac{1}{R} \psi_v$$

$$S_p : T_p M \rightarrow T_p M$$

$$v \longmapsto -\frac{v}{R}$$

$$[S_p]_{\{\psi_u, \psi_v\}} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{R} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{R} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Example $\Psi(u, v) = (u, v, u^2 + v^2)$
Find the shape operator.

$$\Psi_u = (1, 0, 2u)$$

$$\Psi_v = (0, 1, 2v)$$

$$N = \Psi_u \times \Psi_v = (-2u, -2v, 1)$$

$$|\Psi_u \times \Psi_v| = \sqrt{4u^2 + 4v^2 + 1}$$

$$U = \frac{(-2u, -2v, 1)}{\sqrt{4u^2 + 4v^2 + 1}} = (4u^2 + 4v^2 + 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (-2u, -2v, 1)$$

$$S_p(\Psi_u) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial u} U = -\nabla_{\Psi_u} U =$$

$$= +\frac{1}{2} (4u^2 + 4v^2 + 1)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \cdot 8u \cdot (-2u, -2v, 1) +$$

$$+ (4u^2 + 4v^2 + 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (2, 0, 0)$$

$$= (4u^2 + 4v^2 + 1)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \left[(-8u^2, -8uv, 4u) + (8u^2 + 8v^2 + 2, 0, 0) \right]$$

$$S_p(\Psi_u) = (4u^2 + 4v^2 + 1)^{-\frac{3}{2}} (8v^2 + 2, -8uv, 4u).$$

$$S_p(\Psi_v) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial v} U = -\nabla_{\Psi_v} U$$

$$= +\frac{1}{2} (4u^2 + 4v^2 + 1)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \cdot 8v \cdot (-2u, -2v, 1) +$$

$$+ (4u^2 + 4v^2 + 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (0, 2, 0)$$

$$= (4u^2 + 4v^2 + 1)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \left[(-8uv, -8v^2, 4v) + (0, 8u^2 + 8v^2 + 2, 0) \right]$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{(-8uv, 8u^2 + 2, 4v)}$$

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$$S_p(\psi_u) = (4u^2 + 4v^2 + 1)^{-\frac{3}{2}} (8u^2 + 2, -8uv, 4u)$$

$$S_p(\psi_v) = (4u^2 + 4v^2 + 1)^{-\frac{3}{2}} (-8uv, 8u^2 + 2, 4v)$$

Now we want to write

$$S_p(\psi_u) = a\psi_u + b\psi_v$$

$$S_p(\psi_v) = c\psi_u + d\psi_v$$

so that

$$[S_p]_{\{\psi_u, \psi_v\}} = \begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix of S_p wrt basis $\{\psi_u, \psi_v\}$.

$$S_p(\psi_u) = (4u^2 + 4v^2 + 1)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \left[\underbrace{(1, 0, 2u)}_{\psi_u} \cdot (2 + 8v^2) + \underbrace{(0, 1, 2v)}_{\psi_v} \cdot (-8uv) \right]$$

$$S_p(\psi_v) = (4u^2 + 4v^2 + 1)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \left[(1, 0, 2u) \cdot (-8uv) + (0, 1, 2v) \cdot (2 + 8u^2) \right]$$

$$[S_p]_{\{\psi_u, \psi_v\}} = (1 + 4u^2 + 4v^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 2 + 8v^2 & -8uv \\ -8uv & 2 + 8u^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Det} [S_p] = (1 + 4u^2 + 4v^2)^{-3} \cdot \underbrace{\left((2 + 8v^2)(2 + 8u^2) - 64u^2v^2 \right)}_{4 + 16u^2 + 16v^2 + 64u^2v^2 - 64u^2v^2}$$

$$4 + 16u^2 + 16v^2$$

$$\text{Det} [S_p] = \frac{4}{(1 + 4u^2 + 4v^2)^2} \quad \left(\text{Called Gaussian Curvature.} \right)$$