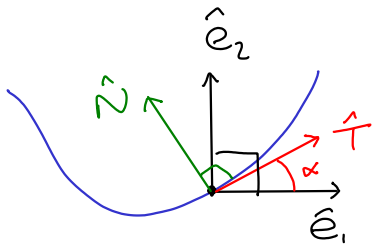


Geodesic Curvature



$$\hat{T} = \cos \alpha \hat{e}_1 + \sin \alpha \hat{e}_2$$

$$\Rightarrow d\hat{T} = \underbrace{(-\sin \alpha \hat{e}_1 + \cos \alpha \hat{e}_2)}_{\hat{N}} d\alpha + \cos \alpha \omega'_1 \hat{e}_2 + \sin \alpha \omega'_2 \hat{e}_1$$

$$= \hat{N} \underbrace{(d\alpha - \omega'_2)}_{K_g}$$

Note: $\hat{N} = \hat{e}_3 \times \hat{T}$

geodesic curvature:

$$K_g ds = d\hat{T} \cdot \hat{N} = d\alpha - \omega'_2$$

geodesic: $K_g = 0$

Ex: Sphere

line of latitude: $\hat{T} = \hat{\Phi}$
(why?) $\hat{N} = \hat{r} \times \hat{\Phi} = -\hat{\Theta}$

$$\therefore K_g ds = d\hat{\Phi} \cdot (-\hat{\Theta}) = \cos \theta d\phi$$

$$\therefore K_g = 0 \Leftrightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Great circles!

Geodesic Triangles

What is the total curvature around a closed curve in some surface?

Integrate!

$$\oint_C K_g ds = \oint_C d\alpha - \oint_C \omega'_2$$

$$= 2\pi - \int_{\text{interior of } C} d\omega'_2 \quad (\text{Stokes' Thm!})$$

$$= 2\pi - \int K \omega \quad \leftarrow \text{Gauß curvature}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int K \omega + \oint K_g ds = 2\pi$$



If the curve has corners, e.g. a polygon

$$\int K \omega + \oint K_g ds = 2\pi - \sum \epsilon_i$$

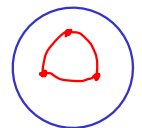
$$= 2\pi - \sum (\pi - m_i)$$

Example: geodesic triangle on sphere

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{r^2}(\text{area}) + 0 = 2\pi - 3\pi + \text{angle sum}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{r^2}(\text{area}) = \text{angle sum} - \pi$$

\Rightarrow no similar triangles!



in plane: $K=0 \Rightarrow \text{angle sum} = \pi$

Gauß - Bonnet Theorem

consider (nongeodesic) rectangles

$$\Rightarrow \int K \omega + \oint k_g ds = 2\pi - 4\pi + \sum \alpha_i$$

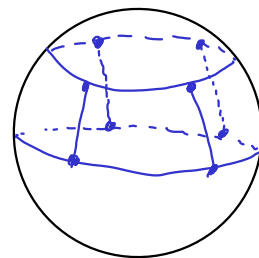
Now decompose compact surface into rectangles

$$\textcircled{1} \sum \oint k_g ds = 0$$

since each edge
traversed both ways

$$\textcircled{2} \sum (2\pi - 4\pi) = -2\pi f$$

$$\textcircled{3} \sum (\sum \alpha_i) = 2\pi V$$



$$\begin{aligned} f &= 6 \\ e &= 12 \\ v &= 8 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \chi = 8 - 12 + 6 = 2$$

$$\therefore \int_S K \omega = 2\pi V - 2\pi f \quad \text{for rectangles}$$

$\textcircled{4}$ each face has 4 edges—
but each edge is on 2 faces

$$\Rightarrow e = 4f/2 = 2f \Rightarrow -f = f - e$$

$$\Rightarrow v - f = v - e + f = \chi$$

$$\therefore \int_S K \omega = 2\pi \chi(S)$$

↑ geometry ↑ topology

Euler characteristic
(independent of
decomposition)

Fact: $\chi(\text{torus}) = 0 \Rightarrow K_{\text{torus}}$ can not be everywhere positive