

Surface in space ch. 2 & ch. 4 of [MR]

use multi-variable calculus (and linear algebra)
to study the geometry of surface

→ concept induced by inner product
distances, angles

§I. (regular) surface

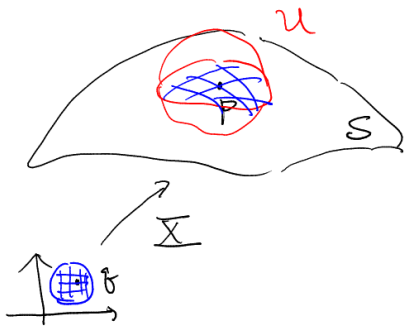
1° defn $S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ is called

a (regular) surface in \mathbb{R}^3 (2-diml submanifold of \mathbb{R}^3)

if $\forall p \in S, \exists U$: open set in \mathbb{R}^2, V : open neighborhood of p in \mathbb{R}^3
and smooth map $\bar{X}: U \rightarrow V$

such that

- i) $\bar{X}(U) = S \cap V$
- ii) $\bar{X}: U \rightarrow S \cap V$ is a homeomorphism
- iii) $D\bar{X}|_q: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ is injective $\forall q \in U$



e.g. For a smooth map $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$

if $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}^1$ is a regular value (i.e. $\forall p \in f^{-1}(t_0), Df|_p$ is surjective)

then $f^{-1}(t_0)$ is a regular surface provided that $f^{-1}(t_0) \neq \emptyset$

Pf: Write $p = (a, b, c)$. Without loss of generality, assume $\partial_z f|_p \neq 0$

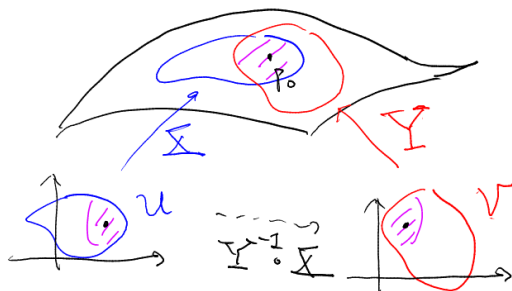
By IFT. $\exists U$: open neighborhood of (a, b) in \mathbb{R}^2

W : open neighborhood of c in \mathbb{R}^1

and $h: U \rightarrow W$ smooth

such that $f^{-1}(t_0) \cap (U \times W) = \{(x, y, h(x, y)) \mid (x, y) \in U\}$
 $\bar{X} \quad D\bar{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & h_x \\ 0 & 1 & h_y \end{bmatrix}$ \neq
 injective

2° Key feature: S locally looks like open subsets of \mathbb{R}^2
near each $p \in S$



$\mathbb{R}^2: U \rightarrow S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$
defn We call (U, \bar{X}) a coordinate chart for S

Suppose that (U, \bar{X}) and (V, \bar{Y}) are two coordinate charts with $\bar{X}(U) \cap \bar{Y}(V) \neq \emptyset$

Consider $(\bar{Y}^{-1} \circ \bar{X}) : \bar{X}^{-1}(p) \rightarrow \bar{Y}^{-1}(p)$

i) By definition, it is homeomorphism

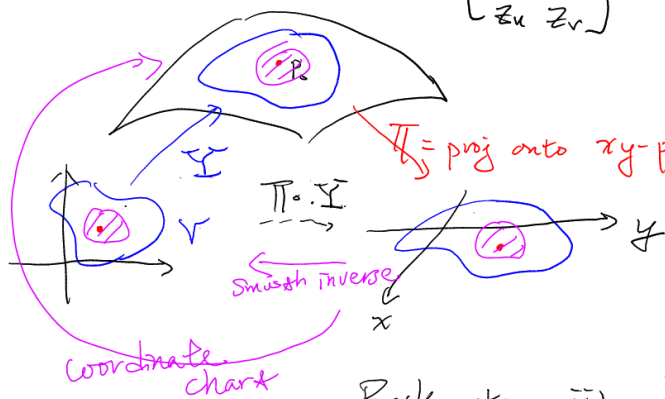
bijection, continuous, inverse also continuous

ii) $\bar{Y}^{-1} \circ \bar{X}$ is smooth

Since smoothness is a local property, it suffices to study this at any Lemma At any $p_0 \in S$, \exists some coordinate plane $(xy, yz, \text{ or } xz)$ $p_0 \in \textcircled{S}$ such that near p_0 , S is a graph over the coordinate plane, and (of course) the graph description serves as a coordinate chart.

pf: Let $\Upsilon: V \rightarrow S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ be a coordinate chart
 $(u,v) \mapsto (x,y,z)$

Since $D\Upsilon = \begin{bmatrix} x_u & x_v \\ y_u & y_v \\ z_u & z_v \end{bmatrix}$ is injective, we may assume w.l.o.g. that $\begin{bmatrix} x_u & x_v \\ y_u & y_v \end{bmatrix} \Big|_{\Upsilon^{-1}(p_0)}$ is invertible



$\Rightarrow \Pi \circ \Upsilon: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$, $D(\Pi \circ \Upsilon) \Big|_{\Upsilon^{-1}(p_0)}$ is invertible

By inverse function theorem

$\Pi \circ \Upsilon$ (locally) has a smooth inverse
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Back to ii), $\Upsilon^{-1} \circ \Sigma = (\Pi \circ \Upsilon)^{-1} \circ \Pi \circ \Sigma$

$$\mathbb{R}^2 \longleftarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \longleftarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \longleftarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

composition of smooth maps \Rightarrow smooth

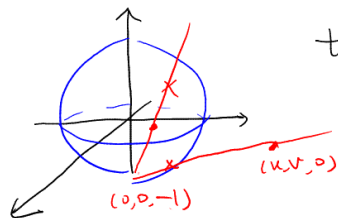
By the same token, $\Sigma^{-1} \circ \Upsilon$ is also smooth.

rmk key feature + i) + ii) will be the definition for (abstract) manifold.

3° more examples.

i) sphere. $f(x,y,z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 1 \Rightarrow 0$ is a regular value

(Only -1 is NOT a regular value
 -2 is a regular value, but $f^{-1}(-2) = \emptyset$)



two standard coordinate chart: stereographic projection

• For any $(u,v) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, consider
 Compute $S^2 \cap \{\text{line connecting } (0,0,-1) \text{ \& } (u,v,0)\}$
 $\left(\frac{2u}{1+u^2+v^2}, \frac{2v}{1+u^2+v^2}, \frac{1-u^2-v^2}{1+u^2+v^2} \right)$

Its range is $S^2 \setminus \{(0,0,-1)\}$

• Similarly, for $(\xi,\eta) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ consider
 $S^2 \cap \{\text{line connecting } (0,0,1) \text{ \& } (\xi,\eta,0)\}$
 $\left(\frac{2\xi}{1+\xi^2+\eta^2}, \frac{-2\eta}{1+\xi^2+\eta^2}, \frac{-1+\xi^2+\eta^2}{1+\xi^2+\eta^2} \right)$

for some purpose explain it later

• $\Sigma: \mathbb{R}^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} S^2 \setminus \{(0,0,-1)\}$
 $(u,v) \mapsto \frac{1}{1+u^2+v^2} (2u, 2v, 1-u^2-v^2)$

$\Upsilon: \mathbb{R}^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} S^2 \setminus \{(0,0,1)\}$
 $(\xi,\eta) \mapsto \frac{1}{1+\xi^2+\eta^2} (2\xi, -2\eta, -1+\xi^2+\eta^2)$

• the transition $\mathbb{Y}^{-1} \circ \mathbb{X} : \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$

Solve (ξ, η) in terms of (u, v)

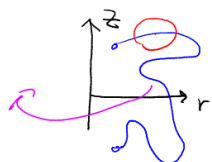
z-component $\Rightarrow \frac{-1 + (\xi^2 + \eta^2)}{1 + (\xi^2 + \eta^2)} = \frac{1 - (u^2 + v^2)}{1 + (u^2 + v^2)} \Rightarrow -1 - \cancel{(u^2 + v^2)} + \cancel{(\xi^2 + \eta^2)} + (u^2 + v^2)(\xi^2 + \eta^2) = 1 - \cancel{(u^2 + v^2)} + \cancel{(\xi^2 + \eta^2)} - (u^2 + v^2)(\xi^2 + \eta^2)$

$\Rightarrow (\xi^2 + \eta^2) = \frac{1}{u^2 + v^2}$

x-component $\Rightarrow \xi = \frac{1 + \xi^2 + \eta^2}{1 + u^2 + v^2} u = \frac{1 + \frac{1}{u^2 + v^2}}{1 + u^2 + v^2} u = \frac{u}{u^2 + v^2}$

y-component $\Rightarrow \eta = \frac{-v}{u^2 + v^2} \quad \times$

ii) surface of revolution



$s \mapsto \sigma(s) = (\alpha(s), \beta(s))$

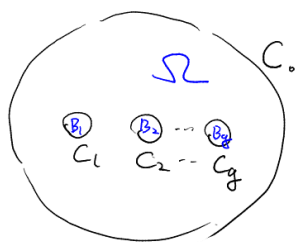
\uparrow
(a, b)

$\Rightarrow (\alpha(s) \cos \theta, \alpha(s) \sin \theta, \beta(s))$

is a regular surface, which is NOT compact

- $\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bullet \alpha(s) > 0 \\ \bullet \sigma'(s) \neq 0 \\ \bullet \forall s_0 \exists U: \text{open nbhd of } s_0 \text{ and } \delta > 0 \text{ such that } r: (s_0 - \delta, s_0 + \delta) \rightarrow U \cap \sigma((a, b)) \text{ is a homeomorphism.} \end{array} \right.$

iii) surface of genus $g \geq 1$



C_0, C_1, \dots, C_g : circles on \mathbb{R}^2 as the picture

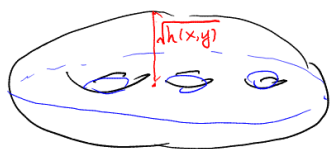
Choose $h(x, y) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ smooth \Rightarrow

- $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bullet h < 0 \text{ on } B_1 \cup \dots \cup B_g \cup B_\infty \\ \bullet h > 0 \text{ on } \Omega \\ \bullet h = 0, \text{ but } (h_x, h_y) \neq 0 \text{ on } C_1 \cup \dots \cup C_g \cup C_0 \end{array} \right.$

$\leadsto F(x, y, z) = z^2 - h(x, y)$

check 0 is a regular value $\Rightarrow F^{-1}(0)$ is a regular surface

It is closed and bounded in \mathbb{R}^3 , and thus compact

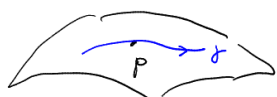


§ II. tangent planes & derivative of functions

0° $S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ a regular surface, $f(x, y, z)$: smooth function

$f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ shall be "smooth", what is its derivative?

At at $p \in S$, let $\sigma(t)$: a curve on S , $\sigma(0) = p$

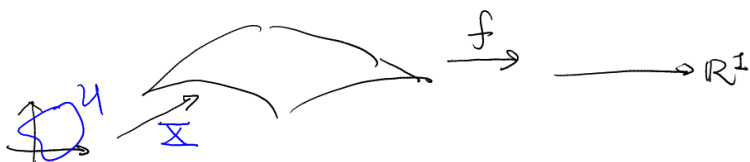


$\leadsto \frac{d}{dt} f(\sigma(t)) \Big|_{t=0} = Df|_p \cdot \sigma'(0)$ ----- (+)

\nwarrow \nwarrow 3-vector
1x3 matrix $[f_x \ f_y \ f_z]$

point By using coordinate chart, we are actually working with 2-vectors and linear transform on 2-dim space

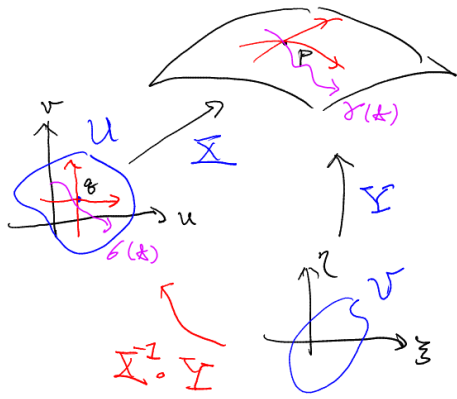
1° defn $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be smooth



if $f \circ \mathbb{X}$ is smooth on U
 \forall coordinate chart (U, \mathbb{X})

2° defn/discussion

$\forall p \in S$. $T_p S =$ the tangent plane of S at p
 $= \{ \sigma'(0) \mid \sigma(t) = \text{curve on } S, \sigma(0) = p \}$



Choose a coordinate chart for p :

$$(u, v) \mapsto X(u, v) = (x(u, v), y(u, v), z(u, v))$$

$$\sigma(t) = (X^{-1} \circ \sigma)(t) \Rightarrow \sigma(t) = (X \circ \epsilon)(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma'(0) = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} (X \circ \epsilon)(t)$$

$$= D X \Big|_q \cdot \epsilon'(0)$$

\uparrow 3×2 matrix \uparrow 2-vector

$\Rightarrow T_p S$ is spanned by columns of $D X \Big|_q$, $\frac{\partial X}{\partial u} \Big|_q$, $\frac{\partial X}{\partial v} \Big|_q$
 (red vectors in picture)

Compare with another choice of chart (V, Y)
 (on the overlap region)

$$Y = X \circ (X^{-1} \circ Y)$$

$$D Y = D X \cdot D(X^{-1} \circ Y)$$

3×2 3×2 2×2

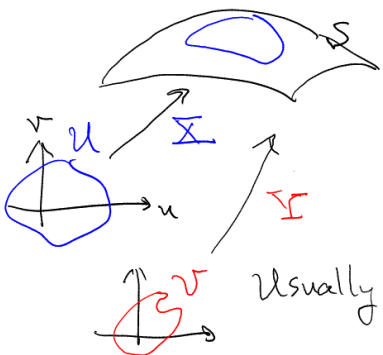
$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial Y}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial Y}{\partial t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial X}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial X}{\partial v} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \end{bmatrix}$$

Jacobian = change of basis for $T_p S$

3° summary/defn If $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is smooth.

$Df|_p$ is a linear transform from $T_p S$ to \mathbb{R}

Instead of $(*)$, we always use coordinate chart to do the calculation



$$f \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathbb{R}^1 \quad f(X(u, v)) : U \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1 \text{ is smooth}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f(X(u, v))}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial f(X(u, v))}{\partial v} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_x & f_y & f_z \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial X}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial X}{\partial v} \end{bmatrix}$$

1×3 3×2 skip this

calculate it directly

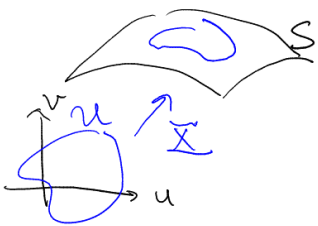
Usually just write it as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \end{bmatrix}$$

It is convenient:

$$\text{[check]} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial v} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial s} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \end{bmatrix}$$

4° modern notation



U : easier to do computation S : geometry picture (keep in mind)

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ (equivalent to the choice of coordinate)

$\frac{\partial}{\partial u}$ $\frac{\partial}{\partial v}$: also viewed them as directional derivative operator

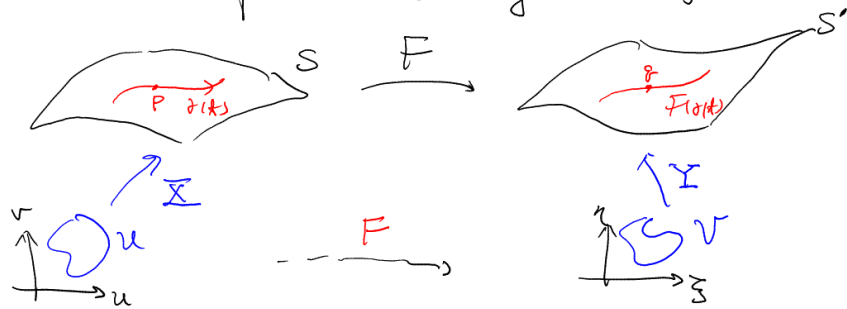
dual basis (linear functional)

du, dv

the linear functional on $T_p S$ sends $\frac{\partial X}{\partial u} \mapsto 1$, $\frac{\partial X}{\partial v} \mapsto 0$

advantage = computation is just the chain rule

5° smooth map between regular surface



defn $F: S \rightarrow S'$ is said to be smooth if $\Upsilon^{-1} \circ F \circ \Xi$ is smooth for any coordinate chart

derivative? $\frac{d}{dt} F(\gamma(t)) = DF|_p \cdot \gamma'(0) \Rightarrow DF: \text{linear transform from } T_p S \text{ to } T_p S'$

Based on previous discussion, DF is equivalent to $D(\Upsilon^{-1} \circ F \circ \Xi)$

We usually abuse the notation, still denote it by F .

$$F = (\Xi(u,v), \eta(u,v))$$

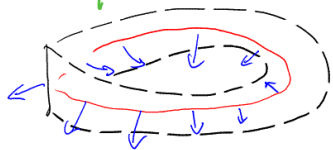
$$(DF) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \Xi}{\partial u} \\ \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial u} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\partial \Xi}{\partial u} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial u} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{\partial \Xi}{\partial u} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial u} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta}$$

$$(DF) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial v} \right) = \frac{\partial \Xi}{\partial v} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} + \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial v} \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta}$$

(instead of 2x2 matrix this notation is easier for calculation)

§ III. orientation and compact surfaces

0° Möbius band



NOT orientable

$$\begin{pmatrix} (1 + \frac{v}{2} \cos \frac{u}{2}) \cos u \\ (1 + \frac{v}{2} \cos \frac{u}{2}) \sin u \\ \frac{v}{2} \sin \frac{u}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{matrix} u \in [0, 2\pi] \\ v \in (-1, 1) \end{matrix}$$

Given a coordinate chart (\mathcal{U}, Ξ)

$$\frac{\partial \Xi}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial \Xi}{\partial v} \Big/ \text{itself} \quad \text{is a unit normal defined on } \Xi(\mathcal{U})$$

It is of course smooth

1° defn A regular surface is said to be orientable if it admits a smooth unit normal vector field N

lemma $\Leftrightarrow \exists \{(\mathcal{U}, \Xi)\}$ covers S such that the Jacobian of any transition has positive determinant

pf. $\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \Xi}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial \Upsilon}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial \Upsilon}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial u} \\ \frac{\partial \Xi}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial \Upsilon}{\partial \xi} \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial \Upsilon}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial v} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{\partial \Xi}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial \Xi}{\partial v} \right) = \left(\frac{\partial \Upsilon}{\partial \xi} \times \frac{\partial \Upsilon}{\partial \eta} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial(\xi, \eta)}{\partial(u, v)}$ *

defn a choice of N is called an orientation of S

2° lemma If S is orientable and connected, S admits exactly two orientations.

pf. $N \rightsquigarrow -N$, too.
 $\tilde{N} \Rightarrow \langle N, \tilde{N} \rangle \in \pm 1$ and continuous #

3° What does a compact regular surface S look like?

(We will not need all of the properties here, but it is helpful to have the picture in mind)

• It is (diffeomorphic to) a genus g surface (classification theorem)

• The Jordan-Brouwer separation theorem:

Ω_∞



$$\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus S = \Omega_0 \sqcup \Omega_\infty \quad \Omega_0 \text{ \& \ } \Omega_\infty = \text{open and connected}$$

and $\exists R > 0$ such that $\{ |x| > R \} \subset \Omega_\infty$

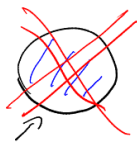
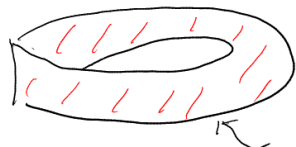
(its proof: depend on the time)

But we will see some key ingredients)

• Locally 

call the direction pointing toward Ω_∞ the outward normal

4° rmk The Klein bottle = ~~glue two Möbius bands together~~
~~attaching a sphere to the Möbius band~~



\Rightarrow non-orientable, compact surface

both boundary is abstractly a circle

It cannot be realized as a regular surface in \mathbb{R}^3 but okay in \mathbb{R}^4 (see wikipedia)

