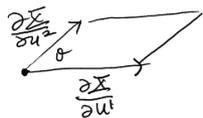


# Degree of a smooth map to $S^2$ .

## §0 Total integral of the Gaussian curvature

recall  $dA = \left| \frac{\partial \mathbb{X}}{\partial u^1} \times \frac{\partial \mathbb{X}}{\partial u^2} \right| du^1 du^2 = \sqrt{\det(g)} du^1 du^2$



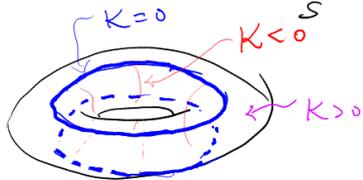
$$\begin{aligned} |\partial_1 \mathbb{X} \times \partial_2 \mathbb{X}|^2 &= (|\partial_1 \mathbb{X}| |\partial_2 \mathbb{X}| \sin \theta)^2 \\ &= |\partial_1 \mathbb{X}|^2 |\partial_2 \mathbb{X}|^2 (1 - \cos^2 \theta) \\ &= |\partial_1 \mathbb{X}|^2 |\partial_2 \mathbb{X}|^2 - \langle \partial_1 \mathbb{X}, \partial_2 \mathbb{X} \rangle^2 \\ &= g_{11} g_{22} - (g_{12})^2 = \det(g) \end{aligned}$$

main topic  $S$ : compact regular surface, with orientation  $N$

What is  $\iint_S K dA$ ?

← always assume this today

example 1)



compute  $\Rightarrow \iint_{\text{torus}} K dA = 0$

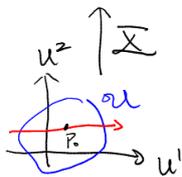
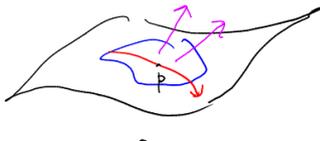
2) sphere of radius  $R$ ,  $K = \frac{1}{R^2}$

$\iint K dA = \frac{1}{R^2} \text{Area} = \frac{1}{R^2} (4\pi R^2) = 4\pi$   $\sim$  independent of  $R$

$= \det(DN|_p)$

discussion

(from the point of view of Gauss map)



$(N \circ \mathbb{X})(u^1, u^2)$   
abbreviate as  $N(u^1, u^2)$

Suppose  $K(p) \neq 0$

i.e.  $DN|_p$  is invertible

$\Rightarrow D(N \circ \mathbb{X})|_p$  is injective

By IFT (shrink  $U$  if necessary),  $N \circ \mathbb{X}$  is a coordinate chart of  $S^2$

In this coordinate chart,  $dA_{S^2} = \left| \frac{\partial N}{\partial u^1} \times \frac{\partial N}{\partial u^2} \right| du^1 du^2$

recall  $\begin{cases} \frac{\partial N}{\partial u^1} = a_1^1 \frac{\partial \mathbb{X}}{\partial u^1} + a_1^2 \frac{\partial \mathbb{X}}{\partial u^2} \\ \frac{\partial N}{\partial u^2} = a_2^1 \frac{\partial \mathbb{X}}{\partial u^1} + a_2^2 \frac{\partial \mathbb{X}}{\partial u^2} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial N}{\partial u^1} \times \frac{\partial N}{\partial u^2} = \det(a) \frac{\partial \mathbb{X}}{\partial u^1} \times \frac{\partial \mathbb{X}}{\partial u^2}$

$dA_{S^2} = |K| dA_S$

Hence,  $K dA_S \sim$  "signed" area of image of  $S$  under the Gauss map.

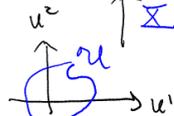
For convenience, we assume  $\langle \frac{\partial \mathbb{X}}{\partial u^1} \times \frac{\partial \mathbb{X}}{\partial u^2}, N \rangle > 0$

$$\begin{cases} K > 0 & \text{if } \langle \frac{\partial N}{\partial u^1} \times \frac{\partial N}{\partial u^2}, N \rangle > 0 \\ K < 0 & \text{if } \langle \frac{\partial N}{\partial u^1} \times \frac{\partial N}{\partial u^2}, N \rangle < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$K = \frac{\langle \frac{\partial N}{\partial u^1} \times \frac{\partial N}{\partial u^2}, N \rangle}{|\partial_1 \mathbb{X} \times \partial_2 \mathbb{X}|} \quad (\text{if } \langle \partial_1 \mathbb{X} \times \partial_2 \mathbb{X}, N \rangle > 0)$$

## §I degree of a map to $S^2$

1° def In general, consider  $F: S \rightarrow S^2$



still write it as  $F(u^1, u^2)$

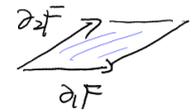
By switching  $u^1, u^2$ , we assume

$\langle \partial_1 \mathbb{X} \times \partial_2 \mathbb{X}, N \rangle > 0$  — (\*)

Let  $d_F(p) = \frac{\langle \partial_1 F \times \partial_2 F, F \rangle}{|\partial_1 \mathbb{X} \times \partial_2 \mathbb{X}|}$  — (\*\*)

Define the degree of  $F$ ,  $\deg(F)$  by  $\frac{1}{4\pi} \iint_S \mathcal{L}_F(p) dA$   
 where  $S$  is  $\text{area}(S^2)$

rmk. Since  $|F|^2 = 1$ ,  $\partial_1 F, \partial_2 F \perp F$

$\langle \partial_1 F \times \partial_2 F, F \rangle$  is the signed area of 

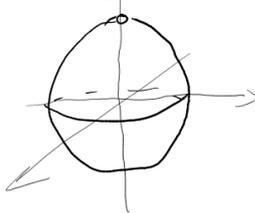
• [HW] Check  $\mathcal{L}_F(p)$  is well-defined, as long as the coordinate chart satisfies (\*)

• For the Gauss map  $N$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_N(p) = K(p) \Rightarrow \iint_S K dA = 4\pi \deg(N)$

question Is  $\deg(F)$  always an integer?

Intuitively, it counts "how many times" the image of  $F$  wraps around  $S^2$ .

2° The area of  $S^2$ :  $(\xi^1, \xi^2) \mapsto \frac{1}{(1+|\xi|^2)^2} (2\xi^1, -2\xi^2, 1+|\xi|^2)$



at  $(0,0)$   $\partial_1 \mathbb{Y} = (2, 0, 0)$ ,  $\partial_2 \mathbb{Y} = (0, -2, 0)$

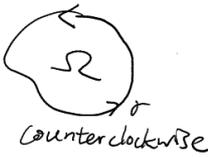
outer normal  $N = \mathbb{Y} = (0, 0, 1)$

$\Rightarrow \langle \partial_1 \mathbb{Y} \times \partial_2 \mathbb{Y}, N \rangle > 0$ .

$$|\partial_1 \mathbb{Y} \times \partial_2 \mathbb{Y}| = \sqrt{\det(g)} = \frac{4}{(1+|\xi|^2)^2} \quad (=g_{11}=g_{22}, 0=g_{12})$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Area}(S^2) = \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{4}{(1+x^2+y^2)^2} dx dy \quad (\text{write } \xi^1=x, \xi^2=y)$$

Green's theorem  $\int_{\partial\Omega} \langle P, Q \rangle \cdot r' dt = \iint_{\Omega} (Q_x - P_y) dx dy$

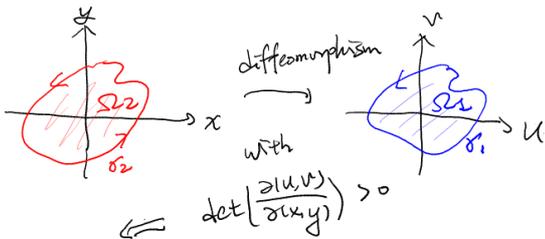


If  $P = -y, Q = x \Rightarrow Q_x - P_y = 2$

If  $P = \frac{-2y}{1+x^2+y^2}, Q = \frac{2x}{1+x^2+y^2} \Rightarrow Q_x - P_y = \frac{4}{(1+x^2+y^2)^2}$  — (d)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence, } \iint_{x^2+y^2 \leq R^2} \frac{4}{(1+x^2+y^2)^2} dx dy &= \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^R \left\langle \left( \frac{-2R \sin t}{1+R^2}, \frac{2R \cos t}{1+R^2} \right), (-R \sin t, R \cos t) \right\rangle dt \\ &= \frac{R^2}{1+R^2} 4\pi \rightarrow 4\pi \text{ as } R \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

3° Green's formula under change of variable



Green's formula on  $\Omega_2$ :

$$\iint_{\Omega_2} (Q_u - P_v) du dv = \int_{\partial\Omega_2} \langle P, Q \rangle \cdot d\vec{r}$$

$$\text{LHS} = \iint_{\Omega_2} (Q_u - P_v) \left| \frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(x,y)} \right| dx dy = \iint_{\Omega_1} (Q_u - P_v) \frac{\det(\frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(x,y)})}{\det(\frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(x,y)})} dx dy$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS} &= \int_{\partial\Omega_2} (P(u,v) u' + Q(u,v) v') dt \\ &= \int_{\partial\Omega_2} \left( P \left( \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} x' + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} y' \right) + Q \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} x' + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} y' \right) \right) dt \\ &= \int_{\partial\Omega_2} \left( P \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + Q \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, P \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + Q \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} \right) \cdot d\vec{r} \end{aligned}$$

counterclockwise to counterclockwise  
 (for  $\partial, \Gamma \rightarrow N$ : point toward the region)  
 $(t_1, t_2) \quad (-t_2, t_1)$

One can check that  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (P \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + Q \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (P \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + Q \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}) = (Q_u - P_v) \det(\frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(x,y)})$

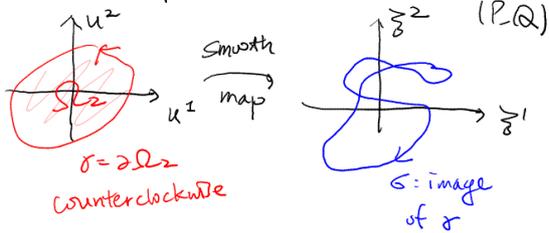
⇒ The red equality is just the Green's formula for the vector field

$$(P \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + Q \frac{\partial v}{\partial x}, P \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + Q \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}) \text{ on the } xy\text{-plane.}$$

It holds without any assumption on  $\frac{\partial(u,v)}{\partial(x,y)}$

rmk These formal integrations & Stokes theorems will be discussed more carefully in the last part

Summary Prop



Green's theorem

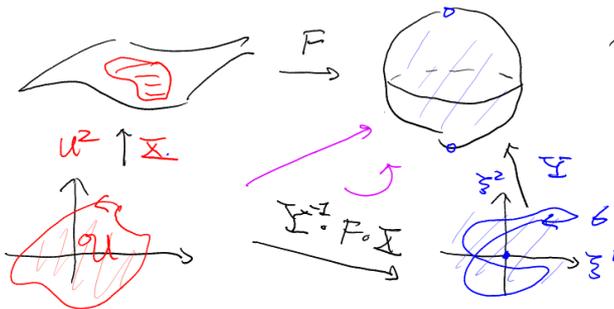
$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\partial Q}{\partial z^1} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial z^2} \right) \det \left( \frac{\partial(z^1, z^2)}{\partial(u^1, u^2)} \right) du^1 du^2 \\ &= \int_{\sigma} \left( P \frac{\partial z^1}{\partial u^1} + Q \frac{\partial z^2}{\partial u^1}, P \frac{\partial z^1}{\partial u^2} + Q \frac{\partial z^2}{\partial u^2} \right) \cdot d\vec{r} \\ &= \int (P-Q) \cdot d\vec{\sigma} \end{aligned}$$

change of variable for vector line integral

4° Back to  $F: S \rightarrow S^2$

Suppose that  $F(\Sigma(\mathcal{U})) \neq \{(0,0,1)\}$

↪ Look at  $\Psi^{-1} \circ F \circ \Sigma: \mathcal{U} \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$



$$\iint_{\Sigma(\mathcal{U})} \mathcal{L}_F(p) dA = ?$$

$$\langle \partial_1(F \circ \Sigma) \times \partial_2(F \circ \Sigma), F \rangle du^1 du^2$$

$$\langle \left( \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial z^1} \times \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial z^2} \right) \Big|_{\Psi^{-1} \circ F \circ \Sigma}, F \rangle \det \left( \frac{\partial(z^1, z^2)}{\partial(u^1, u^2)} \right)$$

$$= \frac{4}{(1+(z^1)^2+(z^2)^2)^2} \det \left( \frac{\partial(z^1, z^2)}{\partial(u^1, u^2)} \right)$$

functions in  $(u^1, u^2)$   
 computation in stereographic projection

$$\begin{aligned} F \circ \Sigma &= \Psi \circ (\Psi^{-1} \circ F \circ \Sigma) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial u^1} (F \circ \Sigma) &= \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial z^1} \frac{\partial z^1}{\partial u^1} + \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial z^2} \frac{\partial z^2}{\partial u^1} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial u^2} (F \circ \Sigma) &= \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial z^1} \frac{\partial z^1}{\partial u^2} + \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial z^2} \frac{\partial z^2}{\partial u^2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\iint_{\Sigma(\mathcal{U})} \mathcal{L}_F(p) dA = \iint_{\Omega} \frac{4}{(1+(z^1)^2+(z^2)^2)^2} \det \left( \frac{\partial(z^1, z^2)}{\partial(u^1, u^2)} \right) du^1 du^2$

the prop in 3°

$$\begin{aligned} &= \iint_{\Omega} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z^1} \left( \frac{2z^1}{1+(z^1)^2} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial z^2} \left( \frac{-2z^2}{1+(z^1)^2} \right) \right) \det \left( \frac{\partial(z^1, z^2)}{\partial(u^1, u^2)} \right) du^1 du^2 \\ &= \int_{\sigma = \partial\Omega} \text{vector line integral} \\ &= \int_{\sigma = (\Psi^{-1} \circ F \circ \Sigma)(\partial\mathcal{U})} \left( \frac{-2z^2}{1+(z^1)^2}, \frac{2z^1}{1+(z^1)^2} \right) \cdot d\vec{\sigma} \end{aligned}$$

Lemma  $\iint_{\Sigma(\mathcal{U})} \mathcal{L}_F \cdot dA = \int_{\sigma} \left( \frac{-2z^2}{1+(z^1)^2}, \frac{2z^1}{1+(z^1)^2} \right) \cdot d\vec{\sigma}$

$\sigma = \text{image of } \partial\mathcal{U} \text{ under } \Psi^{-1} \circ F \circ \Sigma$   
 (counterclockwise)

5° recall! Sard theorem:  $F: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  smooth

$q \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is called a singular value if  $\exists p \in F^{-1}(q)$  such that  $\text{rank } DF|_p < n$   
regular value if  $\forall p \in F^{-1}(q)$   $\text{rank } DF|_p = n$   
 The set of all singular values has measure zero

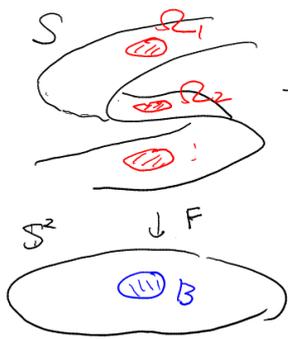
rank/discussion • un-interesting case  $m < n$   $\text{rank } DF = m$  nullity  $(DF) \leq m < n$   
 $\Rightarrow$  image = singular values

• It works for  $F: S_1 \rightarrow S_2$  smooth map between regular surface

6° thm  $S$ : compact, regular surface with orientation  $N$ .  
 $F: S \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^2$  smooth. Then  $\deg(F) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \iint_S \mathcal{L}_F dA$  is an integer  
 Moreover, if  $q \in \mathbb{S}^2$  is a regular value, then  $\deg(F) = \sum_{p \in F^{-1}(q)} \text{sgn}(\mathcal{L}_F) \rightarrow$  sign function takes value in  $\pm 1$ .

pf: By Sard theorem, there always exist a plethora of regular values.  $\text{SO}(3)$   
 Say  $q$  is a regular value, By composing with  $\text{SO}(3)$ ,  $S \xrightarrow{F} \mathbb{S}^2 \xrightarrow{B} \mathbb{S}^2$   
 we may assume  $(0,0,1) \in B$  a regular value  
 Note that  $\iint_S \mathcal{L}_F dA = \iint_S \mathcal{L}_{B \circ F} dA$

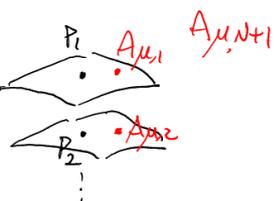
step 1 claim.  $\exists B$ : open neighborhood of  $N=(0,0,1)$  in  $\mathbb{S}^2$  such that  $F^{-1}(B)$  is the finite union of disjoint open sets,  $\bigcup_{j=1}^K \Omega_j$   
 and  $F: \Omega_j \rightarrow B$  is a diffeomorphism for  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, K\}$



pf of the claim: a)  $\forall p \in F^{-1}(N) \Rightarrow$  IFT applies  $\Rightarrow \exists U_p \xrightarrow{F} B_p$   
 Hence,  $F^{-1}(N)$  is discrete (for  $p' \in F^{-1}(N)$ ,  $p' \neq p \Rightarrow p' \notin \Omega_p$ )

By compactness of  $S$ ,  $F^{-1}(N)$  is finite  
 Say,  $\{P_1, \dots, P_K\}$

b) For each  $\bar{j}$ , choose  $\tilde{V}_{\bar{j}} \subset U_{P_{\bar{j}}}$ ,  $\tilde{V}_{\bar{i}} \cap \tilde{V}_{\bar{j}} = \emptyset$  for  $\bar{i} \neq \bar{j}$   
 Let  $\tilde{B} = \bigcap_{\bar{j}=1}^K F(\tilde{V}_{\bar{j}})$ : open nbd of  $p$   
 and let  $V_{\bar{j}} = F^{-1}(\tilde{B}) \cap \tilde{V}_{\bar{j}}$ : open nbd of  $P_{\bar{j}}$   
 $\Rightarrow V_{\bar{j}}$  disjoint.  $V_{\bar{j}} \xrightarrow{F} \tilde{B}$  diffeomorphism.



c) It remains to prove that  $F^{-1}(\tilde{B}) = \bigcup_{\bar{j}=1}^K V_{\bar{j}}$ , by shrinking  $\tilde{B}$  if necessary  
 Suppose not. Then,  $\exists \{C_\mu\} \subset \mathbb{S}^2 \rightarrow N \rightarrow \#\{f^{-1}(C_\mu)\} > K$

Say,  $A_{\mu, \bar{j}} \in V_{\bar{j}} \cap f^{-1}(C_\mu)$  and there is some other  $A_{\mu, \bar{i}} \in f^{-1}(C_\mu)$

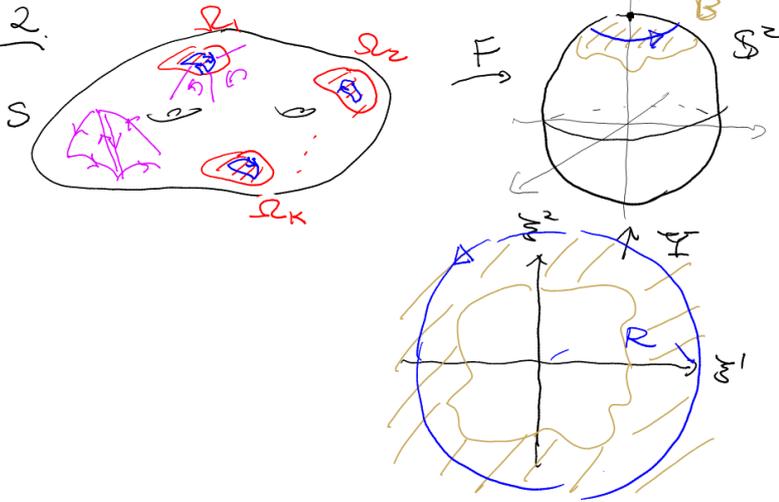
By compactness (and passing to subsequence),  $A_{\mu, \mu+1} \xrightarrow{\mu \rightarrow \infty}$  some point in  $S$

But  $F(A_{\mu, \mu+1}) = C_\mu \rightarrow N \Rightarrow$  some point  $\in F^{-1}(N) = \{P_1, \dots, P_k\}$

Say,  $A_{\mu, \mu+1} \rightarrow P_1$  as  $\mu \rightarrow \infty$

Remember that  $A_{\mu, 1} \rightarrow P_1$  as well. It contradicts to  $V_1 \xrightarrow{F} \tilde{B}$  is a diffeomorphism  $\neq$

Step 2.



For  $R \gg 1$ ,  $F^{-1}(|\xi| > R) \subset B$   
 $\downarrow$  as  $R \rightarrow \infty$   
 $N$

From step 2.

$$\iint_S \mathcal{L}_F dA = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \iint_{S \setminus F^{-1}(|\xi| > R)} \mathcal{L}_F dA$$

But we can (divide  $S \setminus F^{-1}(|\xi| > R)$  into small regions, and) apply the lemma

$$\iint_{S \setminus F^{-1}(|\xi| > R)} \mathcal{L}_F dA = \sum_{j=1}^k \pm \int_{\partial B_R} \left( \frac{-2\xi^2}{1+|\xi|^2}, \frac{2\xi^1}{1+|\xi|^2} \right) \cdot d\vec{s} = \sum \pm 4\pi \frac{R^2}{1+R^2} \text{ in } 4^\circ$$

Sign issue on  $S$ : counter clockwise w.r.t. complement,  $S \setminus F^{-1}(|\xi| > R)$  (say,  $N = \text{outer normal}$ )  $\Leftrightarrow$  clockwise w.r.t.  $F^{-1}(|\xi| > R)$ , nbd of each  $P_j$

on  $S^2$  depend on sign of  $\det(\Sigma_u, \Sigma_v, N)$  and  $\det(F_u, F_v, F)$   
 $= \text{sign } \mathcal{L}_F(P_j)$

if  $\text{sign } \mathcal{L}_F(P_j) = +1$ , clockwise w.r.t. upper hemisphere  
 $-1$ , counterclockwise (in terms of outer normal)  
counterclockwise w.r.t. lower hemisphere

By the same token, it corresponds  $\ominus$  vector line integral

$$\int_{\partial B_R} \dots \cdot d\vec{s} = \oplus 4\pi \frac{R^2}{1+R^2}$$

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## § II. applications: Gauss-Bonnet (p.t. 1) and applications

$S$ : compact, regular surface with an orientation  $N$

1° Suppose that  $F(p, t) = S \times I \xrightarrow{=(a,b) \in \mathbb{R}^2} S^2$ , smooth

Then  $\text{deg } F(-, t) : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is smooth in  $t$ , and takes integer value  $\Rightarrow \text{deg } F(-, t)$  is a constant

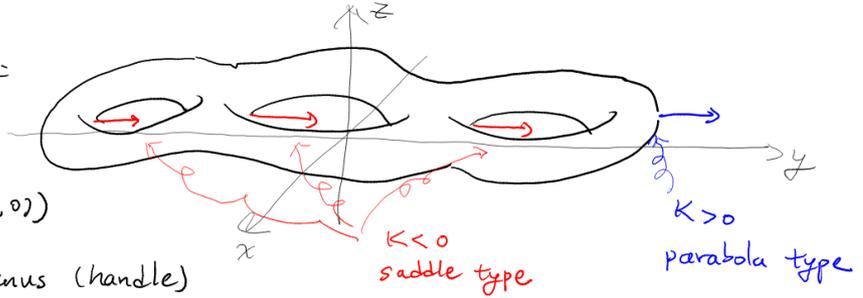
If  $V(p) = S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}$ , nowhere vanishing vector field  
 $F_v(p) = \frac{V(p)}{|V(p)|} : S \rightarrow S^2$

It says that  $\deg F_*(p)$  remains unchanged if we perturb  $V$  without creating zeros.

2° Gauss-Bonnet (p. 1) recall Need an orientation on  $S$  to calculate  $\int_F$  and  $\deg(F)$   
 When  $F=N$   $\hookrightarrow$  discussion on P.I says that  $\int_N = K$

Hence,  $\iint_S K dA = 4\pi \deg(N) \in 4\pi \mathbb{Z}$

• Intuitive discussion =



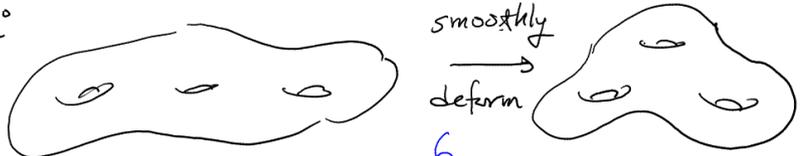
Study  $N^{-1}(10, 1, 0)$

Adding 1 more genus (handle)

$\rightarrow$  create 1 more pre-image with  $K < 0$

$\Rightarrow \iint_S K dA = 4\pi (1 - g)$   $g = \text{genus} = \# \text{ handles}$

• Combine it with 1°

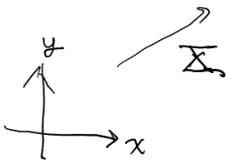


$\hookrightarrow$  leaves  $\deg(N)$  unchanged.

3° Fundamental theorem of algebra Any non-constant complex polynomial,  $z^n + a_{n-1}z^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$  must have a root on  $\mathbb{C}$ .  
 $n \in \mathbb{N}$

pf:  $\Sigma: (x, y) \mapsto \frac{1}{1+x^2+y^2} (2x, 2y, 1-x^2-y^2) \quad \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^2 \setminus \{(0,0,-1)\}$   
 $\Upsilon: (u, v) \mapsto \frac{1}{1+u^2+v^2} (2u, -2v, -1+u^2+v^2) \quad \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^2 \setminus \{(0,0,1)\}$

Write  $z = x + iy$ ,  $w = u + iv$ . Then  $w = \frac{1}{z}$



$f(z) = z^n + \dots + a_0 \rightsquigarrow F = \Sigma \circ f \circ \Sigma^{-1} : \mathbb{S}^2 \setminus \{(0,0,-1)\} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^2$

claim By setting  $F(0,0,-1) = (0,0,-1)$ ,  $F : \mathbb{S}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^2$  smooth

Study it on  $\mathbb{S}^2 \setminus \{(0,0,\pm 1)\} \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{R}^2 : \Sigma^{-1} \circ \Sigma \circ f \circ \Sigma^{-1} \circ \Upsilon$

$f \circ (\Sigma^{-1} \circ \Upsilon)(w) = \frac{1}{w^n} + \frac{a_{n-1}}{w^{n-1}} + \dots + a_0$   
 $= \frac{1 + a_{n-1}w + \dots + a_0 w^n}{w^n}$

$\Sigma^{-1} \circ \Sigma \circ f \circ \Sigma^{-1} \circ \Upsilon = \frac{w^n}{1 + a_{n-1}w + \dots + a_0 w^n}$  : sends 0 to 0 and smooth on a nbd of 0.

But we can do it for  $f(z, t) = z^n + t(a_{n-1}z^{n-1} + \dots + a_0)$

$\Rightarrow z^n$  and  $f(z)$  gives the same degree

$\hookrightarrow$  compute it by hand,  $\deg = n \neq 0$

If  $\deg \neq 0$ , must be surjective ... #