

# Chapter 6 - Curvature

## Second Fundamental Form.

§6.1  
2FF

2FF:  $L = \vec{\sigma}_{uu} \cdot \vec{N}$ ,  $M = \vec{\sigma}_{uv} \cdot \vec{N}$ ,  $N = \vec{\sigma}_{vv} \cdot \vec{N}$ , recall  $\vec{N} = \frac{\vec{\sigma}_u \times \vec{\sigma}_v}{\|\vec{\sigma}_u \times \vec{\sigma}_v\|}$ .  
 $\Rightarrow L du^2 + 2M du dv + N dv^2$

Curve

Derivation:  $(\vec{\gamma}(t+\Delta t) - \vec{\gamma}(t)) \cdot \vec{n}$  measures tendency of  $\vec{\gamma}$  to move away from its tangent line.

Taylor's  $\Rightarrow$  this is  $(\dot{\gamma} \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} \ddot{\gamma} (\Delta t)^2 + O(\Delta t^3)) \cdot \vec{n}$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} \kappa (\Delta t)^2 + O(\Delta t^3)$

So  $\kappa$  measures this tendency.



SF Derivation:  $(\vec{\sigma}_u + \Delta u \vec{\sigma}_{uu} + \vec{\sigma}_v + \Delta v \vec{\sigma}_{vv} - \vec{\sigma}(u,v)) \cdot \vec{N} = (\sigma_{uu} \Delta u + \sigma_{vv} \Delta v + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{uu} \Delta u^2 + \sigma_{uv} \Delta u \Delta v + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{vv} \Delta v^2 + O(\Delta u^2, \Delta v^2)) \cdot \vec{N}$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} (L \Delta u^2 + 2M \Delta u \Delta v + N \Delta v^2) + O(\Delta u^2, \Delta v^2) \cdot \vec{N}$   
 measures deviation from tangent plane.

§6.2  
Curves on the Surface

Let  $\vec{\gamma} = \vec{\gamma}(u,v)$  be a unit speed curve on patch  $\sigma$ .

$\Rightarrow \|\dot{\gamma}\| = 1$ ,  $\dot{\gamma}$  is in tangent plane  $\Rightarrow \dot{\gamma} \cdot \vec{N} = 0 \Rightarrow \{\dot{\gamma}, \vec{N}, \vec{N} \times \dot{\gamma}\}$  is an O.N. set.

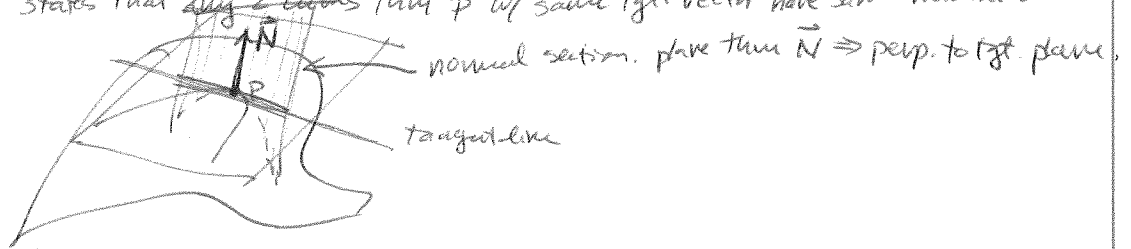
Thus,  $\ddot{\gamma} \cdot \dot{\gamma} = 0$  implies  $\ddot{\gamma} = \kappa_n \vec{N} + \kappa_g \vec{N} \times \dot{\gamma}$  where  $\kappa_n = \text{normal curvature}$  (curvature out of tangent plane) and  $\kappa_g = \text{geodesic curvature}$  (curvature inside tangent plane).

One computes  $\kappa_n = \ddot{\gamma} \cdot \vec{N}$ ,  $\kappa_g = \ddot{\gamma} \cdot (\vec{N} \times \dot{\gamma})$ ,  $\|\ddot{\gamma}\|^2 = \kappa_n^2 + \kappa_g^2$ .  
 In terms of curve's standard curvature,  $\kappa^2 = \kappa_n^2 + \kappa_g^2$ ,  $\kappa_n = \kappa \cos \psi$ ,  $\kappa_g = \pm \kappa \sin \psi$  }  $\psi$  is angle between  $\vec{n}$  and  $\vec{N}$ .

Rule:  $\kappa_n$  is indep. of parametrization,  $\kappa_g$  may change sign.

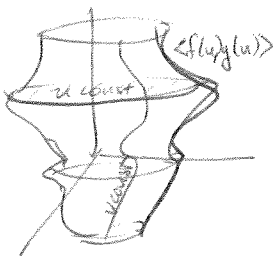
A normal section of the sf. is the intersection of the sf. w/ a plane  $\perp$  to  $\vec{N}$  tangent planes thru  $\vec{\gamma}$ . Then  $\vec{n}$  and  $\vec{N}$  are parallel so  $\kappa_n = \pm \kappa$ ,  $\kappa_g = 0$ .

Meynier's Theorem states that any 2 curves thru  $p$  w/ same tgl. vector have same normal curvature.



We will eventually write out both  $\kappa_n$  and  $\kappa_g$  in terms of the 2FF.

Ex: SF of Revol.  $\vec{\sigma}(u,v) = \langle f(u) \cos v, f(u) \sin v, g(u) \rangle$  w/  $\|\langle \dot{f}, \dot{g} \rangle\| = 1$  (unit speed)



$\vec{\sigma}_u = \langle \dot{f} \cos v, \dot{f} \sin v, \dot{g} \rangle$ ,  $\vec{\sigma}_v = \langle -f \sin v, f \cos v, 0 \rangle$   
 $\vec{\sigma}_u \times \vec{\sigma}_v = \langle -\dot{f} g \cos v, -\dot{f} g \sin v, f \dot{g} \rangle$   
 $\|\vec{\sigma}_u \times \vec{\sigma}_v\| = f \dot{g}$   
 $\vec{N} = \langle -\dot{g} \cos v, -\dot{g} \sin v, \dot{f} \rangle$   
 $L = \dot{f} \dot{g} - \dot{f} \dot{g}$ ,  $M = 0$ ,  $N = f \dot{g}$   
 $\Rightarrow 2FF = (f \dot{g} - \dot{f} \dot{g}) du^2 + f \dot{g} dv^2$

E.g. Cylinder  $\langle \cos v, \sin v, u \rangle$   $f=1, g=u$

$\Rightarrow 2FF = 0 du^2 + dv^2 = dv^2$  (curvature only in v direction)

Curve on cylinder:  $\vec{\gamma} = \langle \cos at, \sin at, bt \rangle$ : magn.  $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$  assume  $a^2 + b^2 = 1$ .

$\dot{\gamma} = \langle -a \sin at, a \cos at, b \rangle$   
 $\ddot{\gamma} = \langle -a^2 \cos at, -a^2 \sin at, 0 \rangle$   
 $\vec{N} = \langle -\cos t, -\sin t, 0 \rangle$   
 $\kappa_n = -a^2$   
 $\kappa_g = 0$