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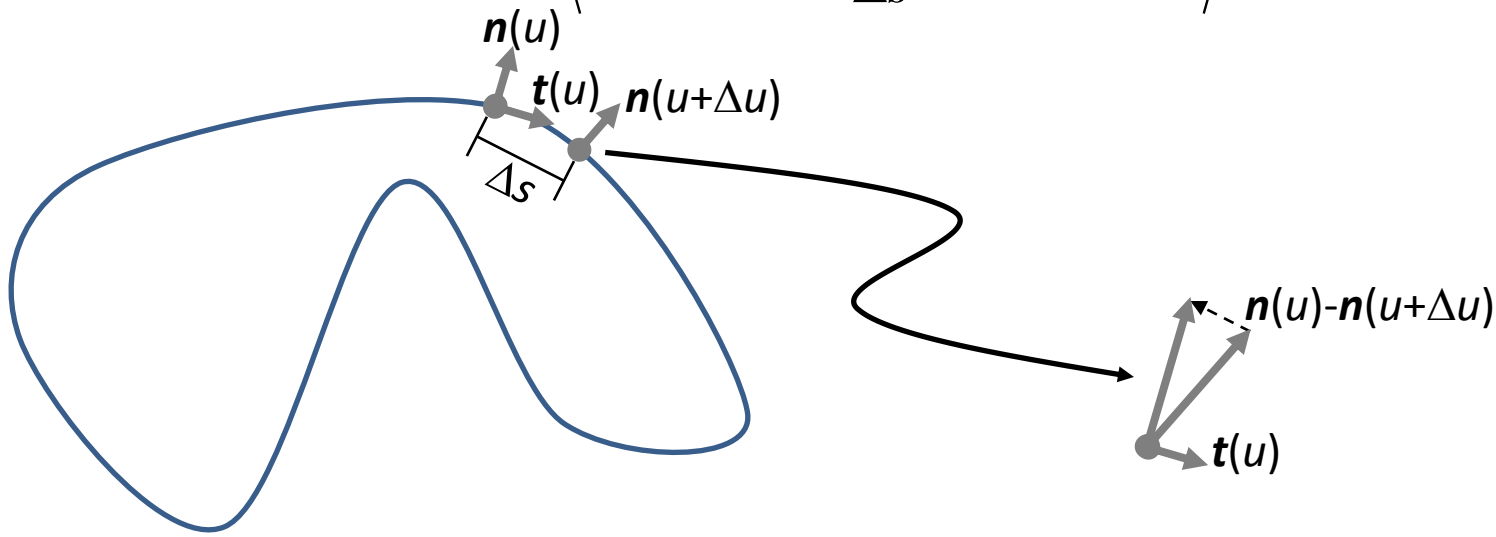
Chapter 3

Regular Curves

Recall:

The *curvature* at $\mathbf{x}(u)$ is the (negative)change in normal vector along the tangent direction relative to change in distance along the curve:

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Otherwise, we have $\Delta s / \Delta u = |\mathbf{x}'(u)|$, so that:

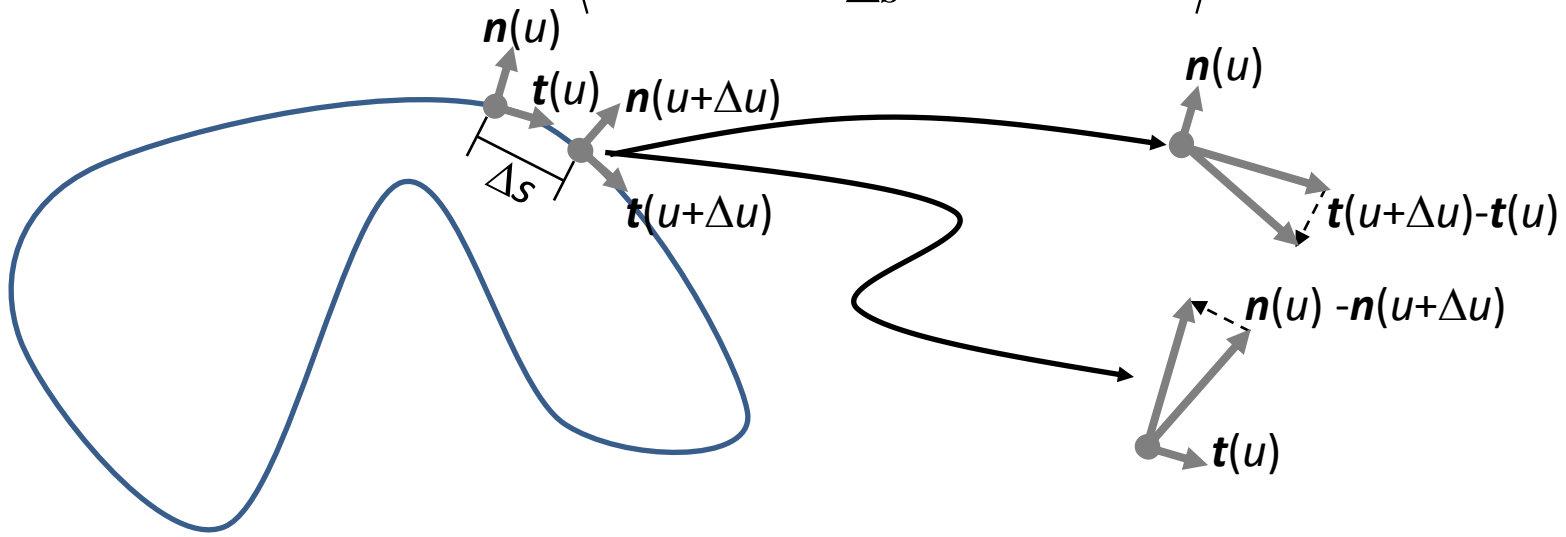
$$\kappa(u) = \left\langle \lim_{\Delta u \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mathbf{n}(u) - \mathbf{n}(u + \Delta u)}{\Delta u \cdot |\mathbf{x}'(u)|}, \mathbf{t}(u) \right\rangle = -\frac{\langle \mathbf{n}'(u), \mathbf{t}(u) \rangle}{|\mathbf{x}'(u)|} = -\frac{\langle \mathbf{n}'(u), \mathbf{x}'(u) \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{x}'(u), \mathbf{x}'(u) \rangle}$$

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Alternate Interpretation:

The *curvature* at $\mathbf{x}(u)$ is the (positive) change in the tangent vector along the normal direction relative to change in distance along the curve:

$$\kappa(u) = \left\langle \lim_{\Delta u \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mathbf{t}(u + \Delta u) - \mathbf{t}(u)}{\Delta s}, \mathbf{n}(u) \right\rangle$$



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giving:

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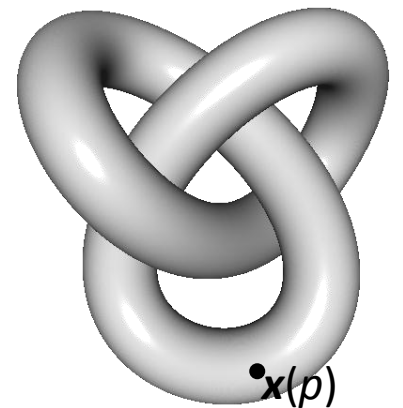
Thus, we can also express the curvature as:

$$\kappa(u) = -\frac{\langle \mathbf{n}'(u), \mathbf{t}(u) \rangle}{|\mathbf{x}'(u)|} = \frac{\langle \mathbf{n}(u), \mathbf{t}'(u) \rangle}{|\mathbf{x}'(u)|} = \dots = \frac{\langle \mathbf{n}(u), \mathbf{x}''(u) \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{x}'(u), \mathbf{x}'(u) \rangle}$$

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We extend the notion to the curvature of a surface at the point $\mathbf{x}(p)$ by looking at the curvature of curves on the surface.

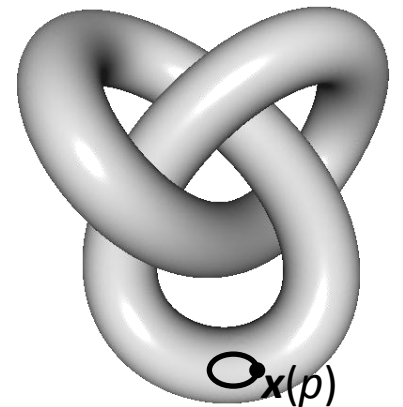


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Using arbitrary curves, we don't get a sense of the curvature as we go “around” the surface, e.g. we can get the curvature to be arbitrarily small.



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We extend the notion to the curvature of a surface at the point $\mathbf{x}(p)$ by looking at the curvature of curves on the surface.

Instead, we look at the curvature of *normal curves* – curves through $\mathbf{x}(p)$ obtained by intersecting the surface with a plane containing the normal at $\mathbf{x}(p)$.

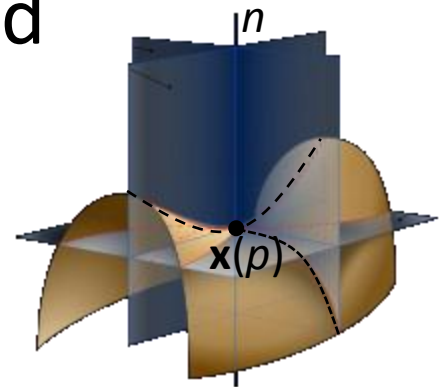


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Curvature:

Fix a normal plane by choosing $v=Jw$ in the tangent plane at $\mathbf{x}(p)$ and let $\phi(t)$ be the curve in the parameterization domain which maps to the intersection of the surface with the plane.

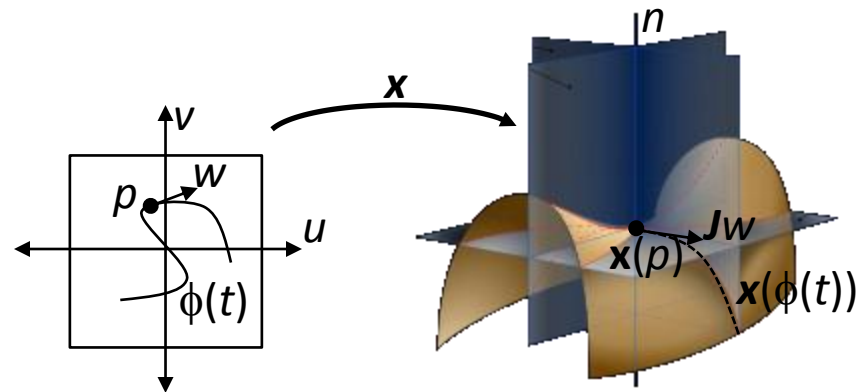


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$$\kappa(u) = \frac{\langle \mathbf{n}(u), \mathbf{x}''(u) \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{x}'(u), \mathbf{x}'(u) \rangle}$$

Curvature:

Computing the curvature of the curve $\mathbf{x}(\phi(t))$ at $\mathbf{x}(\phi(0)) = \mathbf{x}(p)$ gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa(0) &= \frac{\langle \mathbf{n}, (\mathbf{x} \circ \phi)''(0) \rangle}{\langle (\mathbf{x} \circ \phi)'(0), (\mathbf{x} \circ \phi)'(0) \rangle} \\ &= \frac{\langle \mathbf{n}, ((d^2 \mathbf{x} \circ \phi) \cdot \phi'(0)) \cdot \phi'(0) + ((d\mathbf{x} \circ \phi) \cdot \phi'')(0) \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{J}_w, \mathbf{J}_w \rangle} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\mathbf{w}^t \begin{pmatrix} \langle \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{x}_{uu}(p) \rangle & \langle \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{x}_{vu}(p) \rangle \\ \langle \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{x}_{uv}(p) \rangle & \langle \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{x}_{vv}(p) \rangle \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{w}}{\mathbf{w}^t \mathbf{I}(p) \mathbf{w}}$$

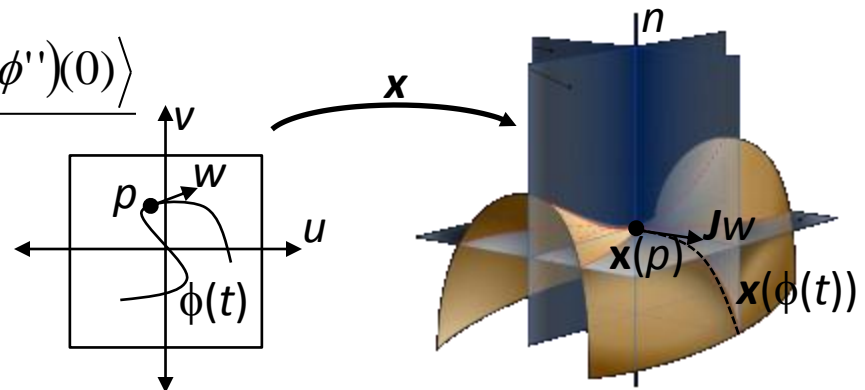


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Definition:

Given the parameterization \mathbf{x} , the *second fundamental form* 2x2 matrix:

$$II(p) = \begin{pmatrix} \langle \mathbf{n}(p), \mathbf{x}_{uu}(p) \rangle & \langle \mathbf{n}(p), \mathbf{x}_{vu}(p) \rangle \\ \langle \mathbf{n}(p), \mathbf{x}_{uv}(p) \rangle & \langle \mathbf{n}(p), \mathbf{x}_{vv}(p) \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

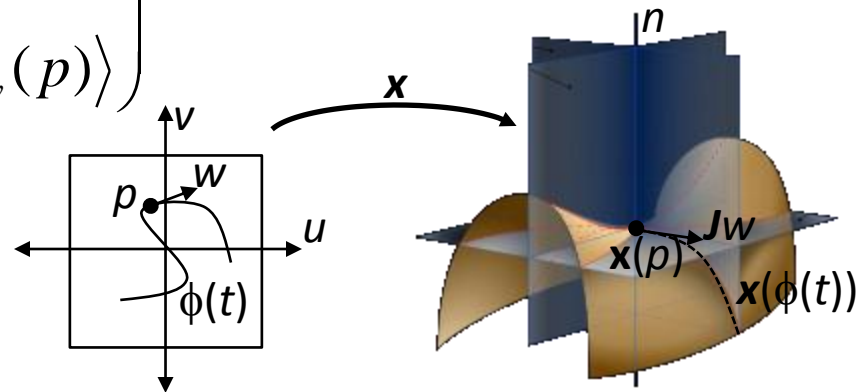


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Definition:

Using this matrix, the curvature of the surface at the point $q=\mathbf{x}(p)$ in direction $\mathbf{v}=\mathbf{J}\mathbf{w}$ is:

$$\kappa_p(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{\mathbf{w}^t \mathbf{I} \mathbf{w}}{\mathbf{w}^t \mathbf{h} \mathbf{w}}$$

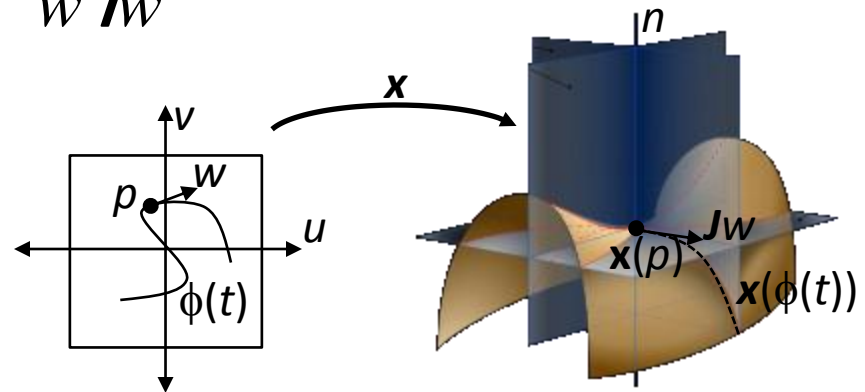


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$$\kappa_p(w) = \frac{w^t \mathbf{h}_w}{w^t \mathbf{h}_w}$$

Properties:

1. The function $\kappa_p(w)$ is independent of scale.
2. It has minima and maxima at w_1 and w_2 .
3. The images $v_1 = \mathbf{J}w_1$ and $v_2 = \mathbf{J}w_2$ are orthogonal:

$$\langle v_1, v_2 \rangle = \langle \mathbf{J}w_1, \mathbf{J}w_2 \rangle = w_1^t \mathbf{h}_{w_2} = 0$$

4. If $v = \mathbf{J}w$ is a tangent vector at $\mathbf{x}(p)$ making an angle α with v_1 then:

$$\kappa_p(w) = \kappa_p(w_1) \cos^2 \alpha + \kappa_p(w_2) \sin^2 \alpha$$

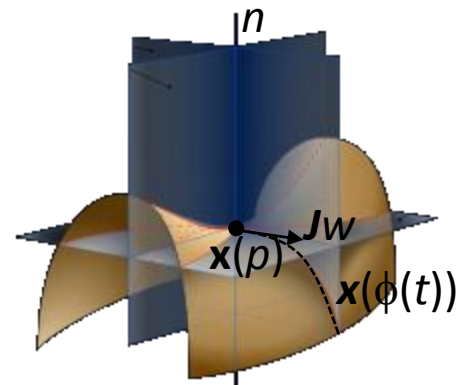


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$$\kappa_p(w) = \frac{w^t \mathbf{h} w}{w^t w}$$

Definition:

The (unit) directions $\mathbf{J}w_1$ and $\mathbf{J}w_2$ are called the *principal curvature directions* and the associated values $\kappa_1(p) = \kappa_p(w_1)$ and $\kappa_2(p) = \kappa_p(w_2)$ are called the *principal curvature values*.

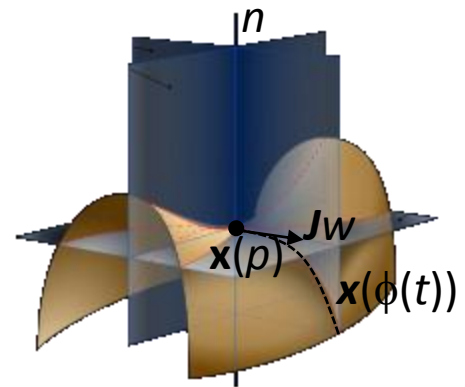


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The sum of the principal curvatures is the *mean curvature*.

The product is the *Gaussian curvature*.

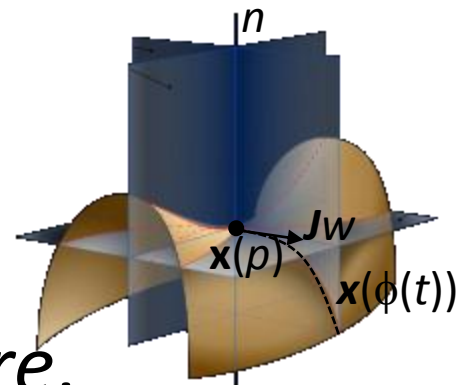


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$$\kappa_p(w) = \frac{w^t \mathbb{H} w}{w^t h w}$$

Note:

We can find the principal curvature values (and directions) by setting the derivative of $\kappa_p(w)$ to 0:

$$\nabla \kappa_p(w) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{(w^t h w)}{(w^t \mathbb{H} w)} \mathbb{H} w = h w$$

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Thus, the principal curvature values (and directions) can be obtained by solving:

$$I^{-1} h w = \lambda w$$

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$$I^{-1} // w_1 = \kappa_1 w_1 \quad I^{-1} // w_2 = \kappa_2 w_2$$

Note:

In particular, this implies that mean and Gaussian curvatures are the trace and determinant of this matrix:

$$\text{mean curvature} = H = \text{Tr}(I^{-1} //)$$

$$\text{Gaussian curvature} = K = \text{Det}(I^{-1} //)$$

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$$\kappa_p(w) = \kappa_1(p) \cos^2 \alpha + \kappa_2(p) \sin^2 \alpha$$

Definition:

Given the principal curvatures/directions, $\kappa_1/\mathbf{J}w_1$ and $\kappa_2/\mathbf{J}w_2$, the *curvature tensor* is a 3x3 symmetric matrix associated to each point on the surface, defined by:

$$\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{x}(p)) = \kappa_1 \mathbf{J}w_1 \mathbf{J}w_1^t + \kappa_2 \mathbf{J}w_2 \mathbf{J}w_2^t$$

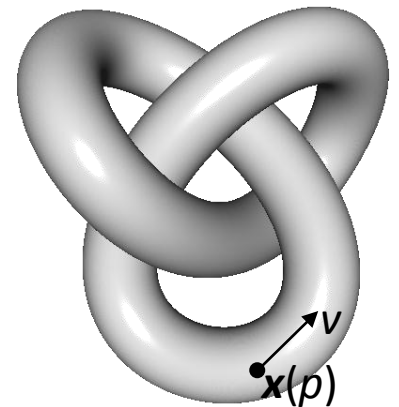
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Given a (non-tangent) vector v at the point $\mathbf{x}(p)$,
we can express v as:

$$v = \alpha \mathbf{J}w_1 + \beta \mathbf{J}w_2 + \gamma \mathbf{n}(p)$$



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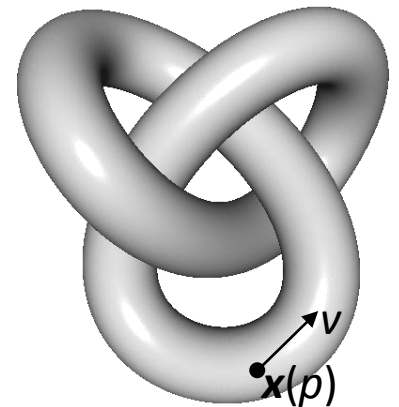
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So the curvature tensor gives the curvature in the tangent component (scaled by square length).

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Example (Sphere):

Parameterizing the sphere (almost everywhere) by the map:

$$\mathbf{x}(u, v) = (\cos u \cos v \quad \sin v \quad \sin u \cos v)^t$$

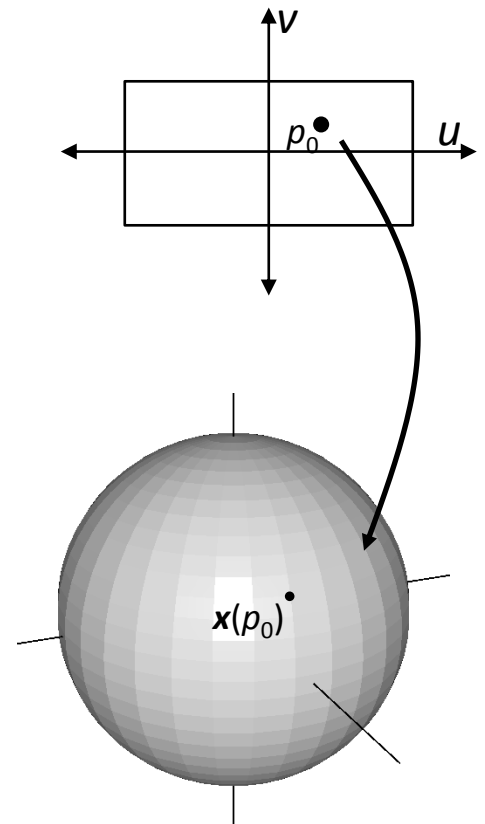
The 1st partial derivatives are:

$$\mathbf{x}_u(u, v) = (-\sin u \cos v \quad 0 \quad \cos u \cos v)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_v(u, v) = (-\cos u \sin v \quad \cos v \quad -\sin u \sin v)$$

Which gives:

$$I(u, v) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos^2 v & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



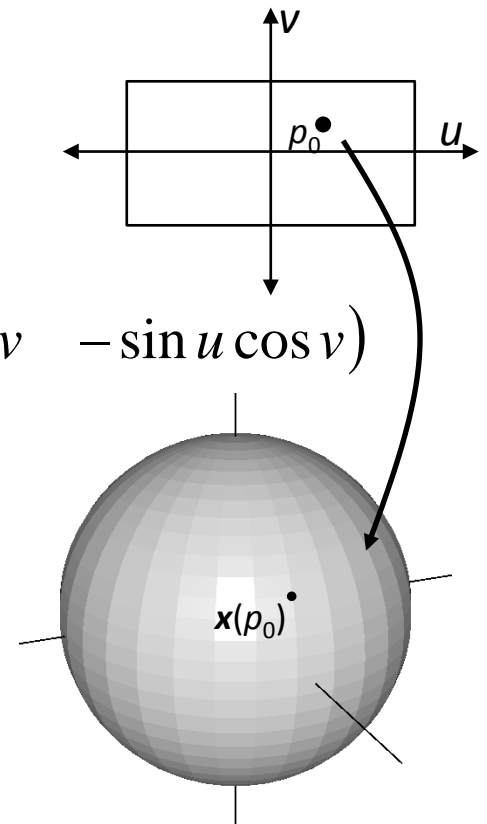
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Example (Sphere):

The normal is defined as:

$$\mathbf{n}(u, v) = \frac{\mathbf{X}_u(u, v) \times \mathbf{X}_v(u, v)}{|\mathbf{X}_u(u, v) \times \mathbf{X}_v(u, v)|} = (-\cos u \cos v \quad -\sin v \quad -\sin u \cos v)$$



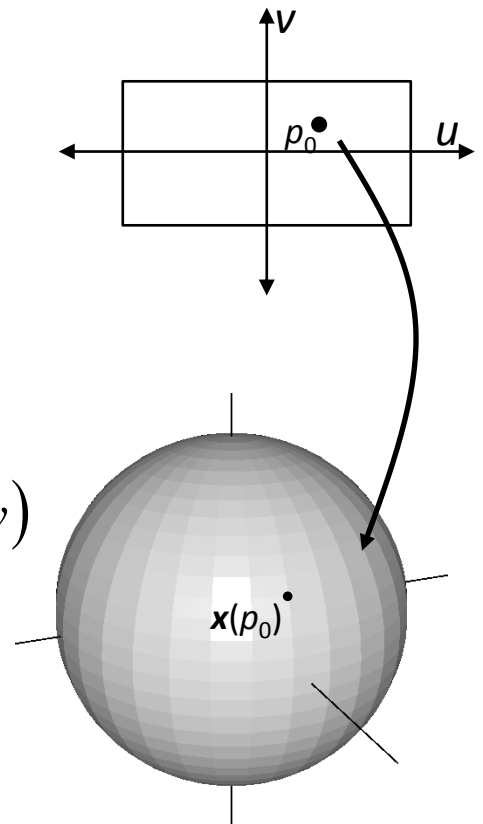
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Example (Sphere):

The 2nd partial derivatives are:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{X}_{uu}(u, v) &= (-\cos u \cos v \quad 0 \quad -\sin u \cos v) \\ \mathbf{X}_{uv}(u, v) &= \mathbf{X}_{vu}(u, v) = (\sin u \sin v \quad 0 \quad -\cos u \sin v) \\ \mathbf{X}_{vv}(u, v) &= (-\cos u \cos v \quad -\sin v \quad -\sin u \cos v)\end{aligned}$$



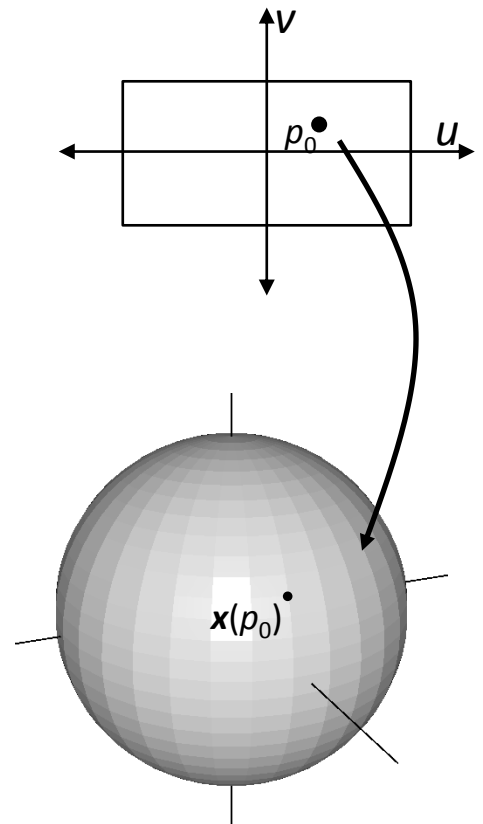
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This gives:

$$II(u, v) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos^2 v & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



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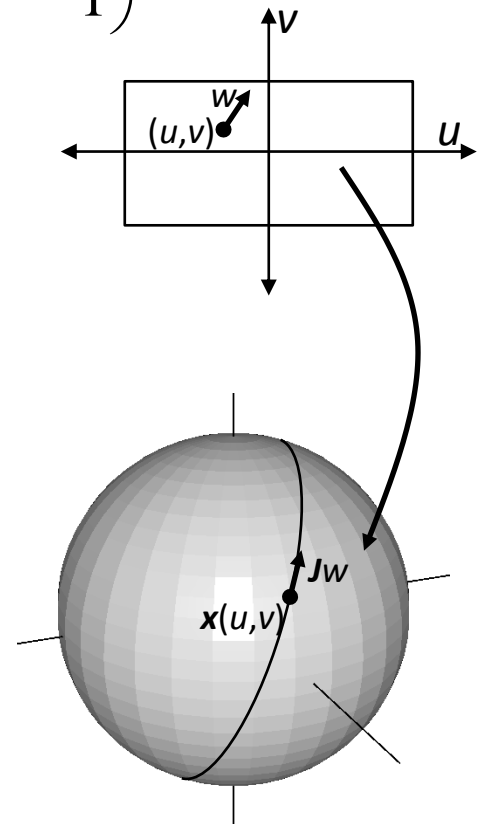
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Example (Sphere):

Thus, for any point $\mathbf{x}(u, v)$ on the sphere, and any tangent direction $\mathbf{J}w$, the curvature at $\mathbf{x}(u, v)$ in the direction $\mathbf{J}w$ is:

$$\kappa_{\mathbf{x}(u, v)}(w) = \frac{w^t II(u, v) w}{w^t I(u, v) w} = 1$$



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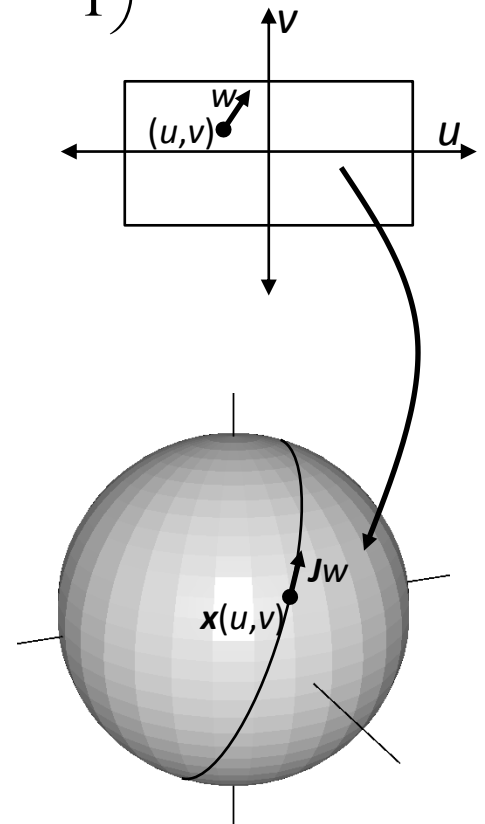
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Example (Sphere):

Taking the trace and determinant:

$$H = \text{Tr}(I^{-1}II) = 2$$

$$K = \text{Det}(I^{-1}II) = 1$$



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Example (Torus):

Parameterizing the torus by the map:

$$\mathbf{x}(u, v) = (\cos u(r_1 + r_2 \sin v) \quad -r_2 \cos v \quad \sin u(r_1 + r_2 \sin v))^t$$

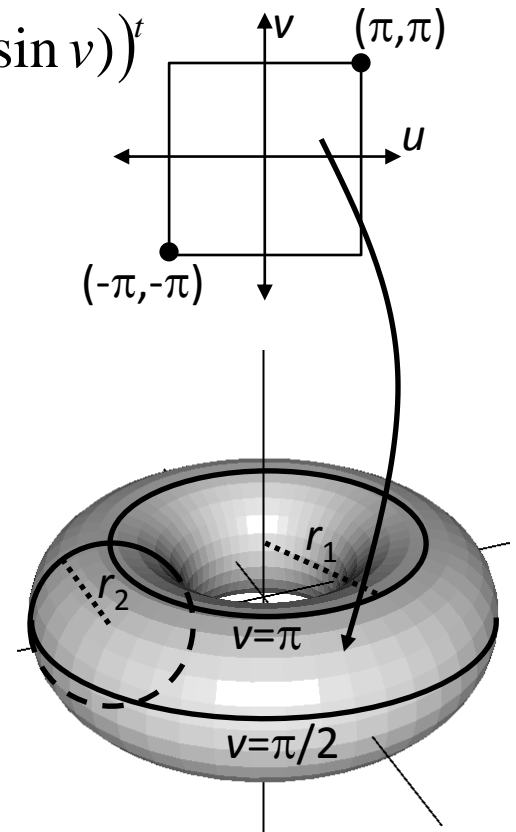
The 1st partial derivatives are:

$$\mathbf{x}_u(u, v) = (r_1 + r_2 \sin v)(-\sin u \quad 0 \quad \cos u)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_v(u, v) = r_2(\cos u \cos v \quad \sin v \quad \sin u \cos v)$$

Which gives:

$$I(u, v) = \begin{pmatrix} (r_1 + r_2 \sin v)^2 & 0 \\ 0 & r_2^2 \end{pmatrix}$$



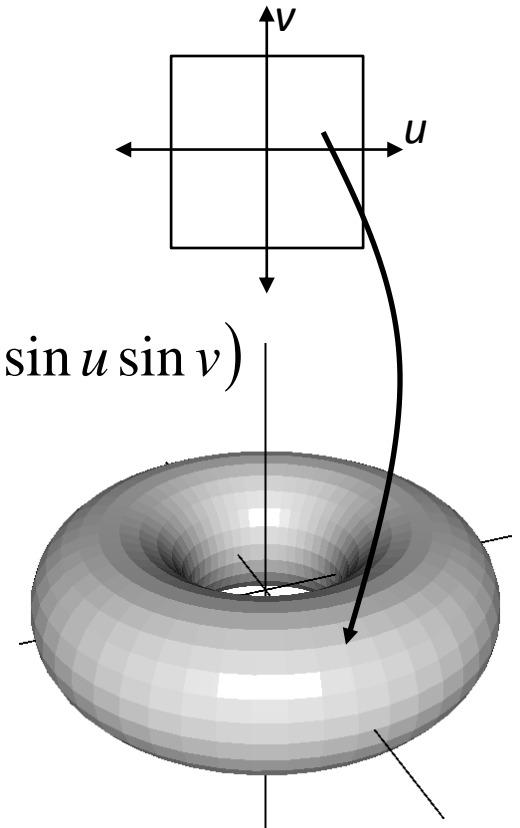
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Example (Torus):

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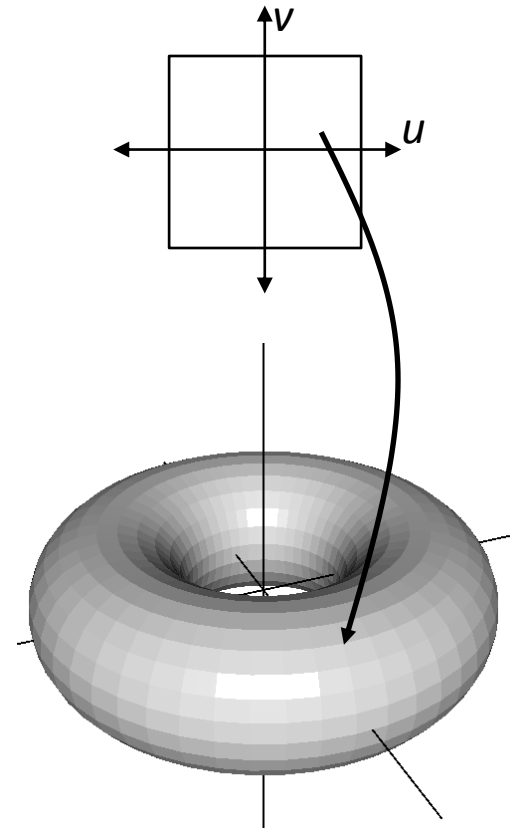
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Example (Torus):

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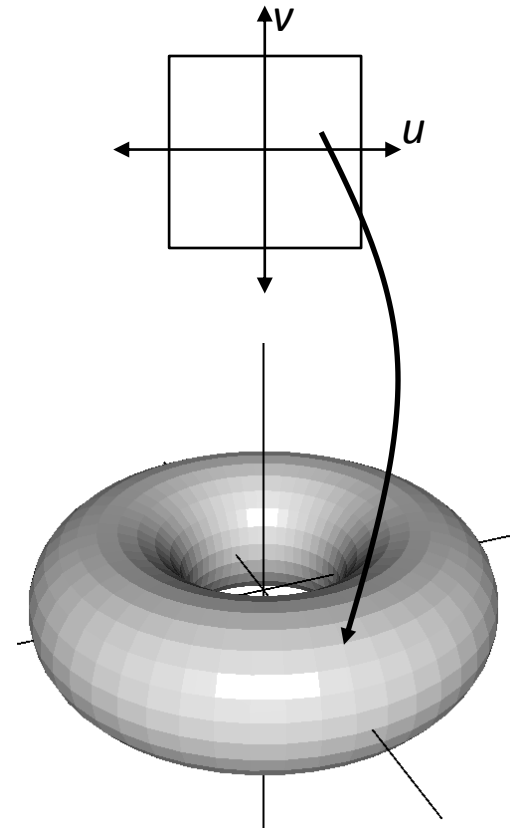
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 \mathbf{x}(u, v) &= ((r_1 + r_2 \sin v) \cos u \quad -r_2 \cos v \quad (r_1 + r_2 \sin v) \sin u)^t \quad I(u, v) = \begin{pmatrix} (r_1 + r_2 \sin v)^2 & 0 \\ 0 & r_2^2 \end{pmatrix} \\
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Example (Torus):

This gives:

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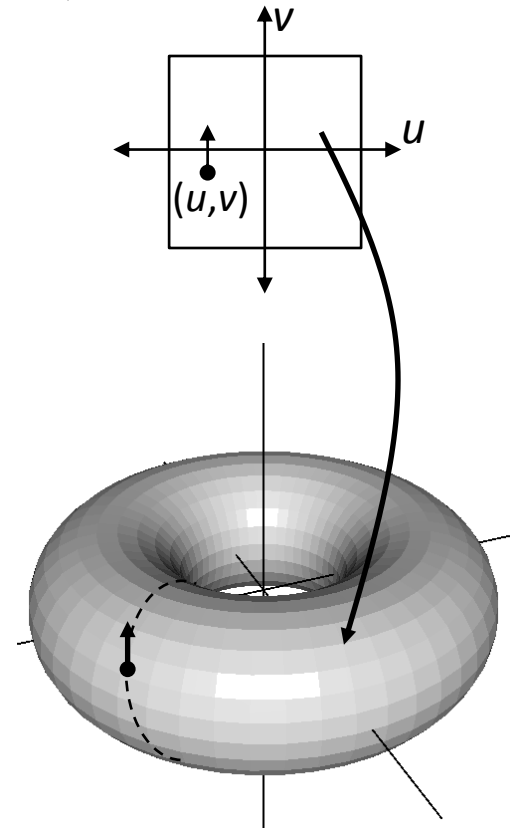
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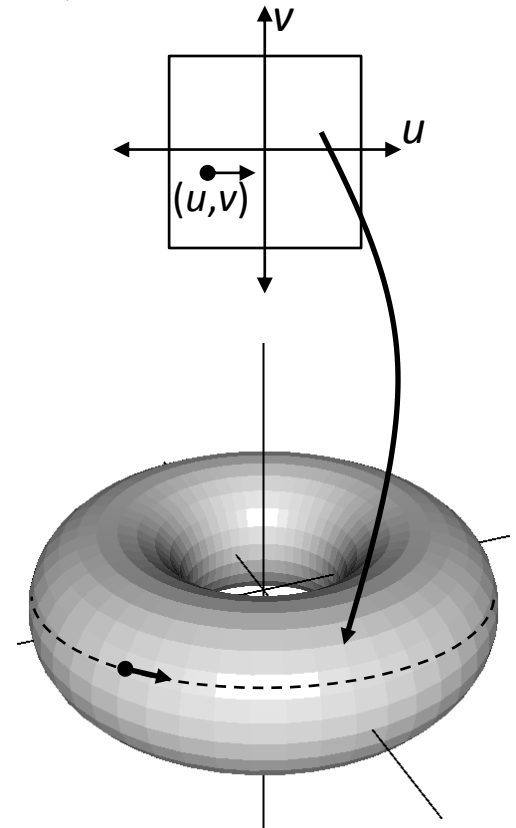
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Thus, for a point $\mathbf{x}(u, v)$ on the torus and for $w = (1, 0)$, the curvature at $\mathbf{x}(u, v)$ in the direction $\mathbf{J}w$ is:

$$K_{\mathbf{x}(u, v)}(\mathbf{J}w) = -\frac{w^t II(u, v) w}{w^t I(u, v) w} = \frac{\sin v}{r_1 + r_2 \sin v}$$



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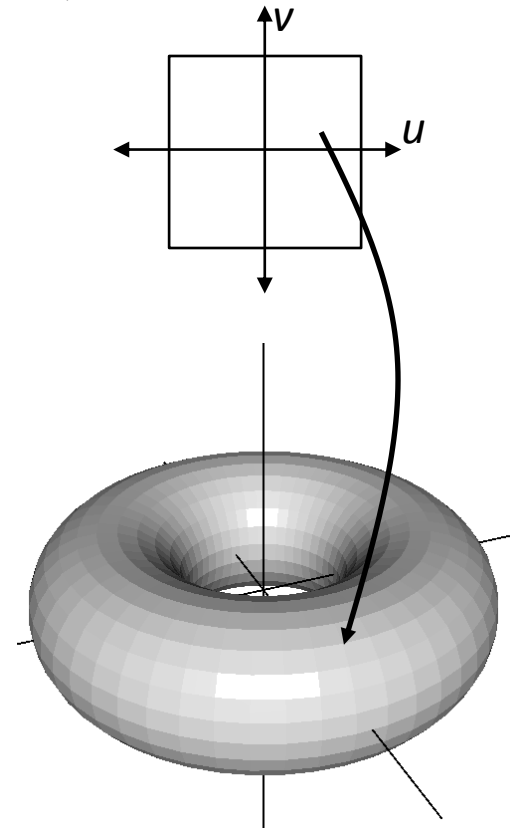
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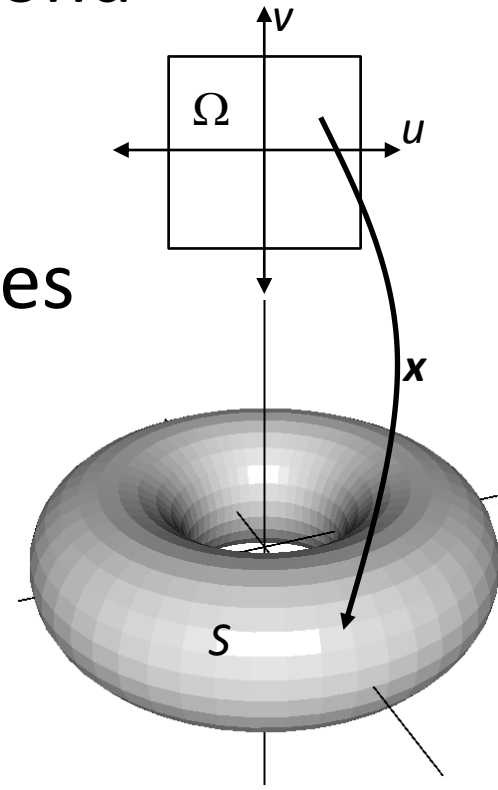
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Note:

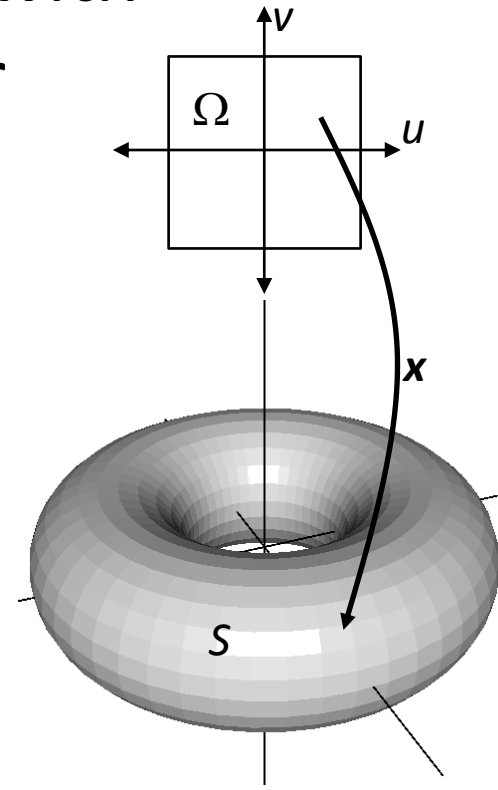
Though when we talk about a parameterization $\mathbf{x}:\Omega\rightarrow S\subset\mathbf{R}^3$, we compute the first/second fundamental forms using the map \mathbf{x} , these forms allows us to compute distances, angles, areas, and curvatures over the parameterization domain.



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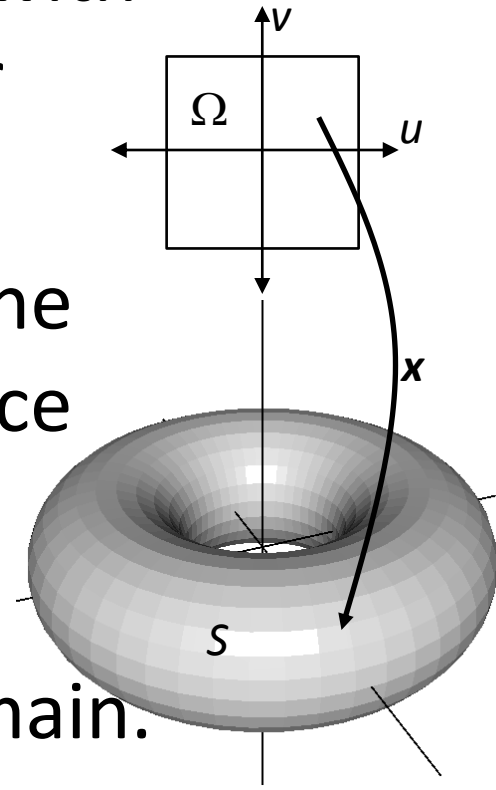


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So while we think of the gradient of the function as a vector field on the surface pointing in the direction of greatest change, we will actually define it as a vector field over the parameter domain.

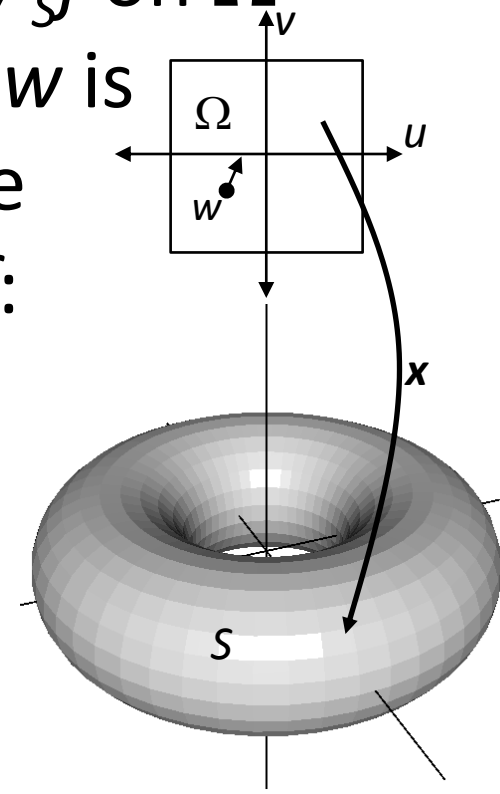


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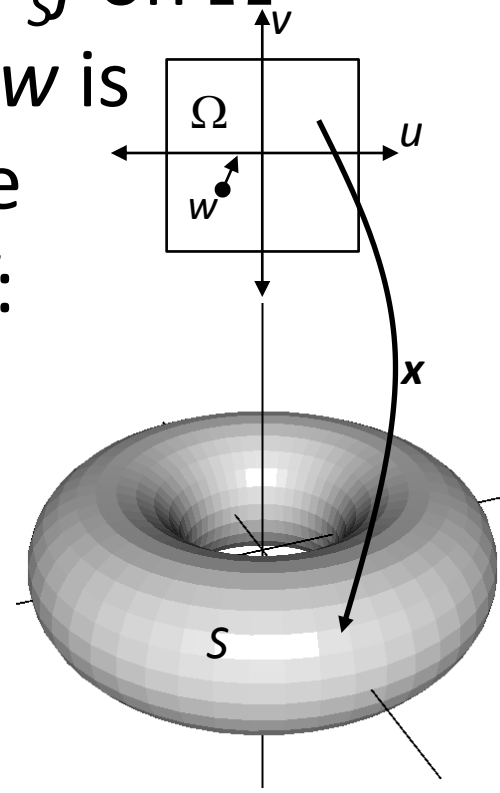
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Note that since $df(w) = \langle \nabla f, w \rangle$, we get:

$$\nabla_S f = I^{-1} \nabla f$$



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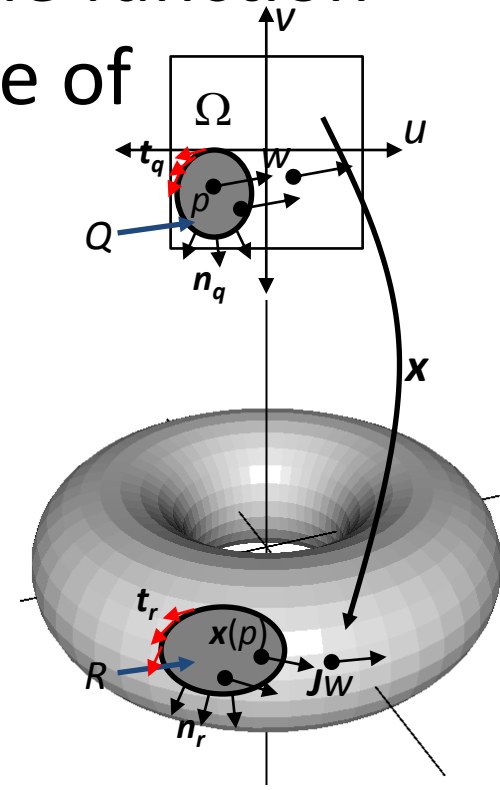
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Given a smooth vector field $w:\Omega\rightarrow\mathbf{R}^2$, the *divergence* of w with respect to S is the function $\text{div}_S w$ on Ω measuring the “magnitude of the vector fields sources and sinks at each point”:

$$\text{div}_S w(p) = \lim_{R \rightarrow x(p)} \frac{1}{\text{Area}(R)} \int_{\partial R} \langle n_r, w \rangle$$

$$\approx \lim_{Q \rightarrow p} \frac{1}{\text{Area}(Q) \sqrt{\det I}} \int_{\partial Q} \frac{\langle I^{-1} n_q, w \rangle_I}{|I^{-1} n_q|_I} |t_q|_I$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det I(p)}} \text{div}(\sqrt{\det I(p)} w)$$

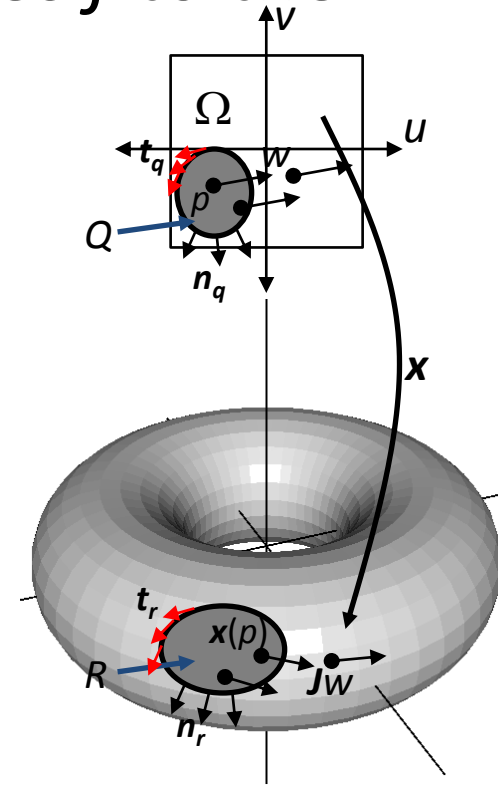


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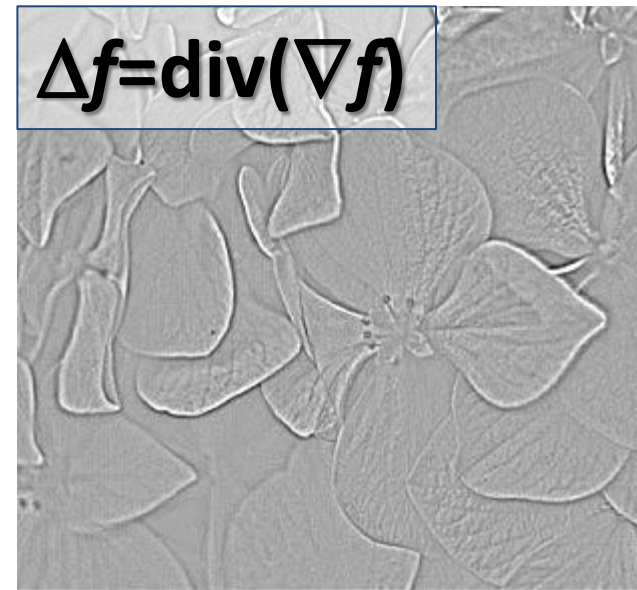
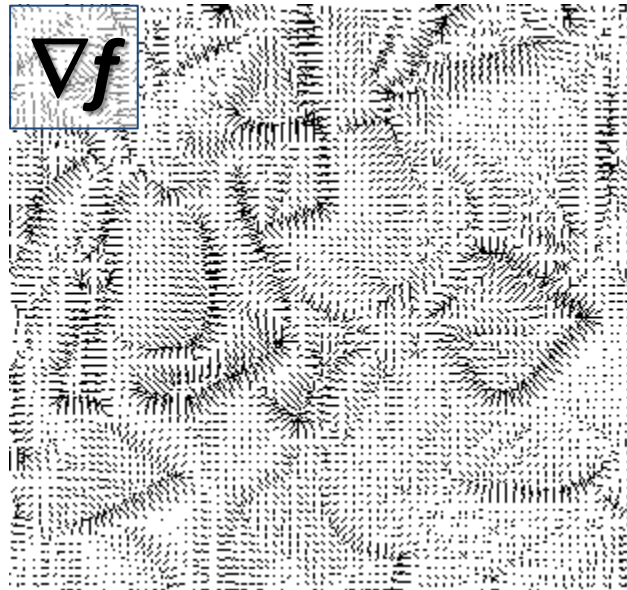
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Since the definition only depends on the first fundamental form, the operator is intrinsic.

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So, the Laplacian is a measure of the difference between the value at a point and the average value of its neighbors.

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Property:

Applying the Laplace-Beltrami operator to the (coordinates of) function $f=\mathbf{x}:\Omega\rightarrow\mathbf{R}^3$ gives:

$$\Delta_S f = -2H\mathbf{n}$$