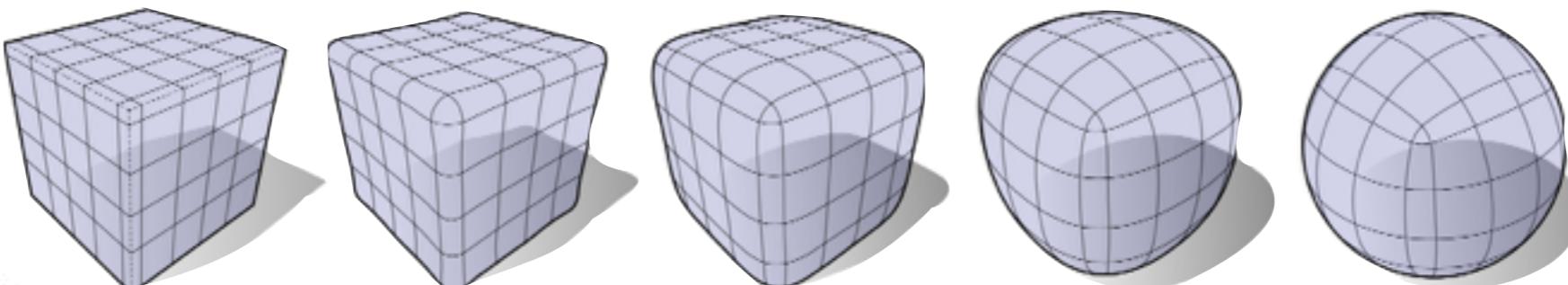
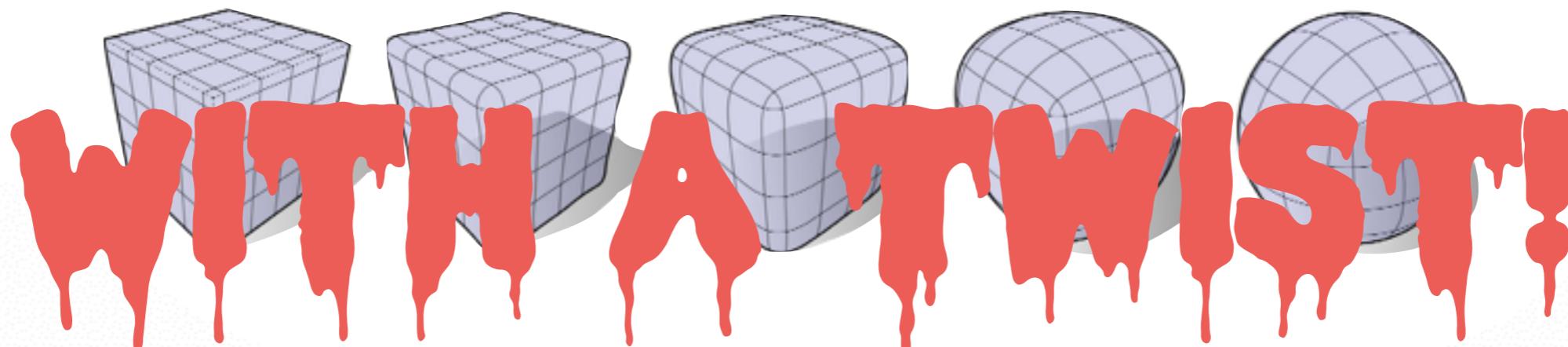


3.1 Classic Differential Geometry



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Administrative

- **Exercise handouts:** 11:59 PM every 2nd Wednesday
- My first office hours later from 2pm to 4pm
- This week only lecture.

Some Updates: run.usc.edu/vega

Another awesome free library with half-edge data-structure

By Prof. Jernej Barbic

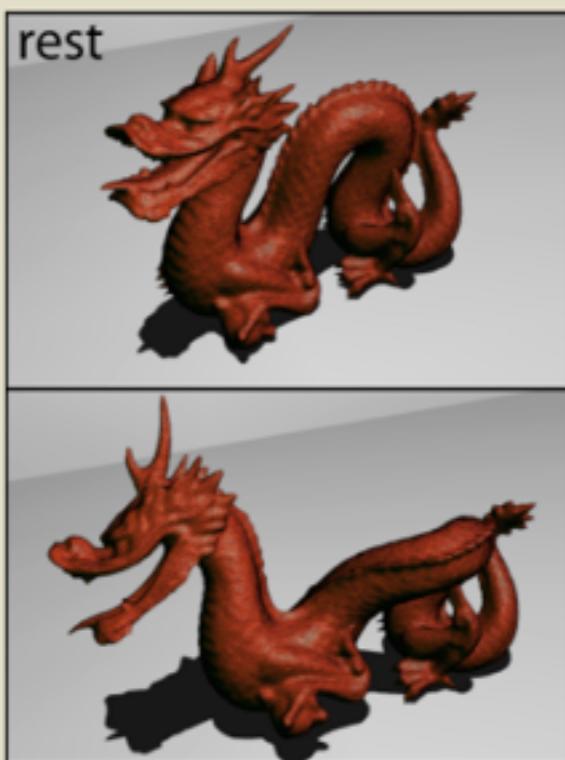
Vega FEM

MAIN

DOWNLOAD/FAQ

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ABOUT



JURIJ VEGA (1754-1802)

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NEW: Vega FEM 2.0 released on Oct 8, 2013. New features described below.

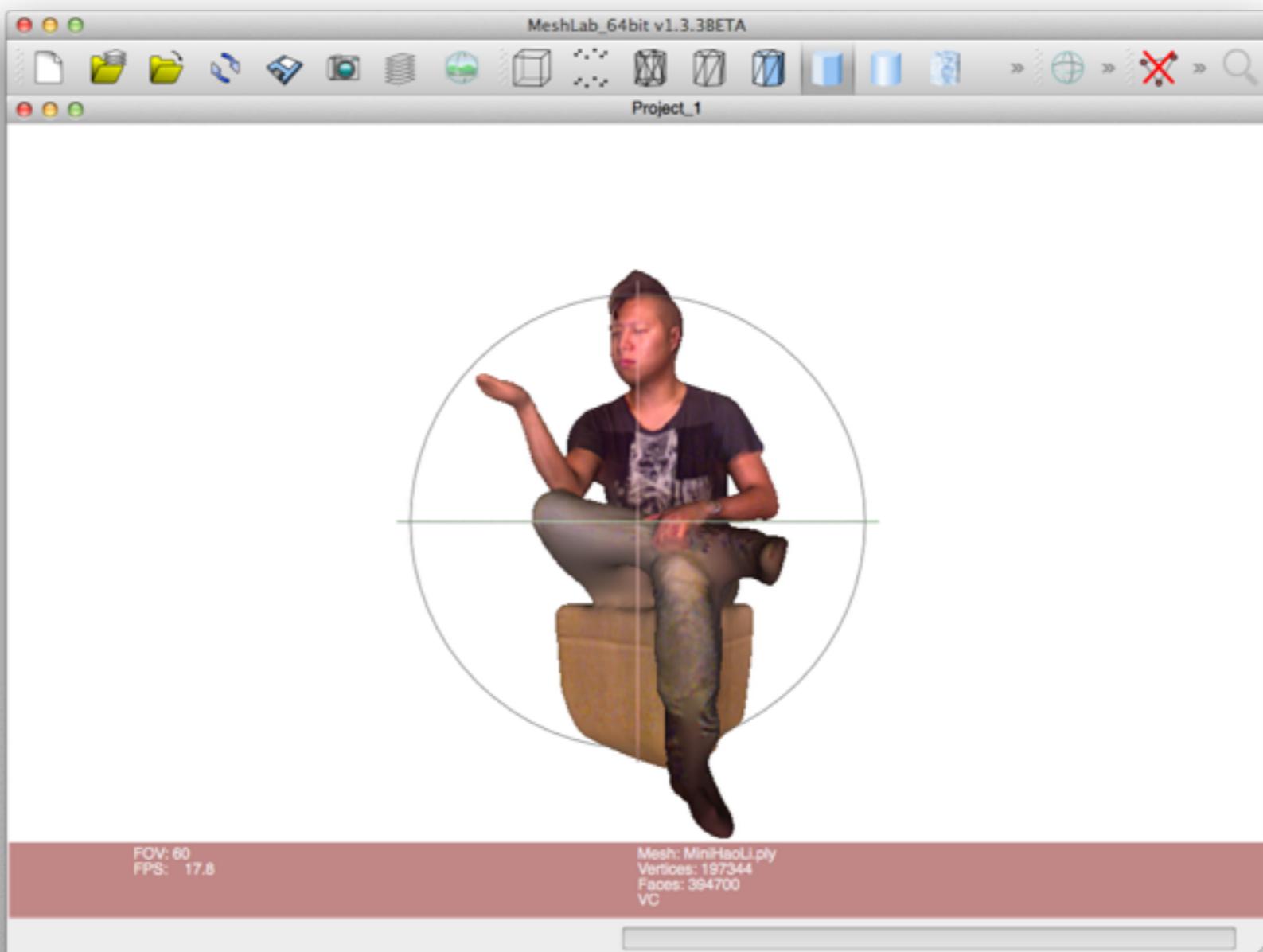
Vega is a computationally efficient and stable C/C++ physics library for three-dimensional deformable object simulation. It is designed to model large deformations, including geometric and material nonlinearities, and can also efficiently simulate linear systems. Vega is open-source and free. It is released under the [3-clause BSD license](#), which means that it can be used freely both in academic research and in commercial applications.

Vega implements several widely used methods for simulation of large deformations of 3D solid deformable objects:

- co-rotational linear FEM elasticity [MG04]; it can also compute the exact tangent stiffness matrix [Bar12] (similar to [CPSS10]),
- linear FEM elasticity [Sha90],
- invertible isotropic nonlinear FEM models [ITF04, TSIF05],

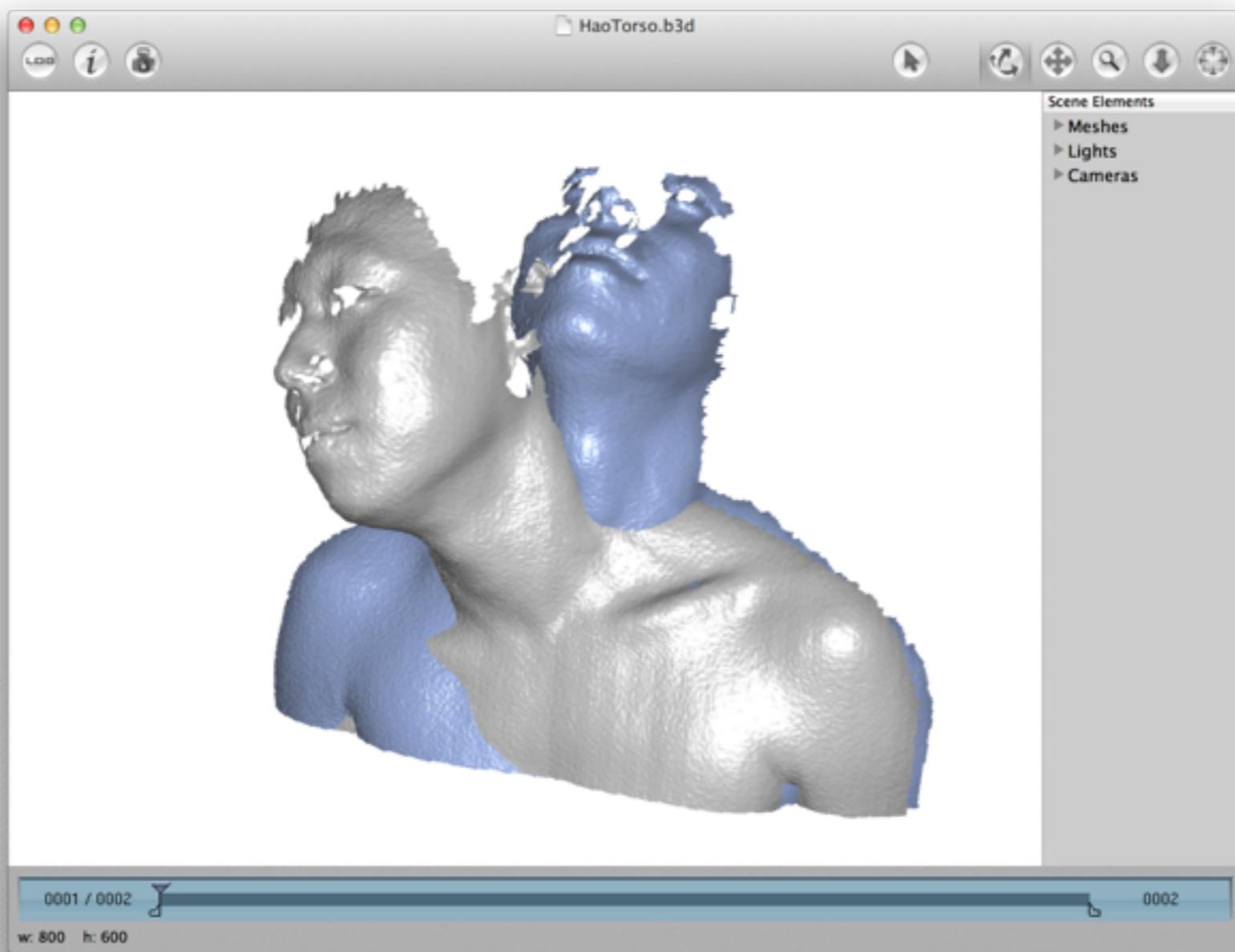
MeshLab

Popular Mesh Processing Software (meshlab.sourceforge.net)



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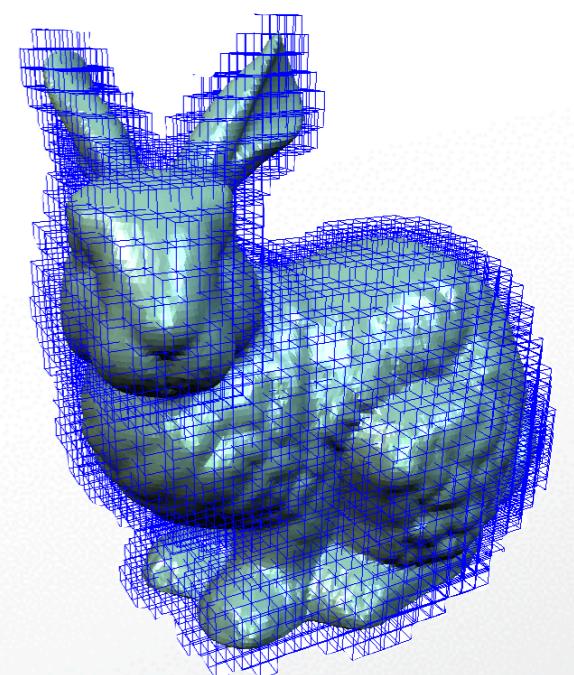
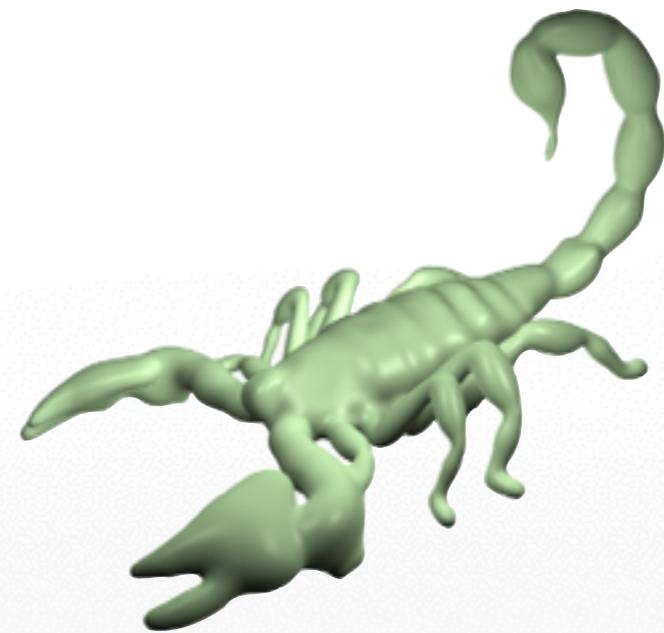
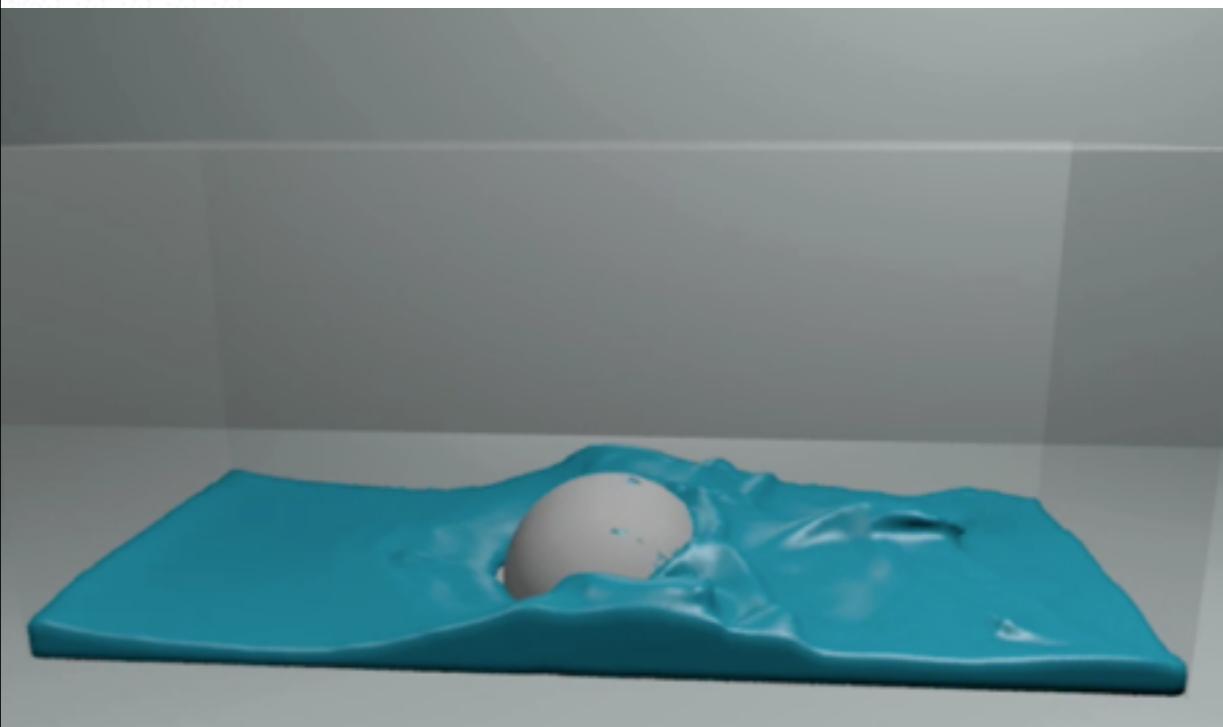
Mesh Processing Framework for Mac (www.bento3d.com)



Last Time

Discrete Representations

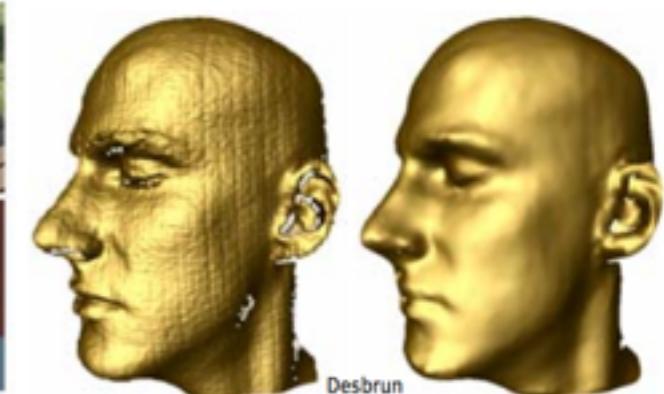
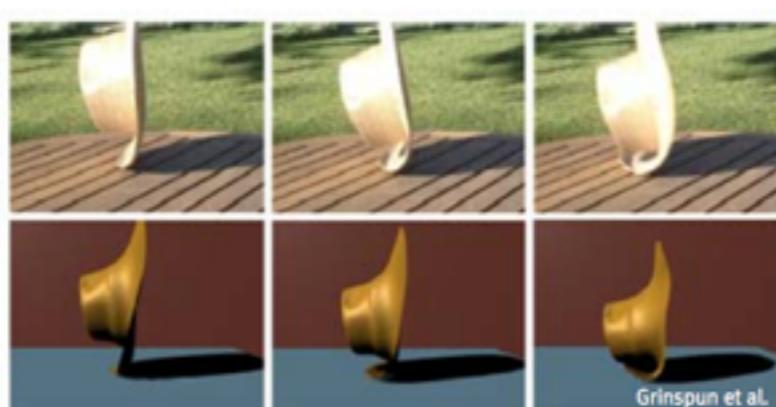
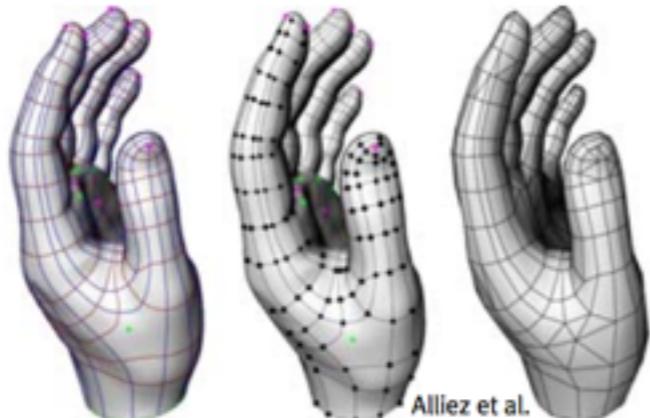
- Explicit (parametric, polygonal meshes) Geometry
- Implicit Surfaces (SDF, grid representation) Topology
- Conversions
 - E→I: Closest Point, SDF, Fast Marching
 - I→E: Marching Cubes Algorithm



Differential Geometry

Why do we care?

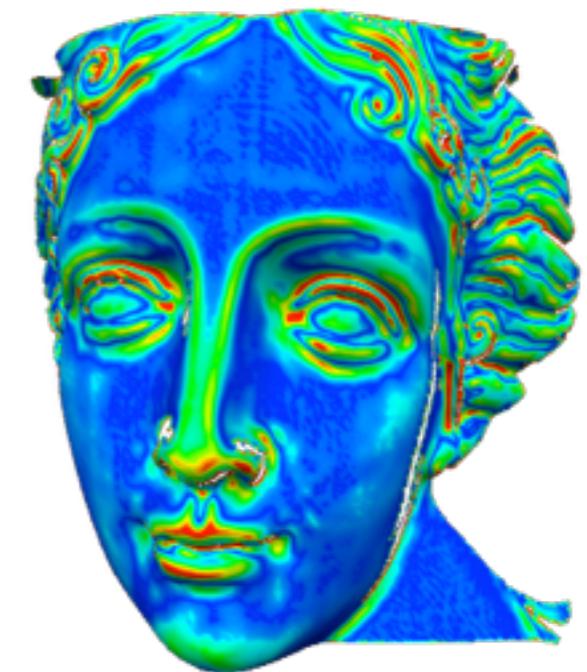
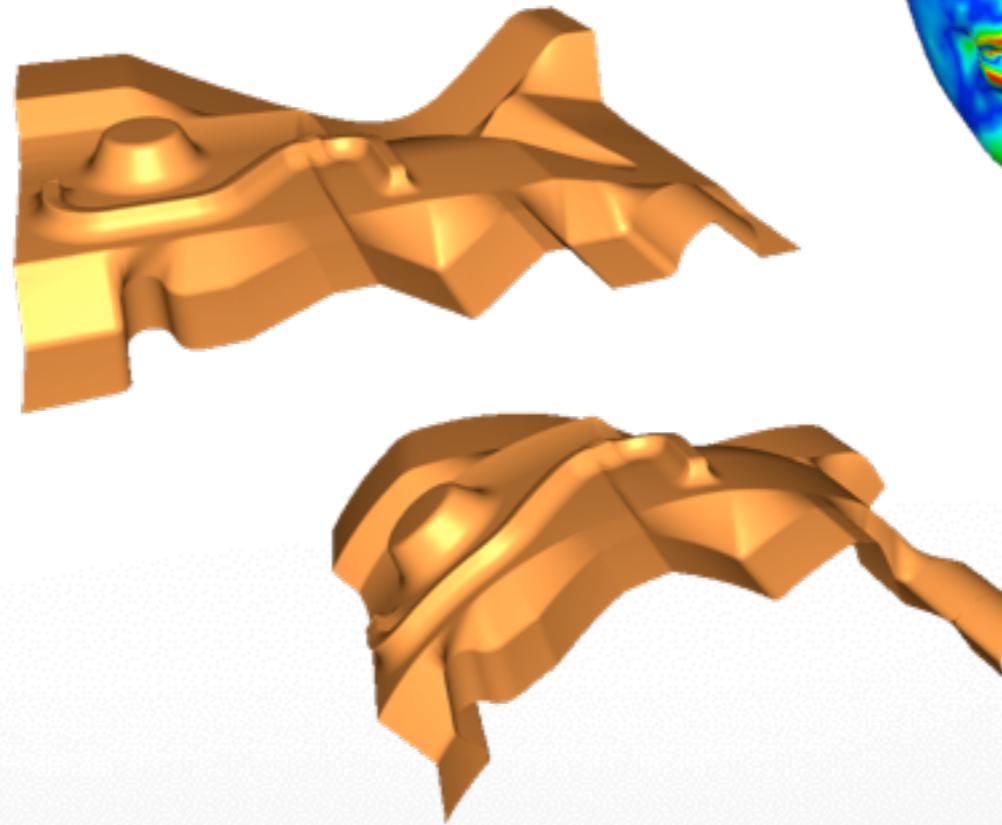
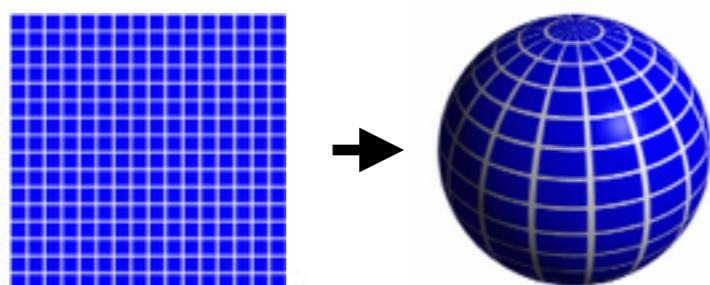
- Geometry of surfaces
- Mothertongue of physical theories
- Computation: processing / simulation



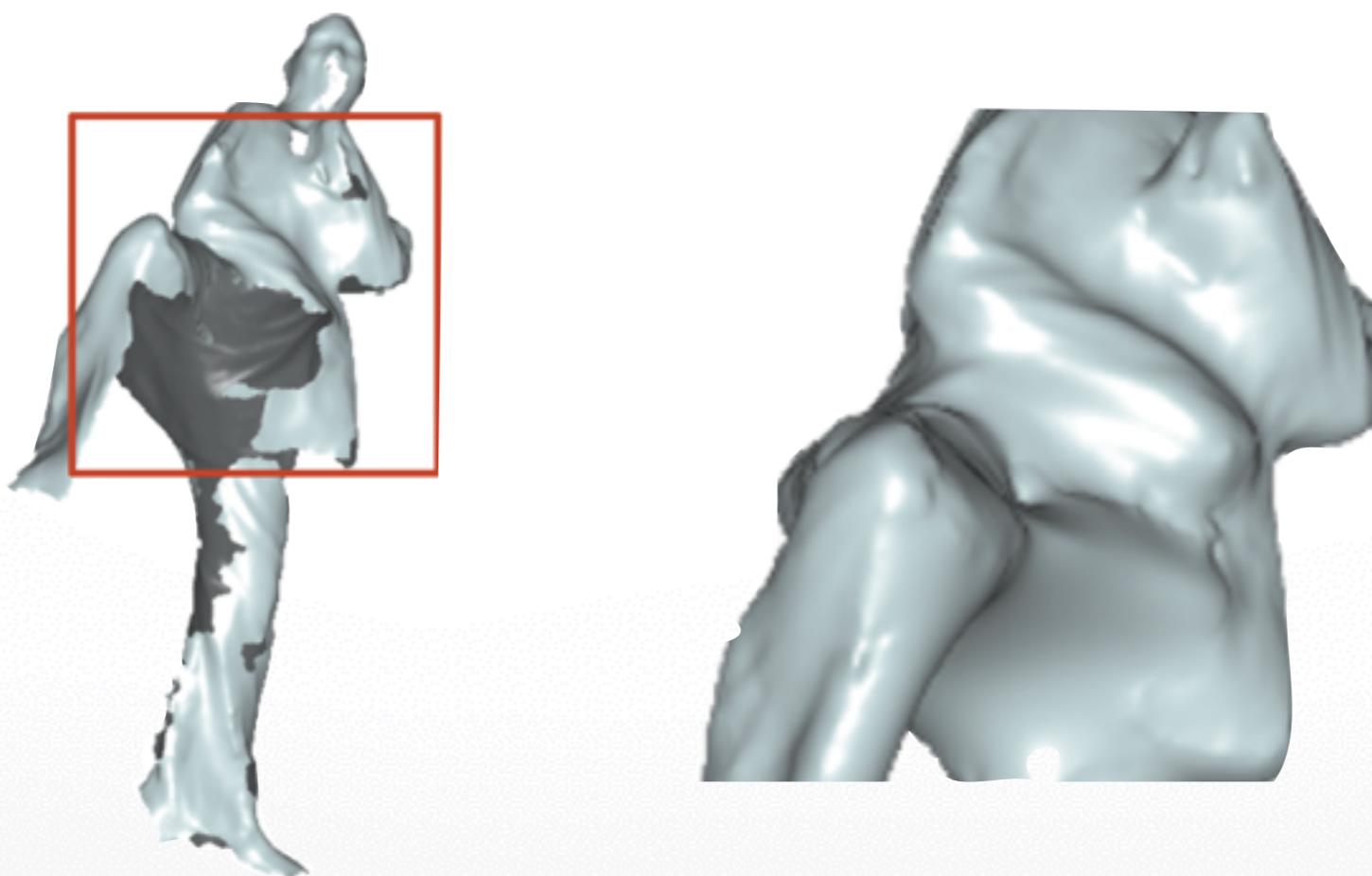
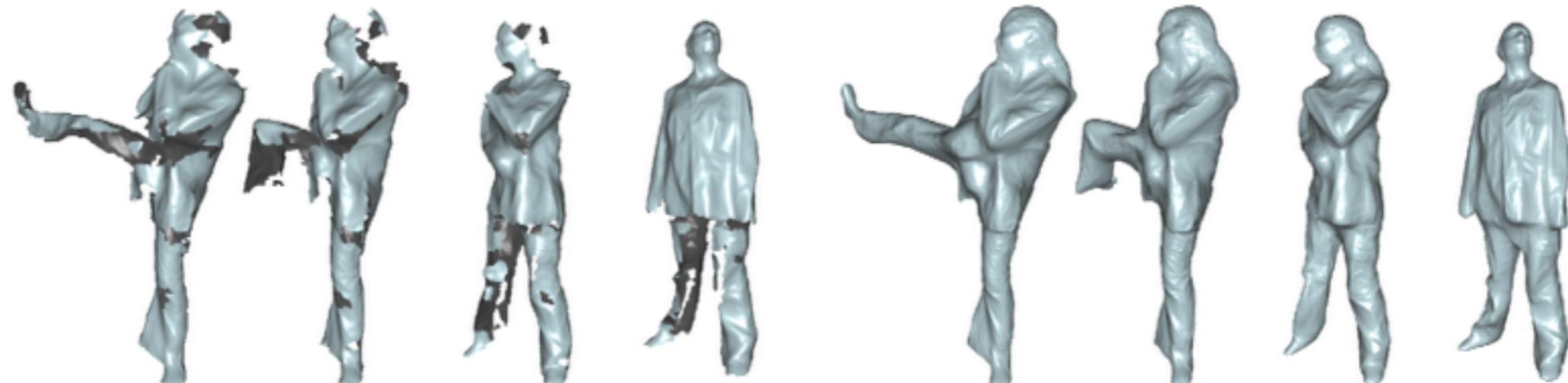
Motivation

We need differential geometry to compute

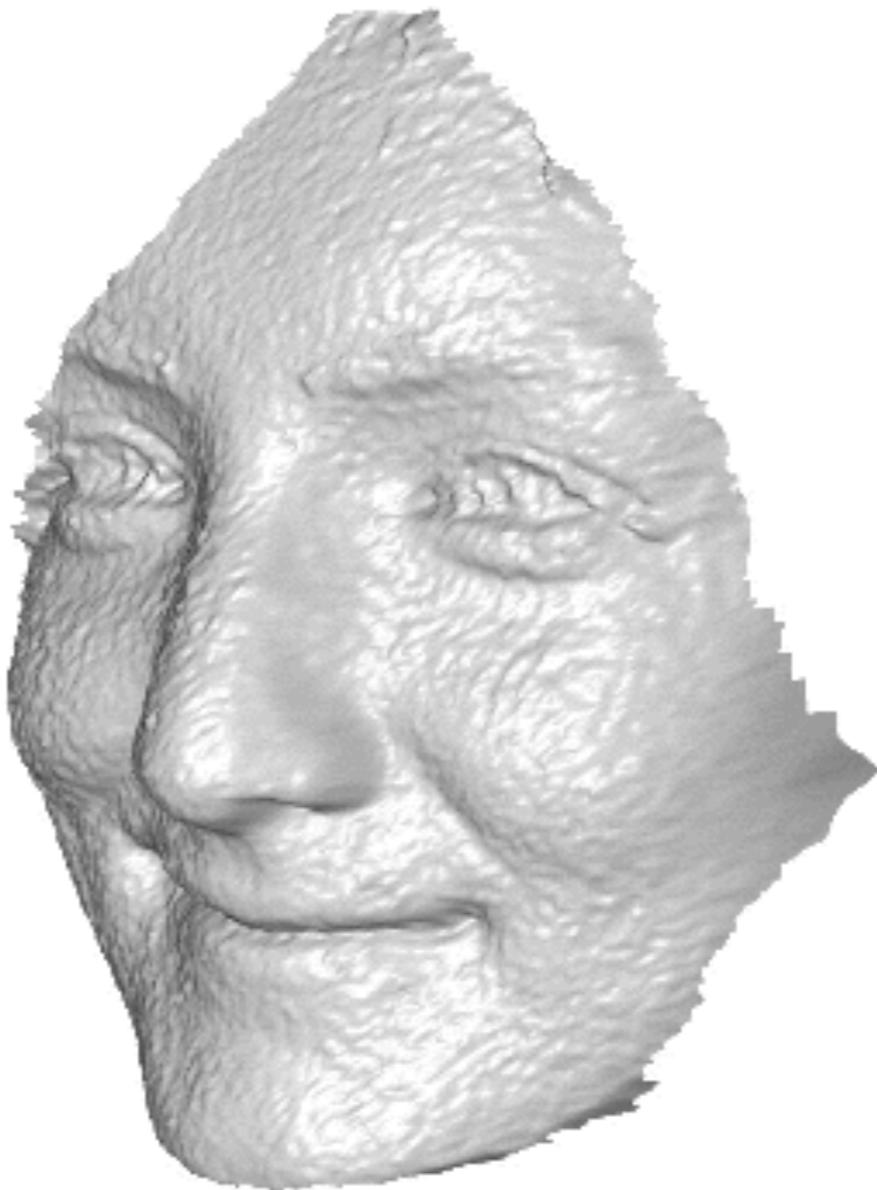
- surface curvature
- parameterization distortion
- deformation energies



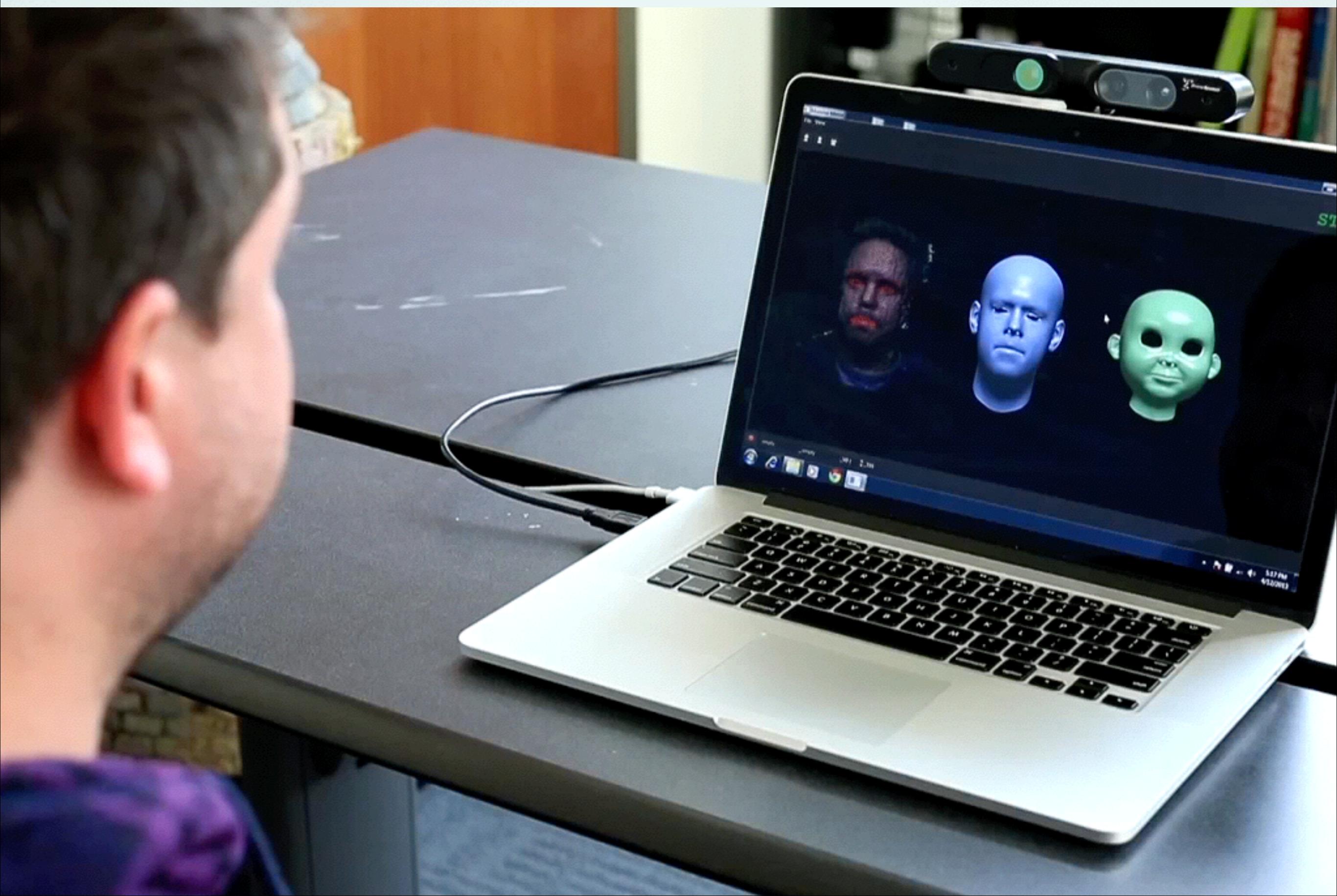
Applications: 3D Reconstruction



Applications: Head Modeling



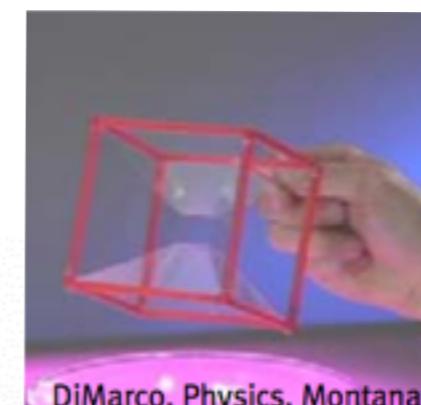
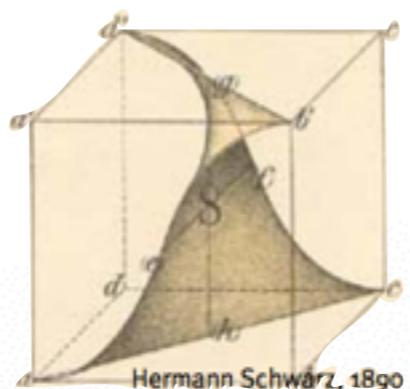
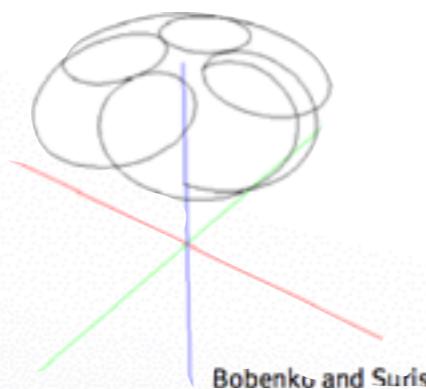
Applications: Facial Animation



Motivation

Geometry is the key

- studied for centuries (Cartan, Poincaré, Lie, Hodge, de Rham, Gauss, Noether...)
- mostly differential geometry
 - differential and integral calculus
- invariants and symmetries



Getting Started

How to apply DiffGeo ideas?

- surfaces as a collection of samples
 - and topology (connectivity)
- apply continuous ideas
 - BUT: setting is discrete
- what is the right way?
 - **discrete** vs. **discretized**

Let's look at that first

Getting Started

What characterizes structure(s)?

- What is shape?
 - Euclidean Invariance
- What is physics?
 - Conservation/Balance Laws
- What can we measure?
 - area, curvature, mass, flux, circulation



Getting Started

Invariant descriptors

- quantities invariant under a set of transformations

Intrinsic descriptor

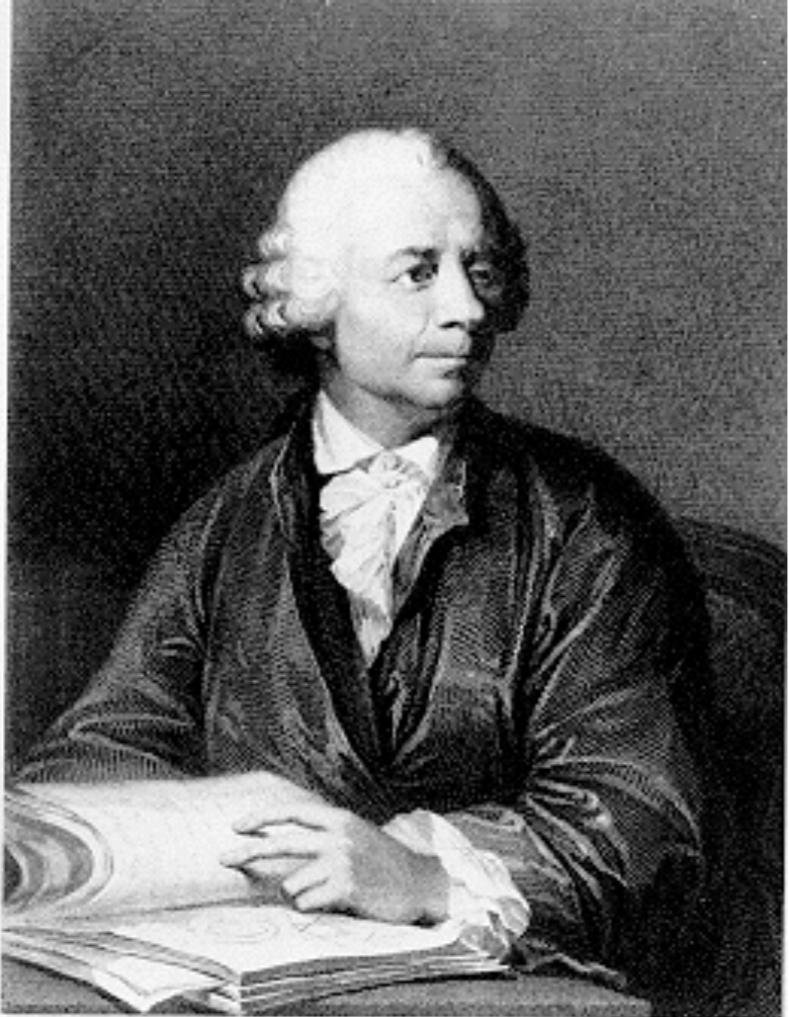
- quantities which do not depend on a coordinate frame

Outline

- **Parametric Curves**
- Parametric Surfaces

Formalism & Intuition

Differential Geometry



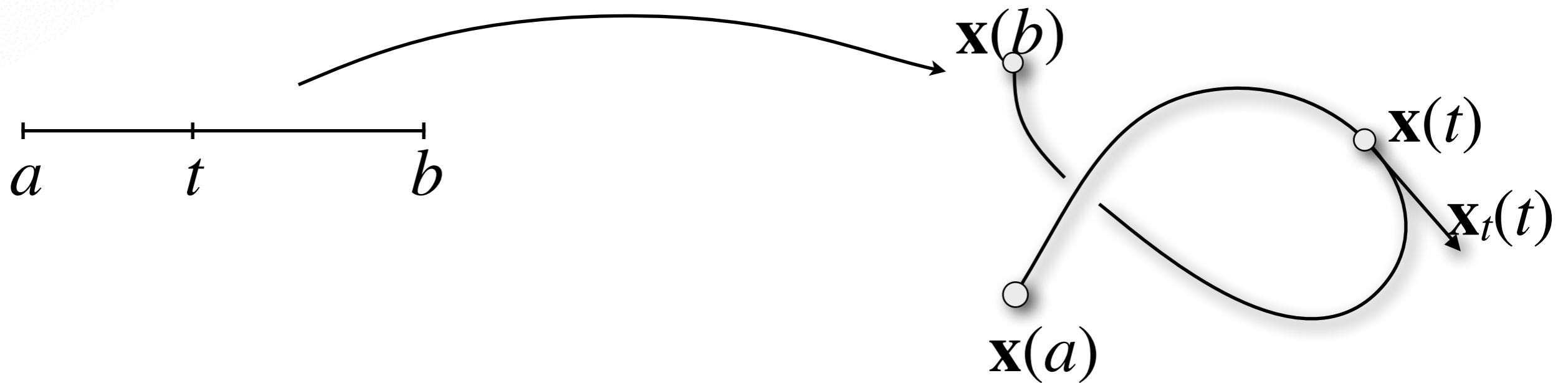
Leonard Euler (1707-1783)



Carl Friedrich Gauss (1777-1855)

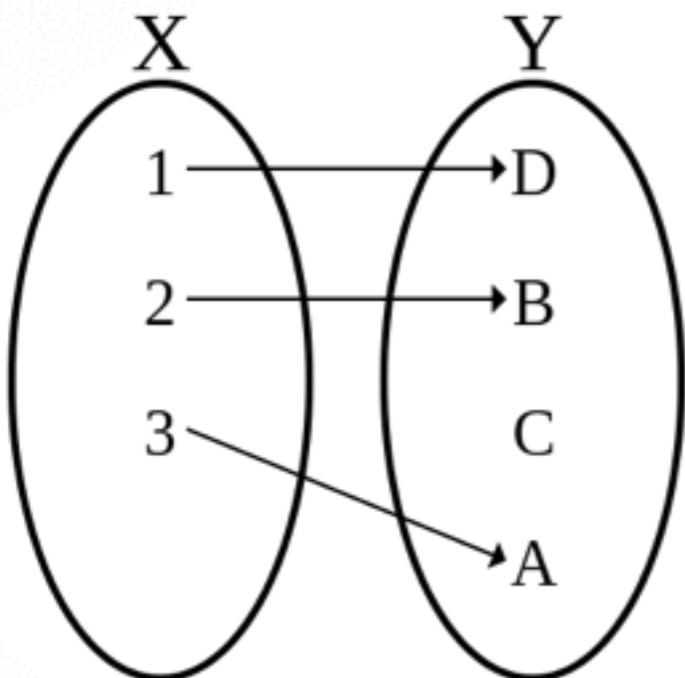
Parametric Curves

$$\mathbf{x} : [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

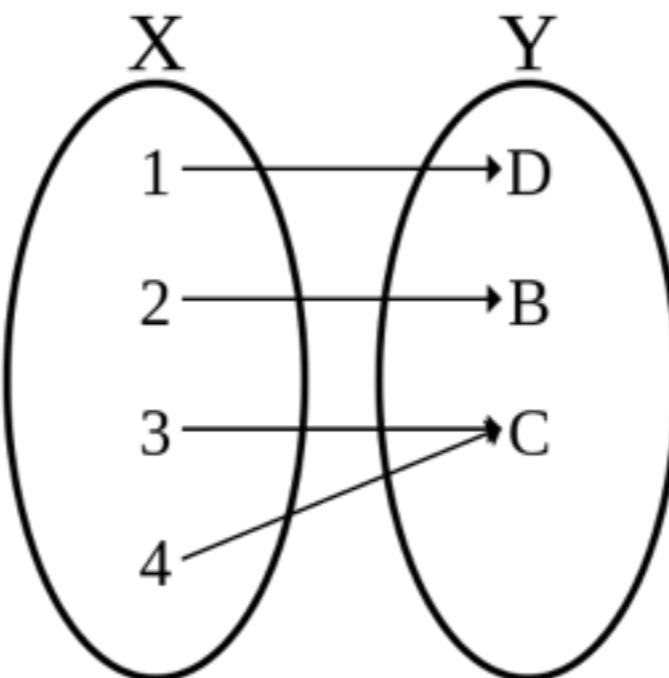


$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ y(t) \\ z(t) \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}_t(t) := \frac{d\mathbf{x}(t)}{dt} = \begin{pmatrix} dx(t)/dt \\ dy(t)/dt \\ dz(t)/dt \end{pmatrix}$$

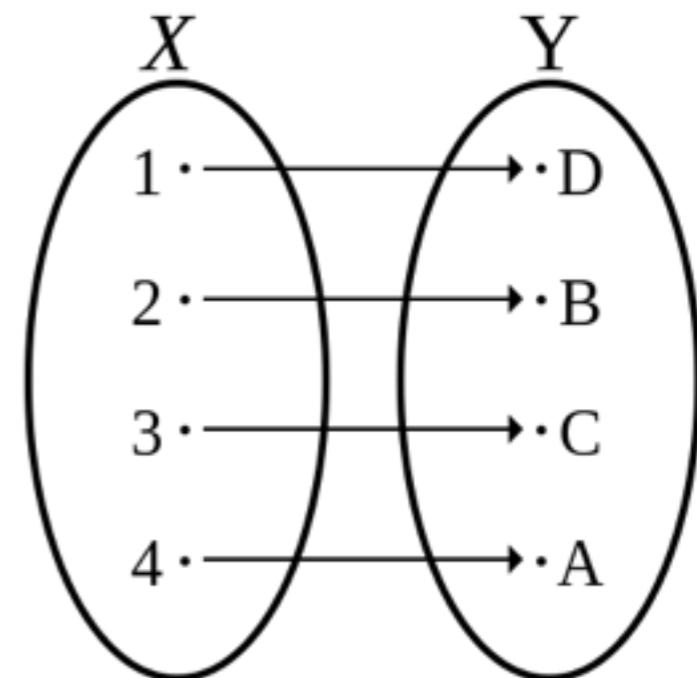
Recall: Mappings



Injective



Surjective



Bijective

NO SELF-INTERSECTIONS

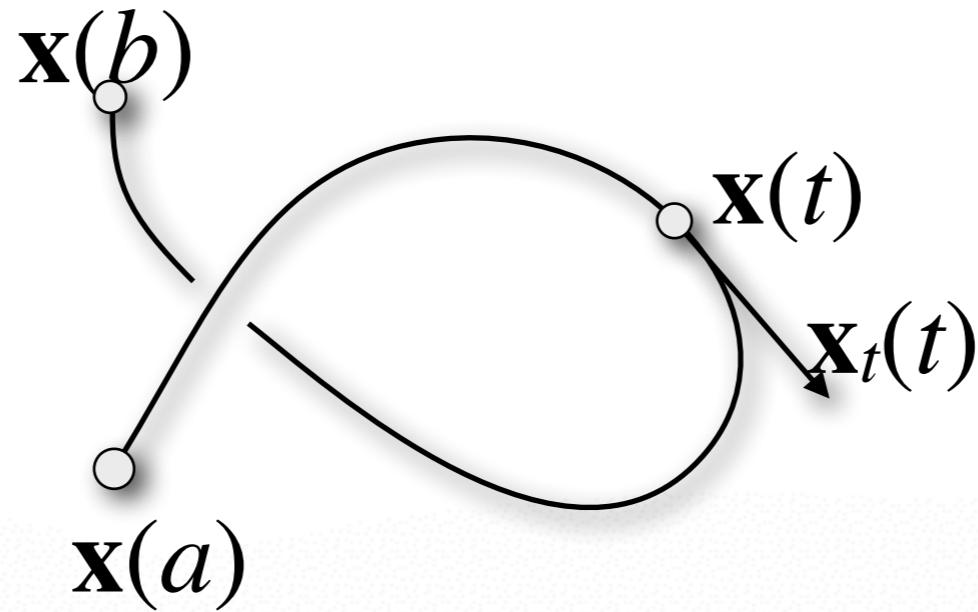
SELF-INTERSECTIONS

AMBIGUOUS PARAMETERIZATION

Parametric Curves

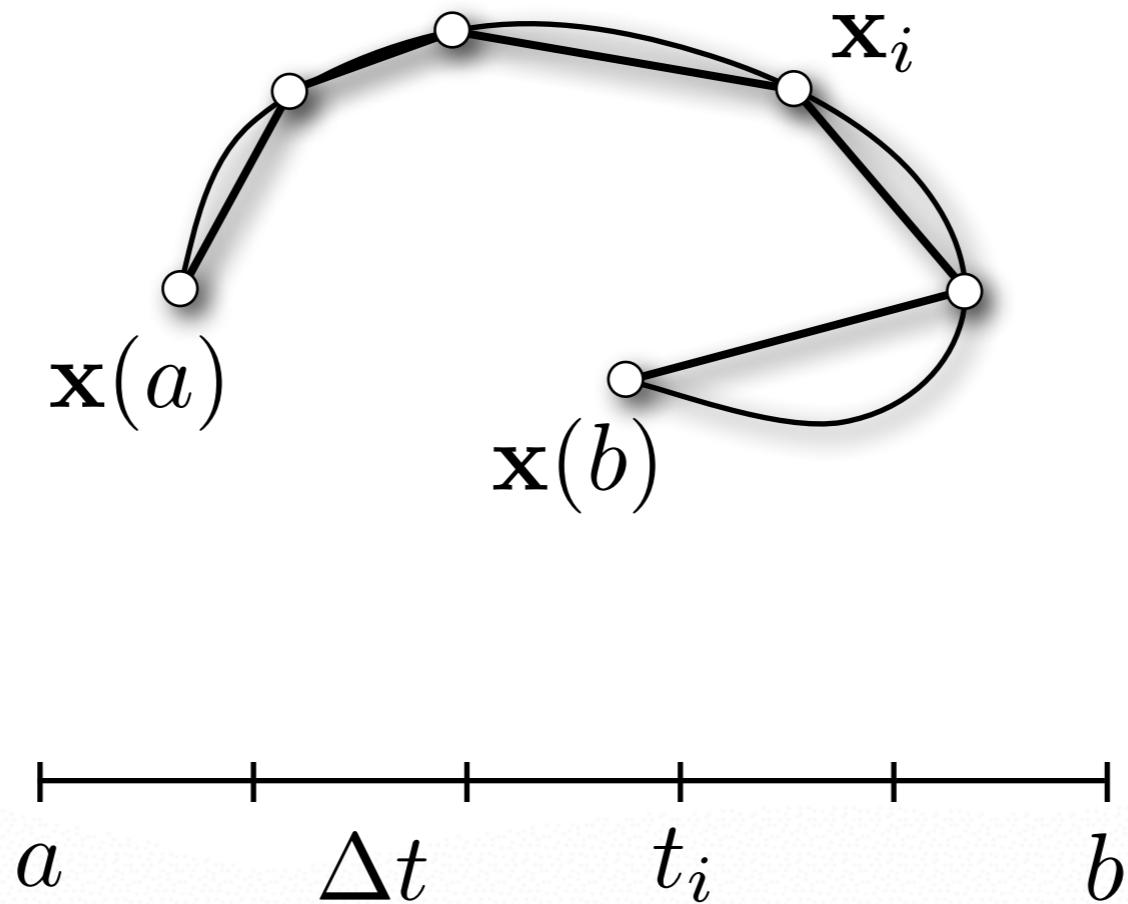
A parametric curve $\mathbf{x}(t)$ is

- simple: $\mathbf{x}(t)$ is injective (no self-intersections)
- differentiable: $\mathbf{x}_t(t)$ is defined for all $t \in [a, b]$
- regular: $\mathbf{x}_t(t) \neq 0$ for all $t \in [a, b]$



Length of a Curve

Let $t_i = a + i\Delta t$ and $\mathbf{x}_i = \mathbf{x}(t_i)$



Length of a Curve

Polyline chord length

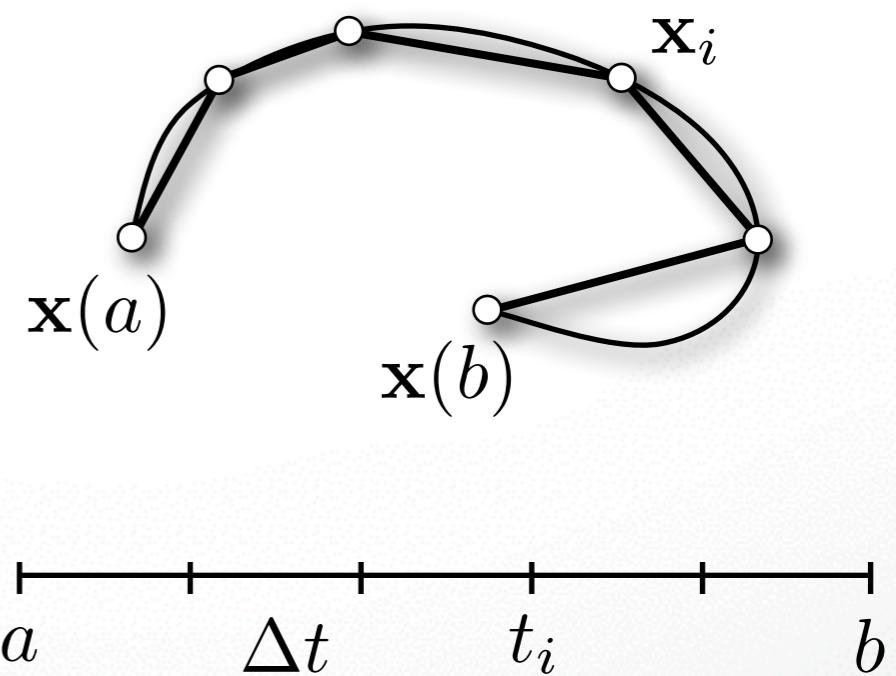
$$S = \sum_i \|\Delta \mathbf{x}_i\| = \sum_i \left\| \frac{\Delta \mathbf{x}_i}{\Delta t} \right\| \Delta t, \quad \Delta \mathbf{x}_i := \|\mathbf{x}_{i+1} - \mathbf{x}_i\|$$

norm change

Curve arc length ($\Delta t \rightarrow 0$)

$$s = s(t) = \int_a^t \|\mathbf{x}_t\| dt$$

length =
integration of infinitesimal change
x norm of speed



Re-Parameterization

Mapping of parameter domain

$$u : [a, b] \rightarrow [c, d]$$

Re-parameterization w.r.t. $u(t)$

$$[c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, \quad t \mapsto \mathbf{x}(u(t))$$

Derivative (chain rule)

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}(u(t))}{dt} = \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{du} \frac{du}{dt} = \mathbf{x}_u(u(t)) u_t(t)$$

Re-Parameterization

Example

$$\mathbf{f} : \left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 , \quad t \mapsto (4t, 2t)$$

$$\phi : \left[0, \frac{1}{2}\right] \rightarrow [0, 1] , \quad t \mapsto 2t$$

$$\mathbf{g} : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 , \quad t \mapsto (2t, t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{g}(\phi(t)) = \mathbf{f}(t)$$

Arc Length Parameterization

Mapping of parameter domain:

$$t \mapsto s(t) = \int_a^t \|\mathbf{x}_t\| dt$$

Parameter s for $\mathbf{x}(s)$ equals length from $\mathbf{x}(a)$ to $\mathbf{x}(s)$

$$\mathbf{x}(s) = \mathbf{x}(s(t)) \quad ds = \|\mathbf{x}_t\| dt$$

same infinitesimal change

Special properties of resulting curve

$$\|\mathbf{x}_s(s)\| = 1, \quad \mathbf{x}_s(s) \cdot \mathbf{x}_{ss}(s) = 0$$

defines orthonormal frame

The Frenet Frame

Taylor expansion

$$\mathbf{x}(t + h) = \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{x}_t(t) h + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{x}_{tt}(t) h^2 + \frac{1}{6} \mathbf{x}_{ttt}(t) h^3 + \dots$$

for convergence analysis and approximations

Define local frame $(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{b})$ (Frenet frame)

$$\mathbf{t} = \frac{\mathbf{x}_t}{\|\mathbf{x}_t\|}$$

tangent

$$\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{t}$$

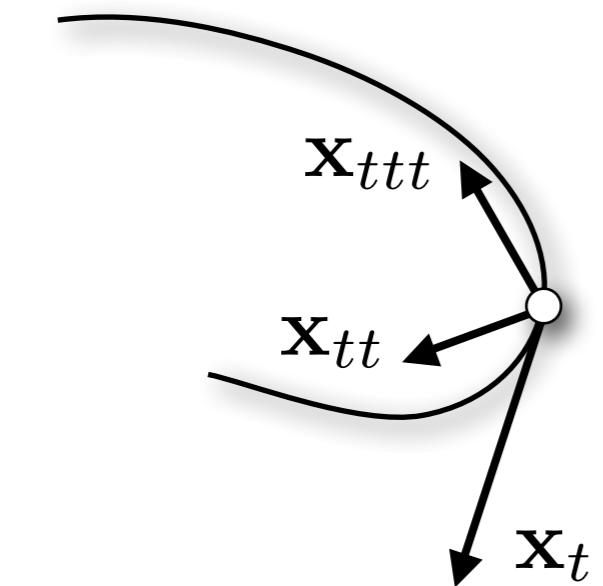
main normal

$$\mathbf{b} = \frac{\mathbf{x}_t \times \mathbf{x}_{tt}}{\|\mathbf{x}_t \times \mathbf{x}_{tt}\|}$$

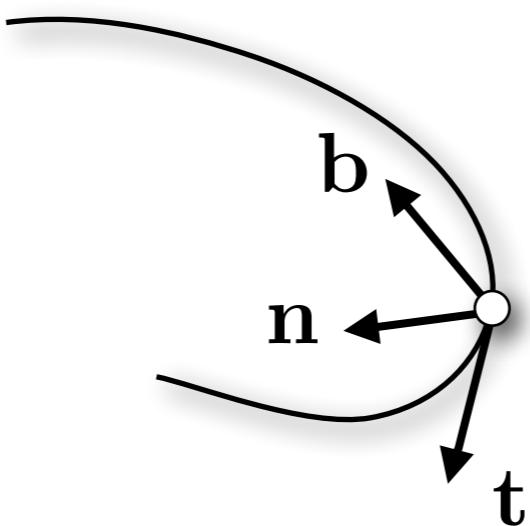
binormal

The Frenet Frame

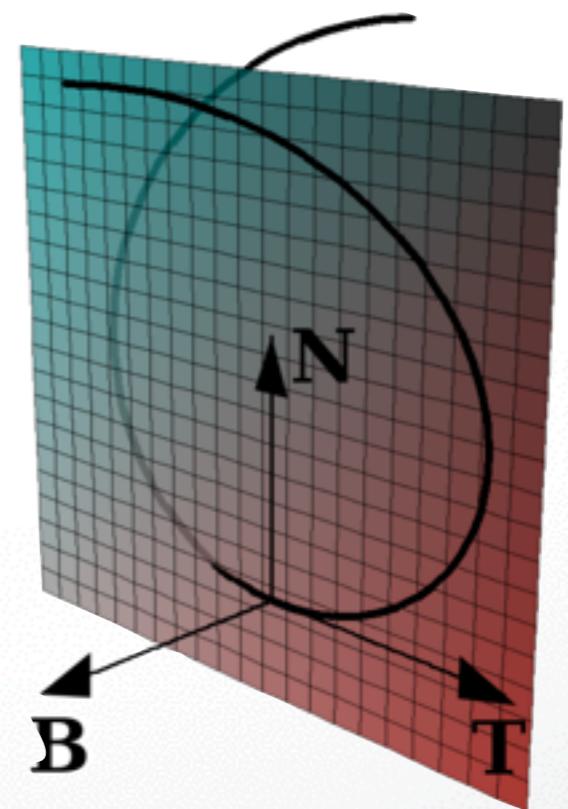
Orthonormalization of local frame



local affine frame



Frenet frame



The Frenet Frame

Frenet-Serret: Derivatives w.r.t. arc length s

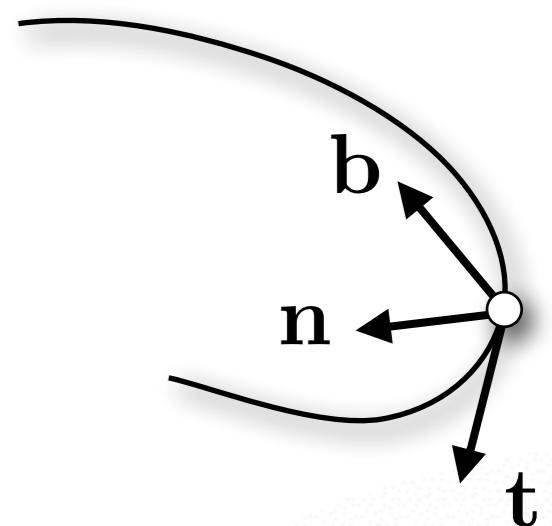
$$\mathbf{t}_s = +\kappa \mathbf{n}$$

$$\mathbf{n}_s = -\kappa \mathbf{t} + \tau \mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{b}_s = -\tau \mathbf{n}$$

Curvature (deviation from straight line)

$$\kappa = \|\mathbf{x}_{ss}\|$$



Torsion (deviation from planarity)

$$\tau = \frac{1}{\kappa^2} \det([\mathbf{x}_s, \mathbf{x}_{ss}, \mathbf{x}_{sss}])$$

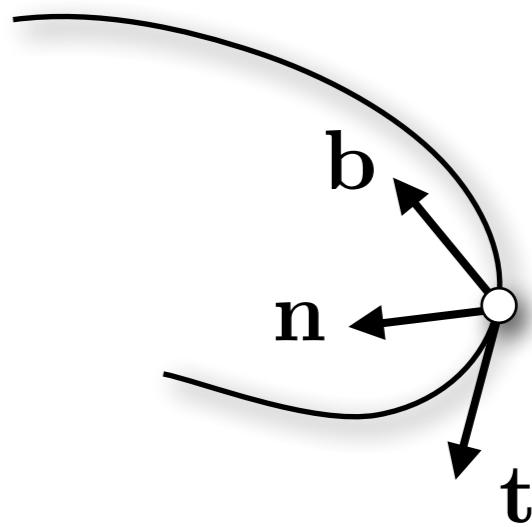
Curvature and Torsion

Planes defined by \mathbf{x} and two vectors:

- osculating plane: vectors \mathbf{t} and \mathbf{n}
- normal plane: vectors \mathbf{n} and \mathbf{b}
- rectifying plane: vectors \mathbf{t} and \mathbf{b}

Osculating circle

- second order contact with curve
- center $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{x} + (1/\kappa)\mathbf{n}$
- radius $1/\kappa$

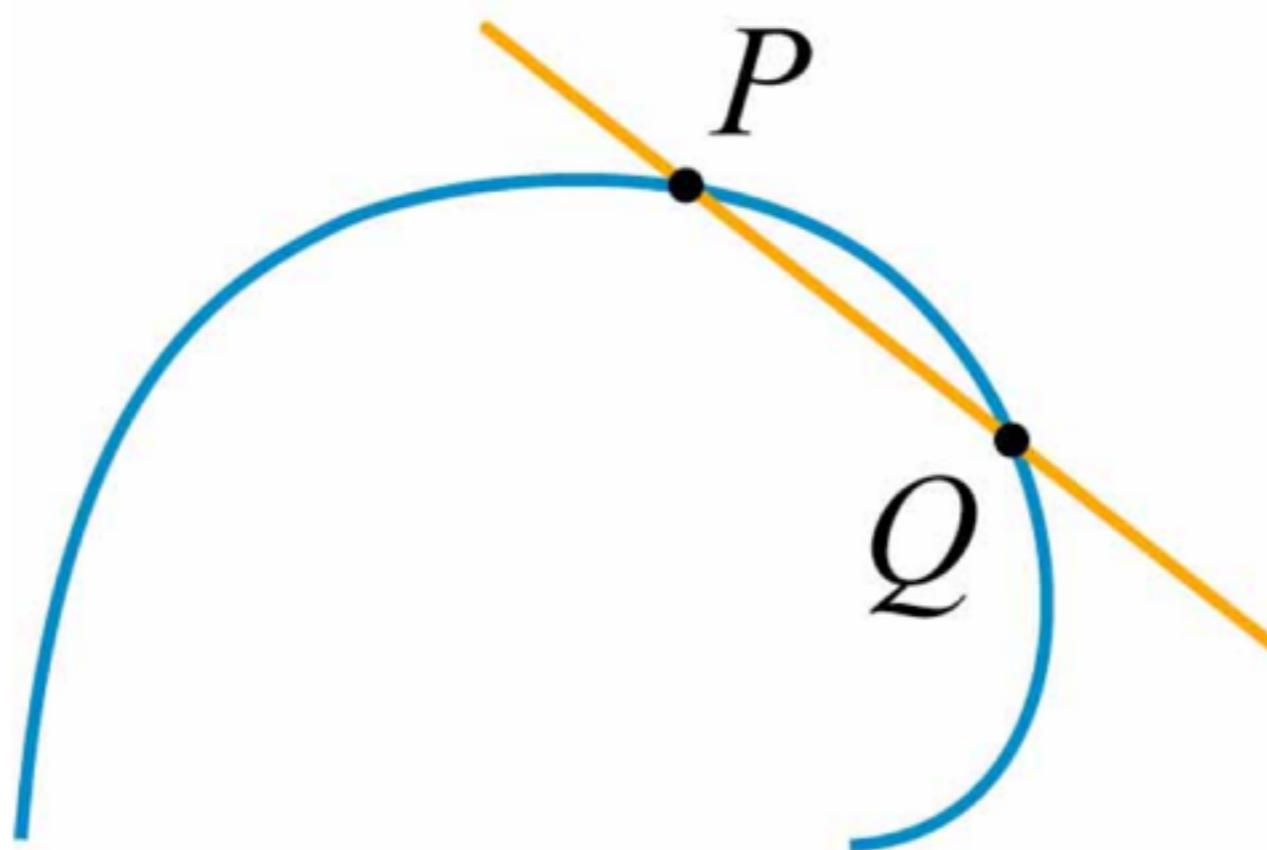


Curvature and Torsion

- **Curvature:** Deviation from straight line
- **Torsion:** Deviation from planarity
- Independent of parameterization
 - **intrinsic** properties of the curve
- Euclidean invariants
 - **invariant** under rigid motion
- Define curve **uniquely** up to a rigid motion

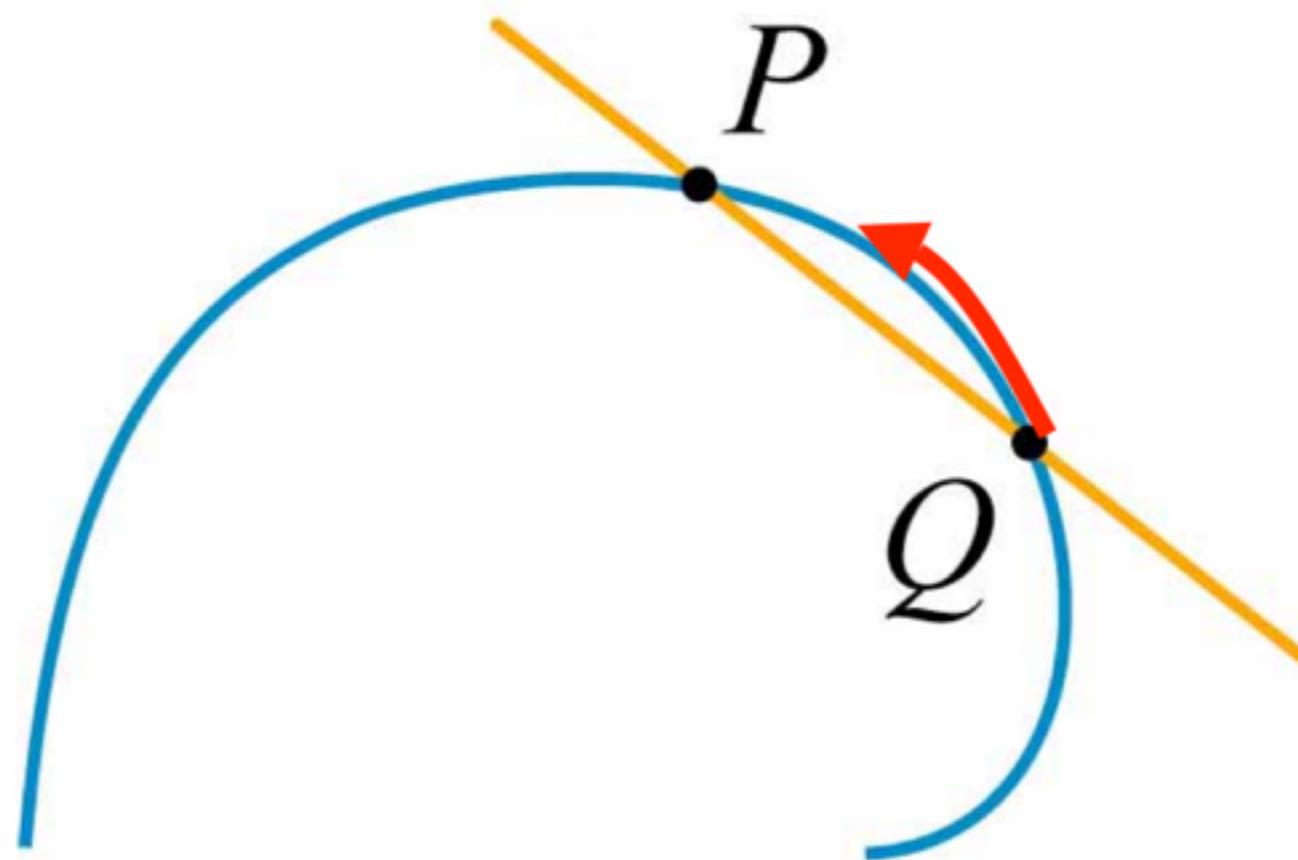
Curvature: Some Intuition

A line through two points on the curve (Secant)



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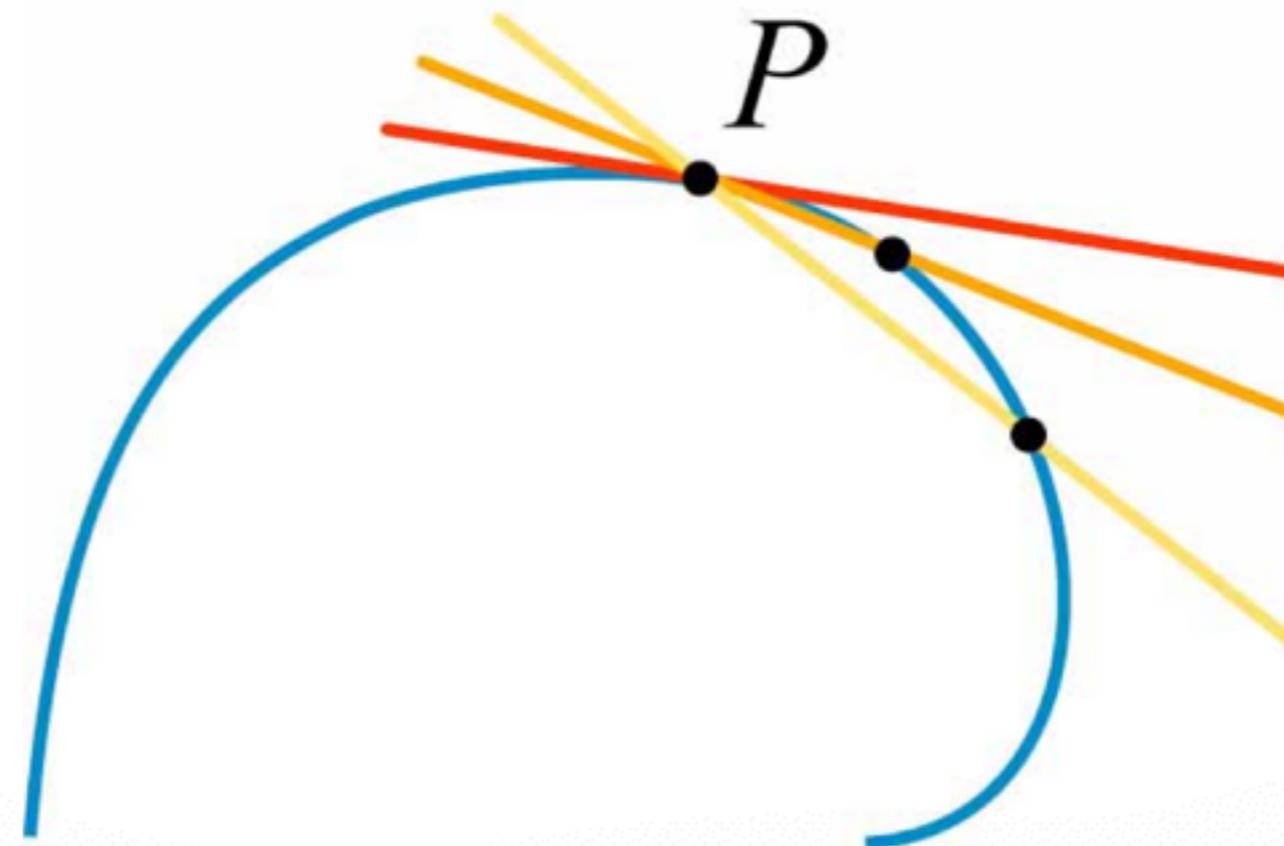
A line through two points on the curve (Secant)



Curvature: Some Intuition

Tangent, the first approximation

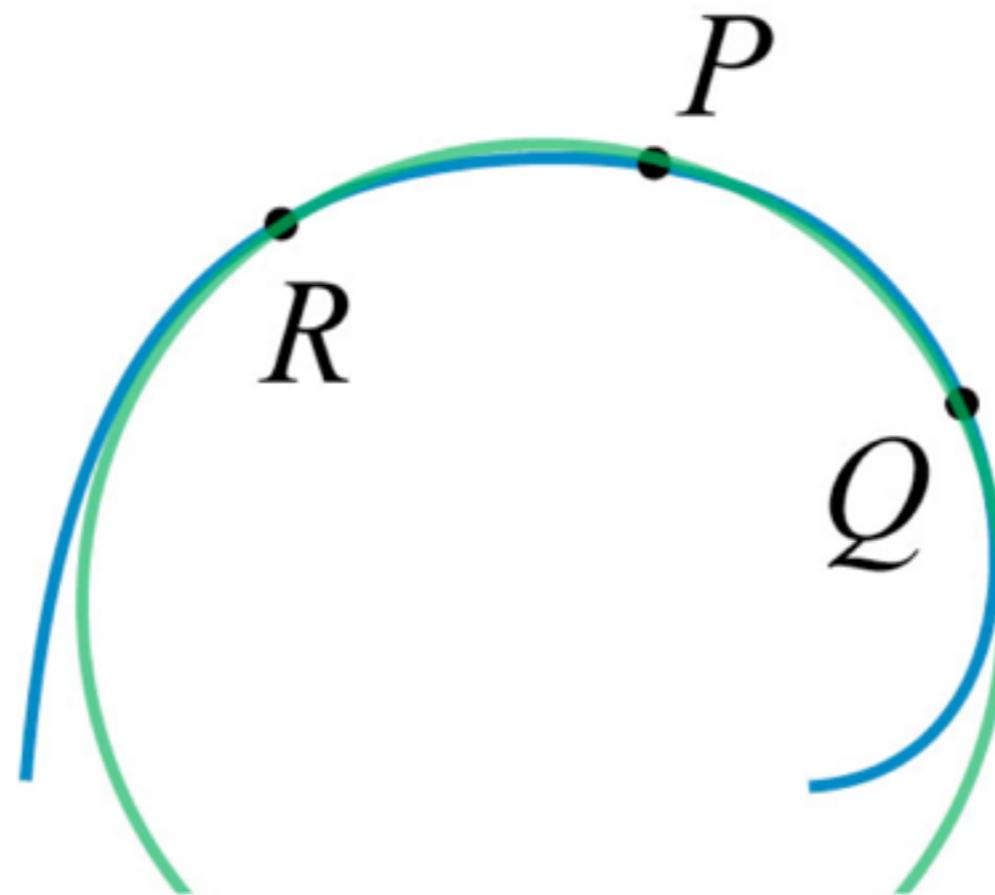
limiting secant as the two points come together



Curvature: Some Intuition

Circle of curvature

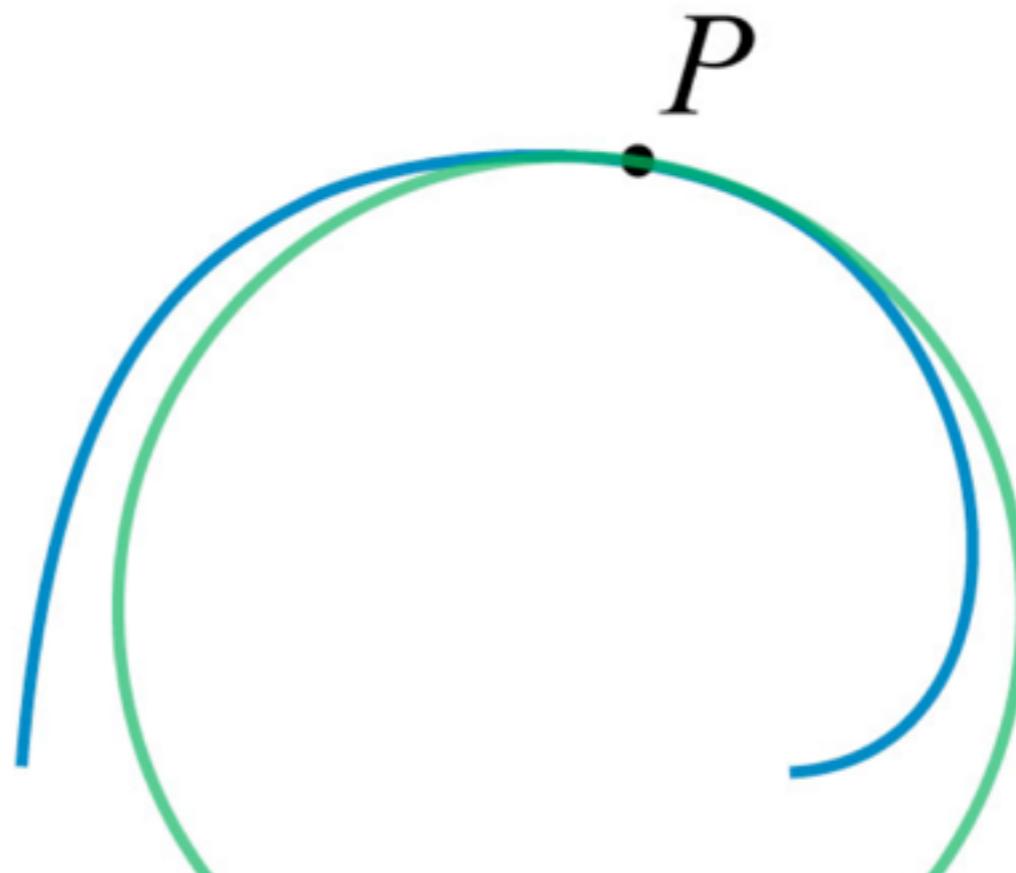
Consider the circle passing through 3 points of the curve



Curvature: Some Intuition

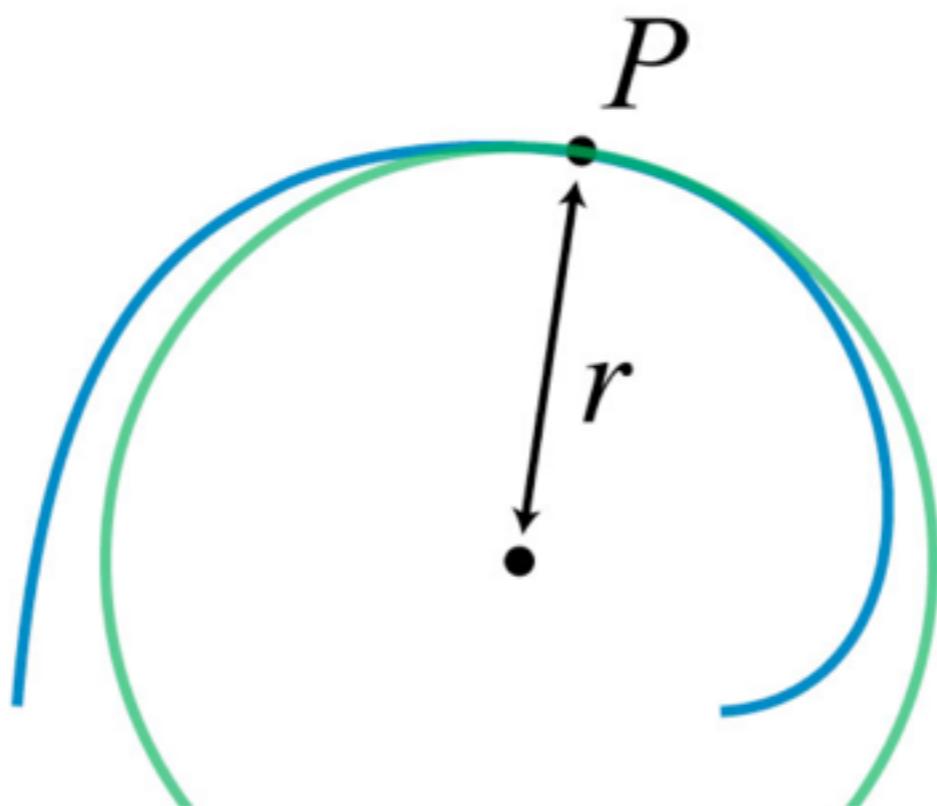
Circle of curvature

The limiting circle as three points come together



Curvature: Some Intuition

Radius of curvature r

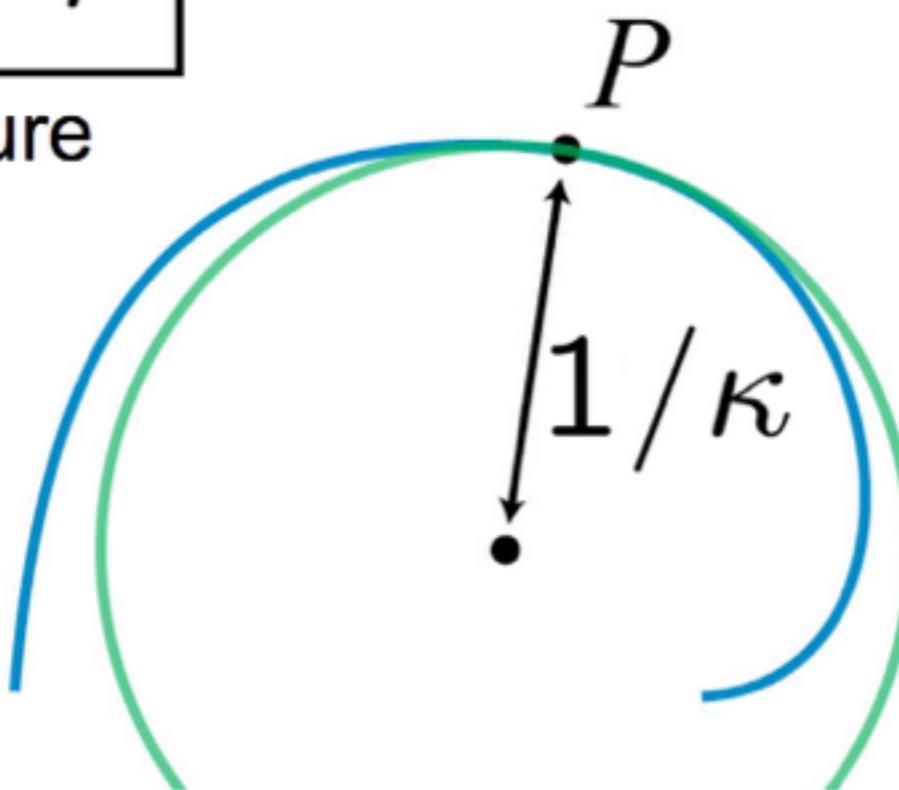


Curvature: Some Intuition

Radius of curvature r

$$\kappa = \frac{1}{r}$$

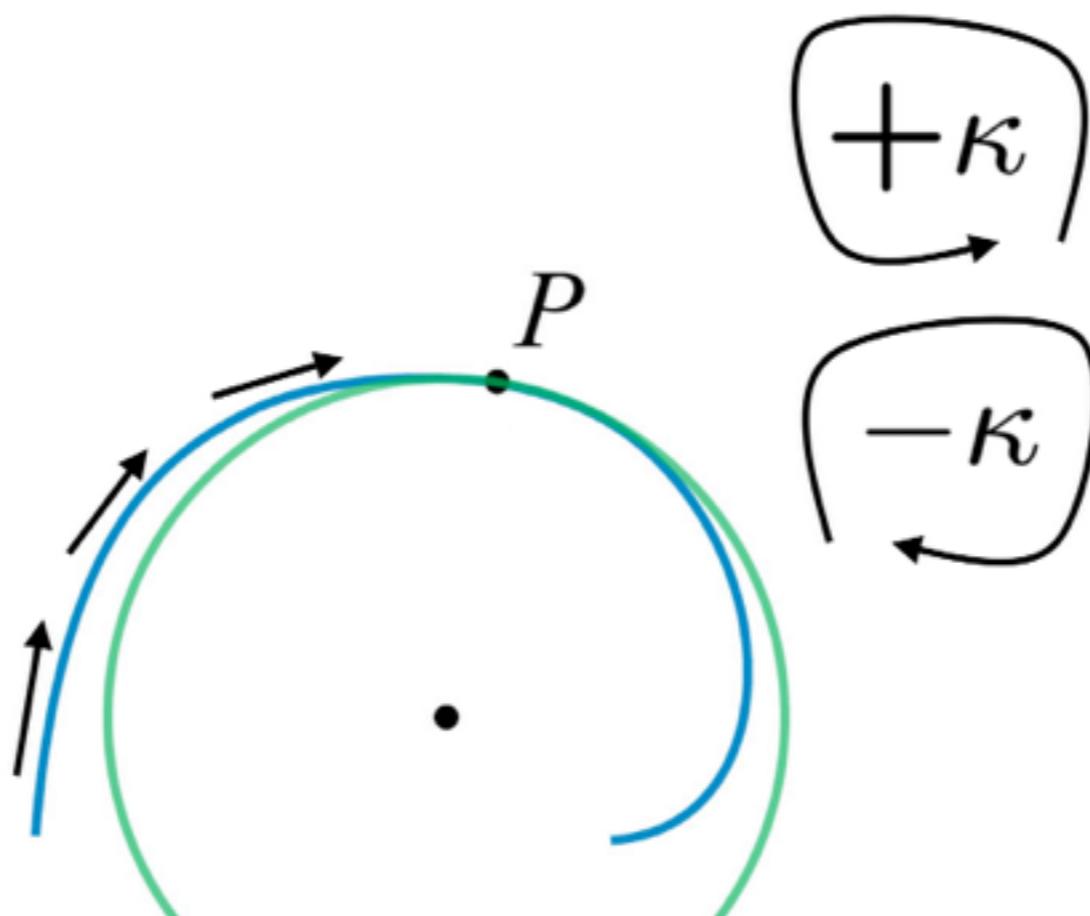
Curvature



Curvature: Some Intuition

Signed curvature

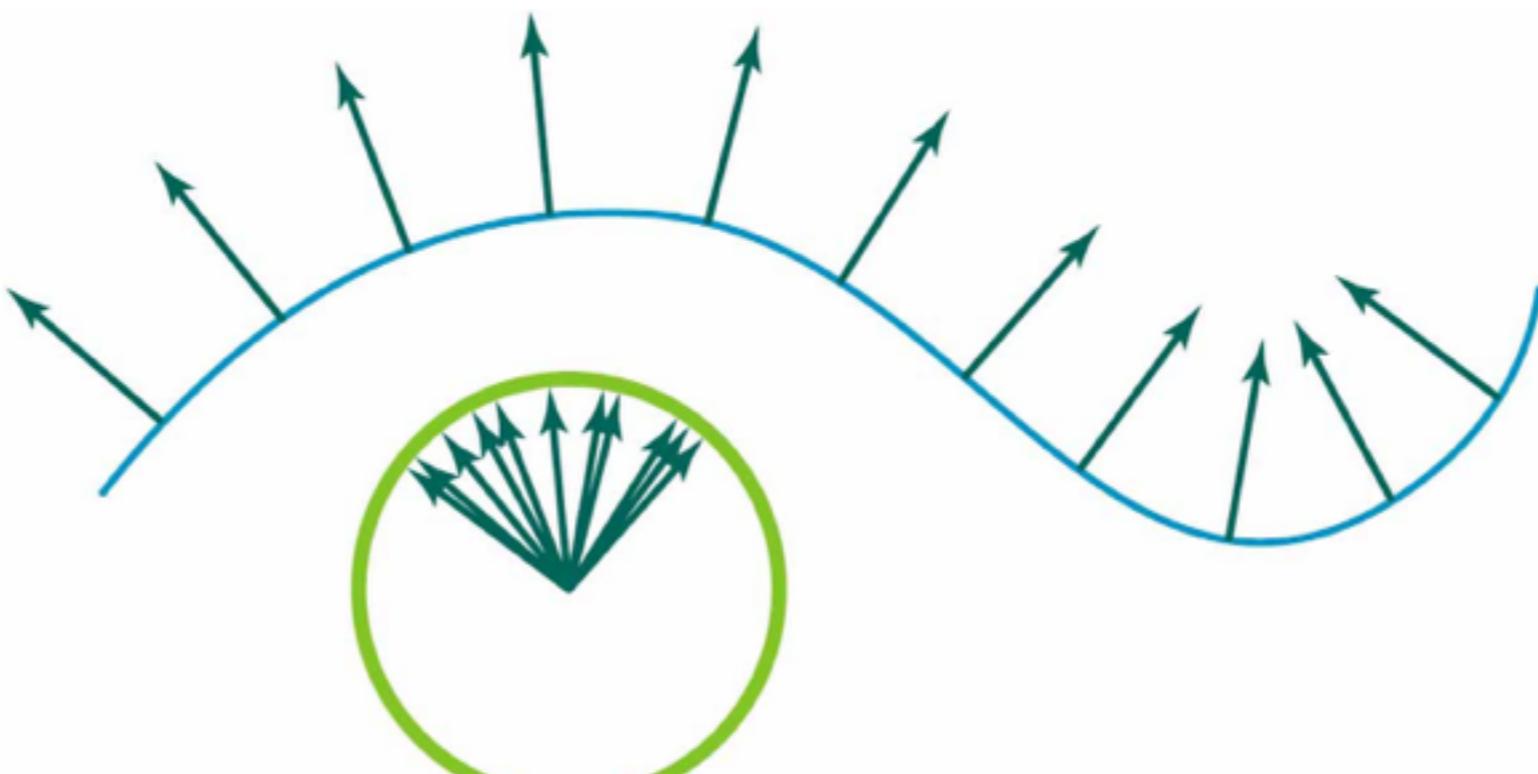
Sense of traversal along curve



Curvature: Some Intuition

Gauß map $\hat{n}(x)$

Point on curve maps to point on unit circle



Curvature: Some Intuition

Shape operator (Weingarten map)

Change in normal as we slide along curve

negative directional derivative D of Gauß map

$$S(v) = -D_v \hat{n}$$



describes directional curvature

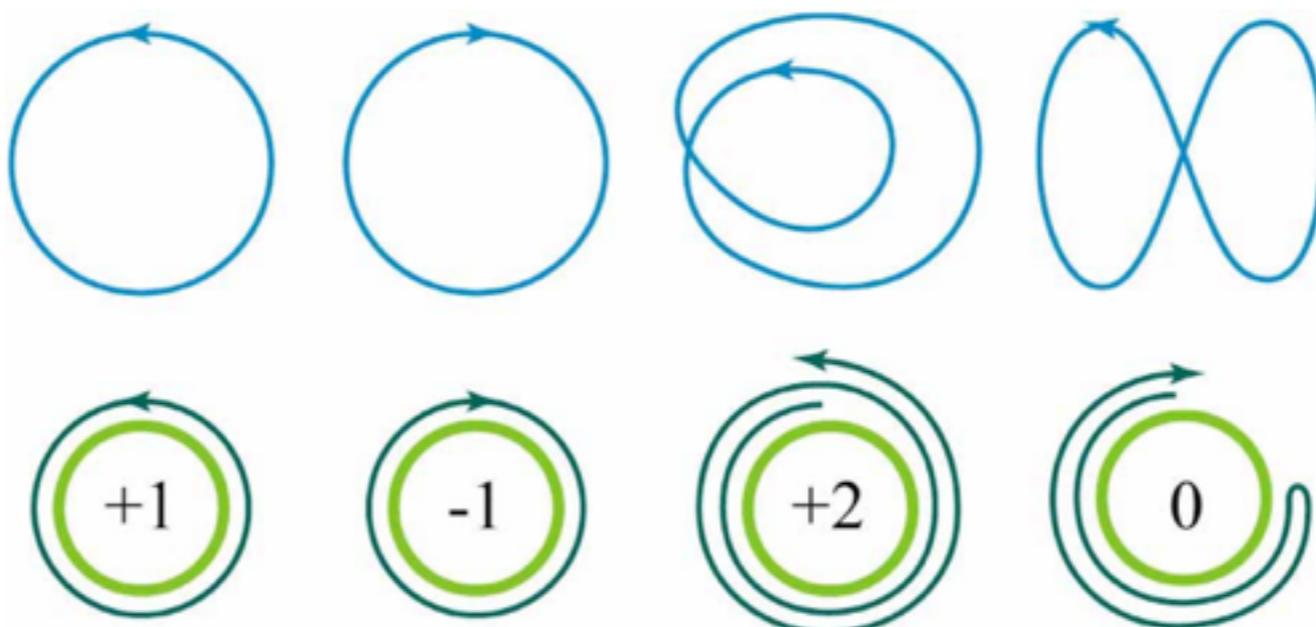
using normals as degrees of freedom

→ accuracy/convergence/implementation (discretization)

Curvature: Some Intuition

Turning number, k

Number of orbits in Gaussian image

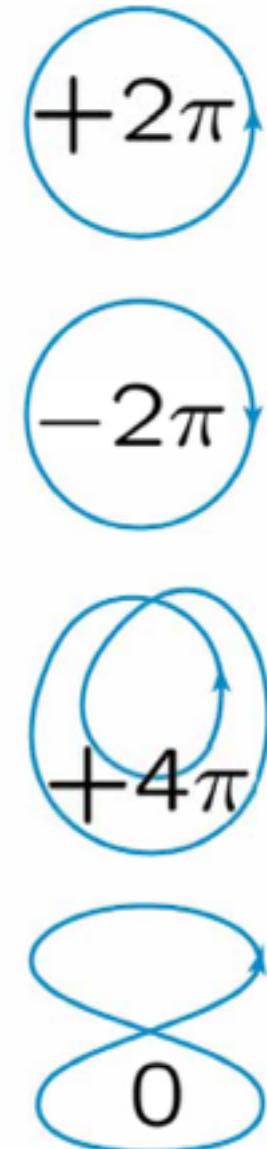


Curvature: Some Intuition

Turning number theorem

For a closed curve, the integral of curvature is an integer multiple of 2π

$$\int_{\Omega} \kappa ds = 2\pi k$$



Take Home Message

In the limit of a refinement sequence, discrete measure of length and curvature **agree** with continuous measures

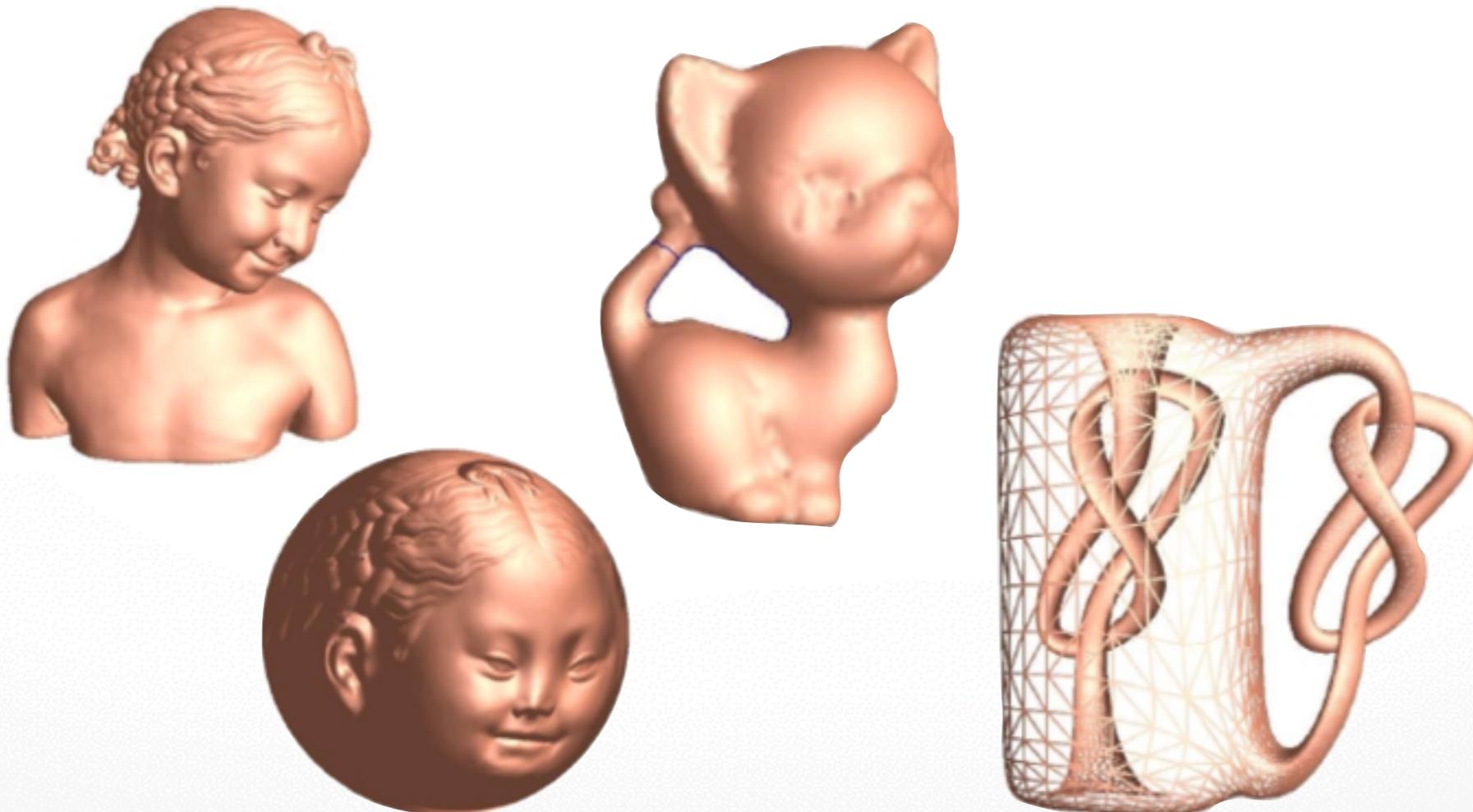
Outline

- Parametric Curves
- **Parametric Surfaces**

Surfaces

What characterizes shape?

- shape does not depend on Euclidean motions
 - metric and curvatures
- smooth continuous notions to discrete notions



Metric on Surfaces

Measure Stuff

- angle, length, area
 - requires an inner product
- we have:
 - Euclidean inner product in domain
- we want to turn this into:
 - inner product on surface

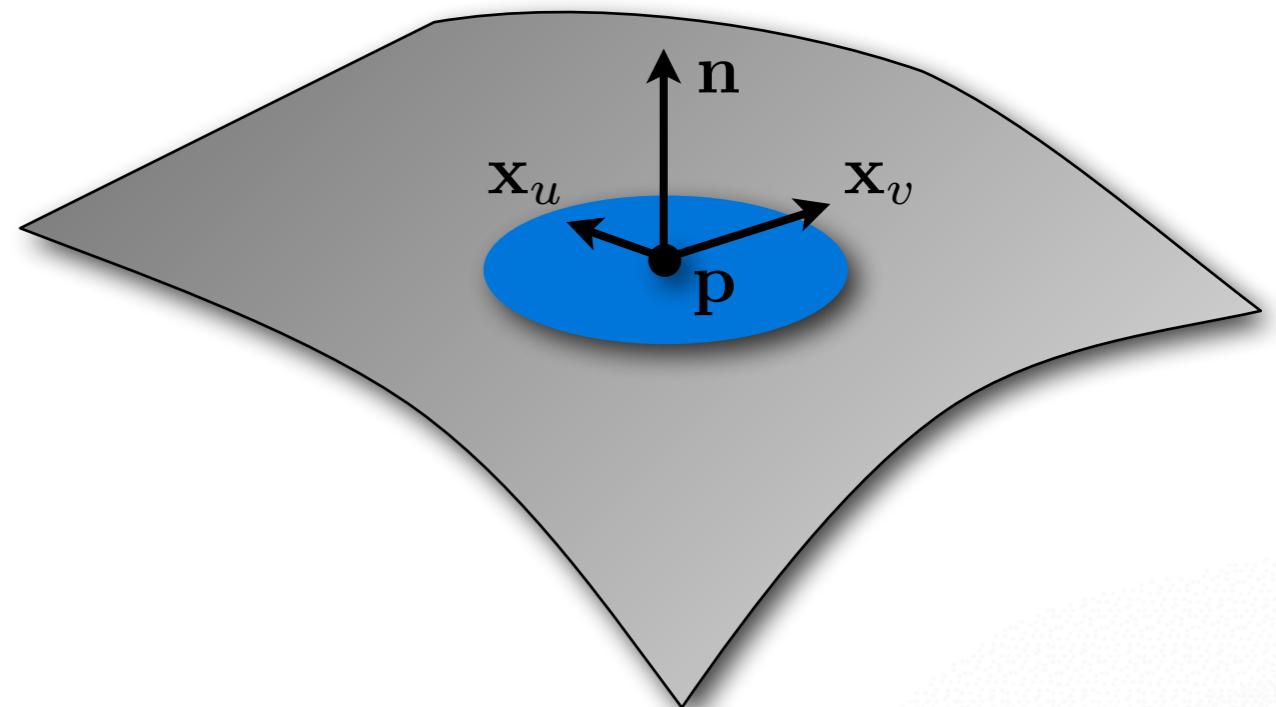
Parametric Surfaces

Continuous surface

$$\mathbf{x}(u, v) = \begin{pmatrix} x(u, v) \\ y(u, v) \\ z(u, v) \end{pmatrix}$$

Normal vector

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{\mathbf{x}_u \times \mathbf{x}_v}{\|\mathbf{x}_u \times \mathbf{x}_v\|}$$



Assume *regular* parameterization

$$\mathbf{x}_u \times \mathbf{x}_v \neq \mathbf{0} \quad \text{normal exists}$$

Angles on Surface

Curve $[u(t), v(t)]$ in uv-plane defines curve on the surface $\mathbf{x}(u, v)$

$$\mathbf{c}(t) = \mathbf{x}(u(t), v(t))$$

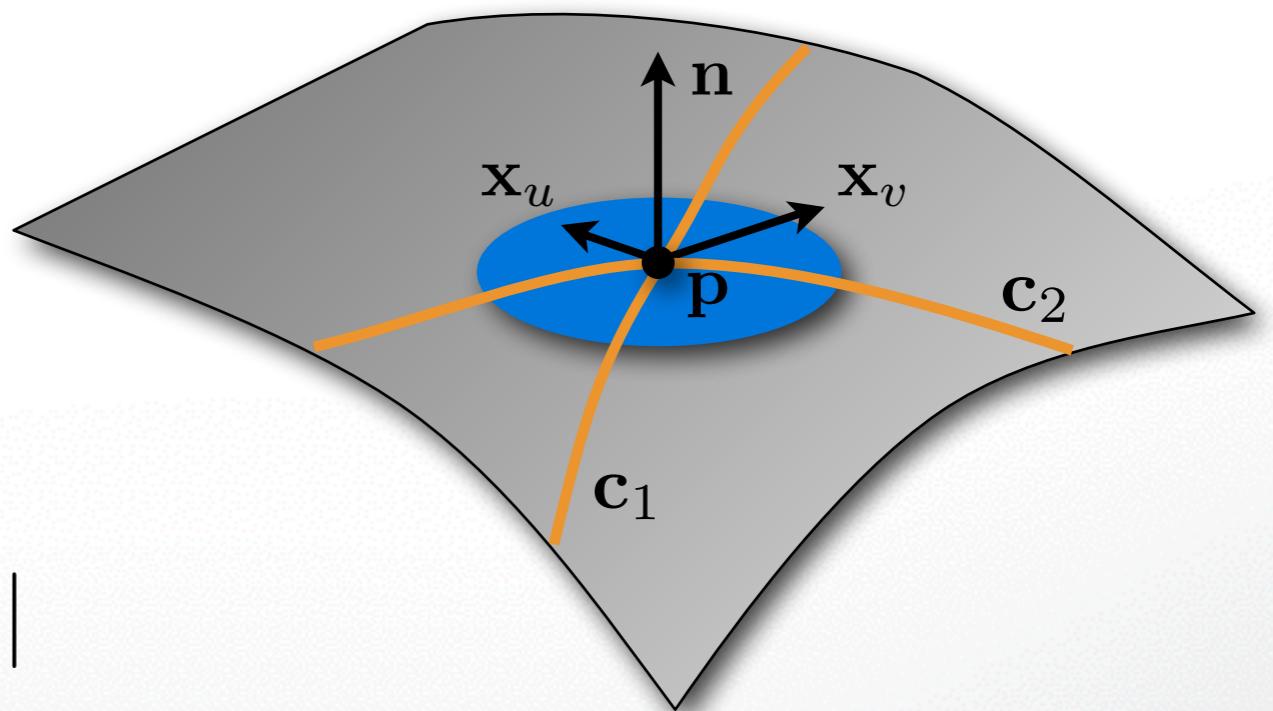
Two curves \mathbf{c}_1 and \mathbf{c}_2 intersecting at \mathbf{p}

- angle of intersection?
- two tangents \mathbf{t}_1 and \mathbf{t}_2

$$\mathbf{t}_i = \alpha_i \mathbf{x}_u + \beta_i \mathbf{x}_v$$

- compute inner product

$$\mathbf{t}_1^T \mathbf{t}_2 = \cos \theta \|\mathbf{t}_1\| \|\mathbf{t}_2\|$$



Angles on Surface

Curve $[u(t), v(t)]$ **in uv-plane defines curve on the surface** $\mathbf{x}(u, v)$

$$\mathbf{c}(t) = \mathbf{x}(u(t), v(t))$$

Two curves \mathbf{c}_1 **and** \mathbf{c}_2 **intersecting at p**

$$\mathbf{t}_1^T \mathbf{t}_2 = (\alpha_1 \mathbf{x}_u + \beta_1 \mathbf{x}_v)^T (\alpha_2 \mathbf{x}_u + \beta_2 \mathbf{x}_v)$$

$$= \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \mathbf{x}_u^T \mathbf{x}_u + (\alpha_1 \beta_2 + \alpha_2 \beta_1) \mathbf{x}_u^T \mathbf{x}_v + \beta_1 \beta_2 \mathbf{x}_v^T \mathbf{x}_v$$

$$= (\alpha_1, \beta_1) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_u^T \mathbf{x}_u & \mathbf{x}_u^T \mathbf{x}_v \\ \mathbf{x}_u^T \mathbf{x}_v & \mathbf{x}_v^T \mathbf{x}_v \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_2 \\ \beta_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

First Fundamental Form

First fundamental form

$$\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{pmatrix} := \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_u^T \mathbf{x}_u & \mathbf{x}_u^T \mathbf{x}_v \\ \mathbf{x}_u^T \mathbf{x}_v & \mathbf{x}_v^T \mathbf{x}_v \end{pmatrix}$$

Defines inner product on tangent space

$$\left\langle \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_2 \\ \beta_2 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle := \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{pmatrix}^T \mathbf{I} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_2 \\ \beta_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

First Fundamental Form

First fundamental form I allows to measure
(w.r.t. surface metric)

Angles $\mathbf{t}_1^\top \mathbf{t}_2 = \langle (\alpha_1, \beta_1), (\alpha_2, \beta_2) \rangle$

Length
$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= \langle (du, dv), (du, dv) \rangle \\ &= Edu^2 + 2Fdudv + Gdv^2 \end{aligned}$$

squared
infinitesimal
length

Area
$$\begin{aligned} dA &= \|\mathbf{x}_u \times \mathbf{x}_v\| du dv \\ &= \sqrt{\mathbf{x}_u^T \mathbf{x}_u \cdot \mathbf{x}_v^T \mathbf{x}_v - (\mathbf{x}_u^T \mathbf{x}_v)^2} du dv \\ &= \sqrt{EG - F^2} du dv \end{aligned}$$

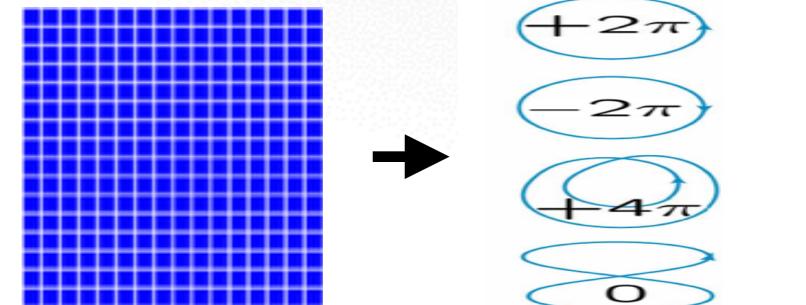
infinitesimal
Area

cross product → determinant with unit vectors → area

Sphere Example

Spherical parameterization

$$\mathbf{x}(u, v) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos u \sin v \\ \sin u \sin v \\ \cos v \end{pmatrix}, \quad (u, v) \in [0, 2\pi) \times [0, \pi)$$



Tangent vectors

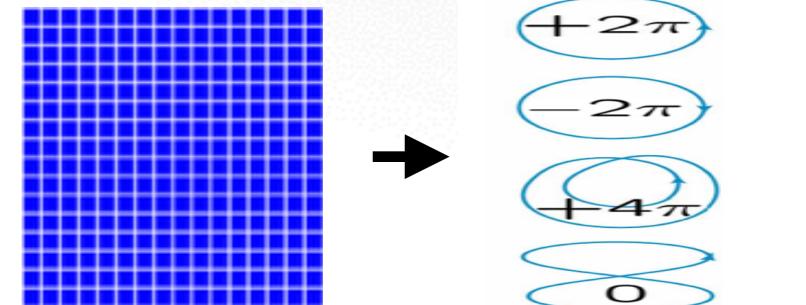
$$\mathbf{x}_u(u, v) = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin u \sin v \\ \cos u \sin v \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x}_v(u, v) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos u \cos v \\ \sin u \cos v \\ -\sin v \end{pmatrix}$$

First fundamental Form

$$\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin^2 v & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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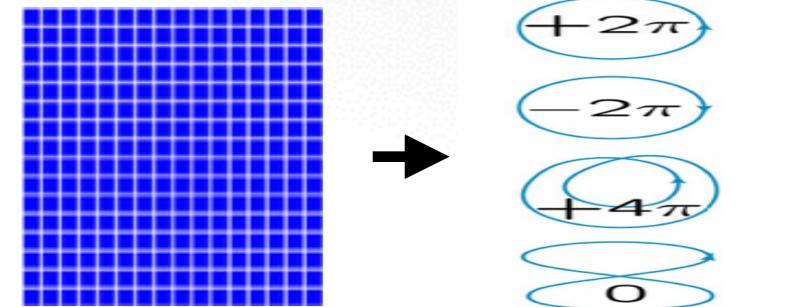
Length of equator $\mathbf{x}(t, \pi/2)$



$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} 1 \, ds &= \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{E(u_t)^2 + 2Fu_tv_t + G(v_t)^2} \, dt \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \sin v \, dt \\ &= 2\pi \sin v = 2\pi \end{aligned}$$

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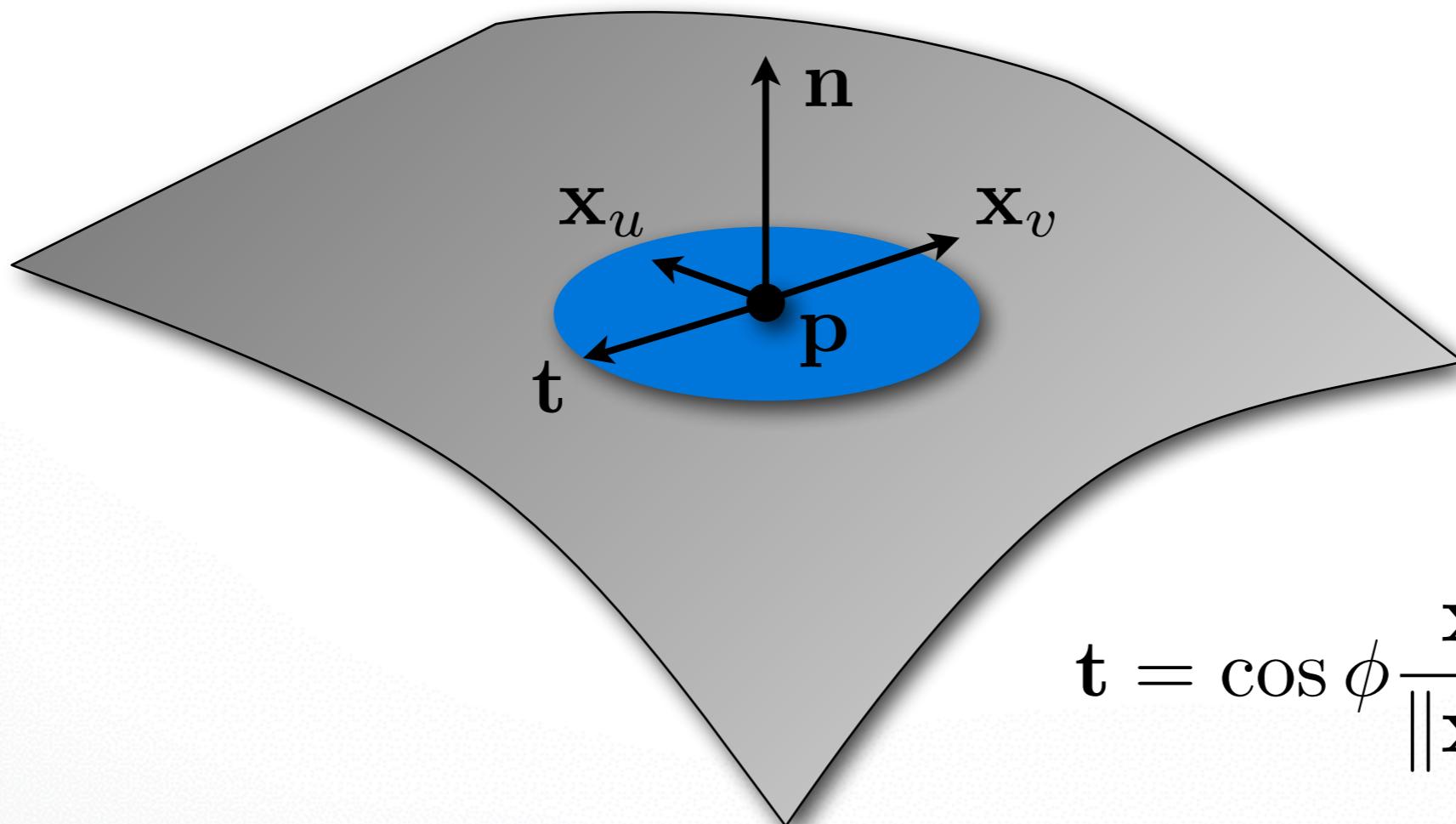
Area of a sphere



$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} 1 \, dA &= \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{EG - F^2} \, du \, dv \\ &= \int_0^\pi \int_0^{2\pi} \sin v \, du \, dv \\ &= 4\pi \end{aligned}$$

Normal Curvature

Tangent vector t ...



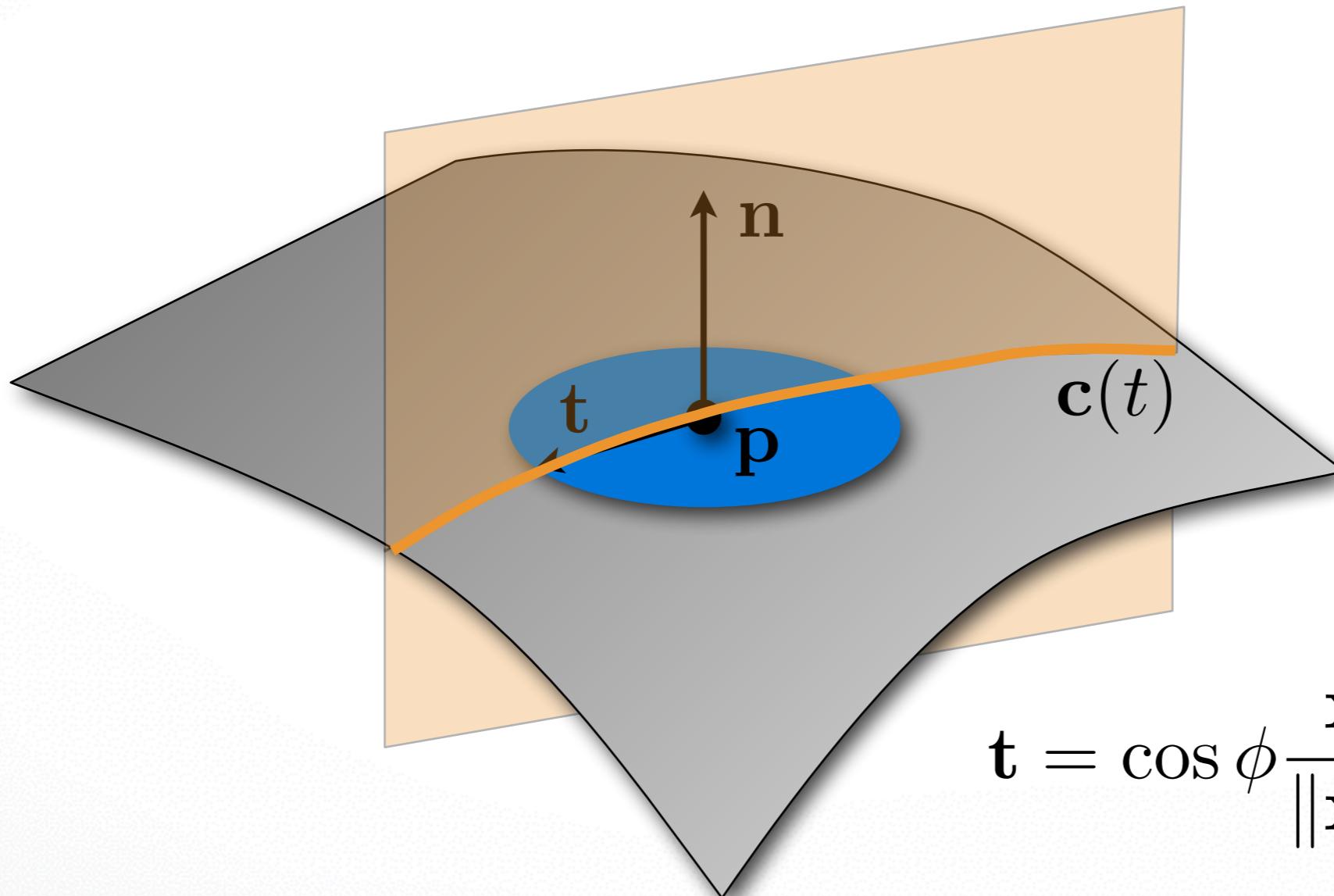
$$\mathbf{t} = \cos \phi \frac{\mathbf{x}_u}{\|\mathbf{x}_u\|} + \sin \phi \frac{\mathbf{x}_v}{\|\mathbf{x}_v\|}$$

unit vector

Normal Curvature

... defines intersection plane, yielding curve $\mathbf{c}(t)$

normal curve

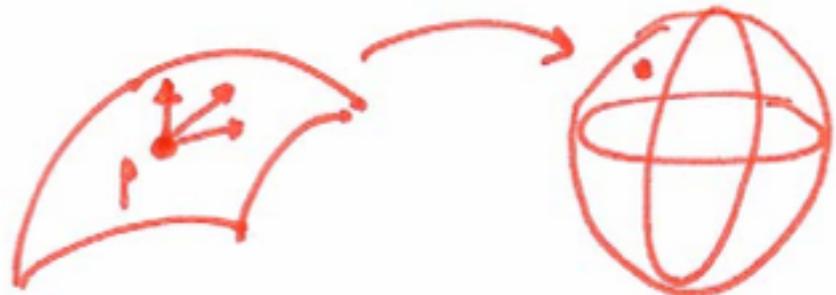


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Geometry of the Normal

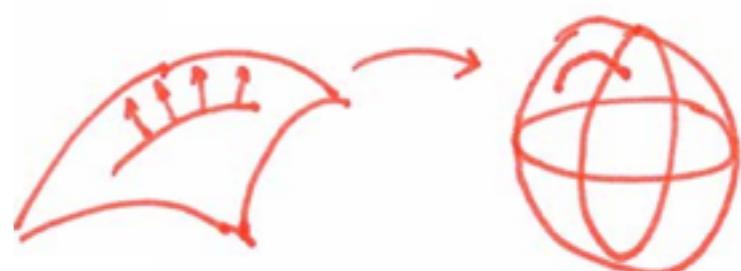
Gauss map

- normal at point



$$N(p) = \frac{S_{,u} \times S_{,v}}{|S_{,u} \times S_{,v}|}(p) \quad N : S \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^2$$

- consider curve in surface again
 - study its curvature at p
 - normal “tilts” along curve



Normal Curvature

Normal curvature $\kappa_n(t)$ is defined as curvature of the normal curve $\mathbf{c}(t)$ at point $\mathbf{p}(t) = \mathbf{x}(u, v)$

With second fundamental form

$$\text{II} = \begin{pmatrix} e & f \\ f & g \end{pmatrix} := \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_{uu}^T \mathbf{n} & \mathbf{x}_{uv}^T \mathbf{n} \\ \mathbf{x}_{uv}^T \mathbf{n} & \mathbf{x}_{vv}^T \mathbf{n} \end{pmatrix}$$

normal curvature can be computed as

$$\kappa_n(\bar{\mathbf{t}}) = \frac{\bar{\mathbf{t}}^T \text{II} \bar{\mathbf{t}}}{\bar{\mathbf{t}}^T \mathbf{I} \bar{\mathbf{t}}} = \frac{ea^2 + 2fab + gb^2}{Ea^2 + 2Fab + Gb^2} \quad \begin{aligned} \mathbf{t} &= a\mathbf{x}_u + b\mathbf{x}_v \\ \bar{\mathbf{t}} &= (a, b) \end{aligned}$$

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- Maximum curvature $\kappa_1 = \max_{\phi} \kappa_n(\phi)$
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Special curvatures

- Mean curvature $H = \frac{\kappa_1 + \kappa_2}{2}$ extrinsic
- Gaussian curvature $K = \kappa_1 \cdot \kappa_2$ intrinsic (only first FF)

Invariants

Gaussian and mean curvature

- determinant and trace only

$$\det dN_p = \kappa_1 \kappa_2 = K$$

$$\operatorname{tr} dN_p = \kappa_1 + \kappa_2 = H$$

- eigenvalues and orthovectors

$$dN_p(e_1) = \kappa_1 e_1 \quad dN_p(e_2) = \kappa_2 e_2$$

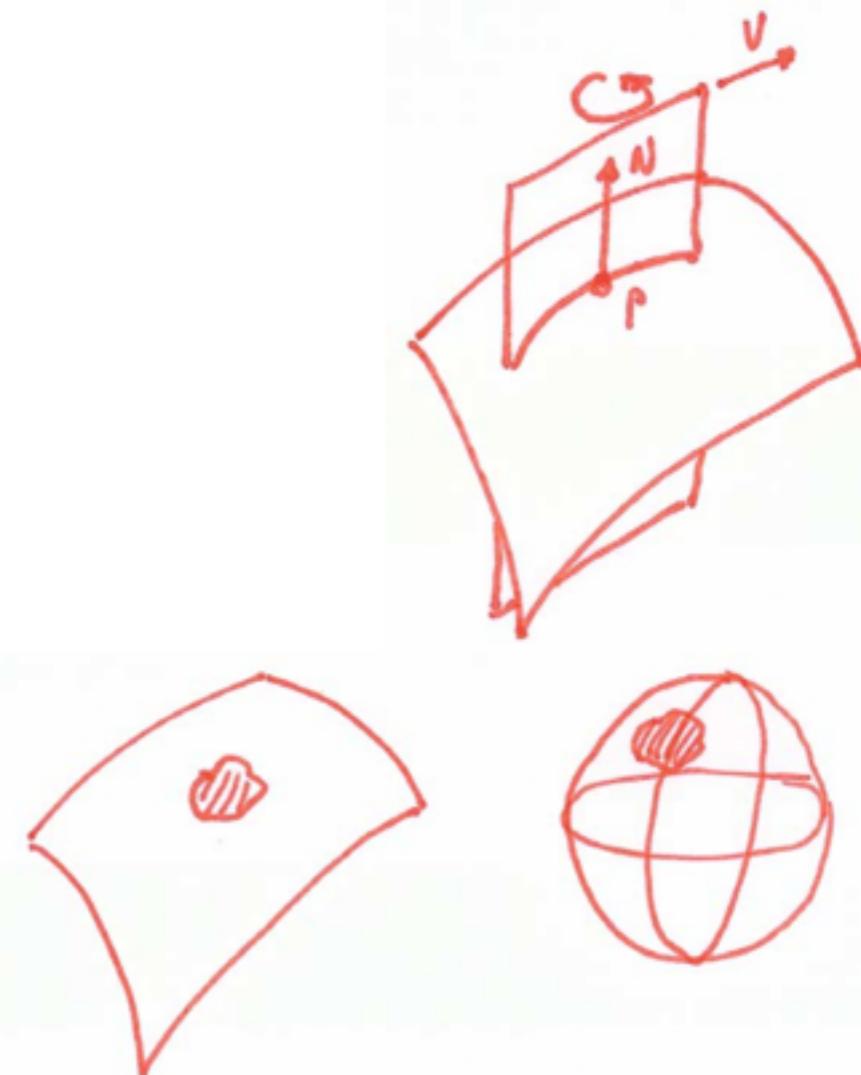
$$II_p|_{\mathbb{S} \subset T_p S} \quad \begin{matrix} \nearrow \max \rightarrow \kappa_1 \\ \searrow \min \rightarrow \kappa_2 \end{matrix}$$

Mean Curvature

Integral representations

$$H_p/2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \kappa_n(\theta) d\theta$$

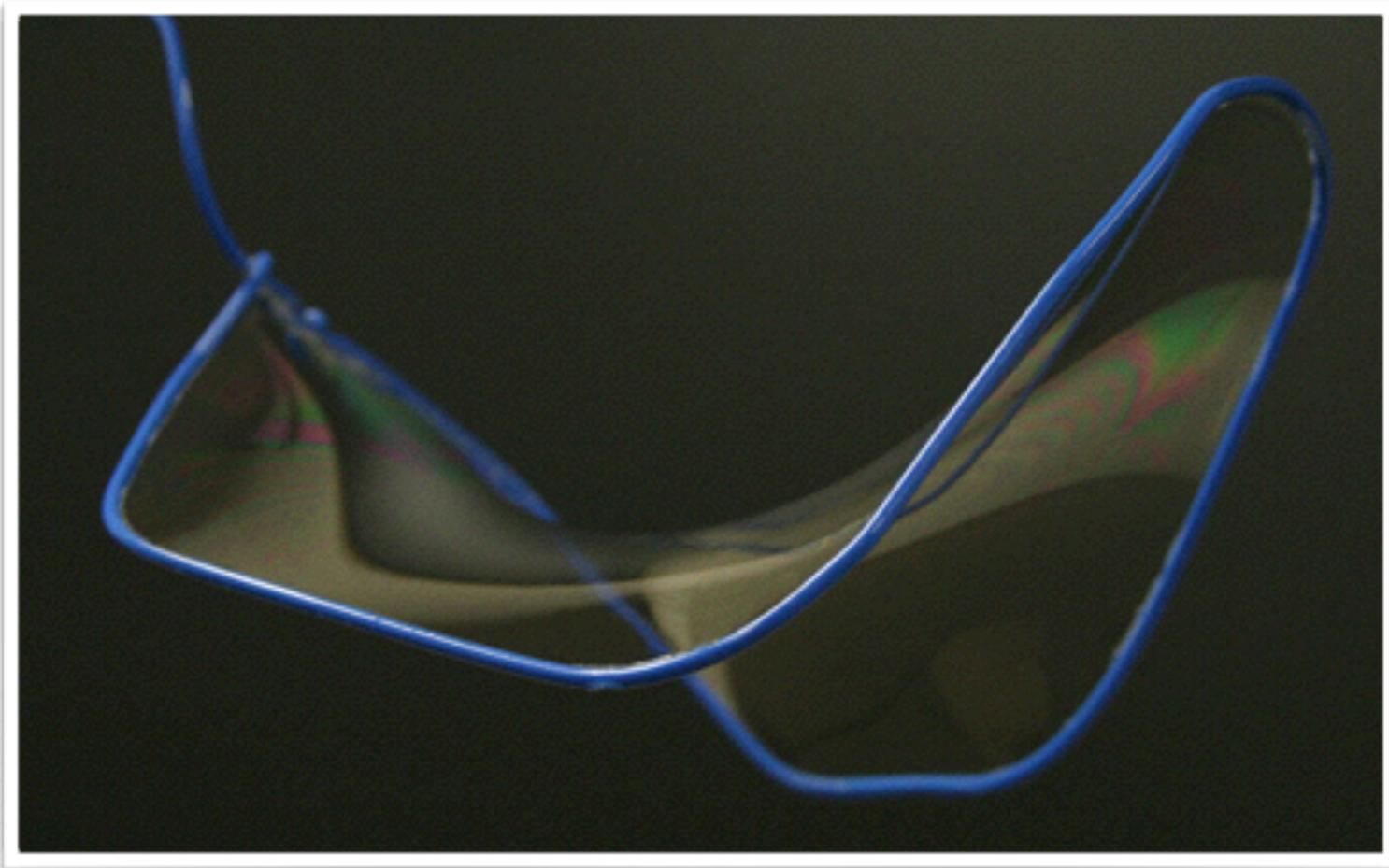
$$K_p = \lim_{A \rightarrow 0} \frac{A_G}{A}$$



Curvature of Surfaces

Mean curvature $H = \frac{\kappa_1 + \kappa_2}{2}$

- $H = 0$ everywhere \rightarrow minimal surface

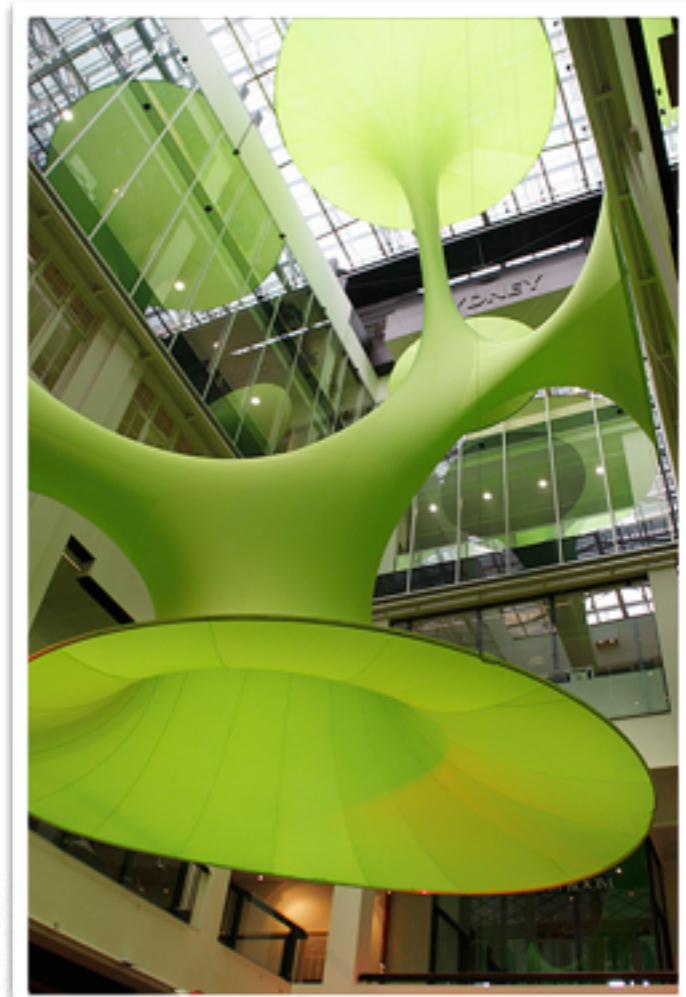


soap film

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Green Void, Sydney
Architects: Lava

Curvature of Surfaces

Gaussian curvature $K = \kappa_1 \cdot \kappa_2$

- $K = 0$ everywhere \rightarrow developable surface

surface that can be flattened to a plane without distortion (stretching or compression)



Disney, Concert Hall, L.A.
Architects: Gehry Partners



Timber Fabric
IBOIS, EPFL

Shape Operator

Derivative of Gauss map

- second fundamental form

$$II_p(v) = \langle dN_p(v), v \rangle$$

- local coordinates

$$II_p = - \begin{pmatrix} \langle N, S_{,uu} \rangle & \langle N, S_{,uv} \rangle \\ \langle N, S_{,vu} \rangle & \langle N, S_{,vv} \rangle \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

Intrinsic Geometry

Properties of the surface that only depend on the first fundamental form

- length
- angles
- Gaussian curvature (Theorema Egregium)
remarkable theorem (Gauss)

$$K = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{6\pi r - 3C(r)}{\pi r^3}$$

Gaussian curvature of a surface is invariant under local isometry

Classification

Point x on the surface is called

- elliptic, if $K > 0$
- hyperbolic, if $K < 0$
- parabolic, if $K = 0$
- umbilic, if $\kappa_1 = \kappa_2$ or isotropic

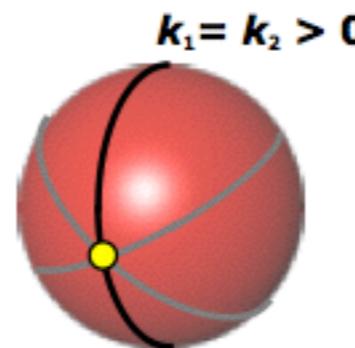
Gaussian curvature K

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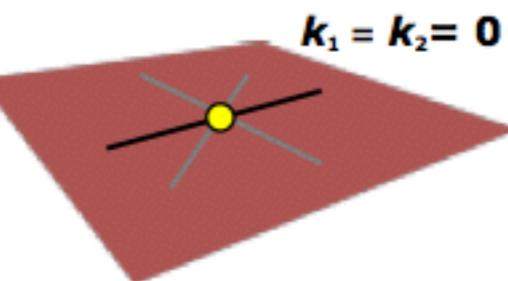
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Isotropic

Equal in all directions



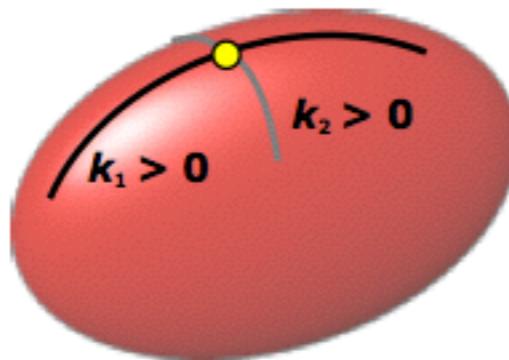
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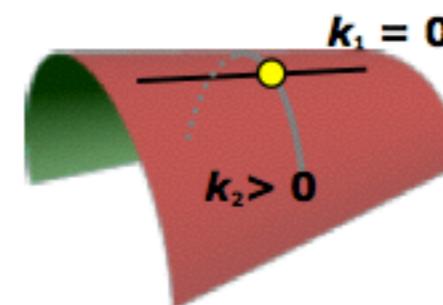
planar

Anisotropic

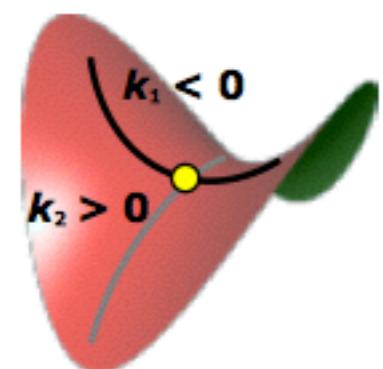
Distinct principal directions



elliptic
 $K > 0$



parabolic
 $K = 0$
developable

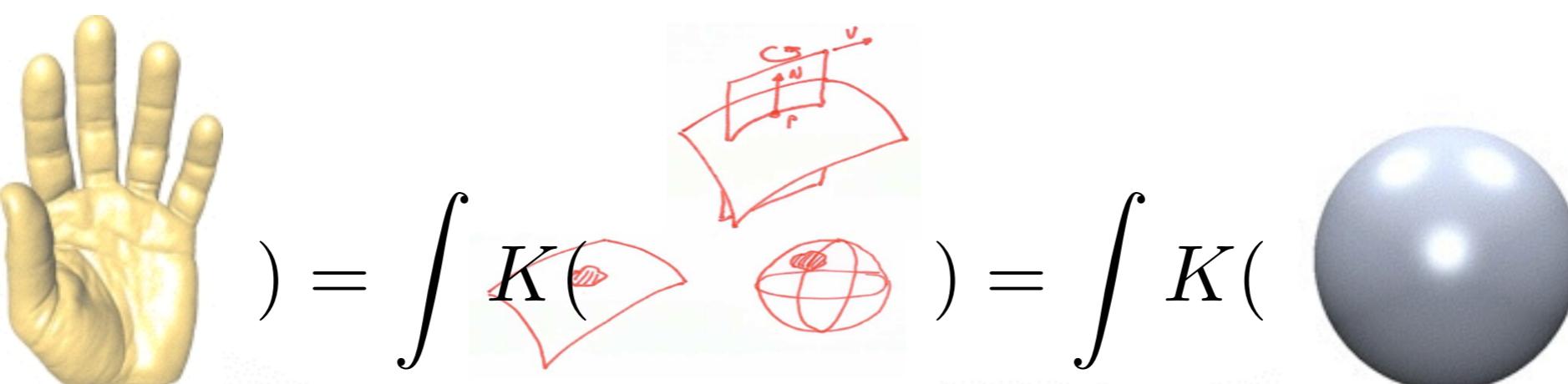


hyperbolic
 $K < 0$

Gauss-Bonnet Theorem

For any closed manifold surface with Euler characteristic $\chi = 2 - 2g$

$$\int K = 2\pi\chi$$

$$\int K(\text{Hand}) = \int K(\text{Disk}) + \int K(\text{Sphere}) = 4\pi$$


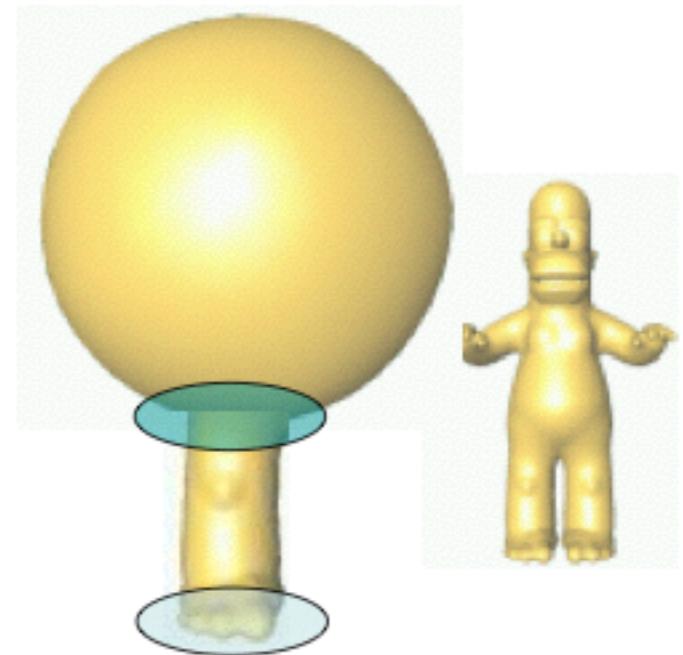
Gauss-Bonnet Theorem

Sphere

$$\kappa_1 = \kappa_2 = 1/r$$

$$K = \kappa_1 \kappa_2 = 1/r^2$$

$$\int K = 4\pi r^2 \cdot \frac{1}{r^2} = 4\pi$$



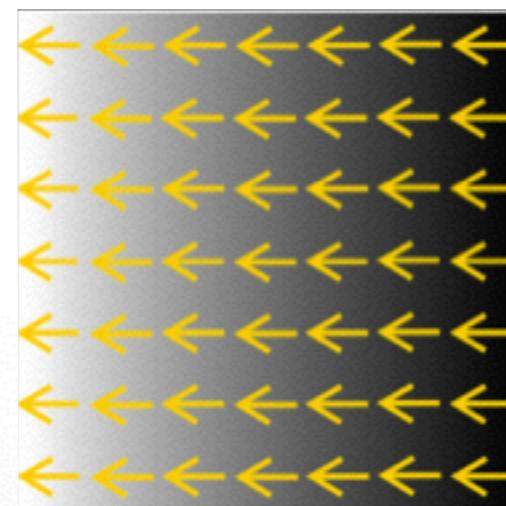
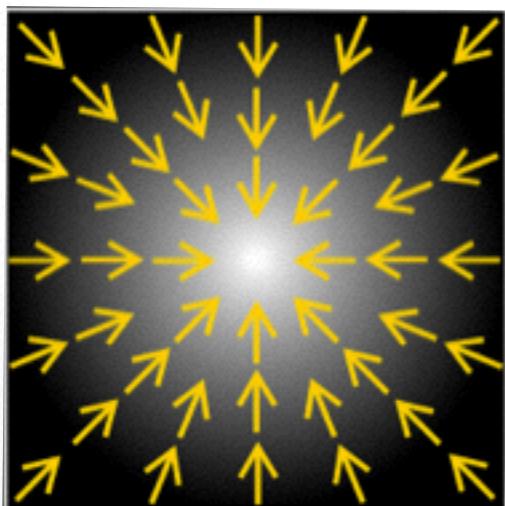
when sphere is deformed, new
positive and negative curvature cancel out

Differential Operators

Gradient

$$\nabla f := \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \right)$$

- points in the direction of the steepest ascend



Differential Operators

Divergence

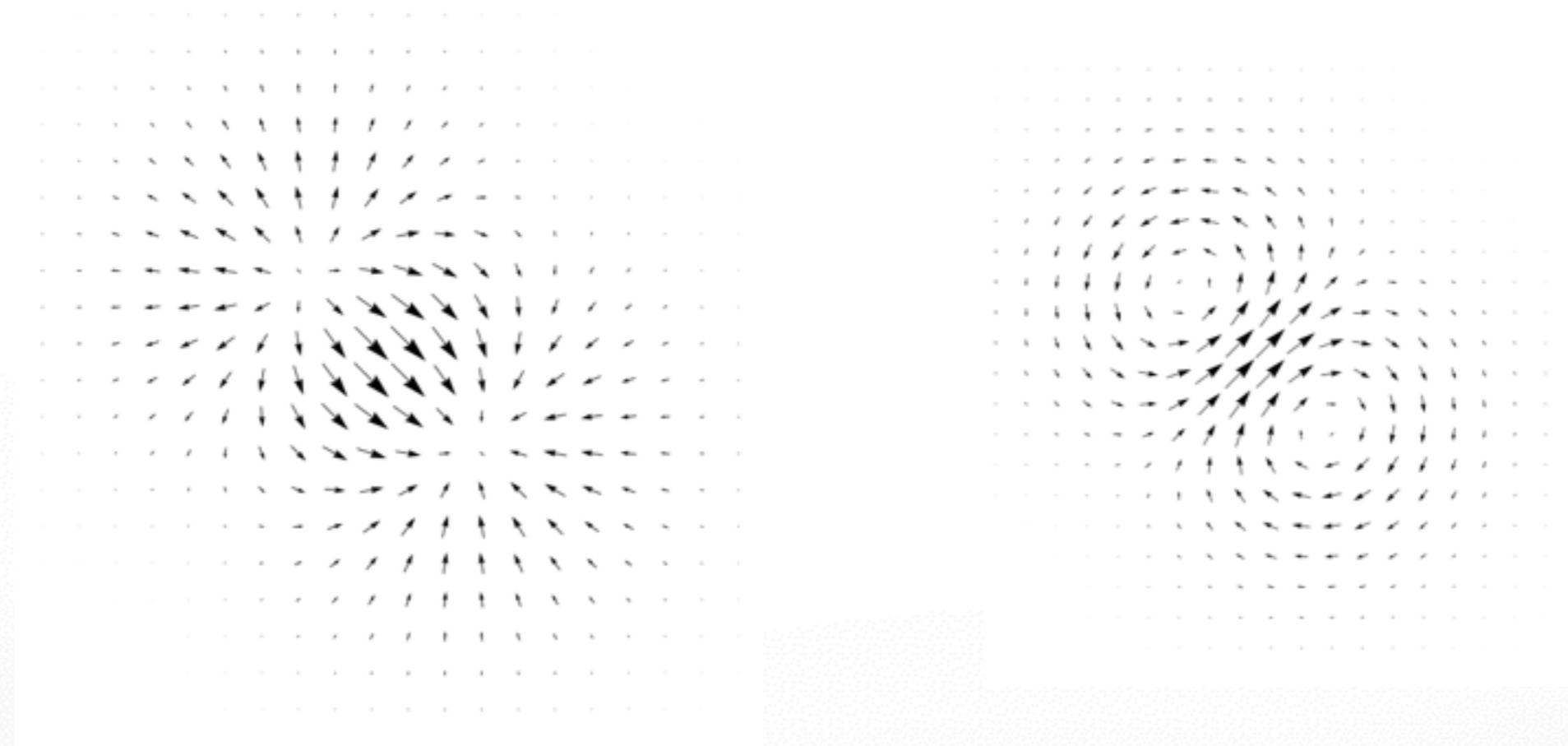
$$\operatorname{div} F = \nabla \cdot F := \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x_1} + \dots + \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial x_n}$$

- volume density of outward flux of vector field
- magnitude of source or sink at given point
- Example: incompressible fluid
 - velocity field is divergence-free

Differential Operators

Divergence

$$\operatorname{div} F = \nabla \cdot F := \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial x_1} + \dots + \frac{\partial F_n}{\partial x_n}$$



high divergence

low divergence

Laplace Operator

$$\Delta f = \operatorname{div} \nabla f = \sum_i \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i^2}$$

Diagram illustrating the components of the Laplace operator:

- Laplace operator (points to Δf)
- function in Euclidean space (points to f in ∇f)
- gradient operator (points to ∇f)
- divergence operator (points to $\operatorname{div} \nabla f$)
- 2nd partial derivatives (points to $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i^2}$)
- Cartesian coordinates (points to x_i in $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i^2}$)

Laplace-Beltrami Operator

Extension of Laplace fo functions on manifolds

Laplace-
Beltrami

gradient
operator

$$\Delta_S f = \operatorname{div}_S \nabla_S f$$

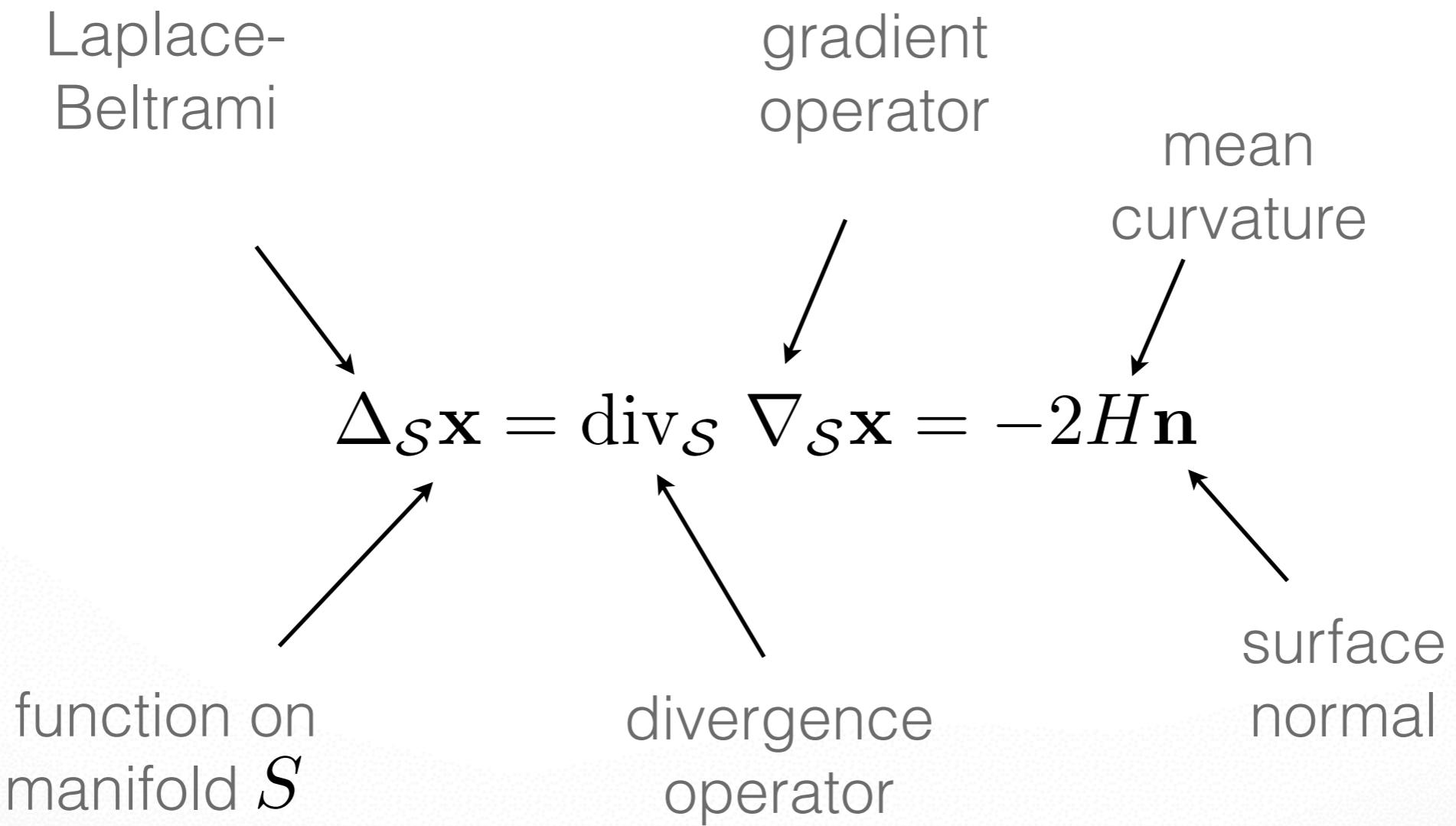
function on
manifold S

divergence
operator

...of the surface

Laplace on the surface

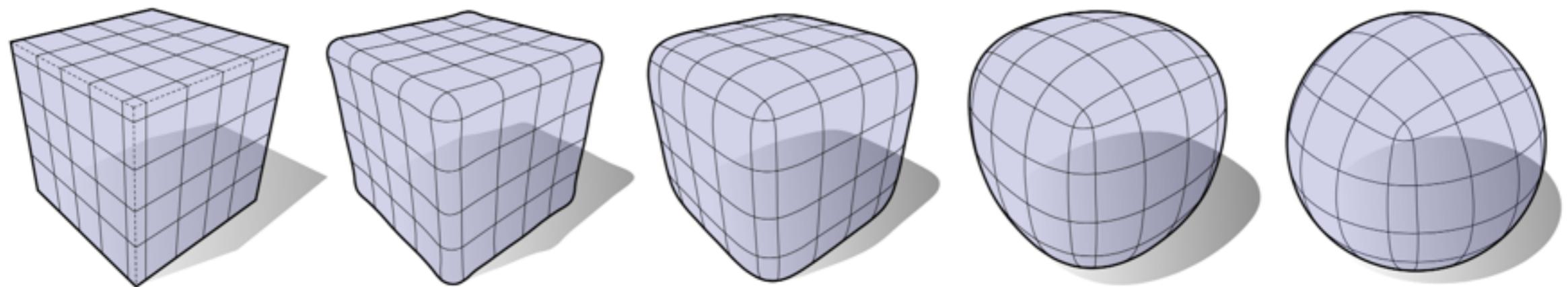
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