

Formulas

Frenet formulas: $\mathbf{t}' = k\mathbf{n}$, $\mathbf{n}' = -k\mathbf{t} - \tau\mathbf{b}$, $\mathbf{b}' = \tau\mathbf{n}$.

Rodrigues formula for line of curvature: $N'(t) = \lambda(t)\alpha'(t)$.

An **asymptotic direction** of a surface S at a point p is a direction of $T_p(S)$ for which the normal curvature is 0.

The Second Fundamental form:

$$\begin{aligned} e &= - \langle Nu, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle = \langle N, \mathbf{x}_{uu} \rangle, \\ f &= - \langle Nu, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle = - \langle N_v, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle = \langle N, \mathbf{x}_{uv} \rangle, \\ g &= - \langle N_v, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle = \langle N, \mathbf{x}_{vv} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Weingarten equations:

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11} &= \frac{fF - eG}{EG - F^2}, & a_{12} &= \frac{gF - fG}{EG - F^2}, \\ a_{21} &= \frac{eF - fE}{EG - F^2}, & a_{22} &= \frac{fF - gE}{EG - F^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Gauss curvature: $K = \frac{eg - f^2}{EG - F^2}$, **mean curvature:** $H = \frac{1}{2} \frac{eG - 2fF + gE}{EG - F^2}$.

Formulas for the Christoffel symbols: $\Gamma_{ij}^k = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{l=1}^2 g^{kl} \left(\frac{\partial g_{il}}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial g_{jl}}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x_l} \right)$, where $u = x_1, v = x_2$, $g_{ij} = \langle X_i, X_j \rangle$, and (g^{ij}) is the inverse matrix of (g_{ij}) .

Gauss equation for orthogonal parametrization (i.e, $F \equiv 0$):

$$K = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{EG}} \left\{ \left(\frac{E_v}{\sqrt{EG}} \right)_v + \left(\frac{G_u}{\sqrt{EG}} \right)_u \right\}.$$

Gauss curvature in geodesic coordinates: $K = -\frac{(\sqrt{G})_{\rho\rho}}{\sqrt{G}}$.