MATH-UA 377 Differential Geometry: Gauss-Bonnet Theorem

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Rectangular 2-Manifold With Boundary



A rectangular 2-manifold *M* with boundary consists of a set *M* and an atlas of coordinate charts Φ : *R* → *M*, where *R* = [0, 1] × [0, 1], such that if Φ and Ψ are coordinate charts, then the maps

$$\Phi^{-1} \circ \Psi, \Psi^{-1} \circ \Phi : R \to R$$

are bijective and C^1

The boundary of M is

$$\partial M = \Phi((\{0,1\} \times [0,1]) \cup ([0,1] \times \{0,1\}))$$

= $c_1 \cup c_2 \cup c_3 \cup c_4$

Orientations of M and ∂M

- ▶ An orientation of *M* is an orientation on T_pM for each $p \in M$
- A nowhere zero 2-form Θ uniquely determines an orientation on M
 - A basis (b_1, b_2) of $T_p M$ has positive orientation if

 $\langle b_1 \otimes b_2, \Theta(p) \rangle$

- ▶ If $(u^1, u^2) \in R$ denote coordinates on M, then $du^1 \wedge du^2$ determines an orientation, where $(\partial_1 \Phi, \partial_2 \Phi)$ has positive orientation
- Any coordinate chart Ψ : [0,1] × [0,1] → M preserves orientation if the Jacobian of Φ⁻¹ ∘ Ψ has positive determinant
- Orientation on ∂M is compatible with the one on M if, given a vector v₁ tangent to ∂M and a vector v₂ that points into M, (v₁, v₂) is a positively oriented frame for M

Stokes' Theorem

Theorem

If θ is a C^1 1-form on an oriented rectangular 2-manifold with boundary, then

$$\int_M d\theta = \int_{\partial M} \theta$$

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Oriented Orthonormal Frame on Riemanian Rectangular 2-Manifold



- M be an oriented rectangular 2-manifold with a Riemannian metric g
- Let (e_1, e_2) be a positively oriented orthonormal frame on M

- Let (ω^1, ω^2) be the dual frame
- Let $\omega_2^1 = -\omega_1^2$ be the connection 1-form

Change of Frame on Local 2-Manifold

- Let (e₁, e₂) be an oriented orthonormal frame with dual frame (ω¹, ω²)
- Let (f₁, f₂) be the frame rotated counterclockwise by angle α relative to (e₁, e₂)
- Therefore,

$$f_1 = e_1 \cos \alpha + e_2 \sin \alpha$$

$$f_2 = -e_1 \sin \alpha + e_2 \cos \alpha,$$

If (ω¹, ω²) is the dual frame of (e₁, e₂) and (η¹, η²) is the dual frame of (f₁, f₂), then

$$\omega^{1} = (\cos \alpha)\eta^{1} - (\sin \alpha)\eta^{2}$$
$$\omega^{2} = (\sin \alpha)\eta^{1} + (\cos \alpha)\eta^{2}$$

• The connection 1-forms and the angle α satisfy

$$\omega_2^1 = \eta_2^1 + d\alpha$$

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Change of Angle Along Curve



Let

- $\alpha_0 = \text{ counterclockwise angle from } e_1(c(0)) \text{ to } c'(0)$ $\alpha_1 = \text{ counterclockwise angle from } e_1(c(1)) \text{ to } c'(1)$
- By the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus,

$$\int_{c} \omega_{2}^{1} = \int_{c} \eta_{2}^{1} + d\alpha$$

$$= \int_{t=0}^{t=1} \langle \eta_{2}^{1} + d\alpha, c'(t) \rangle dt$$

$$= \int_{t=0}^{t=1} \langle \eta_{2}^{1}, c'(t) dt + \int_{t=0}^{t=1} \alpha'(t) dt$$

$$= -\int_{t=0}^{t=1} \kappa_{g} \sigma dt + \alpha_{1} - \alpha_{0}$$

Change in Angles at Vertices



• Angles: For each $1 \le k \le 4$,

$$\alpha_{k,0} = \text{ angle from } e_1(c_k(0)) \text{ to } c'_k(0)$$

$$\alpha_{k,1} = \text{ angle from } e_1(c_k(1)) \text{ to } c'_k(1)$$

$$\theta_k = \text{ angle from } c'_k(1) \text{ to } c'_{k+1}(0), \text{ where } c_5 = c_1$$

► Therefore,

$$\theta_{1} = \alpha_{2,0} - \alpha_{1,1}$$

$$\theta_{2} = \alpha_{3,0} - \alpha_{2,1}$$

$$\theta_{3} = \alpha_{4,0} - \alpha_{3,1}$$

$$\theta_{4} = (2\pi + \alpha_{1,0}) - \alpha_{4,0}$$

Integral of Connection 1-Form Around Boundary of M



$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\partial M} \omega_2^1 + \kappa_g \, ds \\ &= \alpha_{11} - \alpha_{10} + \alpha_{21} - \alpha_{20} + \alpha_{31} - \alpha_{30} + \alpha_{41} - \alpha_{40} \\ &= -((\alpha_{20} - \alpha_{11}) + (\alpha_{30} - \alpha_{21}) + (\alpha_{40} - \alpha_{31}) + (\alpha_{10} - \alpha_{41})) \\ &= -(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 + \theta_4 - 2\pi) \\ &= 2\pi - (\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 + \theta_4) \end{aligned}$$

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Integral of Connection 1-Form Around Boundary



• Interior angle: $\beta_k = \pi - \theta_k$

$$\int_{c} (\omega_{2}^{1} + \kappa_{g} dt) = 2\pi - (\theta_{1} + \theta_{2} + \theta_{3} + \theta_{4})$$
$$= 2\pi - (4\pi - \beta_{1} - \beta_{2} - \beta_{3} - \beta_{4})$$
$$= -2\pi + \beta_{1} + \beta_{2} + \beta_{3} + \beta_{4}$$

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Gauss-Bonnet Theorem for Riemannian Rectangular 2-Manifold



 Given an oriented Riemannian rectangular 2-manifold M with boundary,

$$\int_{S} K \, dA + \int_{c} \kappa_{g} \, dt = -2\pi + \beta_{1} + \beta_{2} + \beta_{3} + \beta_{4},$$

where K is the Gauss curvature, κ_g is the geodesic curvature, and $\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4$ are the interior angles at the vertices

- Although frame and connection form are needed for proof, they do not appear in the theorem
- Everything in formula is defined globally on M_{a} , A_{a} ,

Shapes by Gluing Rectangles







Triangle by Gluing Rectangles



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Triangulation of Sphere \implies Rectangulation of Sphere



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Geodesic Curvature Independent of Orientation

- Let c : [a, b] → M be an oriented curve and č : [b, a] → M be the same curve with the opposite orientation
- If (f₁, f₂) is an adapted oriented orthonormal frame along c, then the geodesic curvature of c is

$$\kappa_g = f_2 \cdot f_1'$$

- ▶ The frame $(\tilde{f}_1, \tilde{f}_2) = (-f_1, -f_2)$ has the same orientation in M as (f_1, f_2) and therefore is an adapted oriented frame along \tilde{c}
- The geodesic curvature of is therefore

$$\tilde{\kappa}_g = \tilde{f}_2 \cdot \tilde{f}_1' = (-f_2) \cdot (-f_1)' = f_2 \cdot f_1' = \kappa_g$$

Therefore,

$$\int_{\tilde{c}} \tilde{\kappa}_{g} = -\int_{c} \kappa_{g}$$

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Closed Riemannian 2-Manifold



- Edge of a rectangular 2-manifold can be glued to an edge of another rectangular 2-manifold if
 - The edges have the same length
 - The geodesic curvature, as a function of arclength, is the same on both edges
- A closed 2-manifold is a finite collection of rectangular 2-manifolds satisfying the following:
 - Each edge of a rectangular manifold is glued to another edge of a rectangular manifold
 - At each vertex, the sum of the interior angles is 2π
- An orientation on a closed 2-manifold is an orientation on each rectangle such that each edge has two opposite orientations

Towards Gauss-Bonnet for a Closed Surface





Each edge is in boundary of two rectangles

Sum of angles at each vertex $= 2\pi$

Let M be a closed surface and

- F = number of faces (rectangles)
- E = number of edges
- V = number of vertices

Since each face has 4 edges, and each edge is counted twice,

$$2E = 4F \implies F = F - E$$

► If $\beta_{1,1}, \ldots, \beta_{N,4}$ are all interior angles, then $\beta_1 + \cdots + \beta_N = 2\pi V$

Gauss-Bonnet on a Closed Surface

- Consider a rectangulated closed 2-manifold $M = R_1 \cup \cdots \cup R_F$
- Gauss-Bonnet for rectangular 2-manifolds \implies

$$\int_{M} K \, dA = \sum_{k=1}^{N} \int_{R_{k}} K \, dA$$
$$= \sum_{k=1}^{F} \left(\int_{\partial R_{k}} \kappa_{g} \, dt + \beta_{k,1} + \beta_{k,2} + \beta_{k,3} + \beta_{k,4} - 2\pi \right)$$
$$= 2\pi V - 2\pi F$$
$$= 2\pi (V - E + F)$$

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Consequences of Gauss-Bonnet

Given any two Riemannian metrics on a closed 2-manifold M,

$$\int_M K_1 \, dA_1 = \int_M K_2 \, dA_2$$

Given any two rectangulations of a closed 2-manifold M,

$$V_1 - E_1 + F_1 = V_2 - E_2 + F_2$$

Define the Euler characteristic of M to be

$$\chi(M) = V - E + F = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_M K \, dA$$

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- It depends on neither the Riemannian metric nor the rectangulation
- It therefore is a topological invariant

Gauss-Bonnet Theorem for a Polygonal Surface

- Let M be a surface parameterized by a polygon P with N edges
- Let $\theta_1, \ldots, \theta_N$ be the exterior angles at the vertices
- The interior angles are therefore $\beta_j = \pi \theta_j$, $1 \le j \le N$
- The Gauss-Bonnet theorem says:

$$\int_{M} K \, dA = -\int_{\partial P} \kappa_{g} \, dt + 2\pi - (\theta_{1} + \dots + \theta_{N})$$
$$= -\int_{\partial P} \kappa_{g} \, dt + 2\pi - (\pi - \beta_{1} + \dots + \pi - \beta_{N})$$
$$= -\int_{\partial P} \kappa_{g} \, dt + (2 - N)\pi + \beta_{1} + \dots + \beta_{N}$$

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Decomposition of Surface into Polygonal Surfaces

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$$M = P_1 \cup \cdots \cup P_F$$
, where

• P_k is parameterized by a polygon with E_k sides

- $\beta_{k,1}, \ldots, \beta_{k,E_k}$ are interior angles
- $P_j \cap P_k$ is a union of edges and vertices of P_j and P_k

The number of edges and faces must satisfy

$$2E = \sum_{k=1}^{F} E_k$$

The sum of all interior angles of all vertices must satisfy

$$\sum_{k=1}^{F}\sum_{j=1}^{E_k}\beta_{k,j}=2\pi V$$

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The sum of the integrals of geodesic curvature along the edges must add to zero

Gauss-Bonnet Theorem

Gauss-Bonnet for a polygonal surface with N edges

$$\int_{P} K \, dA = - \int_{\partial P} \kappa_g \, dt + (2 - N)\pi + \sum_{j=1}^{N} \beta_j$$



$$\int_{M} K \, dA = \sum_{k=1}^{F} \int_{P_{k}} K \, dA$$
$$= \sum_{k=1}^{F} \left(-\int_{\partial P_{k}} \kappa_{g} \, dt + (2 - E_{k})\pi + \sum_{j=1}^{E_{k}} \beta_{k,j} \right)$$
$$= 2\pi (F - E + V)$$

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