

Lemma: Recall:  $\exp_p: T_p M \rightarrow M$   
 from a neighborhood of  $0 \in T_p M$   
 to a neighborhood of  $p \in M$ .

$0 \in T_p M \cong \mathbb{R}^2$  is a surface.

$$T_0(T_p M) = T_p M$$

$$\text{because } T_0 \mathbb{R}^2 = \mathbb{R}^2$$

The differential of  $\exp$ :

$$\exp_*: T_0(T_p M) = T_p M \rightarrow T_p M.$$

Lemma:  $\exp_*$  is the identity.

Proof:  $v \in T_p M$   $\exp_*(v) = v$  ?  
 $\alpha(t) := tv$   $\alpha(0) = 0$   $\alpha'(0) = v$

$$\begin{aligned} \exp_*(v) &= \left. \frac{d}{dt} (\exp(\alpha(t))) \right|_{t=0} \\ &= \left. \frac{d}{dt} (\exp(tv)) \right|_{t=0} \\ &= \left. \frac{d}{dt} (\gamma_{tv}(1)) \right|_{t=0} \\ &= \left. \frac{d}{dt} (\gamma_v(t)) \right|_{t=0} = \gamma'(0) \\ &= v \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Corollary:  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  s.t.

$\exp|_{D_\epsilon} : D_\epsilon \rightarrow \mathcal{N}_\epsilon$  is a

diffeomorphism, where

$$D_\epsilon = \{v \mid |v| < \epsilon\} \subset T_p M = \mathbb{R}^2$$

and  $\mathcal{N}_\epsilon$  is a neighborhood of  $p$  in  $M$

Proof: Apply the inverse function theorem, using the lemma.  $\square$

Definition:  $\mathcal{N}_\epsilon$  as above is called a normal neighborhood of  $p$ .

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Back to geodesics:

We use the exponential map to "transfer" the polar coordinates on the plane to the surface.

$$(u, v) = (r, \theta).$$

$u$ -parameter curves are unit <sup>speed</sup> geodesics  
 $v$ -parameter curves are images of circles, called polar circles.

Choose a basis  $e_1, e_2$  of  $T_p M$

$$x = r \cos \theta = u \cos v$$

$$y = r \sin \theta = u \sin v.$$

vectors in  $T_p M$  will be of the form  $u \cos v e_1 + u \sin v e_2$ .

map  $\varphi: T_p M \rightarrow M$

$$\varphi(u, v) = \exp(u \cos v e_1 + u \sin v e_2)$$

$$= \gamma_{u \cos v e_1 + u \sin v e_2} (1)$$

$$= \gamma_{\cos v e_1 + \sin v e_2} (u).$$

$\gamma_{\cos v e_1 + \sin v e_2}$  is a unit speed geodesic because  $\gamma'(0) = \cos v e_1 + \sin v e_2$  has length 1  $\Rightarrow |\gamma'| = 1$  everywhere because geodesics have constant speed.

$$\gamma' = \varphi_u \quad \text{So} \quad \gamma' \cdot \gamma' = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi_u \cdot \varphi_u = 1$$

$$\| \varphi_u \| = 1 \quad \text{everywhere.}$$

$\varphi: T_p M \rightarrow M$  defined on a neighborhood  $D_\varepsilon$  of 0.

$\exists$  largest  $\varepsilon_1 > 0$  (possibly  $\infty$ )

s.t.  $\varphi$  is well-defined on  $D_{\varepsilon_1}$ :

$$\varphi: D_\varepsilon \rightarrow M$$

is the geodesic polar map.

$\exists$  largest  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  (possibly  $\infty$ )

s.t.  $\varphi$  is a diffeomorphism from  $D_{\varepsilon_0}$  to its image  $\mathcal{N}_{\varepsilon_0} \subset M$ .

$$\varphi: D_{\varepsilon_0} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}_{\varepsilon_0}$$

is a geodesic polar parametrization with pole  $p$ .

$$\varphi_r(0) = 0 \quad \text{because}$$

$$\varphi_r(0, r) = r \quad \forall r.$$

Lemma: For a geodesic polar parametrization:  $E=1$ ,  $F=0$ ,  $G>0$  everywhere except that  $G=0$  at 0.

Proof: We already know that the  $u$ -parameter curves are unit speed geodesics so that  $E = \psi_u \cdot \psi_u = 1$  and  $\psi_{uu}$  is normal to  $M$ .

$$\Rightarrow \psi_{uu} \cdot \psi_u = \psi_{uu} \cdot \psi_v = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_u &= (\psi_u \cdot \psi_v)_u = \psi_{uu} \cdot \psi_v + \psi_u \cdot \psi_{vu} \\ &= 0 + \psi_u \cdot \psi_{uv} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

because  $E_v = E_u = 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \psi_u \cdot \psi_{uv}$

So  $F$  is independent of  $u$

$$\Rightarrow F(u, v) = F(0, v) \quad \forall v$$

$$(\psi_u'' \cdot \psi_v)(0) = 0$$

because  $\psi_v(0) = 0$ .

$$\Rightarrow F = 0 \quad \text{everywhere.}$$

Now G:  $G = \psi_v \cdot \psi_v$

$\psi$  is regular on  $D_\varepsilon$  except at 0.

$$\Rightarrow \psi_v \neq 0 \quad G = |\psi_v|^2 > 0$$

except at 0.  $\square$

Claim: Suppose  $\varphi_\varepsilon : D_\varepsilon \rightarrow \mathcal{N}_\varepsilon \subset M$  is a geodesic polar parametrization with pole  $p$ . Then  $\forall q \in \mathcal{N}_\varepsilon$ , geodesics from  $p$  to  $q$  are the curves of <sup>in  $\mathcal{N}_\varepsilon$</sup>  shortest length from  $p$  to  $q$  in  $\mathcal{N}_\varepsilon$ .

Proof: Suppose  $\alpha : [0, u_0] \rightarrow \mathcal{N}_\varepsilon$  is a unit speed geodesic s.t.  $\alpha(0) = p$  and  $\alpha(u_0) = q$ . ~~(that's)~~  $\varphi(u_0, ?)$   
 Suppose  $\beta : [0, u_0] \rightarrow \mathcal{N}_\varepsilon$  is another curve s.t.  $\beta(0) = p$  and  $\beta(u_0) = q$ .  
 (reparametrize  $\beta$  if necessary to ensure that  $\alpha$  &  $\beta$  are defined on the same interval)

$\alpha$  is a  $u$ -parameter curve for a geodesic polar parametrization.

The length of  $\alpha$  is

$$L(\alpha) = \int_0^{u_0} \underbrace{|\alpha'|}_{1} du = \int_0^{u_0} du = u_0$$

$$L(\beta) = \int_0^{u_0} |\beta'| du \quad \text{write } \beta(u) = \varphi(u)$$

write  $\beta(u) = \varphi(f(u), g(u))$

$$\beta' = f' \varphi_u + g' \varphi_v$$

$$|\beta'| = \sqrt{E f'^2 + 2F f'g' + G g'^2}$$
$$= \sqrt{f'^2 + G g'^2}$$

$$L(\beta) = \int_0^{u_0} \sqrt{f'^2 + G g'^2} du$$

$$\geq \int_0^{u_0} f' du = f(u_0) - f(0)$$
$$= f(u_0) = u_0 = L(\alpha) \quad \square$$

Remark: Since  $\exists!$  <sup>line</sup>  $\mathbb{R}^n$  plane through any two points,  $\exists!$  geodesic from  $p$  to any point  $q \in \mathcal{U}_\varepsilon$  normal neighborhood

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Back to completeness:

Theorem (Hoff-Poincaré, 5.3.1) If  $M$  is geodesically complete, then any two points can be joined by a geodesic and

curves of shortest length between two points are geodesics.

Definition: A surface  $M \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  is closed if  $\forall$  sequence  $\{z_n\}$  of points of  $M$  s.t.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = z \in \mathbb{R}^3$

we have  $z \in M$ .

Theorem: If  $M \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  is closed, then  $M$  is geodesically complete.

Surfaces NOT in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ :

How do we measure length on  $M$ ?

We need to measure lengths of velocity vectors of curves, i.e., lengths of tangent vectors.

Def: An abstract surface is the union of images of domains in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

e.g.:  $D_1 \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \supset D_2$   
open discs in  $\mathbb{R}^2$



choose  $U_1 \subset D_1$   $U_2 \subset D_2$   
open open

and a diffeomorphism  $\varphi: U_1 \rightarrow U_2$

$D_1 \cup D_2$  identify  $p \in U_1$  with  
 $\varphi(p) \in U_2$ .