

we prove  $\omega = \omega_{12}$  :

By our observation, we need to

show:  $\omega(E_1) = \omega_{12}(E_1)$  and

$\omega(E_2) = \omega_{12}(E_2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} d\theta_1(E_1, E_2) &= (\omega \wedge \theta_2)(E_1, E_2) \\ &= \omega(E_1)\theta_2(E_2) = \omega(E_1) \\ &= (\omega_{12} \wedge \theta_2)(E_1, E_2) = \omega_{12}(E_1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d\theta_2(E_1, E_2) &= -(\omega \wedge \theta_1)(E_1, E_2) \\ &= +\omega(E_2)\theta_1(E_1) = \omega(E_2) \\ &= -(\omega_{12} \wedge \theta_1)(E_1, E_2) = \omega_{12}(E_2) \end{aligned}$$

So  $\omega = \omega_{12}$

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Back to an abstract surface  $M$ :

$\varphi: D \rightarrow M$  a coordinate chart.

$p \in M$        $q = \varphi^{-1}(p)$ .

$$\mathbb{R}^2 = T_q D \xrightarrow{\cong} T_p M$$

$$(1, 0) \longleftrightarrow \varphi_u$$

$$(0, 1) \longleftrightarrow \varphi_v$$

Suppose we are given a metric  $\langle, \rangle$  on  $M$

Can Define  $E_1 := \frac{1}{\|\psi_u\|} \psi_u$

$$E_2 := \frac{1}{\|\psi_v - \frac{\langle \psi_u, \psi_v \rangle}{\langle \psi_u, \psi_u \rangle} \psi_u\|} \left( \psi_v - \frac{\langle \psi_u, \psi_v \rangle}{\langle \psi_u, \psi_u \rangle} \psi_u \right)$$

So frame fields exist on  $M$  (there are lots of them).

Given any frame field  $\{E_1, E_2\}$  on  $M$ , we can define the dual 1-forms  $\theta_1, \theta_2$ .

$\forall p \in M, v \in T_p M$

can write  $v = \lambda E_1 + \mu E_2$ .

so  $\theta_1(v) = \lambda, \theta_2(v) = \mu$

Can define  $\omega_{12}$  by the relations:

$$\boxed{d\theta_1 = \omega_{12} \wedge \theta_2, d\theta_2 = \omega_{21} \wedge \theta_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{d\theta_1(E_1, E_2) = (\omega_{12} \wedge \theta_2)(E_1, E_2)} \\ = \omega_{12}(E_1)$$

$$d\theta_2(E_1, E_2) = (\omega_{21} \wedge \theta_1)(E_1, E_2) \\ = -\omega_{21}(E_2) = \omega_{12}(E_2)$$

$$\omega_{12} = \omega_{12}(E_1) \theta_1 + \omega_{12}(E_2) \theta_2.$$

Recall:  $d\omega_{12} = -K \theta_1 \wedge \theta_2.$

$\theta_1 \wedge \theta_2$  gives a basis of the space of two forms, so  $d\omega_{12}$  is a multiple of  $\theta_1 \wedge \theta_2$ , the Gaussian curvature is defined to be the negative of the coefficient of  $d\omega_{12}$  on  $\theta_1 \wedge \theta_2$ .

When  $M$  was in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , we had a unit normal, say  $E_3$ .  
 For any two vector fields  $V, W$  on  $M$ , we could extend them to a small neighborhood of  $M$  and then define the covariant derivative of  $W$  in the direction of  $V$  to be the projection to

$T_p M$  (at any  $p \in M$ ) of the directional derivative of  $W$  in the direction of  $V$ .

$\tilde{\nabla}_V W :=$  the directional derivative of  $W$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

$\{E_1, E_2, E_3\}$  frame field in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  adapted to  $M$ .

$$\tilde{\nabla}_V W = ? E_1 + ? E_2 + ? E_3.$$

$$\nabla_V W := ? E_1 + ? E_2$$

Need to generalize <sup>the</sup> covariant derivative to an abstract geometric surface. We need certain properties of the derivative, (so it behaves like what we intuitively think of as a derivative)

Def: A covariant derivative on  $M$  is a rule for assigning a vector field  $\nabla_Y W$  to a pair of vector fields  $Y, W$  on  $M$ . This should have the following properties:

- (1) It should be linear in  $Y$ :
- $\forall$  functions  $f_1, f_2$  on  $M$
  - $\forall$  vector fields  $V_1, V_2$  on  $M$ :
  - $\forall W$  vector field on  $M$ :

$$\nabla_{(f_1 V_1 + f_2 V_2)} W = f_1 \nabla_{V_1} W + f_2 \nabla_{V_2} W.$$

- (2)  $\forall V$  vector field on  $M$
- $\forall$  ~~vector~~  $W_1, W_2$  vector fields on  $M$ :

$$\nabla_V (W_1 + W_2) = \nabla_V (W_1) + \nabla_V (W_2).$$

(3)  $\forall V$  vector field on  $M$

$\forall f$  function on  $M$

$\forall W$  vector field on  $M$

$$\nabla_V (fW) = (\nabla_V f)W + f(\nabla_V W)$$

in O'Neill:  ~~$V[f]$~~   $V[f] := \nabla_V f$

given a curve  $\alpha(t)$  s.t.  ~~$\alpha$~~

$$\alpha(0) = p, \quad \alpha'(0) = V$$

$$\nabla_V f \text{ at } p = \left. \frac{d}{dt} f(\alpha(t)) \right|_{t=0}$$

(p. 155 in O'Neill, Def. 4.3.10)

(4)  $\forall V$  vector field on  $M$

$\forall W_1, W_2$  vector fields on  $M$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_V \langle W_1, W_2 \rangle &= V[\langle W_1, W_2 \rangle] \\ &= \langle \nabla_V W_1, W_2 \rangle + \langle W_1, \nabla_V W_2 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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Remark: To define a covariant derivative on  $M$ , using the above

properties, it is enough to define it on  $E_1, E_2$  where  $\{E_1, E_2\}$  is a frame field on  $M$ :

Suppose we know  $\nabla_V(E_1)$  and  $\nabla_V(E_2)$   
Given any vector field  $W$  on  $M$ ,  
we can find functions  $f_1, f_2$  on  $M$   
s.t.  $W = f_1 E_1 + f_2 E_2$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } \nabla_V W &= \nabla_V (f_1 E_1) + \nabla_V (f_2 E_2) \\ &= V[f_1] E_1 + f_1 \nabla_V (E_1) + V[f_2] E_2 + f_2 \nabla_V (E_2) \end{aligned}$$

We already have  $E_1, E_2, \theta_1, \theta_2, \omega_{12}$ , so we can define

$$\nabla_V E_1 := \omega_{12}(V) E_2$$

$$\nabla_V E_2 := \omega_{21}(V) E_1 = -\omega_{12}(V) E_1$$

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Given a curve in  $M$ , say  $\alpha(t)$ ,  
extend  $\alpha'(t)$  to a vector field  $V$

in a neighborhood of  $\alpha$ .

Def: We say that a vector field  $W$  on  $M$ , is parallel on  $\alpha$  if  $\nabla_{\dot{\alpha}} W = 0$  everywhere on  $\alpha$ . (In other words, when we restrict  $W$  to  $\alpha$ ,  $W' = 0$ )

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What happens when we change frame fields?

$$\cos \varphi = \langle E_1, \bar{E}_1 \rangle$$

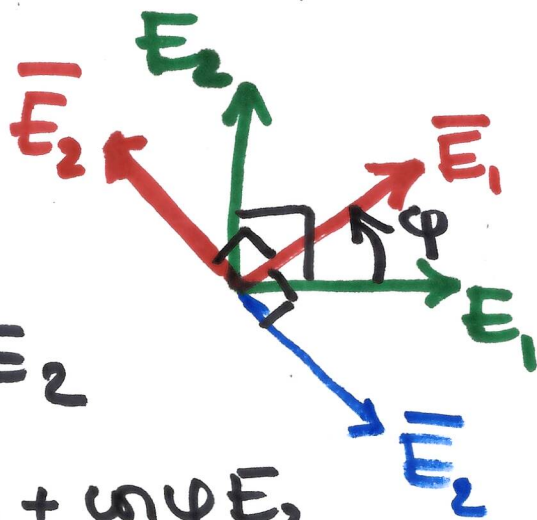
$$\bar{E}_1 = \cos \varphi E_1 + \sin \varphi E_2$$

either:  $\bar{E}_2 = -\sin \varphi E_1 + \cos \varphi E_2$

or:  $\bar{E}_2 = \sin \varphi E_1 - \cos \varphi E_2$ .

$\varphi(t)$  is a function on  $M$ .

We'll do the case where  $\{\bar{E}_1, \bar{E}_2\}$  has the same orientation as  $\{E_1, E_2\}$ ,





the other case is similar.

$$\bar{\theta}_1 = \bar{\theta}_1(E_1) \theta_1 + \bar{\theta}_1(E_2) \theta_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{E}_1 \\ \bar{E}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \varphi & \sin \varphi \\ -\sin \varphi & \cos \varphi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \varphi & \sin \varphi \\ -\sin \varphi & \cos \varphi \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{E}_1 \\ \bar{E}_2 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \varphi & -\sin \varphi \\ \sin \varphi & \cos \varphi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{E}_1 \\ \bar{E}_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{\theta}_1 = \cos \varphi \theta_1 + \sin \varphi \theta_2$$

$$\bar{\theta}_2 = \bar{\theta}_2(E_1) \theta_1 + \bar{\theta}_2(E_2) \theta_2$$
$$= -\sin \varphi \theta_1 + \cos \varphi \theta_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{\theta}_1 \\ \bar{\theta}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \varphi & \sin \varphi \\ -\sin \varphi & \cos \varphi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$d\bar{\theta}_1 = d(\cos \varphi \theta_1) + d(\sin \varphi \theta_2)$$
$$= -\sin \varphi d\varphi \wedge \theta_1 + \cos \varphi d\theta_1$$

$$+ \cos \varphi \, d\varphi \wedge \theta_2 + \sin \varphi \, d\theta_2.$$

$$d\theta_2 = -\cos \varphi \, d\varphi \wedge \theta_1 - \sin \varphi \, d\theta_1 \\ - \sin \varphi \, d\varphi \wedge \theta_2 + \cos \varphi \, d\theta_2.$$