

# Riemann Curvature

Recall Gaussian curvature of 2-plane is the product of 2 principal curvatures.

Riemann want to describe curv. of  $R^m$  ( $m^m, g$ ) for general  $m \geq 3$ . by gaussian curv.

Remark: i) Let  $U \subset T_p M$ . s.t.  $\exp_p: U \rightarrow U \subset M$  is diffeo.  $N := \exp_p(U \cap \Pi)$  for set of geodesic.  $\Rightarrow$  flatness.

Then Riemann define the sectional curvature  $K(\Pi)$  as gaussian curvature at  $p$  of  $N$ . (depend only on  $g$ )

ii) Recall Gauss-Bonnet Thm:

$\int_D K dA = 2\pi - T(\partial D)$ . measuring the integral of gauss curvature  $K(p)$ .

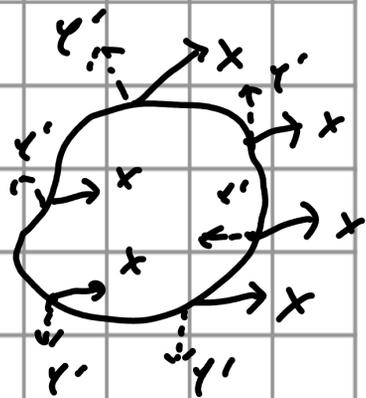
Note that RNS is rotation angle of

holonomy  $P_{\partial D}$ . i.e. compare para.

transport  $X$  and tangent vec.

$Y'$  around  $\partial D$ .  $2\pi$  is the

rotation angle of  $Y'$  for 1 round.



while TC (DD) is rotation angle of  
 $X$ . (Since  $Y$  return its initial value  
 but  $X$  doesn't!)  
 $\Rightarrow$  It can be used to find  $R(p)$   
 by measuring holonomy of small loop  
 around  $p$ . (Area divide by the area.)  
 i.e. holonomy around  $\Sigma$ -loop at  $p$  is  $\sim$   
 $\Sigma$ -rotation at speed  $R(p)$ . as  $\Sigma \rightarrow 0$ .

(1) Definition:

Recall:  $0 = X(Yf) - Y(Xf) - [X, Y]f$ .

Note that  $[X, Y]$  acts as a correction  
 when measuring symmetry of  $X, Y$  here.

We also want to measure sym of  $[X, Y]$

$\mapsto \nabla_X \nabla_Y z$ , fix LC connection  $\nabla$ :

Def: Riemannian curv. op. :  $R : \mathcal{X}(M) \rightarrow$  <sup>③</sup>

$\mathcal{X}(M)$  is  $R(X, Y)z = \nabla_X \nabla_Y z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X z -$

$\nabla_{[X, Y]} z$

Remark:  $z$ 's linear and tensorial (i.e.)

$R(fX, Y)z = R(X, fY)z = R(X, Y)(fz) =$   
 $fR(X, Y)z$  by product rule of  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  &  
 $\nabla$ . Also, its value at  $p$  only depend  
 on  $X_p, Y_p, z_p$ .

ii) We can generalize it on vector bundle

$$E \rightarrow M : R^\nabla(X, Y)\sigma = \nabla_X \nabla_Y \sigma - \dots$$

e.g. On trivial bundle  $M \times \mathbb{R}^n$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 R^\nabla(X, Y)\sigma &= X(Y\sigma) - Y(X\sigma) - [X, Y]\sigma \\
 &= 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

ii) Riemann curvature tensor  $R(X, Y, z, w) :=$   
 $\langle R(X, Y)z, w \rangle$

Rm: Under local chart  $(U, \varphi)$  and the  
 coordinate frame  $\{d_i\}$ .

$$\text{Set } R(d_k, d_i)d_\ell := \sum_m R_{lik} d_m.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle R(d_k, d_i)d_\ell, d_j \rangle &:= R_{ljki} \\
 &= \sum_m R_{lik} \delta_{mj}
 \end{aligned}$$

Write in Christoffel symbols: We have

$$R_{lik}^j = \partial_k \Gamma_{il}^j - \partial_l \Gamma_{ik}^j + \sum_m (\Gamma_{il}^m \Gamma_{mk}^j - \Gamma_{ik}^m \Gamma_{ml}^j)$$

(2) Symmetry:

Thm. i)  $R(X, Y) = -R(Y, X)$

ii)  $\langle R(X, Y)Z, W \rangle = -\langle R(X, Y)W, Z \rangle$

iii)  $\sum_{\text{cyc}} R(X, Y)Z = 0$ . (1<sup>st</sup> Bianchi. id.)

iv)  $\langle R(X, Y)Z, W \rangle = \langle R(Z, W)X, Y \rangle$ .

Remark: ii) means  $R(X, Y)$  is truly a infinitesimal rotation.

Pf: i) is trivial. iv) follows from i) - iii) by cyclically permute.  $X, Y, Z, W$ .

For iii): By linear and tensorial:

Set  $X = d_i, Y = d_j, Z = d_k$

w.l.o.g.  $i \neq j \neq k$ . otherwise, by i), it's trivial case.

$$\sum_i \langle R(d_i, d_j)d_k - R(d_k, d_j)d_i \rangle = 0$$

For ii): Set  $X = d_i \neq d_j = Y$

We show  $\langle R(X, Y)T, T \rangle = 0$ .

(Then let  $T = Z + W$  to obtain it)

$\mathcal{L}^0$ , from metric compat and  
 torsion-free of  $\nabla$ ,  $\sum \partial_j \partial_i = 0$   
 check  $\partial_j \langle \partial_i \langle T, T \rangle \rangle = 0$ .

prop: We have sym bilinear form on  $\Lambda^2 T_p M$   
 $S \langle X \wedge Y, Z \wedge W \rangle = - \langle R(X, Y)Z, W \rangle$ .

Def: Sectional curvature of 2-plane  $\pi \subset T_p M$   
 is  $k(\pi) := S \langle X \wedge Y, X \wedge Y \rangle / \langle \langle X \wedge Y \rangle \rangle$   
 where  $\langle \langle X \wedge Y, Z \wedge W \rangle \rangle := \langle X, Z \rangle \langle Y, W \rangle$   
 $- \langle X, W \rangle \langle Y, Z \rangle$  and  $\pi = \text{span}\{X, Y\}$ .

prop:  $\mathcal{L}^0$  agrees with Riemann's original  
 idea  $k(\pi)$  is the Gaussian  
 curv. of flattest surf.  $N \subset M$ .  
 $\mathcal{L}^0 \cdot T_p N = \pi$ .

Lemma. If  $S$  is sym. bilinear form on  $\Lambda^2 U$   
 satisfies 1<sup>st</sup> Bianchi id. i.e.  
 $\sum_{x, y, z} S \langle X \wedge Y, Z \wedge W \rangle = 0$ . Then =  
 $S \langle X \wedge Y, X \wedge Y \rangle = 0 \quad \forall X, Y \in U \Rightarrow S = 0$ .

Pf: 1)  $0 = \int \langle (X+Y) \wedge Z \rangle$   
 $= 2 \int \langle X \wedge Z, Y \wedge Z \rangle$

2)  $0 = \int \langle X \wedge (Z+W), Y \wedge (Z+W) \rangle$   
 $= \int \langle X \wedge Z, Y \wedge W \rangle + \int \langle X \wedge W, Y \wedge Z \rangle$

$\int_0 = \int \langle X \wedge Z, Y \wedge W \rangle$  Permutation  $XYZW$   
 $=$   
 $\int \langle Z \wedge X, Y \wedge W \rangle =$   
 $\int \langle X \wedge W, Y \wedge Z \rangle$

With 1<sup>st</sup> Bianchi's id.

Prop:  $S$  can normally be expressed  
in 16 terms of its diagonal:

$$6S = X \wedge Y, Z \wedge W = S \langle (X+Z) \wedge (Y+W) \dots$$

Thm. The sectional curv.  $K(\pi)$  of 2-plane  
 $\pi \subset T_p M$  completely determines the  
Riemann curvature  $R_p$  at  $p \in M$ .

(3) 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bianchi. id.:

Note connection can be defined on v.f.:

Def:  $(\nabla_X R)(Y, Z)W := \nabla_X (R(Y, Z)W) - R(\nabla_X Y, Z)W$   
 $- R(Y, \nabla_X Z)W - R(Y, Z)(\nabla_X W)$ .

Rmk:  $\mathcal{L}$ 's  $C^\infty$ -linear on  $X, Y, Z, W$ .

prop. (2<sup>nd</sup> - Bianchi id.)

$$\sum_{cyc}^{xyz} (\nabla_x R)(Y, Z)W = 0. \quad \forall X, Y, Z, W \in \mathcal{X}(M)$$

Pf: WLOG.  $[X, Y, Z, W] \subset [di]$ .

Expand the three terms with  
using  $\nabla_x Y = \nabla_Y X$

Pf: i)  $R$ -m  $(M, g)$  is isotropic at  $p \in M$

if  $K(\pi) = f(p)$ , indep of choice

of 2-plane  $\pi \subset T_p M$ .

ii)  $R$ -m  $(M, g)$  has const. curvature

if  $K(\pi) \equiv k$ , indep of  $p$  and  $\forall$

2-plane  $\pi \subset T_p M$ .

Rmk: Set  $R_1(X, Y)Z := \langle Y, Z \rangle X - \langle X, Z \rangle Y$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  has const. curvature.

Since  $\langle R_1(X, Y)Z, W \rangle = \langle X \wedge Y, Z \wedge W \rangle$

so  $k \equiv 1$ .

Lemma.  $\nabla_x R_1 \equiv 0$ . (by metric comp. of  $\nabla$ )

Thm.  $(M^n, g)$  is connected R-m. s.e.  $n \geq 3$   
 which is isotropic at  $\forall p \in M$ . Then  $M$   
 has const. Riemann curvature.

Proof: It's false if  $n=2$  since any  
 surface is trivially isotropic.

Pf: We have  $R(X, Y)Z = F_p R_1(X, Y)Z$ .

$$\Rightarrow (\nabla_X R)(Y, Z)W = \overset{\text{const}}{=} (X_k) R_1(Y, Z)W.$$

Cyclically permute  $X, Y, Z$ .

Using 2<sup>nd</sup> Bianchi id. we get

$$\sum_{\substack{xyz \\ cyc}} (c_{zk}) \langle Y, W \rangle - (c_{yk}) \langle Z, W \rangle X = 0.$$

Let  $X, Y, Z$  orthogonal.  $\Rightarrow$  coeff = 0

$$\text{So: } 0 = (X_k) \langle Z, W \rangle - (Z_k) \langle X, W \rangle$$

$$\text{Set } Z = W \Rightarrow X_k = 0. \quad \forall X \in \mathcal{X}(M)$$

So  $k \equiv \text{const}$  on connected  $M$ .

Proof: (\*) using  $n \geq 3$ !

Thm. Any two manifolds of same const.  
 curvature  $k$  are locally isometric.

Prop: Up to scaling, any mfd of  
nonzero curv. has curv.  $k = \pm 1$ .

Ex.  $k_{S^m} = 1$ .  $k_{\mathbb{H}^m} = -1$ .  $k_{\mathbb{R}^m} = 0$

Thm.<sup>(4)</sup> Any complete connected mfd of const.  
curvature  $k$  is isometric to  $S^m$  or  
 $\mathbb{R}^m$  or  $\mathbb{H}^m$  (by some discrete, fixed  
-point free group of isometries) locally  
up to scaling.

(4) Examples for const. curv.

① Hyperbolic Space  $\mathbb{H}^m$ :

$\mathbb{H}^m$  is simply connected space with  $k$   
 $\equiv -1$ . Next, we will def  $\mathbb{H}^m$  as an open  
subset of  $\mathbb{R}^m$

Set  $\varphi: U \subset \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  smooth. And give  
Riemann metric on  $U$  by  $g_{ij} = e^{-2\varphi} \delta_{ij}$

Remember  $\varphi_k = d_k \varphi$ . Then for  $LC$  conn.  $\nabla$ :

$$\text{As } \Gamma_{ij}^k = -\varphi_i \delta_{jk} - \varphi_j \delta_{ik} + \varphi_k \delta_{ij}$$

Also express  $R_{ikl}^j$  in  $(\Gamma_{ij}^k)$ . take into

$$R_{ijkl} = \sum_m \Gamma_{im}^n R_{nikl} = e^{-2\varphi} R_{ikl}^j$$

$$S_0 = K \langle \pi_{ij} \rangle = R_{ijji} / \Gamma_{ii} \Gamma_{jj} = e^{-2\varphi} R_{ijj}^i$$

Now, let  $U = \{x' > 0\}$  and  $\varphi(x) = \log(x')$

$$\Rightarrow K \langle \pi_{ij} \rangle = -1$$

And actually, in the formula above, we have:

$$R = -R, \quad S_0 : K \equiv -1.$$

Remark: i) Geodesic in such  $M^m$  are rays &

semicircles  $\perp \{x' = 0\}$

(since we have  $\Gamma_{ij}^k$ . we can solve it)

ii) Equi. conformal model is set  $U = B_1(0)$

$$\text{and } \varphi(x) = (\log(1 - |x|^2)) - \log 2$$

iii) Isometry for  $M^m$  is Mobius transf on

$\mathbb{R}^m$  preserve  $U$ .

② Pinched Curvature:

Or let  $M^m$  in (3):

i) If we drop "completeness". Then  $M$  is too varied to describe.

ii) If we drop "simply conn". Then  $M$  is quotient of  $S^m$  by some discrete group of isometries. e.g.  $RP^m = S^m / \{\pm 1\}$ .

RM: i) If  $m = 2n$ , then  $RP^m$  is the only

ii) If  $m = 2n+1$ , then there infinite many examples, e.g. lens space  $S^{2n+1}/Z^k$ . Where  $Z^k = \{e^{2\pi i n/k}\}$  finite cyclic group which has  $k \equiv 1$ .

What if we consider  $m/k$  with  $k > 0$  and pinched between 2 const.?

e.g. Complex proj. space  $CP^n \cong S^{2n+1}/S^1$  with with natural metric has  $1 \leq k \leq 4$ .

Th. If complete, simply connected with  $M^m$  has  $(0 < k < \pi) \cup (\pi < k < 2\pi)$ .  $\forall p$ .  $\exists$  2-planes  $\pi, \pi' \in T_p(M)$ . Then  $M$  admits a metric with const.  $k$ . So it's diffeo to  $S^m$ .

(I) Moving frame:

Next, we consider general frame  $\{E_i\}$  for  $T_p M$ ,  $p \in U \subseteq M$ , rather than coordinate frame  $\{\partial_i\}$

Remark: i.e.  $\{E_i, E_j\} \neq 0$  in general!

1) Find dual basis:

$\{\theta^i\} \subseteq T_p^* M$ , s.t.  $\theta^i(E_j) = \delta_{ij}$ ,  $p \in U$ .

Now  $\nabla_{E_i} E_j = \sum \Gamma_{ij}^k E_k$ .

S.  $\Gamma_{ij}^k = \theta^k(\nabla_{E_i} E_j)$ .

Def: Connection one-form  $\theta_j^k := \sum \Gamma_{ij}^k \theta^i$

Remark: Note  $\theta_j^k(E_i) = \Gamma_{ij}^k$  by linearity:

$$\nabla_X E_j = \sum_k \theta_j^k(X) E_k, \text{ i.e. } \nabla$$

Will be determined by  $(\theta_j^k)_{m \times m}$ .

$$(E_1 \dots E_m)^T \cdot (\theta_j^k) = (\nabla E_1 \dots \nabla E_m)^T$$

2) Express symmetry of  $\nabla$  in  $\{\theta_j^k\}$

Remark: Since  $\{E_i, E_j\} \neq 0$ . So symmetry of

$\nabla$  won't be equiv. with  $\Gamma_{ij}^k = \Gamma_{ji}^k$ .

By formula for one-form  $\omega \in X, Y$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \omega^k \langle \bar{E}_i, \bar{E}_j \rangle &= \bar{E}_i \omega^k \langle \bar{E}_j \rangle - \bar{E}_j \omega^k \langle \bar{E}_i \rangle \\ &\quad - \omega^k \langle [\bar{E}_i, \bar{E}_j] \rangle = -\omega^k \langle [\bar{E}_i, \bar{E}_j] \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{And } \omega^k \langle \nabla_j \bar{E}_i - \nabla_i \bar{E}_j \rangle &= \Gamma_{ji}^k - \Gamma_{ij}^k \\ &= \sum_{\ell} \theta^\ell \langle \bar{E}_i \rangle \theta_\ell^k \langle \bar{E}_j \rangle - \theta^\ell \langle \bar{E}_j \rangle \theta_\ell^k \langle \bar{E}_i \rangle \\ &= \sum_{\ell} \theta^\ell \wedge \theta_\ell^k \langle \bar{E}_i, \bar{E}_j \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

$\mathcal{S}_1$ : if  $\nabla$  is torsion-free / symmetric.

$$\Rightarrow \omega^k = \sum_{\ell} \theta^\ell \wedge \theta_\ell^k \quad \forall k.$$

3) Express metric comp. of  $\nabla$  in  $\{\theta^k\}$ :

Define  $g_{ij} = g \langle \bar{E}_i, \bar{E}_j \rangle$ . if  $g$  compatible:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(g_{ij} \langle \bar{E}_k \rangle) &= \bar{E}_k g_{ij} \\ &= g \langle \nabla_{\bar{E}_k} \bar{E}_i, \bar{E}_j \rangle + g \langle \bar{E}_i, \nabla_{\bar{E}_k} \bar{E}_j \rangle \\ &= \sum_{\ell} (g_{j\ell} \theta_\ell^i \langle \bar{E}_k \rangle + g_{i\ell} \theta_\ell^j \langle \bar{E}_k \rangle) \end{aligned}$$

Set  $\theta_{ij} := \sum_{\ell} g_{\ell j} \theta_\ell^i$ . So we have:

$$\omega g_{ij} = \theta_{ij} + \theta_{ji}.$$

4) Express Riemann curvature in  $\{\theta^k\}$ :

Defn  $R \subset \mathbb{R}^k, \mathbb{R}^l, E_i = \sum_j R_{ijk}^j E_j$ .

Pf: i) curvature two form  $\Omega_i^j = \sum_{k < l}$

$$R_{ikl}^j \theta^k \wedge \theta^l$$

$$\underline{\text{Prop}}: R \subset X, Y, E_i = \sum_j \Omega_i^j(X, Y) E_j$$

by bilinearity.

$$J_0 = (E_1 \dots E_m)^T \cdot (\Omega_i^j) =$$

$$(R(\cdot, \cdot) E_1 \dots R(\cdot, \cdot) E_m)^T$$

$$\text{ii) } \Omega_{ij} = \sum_k g_{kj} \Omega_i^k = \sum_{k < l} R_{ijkl} \theta^k \wedge \theta^l$$

$$\underline{\text{Prop}}: \Omega_{ij} = -\Omega_{ji}.$$

$$\underline{\text{Thm}}: \Omega_i^j = \kappa \theta_i^j + \sum_k \theta_k^j \wedge \theta_i^k.$$

$$\underline{\text{Prop}}: \text{i.e. in matrix: } \Omega = \kappa \theta + \theta \wedge \theta.$$

Pf. Simply check  $\sum_j \Omega_i^j(X, Y) E_j$

$$= \sum_j (\kappa \theta_i^j(X, Y) + \dots) E_j$$

with formula w.r.t.  $\langle W \subset X, Y \rangle = \square$

Cor. For  $(e_i)$  o.n.b.  $\subset \mathbb{R}^n$  (i.e.  $g_{ij} = \delta_{ij}$ )

with a frame  $(W_i)$ , we have:

$$\omega_i^j = \kappa W_i^j - \sum_k W_i^k \wedge W_k^j$$

Prop.: By Gram-Schmidt method,

we can construct such  $\{e_i\}$ .

Then:  $g = \sum W^i \otimes W^i$  is a 2-form.

As above, to charac. LC  $\nabla$ :

$$\kappa W^i = \sum_j W^j \wedge W_j^i, \quad W_j^i + W_i^j = 0.$$

$$\text{And } W_{ij} = \sum_k g_{kj} W_i^k = W_i^j.$$

$$\text{with } \omega_{ij} = \sum_k g_{kj} \omega_i^k = \omega_i^j.$$

Prop. For  $M^2$  with orthogonal frame  $\{e_i\}$ .

We have  $\kappa W_1^2 = \omega_1^2 = -\kappa W^1 \wedge W^2$ . So

$\kappa$  is Gauss curvature.

$$\text{Pf: } \omega_1^2 = \kappa W_1^2 - \sum_{i=2}^n W_1^i \wedge W_i^2 = \kappa W_1^2.$$

$$\text{Since } W_i^i + W_j^j = 0 \Rightarrow W_1^1 = W_2^2 = 0$$

$$\text{And } \omega_1^2 = \omega_{12} = \sum_{k < l} R_{12kl} W^k \wedge W^l$$

$$= R_{1212} W^1 \wedge W^2$$

$$\kappa = \kappa \langle \pi \rangle = \langle R(e_1, e_2) e_1, e_2 \rangle$$

$$= -R_{1212}$$

Thm (M.7) is  $\mathbb{R}$ -m.  $\Pi \subset T_p M$  is a 2-plane.

for  $\varepsilon$  small enough, so  $N = \exp_p(\Pi \cap B_\varepsilon(0))$

has  $T_p N = \Pi \subset T_p M$ . Then: Sectional curv.

$K(\Pi) =$  Gauss curv.  $K$  of  $N$  at  $p$ .

Pf: i) Set  $(u_p, x_1, \dots, x_m)$  is normal coordinate.

$\{d_i\}$  is coordinate frame.  $\Pi = \text{span}\{d_1, d_2\}$

Apply Gram-Schmidt method on  $\{d_i\}$

to get  $\{e_i\}$  o.n.b. Note:  $\begin{cases} e_1 = a_1^1 d_1 + a_1^2 d_2 \\ e_2 = a_2^1 d_1 + a_2^2 d_2 \end{cases}$   
 $a_i^j(p) = \delta_{ij}$  ( $g_{ij}(p) = \delta_{ij}$ ).

$\nabla_{x_p} e_i = \sum W_j^i(x_p) d_j = (x_p a_i^1) d_1 + (x_p a_i^2) d_2$

for  $i=1,2$ . Since  $\nabla_{x_p} d_i = 0$ ,  $\forall i$  ( $\Gamma_{ij}^k(p) = 0$ )  
So:  $W_j^i(x_p) = 0$  for  $i=1,2$ ,  $j \geq 3$ .

2)  $L: N \rightarrow M$ , inclusion.  $\tilde{W}^i = L^* W^i$ .  $\tilde{W}_i^j = L^* W_j^i$

So:  $\tilde{W}^i = 0$  for  $i > 2$ .

$\tilde{W}_j^i = \tilde{W}_i^j$  and  $\kappa \tilde{W}^i = \sum \tilde{W}^j \wedge \tilde{W}_j^i$ .

from  $L^*$  commutes with  $\wedge$ .

3) By prop. above:  $\kappa \tilde{W}_1^2 = -K \tilde{W}^1 \wedge \tilde{W}^2$ .

$\kappa W_i^2 = \sum W_1^k \wedge W_k^2 + r_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^2 R_{12k} W^k \wedge W^2$

operate  $L^*$  on both side:  $\kappa \tilde{W}_1^2 = R_{12} \tilde{W}^1 \wedge \tilde{W}^2$ .