

測地線方程式

$C: X=X(s)$ 是曲面 M 上的一條曲線

$t = \frac{dX}{ds}$ 是單位切向量

$\frac{d}{ds} X = X_i \frac{du^i}{ds}$, 則

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dt}{ds} &= \frac{d}{ds} \left(X_i \frac{du^i}{ds} \right) = X_i \frac{d^2 u^i}{ds^2} + \left(X_{ij} \frac{du^j}{ds} \right) \frac{du^i}{ds}, \quad X_{ij} = \Gamma_{ij}^k X_k + b_{ij} N = \Gamma_{kj}^i X_i + b_{kj} N \dots (*) \\ &= \left(\frac{d^2 u^i}{ds^2} + \Gamma_{jk}^i \frac{du^j}{ds} \frac{du^k}{ds} \right) X_i + b_{jk} N \end{aligned} \quad \text{注意到這裡 } i \leftrightarrow k, \text{ 且 } \Gamma_{ij}^k = \Gamma_{ji}^k$$

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$$\frac{d^2 u^i}{ds^2} + \Gamma_{jk}^i \frac{du^j}{ds} \frac{du^k}{ds} = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} d^2 u + \Gamma_{11}^1 (du)^2 + 2\Gamma_{12}^1 dudv + \Gamma_{22}^1 (dv)^2 = 0 \\ d^2 v + \Gamma_{11}^2 (du)^2 + 2\Gamma_{12}^2 dudv + \Gamma_{22}^2 (dv)^2 = 0 \end{cases}$$