

§ S^2

[An Introduction to Riemannian Geometry **Jose Natario**] Ex 3.3 (4)

$\varphi: M \rightarrow N$ is an immersion $\circ (N, g)$ is a Riemannian manifold, then φ^*g is a Riemannian metric in M induced by φ .

$$\varphi: S^2 \rightarrow R^3$$

$$(0, \pi) \times (0, 2\pi) \xrightarrow{\varphi} R^3$$

$$\varphi(\theta, \varphi) = (\sin \theta \cos \varphi, \sin \theta \sin \varphi, \cos \theta)$$

(a) Using these coordinates, determine the expression of the Riemannian metric induced on S^2 by the Euclidean metric of R^3 .

$$(R^3, g), g = dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2, (S^2, \tilde{g}), \tilde{g} = \varphi^*g$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \theta} = (\cos \theta \cos \varphi, \cos \theta \sin \varphi, -\sin \theta)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} = \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \varphi} = (-\sin \theta \sin \varphi, \sin \theta \cos \varphi, 0)$$

$$\tilde{g}_{11} = g_{\theta\theta} = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right\rangle = 1,$$

$$\tilde{g}_{12} = \tilde{g}_{21} = g_{\theta\varphi} = g_{\varphi\theta} = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \right\rangle = 0, \tilde{g}_{22} = g_{\varphi\varphi} = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \varphi} \right\rangle = \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\therefore \varphi^*g = d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\varphi^2$$

Or, on S^2 $x = \sin \theta \cos \varphi, y = \sin \theta \sin \varphi, z = \cos \theta$

$$dx = \cos \theta \cos \varphi d\theta - \sin \theta \sin \varphi d\varphi$$

$$dy = \cos \theta \sin \varphi d\theta + \sin \theta \cos \varphi d\varphi$$

$$dz = -\sin \theta d\theta$$

$$\text{Then } dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 = \dots = d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\varphi^2$$

$\varphi^*g = d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\varphi^2$ is the induced metric on S^2

(b) Compute the Christoffel symbols for the Levi-Civita connection in these coordinates

$$(g_{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sin^2 \theta \end{pmatrix}, (g^{ij}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Gamma_{\varphi\varphi}^{\theta} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{l=1}^2 g^{\theta l} \left(\frac{\partial g_{\varphi l}}{\partial \varphi} + \frac{\partial g_{\varphi l}}{\partial \varphi} - \frac{\partial g_{\varphi\varphi}}{\partial x^l} \right) = \dots = \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{\partial \sin^2 \theta}{\partial \theta} \right) = -\sin \theta \cos \theta$$

同理 $\Gamma_{\theta\varphi}^{\varphi} = \Gamma_{\varphi\theta}^{\varphi} = \cot \theta$

Or let $L = (\dot{\theta})^2 + \sin^2 \theta (\dot{\phi})^2$, consider the Euler equation

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} - \frac{d}{d\tau} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta (\dot{\phi})^2 - \frac{d}{d\tau} (2\dot{\theta}) = 0$$

$$\ddot{\theta} - \sin \theta \cos \theta (\dot{\phi})^2 = 0 \quad \text{imply} \quad \Gamma_{\phi\phi}^{\theta} = -\sin \theta \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi} - \frac{d}{d\tau} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\phi}} \right) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{d\tau} (\sin^2 \theta \times (2\dot{\phi})) = 0$$

$$2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \dot{\theta} \dot{\phi} + \sin^2 \theta \ddot{\phi} = 0 \quad \ddot{\phi} + 2 \cot \theta \dot{\theta} \dot{\phi} = 0 \quad \text{imply} \quad \Gamma_{\theta\phi}^{\phi} = \Gamma_{\phi\theta}^{\phi} = \cot \theta$$

(c) Show that the equator is the image of a geodesic ◦

$$\text{Geodesic equation} \quad \ddot{x}^i + \sum_{j,k} \Gamma_{jk}^i \dot{x}^j \cdot \dot{x}^k = 0 \quad \text{for } i=1, 2$$

$$\text{得} \quad \ddot{\theta} - \sin \theta \cos \theta (\dot{\phi})^2 = 0, \quad \ddot{\phi} + 2 \cot \theta \dot{\theta} \dot{\phi} = 0$$

$$\text{赤道} \begin{cases} \theta(t) = \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \phi(t) = t \end{cases}$$

(d) Show that any rotation about an axis through the origin in R^3 induces an isometry of S^2

Any rotation about an axis through the origin in R^3 is an isometry of R^3 which preserves S^2 ◦

Since we are considering the metric in S^2 induced by the Euclidean metric on R^3 , it is clear that such a rotation will determine an isometry of S^2 ◦

(isometry 等距同購)

(e) Show that the images of geodesics of S^2 are great circles

Given a point $p \in S^2$ and a vector $v \in T_p S^2$, there exists a rotation $R : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ such that $R(p) = (1, 0, 0)$ and $R(v) = (0, 1, 0)$. The geodesic with these initial conditions is clearly the curve c given in coordinates by $\hat{c}(t) = (\theta(t), \varphi(t)) = (\frac{\pi}{2}, t)$, whose image is the equator. By Exercise 3.3(3), the geodesic with initial condition $v \in T_p S^2$ must be $R^{-1} \circ c$. Since the image of c is the intersection of S^2 with the plane $z = 0$, the image of $R^{-1} \circ c$ is the intersection of S^2 with some plane through the origin, i.e. a great circle.

(f) Find a geodesic triangle whose internal angles add up to $\frac{3\pi}{2}$

For example the triangle with vertices $(1,0,0)$, $(0,1,0)$, $(0,0,1)$

(g) Let $c : R \rightarrow S^2$ be given by $c(t) = (\sin \theta_0 \cos t, \sin \theta_0 \sin t, \cos \theta_0)$, where

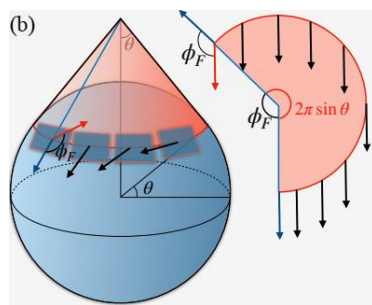
$\theta_0 \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ (therefore c is not a geodesic) .

Let V be a vector field parallel along c such that $V(0) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}$ ($\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}$ is well defined at

$(\sin \theta_0, \cos \theta_0)$ by continuity) .

Compute the angle by which V is rotated when it returns to the initial point .

[Foucault pendulum]



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[From the geometry of Foucault pendulum to the topology of planetary waves]

The metric on S^2 is $ds^2 = d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2$ and $\Gamma_{\phi\phi}^\theta = -\sin \theta \cos \theta$,

$$\Gamma_{\theta\phi}^\phi = \Gamma_{\phi\theta}^\phi = \cot \theta$$

一個 vector field V^μ 沿曲線 $x^\mu(\lambda)$ 平行移動則 $\frac{d}{d\lambda} V^\mu + \Gamma_{ij}^\mu \frac{dx^i}{d\lambda} V^j = 0$

Along the curve c , $\theta = \theta_0$ is a constant, $\phi = t$ then $\dot{\theta} = 0, \dot{\phi} = \frac{d\phi}{dt} = 1$

The equations for paralleltransport are $\dot{V}^i + \sum_{j,k} \Gamma_{jk}^i \dot{x}^j V^k = 0$

$$\dot{V}^\theta + \sum_{ij} \Gamma_{ij}^\theta \dot{x}^i V^j = 0, \quad \dot{V}^\theta + \Gamma_{\phi\phi}^\theta \dot{\phi} V^\phi = 0, \quad \dot{V}^\theta - \sin\theta_0 \cos\theta_0 \dot{\phi} V^\phi = 0 \dots (1)$$

$$\dot{V}^\phi + \sum_{i,j} \Gamma_{ij}^\phi \dot{x}^i V^j = 0, \quad \dot{V}^\phi + \Gamma_{\theta\theta}^\phi \dot{\theta} V^\theta + \Gamma_{\phi\phi}^\phi \dot{\phi} V^\phi = 0, \quad \dot{V}^\phi + \cot\theta_0 \dot{\phi} V^\theta = 0 \dots (2)$$

Since $\dot{\theta} = 0, \dot{\phi} = 1$

(1)式兩邊對 t 微分, $\ddot{V}^\theta = \sin\theta_0 \cos\theta_0 \dot{V}^\phi = -\sin\theta_0 \cos\theta_0 \cot\theta_0 V^\theta = -\cos^2\theta_0 V^\theta$

解此微分方程, $V^\theta = A \cos(t \cos\theta_0) + B \sin(t \cos\theta_0)$

$$V^\phi = \frac{1}{\sin\theta_0 \cos\theta_0} \dot{V}^\theta = \frac{1}{\sin\theta_0 \cos\theta_0} (-\cos\theta_0 A \sin(t \cos\theta_0) + \cos\theta_0 B \cos(t \cos\theta_0))$$

$$V(0) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} = (V^\theta(0), V^\phi(0)) = (1, 0) \Rightarrow V^\theta(0) = 1, V^\phi(0) = 0$$

Imply $A=1, B=0$, so $V^\theta = \cos(t \cos\theta_0), V^\phi = -\frac{1}{\sin\theta_0} \sin(t \cos\theta_0)$

Note that $|V| = g_{\mu\nu} V^\mu V^\nu = V^\theta V^\theta + \sin^2\theta_0 V^\phi V^\phi = 1$

假設 $V(0), V(2\pi)$ 的夾角為 α ,

$$V(0) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}, V(2\pi) = \cos(2\pi(\cos\theta_0)) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \frac{1}{\sin\theta_0} \sin(2\pi(\cos\theta_0)) \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi}$$

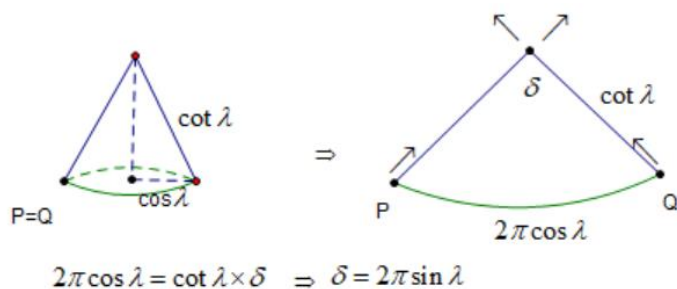
則 $\cos\alpha = \langle V(0), V(2\pi) \rangle = \cos(2\pi \cos\theta_0)$

所以 $\alpha = 2\pi \cos\theta_0$ 或 $2\pi(1 - \cos\theta_0)$

若傅科擺位於北緯 λ 度 ($\lambda = \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_0$), 則擺動方向每 24 小時轉動 $2\pi \sin\lambda$

參考 [大域微分幾何]p.156~162

Do Carmo 第二章習作 p.58



- (h) Use this result to prove that no open set $U \subset S^2$ is isometric to an open set $W \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ with the Euclidean metric

Using the fact that any point on S^2 can be carried to $(0, 0, 1)$ by an appropriate isometry, we just have to show that no open neighborhood $U \subset S^2$ of $(1, 0, 0)$ is isometric to an open set $V \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ with the Euclidean metric. Now any such neighborhood contains the image of a curve $c(t)$ as given in (g) (for $\theta_0 > 0$ sufficiently small). If U were isometric to W , the Levi-Civita connection on U would be the trivial connection, and hence the parallel vector field $V(t)$ in (g) would satisfy $V(0) = V(2\pi)$. Since this is not true for any $\theta_0 \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$, U cannot be isometric to W .

- (i) Given a geodesic $c : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ of \mathbb{R}^2 with the Euclidean metric and a point $p \notin c(\mathbb{R})$, there exists a unique geodesic $\tilde{c} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ (up to reparameterization) such that $p \in \tilde{c}(\mathbb{R})$ and $c(\mathbb{R}) \cap \tilde{c}(\mathbb{R}) = \emptyset$ (**parallel postulate**). Is this true in S^2 ?

- (i) 求 S^2 的 Gauss curvature

$$ds^2 = a^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2)$$

$$\Gamma_{\phi\phi}^\theta = -\sin \theta \cos \theta, \quad \Gamma_{\theta\theta}^\phi = \Gamma_{\phi\theta}^\phi = \cot \theta$$

$$R_{\theta\theta\phi\phi}^\theta = \partial_\theta \Gamma_{\phi\phi}^\theta - \partial_\phi \Gamma_{\theta\theta}^\theta + \Gamma_{\theta\lambda}^\theta \Gamma_{\phi\phi}^\lambda - \Gamma_{\phi\lambda}^\theta \Gamma_{\theta\theta}^\lambda$$

$$= (\sin^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta) + 0 - 0 - (\theta \sin \theta \cos \theta) \cdot 2$$

$$R_{\theta\phi\theta\phi} = g_{\theta\lambda} R_{\phi\theta\phi}^\lambda = g_{\theta\theta} R_{\phi\theta\phi}^\theta = a^2 \sin^2 \theta$$

All the components of the Riemann tensor either vanish or are related to this one by symmetry.

The Ricci tensor $R_{\mu\nu} = g^{\alpha\beta} R_{\alpha\mu\beta\nu}$

$$R_{\theta\theta} = g^{\phi\phi} R_{\theta\phi\theta\phi} = 1, \quad R_{\theta\phi} = R_{\phi\theta} = 0, \quad R_{\phi\phi} = g^{\theta\theta} R_{\theta\phi\theta\phi} = \sin^2 \theta$$

The Ricci scalar $R = g^{\theta\theta} R_{\theta\theta} + g^{\phi\phi} R_{\phi\phi} = \frac{2}{a^2}$