

# Differential Geometry II

## Applications of Stokes' Theorem

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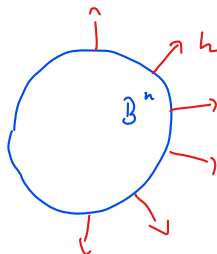
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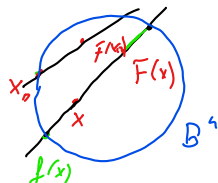
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$$f|_{S^{n-1}} = id_{S^{n-1}}.$$

*Exercise:*  $f$  is smooth.

This contradicts Proposition 32.



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# Riemannian Metrics

Recall: A **Riemannian metric** on a smooth manifold with boundary is a smooth family  $\{g_p\}_{p \in M}$  of symmetric positive definite bilinear forms on  $T_p M$ .  $\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \right\} \rightsquigarrow (g_{ij}): V \rightarrow M(4, \mathbb{R})$

**Proposition 33:** Any separable smooth manifold with boundary admits a Riemannian metric.

For this we will discuss the partition of unity.

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$(\varphi_{\iota_k}^{-1})^* \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is symmetric positive definite.

$g_p$  is is finite convex linear combination of such, hence symmetric and positive definite.  $\square$

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Let  $(U, \varphi, V)$  be an oriented chart. Then

$$\varphi^*(dM) = \underbrace{\sqrt{\det(g)}}_{>0} \underbrace{dx^1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx^n}.$$

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If  $\mathbf{n}$  is the outward normal vector field of  $M$  along  $\partial M$ , then

$n_p \perp T_p(\partial M)$   
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$$\underline{d(\partial M)} = n \lrcorner dM.$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\partial M} d(\partial M) &= \int_{\partial M} \varphi^* d(\partial M) && \varphi|_{\partial M} = \text{id}_{\partial M} \\ &= \int_M \varphi^* (d(\partial M)) \\ &= \int_M \varphi^* d(d(\partial M)) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Now the volume form defines a positive measure on  $\partial M$  and hence the first integral is positive. Contradiction.  $\square$

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$$M = \mathbb{R}^n, g = \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$$

$$\int_M \langle \Delta \alpha, \alpha \rangle dM \geq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \left( \sum_{I=\{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n\}} \alpha_I dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_k} \right) \\ = \sum_{I=\{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n\}} (\Delta \alpha_I) dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_k} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Delta \alpha_I$  is the classical Laplace-operator on functions on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

$$\Delta \alpha_I = - \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 \alpha_I}{\partial x_k^2} \quad \leftarrow$$

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**Theorem 38:** With the notation above

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Let  $\{e_1, \dots, e_{n-1}\}$  be an oriented orthonormal basis of  $T_p(\partial M)$ .  
Now with  $e_0 := \mathbf{n}_p$  and  $X_k := \underline{g_p(X, e_k)}$  and evaluating the left side we obtain

$$(*g(X, \cdot))(e_1, \dots, e_{n-1}) = \left( \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \overset{(-1)^k}{X_k} e^0 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{e^k} \wedge \dots \wedge e^{n-1} \right) (e_1, \dots, e_{n-1}) = X_0$$

$= X_0 = g(X, e_0) = g(X, \mathbf{n})$

which is equal to the right hand side.  $\square$

Proposition:  $M$  compact, oriented,  $\partial M = \emptyset$ ,  $g$  Riemannian metric.

$$\alpha \in \Omega^k(M), \beta \in \Omega^{k+1}(M), \gamma \in \Omega^k(M)$$

$$(d\alpha, \beta)_{L^2} = \int_M \langle d\alpha, \beta \rangle dM = \int_M \langle \alpha, \delta\beta \rangle dM = (\alpha, \delta\beta)_{L^2}$$

$\delta$  is the formal  $L^2$ -adjoint of  $d: \Omega^k(M) \rightarrow \Omega^{k+1}(M)$

$$\Rightarrow \int_M \langle \Delta\alpha, \gamma \rangle dM = \int_M \langle \alpha, \Delta\gamma \rangle dM$$

... Green's formula

$\Delta$  is a symmetric differential operator.

















