

Gauss-Bonnet on polyhedral manifolds

Classical GB ; Transgressions of higher order; GB for polyh. manif. Examples.

$(M^2, g) \rightsquigarrow R = \text{Gauss curvature}, dg = \text{volume form} \rightsquigarrow R dg \in \Omega^2(M)$

If M is compact, $\partial M = \emptyset \Rightarrow 2\pi \chi(M) = \int_M R dg$

$R = \text{curvature tensor}, \{e_1, e_2\} = \text{ON frame} \quad R = R^i{}_j e^1 e^2 \otimes \begin{cases} e_2 \mapsto e_1 \\ e_1 \mapsto -e_2 \end{cases}$
 $R \rightsquigarrow \text{double form } \underbrace{R dg \otimes dg}_{\text{2-form}} \in \Omega^2(M) \otimes \Omega^2(M) \in \text{End}^-(TM)$

$A \in \text{End}(T_p M) \quad \omega_A(x, y) = \langle x, Ay \rangle$

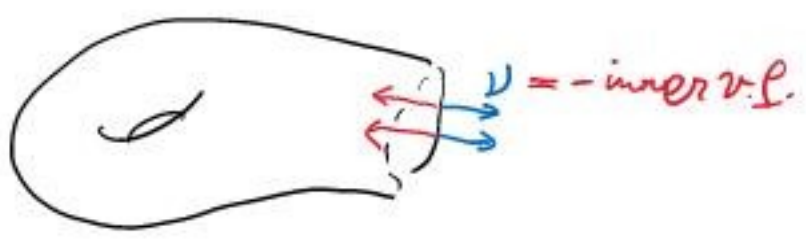
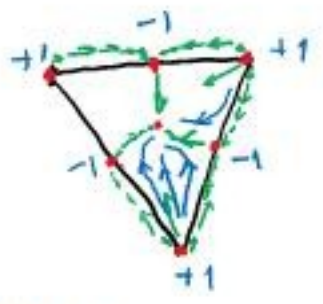
The Berezin integral : alg. operation of erasing dg

$2\pi \chi(M) = \int_M B(R)$

$\chi(M) = V_0 - V_1 + V_2 = \# \text{ vertices} - \# \text{ edges} + \# \text{ faces}$
 in a triangulation

$= \sum_{p \in \text{zero}(X)} \text{index}_p(X)$ where X is a vector field w. isolated non-deg zeros.

Triangulation \rightsquigarrow vector field X w. zero set at the vertices of the barycentric subdivision



$\partial M \neq \emptyset$

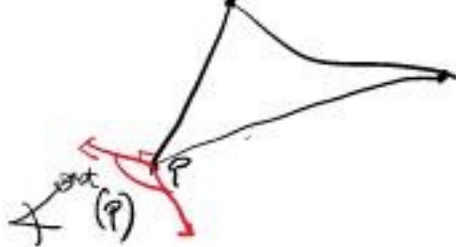
$\nu = \text{unit outer vect. field} \rightsquigarrow \text{geodesic curvature function}$

$\nabla_X^M Y = \nabla_X^{\partial M} Y + \text{II}(X, Y) \cdot \nu$ for every X, Y tangent to ∂M

$2\pi \chi(M) = \int_M B(R) - \int_{\partial M} \underbrace{a \cdot dl}_{\text{length elem.}} + \sum_{p \text{ corner}} \underbrace{\angle_{\text{outer}}(p)}_{\in (0, \pi)}$

$\partial M \neq \emptyset$, corners : M is locally modeled by $[0, \infty) \times [0, \infty)$

$a = \text{II}(X, X)$ for $|X|=1$

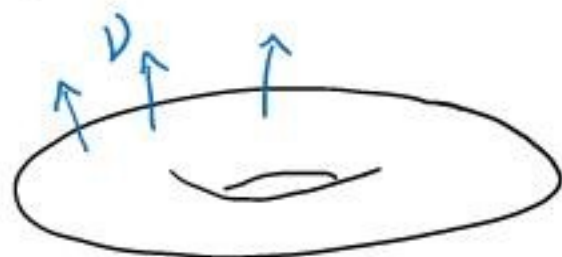


Higher dim: $(M, g) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n+1}$ *isom. embedding* compact, no boundary

$$\text{Hopf: } (2\pi)^n \chi(M) = \int_M \underbrace{Pf(R)}_{\frac{1}{n!} B(R^n)}$$

$R \in \Omega^2(M, \text{End}^-(TM)) \leftrightarrow \Omega^2(M) \otimes \Omega^2(M) = \text{space of 2-forms.}$

$R^n \in \Omega^{2n}(M) \otimes \Omega^{2n}(M)$ product in the tensor product of the algebra $\Omega^*(M)$ with itself.

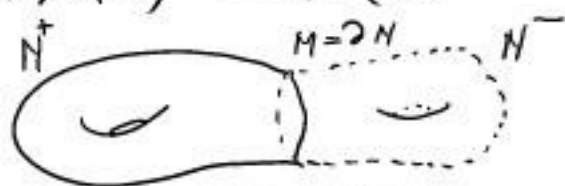


Gauss map $G: M \rightarrow S^{2n}$
 $p \mapsto \nu_p$

Topological fact: $\chi(M) = 2 \deg(G: M \rightarrow S^{2n})$

$$M = \partial N \Rightarrow 0 = \chi(2N) = \chi(N^+) - \chi(M) + \chi(N^-)$$

$$\Rightarrow \chi(M) = 2\chi(N)$$



$2N = \text{compact, no boundary}$

$$2N = N^+ \cup N^-$$

$$\deg G = \frac{1}{\text{vol } S^{2n}} \int_M G^* \left(\frac{dg_{S^{2n}}}{S^{2n}} \right) \equiv \int_M (\det G_*) dg_M \quad \text{mod. constants}$$

$$G_* X = -AX \quad A = \text{Weingarten: } = \int_M B(\mathbb{I}^{2n}) = \int_M B(R^n) \\ = \chi(\nu) \quad \underline{\underline{df}} = \int_M Pf(R)$$

$\mathbb{I} \in \Omega^1(M) \otimes \Omega^1(M)$ product in $\Lambda^* \otimes \Lambda^*$

$$\mathbb{I} = \sum \lambda_j e^j \otimes e^j \Rightarrow \mathbb{I}^{2n} = (2n)! \prod_{j=1}^{2n} \lambda_j \cdot dg \otimes dg$$

$$\text{Gauss eq: } \langle R_{xy}^M, \tau, z \rangle = \mathbb{I}(x, z) \mathbb{I}(y, \tau) - \mathbb{I}(x, \tau) \mathbb{I}(y, z)$$

Gours eq: $\langle R_{xy}^M, z \rangle = \underline{\Pi}(x, z) \underline{\Pi}(y, T) - \underline{\Pi}(x, T) \underline{\Pi}(y, z)$

$R^M = \frac{1}{2} \underline{\Pi}^2$ in $\mathcal{S}^2 \otimes \mathcal{S}^2$

$(= \frac{1}{2} \underline{\Pi} \otimes \underline{\Pi}$ Kulkarni - Nomizu)

$R \in \mathcal{S}^2(M) \otimes \mathcal{S}^2(M) = R_{ijke} e^i e^j \otimes e^k e^l$

$R^m = \prod_{\alpha > \beta} R_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_m j_1 j_2 \dots j_m} dg^{\alpha} dg^{\beta}$ ~~$dg^{\alpha} dg^{\beta}$~~ $\xrightarrow{B} \mathcal{S}^{2m}(M)$

$\pi R_{ijke} \cdot |dg|$

$(V, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)_{/\mathbb{R}} \Rightarrow \wedge^2 V \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{R}$

$A \in \text{End}^-(V) \rightsquigarrow \omega_A : (x, y) \mapsto \langle x, Ay \rangle \quad \omega_A \in \wedge^2(V^*)$

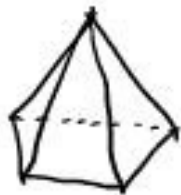
$\text{Pf}(A) = \frac{1}{n!} B(\omega_A^n) \in \mathbb{R}$. Pf = polyn. of deg n in the entries of A

$\text{Pf}(A)^2 = \begin{cases} A = -A \\ \det A \geq 0 \\ \text{Exercise.} \end{cases}$

$[e^{\omega_A}]_{\wedge^{2n}(V^*)}$

Allendoerfer (1940) : Hopf's formula hold for $M^{2n} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2n+k}$, $k \geq 1$.

Allendoerfer-Weil (1943) : Extension to Riemannian polyhedra



\Rightarrow deduce Hopf's formula in general (no embedding assumption)

New : contribution from faces. (extend 2-d formula)

Chern (1944) : New proof using diff. geom. (connections, sphere bundle, ...)

for closed M and M comp. w. boundary.

Extend Chern's proof to polyhedral manifolds.

$V_{/\mathbb{R}}$ vector space, $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k \in V^* \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{P} = \{v \in V; \alpha_1(v) < 0, \dots, \alpha_k(v) < 0\}$
 $\mathcal{P} = \text{linear polyhedron} = \text{open cone}$ k can be $> \dim V !!$

Ex. $[0, \infty)^k \times \mathbb{R}^m = \text{linear polyhed. in } \mathbb{R}^{k+m}$

Affine polyhedron: $\{v \in V; \alpha_1(v) < a_1, \dots, \alpha_k(v) < a_k\}$

Polytope = compact affine polyhedron

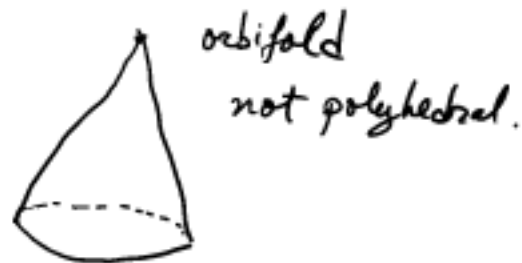
Def. A polyhedral manifold M is a ^{compact} top. space locally homeo to linear closed polyhedra, with a smooth atlas.



← can be locally extended smoothly

Ex. Manifolds w. boundary: locally modeled by $[0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^{k-1}$

Manif. w. corners: $[0, \infty)^2$



Riem. metric

Find $\chi(M)$ for (M, g) polyhedral manif. with metric



Transgressions (E, ∇, g)
 \downarrow
 $M = \text{open } C^\infty \text{ manif.}$

$X = \text{polyhedral manif. (typically } X = \text{simplex) of dim } l$

Assume $V: X \rightarrow \{\text{length-1 sections in } E \rightarrow M\}$

$$V: X \times M \rightarrow \begin{matrix} \pi_2^* E \\ \downarrow \\ E \end{matrix} \quad X \times M \xrightarrow{\pi_2} M$$

$$d^X V = \sum \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_i} dx^i \in \Omega^1(X) \otimes C^\infty(M, E)$$

$$\nabla V = C^\infty(X, \Omega^1(M, E)) \quad V = \text{family of sections in } \begin{matrix} E \\ \downarrow \\ M \end{matrix}$$

$$\Omega^{p,q} = \Omega^p(X \times M, \wedge^q E)$$

For integers l, k, n satisfying $0 \leq l \leq 2k + 1 \leq 2n - 1$, define a universal constant $c(n, k, l)$ by

$$c(n, k, l) = \frac{2^k k!}{(n-1-k)!(2k+1-l)!} \in \mathbb{Q}.$$

Definition 5.1. For $l \geq 0$, we define the $(l+1)^{\text{th}}$ transgression of the Pfaffian with respect to the family $V : X \rightarrow \Omega^{(0,1)}(M)$ by

$$\mathcal{T}_V^{(l+1)} = \sum_{l \leq 2k+1 \leq 2n-1} \frac{c(n, k, l)}{l!} \int_X \mathcal{B} \left[V(d^X V)^l (\nabla V)^{2k+1-l} R^{n-1-k} \right] \in \Omega^{2n-l-1}(M).$$

Here $(d^X V)^l \in \Omega^l(X) \otimes \Omega^{0,l}(M, E)$, $R \in \Omega^{2,2}(M, E)$, and $\nabla V \in C^\infty(X, \Omega^{1,1}(M, E))$, so \mathcal{B} is applied to a volume form on X tensored with a form of degree $2n - l - 1$ on M .

$$\begin{array}{l}
 V \in \Omega^{0,1} \quad d^X V \in \Omega^{1,1} \quad R \in \Omega^{2,2} \quad \Omega^*(X \times M) \otimes \Lambda^* E \\
 V \in \Omega^0(X \times M) \otimes C^\infty(X \times M, \Lambda^1 E) \\
 \text{Thm.} \quad \downarrow \mathcal{T}_{(X, V)}^{(l+1)} = \begin{cases} -\text{Pf}(R) & \text{for } l=0 \quad l = \dim X \\ & X = \{*\} \\ -\gamma^{(l)} & \text{for } l \geq 1. \\ & (X, V) \end{cases}
 \end{array}$$

Chern : There exists always a non-zero section in
 where $SE =$ sphere bundle of E
 $\{v \in E; |v|=1\}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 E \leftarrow \pi^* E & & \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 M \leftarrow \pi SE & & \\
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 \end{array}$$

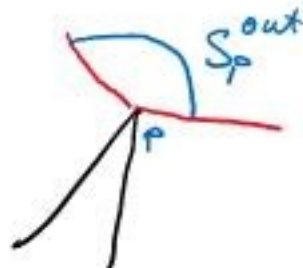
Theorem 6.1. Let M^{2n} be a compact Riemannian polyhedral manifold. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2\pi)^n \chi(M) - \int_M \text{Pf}(R) &= \sum_{l=1}^{2n} \sum_{k=\lceil \frac{l}{2} \rceil}^n \frac{(-1)^l 2^{k-1} (k-1)!}{(n-k)!(2k-l)!} \\
 &\quad \sum_{Y \in \mathcal{F}^{(l)}(M)} \int_{S^{\text{out}} Y} \mathcal{B}_Y \left[(R^Y - \frac{1}{2}g(A, A))^{n-k} (A^*)^{2k-l} \right] |dg|.
 \end{aligned}$$

$S^{\text{out}}_p Y = ?$ $Y \subset M$ is a face A, A^* are obtained from $\Pi_{Y \subset M}$

$\text{Cone}^{\text{out}}_p(Y) = \{v \in T_p M; \langle v, X \rangle < 0, \forall X = \vec{j}^i \text{ inner}\}$

$S^{\text{out}}_p Y = \{v \in \text{Cone}^{\text{out}}_p(Y); |v|=1\}$



Theorem 6.5. Let (N, g) be a compact Riemannian polyhedral manifold of odd dimension $2n-1$.

Then

$$(2\pi)^n \chi(N) = \sum_{l=1}^{2n-1} \sum_{k=\lceil \frac{l-1}{2} \rceil}^{n-1} \frac{(-1)^{l-1} \pi (2k-1)!!}{(n-1-k)!(2k+1-l)!} \cdot \sum_{Y \in \mathcal{F}^{(l)}(N)} \int_{S^{\text{out}} Y} \mathcal{B}_Y \left[(R^Y - \frac{1}{2}g(A, A))^{n-1-k} (A^*)^{2k+1-l} \right] |dg|.$$

By convention, $(-1)!! = 0! = 0!! = 1$, and the 0^{th} power of a double form is always 1.

$Y =$ boundary face of codim $l =$ conn. comp. of the set of points of depth l $[0, \infty)^l \times \mathbb{R}^{\dim M - l}$

volume of an ideal hyperbolic 4-simplex is given by

$$\text{vol}(M) = -2\pi^2 + \frac{\pi}{3} \sum_{Y \in \mathcal{F}^{(2)}(M)} \angle^{\text{out}}(Y)$$

where $\angle^{\text{out}}(Y)$ is the outer dihedral angle of the ideal triangle Y in M , i.e., the angle between the outer normals to the two hyperfaces containing Y .

Simple formulas when M is of const. sect. curvature, all faces are geodesic.



dim = 2

