

(13) PARAMETRIZED SURFACES

LET  $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  AND  $\Phi: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  BE A  $C^1$  MAPPING. i.e.

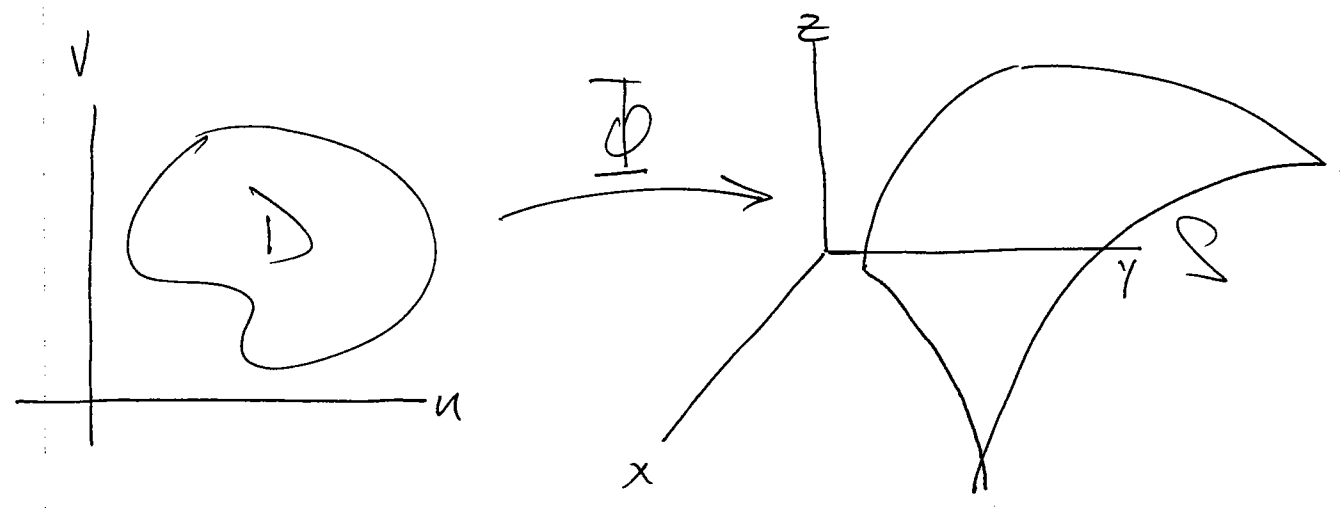
$$\Phi(u, v) = (x(u, v), y(u, v), z(u, v))$$

WHERE THE PARTIAL DERIVATIVES OF  $x$ ,  $y$ , AND  $z$  WITH RESPECT TO  $u$  AND  $v$ , EXIST AND ARE CONTINUOUS.

WE CALL

$$S = \text{image}(\Phi) = \Phi(D)$$

A ~~PARAMETRIZED~~  $C^1$  SURFACE AND  $\Phi$  A PARAMETRIZATION OF  $S$ .



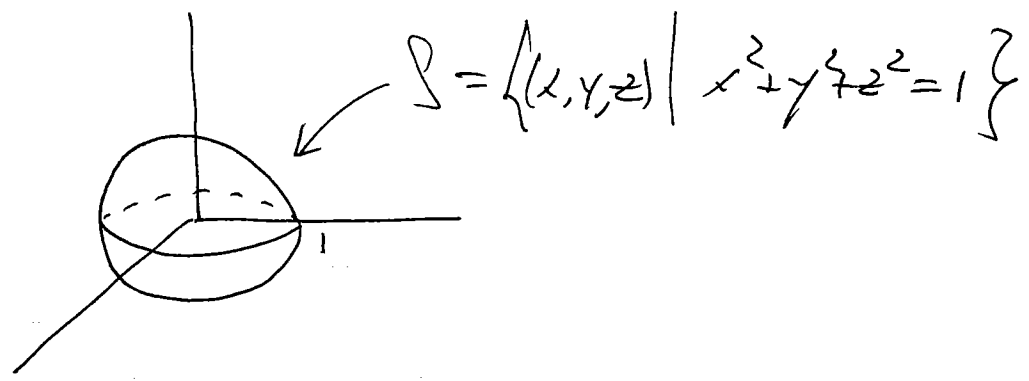
NOTE:  $S$  MAY NOT BE THE GRAPH OF ANY FUNCTION  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\neq$

$$S: z = f(x, y)$$

Ex.  $\Phi: [0, \pi] \times [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$\Phi(\phi, \theta) = (\sin\phi \cos\theta, \sin\phi \sin\theta, \cos\phi)$

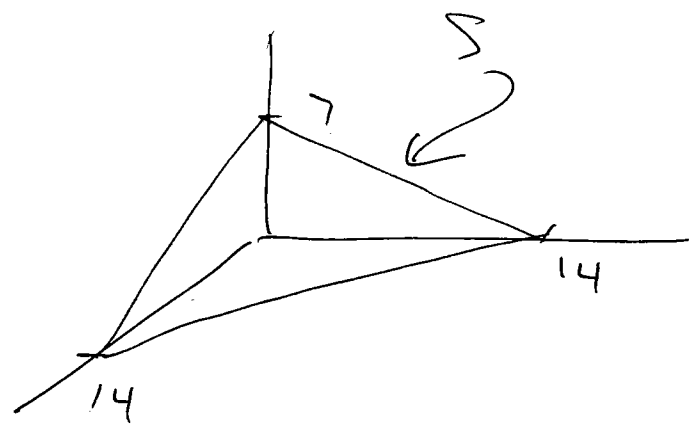
OBSERVE THAT THIS IS JUST SPHERICAL COORDS WITH  $\rho = 1$  FIXED.



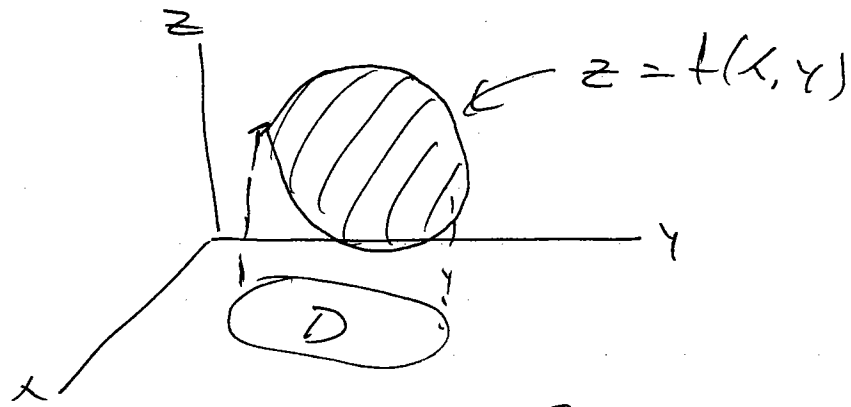
Ex.  $\Phi: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$\Phi(u, v) = (u, v, -\frac{1}{2}u - \frac{1}{2}v + 7)$   $(u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2$

$S = \Phi(\mathbb{R}^2)$  IS THE PLANE ~~xxxxxx~~  $x + y + 2z = 14$

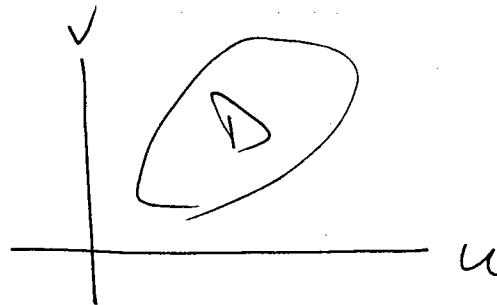


Ex if  $\Sigma$  is the graph  $z = f(x, y)$   
 for  $(x, y) \in D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$



Then  $\Sigma$  can be parameterized by

$$\Phi(u, v) = (u, v, f(u, v)) \quad \text{for } (u, v) \in D$$



Ex  $D = [0, 2\pi] \times [0, 2\pi]$  in  $\phi, \theta$  plane

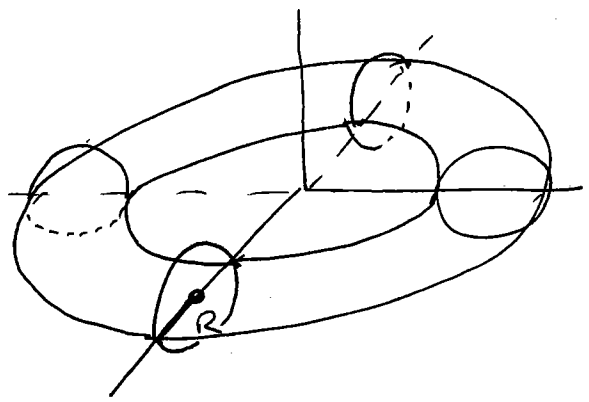
$\Phi: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  given by

$$\begin{matrix} R < r < R \\ R > 1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\Phi(\phi, \theta) = ((R + \cos\phi)\cos\theta, (R + \cos\phi)\sin\theta, \sin\phi)$$

NOTE:  $\phi, \theta$  are NOT spherical coords.

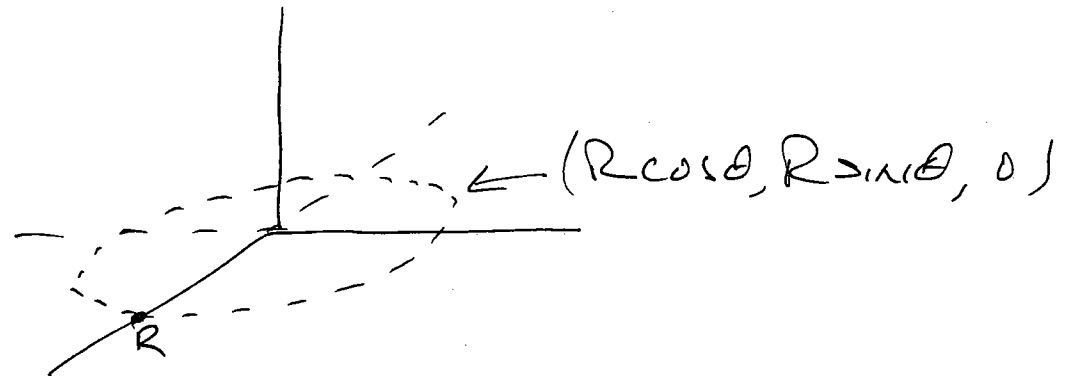
For  $\theta = 0$   $0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi$   $(R + \cos\phi, 0, \sin\phi)$   $0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi$



For  $\phi = 0$   $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$   $((R+1)\cos\theta, (R+1)\sin\theta, 0)$   $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$

For  $\phi = \pi$   $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$   $((R-1)\cos\theta, (R-1)\sin\theta, 0)$

$\Sigma = \Phi(D)$  is the torus centered at  $(0, 0, 0)$  with central circles



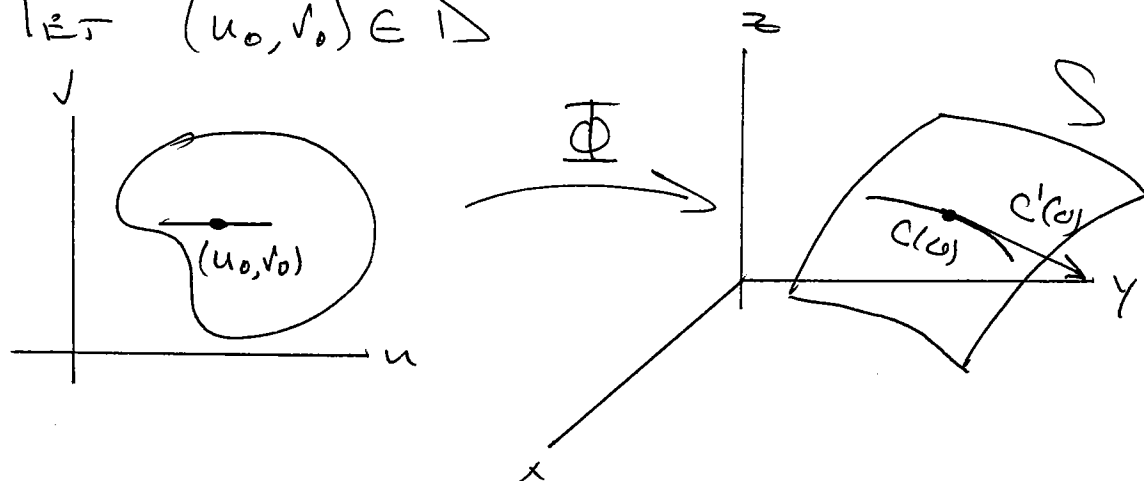
of radius R in xy plane.

## TANGENT PLANES TO PARAMETRIZED SURFACES

LET  $S$  BE PARAMETRIZED BY

$$\Phi: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

AND LET  $(u_0, v_0) \in D$



Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$  AND DEFINE  $c: [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$   
BY

$$c(t) = \Phi(u_0 + t, v_0)$$

THEN  $c(t)$  IS A PARAMETRIZED CURVE IN  $S$  WITH  $c(0) = \Phi(u_0, v_0)$  AND

$$\begin{aligned} c'(t) &= \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial u}(u_0 + t, v_0) \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial x}{\partial u}(u_0 + t, v_0), \frac{\partial y}{\partial u}(u_0 + t, v_0), \frac{\partial z}{\partial u}(u_0 + t, v_0) \right) \end{aligned}$$

DEFINE THE VECTOR  $T_u(u_0, v_0)$  TO  
BE

$$T_u(u_0, v_0) = C'(0) = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial u}(u_0, v_0)$$

$$= \left( \frac{\partial x}{\partial u}(u_0, v_0), \frac{\partial y}{\partial u}(u_0, v_0), \frac{\partial z}{\partial u}(u_0, v_0) \right)$$

Similarly we define

$$T_v(u_0, v_0) = \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial v}(u_0, v_0)$$

$$= \left( \frac{\partial x}{\partial v}(u_0, v_0), \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}(u_0, v_0), \frac{\partial z}{\partial v}(u_0, v_0) \right)$$

Both  $T_u$  and  $T_v$  are tangent to the surface  $S$  at  $\Phi(u_0, v_0)$ .

We say  $S$  is smooth at  $\Phi(u_0, v_0)$  if  $T_u(u_0, v_0) \times T_v(u_0, v_0) \neq 0$ . We also say  $\Phi(u_0, v_0)$  is a regular point of  $S$ .

(Recall  $T_u \times T_v \neq 0$  iff  $T_u$  &  $T_v$  are not parallel.)

$S$  is said to be smooth or regular if it is regular at all points.

Observe that  $T_u \times T_v$  is perpendicular to the plane spanned by  $T_u$  &  $T_v$ , which is the tangent plane to  $S$  at  $\Phi(u_0, v_0)$ . The vector

$$n = T_u \times T_v$$

is said to be normal to  $S$  at  $\Phi(u_0, v_0)$ .

If  $\Phi(u_0, v_0) = (x_0, y_0, z_0)$  THEN THE EQUATION OF THE TANGENT PLANE TO  $\mathcal{R}$  AT  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  IS :

$$(x - x_0, y - y_0, z - z_0) \cdot n = 0$$

EX UNIT SPHERE ABOUT ORIGIN :

$$\Phi(\phi, \theta) = (\sin\phi \cos\theta, \sin\phi \sin\theta, \cos\phi) \begin{cases} 0 \leq \phi \leq \pi \\ 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi \end{cases}$$

FIND TANGENT PLANE AT  $\Phi(\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{4})$   
 $= (\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{1}{2}) = (\frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}, \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}, \frac{1}{2})$

$$T_\phi = (\cos\phi \cos\theta, \cos\phi \sin\theta, -\sin\phi)$$

$$T_\theta = (-\sin\phi \sin\theta, \sin\phi \cos\theta, 0)$$

$$T_\phi(\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{4}) = (\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$$

$$T_\theta(\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{4}) = (-\frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}, \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}, 0)$$

$$n(\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{4}) = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} & 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{vmatrix} = (\frac{\sqrt{18}}{8}, \frac{\sqrt{18}}{8}, \frac{\sqrt{12}}{8})$$
  
$$= (\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{8}, \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{8}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4})$$

NOTE:  $n = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left( \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}, \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}, \frac{1}{2} \right)$  which is parallel

to the position vector  $\Phi \left( \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4} \right) = \left( \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}, \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}, \frac{1}{2} \right)$ ,

~~as~~ AS EXPECTED ON THE UNIT SPHERE ABOUT (0,0,0).

Thus the tangent plane has eqn.

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left( \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}, \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}, \frac{1}{2} \right) \cdot \left( x - \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}, y - \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}, z - \frac{1}{2} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} \left( x - \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} \right) + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} \left( y - \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( z - \frac{1}{2} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} x - \frac{6}{16} + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} y - \frac{6}{16} + \frac{1}{2} z - \frac{1}{4} = 0$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} x + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} y + \frac{1}{2} z = 1$$

$$\sqrt{6} x + \sqrt{6} y + 2z = 4$$

NOTE This is EXACTLY what we get if we treat  $S$  as a level surface of  $g(x,y,z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ . Then  $\nabla g = (2x, 2y, 2z) = 2(x,y,z) \therefore n = (x,y,z)$  so at  $\left( \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}, \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}, \frac{1}{2} \right)$

we have  $n = \left( \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}, \frac{\sqrt{6}}{4}, \frac{1}{2} \right)$   $\frac{1}{2}$  same

tangent plane.



Ex: if  $S$  is the curve  $z = f(x, y)$   
 then in the parametrization

$$\Phi(u, v) = (u, v, f(u, v))$$

$$\text{So } T_u = \left(1, 0, \frac{\partial f}{\partial u}\right) = \left(1, 0, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)$$

$$T_v = \left(0, 1, \frac{\partial f}{\partial v}\right) = \left(0, 1, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)$$

So

$$n = \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 1 & 0 & \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{vmatrix} = \left(-\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, -\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, 1\right)$$

So Eqn. of tangent plane is

$$(x-x_0, y-y_0, z-z_0) \cdot \left(-\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, -\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, 1\right) = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } (x-x_0) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + (y-y_0) \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} - (z-z_0) = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \boxed{z = z_0 + (x-x_0) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) + (y-y_0) \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x_0, y_0)}$$

This eqn. was derived in an earlier section.