

$\int_0^L k ds < 4\pi \Rightarrow \iint_R K d\sigma < 8\pi$. Assume h_v has 3 critical points. $\Rightarrow \exists$ two minima
 $\Rightarrow \iint_R K d\sigma \geq 8\pi$

Only two critical points \Rightarrow maximum at $\alpha(s_1)$, minimum at $\alpha(s_2)$

Planes perpendicular to v_0 and between $\alpha(s_1)$ and $\alpha(s_2)$ intersect C in exactly two points. \therefore Can connect these pairs by line segments. $\therefore C = \partial D$, $D \approx \text{disk}$. $\therefore C$ is unknotted.

* Any knot has a quadrisection, a straight line which intersects the knot four times (Pannwitz, 1933).

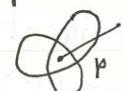
Project C onto $P \supset$ quadrisection $\Rightarrow \int_{\text{Proj}(C)} k ds \leq \int_C k ds$.
 alternating (Denne, 2004)



* Fary's proof: $\int_C k ds = \text{Average}(\text{total curvatures of projections of } C \text{ on all planes in } \mathbb{R}^3) \neq$ new proof of Fenchel's theorem

$$\int_C k ds = \frac{1}{4\pi} \iint_{S^2} \int_{\text{proj}(C)} k ds d\sigma \geq 4\pi \Leftarrow$$

Given a knotted curve C and its orthogonal projection onto a plane Π there exists a point $p \in \Pi$ such that any ray emanating from p intersects the projected curve in at least two points.



* Milnor's proof: Given a knot C , for any vector v there exists a plane Π perpendicular to v which intersects C at least 4 points.

$$\int_C k ds = \pi. \text{ Average}_{v \in S^2} (\#(\text{critical points of } h_v(s) = \langle \alpha(s), v \rangle))$$

$$C : \int_C k ds = 2\pi$$

Milnor also showed that there exists a plane which intersects C in at least six points.

* The Crofton formula $C \subset S^2$. $p \in C$. $p \leftrightarrow p$ 를 지나는 S^2 의 대원들. $C \leftrightarrow C$ 를 만나는 대원들의 총 집합 B . C 의 길이 $\approx B$ 의 measure: ?

B 의 measure = Area $\{p_r : r \in B\}$. $\hookrightarrow C$ 는 작은 선분들의 연결.

$\therefore \text{Length}(C) = a \cdot \text{Area}(B(C))$, a : constant. What is a ?

C : 대원 $\Rightarrow B(C) = S^2$ with multiplicity 2.

$$\therefore 2\pi = a \cdot 2 \cdot 4\pi, a = \frac{1}{4}.$$

\therefore Crofton formula: $\iint_{p \in B(C)} n(p) d\sigma = 4 \text{Length}(C)$, $B(C)$: C 를 만나는 대원의

$n(p) = \gamma_p$ 가 C 를 만나는 점의 개수

γ_p : p 의 북극점

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북극점들의 집합

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Another proof of Fary-Milnor: Suppose $\int_C k ds < 4\pi$.

\bar{C} : tangent indicatrix of C . $\frac{1}{4} \iint_{S^2} n(p) d\sigma = \text{Length}(\bar{C}) = \int_C k ds < 4\pi$.

\therefore Average of $n(p) < 4$ on S^2 . $\therefore \exists p \in S^2$ s.t. $n(p) \leq 3$.

$\exists g_1, g_2, g_3 \in \gamma_p \cap \bar{C} \Rightarrow \exists \bar{g}_1, \bar{g}_2, \bar{g}_3 \in C$ s.t. their tangent vectors at $C \parallel$ the plane containing γ_p . $\therefore h(s) := \langle p, \alpha(s) \rangle$, the height of $\alpha(s)$ relative to the plane, has three critical points. \therefore 최대, 최소, 변곡점.

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Another proof of Fenchel: \bar{C} is not contained in any open hemisphere.

$\therefore n(p) \geq 2, \forall p \in S^2 \therefore \int_C k ds \geq 2\pi$. The great circle is the only curve on S^2 with $n \equiv 2$?

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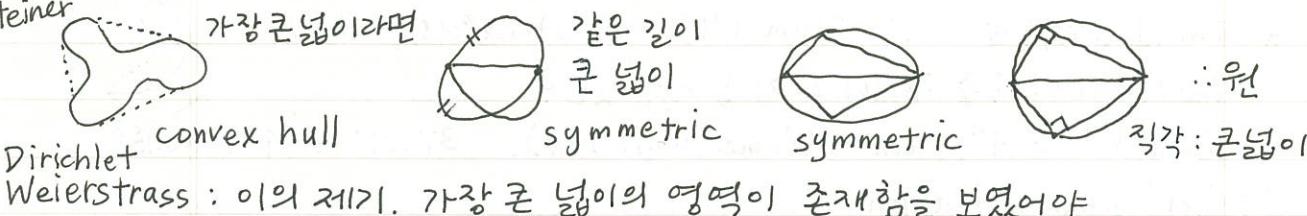
등주부등식 문제 (等周부등식) isoperimetric problem

일정한 둘레의 곡선 중 가장 큰 넓이를 둘러싸는 것은?

dual problem: 일정한 넓이를 둘러싸는 곡선 중 가장 짧은 것은?

$$4\pi A \leq L^2, " = " \Leftrightarrow \text{원일 때}$$

* Steiner



Weierstrass: 이의 예제. 가장 큰 넓이의 영역이 존재함을 보였어야.

* Analytic proof:

$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt, A = - \int_C y dx = - \int_a^b y \frac{dx}{dt} dt = \int_D \left(-\frac{\partial P}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}\right) dx dy$$

$$t := \frac{2\pi}{L} s. \int_0^{2\pi} \left[\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 \right] dt = \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{ds}{dt}\right)^2 dt = \frac{L^2}{2\pi}$$

$$\therefore L^2 - 4\pi A = 2\pi \int_0^{2\pi} \left[\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 + 2y \frac{dx}{dt} \right] dt = 2\pi \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{dx}{dt} + y \right)^2 dt + 2\pi \int_0^{2\pi} \left[\left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 - y^2 \right] dt \geq 0. \text{ Why?}$$

Lemma (Wirtinger, Poincaré) If $y(t)$ is a smooth function with period 2π and $\int_0^{2\pi} y(t) dt = 0$, then $\int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 dt \geq \int_0^{2\pi} y^2 dt$, with equality if and only if $y = a \cos t + b \sin t$.

$$(*) \leq \left(\int_0^L \int_0^\pi r^2 d\theta ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\int_0^L \int_0^\pi \sin^2 \theta d\theta ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq (2AL)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} L \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \therefore 4\pi A \leq L^2.$$

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$$\text{pf) } f(\theta) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k \cos k\theta + b_k \sin k\theta), \quad a_m = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta) \cos m\theta d\theta, \quad b_m = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta) \sin m\theta d\theta$$

$$\text{Parseval: } \int_0^{2\pi} f^2 d\theta = \pi \sum (a_k^2 + b_k^2).$$

$$f'(\theta) = \sum (-ka_k \sin k\theta + kb_k \cos k\theta), \quad \text{Bessel: } \pi \sum k^2 (a_k^2 + b_k^2) \leq \int_0^{2\pi} (f')^2 d\theta$$

$$\therefore \int_0^{2\pi} (f')^2 d\theta - \int_0^{2\pi} f^2 d\theta \geq \pi \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k^2 - 1)(a_k^2 + b_k^2) \geq 0$$

$$"\leq" \Rightarrow f = a \cos \theta + b \sin \theta$$

$$* \text{Knothe's proof. } A \geq \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\pi r(\theta)^2 d\theta$$

$$2\pi A = \int_0^\pi \int_0^L r(s, \theta) \sin \theta ds d\theta. = (*)$$

Integrate on $C \times C \times [0, \pi] \times [0, \pi]$:

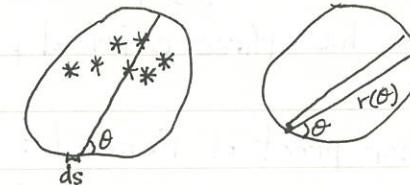
$$0 \leq \int_C \int_C \int_0^\pi \int_0^\pi (r_1 \sin \theta_2 - r_2 \sin \theta_1)^2 d\theta_1 d\theta_2 ds_1 ds_2$$

$$= 2 \int_C \int_0^\pi \int_0^\pi \int_C r_1^2 \sin^2 \theta_2 ds_1 d\theta_1 d\theta_2 ds_2 - 2 \int_C \int_C \int_0^\pi \int_0^\pi r_1 \sin \theta_1 r_2 \sin \theta_2 d\theta_1 d\theta_2 ds_1 ds_2$$

$$\leq 4A \int_0^\pi \int_C \sin^2 \theta_2 ds_1 d\theta_2 ds_2 - 2 \left(\int_C \int_0^\pi r_1 \sin \theta_1 d\theta_1 ds_1 \right)^2 = 2\pi A (L^2 - 4\pi A).$$

$$4\pi A = L^2 \Rightarrow r_1 \sin \theta_2 - r_2 \sin \theta_1 \equiv 0 \therefore \text{For } s_1 = s_2 = 0, \theta_2 = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ we have}$$

$$r_1(0, \theta_1) = r_2(0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \sin \theta_1, \quad \therefore C \text{ is a circle with diameter } r_2(0, \frac{\pi}{2}).$$

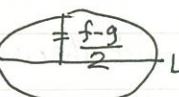
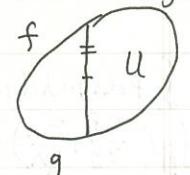


$$* \text{교차원 등주부등식: } V = \text{Volume}(U), A = \text{Area}(\partial U), U \subset \mathbb{R}^n.$$

같은 부피의 영역 중 겉넓이가 가장 작은 것은?

$$n^n w_n V^{n-1} \leq A^n, \quad w_n = \text{Volume}(\text{unit ball}). \quad 36\pi V^2 \leq A^3: U \subset \mathbb{R}^3$$

Steiner's symmetrization



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume}(U) &= \int (f - g) = \text{Volume}(U_L) \\ \text{Area}(\partial U) &= \int_D \sqrt{1 + (\frac{\partial f}{\partial x})^2 + (\frac{\partial f}{\partial y})^2} dx dy + \int_D \sqrt{1 + (\frac{\partial g}{\partial x})^2 + (\frac{\partial g}{\partial y})^2} dx dy \\ &\geq 2 \int_D \sqrt{1 + (\frac{\partial f - \partial g}{\partial x})^2 + (\frac{\partial f - \partial g}{\partial y})^2} dx dy = \text{Area}(\partial U_L) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore |\vec{u}| + |\vec{v}| \geq |\vec{u} + \vec{v}|$$

Ω 가 가장 작은 겉넓이를 갖는다면 Ω 는 L 에 대칭. L 은 임의. $\therefore \Omega$ 는 ball이다.

이것도 존재증명이 있어야: U 를 평면 L_i 에 symmetrization $\Rightarrow U_{L_i} \rightarrow \text{ball as } i \rightarrow \infty$.

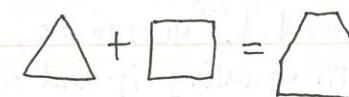
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$$* \text{Brunn-Minkowski inequality: } A+B = \{x+y : x \in A, y \in B\}, \quad A, B \subset \mathbb{R}^n$$

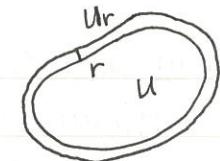
$$[\text{Volume}(A+B)]^{\frac{1}{n}} \geq [\text{Volume}(A)]^{\frac{1}{n}} + [\text{Volume}(B)]^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

B_r : ball of radius r in \mathbb{R}^n , $U_r = U + B_r$

$$"\leq" \Leftrightarrow A \text{와 } B \text{는 닮은 } \frac{n}{2}. \quad B = tA + r$$

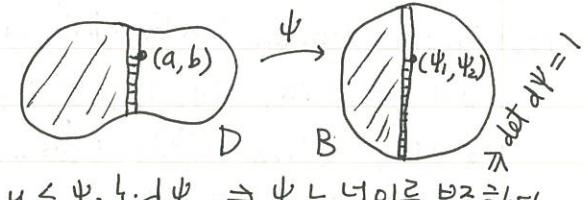


$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume}(U_r) &\geq ([\text{Volume}(U)]^{\frac{1}{n}} + [\text{Volume}(B_r)]^{\frac{1}{n}})^n \\ &= (V^{\frac{1}{n}} + [w_n r^n]^{\frac{1}{n}})^n \geq V + nV^{\frac{n-1}{n}} w_n^{\frac{1}{n}} r \\ \therefore \frac{1}{r} (\text{Volume}(U_r) - V) &\geq n w_n^{\frac{1}{n}} V^{\frac{n-1}{n}}, \quad \text{LHS} = A. \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} * \text{Gromov's proof: 넓이 보존사상} \\ B \text{는 } D \text{와 같은 넓이를 갖는 원} \\ \text{Area}\{x \leq a\} = \text{Area}\{x \leq \psi_1\} \\ \text{Length}\{x=a, y \leq b\} \cdot da = \text{Length}\{x=\psi_1, y \leq \psi_2\} \cdot d\psi_1 \Rightarrow \psi \text{는 넓이를 보존한다.} \\ D\psi: \text{Jacobi matrix of } \psi \text{ is lower triangular.} \\ \Rightarrow 2(\det D\psi)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2(\frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial y})^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial y} = \text{div } V \quad D\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial x} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} \\ \therefore 2 \leq \text{div } V. \quad V(p) := \psi(p) \text{의 위치벡터} \Rightarrow V: \text{vector field on } D. \quad V = (\psi_1, \psi_2) \\ \therefore 2 \text{Area}(D) \leq \iint_D \text{div } V = \int_{\partial D} \langle V, \eta \rangle, \quad \eta: \partial D \text{의 외향 단위법선 벡터} \\ \partial D \text{ 위의 점에서 } |V| \leq (\frac{A}{\pi})^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \therefore 2A \leq |V| \cdot L \leq \sqrt{\frac{A}{\pi}} \cdot L \quad \therefore 4\pi A \leq L^2. \end{aligned}$$

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* Minimal Surfaces 2차곡면

K=0: plane, cylinder, cone

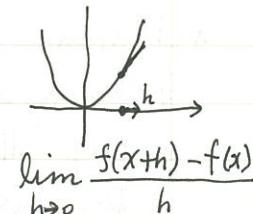
H=0: minimal surface: locally area minimizing.
calculus of variations. infinite dimensional derivative

$$\begin{aligned} M^2: \text{minimal graph in } \mathbb{R}^3, \quad z = f(x, y) \\ \text{Area}(\text{graph}(f)) = \iint_D \sqrt{1 + |\nabla f|^2} dx dy, \quad |\nabla f|^2 = (\frac{\partial f}{\partial x})^2 + (\frac{\partial f}{\partial y})^2 \\ \text{variation: } f(x, y) + th(x, y), \quad h=0 \text{ on } \partial D. \quad z \uparrow \\ f^t(x, y), \quad A(t) = \text{Area}(\text{graph}(f^t)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} A(t)|_{t=0} &= \iint_D \frac{\langle \nabla h, \nabla f \rangle}{\sqrt{1 + |\nabla f|^2}} dx dy = \iint_D \text{div} \frac{\nabla f}{\sqrt{1 + |\nabla f|^2}} dx dy = 0, \quad \forall h \\ \therefore \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\sqrt{1 + |\nabla f|^2}} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\sqrt{1 + |\nabla f|^2}} \right) &= 0, \quad H = \frac{(1+f_y^2)f_{xx} - 2f_x f_y f_{xy} + (1+f_x^2)f_{yy}}{2(1+f_x^2+f_y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

: the minimal surface equation

$\therefore \text{graph}(f)$ is a minimal surface $\Leftrightarrow A'(0)=0$ for all variations fixing its boundary.
 \therefore " is critical wrt area.



$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$\text{Area}(\text{graph}(f)) = \iint_D \sqrt{1 + |\nabla f|^2} dx dy, \quad |\nabla f|^2 = (\frac{\partial f}{\partial x})^2 + (\frac{\partial f}{\partial y})^2$$

$$\text{variation: } f(x, y) + th(x, y), \quad h=0 \text{ on } \partial D. \quad z \uparrow$$

$$f^t(x, y), \quad A(t) = \text{Area}(\text{graph}(f^t))$$

$$= \iint_D \sqrt{1 + |\nabla f + t \nabla h|^2} dx dy$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} A(t)|_{t=0} = \iint_D \frac{\langle \nabla h, \nabla f \rangle}{\sqrt{1 + |\nabla f|^2}} dx dy = \iint_D \text{div} \frac{\nabla f}{\sqrt{1 + |\nabla f|^2}} dx dy = 0, \quad \forall h$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\sqrt{1 + |\nabla f|^2}} \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\sqrt{1 + |\nabla f|^2}} \right) = 0, \quad H = \frac{(1+f_y^2)f_{xx} - 2f_x f_y f_{xy} + (1+f_x^2)f_{yy}}{2(1+f_x^2+f_y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = 0$$

Theorem If $f(x, y)$ satisfies the minimal surface equation in D and if f is continuous on \bar{D} , then $\text{Area}(\text{graph}(f)) \leq \text{Area}(\text{graph}(\tilde{f}))$ for any function $\tilde{f}(x, y)$ in D having the same values as $f(x, y)$ on ∂D .

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pf) In the domain $D \times \mathbb{R} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ consider the unit vector field $v(x, y, z)$

$$v = \frac{1}{w}(-fx, -fy, 1), w = \sqrt{1+f_x^2+f_y^2}. \Rightarrow v: \text{unit normal to graph}(f)$$

$$v_z \equiv 0, (v_1)_x + (v_2)_y = \frac{1}{w^3}[(1+f_y^2)f_{xx} + (1+f_x^2)f_{yy} - 2f_x f_y f_{xy}]$$

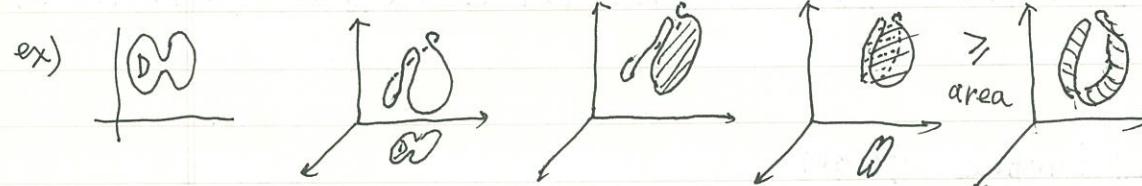
$$\therefore \text{div } v \equiv 0 \text{ in } D \times \mathbb{R}. S := \text{graph}(f), \tilde{S} := \text{graph}(\tilde{f}) \Rightarrow S - \tilde{S} = \partial \Delta,$$

Δ : open set in $D \times \mathbb{R}$.

$$0 = \iiint_{\Delta} \text{div } v \, dx dy dz = \iint_{S - \tilde{S}} \langle v, N \rangle d\sigma, N: \text{unit normal to } S - \tilde{S}.$$

$$v \equiv N \text{ on } S.$$

$$\text{Area}(S) = \iint_S \langle v, N \rangle d\sigma = \iint_{\tilde{S}} \langle v, N \rangle d\sigma \leq \iint_{\tilde{S}} 1 \, d\sigma = \text{Area}(\tilde{S}). \quad " \leq " \Rightarrow " < ".$$



* Plateau problem (1847)

Given a Jordan curve Γ in \mathbb{R}^m , find a surface of least area among all surfaces with Γ as boundary.

Douglas, Radó (1931)

* Dirichlet problem : $\Gamma : f(x, y) = \varphi$ on ∂D

Find a minimal surface $z = f(x, y)$ satisfying the boundary condition.

Radó (1924) : The Dirichlet problem is solvable for all $\varphi \in C^0(\partial D)$ if D is convex.

(P. 197 ~ 209, do Carmo)

* parametric surfaces : $\mathbf{x}(u, v)$. $\mathbf{x}^t(u, v) = \mathbf{x}(u, v) + t h(u, v) N(u, v)$.

$$\mathbf{x}_u^t = \mathbf{x}_u + t h N_u + t h_u N, \quad \mathbf{x}_v^t = \mathbf{x}_v + t h N_v + t h_v N$$

$$\therefore E^t = E + t h \cdot 2 \langle \mathbf{x}_u, N_u \rangle + t^2 h^2 \langle N_u, N_u \rangle + h_u^2$$



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* 1744. Euler showed that the rotation of catenary is a minimal surface.

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$$\begin{aligned} z &= f(x). \text{ rotate around the } x\text{-axis} \Rightarrow \sqrt{z^2+y^2} = f(x). \\ z &= \sqrt{f^2-y^2}, \quad z_x = \frac{ff'}{\sqrt{f^2-y^2}}, \quad z_y = \frac{-y}{\sqrt{f^2-y^2}} \\ z_{xx} &= \frac{f^3 f'' - f'^2 y^2 - ff'' y^2}{\sqrt{f^2-y^2}^3}, \quad z_{xy} = \frac{ff' y}{\sqrt{f^2-y^2}^3}, \quad z_{yy} = \frac{-f^2}{\sqrt{f^2-y^2}^3} \\ \therefore (1+z_y^2) z_{xx} - 2z_x z_y z_{xy} + (1+z_x^2) z_{yy} &= \end{aligned}$$

$$F^t = F + th (\langle \mathbf{x}_u, N_v \rangle + \langle \mathbf{x}_v, N_u \rangle) + t^2 (h^2 \langle N_u, N_v \rangle + h_u h_v)$$

$$G^t = G + th \cdot 2 \langle \mathbf{x}_v, N_v \rangle + t^2 (h^2 \langle N_v, N_v \rangle + h_v h_v)$$

$$\langle \mathbf{x}_u, N_u \rangle = -e, \quad \langle \mathbf{x}_u, N_v \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}_v, N_u \rangle = -f, \quad \langle \mathbf{x}_v, N_v \rangle = -g$$

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Eg - 2fF + Ge}{EG - F^2} \quad \therefore E^t G^t - (F^t)^2 = EG - F^2 - 2th(Eg - 2Ff + Ge) + R$$

$$= (EG - F^2)(1 - 4thH) + R, \quad R: t \geq 2, 3, 4 \text{ 차원들}$$

$$\therefore A(t) := \text{Area}(\mathbf{x}^t) = \iint_D \sqrt{E^t G^t - (F^t)^2} \, du dv = \iint_D \sqrt{1 - 4thH + R} \sqrt{EG - F^2} \, du dv$$

$$A'(0) = - \iint_S 2h H \, d\sigma \quad \therefore 2\vec{H} = -\nabla \text{Area}, \quad \vec{H} := HN. \quad \vec{R} = R/(EG - F^2)$$

$$\therefore hH = \langle hN, HN \rangle$$

* minimal surface, soap film, Plateau, Douglas-Radó

* $\mathbf{x}(u, v)$, u, v : isothermal if $\langle \mathbf{x}_u, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}_v, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle$ and $\langle \mathbf{x}_u, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle = 0$. (*)

Proposition $\mathbf{x}(u, v)$: isothermal. $\mathbf{x}_{uu} + \mathbf{x}_{vv} = 2\lambda^2 \vec{H}$, $\lambda^2 = \langle \mathbf{x}_u, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}_v, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle$.

$$\text{pf) } \frac{\partial}{\partial u} (*) \Rightarrow \langle \mathbf{x}_{uu}, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}_{vu}, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle = -\langle \mathbf{x}_u, \mathbf{x}_{vv} \rangle \therefore \langle \mathbf{x}_{uu} + \mathbf{x}_{vv}, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial v} (*) \Rightarrow \langle \mathbf{x}_{vv}, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}_{uv}, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle = -\langle \mathbf{x}_u, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle \therefore \langle \mathbf{x}_{uu} + \mathbf{x}_{vv}, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle = 0$$

$$\therefore \mathbf{x}_{uu} + \mathbf{x}_{vv} \parallel N. \quad \mathbf{x}(u, v)$$

$$\text{isothermal} \Rightarrow H = \frac{g+e}{2\lambda^2}.$$

$$\therefore 2\lambda^2 H = e + g = \langle N, \mathbf{x}_{uu} + \mathbf{x}_{vv} \rangle \therefore \mathbf{x}_{uu} + \mathbf{x}_{vv} = 2\lambda^2 \vec{H}.$$

* $\mathbf{x}(u, v)$ is minimal. $\Leftrightarrow H \equiv 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow A'(0) = 0, \forall \text{ variations of } \mathbf{x} \Leftrightarrow x, y, z \text{ are harmonic on } \mathbf{x}.$$

the catenoid

1744. Euler showed that the rotation of catenary is a minimal surface.

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$$\begin{aligned} z &= f(x). \text{ rotate around the } x\text{-axis} \Rightarrow \sqrt{z^2+y^2} = f(x). \\ z &= \sqrt{f^2-y^2}, \quad z_x = \frac{ff'}{\sqrt{f^2-y^2}}, \quad z_y = \frac{-y}{\sqrt{f^2-y^2}} \\ z_{xx} &= \frac{f^3 f'' - f'^2 y^2 - ff'' y^2}{\sqrt{f^2-y^2}^3}, \quad z_{xy} = \frac{ff' y}{\sqrt{f^2-y^2}^3}, \quad z_{yy} = \frac{-f^2}{\sqrt{f^2-y^2}^3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (1+z_y^2) z_{xx} - 2z_x z_y z_{xy} + (1+z_x^2) z_{yy} =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{f^2 - y^2}} (f^5 f'' - f^2 f'^2 y^2 - f^3 f'' y^2 + 2f^2 f'^2 y^2 - f^4 + f^2 y^2 - f^4 f'^2) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{f^2 - y^2}} (f^2 - y^2) f^2 (ff'' - f'^2 - 1) = 0 \\
 (ff'' - f'^2 - 1)' &= f' f'' + ff''' - 2f' f'' = 0 \quad \therefore ff''' - f' f'' = 0 \\
 \therefore \left(\frac{f''}{f}\right)' &= \frac{f''' f - f'' f'}{f^2} = 0 \quad \therefore \frac{f''}{f} = \text{const} \quad \therefore f = \cosh x
 \end{aligned}$$

$f = \sinh x$ cannot be a solution because $ff'' - f'^2 = 1$.
 $\therefore \mathbf{x}(u, v) = (\cosh u \cos v, \cosh u \sin v, u)$

* helicoid: $\mathbf{x}(u, v) = (\sinh u \cos v, \sinh u \sin v, v)$

Mensnier constructed in 1776, Catalan showed it is the only ruled minimal surface in 1842.

ℓ : line in the helicoid S . P_ℓ : rotation of \mathbb{R}^3 about ℓ by 180°
 $\Rightarrow P_\ell$ is an isometry. Let $\vec{H}(p)$ be the mean curvature vector of S at $p \in \ell$. Since P_ℓ is an isometry of \mathbb{R}^3 , $P_\ell(\vec{H}(p))$ is also the mean curvature vector of $P_\ell(S)$ at $P_\ell(p)$. But $P_\ell(S) = S$ and $P_\ell(p) = p$. Hence $\vec{H}(p) = P_\ell(\vec{H}(p))$ and so $\vec{H}(p) = 0$. Since ℓ and p are arbitrary, $\vec{H} = 0$ on the helicoid.

* $\mathbf{x}(u, v)$: minimal, u, v : isothermal $\Leftrightarrow x, y, z$: harmonic \Rightarrow complex analytic
 $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ analytic $f(z) = f_1(u, v) + i f_2(u, v)$, $z = u + iv$
 $\Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial v}$, $\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial v} = -\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial u}$: Cauchy-Riemann equation
 $\varphi_1(z) = \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} - i \frac{\partial x}{\partial v}$, $\varphi_2(z) = \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} - i \frac{\partial y}{\partial v}$, $\varphi_3(z) = \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} - i \frac{\partial z}{\partial v}$

Lemma u, v are isothermal if and only if $\varphi_1^2 + \varphi_2^2 + \varphi_3^2 = 0$.

In case u, v are isothermal, $\mathbf{x}(u, v)$ is minimal if and only if $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3$ are complex analytic.

$$\text{pf)} \quad \varphi_1^2 + \varphi_2^2 + \varphi_3^2 = |\mathbf{x}_u|^2 - |\mathbf{x}_v|^2 - 2i \langle \mathbf{x}_u, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle = E - G - 2iF.$$

$\mathbf{x}_{uu} + \mathbf{x}_{vv} = 0$, $\mathbf{x}_{uv} = \mathbf{x}_{vu} \Leftrightarrow$ Cauchy-Riemann equations for $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3$.

3 미지수, 1 방정식 \rightarrow 2 미지수

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi_1^2 + \varphi_2^2 + \varphi_3^2 &= (\varphi_1 + i\varphi_2)(\varphi_1 - i\varphi_2) + \varphi_3^2 : f = \varphi_1 - i\varphi_2, g = \frac{\varphi_3}{\varphi_1 - i\varphi_2} \\
 \therefore \varphi_1 &= \frac{1}{2} f(1-g^2), \varphi_2 = \frac{i}{2} f(1+g^2), \varphi_3 = fg. \quad \left(\because \varphi_1 + i\varphi_2 = -\frac{\varphi_3^2}{\varphi_1 - i\varphi_2} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$\therefore x = \operatorname{Re} \int \frac{1}{2} f(1-g^2) dz$, $y = \operatorname{Re} \int \frac{i}{2} f(1+g^2) dz$, $z = \operatorname{Re} \int fg dz$
 f : holomorphic, g : meromorphic : Weierstrass representation formula

ex) $M = \mathbb{C}$, $g(z) = -e^z$, $f = -e^{-z}$: Catenoid
 $\varphi_1 = \sinh z$, $\varphi_2 = -i \cosh z$, $\varphi_3 = 1$

$$x = \operatorname{Re} \int \sinh z dz = \cos v \cdot \cosh u, \quad y = \operatorname{Re} \int -i \cosh z dz = \operatorname{Re} (-i \sinh z) = \sin v \cdot \cosh u, \quad z = \operatorname{Re} \int dz = u.$$

$$\cosh z = \cosh u \cos v + i \sinh u \sin v, \quad \sinh z = \sinh u \cos v + i \cosh u \sin v$$

ex) Helicoid: $M = \mathbb{C}$, $g(z) = -ie^z$, $f = e^{-z}$.

$$\varphi_1 = \cosh z, \varphi_2 = -i \sinh z, \varphi_3 = -i$$

$$x = \cos v \cdot \sinh u, \quad y = \sin v \cdot \sinh u, \quad z = v$$

ex) Enneper's surface: $M = \mathbb{C}$, $g(z) = z$, $f(z) = 1$.

$$x = \operatorname{Re} \int \frac{1}{2} (1-z^2) dz = \frac{1}{2} \left(u - \frac{u^3}{3} + uv^2 \right), \quad y = \operatorname{Re} \int \frac{i}{2} (1+z^2) dz = \frac{1}{2} \left(-v + \frac{v^3}{3} - u^2 \right), \\ z = \operatorname{Re} \int z dz = \frac{1}{2} (u^2 - v^2).$$

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ex) Scherk's surface: $M = \{ |z| < 1 \}$, $g(z) = z$, $f(z) = \frac{4}{1-z^4}$
 $\mathbf{x}(u, v) = \left(-\arg \frac{z+i}{z-i}, -\arg \frac{z+1}{z-1}, \log \left| \frac{z^2+1}{z^2-1} \right| \right)$, $z = \log \frac{\cos y}{\cos x}$

* $g = \pi \circ N$, π : stereographic projection, N : Gauss map.

ex) Costa's surface: $M = \mathbb{C}/L$, L : square lattice generated by 1 and i .

$T^2 = \mathbb{C}/L$ with punctures at $0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{i}{2}$. $P(z)$: Weierstrass \wp -function for L . $P(z) = \frac{1}{z^2} + \sum_{w \in L - \{0\}} \left(\frac{1}{(z-w)^2} - \frac{1}{w^2} \right)$, $f = P(z)$, $g = \frac{a}{P'(z)}$.

$$P'^2 = 4(P^2 - a^2)P, \quad a = P\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -P\left(\frac{i}{2}\right), \quad P\left(\frac{1+i}{2}\right) = 0.$$

$$r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2, \quad \Delta f h = h \Delta f + 2 \langle \nabla f, \nabla h \rangle + f \Delta h, \quad \therefore \Delta r^2 = 2r \Delta r + 2 \langle \nabla r, \nabla r \rangle \\ \Delta r^2 = 2x \Delta x + 2y \Delta y + 2z \Delta z + 2 \left[\left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \right)^2 \right] = 2(|\mathbf{x}_u|^2 + |\mathbf{x}_v|^2) \\ = 4\lambda^2: \text{only locally defined. But } \iint_S \lambda^2 dudv \text{ is globally defined.}$$

$$\therefore \iint_S \Delta r^2 dudv = \iint_S 4\lambda^2 dudv = \iint_S 4d\sigma = 4 \operatorname{Area}(S).$$

* Hoffman-Meeks conjecture:

g : genus, e : #(ends). There is no complete embedded minimal surface of finite total curvature with $g+2 < e$.

$$* S: (\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3) \rightarrow (e^{i\theta}\varphi_1, e^{i\theta}\varphi_2, e^{i\theta}\varphi_3) \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$(e^{i\theta})^2(\varphi_1^2 + \varphi_2^2 + \varphi_3^2) = 0$, $e^{i\theta}\varphi_k$ are holomorphic \Rightarrow minimal surface:
associate min. surf. $\tilde{x}(u, v) = (\operatorname{Re} S e^{i\theta}\varphi_1 dz, \operatorname{Re} S e^{i\theta}\varphi_2 dz, \operatorname{Re} S e^{i\theta}\varphi_3 dz)$

$\tilde{x}_{\frac{\pi}{2}}$: conjugate min. surf.

$$E = G = \lambda^2 = |\varphi_1|^2 + |\varphi_2|^2 + |\varphi_3|^2 = |e^{i\theta}\varphi_1|^2 + |e^{i\theta}\varphi_2|^2 + |e^{i\theta}\varphi_3|^2$$

\therefore All the associate surfaces are locally isometric minimal surfaces to S .

$\tilde{x}_\theta(u, v)$: $\tilde{x}_0 \rightarrow \tilde{x}_{\frac{\pi}{2}}$: isometric deformation of S to its conjugate surface. ex). Catenoid \rightarrow Helicoid. Scherk's first surface \rightarrow 2nd surf.

* u, v : defined on $D \subset S$. Divergence theorem for $\iint_D \Delta r^2 dudv$?

$$\Delta r^2 = \operatorname{div} \operatorname{grad} r^2 \quad \therefore \iint_D \Delta r^2 dudv = \iint_D \langle \operatorname{grad} r^2, n \rangle dl, \quad n: \text{unit normal to } \partial D, \text{ outward.}$$

$\tilde{x}(u, v): D \rightarrow S$, conformal map, $d\tilde{x}(n) = \lambda N$, $(d\tilde{x}(dl)) = ds$, $d\tilde{x}^*(ds) = \lambda dl$

$\lambda = |\tilde{x}_u| = |\tilde{x}_v|$, N : unit normal tangent to $\tilde{x}(\partial D)$. \tilde{x} preserves r^2 .

$$\therefore \frac{\partial r^2}{\partial n} = \frac{\partial r^2}{\partial N} \cdot \lambda, \quad \iint_D \frac{\partial r^2}{\partial n} dl = \iint_{\tilde{x}(\partial D)} \frac{\partial r^2}{\partial N} ds : \text{this vanishes}$$

along $\partial D \cap \partial D'$ and $\therefore 4 \operatorname{Area}(S) = \iint_S \Delta r^2 dudv = \iint_S 2r \frac{\partial r}{\partial N} ds$.

is independent of (u, v) on D and (u', v') on D' .

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial N} = \langle \operatorname{grad} r, N \rangle, \quad \operatorname{grad} r: \text{gradient in } \mathbb{R}^3 \quad \therefore |\operatorname{grad} r| = 1.$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial r}{\partial N} = \cos \theta, \quad \theta: \text{angle between } \operatorname{grad} r \text{ and } N.$$

r : distance from p . N : outward unit conormal to ∂S

v : unit normal to $T_x(\partial S)$ that is closest to $\operatorname{grad} r$

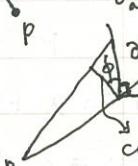
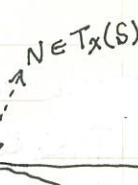
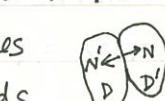
$\therefore v \in \operatorname{span} \{ \operatorname{grad} r, T_x(\partial S) \}$, $\phi = \text{angle between } v \text{ and } \operatorname{grad} r$.

$$\phi \leq \theta \Rightarrow \frac{\partial r}{\partial N} = \cos \theta \leq \cos \phi = \frac{\partial r}{\partial v}$$

$$\therefore 4 \operatorname{Area}(S) \leq \iint_{\partial S} 2r \frac{\partial r}{\partial v} ds = 4 \operatorname{Area}(p \times \partial S)$$

$p \times \partial S$: the cone from p over $\partial S = \bigcup_{q \in \partial S} \overline{pq}$ $\therefore \operatorname{Area}(S) \leq \operatorname{Area}(p \times \partial S), \forall p$.

$S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, minimal $\Rightarrow x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$: harmonic wrt isothermal coordinates u, v .



$$r^2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2, \quad \Delta r^2 = 4\lambda^2 \quad \dots \quad \operatorname{Area}(S) \leq \operatorname{Area}(p \times \partial S), \forall p \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

This area comparison is obvious for area minimizing S .

이 부등식은 극대인 minimal surface의 대체에서도 성립한다.

* Application. minimal surface: generalized plane

Conjecture: $4\pi A \leq L^2$ should also hold for minimal surfaces in $\Sigma \subset \mathbb{R}^n$
Partial results: and " $=$ " $\Leftrightarrow \Sigma$: disk in \mathbb{R}^2 .

(i) Yes, if Σ is simply connected. (Carleman, 1921)

(ii) $\partial \Sigma$: connected (Reid, Hsiung, 1959)

(iii) Σ : doubly connected $\subset \mathbb{R}^3$ (Osserman-Schiffer, 1975)

(iv) Σ : doubly connected $\subset \mathbb{R}^n$ (Feinberg, 1977)

(v) $\#(\partial \Sigma) = 2$, $\Sigma \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ (Li-Schoen-Yau, 1983)

(vi) $\#(\partial \Sigma) = 2$, $\Sigma \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ (Choe, 1990)

(vii) Σ : triply connected, $\subset \mathbb{R}^3$ (Choe-Schoen, 2015)

$\operatorname{Area}(S) \leq \operatorname{Area}(p \times \partial S)$ gives an easy proof of (i) & (ii).

S : area minimizing, $\#(\partial S)$: arbitrary : easy

Theorem $\Sigma \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, minimal. $\operatorname{Angle}_p(\partial \Sigma) \geq 2\pi, \forall p \in \Sigma$.

$\operatorname{Angle}_p(\partial \Sigma) := \operatorname{Length}((p \times \partial \Sigma) \cap S_p^{n-1}) = \operatorname{Length}(\text{radial projection of } \partial \Sigma \text{ on } S_p^{n-1}).$

Angle?



$\geq 2\pi$

\therefore true in $\Sigma \subset \mathbb{R}^2$.

* Minimal surface in \mathbb{R}^n ?

$$A'(o) = - \iint_S 2hH d\sigma, \quad \tilde{x}^*(u, v) = \tilde{x}(u, v) + t h(u, v) N(u, v)$$

$N(u, v)$: not unique on $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$. hN : variation vector field

$$hH = \langle hN, \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{x}_{uu} + \tilde{x}_{vv}) \rangle \quad \therefore A'(o) = - \iint_S 2 \langle hN, \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{x}_{uu} + \tilde{x}_{vv}) \rangle d\sigma.$$

$$\vec{H} := \frac{1}{2\lambda^2}(\tilde{x}_{uu} + \tilde{x}_{vv}) : \text{mean curvature vector : normal to } S$$

$\therefore \tilde{x} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is minimal if $\vec{H} \equiv 0$.

$\Leftrightarrow x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ are harmonic on $\tilde{x}(D)$. (x_1, \dots, x_n): Euclidean coordinates of \mathbb{R}^n .

$\Leftrightarrow \varphi_i(z) = \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial u} - i \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial v}$ are holomorphic on $\tilde{x}(D)$.

