

The Second Variation: Revisited.

Variational field
$V(t) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial u}(t, 0)$
Velocity field
$T(t) := \dot{\gamma}(t)$

Let γ be a C^∞ curve, $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow M$.

F : a variation of γ $F: [a, b] \times (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow M$
 $(t, u) \mapsto F(t, u)$
 $(F \in C^\infty, F(t, 0) = \gamma(t), \forall t \in [a, b])$

Energy functional $\rightsquigarrow E: (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 $u \mapsto E(u)$

$$E(u) := \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \left\langle \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} \right\rangle (t, u) dt$$

1st and 2nd variation formula.

$$(1) E'(0) = \left\langle V, \underbrace{T}_{\text{circled}} \right\rangle \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b \left\langle V, \underbrace{\nabla_T T}_{\text{wavy}} \right\rangle dt$$

$$(2) E''(0) = \left\langle \underbrace{\nabla_V V}_{\text{wavy}}, T \right\rangle \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b \left\langle \nabla_V V, \nabla_T T \right\rangle dt + \int_a^b \left(\left\langle \nabla_T V, \nabla_T V \right\rangle + \underbrace{\left\langle R(V, T)V, T \right\rangle}_{-\left\langle R(V, T)T, V \right\rangle} \right) dt$$

Remark: $\nabla g \equiv 0$, torsion free

$$\frac{d}{du} E(u) \stackrel{\text{torsion free}}{=} \int_a^b \frac{d}{du} \left\langle \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} \right\rangle dt \stackrel{\nabla g \equiv 0}{=} \int_a^b \left\langle \frac{D}{du} \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} \right\rangle dt$$

$$\stackrel{\text{torsion free}}{=} \int_a^b \left\langle \frac{D}{dt} \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} \right\rangle dt \quad (A)$$

$$\stackrel{\nabla g \equiv 0}{=} \int_a^b \frac{d}{dt} \left\langle \frac{\partial F}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} \right\rangle - \left\langle \frac{\partial F}{\partial u}, \frac{D}{dt} \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} \right\rangle dt$$

$$\Rightarrow E'(0) = \left\langle V, T \right\rangle \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b \left\langle V, \nabla_T T \right\rangle dt$$

$$\frac{d^2}{du^2} E(u) \Big|_{u=0} = \int_a^b \frac{d}{du} \left\langle \frac{D}{dt} \frac{\partial F}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} \right\rangle dt \Big|_{u=0} \quad \frac{D}{dt} \frac{\partial F}{\partial u}$$

$$\stackrel{\nabla g \equiv 0}{=} \int_a^b \left\langle \frac{D}{du} \frac{D}{dt} \frac{\partial F}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} \right\rangle + \left\langle \frac{D}{dt} \frac{\partial F}{\partial u}, \frac{D}{du} \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} \right\rangle dt \Big|_{u=0}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{torsion free}}{=} \int_a^b \left\langle \nabla_T V, \nabla_T V \right\rangle dt + \int_a^b \left\langle \frac{D}{dt} \frac{D}{du} \frac{\partial F}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial t} \right\rangle dt$$

Ricci Identity

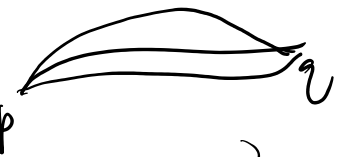
$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_a^b \langle \nabla_T V, \nabla_T V \rangle dt + \int_a^b \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\partial F}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} \right\rangle dt \\
 &= \int_a^b \langle \nabla_T V, \nabla_T V \rangle dt + \int_a^b \frac{d}{dt} \left\langle \frac{\partial F}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} \right\rangle dt - \int_a^b \left\langle \frac{\partial F}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} \right\rangle dt \\
 &\quad + \int_a^b \langle R(V, T) V, T \rangle dt
 \end{aligned}$$

$$E''(t_0) = \int_a^b (\langle \nabla_T V, \nabla_T V \rangle - \langle R(V, T) T, V \rangle) dt$$

$$\frac{d}{du} \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial u} \right) \Big|_{t=a, b, u=0} + \langle \nabla_V V, T \rangle \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b \langle \nabla_V V, \nabla_T T \rangle dt \quad \square$$

$E'(t_0) = 0, \& E''(t_0) \geq 0 \rightarrow$ 'local' minimum

(a) $F(a, u) = F(a, 0), F(b, u) = F(b, 0), \forall u \in (-\epsilon, \epsilon)$

$E'(t_0) = 0 \Rightarrow \nabla_T T = 0, \Rightarrow \gamma$ is a geodesic 

$$E''(t_0) = \int_a^b (\underbrace{\langle \nabla_T V, \nabla_T V \rangle}_{\geq 0} - \underbrace{\langle R(V, T) T, V \rangle}_{\leq 0}) dt \geq 0$$

Sec ≤ 0

(b) $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow M$ closed curve

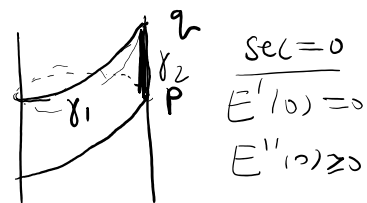
$$\gamma(a) = \gamma(b), \dot{\gamma}(a) = \dot{\gamma}(b)$$

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Sec ≤ 0

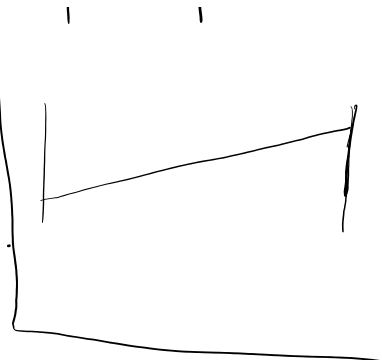
(a), (b), Sec $\leq 0, \Rightarrow \frac{E'(t_0) = 0}{\gamma \text{ is geodesic}}, E''(t_0) \geq 0$
 'local' minimum



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Length $L: (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

γ is parametrized proportionally to arc length.
 If $L(u) \leq L(v), \forall u \in (-\epsilon, \epsilon)$



$$2(b-a)E(u) = L(u) \leq L(v) \leq 2(b-a)E(v) \Rightarrow E(u) \leq E(v)$$

(a), (b) $E'(u) = 0, E''(u) \leq 0 \Rightarrow$ energy of γ is not (locally) minimal.
 γ is geodesic

'global'

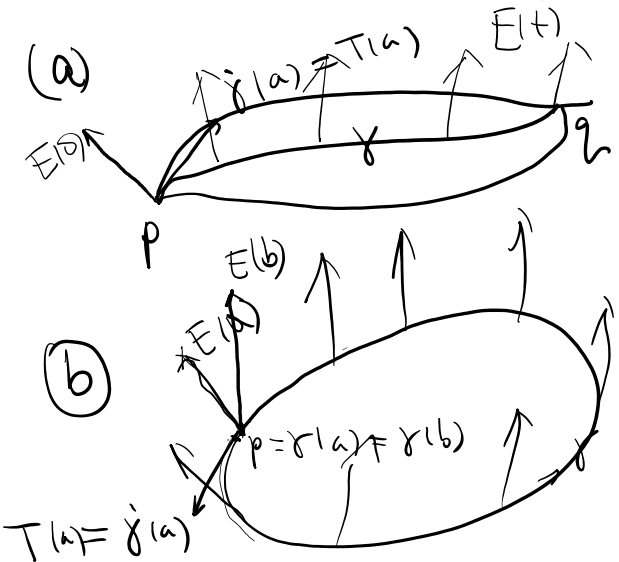
\Rightarrow the geodesic γ is not minimizing.

$$E''(u) = \int_a^b (\underbrace{\langle \nabla_T V, \nabla_T V \rangle}_{\geq 0} - \underbrace{\langle R(V, T)T, V \rangle}_{\text{Sec} > 0}) dt \neq 0$$

Sec > 0

$$\int_a^b \langle \nabla_T V, \nabla_T V \rangle dt \stackrel{!}{\geq} \int_a^b \langle R(V, T)T, V \rangle dt$$

Particular case: V is parallel along γ , i.e. $\nabla_T V \equiv 0$



$$V(p) = V(q) = 0$$

$$f(t)E(t)$$

$$E(b) \neq E(a)$$

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Lemmas (Bonnet 1855 and Sunce 1926) (M, 9) Ric. mfd.

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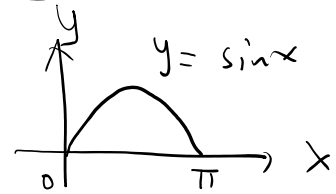
$\text{Sec} \geq k > 0$. Then geodesics of length $> \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{k}}$ can not be minimizing.

Recall: $\text{Ric} \geq (n-1)k$, $\lambda_1 = nk \Rightarrow \text{diam} \geq \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{k}}$. $V(t)$ γ $\gamma(l)$ $l = \text{length}$

Proof: $E(0) \in T_{\gamma(0)} M$, $\langle E(0), E(0) \rangle = 1$
 s.t. $\langle E(0), T(0) \rangle = 0$

$$E(t) := \mathcal{P}_{\gamma; 0, t}(E(0))$$

$$\langle T, T \rangle \equiv 1$$



$$V(t) := \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{l}t\right)E(t)$$

$$V(0) = V(l) = 0$$

$$E''(0) = \int_0^l \langle \nabla_T V, \nabla_T V \rangle - \langle R(V, T)T, V \rangle dt$$

$$\int_0^l \langle \nabla_T V, \nabla_T V \rangle dt = \int_0^l \left\langle \frac{\pi}{l} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{l}t\right)E(t), \frac{\pi}{l} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{l}t\right)E(t) \right\rangle dt$$

$$= \left[\left(\frac{\pi}{l}\right)^2 \int_0^l \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{l}t\right) dt \right] \quad \square$$

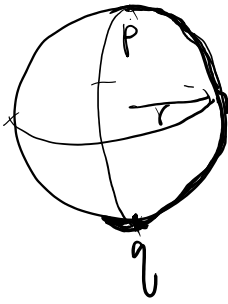
$$\int_0^l \langle R(V, T)T, V \rangle dt = \int_0^l \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{l}t\right) \langle R(E, T)T, E \rangle dt$$

$$\geq k \int_0^l \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{l}t\right) dt \quad \text{K}(E, T)$$

$$\int_0^l \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{l}t\right) dt = \int_0^l \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{l}t\right) dt \quad \int_0^l \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{l}t\right) dt = 0$$

Hope. $k > \left(\frac{\pi}{l}\right)^2 \Leftrightarrow l > \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{k}}$

$l > \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{k}} \Rightarrow E''(0) < 0 \Rightarrow \gamma$ is not minimizing \square



$$S^2 \quad k \quad r = \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}$$

$$l > \pi \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}$$

Remark on the Proof: the choice of $E(0)$ is not unique.

$$T_{\gamma(0)} M : \{ \dot{\gamma}(0) = T(0), \underbrace{E_2(0), \dots, E_n(0)}_{E(0)} \} \text{ orthonormal.}$$

Lemma' (Myers 1941) (M, g) $\text{Ric} \geq (n-1)k > 0$

Then ~~the~~ geodesics of length $> \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{k}}$ ~~can~~ can not minimize.

Proof: $E_i(0)$ $\xrightarrow{\text{Parallel}}$ $E_i(t)$

$$V_i(t) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{l}t\right) E_i(t), \quad i=2, \dots, n$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial v_i^2} E(V_i) \Big|_{v_i=0} < \frac{k \int_0^l \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{l}t\right) dt}{\int_0^l \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{l}t\right) dt} \quad i=2, \dots, n$$

$$l > \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{k}} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{\pi}{l}\right)^2 < k \quad - \int_0^l \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{l}t\right) K(E_i, T) dt.$$

$i=2, \dots, n$

$$\underbrace{\sum_{i=2}^n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial v_i^2} E(V_i) \Big|_{v_i=0}} < (n-1)k \int_0^l \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{l}t\right) dt - \int_0^l \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{l}t\right) \underbrace{\sum_{i=2}^n K(E_i, T)}_{\text{Ric}(T)} dt$$

$$\leq (n-1)k \left(\int_0^l \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{l}t\right) dt - \int_0^l \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{l}t\right) dt \right)$$

$$= 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists i_0 \text{ s.t. } \frac{\partial^2}{\partial v_{i_0}^2} E(V_{i_0}) \Big|_{v_{i_0}=0} < 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists v_0 \text{ s.t. } \frac{\partial}{\partial v_{i_0}^2} \in (U_{i_0}) \Big|_{v_{i_0} = 0} < 0.$$

$\Rightarrow \gamma$ is not minimizing. \square

Hopf - Rinow, completeness

Cor. (Myers 1935 / 1941) \xrightarrow{q} Bonnet - Myers Theorem. (Duke Math. J.)

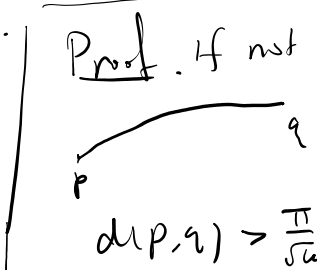
$\text{Sec} \geq k > 0 \implies \text{Ric} \geq (n-1)k > 0$

(M, g) ① complete Rie. mfd.

② $\text{Ric} \geq (n-1)k > 0$

Then $\text{diam}(M, g) \leq \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{k}}$

Proof. If not



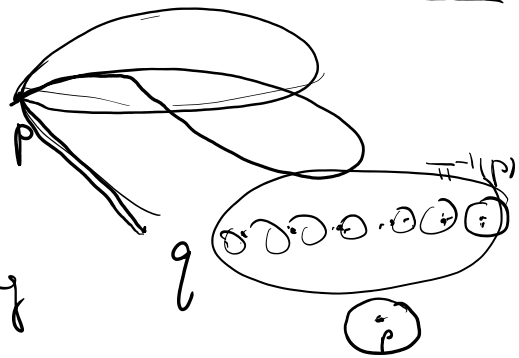
$d(p, q) > \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{k}}$

\downarrow
 M bounded closed $\Rightarrow M$ compact.

Furthermore, M has finite fundamental group.

$M, \pi_1(M)$

$\pi_1(M, p)$



$M \xrightarrow{\pi} \tilde{M}$ universal covering

$\pi: \tilde{M} \rightarrow M$

$\pi_1(M, p)$ 1-1 correspondence to $\pi^{-1}(p)$

Proof: (\tilde{M}, \tilde{g}) complete Rie. covering space $\text{Ric} \geq (n-1)k \Rightarrow \tilde{M}$ compact

$\downarrow \pi$ local isometry
 (M, g) complete, $\text{Ric} \geq (n-1)k$

$\{ \pi^{-1}(p) \} = \emptyset \Rightarrow$ limit point.

$|\{ \pi^{-1}(p) \}| = \infty \Rightarrow$ limit point.

$\dots \Rightarrow \delta$

Then $|\pi^{-1}(p)| < \infty$ □

compact $\Rightarrow |\pi^{-1}(M)| < \infty$

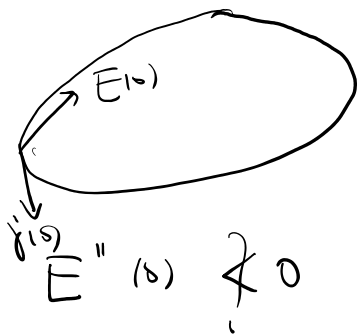
$\text{Ric} \geq (n-1)k > 0 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 \geq nk$

compact, $\text{Ric} \geq (n-1)k > 0$, $\lambda_1 = nk$
 $\Rightarrow \text{diam}(M, g) \geq \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{k}}$

Cor. (M, g) compact Ric. mfd. $\text{Ric} \geq (n-1)k > 0$
 $\lambda_1 = nk$ Then $\text{diam}(M, g) = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{k}}$.

⊖ When does the "=" holds in the Bonnet Myers diameter estimates? $\{P_{\delta, 0, \ell}\}$

(b) see >



γ a closed geodesic
 $\gamma: [0, \ell] \rightarrow M$
 $\gamma(0) = \gamma(\ell), \dot{\gamma}(0) = \dot{\gamma}(\ell)$

$\exists E(t_0) \in T_{\gamma(t_0)} M$, s.t. $\langle E(t_0), \dot{\gamma}(t_0) \rangle = 0$,
 $\langle E(t_0), E(t_0) \rangle = 1$

and $P_{\gamma, 0, \ell}(E(t_0)) \neq E(t_0)$

$P_{\gamma, 0, \ell}: T_{\gamma(0)} M \rightarrow T_{\gamma(\ell)} M = T_{\gamma(0)} M$
 linear transformation

linear transformation

+1 is an eigenvalue of $P_{\gamma,0,l}$.

$$P_{\gamma,0,l}(\dot{\gamma}(s)) = \dot{\gamma}(s) = \dot{\gamma}(0)$$

Problem Does the eigenvalue +1 of $P_{\gamma,0,l} : T_{\gamma(0)}M \rightarrow$

~~the~~ have multiplicity ≥ 2 ? $T_{\gamma(0)}M$

Synge Theorem

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