

The Gauss-Bonnet Theorem

We are now prepared to prove:

Thm (Global Gauss-Bonnet for surfaces without boundary)

Sps. S is a closed and bounded, orientable surface without boundary. Then

$$\iint_S K dA = 2\pi \chi(S)$$

↑ geometry ↑ topology

* Corollary: Since $\iint_S K dA$ doesn't depend on \mathcal{P} , neither
* does $2\pi \chi(S)$

↑ so $\chi(S)$ is well-defined topological invariant.

Ex. $\chi(\text{sphere}) = 2$.

↪ says no matter how you put a metric on sphere, k must be positive at least on some region.