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Theorem 9.3 (The Gauss–Bonnet Formula). *Let (M, g) be an oriented Riemannian 2-manifold. Suppose γ is a positively oriented curved polygon in M , and Ω is its interior. Then*

$$\int_{\Omega} K \, dA + \int_{\gamma} \kappa_N \, ds + \sum_{i=1}^k \varepsilon_i = 2\pi, \tag{9.6}$$

where K is the Gaussian curvature of g , dA is its Riemannian volume form, $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_k$ are the exterior angles of γ , and the second integral is taken with respect to arc length (Problem [2-32](#)).



Theorem 9.7 (The Gauss–Bonnet Theorem). *If (M, g) is a smoothly triangulated compact Riemannian 2-manifold, then*

$$\int_M K \, dA = 2\pi \chi(M),$$

where K is the Gaussian curvature of g and dA is its Riemannian density.

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