## Geodesics and <br> Fast Marching Methods

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First fundamental form: $I_{\varphi}=\left(\left\langle\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial u_{i}}, \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial u_{j}}\right\rangle\right)_{i, j=1,2}$.
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DTI imaging: $\mathcal{M}=[0,1]^{3}, H(x)=$ diffusion tensor.


## Geodesic Distances

Geodesic distance metric over $\mathcal{M} \subset \mathbb{R}^{n}$

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Geodesic curve: $\gamma(t)$ such that $L(\gamma)=d_{\mathcal{M}}(x, y)$.
Distance map to a starting point $x_{0} \in \mathcal{M}: U_{x_{0}}(x) \stackrel{\text { def. }}{=} d_{\mathcal{M}}\left(x_{0}, x\right)$.


## What's Next?

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