

Schutz 6.38. Integrate  $l = \int_{\lambda_0}^{\lambda_1} |\dot{\vec{v}} \cdot \dot{\vec{v}}|^{1/2} d\lambda$  to find length of circle of constant  $\theta$  on sphere of radius  $r$ .

$$\dot{\vec{v}} \cdot \dot{\vec{v}} = g_{\alpha\beta} \frac{dx^\alpha}{d\lambda} \frac{dx^\beta}{d\lambda}, \quad \lambda = \phi,$$

$$x^\alpha = \{r, \theta, \phi\}.$$

$$g_{\alpha\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & \\ & r^2 & \\ & & r^2 \sin^2 \theta \end{bmatrix}, \quad \frac{dx^\alpha}{d\phi} = \{0, 0, 1\}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{\vec{v}} \cdot \dot{\vec{v}} = r^2 \sin^2 \theta$$

$$l = \int_0^{2\pi} |r^2 \sin^2 \theta|^{1/2} d\phi$$

$$= \int_0^{2\pi} r \sin \theta d\phi = \boxed{2\pi r \sin \theta}$$

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