

Advanced Topics in Geometry B1 (MTH.B406)

Surfaces of constant Gaussian curvature

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Exercise 1-1

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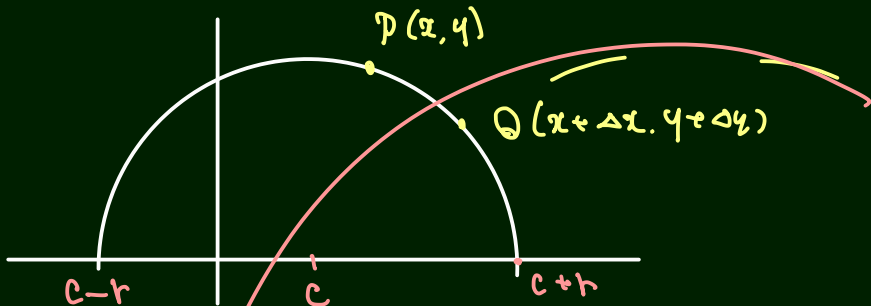
Lemma

Let $C_{c,r}$ be a circle passing through $P = (x, y)$ and $Q = (x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y)$, where $\Delta x \neq 0$, and set

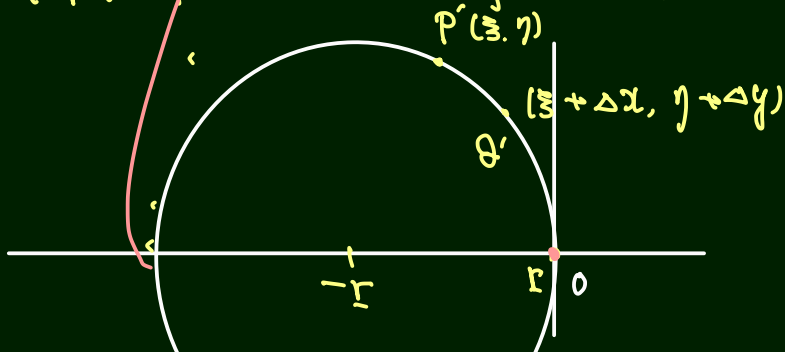
$$\begin{aligned}(X, Y) &:= \psi_{2r} \circ \tau_{-c-r}(x, y), \\ (X + \Delta X, Y + \Delta Y) &:= \psi_{2r} \circ \tau_{-c-r}(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y).\end{aligned}$$

Then $\Delta X = 0$ and

$$\frac{\Delta Y}{Y} = \frac{\sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2}}{y} + o\left(\sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2}\right).$$



$$T_{c-r}(x, y) \approx (x - c - r, y) =: (\xi, \eta)$$



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$$(\xi, \eta) := \tau_{-c-r}(x, y) = (x - c - r, y)$$

$$\Rightarrow \tau_{-c-r}(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y) = (\xi + \Delta x, \eta + \Delta y)$$

$$(\xi + r)^2 + \eta^2 = r^2$$

► Both (ξ, η) , $(\xi + \Delta x, \eta + \Delta y)$ lie on $C_{-r, r}$.

$$\underline{\xi^2 + \eta^2 = -2r\xi}, \quad (\xi + \Delta x)^2 + (\eta + \Delta y)^2 = -2r(\xi + \Delta x).$$

$$\psi_{2r}(\xi, \eta) = \frac{4r^2}{\xi^2 + \eta^2}(\xi, \eta) = -\cancel{(2r)}^{-1} \left(1, \frac{\eta}{\xi} \right) = \cancel{(X, Y)} \quad \boxed{\Delta X = 0}$$

$$\underline{\psi_{2r}(\xi + \Delta x, \eta + \Delta y) = -\cancel{(2r)}^{-1} \left(1, \frac{\eta + \Delta y}{\xi + \Delta x} \right) = \cancel{(X + \Delta X, Y + \Delta Y)} \quad \underline{\underline{=}}}$$

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- $(\xi + \Delta x, \eta + \Delta y)$ lies on $C_{-r,r}$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(\xi + \Delta x)^2 + (\eta + \Delta y)^2 = -2r(\xi + \Delta x)}{\Rightarrow (\xi + r)\Delta x + \eta\Delta y = o(\sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2})} \end{aligned}$$

- (ξ, η) lies on $C_{-r,r}$:

$$\begin{aligned} r^2 &= (\xi + r)^2 + \eta^2 = \left(\eta \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \right)^2 + \eta^2 + o(1) \\ &= \eta^2 \left(1 + \left(\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \right)^2 \right) + o(1) \\ & \quad \quad \quad r = \eta \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \right)^2} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{\Delta x}{\xi}\right)} \approx 1 - \frac{\Delta x}{\xi} + o(\Delta x)$$

$$\frac{\Delta Y}{Y} = \cancel{\left(\frac{r}{\xi}\right)} \left(\frac{\eta + \Delta y}{\xi + \Delta x} - \frac{\eta}{\xi} \right) / \left(\cancel{\left(-\frac{r}{\xi}\right)} \frac{\eta}{\xi} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\xi}{\eta} \left(\frac{1}{\xi} (\eta + \Delta y) \left(1 - \frac{\Delta x}{\xi} \right) - \frac{\eta}{\xi} \right) + o(*)$$

$$= \frac{\Delta y}{\eta} - \frac{\Delta x}{\xi} + o(*)$$

$$* = \sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2}$$

$$= - \left(\frac{\xi + r}{\eta^2} + \frac{1}{\xi} \right) \Delta x + o(*)$$

$$\Delta y = - \frac{\xi + r}{\eta} \Delta x$$

$$= - \frac{\xi(\xi + r) + \eta^2}{\xi \eta^2} + o(*)$$

$$\frac{(\xi + r)^2 + \eta^2}{\xi \eta^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\eta} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} \right)^2} + o(*)$$

$$\underline{y = \eta}$$

$$\textcircled{k} \frac{\Delta y}{y} = \frac{\textcircled{k}}{y} \sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2} + o(\epsilon)$$

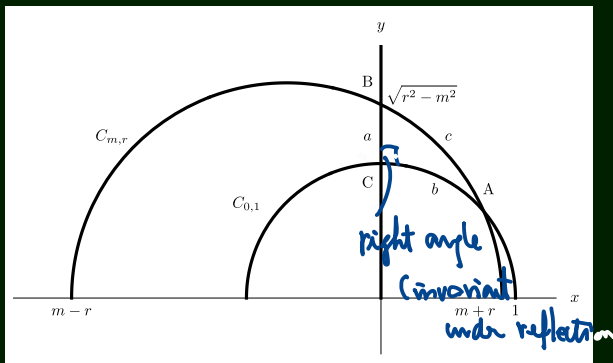
distance of (x, y) to $(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y)$

dist of P-Q

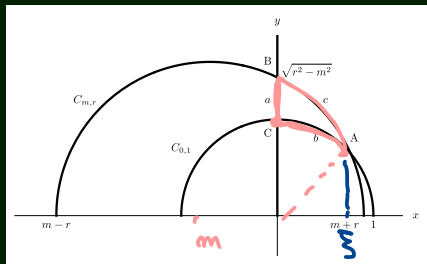
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Problem (Ex. 1-2)

Let A be the intersection point of two lines $C_{0,1}$ and $C_{m,r}$ ($r > 0$, $r^2 - m^2 > 1$, $r + m < 1$), and set $B = (0, \sqrt{r^2 - m^2})$, and $C = (0, 1)$. Find a relation of $a := \text{dist}(B, C)$, $b := \text{dist}(C, A)$ and $c := \text{dist}(A, B)$.



Exercise 1-2



$$A = (\xi, \eta); \xi = \left(\frac{1+m^2-r^2}{2m} \right)$$

$$CB : (0, t) \quad t \in (1, \sqrt{r^2 - m^2})$$

$$AC : (\cos t, \sin t) \quad t \in (t_1, \frac{\pi}{2}), \quad t_1 = \cos^{-1} \xi,$$

$$AB : (r \cos t + m, r \sin t) \quad t \in (t_2, t_3), \quad t_2 = \cos^{-1} \frac{\xi - m}{r},$$

$$t_3 = \cos^{-1} \frac{-m}{r}.$$

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$$\text{length} = \int \frac{k}{2} \sqrt{a'^2 + q'^2} dt$$

$$p := \underline{m+r}, q := \underline{m-r}$$

$$a = \frac{k}{2} \log(r^2 - m^2) = \frac{k}{2} \log(\underline{-pq}) = \frac{k}{2} \log A$$

$$B + \frac{1}{B} \cdot b = \frac{k}{2} \log \frac{-(p+1)(q+1)}{\underline{(p-1)(q-1)}} = \frac{k}{2} \log B$$

$$C + \frac{1}{C} \cdot c = \frac{k}{2} \log \frac{p(q^2-1)}{\underline{q(p^2-1)}} = \frac{k}{2} \log C$$

$$b = k \int_{t_1}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{dt}{\sin t} = \frac{k}{2} \log \left| \frac{1 - \cos t}{1 + \cos t} \right|_{t_1}^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$\cos t_1 = \xi \quad \dots$$

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$$\underline{A = \exp \frac{2a}{k}} \quad \text{etc.}$$

$$\left(\underline{A + \frac{1}{A} + 2} \right) \left(\underline{B + \frac{1}{B} + 2} \right) = 4 \left(\underline{C + \frac{1}{C} + 2} \right)$$

$$\left(\cosh \frac{2a}{k} + 1 \right) \left(\cosh \frac{2b}{k} + 1 \right)$$

$$= \cosh \frac{2c}{k} + 1$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\boxed{\cosh \frac{a}{k} \cosh \frac{b}{k} = \cosh \frac{c}{k}}$$

Pythagorean formula

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$$ds^2 = k^2 \frac{dx^2 + dy^2}{y^2}$$

Pythagorean Theorem: $\rightarrow (k \rightarrow \infty)$: Euclidean metric with appropriate coordinate change $\rightarrow$ Euclidean pythagore as $k \rightarrow \infty$

$$\cosh \frac{a}{k} \cosh \frac{b}{k} = \cosh \frac{c}{k}$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{a^2}{k^2} + \dots\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{b^2}{k^2} + \dots\right)$$

$\parallel$

$$\cancel{1} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{a^2 + b^2}{k^2} + \dots$$

$$\approx \cancel{1} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{c^2}{k^2} + \dots$$

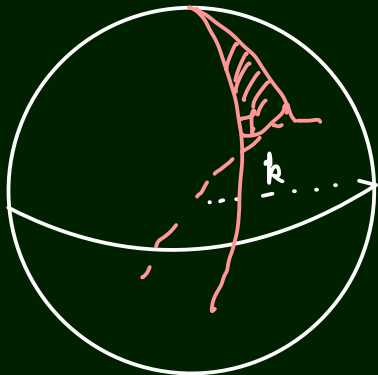
$k \rightarrow \infty$

$$\boxed{a^2 + b^2 = c^2}$$

Remark

Spherical geometry.

a line: a great circle



$$\cos \frac{a}{k} \cos \frac{b}{k} = \cos \frac{c}{k}$$

$$\downarrow \quad k \rightarrow \infty$$

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

Problem Can one realize the non-Euclidean geometry as a surface in $\mathbb{R}^3$?

Answer

to construct
surfaces of
const. Gaussian
curvature

- locally yes (lect 2, 3.4).
 - globally no (lect 4).
- D. Hilbert (1911)

- If $\mathbb{R}^3$ is replaced by some another space, yes (Lects 6 & 7)

global properties of solution of
Sine Gordon equation