

Advanced Topics in Geometry B1 (MTH.B406)

Surfaces of constant Gaussian curvature

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Immersed surfaces

$\hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

► $p: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$: a regular surface

► $\nu: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$: the unit normal vector field.

$\{p_u, p_v\}$ linearly indep.

$$\nu = \frac{p_u \times p_v}{|p_u \times p_v|}$$

$\times$: the vector product
(cross)
in $\mathbb{R}^3$.

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Curvatures

$$A := \hat{I}^{-1} \hat{II} = \begin{pmatrix} A_1^1 & A_2^1 \\ A_1^2 & A_2^2 \end{pmatrix},$$

λ_1, λ_2 : the eigenvalues of A

$$K := \lambda_1 \lambda_2 = \det A = \frac{\det \hat{II}}{\det \hat{I}}$$

Gaussian curvature.

$$H := \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr} A.$$

die Krümmung

Gauss-Bonnet Theorem; Geodesics

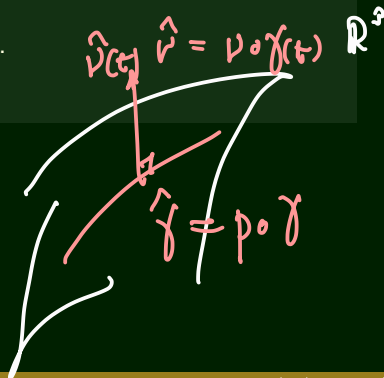
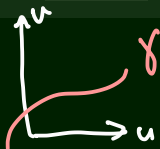
測地線

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• "straight line"
of the surface.

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(a geodesic is a pregeodesic ($\because \hat{\gamma}'' \parallel \hat{\nu}$)
a pregeodesic is a geodesic under
an appropriate parameter change.

Gauss-Bonnet Theorem for Geodesic Triangles

Theorem ([Theorem 10.6, UY17]) .

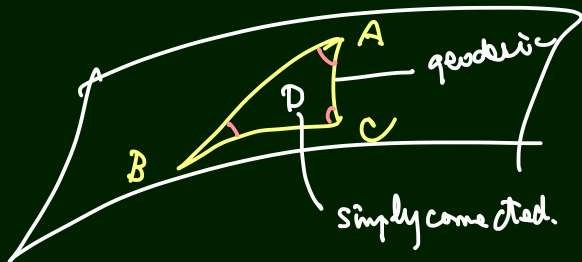
Let $\triangle ABC$ be a geodesic triangle Then

$$\angle A + \angle B + \angle C = \pi + \iint_{\triangle ABC} K dA,$$

where K and dA are the Gaussian curvature and the area element, respectively.

$dA = \sqrt{EG-F^2} du dv$
the area element.

K



Lambert's theorem

Fact (Lambert (1728–1777))

(non positive)

In absolute geometry, there exists a negative constant K such that for all triangle ABC

$$\angle A + \angle B + \angle C - \pi = K \Delta ABC$$

where ΔABC denotes the area of the triangle.

Gauss-Bonnet theorem for constant K (≤ 0).

$K = 0$: Euclidean geometry

$K < 0$: non-Euclidean geometry.

Q and A

Q: I don't understand Fact 1.2 (Lambert), what does "absolute geometry" mean? Is it synonymous with Euclidean geometry? Also how does the equality stated arise from the postulates I to IV?

No

- Euclidean geom. w/o. parallel postulate

Pseudospherical surfaces

Definition

A pseudospherical surface is a surface of constant Gaussian curvature -1 .

note $p \mapsto cp \quad c \neq 0$

$$\rightarrow K \mapsto \frac{1}{c} K$$

constant Gaussian curvature surfaces

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} K = 1 \\ K = 0 \\ K = -1 \end{array} \right\} \text{ up to similarity.}$$

pseudospherical surfaces ($K = -1$)

- local model of non-Euclidean geometry.

* a simply connected p.s. surfce $p: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$\Rightarrow \exists \varphi: U \rightarrow H$ an isometry

$\mathbb{H}$ upper half plane

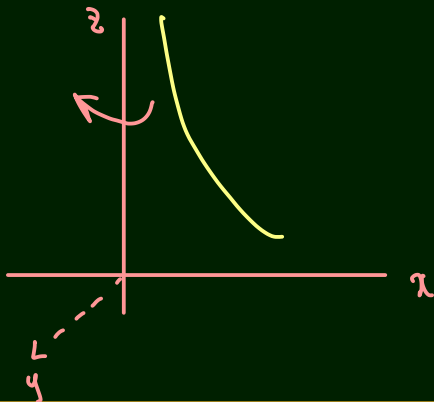
(s.t the pullback of $ds^2 = \text{first fundamental form}$ ($R=1$))
 $ds^2 = \frac{dx^2 + dy^2}{y^2}$

(let 6 or 7)

$$p(u, v) := (\operatorname{sech} v \cos u, \operatorname{sech} v \sin u, v - \tanh v)$$

a surface of revolution w.r. to z -axis

and profile curve $(x(v), z(v)) = (\operatorname{sech} v, v - \tanh v)$



tractrix
(追跡曲線)

Beltrami's pseudosphere / Gaussian curvature

$$p(u, v) := (\operatorname{sech} v \cos u, \operatorname{sech} v \sin u, v - \tanh v)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_1(u) &:= (\cos u, \sin u, 0) \\ \mathbb{E}_2(u) &:= (-\sin u, \cos u, 0) \\ \mathbb{E}_3 &:= (0, 0, 1) \end{aligned} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{orthonormal} \\ (\mathbb{E}_1)_u = \mathbb{E}_2 \\ (\mathbb{E}_2)_u = -\mathbb{E}_1 \end{array} \right.$$

$$p = \operatorname{sech} v \mathbb{E}_1 + (v - \tanh v) \mathbb{E}_3 \quad (v - \tanh v)'$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cdot \quad p_u &= \operatorname{sech} v \mathbb{E}_2 \\ \cdot \quad p_v &= -\operatorname{sech} v \tanh v \mathbb{E}_1 + \tanh' v \mathbb{E}_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \tanh v (-\operatorname{sech} v \mathbb{E}_1 + \tanh v \mathbb{E}_3)$$

$$\cdot \quad p = \tanh v \mathbb{E}_1 + \operatorname{sech} v \mathbb{E}_3$$

$$v = \tanh v \oplus_1 + \operatorname{sech} v \oplus_3$$

$$v_u = \tanh v \oplus_2$$

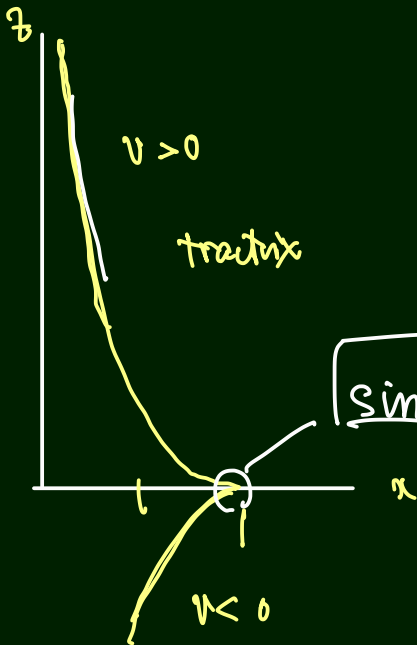
$$v_v = \operatorname{sech}^2 v \oplus_1 - \operatorname{sech} v \tanh v \oplus_3$$

$$p_u \cdot p_u = \operatorname{sech}^2 v^E, \quad p_u \cdot p_v = 0^F, \quad p_v \cdot p_v = \tanh^2 v^G$$

$$-p_u \cdot v_u = -\tanh v \operatorname{sech} v^L, \quad -p_u \cdot v_v = 0^M$$

$$-p_v \cdot v_v = \tanh v \operatorname{sech} v^N$$

$$K = \frac{LN - M^2}{EG - F^2} = \frac{-\tanh^2 v \operatorname{sech}^2 v}{\operatorname{sech}^2 v \tanh^2 v} = -1.$$



$$x = \operatorname{sech} v$$

$$= \frac{1}{\cosh v}$$

$$z = v - \tanh v$$

Exercise 2-1

$$\text{Hwt: } x'x'' + z'z'' = 0$$

Problem (Ex. 2-1)

Let $\gamma(t) = (x(t), z(t))$ ($\gamma \in I$) be a parametrized curve on the xz -plane satisfying

$$(x'(t))^2 + (z'(t))^2 = 1 \quad (t \in I), \quad \text{unit speed}$$

where $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ is an interval. Consider a surface

$$p_\gamma(s, t) := (x(t) \cos s, x(t) \sin s, z(t)),$$

which is a surface of revolution of profile curve γ .

1. Show that p_γ is pseudospherical if and only if $x'' = -z'$ holds.

2. Can one choose $I = \mathbb{R}$?

$$z' = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$$

Exercise 2-2

Problem (Ex. 2-2)

Let a and b be real numbers with $a \neq 0$. Compute the Gaussian curvature of the surface

$$p(u, v) = a(\operatorname{sech} v \cos u, \operatorname{sech} v \sin u, v - \tanh v) + b(0, 0, u).$$