

Problem set 1

Exercise 5:

(a) A curve with non-vanishing k is helix iff τ/k is constant

$\Rightarrow \alpha$ is helix, \exists $\overset{\text{unit vector}}{u}$ s.t. $\langle T, u \rangle = \text{Constant} (*)$
(call it $\cos \theta$)

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \langle T, u \rangle' = \langle T', u \rangle \\ &= \langle kN, u \rangle \\ &= k \langle N, u \rangle = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since $k \neq 0$

$$\langle N, u \rangle = 0$$

$$0 = \langle N, u \rangle' = \langle N', u \rangle = \langle -kT + \tau B, u \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{if } u = \lambda(aT + bN + cB)$$

then $b = 0$

$$\text{ \& } a = \tau, c = k$$

$$\lambda \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$$

$$u = \lambda(\tau T + kB)$$

from $*$ & the fact u has unit norm

$$\text{gives } u = \cos \theta T + \sin \theta B$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\cos \theta}{dk} = \frac{\tau}{k} = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} = \text{Constant}$$

\Leftarrow if $\frac{\bar{v}}{k}$ is constant

take $u = \cos \theta T + \sin \theta B$

where $\theta = \cot^{-1}\left(\frac{\bar{v}}{k}\right)$

this is a fixed number by assumption

$$u' = \cos \theta T' + \sin \theta B'$$

$$= k \cos \theta N + \sin \theta -\tau N$$

$$= (k \cos \theta - \tau \sin \theta) N = 0$$

because $\cos \theta = \frac{\tau}{\sqrt{k^2 + \tau^2}}$ & $\sin \theta = \frac{k}{\sqrt{k^2 + \tau^2}}$

(b) A curve is circle helix iff $\bar{v} = \text{constant}$ &
 $k = \text{constant} > 0$

If $\alpha = (r \cos t, r \sin t, ht)$ then simple

Computations show $k = \frac{r}{r^2 + h^2}$, $\tau = \frac{h}{h^2 + r^2}$

The converse follows from uniqueness part of fundamental theorem of space curves.

"Sorry I don't know the German name"

(c) α lies on a sphere if $\rho^2 + (\rho'\sigma)^2 = \text{constant}$

$$\rho = \frac{1}{k}, \quad \sigma = \frac{1}{\tau}$$

define $m = \alpha + \rho N(s) + \rho'\sigma B(s)$

$$m' = T + \rho' N(s) + \rho N'(s) + \rho''\sigma B(s) + \rho'\sigma' B(s) + \rho'\sigma B'(s)$$

$$= T + \rho' N(s) + \rho(-kT + \tau B) + \rho''\sigma B(s) + \rho'\sigma' B(s) + \rho'\sigma(-\tau N)$$

$$= (1 - \rho k)T + (\rho' - \rho'\sigma\tau)N$$

Recall

$$\rho = \frac{1}{k}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{\tau}$$

$$+ (\rho\tau + \rho''\sigma + \rho'\sigma')B$$

$$= 0T + 0N + (\rho\tau + \rho''\sigma + \rho'\sigma')B$$

Enough to show $\frac{\rho}{\sigma} + \rho''\sigma + \rho'\sigma' = 0$

we have $\rho^2 + (\rho'\sigma)^2 = \text{constant}$, taking derivative

gives $2\rho\rho' + 2(\rho'\sigma)(\rho''\sigma + \rho'\sigma') = 0$

$$2\rho'\sigma \left(\frac{\rho}{\sigma} + \rho''\sigma + \rho'\sigma' \right) = 0$$

$$\begin{matrix} \sigma \neq 0 \\ \rho' \neq 0 \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{\rho}{\sigma} + \rho''\sigma + \rho'\sigma' \right) = 0$$

Metric on a Surface

A metric on S is a "smooth assignment" of inner product on each tangent space $T_p S$ for $p \in S$.

Eg: \mathbb{R}^3 naturally admits a metric
 $T_p \mathbb{R}^3 \cong \mathbb{R}^3$ for each $p \in \mathbb{R}^3$
and on this space we have standard inner product.

When $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ embedded, then there is a metric induced on S .

$$\text{Given } p \in S \Rightarrow p \in \mathbb{R}^3 \text{ and } T_p S \subseteq T_p \mathbb{R}^3$$

how to get $T_p S$ usually?

locally around p , S can be given as a zero-set of some function $f: \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
with $p \in \mathcal{U}$
 \mathbb{R}^3

Now, $T_p S$ is simply $\ker df_p$.

$$df_p = \text{Jac}(f) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \end{pmatrix}$$

This inclusion of vector spaces

$T_p S \subset T_p \mathbb{R}^3$ induced an inner product
on 2-dim vector space $T_p S$.

If α is a parametrization of S

i.e., $\alpha: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \underset{\text{open}}{U \subset S \subset \mathbb{R}^3}$

$$(u, v) \longmapsto (\alpha^1(u, v), \alpha^2(u, v), \alpha^3(u, v))$$

This is a homeomorphism i.e., bijective continuous
map with continuous inverse.

" S has a topology induced on it which is
the subspace topology"

α induces a map $J_\alpha: T_p \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow T_{\alpha(p)} S$

This map is the Jacobian map again, viewing
 α as a map into \mathbb{R}^3

$$\alpha: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow U \subset S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\text{Thus } J_\alpha \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \left(\frac{\partial \alpha^1}{\partial u}(u, v), \frac{\partial \alpha^2}{\partial u}(u, v), \frac{\partial \alpha^3}{\partial u}(u, v) \right)$$

and similarly

$$J_x \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \left(\frac{\partial x^1}{\partial v} (u, v), \frac{\partial x^2}{\partial v} (u, v), \frac{\partial x^3}{\partial v} (u, v) \right)$$

The elements $J_x \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ & $J_x \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ form a basis tangent space at every point in image of the map x .

In this basis the inner product on the tangent spaces (metric) is given by

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} \langle w_1, w_1 \rangle & \langle w_1, w_2 \rangle \\ \langle w_2, w_1 \rangle & \langle w_2, w_2 \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

once we have g , the inner product is given by

$$\underbrace{(v_1 \quad v_2)}_{\underline{v}} \begin{pmatrix} g \\ 2 \times 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{v}_1 \\ \tilde{v}_2 \end{pmatrix}_{\underline{\tilde{v}}}$$

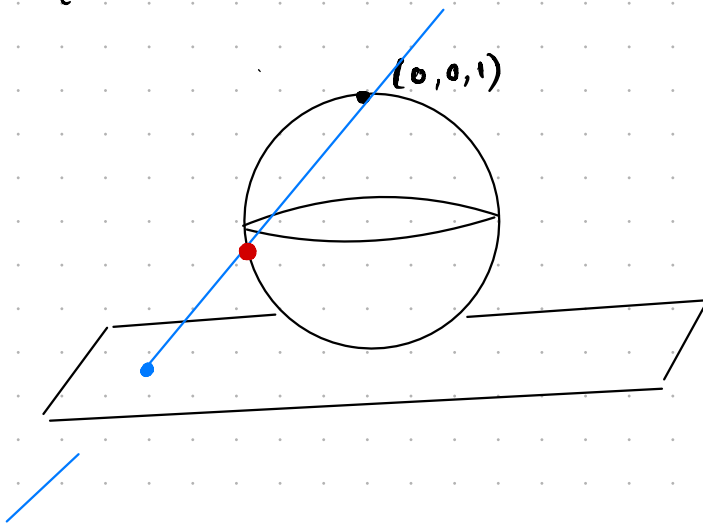
where v_1, v_2 are the components of $v \in T_p S$ in the basis w_1 & w_2 .

Problem Set 2

1. Stereographic projections.

$$S^2 = \{ (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1 \}$$

(a)



(b) $x: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ is a parametrization

$$x(u, v) = \left(\frac{2u}{u^2 + v^2 + 1}, \frac{2v}{u^2 + v^2 + 1}, \frac{u^2 + v^2 - 1}{u^2 + v^2 + 1} \right)$$

$t(u, v, 0) + (1-t)(0, 0, 1)$ line joining $(u, v, 0)$ & $(0, 0, 1)$

$$(tu, tv, (1-t))$$

find t such that $t^2 u^2 + t^2 v^2 + (1-t)^2 = 1$

$$u^2 + v^2 + \left(\frac{1}{t} - 1 \right)^2 = \frac{1}{t^2}$$

$$u^2 + v^2 + \frac{1}{t^2} - \frac{2}{t} + 1 = \frac{1}{t^2}$$

$$u^2 + v^2 - \frac{2}{t} + 1 = 0$$

$$u^2 + v^2 + 1 = \frac{2}{t}$$

$$t = \frac{u^2 + v^2 + 1}{2}$$

\Rightarrow $\left(\frac{2u}{u^2 + v^2 + 1}, \frac{2v}{u^2 + v^2 + 1}, \frac{u^2 + v^2 + 1}{u^2 + v^2 + 1} \right)$ is the unique point on S^2 intersecting this line (obviously other than $(0, 0, 1)$)

(c) $\gamma: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

$$\gamma(\bar{u}, \bar{v}) = \left(\frac{2\bar{u}}{\bar{u}^2 + \bar{v}^2 + 1}, \frac{2\bar{v}}{\bar{u}^2 + \bar{v}^2 + 1}, \frac{1 - \bar{u}^2 - \bar{v}^2}{\bar{u}^2 + \bar{v}^2 + 1} \right)$$

what is $\bar{\pi}^{-1} \circ \gamma: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

for this we will show $\bar{\pi}^{-1}(a, b, c) = \left(\frac{x}{1-z}, \frac{y}{1-z} \right)$

Verify it's the $\bar{\pi}^{-1}$!

now compute $\bar{\pi}^{-1} \circ \gamma$ & show it's smooth

$$\bar{\pi}^{-1} \circ \gamma(u, v) = \left(\frac{u}{u^2 + v^2}, \frac{v}{u^2 + v^2} \right)$$

(d) Thus by definition of surfaces, S^2 is a smooth surface.

$$(e) \quad x(u, v) = \left(\frac{2u}{u^2+v^2+1}, \frac{2v}{u^2+v^2+1}, \frac{u^2+v^2-1}{u^2+v^2+1} \right)$$

$$x_u(u, v) = \left(\frac{2v^2 - 2u^2 + 2}{(u^2+v^2+1)^2}, \frac{-4uv}{(u^2+v^2+1)^2}, \frac{4u}{(u^2+v^2+1)^2} \right)$$

$$x_v(u, v) = \left(\frac{-4uv}{(u^2+v^2+1)^2}, \frac{2u^2 - 2v^2 + 2}{(u^2+v^2+1)^2}, \frac{4v}{(u^2+v^2+1)^2} \right)$$

$$g_{21}(u, v) = g_{12}(u, v) = 0$$

$$g_{11} = \frac{4}{(u^2+v^2+1)^2}$$

$$g_{22} = \frac{4}{(u^2+v^2+1)^2}$$

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{(u^2+v^2+1)^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{4}{(u^2+v^2+1)^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$2. \quad \alpha(t) = (r(t), z(t)) \quad t \in (a, b) \quad r(t) > 0$$

This is rotated about z -axis, this gives us a surface called rotation surface S .


now we have a parametrization for S

$$x(t, \varphi) = (r(t) \cos \varphi, r(t) \sin \varphi, z(t))$$

t curves are called meridians.

φ curves are called latitudes.

(a) if α is regular and injective, then x is a parametrization.

Injectivity of α clearly gives injectivity of the parametrization $x: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ 

$$x_t(t, \varphi) = (\dot{r}(t) \cos \varphi, \dot{r}(t) \sin \varphi, \dot{z}(t))$$

$$x_\varphi(t, \varphi) = (-r(t) \sin \varphi, r(t) \cos \varphi, 0)$$

$$n(t, \varphi) = x_t(t, \varphi) \times x_\varphi(t, \varphi)$$

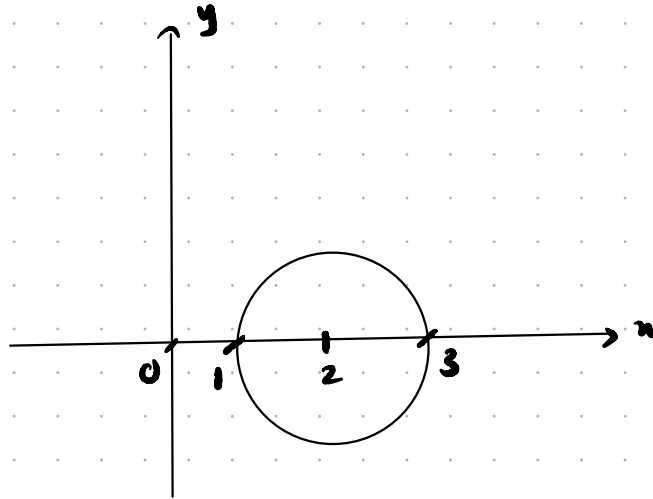
$$= (r(t) \dot{z}(t) \cos \varphi, -r(t) \dot{z}(t) \sin \varphi, \dot{r}(t) r(t))$$

$$|n(t, \varphi)|^2 = r^2(t) (\dot{z}^2(t) + \dot{r}^2(t)) > 0$$

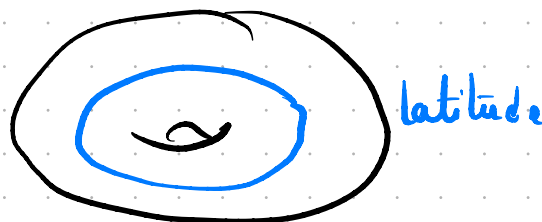
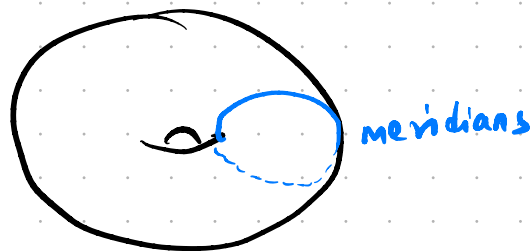
This means α_t & α_t are never parallel
if α is regular

(b) $\alpha(t) = (r(t), z(t)) = (2 + \cos t, \sin t) \quad t \in (-\pi, \pi)$

what is the rotation surface S .



when this is rotated we get a Torus



(c) metric in rotation surfaces

$$x(t, \phi) = (r(t) \cos \phi, r(t) \sin \phi, z(t))$$

$$x_t(t, \phi) = (\dot{r}(t) \cos \phi, \dot{r}(t) \sin \phi, \dot{z}(t))$$

$$x_\phi(t, \phi) = (-r(t) \sin \phi, r(t) \cos \phi, 0)$$

$$g_{11} = \dot{r}(t)^2 + \dot{z}(t)^2$$

$$g_{12} = 0$$

$$g_{21} = 0$$

$$g_{22} = r(t)^2$$

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{r}(t)^2 + \dot{z}(t)^2 & 0 \\ 0 & r(t)^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

3. $x(r, \phi) = (r \cos \phi, r \sin \phi, r)$

$$r \in \mathbb{R}^+$$

$$\phi \in (0, 2\pi)$$

from previous problem we have 'r' instead of t.

So $g = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & r^2 \end{pmatrix}$

(notice there is a problem at $r=0$)

$$r(t) = e^{\frac{t \cos \theta}{2}}, \quad \phi(t) = \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}}$$

for a fixed θ & $t \in [0, \pi]$

this gives a curve in (S, g)

what is length?

$$L(\alpha) = \int_0^{\pi} |\dot{\alpha}(t)| dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi} \sqrt{g_{ij} \dot{\alpha}^i \dot{\alpha}^j} dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi} \sqrt{2(\dot{\alpha}^1)^2 + v^2(\dot{\alpha}^2)^2} dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi} \sqrt{2\left(\frac{\cot\theta}{2} \exp\left(\frac{t \cot\theta}{2}\right)\right)^2 + \exp(t \cot\theta) \cdot \frac{1}{2}} dt$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\cot^2\theta + 1}{2}} \int_0^{\pi} \sqrt{\exp(t \cot\theta)} dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} \sin\theta} \frac{2}{\cot\theta} \exp \frac{t \cot\theta}{2} \Big|_0^{\pi}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sin\theta \cot\theta} \left(\exp \frac{\pi \cot\theta}{2} - 1 \right)$$

what is the angle α and $\varphi = \text{constant}$ curve.

what is $\varphi = \text{constant}$ curve

a vector in that direction would be

$$w = \left(\cos \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}}, \sin \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}}, 1 \right) \quad \text{at time } \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}}$$

claim is $\frac{\langle \alpha', w \rangle}{|\alpha'| |w|} = \cos \theta$ for all t & θ .

$$\alpha' = \begin{pmatrix} e^{\frac{t \cot \theta}{2}} \cot \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}} + -e^{-\frac{t \cot \theta}{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}} \\ e^{\frac{t \cot \theta}{2}} \cot \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}} + e^{\frac{t \cot \theta}{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}} \\ e^{\frac{t \cot \theta}{2}} \cot \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

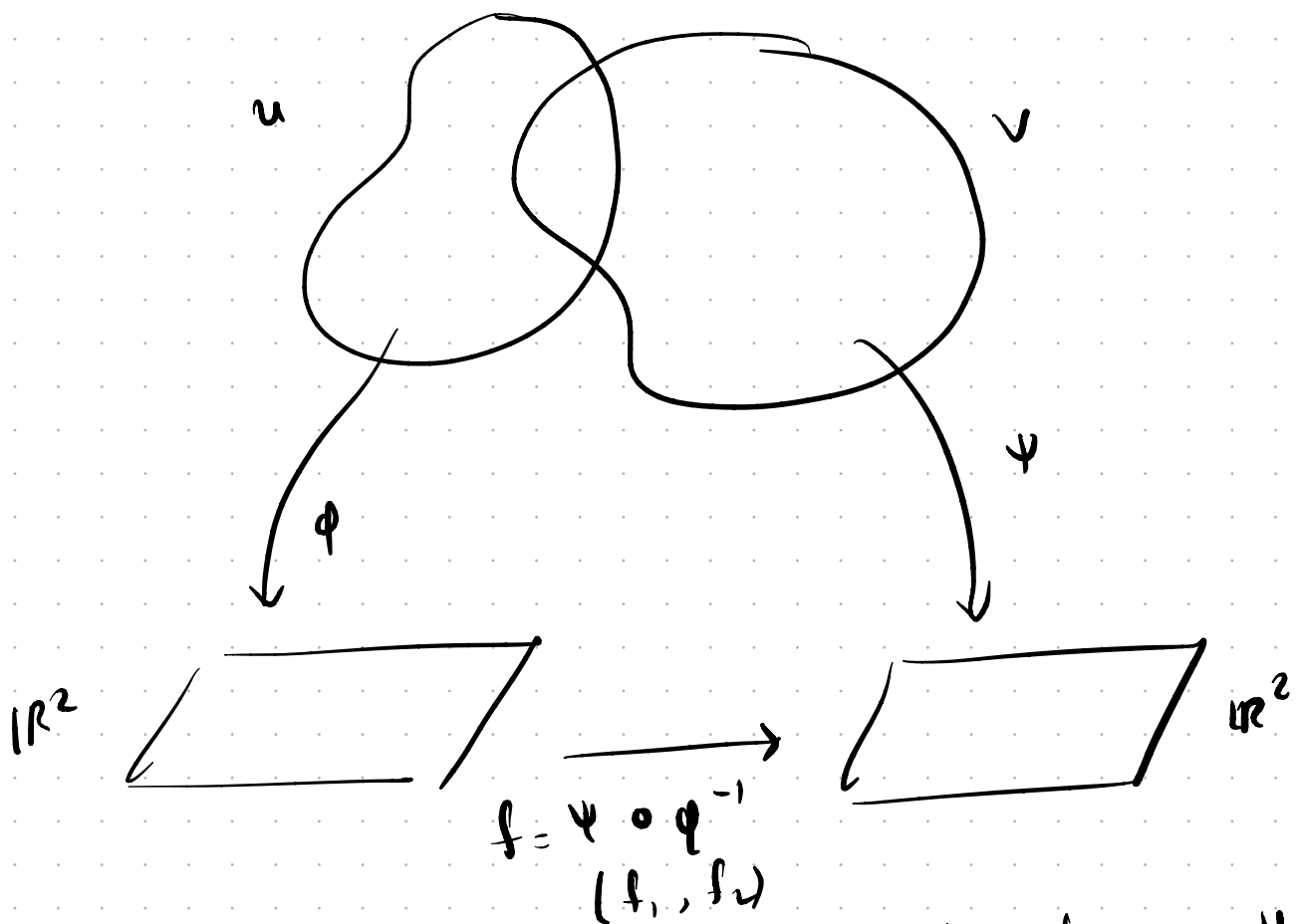
$$\frac{\langle \alpha', w \rangle}{|\alpha'| |w|} = \frac{2 e^{\frac{t \cot \theta}{2}} \cot \frac{\theta}{2}}{\sqrt{2 \left(\cot \frac{\theta}{2} \exp\left(\frac{t \cot \theta}{2}\right) \right)^2 + \exp(t \cot \theta) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2}}}$$

$$= \frac{\cot \theta \exp\left(\frac{t \cot \theta}{2}\right)}{\sqrt{(\cot^2 \theta + 1) \exp(t \cot \theta)}}$$

$$= \sin \theta \cot \theta = \cos \theta$$

□

(4) Transformation law for tangent vectors and the metric. Get hints.



The Jacobian matrix of f tells how the basis changes.

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}$$

If the basis change is given by this matrix how does the g change.

$$\sum_{i,j} g_{ij}^v \alpha_i^v \beta_j^v = \sum_{i,j} g_{ij}^v (F \alpha^u)_i (F \beta^u)_j$$

