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Score	18	5	8	5	10	8	12	6	8	10	10

**When you use some fact in the textbook or lecture notes, state it clearly first.**

**1. (18 points)** (a) (6 points) Show that every regular parametrized differentiable curve can be re-parametrized by arc length.

(b) (6 points) Let  $\alpha : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a regular parametrized (by arc length  $s$ ) curve with nowhere vanishing curvature. Show that  $\alpha$  is a plane curve (i.e.  $\alpha(I)$  is contained in a plane) if and only if its torsion  $\tau$  is identically equal to 0.

(c) (6 points) Let  $\alpha : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a regular parametrized differentiable curve and let  $[a, b] \subset I$ . Show that

$$|\alpha(b) - \alpha(a)| \leq \int_a^b |\alpha'(t)| dt.$$

**2. (5 points)** Is there a simple closed curve in the plane with length equal to 6 meters and bounding an area of 3 square meters. (Write down yes or no and then explain your answer.)

**3. (8 points)** Let  $\alpha : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a regular parametrized differentiable curves with curvature nowhere vanishing. Suppose every osculating plane along  $\alpha$  passes through a fixed point, show that  $\alpha$  is a plane curve.

**4. (5 points)** Construct a regular parametrized differentiable curve  $\alpha : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  which is injective and there exists  $t_0 \in I$  such that for all small open disk  $B(\alpha(t_0), \varepsilon)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with center  $\alpha(t_0)$  and radius  $\varepsilon$ ,  $B(\alpha(t_0), \varepsilon) \cap \alpha(I)$  is not homeomorphic to an open interval in  $\mathbb{R}$ . (You may draw some example with clear explanation or write down  $\alpha$  explicitly by functions and then explain your example clearly.)

**5. (10 points)** (a) (2 points) Write down the definition of a regular surface clearly.

(b) (4 points) Write down or draw with explanation an example of some "two dimensional" object which is not a regular surface and explain why your example is not a regular surface without proof.

(c) (4 points) Write down an example of a regular surface and prove your example is a regular surface (you may use some facts in the textbook or lecture notes without proof).

**6. (8 points)** Prove that the tangent planes of a regular surface given by the graph of  $z = x \cdot f(\frac{y}{x})$ ,  $x \neq 0$ , where  $f$  is a differentiable function, all pass through the origin  $(0, 0, 0)$ .

**7. (12 points)** (a) (6 points) Let  $\alpha : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a regular parametrized differentiable curves with curvature nowhere vanishing which is parametrized by arc-length  $s$ . Consider the following parametrized

surface

$$\mathbf{x}(s, v) = \alpha(s) + r(n(s) \cos v + b(s) \sin v), \quad s \in I.$$

Here  $r$  is some fixed positive constant,  $n$  is the normal of  $\alpha$  and  $b$  is the bi-normal of  $\alpha$ . Find the unit normal vector of  $\mathbf{x}$  whenever it is regular. (Write down your computation clearly.)

(b)(6 points) Find the area of the above surface. (It depends on  $r$  and the length  $l$  of  $\alpha$ . Write down your computation clearly.)

8.(6 points) Compute the first fundamental form of the following parametrization for the sphere:

$$\mathbf{x}(u, v) = (a \cos u \cos v, a \cos u \sin v, a \sin u),$$

where  $a$  is a positive constant. Consider two curves  $u = v$  and  $v = v_0$  with  $v_0$  a fixed constant on the sphere, compute  $\cos \beta$ . Here  $\beta$  is the angle between these two curves where they intersect.

9. (8 points) Consider the paraboloid i.e. the graph of  $z = x^2 + ky^2$  with  $k$  a positive constant and  $p = (0, 0, 0)$ . Prove that the unit vector of the  $x$  axis and the  $y$  axis are eigenvectors of  $dN_p$ , with eigenvalue 2 and  $2k$ , respectively (assuming that  $N$  is pointing outwards from the region bounded by the paraboloid).

10.(10 points) Prove that if all normal lines to a connected regular surface  $S$  meet a fixed point, then  $S$  is a piece of a sphere.

11.(10 points) (a)(8 points) Show that a surface which is compact (i.e. bounded and closed in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ) has an elliptic point.

(b)(2 points) Prove that there are no compact minimal surfaces in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .