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## Part A

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Write your answers to Part A in the answer grid provided.

**A 1.** Consider the curve

$$\gamma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, t \mapsto (\cosh(t), \sinh(t)).$$

Which of the following statements is true?

- (A) The curvature of  $\gamma$  at the point  $\gamma(0)$  is  $-1$ .
- (B) The curvature of  $\gamma$  at the point  $\gamma(0)$  is  $0$ .
- (C) The curvature of  $\gamma$  at the point  $\gamma(0)$  is  $1$ .
- (D) The curvature of  $\gamma$  at the point  $\gamma(0)$  is not defined.
- (E) None of the above.

**A 2.** Consider the curve

$$\gamma : (-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, t \mapsto \left( \frac{1}{3}(1+t)^{\frac{3}{2}}, \frac{1}{3}(1-t)^{\frac{3}{2}}, \frac{t}{\sqrt{2}} \right).$$

Which of the following statements is true?

- (A) The torsion of  $\gamma$  at the point  $\gamma(0)$  is  $2\sqrt{2}$ .
- (B) The torsion of  $\gamma$  at the point  $\gamma(0)$  is  $-2\sqrt{2}$ .
- (C) The torsion of  $\gamma$  at the point  $\gamma(0)$  is  $-\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$ .
- (D) The torsion of  $\gamma$  at the point  $\gamma(0)$  is  $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$ .
- (E) None of the above.

**A 3.** Let  $\gamma$  be a simple closed curve in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  of length 1 and  $\mathcal{A}(\text{int}(\gamma))$  be the area of the interior  $\text{int}(\gamma)$  of  $\gamma$ . Which of the following statements is true for any such curve  $\gamma$ ?

- (A)  $4\pi\mathcal{A}(\text{int}(\gamma)) \leq 1$ .
- (B)  $4\pi\mathcal{A}(\text{int}(\gamma)) < 1$ .
- (C)  $4\pi\mathcal{A}(\text{int}(\gamma)) \geq 1$ .
- (D)  $4\pi\mathcal{A}(\text{int}(\gamma)) > 1$ .
- (E) None of the above.

**A 4.** Which of the following statements is true?

- (A)  $\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 1\}$  is a hyperbolic paraboloid.
- (B)  $\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 - y^2 - z^2 = 1\}$  is a hyperbolic paraboloid.
- (C)  $\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 + y^2 = z\}$  is a hyperbolic paraboloid.
- (D)  $\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x^2 - y^2 = z\}$  is a hyperbolic paraboloid.
- (E) None of the above.

**A 5.** Consider the surface  $\mathcal{S}$  given by the surface patch

$$\sigma : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, (u, v) \mapsto \left( u - 3, 1 - v, 6 - \frac{1}{3}u^2 - \frac{2}{3}v^2 \right).$$

Which of the following statements is true?

- (A) The tangent plane of  $\mathcal{S}$  at  $(0, 0)$  is the  $xy$ -plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- (B) The tangent plane of  $\mathcal{S}$  at  $(0, 0)$  is the  $xz$ -plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- (C) The tangent plane of  $\mathcal{S}$  at  $(0, 0)$  is the  $yz$ -plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .
- (D) The tangent plane of  $\mathcal{S}$  at  $(0, 0)$  is the plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  given by the equation  $x + y + z = 0$ .
- (E) None of the above.

**A 6.** Consider the surface  $\mathcal{S}$  given by the surface patch

$$\sigma : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, (u, v) \mapsto (u, v, u^2 + v^2).$$

Let  $\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{R}^2)$  be the image of the Gauss map  $\mathcal{G}$  from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  into the unit sphere  $S^2$ . Which of the following statements is true?

- (A)  $\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{R}^2) = \{(x, y, z) \in S^2 : z = 0\}$ .
- (B)  $\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{R}^2) = \{(x, y, z) \in S^2 : z < 0\}$ .
- (C)  $\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{R}^2) = \{(x, y, z) \in S^2 : z > 0\}$ .
- (D)  $\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{R}^2) = S^2$ .
- (E) None of the above.

- A 7.** Let  $\gamma : (-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a unit speed curve that is contained in a surface  $\mathcal{S}$ . Assume that  $\gamma(0) = O = (0, 0, 0)$ ,  $\dot{\gamma}(0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1, 1, 0)$  and  $\ddot{\gamma}(0) = (1, -1, 2)$ , and that the unit normal  $\mathbf{N}$  to  $\mathcal{S}$  at  $O$  is  $(0, 0, 1)$ . Let  $\kappa_g$  be the geodesic curvature of  $\gamma$  at  $O$ . Which of the following statements is true?

- (A)  $\kappa_g = -\sqrt{2}$ .
- (B)  $\kappa_g = \sqrt{2}$ .
- (C)  $\kappa_g = 0$ .
- (D)  $\kappa_g = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .
- (E) None of the above.

- A 8.** Consider the surface  $\mathcal{S}$  given by the surface patch

$$\sigma : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, (u, v) \mapsto (u - v, u + v, u^2 + v^2).$$

and put  $O = \sigma(0, 0) = (0, 0, 0)$ . Which of the following statements is true?

- (A) The principal curvatures of  $\mathcal{S}$  at  $O$  are  $-1$  and  $1$ .
- (B) The principal curvatures of  $\mathcal{S}$  at  $O$  are  $0$  and  $1$ .
- (C) Both principal curvatures of  $\mathcal{S}$  at  $O$  are equal to  $0$ .
- (D) Both principal curvatures of  $\mathcal{S}$  at  $O$  are equal to  $1$ .
- (E) None of the above.

**A 9.** Which of the following statements is true?

- (A) There exists no surface with mean curvature  $H = 0$  and Gaussian curvature  $K = 0$ .
- (B) There exists no surface with mean curvature  $H = 0$  and Gaussian curvature  $K > 0$ .
- (C) There exists no surface with mean curvature  $H < 0$  and Gaussian curvature  $K = 0$ .
- (D) There exists no surface with mean curvature  $H > 0$  and Gaussian curvature  $K = 0$ .
- (E) None of the above.

**A 10.** Let  $\gamma$  be a unit speed simple closed curve of length  $\pi$  on a surface  $\sigma$  and assume that  $\gamma$  is positively oriented and has constant geodesic curvature 1. Let  $K$  be the Gaussian curvature of  $\sigma$  and  $d\mathcal{A}_\sigma$  be the area element on  $\sigma$ . Which of the following statements is true?

- (A)  $\iint_{\text{int}(\gamma)} K d\mathcal{A}_\sigma = -\pi$ .
- (B)  $\iint_{\text{int}(\gamma)} K d\mathcal{A}_\sigma = 0$ .
- (C)  $\iint_{\text{int}(\gamma)} K d\mathcal{A}_\sigma = \pi$ .
- (D)  $\iint_{\text{int}(\gamma)} K d\mathcal{A}_\sigma = 2\pi$ .
- (E) None of the above.

## Part B

All four questions in Part B carry equal marks.

- B 11.** (i) Let  $\gamma$  be a unit speed curve in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with nowhere vanishing curvature. State the Frenet-Serret equations for  $\gamma$ .
- (ii) Let  $\gamma$  be a unit speed curve in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with constant positive curvature and zero torsion. Prove that  $\gamma$  is a circle, or part of a circle.

- B 12.** Let  $\gamma : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a unit speed curve with nowhere vanishing curvature,  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  open interval. Put  $U = I \times \mathbb{R}_+ \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  with  $\mathbb{R}_+ = \{v \in \mathbb{R} : v > 0\}$  and define

$$\sigma : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, (u, v) \mapsto \sigma(u, v) = \gamma(u) + v\dot{\gamma}(u).$$

Assume that  $\sigma$  is an injective map.

- (i) Show that  $\sigma$  is a regular surface patch.
- (ii) Calculate the first fundamental form of  $\sigma$ .
- (iii) Calculate the second fundamental form of  $\sigma$ .
- (iv) Prove that the Gaussian curvature  $K$  of  $\sigma$  satisfies  $K = 0$ .

**B 13.** Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with regular surface patch  $\sigma : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ .

- (i) State the definition of a geodesic on the surface.
- (ii) Prove that a unit speed curve  $\gamma$  on  $\sigma$  is a geodesic if and only if its geodesic curvature  $\kappa_g$  is zero everywhere.
- (iii) Let  $p$  and  $q$  be any points in  $\mathcal{S}$ . Does there always exist a geodesic in  $\mathcal{S}$  passing through  $p$  and  $q$ ? Justify your answer!
- (iv) Every great circle in the unit sphere  $S^2$  is a geodesic. Give a justification why this is true.

**B 14.** Consider the paraboloid with surface patch

$$\sigma : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, (u, v) \mapsto (u, v, u^2 + v^2)$$

and the curve

$$\gamma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, t \mapsto (\cos(t), \sin(t), 1)$$

in the paraboloid. Compute the geodesic curvature of  $\gamma$  and use the local version of the Gauss-Bonnet Theorem to compute the value of

$$\iint_{\text{int}(\gamma)} K d\mathcal{A}_\sigma,$$

where  $K$  is the Gaussian curvature of  $\sigma$  and  $d\mathcal{A}_\sigma$  is the area element on  $\sigma$ .



## Solutions

For each question I state one possible solution that is based on the material taught in the course. For some questions, in particular proofs, there are of course other solutions for which a student can get full marks.

- A 1.** We have  $\gamma'(t) = (\sinh(t), \cosh(t)) \neq 0$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Thus  $\gamma$  is a regular curve and its curvature is well-defined everywhere. Furthermore,  $\gamma''(t) = (\cosh(t), \sinh(t)) = \gamma(t)$ . Thus  $\gamma'(0) = (0, 1)$  and  $\gamma''(0) = (1, 0)$ . The curvature  $\kappa(0)$  of  $\gamma$  at  $\gamma(0)$  is

$$\kappa(0) = \frac{\|\gamma''(\gamma' \cdot \gamma') - \gamma'(\gamma' \cdot \gamma'')\|}{\|\gamma'\|^4}(0) = 1.$$

- A 2.** We have

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma'(t) &= \left( \frac{1}{2}(1+t)^{\frac{1}{2}}, -\frac{1}{2}(1-t)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right), \text{ (implies } \gamma \text{ unit speed and regular) ,} \\ \gamma''(t) &= \left( \frac{1}{4}(1+t)^{-\frac{1}{2}}, \frac{1}{4}(1-t)^{-\frac{1}{2}}, 0 \right) \text{ (implies } \kappa \neq 0 \text{ and torsion well-defined) ,} \\ \gamma'''(t) &= \left( -\frac{1}{8}(1+t)^{-\frac{3}{2}}, \frac{1}{8}(1-t)^{-\frac{3}{2}}, 0 \right).\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\gamma'(0) = \left( \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$ ,  $\gamma''(0) = \left( \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, 0 \right)$ ,  $\gamma'''(0) = \left( -\frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{8}, 0 \right)$  and hence  $(\gamma' \times \gamma'')(0) = \left( -\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{4} \right)$ . For the torsion  $\tau(0)$  of  $\gamma$  at  $\gamma(0)$  we then get

$$\tau(0) = \frac{(\gamma' \times \gamma'') \cdot \gamma'''}{\|\gamma' \times \gamma''\|^2}(0) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}.$$

- A 3.** The isoperimetric inequality states that  $\mathcal{A}(\text{int}(\gamma)) \leq \frac{1}{4\pi}\ell(\gamma)^2$  for any simple closed curve  $\gamma$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  of length  $\ell(\gamma)$ , with equality holding if and only if  $\gamma$  is a circle. Since  $\ell(\gamma) = 1$  by assumption, it follows that  $4\pi\mathcal{A}(\text{int}(\gamma)) \leq 1$  is the correct inequality.
- A 4.** Equation (D) describes a hyperbolic paraboloid. [(A) gives a hyperboloid of one sheet, (B) a hyperboloid of two sheets and (C) an elliptic paraboloid.]
- A 5.** We have  $\sigma_u(u, v) = (1, 0, -\frac{2}{3}u)$  and  $\sigma_v(u, v) = (0, -1, -\frac{4}{3}v)$ . The tangent plane at  $(0, 0)$  is spanned by  $\sigma_u(0, 0) = (1, 0, 0)$  and  $\sigma_v(0, 0) = (0, -1, 0)$  and therefore coincides with  $xy$ -plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

- A 6.** We have  $\sigma_u(u, v) = (1, 0, 2u)$  and  $\sigma_v(u, v) = (0, 1, 2v)$ . Thus  $(\sigma_u \times \sigma_v)(u, v) = (-2u, -2v, 1)$  and hence the Gauss map is

$$\mathcal{G} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow S^2, (u, v) \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + 4(u^2 + v^2)}}(-2u, -2v, 1).$$

From this we easily see that  $\mathcal{G}(\mathbb{R}^2) = \{(x, y, z) \in S^2 : z > 0\}$ .

- A 7.** At  $O$  we have  $\kappa_g = \ddot{\gamma}(0) \cdot (\mathbf{N} \times \dot{\gamma}(0)) = (1, -1, 2) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-1, 1, 0) = -\sqrt{2}$ .

- A 8.** We have  $\sigma_u(u, v) = (1, 1, 2u)$ ,  $\sigma_v(u, v) = (-1, 1, 2v)$ ,  $\sigma_{uu}(u, v) = (0, 0, 2)$ ,  $\sigma_{uv}(u, v) = (0, 0, 0)$  and  $\sigma_{vv}(u, v) = (0, 0, 2)$ . This gives  $\mathbf{N}(0, 0) = \frac{(\sigma_u \times \sigma_v)(0, 0)}{\|(\sigma_u \times \sigma_v)(0, 0)\|} = (0, 0, 1)$  for the normal vector at  $(0, 0)$ . Thus, at  $(0, 0)$ , we get  $E = \|\sigma_u(0, 0)\|^2 = 2$ ,  $F = (\sigma_u \cdot \sigma_v)(0, 0) = 0$ ,  $G = \|\sigma_v(0, 0)\|^2 = 2$ ,  $L = (\sigma_{uu} \cdot \mathbf{N})(0, 0) = 2$ ,  $M = (\sigma_{uv} \cdot \mathbf{N})(0, 0) = 0$  and  $N = (\sigma_{vv} \cdot \mathbf{N})(0, 0) = 2$ . It follows that both the first and the second fundamental form have the matrix representation  $\mathcal{F}_I = \mathcal{F}_{II} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}_I^{-1} \mathcal{F}_{II} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and thus both principal curvatures are equal to 1.

- A 9.** Let  $\kappa_1, \kappa_2$  be the principal curvatures. Then, by definition,  $H = \frac{1}{2}(\kappa_1 + \kappa_2)$  and  $K = \kappa_1 \kappa_2$ . If  $H = 0$ , then  $0 = 4H^2 = (\kappa_1 + \kappa_2)^2 = 2K + \kappa_1^2 + \kappa_2^2$ , which implies  $K \leq 0$ . Thus there exists no surface with  $H = 0$  and  $K > 0$ . The other cases are possible. For example, the round cylinder has  $K = 0$  and  $H > 0$  (with inward unit normal) or  $H < 0$  (with outward unit normal). The plane has  $H = 0$  and  $K = 0$ .

- A 10.** The local version of the Gauss-Bonnet Theorem states

$$\int_{\gamma} \kappa_g ds = 2\pi - \iint_{\text{int}(\gamma)} K d\mathcal{A}_{\sigma}.$$

By assumption,  $\kappa_g = 1$  and  $\ell(\gamma) = \pi$ , thus  $\int_{\gamma} \kappa_g ds = \int_0^{\pi} ds = \pi$ . Inserting this into the above equation implies  $\iint_{\text{int}(\gamma)} K d\mathcal{A}_{\sigma} = \pi$ .

- B 11.** (i) Let  $\kappa$  be the curvature and  $\tau$  be the torsion of  $\gamma$ . Furthermore, define  $\mathbf{t} = \dot{\gamma}$ ,  $\mathbf{n} = \frac{1}{\kappa}\dot{\mathbf{t}}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{t} \times \mathbf{n}$ . The Frenet-Serret equations are

$$\dot{\mathbf{t}} = \kappa \mathbf{n}, \quad \dot{\mathbf{n}} = -\kappa \mathbf{t} + \tau \mathbf{b}, \quad \dot{\mathbf{b}} = -\tau \mathbf{n}.$$

- (ii) Assume that  $\kappa(s) = \kappa > 0$  is constant and  $\tau(s) = 0$ . The third Frenet-Serret equation gives  $\dot{\mathbf{b}} = 0$  and thus  $\mathbf{b}(s) = \mathbf{b}$  is a constant vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Thus  $\frac{d}{ds}(\gamma \cdot \mathbf{b}) = \dot{\gamma} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \gamma \cdot \dot{\mathbf{b}} = \mathbf{t} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$  since  $\mathbf{t}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are perpendicular. Thus  $\gamma \cdot \mathbf{b}$  is constant, say equal to  $d \in \mathbb{R}$ . This shows that  $\gamma$  lies in the plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  given by the equation  $(x, y, z) \cdot \mathbf{b} = d$ .

Using the second Frenet-Serret equation and the assumptions that  $\kappa(s) = \kappa > 0$  is constant and  $\tau = 0$ , we obtain  $\frac{d}{ds}(\gamma + \frac{1}{\kappa}\mathbf{n}) = \mathbf{t} + \frac{1}{\kappa}\dot{\mathbf{n}} = 0$ . Thus there exists  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^3$  so that  $\gamma(s) + \frac{1}{\kappa}\mathbf{n}(s) = \mathbf{a}$  for all  $s$ . This implies  $\|\gamma(s) - \mathbf{a}\| = \|-\frac{1}{\kappa}\mathbf{n}(s)\| = \frac{1}{\kappa}\|\mathbf{n}(s)\| = \frac{1}{\kappa}$  for all  $s$ , which shows that  $\gamma(s)$  lies on the sphere with radius  $\frac{1}{\kappa}$  and centre  $\mathbf{a}$ .

Since the intersection of a sphere with a plane is circle, the result follows.

**B 12.** (i) We have  $\sigma_u = \dot{\gamma} + v\ddot{\gamma}$  and  $\sigma_v = \dot{\gamma}$ , and therefore  $\sigma_u \times \sigma_v = v\ddot{\gamma} \times \dot{\gamma}$ . Using the first Frenet-Serret equation, we obtain  $\sigma_u \times \sigma_v = v(\dot{\mathbf{t}} \times \mathbf{t}) = v\kappa(\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{t}) = -v\kappa\mathbf{b}$ . Since both  $v$  and  $\kappa$  are non-zero by assumption, it follows that  $\sigma$  is a regular surface patch.

(ii) Since  $\|\dot{\gamma}\| = 1$ , we have  $\dot{\gamma} \cdot \ddot{\gamma} = 0$ . Using this we get

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \|\sigma_u\|^2 = (\dot{\gamma} + v\ddot{\gamma}) \cdot (\dot{\gamma} + v\ddot{\gamma}) = \|\dot{\gamma}\|^2 + v^2\|\ddot{\gamma}\|^2 = 1 + v^2\kappa^2, \\ F &= \sigma_u \cdot \sigma_v = (\dot{\gamma} + v\ddot{\gamma}) \cdot \dot{\gamma} = \|\dot{\gamma}\|^2 = 1, \\ G &= \|\sigma_v\|^2 = \|\dot{\gamma}\|^2 = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the first fundamental form is  $(1 + v^2\kappa(u)^2)du^2 + 2dudv + dv^2$ .

(iii) Using the Frenet-Serret equations we calculate  $\sigma_{uu} = \dot{\mathbf{t}} + v\dot{\kappa}\mathbf{n} + v\kappa\dot{\mathbf{n}} = (\kappa + v\dot{\kappa})\mathbf{n} - v\kappa^2\mathbf{t} + v\kappa\tau\mathbf{b}$ ,  $\sigma_{uv} = \kappa\mathbf{n}$  and  $\sigma_{vv} = 0$ . Moreover, for the unit normal we get  $\mathbf{N} = \frac{\sigma_u \times \sigma_v}{\|\sigma_u \times \sigma_v\|} = -\mathbf{b}$ . This implies  $L = \sigma_{uu} \cdot \mathbf{N} = -v\kappa\tau$ ,  $M = \sigma_{uv} \cdot \mathbf{N} = 0$  and  $N = \sigma_{vv} \cdot \mathbf{N} = 0$ . Thus the second fundamental form is  $-v\kappa\tau(u)du^2$ .

(iv)  $K = \frac{LN - M^2}{EG - F^2} = 0$ .

- B 13.**
- (i) A unit speed curve  $\gamma$  on  $\sigma$  is a geodesic if  $\ddot{\gamma}(s)$  is perpendicular to the surface at  $\gamma(s)$  for all  $s$ , or equivalently, if  $\ddot{\gamma}(s)$  is parallel to the unit normal  $\mathbf{N}(s)$  for all  $s$ .
  - (ii) Let  $\gamma$  be a unit speed geodesic on  $\sigma$ . Then  $\ddot{\gamma}(s)$  is parallel to  $\mathbf{N}(s)$  and therefore perpendicular to  $(\mathbf{N} \times \dot{\gamma})(s)$ . So  $\kappa_g(s) = \ddot{\gamma}(s) \cdot (\mathbf{N} \times \dot{\gamma})(s) = 0$ .  
Conversely, assume  $\kappa_g = 0$ . Then  $0 = \kappa_g(s) = \ddot{\gamma}(s) \cdot (\mathbf{N} \times \dot{\gamma})(s)$  for all  $s$ . Since  $\gamma$  is a unit speed curve, we have  $\dot{\gamma} \cdot \dot{\gamma} = 1$  and hence  $\dot{\gamma} \cdot \ddot{\gamma} = 0$ . Thus  $\ddot{\gamma}(s)$  is perpendicular to  $(\mathbf{N} \times \dot{\gamma})(s)$  and  $\dot{\gamma}(s)$  for all  $s$ . Since  $\dot{\gamma}(s)$ ,  $\mathbf{N}(s)$  and  $(\mathbf{N} \times \dot{\gamma})(s)$  are perpendicular unit vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , it follows that  $\ddot{\gamma}(s)$  is parallel to  $\mathbf{N}(s)$  for all  $s$ , which shows that  $\gamma$  is a geodesic on  $\sigma$ .
  - (iii) No! Consider for example the plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with the origin  $O = (0, 0)$  removed, denoted by  $\mathcal{S}$ . The geodesics in the plane are the straight lines. The line passing through the points  $p = (-1, 0)$  and  $q = (1, 0)$  also passes through  $O$ , but since this point has been removed from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  we cannot find a line in  $\mathcal{S}$  passing through  $p$  and  $q$ .
  - (iv) Every great circle on  $S^2$  is a normal section of  $S^2$ , that is, the intersection of  $S^2$  with a plane perpendicular to the tangent plane at some point of  $S^2$ . Every normal section of a surface has vanishing geodesic curvature and hence is a geodesic.

**B 14.** We have  $\gamma(t) = \sigma(\rho(t))$  with  $\rho : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $t \mapsto (\cos(t), \sin(t))$ . Since  $\rho$  is positively oriented, also  $\gamma$  is positively oriented. Clearly,  $\gamma$  is a unit speed, simple closed curve.

We have  $\sigma_u(u, v) = (1, 0, 2u)$  and  $\sigma_v(u, v) = (0, 1, 2v)$ . Thus the unit normal  $\mathbf{N}$  of  $\sigma$  is

$$\mathbf{N}(u, v) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4u^2 + 4v^2 + 1}}(-2u, -2v, 1).$$

Moreover,  $\dot{\gamma}(t) = (-\sin(t), \cos(t), 0)$  and  $\ddot{\gamma}(t) = -(\cos(t), \sin(t), 0)$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{N}(\rho(t)) \times \dot{\gamma}(t) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(-2\cos(t), -2\sin(t), 1) \times (-\sin(t), \cos(t), 0) \\ &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(\cos(t), \sin(t), 2). \end{aligned}$$

Altogether this implies

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa_g(t) &= \ddot{\gamma}(t) \cdot (\mathbf{N}(\rho(t)) \times \dot{\gamma}(t)) \\ &= (\cos(t), \sin(t), 0) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(\cos(t), \sin(t), 2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}. \end{aligned}$$

The local version of the Gauss-Bonnet Theorem then implies

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_{\text{int}(\gamma)} K d\mathcal{A}_\sigma &= 2\pi - \int_\gamma \kappa_g ds = 2\pi - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \int_\gamma ds \\ &= 2\pi - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \ell(\gamma) = 2\pi - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} 2\pi = 2\pi \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right). \end{aligned}$$