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**Riemannian Geometry**

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1. (a) Consider the topological manifold  $\mathbb{R}$ . Define  $\psi, \varphi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$\psi(x) = x, \quad \varphi(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & \text{if } x < 0, \\ x & \text{if } x \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

Justify your answers to the following questions.

- (i) Is  $\{(\mathbb{R}, \psi)\}$  a smooth atlas for  $\mathbb{R}$ ? (1 mark)
  - (ii) Is  $\{(\mathbb{R}, \varphi)\}$  a smooth atlas for  $\mathbb{R}$ ? (1 mark)
  - (iii) Is  $\{((0, \infty), \varphi|_{(0, \infty)}), ((-\infty, 0), \varphi|_{(-\infty, 0)})\}$  a smooth atlas for  $\mathbb{R}$ ? (2 marks)
  - (iv) Is  $\{(\mathbb{R}, \psi), (\mathbb{R}, \varphi)\}$  a smooth atlas for  $\mathbb{R}$ ? (2 marks)
  - (v) Is  $\{(\mathbb{R}, \psi), ((-\infty, 0), \varphi|_{(-\infty, 0)})\}$  a smooth atlas for  $\mathbb{R}$ ? (2 marks)
- (b) Consider the smooth manifold  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , and let  $(x, y)$  denote the standard Cartesian coordinates. Let  $V = x\partial_x + y\partial_y$ . Compute the Lie derivatives,  $\mathcal{L}_V X$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_V Y$  and  $\mathcal{L}_V T$ , of the following tensor fields along  $V$ ,

$$X = \partial_x + \partial_y, \quad Y = \cos y \partial_x + \sin x \partial_y, \quad T = y^2 dx \otimes dx + x dx \otimes dy.$$

You may use any results from the lectures, without proof, provided you state them clearly.

(4 marks)

- (c) Briefly justify your answers to the following questions.

- (i) Is the vector field  $\partial_x$  on  $(0, 1)$  complete? (2 marks)
- (ii) Is every nontrivial vector field (i.e. every vector field which does not vanish identically) on  $(0, 1)$  incomplete? (2 marks)
- (iii) Is every vector field on  $\mathbb{R}$  complete? (2 marks)
- (iv) Is every vector field on  $S^n$  complete? (2 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

2. (a) Let  $(x, y, z)$  denote the standard Cartesian coordinates on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Say whether each of the following  $(0, 2)$  tensor fields on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  are Riemannian metrics on  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Justify your answers.

(i)  $g = dx \otimes dx + dy \otimes dy + dx \otimes dy + dz \otimes dz.$  (2 marks)

(ii)  $g = \sin^2(xz)dx \otimes dx + \cos^2(xz)dy \otimes dy + dz \otimes dz.$  (2 marks)

(ii)  $g = dx \otimes dx + 2dy \otimes dy - dz \otimes dy - dy \otimes dz + dz \otimes dz.$  (2 marks)

(b) Consider the metric

$$g = \frac{4}{(1 + x^2 + y^2)^2}(dx^2 + dy^2),$$

on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , where  $(x, y)$  are standard Cartesian coordinates.

(i) Compute the Christoffel symbols of the Levi-Civita connection of  $g$  with respect to the frame  $\{\partial_x, \partial_y\}$ . (4 marks)

(ii) Show that the  $x$  axis,  $\{y = 0\}$ , is the image of a geodesic of  $g$ . Hint: It suffices to find a surjective function  $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , for some open interval  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ , such that  $\gamma(t) = (f(t), 0)$  satisfies the geodesic equations. You may use, without proof, the fact that  $\frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1}(x)) = (1 + x^2)^{-1}$ . (5 marks)

(iii) Consider now the metric  $g$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$ . Show that the map  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}$  defined by

$$f(x, y) = \frac{(x, y)}{x^2 + y^2},$$

is an isometry of  $(\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{0\}, g)$ . (5 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

3. (a) Which one of the following three Riemannian manifolds is not geodesically complete? Very briefly justify your answer.

\* The torus

$$\{(2 + \cos \theta) \cos \phi, (2 + \cos \theta) \sin \phi, \sin \theta \mid \theta, \phi \in [0, 2\pi)\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3,$$

with the induced metric from  $(\mathbb{R}^3, g_{Eucl})$ .

\* The annulus

$$\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid 1 < x^2 + y^2 < 2\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2,$$

with the induced metric from  $(\mathbb{R}^2, g_{Eucl})$ .

\* The circle

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

with the induced metric from  $(\mathbb{R}^2, g_{Eucl})$ .

(3 marks)

- (b) Let  $(\mathcal{M}, g)$  be a Riemannian manifold. Consider normal coordinates  $\{x^i\}$  centred at  $p \in \mathcal{M}$ . Show that the Christoffel symbols of  $(\mathcal{M}, g)$  with respect to the local frame  $\{\partial_{x^i}\}$  vanish at  $p$ , i.e.  $\Gamma_{jk}^i(p) = 0$ . (6 marks)

- (c) Let  $g$  be a metric on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  such that every geodesic of  $(\mathbb{R}^n, g)$  is a constant speed straight line. Is  $(\mathbb{R}^n, g)$  necessarily isometric to  $(\mathbb{R}^n, g_{Eucl})$ ? Prove or give a counterexample. You may use any results from the lectures provided you state them clearly. (5 marks)

- (d) Let  $(\mathcal{M}, g)$  be a Riemannian manifold and let  $K \in \mathfrak{X}(\mathcal{M})$  be a Killing vector. Show that, for any geodesic  $\gamma: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ , the inner product  $g(K, \dot{\gamma})$  is conserved along  $\gamma$ . (6 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

4. (a) Define  $B = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x^2 + y^2 + z^2 < 1\} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ . Given a Riemannian metric  $g$  on  $B$ , let  $R$  denote the Riemann curvature tensor of  $g$ . Justify your answers to the following questions. You may use, without proof, any symmetries of  $R$ .

- (i) Does there exist a Riemannian metric  $g$  on  $B$  such that, for all  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(B)$ ,

$$R(X, Y)Z = 0?$$

(2 marks)

- (ii) Does there exist a Riemannian metric  $g$  on  $B$  such that, for all  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(B)$ ,

$$R(X, Y)Z = g(X, Y)Z?$$

(2 marks)

- (iii) Does there exist a Riemannian metric  $g$  on  $B$  such that, for all  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(B)$ ,

$$R(X, Y)Z = Z?$$

(3 marks)

- (iv) Does there exist a Riemannian metric  $g$  on  $B$  such that, for all  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(B)$ ,

$$R(X, Y)Z = g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y?$$

(3 marks)

- (b) Let  $(\mathcal{M}, g)$  be a Riemannian manifold whose sectional curvatures satisfy the upper bound

$$\kappa(\Pi_p) \leq \lambda \quad \text{for all } p \in \mathcal{M} \text{ and all 2-planes } \Pi_p \subset T_p\mathcal{M},$$

for some constant  $\lambda > 0$ . Let  $\gamma: [0, \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{\lambda}}] \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  be a unit speed geodesic. Show that there are no points along  $\gamma$  conjugate to  $\gamma(0)$ . Hint: if  $c$  is a constant then solutions of the ordinary differential inequality  $f''(s) + cf(s) \geq 0$  can be compared to solutions of the ordinary differential equation  $h''(s) + ch(s) = 0$ , if  $f(0) = h(0) = 0$  and  $f'(0) = h'(0)$ , by considering  $(f/h)'(s)$ .

(10 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

5. (a) Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a submanifold of  $(\mathbb{R}^n, g_{Eucl})$  whose second fundamental form identically vanishes. Is  $\mathcal{M}$ , with the induced metric, necessarily flat? Prove or give a counterexample. (4 marks)

- (b) Consider a Riemannian manifold  $(\mathcal{M}, g)$  and an oriented submanifold  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}$  with  $\dim \overline{\mathcal{M}} = \dim \mathcal{M} - 1$ . Define the second fundamental form

$$k(X, Y) = -g(\nabla_X n, Y),$$

where  $n$  is the oriented unit normal to  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}$ . Show that

$$\overline{\nabla}_X k(Y, Z) - \overline{\nabla}_Y k(X, Z) = Rm(X, Y, Z, n),$$

for all  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(\overline{\mathcal{M}})$ , where  $\overline{\nabla}$  is the Levi-Civita connection of the induced metric on  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}$  and  $Rm$  is the Riemann curvature tensor of  $(\mathcal{M}, g)$ . (6 marks)

- (c) Consider the paraboloid

$$P = \{(u, v, u^2 + v^2) \mid (u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2\},$$

as a submanifold of  $(\mathbb{R}^3, g_{Eucl})$ .

- (i) Show that, in the ambient  $(x, y, z)$  Cartesian coordinates of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , the upward unit normal to  $P$  takes the form

$$n = \frac{1}{1 + 4x^2 + 4y^2} (-2x\partial_x - 2y\partial_y + \partial_z).$$

Hint: first compute the vectors  $\partial_u$  and  $\partial_v$  in the ambient Cartesian coordinates.

(4 marks)

- (ii) Compute the second fundamental form  $k(X, Y) = -g(\nabla_X n, Y)$  of  $P$  in the  $(u, v)$  coordinate system for  $P$ . (6 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

# Riemannian geometry exam 2021 – solutions

1. (a) (i) Yes:  $\mathbb{R}$  is an open cover of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\psi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a homeomorphism. The compatibility is trivial since there is only one chart.

Seen [1 mark].

- (ii) Yes:  $\mathbb{R}$  is an open cover of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\varphi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a homeomorphism. The compatibility is trivial since there is only one chart.

Unseen [1 mark].

- (iii) No:  $\{(-\infty, 0), (0, \infty)\}$  is not an open cover of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Unseen [2 marks].

- (iv) No:  $\varphi \circ \psi^{-1}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is not a smooth diffeomorphism.

Unseen [2 marks].

- (v) Yes:  $\{(-\infty, 0), \mathbb{R}\}$  is an open cover of  $\mathbb{R}$ . The maps  $\psi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\varphi|_{(-\infty, 0)}: (-\infty, 0) \rightarrow (-\infty, 0)$  are homeomorphisms (where  $(\varphi|_{(-\infty, 0)})^{-1} = x/2$ ). Finally, the map

$$\psi \circ (\varphi|_{(-\infty, 0)})^{-1}(x) = x/2,$$

is a diffeomorphism from  $(-\infty, 0) \rightarrow (-\infty, 0)$  with smooth inverse  $2x$ .

Unseen [2 marks].

- (b) Since  $X$  and  $Y$  are vector fields one can use the fact that

$$\mathcal{L}_V Z = [V, Z],$$

for any vector field  $Z$ . A simple computation gives

$$\mathcal{L}_V X = -\partial_x - \partial_y, \quad \mathcal{L}_V Y = -(y \sin y + \cos y)\partial_x + (x \cos x - \sin x)\partial_y.$$

For  $\mathcal{L}_V T$  it is easiest to use the component form of Lie derivative on  $(0, 2)$  tensor fields from the lectures:

$$(\mathcal{L}_V T)_{ij} = V(T_{ij}) + \partial_i V^k T_{kj} + \partial_j V^k T_{ik}.$$

A simple computation then gives

$$(\mathcal{L}_V T)_{xx} = 4y^2, \quad (\mathcal{L}_V T)_{xy} = 3x, \quad (\mathcal{L}_V T)_{yx} = (\mathcal{L}_V T)_{yy} = 0,$$

and so

$$\mathcal{L}_V T = 4y^2 dx \otimes dx + 3x dx \otimes dy.$$

Unseen [4 marks].

- (c) (i) No: The curve  $\gamma: (0, 1) \rightarrow (0, 1)$  defined by  $\gamma(t) = t$  is an integral curve of  $\partial_x$  which cannot be extended to an integral curve  $\gamma: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, 1)$ .

Unseen [2 marks].

- (ii) No: Given  $\varepsilon > 0$  small, any smooth vector field  $X$  which satisfies  $X(t) = 0$  for  $0 < t < \varepsilon$  and  $X(t) = 0$  for  $1 - \varepsilon < t < 1$  is complete.

Seen as exercise [2 marks].

- (iii) No: Let  $X = x^2 \partial_x$ . The curve  $\gamma: (-\infty, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $\gamma(t) = \frac{1}{1-t}$  is an integral curve of  $X$  which cannot be extended to a larger interval.

Seen as exercise [2 marks].

- (iv) Yes: Let  $X$  be a vector field on  $S^n$  and let  $\gamma: (T_-, T_+) \rightarrow S^n$  be a maximal integral curve of  $X$ . If  $T_+ < \infty$  then the Cauchy–Lipschitz Theorem implies that  $\gamma(t)$  leaves every compact set as  $t \rightarrow T_+$ . Since  $S^n$  is compact this is not possible. So  $T_+ = \infty$  and, by a similar argument,  $T_- = -\infty$ .

Unseen [2 marks].

2. (a) (i) No:  $g$  is not symmetric.

Unseen [2 marks].

- (ii) No:  $g|_{(0,0,0)} = dy \otimes dy + dz \otimes dz$  is clearly not positive definite, e.g.  $g|_{(0,0,0)}(\partial_x, \partial_x) = 0$ .

Unseen [2 marks].

- (iii) Yes:  $g$  is symmetric and, for  $X = X^1 \partial_x + X^2 \partial_y + X^3 \partial_z$ ,

$$g(X, X) = (X^1)^2 + (X^2)^2 + (X^2 - X^3)^2,$$

is a positive definite expression.

Unseen [2 marks].

- (b) (i) A computation, using the standard formula for the Christoffel symbols, gives

$$\Gamma_{xx}^x = -\Gamma_{yy}^x = \Gamma_{xy}^y = -\frac{2x}{1+x^2+y^2},$$

and

$$\Gamma_{xy}^x = \Gamma_{yy}^y = -\Gamma_{xx}^y = -\frac{2y}{1+x^2+y^2}.$$

Unseen [4 marks].

- (ii) The geodesic equations take the form

$$\ddot{\gamma}^i(t) + \dot{\gamma}^j(t) \dot{\gamma}^k(t) \Gamma_{jk}^i(\gamma(t)) = 0.$$

Look for a geodesic of the form  $\gamma(t) = (f(t), 0)$ , for some function  $f$ . The second geodesic equation (with  $i = y$ ) becomes trivial since  $\Gamma_{xx}^y(\gamma(t)) = 0$  for all  $t$ . The first geodesic equation, using the above expression for  $\Gamma_{xx}^x$ , becomes,

$$f''(t) - \frac{2f(t)}{1+(f(t))^2} (f'(t))^2 = 0.$$

It follows that

$$(\log f'(t))' = (\log(1 + f(t)^2))',$$

and so any  $f$  satisfying

$$f'(t) = 1 + f(t)^2,$$

is a solution. By separation of variables, using the hint, one sees that  $f: (-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(t) = \tan(t)$  is a solution. The image of  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$  under  $f$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ , and so the image of  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$  under  $\gamma$  is the entire  $x$  axis,  $\{y = 0\}$ .

Unseen [5 marks].

- (iii) Note that  $f$  is smooth on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and invertible with smooth inverse  $f^{-1}(x, y) = f(x, y)$ . Hence  $f$  is a diffeomorphism. Now, one computes

$$f_{*(x,y)} \partial_x = \frac{y^2 - x^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \partial_x - \frac{2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \partial_y, \quad f_{*(x,y)} \partial_y = -\frac{2xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \partial_x + \frac{x^2 - y^2}{(x^2 + y^2)^2} \partial_y,$$



from which it follows that

$$f^*g_{(x,y)}(\partial_x, \partial_x) = g_{f(x,y)}(f_{*(x,y)}\partial_x, f_{*(x,y)}\partial_x) = \dots = \frac{4}{(1+x^2+y^2)} = f^*g_{(x,y)}(\partial_y, \partial_y),$$

and

$$f^*g_{(x,y)}(\partial_x, \partial_y) = 0.$$

Hence  $f^*g_{(x,y)} = g_{(x,y)}$  and  $f$  is an isometry.

Unseen [5 marks].

3. (a) The annulus is not geodesically complete. For example the curve  $\gamma: (1, 2) \rightarrow \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid 1 < x^2 + y^2 < 2\}$  defined by  $\gamma(t) = (t, 0)$  is a geodesic which cannot be extended to a larger interval. The other two manifolds are compact subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and hence geodesically complete by the Hopf–Rinow Theorem. Full marks are awarded for *either* justifying that the annulus is not geodesically complete, *or* for justifying that the torus and the circle are geodesically complete.

Unseen [3 marks].

- (b) Recall that, in normal coordinates centred at  $p$ , for any  $v = v^i \partial_{x^i}|_p \in T_p \mathcal{M}$  the curve  $\gamma(t) = (tv^1, \dots, tv^n)$  is a geodesic. The geodesic equations,

$$\ddot{\gamma}^i(t) + \dot{\gamma}^j(t) \dot{\gamma}^k(t) \Gamma_{jk}^i(\gamma(t)) = 0,$$

at  $t = 0$  then imply that

$$v^j v^k \Gamma_{jk}^i(p) = 0,$$

for all  $v^1, \dots, v^n$ , from which it follows that

$$\Gamma_{jk}^i(p) = 0,$$

for all  $i, j, k = 1, \dots, n$ .

Seen as exercise [6 marks].

- (c) Yes. Consider Cartesian coordinates on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Given any  $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and any  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n = T_p \mathbb{R}^n$ , each corresponding geodesic takes the form  $\gamma_{p,v}(t) = p + tv$  since  $\gamma_{p,v}$  has to be a constant speed straight line. The geodesic equations at  $t = 0$  then imply that

$$\Gamma_{jk}^i(p) v^j v^k = 0,$$

for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Since  $p$  and  $v$  were arbitrary, it follows that  $\Gamma_{jk}^i(p) = 0$  for all  $i, j, k = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $p \in \mathcal{M}$ . It follows, using the expression for the components in terms of derivatives of Christoffel symbols, that the Riemann curvature tensor vanishes identically. By a theorem from the lectures it then follows that  $(\mathbb{R}^n, g)$  is isometric to  $(\mathbb{R}^n, g_{Eucl})$ .

Unseen [5 marks].

- (d) Recall that, for any vector fields  $V, X, Y$ ,

$$V(g(X, Y)) = g(\nabla_V X, Y) + g(X, \nabla_V Y),$$

since  $\nabla$  is compatible with  $g$ , and the Lie derivative satisfies

$$V(g(X, Y)) = (\mathcal{L}_V g)(X, Y) + g(\mathcal{L}_V X, Y) + g(X, \mathcal{L}_V Y).$$

Hence locally (extending  $\dot{\gamma}$  arbitrarily to a vector field so that the steps in the computation make sense),

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} g(K, \dot{\gamma}) &= g(\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} K, \dot{\gamma}) + g(K, \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \dot{\gamma}) = g(\nabla_K \dot{\gamma}, \dot{\gamma}) - g([K, \dot{\gamma}], \dot{\gamma}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} K(g(\dot{\gamma}, \dot{\gamma})) - (\mathcal{L}_K g)(\dot{\gamma}, \dot{\gamma}) - \frac{1}{2} K(g(\dot{\gamma}, \dot{\gamma})) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

where the torsion free property of  $\nabla$  has been used, along with the fact that

$$\mathcal{L}_X Y = [X, Y],$$

for all vector fields  $X, Y$ , and the fact that

$$\mathcal{L}_K g = 0,$$

since  $K$  is a Killing vector.

Unseen [6 marks].

4. (a) (i) Yes: the Euclidean metric  $g = dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2$ .

Seen [2 marks].

- (ii) No: by the symmetries of  $R$  it must be the case that  $R(X, Y)Z = -R(Y, X)Z$  for all  $X, Y, Z$ , but  $g$  is symmetric and so  $g(X, Y)Z = g(Y, X)Z$ .

Unseen [2 marks].

- (iii) No: this  $R$  would satisfy

$$R(X, Y)Z + R(Z, X)Y + R(Y, Z)X = X + Y + Z,$$

but the first Bianchi identity implies that this would have to vanish.

Unseen [3 marks].

- (iv) Yes: Consider the restriction of the round metric on  $S^3 = \{(x, y, z, w) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + w^2 = 1\}$  to  $\{w > 0\}$  and its pullback by the map  $i(x, y, z) = (x, y, z, \sqrt{1 - x^2 - y^2 - z^2})$ . We saw in the lectures that the round metric satisfies

$$R(X, Y)Z = g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y.$$

Seen [3 marks].

- (b) Let  $J$  be a non-trivial normal Jacobi field along  $\gamma$  such that  $J(0) = 0$ . We are interested in whether there exists such a  $J$  which has another 0 along  $\gamma$  before time  $t = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{\lambda}}$ . Without loss of generality assume  $|D_t J(0)| = 1$ . One computes

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2}(|J(t)|) = \frac{d}{dt}\left(\frac{g(D_t J, J)}{|J|}\right) = \frac{g(D_t^2 J, J) + |D_t J|^2}{|J|} - \frac{g(D_t J, J)}{|J|^3}.$$

By Cauchy–Schwarz

$$\frac{|D_t J|^2}{|J|} - \frac{g(D_t J, J)}{|J|^3} \geq 0,$$

and, by the Jacobi equation and the assumption on the sectional curvatures

$$\frac{g(D_t^2 J, J)}{|J|} = -\frac{Rm(\dot{\gamma}, J, J, \dot{\gamma})}{|J|} = -\kappa(\dot{\gamma}, J) \geq -\lambda.$$

Hence

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2}(|J(t)|) + \lambda|J(t)| \geq 0.$$

Note now that  $h(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \sin(t\sqrt{\lambda})$  satisfies  $h'(0) = 0$  and

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2}h(t) + \lambda h(t) = 0.$$

This choice of  $h$  is inspired by the Jacobi fields of the round sphere, which saturates the curvature assumption. It suffices to show that  $|J(t)| \geq h(t)$ , since  $h(t)$  has no zeros on  $(0, \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{\lambda}}]$ . Let  $f(t) = |J(t)|$  and note that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} f'(t) = 1$ . Now

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{f}{h} \right) = \frac{f'(t)h(t) - h'(t)f(t)}{h(t)^2}, \quad \frac{d}{dt} (f'h - h'f) = f''(t)h(t) - h''(t)f(t) \geq 0.$$

Using the fact that  $(f'h - h'f)(0) = 0$  and  $\frac{f}{h}(0) = 1$  (e.g. by L'Hôpital's rule) it then follows that

$$\frac{f(t)}{h(t)} \geq 1,$$

for all  $t$ .

Unseen [10 marks].

5. (a) Yes: Recall the Gauss equation. Since the Riemann curvature tensor of  $(\mathbb{R}^n, g_{Eucl})$  vanishes, it follows that

$$Rm(X, Y, Z, W) = g_{Eucl}(\Pi(X, W), \Pi(Y, Z)) - g_{Eucl}(\Pi(X, Z), \Pi(Y, W)),$$

where  $Rm$  is the Riemann curvature tensor of  $\mathcal{M}$  with the induced metric and  $\Pi$  is the second fundamental form. If  $\Pi \equiv 0$  then it follows that  $Rm \equiv 0$  and so  $\mathcal{M}$  with the induced metric is flat.

Unseen [4 marks].

- (b) Note first that, by definition of  $k$ ,

$$\nabla_X k(Y, Z) = k(\nabla_X Y, Z) + k(Y, \nabla_X Z) = k(\bar{\nabla}_X Y, Z) + k(Y, \bar{\nabla}_X Z) = \bar{\nabla}_X k(Y, Z).$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\nabla}_X k(Y, Z) - \bar{\nabla}_Y k(X, Z) \\ = X(k(Y, Z)) - k(\nabla_X Y, Z) - k(Y, \nabla_X Z) - Y(k(X, Z)) + k(\nabla_Y X, Z) + k(X, \nabla_Y Z). \end{aligned}$$

By definition of  $k$ ,

$$X(k(Y, Z)) = -g(\nabla_X \nabla_Y n, Z) - g(\nabla_Y n, \nabla_X Z).$$

Similarly for  $Y(k(X, Z))$  and so,

$$X(k(Y, Z)) - Y(k(X, Z)) = -Rm(X, Y, n, Z) - g(\nabla_{[X, Y]} n, Z) - g(\nabla_Y n, \nabla_X Z) + g(\nabla_X n, \nabla_Y Z).$$

Inserting into the above then gives

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\nabla}_X k(Y, Z) - \bar{\nabla}_Y k(X, Z) &= Rm(X, Y, Z, n) - g(\nabla_{[X, Y]} n, Z) - g(\nabla_Y n, \nabla_X Z) \\ &\quad + g(\nabla_X n, \nabla_Y Z) - k(\nabla_X Y, Z) - k(Y, \nabla_X Z) + k(\nabla_Y X, Z) + k(X, \nabla_Y Z) = Rm(X, Y, Z, n). \end{aligned}$$

Unseen [6 marks].

- (c) (i) One computes

$$\partial_u = \partial_x + 2x\partial_z, \quad \partial_v = \partial_x + 2y\partial_z.$$

Hence, for

$$n = \frac{1}{(1 + 4x^2 + 4y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} (-2x\partial_x - 2y\partial_y + \partial_z),$$

one has

$$g_{Eucl}(\partial_u, n) = g_{Eucl}(\partial_v, n) = 0.$$

Moreover,

$$g_{Eucl}(n, n) = 1.$$

Since the tangent space at each point of  $P$  is spanned by  $\partial_u, \partial_v$ , it follows that  $n$  is indeed the unit normal.

Unseen [4 marks].

(ii) Using the above expressions one computes

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{\partial_u} n &= \dots = \frac{-2}{(1 + 4x^2 + 4y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} [(1 + 4y^2)\partial_x - 4xy\partial_y + 2x\partial_z], \\ \nabla_{\partial_v} n &= \dots = \frac{-2}{(1 + 4x^2 + 4y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} [-4xy\partial_x + (1 + 4x^2)\partial_y + 2y\partial_z],\end{aligned}$$

from which it follows that

$$g(\nabla_{\partial_u} n, \partial_u) = g(\nabla_{\partial_v} n, \partial_v) = -\frac{2}{(1 + 4x^2 + 4y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}, \quad g(\nabla_{\partial_u} n, \partial_v) = 0.$$

Since  $k(X, Y) = -g(\nabla_X n, Y)$ , it follows that

$$k = \frac{2}{(1 + 4u^2 + 4v^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}} (du^2 + dv^2).$$

Unseen [6 marks].

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MATH97050_MATH97161	1	The first part of this question was answered well. Many students struggled to compute the Lie derivative of T.
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