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**Geometry of Curves and Surfaces**

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You can use any theorem/lemma/proposition from the lectures, but if you wish to do that, you must state that result precisely. Also, if you cannot do a part of a problem, you can still use that part in order to do the later parts of that problem.

1. Consider the map  $\gamma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  defined as

$$\gamma(t) = (\cos(4t), 3t, \sin(4t)).$$

- (a) Find a reparametrisation of  $\gamma$  by arc length. (3 marks)
- (b) Let  $\eta : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the reparametrisation of  $\gamma$  by arc length you find in part (a). Find the Frenet frame  $(T, N, B)$  for the curve  $\eta$ . (6 marks)
- (c) Find the curvature  $k$  and the torsion  $\tau$  of  $\eta$  at each point  $\eta(t)$ , for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . (3 marks)
- (d) Let  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$  be a smooth function. Is there a *regular curve*  $\phi : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  whose curvature  $k_\phi$  satisfies  $k_\phi(t) = f(t)$ , for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ ? Justify your answer. (4 marks)
- (e) Let  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a smooth function whose derivatives satisfy  $f^{(k)}(0) = f^{(k)}(1)$ , for all  $k \geq 0$ . Is there a *closed regular curve*  $\phi : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  whose signed curvature  $\kappa_\phi$  satisfies  $\kappa_\phi(t) = f(t)$ , for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ ? Justify your answer. (4 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

2. Consider the regular surface

$$S = \{(x, y, z) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}, y \in \mathbb{R}, z = e^x \sin(y)\}.$$

- (a) Find the first fundamental form of  $S$  at each point  $(x, y, z) \in S$ . (5 marks)
- (b) Find the second fundamental form of  $S$  at each point  $(x, y, z) \in S$ . (5 marks)
- (c) Find the Gaussian curvature of  $S$  at each point  $(x, y, z) \in S$ . (5 marks)
- (d) Find the Mean curvature of  $S$  at each point  $(x, y, z) \in S$ . (5 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

3. Consider the set

$$C = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid z = 0, y = 2 + \sin(x)\},$$

and let  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  be the set obtained from (fully) rotating the set  $C$  about the  $x$  axis.

- (a) Prove that  $S$  is a regular surface. (6 marks)
- (b) Find the tangent plane of  $S$  at the point  $(\pi/2, 3, 0)$ . (4 marks)
- (c) Prove that any continuous unit normal vector  $N : S \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^2$  is not surjective. (5 marks)
- (d) Show that there is no local isometry from the torus  $(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - 2)^2 + z^2 = 1$  to the surface  $S$ . (5 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

4. (a) Let  $\gamma : [0, L] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a closed regular curve parametrised by arc length. Assume that the index of  $\gamma$  about  $(0, 0)$  is 2, and the curvature  $k$  of  $\gamma$  satisfies  $|k(t)| \leq c$ , for all  $t \in [0, L]$ . Prove that the length of  $\gamma$ ,  $L$ , satisfies  $L \geq 4\pi/c$ . (4 marks)
- (b) Let  $\gamma(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ , for  $t \in [-1, +1]$ , be a regular curve in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $\gamma(0) = (0, 0)$  and for all  $t \in [-1, +1] \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $y(t) > 0$ . Is it true that the curvature of  $\gamma$  at  $\gamma(0)$  is strictly positive? Justify your answer. (5 marks)

Below, assume that  $\Sigma_g \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  is a regular surface of genus  $g \geq 1$ .

- (c) Show that the Gaussian curvature of  $\Sigma_g$  must vanish at some point. (5 marks)
- (d) Let  $\mathbb{D}_1$  be the open ball of radius 1 about  $(0, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , and let  $\overline{\mathbb{D}_1}$  be its closure. Assume that  $\phi$  is a map from  $\overline{\mathbb{D}_1}$  to  $\Sigma_g$  such that  $\phi : \overline{\mathbb{D}_1} \rightarrow \phi(\overline{\mathbb{D}_1})$  is a diffeomorphism. What is the Euler characteristic of  $\Sigma_g \setminus \phi(\mathbb{D}_1)$ ? Justify your answer. (6 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

5. Let

$$g(z) = 1 + z^2 + \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} a_i z^{2i}$$

be an absolutely convergent series for  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ . Define the set

$$\Delta = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x^2 + y^2 = (g(z))^2\}.$$

(a) Show that there is  $\delta > 0$  such that the set

$$\Delta_\delta = \{(x, y, z) \in \Delta \mid |z| < \delta\}$$

is a regular surface.

(5 marks)

(b) Show that the Gaussian curvature of  $\Delta_\delta$  is negative at every point in the set

$$\gamma_0 = \{(x, y, z) \in \Delta \mid z = 0\}.$$

(6 marks)

(c) Show that the curve  $\gamma_0$  is a geodesic on  $\Delta_\delta$ .

(4 marks)

(d) Show that if  $\epsilon > 0$  is small enough, the curve

$$\gamma_\epsilon = \{(x, y, z) \in \Delta \mid z = \epsilon\}$$

is not a geodesic on  $\Delta_\delta$ .

(5 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

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Geometry of Curves and Surfaces (Solutions)

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1. (a) We have

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$$\gamma'(t) = (-4 \sin(4t), 3, 4 \cos(4t)),$$

and hence

$$|\gamma'(t)| = \sqrt{16 \sin^2(4t) + 9 + 16 \cos^2(4t)} = \sqrt{16 + 9} = 5.$$

For  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , let

$$h(t) = \int_0^t |\gamma'(s)| ds = \int_0^t 5 ds = 5t.$$

We have  $f(s) := h^{-1}(s) = s/5$ . By a result in the lectures, the curve

$$\eta(s) = \gamma \circ f(s) = (\cos(4s/5), 3s/5, \sin(4s/5))$$

is parametrised by arc length.

3, A

- (b) The tangent vector  $T$  to  $\eta$  is

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$$T(t) = \eta'(t) = \left( \frac{-4}{5} \sin\left(\frac{4t}{5}\right), \frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5} \cos\left(\frac{4t}{5}\right) \right).$$

The curvature vector is defined as

$$\vec{k}(t) = \eta''(t) = \left( \frac{-16}{25} \cos\left(\frac{4t}{5}\right), 0, \frac{-16}{25} \sin\left(\frac{4t}{5}\right) \right).$$

We note that for every  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $|\vec{k}(t)| \neq 0$ , and hence the Frenet Frame for  $\eta$  exists at every point. The normal vector  $N$  to  $\eta$  is

$$\begin{aligned} N(t) &= \frac{\eta''(t)}{|\eta''(t)|} = \frac{25}{16} \left( \frac{-16}{25} \cos\left(\frac{4t}{5}\right), 0, \frac{-16}{25} \sin\left(\frac{4t}{5}\right) \right) \\ &= (-\cos(4t/5), 0, -\sin(4t/5)). \end{aligned}$$

The binormal vector  $B$  to  $\eta$  is defined as

$$B(t) = T(t) \times N(t) = \left( \frac{-3}{5} \sin\left(\frac{4t}{5}\right), \frac{-4}{5}, \frac{3}{5} \cos\left(\frac{4t}{5}\right) \right).$$

6, A

- (c) By definition,

$$k(t) = |\eta''(t)| = 16/25,$$

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and using the formula,  $B'(t) = -\tau(t)N(t)$ , we note that  $\tau(t) \equiv -12/25$ .

3, A

- (d) By a theorem in the lectures, every pair of smooth functions  $k > 0$  and  $\tau$  is realised as the curvature and torsion of some regular curve in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Applying this result to the functions  $f > 0$  and  $\tau = 0$ , there is a regular curve  $\gamma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ , with curvature  $f$  and torsion 0. Because the torsion of  $\gamma$  is identically equal to 0, from the Frenet equation  $B' = -\tau N$  or from the lectures, we conclude that  $\gamma$  is contained in a plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . We may apply a rigid motion of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to send that plane into  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , without changing the curvature.

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- (e) The answer is No. By the total signed curvature theorem, the integral of the signed curvature along a closed regular curve must be an integer multiple of  $2\pi$ . For example, we may let  $f(t) = \sqrt{2}$ .

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2. (a) We consider the chart  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  for  $S$  defined as

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$$\phi(x, y) = (x, y, e^x \sin y).$$

We have

$$\phi_x(x, y) = (1, 0, e^x \sin y), \quad \phi_y(x, y) = (0, 1, e^x \cos y).$$

The first fundamental form at  $\phi(x, y)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} g_{\phi(x, y)} &= \begin{pmatrix} \langle \phi_x(x, y), \phi_x(x, y) \rangle & \langle \phi_x(x, y), \phi_y(x, y) \rangle \\ \langle \phi_y(x, y), \phi_x(x, y) \rangle & \langle \phi_y(x, y), \phi_y(x, y) \rangle \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 + e^{2x} \sin^2 y & e^{2x} \sin y \cos y \\ e^{2x} \sin y \cos y & 1 + e^{2x} \cos^2 y \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

5, A

- (b) We have

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$$\phi_{xx}(x, y) = (0, 0, e^x \sin y), \quad \phi_{yy}(x, y) = (0, 0, -e^x \sin y), \quad \phi_{xy}(x, y) = (0, 0, e^x \cos y),$$

and the normal vector to the surface is

$$N(\phi(x, y)) = \frac{\phi_x(x, y) \times \phi_y(x, y)}{|\phi_x(x, y) \times \phi_y(x, y)|} = \frac{(-e^x \sin y, -e^x \cos y, 1)}{\sqrt{1 + e^{2x}}}.$$

The second fundamental form at  $\phi(x, y)$  is

$$A_{\phi(x, y)} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle N, \phi_{xx} \rangle & \langle N, \phi_{xy} \rangle \\ \langle N, \phi_{yx} \rangle & \langle N, \phi_{yy} \rangle \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + e^{2x}}} \begin{pmatrix} e^x \sin y & e^x \cos y \\ e^x \cos y & -e^x \sin y \end{pmatrix}$$

5, A

- (c) By a result in the lectures, the Gaussian curvature at  $\phi(x, y)$  is

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$$K(\phi(x, y)) = \frac{\det A_{\phi(x, y)}}{\det g_{\phi(x, y)}} = \frac{-e^{2x}}{1 + e^{2x}} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + e^{2x}} = \frac{-e^{2x}}{(1 + e^{2x})^2}.$$

5, B

- (d) By a result in the lectures, the mean curvature of  $S$  at  $\phi(x, y)$  is  $H(\phi(x, y)) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr}(g^{-1}A)$ , that is,

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr} \left( \frac{1}{1 + e^{2x}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 + e^{2x} \cos^2 y & -e^{2x} \sin y \cos y \\ -e^{2x} \sin y \cos y & 1 + e^{2x} \sin^2 y \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + e^{2x}}} \begin{pmatrix} e^x \sin y & e^x \cos y \\ e^x \cos y & -e^x \sin y \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2(1 + e^{2x})^{3/2}} \operatorname{tr} \begin{pmatrix} e^x \sin y & \dots \\ \dots & -\sin y(e^{3x} + e^x) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{-e^{3x} \sin y}{2(1 + e^{2x})^{3/2}}. \end{aligned}$$

5, B

3. (a) Consider the map

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$$\phi(u, v) = (u, (2 + \sin u) \cos v, (2 + \sin u) \sin v), \quad u, v \in \mathbb{R}.$$

This is a smooth map from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  into  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . When  $v = 0$ , we obtain the curve  $C$ , and for each fixed  $u$ , the second and third coordinates of  $\phi$  parametrise a circle of radius  $(2 + \sin u)$  about  $(u, 0, 0)$ , obtained from rotating a point on  $C$  about the  $x$  axis.

We note that if  $\phi(u_1, v_1) = \phi(u_2, v_2)$ , then  $u_1 = u_2$ , and then  $\sin v_1 = \sin v_2$  and  $\cos v_1 = \cos v_2$ . The latter two relations imply that  $v_1 - v_2 \in 2\pi\mathbb{Z}$ . Thus,  $\phi$  is injective on any set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  of vertical width less than  $2\pi$ .

The partial derivatives of  $\phi$  are

$$\phi_u(u, v) = (1, \cos u \cos v, \cos u \sin v),$$

$$\phi_v(u, v) = (0, -(2 + \sin u) \sin v, (2 + \sin u) \cos v).$$

These are linearly independent, and hence  $D\phi_{(u,v)}$  is injective at every  $(u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . For  $p = (p_1, p_2, p_3) \in S$ , we define the open set  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  as the half-plane orthogonal to the vector  $(0, p_2, p_3)$ , cut off by the plane  $x = p_1 \pm 1$ , that is,

$$V = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid p_1 - 1 < x < p_1 + 1, \langle (y, z), (p_2, p_3) \rangle > 0\},$$

We also define

$$U = \left\{ (u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid p_1 - 1 < u < p_1 + 1, \left| v - \arccos \left( p_2 / \sqrt{p_2^2 + p_3^2} \right) \right| < \pi/2 \right\}.$$

Then, we have  $\phi(U) = S \cap V$ . Since  $V \cap S$  lies in a revolution of  $C$  of angle at most  $\pi$ ,  $\phi$  is injective on  $U$ . Therefore,  $\phi$  is a chart for  $S$  at  $p$ .

6, A

(b) We have  $\phi(\pi/2, 0) = (\pi/2, 3, 0)$ . By a result in the lectures, the tangent plane  $T_{(\pi/2, 3, 0)}S$  is equal to  $D\phi_{(\pi/2, 0)}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ . By the previous part, we have

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$$D\phi_{(\pi/2, 0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \cos u \cos v & -(2 + \sin u) \sin v \\ \cos u \sin v & (2 + \sin u) \cos v \end{pmatrix}_{|(\pi/2, 0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus, the image of  $D\phi_{(\pi/2, 0)}$  is generated by the vectors  $D\phi_{(\pi/2, 0)}(1, 0) = (1, 0, 0)$  and  $D\phi_{(\pi/2, 0)}(0, 1) = (0, 0, 3)$ . Thus,  $(0, 1, 0)$  is orthogonal to the image of  $D\phi_{(\pi/2, 0)}$ , and hence, the tangent plane is given by  $y = 0$ . This is the  $xz$ -plane.

4, A

(c) Since  $S$  is connected, there are only two choices for  $N$  on  $S$ , these are,

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$$N(\phi(u, v)) = \pm \frac{\phi_u(u, v) \times \phi_v(u, v)}{|\phi_u(u, v) \times \phi_v(u, v)|}.$$

The second and third coordinates of the above vector are

$$\pm \frac{(2 + \sin u) \cos v}{|\phi_u(u, v) \times \phi_v(u, v)|}, \quad \pm \frac{(2 + \sin u) \sin v}{|\phi_u(u, v) \times \phi_v(u, v)|}.$$

We can see that these components cannot be zero simultaneously, thus, the unit vector  $(1, 0, 0)$  is never realised.

5, B



- (d) Assume in the contrary that there is a local isometry  $\psi$  from the torus  $T$  to the surface  $S$ . Since  $T$  is compact,  $\psi(T) \subset S$  must be compact, and hence closed. Since every local isometry is a local diffeomorphism, it follows from the inverse function theorem for surfaces that  $\psi(T)$  is open in  $S$ . However, as  $S$  is connected, the only sets in  $S$  which is both open and closed are  $\emptyset$  and  $S$ . We conclude that  $\psi(T) = S$ . Since the image of any compact set is compact,  $S$  must be compact. But, we know that  $S$  is not compact, since it is not bounded in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

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4. (a) From the lectures, the curvature  $k$  of a curve is equal to the absolute value of its signed curvature  $\kappa$ . By the total curvature theorem, we have

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$$\int_0^L \kappa(t) dt = 2\pi \text{ind}(\gamma).$$

Therefore,

$$2\pi \cdot 2 = \int_0^L \kappa(t) dt = \left| \int_0^L \kappa(t) dt \right| \leq \int_0^L |\kappa(t)| dt \leq Lc.$$

4, C

- (b) The answer is No. For example, we can consider the curve

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$$\gamma(t) = (t, t^4), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

This is a smooth curve, however, it is not parametrised by arc-length.

To re-parametrise  $\gamma$  with arc-length, we consider the function

$$h(t) = \int_0^t |\gamma'(s)| ds = \int_0^t |(1, 4s^3)| ds = \int_0^t \sqrt{1 + 16s^6} ds.$$

And let  $f(t) = h^{-1}(t)$ . Then, by the results in the lectures, the curve  $\eta = \gamma \circ f$  is parametrised by arc length. The above equation give us

$$h'(t) = \sqrt{1 + 16t^6}, \quad h''(t) = \frac{1}{2}(1 + 16t^6)^{-1/2}(96t^5).$$

In particular,  $h'(0) = 1$  and  $h''(0) = 0$ . Using the relation  $h \circ f(t) = t$ , we get

$$h'(f(t))f'(t) = 1, \quad h''(f(t))f'(t)f'(t) + h'(f(t))f''(t) = 0.$$

Using  $f(0) = h(0) = 0$ , these give us  $f'(0) = 1$  and  $f''(0) = 0$ .

On the other hand,

$$\eta'(t) = \gamma'(f(t)) \cdot f'(t), \quad \eta''(t) = \gamma''(f(t))f'(t)f'(t) + \gamma'(f(t))f''(t).$$

Then,  $\eta''(0) = 0$ , which implies that the curvature of  $\eta$  at  $t = 0$  is zero.

5, D

- (c) By the Gauss-Bonnet Theorem, we must have

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$$\int_{\partial \Sigma_g} k_g ds + \int_{\Sigma_g} K dA = \chi(\Sigma_g).$$

Since the surface has no boundary, the first integral is 0, and by a result in the lectures,  $\chi(\Sigma_g) = 2 - 2g$ . Thus,

$$\int_{\Sigma_g} K dA = 2 - 2g \leq 0.$$

By another result in the lectures, for any compact regular surface, there is a point where  $K > 0$ . Then, by the above formula,  $K$  must be also negative at some point. Since  $K$  is a continuous function, and  $\Sigma_g$  is connected,  $K$  must be zero at some point on  $\Sigma_g$ .

5, B

- (d) We have seen in the lectures that there is a triangulation  $T$  of  $\Sigma_g$ , with  $V$  vertices,  $E$  edges, and  $F$  faces satisfying  $V - E + F = 2 - 2g$ . Let us first assume that  $\phi(\overline{\mathbb{D}_1})$  is a small disk on  $\Sigma_g$ . By slightly modifying the triangulation  $T$ , we may assume that  $\phi(\overline{\mathbb{D}_1})$  is one of the triangle in  $T$ . Thus, removing a face from  $T$  provides a triangulation of  $\Sigma_g \setminus \phi(\overline{\mathbb{D}_1})$ . Therefore,

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$$\chi(\Sigma_g \setminus \phi(\overline{\mathbb{D}_1})) = V - E + (F - 1) = 2 - 2g - 1.$$

Let  $\mathbb{D}_\delta$  denote the open ball of radius  $\delta$  about the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

For the general case, we note that  $\Sigma_g \setminus \phi(\overline{\mathbb{D}_1})$  is homeomorphic to  $\Sigma_g \setminus \phi(\overline{\mathbb{D}_\delta})$ , for any  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ . From the lectures we also know that homeomorphic surfaces have equal Euler characteristics. Thus, for every  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ , the Euler characteristic of  $\Sigma_g \setminus \phi(\overline{\mathbb{D}_\delta})$  is equal to the Euler characteristic of  $\Sigma_g \setminus \phi(\overline{\mathbb{D}_1})$ . For sufficiently small  $\delta > 0$  we can use the argument in the first paragraph to conclude that

$$\chi(\Sigma_g \setminus \phi(\overline{\mathbb{D}_1})) = 2 - 2g - 1.$$

6, D

5. (a) Since  $g(0) = 1$ , and  $g$  is a continuous function, there is  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $z \in [-\delta, +\delta]$ ,  $g(z) > 0$ . Consider the open set

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$$\Omega = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid z \in (-\delta, +\delta)\},$$

and the function  $F : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , defined as

$$F(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 - (g(z))^2.$$

This is a smooth function on  $\Omega$ , with  $\nabla F = (2x, 2y, 2g'(z))$ . We have

$$\Delta_\delta = \Omega \cap \Delta = F^{-1}(0).$$

For every  $(x, y, z) \in \Delta_\delta$ ,  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$ , since  $g(z) \neq 0$ . Thus, for every  $(x, y, z) \in \Delta_\delta$ ,  $\nabla F(x, y, z) \neq 0$ . That is,  $\Delta_\delta$  is a regular level set. By a result in the lectures, this implies that  $\Delta_\delta$  is a regular surface.

5, M

- (b) The map

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$$\phi(u, v) = (g(v) \cos u, g(v) \sin u, v), \quad u \in \mathbb{R}, \quad -\delta < v < +\delta,$$

may be restricted to small open sets to give a chart around each point of  $\Delta_\delta$ . We have

$$\phi_u(u, v) = (-g(v) \sin u, g(v) \cos u, 0), \quad \phi_v(u, v) = (g'(v) \cos u, g'(v) \sin u, 1),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{uu}(u, v) &= (-g(v) \cos u, -g(v) \sin u, 0), \\ \phi_{vv}(u, v) &= (g''(v) \cos u, g''(v) \sin u, 0), \\ \phi_{uv}(u, v) &= (-g'(v) \sin u, g'(v) \cos u, 0), \end{aligned}$$

and the unit normal to the surface at  $\phi(u, v)$  is

$$N(\phi(u, v)) = \frac{\phi_u(u, v) \times \phi_v(u, v)}{|\phi_u(u, v) \times \phi_v(u, v)|} = \frac{g(v)(\cos u, \sin u, -g'(v))}{g(v)\sqrt{1 + (g'(v))^2}} = \frac{(\cos u, \sin u, -g'(v))}{\sqrt{1 + (g'(v))^2}}.$$

Thus, the first and second fundamental form of  $\Delta_g$  at  $\phi(u, v)$  are

$$g_{\phi(u, v)} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle \phi_u(u, v), \phi_u(u, v) \rangle & \langle \phi_u(u, v), \phi_v(u, v) \rangle \\ \langle \phi_v(u, v), \phi_u(u, v) \rangle & \langle \phi_v(u, v), \phi_v(u, v) \rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (g(v))^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 + (g'(v))^2 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$A_{\phi(u, v)} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle N, \phi_{uu} \rangle & \langle N, \phi_{uv} \rangle \\ \langle N, \phi_{vu} \rangle & \langle N, \phi_{vv} \rangle \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + (g'(v))^2}} \begin{pmatrix} -g(v) & 0 \\ 0 & g''(v) \end{pmatrix}$$

By a result in the lectures, the Gaussian curvature at  $\phi(u, v)$  is

$$K(\phi(u, v)) = \frac{\det A_{\phi(u, v)}}{\det g_{\phi(u, v)}} = \frac{-g(v)g''(v)}{1 + (g'(v))^2} \cdot \frac{1}{(g(v))^2(1 + (g'(v))^2)}.$$

When  $v = 0$ , we obtain  $K(\phi(u, 0)) = -2 < 0$ .

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- (c) We may parametrise the curve  $\gamma_0$  as  $\gamma(t) = \phi(t, 0) = (\cos t, \sin(t), 0)$ ,  $t \in [0, 2\pi]$ , which is a parametrisation by arc-length. We have  $\gamma'(t) = (-\sin t, \cos t, 0)$ , and hence

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$$N(\gamma(t)) \times \gamma'(t) = (\cos t, \sin t, 0) \times (-\sin t, \cos t, 0) = (0, 0, -1).$$

Thus, the geodesic curvature of  $\gamma$  at  $\gamma(t)$  is, by definition,

$$k_g(\gamma(t)) = \langle \gamma''(t), N(\gamma(t)) \times \gamma'(t) \rangle = \langle (-\cos t, -\sin t, 0), (0, 0, -1) \rangle = 0.$$

Thus,  $\gamma_0$  is a geodesic on the surface  $\Delta_\delta$ .

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- (d) Let  $\epsilon \in (0, \delta)$ . The set

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$$\Delta'_\epsilon = \{(x, y, z) \in \Delta_\delta \mid 0 \leq |z| \leq \epsilon\}$$

is a regular surface with boundary. We have  $\partial\Delta'_\epsilon = \gamma_0 \cup \gamma_\epsilon$ . We apply the Gauss-Bonnet Theorem to  $\Delta'_\epsilon$ , and obtain

$$\int_{\gamma_0 \cup \gamma_\epsilon} k_g ds + \int_{\Delta'_\epsilon} K dA = \chi(\Delta'_\epsilon).$$

By part (c),  $\gamma_0$  is a geodesic, so  $k_g$  on  $\gamma_0 = 0$ . On the other hand,  $\Delta'_\epsilon$  is homeomorphic to a round annulus, and hence, its Euler characteristic is equal to 0. Therefore,

$$\int_{\gamma_\epsilon} k_g ds + \int_{\Delta'_\epsilon} K dA = 0.$$

By Part (b),  $K$  is negative on  $\gamma_0$ . Since  $K$  is continuous,  $K$  must be negative on a neighbourhood of  $\gamma_0$ . Thus, for  $\epsilon > 0$  small enough,  $K$  is negative on  $\Delta'_\epsilon$ . Then, the above equation implies that  $k_g$  cannot be identically equal to 0 on  $\gamma_\epsilon$ . Thus  $\gamma_\epsilon$  is not a geodesic on  $\Delta'_\delta$ .

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