

# 1 Section 2.5

## Question 1

The general recipe is to  $(E, F, G) = (\langle \frac{\partial x}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \rangle, \langle \frac{\partial x}{\partial u}, \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \rangle, \langle \frac{\partial x}{\partial v}, \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \rangle)$ .

Direct Computation shows,

1. We have that

$$(a) \quad \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} = (a \cos(u) \cos(v), b \cos(u) \sin(v), -c \sin(u))$$

$$(b) \quad \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} = (-a \sin(u) \sin(v), b \cos(v) \sin(u), 0)$$

$$(c) \quad E = a^2 \cos(u)^2 \cos(v)^2 + b^2 \cos(u)^2 \sin(v)^2 + c^2 \sin(u)^2$$

$$(d) \quad F = -(a^2 - 2b^2) \cos(u) \cos(v) \sin(u) \sin(v)$$

$$(e) \quad G = b^2 \cos(v)^2 \sin(u)^2 + a^2 \sin(u)^2 \sin(v)^2$$

2. We have that

$$(a) \quad \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} = (a \cos(v), b \sin(v), 2u)$$

$$(b) \quad \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} = (-au \sin(v), bu \cos(v), 0)$$

$$(c) \quad E = a^2 \cos(v)^2 + b^2 \sin(v)^2 + 4u^2$$

$$(d) \quad F = -(a^2 - 2b^2)u \cos(v) \sin(v)$$

$$(e) \quad G = b^2 u^2 \cos(v)^2 + a^2 u^2 \sin(v)^2$$

3. We have that

$$(a) \quad \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} = (a \cosh(v), b \sinh(v), 2u)$$

$$(b) \quad \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} = (au \sinh(v), bu \cosh(v), 0)$$

$$(c) \quad E = (a^2 + b^2) \sinh(v)^2 + a^2 + 4u^2$$

$$(d) \quad F = (a^2 + 2b^2)u \cosh(v) \sinh(v)$$

$$(e) \quad G = b^2 u^2 \cosh(v)^2 + a^2 u^2 \sinh(v)^2$$

4. We have that

$$(a) \quad \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} = (a \cos(v) \cosh(u), b \cosh(u) \sin(v), c \sinh(u))$$

$$(b) \quad \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} = (-a \sin(v) \sinh(u), b \cos(v) \sinh(u), 0)$$

$$(c) \quad E = a^2 \cos(v)^2 \cosh(u)^2 + b^2 \cosh(u)^2 \sin(v)^2 + c^2 \sinh(u)^2$$

$$(d) \quad F = -(a^2 - 2b^2) \cos(v) \cosh(u) \sin(v) \sinh(u)$$

$$(e) \quad G = b^2 \cos(v)^2 \sinh(u)^2 + a^2 \sin(v)^2 \sinh(u)^2$$

### Question 3

We have the parameterization

$$x(u, v) = \left( \frac{4u}{u^2 + v^2 + 4}, \frac{4v}{u^2 + v^2 + 4}, \frac{2(u^2 + v^2)}{u^2 + v^2 + 4} \right).$$

Hence,

1.  $\frac{\partial x}{\partial u} = \left( -\frac{8u^2}{(u^2+v^2+4)^2} + \frac{4}{u^2+v^2+4}, -\frac{8uv}{(u^2+v^2+4)^2}, \frac{4u}{u^2+v^2+4} - \frac{4(u^2+v^2)u}{(u^2+v^2+4)^2} \right)$
2.  $\frac{\partial x}{\partial v} = \left( -\frac{8uv}{(u^2+v^2+4)^2}, -\frac{8v^2}{(u^2+v^2+4)^2} + \frac{4}{u^2+v^2+4}, \frac{4v}{u^2+v^2+4} - \frac{4(u^2+v^2)v}{(u^2+v^2+4)^2} \right)$
3.  $E = \frac{16}{u^4+v^4+2(u^2+4)v^2+8u^2+16}$
4.  $F = \frac{32(uv^3 - (u^3+12u)v)}{u^8+v^8+4(u^2+4)v^6+16u^6+6(u^4+8u^2+16)v^4+96u^4+4(u^6+12u^4+48u^2+64)v^2+256u^2+256}$
5.  $G = \frac{16}{u^4+v^4+2(u^2+4)v^2+8u^2+16}$

### Question 5

We have the parameterization

$$x(u, v) = (u, v, f(u, v)).$$

Hence,

1.  $\frac{\partial x}{\partial u} = (1, 0, \frac{\partial f}{\partial u})$
2.  $\frac{\partial x}{\partial v} = (0, 1, \frac{\partial f}{\partial v})$

And thus,  $\frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} = (-\frac{\partial x}{\partial u}, -\frac{\partial x}{\partial v}, 1)$  and so

$$A = \iint_Q |(-\frac{\partial x}{\partial u}, -\frac{\partial x}{\partial v}, 1)| dx dy = \iint_Q \sqrt{\frac{\partial x^2}{\partial u} + \frac{\partial x^2}{\partial v} + 1^2} dx dy$$

### Question 7

The conditions translate to for all  $i, j \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $i < j$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{E}(v) &= \int_i^j \sqrt{E(u, v)} du \\ \hat{G}(v) &= \int_i^j \sqrt{G(u, v)} dv \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

are constant functions. Differentiation the first with respect to  $v$ , and the second with respect to  $u$  yields the answer.

## Question 9

We consider the parameterization

$$x(u, v) = (f(u) \cos(v), f(u) \sin(v), g(u))$$

Hence,

1.  $\frac{\partial x}{\partial u} = (f'(u) \cos(v), f'(u) \sin(v), g'(u))$
2.  $\frac{\partial x}{\partial v} = (-f(u) \sin(v), f(u) \cos(v), 0)$
3.  $E = f'(u)^2 + g'(u)^2$
4.  $F = 0$
5.  $G = 1$

Swapping the variable names,  $u \leftrightarrow v$  suffices.

## Question 11

Let  $S$  be a surface of revolution and  $C$  be its generating curve. Let  $s$  be the arc length of  $C$  and denote by  $\rho = \rho(s)$  the distance to the rotation axis of the point of  $C$  corresponding to  $s$ .

- a. (*Pappus' Theorem.*) Show that the area of  $S$  is

$$2\pi \int_0^l \rho(s) \, ds,$$

where  $l$  is the length of  $C$ .

*Proof.* Similarly to Example 4 of Sec. 2-3, we assume that the curve  $C$  lies in the  $xz$ -plane and the rotation axis is the  $z$ -axis. Let

$$\alpha(s) = (\rho(s), 0, h(s)), \quad 0 < s < l$$

be parametrization of  $C$ , denote by  $\theta$  the rotation angle about the  $z$ -axis. Thus we obtain the map

$$\mathbf{x}(\theta, s) = (\rho(s) \cos \theta, \rho(s) \sin \theta, h(s))$$

which is a parametrisation  $U \rightarrow S$  where  $U = \{(\theta, s) : 0 < \theta < 2\pi, 0 < s < l\}$  is open. Now we can compute

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathbf{x}_\theta \wedge \mathbf{x}_s| &= \sqrt{\rho^2(s)(\rho'(s))^2 + \rho^2(s)(h'(s))^2} = \rho(s) \\ \text{Area of } S &= \iint_U |\mathbf{x}_\theta \wedge \mathbf{x}_s| \, d\theta \, ds \\ &= \int_0^l \int_0^{2\pi} \pi \rho(s) \, d\theta \, ds \\ &= 2\pi \int_0^l \rho(s) \, ds \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

b. Apply part a to compute the area of a torus of revolution.

*Solution.* Let  $R$  be the distance from the center of the tube to the center of the torus, and  $r$  be the radius of the tube. The torus of revolution can be generated by the curve  $C$  parametrised by

$$\alpha(s) = \left( R + r \cos \frac{s}{r}, 0, r \sin \frac{s}{r} \right), \quad 0 < s < 2\pi r.$$

In this case  $\rho(s) = R + r \cos \frac{s}{r}$ , so we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area of torus} &= 2\pi \int_0^{2\pi r} R + r \cos \frac{s}{r} ds \\ &= 2\pi \left[ Rs + r^2 \sin \frac{s}{r} \right]_0^{2\pi r} \\ &= 4\pi^2 Rr. \end{aligned}$$

## 2 Section 3.2

### Question 1

Show that at a hyperbolic point, the principal directions bisect the asymptotic directions.

*Proof.* Let  $p$  be a hyperbolic point and let  $v$  be an asymptotic direction with angle  $\theta$  from  $e_1$ , where we write  $v$  as

$$v = e_1 \cos \theta + e_2 \sin \theta.$$

As  $v$  is asymptotic by Euler's formula we have

$$0 = \Pi_p(v) = k_1 \cos^2 \theta + k_2 \sin^2 \theta.$$

Since we have the identities  $\cos(\pi - \theta) = -\cos \theta$  and  $\sin(\pi - \theta) = \sin(\theta)$  we have

$$v' = e_1 \cos(\pi - \theta) + e_2 \sin(\pi - \theta)$$

is also asymptotic. Now we see that  $e_2$  bisects  $v$  and  $v'$ .

### Question 3

Let  $C \subset S$  be a regular curve on a surface  $S$  with Gaussian curvature  $K > 0$ . Show that the curvature  $k$  of  $C$  at  $p$  satisfies

$$k \geq \min(|k_1|, |k_2|),$$

where  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  are the principal curvatures of  $S$  at  $p$ .

*Proof.* WLOG suppose the  $S$  is oriented such that both  $k_1, k_2$  are positive, furthermore for simplicity suppose  $0 < k_1 < k_2$ . Note that  $k = k_n + k \sin^2 \theta$  so  $k \geq k_n$ , it suffices to prove that  $k_n \geq \min(k_1, k_2)$ .

Let  $v$  be the tangent of the curve  $C$  at  $p$ , then

$$v = e_1 \cos \theta + e_2 \sin \theta$$

for some angle  $\theta$ . By Euler's formula we have

$$k_n = k_1 \cos^2(\theta) + k_2 \sin^2(\theta).$$

Putting everything together we have

$$k \geq k_n = k_1 \cos^2(\theta) + k_2 \sin^2(\theta) \geq k_1 \cos^2(\theta) + k_1 \sin^2(\theta) = k_1 = \min(k_1, k_2).$$

### 3 Section 3.3

#### Question 1

Show that at the origin  $(0, 0, 0)$  of the hyperboloid  $z = axy$  we have  $K = -a^2$  and  $H = 0$ .

*Solution.* We parametrize the hyperboloid

$$\mathbf{x}(u, v) = (u, v, auv).$$

We compute the following at origin  $(0, 0, 0)$

$$\mathbf{x}_u = (1, 0, av)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_v = (0, 1, au)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{uu} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{uv} = (0, 0, a)$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{vv} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$N = \frac{\mathbf{x}_u \wedge \mathbf{x}_v}{|\mathbf{x}_u \wedge \mathbf{x}_v|} = (-av, -au, 1)$$

$$e = \langle N, \mathbf{x}_{uu} \rangle = 0$$

$$f = \langle N, \mathbf{x}_{uv} \rangle = a$$

$$g = \langle N, \mathbf{x}_{vv} \rangle = 0$$

$$E = \langle \mathbf{x}_u, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle = 1 + a^2v^2 = 1$$

$$F = \langle \mathbf{x}_u, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle = a^2uv = 0$$

$$G = \langle \mathbf{x}_v, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle = 1 + a^2u^2 = 1$$

$$K = \frac{eg - f^2}{EG - F^2} \\ = -a^2$$

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \frac{eG - 2fF + gE}{EG - F^2} = 0$$

#### Question 3

Determine the asymptotic curves of the catenoid

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

*Solution.* We have

$$\mathbf{x}_u = (-\cosh v \sin u, \cosh v \cos u, 0),$$

$$\mathbf{x}_v = (\sinh v \cos u, \sinh v \sin u, 1),$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{uu} = (-\cosh v \cos u, -\cosh v \sin u, 0),$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{uv} = (-\sinh v \sin u, \sinh v \cos u, 0),$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{vv} = (\cosh v \cos u, \cosh v \sin u, 0).$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
N &= \frac{\mathbf{x}_u \wedge \mathbf{x}_v}{|\mathbf{x}_u \wedge \mathbf{x}_v|} \\
&= \frac{(\cosh v \cos u, \cosh v \sin u, -\cosh v \sinh v)}{(\cosh v)^2} \\
&= \frac{1}{\cosh v}(\cos u, \sin u, -\sinh v).
\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
e &= \langle N, \mathbf{x}_{uu} \rangle = -1, \\
f &= \langle N, \mathbf{x}_{uv} \rangle = 0, \\
g &= \langle N, \mathbf{x}_{vv} \rangle = 1.
\end{aligned}$$

This implies that the asymptotic directions correspond to  $\langle u', v' \rangle$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}
e(u')^2 + 2fu'v' + g(v')^2 &= 0 \\
\Rightarrow -(u')^2 + (v')^2 &= 0 \\
\Rightarrow u' = v' \quad \text{or} \quad u' = -v'.
\end{aligned}$$

This shows that the asymptotic curves are the traces of  $v = u + a$  or  $v = -u + b$  for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , which are

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha_a(u) &= \mathbf{x}(u, u + a) = (\cosh(u + a) \cos u, \cosh(u + a) \sin u, u + a), \\
\beta_b(u) &= \mathbf{x}(u, -u + b) = (\cosh(-u + b) \cos u, \cosh(-u + b) \sin u, -u + b).
\end{aligned}$$

The collection of all  $\alpha_a, \beta_b$  are all the asymptotic curves.

## Question 9

(Contact of Curves.) Define contact of order  $\geq n$  ( $n$  integer  $\geq 1$ ) for regular curves in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with a common point  $p$  and prove that

- The notion of contact of order  $\geq n$  is invariant by diffeomorphisms.
- Two curves have contact of order  $\geq 1$  at  $p$  if and only if they are tangent at  $p$ .

*Solution.* We say two surfaces  $S$  and  $\bar{S}$  with a common point  $p$  to have contact of order  $\geq n$  at  $p$  if there exist parametrizations  $\mathbf{x}(u, v)$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(u, v)$  in  $p$  of  $S$  and  $\bar{S}$  such that the partial derivatives of  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(u, v)$  agree up to order  $n$ .

- Let  $\psi : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a diffeomorphism. Then for any partial derivative operator  $\partial_I$  of order less than  $n$  on  $u - v$  space. Then

$$\partial_I \psi(\mathbf{x}) = J_\psi(\mathbf{x}) \partial_I \mathbf{x} = J_\psi(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) \partial_I \tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \partial_I \psi(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}),$$

where  $J\psi(\cdot)$  is the Jacobian of  $\psi$ . This shows that the notion of contact is invariant by diffeomorphisms.

- It is easy to see that the contact of order  $\geq 1$  implies that the two surfaces are tangent. For

the converse, we suppose  $S$  and  $\bar{S}$  are tangent at  $p$  with parametrizations  $\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v})$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(u, v)$  respectively. Then at the point  $p$ ,  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_u, \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_v \in T_{\mathbf{x}}(p)$  we can write

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_u &= a_1 \mathbf{x}_u + a_2 \mathbf{x}_v, \\ \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_v &= b_1 \mathbf{x}_u + b_2 \mathbf{x}_v.\end{aligned}$$

Note that since  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_u, \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_v$  are linearly independent, we have  $a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1 \neq 0$ . Now let  $w = \frac{b_2 u - a_2 v}{a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1}$ ,  $l = \frac{b_1 u - a_1 v}{a_2 b_1 - a_1 b_2}$  and  $\mathbf{y}(w, l) = \tilde{\mathbf{x}}(u, v)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{y}_w &= \frac{b_2}{a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_u - \frac{a_2}{a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_v = \mathbf{x}_u, \\ \mathbf{y}_l &= \frac{b_1}{a_2 b_1 - a_1 b_2} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_u - \frac{a_1}{a_2 b_1 - a_1 b_2} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_v = \mathbf{x}_v.\end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $S$  and  $\bar{S}$  have contact of order  $\geq 1$  at  $p$ .

## Question 15

Give an example of a surface which has an isolated parabolic point  $p$  (that is, no other parabolic point is contained in some neighborhood of  $p$ ).

*Solution.* Consider the graph  $(x, y, x^4 + x^2 y^2 + y^2)$ . Let  $h(x, y) = x^4 + x^2 y^2 + y^2$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}K &= \frac{h_{xx} h_{yy} - (h_{xy})^2}{(1 + h_x^2 + h_y^2)^2} = \frac{24x^4 - 12x^2 y^2 + 24x^2 + 4y^2}{(1 + h_x^2 + h_y^2)^2}, \\ e &= \frac{h_{xx}}{(1 + h_x^2 + h_y^2)^{1/2}} = \frac{12x^2 + 2y^2}{(1 + h_x^2 + h_y^2)^{1/2}}, \\ f &= \frac{h_{xy}}{(1 + h_x^2 + h_y^2)^{1/2}} = \frac{2x^2 + 2}{(1 + h_x^2 + h_y^2)^{1/2}}, \\ g &= \frac{h_{yy}}{(1 + h_x^2 + h_y^2)^{1/2}} = \frac{4xy}{(1 + h_x^2 + h_y^2)^{1/2}}.\end{aligned}$$

Then  $K = 0$  only at  $(0, 0, 0)$ , at which  $f$  is nonzero. This shows that the graph has an isolated parabolic point.  $K = 0$  only at  $(0, 0, 0)$ , at which  $f$  and  $g$  are nonzero. This shows that the graph has an isolated parabolic point.

## Question 19

Obtain the asymptotic curves of the one-sheeted hyperboloid  $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 1$ .

*Solution.* Note that the hyperboloid is a surface of revolution parametrized by

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

where  $\phi(v) = \cosh v$ ,  $\psi(v) = \sinh v$  and  $u \in (0, 2\pi)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}e &= -\phi\psi' = -\cosh^2(v), \\ f &= 0, \\ g &= \psi'\phi'' - \psi''\phi' = \cosh^2(v) - \sinh^2(v) = 1.\end{aligned}$$

Then solving  $e(u')^2 + 2fu'v' + g(v')^2 = 0$ , we have

$$v' = u' \cosh(v) \quad \text{or} \quad v' = -u' \cosh(v).$$

Solving the ODE, we have

$$u(t) = \pm \tan^{-1}(\sinh v(t)) + C, \quad C \in \mathbb{R}$$

Hence, the asymptotic curves will be the trace of  $\gamma_C(v) = (\pm \tan^{-1}(\sinh v) + C, v)$ ,  $v \in \mathbb{R}$ . They are

$$\alpha_C(v) = \mathbf{x}(\tan^{-1}(\sinh v) + C, v)$$

or

$$\beta_C(v) = \mathbf{x}(-\tan^{-1}(\sinh v) + C, v)$$

## Question 21

Let  $S$  be a surface with orientation  $N$ . Let  $V \subset S$  be an open set in  $S$  and let  $f : V \subset S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be any nowhere-zero differentiable function in  $V$ . Let  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  be two differentiable (tangent) vector fields in  $V$  such that at each point of  $V$ ,  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are orthonormal and  $v_1 \wedge v_2 = N$ .

a. Prove that the Gaussian curvature  $K$  of  $V$  is given by

$$K = \frac{\langle dfN(v_1) \wedge dfN(v_2), fN \rangle}{f^3}.$$

b. Apply the above result to show that iff is the restriction of

$$\sqrt{\frac{x^2}{a^4} + \frac{y^2}{b^4} + \frac{z^2}{c^4}}$$

to the ellipsoid

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1,$$

then the Gaussian curvature of the ellipsoid is

$$K = \frac{1}{a^2 b^2 c^2} \frac{1}{f^4}.$$

*Solution.* Since  $f$  is a smooth function on  $V = \mathbf{x}(u, v)$ , if  $\alpha'(0) = v_i = \frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{x}(\beta(t))|_{t=0}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} dfN(v_i) &= \frac{d}{dt}f(\alpha(t))N(\alpha(t)) \\ &= \left(\frac{d}{dt}f(\alpha(t))\right)N(\alpha(t))|_{t=0} + f(\alpha(t))\frac{d}{dt}N(\alpha(t))|_{t=0} \\ &= (\nabla(f \circ \mathbf{x}) \cdot \beta'(0))N + fdN(v_i). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} dfN(v_1) \wedge dfN(v_2) &= (C_1N + fdN(v_1)) \wedge (C_2N + fdN(v_2)) \\ &= C_1N \wedge fdN(v_2) - C_2N \wedge fdN(v_1) + f^2(dN(v_1) \wedge dN(v_2)) \\ &= C_1N \wedge fdN(v_2) - C_2N \wedge fdN(v_1) + f^2 \det(dN)(v_1 \wedge v_2) \\ &= C_1N \wedge fdN(v_2) - C_2N \wedge fdN(v_1) + f^2 \det(dN)N. \end{aligned}$$



Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} dfN(v_1) \wedge dfN(v_2) \cdot fN &= C_1 N \wedge fdN(v_2) \cdot fN - C_2 N \wedge fdN(v_1) \cdot fN + f^2 \det(dN) N \cdot fN \\ &= f^3 KN \cdot N = f^3 K. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\frac{dfN(v_1) \wedge dfN(v_2) \cdot fN}{f^3} = K.$$

b. We know that

$$\begin{aligned} N(x, y, z) &= \frac{\left(\frac{2x}{a^2}, \frac{2y}{b^2}, \frac{2z}{c^2}\right)}{\left|\left(\frac{2x}{a^2}, \frac{2y}{b^2}, \frac{2z}{c^2}\right)\right|} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{x}{a^2}, \frac{y}{b^2}, \frac{z}{c^2}\right)}{\left|\left(\frac{x}{a^2}, \frac{y}{b^2}, \frac{z}{c^2}\right)\right|} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{x}{a^2}, \frac{y}{b^2}, \frac{z}{c^2}\right)}{f(x, y, z)}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $fN = \left(\frac{x}{a^2}, \frac{y}{b^2}, \frac{z}{c^2}\right)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} fN(\alpha(t)) &= \left(\frac{x'(t)}{a^2}, \frac{y'(t)}{b^2}, \frac{z'(t)}{c^2}\right) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} a^{-2} & & \\ & b^{-2} & \\ & & c^{-2} \end{pmatrix} \alpha'(t). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $dfN(v_i) = \begin{pmatrix} a^{-2} & & \\ & b^{-2} & \\ & & c^{-2} \end{pmatrix} v_i$  and thus

$$\begin{aligned} K &= \frac{dfN(v_1) \wedge dfN(v_2) \cdot fN}{f^3} \\ &= \det(dfN) \frac{(dfN^{-1})^T(v_1 \wedge v_2) \cdot fN}{f^3} \\ &= (abc)^{-2} \frac{(dfN^{-1})N \cdot fN}{f^3} \\ &= (abc)^{-2} \frac{1}{f^3} \begin{pmatrix} a^2 & & \\ & b^2 & \\ & & c^2 \end{pmatrix} \frac{\left(\frac{x}{a^2}, \frac{y}{b^2}, \frac{z}{c^2}\right)}{f(x, y, z)} \cdot \left(\frac{x}{a^2}, \frac{y}{b^2}, \frac{z}{c^2}\right) \\ &= (abc)^{-2} \frac{1}{f^3} \frac{(x, y, z)}{f} \cdot \left(\frac{x}{a^2}, \frac{y}{b^2}, \frac{z}{c^2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{a^2 b^2 c^2} \frac{1}{f^4} \end{aligned}$$