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GEOMETRY/TOPOLOGY I - SUMMARY

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1. Topology

DEFINITION 1.1. Let X be a set. A topology on X is a collection \mathcal{T} of subsets of X satisfying the following properties:

- (i) $X, \emptyset \in \mathscr{T}$.
- (ii) If $U_1, \ldots, U_n \in \mathcal{T}$, then $U_1 \cap \cdots \cap U_n \in \mathcal{T}$.
- (iii) If $(U_{\alpha})_{\alpha \in A}$ is a family of elements of \mathcal{T} , then $\bigcup_{\alpha \in A} U_{\alpha} \in \mathcal{T}$.

DEFINITION 1.2. Let X be a set, and suppose \mathcal{B} is a collection of subsets of X. Then \mathcal{B} is a basis for some topology on X if and only if it satisfies the following two conditions:

- (i) $\bigcup_{B \in \mathscr{B}} B = X$.
- (ii) If $B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$ and $x \in B_1 \cap B_2$, there exists an element $B_3 \in \mathcal{B}$ such that $x \in B_3 \subseteq B_1 \cap B_2$. If so, there is a unique topology on X for which \mathcal{B} is a basis, called the topology generated by \mathcal{B} .

DEFINITION 1.3. If d is a metric on the set X, then the collection of all ε -balls $B_{\varepsilon}(x)$, for $x \in X$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, is a basis for a topology on X, called the metric topology induced by d.

DEFINITION 1.4. If X and Y are topological spaces, a map $f: X \to Y$ is said to be continuous if for every open subset $U \subseteq Y$, its preimage $f^{-1}(U)$ is open in X.

PROPOSITION 1.1. *Let X be a Hausdorff space*.

- (a) Every finite subset of X is closed.
- (b) If a sequence (p_i) in X converges to a limit $p \in X$, the limit is unique.

DEFINITION 1.5. A topological space is said to be second countable if it admits a countable basis for its topology.

DEFINITION 1.6. A topological space M is said to be locally Euclidean of dimension n if every point of M has a neighbourhood in M that is homeomorphic to an open subset of \mathbb{R}^n .

DEFINITION 1.7. An n-dimensional topological manifold is a second countable Hausdorff space that is locally Euclidean of dimension n.

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DEFINITION 1.8. An n-dimensional topological manifold with boundary is a second countable Hausdorff space in which every point has a neighbourhood homeomorphic either to an open subset of \mathbb{R}^n , or to an open subset of $\mathbb{H}^n := \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n : x_n \geq 0\}$, considering \mathbb{H}^n as a topological space with its Euclidean topolog.

2. Geometry

DEFINITION 2.1. Let $c:(a,b)\to\mathbb{R}^2$ be a regular curve. The planar curvature κ of c is defined to be

$$\kappa(t) := \frac{\det\left(c'(t), c''(t)\right)}{\left\|c'(t)\right\|^3} \tag{1}$$

PROPOSITION 2.1. Let $c:(a,b)\to\mathbb{R}^3$ be a regular curve. Then there is a reparametrization of c that is a unit speed curve.

Proof. Pick some point $t_0 \in (a,b)$. Define a function $q:(a,b) \to \mathbb{R}$ by $q(t) := \int_{t_0}^t \|c'(s)\| \, ds$. The image of q will be the interval (d,e) where $d:=\int_{t_0}^a \|c'(s)\| \, ds$ and $e:=\int_{t_0}^b \|c'(s)\| \, ds$. Let $h:(d,e) \to (a,b)$ be the inverse function of q. The unit speed reparametrization $\tilde{c}:(d,e) \to \mathbb{R}^3$ is now given by $\tilde{c}:=c\circ h$.

DEFINITION 2.2. Let $c:(a,b)\to\mathbb{R}^3$ be a smooth curve. The length of c is defined to be

$$Length(c) := \int_{a}^{b} \|c'(s)\| \, \mathrm{d}s \tag{2}$$

DEFINITION 2.3. Let $c:(a,b)\to\mathbb{R}^3$ be a smooth curve. For each $t\in(a,b)$ such that $\|c'(t)\|\neq 0$ the unit tangent vector to the curve at t is the vector

$$T(t) := \frac{c'(t)}{\|c'(t)\|} \tag{3}$$

DEFINITION 2.4. Let $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ be open. A map $x \in C^{\infty}(U, \mathbb{R}^3)$ is a coordinate patch if it is injective and if $x_1 \times x_2 \neq 0$ at all points of U.

DEFINITION 2.5. Let $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$ be a smooth surface, let $x : U \to M$ be a coordinate patch and let $S \subseteq x(U)$ be a set. The area of S is defined to be

$$\operatorname{Area}(S) := \int_{x^{-1}(S)} \sqrt{\det(g_{ij})} \, \mathrm{d}s \, \mathrm{d}t \tag{4}$$

Let $x: U \to \mathbb{R}^3$ be a coordinate patch. The *Gauss map* in a point p = x(s,t) is given by

$$N(p) := \frac{\frac{\partial x}{\partial s} \times \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}}{\|\frac{\partial x}{\partial s} \times \frac{\partial x}{\partial t}\|}$$
 (5)

and we define

$$l_{11} := \langle N(p), \frac{\partial^2 x}{\partial s^2} \rangle \qquad l_{12} := l_{21} := \langle N(p), \frac{\partial^2 x}{\partial s \partial t} \rangle \qquad l_{22} := \langle N(p), \frac{\partial^2 x}{\partial t^2} \rangle$$
 (6)

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$$\begin{pmatrix}
\Gamma_{ij}^{1} \\
\Gamma_{ij}^{2}
\end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix}
g_{11} & g_{12} \\
g_{21} & g_{22}
\end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix}
\frac{\partial g_{j1}}{\partial u_i} + \frac{\partial g_{i1}}{\partial u_j} - \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial u_1} \\
\frac{\partial g_{j2}}{\partial u_i} + \frac{\partial g_{i2}}{\partial u_j} - \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial u_2}
\end{pmatrix}.$$
(7)