

“Thanks to Gödel’s incompleteness theorems, everything you thought you knew about math is wrong. So basically, you’re all getting a degree in lies.”

-Random abstract algebra professor from the internet

1. Section 2.1 Problem 1

Let  $S$  be the unit sphere centered at 0 with a north pole  $N$  as  $(0,0,1)$ . Likewise, let  $P$  be any point other than  $N$  on  $S$  and let  $P^*$  be a point on the equator that intersects the line formed by connecting  $P$  and  $N$ , denoted by  $(u,v,0)$ . Thus, we can describe  $P$  by a multiple of the line connecting  $N$  and  $P^*$ ,  $(0,0,1) + \lambda(u,v,-1)$  since  $P^*$  can be inside or outside of the sphere depending on which hemisphere  $P$  is on. This can be rewritten to be  $(\lambda u, \lambda v, 1 - \lambda)$ . Since  $S$  is a unit sphere, it must be true that  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ . By plugging our parametrization of  $P$  into this, we obtain

$$(\lambda u)^2 + (\lambda v)^2 + (1 - \lambda)^2 = 1$$

By factoring and rearranging, this shows that

$$\lambda = \frac{2}{u^2 + v^2 + 1}$$

By plugging this into the parametrization above, this gives

$$P = \left( \frac{2u}{u^2 + v^2 + 1}, \frac{2v}{u^2 + v^2 + 1}, \frac{u^2 + v^2 - 1}{u^2 + v^2 + 1} \right),$$

as desired. □

2. Section 2.1 Problem 2

Let  $\alpha(t) = x(u(t), v(t))$ , where  $a \leq t \leq b$ . From curve theory, we know that

$$\text{length}(\alpha(t)) = \int_a^b |\alpha'(t)| dt.$$

Since  $\alpha$  and its derivative have regular parametrization, we can find  $|\alpha'(t)| = \sqrt{(\alpha'(t))^2} = \sqrt{\alpha' * \alpha'} = \sqrt{I_p(\alpha', \alpha')}$ . Thus, we can say

$$\text{length}(\alpha(t)) = \int_a^b \sqrt{I_{\alpha(t)}(\alpha'(t), \alpha'(t))} dt,$$

as desired. Note that  $\alpha'(t) = u'(t)x_u + v'(t)x_v$ . Then, actually writing out  $I_p(\alpha'(t), \alpha'(t))$ , we find that

$$I_p(\alpha'(t), \alpha'(t)) = (u')^2 x_u \cdot x_u + 2u'v' x_u \cdot x_v + (v')^2 x_v \cdot x_v = E(u')^2 + 2Fu'v' + G(v')^2.$$

Finally, let  $\alpha \subset M$  and  $\alpha^* \subset M^*$ , where  $M$  and  $M^*$  are isometric surfaces. Since they are isometric,  $I_p = I_{p^*}$ , and thus by the above formula  $\text{length}(\alpha) = \text{length}(\alpha^*)$ . □

3. Section 2.1 Problem 3

These problems were solved in *Mathematica*.

4. Section 2.1 Problem 5

Let all normal lines pass through the origin. Thus, any position  $x$  on the surface can be described by  $x = a\vec{n}$ , where  $\vec{n}$  is the unit normal vector. By differentiating this equation, we obtain

$$x_u = a_u \vec{n} + a \vec{n}_u \quad \text{and} \quad x_v = a_v \vec{n} + a \vec{n}_v.$$

Dotting these results with  $\vec{n}$ , it is easy to see that  $a_u, a_v = 0$  and thus  $a$  is a constant. This means that  $x$  can be described by unit normals facing different directions all multiplied by the same  $a$ . Since  $a$  is a constant, the equation shows that every  $x$  is  $a$  away from the origin, implying that it is a (part of at least) sphere. □

## 5. Section 2.1 Problem 8

For our parametrization to be conformal, the angles measured in the  $uv$ -plane must agree with the corresponding angles in  $T_p M$  for all  $P$ . More so, as mentioned in the text (and proven in another problem that was not assigned), this statement is equivalent to the conditions  $E = G, F = 0$ . Thus, it is sufficient to show these conditions are met. Using *Mathematica*, it is found that

$$E = G = \frac{4}{(1 + u^2 + v^2)^2} \quad \text{and} \quad F = 0.$$

as desired. Thus, the parametrization found in (1) is conformal.  $\square$

## 6. Section 2.1 Problem 12

- (a) Let  $x(u, v) = \alpha(u) + v\beta(u)$ . Then,  $x_u = \alpha'(u) + v\beta'(u)$  and  $x_v = \beta(u)$ . Since  $M$  is a surface and thus every point has a neighborhood that is regularly parametrized,  $x_u, x_v$  form a basis spanning a plane, and thus  $x_u \cdot x_v = 0$ . Doing this actual computation results in  $0 = \alpha'(u) \cdot \beta'(u)$ , as desired.
- (b) Since  $\alpha', \beta, \beta'$  are linearly dependent, it must be true that  $a\alpha' + b\beta + c\beta' = 0$ . From before, we know that  $\alpha' \cdot \beta = 0$ . By dotting the above equation with  $\beta$ , we find that  $a\alpha' \cdot \beta + b|\beta|^2 + c\beta \cdot \beta' = 0$ , but  $\alpha \cdot \alpha, \beta \cdot \beta' = 0$ , so  $b|\beta|^2 = 0$ . We know that  $|\beta| = 1$  from the problem, so  $b = 0$ . Thus  $a\alpha' + c\beta' = 0$ . From the problem,  $\alpha' \neq 0$ , so we know that  $a\alpha' = -c\beta'$ , and thus  $\beta' = -\frac{a}{c}\alpha' = \lambda\alpha'$  as desired.
- Let  $\lambda(u) = 0$ . Then,  $\beta' = 0$  by the above function. So,  $x(u, v) = \alpha + v\beta$ , where  $\beta$  is constant. Furthermore,  $\beta = 1$  since  $|\beta| = 1$ . Thus  $x(u, v) = \alpha + v$ , which is the book's definition for a cylinder.
  - Let  $\lambda$  be a nonzero constant. Thus,  $\beta' = \lambda\alpha'$ . Further,  $\beta = c\alpha$ , where  $c$  is some constant resulting from the integration potentially altering  $\lambda$ . Then,  $x(u, v) = \alpha + vc\alpha = (1 + vc)\alpha$ . Likewise,  $x_u = (1 + vc)\alpha'$  and  $x_v = c\alpha$ . Crossing these, we find  $x_u \times x_v = (1 + vc)\alpha' \times c\alpha$  which is nonzero so long as  $v \neq -c$ . Thus, the cross product fails ( $=0$ ) only at one point, which is the vertex, and the surface is a cone.
  - Let  $\lambda, \lambda' \neq 0$  anywhere on  $M$ .  $\beta' = \lambda\alpha'$  and  $\beta = \eta\alpha$ , where  $\eta$  has all the integration junk. Then,  $x_u = \alpha' + v\eta'\alpha + v\eta\alpha'$  and  $x_v = \eta\alpha$ . Therefore,  $x_u \times x_v = \alpha' \times \eta\alpha$ , which is away from the directrix, showing that  $M$  is a tangent developable.

## 7. Section 2.1 Problem 13

## 8. Section 2.1 Problem 16

- (a) Using *Mathematica*, the surface area was computer to be  $a\pi(2 + a \sinh(\frac{2}{a}))$ .
- (b) For  $R_0 > \sqrt{3}$ , this is true based off the graph  $f(t) = t \cosh \frac{1}{t}$ .

## 9. Section 2.1 Problem 17

In the question, it says to find a plane that is tangent to the torus twice. The only region where this is possible is the hole inside the torus, where a plane can be tangent to the opposite points of the inside circle. By tilting the plane at a certain angle, where it still holds true that it is tangent at two points, the plane can cut through the torus in such a way to produce two circles on the newly created surface, which is the third family of circles.