

Hilbert Theorem of non-embedding of hyperbolic space, sine-Gorodon, e.t.c.

Here I try to give some ideas of proof of the theorem, that Lobachevsky plane as a whole cannot be immersed in \mathbf{E}^3 . I knew this statement long time, considering it as very important statement, which just has to be known.

I did not realise how much it is related with such “working” questions as asymptotic directions, Chebyshev net and ... sine-Gordon equation:

$$\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x \partial y} = \sin F \quad (01)$$

Suppose that $M: \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}(u, v)$ is immersion of Lobachevsky plane in \mathbf{E}^3 . Let $\Pi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ be second quadratic form. Since Gaussian curvture is equal to -1 , hence in arbitrary point $\mathbf{p} \in M$ there exist two directions $\mathbf{l}_1, \mathbf{l}_2$ such that the second quadratic form vanishes on every vector which is in one of these directions.

These directions define a net at least locally. We may choose local coordinates u, v such that second quadratic form is equal to

$$\Pi = \Pi(u, v) du dv \quad (1.a)$$

in these local coordinates.

Proposition One may choose local coordinates u, v such that second quadratic form has appearance (1a) and the first quadratic form has appearnace

$$G = du^2 + 2 \cos \Theta(u, v) du dv + dv^2. \quad (1b)$$

To prove it consider basic coordinate vectors $\mathbf{e}_\alpha = \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial u^\alpha}$.

We have that

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{e}_\pi}{\partial u^a} = (\partial_\alpha \mathbf{e}_\pi)_{||} + (\partial_\alpha \mathbf{e}_\pi)_\perp = \nabla_\alpha \mathbf{e}_\pi + \Pi(\mathbf{e}_\pi, \mathbf{e}_\alpha) \mathbf{n} = \Gamma_{\alpha\pi}^\rho \mathbf{e}_\rho + \Pi_{\alpha\pi} \mathbf{n}.$$

(Here as usual \mathbf{n} is normal unit vector).

We have that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{e}_\pi}{\partial u^a \partial u^\beta} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial u^\beta} (\Gamma_{\alpha\pi}^\rho \mathbf{e}_\rho + \Pi_{\alpha\pi} \mathbf{n}) = \partial_\beta \Gamma_{\alpha\pi}^\rho \mathbf{e}_\rho + \Gamma_{\alpha\pi}^\rho \partial_\beta \mathbf{e}_\rho + \partial_\beta \Pi_{\alpha\pi} \mathbf{n} + \Pi_{\alpha\pi} \partial_\beta \mathbf{n} = \\ &= \partial_\beta \Gamma_{\alpha\pi}^\rho \mathbf{e}_\rho + \Gamma_{\alpha\pi}^\rho (\Gamma_{\beta\rho}^\sigma \mathbf{e}_\sigma + \Pi_{\beta\rho} \mathbf{n}) + \partial_\beta \Pi_{\alpha\pi} \mathbf{n} - \Pi_{\alpha\pi} \Pi_{\beta}^\rho \mathbf{e}_\rho. \end{aligned}$$

(We use equation for Shape operator: $\partial_\beta \mathbf{n} = -S_\beta^\rho \mathbf{e}_\rho$, $\Pi_\beta^\rho = S_\beta^\rho = \Pi_{\beta\alpha} g^{\alpha\rho}$.)

We have that

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{e}_\pi}{\partial u^a \partial u^\beta} = \frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{e}_\pi}{\partial u^\beta \partial u^a} =$$

(so called Peterson-Codazzi integrability conditions)

give as that

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\beta \Gamma_{\alpha\pi}^\rho \mathbf{e}_\rho + \Gamma_{\alpha\pi}^\rho (\Gamma_{\beta\rho}^\sigma \mathbf{e}_\sigma + \Pi_{\beta\rho} \mathbf{n}) + \partial_\beta \Pi_{\alpha\pi} \mathbf{n} - \Pi_{\alpha\pi} \Pi_\beta^\rho \mathbf{e}_\rho = \\ \partial_\alpha \Gamma_{\beta\pi}^\rho \mathbf{e}_\rho + \Gamma_{\beta\pi}^\rho (\Gamma_{\alpha\rho}^\sigma \mathbf{e}_\sigma + \Pi_{\alpha\rho} \mathbf{n}) + \partial_\alpha \Pi_{\beta\pi} \mathbf{n} - \Pi_{\beta\pi} \Pi_\alpha^\rho \mathbf{e}_\rho \end{aligned}$$

Comparing the terms at \mathbf{e}_ρ and \mathbf{n} we come to:

$$\partial_\beta \Gamma_{\alpha\pi}^\rho - \partial_\alpha \Gamma_{\beta\pi}^\rho + \Gamma_{\beta\sigma}^\rho \Gamma_{\alpha\pi}^\sigma - \Gamma_{\alpha\sigma}^\rho \Gamma_{\beta\pi}^\sigma = \Pi_\beta^\rho \Pi_{\alpha\pi} - \Pi_\alpha^\rho \Pi_{\beta\pi},$$

i.e.

$$R_{\pi\beta\alpha}^\rho = \Pi_\beta^\rho \Pi_{\alpha\pi} - \Pi_\alpha^\rho \Pi_{\beta\pi}, \text{ (Gau ss conditions)}$$

and

$$\partial_\alpha \Pi_{\beta\pi} - \Gamma_{\alpha\pi}^\rho \Pi_{\rho\beta} = \partial_\beta \Pi_{\alpha\pi} - \Gamma_{\beta\pi}^\rho \Pi_{\rho\alpha}, \text{ (Peterson Kodazzi conditions)}$$

Taking traces of Gauss conditions we come to the stadnard realtion between Gaussian and scalar curvature:

$$R = R_{\pi\beta\alpha}^\beta g^{\pi\alpha} = [\text{Tr } \Pi]^2 - \text{Tr } \Pi^2 = 2 \det S = 2K = 2 \frac{\det \Pi}{\det g}$$

(Here we are abusing little bit lower and upper indices, e.g. $S_\rho^\alpha = -\Pi_{\alpha\beta} g^{\beta\rho}$).

Consider Peterson Codazzi relations:

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$$\partial_1 P = P(\Gamma_{11}^1 - \Gamma_{21}^2)$$

as well as for indices $\alpha\beta\pi = 211$ we have:

$$\partial_2 P = P(\Gamma_{22}^2 - \Gamma_{12}^1)$$

Here $\Pi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & P \\ P & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

These conditions do not look nice, but we are in dimension 2.

Note that Gaussian curvature is constant. Choose it 1: We see that

$$\det \Pi = -P^2 \cdot \det g = -1 \Rightarrow P = \sqrt{\det g}.$$

Note that

$$\delta \sqrt{\det g} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\det g} g^{ik} \delta g_{ik},$$

i.e.

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial u^\alpha} = \sqrt{\det g} \frac{\partial \sqrt{\det g}}{\partial u^\alpha} = P \Gamma_{\alpha\pi}^\pi.$$

We see that Peterson Codazzi conditions mean that

$$\Gamma_{11}^1 + \Gamma_{12}^2 = \Gamma_{11}^1 - \Gamma_{12}^2 \Rightarrow \Gamma_{12}^2 = 0, \quad \Gamma_{21}^1 + \Gamma_{22}^2 = \Gamma_{22}^2 - \Gamma_{12}^2 \Rightarrow \Gamma_{12}^1 = 0,$$

Thus we see that Peterson-Codazzi conditions with constant curvature imply that

$$\Gamma_{12}^1 = \Gamma_{12}^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \Gamma_{12;1} = \Gamma_{12;2} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial g_{11}}{\partial u^2} = \frac{\partial g_{22}}{\partial u^1} = 0.$$

We see that first quadratic form is

$$G = A(u)du^2 + 2B(u, v)dudv + C(v)dv^2$$

Taking antiderivatives $\tilde{u} = \int \sqrt{A(u)}du$ and $\tilde{v} = \int \sqrt{C(v)}dv$

We come to coordinates $u = \tilde{u}, v = \tilde{v}$ such that in these coordinates

$$G = du^2 + 2 \cos \Theta(u, v)dudv + dv^2$$

and second quadratic form in these coordinates is equal to

$$\Pi = 2 \sin \Theta(u, v)dudv$$