GEOMETRY HOMEWORK 11

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Problem 4. Show that if all the geodesics of a connected surface are plane curves, then the surface is contained in a plane or a sphere.

Problem 5. Let $\alpha:I\to S$ be a curve parametrized by arc length s, with nonzero curvature. Consider the parametrized surface

$$\mathbf{x}(s, v) = \alpha(s) + vb(s), \quad s \in I, -\epsilon < v < \epsilon, \epsilon > 0,$$

where b is the binormal vector of α . Prove that if ϵ is small, $\mathbf{x}(I \times (-\epsilon, \epsilon)) = S$ is a regular surface over which $\alpha(I)$ is geodesic. (thus, every curve is a geodesic on the surface generated by its binormals).

Problem 8. 用 (A) 表示在座標變換下不變、用 (B) 表示在 isometry 下不變 (R E, F, G) 下的性質

| | line of curvature | geodesic | asymptotic curve | Γ_{ij}^k | H | K |
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| (A) | | | | | | |
| (B) | | | | | | |

Problem 9. 考慮 p221, p222 中 helicoid Y 和 catenoid X 的 parametrization。

- (a) X 中的 geodesics 相對應映到 Y 中也是 geodesics 嗎?
- (b) 已知 X 的經線 (u = const) 與 v = 0 都是 geodesics。描述他們在 Y 中的對應曲線?他們都是 geodesics 嗎?