

GEOMETRY HOMEWORK 12

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Problem 3 (Ex p294 3.). If p is a point of a regular surface S , prove that

$$K(p) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{12}{\pi} \frac{\pi r^2 - A}{r^4},$$

where $K(p)$ is the Gaussian curvature of S at p , r is the radius of a geodesic circle $S_r(p)$ centered in p , and A is the area of the region bounded by $S_r(p)$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} A_R &= \int_0^R \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{EG - F^2} d\theta dr \\ &= \int_0^R \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{G} d\theta dr \\ &\approx \int_0^R \int_0^{2\pi} r - \frac{K}{6} r^3 d\theta dr \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{1}{2} R^2 - \frac{K}{24} R^4 \right) d\theta \\ &= \pi R^2 - \frac{R^4}{24} \int_0^{2\pi} K d\theta \\ \rightarrow \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} K d\theta &= \frac{12}{r^4} \left(r^2 - \frac{1}{\pi} A_r \right) \\ \rightarrow K(p) &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{12}{r^4} \left(r^2 - \frac{1}{\pi} A_r \right) \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{12}{\pi} \frac{\pi r^2 - A_r}{r^4} \end{aligned}$$

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Problem 4 (Ex p295 4.). Show that in a system of normal coordinates centered in p , all the Christoffel symbols are zero at p .

Proof. Let (u, v) be normal coordinate centered at p , (r, θ) be the geodesic polar coordinate centered at p .

Let $\hat{E}, \hat{F}, \hat{G}$ be the first fundamental form of the coordinate (r, θ) , E, F, G be the first fundamental form of the coordinate (u, v) ,

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{E} &= 1, \hat{F} = 0 \\ \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \hat{G} &= 0, \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \sqrt{\hat{G}} = 1 \\ &\rightarrow \hat{G} = r^2 + o(r^3)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}r &= \sqrt{u^2 + v^2} \\ \theta &= \tan^{-1} \frac{v}{u} \\ \mathbb{X}_u &= \frac{u}{r} \mathbb{X}_r - \frac{v}{r^2} \mathbb{X}_\theta \\ \mathbb{X}_v &= \frac{v}{r} \mathbb{X}_r + \frac{u}{r^2} \mathbb{X}_\theta \\ \rightarrow E &= \frac{u^2}{r^2} + \frac{v^2}{r^4} \hat{G} \\ F &= \frac{uv}{r^2} - \frac{uv}{r^4} \hat{G} \\ G &= \frac{v^2}{r^2} + \frac{u^2}{r^4} \hat{G}\end{aligned}$$

When $r \rightarrow 0$:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{G} &\rightarrow r^2 \\ \hat{G}_u &\rightarrow 2u \\ \hat{G}_v &\rightarrow 2v\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}E_u &= \frac{2uv^2}{r^4} - \frac{4uv^2}{r^6} \hat{G} + \frac{v^2}{r^4} \hat{G}_u \\ &= \frac{2uv^2}{r^4} - \frac{4uv^2}{r^4} + \frac{2uv^2}{r^4} = 0 \\ E_v &= -\frac{2u^2v}{r^4} + \frac{2v(u^2 - v^2)}{r^6} \hat{G} + \frac{v^2}{r^4} \hat{G}_v \\ &= -\frac{2u^2v}{r^4} + \frac{2v(u^2 - v^2)}{r^4} + \frac{2v^3}{r^4} = 0 \\ F_u &= \frac{v^3 - vu^2}{r^4} - \frac{v^3 - 3u^2v}{r^6} \hat{G} - \frac{uv}{r^4} \hat{G}_u \\ &= \frac{v^3 - vu^2}{r^4} - \frac{v^3 - 3u^2v}{r^4} - \frac{2u^2v}{r^4} = 0 \\ F_v &= \frac{u^3 - uv^2}{r^4} - \frac{u^3 - 3v^2u}{r^6} \hat{G} - \frac{uv}{r^4} \hat{G}_v \\ &= \frac{u^3 - uv^2}{r^4} - \frac{u^3 - 3v^2u}{r^4} - \frac{2uv^2}{r^4} = 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
G_u &= -\frac{2v^2u}{r^4} + \frac{2u(v^2 - u^2)}{r^6}\hat{G} + \frac{u^2}{r^4}\hat{G}_u \\
&= -\frac{2v^2u}{r^4} + \frac{2u(v^2 - u^2)}{r^4} + \frac{2u^3}{r^4} = 0 \\
G_v &= \frac{2vu^2}{r^4} - \frac{4vu^2}{r^6}\hat{G} + \frac{u^2}{r^4}\hat{G}_v \\
&= \frac{2vu^2}{r^4} - \frac{4vu^2}{r^4} + \frac{2vu^2}{r^4} = 0
\end{aligned}$$

So $[i, j, k] = 0$ and $\Gamma_{ij}^k = 0$. □

Problem 5 (Ex p295 5.). *For which of the pair of surfaces given below does there exist a local isometry?*

- (a) *Torus of revolution and cone.*
- (b) *Cone and sphere.*
- (c) *Cone and cylinder.*

Proof. (a) Since cone has constant Gaussian curvature, and torus of revolution does not have constant gaussian curvature for every neighborhood of a point, but isometry preserves Gaussian curvature, there doesn't exist a local isometry between cone and torus.

(b) Since cone has zero Gaussian curvature everywhere, and sphere has Gaussian curvature > 0 everywhere, but isometry preserves Gaussian curvature, there doesn't exist a local isometry between cone and sphere.

(c) By Example 1 in page 219 and Example 3 in page 223 of the notebook, we know that there exist a local isometry from a cone to a plane and from a plane to a cylinder for some neighborhood of every point on the cone/plane. So there exist a local isometry from a cone to a cylinder. □

Problem 8.

- (a) 在半徑 R 的球面上，計算 *geodesic circle* 的長度，並驗證 P292 課文中間 $K(p)$ 的公式。
- (b) 用一樣的精神，檢驗 P294 3. 的公式。

Proof. (a) WLOG, let $p = (0, 0, R)$, If $q \in T_p$ with $q = (l, \theta)$, then

$$\exp(q) = \left(R \sin \frac{l}{R} \cos \theta, R \sin \frac{l}{R} \sin \theta, R \cos \frac{l}{R} \right),$$

and thus the length of the image of the circle $\{q \in T_p : d(q, p) = l\}$ is

$$2\pi \left\langle \frac{\partial \exp(q)}{\partial \theta}, \frac{\partial \exp(q)}{\partial \theta} \right\rangle^{1/2} = 2\pi \left| R \sin \frac{l}{R} \right|$$

. When $l \rightarrow 0$, it is

$$2\pi R \sin \frac{l}{R}.$$

, which is the length of the geodesic circle. By the formula,

$$\begin{aligned} K(p) &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{3}{\pi} \frac{2\pi r - L}{r^3} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{3}{\pi} \frac{2\pi r - 2\pi R \sin \frac{l}{R}}{r^3} \\ &\approx \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{3}{\pi} \frac{2\pi r - 2\pi R \left(r/R - \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^3 / 6 \right)}{r^3} \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{3}{\pi} \frac{2\pi r \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^3 / 6}{r^3} = \frac{1}{R^2}. \end{aligned}$$

(b) The area bounded by the geodesic circle is

$$2\pi R \int_0^l \left| \sin \frac{r}{R} \right| dr.$$

When $l \rightarrow 0$, it is

$$2\pi R^2 - 2\pi R^2 \cos \frac{l}{R}.$$

By the formula,

$$\begin{aligned} K(p) &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{12}{\pi} \frac{\pi r^2 - A}{r^4} = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{12}{\pi} \frac{\pi r^2 + 2\pi R^2 \cos \frac{r}{R} - 2\pi R^2}{r^4} \\ &\approx \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{12}{\pi} \frac{\pi r^2 + 2\pi R^2 \left(1 - \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^2 / 2 + \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^4 / 24 \right) - 2\pi R^2}{r^4} \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{12}{\pi} \frac{\pi R^2 \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^4 / 12}{r^4} = \frac{1}{R^2} \end{aligned}$$

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