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I have used MATLAB to facilitate calculating some of the components for the metric, Christoffel symbols, curvature symbols, etc. I have attached the pdf version of the code I used as part of my work.

Exercise 1. Prove part (i) of Proposition 2.2 on pg. 90 of do Carmo. The proposition states: let $f, g \in \mathcal{D}(M)$ and X_1, X_2, Y_1, Y_2 . R is bilinear in $\mathcal{X}(M) \times \mathcal{X}(M)$, that is,

$$\begin{aligned} R(fX_1 + gX_2, Y_1) &= fR(X_1, Y_1) + gR(X_2, Y_1) \\ R(X_1, fY_1 + gY_2) &= fR(X_1, Y_1) + gR(X_1, Y_2). \end{aligned}$$

Proof: Proof let $Z \in \mathcal{X}(M)$. The first one can be shown as

$$\begin{aligned} R(fX_1 + gX_2, Y_1)Z &= \nabla_{Y_1} \nabla_{fX_1 + gX_2} Z - \nabla_{fX_1 + gX_2} \nabla_{Y_1} Z + \nabla_{[fX_1 + gX_2, Y_1]} Z \\ &= \nabla_{Y_1} (f \nabla_{X_1} + g \nabla_{X_2}) Z - (f \nabla_{X_1} + g \nabla_{X_2}) \nabla_{Y_1} Z + \nabla_{[fX_1, Y_1]} Z + \nabla_{[gX_2, Y_1]} Z \\ &= (f \nabla_{Y_1} \nabla_{X_1} + \nabla_{Y_1} (f) \nabla_{X_1} + g \nabla_{Y_1} \nabla_{X_2} + \nabla_{Y_1} (g) \nabla_{X_2} - (f \nabla_{X_1} + g \nabla_{X_2}) \nabla_{Y_1}) Z \\ &\quad + (\nabla_{f[X_1, Y_1] - Y_1(f)X_1} + \nabla_{g[X_2, Y_1] - Y_1(g)X_2}) Z \\ &= (f \nabla_{Y_1} \nabla_{X_1} + g \nabla_{Y_1} \nabla_{X_2} - (f \nabla_{X_1} + g \nabla_{X_2}) \nabla_{Y_1} + f \nabla_{[X_1, Y_1]} + g \nabla_{[X_2, Y_1]}) Z \\ &\quad + (\nabla_{Y_1} (f) \nabla_{X_1} + \nabla_{Y_1} (g) \nabla_{X_2} - \nabla_{Y_1} (f) \nabla_{X_1} - \nabla_{Y_1} (g) \nabla_{X_2}) Z \\ &= (f \nabla_{Y_1} \nabla_{X_1} + g \nabla_{Y_1} \nabla_{X_2} - (f \nabla_{X_1} + g \nabla_{X_2}) \nabla_{Y_1} + f \nabla_{[X_1, Y_1]} + g \nabla_{[X_2, Y_1]}) Z \\ &= fR(X_1, Y_1)Z + gR(X_2, Y_1)Z. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly the second one is, omitting the vector field Z ,

$$\begin{aligned} R(X_1, fY_1 + gY_2) &= \nabla_{fY_1 + gY_2} \nabla_{X_1} - \nabla_{X_1} \nabla_{fY_1 + gY_2} + \nabla_{[X_1, fY_1 + gY_2]} \\ &= (f \nabla_{Y_1} + g \nabla_{Y_2}) \nabla_{X_1} - f \nabla_{X_1} \nabla_{Y_1} - g \nabla_{X_1} \nabla_{Y_2} - \nabla_{X_1} (f) \nabla_{Y_1} - \nabla_{X_1} (g) \nabla_{Y_2} \\ &\quad + f \nabla_{[X_1, Y_1]} + g \nabla_{[X_1, Y_2]} + \nabla_{X_1} (f) \nabla_{Y_1} + \nabla_{X_1} (g) \nabla_{Y_2} \\ &= (f \nabla_{Y_1} + g \nabla_{Y_2}) \nabla_{X_1} - f \nabla_{X_1} \nabla_{Y_1} - g \nabla_{X_1} \nabla_{Y_2} + f \nabla_{[X_1, Y_1]} + g \nabla_{[X_1, Y_2]} \\ &= fR(X_1, Y_1) + gR(X_1, Y_2). \end{aligned}$$

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Exercise 2. Let S_r^2 be the sphere of radius r in \mathbb{R}^3 centered at the origin. Equip S_r^2 with the metric induced by Euclidean space. Consider the coordinate charts obtained by restricting the orthogonal projection of \mathbb{R}^3 to the coordinate planes.

- 1) Compute the components of the Riemann curvature R_{ijk}^s in these coordinates.
- 2) Use this to compute the sectional curvature $K(\sigma)$ at a point $p \in S_r^2$.
- 3) Prove that $K(\sigma)$ is constant.

We will use the charts $\{(U_i^\pm, \varphi_i^\pm)\}$ defined as

$$\begin{aligned} U_j^\pm &= \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in S_r^2 : \pm x_j > 0\} \\ \varphi_1^\pm(x_1, x_2, x_3) &= (x_2, x_3) \\ (\varphi_1^\pm)^{-1}(y_1, y_2) &= \left(\pm \sqrt{r^2 - y_1^2 - y_2^2}, y_1, y_2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since S_r^2 is embedded in \mathbb{R}^3 , the derivative of $(\varphi_j^\pm)^{-1}$ is injective.

$$d(\varphi_1^\pm)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -\pm \frac{y_1}{\sqrt{r^2 - y_1^2 - y_2^2}} & -\pm \frac{y_2}{\sqrt{r^2 - y_1^2 - y_2^2}} \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Let $v_1, v_2 \in T_p S_r^2$ where $p \in \varphi_1^\pm$, then using the induced metric we have

$$\left\langle d(\varphi_1^\pm)^{-1} v_1, d(\varphi_1^\pm)^{-1} v_2 \right\rangle.$$

Thus the induced metric g in matrix form is

$$\begin{aligned} \left(d(\varphi_1^\pm)^{-1}\right)^\top d(\varphi_1^\pm)^{-1} &= \begin{bmatrix} -\pm \frac{y_1}{\sqrt{r^2 - y_1^2 - y_2^2}} & 1 & 0 \\ -\pm \frac{y_2}{\sqrt{r^2 - y_1^2 - y_2^2}} & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\pm \frac{y_1}{\sqrt{r^2 - y_1^2 - y_2^2}} & -\pm \frac{y_2}{\sqrt{r^2 - y_1^2 - y_2^2}} \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{y_1^2}{(r^2 - y_1^2 - y_2^2)} + 1 & \frac{y_1 y_2}{(r^2 - y_1^2 - y_2^2)} \\ \frac{y_1 y_2}{(r^2 - y_1^2 - y_2^2)} & \frac{y_2^2}{(r^2 - y_1^2 - y_2^2)} + 1 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

The computation of the Christoffel symbols is tedious, so we employed MATLAB to compute them. The Christoffel symbols are

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{11}^1 &= \frac{y_1 (r^2 - y_2^2)}{\alpha} \\ \Gamma_{12}^1 &= \Gamma_{21}^1 = \frac{y_1^2 y_2}{\alpha} \\ \Gamma_{22}^1 &= \frac{y_1 (r^2 - y_1^2)}{\alpha} \\ \Gamma_{11}^2 &= \frac{y_2 (r^2 - y_2^2)}{\alpha} \\ \Gamma_{12}^2 &= \Gamma_{21}^2 = \frac{y_1 y_2^2}{\alpha} \\ \Gamma_{22}^2 &= \frac{y_2 (r^2 - y_1^2)}{\alpha} \\ \alpha &= r^2 (r^2 - y_1^2 - y_2^2). \end{aligned}$$

Once again using MATLAB, the coefficients of the curvature are

$$\begin{aligned} R_{111}^1 &= R_{221}^1 = R_{112}^1 = R_{222}^1 = R_{111}^2 = R_{221}^2 = R_{112}^2 = R_{222}^2 = 0 \\ R_{121}^1 &= \frac{-y_1 y_2}{\alpha} \\ R_{211}^1 &= \frac{y_1 y_2}{\alpha} \\ R_{122}^1 &= \frac{2y_1^2 - r^2}{\alpha} \\ R_{212}^1 &= \frac{r^2 - 2y_1^2}{\alpha} \\ R_{121}^2 &= \frac{r^2 - y_2^2}{\alpha} \\ R_{211}^2 &= \frac{y_2^2 - r^2}{\alpha} \\ R_{122}^2 &= \frac{2y_1 y_2}{\alpha} \\ R_{212}^2 &= \frac{-2y_1 y_2^2}{\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

where α has been previously defined.

Now we proceed to compute the sectional curvature $K(\sigma)$ at point $p \in S_r^2$. Since S_r^2 is two dimensional, any two linearly independent vectors in $T_p S_r^2$ will span $T_p S_r^2$. So we will use $v_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1}$ and $v_2 = \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2}$. The sectional curvature is then.

$$\begin{aligned} K(\sigma) &= \frac{\langle v_1, v_2, v_1, v_2 \rangle}{|v_1 \wedge v_2|^2} \\ &= \frac{R_{121}^1 g_{12} + R_{121}^2 g_{22}}{\langle v_1, v_1 \rangle \langle v_2, v_2 \rangle - \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle^2} \\ &= \frac{(r^2 - y_1^2 - y_2^2)}{(2r^4 - 3r^2 y_1^2 - 3r^2 y_2^2 + y_1^4 + y_2^4 + y_1^2 y_2^2)}. \end{aligned}$$

We now proceed to prove that the sectional curvature is constant. According to Lemma 3.4 in do Carmo, the manifold M has constant sectional curvature equal to K_0 if and only if $R = K_0 R'$ where R is the curvature of M and

$$\langle R'(X, Y, W), Z \rangle = \langle X, W \rangle \langle Y, Z \rangle - \langle Y, W \rangle \langle X, Z \rangle,$$

for all $X, Y, W, Z \in T_p M$.

The curvature is

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle R \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2} \right\rangle &= \sum_{\ell} R_{121}^{\ell} g_{\ell 2} \\ &= \frac{1}{r^2 - y_1^2 - y_2^2}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle R' \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} \right), \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2} \right\rangle &= \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} \right\rangle \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2} \right\rangle - \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2} \right\rangle \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y_2} \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{(2r^4 - 3r^2 y_1^2 - 3r^2 y_2^2 + y_1^4 + y_2^4 + y_1^2 y_2^2)}{(r^2 - y_1^2 - y_2^2)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

From which we can see that $R = K_0 R'$. Therefore, M has constant sectional curvature.

Exercise 3. Recall the embeddings of the torus $T = \mathbb{R}/2\pi\mathbb{Z}$ is \mathbb{R}^3 and \mathbb{R}^4 given by the maps

$$\omega(\alpha, \beta) = ((\cos(\beta) + 4) \cos(\alpha), (\cos(\beta) + 4) \sin(\alpha), \sin(\beta))$$

and

$$\psi(\alpha, \beta) = (\cos(\alpha), \sin(\alpha), \cos(\beta), \sin(\beta))$$

respectively. Let T_3 be the torus equipped with the metric induced from \mathbb{R}^3 by the map ω , and let T_4 denote the torus equipped with the metric induced from \mathbb{R}^4 by the map ψ . Compute the components R_{ijk}^s of the curvature of T_3 and T_4 (in the coordinates induced by ω and ψ).

With the help of MATLAB, I get that the components R_{ijk}^s of T_3 are all zero except

$$\begin{aligned} R_{122}^1 &= \frac{-(4 \cos(\beta) + 1)}{(\cos(\beta) + 4)^2} \\ R_{212}^1 &= -R_{122}^1 \\ R_{121}^2 &= 4 \cos(\beta) + 2 \cos(\beta)^2 - 1 \\ R_{211}^2 &= -R_{121}^2 \end{aligned}$$

The components R_{ijk}^s of T_4 are all zero. This means that the torus in \mathbb{R}^4 with the chosen embedding is flat.

Exercise 4. For a parameterized surface S in \mathbb{R}^3 given by $r(u, v)$ we can find a unit normal at $p \in S$ by

$$N(p) = \frac{r_u \times r_v}{\|r_u \times r_v\|}.$$

The Gauss map is $N : S \rightarrow S^2$ defined by the equation above. The derivative of the map is $dN_p : T_p S \rightarrow T_{N(p)} S^2$. However, by construction we know that $T_p S$ and $T_{N(p)} S^2$ have parallel tangent planes in \mathbb{R}^3 so we can think of dN_p as a map from $T_p S \rightarrow T_p S$. The idea is the following: For a parameterized curve $\alpha(t)$ in S such that $\alpha(0) = p$ we consider the curve $N(\alpha(t)) = N(t)$ in S^2 . The tangent vector $N'(0) = dN_p(\alpha'(0))$ is a vector in $T_p S$. So dN_p measures how N “pulls away from” $N(p)$.

- 1) For a plane $ax + by + cz = d$ show that $dN \equiv 0$.
- 2) For the unit sphere with inward pointing normals show that $dN_p v = -v$.
- 3) Find dN_p for the cylinder with $r(u, v) = (\cos u, \sin u, v)$.
- 4) For the hyperbolic paraboloid $r(u, v) = (u, v, v^2 - u^2)$ compute the unit normal vectors. At $p = (0, 0, 0)$ show that

$$dN_p(u'(0), v'(0), 0) = (2u'(0), -2v'(0), 0).$$

So the vectors $(1, 0, 0)$ and $(0, 1, 0)$ are eigenvectors dN_p with eigenvalues 2 and -2 respectively.

For part 1) we can parameterize the plane as

$$r(x, y) = (ax, by, d - ax - by),$$

which implies that

$$r_x = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ 0 \\ -a \end{bmatrix}, \quad r_y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ b \\ -b \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore

$$N(p) = \frac{r_x \times r_y}{\|r_x \times r_y\|} = \frac{ab}{\sqrt{3}|ab|} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since $N(p)$ is a constant, its derivative $dN \equiv 0$. This is what we would expect since a plane is flat. We could've parameterized the plane differently, but the result is the same.

For part 2) we can parameterize the unit sphere as

$$r(\phi, \theta) = (\sin(\phi) \cos(\theta), \sin(\phi) \sin(\theta), \cos(\phi))$$

which implies that

$$r_\phi = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\phi) \cos(\theta) \\ \cos(\phi) \sin(\theta) \\ -\sin(\phi) \end{bmatrix}, \quad r_\theta = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin(\phi) \sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\phi) \cos(\theta) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

where

$$dr = [r_\phi, r_\theta] : T_p S \rightarrow T_p \mathbb{R}^3.$$

The metric of the first form $g1$ is

$$g1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sin^2(\phi) \end{bmatrix}.$$

The normal vector is

$$N(p) = \frac{r_\phi \times r_\theta}{\|r_\phi \times r_\theta\|} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) \sin(\phi) \\ \sin(\theta) \sin(\phi) \\ \cos(\phi) \end{bmatrix}.$$

However, $N(p)$ is outward pointing. To get inward pointing we negate it to get

$$N'(p) = -N(p) = \begin{bmatrix} -\cos(\theta) \sin(\phi) \\ -\sin(\theta) \sin(\phi) \\ -\cos(\phi) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Taking the partial derivative, we get the differential

$$dN'(p) = \begin{bmatrix} -\cos(\phi) \cos(\theta) & \sin(\phi) \sin(\theta) \\ -\cos(\phi) \sin(\theta) & -\sin(\phi) \cos(\theta) \\ \sin(\phi) & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We can now compute the metric of the second form

$$\begin{aligned} g2 &= \langle dN', dr \rangle \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\sin^2(\phi) \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $v = v_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$, we want to show that $dr(v) = -dN'(p)(v)$. Since dr and $dN'(p)$ are linear maps we see that $dr = -dN'(p)$; thus

$$dr(v) = -dN'(p)(v).$$

For part 3), let the surface be parameterized by $r(u, v) = (\cos(u), \sin(u), v)$. The differential is

$$dr = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin(u) & 0 \\ \cos(u) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

The metric of the first form $g1$ is

$$g1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

and

$$N(p) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(u) \\ \sin(u) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Computing the differential of $N(p)$ we get

$$dN(p) = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin(u) & 0 \\ \cos(u) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We can now compute the metric of the second form

$$\begin{aligned} g_2 &= \langle dN', dr \rangle \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that there is no curve along the z axis which is what we would expect for a cylinder that is oriented along the z -axis.

For part 4), let the hyperboloid paraboloid be parameterized by

$$r(u, v) = (u, v, v^2 - u^2).$$

The differential is

$$dr = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ -2u & 2v \end{bmatrix}.$$

The metric of the first form g_1 is

$$g_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 4u^2 + 1 & -4uv \\ -4uv & 4v^2 + 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The unit normal vector is

$$N(p) = \frac{1}{(4u^2 + 4v^2 + 1)^{1/2}} \begin{bmatrix} 2u \\ -2v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The differential of $N(p)$ is

$$dN(p) = \frac{1}{(4u^2 + 4v^2 + 1)^{3/2}} \begin{bmatrix} 2(4v^2 + 1) & -8uv \\ 8uv & -2(3u^2 + 1) \\ -4u & -4v \end{bmatrix}.$$

Evaluating $dN(p)$ at $p_0 = (0, 0, 0)$ yields

$$dN(p_0) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We can now compute the metric of the second form

$$\begin{aligned} g_2 &= \langle dN', dr \rangle \\ &= \frac{8u^2 + 8v^2 + 2}{(4u^2 + 4v^2 + 1)^{(3/2)}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the first and second form of the metric we can calculate the Gaussian curvature at $p_0 = (0, 0)$

$$\begin{aligned} K &= g_1^{-1} g_2|_{p_0} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

From the Gaussian curvature we can see that the eigenvalues and eigenvectors are $\lambda \pm 2$ and $v_1 = (1, 0)$ and $v_2 = (0, 1)$.

Exercise 5. The eigenvalues of dN_p give the maximum and the minimum curvature of curves at p . These are called the principle curvatures of S at p . What are the principle curvatures for parts a), b), c) and d) above.

For part a) we got that $dN_p \equiv 0$, so that maximum and minimum eigen values are zero as they should be since a plane is flat.

For part b) we calculated the first and second form of the metric to be

$$g_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sin^2(\phi) \end{bmatrix}, \quad g_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -\sin^2(\phi) \end{bmatrix},$$

Using the first and second form of the metric we can calculate the Gaussian curvature at $p_0 = (0, 0)$

$$\begin{aligned} K &= g_1^{-1} g_2|_{p_0} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

thus we get eigenvalues $\lambda_{1,2} = -1$ with eigenvectors $v_1 = (1, 0)$ and $v_2 = (0, 1)$.

For part c) we calculated the first and second form of the metric to be

$$g1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad g2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

Using the first and second form of the metric we can calculate the Gaussian curvature at $p_0 = (0, 0)$

$$\begin{aligned} K &= g1^{-1}g2|_{p_0} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

thus we get eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = 1$ and $\lambda_2 = 2$ with eigenvectors $v_1 = (1, 0)$ and $v_2 = (0, 1)$.

Part d) was done in the previous problem which yielded eigenvalues and eigenvectors of $\lambda \pm 2$ and $v_1 = (1, 0)$ and $v_2 = (0, 1)$.

Exercise 6. Let S be a parameterized surface in \mathbb{R}^3 , $p \in S$, and $dN_p : T_p S \rightarrow T_p S$ be the Gauss map. The Gaussian curvature of S at p is $\det(dN_p)$. A point in S is

- 1) elliptic if $\det(dN_p) > 0$,
- 2) hyperbolic if $\det(dN_p) < 0$,
- 3) parabolic if $\det(dN_p) = 0$, but $dN_p \neq 0$, and
- 4) planar if $dN_p = 0$.

Classify the curvature of the plane, sphere, cylinder, and the point $(0, 0, 0)$ on the hyperbolic paraboloid.

In part a) of exercise 4 we found that for the plane $dN_p = 0$, thus it is planar.

In part b) of exercise 5 we found that the Gaussian curvature of the sphere is

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and $\det(dN_{p_0}) = 1$, thus the sphere is elliptic.

In part c) of exercise 5 we found that the Gaussian curvature of the cylinder is

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

thus $\det(dN_{p_0}) = 0$. Therefore, the cylinder is parabolic.

In part d) of exercise 5 we found that the Gaussian curvature of the hyperbolic plane is

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix},$$

thus $\det(dN_{p_0}) = -4$. Therefore the hyperbolic plane is hyperbolic.