

Differential Geometry, MATH-45011/55011.
Home Work 4, due on Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 25
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Problem 1. Let $\alpha(t)$ be a regular curve. Suppose that there is a point $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ such that $\alpha(t) - \mathbf{a}$ is orthogonal to $\mathbf{T}(t)$ for all t . Prove that $\alpha(t)$ lies on the sphere.

Problem 2. Let $\alpha(t)$ be a regular curve and let \mathbf{a} be a point that belongs to each normal plane of α . Prove that α lies on the sphere.

Problem 3. (This is EXTRA PROBLEM +5 points for exam for each question =10 Extra points)

a) Prove that if all tangent lines of a given curve are parallel to a plane, then the curve is plane.

b) Prove that if all osculating planes of a given curve pass through a fixed point, then the curve is plane.

Problem 4. Let $\alpha(s)$ be a unit speed curve with $(\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{N}, \mathbf{B})$ and $k > 0$ and $\tau > 0$. Define $\beta(s) = \int_0^s \mathbf{B}(\sigma) d\sigma$. Prove that β is unit speed and show that the Frenet-Serret apparatus $\{\bar{k}, \bar{\tau}, \bar{\mathbf{T}}, \bar{\mathbf{N}}, \bar{\mathbf{B}}\}$ of β satisfies $\bar{k} = \tau$, $\bar{\tau} = k$, $\bar{\mathbf{T}} = \mathbf{B}$, $\bar{\mathbf{N}} = -\mathbf{N}$, and $\bar{\mathbf{B}} = \mathbf{T}$.

Problem 5. a) Let $S^2 = \{(u, v, w) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : u^2 + v^2 + w^2 = 1\}$ and $\mathbb{R}^2 = \{(u, v, w) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : w = 0\}$. If $(u, v, 0)$ belongs to \mathbb{R}^2 , the line determined by $(u, v, 0)$ and $(0, 0, 1)$ intersects S^2 in a point other than $(0, 0, 1)$. Denote this point by $\mathbf{r}(u, v)$. Compute the actual form of $\mathbf{r}(u, v)$ and show that $\mathbf{r} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ is a simple surface. The inverse mapping to \mathbf{r} is called the stereographic projection.

b) Let $\alpha : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be a unit speed curve with $k \neq 0$ and let

$$\mathcal{U} = \{(u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : a < u < b, v \neq 0\}.$$

Define $\mathbf{r} : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ by $\mathbf{r}(u, v) = \alpha(u) + v\alpha'(u)$. Prove that \mathbf{r} is a simple surface, provided \mathbf{r} one-to-one. It is called the tangent developable surface of α .

c) Let

$$\mathbf{r}(u, v) = (\sin u \cos v, 2 \sin u \sin v, 3 \cos u), \quad -1 < u < 1, \quad 0 < v < \pi.$$

Show that \mathbf{r} is a simple surface. What is it?