



Exercises for the Lecture  
Differential Geometry  
Summer Term 2020

Sheet 9

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Resources: Up to Lesson 15; Up to p. 65 in [Fuc08]; Sections 2-1 – 2-5 and  
Section 3-1 – p. 147 in [Car16]

**Exercise 1.**

Consider the parametrization

$$X: (-\pi, \pi) \times \mathbb{R}, (u, v) \mapsto (\cos(u), \sin(u), v),$$

i.e.  $X$  is a parametrization of the cylinder

$$Z = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3; x^2 + y^2 = 1\}.$$

Determine all normal sections as well as the minimal and the maximal normal curvature of  $X$  in  $p = X(0, 0) = (1, 0, 0)$ .

**Exercise 2.**

(See Exercise 18 in Section 3-2 in [Car16])

Show: If a regular curve  $C$  is the intersection of two surfaces  $X_1, X_2$ , then the curvature  $\kappa_C(p)$  of  $C$  in  $p \in C$  is given by

$$\kappa_C(p)^2 \sin(\theta)^2 = \kappa_{n_1}^2 + \kappa_{n_2}^2 - 2\kappa_{n_1}\kappa_{n_2} \cos(\theta),$$

where  $\kappa_{n_1}$  and  $\kappa_{n_2}$  are the normal curvatures at  $p$  along the tangent on  $C$  of  $X_1$  resp.  $X_2$  and  $\theta$  is the angle between the normal vectors  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  of  $X_1$  resp.  $X_2$  at  $p$ .

(Hint: Consider the triangle spanned by  $\kappa_{n_1}N_2$  and  $\kappa_{n_2}N_1$ .)

**Exercise 3.**

Let  $a$  and  $r$  be positive real numbers with  $r < a$  and define the torus

$$X: (0, 2\pi) \times (-\pi, \pi) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, (u, v) \mapsto ((a + r \cos(u)) \cos(v), (a + r \cos(u)) \sin(v), r \sin(u)).$$

- (i) Calculate the first and second fundamental form of  $X$ .
- (ii) Determine a formula for the area of  $X$ .
- (iii) Sketch the normal sections of  $X$  through the point  $(a, 0, r)$ .

**Exercise 4.**

Let  $I$  be an open interval,  $\alpha: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a regular curve and let  $w: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}$  be smooth. The mapping

$$X: I \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, (u, v) \mapsto \alpha(u) + vw(u)$$

is called a *ruled surface* if  $X$  is regular. The curve  $\alpha$  is called *directrix* and the straight lines  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, v \mapsto \alpha(u) + vw(u)$  ( $u \in I$ ) are called *generators*.

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- (i) Under which conditions is  $X$  a regular parameterized surface?
- (ii) Let  $u \in I$  such that the tangent plane  $T_{(u,v)}X$  of  $X$  in  $(u, v)$  exists for all  $v \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that  $T_{(u,v)}X = T_{(u,\tilde{v})}X$  for all  $v, \tilde{v} \in \mathbb{R}$  if and only if the vectors  $\alpha'(u)$ ,  $w'(u)$  and  $w(u)$  are linear dependent.
- (iii) Show that hyperbolic paraboloid (see Sheet 7, Exercise 1) is a ruled surface.  
(Hint: Third binomial formula.)

## References

- [Car16] Manfredo P. do Carmo. *Differential geometry of curves & surfaces*. Revised & updated second edition. Dover Publications, Inc., Mineola, NY, 2016.
- [Fuc08] Martin Fuchs. *Vorlesungsskript zur Differentialgeometrie*. 2008.