

Math 348 Differential Geometry of Curves and Surfaces

Lecture 17: Gauss's Remarkable Theorem I

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Please do not hesitate to interrupt me if you have a question.

Review of Midterm 2

High:15(100%);Low:7(47%);Average:11.37(76%);Median:12(80%)

1. **Question 1.** Average: 3.96; Median: 4.
2. **Question 2.** Average: 4.44; Median: 5.
3. **Question 3.** Average: 2.89; Median: 3.
4. **Question 4.** Average: 0.07; Median: 0.

Question 1

$$\sigma(u, v) = (u, v, u^2 - v^2). \quad \cos \theta \text{ between } u = 2 \text{ and } u = 2v.$$

Major mistakes.

- Incorrect parametrization of the curves. e.g.
 $u = 2v \rightarrow \sigma(t, 2t).$
- Where to evaluate $\mathbb{E}, \mathbb{F}, \mathbb{G}$?
- Incorrect v_1, v_2, w_1, w_2 .
- $\langle v, v \rangle = \mathbb{E}v_1^2 + \mathbb{F}v_1v_2 + \mathbb{G}v_2^2.$
- Calculation mistakes.
- Incorrect $\mathbb{E}, \mathbb{F}, \mathbb{G}$. In particular, there must hold $\mathbb{E}, \mathbb{G} > 0$ and $\mathbb{E}\mathbb{G} > \mathbb{F}^2$.

Question 2

$$\sigma(u, v) = (u, v, u^2 - v^2). \text{ Curvatures at } p = (1, 0, 1).$$

Major mistakes.

- $p = \sigma(1, 1)$.
- $N = \frac{(-2, 0, 1)}{\sqrt{2}}$.
- $\det \left[\begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{pmatrix} - \kappa \begin{pmatrix} L & M \\ M & N \end{pmatrix} \right] = 0$.
- How to solve $\det \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} - 5\kappa & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} - \kappa \end{pmatrix} = 0$?

Question 3

$\sigma(u, v) = (u, v, u^2 - v^2)$. Calculate Γ_{ij}^k . $v = 0$ pre-geodesic?

Major mistakes.

- a) Γ_{ij}^k .
 - Calculation mistakes.
 - $\Gamma_{11}^1 = 4/5, \dots$; "From last page ... $\mathbb{E} = 5, \dots$ ".
- b).
 - $v(t) = 0, u(t) = t$.

Question 4

$S_1 \cap S_2 = C$. S_1, S_2 not tangent. C is pre-geodesic in S_1 .

Major mistakes.

Gauss and Codazzi-Mainardi Equations

Motivation

S : surface patch. Two fundamental forms. Six Christoffel symbols.

- Twelve functions of (u, v) .
- Γ_{ij}^k are determined by $\mathbb{E}, \mathbb{F}, \mathbb{G}$.
- Any relations between the two fundamental forms?

The Equations

- **Codazzi-Mainardi.**

$$L_v - M_u = L\Gamma_{12}^1 + M(\Gamma_{12}^2 - \Gamma_{11}^1) - N\Gamma_{11}^2,$$

$$M_v - N_u = L\Gamma_{22}^1 + M(\Gamma_{22}^2 - \Gamma_{12}^1) - N\Gamma_{12}^2.$$

- **Gauss.**

$$\mathbb{E}K = (\Gamma_{11}^2)_v - (\Gamma_{12}^2)_u + \Gamma_{11}^1\Gamma_{12}^2 + \Gamma_{11}^2\Gamma_{22}^2 - \Gamma_{12}^1\Gamma_{11}^2 - (\Gamma_{12}^2)^2,$$

$$\mathbb{F}K = (\Gamma_{12}^1)_u - (\Gamma_{11}^1)_v + \Gamma_{12}^2\Gamma_{12}^1 - \Gamma_{11}^2\Gamma_{22}^1$$

$$= (\Gamma_{12}^2)_v - (\Gamma_{22}^2)_u + \Gamma_{12}^1\Gamma_{12}^2 - \Gamma_{22}^1\Gamma_{11}^2$$

$$\mathbb{G}K = (\Gamma_{22}^1)_u - (\Gamma_{12}^1)_v + \Gamma_{22}^1\Gamma_{11}^1 + \Gamma_{22}^2\Gamma_{12}^1 - (\Gamma_{12}^1)^2 - \Gamma_{12}^2\Gamma_{22}^1.$$

The equations follow from

1. $\sigma_{uu} = \sigma_{uu}$ and $\sigma_{uv} = \sigma_{vu}$;
2. $-N_u = a_{11}\sigma_u + a_{12}\sigma_v$ and $-N_v = a_{21}\sigma_u + a_{22}\sigma_v$, with
$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{21} \\ a_{12} & a_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} E & F \\ F & G \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} L & M \\ M & N \end{pmatrix}$$
3. Serious calculation.

Gauss's Theorema Egregium

Theorem

(Gauss's Theorema Egregium) *The Gaussian curvature of a surface is preserved by local isometries.*

Proof.

Follows immediately from the Gauss equations. □

Looking Back and Forward

Required: §10.1, §10.2; Optional: §10.3, §10.4

1. Know the existence of the equations.

Applications of the Gauss and Codazzi-Mainardi equations.

- Existence of surfaces;
- Surfaces with constant Gaussian curvature.