

Examination in School of Mathematical Sciences
Semester 2 2011

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| 105919 | Geometry of Surfaces III – MOCK EXAM PURE MTH 3022 |
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Official Reading Time: 10 mins
Writing Time: 120 mins
Total Duration: 130 mins

NUMBER OF QUESTIONS: 5 TOTAL MARKS: 70

Instructions

- Attempt all questions.
- Approximate marks are indicated.
- Begin each answer on a new page.
- Examination materials must not be removed from the examination room.

Materials

- 1 Blue book is provided.
- Calculators are not permitted.

DO NOT COMMENCE WRITING UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO.

1. For each of the following statements say whether it is True or False. Give a very short justification or counter-example in each case.

- (a) The curve $\gamma(t) = (t, t^2, t^{99})$ is arc-length parametrised.
- (b) A curve with constant unit tangent T has zero curvature κ .
- (c) It is possible to find a tessellation of the torus with 100 vertices, 92 edges and 76 faces.
- (d) A cylinder has Gaussian curvature which is everywhere positive.
- (e) There exists a surface with principal curvatures $\lambda_1 > 0$ and $\lambda_2 < 0$ and Gaussian curvature zero.

[10 marks]

2. (a) Define the tangent space, $T_s S$ to a submanifold $S \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ at a point $s \in S$.
- (b) Assume that $\psi: U \rightarrow S$ is a parametrisation of S where U is open in \mathbb{R}^n . Show that $T_s S = \text{im } \psi'(x)$ if $s = \psi(x)$. You may assume that $\dim(T_s S) = n$.
- (c) Consider the submanifold defined by the equation $x^2 + y^2 = z$ in \mathbb{R}^3 . Find the tangent space at a general point.

[10 marks]

3. (a) Let $\gamma: (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be a parametrised curve. Define T , N and B .

(b) Consider the parametrised curve C with parametrisation $\gamma(t) = (t, t, \frac{t^2}{2})$.

(i) Is γ an arc-length parametrisation of C ? Justify your answer.

(ii) Find T , N and B for C .

(iii) Compute the curvature κ and the torsion τ of the curve C .

You may assume the Frenet Formulae: $\dot{T} = \kappa N$, $\dot{N} = -\kappa T + \tau B$ and $\dot{B} = -\tau N$.

[20 marks]

4. Consider the paraboloid P defined by the equation $x^2 + y^2 = z$.

(a) Find a parametrisation whose image is all of P (do not prove it is a parametrisation just write it down).

(b) Compute the normal to P oriented to that it points up at $(0, 0, 0)$.

(c) Compute the Mean and Gaussian curvature of P .

[15 marks]

5. (a) (i) Define what the volume form vol_S of an n dimensional oriented submanifold S is.
 (ii) If $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a smooth function explain how you would integrate $f \text{vol}_S$ over the image of an oriented parametrisation $\psi: U \rightarrow S$ where $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is open.
 (b) Consider the surface T in \mathbb{R}^3 defined by the equation

$$(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - R)^2 + z^2 = r^2$$

for $0 < r < R$.

- (i) Sketch this surface, draw a tessellation on it and compute its Euler characteristic.
 (ii) If R is the Gaussian curvature of this surface what does the Gauss Bonnet theorem predict that $\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_T R \text{vol}_T$ is ? (Don't try and compute this integral.)

[15 marks]