

1. From the equation $\langle (\mathbf{x}_{uu})_v - (\mathbf{x}_{uv})_u, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle = 0$, show

$$ln - m^2 = \partial_v [\langle \Gamma_{uu}^u \mathbf{x}_u + \Gamma_{uu}^v \mathbf{x}_v, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle] - \partial_u [\langle \Gamma_{uv}^u \mathbf{x}_u + \Gamma_{uv}^v \mathbf{x}_v, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle] \\ - \langle \Gamma_{uu}^u \mathbf{x}_u + \Gamma_{uu}^v \mathbf{x}_v, \Gamma_{vv}^u \mathbf{x}_u + \Gamma_{vv}^v \mathbf{x}_v \rangle + \langle \Gamma_{uv}^u \mathbf{x}_u + \Gamma_{uv}^v \mathbf{x}_v, \Gamma_{uv}^u \mathbf{x}_u + \Gamma_{uv}^v \mathbf{x}_v \rangle. \quad (1)$$

Since all quantities on the right-hand side of (1) can be computed from knowledge of E , F , and G alone, we concluded that one can compute Gauss curvature from the first fundamental form.

Solution:

Observe that

$$\langle (\mathbf{x}_{uu})_v, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle = \partial_v \langle \mathbf{x}_{uu}, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle - \langle \mathbf{x}_{uu}, \mathbf{x}_{vv} \rangle.$$

Since $\langle U, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle = 0$,

$$\langle \mathbf{x}_{uu}, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle = \langle \Gamma_{uu}^u \mathbf{x}_u + \Gamma_{uu}^v \mathbf{x}_v, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle.$$

Moreover, since $\langle U, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle = 0$, $\langle U, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle = 0$, and $\langle U, U \rangle = 1$ we have

$$\langle \mathbf{x}_{uu}, \mathbf{x}_{vv} \rangle = \langle \Gamma_{uu}^u \mathbf{x}_u + \Gamma_{uu}^v \mathbf{x}_v, \Gamma_{vv}^u \mathbf{x}_u + \Gamma_{vv}^v \mathbf{x}_v \rangle + A_{uu}A_{vv}.$$

Since $A_{uu} = l$ and $A_{vv} = n$ we conclude

$$\langle (\mathbf{x}_{uu})_v, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle = \partial_v \langle \Gamma_{uu}^u \mathbf{x}_u + \Gamma_{uu}^v \mathbf{x}_v, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle - \langle \Gamma_{uu}^u \mathbf{x}_u + \Gamma_{uu}^v \mathbf{x}_v, \Gamma_{vv}^u \mathbf{x}_u + \Gamma_{vv}^v \mathbf{x}_v \rangle - ln.$$

A similar computation shows

$$\langle (\mathbf{x}_{uv})_u, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle = \partial_u [\langle \Gamma_{uv}^u \mathbf{x}_u + \Gamma_{uv}^v \mathbf{x}_v, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle] - \langle \Gamma_{uv}^u \mathbf{x}_u + \Gamma_{uv}^v \mathbf{x}_v, \Gamma_{uv}^u \mathbf{x}_u + \Gamma_{uv}^v \mathbf{x}_v \rangle - m^2.$$

Subtracting these equations and using the fact that $\langle (\mathbf{x}_{uu})_v - (\mathbf{x}_{uv})_u, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle = 0$ we arrive at the desired equation.

2. Without computing anything new, write down an analogous formula to (1) that would be obtained from the equation $\langle (\mathbf{x}_{vv})_u - (\mathbf{x}_{vu})_v, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle = 0$.

Solution:

We obtain this equation by swapping the roles of u and v . This has the effect of also interchanging E and G as well as l and n . We obtain

$$nl - m^2 = \partial_u [\langle \Gamma_{vv}^u \mathbf{x}_u + \Gamma_{vv}^v \mathbf{x}_v, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle] - \partial_v [\langle \Gamma_{vu}^v \mathbf{x}_v + \Gamma_{vu}^u \mathbf{x}_u, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle] \\ - \langle \Gamma_{vv}^v \mathbf{x}_v + \Gamma_{vv}^u \mathbf{x}_u, \Gamma_{uu}^v \mathbf{x}_v + \Gamma_{uu}^u \mathbf{x}_u \rangle + \langle \Gamma_{vu}^v \mathbf{x}_v + \Gamma_{vu}^u \mathbf{x}_u, \Gamma_{vu}^v \mathbf{x}_v + \Gamma_{vu}^u \mathbf{x}_u \rangle. \quad (2)$$

3. Compute a formula analogous to (1) that would be obtained from

$$\langle (\mathbf{x}_{uu})_v - (\mathbf{x}_{uv})_u, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle = 0.$$

This one requires actual computation.

Solution:

We have

$$\langle (\mathbf{x}_{uu})_v, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle = \partial_v \langle \mathbf{x}_{uu}, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle - \langle \mathbf{x}_{uu}, \mathbf{x}_{uv} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \partial_v \partial_u \langle \mathbf{x}_u, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle - \langle \mathbf{x}_{uu}, \mathbf{x}_{uv} \rangle.$$

We also have

$$\langle (\mathbf{x}_{uv})_u, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle = \partial_u \langle \mathbf{x}_{uv}, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle - \langle \mathbf{x}_{uv}, \mathbf{x}_{uv} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \partial_u \partial_v \langle \mathbf{x}_u, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle - \langle \mathbf{x}_{uv}, \mathbf{x}_{uv} \rangle.$$

Hence

$$\langle (\mathbf{x}_{uu})_v - \mathbf{x}_{uv})_u, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \partial_v \partial_u \langle \mathbf{x}_u, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle - \frac{1}{2} \partial_u \partial_v \langle \mathbf{x}_u, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle = \frac{1}{2} (E_{vu} - E_{uv}) = 0.$$

4. Show that $\langle (\mathbf{x}_{uu})_v - (\mathbf{x}_{uv})_u, U \rangle = 0$ implies the equation

$$l_v - m_u = \Gamma_{uv}^u l + (\Gamma_{uv}^u - \Gamma_{uu}^u) m - \Gamma_{uu}^v n$$

This is one of the two Codazzi-Mainardi equations. The other Codazzi-Mainardi equation comes from $\langle (\mathbf{x}_{vv})_u - (\mathbf{x}_{vu})_v, U \rangle = 0$. For extra credit, write down what this other equation is. (Do no hard work).

Solution:

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (\mathbf{x}_{uu})_v, U \rangle &= \partial_v \langle \mathbf{x}_{uu}, U \rangle - \langle \mathbf{x}_{uu}, U_v \rangle \\ &= \partial_v l - \langle \mathbf{x}_{uu}, U_v \rangle \\ &= l_v - \langle \Gamma_{uu}^u \mathbf{x}_u + \Gamma_{uu}^v \mathbf{x}_v, U_v \rangle \\ &= l_v - \Gamma_{uu}^u \langle \mathbf{x}_u, -S \mathbf{x}_v \rangle - \Gamma_{uu}^v \langle \mathbf{x}_v, -S \mathbf{x}_v \rangle \\ &= l_v + \Gamma_{uu}^u m - \Gamma_{uu}^v n. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (\mathbf{x}_{uv})_u, U \rangle &= \partial_u \langle \mathbf{x}_{uv}, U \rangle - \langle \mathbf{x}_{uv}, U_u \rangle \\ &= m_u + \Gamma_{uv}^u l + \Gamma_{uv}^v n. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$l_v - m_u = \Gamma_{uv}^u l + (\Gamma_{uv}^v - \Gamma_{uu}^v) m - \Gamma_{uu}^v n.$$

The other equation comes from swapping the roles of u and v to obtain

$$n_u - m_v = \Gamma_{vu}^v n + (\Gamma_{uv}^u - \Gamma_{vv}^u) m - \Gamma_{vv}^u l.$$

5. Let f , g , and h be functions of u and v . Show that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{gh}} \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \left(\frac{f_v}{\sqrt{gh}} \right) = \frac{f_{vv}}{gh} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{f_v g_v}{g^2 h} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{f_v h_v}{gh^2}.$$

Solution:

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{gh}} \frac{\partial}{\partial v} \left(\frac{f_v}{\sqrt{gh}} \right) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{gh}} \left[\frac{f_{vv}}{\sqrt{gh}} - \frac{1}{2} f_v \frac{g_v h + g h_v}{(gh)^{3/2}} \right] \\ &= \frac{f_{vv}}{gh} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{f_v g_v}{g^2 h} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{f_v h_v}{gh^2}. \end{aligned}$$

6. Suppose for some chart \mathbf{x} that $F = 0$ everywhere. Compute all the Christoffel symbols for this chart in terms of E and G and their derivatives.

Solution:

The equations for the Christoffel symbols become trivial to solve if $F = 0$ and we have

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma_{uu}^u &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{E_u}{E} \right) & \Gamma_{uv}^u &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{E_v}{E} \right) & \Gamma_{vv}^u &= -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{G_u}{E} \right) \\ \Gamma_{uu}^v &= -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{E_v}{G} \right) & \Gamma_{uv}^v &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{G_u}{G} \right) & \Gamma_{vv}^v &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{G_v}{G} \right)\end{aligned}$$

7. Suppose for some chart \mathbf{x} that $F = 0$ everywhere. Use (1) and the previous two problems to show that

$$K = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{EG}} \left[\partial_v \left(\frac{E_v}{\sqrt{EG}} \right) + \partial_u \left(\frac{G_u}{\sqrt{EG}} \right) \right].$$

Solution:

Note that if $F = 0$, then $K = (ln - m^2)/(EG)$. Hence (1) can be written (using the fact that $\langle \mathbf{x}_v, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle = F = 0$,

$$K \cdot EG = \partial_v [\Gamma_{uu}^v G] - \partial_u [\Gamma_{uv}^v G] - \Gamma_{uu}^u \Gamma_{vv}^u E - \Gamma_{uu}^v \Gamma_{vv}^u G + \Gamma_{uv}^u \Gamma_{uv}^u E + \Gamma_{uv}^v \Gamma_{uv}^v G.$$

Using our computations of the Christoffel symbols in the previous problem we have

$$K \cdot EG = -\frac{1}{2} \partial_v E_v - \frac{1}{2} \partial_u G_u + \frac{1}{4} \frac{E_u G_u}{E} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{E_v G_v}{G} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{E_v E_v}{E} + \frac{G_u G_u}{G}.$$

Hence

$$K = -\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{E_{vv}}{EG} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{E_v G_v}{EG^2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{E_v E_v}{E^2 G} \right] - \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{G_{uu}}{EG} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{G_u G_u}{EG^2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{G_u E_u}{E^2 G} \right].$$

By Problem 4 applied twice we conclude that

$$K = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{EG}} \left[\partial_v \left(\frac{E_v}{\sqrt{EG}} \right) + \partial_u \left(\frac{G_u}{\sqrt{EG}} \right) \right].$$

8. Suppose for some chart \mathbf{x} that $E = 1$ and $F = 0$ everywhere. Show that

$$K = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{G}} \frac{\partial}{\partial u^2} \sqrt{G}.$$

Solution:

We note that

$$\partial_u \sqrt{G} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{G}} G_u = \frac{1}{2} \frac{G_u}{\sqrt{G}}.$$

Now if $E = 1$ and $F = 0$ everywhere, then our computation from problem 6 reads

$$K = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{G}} \partial_u \left[\frac{G_u}{\sqrt{G}} \right] = -\frac{1}{G} \partial_u \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{G_u}{\sqrt{G}} \right] = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{G}} \partial_u^2 \sqrt{G}.$$

9. Consider the surface of revolution $\mathbf{x}(u, v) = (f(u) \cos(v), g(u), f(u) \sin(v))$ where $(f')^2 + (g')^2 = 1$. Write down what E , F , and G are for this chart and compute K from E , F , and G .

Solution:

We have already computed for such a chart that $E = 1$, $F = 0$, and $G = (f(u))^2$. By the previous problem then,

$$K = -\frac{1}{f(u)} \partial_u^2 f(u) = -\frac{f''(u)}{f(u)}.$$