

1. Find an isometry from a part of the xy -plane to the cone

$$\mathbf{x}(u, v) = (v \cos u, v \sin u, v)$$

where $u > 0$ and $0 < v < 2\pi$.

2. We have a chart into the helicoid given by $\mathbf{x}(u, v) = (u \cos v, u \sin v, v)$. We have a chart into the catenoid given by $\mathbf{y}(u, v) = (\cosh u \cos v, \cosh u \sin v, u)$. In these charts we restrict $0 < v < 2\pi$.

Show that the map taking $\mathbf{y}(u, v)$ to $\mathbf{x}(\sinh u, v)$ is an isometry. This shows that the catenoid is locally isometric to the helicoid.

3. Define charts \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} as in the previous problem. For each t , define

$$\mathbf{x}^t = \cos t \mathbf{y}(u, v + t) + \sin t \mathbf{x}(\sinh u, v + t - \pi/2)$$

Show that $\mathbf{x}^0 = \mathbf{y}$, $\mathbf{x}^{\pi/2} = \mathbf{x}$ and that for each t , show that the map taking $\mathbf{x}(u, v)$ to $\mathbf{x}^t(u, v)$ is an isometry.

For extra credit, use Maple to generate an animation showing this deformation (by isometries) from the catenoid to the helicoid.

4. Let V be a vector space and let A and B be symmetric bilinear forms on V such that $A(v, v) = B(v, v)$ for all $v \in V$. Show that $A = B$.

Hint: Show that $A(v, w)$ can be written in terms an expression only involving terms of the form $A(z, z)$ for certain vectors z .