

Homework 11 (submit by 22.06.2017)

1. Consider the surface $r(u, v) = (u \sin v, u \cos v, v)$ in \mathbb{R}^3 . Find
 - (a) the first fundamental form
 - (b) the area of the triangle on the surface defined by $0 \leq v \leq v_0$, $0 \leq u \leq \sinh v$
 - (c) the lengths of the sides of the triangle
 - (d) the angles of the triangle.

2. Prove that for any orthonormal basis e_1, e_2 of a tangent plane to a surface, the mean curvature equals

$$\frac{1}{2}(\text{II}(e_1, e_1) + \text{II}(e_2, e_2)),$$

where $\text{II}(\cdot, \cdot)$ is the second fundamental form of the surface.

[Hint: Use Euler's theorem.]

3. Consider a surface for which both the Gaussian and the mean curvatures are identically equal to zero. Prove that any such surface is a subset of a plane.

[Hint: A surface $r = r(u, v)$ is a subset of a plane if (a) its unit normal n is everywhere constant and (b) the radius vector r has constant projection on n , i.e., $\langle r, n \rangle$ is constant. First show that the second fundamental form is everywhere 0, then show (a) by differentiating $\langle r_u, n \rangle = 0$ and $\langle r_v, n \rangle = 0$.]