

PG Department of Mathematics
QUESTION BANK

Differential Geometry

- Given $V = y^2U_1 - xU_3, f = xy, g = z^3$, find
 - $V[f]$ and $V[g]$
 - $V[f^2 + g^2]$
 - $V[fg]$
 - $V[V(f)]$
- Define p -differential forms on \mathbb{R}^3 .
Evaluate the 1-form $\phi = x^2dx - y^2dz$ on
 - $V = xU_1 + yU_2 + zU_3$
 - $W = xy(U_1 - U_2) + yz(U_1 - U_3)$
 - $\frac{1}{x}V + \frac{1}{y}W$.
- Define
 - Exterior derivative of a 1-form on \mathbb{R}^3 .
 - A mapping from \mathbb{R}^m to \mathbb{R}^n
- Briefly explain the effect of the mapping $F: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ on \mathbb{R}^3 , where
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If $F(u, v) = (u^2 - v^2, 2uv)$, find all the points p for which
- Write Frenet equations for unit speed curves and derive the same
- Consider the unit speed curve
 $\beta(s) = \left(\frac{(1+s)^{3/2}}{3}, \frac{(1-s)^{3/2}}{3}, \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$ Find the Frenet apparatus for the same.

8. Prove the following

(i) $\nabla_{av_p + bw_p} X = a\nabla_{v_p} X + b\nabla_{w_p} X$

(ii) $\nabla_{v_p} (aX + bY) = a\nabla_{v_p} X + b\nabla_{v_p} Y$

(iii) $\nabla_{v_p} (X \cdot Y) = \nabla_{v_p} X \cdot Y(p) + X(p) \cdot \nabla_{v_p} Y$

$$\nabla_{v_p} (fX) = v_p(f)X(p) + f(p)\nabla_{v_p} X$$

9. Define

(i) An isometry of \mathbb{R}^3

(ii) Translation mapping

10. Further prove that every translation is an isometry and the composite mapping $G \circ F$ of two isometries 'G' and 'F' is again an isometry.

11. Define a co-ordinate patch and a proper patch in \mathbb{R}^3 . Prove that the surface M obtained by translating a regular curve along some line l' is a surface in \mathbb{R}^3

12. Explain the parametrization of Torus in \mathbb{R}^3 . Further use the parametrization to show that curve $(z - 2)^2 + y^2 = 1$ revolved around z-axis is a Torus

13. Establish that the stereographic projection of the punctured sphere Σ onto the plane is a mapping

14. Let $F: M \rightarrow N$ be a mapping of surfaces and let ξ and η be p -forms on N then prove that

(i) $F^*(\xi + \eta) = F^*(\xi) + F^*(\eta)$

(ii) $F^*(\xi \wedge \eta) = F^*(\xi) \wedge F^*(\eta)$

$$F^*(d\xi) = d(F^*(\xi))$$

15. Define shape operator and find the shape operators of

Plane (ii) Cylinder

16. Define Gaussian curvature and mean curvature of a surface in \mathbb{R}^3 . Under what conditions do we call a surface flat or minimal? Explain.

17. Show that

(i) $S(v) \times S(w) = K(p)(v \times w)$

18. $(S(v) \times S(w)) + (v \times S(w)) = 2(H(p))(v \times w)$ where the terms carry their usual meaning.

19. Compute the Gaussian and mean curvature of a saddle surface

20. Show that helicoid is a minimal surface.

21. Define (i) Tangent vector (ii) Vector field in \mathbb{R}^3 .

22. Let $V_1 = U_1 - xU_3, V_2 = U_2, V_3 = xU_1 + U_3$, then express $xU_1 + yU_2 + zU_3$ as a linear combination of V_1, V_2, V_3
23. Define directional derivative of a real valued function on \mathbb{R}^3 .
Let v_p and w_p be two tangent vectors to \mathbb{R}^3 at p , f and g be real valued differentiable functions on \mathbb{R}^3 and $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, then, prove that
- (j) $[av_p + bw_p]f = av_p[f] + bw_p[f]$
- (jj) $v_p[af + bg] = av_p[f] + bv_p[g]$
- $v_p(f \cdot g) = v_p[f] \cdot g(p) + f(p) \cdot v_p[g]$
24. Define reparametrization of a curve in \mathbb{R}^3 . Further explain the concept of instantaneous velocity of curve by visualizing it as a moving point.
25. Explain how a straight line and a helix are curves in \mathbb{R}^3 ?
26. If ϕ and ψ are 1-forms then prove that $d(\phi \wedge \psi) = d\phi \wedge \psi + \phi \wedge d\psi$.
27. State Frenet formulae. Further explain the geometrical and physical meanings of all the Frenet apparatus, T, N, B, κ, τ .
28. Find the Frenet apparatus for the unit speed helix $\beta(s) = \left(a \cos \frac{s}{c}, a \sin \frac{s}{c}, b \frac{s}{c} \right)$ where $c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$.
29. If $C: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ is an orthogonal transformation then show that C is an isometry on \mathbb{R}^3 .
30. Compute connection forms and connection equations of cylindrical frame fields given by $E_1 = \cos\theta U_1 + \sin\theta U_2, E_2 = \sin\theta U_1 + \cos\theta U_2, E_3 = U_3$.
31. Prove that a unit sphere Σ is a surface in \mathbb{R}^3 .
32. Write a short note on patch computations including details of u and v parameter curves and partial velocities. Further establish the parametrization of a surface obtained by revolving a curve around an axis.
33. Define rulings of a surface. Show that the Saddle surface $M: z = xy$ is a doubly ruled surface.
34. Let M be a right circular cone parametrized by $X(u, v) = (v \cos u, v \sin u, v)$
35. Let α be a curve such that $\alpha(t) = (t\sqrt{2}, e^t)$ on M the find $\alpha'(t)$ in terms of X_u and X_v .
Also show that at each point of α , α' bisects the angle between X_u and X_v .
36. If p is an umbilic point on a surface M then prove that the shape operator S at p is just a scalar multiplication by the normal curvature

$$K = K_1 = K_2.$$

- 37.** If p is a non umbilic point then prove that there exists exactly two principal directions which are orthogonal and further prove that if e_1 and e_2 are principal vendors in these directions then $S(e_1) = k_1e_1$ and $S(e_2) = k_2e_2$
- 38.** Define normal curvature of a surface in \mathbb{R}^3 . Brief on how does determining the normal section for a surface explain the shape of surface in \mathbb{R}^3
- 39.** Compute the Gaussian and mean curvature, of a helicoid.
- 40.** Define geodesics of a surface in \mathbb{R}^3 . Obtain the geodesics for a plane, sphere and cylinder in \mathbb{R}^3 .