

EXAMINATION PAPER

Examination Session: May/June

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Exam Code:

MATH3021-WE01

Title:

Differential Geometry III

Time (for guidance only):	3 hours	
Additional Material provided:		
Materials Permitted:		
Calculators Permitted:	Yes	Models Permitted: There is no restriction on the model of calculator which may be used.

Credit will be given for your answers to all questions. All questions carry the same marks.	
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To receive credit, your answers must show your working and explain your reasoning.	

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Q1 Let $\boldsymbol{\alpha} : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}^3$ be the space curve

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha}(t) = (t, \sinh t, \cosh t).$$

- **1.1** Is α smooth? Is α regular? Is α simple?
- **1.2** Compute the curvature and torsion of α .
- **1.3** Let $S = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : z^2 y^2 = 1, z > 0\}$. Show that *S* is a regular surface and that α is a curve in *S*. Compute the geodesic curvature of α .
- **1.4** Using the parametrisation $\mathbf{x}(u, v) = (u, v, \sqrt{1 + v^2})$, compute the mean curvature of *S*.
- **Q2** 2.1 Let $\alpha : I \to \mathbb{R}^2$ be a smooth unit speed curve with

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha}'(s) = (\cos\theta(s), \sin\theta(s))$$

and assume that $\theta : I \to \mathbb{R}$ is also smooth. Find the curvature $\kappa : I \to \mathbb{R}$ of α as an expression in the function θ .

- **2.2** Let $\boldsymbol{\beta} : \boldsymbol{I} \to \mathbb{R}^2$ be a smooth unit speed curve with nowhere vanishing curvature function κ . Let $\boldsymbol{e} : \boldsymbol{I} \to \mathbb{R}^2$ be its evolute. Assume that \boldsymbol{e} is constant, that is, there exists $\boldsymbol{p}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^2$ with $\boldsymbol{e}(\boldsymbol{s}) = \boldsymbol{p}_0$ for all $\boldsymbol{s} \in \boldsymbol{I}$. Show that the trace of $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ is contained in a circle centred at \boldsymbol{p}_0 and find the radius of this circle.
- **2.3** Let $\gamma : I \to \mathbb{R}^3$ be a smooth unit speed curve with principal normal *n* and binormal *b*. Assume that there exist smooth functions $f, g : I \to \mathbb{R}$ with

$$\boldsymbol{\gamma}(s) = f(s)\boldsymbol{n}(s) + g(s)\boldsymbol{b}(s).$$

Show that there exists c > 0 such that $f^2(s) + g^2(s) = c$ for all $s \in I$. Express κ and τ in terms of f, g and g'. Show that f(s) < 0 for all $s \in I$ and that $\kappa(s) \ge 1/\sqrt{c}$ for all $s \in I$.

Q3 Consider the parametrised surface \boldsymbol{x} : $\boldsymbol{U} = (0, 1) \times (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$,

$$\boldsymbol{x}(u,v) = \left(u - \frac{u^3}{3} + uv^2, v - \frac{v^3}{3} + vu^2, u^2 - v^2\right).$$

- **3.1** Calculate the coefficients of the first fundamental form with respect to *x*.
- **3.2** Calculate a Gauss map $N : \mathbf{x}(U) \rightarrow S^2$.
- **3.3** Calculate the coefficients of the second fundamental form with respect to *x*.
- **3.4** Calculate the principal curvatures and determine the umbilical points.

Q4 Consider the upper half plane model $\mathbb{H}^2 = \{(u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : v > 0\}$ of the hyperbolic plane, with first fundamental form given by

$$E(u, v) = \frac{1}{v^2}, \quad F(u, v) = 0, \quad G(u, v) = \frac{1}{v^2}.$$

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- **4.1** Describe the shape of all geodesics in \mathbb{H}^2 (you do not need to prove this).
- **4.2** Let a < b and c > 0. Calculate the hyperbolic area of the subset

$$R := \{(u, v) \in \mathbb{H}^2 : a \leq u \leq b, v \geq c\}.$$

- **4.3** Calculate the geodesic curvature of the curve $\gamma : [a, b] \to \mathbb{H}^2$, $\gamma(t) = (t, c)$ for some constant c > 0.
- **4.4** State the Gauss-Bonnet Theorem and explain all involved terms. Using the fact that \mathbb{H}^2 has constant Gauss curvature -1 (without proof), verify in full detail that the Gauss-Bonnet Theorem holds for the set *R*.
- **Q5** Let $\mathbf{x} : U \to \mathbb{R}^3$ be a global parametrisation of a regular surface S and $\mathbf{N} : U \to S^2$ be a unit length normal, that is $\mathbf{N}(u, v) \perp T_{\mathbf{x}(u,v)}S$ and $||\mathbf{N}(u, v)|| = 1$ for all $(u, v) \in U$. For every $t \in \mathbb{R}$, we consider the set $S_t \subset \mathbb{R}^3$, defined as the image of the global parametrisation

$$\boldsymbol{y}(\boldsymbol{u},\boldsymbol{v}) = \boldsymbol{x}(\boldsymbol{u},\boldsymbol{v}) + t\boldsymbol{N}(\boldsymbol{u},\boldsymbol{v}).$$

We will assume that, for |t| > 0 small, the sets S_t are again regular surfaces.

5.1 Prove the identity

$$\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{N}}{\partial u} \times \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{N}}{\partial v} = K \boldsymbol{x}_{u} \times \boldsymbol{x}_{v},$$

where K is the Gaussian curvature of S, viewed as a function on U.

5.2 Let E, F, G be the coefficients of the first fundamental form of y. Express

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial t}\Big|_{t=0}, \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}\Big|_{t=0}, \quad \frac{\partial G}{\partial t}\Big|_{t=0}$$

in terms of the coefficients of the second fundamental form of *x*.

5.3 Show that

$$\boldsymbol{y}_{u} \times \boldsymbol{y}_{v} = (1 - 2Ht + Kt^{2})\boldsymbol{x}_{u} \times \boldsymbol{x}_{v},$$

where H is the mean curvature of the surface S, viewed as a function on U.

5.4 Assume that the Gauss curvature *K* and the mean curvature *H* of *S* are globally bounded. Express, for small |t| > 0, the Gauss curvature of the regular surface *S*_t in terms of *t*, the Gauss curvature *K* and the mean curvature *H* of *S*.