

Solutions 11-12

11.1. Let $a > 0$. Construct explicitly a local isometry from the plane $P = \{(u, v, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid u, v \in \mathbb{R}\}$ onto the cylinder $S = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x^2 + y^2 = a^2\}$.

Solution:

A canonical parametrization of the plane P is

$$\mathbf{x}: U = \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow P, \quad \mathbf{x}(u, v) = (u, v, 0).$$

Clearly, $\mathbf{x}_u = (1, 0, 0)$, $\mathbf{x}_v = (0, 1, 0)$ and $E = \langle \mathbf{x}_u, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle = 1$, $F = \langle \mathbf{x}_u, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle = 0$ and $G = \langle \mathbf{x}_v, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle = 1$.

We define a candidate for the isometry via this parametrisation

$$f: P \longrightarrow S, \quad f(u, v, 0) := (a \cos(\omega u), a \sin(\omega u), v)$$

for some positive constant $\omega > 0$ (we could also interchange the role of u and v) (more precisely, we define $f \circ \mathbf{x}: U \longrightarrow S$). In order to check that f is a local isometry, we just need to calculate the coefficients of the fundamental form of S with respect to the (local) parametrisation $f \circ \mathbf{x}$, and see whether they equal E , F and G . But here we have

$$f_u = (f \circ \mathbf{x})_u = (-a\omega \sin(\omega u), a\omega \cos(\omega u), 0) \quad \text{and} \quad f_v = (f \circ \mathbf{x})_v = (0, 0, 1),$$

so that

$$\tilde{E} = \langle f_u, f_u \rangle = a^2 \omega^2, \quad \tilde{F} = \langle f_u, f_v \rangle = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{G} = \langle f_v, f_v \rangle = 1.$$

We have $\tilde{F} = F$ and $\tilde{G} = G$. In order to have $\tilde{E} = E$, we need $\omega = 1/a$, then f is a local isometry (by Proposition 8.15).

11.2. (*) Let b be a positive number such that $\sqrt{1+b^2}$ is an integer n . Let S be the circular cone obtained by rotating the curve given by $\alpha(v) = (v, 0, bv)$, $v > 0$, about the z -axis. Let the coordinate xy -plane P be parametrized by polar coordinates (r, ϑ) :

$$\mathbf{x}: U = (0, \infty) \times (0, 2\pi) \longrightarrow P, \quad \mathbf{x}(r, \vartheta) = (r \cos \vartheta, r \sin \vartheta, 0).$$

Show that the map $f: P \setminus \{(0, 0, 0)\} \longrightarrow S$ defined on $\mathbf{x}(U)$ by

$$f(\mathbf{x}(r, \vartheta)) = \frac{1}{n}(r \cos n\vartheta, r \sin n\vartheta, br)$$

is a local isometry on $\mathbf{x}(U)$.

Solution:

We have

$$\mathbf{x}_r = (\cos \vartheta, \sin \vartheta, 0) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{x}_\vartheta = (-r \sin \vartheta, r \cos \vartheta, 0),$$

so that the coefficients of the first fundamental form of P with respect to the parametrization \mathbf{x} (*polar coordinates — parametrized $P \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$*) are

$$E(r, \vartheta) = 1, \quad F(r, \vartheta) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad G(r, \vartheta) = r^2.$$

Now calculate

$$f_r := (f \circ \mathbf{x})_r = \frac{1}{n}(\cos(n\vartheta), \sin(n\vartheta), b) \quad \text{and} \quad f_\vartheta := (f \circ \mathbf{x})_\vartheta = (-r \sin(n\vartheta), r \cos(n\vartheta), 0),$$

so that

$$\tilde{E} := \langle f_r, f_r \rangle = \frac{1+b^2}{n^2}, \quad \tilde{F} := \langle f_r, f_\vartheta \rangle = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{G} := \langle f_\vartheta, f_\vartheta \rangle = r^2.$$

By assumption, $(1+b^2)/n^2 = 1$, so that $\tilde{E} = E$, $\tilde{F} = F$ and $\tilde{G} = G$, hence f is a local isometry by Proposition 8.15.

11.3. Let S_1, S_2, S_3 be regular surfaces.

- Suppose that $f: S_1 \rightarrow S_2$ and $g: S_2 \rightarrow S_3$ are local isometries. Prove that $g \circ f: S_1 \rightarrow S_3$ is a local isometry.
- Suppose that $f: S_1 \rightarrow S_2$ and $g: S_2 \rightarrow S_3$ are conformal maps with conformal factors $\lambda: S_1 \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ and $\mu: S_2 \rightarrow (0, \infty)$, respectively. Prove that $g \circ f: S_1 \rightarrow S_3$ is a conformal map and calculate its conformal factor. (The conformal factor of a conformal map is the function appearing as factor in front of the inner product in the definition.)
- Let f and g be conformal maps with conformal factors λ and μ as in the previous part. Find a condition on λ and μ such that $g \circ f$ is a (local) isometry.

Solution:

- By the definition of a local isometry,

$$\langle d_{p_1} f(\mathbf{v}_1), d_{p_1} f(\mathbf{w}_1) \rangle_{f(p_1)} = \langle \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}_1 \rangle_{p_1} \quad \text{and} \quad \langle d_{p_2} g(\mathbf{v}_2), d_{p_2} g(\mathbf{w}_2) \rangle_{g(p_2)} = \langle \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{w}_2 \rangle_{p_2}$$

for all $p_1 \in S_1$, $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}_1 \in T_{p_1} S_1$ and $p_2 \in S_2$, $\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{w}_2 \in T_{p_2} S_2$.

This notation is also already part of the solution: applying these two equations with $p_2 = f(p_1)$, $\mathbf{v}_2 = d_{p_1} f(\mathbf{v}_1)$ and $\mathbf{w}_2 = d_{p_1} f(\mathbf{w}_1)$, and using the chain rule

$$d_{p_1}(g \circ f)(\mathbf{w}_1) = d_{f(p_1)} g(d_{p_1} f(\mathbf{w}_1))$$

for all $p_1 \in S_1$ and $\mathbf{w}_1 \in T_{p_1} S_1$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \langle d_{p_1}(g \circ f)(\mathbf{v}_1), d_{p_1}(g \circ f)f(\mathbf{w}_1) \rangle_{(g \circ f)(p_1)} &= \langle d_{f(p_1)} g(d_{p_1} f(\mathbf{v}_1)), d_{f(p_1)} g(d_{p_1} f(\mathbf{w}_1)) \rangle_{(g(f(p_1)))} \\ &= \langle d_{p_1} f(\mathbf{v}_1), d_{p_1} f(\mathbf{w}_1) \rangle_{f(p_1)} \\ &= \langle \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}_1 \rangle_{p_1} \end{aligned}$$

using the chain rule for the first, the isometry of g for the second and the isometry of f for the last equality. Hence we have shown that $g \circ f$ is a local isometry using the definition.

- The proof is almost the same as the one of the first part: since f and g are conformal maps, we have

$$\langle d_{p_1} f(\mathbf{v}_1), d_{p_1} f(\mathbf{w}_1) \rangle_{f(p_1)} = \lambda(p_1) \langle \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}_1 \rangle_{p_1} \quad \text{and} \quad \langle d_{p_2} g(\mathbf{v}_2), d_{p_2} g(\mathbf{w}_2) \rangle_{g(p_2)} = \mu(p_2) \langle \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{w}_2 \rangle_{p_2}$$

for all $p_1 \in S_1$, $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}_1 \in T_{p_1} S_1$ and $p_2 \in S_2$, $\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{w}_2 \in T_{p_2} S_2$.

Applying these two equations with $p_2 = f(p_1)$, $\mathbf{v}_2 = d_{p_1} f(\mathbf{v}_1)$ and $\mathbf{w}_2 = d_{p_1} f(\mathbf{w}_1)$, and using again the chain rule we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \langle d_{p_1}(g \circ f)(\mathbf{v}_1), d_{p_1}(g \circ f)f(\mathbf{w}_1) \rangle_{(g \circ f)(p_1)} &= \langle d_{f(p_1)} g(d_{p_1} f(\mathbf{v}_1)), d_{f(p_1)} g(d_{p_1} f(\mathbf{w}_1)) \rangle_{(g(f(p_1)))} \\ &= \mu(f(p_1)) \langle d_{p_1} f(\mathbf{v}_1), d_{p_1} f(\mathbf{w}_1) \rangle_{f(p_1)} \\ &= \mu(f(p_1)) \lambda(p_1) \langle \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{w}_1 \rangle_{p_1} \end{aligned}$$

using the chain rule for the first, the conformality of g for the second and the conformality of f for the last equality. Hence we have shown that $g \circ f$ is a conformal map with conformal factor

$$(\mu \circ f) \cdot \lambda: S_1 \longrightarrow (0, \infty), \quad p_1 \mapsto \mu(f(p_1))\lambda(p_1).$$

- (c) The third part is again rather trivial. We want that $(\mu \circ f) \cdot \lambda$ equals the constant function 1 on S_1 , i.e., that

$$\mu(f(p_1)) = \frac{1}{\lambda(p_1)}$$

for all $p_1 \in S_1$. In particular, we do not need any restriction on the behaviour of μ outside the range $f(S_1)$ of f .

11.4. Let S be the surface of revolution parametrized by

$$\mathbf{x}(u, v) = \left(\cos v \cos u, \cos v \sin u, -\sin v + \log \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{v}{2}\right) \right),$$

where $0 < u < 2\pi, 0 < v < \pi/2$. Let S_1 be the region

$$S_1 = \{ \mathbf{x}(u, v) \mid 0 < u < \pi, 0 < v < \pi/2 \}$$

and let S_2 be the region

$$S_2 = \{ \mathbf{x}(u, v) \mid 0 < u < 2\pi, \pi/3 < v < \pi/2 \}.$$

Show that the map

$$\mathbf{x}(u, v) \mapsto \mathbf{x}\left(2u, \arccos\left(\frac{1}{2} \cos v\right)\right)$$

is an isometry from S_1 onto S_2 .

Solution:

The map $f: S_1 \longrightarrow S_2$ is actually a bijection (see below), so one can prove that it gives rise to a local parametrization; we will use Prop. 8.15 from the lectures and show that the coefficients E, F and G (w.r.t. the parametrization \mathbf{x}) are the same as the coefficients \tilde{E}, \tilde{F} and \tilde{G} w.r.t. the parametrization

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(u, v) := \mathbf{x}\left(2u, \arccos\left(\frac{1}{2} \cos v\right)\right).$$

Let us calculate E, F and G first. We have

$$\mathbf{x}_u = (-\cos v \sin u, \cos v \cos u, 0), \quad \mathbf{x}_v = (-\sin v \cos u, -\sin v \sin u, -\cos v + 1/\cos v),$$

as the derivative of g with $g(v) = -\sin v + \log \tan(\pi/4 + v/2)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} g'(v) &= -\cos v + \frac{1}{2} \left(\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{v}{2}\right) \right)^{-1} \tan'\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{v}{2}\right) \\ &= -\cos v + \frac{\cos(\pi/4 + v/2)}{2 \sin(\pi/4 + v/2) \cos^2(\pi/4 + v/2)} \\ &= -\cos v + \frac{1}{\sin(\pi/2 + v)} \\ &= -\cos v + \frac{1}{\cos v} = \frac{-\cos^2 v + 1}{\cos v} = \frac{\sin^2 v}{\cos v}. \end{aligned}$$

In particular,

$$\begin{aligned}
E(u, v) &= \cos^2 v, & F(u, v) &= 0, \\
G(u, v) &= \sin^2 v + \left(\frac{1}{\cos v} - \cos v \right)^2 \\
&= 1 - \cos^2 v + \frac{1}{\cos^2 v} - 2 + \cos^2 v \\
&= \frac{1}{\cos^2 v} - 1 = \frac{1 - \cos^2 v}{\cos^2 v} = \tan^2 v
\end{aligned}$$

Let us now calculate the coefficients w.r.t. the parametrization $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$ (make sure you use the arguments of the functions correctly):

$$\begin{aligned}
f_u(u, v) &= \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_u(u, v) = 2\mathbf{x}_u(2u, \arccos((\cos v)/2)) \\
f_v(u, v) &= \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_v(u, v) = \varphi'(v)\mathbf{x}_v(2u, \arccos((\cos v)/2)) \\
&= \frac{\sin v}{2\sqrt{1 - (\cos^2 v)/4}} \mathbf{x}_v(2u, \arccos((\cos v)/2))
\end{aligned}$$

since the derivative of φ given by $\varphi(v) = \arccos((\cos v)/2)$ is

$$\varphi'(v) = \frac{1}{2}(-\sin v) \arccos'((\cos v)/2) = \frac{\sin v}{2\sqrt{1 - (\cos^2 v)/4}}.$$

In particular,

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle f_u(u, v), f_u(u, v) \rangle &= \tilde{E}(u, v) = 4E(2u, \arccos((\cos v)/2)), \\
\langle f_u(u, v), f_v(u, v) \rangle &= \tilde{F}(u, v) = 2\varphi'(v)F(\dots) = 0 \\
\langle f_v(u, v), f_v(u, v) \rangle &= \tilde{G}(u, v) = \frac{\sin^2 v}{4(1 - (\cos^2 v)/4)} G(2u, \arccos((\cos v)/2)).
\end{aligned}$$

Let us now simplify these expressions in order to obtain $E = \tilde{E}$ and $G = \tilde{G}$ ($F = \tilde{F} = 0$ is already clear):

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{E}(u, v) &= 4E(2u, \arccos((\cos v)/2)) \\
&= 4\cos^2 \arccos((\cos v)/2) \\
&= 4((\cos v)/2)^2 = \cos^2 v = E(u, v),
\end{aligned}$$

as $\cos(\arccos z) = z$ for $z \in [-1, 1]$.

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{G}(u, v) &= \frac{\sin^2 v}{4(1 - (\cos^2 v)/4)} G(2u, \arccos((\cos v)/2)) \\
&= \frac{\sin^2 v}{4(1 - (\cos^2 v)/4)} \left(\frac{1}{\cos^2(\arccos((\cos v)/2))} - 1 \right) \\
&= \frac{\sin^2 v}{4(1 - (\cos^2 v)/4)} \left(\frac{1}{(\cos^2 v)/4} - 1 \right) \\
&= \frac{\sin^2 v}{4(1 - (\cos^2 v)/4)} \left(\frac{1 - \cos^2 v/4}{(\cos^2 v)/4} \right) \\
&= \frac{\sin^2 v}{\cos^2 v} = G(u, v)
\end{aligned}$$

(where we use the expression of $G(u, v)$ involving $\cos v$ only for the second equality).

Hence, by Proposition 8.15, f is a local isometry.

For f being an isometry, we also need that $f: S_1 \rightarrow S_2$ is a bijection: Basically, we map $(u, v) \in U_1 = (0, \pi) \times (0, \pi/2)$ onto $\Phi(u, v) := (2u, \arccos((\cos v)/2)) \in U_2 = (0, 2\pi) \times (\pi/3, \pi/2)$, and as

$$\psi: (0, \pi) \rightarrow (0, 2\pi), \quad \psi(u) = 2u$$

and

$$\varphi: (0, \pi/2) \rightarrow (\pi/3, \pi/2), \quad \varphi(v) = \arccos((\cos v)/2)$$

are both bijections, $\Phi: U_1 \rightarrow U_2$ is a bijection and hence also $f = \mathbf{x} \circ \Phi \circ \mathbf{x}^{-1}$.

12.1. (*) Let S be a surface of revolution. Prove that any rotation about the axis of revolution is an isometry of S .

Solution:

Let S be parametrised by $\mathbf{x}: U \rightarrow S$ with

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

and $U = (-\pi, \pi) \times J$ or $U = (0, 2\pi) \times J$, where $f: J \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ and $g: J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are the functions of the generating curve given by $v \mapsto (f(v), 0, g(v))$. We know that

$$E(u, v) = f(v)^2, \quad F(u, v) = 0, \quad G(u, v) = f'(v)^2 + g'(v)^2$$

The rotation R by an angle ϑ around the symmetry axis is define by

$$R(\mathbf{x}(u, v)) = \mathbf{x}(u + \vartheta, v)$$

(for appropriate parameter values $(u, v) \in U$ such that $(u + \vartheta, v) \in U$). Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} R_u(u, v) &= (R \circ \mathbf{x})_u(u, v) = \mathbf{x}_u(u + \vartheta, v) \\ R_v(u, v) &= (R \circ \mathbf{x})_v(u, v) = \mathbf{x}_v(u + \vartheta, v), \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{E}(u, v) &= \langle R_u(u, v), R_u(u, v) \rangle = \mathbf{x}_u(u + \vartheta, v) \cdot \mathbf{x}_u(u + \vartheta, v) = E(u + \vartheta, v) = f(v)^2 \\ &= E(u, v) \\ \tilde{F}(u, v) &= \langle R_u(u, v), R_v(u, v) \rangle = \mathbf{x}_u(u + \vartheta, v) \cdot \mathbf{x}_v(u + \vartheta, v) = 0 = F(u, v) \\ \tilde{G}(u, v) &= \langle R_v(u, v), R_v(u, v) \rangle = \mathbf{x}_v(u + \vartheta, v) \cdot \mathbf{x}_v(u + \vartheta, v) \\ &= G(u + \vartheta, v) = f'(v)^2 + g'(v)^2 = G(u, v) \end{aligned}$$

(in other words, the coefficients do not depend on the angle variable u).

Hence, f is a local isometry. Moreover, $R = R_\vartheta: S \rightarrow S$ is obviously a bijection, so it is a global isometry.

Alternatively, one can note that $R = R_\vartheta: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ is a linear orthogonal map, so its differential $d_p R_\vartheta = R_\vartheta$ preserves lengths of all tangent (to \mathbb{R}^3) vectors. This means that R_ϑ is a global isometry of any surface onto its image. Now, since $R_\vartheta(S) = S$, R_ϑ is a global isometry of S .

12.2. The disc model of the hyperbolic plane.

Let \mathbb{D} denote the unit disc $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x^2 + y^2 < 1\}$ with first fundamental form

$$\tilde{E} = \tilde{G} = \frac{4}{(1 - x^2 - y^2)^2}, \quad \tilde{F} = 0.$$

Let \mathbb{H} be the hyperbolic plane with coordinates $(u, v) \in \mathbb{R} \times (0, \infty)$ and first fundamental form

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

Show that the map $\mathbf{f}: \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ given by

$$\mathbf{f}(z) = \frac{z - i}{z + i}, \quad z = u + iv \in \mathbb{H},$$

is an isometry.

Solution: We can consider $(x, y) = (\operatorname{Re}(\mathbf{f}), \operatorname{Im}(\mathbf{f}))$ as a coordinate system on \mathbb{D} (the bijectivity can be checked easily, please also check that the differential is non-degenerate everywhere).

If we take a tangent vector $\mathbf{w} = (a, b) \in T_{(u,v)}\mathbb{H}$, then the square of its length is equal to

$$\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w} \rangle_{(u,v)} = (a \ b) \begin{pmatrix} E(u,v) & F(u,v) \\ F(u,v) & G(u,v) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = a^2 E + 2abF + b^2 G = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{v^2} = \frac{\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w} \rangle_{\text{Eucl}}}{v^2}$$

by the definition of the coefficients of the first fundamental form, where $\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w} \rangle_{\text{Eucl}}$ is the Euclidean dot product.

The differential of \mathbf{f} can be written as

$$d_{(u,v)}\mathbf{f} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x(u,v)}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x(u,v)}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y(u,v)}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y(u,v)}{\partial v} \end{pmatrix}, = (\mathbf{f}_u \ \mathbf{f}_v),$$

where

$$\mathbf{f}_u = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x(u,v)}{\partial u} \\ \frac{\partial y(u,v)}{\partial u} \end{pmatrix} = d_{(u,v)}\mathbf{f}((1, 0)), \quad \mathbf{f}_v = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x(u,v)}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y(u,v)}{\partial v} \end{pmatrix} = d_{(u,v)}\mathbf{f}((0, 1)).$$

Then

$$d_{(u,v)}\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{w}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial x(u,v)}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x(u,v)}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y(u,v)}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y(u,v)}{\partial v} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} = a\mathbf{f}_u + b\mathbf{f}_v.$$

The square of the length of $d_{(u,v)}\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{w})$ is then can be computed as

$$\begin{aligned} \langle d_{(u,v)}\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{w}), d_{(u,v)}\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{w}) \rangle_{\mathbf{f}(u,v)} &= (d_{(u,v)}\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{w}))^T \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{E}(u,v) & \tilde{F}(u,v) \\ \tilde{F}(u,v) & \tilde{G}(u,v) \end{pmatrix} (d_{(u,v)}\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{w})) = \\ \frac{4\langle d_{(u,v)}\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{w}), d_{(u,v)}\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{w}) \rangle_{\text{Eucl}}}{(1 - x^2 - y^2)^2} &= \frac{4}{(1 - x^2 - y^2)^2} (a^2 \langle \mathbf{f}_u, \mathbf{f}_u \rangle_{\text{Eucl}} + 2ab \langle \mathbf{f}_u, \mathbf{f}_v \rangle_{\text{Eucl}} + b^2 \langle \mathbf{f}_v, \mathbf{f}_v \rangle_{\text{Eucl}}). \end{aligned}$$

To show that \mathbf{f} is an isometry, We need to show that $\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w} \rangle_{(u,v)} = \langle d_{(u,v)}\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{w}), d_{(u,v)}\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{w}) \rangle_{\mathbf{f}(u,v)}$.

Writing

$$\begin{aligned}
 x + iy &= \mathbf{f}(u + iv) \\
 &= \frac{u + iv - i}{u + iv + i} \\
 &= \frac{(u + iv - i)(u - iv - i)}{u^2 + (v + 1)^2} \\
 &= \frac{u^2 + v^2 - 1}{u^2 + (v + 1)^2} + i \frac{-2u}{u^2 + (v + 1)^2},
 \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\mathbf{f}(u, v) = (x(u, v), y(u, v)) = \frac{1}{u^2 + (v + 1)^2} (u^2 + v^2 - 1, -2u).$$

In particular, we can calculate that

$$1 - x^2 - y^2 = 1 - \frac{(u^2 + v^2 - 1)^2 + (-2u)^2}{(u^2 + (v + 1)^2)^2} = \frac{4v}{u^2 + (v + 1)^2}.$$

Taking partial derivatives gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{f}_u &= \frac{1}{(u^2 + (v + 1)^2)^2} (4u(v + 1), 2u^2 - 2(v + 1)^2), \\
 \mathbf{f}_v &= \frac{1}{(u^2 + (v + 1)^2)^2} (-2u^2 + 2(v + 1)^2, 4u(v + 1)).
 \end{aligned}$$

Computing the (Euclidean) inner products of the vectors above, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{f}_u \cdot \mathbf{f}_u &= \frac{4}{(u^2 + (v + 1)^2)^4} (4u^2(v + 1)^2 + (u^2 - (v + 1)^2)^2) = \frac{4}{(u^2 + (v + 1)^2)^2}, \\
 \mathbf{f}_u \cdot \mathbf{f}_v &= 0, \\
 \mathbf{f}_v \cdot \mathbf{f}_v &= \frac{4}{(u^2 + (v + 1)^2)^2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 4 \frac{\mathbf{f}_u \cdot \mathbf{f}_u}{(1 - x^2 - y^2)^2} &= 4 \frac{\frac{4}{(u^2 + (v + 1)^2)^2}}{\left(\frac{4v}{u^2 + (v + 1)^2}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{v^2} = E, \\
 4 \frac{\mathbf{f}_u \cdot \mathbf{f}_v}{(1 - x^2 - y^2)^2} &= 0 = F, \\
 4 \frac{\mathbf{f}_v \cdot \mathbf{f}_v}{(1 - x^2 - y^2)^2} &= \frac{1}{v^2} = G,
 \end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$\langle d_{(u,v)} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{w}), d_{(u,v)} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{w}) \rangle_{\mathbf{f}(u,v)} = a^2 E + 2abF + b^2 G = \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{w} \rangle_{(u,v)}$$

(compare to Proposition 8.15 from the lectures).

12.3. Hyperboloid model of the hyperbolic plane.

Let $Q : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the quadratic form defined by

$$Q(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1^2 + x_2^2 - x_3^2, \quad (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

(the quadratic space (\mathbb{R}^3, Q) is usually denoted by $\mathbb{R}^{2,1}$). Let

$$S = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid Q(x_1, x_2, x_3) = -1\}$$

(i.e. S is a hyperboloid of two sheets).

Recall that the *induced quadratic form* $I_{\mathbf{p}}$ on each tangent plane $T_{\mathbf{p}}S$ is defined by $I_{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{w}) = Q(\mathbf{w})$ for every $\mathbf{w} \in T_{\mathbf{p}}(S)$. Show that $I_{\mathbf{p}}$ is positive definite and that the map $f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow S$ from the disc model of the hyperbolic plane (see the previous exercise) defined by

$$\mathbf{f}(x, y) = \frac{1}{1 - x^2 - y^2} (2x, 2y, 1 + x^2 + y^2), \quad (x, y) \in \mathbb{D},$$

maps \mathbb{D} isometrically onto the component of S for which $x_3 > 0$.

Solution:

Note that \mathbf{f} is parametrization of the “upper” part of S (please check bijectivity!). In particular,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{f}_x &= \frac{2}{(1 - x^2 - y^2)^2} ((1 + x^2 - y^2), 2xy, 2x), \\ \mathbf{f}_y &= \frac{2}{(1 - x^2 - y^2)^2} (2xy, (1 - x^2 + y^2), 2y), \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{E} &= Q(\mathbf{f}_x) = \frac{4}{(1 - x^2 - y^2)^4} ((1 + x^2 - y^2)^2 + (2xy)^2 - (2x)^2) = \frac{4}{(1 - x^2 - y^2)^2} = E, \\ \tilde{F} &= 0, \\ \tilde{G} &= Q(\mathbf{f}_y) = \frac{4}{(1 - x^2 - y^2)^2} = G. \end{aligned}$$