

# Take home exam Geometry 7-4-2020

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1. In this exercise we consider an affine space  $\mathcal{E}$  of dimension 2020.
  - (a) Imagine three distinct parallel affine hyperplanes  $\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}', \mathcal{H}'' \subset \mathcal{E}$  together with two affine lines  $\mathcal{D}_1, \mathcal{D}_2$  whose directions are not contained in the direction of  $H$  of  $\mathcal{H}$ . Define the six points  $P_i = \mathcal{H} \cap \mathcal{D}_i$ ,  $P'_i = \mathcal{H}' \cap \mathcal{D}_i$  and  $P''_i = \mathcal{H}'' \cap \mathcal{D}_i$  for  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ . Prove that  $\frac{\overrightarrow{P_1 P'_1}}{P_1 P'_1} = \frac{\overrightarrow{P_2 P'_2}}{P_2 P'_2}$ .
  - (b) Give an example of an affine map  $\phi : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$  that has no fixed points and is not a translation.
  - (c) If  $\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2$  are affine subspaces of  $\mathcal{E}$  of equal dimension, is it true that there must exist an affine map  $\phi : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$  such that  $\phi(\mathcal{F}_1) = \mathcal{F}_2$ ? Prove or give a counter example.
2. In the Euclidean affine plane  $\mathcal{E}$  consider a circle  $F$  and two distinct points  $A, B$  on  $F$ .
  - (a) For a point  $C$  on  $F$  consider the centroid  $G$  and orthocenter  $H$  of triangle  $[A, B, C]$ . If  $I$  is the midpoint of  $[A, B]$  and  $O$  is the center of  $F$  then use the dilation  $h_{G, -1/2}$  to prove  $\overrightarrow{CH} = 2\overrightarrow{OI}$ .
  - (b) Define a function  $f : F \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$  by setting  $f(C)$  to be the orthocenter of triangle  $[A, B, C]$ . Prove that  $f(F)$  equals the reflection of  $F$  in the line  $AB$ .
  - (c) Apply Theorem 4.1 from the lecture notes to prove that if  $a = d(B, C)$  is the length of the side opposite  $A$  of triangle  $[A, B, C]$  inscribed in  $F$  (whose radius is  $R$ ) and  $\alpha$  is the measure of the geometric angle opposite to  $a$  then  $\frac{a}{\sin \alpha} = 2R$ .
3. Suppose  $E$  is a three-dimensional Euclidean vector space. By a half-twist we mean is a linear isometry of  $E$  that is a rotation whose oriented angle is the flat angle.
  - (a) Prove that if  $s_J$  is the reflection in plane  $J$  through the origin then  $-s_J$  is a half-twist. What is its axis?
  - (b) Prove that for any two half-twists  $h, k$  there is an element  $g \in O^+(E)$  such that  $h = g \circ k \circ g^{-1}$ .
  - (c) Show that any  $f \in O^+(E)$  may be written as a composition of finitely many half-twists.
4. We work in affine three-dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathcal{E}$ .
  - (a) Show that the line segments connecting the mid-points of adjacent edges of a regular tetrahedron are precisely the edges of a regular octahedron.

- (b) Explain how  $\mathcal{E}$  is the union of countably many regular octahedra and tetrahedra of side length 1 in such a way that the intersection between any two polyhedra is empty, a single point, a single edge or a single face.
- (c) If  $T$  is a regular tetrahedron with side length 1 and centroid  $O$  and  $T' = h_{O,-1}(T)$  then describe the convex hull of  $T \cap T'$  and also the convex hull of  $T \cup T'$ .
- (d) Prove that there exists a sphere  $S$  passing through the midpoints of  $T$  and compute the spherical area of  $S \cap T$ .
5. Hyperbolic plane. In this exercise we identify  $z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  in the standard way. Likewise a complex differentiable function  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is identified with a differentiable function  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  and multiplication by  $f'(z)$  provides a linear map from  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to itself that coincides with the derivative  $\phi'(x, y)$ . Next, the Euclidean inner product becomes  $\langle v, w \rangle = \operatorname{Re}(v\bar{w})$ .
- (a) For  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $ad - bc = 1$  set  $f(z) = \frac{az+b}{cz+d}$ . Check that  $f'(z) = (cz+d)^{-2}$  and  $\operatorname{Im}f(z) = \operatorname{Im}(z)|cz+d|^{-2}$ .
- (b) Identifying the set  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Im}z > 0\}$  with the hyperbolic plane  $\mathbb{H}$ , show that the map  $f$  sends the hyperbolic plane to itself and that the hyperbolic metric  $g$  is written as  $g(z)(v, w) = \frac{\operatorname{Re}(v\bar{w})}{(\operatorname{Im}z)^2}$ .
- (c) Prove that the maps  $f$  (restricted to  $\mathbb{H}$ ) are isometries in the sense that  $g(f(z))(f'(z)v, f'(z)w) = g(z)(v, w)$ .
- (d) Show that the straight line  $Y = \{z \in \mathbb{H} : \operatorname{Re}z = 0\}$  is a geodesic.
- (e) Show that if  $c, d \neq 0$  then  $f(Y)$  is a Euclidean semi-circle with radius  $\frac{1}{2cd}$  and center  $\frac{1}{2}(f(0) + f(\infty))$  where  $f(\infty) = \frac{a}{c}$ .
- (f) Explain why  $f(Y)$  is a geodesic.
- (g) Prove that all non-constant geodesics of  $\mathbb{H}$  are Euclidean lines and semi-circles orthogonal to the real-axis.
- (h) For every  $\pi > \epsilon > 0$  construct a triangle whose angle sum is  $\epsilon$ . Angle sum means sum of measures of geometric angles with respect to the Riemannian metric.
- (i) Define  $B = \{z \in \mathbb{H} : \operatorname{Re}(z) \in [0, 1], |z - \frac{1}{2}| \geq 1\}$ . To emphasize the dependence of  $f$  on  $a, b, c, d$  we write  $f$  as  $f_{a,b,c,d}$ . Define  $M = \{(a, b, c, d) \in \mathbb{Z} : ad - bc = 1\}$ . Show that  $\bigcup_{m \in M} f_m(B) = \mathbb{H}$  and that when  $m \neq m'$  the intersection  $f_m(B) \cap f_{m'}(B)$  is either a single geodesic or empty.
6. In the proof of Lemma 6.5 check explicitly that  $\Delta$  satisfies the axioms of an LC-connection as claimed.
7. In this exercise we study Riemannian charts of the form  $(P, \phi^*g_E)$  where  $\phi : P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is injective and  $C^2$  with  $P \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  some open set such that  $\forall p \in P$  : the derivative  $\phi'(p)$  is injective.

- (a) If  $r : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  is an affine Euclidean isometry and  $\psi = r \circ \phi$  then prove that there is an isometry from  $(P, \phi^*g_E)$  to  $(P, \psi^*g_E)$ .
- (b) Suppose  $\phi(x, y) = (x, y, f(x, y))$ . Compute the scalar curvature of the Riemannian chart  $(P, \phi^*g_E)$  at  $(0, 0)$  in the case  $f(x, y) = x^2 - y^2$ .
- (c) Prove for general  $C^2$ -functions  $f : P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\partial_1 f(0, 0) = \partial_2 f(0, 0) = 0$  that the scalar curvature of the Riemannian chart  $(P, \phi^*g_E)$  at point  $(0, 0)$  is  $2\text{Hess}(f)(0, 0)$ . Here the Hessian is  $\text{Hess}(f) = \det(\partial_i \partial_j f)$  is the determinant of the matrix of second partial derivatives.
- (d) Define the (thick) Gauss map  $G : P \times (-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  sending a point in the thickened chart to the normal vector to the image of  $\phi$  by

$$G(p, t) = (t + 1) \frac{\partial_1 \phi(p) \times \partial_2 \phi(p)}{|\partial_1 \phi(p) \times \partial_2 \phi(p)|}$$

Traditionally curvature is approached by studying how fast the normal vector turns. This is captured by the Gauss curvature at  $p$  which is  $\det G'(p, 0)$ . Under the same assumptions as in part c) prove that the scalar curvature at  $(0, 0)$  equals twice the Gauss curvature at  $(0, 0)$ .