

# Riemannian Geometry

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## Solutions

a) According to Cartan's structure equations, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\omega^\psi = 0 &= \omega^\alpha \wedge \omega_\alpha^\psi, \\
 &= \omega^\varphi \wedge \omega_\varphi^\psi + \omega^\theta \wedge \omega_\theta^\psi, \\
 &= \sinh \psi \, d\varphi \wedge \omega_\varphi^\psi + \cosh \psi \, d\theta \wedge \omega_\theta^\psi, \\
 d\omega^\varphi = \cosh \psi \, d\psi \wedge d\varphi &= \omega^\alpha \wedge \omega_\alpha^\varphi, \\
 &= \omega^\psi \wedge \omega_\psi^\varphi + \omega^\theta \wedge \omega_\theta^\varphi, \\
 &= -d\psi \wedge \omega_\psi^\varphi + \cosh \psi \, d\theta \wedge \omega_\theta^\varphi, \\
 d\omega^\theta = \sinh \psi \, d\psi \wedge d\theta &= \omega^\alpha \wedge \omega_\alpha^\theta, \\
 &= \omega^\psi \wedge \omega_\psi^\theta + \omega^\varphi \wedge \omega_\varphi^\theta, \\
 &= -d\psi \wedge \omega_\psi^\theta - \sinh \psi \, d\varphi \wedge \omega_\varphi^\theta.
 \end{aligned}$$

We readily conclude that the nonzero connection forms are

$$\omega_\varphi^\psi = -\cosh \psi \, d\varphi, \quad \omega_\theta^\psi = -\sinh \psi \, d\theta, \quad \omega_\theta^\varphi = 0.$$

b) According to Cartan's structure equations, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\omega_\varphi^\psi = -\sinh \psi \, d\psi \wedge d\varphi &= \Omega_\varphi^\psi + \omega_\varphi^\alpha \wedge \omega_\alpha^\psi, \\
 &= \Omega_\varphi^\psi + \omega_\varphi^\theta \wedge \omega_\theta^\psi, \\
 &= \Omega_\varphi^\psi, \\
 d\omega_\theta^\psi = -\cosh \psi \, d\psi \wedge d\theta &= \Omega_\theta^\psi + \omega_\theta^\alpha \wedge \omega_\alpha^\psi, \\
 &= \Omega_\theta^\psi + \omega_\theta^\varphi \wedge \omega_\varphi^\psi, \\
 &= \Omega_\theta^\psi, \\
 d\omega_\theta^\varphi = 0 &= \Omega_\theta^\varphi + \omega_\theta^\alpha \wedge \omega_\alpha^\varphi, \\
 &= \Omega_\theta^\varphi + \omega_\theta^\psi \wedge \omega_\psi^\varphi, \\
 &= \Omega_\theta^\varphi - \sinh \psi \cosh \psi \, d\theta \wedge d\varphi, \\
 &= \Omega_\theta^\varphi + \sinh \psi \cosh \psi \, d\varphi \wedge d\theta.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have

$$\Omega_\varphi^\psi = -\omega^\psi \wedge \omega^\varphi, \quad \Omega_\theta^\psi = -\omega^\psi \wedge \omega^\theta, \quad \Omega_\theta^\varphi = -\omega^\varphi \wedge \omega^\theta.$$

c) From

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_\varphi^\psi &= -\omega^\psi \wedge \omega^\varphi = \sum_{\alpha < \beta} R_{\alpha\beta\varphi}^\psi \omega^\alpha \wedge \omega^\beta, \\ \Omega_\theta^\psi &= -\omega^\psi \wedge \omega^\theta = \sum_{\alpha < \beta} R_{\alpha\beta\theta}^\psi \omega^\alpha \wedge \omega^\beta, \\ \Omega_\theta^\varphi &= -\omega^\varphi \wedge \omega^\theta = \sum_{\alpha < \beta} R_{\alpha\beta\theta}^\varphi \omega^\alpha \wedge \omega^\beta,\end{aligned}$$

it follows that, in particular, we have

$$R_{\psi\varphi\psi\varphi} = 1, \quad R_{\psi\theta\psi\theta} = 1, \quad R_{\varphi\theta\varphi\theta} = 1.$$

The curvature tensor is

$$R = \omega^\psi \wedge \omega^\varphi \otimes \omega^\psi \wedge \omega^\varphi + \omega^\psi \wedge \omega^\theta \otimes \omega^\psi \wedge \omega^\theta + \omega^\varphi \wedge \omega^\theta \otimes \omega^\varphi \wedge \omega^\theta.$$

Therefore, the sectional curvatures are

$$\begin{aligned}K(\Pi_\theta) &= -\frac{R_{\psi\varphi\psi\varphi}}{g_{\psi\psi}g_{\varphi\varphi} - (g_{\psi\varphi})^2} = -1, \\ K(\Pi_\varphi) &= -\frac{R_{\psi\theta\psi\theta}}{g_{\psi\psi}g_{\theta\theta} - (g_{\psi\theta})^2} = -1, \\ K(\Pi_\psi) &= -\frac{R_{\varphi\theta\varphi\theta}}{g_{\varphi\varphi}g_{\theta\theta} - (g_{\varphi\theta})^2} = -1.\end{aligned}$$

This implies that the sectional curvature of any 2-plane is equal to  $-1$ .

d) The curves  $\varphi \mapsto (\psi_0, \varphi, \tanh \psi_0)$  and  $\psi \mapsto (\psi, \varphi_0, \tanh \psi)$  lie on  $M$ . They have tangent vectors  $\partial_\varphi = \sinh \psi X_\varphi$  and

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_\psi + \operatorname{sech}^2 \psi \partial_\theta &= X_\psi + \operatorname{sech} \psi X_\theta \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{1 + \cosh^2 \psi}}{\cosh \psi} \left( \frac{\cosh \psi X_\psi + X_\theta}{\sqrt{1 + \cosh^2 \psi}} \right) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{1 + \cosh^2 \psi}}{\cosh \psi} Y,\end{aligned}$$

respectively.

e)

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{X_\varphi} X_\varphi &= \omega^\psi (\nabla_{X_\varphi} X_\varphi) X_\psi + \omega^\varphi (\nabla_{X_\varphi} X_\varphi) X_\varphi + \omega^\theta (\nabla_{X_\varphi} X_\varphi) X_\theta \\ &= \omega_\varphi^\psi (X_\varphi) X_\psi + \omega_\varphi^\varphi (X_\varphi) X_\varphi + \omega_\varphi^\theta (X_\varphi) X_\theta \\ &= -\cosh \psi d\varphi \left( \frac{1}{\sinh \psi} \partial_\varphi \right) X_\psi \\ &= -\coth \psi X_\psi.\end{aligned}$$

f) The equation

$$\begin{aligned} -\coth \psi X_\psi &= \nabla_{X_\varphi} X_\varphi = \bar{\nabla}_{X_\varphi} X_\varphi + (\nabla_{X_\varphi} X_\varphi, N)N \\ &= \bar{\nabla}_{X_\varphi} X_\varphi + \frac{\coth \psi}{\sqrt{1 + \cosh^2 \psi}} \left( \frac{-X_\psi + \cosh \psi X_\theta}{\sqrt{1 + \cosh^2 \psi}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\nabla}_{X_\varphi} X_\varphi &= -\frac{\cosh^3 \psi}{\sinh \psi (1 + \cosh^2 \psi)} X_\varphi - \frac{\cosh^2 \psi}{\sinh \psi (1 + \cosh^2 \psi)} X_\theta \\ &= -\frac{\cosh^2 \psi}{\sinh \psi \sqrt{1 + \cosh^2 \psi}} Y. \end{aligned}$$

The normal curvature and the geodesic curvature of the integral curves of  $X_\varphi$  are  $\frac{\coth \psi}{\sqrt{1 + \cosh^2 \psi}}$  and  $-\frac{\cosh^2 \psi}{\sinh \psi \sqrt{1 + \cosh^2 \psi}}$ , respectively.

g) The matrix that represents the second fundamental form of  $M$  in the basis  $(X_\varphi, Y)$  is

$$\begin{bmatrix} (-\nabla_{X_\varphi} N, X_\varphi) & (-\nabla_Y N, X_\varphi) \\ (-\nabla_{X_\varphi} N, Y) & (-\nabla_Y N, Y) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\coth \psi}{\sqrt{1 + \cosh^2 \psi}} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\tanh \psi}{\sqrt{(1 + \cosh^2 \psi)^3}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

The curvature of  $M$  is

$$\begin{aligned} K^M &= -1 + \frac{g(B(X_\varphi, X_\varphi), B(Y, Y)) - g(B(X_\varphi, Y), B(X_\varphi, Y))}{g(X_\varphi, X_\varphi)g(Y, Y) - (g(X_\varphi, Y))^2} \\ &= -1 + \frac{1}{(1 + \cosh^2 \psi)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

h) Since  $K$  is nonvanishing, we may write the normal to the hypersurface  $S$  as  $N = fK$ , for some function  $f$ . For  $X$  and  $Y$  orthogonal to  $K$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_X N, Y) &= (\nabla_X (fK), Y) = f(\nabla_X K, Y) \\ &= -f(X, \nabla_Y K) = -(X, \nabla_Y (fK)) \\ &= -(X, \nabla_Y N). \end{aligned}$$

This shows that the second fundamental form of  $S$  is anti-symmetric. But the second fundamental form is always symmetric. We conclude that the second fundamental form of  $S$  is zero. Therefore,  $S$  is totally geodesic.

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The following are auxiliary calculations that justify the information given in **g**).

$$\nabla_{X_\psi} X_\psi = \omega_\psi^\psi(X_\psi)X_\psi + \omega_\psi^\varphi(X_\psi)X_\varphi + \omega_\psi^\theta(X_\psi)X_\theta = 0,$$

$$\nabla_{X_\psi} X_\theta = \omega_\theta^\psi(X_\psi)X_\psi + \omega_\theta^\varphi(X_\psi)X_\varphi + \omega_\theta^\theta(X_\psi)X_\theta = 0,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{X_\varphi} X_\psi &= \omega_\psi^\psi(X_\varphi)X_\psi + \omega_\psi^\varphi(X_\varphi)X_\varphi + \omega_\psi^\theta(X_\varphi)X_\theta \\ &= \cosh \psi \, d\varphi \left( \frac{1}{\sinh \psi} \partial_\varphi \right) X_\varphi \\ &= \coth \psi \, X_\varphi, \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla_{X_\varphi} X_\theta = \omega_\theta^\psi(X_\varphi)X_\psi + \omega_\theta^\varphi(X_\varphi)X_\varphi + \omega_\theta^\theta(X_\varphi)X_\theta = 0,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{X_\theta} X_\psi &= \omega_\psi^\psi(X_\theta)X_\psi + \omega_\psi^\varphi(X_\theta)X_\varphi + \omega_\psi^\theta(X_\theta)X_\theta \\ &= \sinh \psi \, d\theta \left( \frac{1}{\cosh \psi} \partial_\theta \right) X_\theta \\ &= \tanh \psi \, X_\theta, \end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla_{X_\theta} X_\varphi = \omega_\varphi^\psi(X_\theta)X_\psi + \omega_\varphi^\varphi(X_\theta)X_\varphi + \omega_\varphi^\theta(X_\theta)X_\theta = 0,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{X_\theta} X_\theta &= \omega_\theta^\psi(X_\theta)X_\psi + \omega_\theta^\varphi(X_\theta)X_\varphi + \omega_\theta^\theta(X_\theta)X_\theta \\ &= -\sinh \psi \, d\theta \left( \frac{1}{\cosh \psi} \partial_\theta \right) X_\psi \\ &= -\tanh \psi \, X_\psi. \end{aligned}$$

We are now ready to calculate the covariant derivatives of  $N$  with respect to  $X_\varphi$  and  $Y$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{X_\varphi} N &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \cosh^2 \psi}} \nabla_{X_\varphi} X_\psi + \frac{\cosh \psi}{\sqrt{1 + \cosh^2 \psi}} \nabla_{X_\varphi} X_\theta \\ &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \cosh^2 \psi}} \coth \psi \, X_\varphi, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla_Y N &= \frac{\cosh \psi}{\sqrt{1 + \cosh^2 \psi}} \nabla_{X_\psi} \left( -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \cosh^2 \psi}} X_\psi \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{\cosh \psi}{\sqrt{1 + \cosh^2 \psi}} \nabla_{X_\psi} \left( \frac{\cosh \psi}{\sqrt{1 + \cosh^2 \psi}} X_\theta \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \cosh^2 \psi}} \nabla_{X_\theta} \left( -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \cosh^2 \psi}} X_\psi \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \cosh^2 \psi}} \nabla_{X_\theta} \left( \frac{\cosh \psi}{\sqrt{1 + \cosh^2 \psi}} X_\theta \right) \\
&= \frac{\cosh^2 \psi \sinh \psi}{(1 + \cosh^2 \psi)^2} X_\psi + \frac{\cosh \psi \sinh \psi}{(1 + \cosh^2 \psi)^2} X_\theta \\
&\quad - \frac{\tanh \psi}{1 + \cosh^2 \psi} X_\theta - \frac{\sinh \psi}{1 + \cosh^2 \psi} X_\psi \\
&= -\frac{\tanh \psi}{\sqrt{(1 + \cosh^2 \psi)^3}} \left( \frac{\cosh \psi X_\psi + X_\theta}{\sqrt{1 + \cosh^2 \psi}} \right) \\
&= -\frac{\tanh \psi}{\sqrt{(1 + \cosh^2 \psi)^3}} Y.
\end{aligned}$$