

1. Exercise 5.12

Show that the map $X : (0, \pi) \times (0, 2\pi) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ defined by

$$X(u, v) = (a_1, a_2, a_3) + r(\sin u \cos v, \sin u \sin v, \cos u)$$

is a parametrization of the sphere $S^2(r)$ with center $a = (a_1, a_2, a_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and radius $r > 0$. Use this together with Proposition 5.8 to prove that the area of the sphere is $4\pi r^2$.

2. Exercise §5 (2)

Let S be a compact surface with non-vanishing Gauss curvature everywhere and an injective Gauss map. Show that

$$\int_S K = 4\pi.$$

3. Exercise §5 (8)

Show that, if S is a compact surface,

$$\int_S \langle N, a \rangle = 0,$$

where N is a Gauss map and a is an arbitrary vector.

4. Exercise 5.36

We associate to each differentiable function $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, defined on a subset A of Euclidean space, a vector field ∇f , also defined on A , by

$$\langle (\nabla f)(p), v \rangle = (df)_p(v), \quad \text{for all } v \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

This vector field is called the *gradient* of f . Prove that the three components of ∇f are

$$\nabla f = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right).$$

Show that, if the gradient of a differentiable function f vanishes everywhere, then f is constant on each connected component of A .

* Assignment Reflections

How difficult was this assignment? How many hours did you spend on it? Which problems did you find to provide a worthwhile learning experience?