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2. (Exercise 2-4.1 and 2-4.3 of [Car16])

- (a) Show that the equation of the tangent plane at (x_0, y_0, z_0) of a regular surface given by $f(x, y, z) = 0$, where 0 is a regular value of f , is

$$f_x(x_0, y_0, z_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0, z_0)(y - y_0) + f_z(x_0, y_0, z_0)(z - z_0) = 0.$$

- (b) Show that the equation of the tangent plane of a surface which is the graph of a differentiable function $z = f(x, y)$, at the point $p_0 = (x_0, y_0)$ is given by

$$z = f(x_0, y_0) + f_x(x_0, y_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0)(y - y_0).$$

Recall the definition of the differential df of a function $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and show that the tangent plane is the graph of the differential df_p .

3. (Exercise 2-4.11 of [Car16]) Show that the normals to a surface of revolution S given by

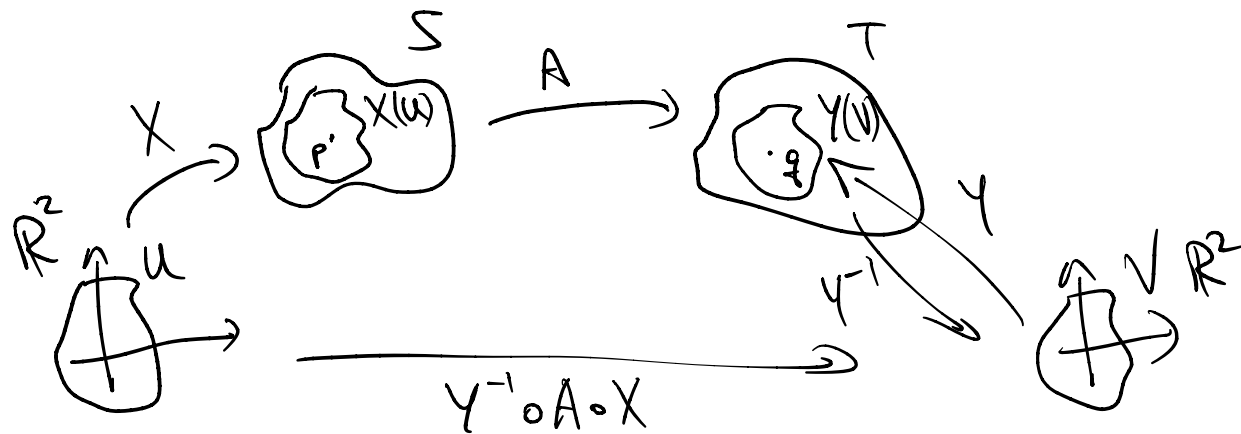
$$X(u, v) = (f(u) \cos v, f(u) \sin v, g(u)), \quad f(u) \neq 0, g'(u) \neq 0,$$

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Pf: Need to check:
 • A is a smooth map between surfaces
 • A admits a smooth inverse.



Need to find param. $X: U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow S^2$ s.t. $p = X(u_0, v_0)$, $(u_0, v_0) \in U$ and $Y: V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow S^2$ s.t. $q = A(p) \in Y(V)$ s.t. $Y^{-1} \circ A \circ X: U \rightarrow V$ is differentiable at (u_0, v_0) .

$$U = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 < 1\} \text{ and}$$

$$X_1: U \rightarrow S^2 \text{ by } X_1(u, v) = (u, v, \sqrt{1-u^2-v^2})$$

$$X_2: U \rightarrow S^2 \text{ by } X_2(u, v) = (-u, -v, -\sqrt{1-u^2-v^2})$$



Sps $p \in X_1(U)$, then $p = X(u_0, v_0)$ and we have

$$A(p) = A(X_1(u_0, v_0)) = A(u_0, v_0, \sqrt{1-u_0^2-v_0^2}) = (-u_0, -v_0, -\sqrt{1-u_0^2-v_0^2})$$

So $A(p)$ lies in $X_2(U)$.

$$(X_2^{-1} \circ A \circ X_1)(u_0, v_0) = X_2^{-1}(-u_0, -v_0, -\sqrt{1-u_0^2-v_0^2}) = (-u_0, -v_0)$$

which is clearly differentiable as a map from $\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$.

Similarly, if $p \in X_2(U)$, then $A(p) \in X_1(U)$.

and $X_1^{-1} \circ A \circ X_2$ is smooth at p .

Can repeat w/ other hemispheres.

$\Rightarrow A$ is smooth as a map from $S^2 \rightarrow S^2$.

Note that A is its own inverse. /

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Recall the definition of the differential df of a function $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and show that the tangent plane is the graph of the differential df_p .

Pf: a) We have $S = f^{-1}(0) = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : f(x, y, z) = 0\}$.

Consider $w \in T_{p_0}S$.

Then there exists $\alpha : I \rightarrow S$ s.t.

$$\alpha(0) = p_0, \quad \alpha'(0) = w.$$

In particular, we have that $(f \circ \alpha)(t) = 0$ for all $t \in I$. $\alpha(t) = (x(t), y(t), z(t))$.

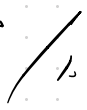
Recall derivative of f at p satisfies.

$$\langle df_p, w \rangle = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} (f \circ \alpha)(t) = (f \circ \alpha)'(0) = 0.$$

In particular, let $p = (x, y, z)$ and take $w = p - p_0 = \begin{pmatrix} x - x_0 \\ y - y_0 \\ z - z_0 \end{pmatrix}$, then we get

$$f_x(x_0, y_0, z_0)(x - x_0) + f_y(x_0, y_0, z_0)(y - y_0) + f_z(x_0, y_0, z_0)(z - z_0) = 0.$$

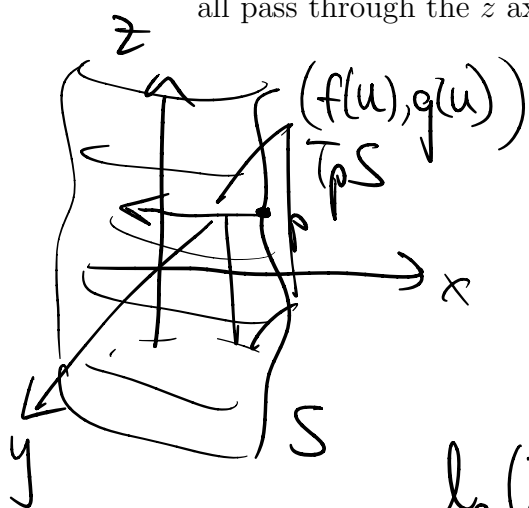
b) Set $h: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $h(x, y, z) = f(x, y) - z$
Then $S = h^{-1}(0)$ and 0 is a regular value
of h . (check!).

And use part (a). 

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At each point $p = X(u, v)$ the normal line passing through p "line normal to surface S at p " is given by

$$l_p(\lambda) = X(u, v) + \lambda N(u, v)$$

where N is the normal vector to $T_p S$.

$$T_p S = \text{span} \{X_u, X_v\}, \quad \text{so } N = \underline{X_u \times X_v}.$$

$$X_u = (f'(u) \cos v, f'(u) \sin v, g'(u)) \quad \|X_u \times X_v\|$$

$$X_v = (-f(u) \sin v, f(u) \cos v, 0)$$

$$X_u \times X_v = (-f(u)g'(u) \cos v, -f(u)g'(u) \sin v, -f(u)f'(u))$$

$$l_p(\lambda) = (f(u) \cos v (1 - \lambda g'(u)), f(u) \sin v (1 - \lambda g'(u)), g(u) - \lambda f(u) f'(u))$$

So taking $\lambda = \frac{1}{g'(u)}$, $g' \neq 0$, then

$$l_p\left(\frac{1}{g'(u)}\right) = \left(0, 0, g(u) - \frac{f(u)f'(u)}{g'(u)}\right) \quad \text{which lies on } z\text{-axis.}$$