

Homework Advanced Calculus (2DBN10)

Set 3

1. (Conic sections)¹

Let K be the double cone surface in \mathbb{R}^3 given by

$$z^2 = (x - 1)^2 + y^2.$$

Let $m > 0$ and let $V = V(m)$ be the plane with equation $z = mx$.

Let $L = L(m) = K \cap V(m)$ be the curve of intersection of K and $V(m)$.

- a) For which values of m is L an ellipse / parabola / hyperbola ? Give 3 pt reasons for your answer.

(Hint: First, find an equation for the projection of L to the x, y -plane.)

- b) In the case where L is an ellipse, find the center and the half axes. 1 pt
(Caution: This is about the ellipse itself, not its projection.)

- c) In the case where L is a parabola, give the coordinates of its vertex. 1 pt

2. Find equations of the form $p(x, y, z) = 0$ with p a polynomial in three variables for the following sets of points in \mathbb{R}^3 :

- a) the union of the line through the points $(0, 1, 0)$ and $(1, 0, 0)$ and the (x, z) -plane, 1 pt

- b) the surface given by the parameterization 1 pt

$$x(u, v) = u, \quad y(u, v) = u \cos v, \quad z(u, v) = 2u \sin v, \quad u \in \mathbb{R}, \quad v \in [0, 2\pi),$$

- c) the surface obtained by rotating the parabola given by $y = z^2 + 1, x = 0$ around the z -axis. 1 pt

In b), verify your result by calculating $p(x(u, v), y(u, v), z(u, v))$.

3. Find parameter representations for the following surfaces in \mathbb{R}^3 :

- a) the surface given by the equation 1 pt

$$x^2 - 2y^2 - z^2 = 2$$

(Hint: Use trigonometric and hyperbolic functions.)

- b) the surface obtained by rotating the parabola given by $y = z^2 + 1, x = 0$ around the z -axis. 1 pt

Verify your results using the equations for the surfaces (for b), see 2c)).

Exam type problem (not to be handed in): (possibly as part of some other problem)

Find a parameterization for the ellipsoid in \mathbb{R}^3 with equation

$$\left(\frac{x - x_0}{a}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y - y_0}{b}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{z - z_0}{c}\right)^2 = 1, \quad a, b, c > 0.$$

¹This problem is similar but not identic to the problem on conic section in last year's homework.