

Darboux frame. Assume that k_1 and k_2 are principal curvatures on an oriented surface S and e_3 is the field of normal vectors to S . Assume that p_0 is a non-umbilical point on S and e_1 and e_2 are two unit vector fields in a neighborhood U of p_0 in S such that: they generate the principal directions corresponding to the principal curvatures k_1 and k_2 respectively and they constitute a positive frame of the tangent space at any point of U (the frame e_1, e_2, e_3 is called the *Darboux frame*). Let $F : U \rightarrow ASO(3)$ be defined as follows: $x \in U \mapsto (x, e_1(x), e_2(x), e_3(x))$. Assume also that χ_1 and χ_2 are geodesic curvatures of the lines of curvatures tangent to e_1 and e_2 respectively.

- a) Calculate $F^*(\omega_1^2)$ in terms of χ_1 and χ_2 , where ω_1^2 is the corresponding entry of the Maurer-Cartan form of $ASO(3)$.
- b) Prove that $[e_1, e_2] = -\chi_1 e_1 + \chi_2 e_2$.
- c) Prove that the functions k_1, k_2, χ_1 , and χ_2 satisfies the following 3 relations (which are exactly of the Gauss and Codazzi equations in the Darboux frame):

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 k_2 &= e_1(\chi_2) + e_2(\chi_1) - (\chi_1^2 + \chi_2^2), \\ e_1(k_2) &= \chi_2(k_2 - k_1), \\ e_2(k_1) &= \chi_1(k_1 - k_2). \end{aligned}$$