Math 401 HW#7, due Wednesday 10/30/19

1. Exercise §6 (1) Let S be an ovaloid in \mathbb{R}^3 . Show that

$$\int_{S} H^2 \ge 4\pi,$$

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and that equality occurs if and only if S is a sphere.

2. Exercise $\S6(7)$

Show that the following integral formulas are always valid:

$$\int_{S} \langle N, a \rangle H = 0$$
 and $\int_{S} \langle N, a \rangle K = 0$

where S is a compact surface, N its Gauss map, H and K its mean and Gauss curvatures, and $a \in \mathbb{R}^3$ is an arbitrary vector.

3. Exercise $\S6(8)$

Let S be a compact surface contained in a closed ball of radius r > 0 and such that its mean curvature satisfies $|H| \leq 1/r$. Prove that S is a sphere of radius r.

4. Exercise §6 (16)

Let S be a compact surface and $V: S \to \mathbb{R}^3$ a tangent vector field. Prove that

$$\int_{S} (\operatorname{div} V)(p) dp = 0,$$
$$\int_{S} \{k_1(p) \langle (dV)_p(e_1), e_1 \rangle + k_2(p) \langle (dV)_p(e_2), e_2 \rangle \} dp = 0$$

where $\{e_1, e_2\}$ is a basis of principal directions at T_pS for each $p \in S$.

5. Exercise §6 (17)

Let $f: S \to \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable function defined on a surface S. We use the term gradient of f for the vector field of tangent vectors denoted by $\nabla f: S \to \mathbb{R}^3$ and given by

$$\begin{cases} \langle (\nabla f)(p), v \rangle = (df)_p(v) \text{ for all } v \in T_p S, \\ \langle (\nabla f)(p), N(p) \rangle = 0 \end{cases}$$

where N(p) is a unit normal to S at p. Prove that ∇f is a differentiable vector field and that, if it is identically zero, f is constant on each connected component of S. This is HW 6 #4 rehashed (sorry), but now we have a definition of a gradient...

* 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?