

Question

Compute the first fundamental form and second fundamental form of the elliptical paraboloid $\sigma(u,v)=(u, v, \frac{1}{2}u^2 + \frac{1}{2}v^2)$

Solution

$$\sigma_u = (1, 0, u), \sigma_v = (0, 1, v),$$

$$E = \sigma_u^2 = (1, 0, u)^2 = 1 + u^2$$

$$F = \sigma_u \sigma_v = (1, 0, u)(0, 1, v) = uv$$

$$G = \sigma_v^2 = (0, 1, v)^2 = 1 + v^2$$

First fundamental form: $I = (1 + u^2)du^2 + 2uvdudv + (1 + v^2)dv^2$.

$$\sigma_u \times \sigma_v = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ 1 & 0 & u \\ 0 & 1 & v \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & u \\ 1 & v \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} - \begin{vmatrix} 1 & u \\ 0 & v \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{j} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \mathbf{k} = -u\mathbf{j} - v\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k} = (-v, -u, 1)$$

$$n = \frac{\sigma_u \times \sigma_v}{\sqrt{EG - F^2}} = \left(-\frac{u}{\sqrt{1 + u^2 + v^2}}, -\frac{v}{\sqrt{1 + u^2 + v^2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + u^2 + v^2}} \right)$$

$$\sigma_{uu} = (0, 0, 1), \sigma_{uv} = (0, 0, 0), \sigma_{vv} = (0, 0, 1),$$

$$L = (\sigma_{uu}, n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + u^2 + v^2}}$$

$$M = (\sigma_{uv}, n) = 0$$

$$N = (\sigma_{vv}, n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + u^2 + v^2}}$$

Second fundamental form: $II = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + u^2 + v^2}} du^2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + u^2 + v^2}} dv^2$.

Answer: $I = (1 + u^2)du^2 + 2uvdudv + (1 + v^2)dv^2, \quad II = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + u^2 + v^2}} du^2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + u^2 + v^2}} dv^2$.