CMC TORI IN THE GENERALISED BERGER SPHERES AND THEIR DUALS

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Abstract

The study of minimal surfaces has a long history, due to the important applications. Given a fixed boundary, one wants to minimise the surface area: this can be used, for example, to minimise the area of the roof of a building. Similarly, looking for constant mean curvature (CMC) provides us with many interesting applications in physics – one of the easiest examples are soap bubbles. In this work however we occupy ourselves with minimal and constant mean curvature surfaces in the three-dimensional sphere S^3 and its dual space Σ^3 .

In Chapter 1 we give a brief overview of the tools of Riemannian and Lorentzian geometry that we will use. We then take a closer look at S^3 , computing its Levi-Civita connection and sectional curvatures: in Chapter 2 with respect to the Riemannian metric g and in Chapter 4 with respect to the Lorentzian metric h. Further, we determine some minimal and CMC tori inside (S^3, g) in Chapter 3 and in (S^3, h) in Chapter 5.

We then proceed with the dual space Σ^3 of S^3 . In Chapter 6, we calculate the Levi-Civita connection and sectional curvatures with respect to g, and with respect to h in Chapter 8. Again we look for minimal and CMC tori of a certain family in (Σ^3, g) in Chapter 7 and in (Σ^3, h) in Chapter 9.

In the appendix, the reader will find a Maple program. It was written to check the computations of the S^3 cases, but it can easily be adapted to Σ^3 .

Throughout this work it has been my firm intention to give reference to the stated results and credit to the work of others. All theorems, propositions, lemmas and examples left unmarked are either assumed to be well known, or are the fruits of my own efforts.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

A main result in Lawson's paper [7] from 1970 is that for any $g \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists an embedding of a compact minimal surface of genus g into S^3 . Moreover, the embedding is not unique if g is not prime. Lawson further conjectured that for g = 1, the only compact minimal surface embedded in S^3 is the flat Clifford torus given by

$$T = \{ (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in S^3 \subset \mathbb{R}^4 \mid x_1^2 + x_2^2 = x_3^2 + x_4^2 = \frac{1}{2} \}.$$

This was finally proven by Brendle in 2013, see [1]. It is important to speak of an embedding, since in [6] Hsiang and Lawson constructed an infinite family of minimally immersed tori into S^3 . The Lawson conjecture however fails to hold in the Berger spheres. In [9], Torralbo considered the two-parametric Berger sphere $S_b^3(\kappa, \tau)$ with the metric

$$g(A,B) = \frac{4}{\kappa} \cdot \left(\langle A,B \rangle + \left(\frac{4\tau^2}{\kappa} - 1\right) \langle A,X \rangle \langle B,X \rangle \right).$$

Here $X_{(z,w)} = (iz, iw)$ belongs to an orthogonal frame for the tangent bundle TS^3 of S^3 , \langle,\rangle denotes the usual metric on the sphere and $\kappa, \tau \in \mathbb{R}$ with $\kappa > 0$ and $\tau \neq 0$. Note that $S_b^3(4, 1)$ denotes the standard round sphere. Torralbo gave an example of another compact embedded minimal torus in the Berger sphere $S_b^3(4, 0.4)$, which is not the Clifford torus T.

It can also be interesting to study when the mean curvature of a manifold is constant. In [2], De Lima et al. considered a family of tori given by an embedding $\Phi_{r,\tau}: S^1 \times S^1 \mapsto S^3_b$ into the Berger sphere $S^3_b(4,\tau)$. Here the map $\Phi_{r,\tau}$ is defined by

$$(z,w) \mapsto (z \cdot r, \sqrt{1-r^2} \cdot w),$$

where $r \in (0, 1)$. As it turns out each of those tori has constant mean curvature

$$H_r = \frac{2r^2 - 1}{2r\sqrt{1 - r^2}}.$$

In this work we will consider a family of tori parametrised analogously to the above, we however generalise the Berger metric further and obtain a three parameter family of metrics. Then we check under which conditions this matches the result of De Lima et al. in [2]. Then we define a Lorentzian Berger metric and investigate the mean curvature. Additionally we will look for constant mean curvature tori of a certain family in

$$\Sigma^3 = \{ (z, w) \mid z, w \in \mathbb{C}^2, \ |z|^2 - |w|^2 = 1 \},\$$

under both the Riemannian and Lorentzian Berger metrics.

As it will be shown, the switch from the Riemannian to Lorentzian metrics does not impact the mean curvature H of the tori in question inside S^3 and Σ^3 respectively.

Further we show that under certain conditions, for every real $C \ge 0$, there exist tori in S^3 with constant mean curvature

$$||H_g|| \equiv C.$$

For the tori in Σ^3 , this can only be shown for $C > \frac{1}{\mu}$, where μ is a parameter belonging to the generalised Berger metric. A similar statement, but using a different generalisation of the Berger metric, was given by Torralbo in [10].

We also compute the Levi-Civita connection and sectional curvatures in all four cases.

Chapter 2

Basics on Riemannian/Lorentzian Geometry

We assume that the reader is familiar with fundamental Riemannian geometry, however we first review some essential facts, that will be needed in our study of minimal and CMC submanifolds. This chapter is largely based on do Carmo's introductory textbook [3] and Gudmundsson's lecture notes [5], whereas O'Neill's textbook [8] was used for the parts on Lorentzian and semi-Riemannian geometry.

A differentiable manifold (M^m, \mathcal{A}) is defined to be a topological manifold Mof dimension m together with a family of local charts \mathcal{A} . We require M to be locally homeomorphic to \mathbb{R}^m , i.e. for every $p \in M$ there exists a neighbourhood U_p containing p and a homeomorphism

$$x_p: U_p \mapsto \mathbb{R}^m.$$

Further, the atlas

$$\mathcal{A} = \{ (U_{\alpha}, x_{\alpha}), \alpha \in \mathcal{I} \},\$$

needs to cover the whole of M and must be maximal, subject to the condition that the transition maps

$$x_{\beta} \circ x_{\alpha}^{-1}|_{x_{\alpha}(U_{\alpha} \cap U_{\beta})} : x_{\alpha}(U_{\alpha} \cap U_{\beta}) \subset \mathbb{R}^{m} \to \mathbb{R}^{m}, \quad \forall \ \alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{I}$$

are differentiable of class C^{∞} .

Let (M^m, \mathcal{A}_M) be a differentiable manifold, where \mathcal{A}_M is an atlas on M. Following Proposition 2.11 in [5], a subset N of M, is called a *submanifold* of M if for each $p \in N$, \mathcal{A}_M contains some (U_p, x_p) , such that $p \in U_p$ and

$$x_p(U_p \cap N) = x_p(U_p) \cap (\mathbb{R}^n \times \{0\}).$$

Here $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n \leq m$ denotes the dimension of N, and m - n is called the codimension of N in M. The atlas \mathcal{A}_M induces a structure on \mathbb{N} , denoted \mathcal{A}_N , see Proposition 2.11 in [5].

Let $\{e_1, \ldots, e_n\}$ be an orthonormal basis of a semi-Euclidean space V, and for a nondegenerate scalar product \langle, \rangle , set

$$\epsilon_i = \langle e_i, e_i \rangle = \pm 1.$$

The number v, where $0 \le v \le n$, of negative signs in the signature $(\epsilon_1, \ldots, \epsilon_n)$ is called the *index* of V. Note that the index is independent of the choice of basis, as shown in Lemma 26 in [8].

Let M be a smooth manifold. A metric tensor h is a symmetric and nondegenerate tensor field of type (0,2) of constant index. That is, to every point $p \in M$, hassociates a scalar product

$$h_p: T_pM \times T_pM \mapsto \mathbb{R},$$

such that the index of h_p is the same for all p. The pair (M, h) is a *semi-Riemannian* manifold. A metric on a submanifold $N \subset M$ is obtained by restricting h to N. (Also see Definition 5.5 in [5].)

A Riemannian metric has index 0 and is positive-definite. If v = 1 and dim $M \ge 2$, M is a so called Lorentz manifold. Particularly in the context of relativity we might want to describe the causal character of a tangent vector W of a semi-Riemannian manifold (M, h): If

$$\begin{split} h(W,W) &< 0, & W \text{ is timelike,} \\ h(W,W) &= 0, & \text{and } W \neq 0, & W \text{ is lightlike} \\ h(W,W) &> 0, & \text{or } W = 0, & W \text{ is spacelike.} \end{split}$$

According to Lemma 25 in [8] each vector $W \in V$ can uniquely be written as

$$W = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \epsilon_i \cdot h(W, e_i) \cdot e_i.$$

To distinguish the Riemannian from the Lorentzian case, we will write g for a Riemannian metric and h for its Lorentzian counterpart.

For a differentiable manifold M, and vector fields $X, Y \in C^{\infty}(TM)$, and $p \in M$, the *Lie bracket*

$$[X,Y]_p: C^{\infty}(M) \to \mathbb{R}$$

is defined by

$$X_p(Y(f)) - Y_p(X(f)).$$

We recall that the Levi-Civita connection

$$\nabla : C^{\infty}(TM) \times C^{\infty}(TM) \mapsto C^{\infty}(TM)$$

on a Riemannian manifold (M, g) is defined to be the unique affine connection that is symmetric and compatible with the Riemannian metric. Given an orthonormal frame $\{E_1, \ldots, E_n\}$ of the tangent bundle, the Levi-Civita connection for $A, B \in C^{\infty}(TM)$ is given by

$$\nabla_{A}B = \sum_{i=1}^{n} g(\nabla_{A}B, E_{i}) \cdot E_{i}.$$

The coefficients are given by the Koszul formula: For $A, B, C \in C^{\infty}(TM)$,

$$g(\nabla_{A}B,C) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \{A(g(B,C)) + B(g(C,A)) - C(g(A,B)) + g(C,[A,B]) + g(B,[C,A]) - g(A,[B,C])\}.$$
(2.1)

We will later use the Levi-Civita connection to compute the sectional curvatures of S^3 and Σ^3 . Sectional curvatures describe the curvature of Riemannian manifold of dimension larger than 1. The *Riemann curvature operator* R is given by

$$R(A,B)C = \nabla_{A}\nabla_{B}C - \nabla_{B}\nabla_{A}C - \nabla_{[A,B]}C.$$
(2.2)

The sectional curvature at a point p is given by

$$K_p(A,B) = \frac{g(R(A,B)B,A)}{|A|^2|B|^2 - g(A,B)^2}.$$
(2.3)

We now define two operators on a submanifold N of M. For this, first observe the following: Let X be a smooth vector field on M, and \tilde{X} be the restriction of X to the submanifold N. Then for each $p \in N$, the tangent vector $\tilde{X}_p \in T_pM$ can uniquely be split into

$$\tilde{X}_p = \tilde{X}_p^\top + \tilde{X}_p^\perp,$$

where $\tilde{X}_p^{\top} \in T_p N$ and $\tilde{X}_p^{\perp} \in N_p N$.

Let now N be a submanifold of (M, g) with induced metric, and let X, Y be local extensions of $\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y} \in C^{\infty}(TN)$ to $C^{\infty}(TM)$. The Levi-Civita connection $\tilde{\nabla}$ on the submanifold N is the part of $\nabla_X Y$ lying in the tangent space of M, i.e.

$$\tilde{\nabla}_{\tilde{X}}\tilde{Y} = (\nabla_{X}Y)^{\top},$$

as stated in Definition 6.20 in [5].

Further, we define the second fundamental form of N in M,

$$B: C^{\infty}(TN) \otimes C^{\infty}(TN) \mapsto C^{\infty}(NN),$$

given by

$$B(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) = (\nabla_{X} Y)^{\perp}.$$

For an orthonormal basis $\{E_1, \ldots, E_n\}$ of T_pN , the mean curvature vector H is given by

$$H = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \operatorname{trace} B = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} B(E_i, E_i).$$

We say that a manifold is minimal if trace B = 0 holds everywhere.

Chapter 3

The Generalised Riemannian Berger Spheres (S^3, g)

In this chapter we introduce the 3-dimensional unit sphere $S^3 \subset \mathbb{R}^4 \cong \mathbb{C}^2$ and the generalised Berger metric g. We define a multiplication \cdot on S^3 and show that (S^3, \cdot) is isomorphic to the Lie group $(\mathbf{SU}(2), *)$. Using the properties of matrix Lie groups, we compute the Levi-Civita connection as well as the sectional curvatures.

Equip the complex two dimensional vector space \mathbb{C}^2 with the standard scalar product on \mathbb{R}^4 ,

$$\langle (z_1, w_1), (z_2, w_2) \rangle = \mathfrak{Re}(z_1 \overline{z}_2 + w_1 \overline{w}_2)$$

and consider the 3-dimensional unit sphere S^3 in \mathbb{C}^2 given by

$$S^{3} = \{(z, w) \in \mathbb{C}^{2} \mid |z|^{2} + |w|^{2} = 1\}.$$

We show that S^3 is isomorphic to the Lie group $\mathbf{SU}(2)$. The map $\Phi: S^3 \to \mathbf{GL}_2(\mathbb{C})$, given by

$$\Phi: (z,w) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} z & -\bar{w} \\ w & \bar{z} \end{pmatrix}$$

is an embedding of S^3 into the set of invertible 2×2 matrices. We see that the image of S^3 under Φ is the special unitary group $\mathbf{SU}(2)$ in $\mathbf{GL}_2(\mathbb{C})$, defined as follows:

$$\mathbf{SU}(2) = \{ \begin{pmatrix} z & -\bar{w} \\ w & \bar{z} \end{pmatrix} \mid |z|^2 + |w|^2 = 1, \ z, w \in \mathbb{C}^2 \}$$

Let * denote the standard matrix multiplication on SU(2). Then

$$\Phi(z_1, w_1) * \Phi(z_2, w_2) = \begin{pmatrix} z_1 & -\bar{w}_1 \\ w_1 & \bar{z}_1 \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} z_2 & -\bar{w}_2 \\ w_2 & \bar{z}_2 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} z_1 z_2 - \bar{w}_1 w_2 & -z_1 \bar{w}_2 - \bar{w}_1 \bar{z}_2 \\ \bar{z}_1 w_2 + w_1 z_2 & \bar{z}_1 \bar{z}_2 - w_1 \bar{w}_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \Phi(z_1 z_2 - \bar{w}_1 w_2, \bar{z}_1 w_2 + w_1 z_2).$$

This induces a group structure \cdot on S^3 . In particular,

$$(z_1, w_1) \cdot (z_2, w_2) = (z_1 z_2 - \bar{w}_1 w_2, \bar{z}_1 w_2 + w_1 z_2).$$

Consequently $\Phi : (S^3, \cdot) \to (\mathbf{SU}(2), *)$ is a group isomorphism. This turns (S^3, \cdot) into a Lie group with neutral element e = (1, 0). The multiplicative inverse of an element (z, w) is given by $(\bar{z}, -w)$.

The Riemannian metric \langle,\rangle on the vector space $\mathbb{C}^{n\times n}$ of complex $n\times n$ matrices is given by

$$\langle X, Y \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \mathfrak{Re}(\operatorname{trace}(\bar{X}^t \cdot Y)),$$

where $X, Y \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$.

At the neutral element $e = (1, 0), T_e \mathbb{R}^4$ has the orthogonal decomposition

$$T_e \mathbb{R}^4 = T_e S^3 \oplus N_e S^3$$

First we want to determine a basis for the tangent space of $T_e S^3 \cong T_e \mathbf{SU}(2)$. By Theorem 3.13 in [5],

$$T_e \mathbf{SU}(2) = \{ X \in \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2} \mid \text{trace } X = 0, \ \bar{X}^t + X = 0 \}.$$

From this it can be shown that an orthonormal basis for the tangent space $T_e S^3$ of S^3 at the unit element *e* is given by (i, 0), (0, -1), (0, i). The normal space $N_e S^3$ is spanned by $N_e = (1, 0)$.

Definition 3.1. We now introduce the family of left-invariant Riemannian metrics

$$\{g: C^{\infty}(TS^3) \otimes C^{\infty}(TS^3) \mapsto C^{\infty}(S^3) \,|\, \lambda \,, \mu \,, \nu \in \mathbb{R}^+\},\$$

associating each $p \in S^3$ with a real scalar product

$$g_p: T_pS^3 \otimes T_pS^3 \to \mathbb{R}$$

defined by

$$g_{p}(A,B) = \lambda^{2} \cdot \langle p^{-1}A, (i,0) \rangle \langle p^{-1}B, (i,0) \rangle + \mu^{2} \cdot \langle p^{-1}A, (0,-1) \rangle \langle p^{-1}B, (0,-1) \rangle \\ + \nu^{2} \cdot \langle p^{-1}A, (0,i) \rangle \langle p^{-1}B, (0,i) \rangle + \langle p^{-1}A, (1,0) \rangle \langle p^{-1}B, (1,0) \rangle,$$

where $A, B \in T_p S^3$.

Remark 3.2. The classic Berger metric is obtained by setting $\mu = \nu = 1$. The standard metric is obtained by additionally setting $\lambda = 1$.

Also note that for $A, B \in T_pS^3$, the last term $\langle p^{-1}A, (1,0) \rangle \langle p^{-1}B, (1,0) \rangle = 0$, since N_e is normal to the tangent space T_eS^3 . However, to avoid confusion, we want to define g as a metric on $C^{\infty}(T\mathbb{R}^4)$, so that we can use it throughout the thesis.

Definition 3.3. With respect to the generalised Berger metric g as defined above, we define the vector fields $X, Y, Z \in C^{\infty}(TS^3)$ on S^3 by

$$X_p = \lambda^{-1} \cdot p \cdot (i, 0), \ Y_p = \mu^{-1} \cdot p \cdot (0, -1), \ Z_p = \nu^{-1} \cdot p \cdot (0, i),$$

such that $\{X_p, Y_p, Z_p\}$ forms an orthonormal frame for the tangent bundle TS^3 . The normal bundle NS^3 is spanned by the vector field $N_p = p \cdot (1, 0)$.

Using standard matrix multiplication on $\mathfrak{su}(2)$ we obtain the Lie bracket relations

$$[X,Y] = 2\,\lambda^{-1}\mu^{-1}\nu \cdot Z, \quad [Z,X] = 2\,\nu^{-1}\lambda^{-1}\mu \cdot Y, \quad [Y,Z] = 2\,\mu^{-1}\nu^{-1}\lambda \cdot X.$$

This follows from basic properties of the Lie bracket. For further clarification, we refer the reader to Chapter 4 of [5], in particular Propositions 4.33 and 4.36. The Levi-Civita connection ∇ for (S^3, g) can now be calculated using the Koszul formula 2.1

Lemma 3.4. Equip S^3 with the generalised Berger metric g, as given above. Then the Levi-Civita connection ∇ satisfies

$$\nabla_{X}X = 0, \quad \nabla_{X}Y = \frac{-\lambda^{2} + \mu^{2} + \nu^{2}}{\lambda\mu\nu} \cdot Z, \quad \nabla_{X}Z = -\frac{-\lambda^{2} + \mu^{2} + \nu^{2}}{\lambda\mu\nu} \cdot Y,$$
$$\nabla_{Y}X = \frac{-\lambda^{2} + \mu^{2} - \nu^{2}}{\lambda\mu\nu} \cdot Z, \quad \nabla_{Y}Y = 0, \quad \nabla_{Y}Z = -\frac{-\lambda^{2} + \mu^{2} - \nu^{2}}{\lambda\mu\nu} \cdot X,$$
$$\nabla_{Z}X = \frac{\lambda^{2} + \mu^{2} - \nu^{2}}{\lambda\mu\nu} \cdot Y, \quad \nabla_{Z}Y = -\frac{\lambda^{2} + \mu^{2} - \nu^{2}}{\lambda\mu\nu} \cdot X, \quad \nabla_{Z}Z = 0.$$

Proof. Since X, Y, Z is an orthonormal frame for the tangent bundle, we have

$$\nabla_{A}B = g(\nabla_{A}B, X)X + g(\nabla_{A}B, Y)Y + g(\nabla_{A}B, Z)Z.$$
(3.1)

Note that g is a left-invariant metric and X, Y, Z are left-invariant vector fields, hence by Proposition 6.13 in [5] the entire first row of the Koszul formula vanishes, which yields

$$2\cdot g(\nabla_{\!\!A}\!B,C)=g(C,[A,B])+g(B,[C,A])-g(A,[B,C]).$$

This means that $\nabla_A B$ is entirely determined by the Lie bracket [,] and the Riemannian metric g. In the following, we explicitly compute $\nabla_X Y$, the other cases are similar.

$$2 \cdot g(\nabla_X Y, X) = g(X, [X, Y]) + g(Y, [X, X]) - g(X, [Y, X])$$

$$\begin{split} &= g(X, 2\,\lambda^{-1}\mu^{-1}\nu\cdot Z) + g(Y, 0) - g(X, -2\,\lambda^{-1}\mu^{-1}\nu\cdot Z) \\ &= 0, \\ 2 \cdot g(\nabla_{\!X}Y, Y) &= g(Y, [X, Y]) + g(Y, [Y, X]) - g(X, [Y, Y]) \\ &= g(Y, 2\,\lambda^{-1}\mu^{-1}\nu\cdot Z) + g(Y, -2\,\lambda^{-1}\mu^{-1}\nu\cdot Z) - g(X, 0) \\ &= 0, \\ 2 \cdot g(\nabla_{\!X}Y, Z) &= g(Z, [X, Y]) + g(Y, [Z, X]) - g(X, [Y, Z]) \\ &= g(Z, 2\,\lambda^{-1}\mu^{-1}\nu\cdot Z) + g(Y, 2\,\nu^{-1}\lambda^{-1}\mu\cdot Y) - g(X, 2\,\mu^{-1}\nu^{-1}\lambda\cdot X) \\ &= 2\,\lambda^{-1}\mu^{-1}\nu + 2\,\nu^{-1}\lambda^{-1}\mu - 2\,\mu^{-1}\nu^{-1}\lambda \\ &= \frac{2}{\lambda\mu\nu}\cdot(-\lambda^2 + \mu^2 + \nu^2). \end{split}$$

By plugging the above into equation (3.1), we obtain

$$\nabla_{X}Y = g(\nabla_{X}Y, Z) \cdot Z = \frac{-\lambda^{2} + \mu^{2} + \nu^{2}}{\lambda\mu\nu} \cdot Z.$$

Proposition 3.5. Let (S^3, g) be a generalised Berger Sphere. Then the sectional curvatures satisfy

$$\begin{split} K(X,Y) &= g(R(X,Y)Y,X) = \frac{(\lambda^2 - \mu^2 + \nu^2)^2 + 4\nu^2(\mu^2 - \nu^2)}{(\lambda\mu\nu)^2}, \\ K(X,Z) &= g(R(X,Z)Z,X) = \frac{(\lambda^2 + \mu^2 - \nu^2)^2 - 4\mu^2(\mu^2 - \nu^2)}{(\lambda\mu\nu)^2}, \\ K(Y,Z) &= g(R(Y,Z)Z,Y) = \frac{(\lambda^2 + \mu^2 + \nu^2)^2 - 4(\lambda^4 + \mu^2\nu^2)}{(\lambda\mu\nu)^2}. \end{split}$$

Proof. We will only prove the first identity, the other ones are computed similarly. For this, we determine the Riemann curvature operator as given in (2.2):

$$\begin{split} R(X,Y)Y &= \nabla_{\!X} \nabla_{\!Y} Y - \nabla_{\!Y} \nabla_{\!X} Y - \nabla_{\![X,Y]} Y \\ &= -\frac{-\lambda^2 + \mu^2 + \nu^2}{\lambda \mu \nu} \cdot \nabla_{\!Y} Z - \frac{2\nu^2}{\lambda \mu \nu} \cdot \nabla_{\!Z} Y \\ &= \frac{-\lambda^2 + \mu^2 + \nu^2}{\lambda \mu \nu} \cdot \frac{-\lambda^2 + \mu^2 - \nu^2}{\lambda \mu \nu} \cdot X + \frac{2\nu^2}{\lambda \mu \nu} \cdot \frac{\lambda^2 + \mu^2 - \nu^2}{\lambda \mu \nu} \cdot X \\ &= \frac{\lambda^4 - 2\lambda^2 \mu^2 + \mu^4 - 3\nu^4 + 2\mu^2 \nu^2 + 2\lambda^2 \nu^2}{(\lambda \mu \nu)^2} \cdot X \\ &= \frac{(\lambda^2 - \mu^2 + \nu^2)^2 + 4\nu^2(\mu^2 - \nu^2)}{(\lambda \mu \nu)^2} \cdot X. \end{split}$$

For the values of the Levi-Civita connection we used the results of Lemma 3.4. Note that the denominator of the sectional curvature as given in (2.3) simplifies to 1, since we chose an orthonormal basis. Finally,

$$K(X,Y) = g(R(X,Y)Y,X) = \frac{(\lambda^2 - \mu^2 + \nu^2)^2 + 4\nu^2(\mu^2 - \nu^2)}{(\lambda\mu\nu)^2}.$$

Remark 3.6. Unsurprisingly, if we set $\lambda = \mu = \nu = 1$, we obtain the round sphere with respect to its standard metric, which has constant sectional curvature 1.

Generally,

$$K(X,Y) \le 0 \tag{3.2}$$

if $\mu < \nu$ and

$$0 < \lambda^2 \le 2\nu \sqrt{\nu^2 - \mu^2} + \mu^2 - \nu^2, \tag{3.3}$$

with equality in (3.2) only if we have equality in (3.3).

$$K(X,Z) \le 0 \tag{3.4}$$

if $\mu > \nu$ and

$$0 < \lambda^2 \le 2\mu \sqrt{\mu^2 - \nu^2} + \nu^2 - \mu^2, \tag{3.5}$$

with equality in (3.4) only if we have equality in (3.5).

$$K(Y,Z) \le 0 \tag{3.6}$$

if

$$\lambda^{2} \geq \frac{1}{3} \cdot (2\sqrt{\mu^{4} - \mu^{2}\nu^{2} + \nu^{4}} + \mu^{2} + \nu^{2}), \qquad (3.7)$$

with equality in (3.6) only if we have equality in (3.7).

Chapter 4

CMC Tori in the Riemannian (S^3, g)

In this chapter we look at a family of tori inside the unit sphere S^3 and investigate for which parameters they have a constant mean curvature, and in particular, when they are minimal. We then compare our results to some of the papers mentioned in the introduction.

For $\theta, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$, the three dimensional unit sphere S^3 can be expressed as

$$S^3 = (\cos\theta \cdot e^{i\alpha}, \sin\theta \cdot e^{i\beta})$$

If we now fix $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$, we obtain a two dimensional torus T_{θ}^2 , parametrised by $\mathcal{F}_{\theta} : \mathbb{R}^2 \to S^3$, given by

$$\mathcal{F}_{\theta}: (\alpha, \beta) \to (\cos \theta \cdot e^{i\alpha}, \sin \theta \cdot e^{i\beta}).$$

It can easily be seen that setting $\theta = 0$ or $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ is rather uninteresting, since this only gives us the great circles

$$(e^{i\alpha},0), \quad (0,e^{i\beta})$$

respectively.

Consider the tangent vectors

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} = \cos \theta \cdot (ie^{i\alpha}, 0)$$
 and $\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} = \sin \theta \cdot (0, ie^{i\beta})$

at the point $p = (\cos \theta \cdot e^{i\alpha}, \sin \theta \cdot e^{i\beta})$, obtained through differentiation.

We now compute the first fundamental form with respect to the Riemannian metric g.

$$E_g = g_p(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha})$$

$$= \cos^{2} \theta (\lambda^{2} \cos^{2} \theta + \sin^{2} \theta (\mu^{2} \sin^{2} (\alpha + \beta) + \nu^{2} \cos^{2} (\alpha + \beta))),$$

$$F_{g} = g_{p} (\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta})$$

$$= \cos^{2} \theta \sin^{2} \theta (\lambda^{2} - (\mu^{2} \sin^{2} (\alpha + \beta) + \nu^{2} \cos(\alpha + \beta)))$$

$$= -E_{g} + \lambda^{2} \cos^{2} \theta$$

$$= -G_{g} + \lambda^{2} \sin^{2} \theta,$$

$$G_g = g_p(\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta})$$

= $\sin^2 \theta(\lambda^2 \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta(\mu^2 \sin^2(\alpha + \beta) + \nu^2 \cos(\alpha + \beta)))$
= $E_g + \lambda^2(\sin^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta).$

We now employ the Gram-Schmidt process to find an orthonormal basis V_1, V_2 for the tangent space $T_p T_{\theta}^2$ of the torus T_{θ}^2 at p:

$$V_{1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{E_{g}}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}.$$

$$V_{2}' = E_{g} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} - F_{g} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}.$$

$$V_{2} = \frac{V_{2}'}{\sqrt{g_{p}(V_{2}', V_{2}')}}$$

$$= \frac{-F_{g}}{\sqrt{E_{g}(E_{g}G_{g} - F_{g}^{2})}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} + \frac{\sqrt{E_{g}}}{\sqrt{E_{g}G_{g} - F_{g}^{2}}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}.$$

We have now obtained an orthonormal basis

$$V_1 = f_1 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \quad V_2 = f_2 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} + f_3 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta},$$

where we define

$$f_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{E_g}},$$

$$f_2 = \frac{-F_g}{\sqrt{E_g(E_g G_g - F_g^2)}},$$

$$f_3 = \frac{\sqrt{E_g}}{\sqrt{E_g G_g - F_g^2}}$$

as functions of α and β . The basis V_1, V_2 can now be used in determining the trace of the second fundamental form B. Note that by Proposition 6.22 in [5], B is tensorial in both arguments. (In the following, we index B with g to be able to later compare it to the Lorentzian case.)

$$\text{trace } B_g = B_g(V_1, V_1) + B_g(V_2, V_2)$$

$$= B_g(f_1 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, f_1 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha})$$

$$+ B_g(f_2 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} + f_3 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}, f_2 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} + f_3 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta})$$

$$= (f_1^2 + f_2^2) \cdot B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}) + 2f_2f_3 \cdot B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta})$$

$$+ f_3^2 \cdot B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta})$$

$$= (f_1^2 + f_2^2) \cdot B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}) + f_3^2 \cdot B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}).$$

In the last step we used that the mixed derivatives

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \alpha \partial \beta}, \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \beta \partial \alpha}$$

vanish, which implies that

$$B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta})$$

does as well. We now simplify the separate terms of the sum. Instead of projecting

$$B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha})$$

onto a unit normal vector V_3 of the torus, which we could find through another step of the Gram-Schmidt process, we use an orthogonal decomposition. This is justified since the normal vector V_3 of the torus, the unit vectors V_1, V_2 spanning the tangent plane $T_p T_{\theta}^2$ and N_p form an orthonormal basis of $T_p \mathbb{C}^2$, i.e.

$$T_p\mathbb{C}^2 = T_pS^3 \oplus N_pS^3 = T_pT_\theta^2 \oplus N_pT_\theta^2 \oplus N_pS^3.$$

This orthogonal decomposition holds with respect to the Berger metric g, for any choice of $\lambda, \mu, \nu \in \mathbb{R}^+$, since V_1, V_2, V_3 depend on those parameters.

$$B_{g}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}\right) = \left(\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}}\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}\right)^{\perp} \\ = \left(\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}}\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}\right) - g_{p}\left(\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}}\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}, V_{1}\right)V_{1} -$$

$$g_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, V_2)V_2 - g_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, N_p) \cdot N_p.$$

We now simplify the separate terms of $B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha})$. $\nabla \partial \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} = (-\cos \theta \cdot e^{i\alpha})$

$$\nabla_{\underline{\partial}}_{\overline{\partial\alpha}} \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha} = (-\cos\theta \cdot e^{i\alpha}, 0).$$

$$g_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, V_1) = f_1 \cdot g_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha})$$

= $f_1 \cdot (\mu^2 - \nu^2) \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta \sin(\alpha + \beta) \cos(\alpha + \beta)$
= $f_1 \cdot \xi,$

where for brevity we set

$$\xi = (\mu^2 - \nu^2) \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta \sin(\alpha + \beta) \cos(\alpha + \beta).$$

$$g_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}}_{\overline{\partial}\alpha}, V_2) = f_2 \cdot g_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}}_{\overline{\partial}\alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}) + f_3 \cdot g_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}}_{\overline{\partial}\alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta})$$

$$= (f_2 - f_3)(\mu^2 - \nu^2) \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta \sin(\alpha + \beta) \cos(\alpha + \beta)$$

$$= (f_2 - f_3) \cdot \xi.$$

$$g_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}\ \overline{\partial\alpha}}, N_p) = -\cos^2\theta.$$

We now plug in the above results. We denote

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} = (-\sin\theta \cdot e^{i\alpha}, \cos\theta \cdot e^{i\beta}),$$

which is the vector belonging to $T_p S^3$ obtained by differentiating for θ .

$$\begin{split} B_{g}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha},\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}\right) \\ &= \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}} - f_{1} \cdot \xi \cdot V_{1} - (f_{2} - f_{3}) \cdot \xi \cdot V_{2} + \cos^{2}\theta \cdot N_{p} \\ &= \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}} - \xi(f_{1}^{2} + f_{2}^{2} - f_{2}f_{3}) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha} - \xi(f_{2}f_{3} - f_{3}^{2}) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta} + \cos^{2}\theta \cdot N_{p} \\ &= \sin\theta\cos\theta \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} - \xi \cdot \frac{G_{g} + F_{g}}{E_{g}G_{g} - F_{g}^{2}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha} + \xi \cdot \frac{E_{g} + F_{g}}{E_{g}G_{g} - F_{g}^{2}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta} \\ &= \sin\theta\cos\theta \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} + \frac{\xi}{E_{g}G_{g} - F_{g}^{2}} \cdot (\lambda^{2}\sin^{2}\theta \cdot (-i\cos\theta \cdot e^{i\alpha}, 0) + \lambda^{2}\cos^{2}\theta \cdot (0, i\sin\theta \cdot e^{i\beta})) \\ &= \sin\theta\cos\theta \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} + \frac{\xi}{E_{g}G_{g} - F_{g}^{2}} \cdot i\sin\theta\cos\theta \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} \end{split}$$

$$= \sin\theta\cos\theta \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} \cdot \frac{\mu^2 \sin^2(\alpha+\beta) + \nu^2 \cos^2(\alpha+\beta) + i(\mu^2-\nu^2)\sin(\alpha+\beta)\cos(\alpha+\beta)}{\mu^2 \sin^2(\alpha+\beta) + \nu^2 \cos^2(\alpha+\beta)}$$

$$= \sin\theta\cos\theta \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} \cdot \frac{(i\mu^2 \sin(\alpha+\beta) + \nu^2 \cos(\alpha+\beta)) \cdot e^{-i(\alpha+\beta)}}{\mu^2 \sin^2(\alpha+\beta) + \nu^2 \cos^2(\alpha+\beta)} \cdot (-\sin\theta \cdot e^{-i\beta}, \cos\theta \cdot e^{-i\alpha})$$

$$= \sin\theta\cos\theta \cdot \frac{\mu^2 \sin(\alpha+\beta)}{\mu^2 \sin^2(\alpha+\beta) + \nu^2 \cos^2(\alpha+\beta)} \cdot p \cdot (0, i)$$

$$+ \sin\theta\cos\theta \cdot \frac{\nu^2 \cos(\alpha+\beta)}{\mu^2 \sin^2(\alpha+\beta) + \nu^2 \cos^2(\alpha+\beta)} \cdot p \cdot (0, 1)$$

$$= \sin\theta\cos\theta \cdot \frac{\mu^2 \sin(\alpha+\beta)}{\mu^2 \sin^2(\alpha+\beta) + \nu^2 \cos^2(\alpha+\beta)} \cdot z_p$$

$$- \sin\theta\cos\theta \cdot \frac{\nu^2 \cos(\alpha+\beta)}{\mu^2 \sin^2(\alpha+\beta) + \nu^2 \cos^2(\alpha+\beta)} \cdot Y_p.$$

We now proceed with $B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta})$ the same way we did with $B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha})$.

$$B_{g}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}\right) = \left(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}} \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}\right)^{\perp}$$
$$= \left(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}} \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}\right) - g_{p}\left(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}} \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}, V_{1}\right)V_{1} - g_{p}\left(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}} \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}, V_{2}\right)V_{2} - g_{p}\left(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}} \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}, N_{p}\right) \cdot N_{p}.$$

$$(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}\ \overline{\partial\beta}} \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}) = (0, -\sin\theta \cdot e^{i\beta}).$$

$$g_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}, V_1) = f_1 \cdot g_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha})$$

= $f_1 \cdot (-\mu^2 + \nu^2) \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta \sin(\alpha + \beta) \cos(\alpha + \beta)$
= $-f_1 \cdot \xi.$

$$g_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}, V_2) = f_2 \cdot g_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}) + f_3 \cdot g_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta})$$

$$= -(f_2 - f_3)(\mu^2 - \nu^2) \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta \sin(\alpha + \beta) \cos(\alpha + \beta)$$

$$= -(f_2 - f_3) \cdot \xi.$$

$$g_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}\ \overline{\partial\beta}} \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}, N_p) = -\sin^2 \theta.$$

Finally we obtain

$$B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}) = (\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}} \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}) + f_1 \cdot \xi \cdot V_1 + (f_2 - f_3) \cdot \xi \cdot V_2 + \sin^2 \theta \cdot N_p$$
$$= -B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}).$$

We now compile this information, to get the following:

$$\operatorname{trace} B_{g}$$

$$= (f_{1}^{2} + f_{2}^{2}) \cdot B_{g}(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}) + f_{3}^{2} \cdot B_{g}(\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta})$$

$$= (f_{1}^{2} + f_{2}^{2} - f_{3}^{2}) \cdot B_{g}(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha})$$

$$= \frac{G_{g} - E_{g}}{E_{g}G_{g} - F_{g}^{2}} \cdot B_{g}(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha})$$

$$= \frac{(\sin^{2}\theta - \cos^{2}\theta)}{\cos\theta\sin\theta(\mu^{2}\sin^{2}(\alpha + \beta) + \nu^{2}\cos^{2}(\alpha + \beta))^{2}}$$

$$\cdot (-\nu^{2}\cos(\alpha + \beta) \cdot Y_{p} + \mu^{2}\sin(\alpha + \beta) \cdot Z_{p})$$

$$= \frac{-2}{\tan(2\theta) \cdot (\mu^{2}\sin^{2}(\alpha + \beta) + \nu^{2}\cos^{2}(\alpha + \beta))^{2}} \cdot (-\nu^{2}\cos(\alpha + \beta) \cdot Y_{p} + \mu^{2}\sin(\alpha + \beta) \cdot Z_{p})$$

The mean curvature vector H_g is now given by

$$H_g = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \operatorname{trace} B_g$$

= $\frac{(\nu^2 \cos(\alpha + \beta) \cdot Y_p - \mu^2 \sin(\alpha + \beta) \cdot Z_p)}{\tan(2\theta) \cdot (\mu^2 \sin^2(\alpha + \beta) + \nu^2 \cos^2(\alpha + \beta))^2}.$

In particular,

$$||H_g|| = \sqrt{g_p(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \operatorname{trace} B_g, \frac{1}{2} \cdot \operatorname{trace} B_g)}$$

=
$$\frac{\mu\nu}{|\tan(2\theta)| \cdot (\mu^2 \sin^2(\alpha + \beta) + \nu^2 \cos^2(\alpha + \beta))^{\frac{3}{2}}}.$$

It is evident that $||H_g||$ does not depend on λ , since H_g is a linear combination of Y_p and Z_p . Note that for all $\mu, \nu, \theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$ is the only choice within $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ for which $\cos(2\theta) = 0$ and thus $\frac{1}{\tan(2\theta)} = 0$. In this case, we have

$$H_g \equiv 0.$$

Thus the mean curvature vanishes identically if and only if $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$. This renders the torus $T_{\pi/4}^2$ a minimal submanifold of S^3 .

Theorem 4.1. Assume that for the metric g on S^3 , as given in (3.1), it holds that $\mu = \nu$. Let μ be given. Then for every non-negative real number C there exists a torus T^2_{θ} , belonging to the family of tori described above, such that its mean curvature is constant and satisfies

$$||H_q|| \equiv C.$$

For C = 0, this is unique, for C > 0, there exist two such tori.

Proof. We use the computations from above. In the case that $\mu = \nu$, the above identity yields

$$\|H_g\| = \frac{1}{|\tan(2\theta)| \cdot \mu}.$$

Clearly, $||H_g||$ does not depend on α and β , thus the mean curvature is constant along the torus. We then note that for θ within our interval of choice,

$$\frac{1}{\tan(2\theta)} = \frac{\cos(2\theta)}{\sin(2\theta)}$$

assumes all values on the real line. There is only one solution for $\frac{1}{\tan(2\theta)} = 0$, which is $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$, as discussed above.

For C > 0, we just have to solve

$$|\tan(2\theta)| = \frac{1}{C\mu},$$

which has two solutions: one solution where

$$\tan(2\theta) < 0$$
, i.e. $\theta \in (\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2})$,

and another solution where

$$\tan(2\theta) > 0, \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \theta \in (0, \frac{\pi}{4}).$$

Remark 4.2. If we plug in $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$, we obtain the Clifford torus

$$T_{\pi/4} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot e^{i\alpha}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot e^{i\beta}\right).$$

Thus, our result does not contradict the Lawson conjecture [7]. We however only investigated a particular family of tori, whereas the counterexamples to the Lawson conjecture given by Torralbo are undoloid-type surfaces. For a more detailed classification, we refer the reader to Theorem 1 and Remark 3 in [9].

Remark 4.3. Our result confirms the findings of [2]. For this, set $\mu = \nu = 1$ and $\lambda = \tau$. While we chose a parametrisation of the torus depending on the $\theta \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$, de Lima et al. define the torus depending on a parameter r, namely for $z, w \in S^3$

$$T_r = (r \cdot z, \sqrt{1 - r^2} \cdot w), \ r \in (0, 1).$$

By setting $r = \sin \theta$ it can easily be seen that this parametrisation is equivalent to ours.

Chapter 5

The Generalised Lorentzian Berger Spheres (S^3, h)

We now compute the Levi-Civita connection and the sectional curvatures of S^3 , but with respect to the Lorentzian metric h.

Definition 5.1. We equip S^3 with a family of left-invariant Lorentzian metrics

$$\{h: C^{\infty}(TS^3) \otimes C^{\infty}(TS^3) \mapsto C^{\infty}(S^3) \,|\, \lambda \,, \mu \,, \nu \in \mathbb{R}^+\},\$$

such that the restriction of h to a point p is given by

$$\begin{aligned} & h_p(A,B) \\ &= -\lambda^2 \cdot \langle p^{-1}A, (i,0) \rangle \langle p^{-1}B, (i,0) \rangle + \mu^2 \cdot \langle p^{-1}A, (0,-1) \rangle \langle p^{-1}B, (0,-1) \rangle \\ & +\nu^2 \cdot \langle p^{-1}A, (0,i) \rangle \langle p^{-1}B, (0,i) \rangle + \langle p^{-1}A, (1,0) \rangle \langle p^{-1}B, (1,0) \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

where $A, B \in T_p S^3$. An orthonormal frame for the tangent bundle TS^3 with respect to h is given by

$$\{X_p = \lambda^{-1} \cdot p \cdot (i, 0), Y_p = \mu^{-1} \cdot p \cdot (0, -1), Z_p = \nu^{-1} \cdot p \cdot (0, i)\}.$$

whereas the normal bundle NS^3 is spanned by $N_p = p \cdot (1,0)$. Note that this coincides with the frames for TS^3 and NS^3 of (S^3, g) as given in Definition 3.3.

Lemma 5.2. The Levi-Civita connection ∇ of the Lorentzian Lie group (S^3, h) satisfies

$$\nabla_{X}X = 0, \quad \nabla_{X}Y = \frac{\lambda^{2} + \mu^{2} + \nu^{2}}{\lambda\mu\nu} \cdot Z, \quad \nabla_{X}Z = -\frac{\lambda^{2} + \mu^{2} + \nu^{2}}{\lambda\mu\nu} \cdot Y,$$
$$\nabla_{Y}X = \frac{\lambda^{2} + \mu^{2} - \nu^{2}}{\lambda\mu\nu} \cdot Z, \quad \nabla_{Y}Y = 0, \quad \nabla_{Y}Z = \frac{\lambda^{2} + \mu^{2} - \nu^{2}}{\lambda\mu\nu} \cdot X,$$
$$\nabla_{Z}X = \frac{-\lambda^{2} + \mu^{2} - \nu^{2}}{\lambda\mu\nu} \cdot Y, \quad \nabla_{Z}Y = \frac{-\lambda^{2} + \mu^{2} - \nu^{2}}{\lambda\mu\nu} \cdot X, \quad \nabla_{Z}Z = 0.$$

Proof. The arguments are the same as in the Riemannian case, except taking the following Lorentzian formula into account

$$\nabla_{\!A}B = -h(\nabla_{\!A}B, X)X + h(\nabla_{\!A}B, Y)Y + h(\nabla_{\!A}B, Z)Z.$$

We see that compared to the Riemannian case, the signs of every λ^2 and every X differ.

Proposition 5.3. The sectional curvatures of the Lorentzian Lie group (S^3, h) satisfy

$$\begin{split} K(X,Y) &= h(R(X,Y)Y,X) = \frac{(\lambda^2 + \mu^2 - \nu^2)^2 + 4\nu^2(\mu^2 - \nu^2)}{(\lambda\mu\nu)^2} \\ K(X,Z) &= h(R(X,Z)Z,X) = \frac{(\lambda^2 - \mu^2 + \nu^2)^2 - 4\mu^2(\mu^2 - \nu^2)}{(\lambda\mu\nu)^2} \\ K(Y,Z) &= h(R(Y,Z)Z,Y) = \frac{(\lambda^2 + \mu^2 + \nu^2)^2 + 2(\lambda^4 - \mu^4 - \nu^4)}{(\lambda\mu\nu)^2}. \end{split}$$

Proof. The result is obtained using the formula for the Riemann curvature operator as given in (2.2) and the Levi-Civita connection we computed in Lemma 5.2. \Box

Remark 5.4. In particular,

$$K(X,Y) \le 0 \tag{5.1}$$

if $\nu > \mu$ and

$$0 < \lambda^2 \le 2\nu \sqrt{\nu^2 - \mu^2} - \mu^2 + \nu^2, \tag{5.2}$$

with equality in 5.1 only if we have equality in 5.2.

$$K(X,Z) \le 0 \tag{5.3}$$

if $\nu < \mu$ and

$$0 < \lambda^2 \le 2\mu \sqrt{\mu^2 - \nu^2} - \nu^2 + \mu^2, \tag{5.4}$$

with equality in 5.3 only if we have equality in 5.4.

$$K(Y,Z) \le 0 \tag{5.5}$$

if

$$0 < \lambda^2 \le \frac{1}{3} \cdot (2\sqrt{\mu^4 - \mu^2\nu^2 + \nu^4} - \mu^2 - \nu^2), \tag{5.6}$$

with equality in 5.5 only if we have equality in 5.6.

Chapter 6

CMC Tori in the Lorentzian (S^3, h)

In this chapter we determine for which parameters we obtain CMC or minimal tori in (S^3, h) . We proceed similarly as in the Riemannian case. As it turns out, we obtain the same result.

Consider again

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \ \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \in T_p S^3$$

as given in Chapter 4. We notice that in the first fundamental form only the sign of λ^2 changes.

$$\begin{split} E_h &= h_p(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}) \\ &= \cos^2 \theta(-\lambda^2 \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta(\mu^2 \sin^2(\alpha + \beta) + \nu^2 \cos^2(\alpha + \beta))), \\ F_h &= h_p(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}) \\ &= -\cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta(\lambda^2 + \mu^2 \sin^2(\alpha + \beta) + \nu^2 \cos(\alpha + \beta)) \\ &= -E_h - \lambda^2 \cos^2 \theta \\ &= -G_h - \lambda^2 \sin^2 \theta, \\ G_h &= h_p(\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}) \\ &= \sin^2 \theta(-\lambda^2 \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta(\mu^2 \sin^2(\alpha + \beta) + \nu^2 \cos(\alpha + \beta))) \\ &= E_h - \lambda^2 (\sin^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta). \end{split}$$

Through the Gram-Schmidt process we obtain an orthonormal basis for $T_p T_\theta^2$:

$$V_1 = f_1 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha},$$

$$V_2 = f_2 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} + f_3 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta},$$

where

$$f_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{E_h}},$$

$$f_2 = \frac{-F_h}{\sqrt{E_h(E_hG_h - F_h^2)}},$$

$$f_3 = \frac{\sqrt{E_h}}{\sqrt{E_hG_h - F_h^2}}.$$

Note that the functions f_1, f_2, f_3 differ from the functions of the same name in Chapter 4 (when we were talking about the Riemannian case (S^3, g)), because they depend on the first fundamental form.

trace
$$B_h = B_h(V_1, V_1) + B_h(V_2, V_2)$$

= $(f_1^2 + f_2^2) \cdot B_h(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}) + f_3^2 \cdot B_h(\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}).$

We now evaluate the operator B. Naturally, the switch to the Lorentzian metric does not impact differentiation.

$$B_{h}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}\right) = \left(\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}}\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}\right)^{\perp}$$

$$= \left(\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}}\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}\right) - h_{p}\left(\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}}\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}, V_{1}\right)V_{1} - h_{p}\left(\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}}\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}, V_{2}\right)V_{2} - h_{p}\left(\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}}\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}, N_{p}\right) \cdot N_{p}$$

$$= \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}}\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha} - \xi\left(f_{1}^{2} + f_{2}^{2} - f_{2}f_{3}\right) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha} - \xi\left(f_{2}f_{3} - f_{3}^{2}\right) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta} + \cos^{2}\theta \cdot N_{p}$$

$$= \cos\theta\sin\theta \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} - \xi \cdot \frac{G_{h} + F_{h}}{E_{h}G_{h} - F_{h}^{2}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha} + \xi \cdot \frac{E_{h} + F_{h}}{E_{h}G_{h} - F_{h}^{2}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta},$$

where, as in Chapter 4,

$$\xi = (\mu^2 - \nu^2) \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta \sin(\alpha + \beta) \cos(\alpha + \beta)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} = (-\sin\theta \cdot e^{i\alpha}, \cos\theta \cdot e^{i\beta}).$$

Similarly, we find that

$$B_h(\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta},\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}) = (\nabla_{\underline{\partial}}\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta})^{\perp}$$

$$= (\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}}\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}) + \xi(f_1^2 + f_2^2 - f_2f_3) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha} + \xi(f_2f_3 - f_3^2) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta} + \sin^2\theta \cdot N_p$$

$$= -\cos\theta\sin\theta \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} + \xi \cdot \frac{G_h + F_h}{E_hG_h - F_h^2} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha} - \xi \cdot \frac{E_h + F_h}{E_hG_h - F_h^2} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}$$

$$= -B_h(\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}).$$

Thus,

trace
$$B_h = (f_1^2 + f_2^2 - f_3^2) \cdot B_h(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}).$$

We now look at the coefficients of $\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}$ in $B_h(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha})$ and note that the sign changes in the first fundamental form (compared to E_g, F_g, G_g in Chapter 4) cancel each other out. Indeed,

$$\frac{G_h + F_h}{E_h G_h - F_h^2} = \frac{-\lambda^2 \sin^2 \theta}{-\lambda^2 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta (\mu^2 \sin^2(\alpha + \beta) + \nu^2 \cos^2(\alpha + \beta))}$$
$$= \frac{G_g + F_g}{E_g G_g - F_g^2},$$
$$\frac{E_h + F_h}{E_h G_h - F_h^2} = \frac{-\lambda^2 \cos^2 \theta}{-\lambda^2 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta (\mu^2 \sin^2(\alpha + \beta) + \nu^2 \cos^2(\alpha + \beta))}$$
$$= \frac{E_g + F_g}{E_g G_g - F_g^2}.$$

Consequently,

$$B_h(\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}) = B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}),$$
$$B_h(\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}) = B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}).$$

Naturally, in the Lorentzian case we also have that

$$B_h(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}) = B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}) = 0.$$

Further,

$$f_1^2 + f_2^2 - f_3^2 = \frac{G_h - E_h}{E_h G_h - F_h^2} = \frac{-\lambda^2 (\sin^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta)}{-\lambda^2 \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta (\mu^2 \sin^2 (\alpha + \beta) + \nu^2 \cos^2 (\alpha + \beta))} = \frac{G_g - E_g}{E_g G_g - F_g^2}.$$

This means that

trace
$$B_h = \frac{G_h - E_h}{E_h G_h - F_h^2} \cdot B_h(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha})$$

$$= \frac{G_g - E_g}{E_g G_g - F_g^2} \cdot B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha})$$
$$= \text{trace } B_g.$$

Since trace B_g is orthogonal to X_p ,

$$h_p(\operatorname{trace} B_g, \operatorname{trace} B_g) = g_p(\operatorname{trace} B_g, \operatorname{trace} B_g).$$

This implies that $||H_h||$ in the Lorentzian case will coincide with its Riemannian counterpart $||H_g||$. We obtain the same result: namely that the torus T_{θ}^2 is minimal if and only if $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$, and that the mean curvature is constant if $\mu = \nu$ or $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$.

Remark 6.1. To compute the mean curvature in the Maple program that can be found in the Appendix, only set $\epsilon_1 = -1$. Other semi-Riemannian cases can easily be checked by changing the other ϵs .

Chapter 7

The Generalised Riemannian Dual Space (Σ^3, g)

We first consider a subset Σ^3 of \mathbb{C}^2 and the diffeomorphism $\Psi : \Sigma^3 \mapsto G \subset \mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})$. Further, we show that G is diffeomorphic to $\mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$. We then compute the Levi-Civita connection and sectional curvatures.

Consider the subset $\Sigma^3 = \{(z, w) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid |z|^2 - |w|^2 = 1\}$ of \mathbb{C}^2 . Let $\Psi : \Sigma^3 \to \mathbf{GL}_2(\mathbb{C})$ be the diffeomorphism

$$\Psi: (z,w) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} z & \bar{w} \\ w & \bar{z} \end{pmatrix}.$$

For any $(z, w) \in \Sigma^3$,

$$\det(\Psi(z, w)) = |z|^2 - |w|^2 = 1.$$

This shows that the image G of Σ^3 under Ψ is contained in the complex special linear group

$$\mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{C}) = \{ X \in \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2} \mid \det X = 1 \}.$$

The standard matrix multiplication * on $\mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})$ induces a natural group structure \cdot on Σ^3 . The multiplication \cdot on Σ^3 is thus defined by

$$(z_1, w_1) \cdot (z_2, w_2) = (z_1 z_2 + \bar{w}_1 w_2, w_1 z_2 + \bar{z}_1 w_2).$$

The multiplicative inverse of an element $p = (z, w) \in \Sigma^3$ is given by

$$p^{-1} = (\bar{z}, -w).$$

Assume now that

$$p = \begin{pmatrix} z_1 & \bar{w}_1 \\ w_1 & \bar{z}_1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad q = \begin{pmatrix} z_2 & \bar{w}_2 \\ w_2 & \bar{z}_2, \end{pmatrix} \in G = \Psi(\Sigma^3).$$

Then

$$p * q^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \bar{z}_2 - \bar{w}_1 w_2 & -z_1 \bar{w}_2 + \bar{w}_1 z_2 \\ w_1 \bar{z}_2 - \bar{z}_1 w_2 & -w_1 \bar{w}_2 + \bar{z}_1 z_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus $p * q^{-1} \in G$, and consequently G is a subgroup of $\mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{C})$. By proposition 2.35 in [5], (G, *) is a Lie group.

Further we have that (G, *) is isomorphic to $(\mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}), *)$. To show this, we write z = x + iy, w = a + ib, and let $\hat{\Psi} : G \to \mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ be the diffeomorphism given by

$$\hat{\Psi}: \begin{pmatrix} x+iy & a-ib\\ a+ib & x-iy \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x-a & b-y\\ b+y & x+a \end{pmatrix}.$$

Indeed, the determinant of the image of $\hat{\Psi}$ is 1:

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} x-a & b-y \\ b+y & x+a \end{pmatrix} = (x+a)(x-a) - (b+y)(b-y)$$

= $x^2 + y^2 - a^2 - b^2$
= $|z|^2 - |w|^2$
= 1.

The standard scalar product of $\mathbf{SL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ is given by

$$\langle A, B \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \operatorname{trace} A^t \cdot B.$$

The Lie algebra $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})$ is generated by

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

From this it can be seen that an orthonormal basis for the tangent space of Σ^3 at the neutral element e with respect to the scalar product on \mathbb{R}^4 ,

 $\langle (z_1, w_1), (z_2, w_2) \rangle = \Re(\overline{z_1}z_2 + \overline{w_1}w_2).$

is given by

$$\{(i,0), (0,-1), (0,i)\}.$$

We now equip Σ^3 with a family of left invariant Riemannian Berger metrics

$$\{g: C^{\infty}(T\Sigma^3) \otimes C^{\infty}(T\Sigma^3) \to C^{\infty}(\Sigma^3) \mid \lambda, \mu, \nu \in \mathbb{R}^+\},\$$

such that for each $p \in \Sigma^3$ the restriction of g to p is a real scalar product

$$g_p: T_p\Sigma^3 \otimes T_p\Sigma^3 \to \mathbb{R},$$

given by

$$g_p(A,B) = \lambda^2 \cdot \langle p^{-1}A, (i,0) \rangle \langle p^{-1}B, (i,0) \rangle + \mu^2 \cdot \langle p^{-1}A, (0,-1) \rangle \langle p^{-1}B, (0,-1) \rangle \\ + \nu^2 \cdot \langle p^{-1}A, (0,i) \rangle \langle p^{-1}B, (0,i) \rangle + \langle p^{-1}A, (1,0) \rangle \langle p^{-1}B, (1,0) \rangle,$$

for $A, B \in T_p \Sigma^3$. With respect to the Berger metric g above, an orthonormal frame for the tangent bundle $T\Sigma^3$ of Σ^3 is now given by

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$$X_p = \lambda^{-1} \cdot p \cdot (i, 0), \quad Y_p = \mu^{-1} \cdot p \cdot (0, -1), \quad Z_p = \nu^{-1} \cdot p \cdot (0, i)$$
},

the normal bundle $N\Sigma^3$ is spanned by $N_p = p \cdot (1,0)$. Matrix multiplication on $\mathfrak{sl}_2(\mathbb{R})$ yields the bracket relations

$$[X,Y] = 2\lambda^{-1}\mu^{-1}\nu Z, \quad [Z,X] = 2\lambda^{-1}\mu\nu^{-1}Y, \quad [Y,Z] = -2\lambda\mu^{-1}\nu^{-1}X.$$

Lemma 7.1. The Levi-Civita connection ∇ of the Riemannian Lie group (Σ^3, g) satisfies

$$\begin{split} \nabla_{\!X} X &= 0, \quad \nabla_{\!X} Y = \frac{\lambda^2 + \mu^2 + \nu^2}{\lambda \mu \nu} \cdot Z, \quad \nabla_{\!X} Z = -\frac{\lambda^2 + \mu^2 + \nu^2}{\lambda \mu \nu} \cdot Y, \\ \nabla_{\!Y} X &= \frac{\lambda^2 + \mu^2 - \nu^2}{\lambda \mu \nu} \cdot Z, \quad \nabla_{\!Y} Y = 0, \quad \nabla_{\!Y} Z = -\frac{\lambda^2 + \mu^2 - \nu^2}{\lambda \mu \nu} \cdot X, \\ \nabla_{\!Z} X &= \frac{-\lambda^2 + \mu^2 - \nu^2}{\lambda \mu \nu} \cdot Y, \quad \nabla_{\!Z} Y = -\frac{-\lambda^2 + \mu^2 - \nu^2}{\lambda \mu \nu} \cdot X, \quad \nabla_{\!Z} Z = 0. \end{split}$$

Proof. This is a standard calculation employing the Koszul formula (2.1) for left-invariant vector fields and the Lie bracket relations.

Proposition 7.2. The sectional curvatures of the Riemannian Lie group (Σ^3, g) satisfy

$$\begin{split} K(X,Y) &= g(R(X,Y)Y,X) = \frac{(\lambda^2 + \mu^2 - \nu^2)^2 + 4\nu^2(\mu^2 - \nu^2)}{(\lambda\mu\nu)^2}, \\ K(X,Z) &= g(R(X,Z)Z,X) = \frac{(\lambda^2 - \mu^2 + \nu^2)^2 - 4\mu^2(\mu^2 - \nu^2)}{(\lambda\mu\nu)^2}, \\ K(Y,Z) &= g(R(Y,Z)Z,Y) = -\frac{(\lambda^2 + \mu^2 + \nu^2)^2 + 2(\lambda^4 - \mu^2 - \nu^2)}{(\lambda\mu\nu)^2}. \end{split}$$

Proof. We computed the Riemann curvature operator as given in (2.2). It simplifies the computation immensely if we compare the Levi-Civita connection on (Σ^3, g) and (S^3, h) and note that the signs in front of every X differ (see Lemma 5.2). There is another sign change for the Lie bracket [Y, Z]. Finally, for the Riemann curvature operator on (Σ^3, g) we yield -1 times of what we obtained on (S^3, h) . \Box

Remark 7.3.

$$K(X,Y) \le 0 \tag{7.1}$$

if $\nu > \mu$ and

$$0 < \lambda^2 \le 2\nu \sqrt{\nu^2 - \mu^2} - \mu^2 + \nu^2, \tag{7.2}$$

with equality in (7.1) only if we have equality in (7.2).

$$K(X,Z) \le 0 \tag{7.3}$$

if $\nu < \mu$ and

$$0 < \lambda^2 \le 2\mu \sqrt{\mu^2 - \nu^2} - \nu^2 + \mu^2, \tag{7.4}$$

with equality in (7.3) only if we have equality in (7.4)

$$K(Y,Z) \le 0 \tag{7.5}$$

if

$$\lambda^{2} \geq \frac{1}{3} (2\sqrt{\mu^{4} - \mu^{2}\nu^{2} + \nu^{4}} - \mu^{2} - \nu^{2}), \qquad (7.6)$$

with equality in (7.5) only if we have equality in (7.6).

Chapter 8

CMC surfaces in the Riemannian (Σ^3, g)

In this chapter we consider a family of tori in Σ^3 and determine for which parameters they have CMC or are minimal. Using a similar strategy as in Chapter 4, we then compute the mean curvature.

For a fixed $\theta > 0$, we parametrise a two dimensional submanifold with the map $\mathcal{F}_{\theta} : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \Sigma^3$ defined by

$$\mathcal{F}_{\theta} : (\alpha, \beta) \to (\cosh \theta \cdot e^{i\alpha}, \sinh \theta \cdot e^{i\beta}).$$

This yields a family of tori U^2_{θ} , which we equip with the metric g as given in the previous chapter. To justify our choice of interval for θ , note that setting $\theta = 0$ would again only give us the circle $(e^{i\alpha}, 0)$.

Consider now the tangent vectors at a point $p \in U^2_{\theta}$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} = \cosh \theta \cdot (ie^{i\alpha}, 0), \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} = \sinh \theta \cdot (0, ie^{i\beta}).$$

The first fundamental form is given as follows:

$$E_g = g_p(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha})$$

= $\cosh^2 \theta(\lambda^2 \cosh^2 \theta + \sinh^2 \theta(\mu^2 \sin^2(\alpha + \beta) + \nu^2 \cos^2(\alpha + \beta))),$

$$F_g = g_p(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta})$$

= $-\cosh^2 \theta \sinh^2 \theta (\lambda^2 + \mu^2 \sin^2(\alpha + \beta) + \nu^2 \cos^2(\alpha + \beta))$
= $-E_g + \lambda^2 \cosh^2 \theta$
= $-G_g - \lambda^2 \sinh^2 \theta$,

$$G_g = g_p(\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta})$$

= $\sinh^2 \theta(\lambda^2 \sinh^2 \theta + \cosh^2 \theta(\mu^2 \sin^2(\alpha + \beta) + \nu^2 \cos(\alpha + \beta)))$
= $E_g - \lambda^2 (\cosh^2 \theta + \sinh^2 \theta).$

We now employ the Gram-Schmidt process to find an orthonormal basis V_1, V_2 for the tangent space $T_p \Sigma^3$ of the torus U_{θ}^2 at a point p:

$$V_{1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{E_{g}}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha},$$

$$V_{2}^{'} = E_{g} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} - F_{g} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha},$$

$$V_{2} = \frac{V_{2}^{'}}{\sqrt{g_{p}(V_{2}^{'}, V_{2}^{'})}}$$

$$= \frac{-F_{g}}{\sqrt{E_{g}(E_{g}G_{g} - F_{g}^{2})}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} + \frac{\sqrt{E_{g}}}{\sqrt{E_{g}G_{g} - F_{g}^{2}}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}.$$

For simplicity, we write

$$V_1 = f_1 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \quad V_2 = f_2 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} + f_3 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta},$$

where

$$\begin{array}{lcl} f_{1} & = & \frac{1}{\sqrt{E_{g}}}, \\ f_{2} & = & \frac{-F_{g}}{\sqrt{E_{g}(E_{g}G_{g}-F_{g}^{2})}}, \\ f_{3} & = & \frac{\sqrt{E_{g}}}{\sqrt{E_{g}G_{g}-F_{g}^{2}}} \end{array}$$

are functions of α and β . The basis V_1, V_2 can now be used in determining the trace of B_g .

trace
$$B_g = B_g(V_1, V_1) + B_g(V_2, V_2)$$

= $B(f_1 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, f_1 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha})$
 $+ B_g(f_2 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} + f_3 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}, f_2 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} + f_3 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta})$

$$= (f_1^2 + f_2^2) \cdot B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}) + 2f_2 f_3 \cdot B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}) + f_3^2 \cdot B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}) = (f_1^2 + f_2^2) \cdot B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}) + f_3^2 \cdot B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}).$$

Here we used that B is tensorial. Also note that since the mixed derivatives

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial\alpha\partial\beta} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial\beta\partial\alpha} \quad \text{vanish, so does} \quad B(\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}).$$

We now simplify the sum. As in both S^3 cases, we use an orthogonal decomposition instead of projecting

$$B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha})$$

onto a unit normal vector V_3 of U_{θ}^2 .

$$\begin{split} B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}) &= (\nabla_{\!\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha})^{\perp} \\ &= \nabla_{\!\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} - g_p (\nabla_{\!\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, V_1) V_1 \\ &- g_p (\nabla_{\!\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, V_2) V_2 - g_p (\nabla_{\!\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, N_p) \cdot N_p. \end{split}$$

We proceed by simplifying the separate terms of $B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha})$.

$$\nabla_{\underline{\partial}}_{\overline{\partial\alpha}} \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha} = (-\cosh\theta \cdot e^{i\alpha}, 0),$$

$$g_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}}_{\overline{\partial\alpha}} \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}, V_1) = f_1 \cdot g_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}}_{\overline{\partial\alpha}} \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha})$$

= $f_1 \cdot (\mu^2 - \nu^2) \sinh^2 \theta \cosh^2 \theta \sin(\alpha + \beta) \cos(\alpha + \beta)$
= $f_1 \cdot \zeta.$

For brevity we set

$$\zeta = (\mu^2 - \nu^2) \sinh^2 \theta \cosh^2 \theta \sin(\alpha + \beta) \cos(\alpha + \beta).$$

$$g_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}}_{\overline{\partial}\alpha}, V_2) = f_2 \cdot g_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}}_{\overline{\partial}\alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}) + f_3 \cdot g_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}}_{\overline{\partial}\alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta})$$

$$= (f_2 - f_3)(\mu^2 - \nu^2) \sinh^2\theta \cosh^2\theta \sin(\alpha + \beta) \cos(\alpha + \beta)$$

$$= (f_2 - f_3) \cdot \zeta,$$

and finally

$$g_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, N_p) = -\cosh^2 \theta.$$

We now plug in the above results. In the following chain of equations we write $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} = (\sinh \theta \cdot e^{i\alpha}, \cosh \theta \cdot e^{i\beta}).$

$$\begin{split} B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}) \\ &= \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} - f_1 \cdot \zeta \cdot V_1 - (f_2 - f_3) \cdot \zeta \cdot V_2 + \cosh^2 \theta \cdot N_p \\ &= \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} - \zeta (f_1^2 + f_2^2 - f_2 f_3) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} - \zeta (f_2 f_3 - f_3^2) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} + \cosh^2 \theta \cdot N_p \\ &= \cosh \theta \sinh \theta \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} - \zeta \cdot \frac{G_g + F_g}{E_g G_g - F_g^2} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} + \zeta \cdot \frac{E_g + F_g}{E_g G_g - F_g^2} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \\ &= \cosh \theta \sinh \theta \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + \frac{(\mu^2 - \nu^2)i\sin(\alpha + \beta)\cos(\alpha + \beta)\cosh\theta \sinh \theta}{\mu^2 \sin^2(\alpha + \beta) + \nu^2 \cos^2(\alpha + \beta)} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \\ &= \cosh \theta \sinh \theta \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \cdot \frac{(\mu^2 i \sin(\alpha + \beta) + \nu^2 \cos(\alpha + \beta)) \cdot e^{-i(\alpha + \beta)}}{\mu^2 \sin^2(\alpha + \beta) + \nu^2 \cos^2(\alpha + \beta)} \\ &= \cosh \theta \sinh \theta \cdot \frac{\mu^2 i \sin(\alpha + \beta) + \nu^2 \cos(\alpha + \beta)}{\mu^2 \sin^2(\alpha + \beta) + \nu^2 \cos^2(\alpha + \beta)} \cdot (\sinh \theta \cdot e^{-i\beta}, \cosh \theta \cdot e^{-i\alpha}) \\ &= \cosh \theta \sinh \theta \cdot \frac{\mu^2 \sin(\alpha + \beta)}{\mu^2 \sin^2(\alpha + \beta) + \nu^2 \cos^2(\alpha + \beta)} \cdot \nu Z_p \\ &- \cosh \theta \sinh \theta \cdot \frac{\nu^2 \cos(\alpha + \beta)}{\mu^2 \sin^2(\alpha + \beta) + \nu^2 \cos^2(\alpha + \beta)} \cdot \mu Y_p. \end{split}$$

We now proceed with $B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta})$ the same way we did with $B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha})$.

$$B_{g}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}\right) = \left(\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}}\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}\right)^{\perp}$$

$$= \left(\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}}\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}\right) - g_{p}\left(\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}}\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}, V_{1}\right)V_{1} - g_{p}\left(\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}}\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}, V_{2}\right)V_{2} - g_{p}\left(\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}}\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}, N_{p}\right) \cdot N_{p}.$$

We now compute the different terms of $B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta})$.

$$\nabla_{\!\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}\!\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}} = (0, -\sinh\theta \cdot e^{i\beta}).$$

$$g_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}}_{\underline{\partial}\beta}\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}, V_1) = f_1 \cdot g_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}}_{\underline{\partial}\beta}\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha})$$

= $f_1 \cdot (-\mu^2 + \nu^2) \sinh^2\theta \cosh^2\theta \sin(\alpha + \beta) \cos(\alpha + \beta)$

$$= -f_1 \cdot \zeta,$$

where ζ is defined as above.

$$g_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}\,\overline{\partial\beta}}, V_2) = f_2 \cdot g_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}\,\overline{\partial\beta}}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}) + f_3 \cdot g_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}\,\overline{\partial\beta}}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta})$$
$$= (-f_2 + f_3) \cdot \zeta,$$
$$g_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}\,\overline{\partial\beta}}, N_p) = \sinh^2 \theta.$$

From this it can be seen that

$$B_{g}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta},\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}\right) = \nabla_{\underline{\partial}\underline{\beta}}\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta} + \zeta(f_{1}^{2} + f_{2}^{2} - f_{2}f_{3}) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha} + \zeta(f_{2}f_{3} - f_{3}^{2}) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}$$

$$-\sinh^{2}\theta \cdot N_{p}$$

$$= -\cosh\theta\sinh\theta \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} + \zeta \cdot \frac{G_{g} + F_{g}}{E_{g}G_{g} - F_{g}^{2}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha} - \zeta \cdot \frac{E_{g} + F_{g}}{E_{g}G_{g} - F_{g}^{2}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}$$

$$= -B_{g}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha},\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}\right).$$

We can now use the above identities to determine H_g : 1

$$\begin{split} H_g &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \operatorname{trace} B_g \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot (f_1^2 + f_2^2 - f_3^2) \cdot B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{G_g - E_g}{E_g G_g - F_g^2} \cdot B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}) \\ &= -\frac{\cosh^2 \theta + \sinh^2 \theta}{2\cosh^2 \theta \sinh^2 \theta (\mu^2 \sin^2(\alpha + \beta) + \nu^2 \cos^2(\alpha + \beta))} \cdot B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}) \\ &= \frac{(\cosh^2 \theta + \sinh^2 \theta) \mu \nu}{2\cosh \theta \sinh \theta (\mu^2 \sin^2(\alpha + \beta) + \nu^2 \cos^2(\alpha + \beta))^2} \\ \cdot (\nu \cos(\alpha + \beta) \cdot Y_p - \mu \sin(\alpha + \beta) \cdot Z_p). \end{split}$$

We finally obtain

$$||H_g|| = \frac{(\cosh^2 \theta + \sinh^2 \theta)\mu\nu}{2\cosh\theta\sinh\theta(\mu^2\sin^2(\alpha+\beta) + \nu^2\cos^2(\alpha+\beta))^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$
$$= \frac{\mu\nu}{\tanh(2\theta)\cdot(\mu^2\sin^2(\alpha+\beta) + \nu^2\cos^2(\alpha+\beta))^{\frac{3}{2}}}.$$

There exists no real θ satisfying

$$\cosh^2\theta + \sinh^2\theta = 0.$$

This means that none of the tori U_{θ}^2 , as described above, is minimal.

Theorem 8.1. Equip Σ^3 with a metric g as given in the previous chapter, such that $\mu = \nu$. Then for every real number $C > \frac{1}{\mu}$, there exists a torus U_{θ}^2 in (Σ^3, g) as described above, such that its mean curvature is constant and satisfies

$$||H_g|| \equiv C$$

Proof. We use the computations from above. In the case that $\mu = \nu$, the above identity yields

$$||H_g|| = \frac{1}{|\tanh(2\theta)| \cdot \mu}.$$

Clearly, $||H_g||$ does not depend on α and β , thus the mean curvature is constant along all torus U_{θ}^2 belonging to the family. Further, for all $\theta > 0$,

$$\frac{1}{\tanh(2\theta)} > 1.$$

We now only have to solve

$$C = \frac{1}{\tanh(2\theta) \cdot \mu},$$

which has the unique solution

$$\theta = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \operatorname{arctanh}(\frac{1}{C\mu}).$$

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Chapter 9

The Generalised Lorentzian Dual Space (Σ^3, h)

We equip Σ^3 with a Lorentzian metric h, and compute the Levi-Civita connection, as well as the sectional curvatures on (Σ^3, h) .

Let $\Sigma^3 = \{(z, w) \in \mathbb{C}^2 | |z|^2 - |w|^2 = 1\}$. We recall from Chapter 7 that the multiplication \cdot is defined by

$$(z_1, w_1) \cdot (z_2, w_2) = (z_1 z_2 + \bar{w}_1 w_2, w_1 z_2 + \bar{z}_1 w_2),$$

and \langle , \rangle denotes the scalar product on \mathbb{R}^4 ,

$$\langle (z_1, w_1), (z_2, w_2) \rangle = \mathfrak{Re}(\bar{z}_1 z_2 + \bar{w}_1 w_2).$$

Definition 9.1. Now equip Σ^3 with a family of left-invariant Lorentzian metrics

$$\{h: C^{\infty}(T\Sigma^3) \otimes C^{\infty}(T\Sigma^3) \to C^{\infty}(\Sigma^3) \,|\, \lambda \,, \mu \,, \nu \in \mathbb{R}^+\},\$$

such that the restriction of h to a point $p \in \Sigma^3$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} & h_p(A,B) \\ &= -\lambda^2 \cdot \langle p^{-1}A, (i,0) \rangle \langle p^{-1}B, (i,0) \rangle + \mu^2 \cdot \langle p^{-1}A, (0,-1) \rangle \langle p^{-1}B, (0,-1) \rangle \\ & + \nu^2 \cdot \langle p^{-1}A, (0,i) \rangle \langle p^{-1}B, (0,i) \rangle + \langle p^{-1}A, (1,0) \rangle \langle p^{-1}B, (1,0) \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

where $A, B \in T_p \Sigma^3$. An orthonormal frame of the tangent bundle $T\Sigma^3$ with respect to h is given by

$$\{X=\lambda^{-1}\cdot p\cdot (i,0), \quad Y=\mu^{-1}\cdot p\cdot (0,-1), \quad Z=\nu^{-1}\cdot p\cdot (0,i)\}.$$

The normal bundle $N\Sigma^3$ is spanned by $N_p = p \cdot (1, 0)$.

The bracket relations

 $[X,Y] = 2 \lambda^{-1} \mu^{-1} \nu Z \quad [Z,X] = 2 \lambda^{-1} \mu \nu^{-1} Y, \quad [Y,Z] = -2 \lambda \mu^{-1} \nu^{-1} X$ still hold as in the group (Σ^3, g) .

Lemma 9.2. The Levi-Civita connection ∇ of the Lorentzian Lie group (Σ^3, h) satisfies

$$\nabla_{X}X = 0, \quad \nabla_{X}Y = \frac{-\lambda^{2} + \mu^{2} + \nu^{2}}{\lambda\mu\nu} \cdot Z, \quad \nabla_{X}Z = -\frac{-\lambda^{2} + \mu^{2} + \nu^{2}}{\lambda\mu\nu} \cdot Y,$$
$$\nabla_{Y}X = \frac{-\lambda^{2} + \mu^{2} - \nu^{2}}{\lambda\mu\nu} \cdot Z, \quad \nabla_{Y}Y = 0, \quad \nabla_{Y}Z = -\frac{\lambda^{2} - \mu^{2} + \nu^{2}}{\lambda\mu\nu} \cdot X,$$
$$\nabla_{Z}X = \frac{\lambda^{2} + \mu^{2} - \nu^{2}}{\lambda\mu\nu} \cdot Y, \quad \nabla_{Z}Y = \frac{\lambda^{2} + \mu^{2} - \nu^{2}}{\lambda\mu\nu} \cdot X, \quad \nabla_{Z}Z = 0.$$

Proof. The arguments are the same as in the other cases. We used the bracket relations and the following Lorentzian formula

$$\nabla_{\!\!A}B = -h(\nabla_{\!\!A}B,X)X + h(\nabla_{\!\!A}B,Y)Y + h(\nabla_{\!\!A}B,Z)Z.$$

Proposition 9.3. The sectional curvature K of the Lorentzian Lie group (Σ^3, h) satisfies

$$\begin{split} K(X,Y) &= h(R(X,Y)Y,X) = \frac{(\lambda^2 - \mu^2 + \nu^2)^2 + 4\nu^2(\mu^2 - \nu^2)}{(\lambda\mu\nu)^2},\\ K(X,Z) &= h(R(X,Z)Z,X) = \frac{(\lambda^2 + \mu^2 - \nu^2)^2 - 4\mu^2(\mu^2 - \nu^2)}{(\lambda\mu\nu)^2},\\ K(Y,Z) &= h(R(Y,Z)Z,Y) = -\frac{(\lambda^2 + \mu^2 + \nu^2)^2 - 4(\lambda^4 + \mu^2\nu^2)}{(\lambda\mu\nu)^2}. \end{split}$$

Proof. We compute the Riemann curvature tensor as given in (2.2) using the results of Lemma 9.2. Note that in this step we obtain -1 times our results in (S^3, g) , due to sign switches in the Levi-Civita connection and the Lie-bracket (compare with Proposition 3.5).

Remark 9.4.

$$K(X,Y) \le 0 \tag{9.1}$$

if $\mu < \nu$ and

$$0 < \lambda^2 \le 2\nu \sqrt{\nu^2 - \mu^2} + \mu^2 - \nu^2, \tag{9.2}$$

with equality in (9.1) only if we have equality in (9.2).

$$K(X,Z) \le 0 \tag{9.3}$$

if $\mu > \nu$ and

$$0 < \lambda^2 \le 2\mu \sqrt{\mu^2 - \nu^2} + \nu^2 - \mu^2, \tag{9.4}$$

with equality in (9.3) only if we have equality in (9.4).

$$K(Y,Z) \le 0 \tag{9.5}$$

if

$$0 < \lambda^{2} \le \frac{1}{3} \cdot (2\sqrt{\mu^{4} - \mu^{2}\nu^{2} + \nu^{4}} + \mu^{2} + \nu^{2}), \tag{9.6}$$

with equality in (9.5) only if we have equality in (9.6).

Chapter 10

CMC surfaces in the Lorentzian (Σ^3, h)

In this chapter we consider a family of tori in Σ^3 and evaluate their mean curvature, this time with respect to the Lorentzian metric h. In particular, we determine the parameters for which they are minimal and have CMC. Due to sign cancellations, we obtain the same results for (Σ^3, g) and (Σ^3, h) .

For a fixed $\theta > 0$, we parametrise the torus $U^2_{\theta} \subset \Sigma^3$ with the map $F_{\theta} : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \Sigma^3$ defined by

$$F_{\theta}: (\alpha, \beta) \to (\cosh \theta \cdot e^{i\alpha}, \sinh \theta \cdot e^{i\beta}).$$

Let

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} = \cosh \theta \cdot (i e^{i \alpha}, 0), \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} = \sinh \theta \cdot (0, i e^{i \beta})$$

be tangent vectors of U_{θ}^2 at a point p. The first fundamental form is given as follows:

$$E_h = h_p(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha})$$

= $\cosh^2 \theta(-\lambda^2 \cosh^2 \theta + \sinh^2 \theta(\mu^2 \sin^2(\alpha + \beta) + \nu^2 \cos^2(\alpha + \beta))),$

$$F_{h} = h_{p}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}\right)$$

= $\cosh^{2} \theta \sinh^{2} \theta \left(\lambda^{2} - \left(\mu^{2} \sin^{2}(\alpha + \beta) + \nu^{2} \cos(\alpha + \beta)\right)\right)$
= $-E_{h} - \lambda^{2} \cosh^{2} \theta$
= $-G_{h} + \lambda^{2} \sinh^{2} \theta$,

$$G_h = h_p(\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta})$$

= $\sinh^2 \theta(-\lambda^2 \sinh^2 \theta + \cosh^2 \theta(\mu^2 \sin^2(\alpha + \beta) + \nu^2 \cos(\alpha + \beta)))$

$$= E_h + \lambda^2 (\cosh^2 \theta + \sinh^2 \theta).$$

Note that compared to the Riemannian case only the sign in front of λ^2 changes. Through the Gram-Schmidt process we obtain an orthonormal basis V_1, V_2 for the tangent space $T_p U_{\theta}^2$:

$$V_1 = f_1 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \quad V_2 = f_2 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} + f_3 \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta},$$

where

$$f_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{E_h}},$$

$$f_2 = \frac{-F_h}{\sqrt{E_h(E_hG_h - F_h^2)}},$$

$$f_3 = \frac{\sqrt{E_h}}{\sqrt{E_hG_h - F_h^2}}$$

are functions of α and β . Note that the functions f_1, f_2, f_3 differ from the functions of the same name in (Σ^3, g) , since they depend on the first fundamental form. With the basis V_1, V_2 we can now determine H_h .

trace
$$B_h = B_h(V_1, V_1) + B_h(V_2, V_2)$$

= $(f_1^2 + f_2^2) \cdot B_h(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}) + f_3^2 \cdot B_h(\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}).$

Naturally, like in the Riemannian case, $B_h(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta})$ vanishes. Thus we only need to simplify $B_h(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha})$ and $B_h(\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta})$.

$$B_{h}(\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}) = (\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}} \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha})^{\perp}$$

$$= \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}} \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha} - h_{p}(\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}} \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}, V_{1})V_{1}$$

$$-h_{p}(\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}} \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}, V_{2})V_{2} - h_{p}(\nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}} \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}, N_{p}) \cdot N_{p}$$

We evaluate the different terms.

$$\begin{aligned} h_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, V_1) &= f_1 \cdot h_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}) \\ &= f_1 \cdot \zeta, \\ h_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, V_2) &= f_2 \cdot h_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}) + f_3 \cdot h_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta}) \\ &= (f_2 - f_3) \cdot \zeta, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\zeta = (\mu^2 - \nu^2) \sinh^2 \theta \cosh^2 \theta \sin(\alpha + \beta) \cos(\alpha + \beta).$$
$$h_p(\nabla_{\underline{\partial}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, N_p) = -\cosh^2 \theta.$$

Plugging this in, we now yield the following:

$$B_{h}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}\right)$$

$$= \nabla_{\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}} - \zeta(f_{1}^{2} + f_{2}^{2} - f_{2}f_{3}) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha} - \zeta(f_{2}f_{3} - f_{3}^{2}) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta} + \cosh^{2}\theta \cdot N_{p}$$

$$= \cosh\theta\sinh\theta \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} - \zeta \cdot \frac{G_{h} + F_{h}}{E_{h}G_{h} - F_{h}^{2}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha} + \zeta \cdot \frac{E_{h} + F_{h}}{E_{h}G_{h} - F_{h}^{2}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta},$$

where $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} = (\sinh \theta \cdot e^{i\alpha}, \cosh \theta \cdot e^{i\beta}).$

Note now that

$$E_h G_h - F_h^2 = -\lambda^2 \cosh^2 \theta \sinh^2 \theta (\mu^2 \sin^2(\alpha + \beta) + \nu^2 \cos^2(\alpha + \beta))$$

= $-(E_g G_g - F_g^2),$
$$G_h + F_h = \lambda^2 \sinh^2 \theta = -(G_g + F_g),$$

$$E_h + F_h = -\lambda^2 \cosh^2 \theta = -(E_g + F_g).$$

The sign changes (compared to the Riemannian case (Σ^3, g)) in both the numerator and denominator now cancel each other out, i.e.

$$B_{h}(\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}) = \cosh\theta \sinh\theta \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} - \zeta \cdot \frac{G_{g} + F_{g}}{E_{g}G_{g} - F_{g}^{2}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha} + \zeta \cdot \frac{E_{g} + F_{g}}{E_{g}G_{g} - F_{g}^{2}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}$$
$$= B_{g}(\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}).$$

Through a similar procedure, we can confirm that

$$B_h(\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}) = B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial\beta}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\beta})$$
$$= -B_h(\frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial\alpha}).$$

Finally, we can compile this information:

trace
$$B_h = (f_1^2 + f_2^2 - f_3^2) \cdot B_h(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha})$$

$$= \frac{G_h - E_h}{E_h G_h - F_h^2} \cdot B_h(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha})$$
$$= \frac{G_g - E_g}{E_g G_g - F_g^2} \cdot B_g(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha})$$
$$= \text{trace } B_g.$$

It follows that $H_h = H_g$. We find out that changing from the Riemannian to the Lorentzian metric did not impact the mean curvature vector, nor its norm, since $B_h(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha}, \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha})$ is a linear combination of the vectors Y_p and Z_p , which are orthogonal to X_p .

$$||H_h|| = \frac{(\cosh^2 \theta + \sinh^2 \theta)\mu\nu}{2\cosh\theta\sinh\theta(\mu^2\sin^2(\alpha+\beta) + \nu^2\cos^2(\alpha+\beta))^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$
$$= \frac{\mu\nu}{\tanh(2\theta)\cdot(\mu^2\sin^2(\alpha+\beta) + \nu^2\cos^2(\alpha+\beta))^{\frac{3}{2}}}.$$

Thus, we conclude that there exist no minimal tori U_{θ}^2 in (Σ^3, h) , and that all tori U_{θ}^2 have constant mean curvature if and only if $\mu = \nu$.

Appendix A

Computations in Maple

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#
    Mean curvature of a family of tori in the generalised Berger spheres
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  #We first define some basic operators
>
> # The complex conjugation
   con := \mathbf{proc}(z)
       subs(I=-I, z)
   end proc:

# The real part of a complex number

   Real := \mathbf{proc}(z)
                  \frac{(z+con(z))}{2}
      simplify
    end proc:
> # The group multiplication on S^3
   multi := proc(p, q)
            Vector([p[1] \cdot q[1] - con(p[2]) \cdot q[2], p[2] \cdot q[1] + con(p[1]) \cdot q[2]))
    end proc :
> # The standard Euclidean scalar product on R^4
   sp \coloneqq \mathbf{proc}(z, w)
          Real(z[1] \cdot con(w[1]) + z[2] \cdot con(w[2]))
    end proc:
> #To change the signature, we can insert -1 instead of 1. For the Riemannian metric, let all \varepsilons be 1,
        for the Lorentzian metric, let \varepsilon l = -1.
    \varepsilon l := 1; \varepsilon 2 := 1; \varepsilon 3 := 1; \varepsilon 4 := 1;
    signature = (\varepsilon 1, \varepsilon 2, \varepsilon 3, \varepsilon 4)
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\varepsilon l := 1

\varepsilon 2 := 1

\varepsilon 3 := 1

\varepsilon 4 := 1
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> # The left-invariant metric g at the identity element [1,0].

$$g := \operatorname{proc}(A, B)$$

$$\operatorname{local} X, Y, Z, N;$$

$$N := Vector([1, 0]);$$

$$X := Vector([0, -1]);$$

$$Z := Vector([0, 1]);$$

$$e! \cdot \lambda^{2} \cdot sp(A, X) \cdot sp(X, B) + e2 \cdot \mu^{2} \cdot sp(A, Y) \cdot sp(Y, B) + e3 \cdot v^{2} \cdot sp(A, Z) \cdot sp(Z, B) + e4$$

$$\operatorname{end} \operatorname{proc}:$$

$$= \# A \operatorname{Point} P \text{ on the Torus and its Inverse } Q$$

$$P := Vector([\cos(\operatorname{iteta}) \cdot \exp(I \cdot \operatorname{lapha}), \sin(\operatorname{iteta}) \cdot \exp(I \cdot \operatorname{beta})]);$$

$$Q := Vector([\cos(\operatorname{iteta}) \cdot \exp(I \cdot \operatorname{lapha}), -\sin(\operatorname{iteta}) \cdot \exp(I \cdot \operatorname{beta})]);$$

$$simplify(multi(P, Q));$$

$$N := Vector([1, 0]);$$

$$P := \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) e^{1\alpha} \\ \sin(\theta) e^{1\beta} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Q := \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) e^{-1\alpha} \\ -\sin(\theta) e^{1\beta} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$N := \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$N := \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$da := diff(P, \operatorname{alpha}); Qda := simplify(multi(Q, da));$$

$$da := \begin{bmatrix} 1\cos(\theta) e^{1\alpha} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$Qda := \begin{bmatrix} I\cos(\theta)^{2} \\ -I\sin(\theta)\cos(\theta)e^{I(\alpha+\beta)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$db := \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I\sin(\theta)e^{I\beta} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Qdb := \begin{bmatrix} I\sin(\theta)^{2} \\ I\sin(\theta)e^{I\beta} \end{bmatrix}$$
(3)
* # The first fundamental form $ds^{2} = E \cdot da^{2} + 2F \cdot dadb + G \cdot db^{2}$

$$E := simplify(g(Qda, Qda));$$

$$F := simplify(g(Qda, Qdb));$$

$$G := simplify(g(Qdb, Qdb));$$

$$E := \cos(\theta)^{2} (((\mu^{2} - \nu^{2})\cos(\theta)^{2} - \mu^{2} + \nu^{2})\cos(\alpha+\beta)^{2} + (\lambda^{2} - \mu^{2})\cos(\theta)^{2} + \mu^{2})$$

$$F := \cos(\theta)^{2} (((\mu^{2} - \nu^{2})\cos(\alpha+\beta)^{2} + (\lambda^{2} - \mu^{2})\cos(\theta)^{2} + \mu^{2})$$

$$F := \cos(\theta)^{2} ((e^{2} - \nu^{2})\cos(\alpha+\beta)^{2} + (\lambda^{2} - \mu^{2})\cos(\theta)^{2} - \lambda^{2})\sin(\theta)^{2}$$

$$G := -((\mu^{2} - \nu^{2})\cos(\theta)^{2}\cos(\alpha+\beta)^{2} + (\lambda^{2} - \mu^{2})\cos(\theta)^{2} - \lambda^{2})\sin(\theta)^{2}$$

$$fifI := simplify(\frac{1}{E}); f2f2 := simplify(\frac{F^{2}}{E \cdot (E \cdot G - F^{2})}); f3f3 := simplify(\frac{E}{(E \cdot G - F^{2})});$$

$$fiffi := \frac{1}{\cos(\theta)^{2} (((\mu^{2} - \nu^{2})\cos(\alpha+\beta)^{2} - \mu^{2} + \lambda^{2})^{2}\sin(\theta)^{2} / (((\mu^{2} - \nu^{2})\cos(\alpha+\beta)^{2} - \mu^{2} + \lambda^{2})\cos(\alpha+\beta)^{2} + (\lambda^{2} - \mu^{2})\cos(\theta)^{2} + \mu^{2});$$

$$f2f2 := -((((\mu^{2} - \nu^{2})\cos(\alpha+\beta)^{2} - \mu^{2} + \lambda^{2})^{2}\sin(\theta)^{2} / (((\mu^{2} - \nu^{2})\cos(\alpha+\beta)^{2} - \mu^{2} + \lambda^{2})\cos(\theta)^{2} + \mu^{2}) \lambda^{2};$$

$$f3f3 := \frac{((-\mu^{2} + \nu^{2})\cos(\theta)^{2} + \mu^{2} - \nu^{2})\cos(\alpha+\beta)^{2} + (-\lambda^{2} + \mu^{2})\cos(\theta)^{2} - \mu^{2}}{((\mu^{2} - \nu^{2})\cos(\alpha+\beta)^{2} - \mu^{2} + \lambda^{2})\sin(\theta)^{2} \lambda^{2}}$$
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► # The Gram-Schmidt process: $\{da, db\} \rightarrow We turn Qda, Qdb into an orthonormal basis v1, v2.$

$$vl := \frac{Qda}{\operatorname{sqrt}(E)};$$

$$vl := (6)$$

$$\left[\left[(1\cos(\theta)^{2})\right] / (\cos(\theta)^{2} (((\mu^{2} - v^{2})\cos(\theta)^{2} - \mu^{2} + v^{2})\cos(\alpha + \beta)^{2} + (\lambda^{2} - \mu^{2})\cos(\theta)^{2} + \mu^{2})\right]^{1/2}\right],$$

$$\left[(-1\sin(\theta)\cos(\theta) e^{I(\alpha + \beta)}) / (\cos(\theta)^{2} (((\mu^{2} - v^{2})\cos(\theta)^{2} - \mu^{2} + v^{2})\cos(\alpha + \beta)^{2} + (\lambda^{2} - \mu^{2})\cos(\theta)^{2} + \mu^{2})\right]^{1/2}\right]$$

$$w := simplify(E \cdot Qdb - F \cdot Qda);$$

$$w := \left[-1((\mu^{2} - v^{2})\cos(\alpha + \beta)^{2} - \mu^{2})\sin(\theta)^{2}\cos(\theta)^{2} - 1\cos(\theta)^{3}\sin(\theta) e^{I(\alpha + \beta)}\lambda^{2}\right]$$

$$v2 := simplify\left(\frac{w}{\operatorname{sqrt}(g(w, w))}\right);$$

$$simplify(g(v1, v1)); simplify(g(v1, v2)); simplify(g(v2, v2));$$

$$v2 := \left[\left[(-1((\mu^{2} - v^{2})\cos(\alpha + \beta)^{2} - \mu^{2})\cos(\theta)^{2}\sin(\theta)^{2}\lambda\right] / (-(((\mu^{2} - v^{2})\cos(\alpha + \beta)^{2} - \mu^{2})\cos(\theta)^{2} + \mu^{2})\sin(\theta)^{2}\lambda^{2}\right]^{1/2},$$

$$\left[(1\cos(\theta)^{3}\sin(\theta) e^{I(\alpha + \beta)}\lambda^{2}) / (-(((\mu^{2} - v^{2})\cos(\alpha + \beta)^{2} - \mu^{2})\cos(\theta)^{4}((((\mu^{2} - v^{2})\cos(\theta)^{2} - \mu^{2} + v^{2})\cos(\alpha + \beta)^{2} - \mu^{2})\cos(\theta)^{4}((((\mu^{2} - v^{2})\cos(\theta)^{2} - \mu^{2} + v^{2})\cos(\alpha + \beta)^{2} + (\lambda^{2} - \mu^{2})\cos(\theta)^{4}((((\mu^{2} - v^{2})\cos(\theta)^{2} - \mu^{2} + v^{2})\cos(\alpha + \beta)^{2} + (\lambda^{2} - \mu^{2})\cos(\theta)^{2} + \mu^{2})\sin(\theta)^{2}\lambda^{2}\right]^{1/2},$$

$$\left[\frac{1}{1} \qquad 0 \\ 1 \qquad 0 \\$$

The second derivatives daa, dab,dbb and their pull-backs Qdaa, Qdab, Qdbb daa := diff(P, alpha, alpha); dab := diff(P, alpha, beta); dbb := diff(P, beta, beta);

Qdaa := simplify(multi(Q, daa)); $\widetilde{Q}dab := simplify(multi(\widetilde{Q}, dab));$ $\widetilde{Q}dbb \coloneqq simplify(multi(\widetilde{Q}, dbb));$

$$daa := \begin{bmatrix} -\cos(\theta) e^{I\alpha} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$dab := \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$dbb := \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\sin(\theta) e^{I\beta} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$Qdaa := \begin{bmatrix} -\cos(\theta)^{2} \\ \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) e^{I(\alpha + \beta)} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$Qdab := \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$Qdbb := \begin{bmatrix} -\sin(\theta)^{2} \\ -\sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) e^{I(\alpha + \beta)} \end{bmatrix}$$
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The normal part BQdaa of Qdaa

$$BQdaa := simplify(Qdaa - g(Qdaa, v1) \cdot v1 - g(Qdaa, v2) \cdot v2 - g(Qdaa, N) \cdot N);$$

$$BQdaa := \left[\begin{bmatrix} 0 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad (10) \\ \left[-\frac{1}{(\mu^2 - v^2)\cos(\alpha + \beta)^2 - \mu^2} \left(\left((-\mu^2 + v^2)\cos(\alpha + \beta)^2 + I(\mu + v)\sin(\alpha + \beta)(\mu - v)\cos(\alpha + \beta) + \mu^2 \right)\sin(\theta) e^{I(\alpha + \beta)}\cos(\theta) \right) \right]$$

The normal part BQdbb of Qdbb

$$BQdbb := simplify(Qdbb - g(Qdbb, v1) \cdot v1 - g(Qdbb, v2) \cdot v2 - g(Qdbb, N) \cdot N);$$

$$BQdbb := \left[\begin{bmatrix} 0 \end{bmatrix}, \right]$$
(11)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{(\mu^{2} - \nu^{2})\cos(\alpha + \beta)^{2} - \mu^{2}} \left(\left((-\mu^{2} + \nu^{2})\cos(\alpha + \beta)^{2} + I(\mu + \nu)\sin(\alpha + \beta)(\mu - \nu)\cos(\alpha + \beta) + \mu^{2} \right)\sin(\theta)e^{I(\alpha + \beta)}\cos(\theta) \right) \end{bmatrix} \\ \neq \text{ The mean curvature vector } H - \text{trace } B - B(\nu I,\nu I) + B(\nu 2,\nu 2) \\ H := \text{simplify}\left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \left((f f I + f 2/2) \cdot B Q d a a + f 3 f 3 \cdot B Q d b b \right) \right); \\ H := \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \\ \\ - \left(\left((-\mu^{2} + \nu^{2}) \cos(\alpha + \beta)^{2} + I(\mu + \nu)\sin(\alpha + \beta)(\mu - \nu)\cos(\alpha + \beta) + \mu^{2} \right)e^{I(\alpha + \beta)} \left(\cos(\theta)^{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right) / \left(\left((\mu^{2} - \nu^{2})\cos(\alpha + \beta)^{2} - \mu^{2} \right)^{2} \sin(\theta)\cos(\alpha) \right) \right] \\ \neq \text{ # The scalar product of H with itself. simplify} \\ = \frac{\mu^{2} \left(2\cos(\theta)^{2} - 1 \right)^{2} \nu^{2}}{4 \left((\mu^{2} - \nu^{2})\cos(\alpha + \beta)^{2} - \mu^{2} \right)^{2} \sin(\theta)^{2}\cos(\theta)^{2}} \\ \text{ # Test of the conclusion that H is a linear combination of Y.Z. i.e. H is orthogonal to X and N: X := Vector([I, 0]); \\ sp(H, X); \\ sp(H, N); \\ X := \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ \text{ # Test that H is orthogonal to vI, v2: simplify} (g(\nu I, H)); \\ 0 \\ \text{ (14)} \\ \text{ by the scalar box of the view of t$$



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