

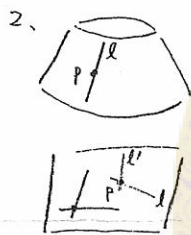
$$x(\theta) = (1 + \frac{1}{n}) \cos \theta + \frac{1}{n} \cos((n-1)\theta)$$

$$y(\theta) = (1 + \frac{1}{n}) \sin \theta - \frac{1}{n} \sin((n-1)\theta)$$

$0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$  is not the parametric equation of a hypo-cycloid. For  $n=3$ , is it a convex curve? For  $n=4$ , is it a convex curve?

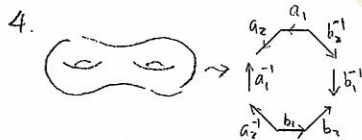
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2. Let  $R$  be a ruled surface. Through each point  $p \in R$ , there is a segment  $l$  of straight line  $p \in l \subseteq R$ . Can you prove the Gauss curvature  $K$  of  $R$  vanishes identically  $K \equiv 0$ ? If in addition there is another segment  $l' \neq l$  through each point  $p$ ,  $p \in l \cap l'$ ,  $l \cup l' \subseteq R$ , can you prove  $R$  is contained in a plane? (25/100)

3. Let  $\omega^1$  and  $\omega^2$  be linearly independent in a neighborhood  $U$  of the origin,  $\omega^1 = P(x,y)dx + Q(x,y)dy$ ,  $\omega^2 = R(x,y)dx + S(x,y)dy$ ,  $\det = \begin{vmatrix} P & Q \\ R & S \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$ . Can you find a differential  $\omega_2^2 = -\omega_2^1$  so that the exterior derivatives and exterior products satisfy  $d\omega^1 = \omega^2 \wedge \omega_2^1$ ,  $d\omega^2 = \omega^1 \wedge \omega_2^2$ ? If yes,  $\omega_2^2 = ?dx + ?dy$ . (25/100)



4. Let  $G_2$  be the fundamental group of a surface of genus 2.  $G_2$  is generated by  $a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2$  satisfying the relation  $a_1 a_2 a_1^{-1} a_2^{-1} b_1 b_2 b_1^{-1} b_2^{-1} = 1$ .

If  $G_3$  is generated by  $x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2, z_1, z_2$  satisfying the relation  $x_1 x_2 x_1^{-1} x_2^{-1} y_1 y_2 y_1^{-1} y_2^{-1} z_1 z_2 z_1^{-1} z_2^{-1} = 1$ , can you find a subgroup of  $G_2$  isomorphic to  $G_3$ ? (25/100)