

Needham, VDGf, Chapter 7, Exercise 29, p. 92.

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29. Curvature of Hemispherical $\mathbb{H}^2$ in $\mathbb{H}^3$. Use the curvature formula (4.10) to verify that the horizon-centred hemispheres of $\mathbb{H}^3$ with metric (6.24) are indeed $\mathbb{H}^2$'s with constant negative curvature $\mathcal{K} = -1$.

In the notes for p. 81, we calculated the following. Find A and B as the coefficients of $d\theta$ and $d\phi$.

$$d\hat{S}^2 = \frac{\sin^2 \phi d\theta^2 + d\phi^2}{\cos^2 \phi} = \frac{\sin^2 \phi}{\cos^2 \phi} d\theta^2 + \frac{1}{\cos^2 \phi} d\phi^2$$

$$A = \tan \phi, \quad B = \frac{1}{\cos \phi}$$

$$AB = \frac{\tan \phi}{\cos \phi}$$

$$\mathcal{K} = -\frac{\cos \phi}{\tan \phi} \left[\partial_\phi \left(\frac{\partial_\phi \tan \phi}{\frac{1}{\cos \phi}} \right) + \partial_\theta \left(\frac{\partial_\theta \left(\frac{1}{\cos \phi} \right)}{\tan \phi} \right) \right]$$

$$= -\frac{\cos \phi}{\tan \phi} \left[\partial_\phi \left(\frac{\sec^2 \phi}{\sec \phi} \right) + \partial_\theta \left(\frac{0}{\tan \phi} \right) \right]$$

$$= -\frac{\cos \phi}{\tan \phi} [\partial_\phi \sec \phi] = -\frac{\cos \phi}{\tan \phi} [\sec \phi \tan \phi]$$

$$= -\cos \phi \sec \phi = -1$$

This is what we wanted.