

70. On the Conformal Arc Length.

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Let us consider a curve C in a conformally connected manifold C_n whose conformal connection is defined by the formulae

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} dA_0 = & du^i A_i, \\ dA_j = \Pi_{jk}^0 du^k A_0 + \Pi_{jk}^i du^k A_i + \Pi_{jk}^\infty du^k A_\infty, \\ dA_\infty = & \Pi_{\infty k}^i du^k A_i, \end{cases}$$

where

$$(2) \quad \Pi_{\infty k}^i = g^{ij} \Pi_{jk}^0, \quad \Pi_{jk}^\infty = g_{jk} \quad \text{and} \quad g^{ij} g_{jk} = \delta_{ik}^i. \\ (i, j, k, \dots = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n)$$

Defining two parameters s and t on the curve by the equations

$$(3) \quad g_{jk} \frac{du^j}{ds} \frac{du^k}{ds} = 1$$

and

$$(4) \quad \{t, s\} = \frac{1}{2} g_{jk} \frac{\partial^2 u^j}{\partial s^2} \frac{\partial^2 u^k}{\partial s^2} - \Pi_{jk}^0 \frac{du^j}{ds} \frac{du^k}{ds}$$

respectively, where

$$(5) \quad \{t, s\} = \frac{d^3 t}{ds^3} \frac{dt}{ds} - \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{d^2 t}{ds^2} \frac{dt}{ds} \right)^2$$

and

$$(6) \quad \frac{\partial^2 u^i}{\partial s^2} = \frac{d^2 u^i}{ds^2} + \Pi_{jk}^i \frac{du^j}{ds} \frac{du^k}{ds},$$

we find the following Frenet formulae¹⁾

$$(7) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} S = \frac{dt}{ds} A_0, \quad S = \frac{d}{dt} S, \quad S = \frac{d}{dt} S, \\ \frac{d}{dt} S = -\mu S, \\ \frac{d}{dt} S = -\mu S + \nu S, \\ \frac{d}{dt} S = -\mu S + \nu S, \\ \dots\dots\dots \\ \frac{d}{dt} S = -\mu S, \end{array} \right.$$

1) See, K. Yano, Sur la théorie des espaces à connexion conforme. Journal of the Faculty of Science, Tokyo Imperial University, Sec. I, Vol. IV, Part 1 (1939), 1-59.