

**INVESTIGATION OF BENZ SURFACES  
INDUCED BY A UNIT SPHERE**

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**Abstract:** Following the method in a paper of the first author in this paper the authors investigate the family of Benz surfaces induced from the unit sphere. It is given a condition when such con –like surface is rounded down. All calculations are done by *Maple*<sup>TM</sup>.

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In the paper [1] is given an algorithms for introducing a family of surfaces arising from given surface. It consists of the following:

If the given surface in the 3-dimensional Euclidean space is represented in the form

$$x1 := X1(u, v), \quad x2 := X2(u, v), \quad x3 := X3(u, v)$$

including the *Maple*<sup>TM</sup> package

**with(VectorCalculus):**

and putting

$$\mathbf{x} := \langle \mathbf{x1}, \mathbf{x2}, \mathbf{x3} \rangle;$$

we calculate the coefficients of the first fundamental form to the given surface and its unite normal vector field:

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g11:=simplify(DotProduct(diff(x,u),diff(x,u)));
g12:=simplify(DotProduct(diff(x,u),diff(x,v)));
g22:=simplify(DotProduct(diff(x,v),diff(x,v)));
g:=simplify(g11*g22-g12^2);
n:=CrossProduct(diff(x,u),diff(x,v))/sqrt(g);

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Then we find the functions:

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e:=DotProduct(diff(x,u),diff(x,u,u)+2*m*diff(x,u,v)+m^2*diff(x,v,v));
f:=DotProduct(diff(x,v),diff(x,u,u)+2*m*diff(x,u,v)+m^2*diff(x,v,v));
II(m):=DotProduct(n,diff(x,u,u)+2*m*diff(x,u,v)+m^2*diff(x,v,v));
k1:=g12+m*g22;k2:=-g11+m*g12;k3:=-k1*e+k2*f/II(m);

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and the vector-valued parameterization of the family of Benz surfaces ( $m$  is an arbitrary function) is

$$\mathbf{B}:=k1*\text{diff}(x,u)+k2*\text{diff}(x,v)+k3*\mathbf{n};$$

Introducing the vector base

$$\mathbf{e1}:=\langle 1,0,0 \rangle; \mathbf{e2}:=\langle 0,1,0 \rangle; \mathbf{e3}:=\langle 0,0,1 \rangle;$$

one can find the coordinate representation

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B1:=DotProduct(B,e1);B2:=DotProduct(B,e2);B3:=DotProduct(B,e3);

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In this paper we apply this method to the unite sphere under the parameterization

$$X1(u, v) := \sin(u) \cos(v), \quad X2(u, v) := \sin(u) \sin(v), \quad X3(u, v) := \cos(u)$$

$$u \in (0, \pi), \quad v \in (0, 2\pi).$$

Using this formulas the family of Benz surfaces get the parameterization:

$$B1s := \frac{(m \sin(u) \cos(u) \cos(v) + \cos(u)^2 \sin(v)m^2 - \sin(v)m^2 - \sin(v)) \sin(u)}{-m^2 - 1 + \cos(u)^2 m^2}$$

$$B2s := \frac{(m \sin(u) \cos(u) \sin(v) + \cos(v)^2 m^2 + \cos(v) \cos(v)^2 m^2 - \cos(v)) \sin(u)}{-m^2 - 1 + \cos(u)^2 m^2}$$

$$B3s := -\frac{(-1 + \cos(u)^2 m^2 - m^2 - \cos(u)^2) \sin(u)m}{-m^2 - 1 + \cos(u)^2 m^2}$$

Before to state our problem we bring some visualizations: see Figure 1, for  $m = 2$  for  $m = 0.1$ .

We remark that for small values as  $m = 0.1$  the Benz surface is rounded down and it is not so for bigger values of parameter  $m$ . Then we state our

**Problem.** To find the  $m$ -intervals where the Benz surfaces are rounded down.

To solve this problem we remark that in such cases the Benz surface changes its protuberance.

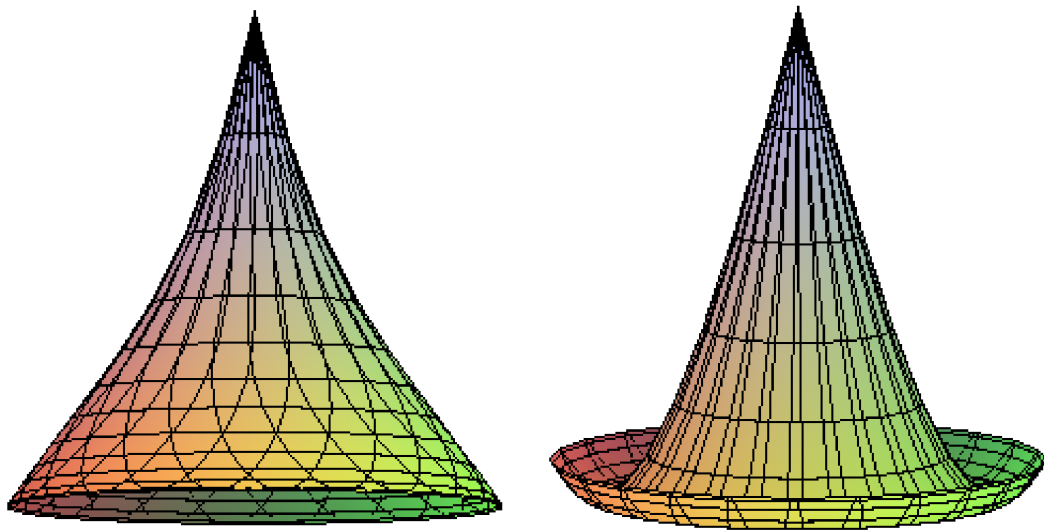


Figure 1

This is related to the Gaussian curvature. Because of this reason we find this curvature:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Ks := & (\sin(u)^2 + \cos(u)^2 + \sin(u)^2 m^2)^6 \\
 & (\cos(u)^4 m^4 - \cos(u)^4 m^2 + 3 \cos(u)^2 - 1 + \cos(u)^2 m^2 - 2 \cos(u)^2 m^4 + m^4) ( \\
 & - 4 \cos(u)^6 m^{10} + 6 \cos(u)^4 m^{10} - 4 \cos(u)^2 m^{10} + \cos(u)^8 m^{10} + m^{10} \\
 & - 2 \cos(u)^8 m^8 \\
 & - \cos(u)^6 m^8 + 15 \cos(u)^4 m^8 - 19 \cos(u)^2 m^8 + 7 m^8 + \cos(u)^8 m^6 \\
 & - 4 \cos(u)^6 m^6 \\
 & + 3 \cos(u) m^6 + 2 \cos(u)^2 m^6 - 2 m^6 + 9 \cos(u)^6 m^4 - 18 \cos(u)^4 m^4 \\
 & + 34 \cos(u)^2 m^4 - 25 m^4 - 6 \cos(u)^4 m^2 + 17 \cos(u)^2 m^2 - 23 m^2 - 6) m^2 / ( \\
 & (\sin(u)^2 + \cos(u)^2)^6 (21 \sin(u)^6 \cos(u)^6 m^8 + 70 \sin(u)^8 \cos(u)^4 m^6 \\
 & + 14 \sin(u)^{10} \cos(u)^2 m^{10} + 12 \sin(u)^8 \cos(u)^4 m^{10} + 16 \sin(u)^2 \cos(u)^{10} m^4 \\
 & + 43 \sin(u)^{10} \cos(u)^2 m^4 + 61 \cos(u)^8 \sin(u)^4 m^4 + 85 \sin(u)^8 \cos(u)^4 m^4 \\
 & + 5 \sin(u)^{10} m^{12} \cos(u)^2 + 26 \sin(u)^{10} \cos(u)^2 m^2 + 72 \sin(u)^6 \cos(u)^6 m^2 \\
 & + 24 \sin(u)^{10} \cos(u)^2 m^8 + 22 \cos(u)^{10} m^2 \sin(u)^2 + 97 \cos(u)^6 \sin(u)^6 m^4 \\
 & + 6 \sin(u)^{10} \cos(u)^2 + 10 \sin(u)^{12} m^4 + 5 \sin(u)^{12} m^2 + 38 \sin(u)^{10} \cos(u)^2 m^6 \\
 & + 62 \sin(u)^6 \cos(u)^6 m^6 + 41 \sin(u)^8 \cos(u)^4 m^8 + 53 \cos(u)^8 \sin(u)^4 m^2 \\
 & + 4 \sin(u)^{12} m^8 + 15 \sin(u)^8 \cos(u)^4 + 4 \cos(u)^{12} m^2 + 58 \sin(u)^8 \cos(u)^4 m^2
 \end{aligned}$$

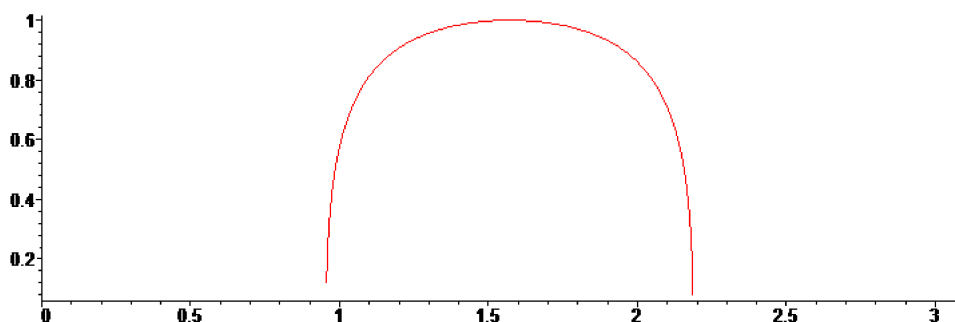


Figure 2

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ 21 \sin(u)^4 \cos(u)^8 m^6 + \sin(u)^{12} m^{14} + 3 \sin(u)^{12} m^{12} + 3 \sin(u)^{12} m^{10} \\
 &+ 9 \sin(u)^{12} m^6 + \sin(u)^{12} + \cos(u)^{12} + 20 \sin(u)^6 \cos(u)^6 + 15 \sin(u)^4 \cos(u)^8 \\
 &+ 6 \cos(u)^{10} \sin(u)^2 (1 - 4 \cos(u)^2 m^2 + 5 m^2 - 23 \cos(u)^8 m^{10} + 20 \cos(u)^4 m^{10} \\
 &+ 3 \cos(u)^4 m^2 + 17 \cos(u)^6 m^8 + 10 \cos(u)^8 m^6 + m^{14} \cos(u)^{12} + \cos(u)^{12} m^{10} \\
 &- 17 \cos(u)^2 m^4 + 32 \cos(u)^6 m^{10} - 13 \cos(u)^4 m^{10} - 4 \cos(u)^2 m^{10} + 3 \cos(u)^8 \\
 &- 19 \cos(u)^4 m^8 - 18 \cos(u)^6 m^6 + 15 \cos(u)^4 m^6 - 16 \cos(u)^2 m^6 - 13 \cos(u)^6 \\
 &+ 10 m^4 + 3 m^{10} + 4 m^8 + 9 m^6 + 3 m^{12} + m^{14} + 15 m^{14} \cos(u)^4 - 6 m^{14} \cos(u)^{10} \\
 &- 20 m^{14} \cos(u)^6 + 15 m^{14} \cos(u)^8 - 5 \cos(u)^{10} m^8 - 6 m^{14} \cos(u)^2 \\
 &- 13 m^{12} \cos(u)^2 + 20 m^{12} \cos(u)^4 - 10 m^{12} \cos(u)^6 - 5 m^{12} \cos(u)^8 \\
 &+ 7 m^{12} \cos(u)^{10} + 4 \cos(u)^{10} m^{10} - 2 m^{12} \cos(u) - 2)(-m^2 - 1 + \cos(u)^2 m^2)^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

We need to discovery when it is zero:

$$Ks(m, u) = 0.$$

It is quiet difficult problem. We solve at first the equation

$$\text{solve}(\{Ks = 0\}, \{m\}); \tag{1}$$

We see only real solutions (up to the sign of the parameter) of this equation are  $m = 0$  and the function

$$M := \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sqrt{-2 + 2 \sin(u)^2 + 2 \sqrt{\sin(u)^4 + 10 \sin(u)^2 - 7}}}{\sin(u)} \tag{2}$$

The graphic of this function is shown in Figure 2.

It shows the parameter  $m \in (0, 1)$  and there is some boundary for parameter  $u$ . To find an expression for this parameter we solve the equation

$$\text{solve}(\{Ks = 0\}, \{u\}); \tag{3}$$

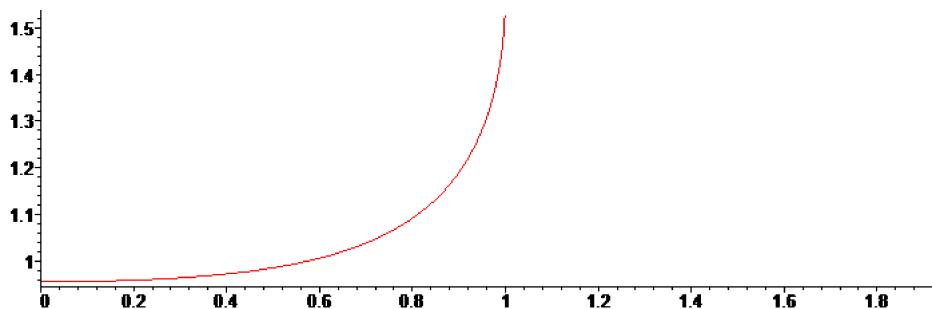


Figure 3

One of the solutions is:

$$U := \arctan \left( \frac{-\sqrt{-(2m^2 - 2) (\sqrt{-7m^4 + 2m^2 + 9} + m^2 - 3)}}{m(m^2 - 1)} \right) \frac{\sqrt{2} \sqrt{\frac{-m^2 + 2m^4 - 3 + \sqrt{-7m^4 + 2m^2 + 9}}{m^2 - 1}}}{m}$$

The graphic of this function is shown in Figure 3.

It shows the same restrictions. The following relations are checked up:

$$\text{simplify}(\text{eval}(\mathbf{Ks}, [\mathbf{u}=\mathbf{U}]))=0; \text{simplify}(\text{eval}(\mathbf{Ks}, [\mathbf{m}=\mathbf{M}]))=0;$$

So we can formulate our results.

**Theorem 1.** *In the region  $(m, u)$  determined by the relation (4) (or (3)) the Gaussian curvatures of the Benz surfaces induced from the unite sphere is zero.*

As a consequence we have (up to the sign of the parameter):

**Theorem 2.** *The investigated Benz surfaces are rounded down exactly in the case  $m \in (0, 1)$ .*

For the whole proof of the second theorem it is to take in view that for fixed  $m \in (0, 1)$  the Gaussian curvature changes the sign along the corresponding meridian in the point where the curvature is zero.

Now we show some pictures – see Figure 4. The first picture is in the case  $m = 0.5, u \approx 0.980586203$  -the corresponding value  $u$  is calculated by (4). The second picture is the boundary case  $m = 1, u = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

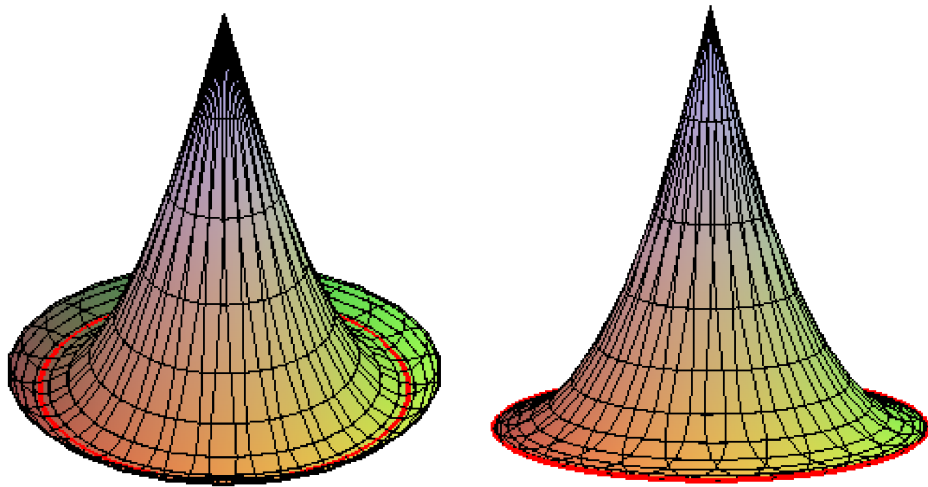


Figure 4

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