

**Problem 4.** Let  $X = \llbracket x, y, z \rrbracket$ , a rectangular cartesian coordinate system for  $\mathbb{E}^3$ . Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be the ellipsoid in  $\mathbb{E}^3$  specified by the equation  $(x/a)^2 + (y/b)^2 + (z/c)^2 = 1$ . Let  $H$  be the metric induced on  $\mathcal{E}$  by the euclidean metric of  $\mathbb{E}^3$ . Let  $\mathbf{d}$  be the torsion free covariant differentiation that is compatible with  $H$ . Let  $\Delta = \llbracket \vartheta, \varphi \rrbracket$ , a coordinate system for  $\mathcal{E}$  related to  $X$  by

$$\begin{aligned}x &= a (\sin \vartheta)(\cos \varphi), \\y &= b (\sin \vartheta)(\sin \varphi), \\z &= c (\cos \vartheta),\end{aligned}$$

with  $\text{ran } \Delta = \{\llbracket \vartheta, \varphi \rrbracket \mid 0 < \vartheta < \pi \text{ and } -\pi < \varphi < \pi\}$ .

- a. Compute the representation of  $H$  in the coordinate system  $\Delta$ .
- b. Let  $b = a$ . The ellipsoid  $\mathcal{E}$  is now an ellipsoid of revolution, called also a **spheroid**, **oblate** if  $a > c$ , **prolate** if  $a < c$ . The frame system  $E$  defined by  $e_1 := \partial_{\vartheta}/|\partial_{\vartheta}|_H$  and  $e_2 := \partial_{\varphi}/|\partial_{\varphi}|$  is orthonormal. Compute the matrix  $[\omega_k^m]$  of 1-forms of  $\mathbf{d}$  in  $E$ . Keep  $b = a$  in what follows.
- c. Compute the matrix  $[\Theta_k^m]$  of curvature 2-forms of  $\mathbf{d}$  in  $E$ .
- d. Compute the representation in  $E$  of the curvature tensor field  $\Theta$  of  $\mathbf{d}$ .
- e. Compute the representation in  $E$  of the contracted curvature tensor field  $\Phi$  of  $\mathbf{d}$ .
- f. Compute the curvature scalar field  $\Psi$  of  $\mathbf{d}$ .
- g. Compute the gaussian curvature  $\kappa$  of  $\mathcal{E}$  at a generic point of  $\text{dom } \Delta$  by computing

$$\frac{(H\Theta)uvuv}{\langle u, u \rangle_H \langle v, v \rangle_H - \langle u, v \rangle_H^2}$$

for a convenient choice of the tangent vectors  $u$  and  $v$ .