

# Existence and Uniqueness of Polyhedra with Given Values of the Conditional Curvature

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## ABSTRACT

The theory of polyhedra and the geometric methods associated with it are interesting not only in their own right but also have a wide outlet in the general theory of surfaces. Certainly, it is only sometimes possible to obtain the corresponding theorem on surfaces from the theorem on polyhedra by passing to the limit. Still, the theorems on polyhedra give directions for searching for the related theorems on surfaces. In the case of polyhedra, the elementary-geometric basis of more general results is revealed. In the present paper, we study polyhedra of a particular class, i.e., without edges and reference planes perpendicular to a given direction. This work is a logical continuation of the author's work, in which an invariant of convex polyhedra isometric on sections was found. The concept of isometry of surfaces and the concept of isometry on sections of surfaces differ from each other. Examples of isometric surfaces that are not isometric on sections and examples of non-isometric surfaces that are isometric on sections. However, they have non-empty intersections, i.e., some surfaces are both isometric and isometric on sections. In this paper, we prove the positive definiteness of the found invariant. Further, conditional external curvature is introduced for "basic" sets, open faces, edges, and vertices. It is proved that the conditional curvature of the polyhedral angle considered is monotonicity and positive definiteness. At the end of the article, the problem of the existence and uniqueness of convex polyhedra with given values of conditional curvatures at the vertices is solved.

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## 1. Introduction

In classical differential geometry, two directions are distinguished. One of them, called geometry "in the small," studies the local properties of geometric objects. The second examines geometric objects along their length and is called geometry "in the large." In 1813, O. Cauchy proved that two closed polyhedra composed of congruent faces are equal. This result is one of the first among the solved geometry problems "in the large." Many problems in geometry "in the large" are related to the isometry of surfaces. If the surfaces are isometric, it is possible to select the coordinate lines so that the surfaces have the same metric. In other words, if isometric surfaces are given, one can choose such parametrizations of surfaces with the same coefficients as the first quadratic forms. Naturally, the question arises of the metric on the surface to what extent determines the surface, i.e. if a linear surface element is given, what can be said about the surface? Proceeding from this, G. Weil posed and outlined the solution to the problem of the existence of a closed convex surface with a given metric. This problem received an exhaustive solution in the most general formulation for metrics of positive curvature in the works of A. D. Aleksandrov, A. V. Pogorelov, and their students [1]. In 1951, A.V. Pogorelov proved that a closed convex surface is uniquely determined by its metric in the class of general closed convex surfaces. That is, closed isometric convex surfaces are equal. A connection is established between the concept of convexity of a surface and a metric of positive curvature, and saddle surfaces represent the metric of negative

curvature. As D. Hilbert showed [2] in 1901, there is no regular complete surface of constant negative curvature among surfaces in three-dimensional Euclidean space. This result was generalized in the classical work of N.V. Efimov, who proved that the complete metrics of negative curvature separated from zero do not admit regular realization "in the large" in Euclidean space. The problem of incomplete realization of a surface of negative curvature has various applications [3]. Meanwhile, irregular surfaces also deserve attention [4, 5]. For example, polyhedrons, cones, or sharp-edged lens surfaces are not completely regular. The theory of polyhedra and the geometric methods associated with it are interesting not only in and of themselves, but they also have wide access to the general theory of surfaces. Of course, it is not always possible to obtain the corresponding theorem on surfaces from the theorem on polyhedra by passing to the limit. Still, theorems on polyhedra give directions for searching for the corresponding theorem on surfaces. In the case of polyhedra, the elementary geometric basis of more general results is revealed. A. D. Aleksandrov constructed a method that proved [6] that a closed convex polyhedra is uniquely determined by its metric in the class of closed convex polyhedra. The problem of the unique definiteness of closed convex polyhedra was finally solved in the work of S. P. Olovyanishnikov [7]. There are several proofs of this theorem based on entirely different ideas. The first proof is based on the Cauchy method and is due to A. D. Aleksandrov [6]. Other explanations are from E. P. Senkin [8] and A.V. Pogorelov [9].

Many problems of geometry "in the large" [10, 11] are associated with the existence and uniqueness of surfaces with given characteristics. The geometric characteristics can be internal curvature, external or Gaussian curvature, and other functions related to the surface [2]. The existence of a polyhedron with given curvatures of vertices [6-9], or with a given development [12] is also a problem of geometry "in the large." Consequently, the issue of finding the invariants of polyhedra of a certain class and the solution to the problem of the existence and uniqueness of a polyhedron with given values of the invariants are relevant. Problems of the immersions and embeddings of manifolds in Euclidean and other spaces are some of the central issues both in differential geometry as well as in topology [13]. As a result of fundamental research on the problems of embedding and immersion, several topical issues have been solved in recent years through the studies of scientists Azeb Alghanemi, Noura M. Al-Houiti, Siraj Uddin (Saudi Arabia), Bang-Yen Chen (USA) and Mohamed Saleem Lone (India) [14].

The map isometry on sections is a particular case of the isometry of the foliated manifold. In other words, isometry on sections, in which each section of one surface is associated with a section of another surface, some results in this direction were obtained [15-18]. The concept of isometric surfaces on sections is equivalent to the isometry of surfaces in a space with a degenerate metric, particularly the Galilean space [19-21].

In three-dimensional Euclidean  $R^3$  space, consider the surface  $F$  and the nonzero vector  $\vec{e}$ , which lets us the surface  $F$  is intersected by all possible planes  $\pi^j$  perpendicular to the vector  $\vec{e}$ . The set of cross-section points is denoted by  $\gamma^j = F \cap \pi^j$ . The class of surfaces for which the section  $\gamma^j$  is homomorphic to a segment, a straight line, or a circle, we denote by  $P \in W\{\vec{e}\}$  [13].

**Definition 1.1.** Surfaces  $F_k \in W\{\vec{e}_k\}$ ,  $k = 1, 2$  are called isometric on sections if there is a homeomorphism of  $f$  surfaces satisfying the following conditions [14]:

- points of the surface  $F_1$  belonging to the same section are compared with points belonging to the same section of the surface  $F_2$ . Images of points lying on different sections lie on different sections.
- the distances between the planes containing sections  $\gamma^1$  and  $\gamma^2$  by  $F_1$  and the planes containing curves  $f(\gamma^1)$  and  $f(\gamma^2)$  are equal;
- the length of the arc between any two points of section  $\gamma^j \subset \pi^j$  by  $F_1$  is equal to the length of the arc of the curve  $f(\gamma)$  between the corresponding points.

A polyhedron means a surface made up of a finite number of polygons [6]. Since a polyhedron is also a surface, the definition of isometry on the section also applies to polyhedral. In three-dimensional Euclidean space, we consider a polyhedral surface  $P \in W\{\vec{e}\}$  that does not have edges and support planes perpendicular to vector  $\vec{e}$ . The planes perpendicular to vector  $\vec{e}$  can be referenced only at the edge points of the polyhedra.

## 2. Invariant of polyhedral isometric on sections and conditional curvature

Let us be given a triangle  $ABC$ .

**Definition 2.1.** [13] The defect of the sides of the triangle  $ABC$  relative to the angle  $A$  is the number

$$\omega_{ABC} = AB + AC - BC.$$

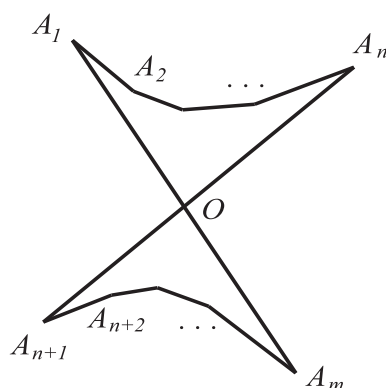


Fig 1. Nonconvex polygon  $OA_1A_2\dots A_nA_{n+1}A_{n+2}\dots A_m$ .

Let us generalize the concept of a side defect for a nonconvex polygon shown in Figure 1. The defect of a polygon relative to angle  $O$  is determined by the formula

$\omega = OA_1 + OA_n - P_{A_1A_2\dots A_n} + OA_{n+1} + OA_m - P_{A_{n+1}A_{n+2}\dots A_m}$ , when  $P_{A_1A_2\dots A_n}$  is the perimeter of the polyline  $A_1A_2\dots A_n$ ,  $P_{A_{n+1}A_{n+2}\dots A_m}$  is the perimeter of the polyline  $A_{n+1}A_{n+2}\dots A_m$ .

Let us consider a trihedron  $S$  whose faces lie on the planes

$$a_i x + b_i y + c_i z = 0 \quad (i = 1, 2, 3)$$

The vertex of the trihedron is at the origin of the coordinates. Assume that the plane  $x = \text{const}$  is not the reference plane of the trihedron. The  $S$  trihedron is intersected by planes  $x = \pm 1$ . Then one of them intersects one of the edges of the trihedron, the other intersects the rest two. The intersection points of planes  $x = \pm 1$  with edges are denoted by  $A', B, C$ . The point  $A'$  is symmetrically displayed relative to the origin and we get point  $A$ . Let us consider triangle  $ABC$ .

**Definition 2.2.** The defect of the sides of the triangle  $ABC$  relative to the angle  $A$  is called the whole conditional angle of the triangular angle in the direction  $\vec{e}(OX)$ .

Obviously  $\omega_{ABC} > 0$ . Using the definition of the whole conditional angle for a triangular angle, we find the whole conditional angle for a tetrahedral angle. Let the vertex of the tetrahedron be at the origin and have no reference planes and edges perpendicular to vector  $\vec{e}(OX)$ . We intersect the polyhedron by planes  $x = \pm 1$ .

Let's generalize the concept of a total conditional angle in the direction of  $\vec{e}$  for any polyhedral angle from the class  $W\{\vec{e}\}$ .

Let us be given a polyhedral angle, the vertex at the origin, without edges and reference planes perpendicular to the vector  $\vec{e}$ . We intersect the polyhedron by planes  $x = \pm 1$ . The points of intersection of the planes with the edges will be denoted by  $A'_1, A'_2, \dots, A'_{m-1}, A'_m, A'_{m+1}, \dots, A'_n$ .

Connecting points  $A'_1, A'_2, \dots, A'_{m-1}, A'_m$ , we get a polyline with boundary points  $A'_1$  and  $A'_m$ . Polyline  $A'_{m+1}, A'_{m+2}, \dots, A'_n$  is constructed in the same way. The polyline with boundary points  $A'_1, A'_m$  is symmetrically displayed relative to the origin of coordinates and we get a polygon as in case 4 in [13]. Then the total conditional angle corresponds to the defect of the sides of the polygon and is calculated by the formula  $\omega = OA_1 + OA_m + OA_{m+1} + OA_n - P_1 - P_2$ , when  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are the length of the broken lines with the beginning  $A_1$  and  $A_{m+1}$  and with the ends  $A_m$  and  $A_n$ , respectively, here  $O$  is the intersection point of the segments  $A_1A_n$  and  $A_mA_{m+1}$ .

It is easy to prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.1.** [13] The total conditional angle  $\omega$  is invariant under transformations of the form:

$$\begin{cases} x' = x + a \\ y' = \alpha x + y \cos \varphi - z \sin \varphi + b \\ z' = \beta x + y \sin \varphi + z \cos \varphi + c \end{cases}$$

To determine the geometric value of the total conditional angle, we will consider a development that preserves the isometry on sections of the trihedral angle. Let the development of the trihedral angle be as in Figure 2.

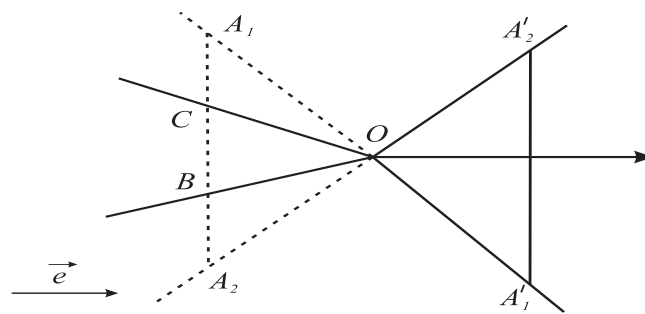


Figure 2. The development of the trihedral angle

Since the total conditional angle is calculated using the formula  $\omega = AB + AC - BC$ , then considering that  $AB = A_1B$ ,  $AC = A_2C$  when  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are symmetric points to the glued points  $A'_1$  and  $A'_2$  relative to point  $O$ , we get  $\omega = A_1B + A_2C - BC = A_1A_2$  from here. Therefore,  $A_1A_2$  is the length of the solution of the edges to be glued, spaced from the top of the trihedron at a unit distance in the direction  $\vec{e}$ , is the total conditional angle of the trihedron in the direction  $\vec{e}$ .

### 3. Existence and uniqueness of polyhedra with given values of the conditional curvature at the vertices

So, if a polyhedron from class  $W\{\vec{e}\}$  is given, then the total conditional angles at the vertices of the polyhedron determine the opening of the edges of the development of the polyhedron spaced from the vertices at a unit distance in the direction  $\vec{e}$  at the corresponding vertices.

We define curvature as a function of a set, i. e. the set  $M$  on the convex polyhedra is associated with some number  $\mu(M)$  - the conditional curvature of the set  $M$  on the polyhedra  $P$ . Let's start by defining conditional curvature for three "basic" sets: open faces, edges, and vertices. An open face is a face of a polyhedron with excluded vertices and sides; an open edge is an edge with excluded ends.

Let  $\Gamma$  be the open face of the polyhedra. The conditional curvature of the open face of the polyhedron is taken to be zero:

$$\mu(M) = 0.$$

The conditional curvature of the open edge  $L$  of the polyhedron is taken to be zero:

$$\mu(L) = 0.$$

Let  $M$  be the inner vertex of the polyhedron and  $\omega(M)$  - the total conditional angle in the direction of  $\vec{e}$  of the polyhedral angle with the vertex  $M$ , the faces coinciding with the faces of the polyhedron passing through the point  $M$ . For the conditional curvature of the vertex  $M$  of the polyhedron  $P$  we take the number  $\mu(M) = \omega(M)$ , i.e. conditional full angle of a polyhedral angle with apex  $M$  and polyhedron faces passing through point  $M$ . If the vertex  $M$  belongs to the edge of the polyhedron, the conditional curvature is assumed to be zero.

Let  $P$  be a convex polyhedron without edges and support planes perpendicular to the vector  $\vec{e}$  and let  $P = \sum_{i=1}^n B_i$  be its representation as a sum of base sets without common points. For the conditional curvature of

the polyhedron  $P$  we take the number  $\mu(P) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu(B_i)$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *The conditional curvature of a polyhedral angle is a monotonically increasing function of the argument  $h$ .*

First, we prove a lemma about a property of the perimeter of a nonconvex polygon on the plane  $YOZ$ , Figure 1. Similar nonconvex polygons arise when considering the conditional curvature of a convex polyhedron. On plane  $YOZ$ , consider a non-convex polygon as in case 4 in [14]. That is, the vertex angles are vertical, and the closed polygons  $A_1A_2...A_n$  and  $A_{n+1}A_{n+2}...A_m$  are convex, while the polygons  $A_1A_2...A_n$  and  $A_{n+1}A_{n+2}...A_m$  are one-to-one projected onto the axis  $OY$ .

Let's make the following amount

$$\omega_1(h) = OA_1 \cos^2 \varphi_1 + OA_n \cos^2 \varphi_{n+1} - \sum_{i=2}^n A_{i-1} A_i \cos^2 \varphi_i$$

when  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_{n+1}$  are the angles between the axis  $OZ$  and the sides of the polygon.

**Lemma 3.1.** *The quantity  $\omega_1 = \omega_1(h)$  is a positive function.*

**Proof of Lemma 3.1.** We use mathematical induction. At  $n = 2$ , the triangle  $OA_1A_2$  obtained.

Let

$$OA_2 \cos^2 \varphi_3 = OA_1 \cos^2 \varphi_1 + A_1 A_2 \cos^2 \varphi_2$$

since

$$OA_1 \cos^2 \varphi_1 \geq 0$$

it follows that

$$OA_2 \cos^2 \varphi_3 \geq A_1 A_2 \cos^2 \varphi_2$$

Considering

$$0 \leq \varphi_3 < \varphi_2 \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

we get that

$$OA_2 \cos^2 \varphi_3 > A_1 A_2 \cos^2 \varphi_2$$

hence follows

$$OA_2 \cos^2 \varphi_3 + OA_1 \cos^2 \varphi_1 - A_1 A_2 \cos^2 \varphi_2 > 0$$

Let's assume that  $n = 3$ . Then we get a quadrilateral  $OA_1A_2A_3$ , quadrilateral  $ABDC$ . With the help of parallel translation, the origin of coordinates will be transferred to point  $A_2$ . The value  $\omega_1$  for the quadrangle  $OA_1A_2A_3$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1 &= OA_1 \cos^2 \varphi_1 + OA_3 \cos^2 \varphi_4 - A_1 A_2 \cos^2 \varphi_2 - A_2 A_3 \cos^2 \varphi_3 = \\ &= (OA_1 \cos^2 \varphi_1 - A_1 A_2 \cos^2 \varphi_2) + (OA_3 \cos^2 \varphi_4 - A_2 A_3 \cos^2 \varphi_3) \end{aligned}$$

Arguing in the same way as in the case of  $n = 2$ , we obtain the positivity of both expressions in parentheses. Hence  $\omega_1 > 0$ .

Let  $n = 4$ . Then the figure consists of an angle  $A_1OA_4$  inside which there is a convex broken line  $A_1A_2A_3A_4$  with a convexity  $Z < 0$ . The axis  $OY$  will be transferred in parallel until it touches the broken line  $A_1A_2A_3A_4$  and the point of contact will be taken as the origin.

Let us suppose that the point of contact is the vertex  $A_3$ . Therefore, we write the expression

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1 &= OA_1 \cos^2 \varphi_1 + OA_4 \cos^2 \varphi_5 - A_1 A_2 \cos^2 \varphi_2 - A_2 A_3 \cos^2 \varphi_3 - A_3 A_4 \cos^2 \varphi_4 = \\ &= (OA_1 \cos^2 \varphi_1 - A_1 A_2 \cos^2 \varphi_2 - A_2 A_3 \cos^2 \varphi_3) + (OA_4 \cos^2 \varphi_5 - A_3 A_4 \cos^2 \varphi_4). \end{aligned}$$

Let us prove that the expressions in both parentheses are positive.

$$OA_1 \cos \varphi_1 > A_1 A_2 \cos \varphi_2 + A_2 A_3 \cos \varphi_3$$

Since

$$0 \leq \varphi_1 < \varphi_2 < \varphi_3 \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

then we get

$$OA_1 \cos^2 \varphi_1 > A_1 A_2 \cos^2 \varphi_2 + A_2 A_3 \cos^2 \varphi_3$$

i.e.

$$OA_1 \cos^2 \varphi_1 > A_1 A_2 \cos \varphi_2 \cos \varphi_1 + A_2 A_3 \cos \varphi_3 \cos \varphi_1 > A_1 A_2 \cos^2 \varphi_2 + A_2 A_3 \cos^2 \varphi_3$$

because

$$\varphi_1 > \cos \varphi_2 > \cos \varphi_3.$$

Similarly, it can be proved that

$$OA_4 \cos^2 \varphi_5 > A_3 A_4 \cos^2 \varphi_4$$

hence

$$\omega_1 > 0.$$

If the axis  $OY$  with a parallel translation touches the broken line  $A_1A_2A_3A_4$  at point  $A_2$ , then the following expressions can be proved in the same way:

$$OA_1 \cos^2 \varphi_1 - A_1A_2 \cos^2 \varphi_2 > 0$$

$$OA_4 \cos^2 \varphi_5 - A_2A_3 \cos^2 \varphi_3 - A_3A_4 \cos^2 \varphi_4 > 0$$

Hence

$$\omega_1 > 0.$$

Let us suppose that inequality  $\omega_1 > 0$  is true in case  $m = k - 1$ . In this case, it will also hold for  $m = k$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1^{(k-1)} &= OA_1 \cos^2 \varphi_1 + OA_{k-1} \cos^2 \varphi_k - A_1A_2 \cos^2 \varphi_2 - \\ &- A_2A_3 \cos^2 \varphi_3 - \dots - A_{k-2}A_{k-1} \cos^2 \varphi_{k-1} = OA_1 \cos^2 \varphi_1 - OA_{k-1} \cos^2 \varphi_k - \\ &- \sum_{i=2}^{k-1} A_{i-1}A_i \cos^2 \varphi_i > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Let all the vertices remain unchanged and add a point  $A_k$  to them so that the convexity of the closed polygon  $A_1A_2A_3\dots A_kA_{k-1}$  is preserved. Through points  $A_{k-2}$  and  $A_k$  we draw straight lines parallel to the axis  $OY$  and the points of intersection of lines with the segment  $OA_{k-1}$  we denote  $A'_{k-2}, A'_k$ .

$$\omega_1^k = \omega_1^{(k-1)} + A_{k-2}A_{k-1} \cos^2 \varphi_{k-1} - A_{k-2}A_k \cos^2 \varphi_{k_1} - A_kA_{k-1} \cos^2 \varphi_{k_2},$$

when  $\varphi_{k_1}, \varphi_{k_2}$  are the angles between the  $OZ$  axis with links  $A_{k-2}A_k$  and  $A_kA_{k-1}$ , respectively.

Using

$$A_{k-2}A_k \cos \varphi_{k_1} \leq A'_{k-2}A'_k \cos \varphi_k$$

and

$$\varphi_{k_1} > \varphi_k$$

we get

$$A_{k-2}A_k \cos \varphi_{k_1} < A'_{k-2}A'_k \cos \varphi_k.$$

Similarly, one can prove that

$$A_{k-2}A_k \cos \varphi_{k_2} < A'_{k-2}A'_k \cos \varphi_k$$

when  $\varphi_{k_2} > \varphi_k$ , adding the last inequalities, we obtain

$$A_{k-2}A_{k-1} \cos^2 \varphi_k - A_{k-2}A_k \cos^2 \varphi_{k_1} - A_kA_{k-1} \cos^2 \varphi_{k_2} > 0$$

Hence  $\omega_1^k > 0$ . Lemma 3.1 is proved.

Now we prove the stated theorem in the class of pyramids with common boundary  $\gamma$ .

**Proof of Theorem 3.1.** Let  $\gamma$  be a convex polygon on the plane  $XOY$  that has no vertices on the axis  $OY$  and contains the origin. Consider convex pyramids  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  with a common edge  $\gamma$ , convex towards  $Z > 0$  in the sense of [18] and whose vertices lie on the axis  $OZ$ . Then one of the pyramids is completely contained in the other. Suppose  $P_1$  has a height of 1 and  $P_2$  has a height of  $h$ . If  $h > 1$  then  $P_2$  contains  $P_1$ , and at  $h < 1$  then  $P_2$  is contained in  $P_1$ .

First, we prove the theorem for triangular pyramids. For a triangular pyramid, the conditional curvature is:

$$\mu(p_2) = \sqrt{y_1^2 + h^2 z_1^2} + \sqrt{y_2^2 + h^2 z_2^2} - \sqrt{y_3^2 + h^2 z_3^2} = OA_1 + OA_2 - A_1A_2$$

Let us find the derivative  $\mu(p_2)$  with respect to variable  $h$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu'(p_2) &= \frac{hz_1^2}{\sqrt{y_1^2 + h^2 z_1^2}} + \frac{hz_2^2}{\sqrt{y_2^2 + h^2 z_2^2}} - \frac{hz_3^2}{\sqrt{y_3^2 + h^2 z_3^2}} = \\ &= \frac{1}{h} (OA_1 \cos^2 \varphi_1 + OA_2 \cos^2 \varphi_3 - A_1A_2 \cos^2 \varphi_2) \end{aligned}$$

By the above lemma, the expression in parentheses is positive and since  $h > 0$ , it follows that the conditional curvature for a triangular pyramid is a monotonically increasing function. For the case of a quadrangular pyramid:

$$\mu'(p_2) = \frac{1}{h}(OA_1 \cos^2 \varphi_1 - A_1 A_2 \cos^2 \varphi_2)(OA_3 \cos^2 \varphi_4 - A_3 A_2 \cos^2 \varphi_3)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \mu'(p_2) = \frac{1}{h} [ & (OA_1 \cos^2 \varphi_1 + OA_2 \cos^2 \varphi_3 - A_1 A_2 \cos^2 \varphi_2) + \\ & + (OA_3 \cos^2 \varphi_3 + OA_4 \cos^2 \varphi_1 - A_3 A_4 \cos^2 \varphi_4) ]. \end{aligned}$$

Considering the positivity of  $h$  and the expressions in brackets, we obtain the theorem for the case of a quadrangular pyramid. In a similar way, let us prove for  $n$ -coal pyramid, i.e., calculate the derivative with respect to  $h$  conditional curvature  $\mu(p_2)$

$$\mu'(p_2) = \frac{1}{h} [OA_1 \cos^2 \varphi_1 + OA_n \cos^2 \varphi_{n+1} - A_1 A_2 \cos^2 \varphi_2 - \dots - A_{n-1} A_n \cos^2 \varphi_n].$$

Referring to Lemma 3.1, we obtain the positiveness of the derivative with respect to variable  $h$ , which proves the monotonicity of the conditional curvature. Theorem 3.1 is completely proved.

It is also easy to prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.2.** *The conditional curvature of a polyhedral angle is a positive definite function.*

Let us consider a convex polygon  $G$  on the plane  $XOY$ . We fix points  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  inside  $G$ . Let  $\gamma$  be a closed polyline in space, which by straight lines parallel to axis  $OZ$  is uniquely projected onto plane  $XOY$  into a convex polyline  $\tilde{\gamma}$  bounding polygon  $G$ , and vertices of polyline  $\gamma$  correspond to vertices  $\tilde{\gamma}$ . Let  $g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n$  be any finite system of straight lines parallel to the axis  $OZ$  and intersecting polygon  $G$  at points  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$ , respectively,  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n$  - any positive numbers,  $\mu$  - the conditional curvature of the polyhedron, convex towards  $Z > 0$  and vertices  $A'_k$  on straight lines  $g_k$ . Let us denote by  $\Omega_p$  the set of polyhedra  $P$  with edge  $\gamma$ , uniquely projecting onto the plane  $XOY$ , convex towards  $Z > 0$  and with vertices on straight lines  $g_k$  (it is assumed that the polyhedron has no other vertices). Let us consider the following: If positive numbers  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n$  are given, does there exist a convex polyhedron such that  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n$  would be the conditional curvatures of the vertices of the convex polyhedron in the direction  $\vec{e}$ , lying on the straight lines  $g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n$ , respectively. And to what extent is the polyhedron determined by the conditions that the vertices lie on the given lines and have the given conditional curvatures? The answer to this question is given by the following.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let the conditions formulated above in the formulation of the problem in the class of convex polyhedra be satisfied. Then, there is a convex polyhedra  $F \in \Omega_p$  with conditional curvatures equal to  $\omega_i$  in the direction  $\vec{e}$  at the vertices  $A'_i$ , respectively.*

The proof of the theorem follows from A.V. Pogorelov [10], where this theorem is proved for any function of a vertex of a polyhedron with the property of monotonicity. The monotonicity of the conditional curvature we have defined is proved in the following lemmas:

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $P \in \Omega_p$  be a convex polyhedra and  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n$  are the conditional curvatures of the vertices of the polyhedra. If the vertex  $A'_k$  with curvature  $\omega_k$  will be deformed towards  $Z > 0$  along the straight line  $g_k$  so that new vertices do not appear, then  $\omega_k$  increases and the conditional curvatures of other vertices do not increase.*

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let us consider convex polyhedral angles  $P_1$  and  $P_2 \in W\{\vec{e}\}$  with common vertex  $O$ . If  $P_1$  is contained in,  $P_2$  then  $\mu(P_1) > \mu(P_2)$ .*

**Proof of Lemma 3.3.** We will prove this lemma step by step. Let us suppose that convex polyhedral angles  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  have a common vertex  $O$  and  $P_1$  is contained in  $P_2$ , and all edges  $P_1$  except  $OA_k$  coincide with edges  $P_2$ . The edges differing from  $OA_k$  are denoted by  $OA'_k$  polyhedral angles  $P_1$ . The axis  $OX$  will be directed along the vector  $\vec{e}$  and the vertex  $O$  will be taken as the origin. Then the points of intersection of the  $x = \pm 1$  planes of the edges of the polyhedral angles  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , except for  $A_k$ , coincide. Therefore, the vertices of the polygons obtained by calculating the conditional curvature, except for one, coincide, and the polygon corresponding to the polyhedron  $P_1$  contains the polygon corresponding to the polyhedron  $P_2$ . From here

$$\mu(m_1) = A_1 A_n + A_m A_{m+1} - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} A_i A_{i+1}$$

when  $i \neq m$ .

Hence

$$\mu(m_2) = \mu(P_1) + A_{k-1}A_k + A_kA_{k+1} - A_{k-1}A'_k - A'_kA_{k+1}$$

considering that,

$$A_{k-1}A_k + A_kA_{k+1} - A_{k-1}A'_k - A'_kA_{k+1} < 0$$

we get

$$\mu(P_1) > \mu(P_2).$$

If polyhedral angle  $P_1$  has one fewer edge than  $P_2$ , then

$$\mu(P_2) = \mu(P_1) + A_{k-1}A_k - A_{k-1}A'_k - A'_kA_k.$$

From the triangle inequality

$$A_{k-1}A_k - A_{k-1}A'_k - A'_kA_k < 0$$

hence it follows that

$$\mu(P_1) > \mu(P_2).$$

Let us suppose that two edges  $P_1$  do not coincide with two edges  $P_2$ , and the other edges coincide. We construct an intermediate polyhedral angle  $P'_1$ , all of whose edges except one coincide with the edges  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  and it contains  $P_1$  and is contained in  $P_2$ . By the above statement

$$\mu(P_1) > \mu(P'_1) > \mu(P_2).$$

Hence

$$\mu(P_1) > \mu(P_2).$$

We will continue this process until four edges remain, i.e.,  $OA_1, OA_m, OA_{m+1}, OA_n$ .

Now let the edges  $OA_m$  and  $OA_{m+1}$  of the polyhedral angle do not coincide with the edges of the polyhedral angle  $P_2$ , and the remaining edges  $P_1$  coincide with the edges  $P_2$ . Considering that  $P_1$  is contained in  $P_2$ , we will calculate the conditional curvatures and compare them.

Obviously, the vertices  $A_m$  and  $A_{m+1}$  of the polygon obtained by cutting the polyhedral angle  $P_2$  do not coincide with the vertices  $A'_m$  and  $A'_{m+1}$  of the polygon obtained by cutting the polyhedral angle  $P_1$ . Since  $P_1$  is contained in  $P_2$ , we get the following expression: if the intersection point of the segments  $A_1A_n$  and  $A_mA_{m+1}$  is denoted by  $O$  and this point coincides with the intersection of the segments  $A_1A_n$  and  $A'_mA'_{m+1}$ , then we have the following:

$$A_mA'_m \cos \varphi_0 = OA'_m \cos \varphi_1 - OA_m \cos \varphi_2,$$

$$0 < \varphi_1 < \varphi_2 < \frac{\pi}{2},$$

$$A_mA'_m \cos \varphi_0 = A_{m-1}A'_m \cos \varphi'_1 - A_{m-1}A_m \cos \varphi'_2,$$

$$0 < \varphi'_1 < \varphi'_2 < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

when  $\varphi_0, \varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi'_1, \varphi'_2$  are the angles between the axis  $OZ$  and the segments  $A_mA'_m, OA'_m, OA_m, A_{m-1}A'_m, A_{m-1}A_m$ , respectively, and from the condition that  $P_1$  is contained in  $P_2$ , we obtain

$$\varphi_1 < \varphi'_1, \varphi_2 < \varphi'_2.$$

From here

$$\begin{aligned} OA'_m - OA_m + A_{m-1}A_m - A_{m-1}A'_m &\geq OA'_m \cos \varphi_1 - OA_m \cos \varphi_1 + \\ &+ A_{m-1}A_m \cos \varphi_1 - A_{m-1}A'_m \cos \varphi_1 > OA'_m \cos \varphi_1 - OA_m \cos \varphi_1 + \\ &+ A_{m-1}A_m \cos \varphi_1 - A_{m-1}A'_m \cos \varphi'_1 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we get that

$$OA'_{m-1} - OA_m + A_{m-1}A_m - A_{m-1}A'_m > 0.$$

It is proved in a similar way that

$$OA'_{m+1} - OA_{m+1} + A_{m+1}A_{m+2} - A_{m+2}A'_{m+1} > 0.$$



Now we calculate the conditional curvature of polyhedral angles and make sure that

$$\mu(P_2) < \mu(P_1).$$

Really,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(P_1) &= \mu(P_2) + (OA'_m - OA_m + A_{m-1}A_m - A_{m-1}A'_m) + \\ &+ (OA'_{m+1} - OA_{m+1} + A_{m+1}A_{m+2} - A_{m+2}A'_{m+1}) > \mu(P_2). \end{aligned}$$

In exactly the same way, it can be proved that if the edges of the polyhedral angle  $P_2OA_1$  and  $OA_n$  do not coincide with the edges  $OA'_1$  and  $OA'_n$  of the polyhedral angle  $P_1$ , respectively, then it is also true  $\mu(P_1) > \mu(P_2)$ . So we have proved that, step by step, you can achieve the fact that when no edges  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  coincide and when  $P_1$  is contained in  $P_2$ ,  $\mu(P_1) > \mu(P_2)$  is true. Lemma 3.3 is proved.

**Proof of Lemma 3.2.** Let  $P \in \Omega_p$  be a convex polyhedra and  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n$  are the conditional curvatures of the vertices of the polyhedra. Vertex  $A'_k$  with curvature  $\omega_k$  will be deformed towards  $Z > 0$  along straight line  $g_k$  so that no new vertices appear. The resulting polyhedra is denoted by  $P_0 \in \Omega_p$ . We move the polyhedra  $P_0$  along the straight line  $g_k$  towards  $Z > 0$  so that the vertex lying on the straight line  $g_k$  coincides with the point  $A'_k$ , which is  $k$  the vertex of the polyhedron  $P$ . Since the polyhedral angle of the polyhedron  $P_0$  with the vertex  $A'_k$  is contained in the polyhedral angle with the vertex  $A'_k$  of the polyhedron  $P$ , it follows that  $\mu_P(A'_k) > \mu_{P_0}(A'_k)$ . Since the other vertices  $P_0$  and  $P$  coincide and the polyhedral angles  $P_0$  contain the polyhedral angles  $P$ , then by Lemma 3.3 the conditional curvatures of the neighboring vertices to  $A'_k$  decrease, and the conditional curvatures of the remaining vertices remain unchanged. Consequently, upon deformation towards  $Z > 0$ , we obtain an increase of  $\omega_k$ , and the conditional curvatures of other vertices do not increase. Lemma 3.2 is proved.

**Proof of Theorem 3.3.** Let us denote by  $T(G, \gamma)$  the set of convex polyhedras  $P_G \in \Omega_p$ , for which the conditional curvatures of the vertices projecting into points  $A_i$  are less than or equal to  $\omega_i$ . The set  $T(G, \gamma)$  is not empty, since the convex hull of the broken line  $\gamma$  belongs to  $T(G, \gamma)$ . It is a polyhedron with an edge  $\gamma$  without inner vertices. It follows that  $\mu_{P_0}(A_i) = 0$ . Polyhedron  $Q \in T(G, \gamma)$  is bounded by edge  $\gamma$ . Let's denote by  $h_i$  the distance between point  $A_i$  and vertex  $A'_i$ , which is projected to point  $A_i$  (even if  $A'_i$  is a flat vertex). Let us assign to each polyhedra  $P \in T(G, \gamma)$  the function

$$\Omega(P) = h_1 + h_2 + \dots + h_n.$$

Function  $\Omega(P)$  is continuously dependent on  $h_i$  and is limited because all  $h_i$  are capped. Therefore, there is a polyhedron  $P_0 \in \Omega(G, \gamma)$ , for which  $\Omega(P)$  reaches the smallest value  $T(G, \gamma)$ . Let us show that  $P_0$  is a polyhedra, the existence of which is proved in the theorem. If we suppose the opposite, then there is a vertex  $A_i$  for which the conditional curvature is less than  $\omega_i$ . The vertex  $A_i$  can be displaced in a straight line towards  $Z > 0$  so that the conditional curvature remains less than  $\omega_i$ .

By Lemma 3.2, the conditional curvatures of other vertices do not increase in this case, that is, the resulting polyhedra  $P'_0$  belongs to  $T(G, \gamma)$ . But when mixing, the value of will decrease, which is impossible, since

$$\Omega(P_0) = \inf \Omega(P), \quad P \in T(G, \gamma).$$

The contradiction shows that for polyhedron  $P_0$ , the conditional curvature of vertex  $A_i$  is  $\omega_i$ . The theorem is completely proved.

The proof of the theorem on the uniqueness of a convex polyhedron with given conditional curvatures is based on the monotonicity of the conditional curvature of the convex polyhedron and on the theorem of A.V. Pogorelov proved for any function at the vertices of a polyhedral angle possessing the monotonicity property. So, the following is true.

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  be convex polyhedrons with a common edge  $\gamma$ , uniquely projected onto plane  $XOY$ , convex towards  $Z > 0$ , and the corresponding internal vertices are projected to the same point of plane  $XOY$ .

Let the conditional curvatures take the same values at the corresponding vertices of these polyhedra. Then the polyhedras  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  coincide.

## 4. Conclusions

Many geometry problems "in the large" are connected with the existence and uniqueness of surfaces with given geometric characteristics. The geometric characteristics can comprise intrinsic curvature, extrinsic or

Gaussian curvatures, and other features associated with the surface. We have found such an invariant that has the properties of positive definiteness and monotonicity. It can be taken as a conditional external curvature of a polyhedron. Using A.V. Pogorelov's theorem for any function at the vertices of a polyhedral angle that has the property of monotonicity, we have solved the problem of the existence and uniqueness of a convex polyhedron of a certain class, according to given values of the conditional external curvature at the vertices.

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