

from (16), on eliminating  $h$  or  $k$ , that  $h = \mu h_1$ ,  $k = \lambda k_1$ , where  $h_1$  and  $k_1$  are integral, and we get

$$(17) \quad h_1 a_1 + k_1 b_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{\varepsilon_1}, \quad h_1 c_1 + k_1 d_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{\varepsilon_1}.$$

The nature of the singularities on the sides of the triangle  $ABC$  is readily determined. For instance, suppose in (6)  $c > a > 0$ . Then (6) gives an expansion for  $t$  in ascending powers of  $x^{1/a}$ , and thence we get for  $y$  an expansion of the form

$$y = x^{c/a}(\alpha + \beta x^{1/a} + \gamma x^{2/a} + \dots)$$

in general, fixing the nature of the singularity for which  $t$  is zero.

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## SURFACES WITH ORTHOGONAL LOCI OF THE CENTERS OF GEODESIC CURVATURE OF AN ORTHOGONAL SYSTEM\*

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We consider a surface  $S$  referred to any orthogonal system. Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be the centers of geodesic curvature of the curves  $u = \text{const.}$  and  $v = \text{const.}$  respectively, through any point  $M$  of  $S$ . As  $M$  is displaced over the entire surface the loci of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  will in general be two surfaces  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , corresponding elements of which are those which result from a common displacement of  $M$ . We ask: What are the surfaces  $S$  for which the surfaces  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  correspond with orthogonality of linear elements?

The condition that the displacements of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be orthogonal for every displacement of  $M$ , is that the absolute displacements of these points in the directions of the axes of the moving trihedral at  $M$  satisfy the relation

$$(1) \quad \sum \delta x_1 \delta x_2 = 0,$$

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