

A CERTAIN PROPERTY OF GEODESICS OF THE FAMILY OF RIEMANNIAN MANIFOLDS $O_n^2(V)$

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Introduction.

This is exactly a continuation of Part (IV) ([14]) with the same title written by the present author. We shall use the same notation in it.

The period T of any non-constant solution $x(t)$ of the non-linear differential equation of order 2:

$$(E) \quad nx(1-x^2) \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + (1-x^2)(nx^2-1) = 0$$

with a constant $n > 1$ such that $x^2 + x'^2 < 1$ is given by the integral:

$$(0.1) \quad T = \sqrt{nc} \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \frac{dx}{x \sqrt{(n-x)\{x(n-x)^{n-1} - c\}}},$$

where $0 < x_0 < 1 < x_1 < n$ and $c = x_0(n-x_0)^{n-1} = x_1(n-x_1)^{n-1}$.

We proved in the last 10th section of Part (IV) that the following conjecture is true for $n \geq 84$ and shall show that it is also true for $16 \leq n < 84$ in the present paper.

CONJECTURE C. The period function T as a function of $\tau = (x_1 - 1)/(n - 1)$ and n is monotone decreasing with respect to $n (> 2)$ for any fixed τ ($0 < \tau < 1$).

The section numbers of this paper will start from 11 for convenience sake and so the section numbers from 1 to 10 mean the ones in Part (IV).

§ 11. The fundamental principle to attain the purpose.

Setting $T = Q(\tau, n)$, we have the two formulas

$$(11.1) \quad \frac{\partial Q(\tau, n)}{\partial n} = - \frac{\sqrt{c}}{2b^2 \sqrt{n}} \int_{x_0}^1 \frac{(1-x)W(x, x_1)dx}{x(n-x)\sqrt{x(n-x)^{n-1} - c}}$$

where $b = \sqrt{B - c}$, $B = (n - 1)^{n-1}$ and

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