

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

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§ 0. Introduction.

This is exactly a continuation of Part (V) ([15]) with the same title written by the present author which proved the following conjecture is true for $16 \leq n \leq 84$. On the methods used in it, the lower bound 16 of this effective interval is crucial from the argument in it. We shall show that this conjecture is also true for $9.7 \leq n \leq 16$ in the present paper by improving them. We shall use the same notation in the previous ones Parts (I)~(V).

The period T of any non-trivial 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 $x_0 = n \{\min x(t)\}^2$, $x_1 = n \{\max x(t)\}^2$, $0 < x_0 < 1 < x_1 < n$ and $c = x_0(n-x_0)^{n-1} = x_1(n-x_1)^{n-1}$.

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

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§ 1. The fundamental principle to attain the purpose.

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

$$(1.1) \quad \frac{\partial \Omega(\tau, n)}{\partial n} = - \frac{\sqrt{c}}{2b^2 \sqrt{n}} \int_{x_0}^1 \frac{(1-x)W(x, x_1)dx}{x(n-x)\sqrt{x(n-x)^{n-1}-c}}$$

(Lemma 3.1 in (III)) and

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