# A semi-parallel fundamental form of maximal rank for a decomposition of a vector bundle with connection

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**Abstract.** We study a subbundle with semi-parallel fundamental form. In particular, if the rank of the fundamental form is maximal, we can obtain a certain equation which plays an essential role to classify parallel affine immersions into  $\mathbb{R}^{n+\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)}$ .

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## §0. Introduction

In Riemannian geometry, many researchers have studied submanifolds with parallel second fundamental form. In particular, Ferus [5] classified submanifolds of the Euclidean space with parallel second fundamental forms. These submanifolds are often called parallel submanifolds. Moreover, semi-parallel submanifolds which is a generalization of parallel submanifolds, have been also studied in [3] and [4], for example. In affine differential geometry, Vrancken [9] classified linearly full affine immersions from an *n*-dimensional manifold *M* to an affine space  $\mathbb{R}^{n+\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)}$  with parallel affine fundamental form, where the following equation plays an essential role:

(0.1) 
$$S_Z B_X Y = \frac{1}{n-1} (\operatorname{Ric}(X, Z)Y + \operatorname{Ric}(Y, Z)X + 2\operatorname{Ric}(X, Y)Z),$$

where S is the shape operator, B is the affine fundamental form and Ric is the Ricci tensor of the induced connection.

Our main purpose is to prove equations including (0.1) for the case of a decomposition of a vector bundle with connection, which can be regarded as a

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generalization of affine immersions, see [2], [6], for example. Let  $V = V_1 \oplus V_2$ be a decomposition with connection  $\nabla$  on V,  $\nabla^1$  (resp.  $\nabla^2$ ) the induced connection on  $V_1$  (resp.  $V_2$ ) and B the fundamental form. If  $\hat{R}B = 0$ , where  $\hat{R}$  is the curvature operator defined by  $\nabla^1$ ,  $\nabla^2$ , and a connection D on TM, we say that B is semi-parallel. If the dimension of  $\text{Span}\{B_X\eta|X \in T_xM, \eta \in$  $V_{1x}\}$  is maximal for every  $x \in M$ , B is said to be of maximal rank. Under the condition that the fundamental form B is semi-parallel and of maximal rank, we obtain equations including (0.1). In particular, our proof of (0.1) is relatively shorter than that in [9].

#### §1. Preliminaries

We assume that all objects are smooth and all vector bundles are real throughout this paper. Let M be an n-dimensional  $(n \ge 2)$  manifold. Let V, W be vector bundles over M,  $\Gamma(V)$  the space of cross-section of V and  $\mathfrak{C}(V)$  the set of covariant derivatives of connections on V. Let  $\operatorname{Hom}(V, W)$ be the vector bundle of which fiber  $\operatorname{Hom}(V, W)_x$  at  $x \in M$  is the vector space  $\operatorname{Hom}(V_x, W_x)$  of linear maps from  $V_x$  to  $W_x$ . The space of vector bundle homomorphisms from V to W is denoted by  $\operatorname{HOM}(V, W)$ . We note that  $\operatorname{HOM}(V, W)$  can be canonically identified with the space  $\Gamma(\operatorname{Hom}(V, W))$ . For non-negative integer r, we denote the space of V-valued r-forms on M by  $A^r(V)$  and  $A^r := A^r(M \times \mathbb{R})$ .

Let  $V_1$  be a subbundle of V and  $i: V_1 \to V$  the inclusion. If a subbundle  $V_2$ of V satisfies  $V_1 \oplus V_2 = V$  (direct sum), then we say that  $V_2$  is the *transversal* bundle with respect to  $V_1$ . Take a transversal bundle  $V_2$ . We set  $i_2: V_2 \to V$ the inclusion and  $p_j: V \to V_j$  the projection homomorphism for j = 1, 2. We note that  $ip_1 + i_2p_2 = id_V$ . Let  $\nabla \in \mathfrak{C}(V)$  be a connection on V. We set  $\nabla^1 := p_1 \nabla i$ , where  $p_1 \nabla i$  is defined by  $(p_1 \nabla i)_X := p_1 \circ \nabla_X \circ i$  for  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$ . Similarly, we set  $\nabla^2 := p_2 \nabla i_2$ ,  $B := p_2 \nabla i$  and  $S := -p_1 \nabla i_2$ . We call  $\nabla^1$ the *induced connection* on  $V_1$ ,  $\nabla^2$  the *transversal connection* on  $V_2$ , B the fundamental form and S the shape tensor. Since  $p_1 i = id_{V_1}, p_2 i = 0, p_2 i_2 =$  $id_{V_2}$  and  $p_1 i_2 = 0$ , we have

**Lemma 1.1.** For  $\nabla^1, B, \nabla^2$  and S, we obtain

 $\nabla^1 \in \mathfrak{C}(V_1), \ B \in A^1(\operatorname{Hom}(V_1, V_2)), \ \nabla^2 \in \mathfrak{C}(V_2) \ \text{and} \ S \in A^1(\operatorname{Hom}(V_2, V_1)).$ 

Let R (resp.  $R^1, R^2$ ) be the curvature form of  $\nabla$  (resp.  $\nabla^1, \nabla^2$ ).

**Lemma 1.2.** We have the fundamental equations as follows:

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{Gauss:} & p_1 R_{X,Y} i = R_{X,Y}^1 - S_X B_Y + S_Y B_X;\\ \text{Codazzi for } B: & p_2 R_{X,Y} i = B_X \nabla_Y^1 - B_Y \nabla_X^1 - \nabla_Y^2 B_X + \nabla_X^2 B_Y - B_{[X,Y]};\\ \text{Codazzi for } S: & p_1 R_{X,Y} i_2 = \nabla_Y^1 S_X - \nabla_X^1 S_Y - S_X \nabla_Y^2 + S_Y \nabla_X^2 + S_{[X,Y]}; \end{array}$ 

Ricci:  $p_2 R_{X,Y} i_2 = R_{X,Y}^2 - B_X S_Y + B_Y S_X,$ 

for  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ .

We apply these notions to affine immersions. Let  $\tilde{M}$  be an (n+q)-dimensional manifold and  $f: M \to \tilde{M}$  an immersion. We denote the pull-back bundle through f of  $T\tilde{M}$  by  $\tilde{T} := f^{\#}(T\tilde{M})$ , the bundle map by  $f_{\#}: \tilde{T} \to T\tilde{M}$  and its restriction to the fiber by  $f_{\#x}$  for  $x \in M$ . We define a linear mapping  $\iota_x: T_xM \to \tilde{T}_x$  by  $\iota_x := (f_{\#x})^{-1}f_{*x}$  for each  $x \in M$ , where  $f_{*x}: T_xM \to T_{f(x)}\tilde{M}$  is the differential of f at x. Thus we define a bundle homomorphism  $\iota: TM \to \tilde{T}$  by  $\iota|_{T_xM} := \iota_x$  and obtain the isomorphism  $\tilde{\iota}: TM \to \iota(TM)$ . We identify  $\iota(TM)$  with TM through  $\tilde{\iota}$ . Let N be a subbundle of  $\tilde{T}$  such that  $T \oplus N = \tilde{T}$ , where we set  $T := TM(=\iota(TM))$ . For  $\tilde{D} \in \mathfrak{C}(T\tilde{M})$ , there exists the pull-back connection  $f^{\#}\tilde{D}$  which is denoted by  $\nabla \in \mathfrak{C}(\tilde{T})$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla^T &:= p_1 \nabla i_1 \in \mathfrak{C}(T), \ \nabla^N &:= p_2 \nabla i_2 \in \mathfrak{C}(N), \\ B &:= p_2 \nabla i_1 \in A^1(\mathrm{Hom}(T,N)) \text{ and } S &:= -p_1 \nabla i_2 \in A^1(\mathrm{Hom}(N,T)). \end{aligned}$$

We call (f, N) the affine immersion from  $(M, \nabla^T)$  to  $(\tilde{M}, \tilde{D}), \nabla^T$  the induced connection,  $\nabla^N$  the transversal connection, B the affine fundamental form and S the shape tensor.

#### §2. Semi-parallel fundamental form

From now on, X, Y, Z always denote elements of  $\Gamma(TM)$ . Let  $\nabla \in \mathfrak{C}(V)$  be a connection on V and  $D \in \mathfrak{C}(TM)$  a connection on TM. We set

$$(\hat{\nabla}_X B)_Y := \nabla_X^2 B_Y - B_{D_X Y} - B_Y \nabla_X^1,$$

and

$$(\hat{R}_{X,Y}B)_Z := R_{X,Y}^2 B_Z - B_{R_{X,Y}^D} - B_Z R_{X,Y}^1,$$

where  $R^D$  is the curvature form of D.

**Definition 2.1.** If  $\hat{\nabla}B = 0$  (resp.  $\hat{R}B = 0$ ), we say that *B* is *parallel* (resp. *semi-parallel*).

If D is torsion-free, then we obtain the following equations by a straightforward calculation:

$$\begin{aligned} (\hat{R}_{X,Y}B)_Z \\ &= \nabla_X^2 (\hat{\nabla}_Y B)_Z - (\hat{\nabla}_{D_X Y}B)_Z - (\hat{\nabla}_Y B)_{D_X Z} - (\hat{\nabla}_Y B)_Z \nabla_X^1 \\ &- \nabla_Y^2 (\hat{\nabla}_X B)_Z + (\hat{\nabla}_{D_Y X}B)_Z + (\hat{\nabla}_X B)_{D_Y Z} + (\hat{\nabla}_X B)_Z \nabla_Y^1 \\ &= (\hat{\nabla}_X (\hat{\nabla}_Y B))_Z - (\hat{\nabla}_Y (\hat{\nabla}_X B))_Z - (\hat{\nabla}_{[X,Y]}B)_Z. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we see that if D is torsion-free and B is parallel, then B is semi-parallel.

By Ricci equation, we have

**Lemma 2.1.** If  $p_2Ri_2 = 0$  and B is semi-parallel, then we have the following:

$$B_X S_Y B_Z \eta - B_Y S_X B_Z \eta = B_{R_Y} \mathcal{I}_Y \eta + B_Z R_{X,Y}^1 \eta,$$

where  $\eta \in \Gamma(V_1)$ .

We denote the Ricci tensor of  $R^D$  by  $\operatorname{Ric}^D$ , i.e.,

$$\operatorname{Ric}^{D}(Y, Z) := \operatorname{trace}\{X \mapsto R_{X,Y}^{D}Z\}.$$

By using first Bianchi identity, if D is torsion-free, then we obtain

$$\operatorname{tr}(R_{X,Y}^D) = \operatorname{Ric}^D(Y,X) - \operatorname{Ric}^D(X,Y).$$

We note that there exists a local parallel volume element on V (resp.  $V_1$ ) if and only if  $\operatorname{tr} R = 0$  (resp.  $\operatorname{tr} R^1 = 0$ ). If  $V_1 = TM$  and  $\nabla^1$  is torsion-free, then we see that there exists a local parallel volume element on  $V_1$  if and only if Ric is symmetric, where Ric is the Ricci tensor of  $R^1$ .

We set  $m_1 := \operatorname{rank} V_1$ ,  $m = \operatorname{rank} V$  and  $m_2 := m - m_1 = \operatorname{rank} V_2$ . Let  $\operatorname{Im} B_x$ be a subspace of  $V_{2x}$  defined by  $\operatorname{Im} B_x := \operatorname{Span} \{B_X \eta | X \in T_x M, \eta \in V_{1x}\}$  at  $x \in M$ . We denote  $\bigcup_{x \in M} \operatorname{Im} B_x$  by  $\operatorname{Im} B$ .

**Definition 2.2.** If dim(Im $B_x$ ) is maximal for every  $x \in M$ , the fundamental form B is said to be of *maximal rank*.

We see that *B* has maximal rank if and only if rank(Im*B*) =  $nm_1$ . In the case where *B* is symmetric, that is,  $V_1 = TM$  and  $B_X Y = B_Y X$  for  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ , then we see that *B* has maximal rank if and only if rank(Im*B*) =  $\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)$ . From now on,  $\eta$  always denote an element of  $\Gamma(V_1)$ . We now formulate our main result.

**Theorem 2.2.** If  $p_2Ri_2 = 0$ , B is semi-parallel and of maximal rank, then we have the following equations:

$$S_X B_Y \eta = \frac{1}{n-1} (\operatorname{Ric}^D(X, Y)\eta + R^1_{Y,X}\eta), S_X B_Y \eta - S_Y B_X \eta = -(\operatorname{tr}(R^D_{X,Y})\eta + nR^1_{X,Y}\eta).$$

For  $n \geq 3$ , in addition, if D is torsion-free, then we have

$$R_{X,Y}^1 \eta = \frac{1}{n+1} (\operatorname{Ric}^D(X,Y) - \operatorname{Ric}^D(Y,X))\eta,$$
  
$$S_X B_Y \eta = \frac{1}{n^2 - 1} (\operatorname{Ric}^D(Y,X) + n\operatorname{Ric}^D(X,Y))\eta$$

**Proof.** In this proof, we do not use Einstein's convention. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  (resp.  $\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_{m_1}$ ) be a basis of  $T_x M$  (resp.  $V_{1x}$ ) and  $X^1, X^2, \dots, X^n$  (resp.  $\eta^1, \eta^2, \dots, \eta^{m_1}$ ) its dual basis. From Lemma 2.1, we have

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$$(2.1) B_{X_i}S_{X_j}B_{X_k}\eta_a = B_{X_j}S_{X_i}B_{X_k}\eta_a + B_{R_{X_i,X_j}}X_k}\eta_a + B_{X_k}R_{X_i,X_j}^1\eta_a$$

for  $1 \leq i, j, k \leq n, 1 \leq a \leq m_1$ . Let b be an index, where  $1 \leq b \leq m_1$ . Comparing the coefficient of  $B_{X_i}\eta_b$  in the right hand side with that in the left hand side in (2.1), we have

$$\eta^{b}(S_{X_{j}}B_{X_{k}}\eta_{a}) = X^{i}(X_{j})\eta^{b}(S_{X_{i}}B_{X_{k}}\eta_{a}) + X^{i}(R^{D}_{X_{i},X_{j}}X_{k})\eta^{b}(\eta_{a}) + X^{i}(X_{k})\eta^{b}(R^{1}_{X_{i},X_{j}}\eta_{a}).$$

Hence we obtain

$$S_{X_j} B_{X_k} \eta_a = \delta^i_j S_{X_i} B_{X_k} \eta_a + X^i (R^D_{X_i, X_j} X_k) \eta_a + \delta^i_k R^1_{X_i, X_j} \eta_a$$

Summing up the index i, we have

$$nS_{X_j}B_{X_k}\eta_a = S_{X_j}B_{X_k}\eta_a + \operatorname{Ric}^D(X_j, X_k)\eta_a + R^1_{X_k, X_j}\eta_a.$$

Thus we see that

(2.2) 
$$S_X B_Y \eta = \frac{1}{n-1} (\operatorname{Ric}^D(X, Y)\eta + R^1_{Y,X}\eta),$$
$$S_X B_Y \eta - S_Y B_X \eta = \frac{1}{n-1} (\operatorname{Ric}^D(X, Y)\eta - \operatorname{Ric}^D(Y, X)\eta + 2R^1_{Y,X}\eta).$$

Comparing the coefficient of  $B_{X_k}\eta_b$  in the right hand side with that in the left hand side in (2.1), we have

(2.3) 
$$S_X B_Y \eta - S_Y B_X \eta = -\text{tr}(R^D_{X,Y})\eta - nR^1_{X,Y}\eta.$$

Thus we have the first assertion.

If n = 2, then we have  $\operatorname{Ric}^{D}(Y, X) - \operatorname{Ric}^{D}(X, Y) = \operatorname{tr} R^{D}_{X,Y}$ . Combining (2.2) with (2.3) for  $n \geq 3$ , we have

$$-\frac{1}{n-1}(\operatorname{Ric}^{D}(X,Y)\eta - \operatorname{Ric}^{D}(Y,X)\eta + 2R_{Y,X}^{1}\eta) = \operatorname{tr}(R_{X,Y}^{D})\eta + nR_{X,Y}^{1}\eta.$$

If D is torsion-free, then we have

$$(n+1)R_{X,Y}^1\eta = \operatorname{Ric}^D(X,Y)\eta - \operatorname{Ric}^D(Y,X)\eta$$

Hence we see that

$$S_X B_Y \eta = \frac{1}{n^2 - 1} (\operatorname{Ric}^D(Y, X) + n \operatorname{Ric}^D(X, Y)) \eta.$$

**Corollary 2.3.** If  $p_2Ri_2 = 0$ , B is semi-parallel, of maximal rank and in addition,  $p_1Ri = 0$ , then we have

$$R_{X,Y}^1 \eta = \frac{1}{n+1} (\operatorname{Ric}^D(X,Y) - \operatorname{Ric}^D(Y,X))\eta,$$
  
$$S_X B_Y \eta = \frac{1}{n^2 - 1} (\operatorname{Ric}^D(Y,X) + n\operatorname{Ric}^D(X,Y))\eta.$$

**Proof.** From Gauss equation and (2.2), we see that

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$$R_{X,Y}^1 \eta = S_X B_Y \eta - S_Y B_X \eta$$
$$= \frac{1}{n-1} (\operatorname{Ric}^D(X,Y)\eta - \operatorname{Ric}^D(Y,X)\eta + 2R_{Y,X}^1\eta).$$

In the case where  $V_1 = TM$ , we set

$$(\hat{R}_{X,Y}B)_Z := R_{X,Y}^2 B_Z - B_{R_{X,Y}^1 Z} - B_Z R_{X,Y}^1$$

If  $\hat{R}B = 0$ , we say that B is *semi-parallel*. The following theorem specializes to Theorem 2.2 if B is symmetric.

**Theorem 2.4.** We assume that B is symmetric. If  $p_2Ri_2 = 0$ , B is semiparallel and of maximal rank, then we have the following equations:

$$nS_X B_Y Z$$
  
= tr(S.B<sub>Y</sub>Z)X + Ric(X, Y)Z + R<sup>1</sup><sub>Z,X</sub>Y + Ric(X, Z)Y + R<sup>1</sup><sub>Y,X</sub>Z,  
S<sub>X</sub>B<sub>Y</sub>Z + tr(S<sub>X</sub>B.Z)Y  
= S<sub>Y</sub>B<sub>X</sub>Z + tr(S<sub>Y</sub>B.Z)X + tr(R<sup>1</sup><sub>Y,X</sub>)Z + (n + 2)R<sup>1</sup><sub>Y,X</sub>Z,

where  $\operatorname{tr}(S.B_YZ) = \operatorname{trace}\{X \mapsto S_XB_YZ\}, \operatorname{tr}(S_YB.Z) = \operatorname{trace}\{X \mapsto S_YB_XZ\}.$ For  $n \geq 3$ , in addition, if  $\nabla^1$  is torsion-free, then we have

$$R_{X,Y}^{1}Z = \frac{\underset{n-1}{\operatorname{Ric}}(\operatorname{Ric}(Y,Z)X - \operatorname{Ric}(X,Z)Y).$$

**Proof.** We can now proceed analogously to the proof of Theorem 2.2. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a basis of  $T_x M$  and  $X^1, X^2, \dots, X^n$  its dual basis. From Lemma 2.1, we have

(2.4) 
$$B_{X_i}S_{X_j}B_{X_k}X_l = B_{X_j}S_{X_i}B_{X_k}X_l + (B_{R_{X_i,X_j}}X_k}X_l + B_{X_k}R_{X_i,X_j}^1X_l)$$

for  $1 \leq i, j, k, l \leq n$ . Let s be an index, where  $1 \leq s \leq n$ . Comparing the coefficient of  $B_{X_i}X_s$  in the right hand side with that in the left hand side in (2.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} X^{s}(S_{X_{j}}B_{X_{k}}X_{l}) + X^{s}(X_{i})X^{i}(S_{X_{j}}B_{X_{k}}X_{l}) \\ &= X^{i}(X_{j})X^{s}(S_{X_{i}}B_{X_{k}}X_{l}) + X^{s}(X_{j})X^{i}(S_{X_{i}}B_{X_{k}}X_{l}) + X^{i}(R^{1}_{X_{i},X_{j}}X_{k})X^{s}(X_{l}) \\ &+ X^{s}(R^{1}_{X_{i},X_{j}}X_{k})X^{i}(X_{l}) + X^{i}(R^{1}_{X_{i},X_{j}}X_{l})X^{s}(X_{k}) + X^{s}(R^{1}_{X_{i},X_{j}}X_{l})X^{i}(X_{k}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence we obtain

$$\begin{split} S_{X_j} B_{X_k} X_l \\ &= -X^i (S_{X_j} B_{X_k} X_l) X_i + \delta^i_j S_{X_i} B_{X_k} X_l + X^i (S_{X_i} B_{X_k} X_l) X_j \\ &+ X^i (R^1_{X_i, X_j} X_k) X_l + \delta^i_l R^1_{X_i, X_j} X_k + X^i (R^1_{X_i, X_j} X_l) X_k + \delta^i_k R^1_{X_i, X_j} X_l. \end{split}$$

Summing up the index i, we have

$$nS_{X_i}B_{X_k}X_l$$

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$$= \operatorname{tr}(S \cdot B_{X_k} X_l) X_j + \operatorname{Ric}(X_j, X_k) X_l + R^1_{X_l, X_j} X_k + \operatorname{Ric}(X_j, X_l) X_k$$
$$+ R^1_{X_k, X_j} X_l.$$

Thus we have

(2.5) 
$$nS_X B_Y Z$$
  
= tr(S.B<sub>Y</sub>Z)X + Ric(X,Y)Z +  $R^1_{Z,X}Y$  + Ric(X,Z)Y +  $R^1_{Y,X}Z$ .

Comparing the coefficient of  $B_{X_k}X_s$  in the right hand side with that in the left hand side in (2.4), we have

(2.6) 
$$S_X B_Y Z + \operatorname{tr}(S_X B.Z) Y$$
  
=  $S_Y B_X Z + \operatorname{tr}(S_Y B.Z) X + \operatorname{tr}(R_{Y,X}^1) Z + (n+2) R_{Y,X}^1 Z.$ 

Thus we have the first assertion.

The trace of (2.6) by X (resp. Z) are the following:

(2.7) 
$$\operatorname{tr}(S.B_YZ) = \operatorname{ntr}(S_YB.Z) - (n+3)\operatorname{Ric}(Y,Z) + \operatorname{Ric}(Z,Y), \\ \operatorname{tr}(S_XB_Y\cdot) = \operatorname{tr}(S_YB_X\cdot) + (n+1)\operatorname{tr}(R_{Y,X}^1).$$

Now we assume that  $\nabla^1$  is torsion-free. Since  $S \cdot B_Y Z = S \cdot B_Z Y$ , we have

$$n(\operatorname{tr}(S_Y B.Z) - \operatorname{tr}(S_Z B.Y)) = -(n+4)(\operatorname{Ric}(Z,Y) - \operatorname{Ric}(Y,Z))$$
  
= -n(n+1)tr(R<sup>1</sup><sub>YZ</sub>) = -n(n+1)(\operatorname{Ric}(Z,Y) - \operatorname{Ric}(Y,Z)).

If n = 2, then the previous equation is trivial. If  $n \ge 3$ , then we see that Ric is symmetric. We consider the case  $n \ge 3$ . By using (2.5)–(2.7) and first Bianchi identity, we have the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned} n(S_X B_Y Z - S_Y B_X Z) \\ &= (\operatorname{tr}(S.B_Y Z) - \operatorname{Ric}(Y, Z))X - (\operatorname{tr}(S.B_X Z) - \operatorname{Ric}(X, Z))Y + 3R_{Y,X}^1 Z \\ &= (n\operatorname{tr}(S_Y B.Z) - (n+3)\operatorname{Ric}(Y, Z))X - (n\operatorname{tr}(S_X B.Z) - (n+3)\operatorname{Ric}(X, Z))Y \\ &+ 3R_{Y,X}^1 Z \\ &= n(\operatorname{tr}(S_Y B.Z)X - \operatorname{tr}(S_X B.Z)Y + (n+2)R_{Y,X}^1 Z). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$\operatorname{Ric}(Y,Z)X - \operatorname{Ric}(X,Z)Y = (n-1)R_{X,Y}^1Z.$$

We can now state the analogue of (0.1).

**Corollary 2.5.** We assume that B is symmetric. For  $n \ge 3$ , if  $p_2Ri_2 = 0$ , B is semi-parallel, of maximal rank,  $\nabla^1$  is torsion-free and in addition,  $p_1Ri = 0$ , then we have

$$S_X B_Y Z = \frac{1}{n-1} (\operatorname{Ric}(X, Y)Z + \operatorname{Ric}(X, Z)Y + 2\operatorname{Ric}(Y, Z)X).$$

**Proof.** From Gauss equation and (2.5), we have

$$nR_{X,Y}^1 Z = n(S_X B_Y Z - S_Y B_X Z)$$

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$$= (\operatorname{tr}(S \cdot B_Y Z) - \operatorname{Ric}(Y, Z))X - (\operatorname{tr}(S \cdot B_X Z) - \operatorname{Ric}(X, Z))Y + 3R_{Y,X}^1 Z.$$

By these equations and Theorem 2.4, we have

$$(n+3)R_{Y,X}^{1}Z = \frac{n+3}{n-1}(\operatorname{Ric}(X,Z)Y - \operatorname{Ric}(Y,Z)X)$$
  
=  $(-\operatorname{tr}(S.B_{Y}Z) + \operatorname{Ric}(Y,Z))X - (-\operatorname{tr}(S.B_{X}Z) + \operatorname{Ric}(X,Z))Y.$ 

Hence we obtain

$$\operatorname{tr}(S.B_Y Z) = \frac{2(n+1)}{n-1} \operatorname{Ric}(Y, Z).$$

Substituting this equation to (2.5), we have the assertion.

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