

## KENMOTSU TYPE REPRESENTATION FORMULA FOR SPACELIKE SURFACES IN THE DE SITTER 3-SPACE

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### Introduction

In [10], Kenmotsu proved that surfaces in the Euclidean 3-space  $E^3$  can be represented by means of the mean curvature and the Gauss map. In [3] and [4], we gave the Kenmotsu type representation formulas for surfaces in the hyperbolic 3-space (cf. [11]) and the Riemannian 3-sphere. For each Riemannian 3-space form  $N^3$  and a surface  $M^2$  in  $N^3$ , we can consider an adapted frame on  $M^2$  as a map from  $M^2$  to the isometry group  $\text{Isom}(N^3)$ . The ‘Gauss map’ of  $M^2$  to  $S^2 (= SO(3)/SO(2))$  is defined from the ‘rotational part’ (i.e.,  $SO(3)$ -part) of the adapted framing map. (For example,  $\text{Isom}(E^3) = \mathbf{R}^3 \rtimes SO(3)$ .)

On the other hand, Nishikawa and the second author [8] proved the Lorentzian version of the Kenmotsu representation formula for spacelike surfaces in the Minkowski 3-space  $L^3$  (cf. [12]). Here  $\text{Isom}(L^3) = \mathbf{R}^3 \rtimes SO_0(1, 2)$  and hence the Gauss map is a map to the upper hyperboloid  $H^2 (= SO_0(1, 2)/SO(2))$ . In this paper, we introduce the Kenmotsu type representation formula for spacelike surfaces in the Lorentzian 3-space form of constant curvature 1, that is, the de Sitter 3-space  $S_1^3$ . A similar formula in the anti-de Sitter 3-space has been already given in [6].

### 1. De Sitter 3-space $S_1^3$

The de Sitter 3-space  $S_1^3$  is defined as the semi-sphere in the Minkowski 4-space  $L^4$  of radius 1. As in [9] and [1], it is convenient to use the complex special linear group  $SL(2; \mathbf{C})$ , which is the double cover of  $SO_0(1, 3)$ , as the group of isometries of  $S_1^3$ . Put

$$\underline{e}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \underline{e}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\underline{e}_2 = \sqrt{-1}J = \sqrt{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \underline{e}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Identify  $L^4$  with the space  $\text{Herm}(2) = \{\underline{x} = x_0\underline{e}_0 + \cdots + x_3\underline{e}_3 \mid x_0, \dots, x_3 \in \mathbf{R}\}$  of  $2 \times 2$  Hermitian matrices with the metric  $\langle \underline{x}, \underline{x} \rangle = -\det \underline{x}$ .  $SL(2; \mathbf{C})$  acts isometrically on  $L^4$  by

$$g \cdot \underline{x} = g\underline{x}g^* \quad (g \in SL(2; \mathbf{C}), \underline{x} \in L^4 = \text{Herm}(2)).$$

Hence it acts on  $S_1^3$  isometrically and transitively. Then we can regard  $S_1^3$  as the symmetric space

$$S_1^3 = SL(2; \mathbf{C})/SU(1, 1) = \{g\underline{e}_3g^* \mid g \in SL(2; \mathbf{C})\},$$

where  $SU(1, 1) = \{h \in SL(2; \mathbf{C}) \mid h\underline{e}_3h^* = \underline{e}_3\}$ .

Divide  $SL(2; \mathbf{C})$  into three subsets  $G_-$ ,  $G_0$ ,  $G_+$  according to the signature of the indefinite Hermitian metric  $\langle \underline{g}_2, \underline{g}_2 \rangle_{\mathbf{C}_1^2} = g_{21}\overline{g_{21}} - g_{22}\overline{g_{22}}$  for the second row complex vector  $\underline{g}_2 = (g_{21}, g_{22})$  of  $g \in SL(2; \mathbf{C})$ . Then we can also divide  $S_1^3$ , which is diffeomorphic to  $S^2 \times \mathbf{R}$ , into three components as follows:

$$S_- = \{g\underline{e}_3g^* \mid g \in G_-\} = \{\underline{x} \in S_1^3 \mid x_0 - x_3 < 0\} (\cong \mathbf{R}^3),$$

$$S_0 = \{g\underline{e}_3g^* \mid g \in G_0\} = \{\underline{x} \in S_1^3 \mid x_0 - x_3 = 0\} (\cong S^1 \times \mathbf{R}),$$

$$S_+ = \{g\underline{e}_3g^* \mid g \in G_+\} = \{\underline{x} \in S_1^3 \mid x_0 - x_3 > 0\} (\cong \mathbf{R}^3).$$

Take a coordinate  $(y_0, y_1, y_2)$  on  $S_{\mp}$  defined by  $(y_0, y_1, y_2) = (1, x_1, x_2)/|x_0 - x_3|$ , the metric on  $S_1^3$  is written as  $ds^2 = (1/y_0^2)ds_0^2$ , where  $ds_0^2 = -dy_0^2 + dy_1^2 + dy_2^2$  is the Minkowski metric. We denote by  $RS_1^3$  the upper half space model  $(\mathbf{R}_+^3, ds^2)$  of each  $S_{\mp} \subset S_1^3$ .

The Gram-Schmidt procedure for row complex vectors of each matrix  $g \in SL(2; \mathbf{C})$  with respect to the indefinite Hermitian metric  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathbf{C}_1^2}$  gives the decomposition

$$(1.1) \quad G_- = S \cdot SU(1, 1) \quad \text{and} \quad G_+ = S \cdot J \cdot SU(1, 1),$$

where  $S$  is the Lie subgroup consisting of upper triangular matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & \zeta \\ 0 & 1/a \end{pmatrix} \quad (a > 0, \zeta \in \mathbf{C}).$$

Then we can identify each component  $S_-$ ,  $S_+$  with  $S$ , that is,

$$S_- = \{se_3s^* | s \in S\}, \quad S_+ = \{-se_3s^* | s \in S\}.$$

Note that  $S(\cong S_{\mp})$  is diffeomorphic to  $RS_1^3$  under the map

$$RS_1^3 \ni (y_0, y_1, y_2) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{y_0} & \mp(y_1 + \sqrt{-1}y_2)/\sqrt{y_0} \\ 0 & 1/\sqrt{y_0} \end{pmatrix} \in S.$$

### 2. Normal Gauss Maps of Spacelike Surfaces in $S_1^3$

Let  $f$  be a conformal immersion from a Riemann surface  $M$  into  $S_1^3$ , whose image is a spacelike surface in  $S_1^3$ . We can choose an adapted framing  $\mathcal{E} : M \rightarrow SL(2; \mathbb{C})$  of  $f$  locally (that is, on each contractible neighborhood) and uniquely up to a right multiplication of  $U(1)$ -valued map. This implies that  $f = \mathcal{E}e_3\mathcal{E}^*$ ,  $\mathcal{E}e_0\mathcal{E}^*$  is a unit normal vector field of  $f$  and  $\mathcal{E}(e_1 - \sqrt{-1}e_2)\mathcal{E}^*$  is a vector field of type  $(1, 0)$ , where

$$U(1) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} e^{\sqrt{-1}\theta} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-\sqrt{-1}\theta} \end{pmatrix} \middle| \theta \in S^1 \right\}.$$

We define the *normal Gauss map*  $\mathcal{G} : M \rightarrow \hat{C} := C \cup \{\infty\}$  by

$$\mathcal{G} = \frac{\mathcal{E}_{21}}{\mathcal{E}_{22}}, \quad \text{where } \mathcal{E} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{E}_{11} & \mathcal{E}_{12} \\ \mathcal{E}_{21} & \mathcal{E}_{22} \end{pmatrix}.$$

It should be pointed out that the normal Gauss map  $\mathcal{G}$  is globally defined on  $M$ . On the open set  $U_- := f^{-1}(S_-)$  (resp.  $U_+ := f^{-1}(S_+)$ ) in  $M$ , the image of  $\mathcal{G}$  is contained in the unit open disk  $D := \{z \in C | |z| < 1\}$  (resp. in  $\hat{C} \setminus D$ ). Then  $\mathcal{G}(f^{-1}(S_0)) \subset S^1 = \partial D$ . We also remark that the union  $U_- \cup U_+$  is an open dense subset in  $M$ .

As mentioned in Introduction, the normal Gauss map  $\mathcal{G}$  of  $f$  is also obtained from the ‘rotational part’ of the adapted framing  $\mathcal{E}$  as follows: The upper and lower hyperboloids  $H_{\pm}^2$  in the linear space  $R^3$  are given by

$$H_{\pm}^2 = \{\underline{x} = x_0\underline{e}_0 + x_1\underline{e}_1 + x_2\underline{e}_2 | \det \underline{x} = 1, \text{sgn}(x_0) = \pm 1\}.$$

The subgroup  $SU(1, 1)$  in  $SL(2; C)$  acts transitively on each hyperboloid  $H_{\pm}^2$ , and then  $H_{\pm}^2 = SU(1, 1)/U(1)$ . Decomposing  $\mathcal{E}|_{U_{\mp}} : U_{\mp} \rightarrow G_{\mp}$  corresponding to the decomposition (1.1) of  $G_{\mp}$ , we obtain an  $SU(1, 1)$ -valued map  $h$  and an  $S$ -valued map  $\mathcal{S}$  (defined locally) on each  $U_{\mp}$ :

$$(2.1) \quad \mathcal{E}|_{U_-} = \mathcal{S}h, \quad \mathcal{E}|_{U_+} = \mathcal{S}Jh.$$

By using  $h$ ,  $\mathcal{G}_{\mp} : U_{\mp} \rightarrow H_{\pm}^2$  is determined as follows:

$$\mathcal{G}_- = h\underline{e}_0h^*, \quad \mathcal{G}_+ = -\underline{e}_1h\underline{e}_0h^*\underline{e}_1.$$

We denote by  $P$  the stereographic projection of  $\mathbf{H}_+^2 \cup \mathbf{H}_-^2$  from the south pole  $-\underline{e}_0 \in \mathbf{H}_-^2$ . Then the normal Gauss map  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $U_{\mp}$  is just  $P \circ \mathcal{G}_{\mp}$ :

$$\mathcal{G} = \begin{cases} P \circ \mathcal{G}_- = p/q : U_- \rightarrow D, \\ P \circ \mathcal{G}_+ = q/p : U_+ \rightarrow \hat{C} \setminus D, \end{cases} \quad \text{where } h = \begin{pmatrix} q & \bar{p} \\ p & \bar{q} \end{pmatrix}.$$

On each  $U_{\mp}$ ,  $\mathcal{G}$  can be also interpreted geometrically as follows: Consider  $f|_{U_-}$  (resp.  $f|_{U_+}$ ) to be a conformal immersion into  $\mathbf{RS}_1^3 = (\mathbf{R}_+^3, ds^2)$  and  $\mathbf{RS}_1^3$  to be a conformally embedded domain  $\mathbf{R}_+^3$  in the Minkowski 3-space  $\mathbf{L}^3 = (\mathbf{R}^3, ds_0^2)$ . Let  $N(z)$  be the future-pointing (resp. past-pointing) unit normal timelike vector at each point  $f(z)$  in  $\mathbf{L}^3$ . Parallel translating  $N(z)$  to the origin in  $\mathbf{L}^3$ , then we again obtain the normal Gauss map  $\mathcal{G}_- : U_- \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_+^2$  (resp.  $\mathcal{G}_+ : U_+ \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_-^2$ ) of  $f$  on  $U_-$  (resp.  $U_+$ ).

Each  $\mathcal{S} : U_{\mp} \rightarrow S$  in (2.1) is a (local) framing map of  $f : M \rightarrow \mathbf{S}_1^3$ , that is,  $f|_{U_-} = \mathcal{S}\underline{e}_3\mathcal{S}^*$  and  $f|_{U_+} = -\mathcal{S}\underline{e}_3\mathcal{S}^*$ . In the same way as in [3] (cf. [9]), we can show that  $\mathcal{S}$  satisfies the following differential equation (2.2) of first order by means of (the lift  $h$  of)  $\mathcal{G}$ .

Take an isothermal coordinate  $z$  and  $(1, 0)$ -form  $\phi$  on  $M$  such that the induced metric  $f^* ds^2 = \phi \cdot \bar{\phi}$ . Let  $\beta$  be the  $\mathfrak{sl}(2; \mathbf{C})$ -valued  $(1, 0)$ -form on  $U_- \cup U_+$  written locally as

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{G} & 1 \\ \mathcal{G}^2 & \mathcal{G} \end{pmatrix} \omega := \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2}h(\underline{e}_1 - \sqrt{-1}\underline{e}_2)h^*\phi & \text{on } U_-, \\ -\frac{1}{2}\underline{e}_1h(\underline{e}_1 - \sqrt{-1}\underline{e}_2)h^*\underline{e}_1\phi & \text{on } U_+, \end{cases}$$

then  $\beta|_{U_{\mp}} \in \Gamma(T^{*(1,0)}M|_{U_{\mp}} \otimes \mathcal{G}_{\mp}^{-1}T^{(1,0)}\mathbf{H}_{\pm}^2)$ . We can write the differential equation for  $\mathcal{S}$  by using  $\beta$  as follows:

$$(2.2) \quad \mathcal{S}^{-1} d\mathcal{S} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(\beta + \beta^*)\underline{e}_3 + \frac{1}{4}[\underline{e}_3, \beta + \beta^*]\underline{e}_3 & \text{on } U_-, \\ \frac{1}{2}\underline{e}_3(\beta + \beta^*) + \frac{1}{4}\underline{e}_3[\underline{e}_3, \beta + \beta^*] & \text{on } U_+. \end{cases}$$

We denote by  $H$  the mean curvature of  $f$  and by  $\Phi$  its Hopf differential. It then follows from Proposition 6.1 in [1] combined with (2.2) that

$$f^* ds^2 = \frac{4|\mathcal{G}_z|^2}{\{(1 + |\mathcal{G}|^2) + H(1 - |\mathcal{G}|^2)\}^2} |dz|^2,$$

$$\Phi = \frac{4\mathcal{G}_z(\bar{\mathcal{G}})_z}{\{(1 + |\mathcal{G}|^2) + H(1 - |\mathcal{G}|^2)\}(1 - |\mathcal{G}|^2)} dz \cdot dz.$$

Moreover, we obtain the following

PROPOSITION 1. *The normal Gauss map  $\mathcal{G} : M \rightarrow \hat{C}$  of a spacelike surface with mean curvature  $H$  in  $S_1^3$  satisfies*

$$(2.3) \quad (1 - |\mathcal{G}|^2)\{(1 + |\mathcal{G}|^2) + H(1 - |\mathcal{G}|^2)\}\mathcal{G}_{z\bar{z}} + 2\{|\mathcal{G}|^2 + H(1 - |\mathcal{G}|^2)\}\bar{\mathcal{G}}\mathcal{G}_z\mathcal{G}_{\bar{z}} = H_z(1 - |\mathcal{G}|^2)^2\mathcal{G}_{\bar{z}}.$$

If we replace the ambient space  $S_1^3$  by the de Sitter 3-space  $S_1^3(c^2)$  of constant curvature  $c^2$  ( $c > 0$ ), then the above equation will change to

$$(1 - |\mathcal{G}|^2)\{c(1 + |\mathcal{G}|^2) + H(1 - |\mathcal{G}|^2)\}\mathcal{G}_{z\bar{z}} + 2\{c|\mathcal{G}|^2 + H(1 - |\mathcal{G}|^2)\}\bar{\mathcal{G}}\mathcal{G}_z\mathcal{G}_{\bar{z}} = H_z(1 - |\mathcal{G}|^2)^2\mathcal{G}_{\bar{z}}.$$

Putting  $c = 0$  in it, we can obtain the generalized harmonic map equation for Gauss maps of spacelike surfaces in  $L^3$  ([8]).

PROPOSITION 2. *For a CMC (constant mean curvature)  $H$  conformal immersion  $f : M \rightarrow S_1^3(c^2)$ , the normal Gauss map  $\mathcal{G}$  is a non-holomorphic harmonic map from  $M$  to  $\hat{C}$  equipped with the following metric  $h'_{c,H}$ :*

$$h'_{c,H} = \frac{4|d\zeta|^2}{|(1 - |\zeta|^2)\{c(1 + |\zeta|^2) + H(1 - |\zeta|^2)\}|}.$$

REMARK 1. (1) When  $|H| > c$ ,  $h'_{c,H}$  restricted on the unit open disk  $D$  is deformed to a hyperbolic metric  $4|d\zeta|^2/(|H|(1 - |\zeta|^2)^2)$  as  $c$  goes to 0 for a fixed nonzero  $H$ .

(2) When  $|H| < c$ , there exists a CMC  $H$  conformal immersion  $\tilde{f}$  from  $M$  to the hyperbolic 3-space of constant curvature  $-c^2$  such that the pair of  $\tilde{f}$  and  $f$  forms a kind of Bonnet pair (cf. Appendix II in [3]). Then the normal Gauss maps  $f$  and  $\tilde{f}$  satisfy the same harmonic map equation, up to the coordinate change of a homothety in  $\hat{C}$ . (For the study of the metric  $h'_{c,H}$  and harmonic maps to  $(D, h'_{c,H})$ , see also [5].)

### 3. Kenmotsu Type Representation Formula in $S_1^3$

Conversely, we can show that (2.3) is the integrability condition for the framing equation (2.2). We then obtain the following Kenmotsu type representation formula in  $S_1^3$ .

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $M$  be a simply connected Riemann surface with a reference point  $z_0 \in M$ , and take an isothermal coordinate  $z$  on  $M$ . Give a smooth function  $H$  on  $M$ . Let  $v : M \rightarrow D$  be a non-holomorphic smooth map satisfying the equation (2.3):*

$$\frac{(1 + |v|^2) + H(1 - |v|^2)}{1 - |v|^2} v_{z\bar{z}} + \frac{2\{|v|^2 + H(1 - |v|^2)\}\bar{v}}{(1 - |v|^2)^2} v_z v_{\bar{z}} = H_z v_{\bar{z}}.$$

*Define a 1-form  $\omega$  on  $M$  as follows and assume that it is smooth on  $M$ :*

$$\omega = \frac{2(\bar{v})_z}{\{(1 + |v|^2) + H(1 - |v|^2)\}(1 - |v|^2)} dz.$$

*Put a Lie( $S$ )-valued 1-form  $\mu$  on  $M$  by*

$$\mu = \frac{1}{2}(\beta + \beta^*)\underline{e}_3 + \frac{1}{4}[\underline{e}_3, \beta + \beta^*]\underline{e}_3, \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} v & 1 \\ v^2 & v \end{pmatrix} \omega.$$

*Then there exists uniquely a smooth map  $\mathcal{S} : M \rightarrow S$  such that  $\mathcal{S}(z_0) = \underline{e}_0$  and  $\mathcal{S}^{-1} d\mathcal{S} = \mu$ . Put  $f = \mathcal{S}\underline{e}_3\mathcal{S}^*$ , then  $f : M \rightarrow S_- \subset S_1^3$  is a conformal immersion outside  $\{w \in M | \omega(w) = 0\}$  with prescribed mean curvature  $H$  and the normal Gauss map  $\mathcal{G} = v$ .*

**REMARK 2.** If we regard the immersion  $f$  constructed in Theorem 3 as an immersion  $f = (f_0, f_1, f_2) : M \rightarrow \mathbf{RS}_1^3$ , then  $f$  is given by the following path integral:

$$f_0(z) = \exp\left(2\operatorname{Re} \int_{z_0}^z v\omega\right), \quad f_1(z) + \sqrt{-1}f_2(z) = \int_{z_0}^z f_0(\omega + \bar{v}^2\bar{\omega}).$$

**REMARK 3.** For a spacelike surface in  $S_1^3$  with CMC  $H$  of range  $|H| > 1$  (resp.  $|H| = 1$ ), we have obtained the Kenmotsu-Bryant type (resp. Weierstrass-Bryant type (cf. [9])) representation formula by means of its adjusted Gauss map [1], which is a non-holomorphic harmonic map (resp. holomorphic map) to the hyperbolic disk  $(D, 4|d\zeta|^2/(1 - |\zeta|^2)^2)$ . By a similar adjusting theory to the one in [3], we can also deform the normal Gauss map to the adjusted Gauss map through a one-parameter family of integrable differential equations of first order.

**REMARK 4.** It has been proved in [7] and [13] that any complete spacelike surface in  $S_1^3$  with CMC  $H$  of range  $|H| \leq 1$  is totally umbilic. We also note that any totally umbilic complete spacelike surface of range  $|H| < 1$  is never contained

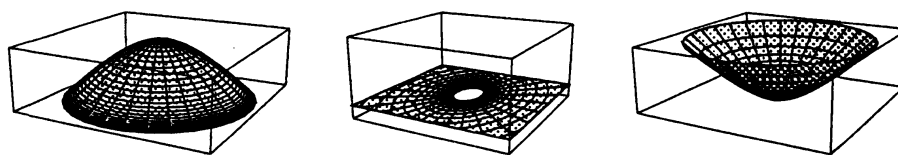


Figure 1: Totally umbilic spacelike surfaces in  $RS_1^3(\cong S_-)$ :  $|H| > 1, |H| = 1, |H| < 1$

in  $S_-(\subset S_1^3)$ . (See the third example in Figure 1). Then any CMC  $H$  ( $|H| < 1$ ) spacelike surface in  $S_-$  is not complete.

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