

## NOTES ON HYPERSURFACES OF AN ODD-DIMENSIONAL SPHERE

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*Dedicated to Professor Y. Muto on his sixtieth birthday*

Blair [1, 2, 3, 4, 5], Ki [6], Ludden [1, 2, 3, 4, 5], Okumura [7, 8] and one of the present authors [2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8] started the study of a structure induced on a hypersurface of an almost contact manifold or a submanifold of codimension 2 of an almost complex manifold. When the ambient manifold admits a Riemannian metric, the structure induced is called an  $(f, g, u, v, \lambda)$ -structure [7, 8], where  $f$  is a tensor field of type  $(1, 1)$ ,  $g$  the induced Riemannian metric,  $u$  and  $v$  two 1-forms and  $\lambda$  a function.

Since the odd-dimensional sphere  $S^{2n+1}$  has an almost contact structure naturally induced from the Kähler structure of Euclidean space  $E^{2n+2}$ , a hypersurface immersed in  $S^{2n+1}$  admits a so-called  $(f, g, u, v, \lambda)$ -structure.

In [3], Blair, Ludden and one of the present authors proved

**THEOREM.** *If  $M^{2n}$  is a complete orientable hypersurface of  $S^{2n+1}$  of constant scalar curvature satisfying  $Kf + fK = 0$  and  $\lambda \neq \text{constant}$ , where  $K$  is the Weingarten map of the embedding, then  $M^{2n}$  is a natural sphere  $S^{2n}$  or  $M^{2n} = S^n \times S^n$ .*

The purpose of the present notes is to show that if  $M^{2n}$  is a real analytic complete orientable hypersurface of a unit sphere  $S^{2n+1}(1)$  satisfying  $Kf + fK = 0$  and  $\lambda \neq \text{constant}$  and if

$$K_{ji} = \frac{1}{2n} kg_{ji}$$

holds at a point of  $M^{2n}$  at which  $1 - \lambda^2 \neq 0$ ,  $K_{ji}$  and  $k$  being the Ricci tensor and the scalar curvature of  $M^{2n}$  respectively, then  $M^{2n}$  is, provided  $n > 1$ , either a great sphere  $S^{2n}(1)$  of  $S^{2n+1}(1)$  or the product of two  $n$ -dimensional spheres  $S^n(1/\sqrt{2})$  of radius  $1/\sqrt{2}$ .

### §1. Preliminaries.

We consider a  $2n$ -dimensional submanifold  $M^{2n}$  immersed differentiably in a  $(2n+1)$ -dimensional unit sphere  $S^{2n+1}(1)$  embedded in a  $(2n+2)$ -dimensional Eucl-

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dean space  $E^{2n+2}$  and denote by  $X: M^{2n} \rightarrow E^{2n+2}$  the immersion of  $M^{2n}$  into  $E^{2n+2}$ , where  $X$  is regarded as the position vector with its initial point at the origin of  $E^{2n+2}$  and its terminal point at a point of  $X(M^{2n})$ . Submanifolds we consider are assumed to be orientable, connected and differentiable and of class  $C^\infty$ . Suppose that  $M^{2n}$  is covered by a system of coordinate neighborhoods  $\{U; x^h\}$ , where here and in the sequel the indices  $h, i, j, \dots$  run over the range  $\{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$ , and that  $M^{2n}$  is orientable. Then, denoting by  $C$  the unit normal  $-X$  to  $S^{2n+1}$  defined globally along  $X(M^{2n})$ , we can choose another unit normal  $D$  to  $X(M^{2n})$  globally along  $X(M^{2n})$  in such a way that  $C$  and  $D$  are mutually orthogonal along  $X(M^{2n})$ . If we put

$$(1.1) \quad X_i = \partial_i X, \quad \partial_i = \partial / \partial x^i,$$

then components  $g_{ji}$  of the induced metric tensor of  $M^{2n}$  are given by

$$g_{ji} = X_j \cdot X_i,$$

where the dot denotes the inner product in  $E^{2n+2}$ .

We denote by  $\{^h_j i\}$  the Christoffel symbols formed with  $g_{ji}$  and by  $\nabla_j$  the operator of covariant differentiation with respect to  $\{^h_j i\}$ . We then have the equations of Gauss

$$(1.2) \quad \nabla_j X_i = \partial_j X_i - \left\{ \begin{matrix} h \\ j \ i \end{matrix} \right\} X_h = g_{ji} C + k_{ji} D,$$

where  $k_{ji}$  are components of the second fundamental tensor with respect to the unit normal  $D$ , and the equations of Weingarten

$$(1.3) \quad \nabla_j C = -X_j, \quad \nabla_j D = -k_j^i X_i,$$

where  $k_j^i = k_{ji} g^{ii}$  and  $(g^{ji}) = (g_{ji})^{-1}$ , because the connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  induced in the normal bundle of the submanifold  $M^{2n}$  relative to  $E^{2n+2}$  is locally flat and  $C$  and  $D$  are parallel with respect to  $\tilde{\nabla}$ . We also have the structure equations of the submanifold  $M^{2n}$ , i.e., the equations of Gauss

$$(1.4) \quad K_{kji}^h = \delta_k^h g_{ji} - \delta_j^h g_{ki} + k_k^h g_{ji} - k_j^h g_{ki},$$

where

$$K_{kji}^h = \partial_k \left\{ \begin{matrix} h \\ j \ i \end{matrix} \right\} - \partial_j \left\{ \begin{matrix} h \\ k \ i \end{matrix} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{matrix} h \\ k \ t \end{matrix} \right\} \left\{ \begin{matrix} t \\ j \ i \end{matrix} \right\} - \left\{ \begin{matrix} h \\ j \ t \end{matrix} \right\} \left\{ \begin{matrix} t \\ k \ i \end{matrix} \right\}$$

are components of the curvature tensor of  $M^{2n}$ , and the equations of Codazzi

$$(1.5) \quad \nabla_k k_{ji} - \nabla_j k_{ki} = 0.$$

Now, the  $(2n+2)$ -dimensional Euclidean space  $E^{2n+2}$  has a natural Kähler structure  $F$ , i.e., a tensor field  $F$  of type  $(1, 1)$  with constant components such that

$$F^2 = -1, \quad (FX) \cdot X = 0, \quad (FX) \cdot (FY) = X \cdot Y$$

for any vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$  in  $E^{2n+2}$ , where 1 denotes the unit tensor of type (1, 1). Thus we can put

$$(1.6) \quad \begin{aligned} FX_i &= f_i^h X_h + u_i C + v_i D, \\ FC &= -u^i X_i + \lambda D, \\ FD &= -v^i X_i - \lambda C, \end{aligned}$$

where  $f_i^h$  are components of a tensor field of type (1, 1),  $u_i$  and  $v_i$  components of 1-forms and  $\lambda$  a function in  $M^{2n}$ ,  $u^h$  and  $v^h$  being defined respectively by

$$u^h = g^{ht} u_t, \quad v^h = g^{ht} v_t.$$

From equations (1.6), we find

$$(1.7) \quad \begin{aligned} f_i^t f_t^h &= -\delta_i^h + u_i u^h + v_i v^h, \\ u_i f_j^i &= \lambda v_j, & v_i f_j^i &= -\lambda u_j, \\ f_i^h u^i &= -\lambda v^h, & f_i^h v^i &= \lambda u^h, \\ u_i u^i &= v_i v^i = 1 - \lambda^2, & u_i v^i &= 0, \\ g_{ts} f_j^t f_i^s &= g_{ji} - u_j u_i - v_j v_i. \end{aligned}$$

The set of a tensor field  $f_i^h$ , a Riemannian metric  $g_{ji}$ , two 1-forms  $u_i$  and  $v_i$  and a function  $\lambda$  is called a  $(f, g, u, v, \lambda)$ -structure in  $M^{2n}$  [6, 7, 8], if they satisfy the equations (1.7).

Differentiating (1.6) covariantly and taking account of equations (1.2) of Gauss and equations (1.3) of Weingarten, we find

$$(1.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \nabla_j f_i^h &= -g_{ji} u^h + \delta_{ji}^h u_i - k_{ji} v^h + k_j^h v_i, \\ \nabla_j u_i &= f_{ji} - \lambda k_{ji}, \\ \nabla_j v_i &= -k_{ji} f_i^t + \lambda g_{ji}, \\ \nabla_j \lambda &= -v_j + k_j^t u_t, \end{aligned}$$

where  $f_{ji} = f_j^t g_{ti}$  are skew-symmetric [6, 7, 8].

Denoting by  $M_0$  and  $M_1$  the submanifold of  $M^{2n}$  defined respectively by

$$M_0 = \{p \in M^{2n} | \lambda(p) \neq 0\}, \quad M_1 = \{p \in M^{2n} | 1 - \lambda(p)^2 \neq 0\},$$

we assume that  $M_0 \cap M_1$  is dense in  $M^{2n}$ , i.e., that  $\lambda(1 - \lambda^2) \neq 0$  holds almost everywhere in  $M^{2n}$ .

§2. Certain hypersurfaces of an odd-dimensional unit sphere.

We assume in this section that the two tensor fields  $f_i^h$  and  $k_i^h$  of type (1, 1) are anti-commutative, i.e.,

$$(2.1) \quad f_j^t k_i^h + k_j^t f_i^h = 0,$$

which is equivalent to

$$(2.2) \quad k_{jt} f_i^t - k_{it} f_j^t = 0,$$

since  $f_{ji}$  is skew-symmetric. Transvecting (2.2) with  $u^t$ , we obtain

$$(2.3) \quad -\lambda(k_{jt} v^t) - (k_{it} u^t) f_j^t = 0$$

and, transvecting (2.2) with  $v^t$ ,

$$(2.4) \quad \lambda(k_{jt} u^t) - (k_{it} v^t) f_j^t = 0.$$

Transvecting (2.3) with  $v^j$ , we have

$$-\lambda k_{ji} v^j v^t - \lambda k_{ji} u^j u^t = 0,$$

from which,

$$(2.5) \quad k_{ji} v^j v^t + k_{ji} u^j u^t = 0.$$

Next, changing indices in (2.3), we have

$$\lambda(k_{st} v^t) + (k_{it} u^t) f_s^t = 0$$

and, transvecting this with  $f_j^s$ ,

$$(1 - \lambda^2) k_{ji} u^s = (k_{is} u^t u^s) u_j + (k_{is} u^t v^s) v_j.$$

Similarly, using (2.4), we obtain

$$(1 - \lambda^2) k_{ji} v^t = (k_{is} u^t v^s) u_j + (k_{is} v^t v^s) v_j.$$

Thus, in  $M_1$ , we can put

$$(2.6) \quad k_i^t u_i = \alpha u_i + \beta v_i,$$

$$(2.7) \quad k_i^t v_i = \beta u_i - \alpha v_i$$

because of (2.5), where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are functions defined in  $M_1$ .

Differentiating (2.6) covariantly and using (1.8), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (\nabla_j k_i^t) u_i + k_i^t (f_{jt} - \lambda k_{jt}) \\ &= (\nabla_j \alpha) u_i + \alpha (f_{ji} - \lambda k_{ji}) + (\nabla_j \beta) v_i + \beta (-k_{jt} f_i^t + \lambda g_{ji}), \end{aligned}$$

from which, taking the skew-symmetric part with respect to  $j$  and  $i$  and taking account of equations (1.5) of Codazzi and (2.2),

$$(2.8) \quad (\nabla_j \alpha) u_i - (\nabla_i \alpha) u_j + (\nabla_j \beta) v_i - (\nabla_i \beta) v_j + 2\alpha f_{ji} = 0.$$

Transvecting this with  $u^j v^i$ , we find

$$(1 - \lambda^2) \{-v^i \nabla_i \alpha + u^i \nabla_i \beta - 2\alpha \lambda\} = 0,$$

from which,

$$(2.9) \quad v^i \nabla_i \alpha - u^i \nabla_i \beta + 2\alpha \lambda = 0.$$

Transvecting (2.8) with  $u^i$ , we obtain

$$(1 - \lambda^2) \nabla_j \alpha - (u^i \nabla_i \alpha) u_j - (u^i \nabla_i \beta) v_j + 2\alpha \lambda v_j = 0,$$

from which, using (2.9),

$$(2.10) \quad (1 - \lambda^2) \nabla_j \alpha = (u^i \nabla_i \alpha) u_j + (v^i \nabla_i \alpha) v_j.$$

Similarly, tranvecting (2.8) with  $v^j$ , we have

$$(2.11) \quad (1 - \lambda^2) \nabla_j \beta = (u^i \nabla_i \beta) u_j + (v^i \nabla_i \beta) v_j.$$

Thus, multiplying (2.8) by  $(1 - \lambda^2)$  and using (2.10) and (2.11), we have

$$2\alpha(1 - \lambda^2) f_{ji} = (v^i \nabla_i \alpha - u^i \nabla_i \beta)(u_j v_i - u_i v_j).$$

Since the rank of  $f_{ji}$  is  $2n - 2$  in  $M_1$ , we find, if  $n > 1$ ,

$$(2.12) \quad \alpha = 0, \quad u^i \nabla_i \beta = 0.$$

Thus equations (2.6) and (2.7) become respectively

$$(2.13) \quad k_i^t u_t = \beta v_i, \quad k_i^t v_t = \beta u_i$$

and equations (2.11) become

$$(2.14) \quad (1 - \lambda^2) \nabla_j \beta = (v^i \nabla_i \beta) v_j.$$

Now, transvecting (2.2) with  $f_h^j$  and taking account of (2.13), we obtain

$$k_{is} f_i^t f_h^s + k_{ih} - \beta(u_i v_h + u_h v_i) = 0,$$

from which, transvecting with  $g^{ih}$ ,

$$g^{ji} k_{ji} = 0$$

in  $M_1$ . Since  $M_1$  is dense in  $M^{2n}$ , we have

PROPOSITION 2.1. *A hypersurface of a  $(2n+1)$ -dimensional unit sphere, for*

which  $f_i^h$  and  $k_i^h$  anticommute, is minimal if  $n > 1$ .

If we now differentiate the second equation of (2.13) covariantly and take account of (1.8), we find

$$(\nabla_j k_i^t) v_i + k_i^t (-k_{js} f_i^s + \lambda g_{jt}) = (\nabla_j \beta) u_i + \beta (f_{ji} - \lambda k_{ji}),$$

from which, taking the skew-symmetric part with respect to  $j$  and  $i$  and taking account of (1.5) and (2.2),

$$(2.15) \quad (\nabla_j \beta) u_i - (\nabla_i \beta) u_j - 2 f_{is} k_j^t k_i^s + 2 \beta f_{ji} = 0.$$

Transvecting this with  $u^s$ , we obtain

$$(1 - \lambda^2) \nabla_j \beta - (u^i \nabla_i \beta) u_j + 2 \beta^2 \lambda v_j + 2 \beta \lambda v_j = 0,$$

or, using (2.12),

$$(2.16) \quad (1 - \lambda^2) \nabla_j \beta = -2 \beta (\beta + 1) \lambda v_j.$$

Thus we see that, if  $\beta$  is constant in  $M_1$ , then  $\beta = 0$  or  $\beta = -1$  in  $M_0 \cap M_1$ .

We now suppose that  $\beta = 0$  or  $\beta = -1$  at a point  $p$  belonging to  $M_0 \cap M_1$ . Then the equation (2.16) shows that all of successive covariant derivatives of  $\beta$  vanish at the point  $p$ , i.e., that

$$\nabla_i \beta = 0, \quad \nabla_j \nabla_i \beta = 0, \quad \nabla_k \nabla_j \nabla_i \beta = 0, \dots$$

hold at the point  $p$ . Thus, if  $M^{2n}$  is a real analytic submanifold, then  $\beta = 0$  or  $\beta = -1$  at every point of  $M_1$ . Then we have

LEMMA 2.2. *If  $M^{2n}$  is a real analytic submanifold and  $\beta = 0$  (resp.  $\beta = -1$ ) at a point of  $M_0 \cap M_1$ , then  $\beta = 0$  (resp.  $\beta = -1$ ) holds at every point of  $M_1$ , provided  $n > 1$ .*

From equations (1.4) of Gauss, we have

$$(2.17) \quad K_{ji} = (2n - 1) g_{ji} - k_{ji} k_i^t$$

by virtue of (2.15) and hence

$$(2.18) \quad k = 2n(2n - 1) - k_{ji} k^{ji},$$

where  $K_{ji}$  and  $k$  are respectively the Ricci tensor and the curvature scalar of  $M^{2n}$ . On the other hand, multiplying (2.15) by  $(1 - \lambda^2)$  and using (2.16), we have

$$2 \beta (\beta + 1) \lambda (u_j v_i - u_i v_j) - 2 (1 - \lambda^2) f_{is} k_j^t k_i^s + 2 \beta (1 - \lambda^2) f_{ji} = 0,$$

from which, transvecting with  $f_n^i$ ,

$$(2.19) \quad (1-\lambda^2)k_{ii}k_n^t = \beta(\beta+1)(u_i u_n + v_i v_n) - \beta(1-\lambda^2)g_{in},$$

from which,

$$(2.20) \quad k_{ji}k^{jt} = 2\beta(\beta-n+1).$$

We now consider the following equation:

$$(2.21) \quad K_{ji} = \frac{1}{2n} kg_{ji}$$

at a point  $p$  of  $M_0 \cap M_1$ . Then, from (2.17) and (2.18), we see that (2.21) is equivalent to the condition

$$(2.22) \quad k_{ji}k_i^t = cg_{ji},$$

$c$  being a certain constant. Substituting (2.22) into (2.19), we find

$$(1-\lambda^2)(\beta+c)g_{in} = \beta(\beta+1)(u_i u_n + v_i v_n),$$

which implies  $\beta=0$  or  $\beta=-1$  at the point  $p$ , provided  $n>1$ . Conversely, if we suppose that  $\beta=0$  or  $\beta=-1$  at a point  $p$ , then we have (2.21) at the point  $p$ , by virtue of (2.17), (2.18), (2.19) and (2.20). Thus we have

LEMMA 2.3. *The equation (2.21) holds at a point  $p$  of  $M_1$ , provided  $n>1$ , if and only if  $\beta=0$  or  $\beta=-1$  at the point  $p$ .*

It has been proved in [3]

LEMMA 2.4. *Let  $M^{2n}$  ( $n>1$ ) be complete,  $\lambda \neq$  constant and  $\lambda(1-\lambda^2) \neq 0$  almost everywhere in  $M^{2n}$ . If  $\beta=0$  at every point of  $M_1$ , then  $M^{2n}$  is a great sphere  $S^{2n}(1)$  in the unit sphere  $S^{2n+1}(1)$ . If  $\beta=-1$  at every point of  $M_1$ , then  $M^{2n}$  is the product of two  $n$ -dimensional spheres  $S^n(1/\sqrt{2})$  of radius  $1/\sqrt{2}$ .*

Therefore, from Lemmas 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4, we have

THEOREM. *Suppose that a complete orientable  $2n$ -dimensional manifold  $M^{2n}$  is embedded in a  $(2n+1)$ -dimensional unit sphere  $S^{2n+1}(1)$ ,  $\lambda(1-\lambda^2) \neq 0$  almost everywhere in  $M^{2n}$  and the structure tensor  $f_i^h$  and the second fundamental tensor  $k_i^h$  of  $M^{2n}$  anticommute. If  $M^{2n}$  is a real analytic hypersurface in  $S^{2n+1}(1)$  and*

$$K_{ji} = \frac{1}{2n} kg_{ji}$$

*holds at a point of  $M^{2n}$  at which  $1-\lambda^2 \neq 0$ , then  $M^{2n}$  is, provided  $n>1$ , either a great sphere  $S^{2n}(1)$  of  $S^{2n+1}(1)$  or the product of two  $n$ -dimensional spheres  $S^n(1/\sqrt{2})$  of radius  $1/\sqrt{2}$ .*

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