

Calabi Lifting and Surface Geometry in S^4

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Introduction

Let $S^4(1)$ be the 4-dimensional unit sphere. Fix an orientation of $S^4(1)$. We denote by T_x the space of orthogonal complex structures compatible with the orientation of $T_x(S^4(1))$ and by $T = \bigcup_{x \in S^4(1)} T_x$ the fiber bundle over $S^4(1)$. T is called the *twistor space* of $S^4(1)$ and it is well-known that T is the 3-dimensional complex projective space P_3 and the projection of T onto $S^4(1)$ is the Hopf fibration. Let M be an orientable Riemannian surface isometrically immersed in $S^4(1)$ and J^1 a complex structure compatible with a fixed orientation of M . Then the normal space $N_x(M)$ admits an orthogonal complex structure J_x^2 defined by J_x^1 and the orientation of $S^4(1)$ and hence $J_x^1 + J_x^2$ is an orthogonal complex structure of $T_x(S^4(1))$ for $x \in M$, where J_x^1 is the orthogonal complex structure of $T_x(M)$ given by J^1 . Therefore we obtain a map of M into P_3 defined by $x \in M \rightarrow J_x^1 + J_x^2 \in P_3$. We call this map the *Calabi lifting* defined by the fixed orientation of $S^4(1)$ ([19]). Choosing the reverse orientation of $S^4(1)$, we have another Calabi lifting. We call the former the *positive* Calabi lifting and the latter the *negative* Calabi lifting. If M is an orientable surface in the 4-dimensional Euclidean space R^4 , we can define the Gauss map of M into $S^2 \times S^2$. We note that the Gauss map is constructed as follows: By the same argument as above, each point of M gives an orthogonal complex structure of R^4 compatible with the fixed orientation of R^4 . Since the space of orthogonal complex structures of R^4 is S^2 , we obtain a map of M into S^2 . Changing the orientation of R^4 , we get another map of M into S^2 . It is easy to see that these maps of M into S^2 give the Gauss map of M into $S^2 \times S^2$. From this point of view, we may regard Calabi lifting as "Gauss map".

In this paper, we investigate some relations between an isometric immersion into $S^4(1)$ and its Calabi lifting. In the sections 1, 2 and 3, we review the results of Chern [7] and Barbosa [2] on minimal surfaces

of $S^4(1)$, the results of Lawson [13] on the Frenet frame field of a holomorphic curve in P_3 and the results of Eells and Wood [9] on the isotropic harmonic maps into P_3 . In the sections 4, \dots , 7, we give the summary of the definition and properties of the twistor space of $S^4(1)$. In the section 8, we define the Calabi lifting of an orientable Riemannian surface M isometrically immersed in $S^4(1)$. Let d_1 and d_2 be the degrees of the positive and negative Calabi liftings. We denote by $\chi(M)$ and $\chi(N(M))$ the Euler numbers of M and its normal bundle $N(M)$, respectively. Then we obtain

$$d_1 + d_2 = \chi(M) \quad \text{and} \quad d_1 - d_2 = \chi(N(M)).$$

This formula is well-known on surfaces in R^4 (see, for example, [8]). Furthermore the energy E of the Calabi lifting is given by

$$E = 4 \int (1 + |\mathfrak{h}|^2) * 1 - 4\pi(\chi(M) + \chi(N(M))),$$

where \mathfrak{h} is the mean curvature vector of M . In the section 9, we can prove that the positive Calabi lifting is holomorphic if and only if the ellipse of curvature (See, for example, [11].) is a positive circle. This fact is obtained by Atiyah and Lawson (See [11].) and, together with the formula of E , gives a result in [11] in the case that the ambient space is $S^4(1)$. Furthermore, we see that the positive Calabi lifting of a superminimal surface is holomorphic and horizontal. In the section 10, we can prove that the constancy of "the second curvature" of a holomorphic curve in P_3 is equivalent to its horizontality. In the section 11, we can prove that the positive Calabi lifting is harmonic if and only if the mean curvature vector of M is a holomorphic cross section of the normal bundle. In particular, *each Calabi lifting of an orientable minimal surface in $S^4(1)$ is a conformal minimal immersion into P_3 .* In the Section 12, we can show that the positive Calabi lifting is a non-holomorphic isotropic harmonic map if and only if the negative Calabi lifting is holomorphic and horizontal and hence M is a superminimal surface of $S^4(1)$. Furthermore the non-holomorphic isotropic harmonic map is constructed from the negative Calabi lifting by the method of Eells and Wood [9] etc. Using the result of [9], we see that, for a minimal surface T^2 of genus 1, if the Euler number of $N(T^2)$ is not zero, T^2 is a superminimal surface. We generalize this fact as follows: Let M be a compact orientable minimal surface of genus p of $|\chi(N(M))| \geq 2p - 1$. Then M is a superminimal surface.

Let M be a holomorphic curve in P_3 such that the image of M by the Hopf fibration is a regular surface N . Then

$$(0.1) \quad \int (1 + |\mathfrak{h}|^2)^* 1$$

attains the minimum among the regularly homotopic immersions of N into $S^4(1)$ [11]. However, in general, the centroid of M is not zero. On the other hand, Weiner posed a question whether the only closed orientable surfaces immersed in $S^n(1)$ with centroid 0 which satisfy the Euler-Lagrange equation of (0.1) are minimal surfaces in $S^n(1)$. In spite of a counter example given in [10], it is interesting to consider this question in a restricted case. But we see that this question is negative even in the restricted case.

In the section 15, we give an application of a holomorphic, horizontal curve in P_3 . From [12], we note that a cone of an n -dimensional submanifold M in $S^{2n+1}(1)$ is special Lagrangian ([12]) if and only if M is an integral, minimal submanifold ([3]) in $S^{2n+1}(1)$. On the other hand, it is well-known that the image of an n -dimensional integral, minimal submanifold M by Hopf fibration $S^{2n+1}(1) \rightarrow P_n(4)$ is totally real and minimal ([6]) in $P_n(4)$. Conversely, for a simply connected n -dimensional totally real, minimal submanifold M in $P_n(4)$, there exists a lifting map of M into $S^{2n+1}(1)$ which gives an integral, minimal submanifold such that its image by Hopf fibration is a totally real, minimal submanifold. Thus it is very interesting to study n -dimensional totally real, minimal submanifolds in P_n . We can prove that the circle bundle of S^2 of positive even Chern number (≥ 6) can be immersed in P_3 as a totally real, minimal submanifold.

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§1. Elementary surface geometry.

Let M be a Riemannian surface with a fixed orientation isometrically immersed in $S^4(1)$ and χ the immersion. Let J^1 be a complex structure compatible with the fixed orientation of M . We denote by ∇ , $\bar{\nabla}$ and ∇^N the connections of $T(M)$, $T(S^4(1))$ and the normal bundle $N(M)$ of M in $S^4(1)$, respectively. Let σ be the second fundamental form of M given by

$$\sigma(X, Y) = \bar{\nabla}_X Y - \nabla_X Y$$

and $\nabla'\sigma$ the differentiation of σ defined by

$$(\nabla'_X \sigma)(Y, Z) = \nabla_X^N \sigma(Y, Z) - \sigma(\nabla_X Y, Z) - \sigma(Y, \nabla_X Z).$$

Then the Gauss, Ricci and Codazzi equations are given by

$$(1.1) \quad K\{\langle X, Z \rangle \langle Y, W \rangle - \langle X, W \rangle \langle Y, Z \rangle\} = \langle X, Z \rangle \langle Y, W \rangle - \langle X, W \rangle \langle Y, Z \rangle \\ + \langle \sigma(X, Z), \sigma(Y, W) \rangle - \langle \sigma(X, W), \sigma(Y, Z) \rangle ,$$

$$(1.2) \quad \langle R_{XY}^N \xi, \eta \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^2 \{ \langle \xi, \sigma(X, e_j) \rangle \langle \eta, \sigma(Y, e_j) \rangle \\ - \langle \xi, \sigma(Y, e_i) \rangle \langle \eta, \sigma(X, e_i) \rangle \} ,$$

$$(1.3) \quad (\nabla'_X \sigma)(Y, Z) = (\nabla'_Y \sigma)(X, Z) ,$$

where K is the Gauss curvature of M , R^N is the curvature tensor of ∇^N defined by $R_{XY}^N = \nabla_{[X, Y]}^N - \nabla_X^N \nabla_Y^N + \nabla_Y^N \nabla_X^N$ and $\{e_1, e_2\}$ is an oriented orthonormal basis of M . We denote by K_N the normal curvature with respect to the given orientation of $N(M)$.

Now we fix the orientation of $S^4(1)$. Let e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4 be an oriented orthonormal basis of $S^4(1)$ and e_1, e_3 the oriented basis of M . Then $N(M)$ has the natural orientation determined by the orientations of M and $S^4(1)$ and we can define an orthogonal complex structure J^2 of $N(M)$ by

$$J^2 e_2 = e_4 \quad \text{and} \quad J^2 e_4 = -e_2 .$$

It is easy to see that

$$\nabla' J^2 = 0 ,$$

which gives the Hermitian connection of $N(M)$ such that $N(M)$ is a holomorphic line bundle (see, for example, [9, page 221]). Let ξ be a cross section of $N(M)$ and D the operator of $N(M)$ defined by

$$D_x \xi = J^2 \nabla_X^N \xi - \nabla_{J^1 X}^N \xi .$$

Then ξ is holomorphic if and only if $D\xi = 0$. We put $h_{jk}^\alpha = \langle \sigma(e_j, e_k), e_\alpha \rangle$ for $j, k = 1, 3$ and $\alpha, \beta = 2, 4$. For a point x of M , we define a map of the unit circle S^1_x of $T_x(M)$ into R_+ by $X \rightarrow \|\sigma(X, X)\|^2$. Let e_1 be a unit vector at which the function attains a maximum and $e_3 = J^1 e_1$. Then if $\sigma(e_1, e_1)$ is non-zero, we can take the unit normal vector e_2 as

$$e_2 = \frac{\sigma(e_1, e_1)}{\|\sigma(e_1, e_1)\|}$$

and $e_4 = J^2 e_2$. With respect to the basis, we obtain

$$h_{jk}^2 = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \mu \end{vmatrix}, \quad h_{jk}^4 = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \nu \\ \nu & \delta \end{vmatrix}$$

and $\lambda \neq 0$. If $\sigma(e_1, e_1) = 0$, then x is a geodesic point and hence we may

consider $\lambda = \mu = \nu = \delta = 0$. We call this basis an *E-frame*. We easily see that $K = 1 + \lambda\mu - \nu^2$ and $K_N = \nu(\lambda - \mu)$. Next we define the map of S^2_x into $N_x(M)$ by $X \rightarrow \sigma(X, X)$ whose image is called the *ellipse of curvature* (see, for example, [11] and [20]). We call the map the ellipse of curvature in this paper.

LEMMA 1.1. *The image of the ellipse of curvature is a circle if and only if*

$$\nu = \pm \frac{\lambda - \mu}{2}.$$

In particular, the ellipse of curvature preserves or reverses the orientation according as $\nu = (\lambda - \mu)/2$ or $\nu = -(\lambda - \mu)/2$.

The ellipse of curvature preserving (resp. reversing) the orientation is called the *positive* (resp. *negative*) *circle*. In particular a minimal surface in $S^4(1)$ is called *superminimal* [4] or *R-surface* [20] if and only if the image of the ellipse of curvature is a positive circle.

§2. Superminimal surfaces in $S^4(1)$.

We review the results of Chern [7] and Barbosa [2] on a superminimal surface in $S^4(1)$.

Let M be a superminimal surface in $S^4(1)$ and χ the immersion. Let z be an isothermal coordinate of M and $(,)$ the symmetrical product in the 5-dimensional complex Euclidean space C^5 . Then vector valued functions on M are locally defined by

$$\begin{aligned} G_0 &= \chi \\ G_1 &= \bar{\partial}\chi \\ G_2 &= \bar{\partial}^2\chi - aG_1, \end{aligned}$$

where a is chosen in such a way that $(G_2, \bar{G}_1) = 0$. They satisfy the following.

LEMMA 2.1 ([2, (3.7) Lemma, page 80]).

- (1) $\bar{\partial}G_1 = G_2 + (\bar{\partial} \log |G_1|^2)G_1,$
- (2) $\partial G_1 = -|G_1|^2 G_0,$
- (3) $\bar{\partial}G_2 = (\bar{\partial} \log |G_2|^2)G_2$

and hence $\xi = G_2/|G_2|^2$ is holomorphic. In particular, ξ satisfies

$$(2.1) \quad (\xi, \xi) = (\xi', \xi') = 0 .$$

LEMMA 2.2 ([2, (3.12) Proposition, page 81]). ξ has at most isolated singularities with poles and gives a holomorphic map Ξ of M into P_4 which is called the directrix curve.

We define ψ by $\xi \wedge \xi' \wedge \bar{\xi} \wedge \bar{\xi}'$. Since $\wedge^4 C^5$ is C^5 , ψ is parallel to χ . Conversely let Ξ be a full holomorphic map of M into P_4 whose local expression satisfies (2.1) (it is called *totally isotropic*). Then we can construct ψ and obtain the following.

PROPOSITION 2.1 ([2, (3.7) and (3.8) Propositions, pages 83, 85]). $\psi/|\psi|$ is independent of z and gives the global map χ of M into $S^4(1)$ and

$$(\partial\chi, \bar{\partial}\chi) = \frac{|\xi_1 \wedge \xi'_1|^2}{|\xi_1|^4} ,$$

where $\xi_1 = \xi \wedge \xi'$ (it gives holomorphic map of M into P_2 which is called the first associated holomorphic curve of Ξ).

Generally χ constructed as above is a branched immersion (see, for example, [2]). Consequently we obtain

THEOREM 2.1 ([2, (3.30) Theorem, page 88]). There exists a canonical 1-1 correspondence between the set of full superminimal branched immersions χ of M into $S^4(1)$ and the set of full and totally isotropic holomorphic maps Ξ of M into P_4 . The correspondence is the one that associates with a superminimal immersion χ its directrix curve.

Since M is superminimal, we obtain $\lambda = \nu$, $\mu = -\lambda$ and $\sigma = 0$ for E -frame e_i , $i=1, \dots, 4$. Furthermore we obtain

LEMMA 2.3.

$$G_1 = \frac{\rho}{2} \bar{E}_1 \quad \text{and} \quad G_2 = \frac{\rho^2}{2} \lambda \bar{E}_2 ,$$

where $\rho^2 dz d\bar{z}$ is the metric and $E_1 = e_1 - ie_3$, $E_2 = e_2 - ie_4$.

§3. Holomorphic curves in P_3 and isotropic maps into P_3 .

Let M be a compact orientable Riemannian surface fully and holomorphically immersed in P_3 . Then, except for isolated points of M , we can define the second and third fundamental forms σ_2 and σ_3 , respectively. We easily obtain l_1 and l_2 such that

$$\langle \sigma_2(e_1, e_1), \sigma_2(e_1, e_2) \rangle = 0 ,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\sigma_2(e_1, e_1)\| &= \|\sigma_2(e_2, e_2)\| = l_1 \neq 0, \\ \langle \sigma_3(e_1, e_1, e_1), \sigma_3(e_1, e_1, e_2) \rangle &= 0, \\ \|\sigma_3(e_1, e_1, e_1)\| &= \|\sigma_3(e_1, e_1, e_2)\| = l_2 \neq 0, \end{aligned}$$

where $\{e_1, e_2\}$ is an oriented orthonormal frame field of M . Set

$$\begin{aligned} e_3 &= \sigma_2(e_1, e_1)/l_1, & e_4 &= \sigma_2(e_1, e_2)/l_1 = J\sigma_2(e_1, e_1)/l_1, \\ e_5 &= \sigma_3(e_1, e_1, e_1)/l_2, & e_6 &= \sigma_3(e_1, e_1, e_2)/l_2 = J\sigma_3(e_1, e_1, e_1)/l_2 \end{aligned}$$

and $\kappa_1 = l_1$ and $\kappa_2 = l_2/l_1$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\nabla} e_{2s-1} &= -\kappa_{s-1}\omega_1 e_{2s-3} + \kappa_{s-1}\omega_2 e_{2s-2} + \omega_{2s-1,2s} e_{2s} + \kappa_s \omega_1 e_{2s+1} + \kappa_s \omega_2 e_{s+2}, \\ \tilde{\nabla} e_{2s} &= -\kappa_{s-1}\omega_1 e_{2s-2} - \kappa_{s-1}\omega_2 e_{2s-3} - \omega_{2s-1,2s} e_{2s-1} + \kappa_s \omega_1 e_{2s+2} - \kappa_s \omega_2 e_{2s+1}, \end{aligned}$$

where $s=1, 2$, $\kappa_0 = \kappa_3 = 0$ and $\omega_{2s-1,2s}(e_j) = \langle \tilde{\nabla}_{e_j} e_{2s-1}, e_{2s} \rangle$. We call κ_s the s -th curvature of M . Next we put $\theta_{s-1} = \omega_{2s-1,2s} - s\omega_{1,2}$. Then

$$\theta_s = d^c \log \kappa_1 \cdots \kappa_s$$

holds and we get

$$\frac{1}{2} \Delta \log(\kappa_1 \cdots \kappa_s) + \kappa_s^2 - \kappa_{s+1}^2 - \frac{s+1}{2} K + \frac{1}{4} = 0 \quad \text{for } s=1, 2,$$

$$\kappa_1^2 = \frac{1}{2}(1-K).$$

For these results, see [13, page 92]. We remark that κ_s^2 is equal to K , given in [13].

LEMMA 3.1. *If κ_2 is constant, then $\kappa_2 = 1/2$.*

Next we review the results of Eells and Wood [9].

Let f be a full holomorphic map of M into P_3 and (z_0, z_1, z_2, z_3) the homogeneous coordinates of P_3 and z an isothermal coordinate on an open set U of M . We define $f_U: U \rightarrow C^4$ such that $f(x) = \{f_U(x)\} \in P_3$ (f_U is called a local lift of f). Let f_1 and f_2 be the associated curves of f defined by $\{f_U, \partial f_U\}$ and $\{f_U, \partial f_U, \partial^2 f_U\}$, respectively, and g the polar of f [9, page 226] defined by f_2 . Then $\phi(x) = f_1(x)^\perp \cap f_2(x)$ or $f(x)^\perp \cap f_1(x)$ gives a full harmonic map of M into P_3 , where $f(x)^\perp$ is the subspace orthogonal to $f(x)$, etc. On the other hand, let φ be a map of M into P_3 . Then φ is called the isotropic map if

$$\langle D'^\alpha \varphi, D''^\beta \varphi \rangle = 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \text{ and } \beta \geq 1,$$

where \langle , \rangle is the metric and D is the connection of $\varphi^{-1}T'P_3(T'P_3$ is the holomorphic tangent bundle of P_3) and $D' = D_{\partial/\partial z}$, $D'' = D_{\partial/\partial \bar{z}}$.

PROPOSITION 3.1 ([9, Lemma 3.7, page 226]). *ϕ is isotropic.*

Conversely let ϕ be a full isotropic harmonic map of M into P_3 . Then D' -order s and D'' -order r are defined by

$$s = \text{Max}_{z \in M} \dim \text{span}\{D'^\alpha \phi : 1 \leq \alpha < \infty\},$$

$$r = \text{Max}_{z \in M} \dim \text{span}\{D''^\alpha \phi : 1 \leq \alpha < \infty\},$$

respectively.

PROPOSITION 3.2 ([9, Lemma 6.2, page 240]).

$$r + s = 3.$$

It is easy to define the maps ϕ'_s and ϕ_r of M into the s and r -dimensional complex Grassmann manifolds $G_s(C^4)$ and $G_r(C^4)$ by

$$\phi'_s(x) = \{D'\phi, D'^2\phi, \dots, D'^s\phi\} \quad \text{and}$$

$$\phi_r(x) = \{D''\phi, D''^2\phi, \dots, D''^r\phi\},$$

respectively. Furthermore maps $\tilde{\phi}'_s$ and $\tilde{\phi}_r$ of M into $G_{s+1}(C^4)$ and $G_{r+1}(C^4)$ are defined by $\phi \oplus \phi'_s$ and $\phi \oplus \phi_r$, respectively. Then we have the following.

THEOREM 3.1 ([9, Theorem 6.9, page 244]). *Let M be a Riemannian surface. Then the set of full isotropic harmonic maps ϕ of M into P_3 and the set of pairs of full holomorphic map f and integer $r(0 \leq r < 3)$ have the bijective correspondence as follows:*

$$(1) \quad r = D''\text{-order of } \phi \text{ and } f = \tilde{\phi}'_{r-1} \cap \tilde{\phi}_r''$$

$$(2) \quad \phi = f_{r-1}^\perp \cap f_r.$$

§4. Orthogonal complex structures of R^4 .

Let R^4 be the 4-dimensional Euclidean space with a fixed orientation and (x^1, x^2, x^3, x^4) oriented orthogonal coordinates of R^4 . Let J_0 be an orthogonal complex structure defined by

$$J_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -I \\ I & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where I is the 2×2 -identity matrix. Then the orientation is compatible with J_0 . Let $SO(4)$ be the special orthogonal group and 0 the set of orthogonal complex structures compatible with the fixed orientation of R^4 . Then $SO(4)$ acts transitively on 0 as the adjoint action

$$J \longrightarrow gJg^{-1}.$$

Since the isotropy group is the unitary group $U(2)$, we obtain $0 = SO(4)/U(2)$. We denote by $so(4)$ and $u(2)$ the Lie algebras of $SO(4)$ and $U(2)$, respectively, which are given by

$$so(4) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A & C \\ -{}^tC & B \end{pmatrix}, \text{ where } A \text{ and } B \text{ are skew-symmetric } 2 \times 2\text{-matrices} \right. \\ \left. C \text{ is a } 2 \times 2\text{-matrix} \right\},$$

$$u(2) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A & -B \\ B & A \end{pmatrix}, \text{ where } A \text{ is a skew-symmetric } 2 \times 2\text{-matrix and} \right. \\ \left. B \text{ is a symmetric } 2 \times 2\text{-matrix} \right\}.$$

We have the canonical decomposition

$$so(4) = u(2) + \mathfrak{p},$$

where \mathfrak{p} is given by

$$\mathfrak{p} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B & -A \end{pmatrix}, \text{ where } A \text{ and } B \text{ are skew-symmetric } 2 \times 2\text{-matrices} \right\}.$$

Since the metric $\| \cdot \|$ and the complex structure J on \mathfrak{p} are given by

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B & -A \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2 = -2 \operatorname{tr}(A^2 + B^2),$$

$$J \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B & -A \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -B & A \\ A & B \end{pmatrix},$$

we obtain the $SO(4)$ -equivariant metric and complex structure of $SO(4)/U(2)$ and it is easy to see that $SO(4)/U(2)$ is $S^2(1)$. The reverse orientation of R^4 gives another equivalence between $SO(4)/U(2)$ and $S^2(1)$. These equivalences are given by

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 SO(4)/U(2) & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & S^2(1) , \\
 \psi & & \uparrow \\
 (e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4)U(2) & \longrightarrow & \left(\begin{array}{l} \langle e_1 \wedge e_3, E_1 \wedge E_2 \pm E_3 \wedge E_4 \rangle \\ \langle e_1 \wedge e_3, E_1 \wedge E_3 \mp E_2 \wedge E_4 \rangle \\ \langle e_1 \wedge e_3, E_1 \wedge E_4 \pm E_2 \wedge E_3 \rangle \end{array} \right)
 \end{array}$$

where $E_j = (\dots, 0, \overset{j\text{-th}}{1}, 0, \dots)$.

§5. Twistor space P_3 of $S^4(1)$.

Fix an orientation of $S^4(1)$. Let F be the oriented frame bundle of $S^4(1)$ compatible with the orientation. Then, using the $SO(4)$ -action on 0 , we construct the associated bundle H . We denote by $(x, e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4)U(2)$ an element of H . We obtain the diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & & F \ni (x, e_1, \dots, e_4) \\
 & \swarrow \pi & \downarrow \pi \\
 (x, e_1, \dots, e_4)U(2) \in H & & S^4(1) \ni x .
 \end{array}$$

For $x \in S^4(1)$, the fiber H_x of H gives the space of orthogonal complex structures of $T_x(S^4(1))$. Let \mathcal{H} be the horizontal distribution of H defined by the connection of F . Then, for $p \in H$, identifying $T_{\pi(p)}S^4(1)$ with \mathcal{H}_p , we obtain the innerproduct and the orthogonal complex structure of \mathcal{H}_p . Since the fiber has the metric and the orthogonal complex structure induced by 0 , we can define the almost Hermitian structure of H . The following fact is well-known ([1]).

H is the 3-dimensional complex projective space P_3 of holomorphic sectional curvature 1 and π is the Hopf fibration.

We note that $F=SO(5)$ and H is the reductive homogeneous space $SO(5)/1 \times U(2)$. In fact, let $so(5)$ be the Lie algebra of $SO(5)$. Then the Lie algebra $1 \times u(2)$ of $1 \times U(2)$ given by

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & \\ & A & B \\ & -B & A \end{pmatrix} : \begin{array}{l} A \text{ is a skew-symmetric } 2 \times 2\text{-matrix} \\ \text{and } B \text{ is a symmetric } 2 \times 2\text{-matrix} \end{array} \right\} .$$

Let $\tilde{\mathfrak{p}}$ be

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \xi & \eta \\ -{}^t\xi & A & C \\ -{}^t\eta & C & -A \end{pmatrix} : \begin{array}{l} A \text{ and } C \text{ are skew-symmetric } 2 \times 2\text{-matrices} \\ \xi, \eta \in \mathbb{R}^2 \end{array} \right\} .$$

Then $so(5)=1 \times u(2) + \mathfrak{p}$ and $SO(5)/1 \times U(2)$ is a reductive homogeneous space. The metric and the complex structure are given by

$$\left\| \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \xi & \eta \\ -{}^t\xi & A & C \\ -{}^t\eta & C & -A \end{pmatrix} \right\|^2 = |\xi|^2 + |\eta|^2 + 2|A|^2 + 2|C|^2 \quad \text{and}$$

$$J \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \xi & \eta \\ -{}^t\xi & A & C \\ -{}^t\eta & C & -A \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\eta & \xi \\ {}^t\eta & -C & A \\ -{}^t\xi & A & C \end{pmatrix}.$$

$P_3 \rightarrow S^4(1)$ is the Riemannian submersion (See, for example, [16].) and the fundamental tensor A is given by

$$\langle A_{\tilde{X}} \tilde{Y}, V \rangle = -\frac{1}{2} \langle \langle R_{XY} e_j, e_k \rangle \rangle^*, V \rangle,$$

where \tilde{X} and $\tilde{Y} \in \mathcal{H}_p$ are the horizontal lifts of X and $Y \in T_{\pi(p)} S^4(1)$, V is an element of the tangent space of the fiber (vertical vector) at p identified with \mathfrak{p} , $p = (\pi(p), e_1, \dots, e_4)U(2)$; $\langle R_{XY} e_j, e_k \rangle$ is a 4×4 skew-symmetric matrix which is the curvature tensor of $SO(5)/SO(4)$. For $H(=P_3)$, we obtain the well-known fact [1]

LEMMA 5.1. *A conformal transformation of $S^4(1)$ induces a holomorphic bundle automorphism of P_3 .*

§6. The complex contact structure of P_3 .

Let (z^0, z^1, z^2, z^3) be homogeneous coordinates of P_3 . For complex coordinates (z^1, z^2, z^3) on $\{z \in P_3: z^0=1\}$, we define a holomorphic 1-form ω by

$$\omega := dz_1 - z_3 dz_2 + z_2 dz_3.$$

Then ω gives the horizontal distribution \mathcal{H} of P_3 in the section 5 (see, [4, Proposition 3.1, page 468]). ω is called the complex contact structure. In this section, we give the differential equation which ω satisfies.

Let n be a unit vertical vector field of the submersion $P_3 \rightarrow S^4(1)$. Then a tensor field G of type $(1, 1)$ defined by $G(X) = 2A_X n$ satisfies

$$G(\text{vertical vector}) = 0$$

G is an endomorphism of \mathcal{H}_p which satisfies $G^2 = -I_{\mathcal{H}_p}$. By a simple calculation, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\tilde{\nabla}_X G)Y &= -\frac{1}{2}\langle X, Y \rangle n - \frac{1}{2}\langle JGX, GY \rangle Jn + \langle \tilde{\nabla}_X n, Jn \rangle JG(Y), \\
 (\tilde{\nabla}_X G)n &= \frac{1}{2} X, \\
 (\tilde{\nabla}_V G)X &= -\frac{1}{2}\langle V, Jn \rangle JX - \langle \tilde{\nabla}_X n, Jn \rangle \tilde{\nabla}_V n + \langle \tilde{\nabla}_V n, Jn \rangle J\tilde{\nabla}_X n,
 \end{aligned}$$

where X and Y are horizontal. $\tilde{\nabla}$ is the connection of P_3 .

§7. Holomorphic isotropic planes of C^5 .

Let l be a complex plane of C^5 . Then l is called a *totally isotropic plane* if $\langle X, Y \rangle = 0$ for all $X, Y \in l$. It is well known that the space H_2 of totally isotropic planes is $SO(5)/1 \times U(2)$ ([2, page 89]). The correspondence is given by

$$(e_0, e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4) \in SO(5) \longrightarrow \{B_1, B_2\} \in H_2,$$

where $B_1 = (e_1 + ie_3)/\sqrt{2}$ and $B_2 = (e_2 + ie_4)/\sqrt{2}$. Thus H_2 is $H(=P_3)$. Furthermore the Hopf fibration is given by

$$\{B_1, B_2\} \longrightarrow B_1 \wedge B_2 \wedge \bar{B}_1 \wedge \bar{B}_2,$$

where $B_1 \wedge B_2 \wedge \bar{B}_1 \wedge \bar{B}_2$ is a real vector of $\wedge^4 C^5$ (that is, R^5). H_2 is a Kaehler submanifold in the complex Grassmann manifold and hence is immersed in $P_3(2)$ by using Plücker coordinates ([2, (4.5) Proposition, page 89]). $S(5, C)$ acts on C^5 and hence on $\wedge^2 C^5$ in the standard way. Thus $SO(5, C)$ acts holomorphically on $P_3(2)$ and preserves H_2 . Hence $SO(5, C)$ acts holomorphically on H_2 . Let M be a superminimal surface of $S^4(1)$, χ the immersion and E the directrix curve of P_4 . Let ξ be a local expression of E . Then by (2.1), $\xi \wedge \xi'$ is an element of H_2 and gives a global holomorphic map $\tilde{\chi}$ of M into H_2 . By Proposition 2.1, the projection of $\tilde{\chi}$ into $S^4(1)$ by π is χ . Since the metric of the superminimal surface is induced by $\tilde{\chi}$, $\tilde{\chi}$ is horizontal. Let $A \in SO(5, C)$. Then $A\xi \wedge A\xi'$ is totally isotropic and hence the projection of $A\tilde{\chi}$ by π gives a superminimal surface. Thus $A\tilde{\chi}$ is horizontal.

§8. Calabi lifting.

Let M be a Riemannian surface immersed in $S^4(1)$ with a complex structure J^1 . We denote by \langle, \rangle and ∇ the metric and the connection, respectively. Let χ be the immersion of M into $S^4(1)$. Fix an orientation of $S^4(1)$. Then, for a point x of M , $T_x(S^4(1))$ has an orthogonal complex

structure $J_x = J_x^1 + J_x^2$. By the definition of the twistor space, we obtain a map $\tilde{\chi}$ of M into P_3 defined by $x \in M \rightarrow J_x \in P_3$. This map is called the *positive Calabi lifting* ([15]). The map $\tilde{\tilde{\chi}}$ defined by the reverse orientation is called the *negative Calabi lifting*. Let e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4 be an oriented frame field of $S^4(1)$ such that e_1, e_3 is an oriented frame field of M . Then $e_3 = J^1 e_1$ and $e_4 = J^2 e_2$ hold and hence the positive Calabi lifting is given by:

$$M \ni x \longrightarrow (e_1(x), e_2(x), e_3(x), e_4(x))U(2) \in P_3 .$$

Let γ be a curve of M which satisfies $\gamma(0) = x$. Then we may regard e_1, e_3 as a parallel frame field along γ in M and e_2, e_4 as a parallel frame field along γ in $N(M)$. Furthermore we denote by f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4 the parallel frame field along γ in $S^4(1)$ such that $f_j(0) = e_j(0)$ for $1 \leq j \leq 4$. Therefore there exist functions a_j^k of the parameter s of γ such that

$$e_j = \sum_{k=1}^4 a_j^k f_k$$

and hence

$$\tilde{\chi}(\gamma(s)) = (f_1(s), \dots, f_4(s))(a_j^k(s))U(2) .$$

Since

$$\bar{V}_{\gamma_*(0)} e_j = \sum_{k=1}^4 (a_j^k)'(0) e_k$$

holds, we get

$$(\tilde{\chi}_* \gamma_*(0))^{\mathfrak{p}} = \tilde{\gamma}_*(0) \quad \text{and} \quad (\tilde{\tilde{\chi}}_* \gamma_*(0))^{\mathfrak{p}} = ((a_j^k)'(0))^{\mathfrak{p}} .$$

Let σ be the second fundamental form of M . Then we obtain

$$((a_j^k)'(0))^{\mathfrak{p}} = \begin{bmatrix} -\langle \sigma(\gamma_*(0), e_1), e_2 \rangle & -\langle \sigma(\gamma_*(0), e_1), e_4 \rangle \\ +\langle \sigma(\gamma_*(0), e_3), e_4 \rangle & -\langle \sigma(\gamma_*(0), e_3), e_2 \rangle \end{bmatrix} ,$$

where $[A : B]$ is an element of \mathfrak{p} such that A is the $(1, 2)$ -component of \mathfrak{p} and B is the $(1, 4)$ -component of \mathfrak{p} . Now assume that $\gamma(s)$ is a geodesic in M with $\gamma(0) = x$ and $\gamma_*(0) = e_1$. Let $\gamma(s, t)$ be a family of geodesics with $\gamma(s, 0) = \gamma(s)$ and $\gamma_*(s, 0) = e_3(s)$. Let $e_1(s, t), e_2(s, t), e_3(s, t), e_4(s, t)$ be a frame field along $\gamma(s, t)$, where $e_1(s, t), e_3(s, t)$ is a parallel frame field along $\gamma(s, t)$ with respect to the connection of $T(M)$ such that $e_1(s, 0) = e_1(s), e_3(s, 0) = e_3(s)$ and $e_2(s, t), e_4(s, t)$ is a parallel frame field along $\gamma(s, t)$ with respect to the connection of $N(M)$ such that $e_2(s, 0) = e_2(s), e_4(s, 0) = e_4(s)$. Furthermore let $f_j(s, t)$ be a parallel frame field along $\gamma(s, t)$ with

respect to the connection of $T(S^4(1))$ such that $f_j(s, 0) = f_j(s)$. Then there exists a matrix $A(s, t) = (A_j^k(s, t))$ such that

$$(8.1) \quad \begin{aligned} &(e_1(s, t), e_2(s, t), e_3(s, t), e_4(s, t)) \\ &= (f_1(s, t), f_2(s, t), f_3(s, t), f_4(s, t))A(s, t). \end{aligned}$$

Let V be a vector of \mathfrak{p} . Then we have a variation $\tau: I \times I \times I \rightarrow P_s$ of $\tilde{\chi}(\gamma(s, t))$ defined by

$$\tau: (s, t, \theta) = (f_1(s, t), \dots, f_4(s, t))(\exp \theta V)A(s, t)U(2).$$

It is easy to see that, at x ,

$$\left(\tilde{V}_{\partial/\partial s} \frac{\partial}{\partial s}\right)^\nu = \left(\frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial s^2}\right)^\nu, \quad \left(\tilde{V}_{\partial/\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^\nu = \left(\frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial t^2}\right)^\nu, \quad \left(\tilde{V}_{\partial/\partial s} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^\nu = \left(\frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial s \partial t}\right)^\nu.$$

By (8.1), we obtain

$$\sigma(e_1(s, 0), e_1(s, 0)) = \sum_{j=1}^4 \frac{\partial A_1^j}{\partial s}(s) f_j(s)$$

and hence

$$(\mathcal{V}'_{e_1} \sigma)(e_1, e_1) - \sum_{\alpha=1,3} \langle \sigma(e_1, e_1), \sigma(e_1, e_\alpha) \rangle e_\alpha = \sum_{j=1}^4 \frac{\partial^2 A_1^j}{\partial s^2}(0) e_j, \quad \text{etc.}$$

Using the formulas of the submersion ([16]), we obtain

LEMMA 8.1.

$$\tilde{\chi}_*(X) = \chi_*(x) + \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -\langle \sigma(X, e_1), e_2 \rangle & -\langle \sigma(X, e_1), e_4 \rangle \\ +\langle \sigma(X, e_3), e_4 \rangle & -\langle \sigma(X, e_3), e_2 \rangle \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{V}_{\partial/\partial s} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} &= \langle \sigma(e_1, e_3), e_4 \rangle e_2 - \langle \sigma(e_1, e_3), e_2 \rangle e_4 \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -\langle (\mathcal{V}'_{e_1} \sigma)(e_1, e_1), e_2 \rangle & -\langle (\mathcal{V}'_{e_1} \sigma)(e_1, e_1), e_4 \rangle \\ +\langle (\mathcal{V}'_{e_1} \sigma)(e_1, e_3), e_4 \rangle & -\langle (\mathcal{V}'_{e_1} \sigma)(e_1, e_3), e_2 \rangle \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{V}_{\partial/\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} &= -\langle \sigma(e_1, e_3), e_4 \rangle e_2 + \langle \sigma(e_3, e_1), e_2 \rangle e_4 \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} -\langle (\mathcal{V}'_{e_3} \sigma)(e_3, e_1), e_2 \rangle & -\langle (\mathcal{V}'_{e_3} \sigma)(e_3, e_1), e_4 \rangle \\ +\langle (\mathcal{V}'_{e_3} \sigma)(e_3, e_3), e_4 \rangle & -\langle (\mathcal{V}'_{e_3} \sigma)(e_3, e_3), e_2 \rangle \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{V}_{\partial/\partial s} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} (\langle \sigma(e_3, e_3), e_4 \rangle - \langle \sigma(e_1, e_1), e_4 \rangle) e_2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \frac{1}{2}(\langle \sigma(e_1, e_1), e_2 \rangle - \langle \sigma(e_3, e_3), e_2 \rangle)e_4 \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \left[-\langle (\nabla'_{e_1} \sigma)(e_3, e_1), e_2 \rangle \quad -\langle (\nabla'_{e_1} \sigma)(e_3, e_1), e_4 \rangle \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \langle (\nabla'_{e_1} \sigma)(e_3, e_3), e_4 \rangle \quad -\langle (\nabla'_{e_1} \sigma)(e_3, e_3), e_2 \rangle \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Let ω be the Kaehler form of P_3 . Then we obtain

$$\tilde{\chi}^* \omega = \langle J\tilde{\chi}_* e_1, \tilde{\chi}_* e_3 \rangle *1,$$

where $*1$ is the volume form. Using an E -frame in the section 1, we get

$$\langle J\tilde{\chi}_* e_1, \tilde{\chi}_* e_3 \rangle = K + K_N$$

and hence

$$\tilde{\chi}^* \omega = (K + K_N) *1.$$

For the negative Calabi lifting, we obtain

$$\tilde{\tilde{\chi}}^* \omega = (K - K_N) *1.$$

THEOREM 8.1.

$$\text{degree of } \tilde{\chi} + \text{degree of } \tilde{\tilde{\chi}} = \chi(M),$$

$$\text{degree of } \tilde{\chi} - \text{degree of } \tilde{\tilde{\chi}} = \chi(N(M)).$$

Furthermore we obtain

THEOREM 8.2. $\tilde{\chi}$ is totally real if and only if $K + K_N = 0$. In particular the Calabi lifting of a flat torus isometrically immersed in $S^4(1)$ with trivial normal connection is totally real.

Using an E -frame, we obtain

$$\langle \tilde{\chi}_* e_1, \tilde{\chi}_* e_1 \rangle = 1 + (\lambda - \nu)^2,$$

$$\langle \tilde{\chi}_* e_1, \tilde{\chi}_* e_3 \rangle = \delta(-\lambda + \nu),$$

$$\langle \tilde{\chi}_* e_3, \tilde{\chi}_* e_3 \rangle = 1 + (\mu + \nu)^2 + \delta^2.$$

Thus we get

THEOREM 8.3. $\tilde{\chi}$ is conformal at $x \in M$ if and only if χ is minimal at x or the ellipse of curvature at x is a positive circle.

Furthermore, since the energy function E of $\tilde{\chi}$ is given by

$$2 + (\lambda - \nu)^2 + (\mu + \nu)^2 + \delta^2,$$

we have the following.

THEOREM 8.4.

$$E = 4 \int (1 + |\mathfrak{h}|^2) * 1 - 4(\chi(M) + \chi(N(M))),$$

where \mathfrak{h} is the mean curvature vector of M .

For a map f of M into P_3 , it is well-known that

$$\text{the energy of } f \geq 4\pi \times |\text{degree of } f|,$$

the equality holds if and only if f is holomorphic. This, together with the formula of E for the positive and negative Calabi liftings, implies the following.

COROLLARY 8.1.

$$\int (1 + |\mathfrak{h}|^2) * 1 \geq 2\pi(\chi(M) + |\chi(N(M))|),$$

the equality holds if and only if the Calabi lifting for the orientation of $N(M)$ with $\chi(N(M)) \geq 0$ is holomorphic.

This gives a result in [11] for the case that the ambient space is $S^4(1)$.

§9. Holomorphic Calabi lifting.

The Calabi lifting is holomorphic if and only if

$$J(\tilde{\chi}_* X) = \tilde{\chi}_*(J^1 X),$$

which is equivalent to

$$J(\tilde{\chi}_* X)^{\#} = (\tilde{\chi}_* J^1 X)^{\#} \quad \text{and} \quad J(\tilde{\chi}_* X)^{\vee} = (\tilde{\chi}_* J^1 X)^{\vee}.$$

Using an E -frame and Lemma 8.1, we have $\delta = 0$ and $\nu = (1/2)(\lambda - \mu)$ and hence we obtain

THEOREM 9.1. (1) *The positive Calabi lifting is holomorphic if and only if the ellipse of curvature is a positive circle.*

(2) *Let M be a holomorphic curve in P_3 whose image of the Hopf fibration is a regular surface. Then the positive Calabi lifting of the regular surface is a holomorphic map of M .*

This result is obtained by Atiyah and Lawson (see [11]).

The horizontal condition of the Calabi lifting is equivalent to $\delta=0$, $\nu=\lambda$, $\lambda+\mu=0$ in terms of an E -frame. Thus, combined with the result of the section 7, we have

THEOREM 9.2. *The positive Calabi lifting is horizontal if and only if M is a superminimal surface. Furthermore the Calabi lifting is given by the associated map Ξ_1 of the directrix curve Ξ .*

Using [17] or the author's unpublished result on the first eigenvalue of Kaehler submanifolds in P_n , we have

COROLLARY 9.1. *Let M be a not-totally geodesic superminimal surface of $S^4(1)$. Then the first eigenvalue of the Laplacian of M is smaller than 2.*

COROLLARY 9.2. *$SO(5, C)$ preserves the horizontal distribution \mathcal{H} of P_3 .*

PROOF. For a point $p \in P_3$ and a horizontal holomorphic plane T of $T_p(P_3)$, we have the Veronese surface $\chi: S^2(1/3) \rightarrow S^4(1)$ whose Calabi lifting is tangent to T at p . Any $A \in SO(5, C)$ makes $A\tilde{\chi}$ horizontal because $A\tilde{\chi}$ is the Calabi lifting of a superminimal surface. Thus AT is a holomorphic plane. Q.E.D.

§10. A characterization of horizontal holomorphic curves in P_3 .

We note that a horizontal holomorphic curve is the positive Calabi lifting of a superminimal surface M . Let e_1, e_3 be a frame field of M . Then $\tilde{\chi}_*e_1 = \chi_*e_1$ and $\tilde{\chi}_*e_3 = \chi_*e_3$. Set $f_1 = \tilde{e}_1$ and $f_2 = \tilde{e}_3$. For the second fundamental form $\tilde{\sigma}_2$ of $\tilde{\chi}$, we have

$$\sigma_2(f_1, f_1) = \kappa_1 \tilde{e}_2, \quad \tilde{\sigma}_2(f_2, f_2) = -\kappa_1 \tilde{e}_2, \quad \tilde{\sigma}_2(f_1, f_2) = A_{\tilde{e}_1} \tilde{e}_3 + \kappa_1 \tilde{e}_4.$$

Since

$$A_{\tilde{e}_1} \tilde{e}_3 = \frac{1}{2} (\langle R_{e_1 e_3} e_k, e_j \rangle)^{\sharp} = 0,$$

we obtain $f_3 = \tilde{e}_2$, $f_4 = \tilde{e}_4$ and $\kappa_1 = \lambda$ as the Frenet frame field. It follows that

$$\tilde{\nabla}_{f_1} f_3 = -\kappa_1 f_1 + \omega_{3,4}(f_1) f_4 + \kappa_2 f_5.$$

Since $A_{f_1} f_3 = (1/4)[-1:0]$, we obtain $\kappa_2^2 = (1/4)$. The converse also holds, that is, we have the following.

THEOREM 10.1. *M is a holomorphic curve of P_3 of constant κ_2 if and only if M is horizontal. In particular $\kappa_1 = \lambda$, where λ is defined for the superminimal surface $\pi(M)$.*

PROOF. By Lemma 3.1, we obtain $\kappa_2 = (1/2)$. Let U be an open subset of M where a Frenet framd f_1, \dots, f_6 is defined. Put $n = 2f_5$ and define a tensor field G of P_3 over U by

$$G(f_1) = -f_3, \quad G(f_2) = f_4, \quad G(f_3) = f_1, \quad G(f_4) = -f_2, \quad G(f_5) = G(f_6) = 0.$$

Then we obtain

$$G^2 = -I \text{ over the distribution spanned by } f_1, f_2, f_3 \text{ and } f_4$$

and

$$\tilde{\nabla}_{f_j} n = G(f_j) + \omega_{5,6}(f_j) Jn.$$

Using $\omega_{5,6} = \omega_{3,4} + \omega_{1,2}$, we find that the differential equation of (n, G) is the same one as the complex contact structure of P_3 satisfies. Making a holomorphic isometry of P_3 acting on ω , we obtain a new complex contact structure whose initial condition is the same one as (n, G) . By the uniqueness of solution, the map over U is horizontal in P_3 with the new complex contact structure and by analiticity of M , M is horizontal.

Q.E.D.

§11. Harmonic Calabi lifting.

The harmonicity condition of the Calabi lifting is equivalent to

$$\tilde{\nabla}_{\partial/\partial s} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} + \tilde{\nabla}_{\partial/\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} = 0.$$

It follows from Lemma 8.1 that the left-hand-side of the above equation is give by

$$[-\langle D_{e_1} \mathfrak{h}, e_4 \rangle + \langle D_{e_1} \mathfrak{h}, e_2 \rangle]$$

and hence we have

THEOREM 11.1. *The positive Calabi lifting is harmonic if and only if \mathfrak{h} is a holomorphic section on $N(M)$.*

If χ is minimal, it is clear that χ is harmonic, which, together with Theorem 8.2, implies the following.

COROLLARY 11.1. *If χ is minimal, then the positive and negative*

Calabi lifting are conformal and minimal.

Since $S^3(1)$ admits an orientable embedded minimal surface of genus p [14], we obtain

COROLLARY 11.2. P_3 admits an oriented embedded minimal surface of genus p and degree $1-p$.

§12. Isotropic harmonic Calabi lifting.

Let M be an orientable Riemannian surface with a fixed orientation isometrically immersed in $S^4(1)$ with a fixed orientation. Let χ be the immersion of M into $S^4(1)$. Then if $\tilde{\chi}$ is non-holomorphic and isotropic harmonic, the isotropy condition implies that $\tilde{\chi}$ is conformal (see, [9, page 237]). By Theorem 8.3, M has the decomposition $M=M_1 \cup M_2$ such that M is minimal on M_1 and the ellipse of curvature is a positive circle on M_2 . If M_2 contains an open subset of M , then $\tilde{\chi}$ is holomorphic on the open subset and hence so is on M because $\tilde{\chi}$ is analytic. Thus M_1 is dense in M and hence M is minimal. Fix a point p which has a neighborhood where its ellipse of curvature is not a positive circle. Let $z=x+iy$ be an isothermal coordinate of the neighborhood such that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \text{ at } p,$$

where (s, t) is the coordinate defined in the section 8.

LEMMA 12.1. *If we set*

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = a \frac{\partial}{\partial s} + b \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial y} = c \frac{\partial}{\partial s} + d \frac{\partial}{\partial t},$$

then we obtain at x

$$\frac{\partial a}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial d}{\partial s}, \quad \frac{\partial a}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial d}{\partial t}, \quad \frac{\partial c}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial b}{\partial s} = 0, \quad \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial b}{\partial t} = 0,$$

in particular

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) (a + ic + ib - d) = 0.$$

Set $\phi = \tilde{\chi}$. Now we calculate $D'\phi, (D')^2\phi, \dots, D''\phi, (D'')^2\phi, \dots$ to investigate the isotropy condition of $\tilde{\chi}$.

$$D'\phi = \frac{1}{2}D'_{(\partial/\partial s - i(\partial/\partial t))}\phi = \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{e}_1 - i\tilde{e}_3)^{(1,0)} \\ + \frac{1}{2}[-(\sigma(E_1, \bar{E}_2), \bar{E}_2) : i(\sigma(E_1, \bar{E}_1), \bar{E}_2)] ,$$

where $E_1 = e_1 - ie_3$, $E_2 = e_2 - ie_4$ and $X^{(1,0)}$ is the component of type (1, 0) of a vector X . By the minimality of M , we get

$$(12.1) \quad D'\phi = \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{e}_1 - i\tilde{e}_3) .$$

Similarly we get

$$(12.2) \quad D''\phi = \frac{1}{4}[-(\sigma(\bar{E}_1, \bar{E}_1), \bar{E}_2) : i(\sigma(\bar{E}_1, \bar{E}_1), \bar{E}_2)] .$$

Since

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{2} \left((a - ic) \frac{\partial}{\partial s} + (b - id) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)$$

holds, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{V}_{\partial/\partial z} \left(\phi_* \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right)^{(1,0)} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) (a - ic) \frac{\partial}{\partial s} - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) (a - ic) iJ \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) (b - id) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) (b - id) iJ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right\} \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{4} \tilde{V}_{(\partial/\partial s) - i(\partial/\partial t)} \phi \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^{(1,0)} , \\ & \tilde{V}_{\partial/\partial \bar{z}} \phi_* \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} \right)^{(1,0)} \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) (a + ic) \frac{\partial}{\partial s} - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) (a + ic) iJ \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) (b + id) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) (b + id) iJ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right\} \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{4} \tilde{V}_{(\partial/\partial s) + i(\partial/\partial t)} \phi \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^{(1,0)} . \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 8.1 and the minimality, we easily obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 D'^2\phi = & \frac{1}{8} \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) (a - ic) \frac{\partial}{\partial s} - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) (a - ic) iJ \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \right. \\
 & \left. + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) (b - id) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) (b - id) iJ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right\} \\
 & + \frac{1}{4} (\sigma(e_1, E_1), \bar{E}_2) \tilde{E}_2,
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 D''^2\phi = & \frac{1}{8} \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) (a + ic) \frac{\partial}{\partial s} - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) (a + ic) iJ \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \right. \\
 & \left. + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) (b + id) \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) (b + id) iJ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right\} \\
 & - \frac{1}{4} (\sigma(e_1, \bar{E}_1), \bar{E}_2) \tilde{E}_2 \\
 & - \frac{1}{8} [(\nabla'_{e_1} \sigma)(\bar{E}_1, \bar{E}_1), \bar{E}_2] : i((\nabla'_{e_1}(\bar{E}_1, \bar{E}_1), \bar{E}_2)].
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows from Lemma 12.1 that

$$(12.3) \quad D''^2\phi = -\frac{1}{4} (\sigma(e_1, \bar{E}_1), \bar{E}_2) \tilde{E}_2 + \text{vertical part}.$$

The isotropy condition implies $\langle D'^2\phi, D''^2\phi \rangle = 0$ and hence

$$(\sigma(e_1, E_1), \bar{E}_2) (\sigma(e_1, \bar{E}_1), \bar{E}_2) = 0.$$

For an E -frame,

$$(\sigma(e_1, E_1), \bar{E}_2) = \lambda + \nu \quad \text{and} \quad (\sigma(e_1, \bar{E}_1), \bar{E}_2) = \lambda - \nu$$

hold. Since $\lambda \neq \nu$, we get $\lambda + \nu = 0$ and hence, for the reverse orientation of $S^4(1)$, M is a superminimal surface. Thus we can calculate the vertical of $D'^2\phi$ given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) (a - ic) \left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial s} \right) - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) (a - ic) iJ \left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial s} \right) \\
 & + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) (b - id) \left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} \right) - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) (b - id) iJ \left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial s} \right)^p = [-\lambda : 0] \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} \right)^p = [0 : \lambda]$$

hold, we obtain $J(\partial A/\partial s)^{\nu} = -(\partial A/\partial t)^{\nu}$. Therefore the vertical part of $D'^2\phi$ vanishes and we obtain

$$(12.4) \quad D'\phi \text{ is parallel to } D'^2\phi.$$

Conversely if M is superminimal for the reverse orientation of $S^4(1)$, then (12.1), ..., (12.4) hold. Using the induction, we obtain $\langle D'\phi, D''^{\beta}\phi \rangle = 0$ for $\beta \geq 1$. Therefore the positive Calabi lifting becomes a non-holomorphic isotropic harmonic map with $r=2$. On the other hand, the negative Calabi lifting is holomorphic. Next we show that the positive Calabi lifting is constructed from the negative Calabi lifting by the method of Eells and Wood. Let $\tilde{\chi}_U$ be the local lift of $\tilde{\chi}$, that is, the map of an open set U of M into C^4 such that the projection of $\tilde{\chi}_U$ by $C^4 - \{0\} \rightarrow P_3 (= C^4 - \{0\}/C^*)$ is $\tilde{\chi}$. Let $\tilde{\tilde{E}}_2$ be the horizontal lift of \tilde{E}_2 . Then the map f defined by

$$x \longrightarrow \tilde{\chi}_U \longrightarrow \{\tilde{\tilde{E}}\}$$

is well defined and gives a holomorphic map by the definition. Using an E -frame, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\tilde{V}}_{\partial/\partial s} \tilde{\tilde{E}}_2 &= -i\omega_{4,2}(e_1)\tilde{\tilde{E}}_2 - \lambda(\tilde{e}_1 + i\tilde{e}_3) + \lambda\tilde{e}_1 + i\lambda\tilde{e}_3 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{4}[-1 : i] \\ &= -\omega_{4,2}(e_1)\tilde{\tilde{E}}_2 + \frac{1}{4}[-1 : i]. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that, at x , the metric induced by f is equal to the metric of M , that is, the metric induced by the negative Calabi lifting. Using a Calabi's rigidity theorem [5], the holomorphic curve constructed by the positive Calabi lifting is the negative Calabi lifting. Furthermore it is easy to see that the polar of the negative Calabi lifting is itself.

THEOREM 12.1. *Let χ be a full minimal immersion of an orientable Riemannian surface with a fixed orientation into $S^4(1)$ with a fixed orientation. The positive Calabi lifting is non-holomorphic and isotropic harmonic if and only if the negative Calabi lifting is holomorphic. Then the D'' -order is 2 and the positive Calabi lifting is constructed by the method of [9] from the negative Calabi lifting. Furthermore the polar of the negative Calabi lifting is itself.*

COROLLARY 12.1. *Let χ be an isometric immersion of S^2 into $S^4(1)$ whose mean curvature vector is a holomorphic section of $N(S^2)$. Then $\chi(S^2)$ is the image of a holomorphic curve in P_3 by the Hopf fibration.*

COROLLARY 12.2. *Let χ be an isometric immersion of T^2 into $S^4(1)$ whose mean curvature vector is a holomorphic section of $N(M)$. If $\chi(N(T^2))$ is not zero, then $\chi(T^2)$ is the image of a holomorphic curve in P_s by the Hopf fibration.*

PROOF. Using Proposition 7.3 and Corollary 7.7 in [11], we obtain the result.

REMARK. The Veronese surface $S^2(1/3) \rightarrow S^4(1)$ gives the positive Calabi lifting $S^2(1/3) \rightarrow P_3$. Furthermore the negative Calabi lifting is a non-holomorphic isotropic harmonic map: $S^2(1/6) \rightarrow P_3$. Generally we note that the holomorphic immersion $S^2(1/m) \rightarrow P_m$ gives non-holomorphic isotropic harmonic maps:

$$S^2\left(\frac{1}{(2s+1)m-2s^2}\right) \longrightarrow P_m \quad \text{for all } 1 \leq s \leq m-1.$$

In particular, the above is totally real if and only if $m=2s$.

From Corollary 12.2, we note that a minimal immersion of T^2 into $S^4(1)$ with $\chi(N(T^2)) \neq 0$ is a superminimal surface. This fact has the following generalization.

THEOREM 12.2. *Let M be a compact orientable Riemannian surface of genus p minimally immersed in $S^4(1)$ with*

$$|\chi(N(M))| \geq 2p-1.$$

Then M is a superminimal surface.

PROOF. Assume that M is not a superminimal surface for any orientation. Let L be the complex vector bundle on M defined by assigning to a point x of M the vertical space at $\tilde{\chi}(x)$ of $T(P_s)$. Then using the connection induced from $T(P_s)$, we make L a holomorphic line bundle. Since $\tilde{\chi}(\partial/\partial\bar{z})$ is a non-zero section of L^c ,

$$\tilde{\chi}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial\bar{z}}\right)d\bar{z}$$

defines a global section of $\Omega^{(0,1)} \otimes L$. It is easy to see that $\tilde{\chi}(\partial/\partial\bar{z})$ is anti-holomorphic. Furthermore the curvature form is given by

$$\frac{1}{2}\tilde{\chi}^*\omega.$$

Since $\overline{L \otimes \Omega^{(0,1)}}$ has a global section, the Chern number of $\overline{L \otimes \Omega^{(0,1)}}$ is non-negative and hence

$$\frac{1}{2}\{\chi(M) + \chi(N(M))\} - 2(1-p) \geq 0.$$

Using the negative Calabi lifting, we obtain

$$|\chi(N(M))| \leq 2(p-1).$$

Q.E.D.

§13. Holomorphic transformations of P_3 .

Let M be a full, horizontal holomorphic curve in P_3 and f the map of M into P_3 . Then, in terms of homogeneous coordinates z^0, z^1, z^2, z^3 , M is horizontal if and only if

$$(13.1) \quad (z^1)' - z^3(z^2)' + z^2(z^3)' = 0.$$

Let $T = (T_k^j)$ be a holomorphic transformation of P_3 . Then $T \cdot f$ is horizontal if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} & (T_1^1 T_0^0 + T_1^0 T_0^1 + T_1^3 T_0^2 + T_1^2 T_0^3)(z^1)' \\ & + (T_1^1 T_2^0 - T_1^0 T_2^1 + T_1^3 T_2^2 - T_1^2 T_2^3)((z^1)'z^2 - (z^2)'z^1) \\ & + (T_1^1 T_3^0 - T_1^0 T_3^1 + T_1^3 T_3^2 - T_1^2 T_3^3)((z^1)'z^3 - (z^3)'z^1) \\ & + (T_2^1 T_0^0 - T_2^0 T_0^1 + T_2^3 T_0^2 - T_2^2 T_0^3)(z^2)' \\ & + (T_2^1 T_3^0 - T_2^0 T_3^1 + T_2^3 T_3^2 - T_2^2 T_3^3)((z^2)'z^3 - (z^3)'z^2) \\ & + (T_3^1 T_0^0 - T_3^0 T_0^1 + T_3^3 T_0^2 - T_3^2 T_0^3)(z^3)' = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$(z^1)', \quad (z^2)', \quad (z^3)', \quad ((z^1)'z^2 - (z^2)'z^1), \quad ((z^1)'z^3 - (z^3)'z^1)$$

are the Plücker coordinates of the associated map $f_1: M \rightarrow P_5$, by horizontality of f , we get

$$f_1: M \longrightarrow P_4 \subset P_5.$$

$\pi \cdot f$ gives a superminimal immersion of M into $S^4(1)$ and its local representation ξ is given by $G_2/|G_2|^2$. Thus the induced metric of the directrix curve \mathcal{E} of $\pi \cdot f$ is given by

$$\frac{|G_2|^2}{|G_1|^2} dzd\bar{z}.$$

Using Lemma 2.3, we get the metric $\lambda^2 dzd\bar{z}$. On the other hand, since f is holomorphic and horizontal,

$$D'f = \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{e}_1 - i\tilde{e}_3),$$

$$D'^2f = \text{the part of } (\tilde{e}_1 - i\tilde{e}_3) + \frac{\lambda}{2}\tilde{E}_2,$$

the metric induced by f_1 is $\lambda^2 dzd\bar{z}$. Using the result of the section 7, the directrix curve is the associated curve of the horizontal holomorphic curve. Since the directrix curve is full, we obtain the condition on T :

$$(13.2) \quad T_1^1 T_0^0 + T_1^0 T_0^1 + T_1^3 T_0^2 + T_1^2 T_0^3 + T_2^1 T_3^0 - T_2^0 T_3^1 + T_2^3 T_3^2 - T_2^2 T_3^3 = 0,$$

$$(13.3) \quad T_2^1 T_0^0 + T_2^0 T_0^1 + T_2^3 T_0^2 + T_2^2 T_0^3 = 0,$$

$$(13.4) \quad T_3^1 T_0^0 - T_3^0 T_0^1 + T_3^3 T_0^2 - T_3^2 T_0^3 = 0,$$

$$(13.5) \quad T_1^1 T_2^0 - T_1^0 T_2^1 + T_1^3 T_2^2 - T_1^2 T_2^3 = 0,$$

$$(13.6) \quad T_1^1 T_3^0 - T_1^0 T_3^1 + T_1^3 T_3^2 - T_1^2 T_3^3 = 0.$$

Thus T transforms any horizontal holomorphic curve into a horizontal holomorphic curve. Let G be the subset of the holomorphic transformations of P_3 which satisfy (13.2) ... (13.6). Then G is closed and hence a Lie subgroup. We see that $\dim G = 10$. Since G contains $SO(5, C)$ by Corollary 9.2, $SO(5, C)$ is the identity component of G .

THEOREM 13.1. *Let M be a full horizontal holomorphic curve in P_3 and T a holomorphic transformation of P_3 such that $T \cdot M$ is horizontal. Then $T \in G$.*

§14. Critical surfaces in $S^4(1)$.

Let M be an orientable Riemannian surface isometrically immersed in $S^4(1)$. Assume that its positive Calabi lifting is holomorphic. Then we find that

$$(14.1) \quad \int (1 + |\mathfrak{h}|^2)^* 1$$

attains a minimum value among the regularly homotopic immersions of M into $S^4(1)$. On the other hand, Weiner posed the following problem: Are the only closed orientable surfaces immersed in S^n with centroid 0 which satisfy the Euler-Lagrange equation for (14.1) minimal surfaces in S^n ? We gave a counter example [10]. But it is interesting to consider this problem for M with holomorphic, positive Calabi lifting. Now assume

that M is horizontal in P_3 . Let T be a holomorphic transformation of P_3 which is close to the identity transformation. Then $T \cdot M$ is a regular surface in $S^4(1)$. Using the argument of Li and Yau [15, Theorem 1, page 273], we obtain a conformal transformation S such that $S \cdot \pi \cdot T(M)$ has the centroid at 0. It follows from Lemma 6.1 that there exists a holomorphic transformation Q of P_3 such that $\pi \cdot Q = S \cdot \pi$ and hence $\pi \cdot Q \cdot T(M)$ is a regular surface with centroid 0. If $\pi \cdot Q \cdot T \cdot \tilde{\chi}$ is a minimal immersion, then $\pi \cdot Q \cdot T \cdot \tilde{\chi}$ is a superminimal immersion and hence $Q \cdot T \cdot \tilde{\chi}$ is horizontal. By Theorem 13.1, $Q \cdot T \in G$ holds. Since the dimensions of the holomorphic transformation group of P_3 and G are 15 and 10, respectively, the Iwasawa decomposition of the conformal transformation group of $S^4(1)$ implies that there exists T such that $Q \cdot T \in G$. Using the examples constructed in [4, Corollary H, page 470], we get

THEOREM 14.1. *Let M be an orientable Riemannian surface of genus p . Then there exists a non-minimal immersion such that (14.1) attains the minimum among the regularly homotopic immersions of M into $S^4(1)$ and the centroid is 0.*

§15. Totally real submanifolds in P_3 .

We gave a characterization of a horizontal and holomorphic curve in P_3 of constant κ_2 in the section 10. Moreover we found that the basis $\{f_5, f_6\}$ of the second normal bundle is one of the tangent space of the fiber of P_3 . Let T_r be the tube of radius r in the direction of the second normal bundle. In this section, we investigate T_r .

Let $(\phi, \xi, \eta, \langle, \rangle)$ be the Sasakian structure of $S^7(1)$ (See, for example, [18].) and $\bar{\pi}$ be the Hopf fibration of $S^7(1)$ onto $P_3(4)$. Then for a horizontal holomorphic curve, the second curvature is 1. Let \bar{M} be the induced bundle over M and \bar{N}_2 the horizontal lift of the second normal bundle of M . We denote by \bar{T}_r the tube of \bar{M} in the direction of \bar{N}_2 . Then $\bar{\pi}(\bar{T}_r)$ is T_r . Let U be an open set where $\{f_5, f_6\}$ is well-defined. Thus \bar{T}_r is locally given by

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bar{\pi}^{-1}(U) \times S^1 & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & S^7(1) \\ \omega & & \omega \\ (x, \theta) & \longrightarrow & (\cos r)x + (\sin r)\{(\cos \theta)\bar{f}_5 + (\sin \theta)\bar{f}_6\} . \end{array}$$

Therefore we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} F_{r,*}\bar{f} &= (\cos r)\bar{f}_1 - (\sin r)(\cos \theta)\bar{f}_3 + (\sin r)(\cos \theta)\omega_{5,6}(f_1)\bar{f}_6 \\ &\quad - (\sin r)(\sin \theta)\bar{f}_4 - (\sin r)(\sin \theta)\omega_{5,6}(f_1)\bar{f}_5 , \end{aligned}$$

etc, which imply that T_r is totally real if and only if

$$\left\{ \bar{\pi}_* F_{r*} \bar{f}_j, \bar{\pi}_* F_{r*} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} : j=1, 2 \right\}$$

is perpendicular to

$$\left\{ J\bar{\pi}_* F_{r*} \bar{f}_j, J\bar{\pi}_* F_{r*} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} : j=1, 2 \right\} .$$

Using the properties of the Sasakian structure, we can investigate the totally real condition. Furthermore, by a long calculation, we obtain

THEOREM 15.1. *T_r is totally real and minimal in P_3 if and only if $r = \pi/2$.*

We can calculate the Chern number of the second normal bundle. Since

$$d\omega_{5,6} = 3d\omega_{12} + (\Delta \log \kappa_1)\omega_1 \wedge \omega_2$$

holds, it follows from the result in the section 3 that the curvature of the normal bundle is 1. Hence we obtain

$$c_1 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \text{Volume} (M) .$$

From the example ξ_{k2} of Barbosa [2, page 101], we obtain

COROLLARY 15.1. *The circle bundle of even Chern number ≥ 6 can be immersed in P_3 as a totally real and minimal submanifold.*

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