

### 101. Concircular Geometry III. Theory of Curves.

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In the two recent papers "Concircular Geometry I, and II<sup>1)</sup>," we have considered concircular transformations  $\bar{g}_{\mu\nu} = \rho^2 g_{\mu\nu}$  of a Riemannian metric  $ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} du^\mu du^\nu$ , that is to say, conformal transformations  $\bar{g}_{\mu\nu} = \rho^2 g_{\mu\nu}$  with the function  $\rho$  satisfying

$$\rho_{,\mu} \equiv \frac{\partial \rho_\mu}{\partial u^\nu} - \rho_{,\lambda} \{ \begin{smallmatrix} \lambda \\ \mu\nu \end{smallmatrix} \} - \rho_{\mu\rho,\nu} + \frac{1}{2} g^{a\beta} \rho_{a\beta} g_{\mu\nu} = \phi g_{\mu\nu},$$

where  $\rho_{,\mu}$  denotes  $\partial \log \rho / \partial u^\mu$  and  $\{ \begin{smallmatrix} \lambda \\ \mu\nu \end{smallmatrix} \}$  the three-index symbols of Christoffel formed with  $g_{\mu\nu}$ , and we have discussed the integrability conditions of these partial differential equations.

The purpose of the present note is to develop the theory of curves in the concircular geometry.

§ 1. *Frenet formulae.* Let us consider a curve  $u^\lambda(s)$  in a Riemann space,  $s$  being the curve length measured from a fixed point on the curve, and form the vector

$$(1.1) \quad V^\lambda = \frac{\delta^3 u^\lambda}{\delta s^3} + \frac{\delta u^\lambda}{\delta s} g_{\mu\nu} \frac{\delta^2 u^\mu}{\delta s^2} \frac{\delta^2 u^\nu}{\delta s^2}$$

where  $\frac{\delta}{\delta s}$  denotes the covariant differentiation along the curve.

If we effect a conformal transformation of the metric

$$(1.2) \quad \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} = \rho^2 g_{\mu\nu},$$

the vector  $V^\lambda$  will be transformed into

$$(1.3) \quad \bar{V}^\lambda = \frac{1}{\rho^3} \left[ V^\lambda + \frac{\delta u^\lambda}{\delta s} \rho_{,\mu\nu} \frac{\delta u^\mu}{\delta s} \frac{\delta u^\nu}{\delta s} - g^{\lambda a} \rho_{a\nu} \frac{\delta u^\nu}{\delta s} \right].$$

Hence, if the conformal transformation (1.2) is a concircular one, that is to say, if the function  $\rho$  satisfies

$$(1.4) \quad \rho_{,\mu\nu} = \phi g_{\mu\nu},$$

the equations (1.3) become

$$(1.5) \quad \bar{V}^\lambda = \frac{1}{\rho^3} V^\lambda,$$

which shows that the direction defined by the vector  $V^\lambda$  is invariant under a concircular transformation.

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1) K. Yano: Concircular Geometry I, Proc. **16** (1940), 195-200, and Concircular Geometry II, Proc. **16** (1940), 354-360.

Putting

$$(1.6) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\delta u^\lambda}{\delta s} = \eta_1^\lambda, \\ V^\lambda = \frac{1}{k} \eta_2^\lambda, \end{cases}$$

where

$$(\overset{1}{k})^2 = g_{\mu\nu} V^\mu V^\nu,$$

we can see that

$$(1.7) \quad g_{\mu\nu} \eta_1^\mu \eta_1^\nu = 1, \quad g_{\mu\nu} \eta_1^\mu \eta_2^\nu = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad g_{\mu\nu} \eta_2^\mu \eta_2^\nu = 1,$$

and that the law of transformations of  $\eta_1^\lambda$  and  $\eta_2^\lambda$  under a concircular transformation (1.2) is given by

$$(1.8) \quad \bar{\eta}_1^\lambda = \frac{1}{\rho} \eta_1^\lambda \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\eta}_2^\lambda = \frac{1}{\rho} \eta_2^\lambda,$$

respectively. The vector  $\eta_2^\lambda$  being transformed by (1.8), the covariant derivative  $\frac{\delta}{\delta s} \eta_2^\lambda$  of  $\eta_2^\lambda$  along the curve is transformed by the following equations

$$(1.9) \quad \frac{\delta}{\delta \bar{s}} \bar{\eta}_2^\lambda = \frac{1}{\rho^2} \left[ \frac{\delta}{\delta s} \eta_2^\lambda + \eta_1^\lambda \rho_{, \nu} \eta_2^\nu \right],$$

from which we have

$$\bar{\eta}_1^\nu \frac{\delta}{\delta \bar{s}} \bar{\eta}_2^\nu = \frac{1}{\rho} \left[ \eta_{1, \nu} \frac{\delta}{\delta s} \eta_2^\nu + \rho_{, \nu} \eta_2^\nu \right]$$

or multiplying by  $\bar{\eta}_1^\lambda = \frac{1}{\rho} \eta_1^\lambda$ ,

$$(1.10) \quad \bar{\eta}_1^\lambda \bar{\eta}_1^\nu \frac{\delta}{\delta \bar{s}} \bar{\eta}_2^\nu = \frac{1}{\rho^2} \left[ \eta_1^\lambda \eta_{1, \nu} \frac{\delta}{\delta s} \eta_2^\nu + \eta_1^\lambda \rho_{, \nu} \eta_2^\nu \right].$$

Subtracting (1.10) from (1.9), we get the equations

$$(1.11) \quad \frac{\delta}{\delta \bar{s}} \bar{\eta}_2^\lambda - \bar{\eta}_1^\lambda \bar{\eta}_1^\nu \frac{\delta}{\delta \bar{s}} \bar{\eta}_2^\nu = \frac{1}{\rho^2} \left[ \frac{\delta}{\delta s} \eta_2^\lambda - \eta_1^\lambda \eta_{1, \nu} \frac{\delta}{\delta s} \eta_2^\nu \right],$$

which show that the direction defined by the vector

$$(1.12) \quad \frac{D}{Ds} \eta^\lambda = \frac{\delta}{\delta s} \eta^\lambda - \eta_1^\lambda \eta_{1, \nu} \frac{\delta}{\delta s} \eta^\nu$$

is invariant under a concircular transformation.

From equations (1.7) and (1.12), we have

$$g_{\mu\nu} \eta_1^\mu \frac{D}{Ds} \eta_2^\nu = 0, \quad g_{\mu\nu} \eta_2^\mu \frac{D}{Ds} \eta_2^\nu = 0.$$

Thus we see that the concircularly invariant direction given by the vector  $\frac{D}{Ds} \eta^\lambda$  is orthogonal to the both of concircularly invariant

directions given by the vectors  $\eta^{\lambda}_1$  and  $\eta^{\lambda}_2$ . Thus putting

$$(1.13) \quad \frac{D}{Ds} \eta^{\lambda}_2 = k \eta^{\lambda}_3,$$

where

$$(1.14) \quad (k)^2 = g_{\mu\nu} \left( \frac{D}{Ds} \eta^{\mu}_2 \right) \left( \frac{D}{Ds} \eta^{\nu}_2 \right),$$

we have

$$(1.15) \quad g_{\mu\nu} \eta^{\mu}_a \eta^{\nu}_b = \delta_{ab} \quad (a, b = 1, 2, 3).$$

Under a concircular transformation, the vectors  $\eta^{\lambda}_1$ ,  $\eta^{\lambda}_2$  and  $\eta^{\lambda}_3$  being transformed by

$$(1.16) \quad \bar{\eta}^{\lambda}_1 = \frac{1}{\rho} \eta^{\lambda}_1, \quad \bar{\eta}^{\lambda}_2 = \frac{1}{\rho} \eta^{\lambda}_2 \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{\eta}^{\lambda}_3 = \frac{1}{\rho} \eta^{\lambda}_3,$$

respectively, we can see by the same process as used above that the vector defined by

$$(1.17) \quad \frac{D}{Ds} \eta^{\lambda}_3 = \frac{\delta}{\delta s} \eta^{\lambda}_3 - \eta^{\lambda}_1 \eta^{\nu}_1 \frac{\delta}{\delta s} \eta^{\nu}_3$$

is transformed as follows

$$(1.18) \quad \frac{D}{D\bar{s}} \bar{\eta}^{\lambda}_3 = \frac{1}{\rho^2} \frac{D}{Ds} \eta^{\lambda}_3,$$

and that the vector  $\frac{D}{Ds} \eta^{\lambda}_3$  satisfies the equations

$$g_{\mu\nu} \eta^{\mu}_1 \frac{D}{Ds} \eta^{\nu}_3 = 0, \quad k + g_{\mu\nu} \eta^{\mu}_2 \eta^{\nu}_3 = 0, \quad g_{\mu\nu} \eta^{\mu}_3 \frac{D}{Ds} \eta^{\nu}_3 = 0,$$

or

$$(1.19) \quad \begin{cases} g_{\mu\nu} \eta^{\mu}_1 \left( k \eta^{\nu}_2 + \frac{D}{Ds} \eta^{\nu}_3 \right) = 0, & g_{\mu\nu} \eta^{\mu}_2 \left( k \eta^{\nu}_2 + \frac{D}{Ds} \eta^{\nu}_3 \right) = 0, \\ g_{\mu\nu} \eta^{\mu}_3 \left( k \eta^{\nu}_2 + \frac{D}{Ds} \eta^{\nu}_3 \right) = 0, \end{cases}$$

which show that the concircularly invariant direction given by the vector  $k \eta^{\lambda}_2 + \frac{D}{Ds} \eta^{\lambda}_3$  is orthogonal to the three concircularly invariant directions given by  $\eta^{\lambda}_1$ ,  $\eta^{\lambda}_2$  and  $\eta^{\lambda}_3$ . Thus putting

$$k \eta^{\lambda}_2 + \frac{D}{Ds} \eta^{\lambda}_3 = k \eta^{\lambda}_4$$

or

$$(1.20) \quad \frac{D}{Ds} \eta^{\lambda}_3 = -k \eta^{\lambda}_2 + k \eta^{\lambda}_4,$$

where

$$(k)^2 = g_{\mu\nu} \left( k \eta^{\mu}_2 + \frac{D}{Ds} \eta^{\mu}_3 \right) \left( k \eta^{\nu}_2 + \frac{D}{Ds} \eta^{\nu}_3 \right),$$

we have

$$(1.21) \quad g_{\mu\nu} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{\nu} = \delta_{ab} \quad (a, b = 1, 2, 3, 4).$$

Furthering this process, finally we obtain the following equations

$$(1.22) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \gamma_1^{\lambda} = \frac{\delta u^{\lambda}}{\delta s}, \\ \gamma_2^{\lambda} = \frac{1}{k} V^{\lambda}, \\ \frac{D}{Ds} \gamma_2^{\lambda} = k \gamma_3^{\lambda}, \\ \frac{D}{Ds} \gamma^{\lambda} = -\frac{a-1}{k} \gamma^{\lambda} + \frac{a}{a+1} \gamma^{\lambda} \quad (a=3, 4, \dots, n, \quad k=0). \end{array} \right.$$

These are the Frenet formulae in concircular geometry.<sup>1)</sup>

§ 2. Geodesic circles on hypersurfaces.

Let

$$(2.1) \quad u^{\lambda} = u^{\lambda}(u^{\dot{1}}, u^{\dot{2}}, \dots, u^{\dot{n-1}})$$

be the equations of a hypersurface  $V_{n-1}$  in our Riemannian space,  $u^i$  ( $i, j, k, \dots = \dot{1}, \dot{2}, \dots, \dot{n-1}$ ) being parameters for  $V_{n-1}$ . Then the fundamental tensor  $g_{jk}$  and the Christoffel symbols  $\{^i_{jk}\}$  of  $V_{n-1}$  are respectively given by

$$(2.2) \quad g_{jk} = B_j^{\mu} B_k^{\nu} g_{\mu\nu}$$

and

$$(2.3) \quad \{^i_{jk}\} = B^i_{\lambda} (B_j^{\mu} B_k^{\nu} \{\mu\nu\}^{\lambda} + B_{j,k}^{\lambda})$$

where

$$(2.4) \quad B_j^{\mu} = \frac{\partial u^{\mu}}{\partial u^j}, \quad B^i_{\lambda} = g^{ij} g_{\lambda\mu} B_j^{\mu} \quad \text{and} \quad B_{j,k}^{\lambda} = \frac{\partial B_j^{\lambda}}{\partial u^k}.$$

The Euler-Schouten curvature tensor of  $V_{n-1}$  in  $V_n$  being defined by

$$(2.5) \quad H_{jk}^{\lambda} = B_{j,k}^{\lambda} + B_j^{\mu} B_k^{\nu} \{\mu\nu\}^{\lambda} - B^i_{\lambda} \{^i_{jk}\},$$

it is easily seen that the tensor defined by

$$(2.6) \quad M_{jk}^{\lambda} = H_{jk}^{\lambda} - \frac{1}{n-1} H^{\alpha\lambda} g_{jk},$$

where

$$(2.7) \quad H^i_{\cdot k}{}^{\lambda} = g^{ij} H_{jk}^{\lambda},$$

is concircularly invariant.

1) The method of obtaining these conformal formulae was already indicated in K. Yano, Sur la connexion de Weyl-Hlavatý et ses applications à la géométrie conforme, Proc. Physico-Math. Soc. Japan **22** (1940), 595-621.

Denoting by  $B^\lambda$  the unit vector normal to the hypersurface  $V_{n-1}$ , we can put

$$(2.8) \quad H_{jk}^{\cdot\cdot\lambda} = H_{jk} B^\lambda \quad \text{and} \quad M_{jk}^{\cdot\cdot\lambda} = M_{jk} B^\lambda,$$

$H_{jk}^{\cdot\cdot\lambda}$  and  $M_{jk}^{\cdot\cdot\lambda}$  being orthogonal to the hypersurface, if we regard them as vectors in  $V_n$  with respect to the index  $\lambda$ . Then the equations of Weingarten may be written as

$$(2.9) \quad B^\lambda_{;j} = -B_i^\lambda H^i_{;j},$$

where

$$(2.10) \quad H^i_{;j} = g^{ia} H_{aj},$$

and the semi-colon denotes the covariant derivative.

We shall now consider a curve  $u^i(s)$  on this hypersurface. This is also regarded as defining a curve  $u^\lambda(s)$  in  $V_n$ . Then differentiating  $u^\lambda(s)$  along the curve we have

$$(2.11) \quad \frac{\partial u^\lambda}{\partial s} = B_i^\lambda \frac{\partial u^i}{\partial s},$$

$$(2.12) \quad \frac{\partial^2 u^\lambda}{\partial s^2} = B_i^\lambda \frac{\partial^2 u^i}{\partial s^2} + H_{jk}^{\cdot\cdot\lambda} \frac{\partial u^j}{\partial s} \frac{\partial u^k}{\partial s},$$

$$(2.13) \quad \frac{\partial^3 u^\lambda}{\partial s^3} = B_i^\lambda \frac{\partial^3 u^i}{\partial s^3} + 3H_{jk}^{\cdot\cdot\lambda} \frac{\partial^2 u^j}{\partial s^2} \frac{\partial u^k}{\partial s} + H_{jk;h}^{\cdot\cdot\lambda} \frac{\partial u^j}{\partial s} \frac{\partial u^k}{\partial s} \frac{\partial u^h}{\partial s}.$$

From these equations, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^3 u^\lambda}{\partial s^3} + \frac{\partial u^\lambda}{\partial s} g_{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial^2 u^\mu}{\partial s^2} \frac{\partial^2 u^\nu}{\partial s^2} &= B_i^\lambda \left( \frac{\partial^3 u^i}{\partial s^3} + \frac{\partial u^i}{\partial s} g_{jk} \frac{\partial^2 u^j}{\partial s^2} \frac{\partial^2 u^k}{\partial s^2} \right) \\ &+ 3H_{jk}^{\cdot\cdot\lambda} \frac{\partial^2 u^j}{\partial s^2} \frac{\partial u^k}{\partial s} + H_{jk;h}^{\cdot\cdot\lambda} \frac{\partial u^j}{\partial s} \frac{\partial u^k}{\partial s} \frac{\partial u^h}{\partial s} \\ &+ B_i^\lambda H_{jk} H_{hl} \frac{\partial u^i}{\partial s} \frac{\partial u^j}{\partial s} \frac{\partial u^k}{\partial s} \frac{\partial u^l}{\partial s}. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting, in these equations, the following relations

$$\begin{aligned} H_{jk}^{\cdot\cdot\lambda} &= M_{jk}^{\cdot\cdot\lambda} + \frac{1}{n-1} H_{\cdot\alpha}^{\alpha\lambda} g_{jk}, \\ H_{jk;h}^{\cdot\cdot\lambda} &= \left( M_{jk} B^\lambda + \frac{1}{n-1} H_{\cdot\alpha}^{\alpha\lambda} B^\lambda g_{jk} \right)_{;h} \\ &= \left( M_{jk;h} + \frac{1}{n-1} H_{\cdot\alpha;h}^{\alpha\lambda} g_{jk} \right) B^\lambda - \left( M_{jk} + \frac{1}{n-1} H_{\cdot\alpha}^{\alpha\lambda} g_{jk} \right) B_i^\lambda H^i_{;h} \\ &= \left( M_{jk;h} + \frac{1}{n-1} H_{\cdot\alpha;h}^{\alpha\lambda} g_{jk} \right) B^\lambda \\ &\quad - B_i^\lambda \left( M_{jk} + \frac{1}{n-1} H_{\cdot\alpha}^{\alpha\lambda} g_{jk} \right) \left( M^i_{;h} + \frac{1}{n-1} H^b_{\cdot b} \delta^i_h \right), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$M^i_{;h} = g^{ij} M_{jh},$$

we find

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.14) \quad & \frac{\delta^3 u^\lambda}{\delta s^3} + \frac{\delta u^\lambda}{\delta s} g_{\mu\nu} \frac{\delta^2 u^\mu}{\delta s^2} \frac{\delta^2 u^\nu}{\delta s^2} = B_i^\lambda \left( \frac{\delta^3 u^i}{\delta s^3} + \frac{\delta u^i}{\delta s} g_{jk} \frac{\delta^2 u^j}{\delta s^2} \frac{\delta^2 u^k}{\delta s^2} \right) \\
 & + 3M_{jk}^{\cdot\cdot\lambda} \frac{\delta^2 u^j}{\delta s^2} \frac{\delta^2 u^k}{\delta s^2} - B_i^\lambda \left[ M_{jk} M^i_h \frac{\delta u^j}{\delta s} \frac{\delta u^k}{\delta s} \frac{\delta u^h}{\delta s} \right. \\
 & + \frac{1}{n-1} H^a_\alpha \left( M^i_h \frac{\delta u^h}{\delta s} - \frac{\delta u^i}{\delta s} M_{jk} \frac{\delta u^j}{\delta s} \frac{\delta u^k}{\delta s} \right) \\
 & \left. - \frac{\delta u^i}{\delta s} M_{jk} M_{hl} \frac{\delta u^j}{\delta s} \frac{\delta u^k}{\delta s} \frac{\delta u^h}{\delta s} \frac{\delta u^l}{\delta s} \right] \\
 & + B^\lambda M_{jk:h} \frac{\delta u^j}{\delta s} \frac{\delta u^k}{\delta s} \frac{\delta u^h}{\delta s} + \frac{1}{n-1} B^\lambda H^a_{\alpha:h} \frac{\delta u^h}{\delta s}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Suppose now that any geodesic circles of the hypersurface  $V_{n-1}$  can also be regarded as a geodesic circle of the enveloping space  $V_n$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.15) \quad & 3M_{jk}^{\cdot\cdot\lambda} \frac{\delta^2 u^j}{\delta s^2} \frac{\delta u^k}{\delta s} - B_i^\lambda \left[ M_{jk} M^i_h \frac{\delta u^j}{\delta s} \frac{\delta u^k}{\delta s} \frac{\delta u^h}{\delta s} \right. \\
 & + \frac{1}{n-1} H^a_\alpha \left( M^i_h \frac{\delta u^h}{\delta s} - \frac{\delta u^i}{\delta s} M_{jk} \frac{\delta u^j}{\delta s} \frac{\delta u^k}{\delta s} \right) \\
 & \left. - \frac{\delta u^i}{\delta s} M_{jk} M_{hl} \frac{\delta u^j}{\delta s} \frac{\delta u^k}{\delta s} \frac{\delta u^h}{\delta s} \frac{\delta u^l}{\delta s} \right] \\
 & + B^\lambda M_{jk:h} \frac{\delta u^j}{\delta s} \frac{\delta u^k}{\delta s} \frac{\delta u^h}{\delta s} \\
 & + \frac{1}{n-1} B^\lambda H^a_{\alpha:h} \frac{\delta u^h}{\delta s} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

for any  $\frac{\delta^2 u^i}{\delta s^2}$  and  $\frac{\delta u^i}{\delta s}$  arbitrary except the condition

$$g_{jk} \frac{\delta^2 u^j}{\delta s^2} \frac{\delta u^k}{\delta s} = 0.$$

From the equation (2.15) we have

$$M_{jk}^{\cdot\cdot\lambda} = \alpha^\lambda g_{jk},$$

from which we conclude

$$(2.16) \quad M_{jk}^{\cdot\cdot\lambda} = 0$$

because of the identity  $g^{jk} M_{jk}^{\cdot\cdot\lambda} = 0$ .

Substituting (2.16) in (2.15), we have

$$(2.17) \quad H^a_{\alpha:h} = 0.$$

Thus we have the

*Theorem. If any geodesic circle of a hypersurface  $V_{n-1}$  can be regarded as a geodesic circle of the enveloping space  $V_n$ , then the hyper-*

surface is totally umbilical and the mean curvature is constant on the hypersurface.

*Remark.* The property that the mean curvature of a totally umbilical hypersurface is constant is not a conformal one, but is a concircular one.

For, under a concircular transformation (1.2), the Euler-Schouten tensor  $H_{jk}^{\cdot\cdot\lambda}$  being transformed by

$$\bar{H}_{jk}^{\cdot\cdot\lambda} = H_{jk}^{\cdot\cdot\lambda} - g_{jk}\rho_a B^a B^\lambda,$$

we have

$$(2.18) \quad \rho \bar{H}_{\cdot a}^{\cdot a} = H_{\cdot a}^{\cdot a} - (n-1)\rho_a B^a.$$

Differentiating this equation covariantly, we have

$$(2.19) \quad \rho \rho_j \bar{H}_{\cdot a}^{\cdot a} + \rho \bar{H}_{\cdot a; j}^{\cdot a} = H_{\cdot a; j}^{\cdot a} - (n-1)\rho_{a; \beta} B^a B_j^\beta + (n-1)\rho_a B_i^a H_j^i$$

where

$$\rho_j = \rho_a B_j^a = \frac{\partial \log \rho}{\partial u^j}.$$

Substituting

$$\rho_{a; \beta} = \psi g_{a\beta} + \rho_a \rho_\beta$$

and (2.18) in (2.19), we find

$$\rho \bar{H}_{\cdot a; j}^{\cdot a} = H_{\cdot a; j}^{\cdot a} + (n-1)\rho_i M_j^i$$

or

$$(2.20) \quad \frac{\rho}{n-1} \bar{H}_{\cdot a; j}^{\cdot a} = \frac{1}{n-1} H_{\cdot a; j}^{\cdot a} + \rho_i M_j^i.$$

The equations (2.20) show that the property that the mean curvature of a totally umbilical hypersurface is constant is a concircular one.