

KILLING VECTOR FIELDS ON NON-COMPACT RIEMANNIAN MANIFOLDS WITH BOUNDARY*

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1. Introduction.

The study of Killing vector fields on compact Riemannian manifolds with boundary had been started by K. Yano [3]. In a previous paper [5], we discussed non-existence of Killing vector fields with finite global norms on complete Riemannian manifolds (without boundary).

The purpose of the present paper is to discuss non-existence of Killing vector fields with finite global norms on non-compact Riemannian manifolds with boundary.

We shall be in C^∞ -category. Latin indices run from 1 to $n+1$ and Greek ones from 1 to n , and the Einstein summation convention will be used.

2. Riemannian manifold with boundary.

Let \mathcal{M} be a complete, non-compact, connected and orientable Riemannian manifold of dimension $n+1$ and g (resp. ∇) the Riemannian metric (resp. the Riemannian connection) on \mathcal{M} . We take a non-compact manifold $\bar{M} = \partial M \cup M$ such that M is a noncompact, connected, open submanifold of \mathcal{M} and $\partial M = \bar{M} - M$ is an n dimensional, compact, connected submanifold of \mathcal{M} , where \bar{M} denotes the closure of M in \mathcal{M} . Then \bar{M} is a Riemannian manifold with boundary ∂M , and the Riemannian metric on \bar{M} is induced from the Riemannian metric g on \mathcal{M} . \bar{M} is complete as a metric space with the distance determined by the induced Riemannian metric on \bar{M} . For simplicity, hereafter, we denote by g the induced Riemannian metric on \bar{M} and by ∇ the Riemannian connection on \bar{M} .

At each point p of ∂M , there exists a coordinate neighborhood system $\{U; (x^i)\}$ of p in \mathcal{M} such that $U \cap \bar{M}$ is represented by $x^{n+1} \geq 0$ and $U \cap \partial M$ is represented by $x^{n+1} = 0$. Such a coordinate neighborhood system is called a boundary coordinate system. And $\{U \cap \partial M; (x^a)\}$ is the induced coordinate system on ∂M . If $\{U; (x^i)\}$ and $\{V; (y^i)\}$ are boundary coordinate systems satisfying $U \cap V \neq \emptyset$, then we have that

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$$(2.1) \quad \frac{\partial y^{n+1}}{\partial x^{n+1}} > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial y^{n+1}}{\partial x^\alpha} = 0 \quad \text{on} \quad \partial M \cap U \cap V \quad (\text{for any } \alpha).$$

Since the Jacobian of the coordinate transformation of $\{U; (x^i)\}$ and $\{V; (y^i)\}$ is positive, the Jacobian of the coordinate transformation of $\{U \cap \partial M; (x^\alpha)\}$ and $\{V \cap \partial M; (y^\alpha)\}$ is positive. Thus ∂M is orientable.

Let $\iota: \partial M \rightarrow M$ be the inclusion. If $\{U; (x^i)\}$ is a boundary coordinate system of a point p of ∂M in \mathcal{M} and $\{U'; (u^\alpha)\}$ is a coordinate system of p such that $U' \subset U \cap \partial M$, then the inclusion ι may be represented locally by

$$(2.2) \quad x^i = x^i(u^\alpha).$$

We denote by B the differential of the inclusion ι , that is,

$$(2.3) \quad B = (B_\alpha^i) = (\partial x^i / \partial u^\alpha).$$

Then the induced metric $'g = ('g_{\alpha\beta})$ on ∂M is given by

$$(2.4) \quad 'g_{\alpha\beta} = B_\alpha^i B_\beta^j g_{ij},$$

where $g = (g_{ij})$. We may choose the unit outer normal vector field N to ∂M (cf. [3, 4]). We denote by $'\nabla$ the Riemannian connection on ∂M with respect to the Riemannian metric $'g$. Then the equations of Gauss and Weingarten is stated as follows:

$$(2.5) \quad \nabla_{\iota_* X} \iota_* Y = \iota_* (' \nabla_X Y) + h(X, Y) \cdot N,$$

$$(2.6) \quad \nabla_{\iota_* X} N = \iota_* (-AX)$$

for any vector fields X and Y on ∂M , where h denotes the second fundamental form of ∂M with respect to N and A is defined by $h(X, Y) = 'g(AX, Y)$.

3. Vector field with finite global norm.

Let $\wedge^s(\bar{M})$ (resp. $\wedge^s(\partial M)$) be the space of all smooth s -forms on \bar{M} (resp. ∂M). Let d denote the exterior derivative on $\wedge^s(\bar{M})$ (or $\wedge^s(\partial M)$), and δ is defined by

$$(3.1) \quad \delta = (-1)^m * d *$$

on $\wedge^s(\bar{M})$ (resp. $\wedge^s(\partial M)$) where $m = sn + s + n$ (resp. $sn + n + 1$) and $*$ denotes the star operator (cf. [4]).

We denote by \langle, \rangle the local scalar product on $\wedge^s(\bar{M})$ (or $\wedge^s(\partial M)$). The global scalar product \ll, \gg is defined by

$$(3.2) \quad \ll \xi, \eta \gg = \int_{\bar{M}} \langle \xi, \eta \rangle * 1 = \int_{\bar{M}} \xi \wedge * \eta$$

for any $\xi, \eta \in \wedge^s(\bar{M})$ where $\wedge^s(\bar{M})$ denotes the subspace of $\wedge^s(\bar{M})$ composed of

forms with compact supports. We have $\langle\langle d\xi, \eta \rangle\rangle = \langle\langle \xi, \delta\eta \rangle\rangle$ for any $\xi \in \wedge_s^0(\bar{M})$ and any $\eta \in \wedge_s^{s+1}(\bar{M})$. Let $L_s^0(\bar{M})$ be the completion of $\wedge_s^0(\bar{M})$ with respect to the scalar product $\langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle$. We set $\|\cdot\| = \langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle^{1/2}$.

For any $\xi \in \wedge^1(\bar{M})$, we define $t\xi \in \wedge^1(\partial M)$ and $n\xi \in \wedge^0(\partial M)$ by

$$(3.3) \quad (t\xi)(X) = \xi(\iota_* X),$$

$$(3.4) \quad n\xi = \xi(N)$$

for any vector field X on ∂M , where $\wedge^0(\partial M)$ denotes the space of all functions on ∂M . For any $\zeta \in \wedge^1(\partial M)$, we define $C\zeta$ by

$$(3.5) \quad C\zeta(X) = \zeta(AX)$$

for any vector field X on ∂M .

A form $\xi \in \wedge^s(\bar{M})$ is represented by locally

$$\xi = \frac{1}{s!} \xi_{i_1 \dots i_s} dx^{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx^{i_s}.$$

We set $\nabla_i = \nabla_{\partial/\partial x^i}$ and $\nabla^i = g^{ij} \nabla_j$, where (g^{ij}) denotes the inverse matrix of (g_{ij}) . For any $\xi, \eta \in \wedge^s(\bar{M})$, we have

$$(3.6) \quad \langle\langle \xi, \eta \rangle\rangle = \frac{1}{s!} g^{i_1 j_1} \dots g^{i_s j_s} \xi_{i_1 \dots i_s} \eta_{j_1 \dots j_s}.$$

For any $\xi \in \wedge^1(\bar{M})$, we have

$$(3.7) \quad (d\xi)_{ij} = \nabla_i \xi_j - \nabla_j \xi_i,$$

$$(3.8) \quad \delta\xi = -\nabla^i \xi_i,$$

$$(3.9) \quad \nabla_i \nabla_j \xi^i - \nabla_j \nabla_i \xi^i = R_{ji} \xi^i,$$

$$(3.10) \quad (t\xi)_\alpha = B_\alpha^i \xi_i,$$

$$(3.11) \quad n\xi = \xi_i N^i,$$

$$(3.12) \quad C(t\xi)_\alpha = A_\alpha^i B_\beta^j \xi_i,$$

where $\xi^i = g^{ij} \xi_j$ and R_{ij} denotes the components of the Ricci tensor field of ∇ (cf. [4]).

For a vector field $X = \xi^i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}$ on \bar{M} , a 1-form ξ associated with X is defined by $\xi = \xi_i dx^i = g_{ij} \xi^j dx^i$.

DEFINITION 3.1. A vector field X on \bar{M} is called *tangential* (resp. *normal*) to ∂M if $n\xi = 0$ (resp. $t\xi = 0$) for the 1-form ξ associated with X .

DEFINITION 3.2. A vector field X on \bar{M} is called a *Killing vector field* if $\mathcal{L}_X g = 0$ where \mathcal{L} denotes the Lie derivative operator.

A Killing vector field X (or 1-form ξ associated with X) on \bar{M} satisfies the following:

$$(3.13) \quad \nabla_i \xi_j + \nabla_j \xi_i = 0$$

and, from this, we have

$$(3.14) \quad \nabla_i \xi^i = 0.$$

DEFINITION 3.3. A vector field X on \bar{M} is called “with finite global norm” if $\xi \in L^1_2(\bar{M}) \cap \wedge^1(\bar{M})$ for the 1-form ξ associated with X .

4. Non-existence of Killing vector field with finite global norm.

For each point p of \bar{M} , we denote by $\rho(p)$ the distance from p to ∂M . Since \bar{M} has a compact, conneted boundary ∂M , ρ is well-defined. ρ is a locally Lipschitz function on \bar{M} . We set

$$(4.1) \quad B(2k) = \{p \in \bar{M}; \rho(p) \leq 2k\}$$

for any $k > 0$.

We consider a function μ on \mathbf{R} satisfying

- (i) $0 \leq \mu \leq 1$ on \mathbf{R} ,
- (ii) $\mu(t) = 1$ for $t \leq 1$,
- (iii) $\mu(t) = 0$ for $t \geq 2$.

Then we define functions w_k on \bar{M} by

$$(4.2) \quad w_k(p) = \mu(\rho(p)/k) \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

for any point p of \bar{M} .

LEMMA 4.1. (cf. [1], [5]). *There exists a positive number D , depending only on μ , such that*

$$(i) \quad \|dw_k \wedge \xi\|_{B(2k)}^2 \leq \frac{(n+1)D}{k^2} \|\xi\|_{B(2k)}^2,$$

$$(ii) \quad \|dw_k \wedge *\xi\|_{B(2k)}^2 \leq \frac{(n+1)D}{k^2} \|\xi\|_{B(2k)}^2$$

for any $\xi \in \wedge^s(\bar{M})$, where $\|\xi\|_{B(2k)}^2 = \langle\langle \xi, \xi \rangle\rangle_{B(2k)} = \int_{B(2k)} \langle \xi, \xi \rangle *1$.

We remark that $w_k \xi \in \wedge^s_0(\bar{M})$ for any $\xi \in L^s_2(\bar{M}) \cap \wedge^s(\bar{M})$ and $w_k \xi \rightarrow \xi (k \rightarrow \infty)$ in the strong sense. For any $\xi \in L^1_2(\bar{M}) \cap \wedge^1(\bar{M})$, we have

$$(4.3) \quad d(w_k^2 \xi) = w_k^2 d\xi + 2w_k dw_k \wedge \xi,$$

$$(4.4) \quad \partial(w_k^2 \xi) = w_k^2 \partial\xi - *(2w_k dw_k \wedge *\xi).$$

PROPOSITION 4.1. For any Killing vector field X on \bar{M} ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \ll w_k \mathcal{R}\xi, w_k \hat{\xi} \gg_{B(2k)} \\ &= 2\|w_k \nabla \xi\|_{\bar{B}(2k)}^2 + \ll 2w_k dw_k \wedge \xi, \nabla \xi \gg_{B(2k)} \\ & \quad + \int_{\partial M} \{ \langle d(n\xi), t\xi \rangle + \langle C(t\xi), t\xi \rangle \} *1, \end{aligned}$$

where \mathcal{R} denotes the Ricci transformation on $\wedge^1(\bar{M})$ defined by $(\mathcal{R}\xi)_i = R_i{}^h \xi_h$, ξ is the 1-form associated with X and $(\nabla \xi)_{ij} = \nabla_i \xi_j$.

Proof. We define a 1-form η on \bar{M} by

$$\eta = (\nabla_j \xi_i) \xi^j dx^i.$$

By (4.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(* (w_k^2 \eta)) &= - * \delta (w_k^2 \eta) \\ &= * (-w_k^2 \delta \eta + *(2w_k dw_k \wedge * \eta)). \end{aligned}$$

Then, by Stokes' theorem, we have

$$\int_{B(2k)} d(* (w_k^2 \eta)) = \int_{\partial B(2k)} \langle N, w_k^2 \eta \rangle *1.$$

We have, by (3.8), (3.9) and (3.13),

$$- \delta \eta = \langle \mathcal{R}\xi, \xi \rangle - 2 \langle \nabla \xi, \nabla \xi \rangle$$

and

$$*(2w_k dw_k \wedge * \eta) = - \langle 2w_k dw_k \wedge \xi, \nabla \xi \rangle.$$

Next, on ∂M , we have

$$\langle N, \eta \rangle = \langle d(n\xi), t\xi \rangle + \langle C(t\xi), t\xi \rangle,$$

since $(\nabla_j \xi_i) N^i N^j = 0$. Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \ll w_k \mathcal{R}\xi, w_k \hat{\xi} \gg_{B(2k)} - 2 \ll w_k \nabla \xi, w_k \nabla \xi \gg_{B(2k)} \\ & \quad - \ll 2dw_k \wedge \xi, w_k \nabla \xi \gg_{B(2k)} \\ &= \int_{\partial B(2k)} w_k^2 \{ \langle d(n\xi), t\xi \rangle + \langle C(t\xi), t\xi \rangle \} *1 \\ &= \int_{\partial M} \{ \langle d(n\xi), t\xi \rangle + \langle C(t\xi), t\xi \rangle \} *1. \end{aligned}$$

Because $\partial B(2k) = \partial M \cup \{p \in \bar{M}; \rho(p) = 2k\}$, $w_k = 0$ on $\{p \in \bar{M}; \rho(p) = 2k\}$ and $w_k = 1$ on ∂M . Q. E. D.

PROPOSITION 4.2. For any Killing vector field X (1-form ξ associated with

X) on \bar{M} with finite global norm, if $\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \ll w_k \mathcal{R}\xi, w_k \xi \gg_{B(2k)} < \infty$, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \ll w_k \mathcal{R}\xi, w_k \xi \gg_{B(2k)} \\ & \geq \|\nabla \xi\|^2 + \int_{\partial M} \{ \langle d(n\xi), t\xi \rangle + \langle C(t\xi), t\xi \rangle \} *1. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. By Lemma 4.1, we have

$$| \ll 2dw_k \wedge \xi, w_k \nabla \xi \gg_{B(2k)} | \leq \|w_k \nabla \xi\|_{B(2k)}^2 + \frac{(n+1)D}{k^2} \|\xi\|_{B(2k)}^2.$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \ll w_k \mathcal{R}\xi, w_k \xi \gg_{B(2k)} \\ & \geq 2\|w_k \nabla \xi\|_{B(2k)}^2 - \left(\|w_k \nabla \xi\|_{B(2k)}^2 + \frac{(n+1)D}{k^2} \|\xi\|_{B(2k)}^2 \right) \\ & \quad + \int_{\partial M} \{ \langle d(n\xi), t\xi \rangle + \langle C(t\xi), t\xi \rangle \} *1 \\ & = \|w_k \nabla \xi\|_{B(2k)}^2 - \frac{(n+1)D}{k^2} \|\xi\|_{B(2k)}^2 \\ & \quad + \int_{\partial M} \{ \langle d(n\xi), t\xi \rangle + \langle C(t\xi), t\xi \rangle \} *1. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \ll w_k \mathcal{R}\xi, w_k \xi \gg_{B(2k)} \\ & \geq \|\nabla \xi\|^2 + \int_{\partial M} \{ \langle d(n\xi), t\xi \rangle + \langle C(t\xi), t\xi \rangle \} *1. \end{aligned} \quad \text{Q. E. D.}$$

THEOREM 4.1. *Let \mathcal{M} be a complete, non-compact, connected and orientable Riemannian manifold of dimension $n+1$. Let $\bar{M} = \partial M \cup M$ be a non-compact Riemannian manifold such that M is a non-compact, connected, open submanifold of \mathcal{M} and $\partial M = \bar{M} - M$ (boundary of \bar{M}) is an n dimensional, compact, connected submanifold of \mathcal{M} . The Riemannian metric on \bar{M} is induced from \mathcal{M} .*

(i) *Suppose that $\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \ll w_k \mathcal{R}\xi, w_k \xi \gg_{B(2k)} \leq 0$ for any $\xi \in L^1_2(\bar{M}) \cap \wedge^1(\bar{M})$ and the second fundamental form of ∂M with respect to the unit outer normal vector field is non-negative. If every Killing vector field on \bar{M} with finite global norm is tangential to ∂M , then it is a parallel vector field.*

(ii) *Suppose that $\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \ll w_k \mathcal{R}\xi, w_k \xi \gg_{B(2k)} \leq 0$ for any $\xi \in L^1_2(\bar{M}) \cap \wedge^1(\bar{M})$. If every Killing vector field on \bar{M} with finite global norm is normal to ∂M , then it is a parallel vector field.*

Proof. Since the second fundamental form of ∂M is nonnegative, we have

$$\int_{\partial M} \langle C(t\xi), t\xi \rangle *1 \geq 0.$$

Thus, by Proposition 4.2, we have the assertions.

Q. E. D.

We have easily the following theorem from above theorem.

THEOREM 4.2. *Let $\bar{M} = \partial M \cup M$ be as Theorem 4.1.*

(i) *If \bar{M} is of negative Ricci curvature and the second fundamental form of ∂M with respect to the unit outer normal vector field is non-negative, then there is no non-zero Killing vector field on \bar{M} with finite global norm and tangential to ∂M .*

(ii) *If \bar{M} is of negative Ricci curvature, then there is no non-zero Killing vector field on \bar{M} with finite global norm and normal to ∂M .*

This theorem is a generalization of the results of K. Yano [3] (cf. [4]).

EXAMPLE 4.1. We set $r = (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)^{1/2}$ for any point (x, y, z) of \mathbf{R}^3 and $x = r \cos \theta_1$, $y = r \sin \theta_1 \cos \theta_2$, $z = r \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2$ (that is, (θ_1, θ_2, r) is the spherical coordinates in \mathbf{R}^3). For two positive constant numbers a_1 and a_2 ($a_1 < a_2$), we consider a metric ds^2 on \mathbf{R}^3 such that $ds^2 = r^2((d\theta_1)^2 + \sin^2 \theta_1 (d\theta_2)^2) + (dr)^2$ for $r \leq a_1$, $= r^{-2/3}((d\theta_1)^2 + \sin^2 \theta_1 (d\theta_2)^2) + (dr)^2$ for $r \geq (a_1 + a_2)/2$. Then $\mathcal{M} = (\mathbf{R}^3, ds^2)$ is a complete, non-compact, connected and orientable Riemannian manifold. We set $\bar{M} = \{(\theta_1, \theta_2, r) \in \mathcal{M}; r \geq a_2\}$, then \bar{M} is a non-compact, connected and orientable Riemannian manifold with a compact, connected boundary $\partial M = \{(\theta_1, \theta_2, r) \in \mathcal{M}; r = a_2\}$. Then we have

(i) The volume of \bar{M} is infinite.

(ii) A vector field $X = \partial/\partial \theta_2$ on \bar{M} is a Killing vector field with finite global norm and tangential to ∂M .

(iii) $\langle \mathcal{R}\xi, \xi \rangle = \infty$ for the 1-form ξ associated with X .

(iv) The second fundamental form of ∂M with respect to the unit outer normal vector field is negative.

EXAMPLE 4.2. Let \mathcal{M} be a surface of revolution in \mathbf{R}^3 defined by $x = e^{-u^2/2} \cos v$, $y = e^{-u^2/2} \sin v$, $z = u$ ($-\infty < u < \infty$, $0 \leq v \leq 2\pi$). Then \mathcal{M} is a complete, non-compact, connected and orientable Riemannian manifold with the Riemannian metric $ds^2 = e^{-u^2}(dv)^2 + (1 + u^2 e^{-u^2})(du)^2$. For a constant number $a_0 > 1$, we set $\bar{M} = \{(v, u) \in \mathcal{M}; u \geq a_0\}$. Then \bar{M} is a noncompact, connected and orientable Riemannian manifold with a compact, connected boundary $\partial M = \{(v, u) \in \mathcal{M}; u = a_0\}$. Then we have

(i) The volume of \bar{M} is finite.

(ii) The Ricci curvature of \bar{M} is negative.

(iii) The second fundamental form of ∂M with respect to the unit outer normal vector field is negative.

(iv) A vector field $X = \partial/\partial v$ on \bar{M} is a Killing vector field with finite global norm and tangential to ∂M .

EXAMPLE 4.3. Let (θ, r) be the polar coordinates in \mathbf{R}^2 and $\mathcal{M} = \mathbf{R}^2 - \{(0, 0)\}$. We take four constant numbers a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 such that $0 < a_1 < a_2 < a_3 < a_4 < 1$, and we consider two functions $h_1, h_2: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ satisfying $0 \leq h_i(r) \leq 1$ ($i=1, 2$) for $0 < r$ and

$$\begin{aligned} h_1(r) &= 1, h_2(r) = 0 & \text{for } 0 < r \leq a_2, \\ h_1(r) &= 0, h_2(r) = 1 & \text{for } a_3 \leq r. \end{aligned}$$

Then we define a Riemannian metric ds^2 on \mathcal{M} by

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= (h_1(r)(\log r)^{-2} + h_2(r)r^{-4/3})(d\theta)^2 \\ &+ (h_1(r)r^{-2}(\log r)^{-2} + h_2(r))(dr)^2. \end{aligned}$$

(\mathcal{M}, ds^2) is a complete, non-compact, connected and orientable Riemannian manifold. We set $\bar{M} = \{(\theta, r) \in \mathcal{M}; r \geq a_1\}$. Then \bar{M} is a non-compact, connected and orientable Riemannian manifold with a compact, connected boundary $\partial M = \{(\theta, r) \in \mathcal{M}, r = a_1\}$. Then we have

- (i) The volume of \bar{M} is infinite.
- (ii) A vector field $X = \partial/\partial\theta$ on \bar{M} is a Killing vector field with finite global norm and tangential to ∂M .
- (iii) $0 < \ll \mathcal{R}\xi, \xi \gg < \infty$ for the 1-form ξ associated with X .
- (iv) The second fundamental form of ∂M with respect to the unit outer normal vector field is positive.

We also have examples of Killing vector fields on \bar{M} with finite global norms and normal to ∂M .

The non-existence of harmonic forms on \bar{M} is discussed by H. Kitahara and H. Matsuda [2].

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