

## REMARKS ON SUBMANIFOLDS OF CODIMENSION 2 OF AN EVEN-DIMENSIONAL EUCLIDEAN SPACE

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We determine submanifolds  $M$  of codimension 2 in an even-dimensional Euclidean space  $E$  in relation to the integrability of the almost complex structure  $J$  on  $M \times R^1 \times R^1$ .

### INTRODUCTION

Blair *et al.*<sup>1</sup> introduced the so-called  $(f, g, u, v, \lambda)$ -structure which is naturally defined in a submanifold of codimension 2 of an almost complex manifold. An even-dimensional sphere of codimension 2 of an even-dimensional Euclidean space is a typical example of a manifold admitting the structure. Okumura<sup>2</sup>, Yano and Okumura<sup>4</sup> studied submanifolds admitting a normal  $(f, g, u, v, \lambda)$ -structure.

In the present paper, we shall study submanifolds of codimension 2 in an even-dimensional Euclidean space in relation to the Nijenhuis tensors formed by the induced  $(f, g, u, v, \lambda)$ -structure on the submanifolds.

### 1. SUBMANIFOLDS OF CODIMENSION 2 OF AN EVEN-DIMENSIONAL EUCLIDEAN SPACE

Let  $E$  be a  $(2n + 2)$ -dimensional Euclidean space and  $X$  the position vector of a point of  $E$  from the origin of  $E$ . Since  $E$  is even-dimensional, it is regarded as a flat Kaehlerian manifold, that is, there exists a  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field  $F$  satisfying

$$F^2 = -I, \quad FY \cdot FZ = Y \cdot Z \quad \dots(1.1)$$

for any vectors  $Y$  and  $Z$  and

$$\tilde{\nabla} F = 0 \quad \dots(1.2)$$

where  $I$  denotes the identity transformation, a dot the inner product in  $E$  and  $\tilde{\nabla}$  the Riemannian connection of  $E$ .

Let  $M$  be a  $2n$ -dimensional submanifold of  $E$  covered by a system of local coordinate neighbourhoods  $\{U; x^h\}$ , where and in the sequel the indices  $h, i, j, k, \dots$  run over the range  $\{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$ .

By putting  $X_i = \partial_i X$  ( $\partial_i = \partial/\partial x^i$ ),  $X_i$  are  $2n$  linearly independent local vector fields tangent to  $M$  and the induced Riemannian metric of  $M$  is given by  $g_{ji} = X_j \cdot X_i$ .

We denote by  $C$  and  $D$  two mutually orthogonal unit normals to  $M$  such that  $X_i$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  form the positive orientation of  $E$ .

The transforms  $FX_i$ ,  $FC$  and  $FD$  of  $X_i$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  by  $F$  can be expressed as

$$FX_i = f_i^h X_h + u_i C + v_i D \quad \dots(1.3)$$

$$FC = -u^h X_h + \lambda D$$

$$FD = -v^h X_h - \lambda C \quad \dots(1.4)$$

where  $f_i^h$  are components of a tensor field of type  $(1, 1)$ ,  $u_i$  and  $v_i$  1-forms,  $\lambda$  a function of  $M$ ,  $u^h = u_i g^{ih}$  and  $v^h = v_i g^{ih}$ .

Applying  $F$  to (1.3), (1.4) and (1.5) and taking account of (1.1) and (1.3)~(1.5) we have<sup>2,4</sup>,

$$f_i^t f_j^h = -\delta_i^h + u_i u^h + v_i v^h \quad \dots(1.6)$$

$$u_i f_i^t = \lambda v_i, v_i f_i^t = -\lambda u_i \quad \dots(1.7)$$

$$u_i u^i = 1 - \lambda^2 = v_i v^i, u_i v^i = 0 \quad \dots(1.8)$$

$$f_j^k f_i^h g_{kh} = g_{ji} - u_j u_i - v_j v_i \quad \dots(1.9)$$

and  $f_{ji} = f_j^h g_{hi}$  is skew symmetric in  $i$  and  $j$

The totality  $(f, g, u, v, \lambda)$  satisfying eqns. (1.6) ~ (1.9) is called an  $(f, g, u, v, \lambda)$ -structure<sup>1</sup>.

The equations of Gauss and Weingarten are given by

$$\nabla_j X_i = h_{ji} C + k_{ji} D \quad \dots(1.10)$$

$$\nabla_j C = -h_j^h X_h + l_j D \quad \dots(1.11)$$

$$\nabla_j D = -k_k^h X_h - l_j D \quad \dots(1.12)$$

where  $h_{ji}$  and  $k_{ji}$  are the second fundamental tensors of  $M$  with respect to the normals  $C$  and  $D$  respectively, and  $l_j$  the third fundamental tensor of  $M$  in  $E$  and  $\nabla$  the Riemannian connection of  $M$ .

Differentiating eqns. (1.3) ~ (1.5) and taking account of (1.2), (1.10), (1.11) and (1.12), we have<sup>2,4</sup>.

$$\nabla_j f_i^h = -h_{ji} u^h + h_j^h u_i - k_{ji} v^h + k_j^h v_i \quad \dots(1.13)$$

$$\nabla_j u_i = -h_{jk} f_i^k - \lambda k_{ji} + l_j v_i \quad \dots(1.14)$$

$$\nabla_j v_i = -k_{jk} f_i^k + \lambda h_{ji} - l_j u_i \quad \dots(1.15)$$

$$\nabla_j \lambda = -h_j^k v_k + k_j^k u_k. \quad \dots(1.16)$$

### 2. NIJENHUIS TENSORS

We consider the product manifold  $M \times R^1 \times R^1$ ,  $R^1$  being a 1-dimensional Euclidean space, and we denote it by  $\bar{M}$ . The indices  $A, B, C, \dots$  will run over the ranges  $1, 2, \dots, 2n, 2n + 1, 2n + 2$ , and  $*$  stands for  $2n + 1$  and  $\#$  for  $2n + 2$ . If we define on  $\bar{M}$  a tensor field  $J$  of type (1,1) by local components

$$(J_B^A) = \begin{bmatrix} f_i^j & u_i & v_i \\ -u^j & 0 & \lambda \\ -v^j & -\lambda & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \dots (2.1)$$

in each  $\{U \times R^1 \times R^1, x^A\}$ , then we can see that  $J^2 = -I$  on  $\bar{M}$ , that is,  $\{\bar{M}, J\}$  becomes an almost complex manifold. The components of Nijenhuis tensors of the almost complex structure  $J$  are given by

$$N_{ji}^h = f_j^k \partial_k f_i^h - f_i^k \partial_k f_j^h - (\partial_j f_i^k - \partial_i f_j^k) f_k^h + (\partial_j u_i - \partial_i u_j) u^h + (\partial_j v_i - \partial_i v_j) v^h \quad \dots(2.2)$$

$$N_{ji}^* = f_j^k \partial_k u_i - f_i^k \partial_k u_j - (\partial_j f_i^k - \partial_i f_j^k) u_k + \lambda (\partial_j v_i - \partial_i v_j) \quad \dots (2.3)$$

$$N_{ji}^\# = f_j^k \partial_k v_i - f_i^k \partial_k v_j - (\partial_j f_i^k - \partial_i f_j^k) v_k - \lambda (\partial_j u_i - \partial_i u_j) \quad \dots(2.4)$$

$$N_{j*}^h = -f_j^k \partial_k v^h - v^k \partial_k f_j^h + (\partial_j u^k) f_k^h + (\partial_i \lambda) v^h \quad \dots(2.5)$$

$$N_{j\#}^h = -f_j^k \partial_k v^h + v^k \partial_k f_j^h + (\partial_j v^k) f_k^h - (\partial_j \lambda) v^h$$

$$N_{\#*}^h = v^k \partial_k u^h - u^k \partial_k v^h \quad \dots(2.7)$$

$$N_{*j}^{\#} = -u^k \partial_k v_i - f_i^k \partial_k \lambda - (\partial_i u^k) v_k \quad \dots(2.8)$$

$$N_{*i}^* = -u^k \partial_k u_i - (\partial_i u^k) u_k - \lambda (\partial_i \lambda) \quad \dots(2.9)$$

$$N_{j\#}^* = -f_j^k (\partial_k \lambda) - v^k (\partial_k u_j) + (\partial_j v^k) u_k \quad \dots(2.10)$$

$$N_{j\#}^{\#} = v^k (\partial_k v_j) + (\partial_j v^k) v_k + \lambda (\partial_j \lambda) \quad \dots(2.11)$$

$$N_{\#*}^* = -u^k (\partial_k \lambda) \quad \dots(2.12)$$

$$N_{\#*}^{\#} = -v^k (\partial_k \lambda). \quad \dots(2.13)$$

The Nijenhuis tensor of an almost complex structure  $J$  satisfies the identity<sup>3</sup>

$$N_{CE}^A J_B^E + N_{CB}^E J_E^A = 0.$$

Hence, substituting (2.1) into (2.4) and taking account of the algebraic properties of  $(f, g, u, v, \lambda)$ -structure, we can obtain the

*Proposition 2.1*—Let there be given an  $(f, g, u, v, \lambda)$  structure on  $M$  and let the function  $\lambda(1 - \lambda^2)$  does not vanish almost everywhere. If  $N_{j\#}^h$ ,  $N_{j\#}^*$  and  $N_{j\#}^{\#}$  vanish on  $M$ , so do the other components of the Nijenhuis tensors of  $J$ .

### 3. SUBMANIFOLDS WITH VANISHING NIJENHUIS TENSORS

Let  $M$  be a submanifold of codimension 2 in a  $(2n + 2)$ -dimensional Euclidean space  $E$ . Then  $M$  admits an  $(f, g, u, v, \lambda)$ -structure and the equations of Gauss, Codazzi and Ricci on  $M$  are given by

$$K_{kjt}^h = h_k^h h_{jt} - h_j^h h_{kt} + k_k^h k_{jt} - k_k^h k_{kt} \quad \dots(3.1)$$

$$\nabla_k h_{jt} - \nabla_j h_{kt} - l_k k_{jt} + l_j k_{kt} = 0 \quad \dots(3.2)$$

$$\nabla_k k_{jt} - \nabla_j k_{kt} + l_k h_{jt} - l_j h_{kt} = 0 \quad \dots(3.3)$$

$$\nabla_j l_t - \nabla_t l_j + h_j^t k_{kt} - h_j^t k_{kt} - h_t^t k_{kt} = 0 \quad \dots(3.4)$$

respectively.

Assume that the function  $\lambda(1 - \lambda^2)$  does not vanish almost everywhere on  $M$ . In the case where the connection induced in the bundle of  $M$  has null curvature, we say that the normal connection is trivial.

The following lemma is well known<sup>4</sup>.

**Lemma 3.1**—If the tensor  $N_{ji}^h$  vanishes on  $M$  and the connection induced in the bundle is trivial, then there exist two constants  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that

$$h_j^i u^j = \alpha u^i, \quad h_j^i v^j = \alpha v^i \quad \dots(3.5)$$

$$k_j^i u^j = \beta u^i, \quad k_j^i v^j = \beta v^i \quad \dots(3.6)$$

$$h_j^h h_{ih} = \alpha h_{jt}, \quad k_j^h k_{ih} = \beta k_{jt} \quad \dots(3.7)$$

and  $h_i^h$  and  $k_i^h$  commute with  $f_i^h$ .

On the other hand, the tensor fields (2.2)  $\sim$  (2.4) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} N_{ji}^h & (f_j^t h_t^h - h_j^t f_t^h) u^i - (f_i^t h_t^h h_t^h - h_i^t f_t^h) u^j \\ & + (f_j^t k_t^h - k_j^t f_t^h) v^i - (f_i^t k_t^h - k_i^t f_t^h) v^j \\ & + (l_j v^i - l^i v_j) u^h - (l_j u^i - l^i u_j) v^h. \end{aligned} \quad \dots(3.8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} N_{ji}^* & = l_k (f_j^k v^i - f_i^k v_j) + \lambda (l^i u^i - l_j u^i) \\ & - (h_j^k u^i + k_j^k v^i - h_i^k u_j - k_i^k v_j) u_k \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

$$\begin{aligned} N_{ji}^\# & = l_k (f_i^k u_j - f_j^k u^i) - \lambda (l_j v^i - l^i v_j) \\ & - v_k (h_j^k u^i + k_j^k v^i - h_i^k u_j - k_i^k v_j). \end{aligned} \quad \dots(3.10)$$

If  $N_{ji}^* = 0$  in addition to the assumptions of Lemma 3.1, then we have

$$\beta u_j v^i - \beta u^i v_j = 0. \quad \dots(3.11)$$

Similarly,  $N_{ji}^\# = 0$  implies

$$\alpha v_j u^i - \alpha v^i u_j = 0. \quad \dots(3.12)$$

**Lemma 3.2**—If the tensor  $N_{ji}^h$  vanishes on  $M$  and the connection induced in the normal bundle is trivial, then the following condition are equivalent to one another :

- (1) The components  $N_{ji}^*$  vanishes.
- (2)  $\beta = 0$ .
- (3)  $k_{jt} = 0$ .

In this case, the equations of Gauss and Weingarten reduce to

$$\nabla_j X_i = h_{ji} C, \quad \nabla_j C = -h_j^h X_h, \quad \nabla_j D = 0$$

respectively, and consequently  $D$  is a constant vector and we have

$$\nabla_j (X \cdot D) = 0$$

that is,  $X \cdot D = \text{constant}$ . Thus we have

*Theorem 3.3*—Let  $M$  be a submanifold of codimension 2 of  $E^{2n+2}$  and suppose the connection induced in the normal bundle of  $M$  is trivial. If  $N_{ji}^h$  and  $N_{ji}^*$  vanish, then  $M$  is a hypersurface of a hyperplane  $E^{2n+1}$ .

We prepare the following :

*Theorem A<sup>4</sup>*—Let  $M$  be a  $2n$ -dimensional complete differentiable hypersurface in a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional euclidean space  $E'$ . If the component  $N_{ji}^h$  vanishes on  $M$ , then  $M$  is a product of a sphere and a plane.

Combining Theorems 3.3 and *A*, we obtain :

*Theorem 3.4*—Let  $M$  be a complete submanifold of codimension 2 of  $E^{2n+2}$  such that the connection induced in the normal bundle of  $M$  is trivial. If  $N_{ji}^h$  and  $N_{ji}^*$  vanish, then  $M$  is a product of a sphere and a plane.

Assuming  $N_{ji}^\# = 0$  instead of  $N_{ji}^* = 0$ , we can obtain the same conclusion as Theorem 3.4. Therefore if the components  $N_{ji}^h$ ,  $N_{ji}^*$  and  $N_{ji}^\#$  vanish identically and the connection induced in the normal bundle is trivial, then we get

$$\nabla_j X_i = 0, \quad \nabla_j C = 0, \quad \nabla_j D = 0$$

and

*Theorem 3.5*—Let  $M$  be a submanifold of codimension 2 of  $E^{2n+2}$  with trivial normal connection. If the Nijenhuis tensors  $N_{ji}^h$ ,  $N_{ji}^*$  and  $N_{ji}^\#$  vanish on  $M$ , then  $M$  is a plane of codimension 2.

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