

## A Totally Umbilical Condition of Compact Space-like Hypersurfaces in the de Sitter Space \*

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**Abstract:** In this paper, an intrinsic condition for a Compact Space-like hypersurface with constant scalar curvature in a de Sitter space to be totally umbilical is obtained.

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $M_S^{n+1}(c)$  be a  $(n+1)$ -dimensional connected Semi-Riemannian manifold of constant curvature  $c$  with index  $s$ . It is called an indefinite space form of index  $s$  and simply a space form when  $s=0$ . If  $c > 0$ , we call  $M_1^{n+1}(c)$  a de Sitter space of index 1. Akutagawa<sup>[1]</sup> and Ramanathan<sup>[6]</sup> investigated space-like hypersurface in a de Sitter space and proved independently that a complete space-like hypersurface in a de Sitter space with constant mean curvature is totally umbilical if the mean curvature  $H$  satisfies  $H^2 \leq c$  when  $n = 2$  and  $n^2 H^2 < 4(n-1)c$  when  $n \geq 3$ . Later, Cheng<sup>[2]</sup> generalized this result to general submanifolds in a de Sitter space.

To our knowledge, there are almost no intrinsic rigidity results for the space-like hypersurfaces with constant scalar curvature in a de Sitter space until Zheng<sup>[8]</sup> obtained the following result.

**Theorem 1** *Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional compact space-like hypersurface in  $M_1^{n+1}(c)$  with constant scalar curvature. If  $M$  satisfies*

- (1)  $K(M) > 0$ ,
- (2)  $\text{Ric}(M) \leq (n-1)c$ ,
- (3)  $R < c$ , where  $R$  is the normalized scalar curvature of  $M$ ,

*then  $M$  is totally umbilical.*

In this paper, we will prove the following rigidity theorem for compact space-like hypersurface with constant scalar curvature in a Sitter space.

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**Theorem 2** Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional ( $n \geq 3$ ) compact space-like hypersurface with constant normalized scalar curvature  $R$  in  $M_1^{n-1}(c)$ . If

- (1)  $R - c \leq 0$ , and
- (2) the norm square  $|B|^2$  of the second functional form of  $M$  satisfies

$$(n - R)c \leq |B|^2 < \frac{n[n(n-1)(c-R)^2 + 4(n-1)(c-R)c + nc^2]}{(n-2)[n(c-R) + 2c]}, \quad (1)$$

then

$$|B|^2 \equiv n(c - R), \quad (2)$$

and  $m$  is totally umbilical.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $M_1^{n+1}(c)$  be a  $(n+1)$ -dimensional semi-Riemannian manifold of constant curvature  $c$  with index 1. Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold immersed in  $M_1^{n+1}(c)$ . As the semi-Riemannian metric of  $M_1^{n+1}(c)$  induces the Riemannian metric of  $M$ ,  $M$  is called a space-like hypersurface. We choose a local field of semi-Riemannian orthonormal frames  $e_1, \dots, e_n, e_{n+1}$  in  $M_1^{n+1}(c)$  such that at each point of  $M$ ,  $e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n$  span the tangent space of  $M$  and form an orthonormal frame there. We use the following convention on the range of indices:

$$1 \leq A, B, C, \dots \leq n+1; 1 \leq i, j, k, \dots \leq n. \quad (3)$$

Let  $w_1, \dots, w_{n+1}$  be its dual frame field so that the semi-Riemannian metric of  $M_1^{n+1}(c)$  is given by  $ds^2 = \sum_i (w_i)^2 - (w_{n+1})^2 = \sum_A e_A e_A (w_A)^2$ , where  $e_i = 1$  and  $e_{n+1} = -1$ . Then structure equations of  $M_1^{n+1}(c)$  are given by

$$dw_A = - \sum_B e_B w_{AB} \wedge w_B, w_{AB} + w_{BA} = 0, \quad (4)$$

$$dw_{AB} = - \sum_C e_C w_{AC} \wedge w_{CB} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{C,D} K_{ABCD} w_C \wedge w_D, \quad (5)$$

$$K_{ABCD} = ce_A e_B (\delta_{AC} \delta_{BD} - \delta_{AD} \delta_{BC}). \quad (6)$$

Restrict these form to  $M$ , we have

$$w_{n+1} = 0. \quad (7)$$

The Riemannian metric of  $M$  is written as  $ds^2 = \sum_i (w_i)^2$ . From Cartan's lemma we can write

$$w_{n+1,i} = \sum_j h_{ij} w_j, h_{ij} = h_{ji}. \quad (8)$$

From these formulas, we obtain the structure equations of  $M$

$$dw_i = \sum_j w_{ij} \wedge w_j, w_{ij} + w_{ji} = 0, \quad (9)$$

$$dw_{ij} = - \sum_k w_{ik} \wedge w_{kj} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k,l} K_{ijkl} w_k \wedge w_l, \quad (10)$$

$$R_{ijkl} = c(\delta_{ik}\delta_{jl} - \delta_{il}\delta_{jk}) - (h_{ik}h_{jl} - h_{il}h_{jk}), \quad (11)$$

where  $R_{ijkl}$  are the components of the curvature tensor of  $M$ .

For indefinite Riemannian manifolds in detail, refer to O'Neill<sup>[4]</sup>.

The quadratic form  $h = \sum_{ij} h_{ij} w_i \otimes w_j$  is the second fundamental form of  $M$ . From the Gauss equation (11) we have

$$n(n-1)(c-R) = n^2 H^2 - |B|^2, \quad (12)$$

where  $R$  is the normalized scalar curvature,  $H = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i h_{ii}$  the mean curvature and  $|B|^2 = \sum_{ij} h_{ij}^2$  the norm square of the second fundamental form of  $M$ .

A hypersurface  $M$  is said to be totally umbilical if  $h_{ij} = H\delta_{ij}$ .

Codazzi equation is

$$h_{ijk} = h_{ikj}, \quad (13)$$

where the covariant derivative of the second fundamental form is defined by

$$\sum_k h_{ijk} w_k = dh_{ij} - \sum_k h_{ik} w_{kj} - \sum_k h_{jk} w_{ki}. \quad (14)$$

The second covariant derivative of  $h_{ij}$  is defined by

$$\sum_i h_{ijkl} w_l = dh_{ijk} - \sum_i h_{ijl} w_{lk} - \sum_i h_{ilk} w_{lj} - \sum_i h_{ljk} w_{li}, \quad (15)$$

Then we have the following Ricci identities

$$h_{ijkl} - h_{ijlk} = \sum_m h_{im} R_{mjkl} + \sum_m h_{jm} R_{mikl}. \quad (16)$$

For a  $C^2$ -function  $f$  defined on  $M$ , the gradient and the hessian  $(f_{ij})$  are defined by

$$df = \sum_i f_i w_i, \quad \sum_j f_{ij} w_j = df_i + \sum_j f_j w_{ji}. \quad (17)$$

The Laplacian of  $f$  is defined by  $\Delta f = \sum_i f_{ii}$ .

Let  $T = \sum_{ij} T_{ij} w_i \otimes w_j$  be a symmetric tensor defined on  $M$ , where

$$T_{ij} = nH\delta_{ij} - h_{ij}. \quad (18)$$

Following Cheng and Yau<sup>[3]</sup>, we introduce an operator associated to  $T$  acting on any  $C^2$ -function  $f$  by

$$\square f = \sum_{i,j} T_{ij} f_{ij} = \sum_{i,j} (nH\delta_{ij} - h_{ij}) f_{ij}. \quad (19)$$

Since  $T_{ij}$  is divergence-free, it follows [3] that the operator is self-adjoint relative to the  $L^2$ -inner product of  $M$ , i.e.,

$$\int_M f \square g = \int_M g \square f. \quad (20)$$

Near a given point  $p \in M$ , we choose an orthonormal frame field  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  and their dual frame field  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  so that  $h_{ij} = k_i \delta_{ij}$  at  $p$ . From (19) and (12) we have

$$\begin{aligned}\square(nH) &= nH \triangle (nH)_i - \sum (nH)_{ii} = \frac{1}{2} \triangle (nH)_i - \sum (nH)_{ii}^2 - \sum k_i (nH)_{ii} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} n(n-1) \triangle R + \frac{1}{2} \triangle |B|^2 - n^2 |\nabla H|^2 - \sum k_i (nH)_{ii}.\end{aligned}\quad (21)$$

On the other hand, using (13) and (16), by a standard calculation we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \triangle |B|^2 = \sum_{i,j,k} h_{ijk}^2 + \sum_i k_i (nH)_{ii} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} R_{ijij} (k_i - k_j)^2. \quad (22)$$

Substituting (22) into (21), we have

$$\square(nH) = -\frac{1}{2} n(n-1) \triangle R + |\nabla B|^2 - n^2 |\nabla H|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} R_{ijij} (k_i - k_j)^2. \quad (23)$$

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If the normalized scalar curvature  $R$  of  $M$  is constant, then from (23) we have

$$\square(nH) = |\nabla B|^2 - n^2 |\nabla H|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} R_{ijij} (k_i - k_j)^2. \quad (24)$$

From (11), we have  $R_{ijij} = c - k_i k_j$ . Substituting it into (24), we get

$$\square(nH) = |\nabla B|^2 - n^2 |\nabla H|^2 - n^2 H^2 c + nc|B|^2 + |B|^4 - nH \sum_i k_i^3. \quad (25)$$

Let  $\mu_i = k_i - H$  and  $|Z|^2 = \sum_i \mu_i^2$ . We have

$$\sum_i \mu_i = 0, |Z|^2 = |B|^2 - nH^2, \quad (26)$$

$$\sum_i k_i^3 = \sum_i \mu_i^3 + 3H|Z|^2 + nH^3. \quad (27)$$

From (25)-(27), we obtain

$$\square(nH) = |B|^2 - n^2 |\nabla H|^2 + |Z|^2 (nc - nH^2 + |Z|^2) - nH \sum_i \mu_i^3. \quad (28)$$

**Lemma 3.1**<sup>[5]</sup> *The same notations as above, for  $n \geq 3$ , we have*

$$-\frac{n-2}{\sqrt{n(n-1)}} |Z|^4 \leq \sum_i \mu_i^3 \leq \frac{n-2}{\sqrt{n(n-1)}} |Z|^3, \quad (29)$$

*and the equality holds in (29) if and only if at least  $(n-1)$  of the  $\mu_i$  are equal.*

Combining (28) and (29), we have

$$\square(nH) \geq |B|^2 - n^2 |\nabla H|^2 + |Z|^2(nc - nH^2 + |Z|^2 - \frac{n(n-2)}{\sqrt{n(n-1)}}|H||Z|). \quad (30)$$

**Lemma 3.2**<sup>[3]</sup> Assume the normalized scalar curvature  $R$  is a constant and  $R - c \leq 0$ . Then

$$|\nabla B|^2 \geq n^2 |\nabla H|^2. \quad (31)$$

**Proof** From (12), we have

$$n^2 H^2 - \sum_{i,j} h_{ij}^2 = n(n-1)(c - R). \quad (32)$$

Taking the covariant derivative of the above equation, we obtain

$$n^2 H H_k = \sum_{i,j} h_{ij} h_{ijk}. \quad (33)$$

It follows that

$$\sum_k n^4 H^2 (H_k)^2 = \sum_k \left( \sum_{i,j} h_{ij} h_{ijk} \right)^2 \leq \left( \sum_{i,j} h_{ij}^2 \right) \sum_{i,j,k} h_{ijk}^2, \quad (34)$$

that is

$$n^4 H^2 |\nabla H|^2 \leq |B|^2 |\nabla B|^2. \quad (35)$$

On the other hand, from  $c - R \geq 0$ , we have  $n^2 H^2 - |B|^2 \geq 0$ . Thus

$$n^2 H^2 |\nabla H|^2 \leq |H|^2 |\nabla B|^2, \quad (36)$$

and Lemma 3.2 follows.

By (12), we know

$$|Z|^2 = |B|^2 - nH^2 = \frac{n-1}{n}(|B|^2 - n(c - R)). \quad (37)$$

Note that  $|B|^2 \geq n(c - R)$ , and  $|B|^2 \equiv n(c - R)$  if and only if  $M$  is totally umbilical.

From (12), (30), (37) and Lemma 3.2, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \square(nH) &= \frac{n-1}{n} [|B|^2 - n(c - R)] [nc - 2nH^2 + |B|^2 - (n-2)|H|\sqrt{|B|^2 - n(c - R)}] \\ &= \frac{n-1}{n} [|B|^2 - n(c - R)] [nc - 2(n-1)(c - R) + \frac{n-2}{n}|B|^2 - \\ &\quad \frac{n-2}{n}\sqrt{(n(n-1)(c - R) + |B|^2)(|B|^2 - n(c - R))}]. \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

#### 4. Proof of Theorem 2

It is easy to check that our assumption condition (1), i.e.,

$$|B|^2 < \frac{n[n(n-1)(c-R)^2 + 4(n-1)(c-R)c + nc^2]}{(n-2)[n(c-R) + 2c]}, \quad (39)$$

is equivalent to

$$[nc - 2(n-1)(c-R) + \frac{n-2}{n}|B|^2]^2 > (\frac{n-2}{n})^2[n(n-1)(c-R) + |B|^2][|B| - n(c-R)]. \quad (40)$$

But it is clear from (39) that (40) is equivalent to

$$nc - 2(n-1)(c-R) + \frac{n-2}{n}|B|^2 > (\frac{n-2}{n})\sqrt{(n(n-1)(c-R) + |B|^2)(|B| - n(c-R))}. \quad (41)$$

Therefore the right hand of (38) is non-negative. We also have  $\int_M \square(nH)dv = 0$ , since  $M$  is compact and the operator is self-adjoint. Thus

$$|B|^2 \equiv n(c-R), \quad (42)$$

that is,  $|B| = nH^2$ ,  $M$  is totally umbilical. Thus, we complete the proof of Theorem 2.

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## de Siteer 空间中拟紧致超曲面的一个全脐条件

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**摘 要:** 在这篇文章中, 讨论了具有常数量曲率的拟紧致超曲面, 并给出了它是全脐子流形的一个全脐条件。

**关键词:** 拟超曲面; 截面曲率; 数量曲率。