

AN INTEGRAL FORMULA FOR COMPACT
SUBMANIFOLDS IN R^m

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Abstract: In this paper, we obtained an integral formula for compact submanifold in R^m .

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1. Introduction

We will use the same notation and terminologies as in [2] unless otherwise stated.

Let R^m be an oriented Riemannian manifold of dimension $m \geq 3$, i.e., there is given in each tangent space $T_P(R^m)$, $p \in R^m$, a positive definite scalar product which varies in a C^∞ manner with p . The scalar product will be denoted by $\langle \xi, \eta \rangle$, $\xi, \eta \in T_P(R^m)$. We will agree on the following ranges of indices unless otherwise stated:

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$$1 \leq i, j, k \dots \leq n, \quad n+1 \leq r, s, t, \dots \leq m, \quad 1 \leq A, B, C, \dots \leq m. \quad (1.1)$$

By an orthonormal frame (p, e_1, \dots, e_m) is meant an ordered set of m vectors in the same tangent space $T_p(R^m)$, which defines the orientation of R^m and which satisfies the relation $\langle e_A, e_B \rangle = \delta_{AB}$, where δ_{AB} are the Kronecker deltas. The frame e_A defines uniquely a dual coframe \bar{w}_B in the cotangent space $T_p^*(R^m)$ and vice versa. The element of arc is given by

$$ds^2 = \sum_A \bar{w}_A^2. \quad (1.2)$$

Let $F(R^m)$ be the bundle of orthonormal frames of R^m . The structure equations of $F(R^m)$ are given by

$$\begin{aligned} d\bar{w}_A &= \sum \bar{w}_{AB} \wedge \bar{w}_B, \quad d\bar{w}_{AB} = \sum \bar{w}_{AC} \wedge \bar{w}_{CB} + \bar{\Omega}_{AB}, \\ \bar{\Omega}_{AB} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum \bar{R}_{ABCD} \bar{w}_C \wedge \bar{w}_D, \quad \bar{w}_{AB} + \bar{w}_{BA} = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

where \bar{w}_{AB} and $\bar{\Omega}_{AB}$ are the connection forms and the curvature forms, respectively. These forms allow the definition of covariant differentiation. In fact, let

$$\xi = \sum \xi_A e_A \quad (1.4)$$

be a vector field. We define its covariant differential to be

$$D\xi = \sum_A D\xi_A \otimes e_A, \quad (1.5)$$

where

$$D\xi_A = d\xi_A + \sum_B \xi_B \bar{w}_{BA}. \quad (1.6)$$

For the vectors e_A themselves equation (1.5) gives

$$De_A = \sum \bar{w}_{AB} \otimes e_B. \quad (1.7)$$

Let $x : M^n \rightarrow R^m$ be an isometric immersion of an n -dimensional Riemannian manifold M^n into R^m . Let $F(M^n)$ be the bundle of orthonormal frames of M^n , and B the set of elements $b = (p, e_1, \dots, e_m)$ such that $(p, e_1, \dots, e_n) \in F(M^n)$ and $(x(p), e_1, \dots, e_m) \in F(R^m)$.

Let $\tilde{x} : B \rightarrow R^m$ be defined by $\tilde{x}(p, e_1, \dots, e_m) = (x(p), e_1, \dots, e_m)$, and w_A, w_{AB}, Ω_{AB} be the induced forms on B from $\bar{w}_A, \bar{w}_{AB}, \bar{\Omega}_{AB}$ by the mapping \tilde{x} . Then we have

$$w_r = 0. \quad (1.8)$$

Taking its exterior derivative and making use of (1.3), we get

$$\sum w_i \wedge w_{ir} = 0 . \tag{1.9}$$

By Cartan’s Lemma we have

$$w_{ir} = \sum A_{rij} w_j, \quad A_{rij} = A_{rji} . \tag{1.10}$$

For each unit normal vector $e = \sum \cos \theta_r e_r$ at $x(p)$, the second fundamental form $A_{(e)}$ is a linear transformation of $T_p(M^n)$ into itself given by

$$A_{(e)}(e_i) = \sum \cos \theta_r A_{rij} e_j . \tag{1.11}$$

Let M^n be pseudo-umbilical submanifold of R^m , and we always choose the first unit normal vector e_{n+1} in the direction of mean curvature vector, i.e.

$$H = \alpha e_{n+1}, \quad \alpha > 0 , \tag{1.12}$$

where α is the mean curvature of M^n in R^m . By the definition of pseudo-umbilical submanifold, we get

$$A_{n+1,ij} = \alpha \delta_{ij} , \tag{1.13}$$

and

$$\sum_i A_{rii} = 0, \quad r = n + 2, \dots, m. \tag{1.14}$$

Deshmuckh [3] obtained the integral equations for compact minimal submanifolds in a sphere. In this paper, using Deshmuckh method’s (see [3]), we obtained following integral equations (see Alyamaç [1]).

2. Integral Formula

Theorem 2.1. *Let M^n be a compact submanifold of R^m . Then*

$$\int_{M^n} \left\{ \sum \cos^2 \theta_r \left[\alpha''(t) \alpha(t) + (\alpha'(t))^2 \right] \right\} dV = 0 , \tag{2.1}$$

where α is the mean curvature.

Proof. Define $f : M \rightarrow IR$ by $f = \frac{1}{2} \|h\|^2$. The Laplacian of f is given by

$$\Delta f = \sum_k [e_k e_k(f) - D_{e_k} e_k(f)] .$$

Let us put

$$\begin{aligned} f &= \frac{1}{2} \|A_{(e)}\|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \langle A_{(e)}, A_{(e)} \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \left\langle \sum \cos \theta_r A_{rij} e_j, \sum \cos \theta_r A_{rij} e_j \right\rangle, \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta f &= \sum \cos^2 \theta_r \langle D^2 A_{rij} \otimes e_j, A_{rij} e_j \rangle \\ &\quad + \sum \cos^2 \theta_r \langle DA_{rij} \otimes e_j, DA_{rij} \otimes e_j \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Considering equations (1.13), (1.14) and $\delta_{ij} = \langle e_i, e_j \rangle$, if Δf is written again, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta f &= \sum \cos^2 \theta_r \langle D^2 A_{n+1,ij} \otimes e_j, A_{n+1,ij} e_j \rangle \\ &\quad + \sum \cos^2 \theta_r \langle DA_{n+1,ij} \otimes e_j, DA_{n+1,ij} \otimes e_j \rangle. \quad (2.2) \end{aligned}$$

If $DA_{n+1,ij} = \alpha' \langle e_i, e_j \rangle$ and $D^2 A_{n+1,ij} = \alpha'' \langle e_i, e_j \rangle$ equations are used in (2.2) equation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta f &= \sum \cos^2 \theta_r \left\langle \alpha'' \langle e_i, e_j \rangle \otimes e_j, \alpha \langle e_i, e_j \rangle e_j \right\rangle \\ &\quad + \sum \cos^2 \theta_r \left\langle \alpha' \langle e_i, e_j \rangle \otimes e_j, \alpha' \langle e_i, e_j \rangle \otimes e_j \right\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Considering equation $\langle e_i, e_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$, Δf is arranged again as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta f &= \sum \cos^2 \theta_r \left\langle \alpha'' \delta_{ij} \otimes e_j, \alpha \delta_{ij} e_j \right\rangle \\ &\quad + \sum \cos^2 \theta_r \left\langle \alpha' \delta_{ij} \otimes e_j, \alpha' \delta_{ij} \otimes e_j \right\rangle \\ &= \sum \cos^2 \theta_r \left\langle \alpha'' \delta_{ij} e_j, \alpha \delta_{ij} e_j \right\rangle + \sum \cos^2 \theta_r \left\langle \alpha' \delta_{ij} e_j, \alpha' \delta_{ij} e_j \right\rangle, \\ \Delta f &= \sum \cos^2 \theta_r \left[\alpha'' \alpha (\delta_{ij})^2 \langle e_i, e_j \rangle + (\alpha')^2 (\delta_{ij})^2 \langle e_i, e_j \rangle \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Taking $i = j$, we find

$$\Delta f = \sum \cos^2 \theta_r \left[\alpha'' \alpha + (\alpha')^2 \right]. \quad (2.3)$$

Integrating equation (2.3), we get (2.1). This completes proof of the theorem. \square

Corollary 1.1. *Let M^n be a compact submanifold of R^m and suppose that α is a function of t parameter, then the mean curvature of M^n is*

$$\alpha(t) = \sqrt{2(at + b)}. \quad (2.4)$$

Proof. We will solve differential equation which found in (2.1). If we suppose the

$$\alpha'(t) = p, \quad \alpha''(t) = p \cdot \frac{dp}{d\alpha},$$

then, we rewrite differential equation which found in (2.1) as follows

$$\alpha(t) \cdot p \frac{dp}{d\alpha(t)} + p^2 = 0.$$

Hence we get,

$$\frac{\alpha(t) \cdot p \cdot dp}{p^2} + \frac{p^2 d\alpha(t)}{p^2} = 0,$$

or

$$\frac{dp}{p} + \frac{d\alpha(t)}{\alpha(t)} = 0$$

if this equation solved, (2.4) is obtained. \square

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