

SOME THEOREMS ON NEAR CONSERVATIVE FIELDS OF FORCE ^[1]

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1. NORMAL FAMILIES OF ∞^{n-1} CURVES C ORTHOGONAL TO SIMPLE FAMILIES OF ∞^1 HYPERSURFACES IN RIEMANNIAN SPACE V_n .

Let p_i be an absolute covariant vector in a Riemannian space V_n , which is never the zero vector. A family of ∞^{n-1} curves C in V_n is given as the set of integral solutions of the system of n ordinary differential equations, each of the first order, namely

$$(1.1) \quad \frac{dx^i}{ds} = \frac{g^{ij} p_j}{|p|},$$

where $|p| = (p, p)^{1/2} = [\epsilon g^{ij} p_i p_j]^{1/2} > 0$, and s is the arc length measured along such a curve C.

Such a family is said to be *normal* if and only if it is orthogonal to a simple family of ∞^1 hypersurfaces $V(x) = \text{constant}$, each of deficiency one, in V_n .

The family of curves given by (1.1) is normal if and only if the Pfaffian equation

$$(1.2) \quad p_i dx^i = 0,$$

is integrable. For this there must exist two absolute scalar functions $f(x)$ and $\sigma(x)$, with $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i}$ not the zero vector, such that

$$(1.3) \quad f_{,i} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^i} = e^\sigma p_i.$$

Then the second order covariant derivative of $f(x)$ is given by

$$(1.4) \quad f_{,ij} = e^\sigma (p_{i,j} + p_i \sigma_{,j}).$$

THEOREM 1.1. *If T_{ij} is the curl of the covariant vector p_i , then the modified integrating factor σ obeys the equations*

$$(1.5) \quad T_{ij} = p_{i,j} - p_{j,i} = p_j \sigma_{,i} - p_i \sigma_{,j}.$$

From (1.5), the following symmetric relations are found

$$(1.6) \quad \begin{aligned} p_i T_{jk} &= p_i p_k \sigma_{,j} - p_i p_j \sigma_{,k}, \\ p_j T_{ki} &= p_j p_i \sigma_{,k} - p_j p_k \sigma_{,i}, \\ p_k T_{ij} &= p_k p_j \sigma_{,i} - p_k p_i \sigma_{,j}. \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM 1.2. *The family of ∞^{n-1} curves C , given as the integral solutions of the system of n first order ordinary differential equations*

$$(1.7) \quad \frac{dx^i}{ds} = \frac{g^{ij} p_j}{|p|},$$

forms a normal family if and only if the curl T_{ij} of the covariant vector p_i obeys the identities

$$(1.8) \quad p_i T_{jk} + p_j T_{ki} + p_k T_{ij} = 0,$$

for $i, j, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

This is an immediate consequence of (1.6).

2. SOME ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES OF THE MODIFIED INTEGRATING FACTOR σ .

In the preceding section it was shown that if (p) is the covariant vector of the system of differential equations (1.1), which form a normal family, then

$$(2.1) \quad g^{ab} p_a T_{ib} = g^{ab} p_a (p_b \sigma_{,i} - p_i \sigma_{,b}).$$

Define a covariant vector u_i such that

$$(2.2) \quad u_i = g^{ab} p_a T_{ib}.$$

Thus the differential equations of the modified integrating factor σ may be written in the form

$$(2.3) \quad \sigma_{,i} = \frac{(p, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x})}{(p, p)} p_i + \frac{u_i}{(p, p)}.$$

Now the second order covariant partial derivative of σ is

$$(2.4) \quad \sigma_{,ij} = \frac{(p, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x})}{(p, p)} p_{i,j} + \frac{u_{i,j}}{(p, p)} + \frac{p_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} (p, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x})}{(p, p)} - \\ - \frac{p_i (p, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x}) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} (p, p)}{(p, p)^2} - \frac{u_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} (p, p)}{(p, p)^2}.$$

Hence upon forming the conditions $\sigma_{,ij} - \sigma_{,ji} = 0$, there are obtained the conditions

$$(2.5) \quad (p, p) (p, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x}) T_{ij} + (p, p) [u_{i,j} - u_{j,i}] + \\ + (p, p) [p_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} - p_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}] (p, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x}) - \\ - (p, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x}) [p_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} - p_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}] (p, p) - \\ - [u_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} - u_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}] (p, p) = 0.$$

Also from the definition of the covariant vector u_i it is seen that

$$(2.6) \quad p_j u_i - p_i u_j = g^{ab} p_a (p_j T_{ib} - p_i T_{bj}) = \\ = g^{ab} p_a p_b T_{ij} = (p, p) T_{ij}.$$

THEOREM 2.2. *The covariant vector u_i and the modified integrating factor σ obey the identities*

$$(2.7) \quad p_j u_i - p_i u_j = (p, p) T_{ij},$$

and

$$(2.8) \quad (p_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} - p_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}) (p, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x}) = (p, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x}) + (u_{i,j} - u_{j,i}) + \\ + \frac{(p, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x})}{(p, p)} [p_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} - p_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}] (p, p) + \\ + \frac{1}{(p, p)} [u_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} - u_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}] (p, p).$$

These identities will be important in succeeding sections.

3. SOME CONDITIONS FOR AN ISOTHERMAL NORMAL FAMILY.

In this section conditions will be found under which a family of ∞^{n-1} curves C are normal to a simple family of ∞^1 hypersurfaces which form an isothermal family. First, if these hypersurfaces are given by $V(x) = \text{constant}$, then the Lamé differential parameters of first and second orders ^[2] are given by

$$(3.1) \quad \Delta_1 = \Delta_1(V) = g^{ij} V_{,i} V_{,j}, \quad \Delta_2 = \Delta_2(V) = g^{ik} V_{,ik}$$

From preceding results, a family of ∞^{n-1} curves given as the integral solutions of the system of n first order ordinary differential equations $\frac{dx^i}{ds} = \frac{g^{ij} p_j}{|p|}$, will be normal to the family of ∞^1

hypersurfaces $V(x) = \text{constant}$ if and only if there exists a scalar function $\sigma(x)$ such that

$$(3.2) \quad V_{,i} = e^\sigma p_i, \quad V_{,ij} = e^\sigma (p_{i,j} + p_i \sigma_{,j}).$$

Thus it is seen that

$$(3.3) \quad \frac{\Delta_2(V)}{\Delta_1(V)} = \frac{e^{-\sigma} (\text{div}(p) + (p, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x}))}{(p,p)}.$$

Now it is known that if a family of ∞^1 hypersurfaces $V(x) = \text{constant}$ is isothermal, then $\frac{\Delta_2}{\Delta_1}$, and $V(x)$ are functionally dependent ^[3]. Thus $\frac{\Delta_2}{\Delta_1} = c$, itself defines a member of the family $V(x) = \text{constant}$. Thus the gradient of $\frac{\Delta_2}{\Delta_1}$, is parallel to the covariant vector p_i . Thus

$$(3.4) \quad - \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x^i} \left[\frac{\text{div}(p) + (p, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x})}{(p,p)} \right] + \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \text{div}(p) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} (p, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x})}{(p,p)} - \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} (p,p)}{(p,p)^2} = \lambda p_i,$$

where λ is a scalar function. By equations (2.3), this becomes

$$(3.5) \quad - u_i [\text{div}(p) + (p, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x})] + (p,p) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} [\text{div}(p) + (p, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x})] - \text{div}(p) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} (p,p) - (p, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x}) \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} (p,p) = \mu p_i,$$

where μ is a scalar function.

From the foregoing relations it is clear that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.6) \quad & - [\operatorname{div}(p) + (p, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x})] (p_j u_i - p_i u_j) + \\
 & + (p, p) [p_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} - p_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}] \operatorname{div}(p) + \\
 & + (p, p) [p_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} - p_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}] (p, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x}) - \\
 & - \operatorname{div}(p) [p_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} - p_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}] (p, p) - \\
 & - (p, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x}) [p_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} - p_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j}] (p, p) = 0 .
 \end{aligned}$$

Define two linear differential operators A_{ij} and B_{ij} , by

$$(3.7) \quad A_{ij} = p_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} - p_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} , \quad B_{ij} = u_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} - u_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} .$$

Using the operators (3.7), and applying equations (2.7), these relations of (3.6) become

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.8) \quad & (p, p) [-\operatorname{div}(p) T_{ij} + A_{ij} \operatorname{div}(p) + (u_{i,j} - u_{j,i})] + \\
 & + B_{ij} (p, p) - \operatorname{div}(p) A_{ij} (p, p) = 0 .
 \end{aligned}$$

Now consider the expression

$$(3.9) \quad S_{ij} = \operatorname{curl}(u_i) = u_{i,j} - u_{j,i} .$$

Since

$$(3.10) \quad u_i = (p, p) \sigma_{,i} - (p, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x}) p_i ,$$

it is easily seen that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.11) \quad S_{ij} = & - (p, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x}) T_{ij} + [\sigma_{,i} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^j} - \sigma_{,j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i}] (p, p) + \\
 & + A_{ij} (p, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x}) .
 \end{aligned}$$

Solve equations (3.10) for the $\sigma_{,i}$, and substitute these into (3.11).

The result is

$$(3.12) \quad S_{ij} = - (p, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x}) T_{ij} - \frac{(p, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x})}{(p, p)} A_{ij} (p, p) - \\ - \frac{B_{ij} (p, p)}{(p, p)} + A_{ij} (p, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x}).$$

Now substitute this expression for S_{ij} into the relations (3.8). After simplification it results that

$$(3.13) \quad (p, p) [-T_{ij} + A_{ij}] [\text{div}(p) + (p, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x})] - \\ - [\text{div}(p) + (p, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x})] A_{ij} (p, p) = 0.$$

Recall the definition of the second order Lamé differential parameter. The equations (3.13) take on the form

$$(3.14) \quad [-T_{ij} + A_{ij}] e^{-\sigma} \Delta_2(V) = e^{-\sigma} \Delta_2(V) A_{ij} \log(p, p).$$

If $\Delta_2(V) \neq 0$, these can be written as

$$(3.15) \quad A_{ij} \log e^{-\sigma} \Delta_2(V) = A_{ij} \log(p, p) + T_{ij}.$$

THEOREM 3.1. *The set of ∞^{n-1} curves C defined as the integral solutions of the system of n ordinary differential equations*

$$(3.16) \quad \frac{dx^i}{ds} = \frac{g^{ij} p_j}{|p|},$$

is orthogonal to an isothermal family of ∞^1 hypersurfaces, each of deficiency one, if and only if the conditions (1.8) and

$$(3.17) \quad A_{ij} \log \frac{e^{\sigma} \Delta_2(V)}{\Delta_1(V)} = T_{ij}$$

are identically satisfied whenever $\Delta_2(V) \neq 0$.

This follows from (3.15) and use of the fact that $(p, p) = e^{-2\sigma} \Delta_1(V)$.

It is noted that in case p_i is always a unit covariant vector this condition (3.17) becomes

$$(3.18) \quad A_{ij} \log e^{-\sigma} \Delta_2(V) = T_{ij}.$$

For, in this case $(p, p) = +1$.

THEOREM 3.2. *A set of ∞^{n-1} geodesics C is transversal to an isothermal family of ∞^1 hypersurfaces $V(x) = \text{constant}$ if and only if the conditions (1.8) and*

$$(3.19) \quad A_{ij} \log e^{-\sigma} \Delta_2(V) = T_{ij} ,$$

are valid for each such geodesic C.

For, as p is displaced parallel to itself along such a geodesic, $(p,p) = \text{constant}$. Thus (3.19) holds and the result follows.

4. NEAR CONSERVATIVE FIELDS OF FORCE AND ISOTHERMAL FAMILIES.

Consider a positional field of force Φ , conservative or not. The simple family of ∞^{n-1} Faraday lines of force C is composed of the ∞^{n-1} integral solutions C of the system of n ordinary differential equations

$$(4.1) \quad \frac{dx^i}{ds} = \frac{g^{ij} \Phi_j}{|\Phi|} = \frac{\Phi^i}{|\Phi|} ,$$

where s denotes the arc length along such a Faraday line of force C.

This family of ∞^{n-1} Faraday lines of force C is a normal family if and only if it is orthogonal to a family of ∞^1 hypersurfaces, each of dimension (n-1), in V_n . In this case the conditions of Theorem 1.2, hold. Such a field of force Φ , is termed a *near conservative field of force* Φ .

Thus if Φ is a near conservative field of force Φ , there exists an associated function $W^*(x)$, and an absolute scalar function $\sigma(x)$, such that

$$(4.2) \quad \Phi_i = e^{-\sigma} \frac{\partial W^*}{\partial x^i} ,$$

and

$$(4.3) \quad \Phi_i T_{jk} + \Phi_j T_{ki} + \Phi_k T_{ij} = 0 ,$$

the expressions (4.3) being identities. Here T_{ij} is the curl of the force vector Φ .

It is noted that the work W in a near conservative field of force, is given by

$$(4.4) \quad W = W(x;C) = \int_1^2 e^{-\sigma} \frac{\partial W^*}{\partial x^i} dx^i ,$$

and is in general a functional depending on the particular path C of integration.

THEOREM 4.1. A field of force Φ is near conservative if and only if it obeys the identities (4.3).

A field of force is said to be *isothermal near conservative* if and only if its associated family of ∞^1 hypersurfaces $W^*(x) = \text{constant}$, form an isothermal family.

THEOREM 4.2. A near conservative field of force Φ is isothermal near conservative if and only if the force vector Φ and the associated function $W^*(x)$ obey the conditions

$$(4.5) \quad A_{ij} \log \frac{e^\sigma \Delta_2(W^*)}{\Delta_1(W^*)} = T_{ij} ,$$

where A_{ij} is the linear differential operator defined by (3.7), where p_i has been replaced by Φ_i .

This follows from previous results.

A field of force Φ is *ultra solenoidal* if and only if

$$(4.6) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \frac{\text{div}(\Phi)}{(\Phi, \Phi)} = \lambda \Phi_i ,$$

where λ is an absolute scalar. That is Φ is ultra solenoidal if and only if the gradient of the absolute scalar $\text{div}(\Phi)/(\Phi, \Phi)$, is parallel to the force vector Φ .

It follows immediately that a field of force is ultra solenoidal if and only

$$(4.7) \quad A_{ij} \frac{\text{div}(\Phi)}{(\Phi, \Phi)} = 0 .$$

Upon expanding this condition it is easily seen that another form is

$$(4.7) \quad (\Phi, \Phi) A_{ij} \text{div}(\Phi) = \text{div}(\Phi) A_{ij} (\Phi, \Phi) .$$

However it is known that the condition for an isothermal near conservative field of force may be written in the form

$$(4.9) \quad (\Phi, \Phi) [-T_{ij} + A_{ij}] [\text{div}(\Phi) + (\Phi, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x})] - \\ - [\text{div}(\Phi) + (\Phi, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x})] [A_{ij} (\Phi, \Phi)] = 0 .$$

Now a field of force is said to be *ultra Laplacean* if and only if it is both near conservative and ultra solenoidal.

THEOREM 4.2. A field of force Φ is ultra Laplacean if and only if obeys the identities

$$(4.10) \quad \Phi_i T_{jk} + \Phi_j T_{ki} + \Phi_k T_{ij} = 0,$$

and

$$(4.11) \quad A_{ij} \frac{(\Phi, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x})}{(\Phi, \Phi)} = \frac{e^\sigma \Delta_2(V)}{\Delta_1(V)} T_{ij}$$

Thus it follows that near conservative fields of force which are solenoidal or near solenoidal are *improper* ultra Laplacean fields of force.

5. NEAR CONSERVATIVE FIELDS OF FORCE AND PARALLEL FAMILIES.

Consider a near conservative field of force Φ . Suppose that the associated family of ∞^1 hypersurfaces $W^*(x) = \text{constant}$ forms a parallel family [4]. If

$$(5.1) \quad \Phi_i = e^{-\sigma(x)} W^*_{,i},$$

the condition for this is

$$(5.2) \quad \Delta_1(W^*) = g^{ij} W^*_{,i} W^*_{,j} = H(W^*)$$

This means that the gradient of $\Delta_1(W^*)$, must be parallel to the force vector Φ . Hence

$$(5.3) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} e^{2\sigma} (\Phi, \Phi) = \lambda_1 \Phi_i,$$

where λ_1 is an absolute scalar.

Expanding the condition (5.3), it is seen that

$$(5.4) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} (\Phi, \Phi) + 2 \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x^i} (\Phi, \Phi) = \lambda_2 \Phi_i,$$

where $\lambda_2 = e^{-2\sigma} \lambda_1$ is an absolute scalar.

However if $u_i = g^{ab} \Phi_a T_{ib}$, it is recalled from section two that

$$(5.5) \quad \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x^i} = \frac{(\Phi, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x})}{(\Phi, \Phi)} \Phi_i + \frac{u_i}{(\Phi, \Phi)},$$

since the field of force Φ is near conservative and its lines of force therefore form a normal family.

Use of this result in equations (5.4), yields

$$(5.6) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} (\Phi, \Phi) + 2 u_i = \lambda_3 \Phi_i$$

where $\lambda_3 = \lambda_2 - \frac{(\Phi, \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x})}{(\Phi, \Phi)}$, is again an absolute scalar.

THEOREM 5.1. *A near conservative field of force Φ , in Riemannian space V_n has as its associated family of ∞^1 hypersurfaces, a parallel family if and only if*

$$(5.7) \quad A_{ij} \log e^{-2\sigma} \Delta_1(W^*) = -T_{ij}$$

A field of force Φ in V_n , which obeys the conditions of Theorem 5.1, is called a *parallel near conservative field of force Φ* .

Suppose that a field of force Φ is parallel near conservative. In addition let it be assumed that Φ is ultra solenoidal. Then the following result is valid.

THEOREM 5.2. *A parallel near conservative field of force Φ is ultra solenoidal if and only if it obeys*

$$(5.8) \quad A_{ij} \log \operatorname{div}(\Phi) + T_{ij} = 0$$

where T_{ij} is the curl of the force vector Φ .

This follows from Theorem 5.1, and the conditions (4.8).

6. CARTOGRAMS AND NEAR CONSERVATIVE FIELDS OF FORCE ^[5].

Suppose that a Riemannian space V_n is a conformal image of a Riemannian space $\bar{V}_n$, by means of the cartogram T defined by

$$(6.1) \quad d\bar{s} = e^{\frac{\sigma}{2}} ds$$

In V_n , consider the near conservative field of force defined by

$$(6.2) \quad \Phi_i = e^{-\sigma} W^*_{,i}$$

where $W^*(x)$ is the associated function of the near conservative field of force Φ , and σ is an absolute scalar function.

Now under a conformal cartogram $d\bar{s} = e^{\mu} ds$, it is known that the fundamental metric tensor g_{ij} transforms by the rules

$$(6.3) \quad \bar{g}_{ij} = e^{2\mu} g_{ij}, \quad \bar{g}^{ij} = e^{-2\mu} g^{ij}$$

Thus for the cartogram $d\bar{s} = e^{\frac{-\sigma}{2}} ds$, we have

$$(6.4) \quad \bar{\Phi}_i = \bar{g}_{ij} \bar{\Phi}^j = e^{\sigma} g_{ij} \Phi^j = e^{\sigma} \Phi_i = \frac{\partial W^*}{\partial x^i}$$

THEOREM 6.1. *A near conservative field of force Φ , in a Riemannian space V_n , is a conformal image of a conservative field of force in a Riemannian space $\bar{V}_n$, which is related to V_n by the conformal cartogram $d\bar{s} = e^{\sigma/2} ds$. In V_n , the associated function $W^*(x)$ of the near conservative field of force Φ , is the work function for the conservative field of force $\bar{\Phi}$. Here*

$$(6.5) \quad \bar{\Phi}_i = \frac{\partial W}{\partial x^i}.$$

Now recall that a conservative field of force, which is ultra solenoidal is termed a near Laplacean field of force.

THEOREM 6.2. *An ultra Laplacean field of force Φ is a conformal image of a near Laplacean field of force.*

For, by Theorem 6.1, a near conservative field of force Φ is a conformal image of a conservative field of force $\bar{\Phi}$ in a conformally related $\bar{V}_n$. Then since angle is preserved by a conformal map it follows that the vector

$$(6.6) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x^i} \frac{\text{div}(\Phi)}{(\Phi, \Phi)}$$

will have its image in $\bar{V}_n$, parallel to the force vector $\bar{\Phi}_i$ in $\bar{V}_n$.

Thus from above, the ultra solenoidal property is preserved by a conformal map. The ultra Laplacean field of force is then an image of a near Laplacean field of force $\bar{\Phi}$ in a related $\bar{V}_n$ and the result is established.

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