

A Transversality Condition of Codemesion One Submanifolds

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Abstract

In this article we study the transversality of two hypersurfaces M^n and P^n of a given Riemannian manifold \bar{M}^{n+1} along the boundary Σ^{n-1} of M^n and the ellipticity of the Newton transformations, provided that P^n is totally geodesic.

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Introduction

In this article, we wish to derive a condition of transversality of two hypersurfaces M^n and P^n of \bar{M}^{n+1} along the boundary ∂M^n ; provided that $\partial M^n \subset P^n$. This condition is given by the transversality of the classical Newton transformation T_r . In particular we proof that at a point p of the boundary ∂M^n and for every $1 \leq r \leq n-1$ we have:

$$\langle T_r v, v \rangle = \rho^r \sigma_r \quad (1)$$

Where $\rho = \langle \xi, v \rangle$, σ_r is the r -th symmetric function of the principal curvatures of the inclusion $\partial M^n \subset P^n$ with respect to the outward unit normal vector field v normal to ∂M^n , and ξ is the vector field normal to P^n in \bar{M}^{n+1} .

Relation (1) shows that the ellipticity of the Newton transformation T_r , for some $1 \leq r \leq n-1$ on M^n , implies the transversality of the hypersurfaces M^n and P^n along ∂M^n . A similar formula of eqn. (1) was also obtained [1] by the author and Benalili in context of pseudo-Riemannian spaces. It is to emphasize the importance of the application of Newton transformations in intrinsic Riemannian geometry [2-8].

Preliminaries

In this section, we will recall some properties of the Newton transformations and we will show how our method works.

Newton transformations

Let E be an n -dimensional real vector space, $\text{End}(E)$ be the vector space of endomorphisms of E , and $(A_1, A_2) \in \text{End}(E) \times \text{End}(E)$.

For $\alpha \in \{1, 2\}$ define the musical functions $\alpha|: \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^2$ and $\alpha^\#: \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^2$ by:

$$\begin{cases} 1|_i(i_1, i_2) = (i_1 - 1, i_2) \\ 2|_i(i_1, i_2) = (i_1, i_2 - 1) \end{cases}$$

and

$$\begin{cases} 1^\#_i(i_1, i_2) = (i_1 - 1, i_2) \\ 2^\#_i(i_1, i_2) = (i_1, i_2 - 1) \end{cases}$$

It is clear that $\alpha|$ is the inverse map of $\alpha^\#$.

The generalized Newton transformations of (A_1, A_2) is a system of endomorphisms $T_{(i,j)} = T_{(i,j)}(A_1, A_2)$, that satisfies the following recursive relations

$$T_{(0,0)} = I \text{ where } 0 = (0, 0, 0)$$

$$T_{(i,j)} = \sigma_{(i,j)} I - A_1 T_{(i-1,j)} - A_2 T_{(i,j-2)}$$
 where $i + j \geq 1$

where $\sigma(i, j)$ are the coefficients of the Newton polynomial $P(A_1, A_2):$

$\mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ of (A_1, A_2) , given by

$$P_{(A_1, A_2)}(t) = \det(I + t_1 A_1 + t_2 A_2) = \sum_{i+j \leq n} \sigma_{(i,j)} t_1^i t_2^j$$

I is the identity map on E .

If we replace the couple (A_1, A_2) by a one endomorphism A , then we recover the definition of the classical Newton transformations and the elementary symmetric functions introduced [7].

A geometric configuration

We establish some algebraic formulas which will be useful in the next section.

Let A be a symmetric $(n-1) \times (n-1)$ matrix and consider the $n \times n$ -matrix of the block form

$$\tilde{A} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^T & c \end{pmatrix}$$

where c is a constant. Let us compare symmetric functions of \tilde{A} with symmetric functions of A . We have

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\tilde{A}}(t) &= \det \left(\begin{pmatrix} I_{n-1} + tA & tB \\ tB^T & 1 + tc \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= (1 + tc - t^2 B^T (I_{n-1} + tA)^{-1} B) \det(I_{n-1} + tA) \\ &= f(t) P_A(t) \end{aligned}$$

where $f(t) = 1 + tc - t^2 B^T (I_{n-1} + tA)^{-1} B$

Recall that

$$P_{\tilde{A}}(t) = \sum_{j=0}^n \sigma_j(\tilde{A}) t^j$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} r! \sigma_r(\tilde{A}) &= \frac{d^r}{dt^r} P_{\tilde{A}}(0) = \sum_{j=0}^r \binom{r}{j} \frac{d^{r-j}}{dt^{r-j}} P_{A|_{\Sigma}}^{(r-j)}(0) f^{(j)}(0) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^r \binom{r}{j} (r-j)! \sigma_{r-j}(A|_{\Sigma}) f^{(j)}(0) \end{aligned}$$

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It is not difficult to see that

$$f(0)=1, f^{(j)}(0)=c \text{ and } f^{(j)}(0)=(-1)^{j-1}j!B^T A|_{\Sigma}^{j-2} B \text{ for } j \geq 2.$$

Therefore

$$\sigma_r(\tilde{A}) = \sigma_r(A|_{\Sigma}) + c\sigma_{r-1}(A|_{\Sigma}) - \sum_{j=2}^r (-1)^j (B^T A|_{\Sigma}^{j-2} B) \sigma_{r-j}(A|_{\Sigma}) \quad (2)$$

Let us now move to symmetric functions of two matrices. Notice first that

$$\sigma_r(\tilde{A} + \lambda I_n) = \sum_{j=0}^r \binom{n-j}{r-j} \lambda^{r-j} \sigma_j(\tilde{A}) \quad (3)$$

Indeed, $P_{\tilde{A}+\lambda I_n}(t) = (1+t(\alpha_1+\lambda)) \dots (1+t(\alpha_n+\lambda))$ if $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ are the eigen values of A. Notice moreover that

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\tilde{A}+\lambda I_n}(t) &= \det(I_n + t\tilde{A} + s\lambda I_n) \\ &= (1+t\alpha_1+s\lambda) \dots (1+t\alpha_n+s\lambda) \\ \sigma_{(k,l)}(\tilde{A}, \lambda I_n) &= \binom{n-k}{l} \lambda^l \sigma_k(\tilde{A}) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Hence

$$\sigma_r(\tilde{A} + \lambda I_n) = \sum_{j=0}^r \sigma_{(j,r-j)}(\tilde{A}, \lambda I_n)$$

The Main Results

Let M^n be an hypersurface of \bar{M}^{n+1} of boundary ∂M . Assume the boundary $\Sigma^{n-1} = \partial M$ is an n-1 submanifold of $P^n \subset \bar{M}^{n+1}$. Then we have the inclusions.

$$\Sigma^{n-1} \subset M^n \subset \bar{M}^{n+1} \text{ and } \Sigma^{n-1} \subset P^n \subset \bar{M}^{n+1}$$

Denote the corresponding shape operators, respectively, by

$$A_{\Sigma}, A, A_{\Sigma|P}, A_P:$$

In our consideration we will need only $A_{\Sigma}, A_{P|_{\Sigma}}, A$. More precisely we will use

$$A_{\Sigma}, A_{P|_{\Sigma}}, A$$

First two are represented by square matrices of dimension (n-1) whereas the last one by a square matrix of dimension n. The intrinsic geometry of Σ^{n-1} in M^n is coded in the pair $(A_{\Sigma}, A_{P|_{\Sigma}})$ and the geometry of $M^n \subset \bar{M}^{n+1}$ is given by A. Therefore we will use the following Newton transformation and the generalized Newton transformations.

$$T_r = T_r(A|_{\Sigma}) \text{ and } T_{(k,l)} = T_{(k,l)}(A_{\Sigma}, A_{P|_{\Sigma}})$$

and corresponding symmetric functions

$$\sigma_r = \sigma_r(A|_{\Sigma}) \text{ and } \sigma_{(k,l)} = \sigma_{(k,l)}(A_{\Sigma}, A_{P|_{\Sigma}}).$$

Denote by ν the unit normal vector to Σ^{n-1} in M^n , by N the unit normal vector to with respect to the inclusion $M^n \subset \bar{M}^{n+1}$, ξ the unit normal vector of $P^n \subset \bar{M}^{n+1}$ and η is the unit normal vector to $\Sigma^{n-1} \subset P^n$ and (e_1, \dots, e_{n-1}) is a local orthonormal basis of $T\Sigma^{n-1}$. The only geometric considerations involved are the ones which lead to the formulas [2].

$$\langle N, \nu \rangle = \langle \xi, N \rangle, \langle \eta, N \rangle = -\langle \xi, \nu \rangle$$

$$\langle A|_{\Sigma} e_i, e_j \rangle = -\langle A_{\Sigma e_i, e_j} \rangle \langle \xi, \nu \rangle + \langle A_P e_i, e_j \rangle \langle \xi, N \rangle$$

Suppose now that (e_1, \dots, e_{n-1}) is a frame basis of $T\Sigma^{n-1}$ consists of the engenvectors of $A|_{\Sigma}$ i.e $A|_{\Sigma} e_i = \gamma_i e_i$ then

$$A|_{\Sigma} = -\langle \xi, \nu \rangle A_{\Sigma} + \langle \xi, N \rangle A_{P|_{\Sigma}}$$

Assuming P^n is totally umbilical in \bar{M}^{n+1} , we have $A|_{\Sigma} = \lambda I_{T\Sigma^{n-1}}$, hence

$$A|_{\Sigma} = -\langle \xi, \nu \rangle A_{\Sigma} + \lambda \langle \xi, N \rangle I_{T\Sigma^{n-1}} \quad (5)$$

For brevity put $\rho = -\langle \xi, \nu \rangle$ and $\mu = \langle \xi, N \rangle$

The goal in this part is to show that

$$\sigma_r(A|_{\Sigma}) = \sum_{k+l=r} \rho^k \mu^l \sigma(k, l) \quad (6)$$

Or in another terms

$$\langle T_r \nu, \nu \rangle = \sum_{k+l=r} \rho^k \mu^l \sigma(k, l) \quad (7)$$

When P^n is totally umbilical in \bar{M}^{n+1}

By formula (5), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_r(A|_{\Sigma}) &= \sigma_r(\rho A_{\Sigma} + \mu \lambda I_{T\Sigma^{n-1}}) \\ &= \sum_{k+l=r} \sigma_{(k,l)}(\rho A_{\Sigma}, \lambda \mu I_{T\Sigma^{n-1}}) \\ &= \sum_{k+l=r} \rho^k \mu^l \sigma(k, l) \rho^k \end{aligned}$$

Now we will recover the results [2] that is to say

$$\langle T_r \nu, \nu \rangle = \sigma_r(A|_{\Sigma}) \quad (8)$$

Denote by \tilde{A} the matrix of A with the respect of the basis $(e_1, \dots, e_{n-1}, \nu)$ and by $A|_{\Sigma}$ the restriction of A to Σ^{n-1} .

$$\tilde{A} = \begin{pmatrix} A|_{\Sigma} & B \\ B^T & c \end{pmatrix} \text{ where } B = \begin{pmatrix} \langle Av, e_1 \rangle \\ \vdots \\ \langle Av, e_{n-1} \rangle \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } c = \langle Av, \nu \rangle.$$

By the recurrence formula for T_r we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle T_r \nu, \nu \rangle &= \sigma_r(\tilde{A}) - \langle T_{r-1} \nu, \tilde{A} \nu \rangle \\ &= \sigma_r(\tilde{A}) - c \langle T_{r-1} \nu, \tilde{A} \nu \rangle - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \langle T_{r-1} \nu, e_i \rangle \langle \tilde{A} \nu, e_i \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Taking into account of the relation (2), to show (8) amounts to show that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \langle T_k \nu, e_i \rangle \langle \tilde{A} \nu, e_i \rangle = \sum_{j=2}^{k+1} (-1)^{j-1} (B^T A^{j-2} B) \sigma_{k+1-j} \quad (9)$$

And assuming that $(e_i)_{i=1, \dots, n-1}$ is a basis consisting of eigenvectors of $A|_{\Sigma}$ with eigenvalues $(\gamma_i)_{i=1, \dots, n-1}$, it turns out to show that for fixed $i=1, \dots, n-1$

$$\langle T_k \nu, e_i \rangle \langle \tilde{A} \nu, e_i \rangle = \sum_{j=2}^{k+1} (-1)^{j-1} (b_j \gamma_i^{j-2} b_i) \sigma_{k+1-j}(A|_{\Sigma}) \quad (10)$$

For every $k \geq 1$, where $B^T = (b_i)$

Now, since

$$\langle \nu, \tilde{A} e_i \rangle = \left\langle \nu, \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \langle \tilde{A} e_i, e_j \rangle e_j + \langle \tilde{A} e_i, \nu \rangle \nu \right\rangle$$

$$= \langle e_i, \tilde{A}v \rangle = b_i$$

We need to show that

$$\langle T_k v, e_i \rangle = \sum_{j=2}^{k+1} (-1)^{j-1} (b_i \gamma_i^{j-2} b_i) \sigma_{k+1-j} (A|_{\Sigma}) \tag{11}$$

We proceed by induction. First we have

$$\langle T_1 v, e_i \rangle = \langle \sigma_1 (\tilde{A}) v - \tilde{A} v, e_i \rangle = -b_i$$

Which shows that equality (11) is fulfilled for the first term

Suppose now that, for any $1 \leq k \leq r-1$, the relation (11) holds and calculate

$$\begin{aligned} \langle T_{k+1} v, e_i \rangle &= \langle \sigma_{k+1} (\tilde{A}) v - \tilde{A} T_k v, e_i \rangle \\ &= -\langle T_k v, \tilde{A} e_i \rangle = -\left\langle T_k v, \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \langle \tilde{A} e_i, e_j \rangle e_j + \langle \tilde{A} e_i, v \rangle v \right\rangle \\ &= -\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \langle \tilde{A} e_i, e_j \rangle \langle T_k v, e_j \rangle - \langle \tilde{A} e_i, v \rangle \langle T_k v, v \rangle \\ &= \sum_{j=2}^{k+2} (-1)^{j-1} b_i \gamma_i^{j-2} \sigma_{k+1-j} (A|_{\Sigma}) - b_i \langle T_k v, v \rangle \\ &= \sum_{j=2}^{k+2} (-1)^{j-1} b_i \gamma_i^{j-2} \sigma_{k+2-j} (A|_{\Sigma}) \end{aligned}$$

Which proves eqn. (11).

As a consequence of formula (8), we have formula (9).

Theorem 1: theorem Let \bar{M}^{n+1} be an $(n+1)$ -Riemannian manifolds and $P^n \subset \bar{M}^{n+1}$ oriented totally umbilical submanifolds of \bar{M}^{n+1} . Denote by $\Sigma^{n-1} \subset P^n$ an $(n-1)$ -compact hypersurfaces of P^n . Let $\Psi: M^n \rightarrow \bar{M}^{n+1}$ be a oriented connected and compact hypersurface of \bar{M}^{n+1} with boundary $\Sigma_{n-1} = \Psi(\partial M)$, then along the boundary ∂M , we have

$$\langle T_r v, v \rangle = \sigma_r (A|_{\Sigma}) \tag{12}$$

Corollary 1: With the conditions of the above theorem and assuming that $P^n \subset \bar{M}^{n+1}$ is totally geodesic, then for every r with length $r \leq n-1$, we have

$$\langle T_r v, v \rangle = \rho_r \sigma_r (A|_{\Sigma})$$

It suffices to use (12) with $\mu=0$.

Transversality

The formula for the Newton transformations implies the relation between transversality of M^n and P^n and ellipticity of T_r provided that P^n is totally geodesic in \bar{M}^{n+r} [9-12].

Theorem 2: With the conditions in Corollary 1 the submanifolds M^n and P^n are transversal along ∂M provided that for some r of length $1 \leq r \leq n-1$; the Newton transformations T_u is positive definite on M^n .

Proof. Saying that M^n and P^n are not transversal means that there exist $p \in \partial M$ such that

$$\rho = \langle \eta, N \rangle = 0 \text{ at } p.$$

Therefore, if we suppose that for all $p \in \bar{M}^{n+1}$, T_r is positive definite, then by Corollary 1, $\rho(p) \neq 0$. Thus

$$\langle \eta, N \rangle \neq 0.$$

Hence M^n and P^n are transversal.

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