

# Harmonic Maps and Torse-Forming Vector Fields

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#### ABSTRACT

In this paper, we prove that any harmonic map from a compact orientable Riemannian manifold without boundary (or from complete Riemannian manifold) (M,g) to Riemannian manifold (N,h) is necessarily constant, with (N,h) admitting a torse-forming vector field satisfying some condition.

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#### 1. Introduction

Let (M, g) and (N, h) be two Riemannian manifolds, the energy functional of a map  $\varphi \in C^{\infty}(M, N)$  is defined by

$$E(\varphi) = \int_{M} e(\varphi) v^{g}, \qquad (1.1)$$

where  $e(\varphi) = \frac{1}{2} |d\varphi|^2$  is the energy density of  $\varphi$ ,  $|d\varphi|$  is the Hilbert-Schmidt norm of the differential  $d\varphi$  and  $v^g$  is the volume element on (M, g). A map  $\varphi \in C^{\infty}(M, N)$  is called harmonic if it is a critical point of the energy functional, that is, if it is a solution of the Euler Lagrange equation associated to (1.1)

$$\tau(\varphi) = \operatorname{trace} \nabla d\varphi = \nabla_{e_i}^{\varphi} d\varphi(e_i) - d\varphi(\nabla_{e_i}^M e_i) = 0,$$
(1.2)

where  $\{e_i\}$  is an orthonormal frame on (M, g),  $\nabla^M$  is the Levi-Civita connection of (M, g), and  $\nabla^{\varphi}$  denote the pull-back connection on  $\varphi^{-1}TN$ . Harmonic maps are solutions of a second order nonlinear elliptic system and they play a very important rôle in many branches of mathematics and physics where they may serve as a model for liquid crystal. One can refer to [8]-[10] for background on harmonic maps.

Example 1.1. (Hopf map [15]) The restriction of the map

$$F: \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^3,$$
  
(x,y) \longmapsto (2x\overline{y}, |x|^2 - |y|^2)

induces a harmonic map  $\varphi: S^3 \longrightarrow S^2$  with eigenvalue  $\lambda = 8$  (called Hopf construction).

**Example 1.2.** Let  $\mathbb{T}^2 = \mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{S}^1$  the Torus. We note that the circle  $\mathbb{S}^1$  is compact orientable manifold of dimension 1, and without boundary because  $\partial \mathbb{S}^1 = \partial(\partial \mathbb{D}^2) = \emptyset$  where  $\mathbb{D}^2$  is the unit disk in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . So that the product manifold  $\mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{S}^1$  is also compact, without boundary, orientable manifold of dimension 2. In [16], the authors proved that the non-constant map  $\varphi : (\mathbb{T}^2, dx_1^2 + dx_2^2) \longrightarrow (\mathbb{S}^2, dy_1^2 + \sin^2 y_1 dy_2^2)$ , defined by  $(x_1, x_2) \longmapsto (\pi/2, mx_1 + nx_2 + l)$  is harmonic, where  $m, n, l \in \mathbb{R}$ .

We shall consider a torse-forming vector field  $\xi$ , that is, a vector field which is always torse-forming along any curve traced in a Riemennian manifold (M, g) (see [14]-[20]). In this case, we have

$$\nabla_X^M \xi = fX + \omega(X)\xi, \quad \forall X \in \Gamma(TM), \tag{1.3}$$

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for some smooth function f and 1-form  $\omega$  on M, where  $\nabla^M$  denotes the Levi-Civita connection of (M, g). The 1-form  $\omega$  is called the generating form and the function f is called the conformal scalar. A torse-forming vector field  $\xi$  is called proper torse-forming if the 1-form  $\omega$  is nowhere zero on a dense open subset of M. A torqued vector field is a torse-forming vector field  $\xi$  satisfying (1.3) with  $\omega(\xi) = 0$  (see [5],[6]). In the case that  $\omega$  is identically zero,  $\xi$  is called a concircular vector field. In particular, if  $\omega = 0$  and f = 1, then  $\xi$  is called a concurrent vector field. For the existence of torse-forming vector field on Riemannian manifold see for example [7] and [12].

**Definition 1.1.** A special torse-forming vector field or briefly a STF-vector field on a Riemennian manifold (M,g) is a torse-forming vector field  $\xi$  satisfying the equation (1.3) with generating form  $\omega = \mu \xi^{\flat}$ , for some smooth function  $\mu$  on M, that is

$$\nabla_X^M \xi = fX + \mu g(X,\xi)\xi, \quad \forall X \in \Gamma(TM).$$
(1.4)

**Example 1.3.** In Euclidian space  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , we set  $\xi = fP$ , where  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}|x|^2 + \epsilon$ , for some constant  $\epsilon > 0$ , and P is the position vector field on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $\xi$  is a STF-vector field with conformal scalar f and generating form  $\omega = (1/f)df$ .

**Example 1.4.** In Kenmotsu manifolds (see [11]) there exists a unit vector field  $\xi$  satisfying the condition  $\nabla_X^M \xi = X - \eta(X)\xi$ , where  $\eta(X) = g(X,\xi)$ , for all  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$ . So  $\xi$  is a STF-vector field with f = 1 and  $\mu = -1$ . As we can assume that the vector field  $\xi$  is a unit one, (1.3) is written in the form

$$\nabla_X^M \xi = f(X - \eta(X)\xi), \quad \forall X \in \Gamma(TM),$$
(1.5)

where  $\eta(X) = g(X,\xi)$ . Thus,  $\xi$  is a STF-vector field with  $\mu = -f$ . When the conformal scalar f takes especially the value -1. Then the manifold in consideration becomes an SP-Sasakian manifold (see [1]).

Remark 1.1.

- A torse-forming vector field  $\xi \in \Gamma(TM)$  of conformal scalar  $f \neq 0$  (at any point on M) and generating form  $\omega$ , is parallel if  $\nabla_X^M \xi = 0$ , for all  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$ , that is  $fX + \omega(X)\xi = 0$ . So that  $X = -\frac{\omega(X)}{f}\xi$ , thus  $\Gamma(TM) = C^{\infty}(M)\xi$ . Conversely, let  $\xi \in \Gamma(TM) = C^{\infty}(M)\xi$ , and g be a Riemannian metric on M such that  $g(\xi,\xi) = 1$ , then  $\nabla_X \xi = 0 = X g(X,\xi)\xi$ .
- A special torse-forming vector field  $\xi$  with conformal scalar f and generating form  $\omega = \mu \xi^{\flat}$  on Riemennian manifold (M,g) (dim  $M \ge 2$ ) is conformal vector field (that is  $g(\nabla_X^M \xi, Y) + g(\nabla_Y^M \xi, X) = 2\tilde{f}g(X,Y), \forall X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ , for some smooth function  $\tilde{f}$  on M) if and only if  $\mu = 0$ . Indeed; by the definition of STF-vector field, we have

$$g(\nabla_X^M \xi, Y) + g(\nabla_Y^M \xi, X) = 2fg(X, Y) + 2\mu g(X, \xi)g(Y, \xi),$$
(1.6)

for all  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ . So, if the vector field  $\xi$  is conformal with potential function  $\tilde{f}$ , by equation (1.6), we obtain

$$2(f - f)g(X, Y) + 2\mu g(X, \xi)g(Y, \xi) = 0, \quad \forall X, Y \in \Gamma(TM).$$
(1.7)

From equation (1.7) with  $X = Y \perp \xi$ , we get  $2(f - \tilde{f})|X|^2 = 0$ , that is  $f = \tilde{f}$ , and for  $X = Y = \xi$  we have  $2\mu|\xi|^4 = 0$ , thus  $\mu = 0$ . Conversely, a conformal vector field  $\xi$  on Riemennian manifold (M, g) is a special torse-forming vector field if the 1-form  $\eta(X) = g(X, \xi)$  is closed on M (see [2]). In this cas, the conformal scalar is the potential function of  $\xi$  and  $\mu = 0$ .

#### 2. STF-vector fields and harmonic maps

In the seminal work [13], where we proved that, if (M,g) is a compact Riemannian manifold without boundary, (N,h) is a Riemannian manifold,  $\varphi : (M,g) \to (N,h)$  a harmonic map, assume that there is a proper homothetic vector field  $\xi$  on (N,h), that is  $\mathcal{L}_{\xi}h = 2kh$ , for some constant  $k \in \mathbb{R}^*$ , where  $\mathcal{L}_{\xi}h$  is the Lie derivative of the metric h with respect to  $\xi$ . Then  $\varphi$  is a constant map. In the case of STF-vector field we obtain the following results.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let (M, g) be a compact orientable Riemannian manifold without boundary, and (N, h) be a Riemannian manifold admitting a STF-vector field  $\xi$  with conformal scalar f and generating form  $\mu\xi^{\flat}$ . If f > 0 and  $\mu \ge 0$  on N, then any harmonic map  $\varphi$  from (M, g) to (N, h) is constant.

*Proof.* Define a 1-form on *M* by

$$\eta(X) = h(\xi \circ \varphi, d\varphi(X)), \quad \forall X \in \Gamma(TM).$$
(2.1)

Let  $\{e_i\}$  be a normal orthonormal frame at  $x \in M$ , we have

$$\operatorname{div}^{M} \eta = e_{i} \left[ h \left( \xi \circ \varphi, d\varphi(e_{i}) \right) \right].$$
(2.2)

By equation (2.2), and the harmonicity condition of  $\varphi$ , we get

$$\operatorname{div}^{M} \eta = h \left( \nabla_{e_{i}}^{\varphi}(\xi \circ \varphi), d\varphi(e_{i}) \right), \tag{2.3}$$

and since  $\xi$  is a STF-vector field on (N, h), we find that

$$\operatorname{div}^{M} \eta = (f \circ \varphi) h \big( d\varphi(e_{i}), d\varphi(e_{i}) \big) + (\mu \circ \varphi) h (\xi \circ \varphi, d\varphi(e_{i}))^{2}.$$
(2.4)

The Theorem 2.1 follows from (2.4), and the Green Theorem, with f > 0 and  $\mu \ge 0$  on N.

Remark 2.1.

- If (M,g) = (N,h) and  $\varphi = Id_M$ , from Theorem 2.1, we get; Every orientable Riemannian manifold without boundary admitting a STF-vector field with strictly positive conformal scalar and  $\mu \ge 0$  is necessarily non-compact.
- An harmonic map from a compact orientable Riemannian manifold without boundary to a Riemannian manifold admitting a STF-vector field is not necessarily constant. For example, the identity map on the unit *n*-dimensional sphere  $\mathbb{S}^n$  on  $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ , note that the sphere  $\mathbb{S}^n$  admits a STF-vector field given by  $\xi = \operatorname{grad} \lambda$ , where  $\lambda(x) = \langle x, \alpha \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^{n+1}}$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{S}^n$ , and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$ , the conformal scalar of  $\xi$  is the function  $f = -\lambda$ , and the generating form  $\omega$  is null, that is  $\mu = 0$  (see [17]).

From Theorem 2.1 we get the following result:

**Corollary 2.1.** Let  $(\overline{N}, \overline{h})$  be an *n*-dimensional Riemannian manifold which admits a STF-vector field  $\overline{\xi}$  with conformal scalar *f* and generating form  $\omega = \mu \overline{\xi}^{\flat}$ . Consider (N, h) a Riemannian hypersurface of  $(\overline{N}, \overline{h})$  such that *h* is the induced metric of  $\overline{h}$  on *N*. Suppose that

• (*N*, *h*) is totally umbilical, that is:

$$B(X,Y) = \rho h(X,Y)\eta, \quad \forall X,Y \in \Gamma(TN),$$

for some smooth function  $\rho$  on N, where B is the second fundamental form of N on  $\overline{N}$  given by  $B(X,Y) = (\overline{\nabla}_X Y)^{\perp}, \overline{\nabla}$  is the Levi-Civita connection on  $\overline{N}$ , and  $\eta$  is the unit normal to N;

• the functions  $f + \rho \overline{h}(\overline{\xi}, \eta) > 0$  and  $\mu \ge 0$  on N.

*Then, any harmonic map from a compact orientable Riemannian manifold without boundary to* (N, h) *is constant.* 

*Proof.* It is possible to express  $\overline{\xi}$  as  $\overline{\xi} = \xi + \lambda \eta$ , where  $\xi$  is tangent to N and  $\lambda$  is a smooth function on N. Thus we have

$$\overline{\nabla}_X \overline{\xi} = \nabla_X^N \xi + \rho h(X, \xi) \eta + X(\lambda) \eta - \rho \lambda X, \qquad (2.5)$$

where  $X \in \Gamma(TN)$ . By equation (2.5) with  $\overline{\xi}$  is STF-vector field of conformal scalar f and generating form  $\omega = \mu \overline{\xi}^{\flat}$ , we get

$$\nabla_X^N \xi = (f + \rho\lambda)X + \mu h(X, \xi)\xi, \quad \forall X \in \Gamma(TN).$$
(2.6)

Thus  $\xi$  is STF-vector field of conformal scalar  $f + \rho \lambda$  and generating form  $\omega = \mu \xi^{\flat}$  on (N, h). Note that the function  $f + \rho \lambda = f + \rho \overline{h}(\overline{\xi}, \eta)$ . The Corollary follows by Theorem 2.1.

In the case of non-compact Riemannian manifold, we obtain the following result:

**Theorem 2.2.** Let (M,g) be a complete non-compact Riemannian manifold, and (N,h) be a Riemannian manifold admitting a STF-vector field  $\xi$  of conformal scalar f > 0 and generating form  $\omega = \mu \xi^{\flat}$  with  $\mu \ge 0$ . If  $\varphi : (M,g) \longrightarrow (N,h)$  is harmonic map, satisfying:

$$\int_{M} \frac{|\xi \circ \varphi|^2}{(f \circ \varphi)} v^g < \infty, \tag{2.7}$$

then  $\varphi$  is constant. Furthermore, if (M, g) has an infinite volume we have  $\varphi(x) = y_0$  for all  $x \in M$  and  $\xi(y_0) = 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\rho$  be a smooth function with compact support on *M*, we set

$$\eta(X) = h(\xi \circ \varphi, \rho^2 d\varphi(X)), \quad X \in \Gamma(TM).$$
(2.8)

Let  $\{e_i\}$  be a normal orthonormal frame at  $x \in M$ , we have

$$\operatorname{div}^{M} \eta = e_{i} \Big[ h \big( \xi \circ \varphi, \rho^{2} d\varphi(e_{i}) \big) \Big].$$
(2.9)

By equation (2.9), and the harmonicity condition of  $\varphi$ , we get

$$\operatorname{div}^{M} \eta = h \left( \nabla_{e_{i}}^{\varphi}(\xi \circ \varphi), \rho^{2} d\varphi(e_{i}) \right) + h \left( \xi \circ \varphi, \nabla_{e_{i}}^{\varphi} \rho^{2} d\varphi(e_{i}) \right) \\ = \rho^{2} h \left( \nabla_{e_{i}}^{\varphi}(\xi \circ \varphi), d\varphi(e_{i}) \right) + 2\rho e_{i}(\rho) h \left( \xi \circ \varphi, d\varphi(e_{i}) \right).$$

$$(2.10)$$

Since  $\xi$  is a STF-vector field with conformal scalar *f* and generating form  $\omega = \mu \xi^{\flat}$ , we find that

$$\rho^{2}h\left(\nabla_{e_{i}}^{\varphi}(\xi\circ\varphi),d\varphi(e_{i})\right) = \rho^{2}(f\circ\varphi)h\left(d\varphi(e_{i}),d\varphi(e_{i})\right) + \rho^{2}(\mu\circ\varphi)h(\xi\circ\varphi,d\varphi(e_{i}))^{2}.$$
(2.11)

By the Young's inequality we have

$$-2\rho e_i(\rho)h\big(\xi\circ\varphi,d\varphi(e_i)\big) \le \lambda\rho^2 |d\varphi|^2 + \frac{1}{\lambda}e_i(\rho)^2|\xi\circ\varphi|^2,$$
(2.12)

for any smooth function  $\lambda > 0$  on *M*. From (2.10), (2.11) and (2.12) we deduce the inequality

$$\rho^{2}(f\circ\varphi)|d\varphi|^{2} + \rho^{2}(\mu\circ\varphi)h(\xi\circ\varphi,d\varphi(e_{i}))^{2} - \operatorname{div}^{M}\eta \leq \lambda\rho^{2}|d\varphi|^{2} + \frac{1}{\lambda}e_{i}(\rho)^{2}|\xi\circ\varphi|^{2}.$$
(2.13)

Since  $\rho^2(\mu \circ \varphi)h(\xi \circ \varphi, d\varphi(e_i))^2 \ge 0$ , by (2.13) with  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}(f \circ \varphi)$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{2}\rho^2(f\circ\varphi)|d\varphi|^2 - \operatorname{div}^M \eta \le 2e_i(\rho)^2 \frac{|\xi\circ\varphi|^2}{(f\circ\varphi)}.$$
(2.14)

By the divergence Theorem, and (2.14) we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{M} \rho^{2} (f \circ \varphi) |d\varphi|^{2} v^{g} \leq 2 \int_{M} e_{i}(\rho)^{2} \frac{|\xi \circ \varphi|^{2}}{(f \circ \varphi)} v^{g}.$$
(2.15)

Consider the smooth function  $\rho = \rho_R$  such that,  $\rho \le 1$  on M,  $\rho = 1$  on the ball B(p, R),  $\rho = 0$  on  $M \setminus B(p, 2R)$  and  $| \operatorname{grad}^M \rho | \le \frac{2}{R}$  (see [18]). Then, from (2.15) we get

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{M} \rho^{2} (f \circ \varphi) |d\varphi|^{2} v^{g} \leq \frac{8}{R^{2}} \int_{M} \frac{|\xi \circ \varphi|^{2}}{(f \circ \varphi)} v^{g},$$
(2.16)

and since  $\int_M \frac{|\xi \circ \varphi|^2}{(f \circ \varphi)} v^g < \infty$ , when  $R \to \infty$ , we obtain

$$\int_{M} (f \circ \varphi) |d\varphi|^2 v^g = 0.$$
(2.17)

Consequently,  $|d\varphi| = 0$ , that is  $\varphi$  is constant.

**Corollary 2.2.** Let (M,g) be a complete non-compact Riemannian manifold has a STF-vector field of conformal scalar f > 0 and generating form  $\omega = \mu \xi^{\flat}$  with  $\mu \ge 0$ . Then,

$$\int_M \frac{|\xi|^2}{f} v^g = \infty$$

Using the similar technique we have the following results:

**Theorem 2.3.** Let (M, g) be a complete non-compact Riemannian manifold has a STF-vector field  $\xi$  of conformal scalar f > 0 and generating form  $\omega = \mu \xi^{\flat}$  with  $\mu \ge 0$ , and (N, h) be a Riemannian manifold. If  $\varphi : (M, g) \longrightarrow (N, h)$  is harmonic map, satisfying:

$$\xi(e(\varphi)) \ge 0, \quad \int_M \frac{|d\varphi(\xi)|^2}{f} v^g < \infty, \tag{2.18}$$

*then*  $\varphi$  *is constant.* 

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*Proof.* Define a 1-form on *M* by

$$\eta(X) = h(d\varphi(\xi), \rho^2 d\varphi(X)), \quad X \in \Gamma(TM),$$
(2.19)

where  $\rho$  is a smooth function with compact support on M. Let  $\{e_i\}$  be a normal orthonormal frame at  $x \in M$ , we have

$$\operatorname{liv}^{M} \eta = e_{i} \Big[ h \big( d\varphi(\xi), \rho^{2} d\varphi(e_{i}) \big) \Big].$$
(2.20)

By equation (2.20), and the harmonicity condition of  $\varphi$ , we get

$$\operatorname{div}^{M} \eta = h \left( \nabla_{e_{i}}^{\varphi} d\varphi(\xi), \rho^{2} d\varphi(e_{i}) \right) + h \left( d\varphi(\xi), \nabla_{e_{i}}^{\varphi} \rho^{2} d\varphi(e_{i}) \right) = \rho^{2} h \left( \nabla_{e_{i}}^{\varphi} d\varphi(\xi), d\varphi(e_{i}) \right) + 2\rho e_{i}(\rho) h \left( d\varphi(\xi), d\varphi(e_{i}) \right),$$

$$(2.21)$$

and by the property  $\nabla_X^{\varphi} d\varphi(Y) = \nabla_Y^{\varphi} d\varphi(X) + d\varphi([X, Y])$  (see [4]), with  $X = e_i$  and  $Y = \xi$ , we find that

$$\operatorname{div}^{M} \eta = \rho^{2} h \left( \nabla_{\xi}^{\varphi} d\varphi(e_{i}), d\varphi(e_{i}) \right) + \rho^{2} h \left( d\varphi(\nabla_{e_{i}}^{M} \xi), d\varphi(e_{i}) \right) + 2\rho e_{i}(\rho) h \left( d\varphi(\xi), d\varphi(e_{i}) \right).$$
(2.22)

Since  $\xi$  is a STF-vector field with conformal scalar f and generating form  $\mu \xi^{\flat}$ , we have the following

$$\rho^2 h \left( d\varphi(\nabla^M_{e_i} \xi), d\varphi(e_i) \right) = \rho^2 f |d\varphi|^2 + \rho^2 \mu |d\varphi(\xi)|^2 \ge \rho^2 f |d\varphi|^2.$$
(2.23)

By the Young's inequality we have

$$-2\rho e_i(\rho)h\left(d\varphi(\xi), d\varphi(e_i)\right) \le \frac{f}{2}\rho^2 |d\varphi|^2 + \frac{2}{f}e_i(\rho)^2 |d\varphi(\xi)|^2.$$

$$(2.24)$$

From (2.21), (2.23) and (2.24), with  $h(\nabla_{\xi}^{\varphi}d\varphi(e_i), d\varphi(e_i)) = \xi(e(\varphi)) \ge 0$ , we deduce the inequality

$$\frac{1}{2}\rho^2 f |d\varphi|^2 - \operatorname{div}^M \eta \le 2e_i(\rho)^2 \frac{|d\varphi(\xi)|^2}{f}.$$
(2.25)

By the divergence Theorem, and inequality (2.25) we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{M} \rho^{2} f |d\varphi|^{2} v^{g} \leq 2 \int_{M} e_{i}(\rho)^{2} \frac{|d\varphi(\xi)|^{2}}{f} v^{g}.$$
(2.26)

Consider the smooth function  $\rho = \rho_R$  such that,  $\rho \le 1$  on M,  $\rho = 1$  on the ball B(p, R),  $\rho = 0$  on  $M \setminus B(p, 2R)$  and  $|\operatorname{grad}^M \rho| \le \frac{2}{R}$ . Then, from (2.26) we get

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{M} \rho^{2} f |d\varphi|^{2} v^{g} \le \frac{8}{R^{2}} \int_{M} \frac{|d\varphi(\xi)|^{2}}{f} v^{g},$$
(2.27)

and using the condition  $\int_M \frac{|d\varphi(\xi)|^2}{f} v^g < \infty$ , when  $R \to \infty$ , we obtain

$$\int_{M} f |d\varphi|^2 v^g = 0.$$
(2.28)

So that  $|d\varphi| = 0$ , that is  $\varphi$  is constant.

**Proposition 2.1.** Let  $\xi$  be a STF-vector field of conformal scalar  $f \neq 0$  (at any point on M) on n-dimensional Riemannian manifold (M, g). Then  $\xi$  is harmonic if and only if

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \operatorname{grad} f = - \left[ g(\operatorname{grad} \mu, \xi) + (n+1)\mu f + 2\mu^2 |\xi|^2 \right] \xi; \\ \operatorname{Ricci}(\xi) = 0, \end{array} \right.$$

where grad is the gradient operator on (M, g), and Ricci is the Ricci tensor of (M, g).

*Proof.* The tension field of  $\xi$  is given by (see [3])

$$\tau(\xi) = (\operatorname{trace} \nabla^2 \xi)^V + (\operatorname{trace} R(\xi, \nabla^M \xi))^H,$$
(2.29)

where for all  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$ ,  $X^V$  (resp.  $X^H$ ) is the vertical (resp. horizontal) lift of X, and R is the curvature tensor of (M, g). Since  $\xi$  is a STF-vector field, we have

$$\nabla_X^M \xi = fX + \mu g(X,\xi)\xi = fX + \omega(X)\xi, \quad \forall X \in \Gamma(TM).$$
(2.30)

Let  $x \in M$ , then for any orthonormal basis  $\{e_i\}$  such  $\nabla_{e_i}^M e_j = 0$  at x

$$\text{trace } \nabla^{2} \xi = \nabla^{M}_{e_{i}} \nabla^{M}_{e_{i}} \xi$$

$$= e_{i}(f)e_{i} + e_{i}(\omega(e_{i}))\xi + \omega(e_{i})\nabla^{M}_{e_{i}}\xi$$

$$= \text{grad } f + e_{i}(\omega(e_{i}))\xi + \omega(e_{i})[fe_{i} + \omega(e_{i})\nabla^{M}_{e_{i}}\xi]$$

$$= \text{grad } f + e_{i}(\omega(e_{i}))\xi + f\mu g(e_{i},\xi)e_{i} + \mu^{2}g(e_{i},\xi)^{2}\xi$$

$$= \text{grad } f + e_{i}(\mu g(e_{i},\xi))\xi + f\mu\xi + \mu^{2}|\xi|^{2}\xi$$

$$= \text{grad } f + g(\text{grad } \mu,\xi)\xi + \mu g(e_{i},\nabla^{M}_{e_{i}}\xi)\xi + f\mu\xi + \mu^{2}|\xi|^{2}\xi$$

$$= \text{grad } f + g(\text{grad } \mu,\xi)\xi + n\mu f\xi + \mu^{2}|\xi|^{2}\xi + f\mu\xi + \mu^{2}|\xi|^{2}\xi$$

$$= \operatorname{grad} f + \left[ g(\operatorname{grad} \mu, \xi) + (n+1)\mu f + 2\mu^2 |\xi|^2 \right] \xi.$$
(2.32)

For the second term of (2.30), we have

trace 
$$R(\xi, \nabla^M \xi) = R(\xi, \nabla^M_{e_i} \xi) e_i$$
  
 $= f R(\xi, e_i) e_i + \omega(e_i) R(\xi, \xi) e_i$   
 $= f R(\xi, e_i) e_i$   
 $= f \operatorname{Ricci}(\xi).$  (2.33)

The Proposition 2.1 follows from (2.29), (2.31) and (2.33).

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