

SYMMETRIC R-SPACES

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ABSTRACT

Submanifolds with parallel second fundamental form are defined as extrinsic analogue of locally symmetric manifolds [6, 7]. It follows that all of them are locally invariant under the reflection in the normal space of an arbitrary point. These type of submanifolds are also called symmetric submanifolds [7]. Examples are symmetric R -spaces.

Submanifolds with pointwise planar normal sections (P2-PNS) are introduced in [3, 4, 5]. It has shown that spherical submanifolds have P2-PNS property if and only if they must be parallel submanifolds.

In [1] the present author and A. West showed that non-parallel submanifold M has P2-PNS property if and only if it is a hypersurface.

In this article we prove that if M is a symmetric R -space then it must be the orbit of the element Δ such that $ad(\Delta)^2 = ad(\Delta)$. We also show that the imbeddings of the symmetric R -spaces of the form $f: M = K/K_0 \rightarrow P$ by $f([k]) = Ad(k)\Delta$ have P2-PNS.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let M be a smooth m -dimensional submanifold in $(m + d)$ -dimensional Euclidean space \mathbf{R}^{m+d} . For $x \in M$ and a non-zero vector X in $T_x M$ we define the $(d + 1)$ -dimensional affine subspace $E(x, X)$ of \mathbf{R}^{m+d} by

$$E(x, X) = \{x + \text{Span}\{X, N_x(M)\}\}$$

in a neighbourhood of x . The intersection of $M \cap E(x, X)$ is a regular curve $\gamma: (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow M$. We suppose the parameter $t \in (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$ is a multiple of the arc-length such that $\gamma(0) = x$ and $\dot{\gamma}(0) = X$. Each choice of $X \in T_x(M)$ yields a different curve which is called the *normal section* of M at x the direction of X where $X \in T_x(M)$ [4]. For such a normal section we can write $\gamma(t) = x + \lambda(t)X + N(t)$ where $N(t)$ is the normal part of $\gamma(t)$.

The submanifold M is said to have *pointwise 2-planar normal sections* (P2-PNS) if each normal section γ the higher order derivatives $\dot{\gamma}(t)$, $\ddot{\gamma}(t)$, $\dddot{\gamma}(t)$ are linearly dependent as vectors in \mathbf{R}^{m+d} .

Submanifolds with pointwise 2-planar normal sections have been well studied in the case when M is *spherical* that is; $M-S-\mathbf{R}^{m+d}$.

2. BASIC THEOREM

Let M be an m -dimensional submanifold in $(m + d)$ -dimensional Euclidean space \mathbf{R}^{m+d} . Let ∇ and D denote the covariant derivatives of M and \mathbf{R}^{m+d} , respectively. Thus D_x is just the directional derivative in the direction X in \mathbf{R}^{m+d} . Then for tangent vector fields X , Y and Z over M we have

$$D_x Y = \nabla_x Y + h(X, Y)$$

where h is the second fundamental form of M [3]. We define $\nabla_x h$ as usual by

$$\overline{\nabla}_x(h(Y, Z)) = (\overline{\nabla}_x h)(Y, Z) + h(\nabla_x Y, Z) + h(Y, \nabla_x Z).$$

Then we have the *Gauss and codazzi equations*

$$h(X, Y) = h(Y, X)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (\overline{\nabla}_x h)(Y, Z) &= (\overline{\nabla}_y h)(X, Z) = (\overline{\nabla}_z h)(X, Y) = (\overline{\nabla}_x h)(Z, Y) \\ &= (\overline{\nabla}_y h)(Z, X) = (\overline{\nabla}_z h)(Y, X) \end{aligned}$$

If $\overline{\nabla} h = 0$ then M is said to have parallel second fundamental form.

Let us write

$$H(X) = h(X, X)$$

$$\nabla H(X) = (\nabla_x h)(Y, Z)$$

so that $H, \nabla H: T(M) \rightarrow N(M)$ are fibre maps whose restriction to each fibre $T_x(M)$ is a homogeneous polynomial map. H is of degree 2 and ∇H is of degree 3 [1].

Proposition 2.1. M has P2-PNS if and only if for each $x \in M$ and each $X \in T_x(M)$ the vectors $H(X)$ and $\nabla H(X)$ in $N_x(M)$ are linearly dependent.

Proof: See [1].

Theorem 2.2. Let M be an m -dimensional submanifold of \mathbb{R}^{m+d} . Then M has P2-PNS if and only if

$$\|H\|^2 \nabla H = (H, \nabla H).$$

Proof: See [1].

3. SYMMETRIC R-SPACES

Let \mathfrak{g} be a semi-simple lie algebra over \mathbb{R} and let \mathfrak{k} be a maximal compact subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} i.e. a subalgebra of \mathfrak{g} corresponding to a maximal compact subgroup of the adjoint group \mathfrak{g} . Let \mathfrak{g}_c be the complexification of \mathfrak{g} [2]. Let G_c be the adjoint group \mathfrak{g}_c ; that is

$$G_c = \text{Ad}(\mathfrak{g}_c) = \exp(\text{ad}(\mathfrak{g}_c)) \subset \text{GL}(\mathfrak{g}_c).$$

Then, as is well-known, there exist a uniquely determined compact form \mathfrak{g}_u of \mathfrak{g}_c such that $\mathfrak{g} \cap \mathfrak{g}_u = \mathfrak{k}$, and that letting P denote the orthogonal complement of \mathfrak{k} in \mathfrak{g} with respect to the killing form [10], we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{g} &= \mathfrak{k} + P \\ \mathfrak{g}_u &= \mathfrak{k} + iP \end{aligned}$$

such that

$$[\mathfrak{k}, \mathfrak{k}] \subseteq \mathfrak{k}, [P, P] \subseteq \mathfrak{k}, [\mathfrak{k}, P] \subseteq P.$$

Let \mathfrak{h}_p be a maximal abelian subalgebra of P ; it can be extended to a Cartan subalgebra \mathfrak{h} of \mathfrak{g} ; i.e. a maximal subalgebra \mathfrak{h} of \mathfrak{g} such that the adjoint representation of any $H \in \mathfrak{h}$ is semi simple. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{h} &= \mathfrak{h}_k \cap \mathfrak{h}_p \\ \mathfrak{h}_k &= \mathfrak{h} \cap \mathfrak{k} \\ \mathfrak{h}_p &= \mathfrak{h} \cap P. \end{aligned}$$

Let \mathfrak{h}_c be the complexification of \mathfrak{h} and let

$$\mathfrak{g}_c = \mathfrak{h}_c + \sum_{\alpha} \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha} \text{ (where } \alpha \in \mathfrak{r}\text{)}$$

be the corresponding decomposition of \mathfrak{g}_c , where \mathfrak{r} denotes the root system of \mathfrak{g}_c with respect to \mathfrak{h}_c . Let further \mathfrak{h}_c be the subspace of \mathfrak{h}_c over \mathbb{R} consisting of all $H \in \mathfrak{h}_c$ such that $\alpha(H)$ is real for all $\alpha \in \mathfrak{r}$; then

$$\mathfrak{h}_0 = i\mathfrak{h}_k \cap \mathfrak{h}_p$$

becomes a real Euclidean space with respect to the Killing form, so that we can consider \mathfrak{r} as a subset of \mathfrak{h}_0 (i.e. identify $\alpha \in \mathfrak{r}$ with the uniquely determined element H_α of \mathfrak{h}_0 such that

$$(H_\alpha, H) = \alpha(H)$$

for all $H \in \mathfrak{h}_0$, \langle, \rangle denotes the Killing form) ([10].

Let K be connected subgroup of G_c generated by k and let

$$P = P_0 + \mathfrak{m}$$

be canonical decomposition for the Lie algebra of K . For $O := K_0 \in M$ identify $T_0(M)$ [6].

Define

$$K_0 = \{k \in K; \text{Ad}(k) \Delta = \Delta\}, \text{ where } O \neq \Delta \in P$$

and form the differentiable manifold $M := K/K_0$.

We can define an embedding

$$f: M: K/K_0 \rightarrow P \text{ by } f([k]) = \text{Ad}(k) \Delta, O \neq \Delta \in P \quad (3.1)$$

into the Euclidean space with metric given by the Killing form of \mathfrak{g} .

The differential of f at $[e]$ (e is the identity of G_c) is given by

$$f_*X = \text{ad}(X) \Delta \text{ for } X \in \mathfrak{m}. \quad (3.2)$$

Definition 3.1. Let $M: K/K_0$ be a differentiable manifold defined as before. The Riemannian metric induced on M turns M into a Riemannian symmetric space. If

$$\text{ad}(\Delta)^3 = \text{ad}(\Delta)$$

then M is called *symmetric R-space*, and f its standard imbedding [7].

So $\text{ad}(\Delta)^3 = \text{ad}(\Delta)$ means there exists an element $O \neq \Delta \in P$ such that $\text{ad}(\Delta)$ has eigen values 0, -1, 1 and \mathfrak{g} admits a decomposition into eigen spaces

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_0 + \mathfrak{g}_1 + \mathfrak{g}_{-1}.$$

For any $X, Y \in \mathfrak{m}$ we can define the second fundamental form h of $M: K/K_0$ by

$$h(X, Y) = f_*(X) f_*(Y) \Delta \text{ where } \Delta := f(O). \quad (3.3)$$

By (3.1) and (3.3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} h(X, Y) &= \text{ad}(X) \text{ad}(Y) \Delta \\ &= [X, [Y, \Delta]]. \end{aligned}$$

Differentiating this at Δ we have

$$(\bar{\nabla}_z h)(X, Y) = \{ \text{ad}(Z) \text{ad}(X) \text{ad}(Y) \Delta \}^\perp \quad (3.4)$$

This means that for any $X \in \mathfrak{m}$

$$\text{ad}(X) \Delta = [X, \Delta] = X, \quad (3.5)$$

$$\text{ad}(X) \text{ad}(X) \Delta = [X, [X, \Delta]] = h(X, X), \quad (3.6)$$

$$\{ \text{ad}(X) \text{ad}(Y) \Delta \}^\perp = [X, [X, \Delta]]^\perp = (\Delta_z h)(X, Y). \quad (3.7)$$

We have the following:

Proposition 3.2. Let $f: M: K/K_0 \rightarrow P$ be the embedding as before and M be a symmetric R-space. Then $h(X, X)$ and $(\Delta_x h)(X, X)$ are linearly dependent if and only if $[X, [X, \Delta]]$ and $[X, [X, [X, \Delta]]]^\perp$ are linearly dependent.

Proposition 3.3. If $\text{ad}(\Delta)^3 = \text{ad}(\Delta)$ then for any positive system of generators for the roots $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_l$ with respect to Δ . There is a unique j such that $\alpha_j(\Delta) = 1$ and other $\alpha_s(\Delta) = 0, 1 \leq s \leq l, s \neq j$.

Proof: Let X_α be a root for a positive root α . Then

$$[H_\alpha, \Delta] = \alpha(\Delta) X_\alpha.$$

Since the eigenvalues of $\text{ad}(\Delta)$ are $-1, 0, 1$ we have

$$\alpha(\Delta) = \langle \Delta, H_\alpha \rangle = -1, 0 \text{ or } 1$$

for every root $\alpha \in \mathfrak{r}$. Since $\alpha_i(\Delta) \geq 0$ for all simple roots $\alpha_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, l$ we have $\alpha(\Delta) = 0$ or 1 for every positive root α .

By Kobayashi-Nagano's Lemma [8] there is a unique α_j such that $\alpha_j(\Delta) \neq 0$, and for such an α_j there is a highest root $\theta = \sum m_i \alpha_i$ such that $\alpha_j(\Delta) = 1$ and $m_j(\Delta) = 1$ and $m_j = 1$.

Definition 3.4. $f: M \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{m+d}$ is an (extrinsic) symmetric submanifold if for every $x \in M$ there is an isometry i of M into itself such that $i(x) = x$ and $foi = s_x$ of, where s_x is a reflection at the normal space through $f(x)$ normal to $f_*(T_x(M))$, and reflects $f(x) + f_*(T_x(M))$ at $f(x)$ [7].

Proposition 3.5. Extrinsic symmetric submanifolds have P2-PNS.

Proof: Let M be a symmetric submanifold and $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m+d}$ be an isometric immersion. For each $x \in M$ let s_x denote the reflection at the normal space $N_x(M)$ of M at x .

Let γ be a normal section of M at point $x = \gamma(0)$ in the direction of $X = \dot{\gamma}(0) \in T_x(M)$. We have

$$\ddot{\gamma}(0) = h(X, X)$$

$$\ddot{\gamma}(0)^\perp = (\bar{\nabla}_x h)(X, X).$$

So by Blomstrom [2] we have

$$(s_x)_*(\bar{\nabla}_x h)(X, X) = (\bar{\nabla}_x h)(X, X).$$

On the other hand, since s_x is affine

$$\begin{aligned} (s_x)_*(\bar{\nabla}_x h)(X, X) &= (\bar{\nabla}_{(s_x)_*X} h)((s_x)_*X, (s_x)_*X) \\ &= (\bar{\nabla}_{-X} h)(-X, -X) = (\bar{\nabla}_x h)(X, X). \end{aligned}$$

Hence $(\bar{\nabla}_x h)(X, X) = 0$ at the point x . So by Theorem 2.1 we get the result...

Proposition 3.6. Standart imbedded symmetric R -spaces are extrinsically symmetric submanifolds.

Proof: See [6].

Theorem 3.7. If M is a symmetric R -space then M is the orbit of an element Δ such that $(\text{ad}(\Delta))^3 = \text{ad}(\Delta)$.

Proof: Let \mathfrak{g} be the semi-simple Lie algebra

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}_0 + \mathfrak{g}_1 + \mathfrak{g}_{-1}$$

where

$$[\mathfrak{g}_\alpha, \mathfrak{g}_\beta] \subset \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha+\beta}$$

for $\alpha, \beta \in Z$ such that $\mathfrak{g}_\mu = \{0\}$ for $\mu \neq \{0\}, \mp 1$.

$$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} + \mathfrak{p}$$

$$\mathfrak{k} = \mathfrak{k}_0 + \mathfrak{m}$$

where

$$k = \{X \in \mathfrak{g} : \rho(X) = X\}$$

$$p = \{X \in \mathfrak{g} : \rho(X) = -X\}$$

$$k_0 = k \cap \mathfrak{g}_0$$

$$m = k \cap (\mathfrak{g}_{-1} \oplus \mathfrak{g}_1).$$

$$\text{Let } K = \text{Ad}_p(k) = \{\exp \text{ ad } (k) | p\} \subset \text{GL}(p)$$

and set

$$K_0 = \& \{k \in K; k(\Delta) = \Delta\}.$$

Then K_0 is a closed subgroup of K . Let $K(\Delta)$ be the K -orbit space at Δ . Then by Naitoh [9], $K(\Delta)$ is diffeomorphic to the homogeneous space K/K_0 .

The tangent space $T_0(K(\Delta))$ is identified with $[m, \Delta]$.

Since K acts isometrically for \langle, \rangle_p the orbit space $K(\Delta)$ with the metric induced from \langle, \rangle is a symmetric space.

Remark 3.8. In [6] Ferus has also proved that if a spherical submanifold has P2-PNS or rather has parallel second fundamental form h . Then it is extrinsically symmetric space.

Corollary 3.9. The imbeddings of the symmetric R-spaces defined as before have P2-PNS.

Proof: Let $M := K/K_0$ be symmetric R-space and γ be a normal section of M at point $x = \gamma(0)$ in the direction of $\dot{\gamma}(0) = X$. Then by Definition 3.1 we have

$$\text{ad}(X)^3(\Delta) = ([X, [X, \Delta]]) = [X, \Delta].$$

Combining this with (3.5), (3.7) we have $(\bar{\nabla}_x h)(X, X) = 0$. So by Theorem 2.2. M has P2-PNS.

ÖZET

Paralel ikinci temel forma sahip altmanifoldlar ilk defa Ferus tarafından sınıflandırılmış olup bunlara paralel altmanifoldlar da denir. Simetrik R-uzayları bu tip altmanifold örnekleridir [6,7].

Noktasal 2-düzlemsel normal kesitlere (P2-PNS) sahip altmanifoldların [3,4,5] de paralel, [1] de ise paralel olmama hali incelenmiştir.

Bu çalışmada, verilen bir simetrik R -uzayı $M = K / K_0$ için M nin $\text{ad}(\Delta)^3 = \text{ad}(\Delta)$ eşitliğini sağlayan bir Δ elemanının yörüngesi olduğu ve bunların $f: M = K / K_0 \rightarrow P, f([k]) = \text{Ad}(k) \Delta$ şeklindeki gömmeleri P2-PNS şartını sağladığı gösterilmiştir.

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