

ON A CLASS OF SURFACES IN THE EUCLIDEAN SPACE

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ABSTRACT

In this study we consider surfaces in the Euclidean space E^{2+d} satisfying the conditions $\bar{R} \cdot h = L_n Q(g, h)$ and $\bar{R} \cdot h = L_{nn} \hat{Q}(A_n, h)$.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let M be an n -dimensional submanifold in $(n + d)$ -dimensional Euclidean space E^{n+d} . We denote the Euclidean metric on E^{n+d} by g and the Levi-Civita connection of g by $\tilde{\nabla}$. The induced metric on M is also denoted by g and the Levi-Civita connection of (M, g) by ∇ . Then the *second fundamental form* h of M in E^{n+d} is defined by the formula of Gauss: $\tilde{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y)$, where X, Y are vector fields tangent to M and $h(X, Y)$ is the second fundamental form of M . Let ξ be an arbitrary normal vector field on M . Then the *shape operator* A_ξ of M with respect to ξ and the normal connection ∇^\perp of M in E^{n+d} are defined by the formula of Weingarten: $\tilde{\nabla}_X \xi = -A_\xi X + \nabla_X^\perp \xi$, where by $-A_\xi X$ and $\nabla_X^\perp \xi$ are respectively the tangential and the normal components of $\tilde{\nabla}_X \xi$. The second fundamental form h and the shape operator A_ξ are related by $g(A_\xi X, Y) = g(h(X, Y), \xi)$. If $h = 0$ then M is called *totally geodesic*. M is *totally umbilical* if all shape operators are proportional to the identity map. M is an *isotropic immersion* if for each p in M , $\|h(X, X)\|$ is independent of the choice of a unit vector X in $T_p M$. The *mean curvature vector* H of M is given by $H = \frac{1}{n} tr(h)$ and the *mean curvature* of M is defined by $\alpha := \sqrt{g(H, H)}$. Let $X \wedge Y$ denote the endomorphism $Z \rightarrow g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y$. Then the curvature tensor R of M is given by the equation of Gauss:

$$R(X, Y)Z = \sum_{i=1}^d (A_i X \wedge A_i Y)Z, \quad (1.1)$$

where $A_i := A_{\xi_i}$ and $\{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_d\}$ is a local orthonormal basis for the normal space $T^\perp M$. If M is a surface then the Gaussian curvature K of M at $p \in M$ is $K(p) := g(R(X, Y)Y, X)$, where $\{X, Y\}$ form an orthonormal basis of the tangent space $T_p M$. The equation of Ricci becomes $g(R^\perp(X, Y)\xi, \eta) = g([A_\xi, A_\eta]X, Y)$ for ξ and η vectors normal to M , where R^\perp is the curvature tensor of the normal connection ∇^\perp . If $R^\perp = 0$ then M is said to have *trivial normal connection* [1].

2. SEMIPARALLEL SURFACES

Let $\bar{\nabla}$ be the connection of van der Waerden-Bortolotti of M , i. e., $\bar{\nabla}$ is the connection in $TM \oplus T^\perp M$ built with ∇ and $\tilde{\nabla}$. Denote the curvature tensor of $\bar{\nabla}$ by \bar{R} .

Definition 2.1. Let M be an n -dimensional submanifold in $(n + d)$ -dimensional Euclidean space E^{n+d} . M is called *semiparallel* if

$$\bar{R}(X, Y) \cdot h = \bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_Y h - \bar{\nabla}_Y \bar{\nabla}_X h - \bar{\nabla}_{[X, Y]} h = 0$$

that is,

$$(\bar{R}(X, Y) \cdot h)(U, V) = R^\perp(X, Y)h(U, V) - h(R(X, Y)U, V) - h(U, R(X, Y)V) = 0 \quad (2.1)$$

for all vector fields X, Y, U, V tangent to M [2] (see also [4]).

In the present section we consider that M is a surface in the Euclidean space E^{2+d} .

Theorem 2.2. [2]. Let M be a surface in the Euclidean space E^{2+d} . Then M is semiparallel if and only if locally

- i) M is totally umbilical, i. e., M is an open part of a sphere S^2 in $E^3 \subset E^{2+d}$, or
- ii) M is a flat surface with trivial normal connection, or
- iii) M is an isotropic surface with codimension at least 3 and $\alpha^2 = 3K$.

Proposition 2.3. Let M be a surface in the Euclidean space E^{2+d} . Then there is an orthonormal basis $\{e_1, e_2\}$ of $T_p M$ such that

$$A_{\xi_1} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \mu \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{\xi_2} = \begin{bmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ b_2 & -a_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{\xi_3} = \begin{bmatrix} a_3 & b_3 \\ b_3 & -a_3 \end{bmatrix},$$

where ξ_1, ξ_2 and ξ_3 are vector fields normal to M .

Lemma 2.4. [2]. Let M be a surface in the Euclidean space E^{2+d} and $\{e_1, e_2\}$ be an orthonormal basis of the tangent space $T_p M$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{R}(e_1, e_2) \cdot h)(e_1, e_1) &= [\lambda - \mu][a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3] \xi_1 + [-\lambda(\lambda - \mu)b_2 + 2\beta a_3 + 2Kb_2] \xi_2 \\ &\quad + [-\lambda(\lambda - \mu)b_3 - 2\beta a_2 + 2Kb_3] \xi_3, \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

$$(\bar{R}(e_1, e_2) \cdot h)(e_1, e_2) = [\lambda - \mu][b_2^2 + b_3^2 - K] \xi_1 + 2[\beta b_3 - Ka_2] \xi_2 - 2[\beta b_2 + Ka_3] \xi_3 \quad (2.3)$$

and

$$(\bar{R}(e_1, e_2) \cdot h)(e_2, e_2) = -[\lambda - \mu][a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3] \xi_1 + [-\mu(\lambda - \mu)b_2 - 2\beta a_3 - 2Kb_2] \xi_2 + [-\mu(\lambda - \mu)b_3 + 2\beta a_2 - 2Kb_3] \xi_3, \quad (2.4)$$

where K is the Gaussian curvature of M in E^{2+d} and $\beta = a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2$.

Definition 2.5. Let M be a submanifold in the Euclidean space E^{n+d} . We define a tensor denoted by Q as

$$Q(g, h)(e_i, e_j; e_k, e_l) = -h((e_k \wedge e_l) e_i, e_j) - h(e_i, (e_k \wedge e_l) e_j) \quad (2.5)$$

for vector fields e_i, e_j, e_k, e_l tangent to M (see [3]).

If the tensors $\bar{R} \cdot h$ and $Q(g, h)$ are linearly dependent then M is called *extended semiparallel*, that is, the equality

$$\bar{R} \cdot h = L_h Q(g, h)$$

holding on the set

$$U_h = \{p \in M : Q(g, h) \neq 0\}$$

where L_h is some function on U_h .

Lemma 2.6. Let M be a surface in the Euclidean space E^{2+d} and $\{e_1, e_2\}$ be an orthonormal basis of the tangent space $T_p M$. Then

$$Q(g, h)(e_1, e_1; e_1, e_2) = 2(b_2 \xi_2 + b_3 \xi_3), \quad (2.6)$$

$$Q(g, h)(e_1, e_2; e_1, e_2) = -(\lambda - \mu) \xi_1 - 2a_2 \xi_2 - 2a_3 \xi_3 \quad (2.7)$$

and

$$Q(g, h)(e_2, e_2; e_1, e_2) = -2(b_2 \xi_2 + b_3 \xi_3). \quad (2.8)$$

Proof. Let $\{e_1, e_2\}$ be an orthonormal basis of the tangent space $T_p M$. Since the dimension of the first normal space $N_p^1(M) := \text{span}\{h(X, Y) \mid X, Y \in T_p M\}$ is at most 3 we can choose normal vectors ξ_1, \dots, ξ_d such that $A_{\xi_i} = \dots = A_{\xi_d} = 0$. Suppose ξ_1 is in the direction of the mean curvature vector H . So by the use of Proposition 2.3, we have

$$h(e_1, e_1) = \lambda \xi_1 + a_2 \xi_2 + a_3 \xi_3, \quad (2.9)$$

$$h(e_1, e_2) = b_2 \xi_2 + b_3 \xi_3 \quad (2.10)$$

and

$$h(e_2, e_2) = \mu \xi_1 - a_2 \xi_2 - a_3 \xi_3. \quad (2.11)$$

Therefore using (2.5) and the symmetrization of the second fundamental form h we get the result.

Lemma 2.7. Let M be a surface in the Euclidean space E^{2+d} . If M is extended semiparallel then $R^\perp(e_1, e_2)H = 0$ for all vectors e_1, e_2 tangent to M .

Proof. Let ξ be a normal vector at a point $p \in M$. Choose an orthonormal basis $\{e_1, e_2\}$ of $T_p M$ such that $A_\xi e_i = \lambda_i e_i$ ($1 \leq i \leq 2$) i. e., e_1, e_2 are eigenvectors of A_ξ . Since M is extended semiparallel, we can write

$$(\bar{R}(e_1, e_2) \cdot h)(e_i, e_i) = L_h Q(g, h)(e_i, e_i; e_1, e_2).$$

So using (2.1) we have

$$R^\perp(e_1, e_2)h(e_i, e_i) = 2h(R(e_1, e_2)e_i, e_i) - 2L_h g(e_2, e_i)h(e_1, e_i) + 2L_h g(e_1, e_i)h(e_2, e_i). \quad (2.12)$$

Since

$$g(R^\perp(e_1, e_2)H, \xi) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^2 g(R^\perp(e_1, e_2)h(e_i, e_i), \xi) \quad (2.13)$$

then substituting (2.12) into (2.13) we get

$$g(R^\perp(e_1, e_2)H, \xi) = \sum_{i=1}^2 [g(h(R(e_1, e_2)e_i, e_i), \xi) - L_h g(e_2, e_i)g(h(e_1, e_i), \xi) + L_h g(e_1, e_i)g(h(e_2, e_i), \xi)]. \quad (2.14)$$

Since $g(A_\xi e_i, e_j) = g(h(e_i, e_j), \xi)$, the equation (2.14) can be written as

$$g(R^\perp(e_1, e_2)H, \xi) = g(R(e_1, e_2)e_1, A_\xi e_1) + g(R(e_1, e_2)e_2, A_\xi e_2) - L_h g(e_2, e_1)g(e_1, A_\xi e_1) - L_h g(e_2, e_2)g(e_1, A_\xi e_2) + L_h g(e_1, e_1)g(e_2, A_\xi e_1) + L_h g(e_1, e_2)g(e_2, A_\xi e_2). \quad (2.15)$$

So substituting $A_\xi e_i = \lambda_i e_i$ into (2.15) we obtain $g(R^\perp(e_1, e_2)H, \xi) = 0$. Since ξ is an arbitrary normal vector the last equality gives us $R^\perp(e_1, e_2)H = 0$. This completes the proof of the Lemma. \square

Theorem 2.8. Let M be a surface in the Euclidean space E^{2+d} . If M is extended semiparallel then locally

- i) M is semiparallel, or
- ii) M is a surface in E^{2+d} with trivial normal connection which has the Gaussian curvature $K = L_h$, or
- iii) M is an isotropic surface with codimension at least 3 and $\alpha^2 = 3K - 2L_h$.

Proof. If M is 2-semiparallel then $\bar{R} \cdot h = 0$. Thus the condition $\bar{R} \cdot h = L_h Q(g, h)$ is trivially satisfied. So we consider the case M is not 2-semiparallel.

Suppose $\bar{R} \cdot h \neq 0$ and $\bar{R} \cdot h = L_h Q(g, h)$ are satisfied on M . So by the use of (2.2)-(2.4) and (2.6)-(2.8), the conditions

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{R}(e_1, e_2) \cdot h)(e_1, e_1) &= L_h Q(g, h)(e_1, e_1; e_1, e_2), \\ (\bar{R}(e_1, e_2) \cdot h)(e_2, e_2) &= L_h Q(g, h)(e_2, e_2; e_1, e_2) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(\bar{R}(e_1, e_2) \cdot h)(e_1, e_2) = L_h Q(g, h)(e_1, e_2; e_1, e_2)$$

give that

$$[\lambda - \mu][a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3] = 0, \quad (2.16)$$

$$-\lambda(\lambda - \mu)b_2 + 2\beta a_3 + 2b_2(K - L_h) = 0, \quad (2.17)$$

$$-\lambda(\lambda - \mu)b_3 - 2\beta a_2 + 2b_3(K - L_h) = 0, \quad (2.18)$$

$$[\lambda - \mu][b_2^2 + b_3^2 - K + L_h] = 0, \quad (2.19)$$

$$\beta b_3 - (K - L_h)a_2 = 0, \quad (2.20)$$

$$\beta b_2 + (K - L_h)a_3 = 0, \quad (2.21)$$

$$-\mu(\lambda - \mu)b_2 - 2\beta a_3 - 2b_2(K - L_h) = 0 \quad (2.22)$$

and

$$-\mu(\lambda - \mu)b_3 + 2\beta a_2 - 2b_3(K - L_h) = 0. \quad (2.23)$$

Since ξ_1 is in the direction of the mean curvature vector H , by Lemma 2.7, we obtain $R^\perp(e_1, e_2)\xi_1 = 0$ which gives

$$(\lambda - \mu)b_2 = 0 \text{ and } (\lambda - \mu)b_3 = 0. \quad (2.24)$$

Firstly we consider the case $\lambda \neq \mu$. So we have $b_2 = b_3 = 0$. By Proposition 2.3, since the shape operators of M are diagonizable then $R^\perp = 0$, i.e., M has trivial normal connection and so the equation (2.19) gives the Gaussian curvature of M is $K = L_h$.

Now suppose $\lambda = \mu$. We can choose a basis of the tangent space $T_p M$ denoted by $\{\tilde{e}_1, \tilde{e}_2\}$ such that $A_{\xi_1} \tilde{e}_1 = \lambda_1 \tilde{e}_1$ and $A_{\xi_1} \tilde{e}_2 = \lambda_2 \tilde{e}_2$. That is, \tilde{e}_1 and \tilde{e}_2 are eigenvectors of A_{ξ_1} and A_{ξ_2} . So by Proposition 2.3, $b_2 = 0$ and $\beta = \tilde{a}_2 b_3$. Therefore we can rewrite the equations (2.16)-(2.23) as

$$\tilde{a}_2 b_3 a_3 = 0, \tag{2.25}$$

$$[-\tilde{a}_2^2 + (K - L_h)]b_3 = 0, \tag{2.26}$$

$$[b_3^2 - (K - L_h)]\tilde{a}_2 = 0, \tag{2.27}$$

$$(K - L_h)a_3 = 0, \tag{2.28}$$

So we have the following cases:

a) Suppose $b_3 = \tilde{a}_2 = a_3 = 0$. Then by Proposition 2.3, we get

$$A_{\xi_1} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}, A_{\xi_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, A_{\xi_3} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

which gives M is totally umbilical. But in this case $\bar{R} \cdot h = 0$. This contradicts our assumption $\bar{R} \cdot h \neq 0$. So this case cannot occur.

b) Now suppose $b_3 = 0, \tilde{a}_2 \neq 0$. Then by Proposition 2.3, we get

$$A_{\xi_1} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}, A_{\xi_2} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{a}_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -\tilde{a}_2 \end{bmatrix}, A_{\xi_3} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{a}_2 & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{a}_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since the shape operators of M are diagonizable then $R^\perp = 0$ and using (2.27) we obtain $K = L_h$.

c) Now we consider $b_3 \neq 0$. If $\tilde{a}_2 = 0$ then by (2.26) we obtain $K = L_h$. If $\tilde{a}_2 \neq 0$ then by (2.25), $a_3 = 0$. So by Proposition 2.3, we have

$$A_{\xi_1} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}, A_{\xi_2} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{a}_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -\tilde{a}_2 \end{bmatrix}, A_{\xi_3} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \tilde{a}_2 \\ \tilde{a}_2 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

which gives $K = \lambda^2 - 2\tilde{a}_2^2$. By the use of (2.26) we obtain $3K - 2L_h = \lambda^2$. In this case $\dim N'_p(M) = 3$ and $\|h(X, X)\|$ is independent of the choice of a unit vector X in $T_p M$. It is easy to see that $\alpha^2 = 3K - 2L_h$ at p . Hence we get the result, as required.

3. SURFACES SATISFYING THE CONDITION $\bar{R} \cdot h = L_{A_H} \hat{Q}(A_H, h)$

Definition 3.1. Let M be a submanifold in the Euclidean space \mathbf{E}^{n+d} . We define a tensor denoted by \hat{Q} as

$$\hat{Q}(A_H, h)(e_i, e_j; e_k, e_l) = -h((e_k \wedge_{A_H} e_l)e_i, e_j) - h(e_i, (e_k \wedge_{A_H} e_l)e_j) \quad (3.1)$$

where

$$(e_k \wedge_{A_H} e_l)e_i = g(A_H e_1, e_i)e_k - g(A_H e_k, e_i)e_1, \quad (3.2)$$

(see [5] and [6]).

In the present section we consider surfaces in the Euclidean space \mathbf{E}^{2+d} satisfying the condition

$$\bar{R} \cdot h = L_{A_H} \hat{Q}(A_H, h) \quad (3.3)$$

holding on the set

$$U_{A_H} = \{p \in M : \hat{Q}(A_H, h) \neq 0\}$$

where L_{A_H} is some function on $U_{A_H} \subset M$.

Lemma 3.2. Let M be a surface in the Euclidean space \mathbf{E}^{2+d} and $\{e_1, e_2\}$ be an orthonormal basis of the tangent space $T_p M$. If M satisfies the condition $\bar{R} \cdot h = L_{A_H} \hat{Q}(A_H, h)$ then

$$\hat{Q}(A_H, h)(e_1, e_1; e_1, e_2) = 2\lambda(\lambda + \mu)(b_2\xi_2 + b_3\xi_3), \quad (3.4)$$

$$\hat{Q}(A_H, h)(e_1, e_2; e_1, e_2) = -(\lambda + \mu)^2(a_2\xi_2 + a_3\xi_3) \quad (3.5)$$

and

$$\hat{Q}(A_H, h)(e_2, e_2; e_1, e_2) = -2\mu(\lambda + \mu)(b_2\xi_2 + b_3\xi_3). \quad (3.6)$$

Proof. Using (3.1) and the symmetrization of the second fundamental form h we get (3.4)–(3.6).

Lemma 3.3. Let M be a surface in the Euclidean space \mathbf{E}^{2+d} . If M satisfies the condition $\bar{R} \cdot h = L_{A_H} \hat{Q}(A_H, h)$ then $R^\perp(e_1, e_2)H = 0$ for all vectors e_1, e_2 tangent to M .

Proof. Similar to the proof of Lemma 2.7.

Theorem 3.4. Let M be a surface in the Euclidean space \mathbf{E}^{2+d} . If M satisfies the condition $\bar{R} \cdot h = L_{A_H} \hat{Q}(A_H, h)$ then locally

- i) M is semiparalel, or
- ii) M is a surface in \mathbf{E}^{2+d} with trivial normal connection which has the Gaussian curvature $K = 2\alpha^2 L_{A_H}$, or
- iii) M is an isotropic surface with codimension at least 3 in \mathbf{E}^{2+d} satisfying $3K = (1 + 4L_{A_H})\alpha^2$.

Proof. If M is 2-semiparallel then $\bar{R} \cdot h = 0$. Thus the condition $\bar{R} \cdot h = L_{A_H} \hat{Q}(A_H, h)$ is trivially satisfied. So we consider the case M is not 2-semiparallel.

Suppose $\bar{R} \cdot h \neq 0$ and $\bar{R} \cdot h = L_{A_H} \hat{Q}(A_H, h)$ are satisfied on M . So by the use of (2.2)-(2.4) and (3.4)-(3.6), the conditions

$$(\bar{R}(e_1, e_2) \cdot h)(e_1, e_1) = L_{A_H} \hat{Q}(A_H, h)(e_1, e_1, e_1, e_2),$$

$$(\bar{R}(e_1, e_2) \cdot h)(e_2, e_2) = L_{A_H} \hat{Q}(A_H, h)(e_2, e_2, e_1, e_2),$$

and

$$(\bar{R}(e_1, e_2) \cdot h)(e_1, e_2) = L_{A_H} \hat{Q}(A_H, h)(e_1, e_2, e_1, e_2),$$

give that

$$[\lambda - \mu][a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3] = 0, \tag{3.7}$$

$$-\lambda(\lambda - \mu)b_2 + 2\beta a_3 + 2b_2[K - L_{A_H} \lambda(\lambda + \mu)] = 0, \tag{3.8}$$

$$-\lambda(\lambda - \mu)b_3 - 2\beta a_2 + 2b_3[K - L_{A_H} \lambda(\lambda + \mu)] = 0, \tag{3.9}$$

$$[\lambda - \mu][b_2^2 + b_3^2 - K] = 0, \tag{3.10}$$

$$2\beta b_3 - (2K - L_{A_H} (\lambda + \mu)^2)a_2 = 0, \tag{3.11}$$

$$-2\beta b_2 - (2K - (\lambda + \mu)^2)a_3 = 0, \tag{3.12}$$

$$-\mu(\lambda - \mu)b_2 - 2\beta a_3 - 2b_2(K - L_{A_H} \mu(\lambda + \mu)) = 0 \tag{3.13}$$

and

$$-\mu(\lambda - \mu)b_3 + 2\beta a_2 - 2b_3(K - L_{A_H} \mu(\lambda + \mu)) = 0. \tag{3.14}$$

Since ξ_1 is in the direction of the mean curvature vector H , by Lemma 3.3, we obtain $R^\perp(e_1, e_2)\xi_1 = 0$ which gives

$$(\lambda - \mu)b_2 = 0 \text{ and } (\lambda - \mu)b_3 = 0. \tag{3.15}$$

Firstly we consider the case $\lambda \neq \mu$. So we have $b_2 = b_3 = 0$. By Proposition 2.3, since the shape operators of M are diagonalizable then $R^\perp = 0$, i.e., M has trivial normal connection and the equation (3.10) gives the Gaussian curvature of M is $K = 0$, which gives M is semiparallel. But this contradicts our assumption M is not semiparallel. So this case can not occur.

Now suppose $\lambda = \mu$. Similar to the proof of Theorem 2.8 we can choose a basis of the tangent space $T_p M$ denoted by $\{\tilde{e}_1, \tilde{e}_2\}$ such that $A_{\xi_1} \tilde{e}_1 = \lambda_1 \tilde{e}_1$ ve $A_{\xi_2} \tilde{e}_2 = \lambda_2 \tilde{e}_2$. That is, \tilde{e}_1 and \tilde{e}_2 are eigenvectors of A_{ξ_1} and A_{ξ_2} . So by Proposition 2.3, $b_2 = 0$ and $\beta = \tilde{a}_2 b_3$. Therefore we can rewrite the equations (3.7)-(3.14) as

$$\tilde{a}_2 b_3 a_3 = 0, \tag{3.16}$$

$$[-\tilde{a}_2^2 + K - 2L_{A_H} \lambda^2]b_3 = 0, \tag{3.17}$$

$$[b_3^2 - K + 2L_{A_H} \lambda^2]a_2 = 0, \tag{3.18}$$

$$[K - 2L_{A_H} \lambda^2]a_3 = 0, \tag{3.19}$$

So we have the following cases:

a) Suppose $b_3 = \tilde{a}_2 = a_3 = 0$. Then by Proposition 2.3, we get

$$A_{\xi_1} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{\xi_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{\xi_3} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

which gives M is totally umbilical. But in this case $\bar{R} \cdot h = 0$. This contradicts our assumption $\bar{R} \cdot h \neq 0$.

b) Suppose $b_3 = 0$, $\tilde{a}_2 \neq 0$. Then by Proposition 2.3, we get

$$A_{\xi_1} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{\xi_2} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{a}_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -\tilde{a}_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{\xi_3} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{a}_2 & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{a}_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since the shape operators of M are diagonalizable then $R^\perp = 0$ and using (3.18) we obtain $K = 2 L_{A_H} \lambda^2$ at p . Since $\lambda^2 = \alpha^2$, by the use of (3.17) we obtain $K = 2\alpha^2 L_{A_H}$.

c) Now we consider $b_3 \neq 0$. If $\tilde{a}_2 = 0$ then using (3.17) we obtain $K = 2 L_{A_H} \lambda^2$, which gives $K = 2\alpha^2 L_{A_H}$.

If $\tilde{a}_2 \neq 0$ then by (3.16), $a_3 = 0$. So by Proposition 2.3, we have

$$A_{\xi_1} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{\xi_2} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{a}_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -\tilde{a}_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{\xi_3} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & b_3 \\ b_3 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

which gives $K = \lambda^2 - \tilde{a}_2^2 - b_3^2$. In this case $\dim N_p^1(M) = 3$ and $\|h(X, X)\|$ is independent of the choice of a unit vector X in T_pM . So using (3.17) and (3.18) it is easy to see that $3K = (1 + 4 L_{A_H})\alpha^2$ at p . This completes the proof of the theorem.

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