

**CONSTANT SCALAR CURVATURE OF THREE DIMENSIONAL  
SURFACES OBTAINED BY THE EQUIFORM MOTION OF A  
SPHERE**

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we consider the equiform motion of a sphere in Euclidean space  $\mathbf{E}^7$ . We study and analyze the corresponding kinematic three-dimensional surface under the hypothesis that its scalar curvature  $\mathbf{K}$  is constant. Under this assumption, we prove that  $|\mathbf{K}| < 2$ .

1. INTRODUCTION

An equiform transformation in the  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbf{E}^n$  is an affine transformation whose linear part is composed of an orthogonal transformation and a homothetical transformation. Such an equiform transformation maps points  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{E}^n$  according to the rule

$$(1.1) \quad \mathbf{x} \mapsto s\mathcal{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{d}, \quad \mathcal{A} \in SO(n), \quad s \in \mathbf{R} - \{0\}, \quad \mathbf{d} \in \mathbf{E}^n.$$

The number  $s$  is called the scaling factor. An equiform motion is defined if the parameters of (1.1), including  $s$ , are given as functions of a time parameter  $t$ . Then a smooth one-parameter equiform motion moves a point  $\mathbf{x}$  via  $\mathbf{x}(t) = s(t)\mathcal{A}(t)\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{d}(t)$ . The kinematic corresponding to this transformation group is called equiform kinematic, see [2, 4].

Under the assumption of the constancy of the scalar curvature, kinematic surfaces obtained by the motion of a circle have been obtained in [1]. In a similar context, one can consider hypersurfaces in space forms generated by one-parameter family of spheres and having constant curvature: [3, 5, 6, 7].

In this paper we consider the equiform motions of a sphere  $\mathbf{k}_0$  in  $\mathbf{E}^n$ . The point paths of the sphere generate a 3-dimensional surface, containing the positions of the starting sphere  $\mathbf{k}_0$ . The first order properties of these surfaces for the points of these spheres have been studied for arbitrary dimensions  $n \geq 3$  [1]. We restrict our

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considerations to dimension  $n = 7$  because, at any moment, the infinitesimal transformations of the motion map the points of the sphere  $\mathbf{k}_0$  to the velocity vectors, whose end points will form an affine image of  $\mathbf{k}_0$  (in general a sphere) that span a subspace  $\mathbf{W}$  of  $\mathbf{E}^n$  with  $n \leq 7$  [8].

On other hand, in the case of cyclic surface foliated by circle, for fixed  $t$ , we have a circle in a fixed frame and its image is an ellipse in moving frame. Then, we need at least space of dimension 5 (2 for the circle, 2 for an ellipse and one dimension for skew) [1]. In the present paper, for fixed  $t$ , we have a sphere in a fixed frame and its image is an ellipsoid in moving frame. Then, we need at least space of dimension 7 (3 for the sphere, 3 for an ellipsoid and one dimension for skew), see [8].

Let  $\mathbf{x}(\theta, \phi)$  be a parameterization of  $\mathbf{k}_0$  and let  $\mathbf{X}(t, \theta, \phi)$  be the resultant 3-surface by the equiform motion. We consider a certain position of the moving space given by  $t = 0$ , and we would like to obtain information about the motion at least during a certain period around  $t = 0$  if we know its characteristics for one instant. Then we restrict our study to the properties of the motion for the limit case  $t \rightarrow 0$ . A first choice is then approximate  $\mathbf{X}(t, \theta, \phi)$  by the first derivative of the trajectories. Solliman, et al. studied 3-dimensional surfaces in  $\mathbf{E}^7$  generated by equiform motions of a sphere proving that, in general, they are contained in a canal hypersurface [8].

The purpose of this paper is to describe the kinematic surfaces obtained by the motion of a sphere and whose scalar curvature  $\mathbf{K}$  is constant. As a consequence of our results, we prove:

*A kinematic three-dimensional surface obtained by the equiform motion of a sphere and with constant scalar curvature  $\mathbf{K}$  satisfies  $|\mathbf{K}| < 2$ .*

Moreover, we show the description of the motion of such 3-surface by giving the equations that determine the kinematic geometry.

## 2. THE REPRESENTATION OF A KINEMATIC SURFACE

In two copies  $\sum^0$ ,  $\sum$  of Euclidean 7-space  $\mathbf{E}^7$ , we consider a unit sphere  $\mathbf{k}_0$  centered at the origin of the 3-space  $\varepsilon_0 = [x_1x_2x_3]$  and represented by

$$(2.1) \quad \mathbf{x}(\theta, \phi) = \left( \cos(\theta) \cos(\phi), \sin(\theta) \cos(\phi), \sin(\phi), 0, 0, 0, 0 \right)^T, \quad \theta \in [0, 2\pi], \quad \phi \in [0, \pi].$$

Under a one-parameter equiform motion of moving space  $\sum^0$  with respect to a fixed space  $\sum$  the general representation of the motion of this surface in  $\mathbf{E}^7$  is given by

$$\mathbf{X}(t, \theta, \phi) = s(t)\mathbf{A}(t)\mathbf{x}(\theta, \phi) + \mathbf{d}(t), \quad t \in I \subset \mathbf{R}.$$

Here  $\mathbf{d}(t) = \left( b_i(t) \right)^T : i = 1, 2, \dots, 7$  describes the position of the origin of  $\sum^0$  at time  $t$ ,  $\mathbf{A}(t) = \left( a_{ij}(t) \right)^T : i, j = 1, 2, \dots, 7$  is an orthogonal matrix and  $s(t)$  provides the scaling factor of the moving system. With  $s = \text{const.} \neq 0$  (sufficient to set  $s = 1$ ), we have an ordinary Euclidean rigid body motion. For varying  $t$  and fixed  $\mathbf{x}(\theta, \phi)$ , equation (2.1) gives a parametric representation of the surface

(or trajectory) of  $\mathbf{x}(\theta, \phi)$ . Moreover, we assume that all involved functions are at least of class  $\mathbf{C}^1$ . Using Taylor's expansion up to the first order, the representation of the motion is given by

$$\mathbf{X}(t, \theta, \phi) = \left[ s(0)\mathbf{A}(0) + t\left(\dot{s}(0)\mathbf{A}(0) + s(0)\dot{\mathbf{A}}(0)\right) \right] \mathbf{x}(\theta, \phi) + \mathbf{d}(0) + t\dot{\mathbf{d}}(0),$$

where  $(\cdot)$  denotes differentiation with respect to the time  $t$ . Assuming that the moving frames  $\Sigma^0$  and  $\Sigma$  coincide at the zero position ( $t = 0$ ), we have

$$\mathbf{A}(0) = \mathbf{I}, \quad s(0) = 1, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{d}(0) = 0.$$

Thus we have

$$\mathbf{X}(t, \theta, \phi) = \left[ \mathbf{I} + t\left(s'\mathbf{I} + \Omega\right) \right] \mathbf{x}(\theta, \phi) + t\mathbf{d}',$$

where  $\Omega = \dot{\mathbf{A}}(0) = (\omega_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 21$  is a skew symmetric matrix,  $s' = \dot{s}(0)$ ,  $\mathbf{d}' = \dot{\mathbf{d}}(0)$  and all values of  $s, b_i$  and their derivatives are computed at  $t = 0$ . With respect to these frames, the representation of the motion up to the first order is

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1 \\ \mathbf{X}_2 \\ \mathbf{X}_3 \\ \mathbf{X}_4 \\ \mathbf{X}_5 \\ \mathbf{X}_6 \\ \mathbf{X}_7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + s't & \omega_1 t & \omega_2 t & \omega_3 t & \omega_4 t & \omega_5 t & \omega_6 t \\ -\omega_1 t & 1 + s't & \omega_7 t & \omega_8 t & \omega_9 t & \omega_{10} t & \omega_{11} t \\ -\omega_2 t & -\omega_7 t & 1 + s't & \omega_{12} t & \omega_{13} t & \omega_{14} t & \omega_{15} t \\ -\omega_3 t & -\omega_8 t & -\omega_{12} t & 1 + s't & \omega_{16} t & \omega_{17} t & \omega_{18} t \\ -\omega_4 t & -\omega_9 t & -\omega_{13} t & -\omega_{16} t & 1 + s't & \omega_{19} t & \omega_{20} t \\ -\omega_5 t & \omega_{10} t & -\omega_{14} t & -\omega_{17} t & -\omega_{19} t & 1 + s't & \omega_{21} t \\ -\omega_6 t & -\omega_{11} t & -\omega_{15} t & -\omega_{18} t & -\omega_{20} t & -\omega_{21} t & 1 + s't \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) \cos(\phi) \\ \sin(\theta) \cos(\phi) \\ \sin(\phi) \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} b'_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b'_3 \\ b'_4 \\ b'_5 \\ b'_6 \\ b'_7 \end{pmatrix},$$

or in the equivalent form

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1 \\ \mathbf{X}_2 \\ \mathbf{X}_3 \\ \mathbf{X}_4 \\ \mathbf{X}_5 \\ \mathbf{X}_6 \\ \mathbf{X}_7 \end{pmatrix} = t \begin{pmatrix} b'_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b'_3 \\ b'_4 \\ b'_5 \\ b'_6 \\ b'_7 \end{pmatrix} + \cos(\theta) \cos(\phi) \begin{pmatrix} 1 + s't \\ -\omega_1 t \\ -\omega_2 t \\ -\omega_3 t \\ -\omega_4 t \\ -\omega_5 t \\ -\omega_6 t \end{pmatrix} + \sin(\theta) \cos(\phi) \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 t \\ 1 + s't \\ -\omega_7 t \\ -\omega_8 t \\ -\omega_9 t \\ -\omega_{10} t \\ -\omega_{11} t \end{pmatrix} \\ + \sin(\phi) \begin{pmatrix} \omega_2 t \\ \omega_7 t \\ 1 + s't \\ -\omega_{12} t \\ -\omega_{13} t \\ -\omega_{14} t \\ -\omega_{15} t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(2.4) \quad = t \vec{\mathbf{b}} + \cos(\theta) \cos(\phi) \vec{\mathbf{a}}_0 + \sin(\theta) \cos(\phi) \vec{\mathbf{a}}_1 + \sin(\phi) \vec{\mathbf{a}}_2.$$

For any fixed  $t$  in equation (2.3), we generally get an ellipsoid for  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$  and  $\phi \in [0, \pi]$  centered at the point  $t(b'_1, b'_2, b'_3, b'_4, b'_5, b'_6, b'_7)$ . The latter ellipsoid turns to a 2-dimensional sphere if  $\bar{\mathbf{a}}_0$ ,  $\bar{\mathbf{a}}_1$ , and  $\bar{\mathbf{a}}_2$  form an orthonormal basis. This gives the following conditions:

$$(2.5) \quad \sum_{i=2}^6 \omega_i \omega_{i+5} = \omega_1 \omega_7 - \sum_{i=3}^6 \omega_i \omega_{i+9} = \omega_1 \omega_2 + \sum_{i=8}^{11} \omega_i \omega_{i+4} = 0,$$

$$(2.6) \quad \sum_{i=2}^6 \omega_i^2 = \sum_{i=7}^{11} \omega_i^2, \quad \omega_1^2 + \sum_{i=3}^6 \omega_i^2 = \omega_7^2 + \sum_{i=12}^{15} \omega_i^2.$$

### 3. SCALAR CURVATURE OF THE KINEMATIC SURFACE

In this section we shall compute the scalar curvature of 3-surfaces in  $\mathbf{E}^7$  generated by equiform motions of a sphere which satisfies the conditions (2.5)-(2.6). The tangents to the parametric curves  $t = \text{const.}$ ,  $\theta = \text{const.}$ , and  $\phi = \text{const.}$  at the zero position are

$$\mathbf{X}_t = [s'\mathbf{I} + \Omega] \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{d}', \quad \mathbf{X}_\theta = [\mathbf{I} + (s'\mathbf{I} + \Omega)t] \mathbf{x}_\theta, \quad \mathbf{X}_\phi = [\mathbf{I} + (s'\mathbf{I} + \Omega)t] \mathbf{x}_\phi.$$

The coordinate functions of the first fundamental form of  $\mathbf{X}(t, \theta, \phi)$  are

$$\begin{cases} g_{11} = \mathbf{X}_t^T \mathbf{X}_t, & g_{12} = \mathbf{X}_t^T \mathbf{X}_\theta, & g_{13} = \mathbf{X}_t^T \mathbf{X}_\phi, \\ g_{22} = \mathbf{X}_\theta^T \mathbf{X}_\theta, & g_{23} = \mathbf{X}_\theta^T \mathbf{X}_\phi, & g_{33} = \mathbf{X}_\phi^T \mathbf{X}_\phi. \end{cases}$$

Under the conditions (2.5)-(2.6), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} g_{11} &= \gamma + \alpha_5 \cos(2\phi) + \alpha_8 \sin(\phi) + 2 \cos(\phi) \left[ \cos(\phi) (\alpha_4 \cos(2\theta) + \alpha_1 \sin(2\theta)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sin(\theta) (\alpha_7 + \alpha_2 \sin(\phi)) + \cos(\theta) (\alpha_6 - 2\alpha_3 \sin(\phi)) \right], \\ g_{12} &= \cos(\phi) \left[ 2t \cos(\phi) (\alpha_1 \cos(2\theta) - \alpha_4 \sin(2\theta)) - \omega_1 \cos(\phi) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \sin(\theta) [t(\alpha_6 - 2\alpha_3 \sin(\phi)) + b'_1 + \omega_2 \sin(\phi)] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \cos(\theta) [t(\alpha_7 + 2\alpha_2 \sin(\phi)) + b'_2 + \omega_7 \sin(\phi)] \right], \\ g_{13} &= 2t \cos(2\phi) (\alpha_2 \sin(\theta) - \alpha_3 \cos(\theta)) - t \sin(2\phi) (\alpha_5 + \alpha_4 \cos(2\theta)) \\ &\quad + \alpha_1 \sin(2\theta) - \sin(\phi) \left[ (b'_1 + t\alpha_6) \cos(\theta) + (b'_2 + t\alpha_7) \sin(\theta) \right], \\ g_{22} &= \cos^2(\phi) \left[ 1 + 2t s' + 2t^2 (\delta - \alpha_4 \cos(2\theta) - \alpha_6 \sin(2\theta)) \right], \\ g_{23} &= t^2 \left[ 2 \cos^2(\phi) (\alpha_2 \cos(\theta) + \alpha_3 \sin(\theta)) + \sin(2\phi) (\alpha_4 \sin(2\theta) - \alpha_1 \cos(2\theta)) \right], \\ g_{33} &= 1 + 2t s' + t^2 \left[ \gamma - \beta - \alpha_5 \cos(2\phi) + 2 \sin^2(\phi) (\alpha_4 \cos(2\theta) + \alpha_1 \sin(2\theta)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 2 \sin(2\phi) (\alpha_3 \cos(\theta) - \alpha_2 \sin(\theta)) \right], \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{cases} \alpha_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum_{i=2}^6 \omega_i \omega_{i+5} \right], \\ \alpha_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \omega_1 \omega_2 + \sum_{i=8}^{11} \omega_i \omega_{i+4} \right], \\ \alpha_3 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \omega_1 \omega_7 - \sum_{i=3}^6 \omega_i \omega_{i+9} \right], \\ \alpha_4 = \frac{1}{4} \left[ \sum_{i=2}^6 (\omega_i^2 - \omega_{i+5}^2) \right], \\ \alpha_5 = \frac{1}{4} \left[ \omega_1^2 - 2\omega_2^2 - 2\omega_7^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{11} \omega_i^2 - 2 \left( \sum_{i=12}^{15} \omega_i^2 \right) \right], \\ \alpha_6 = b'_1 s' - \sum_{i=2}^7 b'_i \omega_{i-1}, \\ \alpha_7 = b'_1 \omega_1 + b'_2 s' - \sum_{i=3}^7 b'_i \omega_{i+4}, \\ \alpha_8 = 2 \left[ b'_1 \omega_2 + b'_2 \omega_7 + b'_3 s' - \sum_{i=4}^7 b'_i \omega_{i+8} \right], \\ \beta = \sum_{i=1}^7 b_i'^2, \\ \gamma = \beta + s'^2 + \frac{1}{4} \left[ 2(\omega_1^2 + \omega_2^2 + \omega_7^2) + \sum_{i=2}^{15} \omega_i^2 + \sum_{i=12}^{15} \omega_i^2 \right], \\ \delta = \frac{1}{4} \left[ 2(s'^2 + \omega_1^2) + \sum_{i=2}^{11} \omega_i^2 \right]. \end{cases}$$

The conditions (2.5)-(2.6) lead to the following relations

$$\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = \alpha_4 = \alpha_5 = 0, \quad \gamma = \beta + 2\delta.$$

In order to calculate the scalar curvature, we need to compute the Christoffel symbols of the second kind, which are defined as

$$(3.1) \quad \Gamma_{ij}^l = \frac{1}{2} g^{lm} \left[ \frac{\partial g_{im}}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial g_{jm}}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial g_{ij}}{\partial x_m} \right],$$

where  $i, j, l$  are indices that take the values 1, 2, 3,  $x_1 = t, x_2 = \theta, x_3 = \phi$ , and  $(g^{lm})$  is the inverse matrix of  $(g_{ij})$ . Then the scalar curvature of the surface  $\mathbf{X}(t, \theta, \phi)$  is

$$\mathbf{K}(t, \theta, \phi) = g^{ij} \left[ \frac{\partial \Gamma_{ij}^l}{\partial x_l} - \frac{\partial \Gamma_{il}^j}{\partial x_j} + \Gamma_{ij}^l \Gamma_{lm}^m - \Gamma_{il}^m \Gamma_{jm}^l \right].$$

At the zero position ( $t = 0$ ), the scalar curvature of  $\mathbf{X}(t, \theta, \phi)$  is given by

$$(3.2) \quad \mathbf{K} = \mathbf{K}(0, \theta, \phi) = \frac{P(\cos(n_1\theta \pm m_1\phi), \sin(n_1\theta \pm m_1\phi))}{Q(\cos(n_2\theta \pm m_2\phi), \sin(n_2\theta \pm m_2\phi))}.$$

This quotient writes then as

$$(3.3) \quad P(\cos(n_1\theta \pm m_1\phi), \sin(n_1\theta \pm m_1\phi)) - \mathbf{K} Q(\cos(n_2\theta \pm m_2\phi), \sin(n_2\theta \pm m_2\phi)) = 0.$$

The assumption on the constancy of the scalar curvature  $\mathbf{K}$  implies that equation (3.3) is a linear combination of the functions  $\cos(n\theta \pm m\phi)$ ,  $\sin(n\theta \pm m\phi)$ . Because these functions are linearly independent, the corresponding coefficients must vanish. Throughout this work, we have employed the Mathematica programm in order to compute the explicit expressions of these coefficients.

**Assumption 3.1.** *Without loss of generality, we assume that the two conditions (2.5)-(2.6) are satisfied and there are no translation motions in the plane which contain the starting sphere, i.e.,*

$$b'_1 = b'_2 = b'_3 = 0.$$

**3.1. Kinematic surfaces with zero scalar curvature.** We assume that  $\mathbf{K} = 0$ . From the expression (3.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & P\left(\cos(n_1\theta \pm m_1\phi), \sin(n_1\theta \pm m_1\phi)\right) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{12} \sum_{j=-12}^{12} \left(A_{i,j} \cos(i\theta + j\phi) + B_{i,j} \sin(i\theta + j\phi)\right) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

In this case, a straightforward computation shows that the coefficients of  $\cos(12\phi)$ ,  $\cos(6\theta + 12\phi)$  and  $\sin(6\theta + 12\phi)$  are

$$\begin{aligned} A_{0,12} &= \frac{3}{8192} \left[16\omega_1^6 - 120\omega_1^4(\omega_2^2 + \omega_7^2) + 9\omega_1^2(\omega_2^2 + \omega_7^2)^2 - 5(\omega_2^2 + \omega_7^2)^3\right], \\ A_{6,12} &= \frac{3}{32768} \left[\omega_2^6 - 15\omega_2^4\omega_7^2 + 15\omega_2^2\omega_7^4 - \omega_7^6\right], \\ B_{6,12} &= \frac{3}{16384} \omega_2\omega_7(3\omega_2 - \omega_7^2)(\omega_2^2 - 3\omega_7^2). \end{aligned}$$

By solving the three equations  $A_{0,12} = 0$ ,  $A_{6,+12} = 0$  and  $B_{6,+12} = 0$ , we get

$$\omega_1 = \omega_2 = \omega_7 = 0.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} B_{0,9} &= \frac{3}{256} \alpha_8 \left[\alpha_8^2 - 6(\alpha_6^2 + \alpha_7^2)\right], \\ A_{3,9} &= \frac{3}{256} \alpha_6 (3\alpha_7^2 - \alpha_6^2), \\ B_{3,9} &= \frac{3}{256} \alpha_7 (\alpha_7^2 - 3\alpha_6^2). \end{aligned}$$

The three equations  $B_{0,9} = 0$ ,  $A_{3,9} = 0$ , and  $B_{3,9} = 0$  imply

$$\alpha_6 = \alpha_7 = \alpha_8 = 0.$$

From these values, equation  $A_{0,6} = 0$  leads to

$$(\beta + 2\delta)(\beta + s'^2 - 2\delta) = 0.$$

It is worth to point out that the quantities  $\beta$  and  $\delta$  are positive and thus we obtain the following condition

$$\delta = \frac{1}{2}(\beta + s'^2).$$

At this time, the explicit computations of coefficients imply that all  $A_{i,j}$  and  $B_{i,j}$  are equal zero. So, we have the following:

**Theorem 3.1.** *A kinematic 3-surface in  $\mathbf{E}^7$  foliated by spheres and with zero constant scalar curvature satisfies*

$$\begin{aligned}\omega_1 &= \omega_2 = \omega_7 = 0, \\ \sum_{i=4}^7 b'_i \omega_{i-1} &= \sum_{i=4}^7 b'_i \omega_{i+4} = \sum_{i=4}^7 b'_i \omega_{i+8} = 0, \\ \sum_{i=3}^6 \omega_i^2 &= \sum_{i=4}^7 b_i'^2.\end{aligned}$$

**3.2. Kinematic surfaces with non-zero constant scalar curvature.** We assume that the kinematic 3-surface has constant scalar curvature  $\mathbf{K} \neq 0$ . From (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}P\left(\cos(n_1\theta \pm m_1\phi), \sin(n_1\theta \pm m_1\phi)\right) - \mathbf{K}Q\left(\cos(n_2\theta \pm m_2\phi), \sin(n_2\theta \pm m_2\phi)\right) \\ = \sum_{j=-12}^{12} \sum_{i=0}^{12} \left(A_{i,j} \cos(i\theta + j\phi) + B_{i,j} \sin(i\theta + j\phi)\right) = 0.\end{aligned}$$

In this case, a straightforward computation shows that the coefficients of  $\cos(12\phi)$ ,  $\cos(12\theta + 6\phi)$  and  $\sin(12\theta + 6\phi)$  are

$$\begin{aligned}A_{0,12} &= \frac{1}{16384} (\mathbf{K} + 6) \left[16\omega_1^6 - 120\omega_1^4 (\omega_2^2 + \omega_7^2) + 90\omega_1^2 (\omega_2^2 + \omega_7^2)^2 - 5 (\omega_2^2 + \omega_7^2)^3\right], \\ A_{6,12} &= \frac{1}{65536} (\mathbf{K} + 6) \left[\omega_2^6 - 15\omega_2^4 \omega_7^2 + 15\omega_2^2 \omega_7^4 - \omega_7^6\right], \\ B_{6,12} &= \frac{1}{32768} \omega_2 \omega_7 (\mathbf{K} + 6) (3\omega_2 - \omega_2^2) (\omega_2^2 - 3\omega_7^2).\end{aligned}$$

We consider the three equations  $A_{0,12} = 0$ ,  $A_{6,12} = 0$ , and  $B_{6,12} = 0$ . From here, we discuss two possibilities:  $\mathbf{K} = -6$  and  $\omega_1 = \omega_2 = \omega_7 = 0$ .

(1) **Case  $\mathbf{K} = -6$ .** A computation of coefficients yields

$$\begin{aligned}A_{5,11} &= \frac{1}{2048} \left[\alpha_6 (\omega_2^4 - 6\omega_2^2 \omega_7^2 + \omega_7^4) - 4\alpha_7 \omega_2 \omega_7 (\omega_2^2 - \omega_7^2)\right] = 0 \\ B_{5,11} &= \frac{1}{2048} \left[\alpha_7 (\omega_2^4 - 6\omega_2^2 \omega_7^2 + \omega_7^4) + 4\alpha_6 \omega_2 \omega_7 (\omega_2^2 - \omega_7^2)\right] = 0.\end{aligned}$$

We consider two cases:  $\alpha_6 = \alpha_7 = 0$  and  $\omega_2 = \omega_7 = 0$ .

**Case (1):** We assume  $\alpha_6 = \alpha_7 = 0$ . The computation of coefficients leads to

$$\begin{aligned}B_{0,11} &= \frac{1}{2048} \alpha_8 \left[8\omega_1^4 - 24\omega_1^2 (\omega_2^2 + \omega_7^2) + 3 (\omega_2^2 + \omega_7^2)^2\right] = 0, \\ A_{4,11} &= \frac{1}{512} \alpha_8 \omega_2 \omega_7 (\omega_7^2 - \omega_2^2) = 0, \\ B_{4,11} &= \frac{1}{2048} \alpha_8 (\omega_2^4 - 6\omega_2^2 \omega_7^2 + \omega_7^4) = 0,\end{aligned}$$

which implies two subcases:  $\alpha_8 = 0$  and  $\omega_1 = \omega_2 = \omega_7 = 0$ .

**Subcase (1.1):** If  $\alpha_8 = 0$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} A_{0,10} &= \frac{1}{1024} \left[ 8\omega_1^2 - \omega_1^2(\omega_2^2 + \omega_7^2) + 3(\omega_2^2 + \omega_7^2)^2 \right] (\beta + s'^2 + 6\delta - \omega_1^2 - \omega_2^2 - \omega_7^2) \\ A_{4,10} &= \frac{1}{2048} \omega_2 \omega_7 (\omega_2^4 - 6\omega_2^2 \omega_7^2 + \omega_7^4) (\beta + s'^2 + 6\delta - \omega_1^2 - \omega_2^2 - \omega_7^2) \\ B_{4,10} &= \frac{1}{512} \omega_2 \omega_7 (\omega_7^2 - \omega_2^2) (\beta + s'^2 + 6\delta - \omega_1^2 - \omega_2^2 - \omega_7^2). \end{aligned}$$

The last term in the above three equations is not zero because

$$\beta + s'^2 + 6\delta - \omega_1^2 - \omega_2^2 - \omega_7^2 = \sum_{i=4}^7 b_i'^2 + \omega_2^2 + \sum_{i=8}^{11} \omega_i^2 + 2 \left[ 2s'^2 + \omega_1^2 + \sum_{i=3}^6 \omega_i^2 \right] > 0.$$

The three equations  $A_{0,10} = 0$ ,  $A_{4,10} = 0$ , and  $B_{4,10} = 0$  lead  $\omega_1 = \omega_2 = \omega_7 = 0$ . Now, the coefficient  $A_{0,6}$  must equal zero, that is,

$$(\beta + 2\delta)^2 (2\beta + 8\delta - s'^2) = 0,$$

contradiction.

**Subcase (1.2):** If  $\omega_1 = \omega_2 = \omega_7 = 0$  and  $\alpha_8 \neq 0$ , the equation  $B_{0,9} = 0$  implies that  $\alpha_8 = 0$ : contradiction.

**Case (2):** If  $\omega_2 = \omega_7 = 0$  and  $\alpha_6, \alpha_7 \neq 0$ , the computation of coefficients yields

$$\begin{aligned} A_{5,11} &= \frac{1}{2048} \alpha_6 \omega_1^4 = 0, \\ B_{5,11} &= \frac{1}{2048} \alpha_7 \omega_1^4 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Because  $\alpha_6 \neq 0$  and  $\alpha_7 \neq 0$ , we conclude  $\omega_1 = 0$ . New computations give

$$\begin{aligned} A_{3,9} &= \frac{9}{256} \alpha_6 (\alpha_6^2 - 3\alpha_7^2), \\ B_{3,9} &= \frac{9}{256} \alpha_7 (3\alpha_6^2 - \alpha_7^2). \end{aligned}$$

By solving the equations  $A_{3,9} = 0$  and  $B_{3,9} = 0$ , we get  $\alpha_6 = \alpha_7 = 0$ : contradiction.

**Corollary 3.1.** *There are no kinematic 3-surfaces in  $\mathbf{E}^7$  foliated by spheres and with scalar curvature  $\mathbf{K}$  equal  $-6$ .*

(2) **Case  $\omega_1 = \omega_2 = \omega_7 = 0$  and  $\mathbf{K} \neq -6$ .**

A computation of the coefficients yields

$$\begin{aligned} B_{0,9} &= \frac{1}{256} \alpha_8 \left[ \alpha_8^2 - 6(\alpha_6^2 + \alpha_7^2) \right] (2\mathbf{K} + 3) = 0, \\ A_{3,9} &= \frac{1}{256} \alpha_6 (3\alpha_7^2 - \alpha_6^2) (2\mathbf{K} + 3) = 0, \\ B_{3,9} &= \frac{1}{256} \alpha_7 (\alpha_7^2 - 3\alpha_6^2) (2\mathbf{K} + 3) = 0, \end{aligned}$$



which gives two cases:  $\mathbf{K} = -\frac{3}{2}$  or  $\alpha_7 = \alpha_6 = \alpha_8 = 0$ .

**Case (1):** Assume  $\mathbf{K} = -\frac{3}{2}$ . Now, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} A_{0,8} &= \frac{1}{64} \left[ \alpha_8^2 - (\alpha_6^2 - \alpha_7^2) \right] (6\delta - \beta - 2s'^2), \\ A_{2,8} &= \frac{1}{64} (\alpha_6^2 - \alpha_7^2) (6\delta - \beta - 2s'^2), \\ B_{2,8} &= \frac{1}{32} \alpha_7 \alpha_6 (6\delta - \beta - 2s'^2). \end{aligned}$$

Solving the three equations  $A_{0,8} = 0$ ,  $A_{2,8} = 0$ , and  $B_{2,8} = 0$ , we find two cases:  $\delta = \frac{\beta + 2s'^2}{6}$  and  $\alpha_6 = \alpha_7 = \alpha_8 = 0$ .

**Case (1.1):** If  $\delta = \frac{\beta + 2s'^2}{6}$ , we obtain

$$A_{0,4} = \frac{1}{72} (2\beta + s'^2) \left[ 4(2\beta + s'^2)^2 - 9(\alpha_8^2 + 4(\alpha_6^2 + \alpha_7^2)) \right],$$

which leads the following condition

$$4(2\beta + s'^2)^2 = 9(\alpha_8^2 + 4(\alpha_6^2 + \alpha_7^2)).$$

At this point, all coefficients  $A_{i,j}$  and  $B_{i,j}$  are equal zero.

**Case (1.2):** Assume  $\alpha_6 = \alpha_7 = \alpha_8 = 0$  and  $\delta \neq \frac{\beta + 2s'^2}{6}$ . The coefficient  $A_{0,6}$  is  $A_{0,6} = \frac{1}{32} (\beta + 2\delta) [14\delta - \beta - 4s'^2]$ . From  $A_{0,6} = 0$ , we conclude

$$\delta = \frac{\beta + 4s'^2}{14}.$$

As a consequence, all coefficients  $A_{i,j}$  and  $B_{i,j}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 12$ ,  $j = -12, \dots, 12$  are zero.

From the above reasonings, it follows the next:

**Theorem 3.2.** *A kinematic 3-surface in  $\mathbf{E}^7$  foliated by spheres and with  $\mathbf{K} = -\frac{3}{2}$  satisfies  $\omega_1 = \omega_2 = \omega_7 = 0$  and one of the following pairs of equations:*

$$\begin{aligned} s'^2 + 3 \sum_{i=3}^6 \omega_i^2 &= \sum_{i=4}^7 b_i'^2, \\ 4 \left[ s'^2 + 2 \sum_{i=4}^7 b_i'^2 \right] &= 9 \left[ \left( \sum_{i=4}^7 b_i' \omega_{i+8} \right)^2 + 4 \left( \sum_{i=4}^7 b_i' \omega_{i-1} \right)^2 + 4 \left( \sum_{i=4}^7 b_i' \omega_{i+4} \right)^2 \right], \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=4}^7 b_i' \omega_{i-1} &= \sum_{i=4}^7 b_i' \omega_{i+4} = \sum_{i=4}^7 b_i' \omega_{i+8} = 0, \\ 3s'^2 + 7 \sum_{i=3}^6 \omega_i^2 &= \sum_{i=4}^7 b_i'^2. \end{aligned}$$

**Case (2):** Assume  $\alpha_6 = \alpha_7 = \alpha_8 = 0$  and  $\mathbf{K} \neq -\frac{3}{2}$ . In this case we obtain

$$A_{0,6} = \frac{1}{16}(\beta + 2\delta)^2 \left[ \mathbf{K}(\beta + 2\delta) - 2(2\delta - \beta - s'^2) \right] = 0,$$

which yields

$$(3.4) \quad \mathbf{K} = \frac{2(2\delta - \beta - s'^2)}{\beta + 2\delta}.$$

From here, all coefficients  $A_{i,j}$  and  $B_{i,j}$  are equal zero. So, we have the following:

**Theorem 3.3.** *A kinematic 3-surface in  $\mathbf{E}^7$  foliated by spheres and with constant scalar curvature*

$$\mathbf{K} = \frac{2 \left[ \sum_{i=3}^6 \omega_i^2 - \sum_{i=4}^7 b'^2 \right]}{s'^2 + \sum_{i=3}^6 \omega_i^2 + \sum_{i=4}^7 b'^2}$$

satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1 &= \omega_2 = \omega_7 = 0, \\ \sum_{i=4}^7 b'_i \omega_{i-1} &= \sum_{i=4}^7 b'_i \omega_{i+4} = \sum_{i=4}^7 b'_i \omega_{i+8} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

From the expression (3.4), we can write the quantity  $\beta$  in the form

$$\beta = \frac{2 \left[ (2 - \mathbf{K})\delta - s'^2 \right]}{\mathbf{K} + 2}.$$

As  $\beta$  is positive, we have two cases:

(a) Case  $\mathbf{K} + 2 < 0$  and  $(2 - \mathbf{K})\delta - s'^2 < 0$ . This implies

$$\mathbf{K} < -2, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{K} > \frac{2\delta - s'^2}{\delta} = \frac{2 \sum_{i=3}^6 \omega_i^2}{s'^2 + \sum_{i=3}^6 \omega_i^2} > 0,$$

which is a contradiction.

(b) Case  $\mathbf{K} + 2 > 0$  and  $(2 - \mathbf{K})\delta - s'^2 > 0$ . This gives the following condition for  $\mathbf{K}$ :

$$-2 < \mathbf{K} < \frac{2\delta - s'^2}{\delta} = \frac{2 \sum_{i=3}^6 \omega_i^2}{s'^2 + \sum_{i=3}^6 \omega_i^2} < 2.$$

As consequence of Theorems 3.2 and 3.3, we have the next statement, which was established in the Introduction.

**Corollary 3.2.** *A kinematic three-dimensional surface in  $\mathbf{E}^7$  obtained by the equiform motion of a sphere and with constant scalar curvature  $\mathbf{K}$  satisfies  $|\mathbf{K}| < 2$ .*

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