

## INTRINSIC PROBLEMS ON $S^n\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \times S^{n+1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$

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*Dedicated to Prof. A. Kawaguchi on his seventieth birthday*

### § 0. Introduction.

Ishihara and one of the present authors [2] have studied properties of an almost product structure in a Riemannian manifold, and have proved a theorem on the characterization of product spaces of two spheres:

**THEOREM A.** *Let  $(M, g)$  be a complete and connected Riemannian manifold of dimension  $m$  and let there be given in  $(M, g)$  two complementary almost product structures  $P_i^h$  and  $Q_i^h$  such that  $\nabla_k P_i^h = 0$ . Assume that  $P_i^h$  is of rank  $r$  and  $2 \leq r \leq m-2$ . If there is in  $(M, g)$  a non-constant function  $\lambda$  satisfying*

$$P_j^t P_i^s \nabla_t \nabla_s \lambda = -\frac{\lambda}{a^2} P_{ji},$$

$$Q_j^t Q_i^s \nabla_t \nabla_s \lambda = -\frac{\lambda}{b^2} Q_{ji},$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are positive constants, then  $(M, g)$  is isometric with  $S^r(a) \times S^{m-r}(b)$  or  $[S^r(a) \times S^{m-r}(b)]^*$ ,  $[S^r(a) \times S^{m-r}(b)]^*$  being the factor space  $S^r(a) \times S^{m-r}(b) / \sim$  with Riemannian metric induced from that of  $S^r(a) \times S^{m-r}(b)$  by the projection.

Recently, the present authors and Suh [4] defined the so-called  $(f, g, u(k), \alpha(k))$ -structure which is naturally induced on a hypersurface of a manifold with  $(f, g, u, v, \lambda)$ -structure or on a submanifold of codimension 2 of an almost contact metric space, and studied a hypersurface of even-dimensional sphere in terms of this structure by means of theorem A.

The main purpose of this paper is studying a characterization of  $S^n \times S^{n+1}$  in terms of  $(f, g, u(k), \alpha(k))$ -structure by using of Theorem A.

In §1, we discuss intrinsic properties of  $S^n \times S^{n+1}$ . In §2, we find some properties of  $(f, g, u(k), \alpha(k))$ -structure induced on  $S^n \times S^{n+1}$  as a submanifold of codimension 2 of  $(2n+3)$ -dimensional Euclidean space  $E^{2n+3}$  for later use. In §3, we study complete Riemannian manifolds admitting an  $(f, g, u(k), \alpha(k))$ -

structure which satisfies certain conditions.

§ 1.  $S^n\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \times S^{n+1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$  as a submanifold of codimension 2 of  $E^{2n+3}$ .

Let  $E^{n+2}$  be an  $(n+2)$ -dimensional Euclidean space and 0 the origin of a cartesian coordinate system in  $E^{n+2}$  and denote by  $X$  the position vector of a point  $P$  in  $E^{n+2}$  with respect to the origin 0.

We consider a sphere  $S^{n+1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$  with the center at 0 and with radius  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ , and suppose that  $S^{n+1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$  is covered by a system of coordinate neighborhoods  $\{U : x^a\}$ , where here and in the sequel the indices  $a, b, c, \dots$  run over the range  $\{1, 2, \dots, n+1\}$ . Then the position vector  $X$  of a point  $P$  on  $S^{n+1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$  is a function of  $(x^a)$  satisfying  $X \cdot X = \frac{1}{2}$ , where the dot denotes the inner product of two vectors in a Euclidean space.

Now we put

$$(1.1) \quad X_b = \partial_b X, \quad M = -\sqrt{2}X, \quad g_{cb} = X_c \cdot X_b,$$

where  $\partial_b = \partial/\partial x^b$ , and denote by  $\nabla_c$  the operator of covariant differentiation with respect to the Christoffel symbols  $\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} a \\ cb \end{smallmatrix} \right\}$  formed with the metric tensor  $g_{cb}$ . Then  $X_b$  being tangent to  $S^{n+1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$  and  $M$  being the unit normal to  $S^{n+1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$ , we have equations of Gauss and those of Weingarten respectively in the forms

$$(2.2) \quad \nabla_c X_b = \sqrt{2}g_{cb}M, \quad \nabla_c M = -\sqrt{2}X_c.$$

We next suppose that  $S^n\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$  is covered by a system of coordinate neighborhoods  $\{V : (x^r)\}$ , where here and in the sequel the indices  $r, s, t, \dots$  run over the range  $\{n+2, \dots, 2n+1\}$ . Then the position vector  $Y$  of a point  $Q$  on  $S^n\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$  is also a function of  $(x^r)$  satisfying  $Y \cdot Y = \frac{1}{2}$ .

We now put

$$(1.3) \quad Y_s = \partial_s Y, \quad N = -\sqrt{2}Y, \quad g_{ts} = Y_t \cdot Y_s,$$

where  $\partial_s = \partial/\partial x^s$ , and denote by  $\nabla_t$  the operator of covariant differentiation with respect to the Christoffel symbols  $\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} r \\ st \end{smallmatrix} \right\}$  formed with the metric tensor  $g_{ts}$ . Then  $Y_s$  being tangent to  $S^n\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$  and  $N$  being unit normal to  $S^n\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$ , we have equations of Gauss and those of Weingarten respectively in the forms

$$(1.4) \quad \nabla_t Y_s = \sqrt{2} g_{ts} N, \quad \nabla_t N = -\sqrt{2} Y_t.$$

We now consider  $S^n\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \times S^{n+1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$  and regard it as a submanifold of codimension 2 in a  $(2n+3)$ -dimensional Euclidean space  $E^{2n+3}$ . Denoting by  $Z$  the position vector of a point of  $S^n\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \times S^{n+1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$ , we have

$$(1.5) \quad Z(x^h) = \begin{pmatrix} X(x^a) \\ Y(x^r) \end{pmatrix},$$

where here and in the sequel the indices  $h, i, j, \dots$  run over the range  $\{1, 2, \dots, n, n+1, \dots, 2n+1\}$ . Since  $Z \cdot Z = X \cdot X + Y \cdot Y = 1$  in  $E^{2n+3}$ ,  $S^n\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \times S^{n+1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$  is a hypersurface of  $S^{2n+2}(1)$  in  $E^{2n+3}$ .

§ 2.  $(f, g, u(k), \alpha(k))$ -structure on  $S^n\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \times S^{n+1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$ .

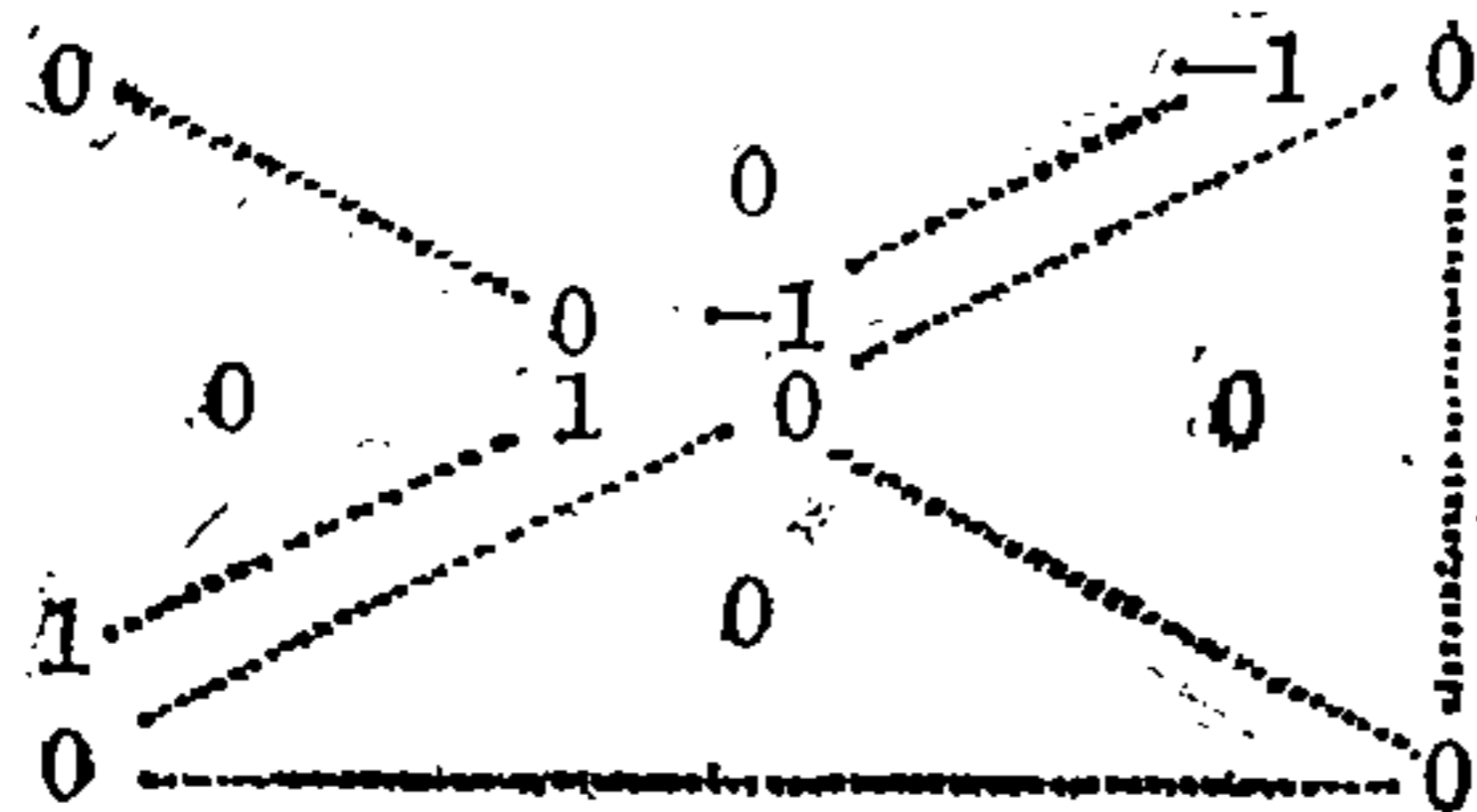
Let  $E^{2n+3}$  be a  $(2n+3)$ -dimensional Euclidean space with cartesian coordinates  $\{y^k\}$ . (The indices  $\kappa, \mu, \nu, \dots$  run over the range  $\{1, 2, \dots, 2n+3\}$ ).

If we put

$$(\eta_\lambda) = (0, \dots, 0, 1),$$

$$(\xi^\lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and



then  $\eta_\lambda, \xi^\lambda$  and  $\varphi_\mu^\lambda$  are respectively 1-form, vector and  $(1, 1)$ -type tensor in  $E^{2n+3}$  with the cartesian coordinates.

Moreover,

$$(G_{\mu\lambda}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & 0 \\ & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

is a positive definite Riemannian metric in  $E^{2n+3}$ .

If we set

$$\varphi_{\mu\lambda} = \varphi_{\mu}^{\nu} G_{\nu\lambda},$$

then

$$\varphi_{\mu\lambda} \varphi_{\nu\rho} G^{\lambda\rho} = G_{\mu\nu} - \eta_{\mu} \eta_{\nu},$$

where

$$(G^{\lambda\rho}) = (G_{\lambda\rho})^{-1}, \text{ and } G_{\lambda\mu} \xi^{\mu} = \eta_{\lambda}$$

and

$$\varphi_{\mu}^{\lambda} \varphi_{\lambda}^{\nu} = -\delta_{\mu}^{\nu} + \eta_{\mu} \xi^{\nu}.$$

Thus the aggregate  $(\varphi_{\mu}^{\lambda}, \eta_{\mu}, \xi^{\lambda}, G_{\lambda\mu})$  is an almost contact metric structure in  $E^{2n+3}$  with cartesian coordinates.

Moreover, denoting  $\tilde{\nabla}_{\mu}$  by the operator of covariant differentiation with respect to the Christoffel symbol  $\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} \lambda \\ \mu\nu \end{smallmatrix} \right\}$  formed with  $G_{\mu\nu}$ , we find  $\tilde{\nabla}_{\mu} \xi^{\nu} = 0$ ,  $\tilde{\nabla}_{\mu} \eta^{\nu} = 0$  and  $\tilde{\nabla}_{\mu} \varphi_{\lambda}^{\nu} = 0$ . Hence  $(\varphi_{\mu}^{\lambda}, \eta_{\mu}, \xi^{\lambda}, G_{\lambda\mu})$  is a cosymplectic structure.

In this section, we want to derive the  $(f, g, u^{(k)}, \alpha^{(k)})$ -structure induced on  $S^n\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \times S^{n+1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$  as a submanifold of codimension 2 of  $E^{2n+3}$  with cosymplectic structure.

Now, putting

$$Z_i = \partial_i Z,$$

we see that

$$Z_b = \begin{pmatrix} X_b \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Z_s = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ Y_s \end{pmatrix}$$

and the induced Riemannian metric  $g_{ji}$  of  $G_{\mu\lambda}$  has the form

$$(g_{ji}) = \begin{pmatrix} g_{cb} & 0 \\ 0 & g_{ts} \end{pmatrix},$$

and hence

$$(g^{ji}) = \begin{pmatrix} g^{cb} & 0 \\ 0 & g^{ts} \end{pmatrix},$$

$g^{ji}$ ,  $g^{cb}$  and  $g^{ts}$  being components of inverse matrices of  $(g_{ji})$ ,  $(g_{cb})$  and  $(g_{ts})$  respectively.

Setting

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} -X(x^a) \\ -Y(x^r) \end{pmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} -X(x^a) \\ Y(x^r) \end{pmatrix},$$

we find  $Z_i \cdot C = 0$ ,  $Z_i \cdot D = 0$ ,  $C \cdot C = D \cdot D = 1$  and  $C \cdot D = 0$ , where the dot denotes the inner product reduced from  $G_{\mu\lambda}$  in  $E^{2n+3}$ , and consequently that  $C$  and  $D$  are

unit normals to  $S^n\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \times S^{n+1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$ .

If we denote by  $\nabla$  the induced connection on  $S^n\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \times S^{n+1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$  from the connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  of  $E^{2n+3}$  and denote by  $h_{ji}$  and  $k_{ji}$  components of the second fundamental tensors respectively with respect to unit normals  $C$  and  $D$ , equations of Gauss are written as  $\nabla_j Z_i = h_{ji}C + k_{ji}D$ .

Then

$$(h_{ji}) = \begin{pmatrix} g_{cb} & 0 \\ 0 & g_{ts} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (k_{ji}) = \begin{pmatrix} g_{cb} & 0 \\ 0 & -g_{ts} \end{pmatrix}$$

and hence

$$(h_j^i) = \begin{pmatrix} \delta_b^c & 0 \\ 0 & \delta_t^s \end{pmatrix}, \quad (k_j^i) = \begin{pmatrix} \delta_c^b & 0 \\ 0 & -\delta_t^s \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $h_j^i = h_{jh}g^{jh}$  and  $k_j^i = k_{jh}g^{ih}$ .

From these relations we have  $h_{ji} = g_{ji}$ ,  $k_h^h = -1$  and  $k_j^m k_m^h = \delta_j^h$ .

Also, taking account of the fact that  $k_j^i$  has the form given by the above and the Christoffel symbols  $\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} h \\ j \ i \end{smallmatrix} \right\}$  are all zero except  $\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} a \\ c \ b \end{smallmatrix} \right\}$  and  $\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} r \\ t \ s \end{smallmatrix} \right\}$ , denoting by  $l_j$  components of the third fundamental tensor with respect to unit normals  $C$  and  $D$ , equations of Weingarten can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_j C &= -h_j^i Z_i + l_j D, \\ \nabla_j D &= -k_j^i Z_i - l_j C. \end{aligned}$$

By the way, the third fundamental tensor  $l_j$  vanishes because of the definition of  $C$  and equation of Weingarten, hence  $\nabla_j Z_i = g_{ji}C + k_{ji}D$ ,  $\nabla_j C = -Z_j$  and  $\nabla_j D = -k_j^i Z_i$ .

Finally, we consider transforms  $\varphi Z_i$ ,  $\varphi C$  and  $\varphi D$  of  $Z_i$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  by  $\varphi$  respectively:

$$(2.1) \quad \varphi Z_i = f_i^h Z_h + u_i C + v_i D,$$

$$(2.2) \quad \varphi C = -u^i Z_i + \alpha D,$$

$$(2.3) \quad \varphi D = -v^i Z_i - \alpha C,$$

where  $f_i^h$  are components of a tensor field of type  $(1, 1)$ ,  $u_i$  and  $v_i$  those of

1-forms and  $\alpha$  a function of  $S^n\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \times S^{n+1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$ ,  $u^i$  and  $v^i$  being respectively given by  $u^i = u_j g^{ji}$  and  $v^i = v_j g^{ji}$ .

If we write

$$(2.4) \quad \xi = w^i Z_i + \beta C + \gamma D,$$

then from (2.1), (2.2), (2.3) and (2.4) we can easily see that  $S^n\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \times S^{n+1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$  admits an  $(f, g, u(k), \alpha(k))$ -structure (See [3]), that is,

$$(2.5) \quad f_j^h f_k^i = -\delta_j^i + u_j u^i + v_j v^i + w_j w^i,$$

$$(2.6) \quad f_i^h u_h = \alpha v_i + \beta w_i, \quad f_i^h u^i = -\alpha v^h - \beta w^h,$$

$$(2.7) \quad f_i^h v_h = \gamma w_i - \alpha u_i, \quad f_i^h v^i = -\gamma w^h + \alpha u^h,$$

$$(2.8) \quad f_i^h w_h = -\beta u_i - \gamma v_i, \quad f_i^h w^i = \beta u^h + \gamma v^h,$$

$$(2.9) \quad u^i u_i = 1 - \alpha^2 - \beta^2, \quad u^i v_i = -\beta\gamma, \quad u^i w_i = \alpha\gamma,$$

$$(2.10) \quad v^i u_i = -\beta\gamma, \quad v^i v_i = 1 - \alpha^2 - \gamma^2, \quad v^i w_i = -\alpha\beta,$$

$$(2.11) \quad w^i u_i = \alpha\gamma, \quad w^i v_i = -\alpha\beta, \quad w^i w_i = 1 - \beta^2 - \gamma^2,$$

$$(2.12) \quad f_j^m f_i^n g_{mn} = g_{ji} - u_j u_i - v_j v_i - w_j w_i,$$

where  $w_i = g_{ij} w^j$ .

Moreover, putting  $i=b$  in (2.1), we have  $f_b^a = 0$ ,  $u_b + v_b = 0$ .

Also, putting  $i=s$  in (2.1), we obtain  $f_s^t = 0$ ,  $u_s - v_s = 0$ .

Thus

$$(f_i^h) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & f_s^a \\ f_b^r & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$(u_i) = (u_b, u_s), \quad (u^h) = \begin{pmatrix} u^a \\ u^r \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $u^a = u_b g^{ba}$ ,  $u^r = u_s g^{sr}$  and  $(v_i) = (-u_b, u_s)$ ,  $(v^h) = \begin{pmatrix} -u^a \\ u^r \end{pmatrix}$

because the induced metric  $g_{ji}$  of  $G_{\lambda\mu}$  has the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} g_{ba} & 0 \\ 0 & g_{st} \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus  $k_j^h u^j = -v^h$ ,  $k_j^h v^j = -u^h$ , and moreover,  $k_{jm} f_i^m - k_{im} f_j^m = 0$ .

On the other hand, applying the operator  $\nabla$  of covariant differentiation to (2.1), (2.2), (2.3) and (2.4) and taking account of  $\tilde{\nabla}\varphi=0$ ,  $\tilde{\nabla}\eta=0$  and  $\tilde{\nabla}\xi=0$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_j f_i^h &= -g_{ji} u^h - k_{ji} v^h + \delta_j^h u_i + k_j^h v_i, \\ \nabla_j u_i &= f_j^i - \alpha k_{ji}, \\ \nabla_j v_i &= -k_{jh} f_i^h + \alpha g_{ji}, \\ \nabla_j w_i &= \beta g_{ji} + \gamma k_{ji}, \\ \nabla_j \alpha &= k_{ji} u^i - v_j = -2v_j, \\ \nabla_j \beta &= -w_j, \\ \nabla_j \gamma &= -k_j^i w_i, \\ \nabla_j \nabla_i u_h &= -g_{ji} u_h + g_{jh} u_i - k_{ji} v_h + k_{jh} v_i + 2k_{ih} v_j. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} S_{ji}^h &= -(\nabla_j f_i^m) f_m^h + (\nabla_i f_j^m) f_m^h + f_j^m \nabla_m f_i^h - f_i^m \nabla_m f_j^h \\ &+ (\nabla_j u_i - \nabla_i u_j) u^h + (\nabla_j v_i - \nabla_i v_j) v^h + (\nabla_j w_i - \nabla_i w_j) w^h \\ &= -2(k_j^m f_m^h v_i - k_i^m f_m^h v_j) \\ &= 2v_j (\nabla_i v^h - \alpha \delta_i^h) - 2v_i (\nabla_j v^h - \alpha \delta_j^h). \end{aligned}$$

### § 3. A characterization of $S^n \times S^{n+1}$ .

In this section, we study complete Riemannian manifolds admitting  $(f, g, u(k), \alpha(k))$ -structures which satisfies some of differential equations obtained in the last part of § 2.

We first prove

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $M$  be a complete and connected  $n(>2)$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $M$  with metric tensor  $g_{ji}$ , and assume that there exist in  $M$  a symmetric tensor field  $k_{ji}$  and a skew-symmetric tensor field  $f_{ji}$  which satisfy*

$$(3.1) \quad \text{trace}(k_j^i) = \text{constant},$$

$$(3.2) \quad -(n-2)\sqrt{A} \leq \text{trace}(k_j^i) \leq (n-2)\sqrt{A},$$

$$(3.3) \quad \nabla_k k_{ji} - \nabla_j k_{ki} = 0,$$

$$(3.4) \quad k_{jm} k_i^m = A g_{ji},$$

$A$  being a differentiable function, and there exists a non-trivial differentiable function  $\alpha$  such that

$$(3.5) \quad \nabla_j \nabla_i \alpha = 2k_{jm} f_i^m - 2\alpha g_{ji},$$

where  $k_j^i = k_{jm} g^{im}$  and  $f_j^i = f_{jm} g^{im}$ .

Then,  $M$  is globally isometric to  $S^n\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$  or  $S^p\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \times S^{n-p}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$  or  $\left[S^p\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \times S^{n-p}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\right]^*$ , ( $2 \leq p \leq n-2$ ),  $S^p\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$  being  $p$ -dimensional sphere with radius  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

PROOF. Differentiating (3.4) covariantly, we find

$$(3.6) \quad (\nabla_k k_{jm}) k_i^m + k_{jm} (\nabla_k k_i^m) = (\nabla_k A) g_{ji},$$

from which, contracting  $j$  and  $i$  and using (3.3),  $2k_{ji} (\nabla_k k^{ji}) = (2n+1) \nabla_k A$ .

If we contract again  $k$  and  $i$  in (3.6) and use (3.1) and (3.2), (3.6) can be written as

$$k_{im} (\nabla_j k^{im}) = \nabla_j A.$$

From the last two equations we have  $A = \text{constant}$ .

If  $A=0$ , then we have from (3.4),  $k_{ji}=0$ .

Thus (3.5) becomes  $\nabla_j \nabla_i \alpha = -(\sqrt{2})^2 \alpha g_{ji}$ .

Since  $M$  is complete, by the theorem of Obata,  $M$  is isometric to a sphere  $S^{2n+1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$ .

Since  $A$  is a constant, we consider only  $A \neq 0$ .

We have from (3.5),

$$(3.7) \quad k_{jm} f_i^m - k_{im} f_j^m = 0.$$

Putting

$$(3.8) \quad P_i^h = \frac{1}{2} \left( \delta_i^h + \frac{1}{\sqrt{A}} k_i^h \right),$$

we have from (3.4), (3.5) and (3.7)

$$(3.9) \quad P_l^i \nabla_j \nabla_i \alpha = k_{jm} f_l^m + \sqrt{A} f_{jl} - \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{A}} k_{jl} - \alpha g_{jl}.$$



from which, using (3.4) and (3.6),

$$(3.10) \quad P_k^j P_l^i \nabla_j \nabla_i \alpha = -2\alpha P_{kl}$$

If we put  $Q_i^h = \delta_i^h - P_i^h$ , then we can see that  $P_i^l P_l^h = P_i^h$ ,  $P_i^l Q_l^h = 0$ ,  $Q_i^l Q_l^h = Q_i^h$  by virtue of (3.8).

Using (3.3) and  $A = \text{constant}$ , we find

$$\nabla_k P_i^h - \nabla_i P_k^h = 0,$$

from which,  $\nabla_k P_i^h = 0$  (See Lemma 1.1 in [2]).

Thus  $P_i^h$  and  $Q_i^h$  are two complementary almost product structures such that  $\nabla_k P_i^h = 0$ .

Moreover, from (3.5) and (3.9), we get

$$\begin{aligned} Q_l^i \nabla_j \nabla_i \alpha &= (\delta_l^i - P_l^i) \nabla_j \nabla_i \alpha \\ &= k_{jm} f_l^m - \alpha g_{jl} - \sqrt{A} f_{jl} + \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{A}} k_{jl}, \end{aligned}$$

from which, using (3.8) and (3.10),

$$Q_k^j Q_l^i \nabla_j \nabla_i \alpha = -2\alpha Q_{kl}.$$

On the other hand, from (3.2) and (3.8), we find  $2 \leq \text{rank}(P_i^h) \leq n-2$ . Therefore, the assumptions of Theorem A are all satisfied and consequently the conclusions of Theorem A are valid.

We next prove

**THEOREM 2.** *Assume that a complete and connected  $(2n+1)$ -dimensional differentiable manifold  $M$  admits an  $(f, g, u^{(k)}, \alpha^{(k)})$ -structure such that  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 \neq 1$ ,  $\alpha \neq 0$ ,  $\beta \neq 0$  and  $\gamma \neq 0$  almost everywhere, and*

$$(3.11) \quad \nabla_j \alpha = -2v_j, \quad \nabla_j \beta = -w_j.$$

*If there exists a tensor field  $k_{ji}$  of type  $(0, 2)$  which satisfies*

$$(3.12) \quad \nabla_j u_i = f_{ji} - \alpha k_{ji},$$

*and*

$$(3.13) \quad \nabla_k \nabla_j u_i = -g_{kj} u_i + g_{ki} u_j - k_{kj} v_i + k_{ki} v_j + 2k_{ji} v_k,$$

*where  $\nabla$  denotes the Levi-Civita connection induced from the Riemannian metric tensor  $g_{ji}$ . Then  $M$  is isometric to  $S^{n+1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \times S^n\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$  or  $\left[S^{n+1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \times S^n\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\right]^*$ .*

**PROOF.** We have from (3.12)

$$\nabla_j u_i + \nabla_i u_j = -2\alpha k_{ji},$$

from which, differentiating covariantly and substituting (3.11) and (3.13),  $\alpha \nabla_k k_{ji} = 0$ . Since  $\alpha$  is almost everywhere non-zero in  $M$ , we have  $\nabla_k k_{ji} = 0$ .

If we differentiate covariantly and take account of (3.11), (3.13) and  $\nabla_k k_{ji} = 0$ , we see that

$$(3.14) \quad \nabla_k f_{ji} = -g_{kj} u_i + g_{ki} u_j - k_{kj} v_i + k_{ki} v_j.$$

On the other hand, we have from (3.12)

$$\nabla_j u_i - \nabla_i u_j = 2f_{ji},$$

from which, transvecting  $u^j$  and substituting (2.6) and (2.9)

$$u^j \nabla_j u_i = \frac{1}{2} \nabla_i (1 - \alpha^2 - \beta^2) - 2(\alpha v_i + \beta w_i),$$

from which, using (3.11)

$$(3.15) \quad u^j \nabla_j u_i = -\beta w_i.$$

Transvecting (3.12) with  $u^j$  and using (2.6) and (3.15), we obtain

$$(3.16) \quad k_{ji} u^i = -v_j$$

because  $\alpha$  is almost everywhere non-zero.

Differentiating (3.16) covariantly and taking account of  $\nabla_k k_{ji} = 0$  and (3.12), we have

$$(3.17) \quad -\nabla_k v_j = k_{jm} f_k^m - \alpha k_{jm} k_k^m.$$

From the first equation of (3.11) we see that  $\nabla_j v_k - \nabla_k v_j = 0$ . Thus (3.17) implies that

$$(3.18) \quad k_{jm} f_k^m - k_{km} f_j^m = 0.$$

Transvecting  $u^k$  to (3.18) and using (2.6), (2.7) and (3.16), we get

$$(3.19) \quad \alpha k_{jm} v^m = -\beta k_{jm} w^m + \gamma w_j - \alpha u_j.$$

Transvecting again (3.18) with  $f^{jk}$  and making use of (2.5) and the skew-symmetry of  $f^{jk}$ , we find

$$(3.20) \quad k_m^m = k_{ji} u^j u^i + k_{ji} v^j v^i + k_{ji} w^j w^i.$$

Differentiating (3.18) covariantly and substituting (3.14), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & k_{jm} (-g_{ki} u^m + \delta_k^m u_i - k_{ki} v^m + k_k^m v_i) \\ &= k_{im} (-g_{kj} u^m + \delta_k^m u_j - k_{kj} v^m + k_k^m v_j) \end{aligned}$$

by virtue of  $\nabla_k k_{ji} = 0$ , or, using (3.16)

$$(3.21) \quad \begin{aligned} &g_{ki}v_j + k_{jk}u_i - (k_{jm}v^m)k_{ki} + (k_{jm}k_k^m)v_i \\ &= g_{kj}v_i + k_{ik}u_j - (k_{im}v^m)k_{kj} + (k_{im}k_k^m)v_j. \end{aligned}$$

Differentiating the second equation of (2.9) covariantly, we find

$$(\nabla^j u^i)v^i + u^i(\nabla_j v_i) = -(\nabla_j \beta)\gamma - \beta \nabla_j \gamma,$$

from which, substituting (3.11), (3.12) and (3.17),

$$\beta \nabla_j \gamma = \gamma w_j - (f_j^i - \alpha k_j^i)v_i + u^i(k_{im}f_j^m - \alpha k_{im}k_j^m),$$

or, using (2.7) and (3.16),

$$(3.22) \quad \beta \nabla_j \gamma = 2\alpha k_{jm}v^m + 2\alpha u_j - \gamma w_j.$$

Differentiating the first equation of (2.7) covariantly, we find

$$(\nabla_j f_i^h)v_h + f_i^h(\nabla_j v_h) = (\nabla_j \gamma)w_i + \gamma \nabla_j w_i - (\nabla_j \alpha)u_i - \alpha \nabla_j u_i,$$

from which, taking skew-symmetric parts,

$$\begin{aligned} &(\nabla_j f_i^h - \nabla_i f_j^h)v_h + f_i^h(\nabla_j v_h) - f_j^h(\nabla_i v_h) \\ &= (\nabla_j \gamma)w_i - (\nabla_i \gamma)w_j - (\nabla_j \alpha)u_i + (\nabla_i \alpha)u_j - \alpha(\nabla_j u_i - \nabla_i u_j), \end{aligned}$$

or, using (3.11), (3.12), (3.14) and (3.17),

$$(3.23) \quad \begin{aligned} &-(v_j u_i - v_i u_j) + (k_{jm}v^m)v_i - (k_{im}v^m)v_j + 2\alpha f_i^h k_{hm}k_j^m \\ &= (\nabla_j \gamma)w_i - (\nabla_i \gamma)w_j - 2\alpha f_{ji}. \end{aligned}$$

Transvecting (3.23) with  $u^j$  and making use of (2.6), (2.7), (2.9), (2.10) and (3.16), we have

$$(3.24) \quad \begin{aligned} &(\gamma^2 - \beta^2)v_i + \beta \gamma (k_i^m v_m) + 2\alpha \gamma k_{im}w^m \\ &= (u^m \nabla_m \gamma)w_i - \alpha \gamma \nabla_i \gamma - \beta \gamma u_i + 2\alpha \beta w_i, \end{aligned}$$

from which, using (3.19),

$$\begin{aligned} &\beta(\gamma^2 - \beta^2)v_i + \beta^2 \gamma (k_i^m v_m) + 2\alpha \gamma (-\alpha k_{im}v^m + \gamma w_i - \alpha u_i) \\ &= \beta(u^m \nabla_m \gamma)w_i - \alpha \beta \gamma \nabla_i \gamma - \beta^2 \gamma u_i + 2\alpha \beta^2 w_i. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\beta u^m \nabla_m \gamma = -2\alpha \beta^2 + \alpha \gamma^2$ , from (3.16) and (3.22), the above equation becomes  $\beta^2 \gamma (k_{im}v^m) = -\beta^2 \gamma u_i + \beta(\beta^2 - \gamma^2)v_i$ , and consequently

$$(3.25) \quad k_{im}v^m = -u_i + ((\beta^2 - \gamma^2)/\beta \gamma)v_i.$$

Substituting (3.25) into (3.21), (3.21) becomes

$$(3.26) \quad v_j \{g_{ki} - ((\beta^2 - \gamma^2)/\beta\gamma)k_{ki} - k_{km}k_i^m\} = v_i \{g_{kj} - ((\beta^2 - \gamma^2)/\beta\gamma)k_{kj} - k_{km}k_j^m\}.$$

Using (3.25), we also find

$$v^m [g_{km} - ((\beta^2 - \gamma^2)/\beta\gamma)k_{km} - k_{kj}k_m^j] = -2((\beta^2 - \gamma^2)/\beta\gamma) \{-u_k + ((\beta^2 - \gamma^2)/\beta\gamma)v_k\}.$$

Transvecting (3.26) with  $v^j$  and using the above equation, we get

$$(3.27) \quad 0 = (1 - \alpha^2 - \gamma^2) \{g_{ki} - ((\beta^2 - \gamma^2)/\beta\gamma)k_{ki} - k_{km}k_i^m\} \\ + 2((\beta^2 - \gamma^2)/\beta\gamma) \{-v_i u_k + ((\beta^2 - \gamma^2)/\beta\gamma)v_i v_k\},$$

from which  $0 = ((\beta^2 - \gamma^2)/\beta\gamma)(v_k u_i - v_i u_k)$ , and consequently

$$(3.28) \quad \beta^2 - \gamma^2 = 0.$$

Thus, using (3.27) and (3.28),

$$(3.29) \quad k_{jm}k_i^m = g_{ji}.$$

Also, from (3.19), (3.25) and (3.28), we have

$$(3.30) \quad k_{jm}v^m = -u_j, \quad k_{jm}w^m = \frac{\gamma}{\beta}w_j.$$

Moreover, from (3.11) and (3.17),

$$(3.31) \quad \nabla_k \nabla_j \alpha = 2k_{km}f_j^m - 2\alpha g_{kj},$$

and, using (2.9), (2.11), (3.16), (3.20) and (3.30),

$$(3.32) \quad k_m^m = \frac{\gamma}{\beta} = \pm 1$$

by virtue of (3.28).

Since the manifold is connected,  $k_m^m = 1$  or  $k_m^m = -1$  on the whole space. Thus the equations (3.29), (3.31), (3.32),  $\nabla_k k_{ji} = 0$  and Theorem 1 prove the theorem.

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