

2-SEMIPARALLEL SURFACES IN SPACE FORMS

1. Two particular cases

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Abstract. 2-Semiparallel surfaces are introduced as surfaces satisfying the integrability condition of the differential system, which characterizes the 2-parallel surfaces, i.e. such surfaces whose third fundamental form $\bar{\nabla}h$ is parallel. The latter have been classified by the second author. Now our aim is to classify the 2-semiparallel surfaces in space forms. As the first step this is done for two particular cases. It is shown that for these cases, in addition to surfaces with flat $\bar{\nabla}$, only those surfaces can occur which are either parallel (i.e. with $\bar{\nabla}h = 0$), or have vanishing Gaussian curvature (i.e. flat ∇) with some additional condition.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In the last 15 years the submanifolds, whose fundamental forms are parallel with respect to the van der Waerden–Bortolotti connection $\bar{\nabla}$, have been studied intensively in space forms $N^n(c)$ of curvature c (in particular, in Euclidean spaces, by $c = 0$). They are characterized by $\bar{\nabla}h = 0$, $\bar{\nabla}(\bar{\nabla}h) = 0$, etc., where h is the second fundamental form, $\bar{\nabla}h$ is the third fundamental form, etc. (see, e.g., [1]). In this study also more general submanifolds are investigated, which satisfy the integrability conditions $\bar{R} \circ h = 0$, $\bar{R} \circ (\bar{\nabla}h) = 0$, etc. of these differential systems. They are called semiparallel, 2-semiparallel, etc. submanifolds (cf. [1–4]).

The semiparallel surfaces (i.e. two-dimensional submanifolds) in Euclidean spaces are classified in [5] (see also [1], where a generalization is given for surfaces in space forms).

Theorem 1 (see [1,5]). A semiparallel surface M^2 in a space form $N^n(c)$ is either

- (i) a totally geodesic or totally umbilical surface,
- (ii) a surface with flat $\bar{\nabla}$, or
- (iii) a surface with isotropic points only, whose mean curvature vector H and Gaussian curvature K are connected by $H^2 = 3K - c$ (here $H^2 = \langle H, H \rangle$).

The parallel submanifolds (i.e. satisfying $\bar{\nabla}h = 0$) in Euclidean spaces are classified in terms of symmetric R -spaces and their standard immersions in [6]. For surfaces in space forms this can be specified as follows.

Theorem 2 (see [1]). A parallel M^2 in $N^n(c)$ is either

- (i') a totally geodesic or totally umbilical surface,
- (ii') a product of two parallel curves, or
- (iii') a Veronese surface or its open part.

According to [7], every semiparallel submanifold in a space form is a second-order envelope of the parallel ones. The semiparallel surfaces M^2 in $N^n(c)$ of the classes (i), (ii), and (iii) of Theorem 1 are the second-order envelopes of parallel surfaces of the classes, correspondingly (i'), (ii'), (iii') of Theorem 2. Here the parallel curves are plane curves of constant curvature, but a Veronese surface is a second standard immersion of a sphere $S^2(a^2) = N^2(a^2)$ into a sphere $S^4(3a^2) = N^5(3a^2)$, where $3a^2 \geq c$.

The 2-parallel surfaces in Euclidean spaces are classified in [8] (see also [1], where a generalization is given for surfaces in space forms).

Theorem 3 (see [1,8]). The 2-parallel surface M^2 in $N^n(c)$ has flat $\bar{\nabla}$ and is either

- (i*) a product of 2-parallel or parallel curves, at least one of them is 2-parallel, or
- (ii*) a surface in a 3-dimensional totally umbilical $N^3(c^*)$, generated by the geodesic lines of $N^3(c^*)$ going in directions of binormals of a curve in $N^3(c^*)$ with geodesic curvature $k_g = as$ and with constant geodesic torsion $\kappa_g = \pm\sqrt{c^*}$.

Here the last surface is often called the B-scroll of this curve, following [9]. The 2-parallel curves are classified in [1] and [8]: such a curve is either a parallel one, or a Cornu spiral (clothoid) on a totally geodesic or totally umbilical surface of $N^n(c)$. Note that for the case $c = 0$ these curves reveal again as the curves with harmonic mean curvature vector in [10]. (Note also that the last sentence of Theorem 3 corrects a misprint concerning the value of κ_g in the corresponding theorem of [1].)

In the present paper a classification of non-totally geodesic and non-totally umbilical 2-semiparallel surfaces is given in a space form for two particular cases: for surfaces with a flat normal connection ∇^\perp and for pointwise isotropic surfaces. The results are formulated below in Theorem 5.

2. SEMIPARALLEL AND 2-SEMPARALLEL SUBMANIFOLDS

Let M^m be an m -dimensional submanifold in an n -dimensional space form $N^n(c)$ of constant curvature c . For the element of the orthonormal frame bundle $\mathcal{O}(N^n(c))$, i.e. for a moving frame $\{x, e_I\} \in \mathcal{O}(N^n(c))$, there hold

$$dx = e_I \omega^I, \quad de_I = e_J \omega_J^I - x c \omega^I, \quad \omega_I^J + \omega_J^I = 0,$$

$$d\omega^I = \omega^J \wedge \omega_J^I, \quad d\omega_I^J = \omega_I^K \wedge \omega_K^J + c \omega^J \wedge \omega^I,$$

where I, J, K run $\{1, \dots, n\}$ and a point $x \in N^n(c)$ is identified with its radius vector in $N^n(0) = \mathbf{E}^n$, or in $\mathbf{E}^{n+1} \supset N^n(c)$ if $c > 0$, or in ${}_1\mathbf{E}^{n+1} \supset N^n(c)$ if $c < 0$ (see, e.g., [1]).

For the element of the subbundle $\mathcal{O}(M^m, N^n(c))$ adapted to M^m frames $\{x, e_i, e_\alpha\}$ (see [11]) there hold

$$x \in M^m, \quad e_i \in T_x M^m, \quad e_\alpha \in T_x^\perp M^m; \quad i \in \{1, \dots, m\},$$

$$\alpha \in \{m+1, \dots, n\},$$

thus $\omega^\alpha = 0$. This implies $\omega^i \wedge \omega_i^\alpha = 0$, and due to Cartan's lemma

$$\omega_i^\alpha = h_{ij}^\alpha \omega^j, \quad h_{ij}^\alpha = h_{ji}^\alpha. \quad (1)$$

Now exterior differentiation and the same lemma give

$$\bar{\nabla} h_{ij}^\alpha = h_{ijk}^\alpha \omega^k, \quad h_{ijk}^\alpha = h_{ikj}^\alpha, \quad (2)$$

where $\bar{\nabla}$ is the covariant differential operator of the van der Waerden–Bortolotti connection (see [12]), so that

$$\bar{\nabla} h_{ij}^\alpha = dh_{ij}^\alpha - h_{kj}^\alpha \omega_i^k - h_{ik}^\alpha \omega_j^k + h_{ij}^\beta \omega_\beta^\alpha. \quad (3)$$

In the same manner (2) yields

$$\bar{\nabla} h_{ijk}^\alpha \wedge \omega^k = -h_{kj}^\alpha \Omega_i^k - h_{ik}^\alpha \Omega_j^k + h_{ij}^\beta \Omega_\beta^\alpha, \quad (4)$$

where

$$\Omega_i^j = d\omega_i^j - \omega_i^k \wedge \omega_k^j = -\sum_\alpha h_{i[k}^\alpha h_{l]j}^\alpha \omega^k \wedge \omega^l = R_{ikl}^j \omega^k \wedge \omega^l, \quad (5)$$

$$\Omega_\alpha^\beta = d\omega_\alpha^\beta - \omega_\alpha^\gamma \wedge \omega_\gamma^\beta = -\sum_i h_{i[k}^\alpha h_{l]i}^\beta \omega^k \wedge \omega^l = R_{\alpha k l}^\beta \omega^k \wedge \omega^l \quad (6)$$

are the curvature 2-forms of $\bar{\nabla}$. It is obvious that $\Omega_j^i + \Omega_i^j = 0$, $\Omega_\beta^\alpha + \Omega_\alpha^\beta = 0$.

The second and the third fundamental forms of M^m are respectively symmetric $T^\perp M^m$ -valued forms

$$h : (X, Y) \mapsto h_{ij}^\alpha X^i Y^j e_\alpha,$$

$$\bar{\nabla}h : (X, Y, Z) \mapsto h_{ijk}^\alpha X^i Y^j Z^k e_\alpha,$$

where $X = X^i e_i$, $Y = Y^j e_j$, $Z = Z^k e_k$.

In view of (4)–(6), due to Cartan's lemma

$$\bar{\nabla}h_{ijk}^\alpha = h_{ijkl}^\alpha \omega^l, \quad (7)$$

where, denoting $h_{ijk}^\alpha = \bar{\nabla}_k h_{ij}^\alpha$, $h_{ijkl}^\alpha = \bar{\nabla}_l \bar{\nabla}_k h_{ij}^\alpha$, the latter is not symmetric with respect of k and l , because (4) gives

$$\bar{\nabla}_{[l} \bar{\nabla}_{k]} h_{ij}^\alpha \omega^k \wedge \omega^l = h_{pj}^\alpha \Omega_i^p + h_{ip}^\alpha \Omega_j^p - h_{ij}^\beta \Omega_\beta^\alpha,$$

shortly

$$\bar{\nabla}_{[l} \bar{\nabla}_{k]} h_{ij}^\alpha = (\bar{R} \circ h)_{ij,kl}^\alpha.$$

A submanifold M^m in $N^n(c)$ is called *parallel* (or extrinsically symmetric) if $\bar{\nabla}_k h_{ij}^\alpha = 0$, *2-parallel* if $\bar{\nabla}_l \bar{\nabla}_k h_{ij}^\alpha = 0$, *semiparallel* if $(\bar{R} \circ h)_{ij,kl}^\alpha = 0$, and *2-semiparallel* if $(\bar{R} \circ \bar{\nabla}h)_{ijk,pq}^\alpha = 0$.

Note that here the first two conditions are differential systems, but the last two ones are their integrability conditions and are purely algebraic systems on the components of h and $\bar{\nabla}h$. Here the condition $\bar{R} \circ h = 0$ involves only the components of h and guarantees the full symmetry of the components of h_{ijkl}^α of the fourth fundamental form $\bar{\nabla}^2 h = \bar{\nabla}(\bar{\nabla}h)$ with respect to their lower indices.

The 2-semiparallelity condition $\bar{R} \circ \bar{\nabla}h = 0$ in a more detailed form is

$$h_{ljk}^\alpha \Omega_i^l + h_{ilk}^\alpha \Omega_j^l + h_{ijl}^\alpha \Omega_k^l - h_{ijk}^\beta \Omega_\beta^\alpha = 0 \quad (8)$$

and guarantees the symmetry of the components h_{ijkpq}^α of the fifth fundamental form $\bar{\nabla}^3 h = \bar{\nabla}(\bar{\nabla}^2 h)$ with respect to p, q (see [1,3,4]).

Proposition 4. *Every parallel submanifold M^m and every submanifold M^m with flat $\bar{\nabla}$ in $N^n(c)$ are both 2-semiparallel.*

Proof. Parallelity of M^m means that $h_{ijk}^\alpha = \bar{\nabla}_k h_{ij}^\alpha = 0$; flatness of $\bar{\nabla}$ means that $\Omega_i^j = \Omega_\alpha^\beta = 0$. In both these cases (8) is trivially satisfied.

Remark 1. The formulae (1)–(3) and (7) show that at a fixed point $x \in M^m$, where all ω^i turn into zero and thus $de_\alpha = e_\beta \omega_\alpha^\beta$, for the vectors $h_{ij} = h_{ij}^\alpha e_\alpha$ and $h_{ijk} = h_{ijk}^\alpha e_\alpha$ there hold

$$dh_{ij} = h_{kj} \omega_i^k + h_{ik} \omega_j^k,$$

$$dh_{ijk} = h_{ljk} \omega_i^l + h_{ilk} \omega_j^l + h_{ijl} \omega_k^l.$$

Hence $\text{span}\{h_{ij}\}$ and $\text{span}\{h_{ijk}\}$ are both invariant subspaces of $T_x^1 M^m$ at a fixed point $x \in M^m$. Here $\text{span}\{h_{ij}\}$ coincides with the so-called first normal subspace $N_x^{(1)} M^m$ at x , and $\text{span}\{h_{ijk}\}$ complements the first osculating subspace $\mathcal{O}_x^{(1)} M^m = T_x M^m \oplus N_x^{(1)} M^m$ to the second osculating subspace $\mathcal{O}_x^{(2)} M^m$.

3. SUBMANIFOLDS OF DIMENSION TWO (SURFACES)

For a surface M^2 in $N^n(c)$ the formulae (2) and (3) give

$$dh_{11}^\alpha = 2h_{12}^\alpha \omega_1^2 - h_{11}^\beta \omega_\beta^\alpha + h_{111}^\alpha \omega^1 + h_{112}^\alpha \omega^2, \quad (9)$$

$$dh_{12}^\alpha = (h_{22}^\alpha - h_{11}^\alpha) \omega_1^2 - h_{12}^\beta \omega_\beta^\alpha + h_{112}^\alpha \omega^1 + h_{112}^\alpha \omega^2, \quad (10)$$

$$dh_{22}^\alpha = -2h_{12}^\alpha \omega_1^2 - h_{22}^\beta \omega_\beta^\alpha + h_{122}^\alpha \omega^1 + h_{222}^\alpha \omega^2. \quad (11)$$

It is seen that $\text{span}\{\frac{1}{2}(h_{11} - h_{22}), h_{12}\}$, where, recall, $h_{ij} = h_{ij}^\alpha e_\alpha$, is at each point $x \in M^2$ an invariant subspace $I_x M^2$ of $N_x^{(1)} M^2 = \text{span}\{h_{ij}\}$, and that $H = \frac{1}{2}(h_{11} + h_{22})$ is an invariant vector – the mean curvature vector. Here H , applied from x , ends at the centre of the normal curvature indicatrix (ellipse or its degenerated form), whose plane (possibly degenerated) is determined by $I_x M^2$, but the tangent frame part $\{e_1, e_2\}$ can be at each x chosen so that $\frac{1}{2}(h_{11} - h_{22})$ and h_{12} go in the directions of the symmetry axes of the indicatrix. Then the normal frame part $\{e_3, \dots, e_n\}$ can be adapted further, according to É. Cartan, so that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}(h_{11} - h_{22}) &= a e_3, & h_{12} &= b e_4, & H &= \alpha e_3 + \beta e_4 + \gamma e_5, \\ a &\geq b \geq 0, & \gamma &\geq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

(see, e.g., [1]), and implies

$$h_{11}^3 = \alpha + a, \quad h_{12}^3 = 0, \quad h_{22}^3 = \alpha - a,$$

$$h_{11}^4 = \beta, \quad h_{12}^4 = b, \quad h_{22}^4 = \beta,$$

$$h_{11}^5 = \gamma, \quad h_{12}^5 = 0, \quad h_{22}^5 = \gamma,$$

$h_{ij}^\rho = 0$, for $\rho \in \{6, \dots, n\}$, if $n \geq 6$. The only essential curvature 2-forms are $\Omega_1^2 = -K \omega^1 \wedge \omega^2$ and $\Omega_3^4 = -2ab \omega^1 \wedge \omega^2$, where $K = c + H^2 - a^2 - b^2$ is the Gaussian curvature; all other $\Omega_i^j, \Omega_\alpha^\beta$ are zero except, perhaps, $\Omega_2^1 = -\Omega_1^2$, $\Omega_4^3 = -\Omega_3^4$.

The system (9)–(11) gives for this Cartan's frame

$$d(\alpha + a) - \beta\omega_3^4 - \gamma\omega_3^5 = h_{111}^3\omega^1 + h_{112}^3\omega^2, \quad (13)$$

$$2a\omega_1^2 - b\omega_3^4 = h_{112}^3\omega^1 + h_{122}^3\omega^2, \quad (14)$$

$$d(\alpha - a) - \beta\omega_3^4 - \gamma\omega_3^5 = h_{122}^3\omega^1 + h_{222}^3\omega^2, \quad (15)$$

$$d\beta - 2b\omega_1^2 + (\alpha + a)\omega_3^4 - \gamma\omega_4^5 = h_{111}^4\omega^1 + h_{112}^4\omega^2, \quad (16)$$

$$db = h_{112}^4\omega^1 + h_{112}^4\omega^2, \quad (17)$$

$$d\beta + 2b\omega_1^2 + (\alpha - a)\omega_3^4 - \gamma\omega_4^5 = h_{122}^4\omega^1 + h_{222}^4\omega^2, \quad (18)$$

$$d\gamma + (\alpha + a)\omega_3^5 + \beta\omega_4^5 = h_{111}^5\omega^1 + h_{112}^5\omega^2, \quad (19)$$

$$b\omega_4^5 = h_{112}^5\omega^1 + h_{122}^5\omega^2, \quad (20)$$

$$d\gamma + (\alpha - a)\omega_3^5 + \beta\omega_4^5 = h_{122}^5\omega^1 + h_{222}^5\omega^2. \quad (21)$$

Here relations (16) and (18) with $d\beta$ imply

$$2b\omega_1^2 - a\omega_3^4 = \frac{1}{2}(h_{122}^4 - h_{111}^4)\omega^1 + \frac{1}{2}(h_{222}^4 - h_{112}^4)\omega^2. \quad (22)$$

For ω_1^2 and ω_3^4 there is a linear system with the determinant $2(a^2 - b^2)$. Therefore two principal cases are to be considered:

$$(I) a > b \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad (II) a = b \geq 0.$$

4. SEMIPARALLEL SURFACES OF TWO PARTICULAR CASES

The present paper deals with semiparallel surfaces M^2 in $N^n(c)$ of the following two particular cases:

$$(I^*) b = 0, \quad \text{and} \quad (II^*) a = b > 0, \quad \alpha = \beta = 0.$$

Geometrically (I^{*}) is the case of flat normal connection, characterized by $\Omega_\alpha^\beta = 0$, but (II^{*}) is the case of pointwise isotropic surface, according to O'Neill [13], characterized by the property that the normal curvature ellipse is a circle at each point $x \in M^2$, which in orthogonal projection on the plane of this circle maps into the centre of the latter.

4.1. The particular case (I^{*}). In this case, when the indicatrix is a line segment, the frame vector e_4 remains undefined, together with e_5 , but they can be taken now so that $\gamma = 0$. After that the index 5 must be joined to $\{6, \dots, n\}$; let further $\xi \in \{5, \dots, n\}$, so there holds $h_{ij}^\xi = 0$.

Like in the principal case (I), here da , ω_1^2 , and ω_3^4 can be expressed as some linear combinations of ω^1 and ω^2 . Let there be

$$da = A_i\omega^i, \quad \omega_1^2 = \Gamma_i\omega^i, \quad \omega_3^4 = B_i\omega^i.$$

From (14) (where, recall, now $b = 0$) it follows that $h_{112}^3 = 2a\Gamma_1$, $h_{122}^3 = 2a\Gamma_2$; further (13) and (15) yield $2da = (h_{111}^3 - h_{122}^3)\omega^1 + (h_{112}^3 - h_{222}^3)\omega^2$, so that $h_{111}^3 = 2(A_1 + a\Gamma_2)$, $h_{222}^3 = 2(a\Gamma_1 - A_2)$.

Similarly, from (17) now $h_{112}^4 = h_{122}^4 = 0$, thus from (22) $h_{111}^4 = aB_1$, $h_{222}^4 = -aB_2$.

Due to $h_{ij}^\xi = b = 0$ from (2) and (3) $h_{112}^\xi = h_{122}^\xi = 0$, thus

$$(\alpha + a)\omega_3^\xi + \beta\omega_4^\xi = h_{111}^\xi\omega^1,$$

$$(\alpha - a)\omega_3^\xi + \beta\omega_4^\xi = h_{222}^\xi\omega^2.$$

The 2-semiparallelity condition (8) gives due to $\Omega_\beta^\alpha = 0$ that

$$3h_{112}^\alpha\Omega_1^\alpha = 0, \quad (2h_{122}^\alpha - h_{111}^\alpha)\Omega_1^\alpha = 0, \quad (h_{222}^\alpha - 2h_{112}^\alpha)\Omega_1^\alpha = 0, \quad 3h_{122}^\alpha\Omega_1^\alpha = 0. \quad (23)$$

These relations for $\alpha = 4$ reduce to $aB_1K = aB_2K = 0$, but for $\alpha = 3$ to $6a\Gamma_1K = (4a\Gamma_2 - 2A_1 - 2a\Gamma_2)K = (2a\Gamma_1 - 2A_2 - 4a\Gamma_1)K = 6a\Gamma_2K = 0$.

Here are three subcases:

$$(I_1^*) K = 0,$$

$$(I_2^*) a = 0,$$

$$(I_3^*) aK \neq 0, B_1 = B_2 = \Gamma_1 = \Gamma_2 = A_1 = A_2 = 0.$$

In subcase (I_1^*) also $\Omega_1^2 = 0$, so that $\bar{\nabla}$ is flat. In subcase (I_2^*) , when $a = b = 0$, the surface is totally umbilical (in particular, geodesic), thus parallel.

In subcase (I_3^*) $h_{ijk}^3 = h_{ijk}^4 = 0$, but from (23) due to $h_{112}^\xi = h_{122}^\xi = 0$ also $h_{111}^\xi = h_{222}^\xi$. As a result $h_{ijk}^\alpha = 0$ and the surface is a parallel one. But, according to Theorem 2, there are no parallel surfaces with $a > 0$, $b = 0$. Therefore subcase (I_3^*) is impossible.

4.2. The particular case (II^*) . For this case from (13)–(22)

$$da = \frac{1}{2}(h_{111}^3 - h_{122}^3)\omega^1 + \frac{1}{2}(h_{112}^3 - h_{222}^3)\omega^2 = h_{112}^4\omega^1 + h_{122}^4\omega^2,$$

$$-\gamma\omega_3^5 = \frac{1}{2}(h_{111}^3 + h_{122}^3)\omega^1 + \frac{1}{2}(h_{112}^3 + h_{222}^3)\omega^2,$$

$$a\omega_3^5 = \frac{1}{2}(h_{111}^5 - h_{122}^5)\omega^1 + \frac{1}{2}(h_{112}^5 - h_{222}^5)\omega^2,$$

$$a(2\omega_1^2 - \omega_3^4) = h_{112}^3\omega^1 + h_{122}^3\omega^2 = \frac{1}{2}(h_{122}^4 - h_{111}^4)\omega^1 + \frac{1}{2}(h_{222}^4 - h_{112}^4)\omega^2,$$

$$-\gamma\omega_4^5 = \frac{1}{2}(h_{111}^4 + h_{122}^4)\omega^1 + \frac{1}{2}(h_{112}^4 + h_{222}^4)\omega^2, \quad a\omega_4^5 = h_{112}^5\omega^1 + h_{122}^5\omega^2,$$

$$d\gamma = \frac{1}{2}(h_{111}^5 + h_{122}^5)\omega^1 + \frac{1}{2}(h_{112}^5 + h_{222}^5)\omega^2,$$

but in $\Omega_1^2 = -K\omega^1 \wedge \omega^2$ now $K = c + \gamma - 2a^2$, and $\Omega_3^4 = -2a^2\omega^1 \wedge \omega^2$.

Denoting here

$$da = A_i \omega^i, \quad \omega_3^5 = B_i \omega^i, \quad 2\omega_1^2 - \omega_3^4 = C_i \omega^i, \quad \omega_4^5 = D_i \omega^i, \quad d\gamma = G_i \omega^i,$$

one can express

$$h_{112}^3 = aC_1 = -\gamma B_1 - A_1, \quad h_{122}^3 = aC_2 = -\gamma B_2 + A_2,$$

$$h_{111}^3 = -\gamma B_1 + A_1, \quad h_{222}^3 = -\gamma B_2 - A_2,$$

$$h_{112}^4 = A_1 = -\gamma D_2 - aC_2, \quad h_{122}^4 = A_2 = -\gamma D_1 + aC_1,$$

$$h_{111}^4 = -\gamma D_1 - aC_1, \quad h_{222}^4 = -\gamma D_2 + aC_2,$$

$$h_{112}^5 = aD_1 = G_2 + aB_2, \quad h_{122}^5 = aD_2 = G_1 - aB_1,$$

$$h_{111}^5 = G_1 + aB_1, \quad h_{222}^5 = G_2 - aB_2.$$

The semiparallelity condition (8) gives due to $\Omega_\xi^3 = -\Omega_3^\xi = \Omega_\xi^4 = -\Omega_4^\xi = \Omega_\xi^\eta = 0$, where ξ and η run $\{5, \dots, n\}$ if $n \geq 5$, that

$$3h_{112}^3 \Omega_1^2 + h_{111}^4 \Omega_3^4 = 0, \quad -3h_{122}^3 \Omega_1^2 + h_{222}^4 \Omega_3^4 = 0, \quad (24)$$

$$(2h_{122}^3 - h_{111}^3) \Omega_1^2 + h_{112}^4 \Omega_3^4 = 0, \quad (h_{222}^3 - 2h_{112}^2) \Omega_1^2 + h_{122}^4 \Omega_3^4 = 0, \quad (25)$$

$$3h_{112}^4 \Omega_1^2 - h_{111}^3 \Omega_3^4 = 0, \quad -3h_{122}^4 \Omega_1^2 - h_{222}^3 \Omega_3^4 = 0, \quad (26)$$

$$(2h_{122}^4 - h_{111}^4) \Omega_1^2 - h_{112}^3 \Omega_3^4 = 0, \quad (h_{222}^4 - 2h_{112}^4) \Omega_1^2 - h_{122}^3 \Omega_3^4 = 0, \quad (27)$$

$$3h_{112}^\xi \Omega_1^2 = 0, \quad 3h_{122}^\xi \Omega_1^2 = 0, \quad (2h_{122}^\xi - h_{111}^\xi) \Omega_1^2 = 0, \quad (h_{222}^\xi - 2h_{112}^\xi) \Omega_1^2 = 0. \quad (28)$$

If here $\Omega_1^2 \neq 0$, i.e. $K \neq 0$, then from (28) $h_{ijk}^\xi = 0$; in particular, for $\xi = 5$ this gives $D_1 = D_2 = G_1 = G_2 = B_1 = B_2 = 0$, so

$$h_{112}^3 = aC_1 = -A_1, \quad h_{122}^3 = aC_2 = A_2, \quad h_{111} = A_1, \quad h_{222}^3 = -A_2, \quad (29)$$

$$h_{112}^4 = A_1 = -aC_1, \quad h_{122}^4 = A_2 = aC_1, \quad h_{111}^4 = -aC_1, \quad h_{222}^4 = aC_2. \quad (30)$$

Now (26) yield $A_1(3K + 2a^2) = 0$, $A_2(3K + 2a^2) = 0$. If here $3K + 2a^2 \neq 0$, then $A_i = 0$, but from (29), (30) also $C_i = 0$; thus $h_{ijk}^3 = h_{ijk}^4 = 0$. If here $3K + 2a^2 = 0$, then $a^2 = \frac{3}{4}(c + \gamma^2) = \text{const}$, and again $A_i = 0$ together with $C_i = 0$.

Hence $\Omega_1^2 \neq 0$ leads here to a parallel surface. Here only the case (iii') of Theorem 2 can occur when $\gamma^2 + c = 3a^2$ (see [1]). The surface is a Veronese surface or its open part.

Let now $\Omega_1^2 = 0$, i.e. $K = c + \gamma^2 - 2a^2 = 0$. This yields $G_i = 2A_i$, but (25) gives $A_i = 0$, thus $G_i = 0$ and therefore $a = \text{const}$ and $\gamma = \text{const}$. Further, (26) lead to $\gamma B_i = 0$, and (27) to $C_i = 0$, but (24) to $\gamma D_i = 0$. Therefore $h_{ijk}^3 = h_{ijk}^4 = 0$ and thus $2\omega_1^2 - \omega_3^4 = 0$, $\gamma\omega_3^5 = \gamma\omega_4^5 = 0$.

If $\gamma \neq 0$, then also $h_{ijk}^5 = 0$; hence $\text{span}\{h_{ijk}\}$ (see Remark 1) reduces to $\text{span}\{h_{ijk}^\rho e_\rho\}$, and therefore is orthogonal to $N_x^{(1)}M^2 = \text{span}\{h_{ij}\}$, which now coincides with $\text{span}\{e_3, e_4, e_5\}$. Moreover, $\omega_3^5 = \omega_4^5 = 0$. But if $\gamma = 0$ (then $c = 2a^2 > 0$), there must be $D_1 = B_2$, $D_2 = -B_1$. Here $\text{span}\{h_{ijk}\}$ reduces to $\text{span}\{h_{ijk}^\xi e_\xi\}$, and therefore is orthogonal to $N_x^{(1)}M^2 = \text{span}\{h_{ij}\}$ which coincides now with $I_x M^2 = \text{span}\{e_3, e_4\}$. Moreover, $da = d\gamma = 2\omega_1^2 - \omega_3^4 = 0$ are complemented with

$$\omega_3^5 = B_1\omega^1 + B_2\omega^2, \quad \omega_4^5 = B_2\omega^1 - B_1\omega^2.$$

In both cases the 2-semiparallelity condition (28) does not give any restrictions for h_{ijk}^ρ ($\rho \in \{6, \dots, n\}$ if $n \geq 6$).

As a result the following theorem can be formulated.

Theorem 5. *A surface M^2 with a flat normal connection ∇^\perp in $N^n(c)$ is 2-semiparallel if and only if it either*

- (i) *has flat $\bar{\nabla}$ (i.e. also vanishing Gaussian curvature), or*
- (ii) *is a parallel one (except the Veronese surface).*

If a 2-semiparallel surface M^2 in $N^n(c)$ is pointwise isotropic and has non-flat $\bar{\nabla}$, then it is constant isotropic and is either

- (i*) *a parallel one, which coincides with a Veronese surface (or with its open part), or*
- (ii*) *locally Euclidean (i.e. with vanishing Gaussian curvature), and its $\text{span}\{h_{ijk}\}$ is orthogonal to the first normal subspace $N_x^{(1)}M^2 = \text{span}\{h_{ij}\}$ at every point $x \in M^2$.*

Here only the case (ii*) gives a 2-semiparallel surface M^2 which is nontrivial in the sense that it differs from the surfaces characterized by Proposition 4. Its existence and properties need complementary investigation. This will be done in a forthcoming paper under the same title, as part 2 of the present paper.

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2-SEMIPARALLEELSESD PINNAD RUUMIVORMIDES

1. Kaks erijuhtu

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2-semiparalleelseid pinnad on defineeritud kui sellised, mis rahuldavad 2-paralleelseid pindu iseloomustavate diferentsiaalvõrrandisüsteemide integreevustingimusi. Nende klassifitseerimine on läbi viidud kahel erijuhtul, mis on määratud lisatingimustega: 1) normaalseostus ∇^\perp peab olema kõverusvaba või 2) pind peab olema isotroopne ja seostus $\bar{\nabla}$ mitte-kõverusvaba. On näidatud, et esimesel erijuhtul saadakse kas (i) pinnad kõverusvaba seostusega $\bar{\nabla}$ või (ii) paralleelseid pinnad, teisel erijuhtul aga kas (i*) paralleelseid pinnad (täpsemalt Veronese pinnad) või (ii*) lokaalselt eukleidilised pinnad ühe lisatingimusega $\text{span}\{h_{ij}\}$ kohta.