

# Transversal hypersurfaces in pseudo-Riemannian manifolds

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## Abstract:

In this paper we derive a condition of transversality of two given hypersurfaces in pseudo-Riemannian manifolds, along its boundary. This condition is given by the ellipticity of the Newton transformations.

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## I. PRELIMINARIES

In this section we will recall basic formulas and notions about hypersurfaces in pseudo-Riemannian space forms that will be used later on. For more details see [7].

Let  $M^{n+1}$  an  $(n+1)$  dimensional pseudo-Riemannian manifold of index  $q \geq 0$  and let  $M^n$  be a nondegenerate oriented hypersurface of  $M^{n+1}$ . If we denote by  $A$  the corresponding shape operator, then at each  $p \in M^n$ ,  $A$  restricts to a self-adjoint linear map

$$A_p: T_p M \rightarrow T_p M.$$

Associated to  $A_p$  there are algebraic invariants defined by

$$S_r = \sigma_r(x_1(p), \dots, x_n(p)).$$

Where

$$\sigma_r : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n,$$

are the elementary symmetric functions and

$x_1(p), \dots, x_n(p)$  are the principal curvatures of the hypersurface.

For  $0 \leq r \leq n$ , we define the  $r^{\text{th}}$  mean curvature of the hypersurface by

$$\binom{n}{r} H_r = \varepsilon_N^r S_r = \sigma_r(\varepsilon_N x_1, \dots, \varepsilon_N x_n).$$

Observe that  $H_0 = 0$  and  $H_1 = \frac{1}{n} \text{trace} A$  is the usual mean curvature of  $M$  which is one of the most important extrinsic curvatures of the hypersurface.

Let  $\chi(M)$  be the space of vector fields on the manifold  $M$ . The classical Newton transformations associated to the shape operator  $A$  are defined inductively by

$$\begin{cases} T_0 = 0, \\ T_r = \varepsilon_N^r S_r - \varepsilon_N^{r-1} A T_{r-1} \text{ for } r \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

Or equivalently by

$$T_r = \varepsilon_N^r S_r - \varepsilon_N^{r-1} S_r A + \dots + (-1)^r A^r.$$

where  $I$  is the identity maps in  $\chi(M)$ .

Observe that the operator  $T_r$  is self-adjoint and commutes with  $A$ . Therefore all basis of  $T_p M$  that diagonalizing  $A$  at  $p$  diagonalizes all of the  $T_r$ . Let  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  such basis.

Denoting by  $A_i$  the restriction of  $A$  to  $\langle e_i \rangle^\perp$ . It is well know that :

$$\det(tI - A_i) = \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} (-1)^r S_r(A_i) t^{n-1-r}.$$

Where

$$S_r(A_i) = \sum_{\substack{i_1 < \dots < i_r \\ i_j \neq i}} x_{i_1} \dots x_{i_r}.$$

It is immediate to check that

$$T_r e_i = \varepsilon_N^r S_r(A_i) e_i.$$

We refer the reader to [2] and [7] for other details about classical Newton tensors for hypersurfaces in Riemannian and pseudo Riemannian spaces.

## II. GENERALIZED NEWTON TRANSFORMATIONSS

Let  $E$  be an  $n$ -dimensional real vector space and  $End(E)$  be the vector space of endomorphisms of  $E$ . Denote by  $\mathbb{N}$  the set of nonnegative integers and let  $\mathbb{N}^2$  be the one of multiindex  $u = (u_1; u_2)$ , with  $u_i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

The length  $|u|$  of  $u$  is given by  $|u| = u_1 + u_2$ .

For  $A = (A_1; A_2) \in End(E) \times End(E)$ ,

$t = (t_1; t_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $u \in \mathbb{N}^2$ , we set

$$tA = t_1 A_1 + t_2 A_2, \\ t^u = t_1^{u_1} \cdot t_2^{u_2}.$$

The generalized Newton transformations (GNT in brief) is a system of endomorphisms

$$T_u = T_u(A_1; A_2), \quad u \in \mathbb{N}^2$$

that satisfies the following recursive relations [4]

$$T_{(0,0)} = 0, \\ T_{(i,j)} = \sigma_{(i,j)} I - A_1 T_{(i-1,j)} - A_2 T_{(i,j-1)},$$

if  $i + j \geq 1$

Where  $\sigma_{(i,j)}$  are the coefficients of the Newton polynomial

$$P_A: \mathbb{R}^q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

of  $A$  given by

$$P_A(t) = \det(I + t_1 A_1 + t_2 A_2) \\ = \sum_{i+j < n} \sigma_{(i,j)} t_1^i \cdot t_2^j.$$

## III. MAIN RESULTS

Let  $M^{n+1}$  a  $(n+1)$  dimensional connected pseudo-Riemannian manifold of index  $\theta$ , and  $\varphi: M^n \rightarrow M^{n+1}$  be an oriented connected hypersurface of  $M^{n+1}$  with smooth boundary  $\cong M$ . Assume the boundary  $\Sigma = \varphi(\partial M)$  is a one codimension submanifold of an oriented connected hypersurfaces  $P^n \subset M^{n+1}$ .

Consider the second fundamental operators,  $A_\Sigma, A^\zeta$  and  $A^N$  corresponding to the inclusions  $\Sigma \subset P^n, P^n \subset M^{n+1}$ ,  $M^n \subset M^{n+1}$  respectively.

Where  $\zeta$  and  $N$  are the unit normal vector fields of the inclusions  $P^n \subset M^{n+1}$  and  $M^n \subset M^{n+1}$  respectively

Following [2] we consider a local orthogonal frame  $\{e_1, \dots, e_{n-1}\}$  in  $-\Sigma$ ,  $\nu$  the out pointing conormal unit vector field of  $\Sigma$  and  $\eta$  the unitary vectorfield normal to  $-\Sigma$  in  $P^n$ .

We have

$$\bar{\nabla}_{e_i} e_j = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \varepsilon_k \langle \bar{\nabla}_{e_i} e_j, e_k \rangle e_k + \varepsilon_\nu \langle \bar{\nabla}_{e_i} e_j, \nu \rangle \nu \\ + \varepsilon_N \langle A^N e_i, e_j \rangle N.$$

And

$$\bar{\nabla}_{e_i} e_j = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \varepsilon_k \langle \bar{\nabla}_{e_i} e_j, e_k \rangle e_k + \varepsilon_\eta \langle A_\Sigma e_i, e_j \rangle \eta + \varepsilon_\zeta \langle A^\zeta e_i, e_j \rangle \zeta.$$

Thus

$$\varepsilon_\nu \langle \bar{\nabla}_{e_i} e_j, \nu \rangle \nu + \varepsilon_N \langle A^N e_i, e_j \rangle N = \varepsilon_\eta \langle A_\Sigma e_i, e_j \rangle \eta + \varepsilon_\zeta \langle A_P e_i, e_j \rangle \zeta.$$

Hence

$$\langle A^N e_i, e_j \rangle = \varepsilon_\eta \langle A_\Sigma e_i, e_j \rangle \langle \eta, N \rangle + \varepsilon_\zeta \langle A_P e_i, e_j \rangle \langle \zeta, N \rangle.$$

Suppose that  $P^n$  is totally umbilic, so there exist a smooth function  $\lambda$  such that

$$A_P = \lambda I_{n-1},$$

and we have

$$A \Big|_\Sigma = \rho A_\Sigma + \mu \langle \zeta, N \rangle I_{n-1}.$$

This formula shows that the geometry of the inclusion  $\Sigma \subset P^n$  is coded by the couple  $(A_\Sigma, I_{n-1})$ , and the geometry of the inclusion  $M^n \subset M^{n+1}$  is given by  $A$ .

We will use the Newton transformations and the generalized Newton transformations :

$$T_r = T_r \left( A \Big|_\Sigma \right) \text{ and } T_{k,l} = T_{k,l} (A_\Sigma, I_{n-1}).$$

and the corresponding elementary symmetric functions

$$\sigma_r \left( A \Big|_\Sigma \right) \text{ and } \sigma_{k,l} (A_\Sigma, I_{n-1}).$$

In this case we have

$$\sigma_r \left( A \Big|_\Sigma \right) = \sum_{k+l=r} \rho^l \cdot \mu^k \sigma_{k,l}.$$

And

$$\langle T_r \nu, \nu \rangle = \sum_{k+l=r} \rho^l \cdot \mu^k \sigma_{k,l}$$

The matrix  $A$  is writing in the basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_{n-1}, \nu\}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \gamma_1 & 0 & \dots & \varepsilon_1 \langle Av, e_1 \rangle \\ 0 & \gamma_2 & \dots & \vdots \\ & & \gamma_{n-1} & \varepsilon_{n-1} \langle Av, e_{n-1} \rangle \\ \varepsilon_1 \langle Av, e_1 \rangle & \dots & \varepsilon_{n-1} \langle Av, e_{n-1} \rangle & \varepsilon_\nu \langle Av, \nu \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

Putting

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A \Big|_\Sigma & B \\ B^T & c \end{pmatrix}.$$

Where,

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \langle Av, e_1 \rangle \\ \vdots \\ \varepsilon_{n-1} \langle Av, e_{n-1} \rangle \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$c = \varepsilon_\nu \langle Av, \nu \rangle.$$

We have the following results.

**Proposition 1.**

Let  $M^{n+1}$  an  $(n + 1)$  pseudo-Riemannian manifold, and  $P^n$  a totally umbilical hypersurface of  $M^{n+1}$ . Denoting by  $\Sigma \subset P^n$  a compact hypersurface of  $P^n$ .

Let  $\varphi: M^n \rightarrow M^{n+1}$  be an oriented connected hypersurface of  $M^{n+1}$  with boundary  $\Sigma = \varphi(\partial M)$ .

Then along the boundary  $\Sigma$ , we have

$$\langle T_r \nu, \nu \rangle = \sigma_r \left( A \Big|_\Sigma \right).$$

**Theorem 1.**

Under the above hypothesis,  $M^n$  and  $P^n$  are transverse along  $\Sigma$  if for some  $1 \leq r \leq n$  the Newton transformation  $T_r$  is positive defined.

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