

## SURFACES IN 4-DIMENSIONAL SPHERE

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $\tilde{M} = (\tilde{M}, \tilde{J}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  be an almost Hermitian manifold and  $M$  a submanifold of  $\tilde{M}$ . According to the behavior of the tangent bundle  $TM$  with respect to the action of  $\tilde{J}$ , we have two typical classes of submanifolds. One of them is the class of almost complex submanifolds and another is the class of totally real submanifolds. In 1990, B. Y. Chen [4],[5] introduced the concept of the class of slant submanifolds which involve the above two classes. He used the Wirtinger angle to measure the behavior of  $TM$  with respect to the action of  $\tilde{J}$ .

Let  $J(M')$  be the metric twistor bundle over an even-dimensional oriented Riemannian manifold  $M'$  whose fiber  $J_x(M')$  ( $x \in M'$ ) consists of orthogonal complex structures compatible with the orientation of  $M'$ . We may define two kinds of natural almost Hermitian structures  $(J_1, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_c)$  and  $(J_2, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_c)$  on  $J(M')$ , where  $c$  is a positive real number and  $J_2$  is never integrable. Many authors deal with these almost Hermitian structures in connection with the study of harmonic maps (cf. [1],[2],[6],[11],[12] and etc.). N. Ejiri [6] and other authors (cf. [2]) considered that the Calabi liftings  $\Phi_+, \Phi_- : M \rightarrow J(S^4)$  of an isometric immersion  $\varphi$  from an oriented Riemannian surface  $M$  into 4-dimensional unit sphere  $S^4$ , and obtained interesting results about the relationship between  $\varphi$  and  $\Phi_{\pm}$ , where  $\Phi_+$  (resp.  $\Phi_-$ ) denotes the positive Calabi lifting (resp. the negative Calabi lifting) of  $\varphi$ .

In this paper, we consider the positive Calabi lifting  $\Phi = \Phi_+ : M \rightarrow (J(S^4), J_1, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_c)$  (resp.  $(J(S^4), J_2, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_c)$ ) of an isometric immersion  $\varphi$  from an oriented Riemannian surface  $M$  into  $S^4$  by focusing our attention to the relationship between the Wirtinger angle of  $M$  in  $J(S^4)$

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with respect to  $J_1$  (resp.  $J_2$ ) and the geometrical quantities with respect to  $\varphi$ , and prove the following Theorem.

**THEOREM.** *Let  $\varphi : (M, g) \rightarrow (S^4, \tilde{g})$  be an isometric immersion of an oriented Riemannian surface  $M$  into 4-dimensional unit sphere  $S^4$ ,  $\Phi : M \rightarrow (J(S^4), J_1, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_c)$  (resp.  $(J(S^4), J_2, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_c)$ ) the positive Calabi lifting of  $\varphi$  and  $\alpha_1$  (resp.  $\alpha_2$ ) the Wirtinger angle of  $M$  in  $J(S^4)$  with respect to  $J_1$  (resp.  $J_2$ ). Then we have the following equalities,*

$$(i) \quad 4c^2 \|H\|^2 \cos^2 \alpha_1 = \{1 - c^2(-1 + \kappa + \kappa_N)\}^2 \sin^2 \alpha_1 \\ + 4c^2(-1 + \kappa + \kappa_N),$$

$$(ii) \quad 4c^2 \|H\|^2 \cos^2 \alpha_2 = \{1 - c^2(-1 + \kappa + \kappa_N)\}^2 \sin^2 \alpha_2,$$

where  $H$  is the mean curvature vector of  $M$  with respect to  $\varphi$ ,  $\kappa$  is the Gaussian curvature of  $M$  and  $\kappa_N$  is the normal Gaussian curvature of  $M$  with respect to  $\varphi$ .

By using the equalities in the above Theorem, we may obtain another proof of the result of M. F. Atiyah-H. B. Lawson (cf. [6],[7]).

**COROLLARY 1.** *Let  $\varphi : (M, g) \rightarrow (S^4, \tilde{g})$  be an isometric immersion and  $\Phi : M \rightarrow (J(S^4), J_1, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_c)$  (or  $(J(S^4), J_2, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_c)$ ) the positive Calabi lifting of  $\varphi$ . Then, we have the following.*

(i) *We suppose that  $\varphi$  is minimal. Then,  $\Phi$  is holomorphic with respect to  $J_1$  if and only if  $\varphi$  is super-minimal.*

(ii)  *$\Phi$  is pseudo-holomorphic with respect to  $J_2$  if and only if  $\varphi$  is minimal.*

Since A. Nijenhuis and W. B. Woolf showed that every almost complex manifold has a (local) holomorphic curve passing through any point with any complex tangent vector (Theorem III of [9]), we may have a (local)  $J_2$ -holomorphic curve in  $J(S^4)$  passing through any point with any complex tangent vector. By Corollary 1 (ii), we may construct many minimal surfaces in  $S^4$  locally by projecting its  $J_2$ -holomorphic curves in  $J(S^4)$  onto  $S^4$  via the bundle projection  $\pi_1 : J(S^4) \rightarrow S^4$ .

From the above Theorem, we may also obtain the following.

**COROLLARY 2.** *Let  $\varphi : (M, g) \rightarrow (S^4, \tilde{g})$  be an isometric immersion and  $\Phi : M \rightarrow (J(S^4), J_1, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_c)$  (or  $(J(S^4), J_2, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_c)$ ) the positive Calabi lifting of  $\varphi$ . Then, we have the following.*

(i)  *$\Phi$  is totally real with respect to  $(J_1, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_c)$  if and only if  $\kappa + \kappa_N = 1 - \frac{1}{c^2}$ .*

(ii)  $\Phi$  is totally real with respect to  $(J_2, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_c)$  if and only if  $\kappa + \kappa_N = 1 + \frac{1}{c^2}$ .

In the case of  $c = 1$ , Corollary 2 (i) gives the result of N. Ejiri [6].

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## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $\Phi : M \rightarrow \tilde{M}$  be an immersion of a  $C^\infty$ -manifold  $M$  into a  $2n$ -dimensional almost Hermitian manifold  $\tilde{M} = (\tilde{M}, \tilde{J}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ . We endow  $M$  with the induced metric via  $\Phi$ . We identify the tangent space  $T_x M$  at a point  $x \in M$  and its image  $(\Phi_*)_x T_x M$  of  $\Phi_*$ , and denote them by  $T_x M$  in the case there is no danger of confusion. For any nonzero vector  $X \in T_x M$ , the angle  $\theta_x(X)$  between  $\tilde{J}X$  and the tangent space  $T_x M$  at  $x \in M$  is called the *Wirtinger angle* of  $X$ .

$$(2.1) \quad \theta_x(X) := \angle(\tilde{J}X, T_x M), \quad 0 \leq \theta_x(X) \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

In general, the Wirtinger angle  $\theta_x(X)$  depends on the choice of the point  $x \in M$  and the vector  $X \in T_x M$ . If the Wirtinger angle  $\theta_x(X)$  is constant for any point  $x \in M$  and vector  $X \in T_x M$ , the immersion  $\Phi$  is called the *slant immersion*. Almost complex (or holomorphic) immersion (resp. totally real immersion) is a slant immersion with  $\theta = 0$  (resp.  $\theta = \pi/2$ ).

It is easily seen that, if  $\dim M = 2$ , then the Wirtinger angle depends only on the choice of the point  $x \in M$ ; i.e.  $\theta_x(X) = \theta(x)$  and  $\theta(x)$  is given by

$$(2.2) \quad \cos \theta(x) = | \langle \tilde{J}X_1, X_2 \rangle |,$$

where  $\{X_1, X_2\}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $T_x M$ .

We shall now review some fundamental facts on almost Hermitian structures on the metric twistor bundle  $J(S^4)$  over  $S^4$  (in detail, see [12]). We adopt the same notational convention as used in [12]. Let  $S^4 = (S^4, \tilde{g})$  be 4-dimensional unit sphere with the fixed orientation and  $\pi : F(S^4) \rightarrow S^4$  the oriented orthonormal frame bundle. We

denote by  $\theta$  and  $\omega$  the canonical form and the connection form on  $F(S^4)$  with respect to the Riemannian connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  of  $\tilde{g}$ . The structure group of the principal fiber bundle  $F(S^4)$  is the special orthogonal group  $SO(4)$  of degree 4. We denote by  $\mathfrak{so}(4)$  the Lie algebra of  $SO(4)$ . Let  $\mathbb{R}^4$  be the 4-dimensional Euclidean space with the canonical inner product  $\xi \cdot \eta$  for  $\xi, \eta \in \mathbb{R}^4$ , and  $J_0$  the linear endomorphism of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  given by

$$(2.3) \quad J_0 := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

with respect to the canonical orthonormal basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_4\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . We denote by  $A^*$  (resp.  $B(\xi)$ ) the fundamental vector field (resp. the basic vector field) corresponding to  $A \in \mathfrak{so}(4)$  (resp.  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^4$ ). For each  $u \in F(S^4)$ , we define a linear endomorphism  $j(u)$  on  $T_{\pi(u)}S^4$  by

$$(2.4) \quad j(u) := u \circ J_0 \circ u^{-1}.$$

Then, by (2.3) and (2.4), we see immediately that  $j(u)$  is an orthogonal almost complex structure at  $\pi(u)$  compatible with the orientation of  $S^4$ . The linear endomorphism  $j(u)$  is called a *metric twistor* at  $\pi(u)$ . For each point  $x \in S^4$ , we put  $J_x(S^4) := \{j(u) | \pi(u) = x\}$ . Then we may easily see that  $J_x(S^4)$  is diffeomorphic to  $S^2 = SO(4)/U(2)$  ( $U(2) = \{a \in SO(4) | aJ_0 = J_0a\}$  (unitary group of degree 2)). We put  $J(S^4) := \bigcup_{x \in S^4} J_x(S^4)$ , then it is known that  $j : F(S^4) \rightarrow J(S^4)$  is a principal fiber bundle with the structure group  $U(2)$  and hence  $J(S^4)$  is the associated fiber bundle of  $F(S^4)$  with the standard fiber  $S^2$ . The fiber bundle  $\pi_1 : J(S^4) \rightarrow S^4$  is called the *metric twistor bundle* over  $S^4$ . It is easily seen that the total space  $J(S^4)$  is diffeomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}P^3$ . Then we have the following commutative diagram :

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} J(S^4) & \xleftarrow{j} & F(S^4) \\ \pi_1 \downarrow & & \parallel \\ S^4 & \xleftarrow[\pi]{} & F(S^4). \end{array}$$

Next, we consider the standard fiber  $S^2 = SO(4)/U(2)$ . Let  $\sigma$  be the involutive automorphism of  $SO(4)$  defined by

$$(2.6) \quad \sigma(a) := -J_0 a J_0, \quad \text{for } a \in SO(4).$$

Then, by (2.6), we see immediately that  $SO(4)^\sigma = \{a \in SO(4) | \sigma(a) = a\} = U(2)$ . Furthermore, we have the corresponding Cartan decomposition of  $\mathfrak{so}(4)$ :

$$(2.7) \quad \mathfrak{so}(4) = \mathfrak{u}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{m},$$

where  $\mathfrak{u}(2)$  denotes the Lie algebra of  $U(2)$ . Concretely,

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{aligned} A &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & b & c \\ -a & 0 & d & e \\ -b & -d & 0 & f \\ -c & -e & -f & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{so}(4), \\ B &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a+f & 2b & c+d \\ -(a+f) & 0 & c+d & 2e \\ -2b & -(c+d) & 0 & a+f \\ -(c+d) & -2e & -(a+f) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{u}(2), \\ C &= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a-f & 0 & c-d \\ -(a-f) & 0 & -(c-d) & 0 \\ 0 & c-d & 0 & -(a-f) \\ -(c-d) & 0 & a-f & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{m}, \\ A &= B + C, \end{aligned}$$

where  $a, b, c, d, e, f \in \mathbb{R}$ . By (2.8), we see that the elements of  $\mathfrak{m}$  can be represented by (1,2)- and (1,4)-components, so we denote the elements of  $\mathfrak{m}$  as following,

$$(2.9) \quad [a : b] := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & 0 & b \\ -a & 0 & -b & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 & -a \\ -b & 0 & a & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{m}.$$

We see that  $J_0[a : b] = [-b : a] \in \mathfrak{m}$  and  $Ad(a)J_0 = J_0Ad(a)$  on  $\mathfrak{m}$  for all  $a \in U(2)$ . Thus,  $J_0$  gives rise to an  $SO(4)$ -invariant almost complex structure on  $S^2$ . We define an inner product  $(\ , \ )$  on  $\mathfrak{so}(4)$  by

$$(2.10) \quad (A, B) = -\text{trace}(AB),$$

for  $A, B \in \mathfrak{so}(4)$ . Then we may easily see that the inner product  $(\ , \ )$  gives rise to a biinvariant Riemannian metric on  $SO(4)$  (and hence an  $SO(4)$ -invariant Riemannian metric on  $S^2$ ) and furthermore  $(J_0, (\ , \ ))$  is an almost Hermitian structure on  $S^2$ . Corresponding to the decomposition (2.7), we may write

$$(2.11) \quad \omega = \omega_1 + \omega_2,$$

where  $\omega_1$  (resp.  $\omega_2$ ) denotes  $\mathfrak{u}(2)$ -component (resp.  $\mathfrak{m}$ -component) of  $\omega$ . Then, by taking account of (2.5), (2.7) and (2.11), we see that there exists a linear isomorphism  $\lambda(u) : T_{j(u)}J(S^4) \rightarrow \mathfrak{m} \oplus \mathbb{R}^4$  satisfying the following two conditions:

$$(2.12) \quad \lambda(ua) = (Ad(a^{-1}) \oplus a^{-1}) \lambda(u), \quad \text{for } a \in U(2),$$

and the diagram

$$(2.13) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} T_u F(S^4) & \xrightarrow{(j_\bullet)_u} & T_{j(u)} J(S^4) \\ \parallel & & \downarrow \lambda(u) \\ T_u F(S^4) & \xrightarrow{(\omega_2 + \theta)_u} & \mathfrak{m} \oplus \mathbb{R}^4 \end{array}$$

is commutative for any  $u \in F(S^4)$ . We put

$$(2.14) \quad \begin{aligned} H(j(u)) &:= \lambda(u)^{-1}(\mathbb{R}^4) \\ V(j(u)) &:= \lambda(u)^{-1}(\mathfrak{m}), \end{aligned}$$

for each  $u \in F(S^4)$ . Then  $H$  and  $V$  give rise to differentiable distributions on  $J(S^4)$  which are called the *horizontal distribution* and the *vertical distribution* on  $J(S^4)$ , respectively.

We define (1,1)-type tensor fields  $J'_1, J'_2$  on  $F(S^4)$  by

$$(2.15) \quad \begin{aligned} J'_1 A^* &:= 0, \quad J'_2 A^* := 0, \quad \text{for } A \in \mathfrak{u}(2) \\ J'_1 A^* &:= (J_0 A)^*, \quad J'_2 A^* := -(J_0 A)^*, \quad \text{for } A \in \mathfrak{m}, \\ J'_1 B(\xi) &:= B(J_0 \xi), \quad J'_2 B(\xi) := B(J_0 \xi), \quad \text{for } \xi \in \mathbb{R}^4. \end{aligned}$$

Taking account of (2.13), we may define almost complex structures  $J_1, J_2$  on  $J(S^4)$  by

$$(2.16) \quad \begin{aligned} (J_1)_{j(u)}((j_*)_u A_u^*) &:= \lambda(u)^{-1}(J_0 A), \quad \text{for } A \in \mathfrak{m}, \\ (J_1)_{j(u)}((j_*)_u B(\xi)_u) &:= \lambda(u)^{-1}(J_0 \xi), \quad \text{for } \xi \in \mathbb{R}^4, \\ (J_2)_{j(u)}((j_*)_u A_u^*) &:= -\lambda(u)^{-1}(J_0 A), \quad \text{for } A \in \mathfrak{m}, \\ (J_2)_{j(u)}((j_*)_u B(\xi)_u) &:= \lambda(u)^{-1}(J_0 \xi), \quad \text{for } \xi \in \mathbb{R}^4, \end{aligned}$$

at  $j(u) \in J(S^4)$ . By (2.13), (2.15) and (2.16), we get immediately

$$(2.17) \quad J_1 \circ j_* = j_* \circ J_1', \quad J_2 \circ j_* = j_* \circ J_2'.$$

It is known that  $J_2$  is never integrable. On the other hand,  $J_1$  is integrable by self-duality of  $S^4$  (see [1],[11]).

Next, we give a Riemannian metric  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_c$  ( $c$  is a positive real number) on  $F(S^4)$  by

$$(2.18) \quad \begin{aligned} \langle A^*, B^* \rangle_c' &:= c^2(A, B), \\ \langle A^*, B(\xi) \rangle_c' &:= 0, \\ \langle B(\xi), B(\eta) \rangle_c' &:= \xi \cdot \eta, \end{aligned}$$

for  $A, B \in \mathfrak{so}(4)$ ,  $\xi, \eta \in \mathbb{R}^4$ . Furthermore, by taking account of (2.10), we may define a Riemannian metric  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_c$  on  $J(S^4)$  by

$$(2.19) \quad \begin{aligned} \langle j_* A^*, j_* B^* \rangle_c &:= c^2(A, B), \\ \langle j_* A^*, j_* B(\xi) \rangle_c &:= 0, \\ \langle j_* B(\xi), j_* B(\eta) \rangle_c &:= \xi \cdot \eta, \end{aligned}$$

for  $A, B \in \mathfrak{m}$ ,  $\xi, \eta \in \mathbb{R}^4$ . Then, by (2.18) and (2.19), we see that  $j : (F(S^4), \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_c) \rightarrow (J(S^4), \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_c)$  is a Riemannian submersion. Also, by (2.16) and (2.19), we have that  $(J_1, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_c)$  and  $(J_2, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_c)$  are almost Hermitian structures on  $J(S^4)$ . It is known that  $(J(S^4), J_1, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_1)$  is a Kählerian manifold and  $(J(S^4), J_2, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{1/\sqrt{2}})$  is a nearly Kählerian manifold ([12]).

### 3. Calabi liftings

Let  $M = (M, g)$  be an oriented Riemannian surface and  $\varphi : (M, g) \longrightarrow (S^4, \tilde{g})$  an isometric immersion. We may see that  $M = (M, J, g)$  is a Hermitian manifold with the natural complex structure  $J$ . For any point  $x \in M$ , we have the orthogonal decomposition  $T_x S^4 = T_x M \oplus T_x^\perp M$ . For each point  $x \in M$ , we take the oriented orthonormal frame  $u = (x; e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4) \in F(S^4)$  of  $S^4$  such that

$$(3.1) \quad e_1, e_3 := J e_1 \in T_x M, \quad e_2, e_4 \in T_x^\perp M.$$

Then  $T^\perp M$  has the natural orientation determined by the orientations of  $M$  and  $S^4$ . So we may define the almost complex structure  $J^\perp$  of  $T^\perp M$  by

$$(3.2) \quad J^\perp e_2 := e_4, \quad J^\perp e_4 := -e_2.$$

We remark that the definition of  $J^\perp$  is well-defined. For each point  $x \in M$ , we define the metric twistor  $j_x$  by

$$(3.3) \quad j_x := J_x \oplus J_x^\perp \in J(S^4).$$

Then,  $j_x$  has following relation to  $j(u)$ ,

$$j_x = j(u) = u \circ J_0 \circ u^{-1}, \quad \text{where } \pi(u) = x.$$

We define the map  $\Phi : M \longrightarrow J(S^4)$  by

$$(3.4) \quad \Phi(x) = j_x.$$

We see that  $\Phi$  is well-defined. This map  $\Phi$  is called the *positive Calabi lifting* of  $\varphi$ . Choosing the reverse orientation of  $S^4$ , we have another map of  $M$  into  $J(S^4)$  which is called the *negative Calabi lifting* of  $\varphi$ .

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} M & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & J(S^4) & \xleftarrow{j} & F(S^4) \\ \parallel & & \pi_1 \downarrow & & \parallel \\ M & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & S^4 & \xleftarrow{\pi} & F(S^4) \end{array}$$

In the rest of this section, we prepare some equalities and Lemmas for proofs of Theorem and Corollaries. Let  $\nabla, \tilde{\nabla}$  be the Riemannian connections of  $M, S^4$  with respect to  $g, \tilde{g}$ , respectively, and  $\sigma$  the second fundamental form of  $M$  with respect to  $\varphi$ ,  $A$  the shape operator of  $M$  with respect to  $\varphi$ ,  $\nabla^\perp$  the normal connection of  $T^\perp M$  with respect to  $\varphi$ ,  $H$  the mean curvature vector of  $M$  with respect to  $\varphi$ ,  $\kappa$  the Gaussian curvature of  $M$  and  $\kappa_N$  the normal Gaussian curvature of  $M$  with respect to  $\varphi$ . For the point  $x \in M$  such that  $\sigma \neq 0$ , we consider the map from  $T_x M$  into  $T_x^\perp M$  given by

$$(3.6) \quad X \in T_x M (\|X\| = 1) \longmapsto \sigma(X, X) \in T_x^\perp M.$$

We define the oriented orthonormal frame  $u = (x; e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4) \in F(S^4)$  by

$$(3.7) \quad \begin{aligned} \|\sigma(e_1, e_1)\| &:= \max_{\|X\|=1} \|\sigma(X, X)\|, \text{ where } X \in T_x M, \\ e_2 &:= \frac{\sigma(e_1, e_1)}{\|\sigma(e_1, e_1)\|}, \quad e_3 := J e_1, \quad e_4 := J^\perp e_2. \end{aligned}$$

This frame is called an *E-frame*. We consider the geodesic  $\gamma$  in  $M$  passing through  $x \in M$  with the initial vector  $\dot{\gamma}(0) = X \in T_x M$ :

$$(3.8) \quad \gamma(t) := \exp_x(tX).$$

Then, we get a  $\nabla$  (resp.  $\nabla^\perp$ )-parallel vector field  $e_1(t)$  (resp.  $e_2(t)$ ) such that  $e_1(0) = e_1$  (resp.  $e_2(0) = e_2$ ) by the parallel translation along  $\gamma$  with respect to  $\nabla$  (resp.  $\nabla^\perp$ ). Thus, we get a  $\nabla, \nabla^\perp$ -parallel frame field  $u(t)$  along  $\gamma$ :

$$(3.9) \quad u(t) = (\gamma(t); e_1(t), e_2(t), e_3(t) = J e_1(t), e_4(t) = J^\perp e_2(t)) \in F(S^4).$$

From now on, we use the range of indices:  $i, j = 1, 3$  and  $\alpha = 2, 4$ . With respect to this local frame field, we obtain

$$(3.10) \quad \begin{aligned} (\tilde{g}(\sigma(e_i, e_j), e_2)) &= \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \mu \end{pmatrix}, \\ (\tilde{g}(\sigma(e_i, e_j), e_4)) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \nu \\ \nu & \delta \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\lambda, \mu, \nu$  and  $\delta$  are locally smooth functions. We remark that, at a geodesic point i.e.  $\sigma = 0$ , we may consider  $\lambda = \mu = \nu = \delta = 0$ . By the definition of  $H$ , the equation of Gauss and the equation of Ricci, we easily obtain the following equalities:

$$(3.11) \quad \|H\|^2 = \frac{1}{4}\{(\lambda + \mu)^2 + \delta^2\},$$

$$(3.12) \quad \kappa = 1 + \lambda\mu - \nu^2,$$

$$(3.13) \quad \kappa_N = \nu(\lambda - \mu).$$

We consider the image

$$(3.14) \quad E_x := \{\sigma(X, X) | X \in T_x M, \|X\| = 1\} \subset T_x^\perp M$$

of the map (3.6) which is called the *ellipse of curvature*.

LEMMA 1. *Ellipse of curvature  $E_x$  at  $x \in M$  is a circle if and only if*

$$\nu = \pm \frac{\lambda - \mu}{2}, \quad \delta = 0.$$

*In particular, the map (3.6) preserves or reverses the orientation according as  $\nu = (\lambda - \mu)/2$  or  $\nu = -(\lambda - \mu)/2$ .*

If the ellipse of curvature  $E_x$  is a circle and the map (3.6) preserves (resp. reverses) the orientation,  $E_x$  is called the *positive* (resp. *negative*) *circle*. In particular, a minimal immersion of  $M$  into  $S^4$  is called *super-minimal* if and only if the ellipse of curvature is a positive circle. Taking account of (3.10) and Lemma 1, we have the following.

LEMMA 2.  *$\varphi$  is super-minimal if and only if the second fundamental form  $\sigma$  of  $M$  with respect to  $\varphi$  is of the following forms with respect to the local frame field (3.9),*

$$\begin{aligned} (\tilde{g}(\sigma(e_i, e_j), e_2)) &= \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix}, \\ (\tilde{g}(\sigma(e_i, e_j), e_4)) &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \lambda \\ \lambda & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\lambda$  is locally smooth function.

Next, We shall calculate the differential map  $\Phi_*$  of the positive Calabi lifting  $\Phi$ . We denote by  $\bar{X}$  the tangent vector of  $u(t)$  at  $u = u(0)$ ,

$$(3.15) \quad \bar{X} := \left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=0} u(t) \in T_u F(S^4).$$

Then, by (2.13),(3.4),(3.5),(3.8),(3.9) and (3.15), we have following series of equalities:

$$(3.16) \quad \pi \circ u(t) = \gamma(t),$$

$$(3.17) \quad (\pi_*)_u \bar{X} = \dot{\gamma}(0) = X,$$

$$(3.18) \quad (\pi_{1*} \circ \Phi_*)_x X = (\varphi_*)_x X,$$

$$(3.19) \quad \Phi(\gamma(t)) = u(t) \circ J_0 \circ u(t)^{-1} = j(u(t)),$$

$$(3.20) \quad (\Phi_*)_x X = (j_*)_u \bar{X},$$

$$(3.21) \quad \lambda(u)(\Phi_*)_x X = (\omega_2)_u(\bar{X}) + \theta_u(\bar{X}).$$

Now we put

$$(3.22) \quad \theta_u(\bar{X}) = u^{-1}(\pi_*)_u \bar{X} = u^{-1}X =: \xi.$$

We shall calculate  $\omega(\bar{X})$ . With respect to the frame field (3.9), we have

$$\tilde{\nabla}_X e_i = \sigma(X, e_i) = \tilde{g}(\sigma(X, e_i), e_2)e_2 + \tilde{g}(\sigma(X, e_i), e_4)e_4,$$

$$\tilde{\nabla}_X e_\alpha = -A_{e_\alpha} X = -\tilde{g}(\sigma(X, e_1), e_\alpha)e_1 - \tilde{g}(\sigma(X, e_3), e_\alpha)e_3.$$

If we express

$$(\tilde{\nabla}_X e_1, \tilde{\nabla}_X e_2, \tilde{\nabla}_X e_3, \tilde{\nabla}_X e_4) = (e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4)\omega(\bar{X}),$$

then we have

$$\omega(\bar{X}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\tilde{g}(\sigma(X, e_1), e_2) & 0 & -\tilde{g}(\sigma(X, e_1), e_4) \\ \tilde{g}(\sigma(X, e_1), e_2) & 0 & \tilde{g}(\sigma(X, e_3), e_2) & 0 \\ 0 & -\tilde{g}(\sigma(X, e_3), e_2) & 0 & -\tilde{g}(\sigma(X, e_3), e_4) \\ \tilde{g}(\sigma(X, e_1), e_4) & 0 & \tilde{g}(\sigma(X, e_3), e_4) & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus, by (2.8),(2.9) and (2.11),

$$(3.23) \quad \omega_2(X) = \frac{1}{2}[a(X) : b(X)],$$

where

$$(3.24) \quad \begin{aligned} a(X) &:= \tilde{g}(\sigma(X, e_3), e_4) - \tilde{g}(\sigma(X, e_1), e_2), \\ b(X) &:= -\tilde{g}(\sigma(X, e_1), e_4) - \tilde{g}(\sigma(X, e_3), e_2). \end{aligned}$$

By (2.16) and (3.20)~(3.23), we have the following equalities:

$$(3.25) \quad (\Phi_\star)_r X = (j_\star)_u B(\xi)_u + \frac{1}{2}(j_\star)_u [a(X) : b(X)]_u^\star,$$

$$(3.26) \quad J_1(\Phi_\star)_r X = (j_\star)_u B(J_0\xi)_u + \frac{1}{2}(j_\star)_u [-b(X) : a(X)]_u^\star,$$

$$(3.27) \quad J_2(\Phi_\star)_r X = (j_\star)_u B(J_0\xi)_u + \frac{1}{2}(j_\star)_u [b(X) : -a(X)]_u^\star.$$

#### 4. Proofs

In this section, we prove Theorem and Corollary 1,2.

*Proof of Theorem.* In general,  $g$  does not coincide with the induced metric via  $\Phi$ . So we first seek an orthonormal basis  $\{X_1, X_2\}$  of  $(\Phi_\star)_r T_r M$  with respect to  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_c$ . By (3.25), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\Phi_\star)_r e_1 &= (j_\star)_u B(e_1)_u + \frac{1}{2}(j_\star)_u [a(e_1) : b(e_1)]_u^\star, \\ (\Phi_\star)_r e_3 &= (j_\star)_u B(e_3)_u + \frac{1}{2}(j_\star)_u [a(e_3) : b(e_3)]_u^\star. \end{aligned}$$

To get the length of  $(\Phi_\star)_r e_1$  and  $(\Phi_\star)_r e_3$ , we calculate the followings:

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{aligned} ([a(e_1) : b(e_1)], [a(e_1) : b(e_1)]) &= 4\{a(e_1)^2 + b(e_1)^2\} \\ &= 4(\lambda - \nu)^2, \end{aligned}$$

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{aligned} ([a(e_1) : b(e_1)], [a(e_3) : b(e_3)]) &= 4\{a(e_1)a(e_3) + b(e_1)b(e_3)\} \\ &= 4\delta(\nu - \lambda), \end{aligned}$$

$$(4.3) \quad \begin{aligned} ([a(e_3) : b(e_3)], [a(e_3) : b(e_3)]) &= 4\{a(e_3)^2 + b(e_3)^2\} \\ &= 4\{\delta^2 + (\mu + \nu)^2\}. \end{aligned}$$

By (2.19) and (4.1)~(4.3), we get

$$(4.4) \quad \langle (\Phi_*)_x e_1, (\Phi_*)_x e_1 \rangle_c = 1 + c^2(\lambda - \nu)^2,$$

$$(4.5) \quad \langle (\Phi_*)_x e_1, (\Phi_*)_x e_3 \rangle_c = c^2\delta(\nu - \lambda),$$

$$(4.6) \quad \langle (\Phi_*)_x e_3, (\Phi_*)_x e_3 \rangle_c = 1 + c^2\{\delta^2 + (\mu + \nu)^2\}.$$

By applying the Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization to  $(\Phi_*)_x e_1$  and  $(\Phi_*)_x e_3$ , we make an orthonormal basis  $\{X_1, X_2\}$  of  $(\Phi_*)_x T_x M$  with respect to  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_c$ :

$$(4.7) \quad X_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + c^2(\lambda - \nu)^2}} \left\{ (j_*)_u B(e_1)_u + \frac{1}{2}(j_*)_u [a(e_1) : b(e_1)]_u^* \right\},$$

$$(4.8) \quad \begin{aligned} X_2 = \frac{1}{L} \left[ (j_*)_u B(e_3)_u + \frac{c^2\delta(\lambda - \nu)}{1 + c^2(\lambda - \nu)^2} (j_*)_u B(e_1)_u \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ (j_*)_u [a(e_3) : b(e_3)]_u^* + \frac{c^2\delta(\lambda - \nu)}{1 + c^2(\lambda - \nu)^2} (j_*)_u [a(e_1) : b(e_1)]_u^* \right\} \right], \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(4.9) \quad L := \sqrt{\frac{1 + c^2(\lambda - \nu)^2 + c^2\delta^2 + c^2(\mu + \nu)^2\{1 + c^2(\lambda - \nu)^2\}}{1 + c^2(\lambda - \nu)^2}}.$$

By (2.2),(3.26),(3.27) and (4.1)~(4.8), we have

$$(4.10) \quad \cos \alpha_1 = \frac{|1 + c^2(\lambda - \nu)(\mu + \nu)|}{L\sqrt{1 + c^2(\lambda - \nu)^2}},$$

$$(4.11) \quad \cos \alpha_2 = \frac{|1 - c^2(\lambda - \nu)(\mu + \nu)|}{L\sqrt{1 + c^2(\lambda - \nu)^2}}.$$

For the sake of simplicity, we put  $A := \lambda - \nu$  and  $B := \mu + \nu$ . Then  $A + B = \lambda + \mu$ . By (3.11)~(3.13), we get

$$\begin{aligned}\|H\|^2 &= \frac{1}{4}\{(\lambda + \mu)^2 + \delta^2\} = \frac{1}{4}\{(A + B)^2 + \delta^2\}, \\ AB &= (\lambda - \nu)(\mu + \nu) = -1 + \kappa + \kappa_N.\end{aligned}$$

We square the both sides of (4.10) and express by  $A, B$  and  $\delta$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\cos^2 \alpha_1 &= \frac{(1 + c^2 AB)^2}{1 + c^2 A^2 + c^2 \delta^2 + c^2 B^2(1 + c^2 A^2)} \\ 4c^2 \|H\|^2 \cos^2 \alpha_1 &= (1 - c^2 AB)^2 \sin^2 \alpha_1 + 4c^2 AB\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we obtain

$$4c^2 \|H\|^2 \cos^2 \alpha_1 = \{1 - c^2(-1 + \kappa + \kappa_N)\}^2 \sin^2 \alpha_1 - 4c^2(-1 + \kappa + \kappa_N).$$

We square the both sides of (4.11) and express by  $A, B$  and  $\delta$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\cos^2 \alpha_2 &= \frac{(1 - c^2 AB)^2}{1 + c^2 A^2 + c^2 \delta^2 + c^2 B^2(1 + c^2 A^2)} \\ 4c^2 \|H\|^2 \cos^2 \alpha_2 &= (1 - c^2 AB)^2 \sin^2 \alpha_2\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we obtain

$$4c^2 \|H\|^2 \cos^2 \alpha_2 = \{1 - c^2(-1 + \kappa + \kappa_N)\}^2 \sin^2 \alpha_2.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem.  $\square$

**REMARK.** By (4.4)~(4.6) and Lemma 2, we easily see that  $g$  coincides with the induced metric via  $\Phi$  if and only if  $\varphi$  is super-minimal.

*Proof of Corollary 1.* (i) We suppose that  $\Phi$  is holomorphic with respect to  $J_1$ , that is,  $\alpha_1 = 0$ . By Theorem (i), we have

$$-1 + \kappa + \kappa_N = 0, \quad \text{i.e.} \quad (\lambda - \nu)(\mu + \nu) = 0.$$

By (3.11), we have  $\lambda + \mu = 0$  and  $\delta = 0$ . Therefore we get  $\mu = -\lambda, \nu = \lambda$  and  $\delta = 0$ . By Lemma 2,  $\varphi$  is super-minimal.

Conversely, we suppose that  $\varphi$  is super-minimal. By Lemma 2, we have  $\mu = -\lambda, \nu = \lambda$  and  $\delta = 0$ . Thus we have

$$-1 + \kappa + \kappa_N = 0.$$

Then, by Theorem (i), we get  $\alpha_1 = 0$ . Therefore  $\Phi$  is holomorphic with respect to  $J_1$ .

(ii) We suppose that  $\Phi$  is pseudo-holomorphic with respect to  $J_2$ , that is,  $\alpha_2 = 0$ . By Theorem (ii), we get  $H = 0$ . Hence  $\varphi$  is minimal.

Conversely, we suppose that  $\varphi$  is minimal. By Theorem (ii), we have

$$1 - c^2(-1 + \kappa + \kappa_N) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \alpha_2 = 0.$$

On the other hand, by (3.11),  $\lambda + \mu = 0$  and  $\delta = 0$ , so we have

$$1 - c^2(-1 + \kappa + \kappa_N) = 1 + c^2(\lambda - \nu)^2 \neq 0.$$

Therefore,  $\alpha_2 = 0$  and so  $\Phi$  is pseudo-holomorphic with respect to  $J_2$ .  $\square$

*Proof of Corollary 2.* (i) We suppose that  $\Phi$  is totally real with respect to  $(J_1, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_c)$ , that is,  $\alpha_1 = \pi/2$ . By Theorem (i), we get  $\kappa + \kappa_N = 1 - 1/c^2$ .

Conversely, we suppose that  $\kappa + \kappa_N = 1 - 1/c^2$ . By Theorem (i), we have

$$(1 + c^2\|H\|^2) \cos^2 \alpha_1 = 0$$

Since  $1 + c^2\|H\|^2 \neq 0$ , we get  $\alpha_1 = \pi/2$  and so  $\Phi$  is totally real with respect to  $(J_1, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_c)$ .

(ii) We suppose that  $\Phi$  is totally real with respect to  $(J_2, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_c)$ , that is,  $\alpha_2 = \pi/2$ . By Theorem (ii), we get  $\kappa + \kappa_N = 1 + 1/c^2$ .

Conversely, we suppose that  $\kappa + \kappa_N = 1 + 1/c^2$ . By Theorem (ii), we have

$$\|H\|^2 \cos^2 \alpha_2 = 0.$$

Thus  $H = 0$  or  $\alpha_2 = \pi/2$ . On the other hand, by  $\kappa + \kappa_N = 1 + 1/c^2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda - \nu)(\mu + \nu) &= \frac{1}{c^2}, \\ \lambda &= \frac{1}{c^2(\mu + \nu)} + \nu, \\ \lambda + \mu &= \frac{1 + c^2(\mu + \nu)^2}{c^2(\mu + \nu)} \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence by (3.11), we have  $H \neq 0$ . Thus we get  $\alpha_c = \pi/2$  and so  $\Phi$  is totally real with respect to  $(J_2, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_c)$ .  $\square$

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