

KENMOTSU TYPE REPRESENTATION FORMULA FOR SPACELIKE SURFACES IN THE DE SITTER 3-SPACE

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Introduction

In [10], Kenmotsu proved that surfaces in the Euclidean 3-space E^3 can be represented by means of the mean curvature and the Gauss map. In [3] and [4], we gave the Kenmotsu type representation formulas for surfaces in the hyperbolic 3-space (cf. [11]) and the Riemannian 3-sphere. For each Riemannian 3-space form N^3 and a surface M^2 in N^3 , we can consider an adapted frame on M^2 as a map from M^2 to the isometry group $\text{Isom}(N^3)$. The ‘Gauss map’ of M^2 to $\mathcal{S}^2(=SO(3)/SO(2))$ is defined from the ‘rotational part’ (i.e., $SO(3)$ -part) of the adapted framing map. (For example, $\text{Isom}(E^3) = \mathbf{R}^3 \rtimes SO(3)$.)

On the other hand, Nishikawa and the second author [8] proved the Lorentzian version of the Kenmotsu representation formula for spacelike surfaces in the Minkowski 3-space L^3 (cf. [12]). Here $\text{Isom}(L^3) = \mathbf{R}^3 \rtimes SO_0(1, 2)$ and hence the Gauss map is a map to the upper hyperboloid $H^2 (=SO_0(1, 2)/SO(2))$. In this paper, we introduce the Kenmotsu type representation formula for spacelike surfaces in the Lorentzian 3-space form of constant curvature 1, that is, the de Sitter 3-space \mathcal{S}_1^3 . A similar formula in the anti-de Sitter 3-space has been already given in [6].

1. De Sitter 3-space \mathcal{S}_1^3

The de Sitter 3-space \mathcal{S}_1^3 is defined as the semi-sphere in the Minkowski 4-space L^4 of radius 1. As in [9] and [1], it is convenient to use the complex special linear group $SL(2; \mathbf{C})$, which is the double cover of $SO_0(1, 3)$, as the group of isometries of \mathcal{S}_1^3 . Put

$$\underline{e}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \underline{e}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\underline{e}_2 = \sqrt{-1}J = \sqrt{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \underline{e}_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Identify L^4 with the space $\text{Herm}(2) = \{\underline{x} = x_0\underline{e}_0 + \cdots + x_3\underline{e}_3 \mid x_0, \dots, x_3 \in \mathbf{R}\}$ of 2×2 Hermitian matrices with the metric $\langle \underline{x}, \underline{x} \rangle = -\det \underline{x}$. $SL(2; \mathbf{C})$ acts isometrically on L^4 by

$$g \cdot \underline{x} = g\underline{x}g^* \quad (g \in SL(2; \mathbf{C}), \underline{x} \in L^4 = \text{Herm}(2)).$$

Hence it acts on \mathcal{S}_1^3 isometrically and transitively. Then we can regard \mathcal{S}_1^3 as the symmetric space

$$\mathcal{S}_1^3 = SL(2; \mathbf{C})/SU(1, 1) = \{g\underline{e}_3g^* \mid g \in SL(2; \mathbf{C})\},$$

where $SU(1, 1) = \{h \in SL(2; \mathbf{C}) \mid h\underline{e}_3h^* = \underline{e}_3\}$.

Divide $SL(2; \mathbf{C})$ into three subsets G_-, G_0, G_+ according to the signature of the indefinite Hermitian metric $\langle \underline{g}_2, \underline{g}_2 \rangle_{\mathcal{C}_1^2} = g_{21}\overline{g_{21}} - g_{22}\overline{g_{22}}$ for the second row complex vector $\underline{g}_2 = (g_{21}, g_{22})$ of $g \in SL(2; \mathbf{C})$. Then we can also divide \mathcal{S}_1^3 , which is diffeomorphic to $S^2 \times \mathbf{R}$, into three components as follows:

$$S_- = \{g\underline{e}_3g^* \mid g \in G_-\} = \{\underline{x} \in \mathcal{S}_1^3 \mid x_0 - x_3 < 0\} (\cong \mathbf{R}^3),$$

$$S_0 = \{g\underline{e}_3g^* \mid g \in G_0\} = \{\underline{x} \in \mathcal{S}_1^3 \mid x_0 - x_3 = 0\} (\cong S^1 \times \mathbf{R}),$$

$$S_+ = \{g\underline{e}_3g^* \mid g \in G_+\} = \{\underline{x} \in \mathcal{S}_1^3 \mid x_0 - x_3 > 0\} (\cong \mathbf{R}^3).$$

Take a coordinate (y_0, y_1, y_2) on S_{\mp} defined by $(y_0, y_1, y_2) = (1, x_1, x_2)/|x_0 - x_3|$, the metric on \mathcal{S}_1^3 is written as $ds^2 = (1/y_0^2)ds_0^2$, where $ds_0^2 = -dy_0^2 + dy_1^2 + dy_2^2$ is the Minkowski metric. We denote by $\mathbf{R}\mathcal{S}_1^3$ the upper half space model (\mathbf{R}_+^3, ds^2) of each $S_{\mp} \subset \mathcal{S}_1^3$.

The Gram-Schmidt procedure for row complex vectors of each matrix $g \in SL(2; \mathbf{C})$ with respect to the indefinite Hermitian metric $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{C}_1^2}$ gives the decomposition

$$(1.1) \quad G_- = S \cdot SU(1, 1) \quad \text{and} \quad G_+ = S \cdot J \cdot SU(1, 1),$$

where S is the Lie subgroup consisting of upper triangular matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & \zeta \\ 0 & 1/a \end{pmatrix} \quad (a > 0, \zeta \in \mathbf{C}).$$

Then we can identify each component S_- , S_+ with S , that is,

$$S_- = \{\underline{se}_3s^* | s \in S\}, \quad S_+ = \{-\underline{se}_3s^* | s \in S\}.$$

Note that $S(\cong S_{\mp})$ is diffeomorphic to \mathbf{RS}_1^3 under the map

$$\mathbf{RS}_1^3 \ni (y_0, y_1, y_2) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{y_0} & \mp (y_1 + \sqrt{-1}y_2)/\sqrt{y_0} \\ 0 & 1/\sqrt{y_0} \end{pmatrix} \in S.$$

2. Normal Gauss Maps of Spacelike Surfaces in \mathbf{S}_1^3

Let f be a conformal immersion from a Riemann surface M into \mathbf{S}_1^3 , whose image is a spacelike surface in \mathbf{S}_1^3 . We can choose an adapted framing $\mathcal{E} : M \rightarrow SL(2; \mathbf{C})$ of f locally (that is, on each contractible neighborhood) and uniquely up to a right multiplication of $U(1)$ -valued map. This implies that $f = \mathcal{E}\underline{e}_3\mathcal{E}^*$, $\mathcal{E}\underline{e}_0\mathcal{E}^*$ is a unit normal vector field of f and $\mathcal{E}(\underline{e}_1 - \sqrt{-1}\underline{e}_2)\mathcal{E}^*$ is a vector field of type $(1, 0)$, where

$$U(1) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} e^{\sqrt{-1}\theta} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-\sqrt{-1}\theta} \end{pmatrix} \middle| \theta \in \mathbf{S}^1 \right\}.$$

We define the *normal Gauss map* $\mathcal{G} : M \rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{C}} := \mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ by

$$\mathcal{G} = \frac{\mathcal{E}_{21}}{\mathcal{E}_{22}}, \quad \text{where } \mathcal{E} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{E}_{11} & \mathcal{E}_{12} \\ \mathcal{E}_{21} & \mathcal{E}_{22} \end{pmatrix}.$$

It should be pointed out that the normal Gauss map \mathcal{G} is globally defined on M . On the open set $U_- := f^{-1}(S_-)$ (resp. $U_+ := f^{-1}(S_+)$) in M , the image of \mathcal{G} is contained in the unit open disk $D := \{z \in \mathbf{C} | |z| < 1\}$ (resp. in $\hat{\mathbf{C}} \setminus D$). Then $\mathcal{G}(f^{-1}(S_0)) \subset \mathbf{S}^1 = \partial D$. We also remark that the union $U_- \cup U_+$ is an open dense subset in M .

As mentioned in Introduction, the normal Gauss map \mathcal{G} of f is also obtained from the ‘rotational part’ of the adapted framing \mathcal{E} as follows: The upper and lower hyperboloids \mathbf{H}_{\pm}^2 in the linear space \mathbf{R}^3 are given by

$$\mathbf{H}_{\pm}^2 = \{\underline{x} = x_0\underline{e}_0 + x_1\underline{e}_1 + x_2\underline{e}_2 \mid \det \underline{x} = 1, \text{sgn}(x_0) = \pm 1\}.$$

The subgroup $SU(1, 1)$ in $SL(2; \mathbf{C})$ acts transitively on each hyperboloid \mathbf{H}_{\pm}^2 , and then $\mathbf{H}_{\pm}^2 = SU(1, 1)/U(1)$. Decomposing $\mathcal{E}|_{U_{\mp}} : U_{\mp} \rightarrow G_{\mp}$ corresponding to the decomposition (1.1) of G_{\mp} , we obtain an $SU(1, 1)$ -valued map h and an S -valued map \mathcal{S} (defined locally) on each U_{\mp} :

$$(2.1) \quad \mathcal{E}|_{U_-} = \mathcal{S}h, \quad \mathcal{E}|_{U_+} = \mathcal{S}Jh.$$

By using h , $\mathcal{G}_{\mp} : U_{\mp} \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{\pm}^2$ is determined as follows:

$$\mathcal{G}_- = h\underline{e}_0h^*, \quad \mathcal{G}_+ = -\underline{e}_1h\underline{e}_0h^*\underline{e}_1.$$

We denote by P the stereographic projection of $\mathbf{H}_+^2 \cup \mathbf{H}_-^2$ from the south pole $-\underline{e}_0 \in \mathbf{H}_-^2$. Then the normal Gauss map \mathcal{G} on U_{\mp} is just $P \circ \mathcal{G}_{\mp}$:

$$\mathcal{G} = \begin{cases} P \circ \mathcal{G}_- = p/q : U_- \rightarrow D, \\ P \circ \mathcal{G}_+ = q/p : U_+ \rightarrow \hat{C} \setminus D, \end{cases} \quad \text{where } h = \begin{pmatrix} q & \bar{p} \\ p & \bar{q} \end{pmatrix}.$$

On each U_{\mp} , \mathcal{G} can be also interpreted geometrically as follows: Consider $f|_{U_-}$ (resp. $f|_{U_+}$) to be a conformal immersion into $\mathbf{RS}_1^3 = (\mathbf{R}_+^3, ds^2)$ and \mathbf{RS}_1^3 to be a conformally embedded domain \mathbf{R}_+^3 in the Minkowski 3-space $\mathbf{L}^3 = (\mathbf{R}^3, ds_0^2)$. Let $N(z)$ be the future-pointing (resp. past-pointing) unit normal timelike vector at each point $f(z)$ in \mathbf{L}^3 . Parallel translating $N(z)$ to the origin in \mathbf{L}^3 , then we again obtain the normal Gauss map $\mathcal{G}_- : U_- \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_+^2$ (resp. $\mathcal{G}_+ : U_+ \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_-^2$) of f on U_- (resp. U_+).

Each $\mathcal{S} : U_{\mp} \rightarrow S$ in (2.1) is a (local) framing map of $f : M \rightarrow \mathbf{S}_1^3$, that is, $f|_{U_-} = \mathcal{S}\underline{e}_3\mathcal{S}^*$ and $f|_{U_+} = -\mathcal{S}\underline{e}_3\mathcal{S}^*$. In the same way as in [3] (cf. [9]), we can show that \mathcal{S} satisfies the following differential equation (2.2) of first order by means of (the lift h of) \mathcal{G} .

Take an isothermal coordinate z and $(1,0)$ -form ϕ on M such that the induced metric $f^* ds^2 = \phi \cdot \bar{\phi}$. Let β be the $\mathfrak{sl}(2; \mathbf{C})$ -valued $(1,0)$ -form on $U_- \cup U_+$ written locally as

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{G} & 1 \\ \mathcal{G}^2 & \mathcal{G} \end{pmatrix} \omega := \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2}h(\underline{e}_1 - \sqrt{-1}\underline{e}_2)h^*\phi & \text{on } U_-, \\ -\frac{1}{2}\underline{e}_1h(\underline{e}_1 - \sqrt{-1}\underline{e}_2)h^*\underline{e}_1\phi & \text{on } U_+, \end{cases}$$

then $\beta|_{U_{\mp}} \in \Gamma(T^{*(1,0)}M|_{U_{\mp}} \otimes \mathcal{G}_{\mp}^{-1}T^{(1,0)}\mathbf{H}_{\pm}^2)$. We can write the differential equation for \mathcal{S} by using β as follows:

$$(2.2) \quad \mathcal{S}^{-1} d\mathcal{S} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(\beta + \beta^*)\underline{e}_3 + \frac{1}{4}[\underline{e}_3, \beta + \beta^*]\underline{e}_3 & \text{on } U_-, \\ \frac{1}{2}\underline{e}_3(\beta + \beta^*) + \frac{1}{4}\underline{e}_3[\underline{e}_3, \beta + \beta^*] & \text{on } U_+. \end{cases}$$

We denote by H the mean curvature of f and by Φ its Hopf differential. It then follows from Proposition 6.1 in [1] combined with (2.2) that

$$f^* ds^2 = \frac{4|\mathcal{G}_z|^2}{\{(1 + |\mathcal{G}|^2) + H(1 - |\mathcal{G}|^2)\}^2} |dz|^2,$$

$$\Phi = \frac{4\mathcal{G}_z(\bar{\mathcal{G}})_z}{\{(1 + |\mathcal{G}|^2) + H(1 - |\mathcal{G}|^2)\}(1 - |\mathcal{G}|^2)} dz \cdot dz.$$

Moreover, we obtain the following

PROPOSITION 1. *The normal Gauss map $\mathcal{G} : M \rightarrow \hat{C}$ of a spacelike surface with mean curvature H in S_1^3 satisfies*

$$(2.3) \quad (1 - |\mathcal{G}|^2)\{(1 + |\mathcal{G}|^2) + H(1 - |\mathcal{G}|^2)\}\mathcal{G}_{z\bar{z}} + 2\{|\mathcal{G}|^2 + H(1 - |\mathcal{G}|^2)\}\bar{\mathcal{G}}\mathcal{G}_z\mathcal{G}_{\bar{z}} \\ = H_z(1 - |\mathcal{G}|^2)^2\mathcal{G}_{\bar{z}}.$$

If we replace the ambient space S_1^3 by the de Sitter 3-space $S_1^3(c^2)$ of constant curvature c^2 ($c > 0$), then the above equation will change to

$$(1 - |\mathcal{G}|^2)\{c(1 + |\mathcal{G}|^2) + H(1 - |\mathcal{G}|^2)\}\mathcal{G}_{z\bar{z}} + 2\{c|\mathcal{G}|^2 + H(1 - |\mathcal{G}|^2)\}\bar{\mathcal{G}}\mathcal{G}_z\mathcal{G}_{\bar{z}} \\ = H_z(1 - |\mathcal{G}|^2)^2\mathcal{G}_{\bar{z}}.$$

Putting $c = 0$ in it, we can obtain the generalized harmonic map equation for Gauss maps of spacelike surfaces in L^3 ([8]).

PROPOSITION 2. *For a CMC (constant mean curvature) H conformal immersion $f : M \rightarrow S_1^3(c^2)$, the normal Gauss map \mathcal{G} is a non-holomorphic harmonic map from M to \hat{C} equipped with the following metric $h'_{c,H}$:*

$$h'_{c,H} = \frac{4|d\zeta|^2}{|(1 - |\zeta|^2)\{c(1 + |\zeta|^2) + H(1 - |\zeta|^2)\}|}.$$

REMARK 1. (1) When $|H| > c$, $h'_{c,H}$ restricted on the unit open disk D is deformed to a hyperbolic metric $4|d\zeta|^2/(|H|(1 - |\zeta|^2)^2)$ as c goes to 0 for a fixed nonzero H .

(2) When $|H| < c$, there exists a CMC H conformal immersion \tilde{f} from M to the hyperbolic 3-space of constant curvature $-c^2$ such that the pair of \tilde{f} and f forms a kind of Bonnet pair (cf. Appendix II in [3]). Then the normal Gauss maps f and \tilde{f} satisfy the same harmonic map equation, up to the coordinate change of a homothety in \hat{C} . (For the study of the metric $h'_{c,H}$ and harmonic maps to $(D, h'_{c,H})$, see also [5].)

3. Kenmotsu Type Representation Formula in S_1^3

Conversely, we can show that (2.3) is the integrability condition for the framing equation (2.2). We then obtain the following Kenmotsu type representation formula in S_1^3 .

THEOREM 3. *Let M be a simply connected Riemann surface with a reference point $z_0 \in M$, and take an isothermal coordinate z on M . Give a smooth function H on M . Let $v : M \rightarrow D$ be a non-holomorphic smooth map satisfying the equation (2.3):*

$$\frac{(1 + |v|^2) + H(1 - |v|^2)}{1 - |v|^2} v_{z\bar{z}} + \frac{2\{|v|^2 + H(1 - |v|^2)\}\bar{v}}{(1 - |v|^2)^2} v_z v_{\bar{z}} = H_z v_{\bar{z}}.$$

Define a 1-form ω on M as follows and assume that it is smooth on M :

$$\omega = \frac{2(\bar{v})_z}{\{(1 + |v|^2) + H(1 - |v|^2)\}(1 - |v|^2)} dz.$$

Put a $\text{Lie}(S)$ -valued 1-form μ on M by

$$\mu = \frac{1}{2}(\beta + \beta^*)\underline{e}_3 + \frac{1}{4}[\underline{e}_3, \beta + \beta^*]\underline{e}_3, \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} v & 1 \\ v^2 & v \end{pmatrix} \omega.$$

Then there exists uniquely a smooth map $\mathcal{S} : M \rightarrow S$ such that $\mathcal{S}(z_0) = \underline{e}_0$ and $\mathcal{S}^{-1} d\mathcal{S} = \mu$. Put $f = \mathcal{S}\underline{e}_3\mathcal{S}^$, then $f : M \rightarrow S_- \subset \mathbf{S}_1^3$ is a conformal immersion outside $\{w \in M | \omega(w) = 0\}$ with prescribed mean curvature H and the normal Gauss map $\mathcal{G} = v$.*

REMARK 2. If we regard the immersion f constructed in Theorem 3 as an immersion $f = (f_0, f_1, f_2) : M \rightarrow \mathbf{RS}_1^3$, then f is given by the following path integral:

$$f_0(z) = \exp\left(2\text{Re} \int_{z_0}^z v\omega\right), \quad f_1(z) + \sqrt{-1}f_2(z) = \int_{z_0}^z f_0(\omega + \bar{v}^2\bar{\omega}).$$

REMARK 3. For a spacelike surface in \mathbf{S}_1^3 with CMC H of range $|H| > 1$ (resp. $|H| = 1$), we have obtained the Kenmotsu-Bryant type (resp. Weierstrass-Bryant type (cf. [9])) representation formula by means of its adjusted Gauss map [1], which is a non-holomorphic harmonic map (resp. holomorphic map) to the hyperbolic disk $(D, 4|d\zeta|^2/(1 - |\zeta|^2)^2)$. By a similar adjusting theory to the one in [3], we can also deform the normal Gauss map to the adjusted Gauss map through a one-parameter family of integrable differential equations of first order.

REMARK 4. It has been proved in [7] and [13] that any complete spacelike surface in \mathbf{S}_1^3 with CMC H of range $|H| \leq 1$ is totally umbilic. We also note that any totally umbilic complete spacelike surface of range $|H| < 1$ is never contained

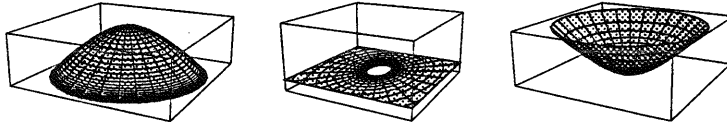


Figure 1: Totally umbilic spacelike surfaces in $RS_1^3(\cong S_-)$: $|H| > 1, |H| = 1, |H| < 1$

in $S_-(\subset S_1^3)$. (See the third example in Figure 1). Then any CMC H ($|H| < 1$) spacelike surface in S_- is not complete.

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