

## A CLASS OF HYPERSURFACES WITH CONSTANT PRINCIPAL CURVATURES IN A SPHERE

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### Introduction

In a series of papers [1], [2], [3], [4] E. Cartan investigated hypersurfaces  $M$  in a simply connected space form  $M(c)$  of constant curvature  $c$  such that all principal curvatures of  $M$  are constant. He classified such hypersurfaces completely for the case  $c \leq 0$ , [1], and partially for the case  $c > 0$ , [2], [3], [4]. Recently H. F. Münzner [5] developed Cartan's theory and proved that to classify such hypersurfaces in a sphere is equivalent to find all homogeneous polynomials satisfying certain simultaneous differential equation. The purpose of this paper is to determine a class of  $M$  by giving a partial solution of the equation.

To state our result we shall describe an example of  $M$  in a sphere. For an integer  $n \geq 2$  we denote by  $F_n$  a homogeneous polynomial

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} (x_i^2 - x_{i+n+1}^2) \right)^2 + 4 \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} x_i x_{i+n+1} \right)^2$$

of  $2n + 2$  variables. Let  $S^{2n+1}$  denote the unit hypersphere in a Euclidean  $(2n + 2)$ -space  $\mathbf{R}^{2n+2}$  centered at the origin. For a number  $t$  with  $0 < t < \pi/4$  we denote by  $M^{2n}(t)$  a hypersurface in  $S^{2n+1}$  defined by the equation

$$F_n(x) = \sin^2 2t, \quad x = (x_1, \dots, x_{2n+2}) \in S^{2n+1}.$$

It will be shown that  $M^{2n}(t)$  is a connected compact hypersurface in  $S^{2n+1}$  having 4 constant principal curvatures with multiplicities 1, 1,  $n - 1$  and  $n - 1$ , and admits a transitive group of isometries. Our result can be stated as

**Theorem.** *Let  $M$  be a connected complete hypersurface in  $S^{2n+1}$  having 4 constant principal curvatures. If the multiplicity of one of the principal curvatures is equal to 1, then  $M$  is congruent to  $M^{2n}(t)$ . In particular,  $M$  admits a transitive group of isometries.*

We note that, as mentioned above, E. Cartan classified those hypersurfaces in a sphere which have at most 3 constant principal curvatures or 4 constant principal curvatures with the same multiplicity. Thus for the case  $n = 2$  the above theorem is due to E. Cartan. The polynomial  $F_2$  was first found by E. Cartan [3], and  $F_n$  by K. Nomizu [6].

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### 1. Differential equation

In the first place we write up all indices and their ranges used in this paper.

In § 1,  $\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, 2n + 2$ ;  $u = 1, \dots, 2n + 1$ ;  $i, j = 1, \dots, 2m_0 + m_1$ ;  $r, s, t = 2m_0 + m_1 + 1, \dots, 2n + 1$ , where  $m_0 + m_1 = n$ . In § 2,  $u = 1, \dots, 2n + 1$ ;  $i, j = 1, \dots, 2n - 1$ ;  $r, s, t = 2n, 2n + 1$ ;  $a, b, c = 1, \dots, n - 1$ . In § 3,  $u = 1, \dots, 2n + 1$ ;  $i, j = 1, \dots, n + 1$ ;  $r, s, t = n + 2, \dots, 2n + 1$ .

Let  $M$  be a connected complete hypersurface in  $S^{2n+1}$  having 4 constant principal curvatures  $\cot \theta_a$  ( $a = 1, \dots, 4$ ) with  $0 < \theta_1 < \theta_2 < \theta_3 < \theta_4 < \pi$ . Let  $m_a$  be the multiplicity of  $\cot \theta_a$ . Then by theorems of H. F. Münzner [5, Theorems 1, 2 and 3] we know that  $m_0 = m_2$  and  $m_1 = m_3$  (so  $m_0 + m_1 = n \geq 2$ ), and that there exist a number  $t$  with  $0 < t < \frac{1}{4}\pi$  and a homogeneous polynomial  $\tilde{F}$  of degree 4 of  $2n + 2$  variables  $x_\alpha$  such that

$$(1.1) \quad \sum_{\alpha} \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{F}}{\partial x_{\alpha}} \right)^2 = 16 \left( \sum_{\alpha} x_{\alpha}^2 \right)^3,$$

$$(1.2) \quad \sum_{\alpha} \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{F}}{\partial x_{\alpha}^2} = 8(n - 2m_0) \sum_{\alpha} x_{\alpha}^2,$$

and  $M = \{x = (x_{\alpha}) \in S^{2n+1}; \tilde{F}(x) = \cos 4t\}$ . Conversely, for every  $t$  with  $0 < t < \frac{1}{4}\pi$  and every homogeneous polynomial  $\tilde{F}$  satisfying (1.1) and (1.2), the set  $\{x \in S^{2n+1}; \tilde{F}(x) = \cos 4t\}$  is a connected compact hypersurface in  $S^{2n+1}$  having 4 constant principal curvatures with multiplicities  $m_0, m_0, m_1$  and  $m_1$ .

Put  $2F = (\sum_{\alpha} x_{\alpha}^2)^2 - \tilde{F}$ . Then (1.1) and (1.2) are equivalent to

$$(1.3) \quad \sum_{\alpha} \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_{\alpha}} \right)^2 = 16 \sum_{\alpha} x_{\alpha}^2 F,$$

$$(1.4) \quad \sum_{\alpha} \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x_{\alpha}^2} = 8(m_0 + 1) \sum_{\alpha} x_{\alpha}^2.$$

Thus in order to prove our theorem it is sufficient to prove that if  $m_0 = 1$  or  $m_0 = n - 1$  then every homogeneous polynomial  $F$  satisfying (1.3) and (1.4) is congruent to  $F_n$ , i.e.,  $F(x) = F_n(\sigma(x))$  for an orthogonal transformation  $\sigma$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{2n+2}$ . In the remainder of this section we shall give the general properties of  $F$ . First fix an arbitrary index  $\alpha$ . Without loss of generality we may assume that  $F|_{S^{2n+1}}$  takes its maximum at the point  $p_{\alpha} = (0, \dots, 1, \dots, 0)$  (i.e., all the coordinates  $x$ 's are zero except  $x_{\alpha} = 1$ ). Then we have at  $p_{\alpha}$

$$(1.5) \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_{\beta}} - cx_{\beta} = 0 \quad \text{for a constant } c \text{ and each } \beta.$$

Here we put  $F = a_{\alpha}x_{\alpha}^4 + Lx_{\alpha}^3 + Ax_{\alpha}^2 + Bx_{\alpha} + C$ , where  $a_{\alpha}, L, A, B$  and  $C$  denote homogeneous polynomials of  $x_1, \dots, x_{\alpha-1}, x_{\alpha+1}, \dots, x_{2n+2}$  of degree

0, 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively. From (1.5) we have  $\partial L / \partial x_\beta = 0$  for  $\beta \neq \alpha$  at  $p_\alpha$ , and  $c = 4a_\alpha$ . From (1.3) and (1.5) it follows that  $c^2 = 16a_\alpha$ . These imply that  $L = 0$ , and  $a_\alpha = 0$  or  $a_\alpha = 1$ . Next we shall give the relations which the polynomials  $A, B$  and  $C$  must satisfy under the assumption that  $a_\alpha = 1$  for some index  $\alpha$ , say  $2n + 2$ . Thus  $A, B$  and  $C$  are polynomials of  $x_1, \dots, x_{2n+1}$ . From (1.3) and (1.4) we have respectively

$$(1.6) \quad \sum_u \frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial x_u^2} = 8m_0 - 4,$$

$$(1.7) \quad \sum_u \frac{\partial^2 B}{\partial x_u^2} = 0,$$

$$(1.8) \quad \sum_u \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial x_u^2} + 2A = 8(m_0 + 1) \sum_u x_u^2;$$

$$(1.9) \quad \sum_u \left( \frac{\partial A}{\partial x_u} \right)^2 = 16 \sum_u x_u^2,$$

$$(1.10) \quad \sum_u \frac{\partial A}{\partial x_u} \frac{\partial B}{\partial x_u} = 4B,$$

$$(1.11) \quad \sum_u \left( \frac{\partial B}{\partial x_u} \right)^2 + 2 \sum_u \frac{\partial A}{\partial x_u} \frac{\partial C}{\partial x_u} + 4A^2 = 16A \sum_u x_u^2 + 16C,$$

$$(1.12) \quad \sum_u \frac{\partial B}{\partial x_u} \frac{\partial C}{\partial x_u} + 2AB = 8B \sum_u x_u^2,$$

$$(1.13) \quad B^2 + \sum_u \left( \frac{\partial C}{\partial x_u} \right)^2 = 16C \sum_u x_u^2.$$

By a suitable choice of orthogonal transformation on  $x_1, \dots, x_{2n+1}$  we may set  $A = \sum_u a'_u x_u^2$ ,  $a'_1 \geq \dots \geq a'_{2n+1}$ . From (1.6) and (1.9) we have  $a'^2_u = 4$  and  $\sum_u a'_u = 4m_0 - 2$ . Hence  $a'_i = 2$  and  $a'_r = -2$ .

Decompose  $B$  into  $P' + Q' + R' + S'$ , where  $P', Q', R'$  and  $S'$  denote homogeneous polynomials of  $x_i$  and  $x_r$  whose degrees with respect to  $x_i$  are equal to 3, 2, 1 and 0 respectively. Then taking account of the degree with respect to  $x_i$  in (1.10) and using a relation  $\sum_i x_i (\partial P' / \partial x_i) = 3P'$ , etc. we know  $P' = R' = S' = 0$ . In other words,  $B$  is of the form  $4 \sum_r x_r B_r$ , where  $B_r$ 's denote homogeneous polynomials of  $x_i$  of degree 2.

Similarly decompose  $C$  into  $P + Q + R + S + T$ , where  $P, Q, R, S$  and  $T$  denote homogeneous polynomials of  $x_i$  and  $x_r$  whose degree with respect to  $x_i$  are equal to 4, 3, 2, 1 and 0 respectively. Then we know from (1.11)

$$\begin{aligned}
 P &= -\sum_r B_r^2 + \left(\sum_i x_i^2\right)^2, \\
 R &= \sum_i \left(\sum_r \frac{\partial B_r}{\partial x_i} x_r\right)^2 - 2 \sum_i x_i^2 \sum_r x_r^2, \\
 S &= 0, \quad T = \left(\sum_r x_r^2\right)^2.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{1.14}$$

Hence (1.7), (1.8) and (1.12) are reduced respectively to

$$\sum_i \frac{\partial^2 B_r}{\partial x_i^2} = 0 \quad \text{for each } r;$$

$$\sum_i \frac{\partial^2 Q}{\partial x_i^2} = 0,$$

$$\sum_{i,j} \left(\sum_r \frac{\partial^2 B_r}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} x_r\right)^2 = 8m_0 \sum_r x_r^2;$$

$$\sum_r B_r \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x_r} = 0,$$

$$\sum_{i,r} \frac{\partial B_r}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x_i} x_r = 0,$$

$$\sum_{i,j,r,s,t} \frac{\partial B_r}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial B_s}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial^2 B_t}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} x_r x_s x_t - 8 \sum_r x_r^2 \sum_s x_s^2 = 0.$$

From (1.13) we have

$$\sum_i \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i}\right)^2 + \sum_r \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x_r}\right)^2 - 16P \sum_i x_i^2 = 0.$$

Put  $B_r = \sum_{i,j} b_{ij}^r x_i x_j$  and denote by  $B^r$  the symmetric matrix  $(b_{ij}^r)$  of degree  $2m_0 + m_1$ . Then (1.15), (1.17) and (1.20) are reduced to

$$\text{trace } B^r = 0 \quad \text{for each } r,$$

$$\text{trace } (B^r)^2 = 2m_0 \quad \text{for each } r,$$

$$\text{trace } B^r B^s = 0 \quad \text{for each distinct } r, s,$$

$$(B^r)^3 = B^r \quad \text{for each } r,$$

$$B^s B^r B^r + B^r B^s B^r + B^r B^r B^s = B^s \quad \text{for each distinct } r, s,$$

$$\mathcal{C} B^r B^s B^t = 0 \quad \text{for each mutually distinct } r, s, t,$$

where  $\sum$  denotes the cyclic sum with respect to  $r, s$  and  $t$ . (1.27) is significant only if  $m_1 \geq 2$ .

Now we assert that in order to solve (1.3) and (1.4) for  $m_0 = 1$  or  $m_0 = n - 1$  it is sufficient to consider the following two cases :

(I)  $m_0 = n - 1$  and  $a_\alpha = 1$  for some  $\alpha$  ,

(II)  $m_0 = 1$  and  $a_\alpha = 1$  for each  $\alpha$  .

In fact, all the possible cases besides (I) and (II) are (1)  $m_0 = n - 1$  and  $a_\alpha = 0$  for each  $\alpha$ , (2)  $m_0 = 1$  and  $a_\alpha = 0$  for each  $\alpha$ , and (3)  $m_0 = 1$  and  $a_\alpha = 1, a_\beta = 0$  for some  $\alpha, \beta$ . In any case we put  $G = (\sum_\alpha x_\alpha^2)^2 - F$ . Then  $G$  satisfies

$$\sum_\alpha \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_\alpha} \right)^2 = 16 \sum_\alpha x_\alpha^2 G, \quad \sum_\alpha \frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial x_\alpha^2} = 8(n - m_0 + 1) \sum_\alpha x_\alpha^2 .$$

This means that each of the cases (1), (2) and (3) is reduced to (I) or (II). We shall consider the case (I) (resp. (II)) in § 2 (resp. § 3).

### 2. The case (I)

We may assume that  $a_{2n+2} = 1$ . From (1.22), (1.23) and (1.25) it follows that by a suitable choice of orthogonal transformation on  $x_1, \dots, x_{2n-1}$  we may set  $B_{2n} = \sum_\alpha x_\alpha^2 - \sum_\alpha x_{\alpha+n-1}^2$ , or equivalently

$$B^{2n} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $I$  denotes the unit matrix of degree  $n - 1$ . Denote the transpose of a matrix  $J$  by  ${}^tJ$ , and put

$$B^{2n+1} = \begin{bmatrix} X & Y & u \\ {}^tY & Z & v \\ {}^tu & {}^tv & w \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $Y = (Y_{ab})$  is a matrix of degree  $n - 1$ , and  $u = (u_a)$  and  $v = (v_a)$  are column vectors. Then by (1.26) we obtain  $X = Z = 0, w = 0$ , and

$$(2.1) \quad \sum_c Y_{ac} Y_{bc} + 2u_a u_b = \delta_{ab} \quad \text{for each } a, b ,$$

$$(2.2) \quad \sum_\alpha u_\alpha^2 = \sum_\alpha v_\alpha^2 .$$

Hence from (1.25) it follows that

$$(2.3) \quad u_a \sum_c Y_{bc} v_c + u_b \sum_c Y_{ac} v_c = 0 .$$

$$(2.4) \quad v_a \sum_c Y_{cb} u_c + v_b \sum_c Y_{ca} u_c = 0 \quad \text{for each } a, b .$$

Putting  $a = b$  in (2.3) we get  $u_a \sum_c Y_{ac} v_c = 0$ . Then by multiplying (2.3) by  $u_a$  and taking the sum over  $a$  we have  $\sum_a u_a^2 \sum_c Y_{bc} v_c = 0$  for each  $b$ . Thus we need to divide our discussion into two cases.

(1) The case  $\sum_a u_a^2 = 0$ . It follows from (2.1) and (2.2) that  $v = 0$  and  $Y$  is an orthogonal transformation on  $x_n, \dots, x_{2n-2}$ . Putting  $y_a = \sum_b Y_{ab} x_{b+n-1}$ , we have  $B_{2n+1} = 2 \sum_a x_a y_a$ ,  $B_{2n} = \sum_a (x_a^2 - y_a^2)$  and  $A = 2 \sum_a (x_a^2 + y_a^2) + x_{2n-1}^2 - \sum_r x_r^2$ . Since  $Q$  is of the form  $\sum_r Q_r x_r$ , where  $Q_r$ 's denote homogeneous polynomials of  $x_i$  of degree 3, we have, in consequence of (1.18),

$$0 = \sum_r B_r Q_r = \sum_a (x_a^2 - y_a^2) Q_{2n} + 2 \sum_a x_a y_a Q_{2n+1} .$$

Hence  $Q_{2n} = B_{2n+1} L$  and  $Q_{2n+1} = -B_{2n} L$  for a linear combination  $L$  of  $x_a, y_a$  and  $x_{2n-1}$ . Substituting these in (1.16) we get  $\partial L / \partial x_a = \partial L / \partial y_a = 0$ , i.e.,  $L = k x_{2n-1}$  for a constant  $k$ . Substituting  $P$  in (1.14) and the above  $Q$  in (1.21) we find  $k^2 = 16$ . Clearly we may adopt  $k = 4$ . Thus  $F$  must be of the form

$$\begin{aligned} & x_{2n+2}^4 + 2 \left( \sum_a (x_a^2 + y_a^2) + x_{2n-1}^2 - \sum_r x_r^2 \right) x_{2n+2}^2 \\ & + 4 \left( \sum_a (x_a^2 - y_a^2) x_{2n} - 2 \sum_a x_a y_a x_{2n+1} \right) x_{2n+2} \\ & + 4 \sum_a x_a^2 \sum_a y_a^2 - 4 \left( \sum_a x_a y_a \right)^2 + 2 \sum_a (x_a^2 + y_a^2) x_{2n-1}^2 + x_{2n-1}^4 \\ & + 4 \left( 2 \sum_a x_a y_a x_{2n} + \sum_a (x_a^2 - y_a^2) x_{2n+1} \right) x_{2n-1} \\ & + 2 \left( \sum_a (x_a^2 + y_a^2) - x_{2n-1}^2 \right) \sum_r x_r^2 + \left( \sum_r x_r^2 \right)^2 . \end{aligned}$$

However, an orthogonal transformation  $(x_1, \dots, x_{2n+2}) \rightarrow (x_1, \dots, x_{2n-2}, (x_{2n-1} + x_{2n})/\sqrt{2}, (x_{2n-1} - x_{2n})/\sqrt{2}, (x_{2n+1} + x_{2n+2})/\sqrt{2}, (x_{2n+1} - x_{2n+2})/\sqrt{2})$  of  $\mathbf{R}^{2n+2}$  deforms the above polynomial into a polynomial of degree 2 with respect to each  $x_a$ . Therefore it should appear in § 3 if it is a solution.

(2) The case  $\sum_a u_a^2 \neq 0$ . Since  $\sum_c Y_{bc} v_c = 0$  for each  $b$ , (2.2) and (2.4) imply  $\sum_c Y_{ca} u_c = 0$  for each  $a$ . Multiplying (2.1) by  $u_b$  and taking the sum over  $b$  we get  $2u_a \sum_b u_b^2 = u_a$  for each  $a$ . Hence  $\sum_a u_a^2 = \sum_a v_a^2 = \frac{1}{2}$ . It is easily seen that by a suitable choice of orthogonal transformation leaving  $B_{2n}$  invariant we may assume that  $u_{n-1} = v_{n-1} = 1/\sqrt{2}$  and all the other  $u_a$  and  $v_a$  vanish. By (2.1), (2.3) and (2.4) we see that  $Y$  is of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} Y' & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

$Y' \in 0(n - 2)$ . Hence

$$B_{2n} = \sum_{s=1}^{n-2} (x_s^2 - y_s^2) + x_{n-1}^2 - y_{n-1}^2,$$

$$B_{2n+1} = 2 \sum_{s=1}^{n-2} x_s y_s + \sqrt{2}(x_{n-1} + y_{n-1})x_{2n-1}.$$

As in the case (1), from (1.18) we have  $Q_{2n} = B_{2n+1}L$  and  $Q_{2n+1} = -B_{2n}L$  for a linear combination  $L$  of  $x_\alpha, y_\alpha$  and  $x_{2n-1}$ . Then taking account of the coefficients of  $x_{2n}^2$  and  $x_{2n}x_{2n+1}$  in (1.19) we find  $Q = 0$ . But substituting the first equation of (1.14) in (1.21) we can easily see  $n = 2$ . In fact, the coefficient of  $x_{2n}x_{2n+1}$  does not vanish if  $n > 2$ . Since  $a_\alpha = 1$  for  $1 \leq \alpha \leq 6$ , our polynomial should appear in § 3 if it is a solution.

### 3. The case (II)

We put

$$F = x_{2n+2}^4 + Ax_{2n+2}^2 + Bx_{2n+2} + C,$$

where  $A, B$  and  $C$  denote homogeneous polynomials of  $x_1, \dots, x_{2n+1}$  of degree 2, 3 and 4 respectively. It follows from (1.22), (1.23) and (1.25) that by a suitable choice of orthogonal transformation on  $x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}$  we may set

$$B^{n+2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

where the central 0 denotes the zero matrix of degree  $n - 1$ . For each  $r > n + 2$  we put

$$B^r = \begin{bmatrix} x^r & p^r & w^r \\ {}^t p^r & Y^r & q^r \\ w^r & {}^t q^r & z^r \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $Y^r$  is a symmetric matrix of degree  $n - 1$ . Putting  $r = n + 2$  in (1.26) and  $s = n + 2$  in (1.26) we get, respectively,  $x^s + z^s = 0, w^s = 0, Y^s = 0$  for each  $s > n + 2$ , and

$$(3.1) \quad (x^r)^2 + |p^r|^2 + |q^r|^2 = 1, \quad {}^t p^r {}^t q^r + q^r p^r = 0$$

for each  $r > n + 2$ . From (1.25) it follows that

$$(3.2) \quad x^r((x^r)^2 + 2|p^r|^2 - 1) = 0, \quad ((x^r)^2 + |p^r|^2 - 1)p^r = 0$$

for each  $r > n + 2$ . If  $n > 2$  we put  $t = n + 2$  in (1.27) so that

$$(3.3) \quad {}^t p^r {}^t q^s + {}^t p^s {}^t q^r + q^r p^s + q^s p^r = 0,$$

$$(3.4) \quad p^r {}^t p^s + {}^t q^r q^s + x^r x^s = 0 \quad \text{for each distinct } r, s > n + 2.$$

**Lemma.** For each  $r > n + 2$ , either  $|p^r| = 1$ ,  $q^r = 0$  and  $x^r = 0$ , or  $p^r = 0$ ,  $|q^r| = 1$  and  $x^r = 0$ .

*Proof.* It follows from (3.1) and (3.2) that for each  $r > n + 2$ , (1)  $|p^r| = 1$ ,  $q^r = 0$ ,  $x^r = 0$ , or (2)  $p^r = 0$ ,  $|q^r| = 1$ ,  $x^r = 0$ , or (3)  $p^r = 0$ ,  $q^r = 0$ ,  $x^r = \pm 1$ . Suppose that case (3) occurs, or equivalently  $B^r = \pm(x_1^2 - x_{n+1}^2)$ . Then such an  $r$  is unique by (1.24). Hence the polynomial  $P$  (and so also  $F$ ) does not involve the term  $x_1^4$ . Since this is not the case, by the symmetry of  $p^r$  and  $q^r$  we may assume that  $p^r \neq 0$  for some  $r > n + 2$ . Then from (3.3) we have  $q^s p^r = 0$  for each  $s > n + 2$  since  $q^r = 0$  by (1). Thus  $q^s = 0$  for each  $s$ . q.e.d.

Owing to this lemma and (3.4) we may set  $B_r = 2x_1 x_{r-n}$  for each  $r$ . Then, since  $\sum_u (\partial P / \partial x_u)^2 = 16 \sum_u x_u^2$ , we have  $\sum_r (\partial Q / \partial x_r)^2 = 0$  from (1.21). This implies that  $Q = 0$ . It is easily seen that the following polynomial which we just determine satisfies (1.3) and (1.4) for  $m_0 = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & x_{2n+2}^4 + 2\left(x_1^2 + \sum_r x_r^2 - \sum_r x_{r-n}^2\right)x_{2n+2}^2 + 8x_1 \sum_r x_r x_{r-n} x_{2n+2} \\ & + \left(x_1^2 + \sum_r x_{r-n}^2 - \sum_r x_r^2\right)^2 + 4\left(\sum_r x_r x_{r-n}\right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

This is nothing but  $F_n$  in the introduction.

#### 4. Homogeneity of $M$

Let  $M$  be a hypersurface in  $S^{2n+1}$  satisfying the condition of our theorem. Then by § 1 there exist a number  $t$  with  $0 < t < \frac{1}{4}\pi$  and a homogeneous polynomial  $F$  satisfying (1.3) and (1.4) such that  $M = \{x \in S^{2n+1}; F(x) = \sin^2 2t\}$ , and vice versa. In § 2 we prove that every homogeneous polynomial  $F$  satisfying (1.3) and (1.4) is congruent to  $F_n$ , i.e.,  $F(x) = F_n(\sigma x)$  for some  $\sigma \in O(2n + 2)$ . On the other hand, it is known [6] that a hypersurface  $M^{2n}(t) = \{x \in S^{2n+1}; F_n(x) = \sin^2 2t\}$  in  $S^{2n+1}$  admits a transitive group  $G = \text{SO}(n) \times \text{SO}(2)$  of isometries, which can be considered as an analytic subgroup of  $O(2n + 2)$ . Thus  $M$  admits a transitive group  $\sigma^{-1}G\sigma$  of isometries.

**Remark.** There are more examples of connected compact hypersurfaces in  $S^{2n+1}$  having 4 constant principal curvatures with multiplicities  $m_0, m_0, m_1$  and  $m_1$  ( $m_0 + m_1 = n$ ) (cf. [7]). We shall mention only the pairs  $(m_0, m_1)$ :  $(2, 2n - 1)$  ( $n \geq 2$ ),  $(4, 4n - 5)$  ( $n \geq 2$ ),  $(4, 5)$  and  $(6, 9)$ . Each of these examples admits a transitive group of isometries.



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