

GENERIC SUBMANIFOLDS OF AN EVEN-DIMENSIONAL EUCLIDEAN SPACE

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Dedicated to Professor Kentaro Yano on his 70th birthday

0. Introduction

Recently several authors have studied generic submanifolds (anti-holomorphic submanifolds) immersed in Kaehlerian manifolds by using the method of Riemannian fibre bundles ([3], [4] and [8] etc.).

The purpose of the present paper is to characterize generic submanifolds of an even-dimensional Euclidean space.

In §1, we recall fundamental properties and structure equations for generic submanifolds immersed in an even-dimensional Euclidean space.

In §2, we prove some lemmas under the assumption that the f -structure induced on the submanifold and the second fundamental tensors commute.

In §3, we characterize generic submanifolds of an even-dimensional Euclidean space under certain conditions.

In 1971 Yano and Ishihara [6] proved the following.

Theorem A. *Let M be a complete submanifold of dimension n immersed in a Euclidean space E^m of dimension m ($1 < n < m$) with nonnegative sectional curvature. Suppose that the normal connection of M is flat and the mean curvature vector of M is parallel in the normal bundle. If the length of the second fundamental form of M is constant in M , then M is a sphere $S^n(r)$ of dimension n , an n -dimensional plane $E^n(\subset E^m)$, a pythagorean product of the form*

$$(1) \quad S^{p_1}(r_1) \times \cdots \times S^{p_N}(r_N), \quad p_1 + \cdots + p_N = n, \quad 1 < N \leq m - n,$$

or a pythagorean product of the form

$$(2) \quad S^{p_1}(r_1) \times \cdots \times S^{p_N}(r_N) \times E^p, \\ p_1 + \cdots + p_N + p = n, \quad 1 < N \leq m - n,$$

where $S^p(r)$ is a p -sphere with radius r , and $E^p (\subset E^m)$ a p -dimensional plane. If M is a pythagorean product of the form (1) or (2), then M is of essential codimension N .

Using a method quite similar to the one used in Lemma 1.2 of Yano and Kon [8] we can prove that the sectional curvature of an n -dimensional submanifold immersed in E^m with flat normal connection is always non-negative if the second fundamental tensor of the submanifold is parallel. By means of Theorem A, we have

Theorem B. *Let M be a complete submanifold of dimension n immersed in a Euclidean space E^m of dimension m ($1 < n < m$) with flat normal connection. If the second fundamental tensor of M is parallel, then M is of the same type as stated in Theorem A.*

To characterize the submanifolds we shall use Theorem B.

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1. Structure equations of generic submanifolds

Let E^{2m} be a $2m$ -dimensional Euclidean space, and 0 the origin of a Cartesian coordinate system in E^{2m} , and denote by X the position vector representing a point of E^{2m} with respect to the origin. Since E^{2m} is even-dimensional, E^{2m} can be regarded as a flat Hermitian manifold, and hence there exists a tensor field F of type $(1,1)$ with constant components such that

$$(1.1) \quad F^2 = -I, \quad (FX) \cdot (FY) = X \cdot Y$$

for any vectors X and Y , where I denotes the identity transformation, and the dot the inner product in the Euclidean space E^{2m} .

Let M be an n -dimensional Riemannian manifold covered by a system of coordinate neighborhoods $\{U; x^h\}$ and immersed isometrically in E^{2m} by the immersion $i: M \rightarrow E^{2m}$. Throughout this paper the indices h, i, j, k, \dots, t run over the range $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, and the summation convention is used with respect to this system of indices. We identify $i(M)$ with M itself.

Put

$$(1.2) \quad X_i = \partial_i X, \quad \partial_i = \partial / \partial x^i.$$

Then X_i are n linearly independent vector fields tangent to the submanifold M . Denoting by g_{ji} the components of the induced metric tensor of M , we have

$$(1.3) \quad g_{ji} = X_j \cdot X_i,$$

since the immersion is isometric.

Denote by C_x $2m - n$ mutually orthogonal unit normals to M . Throughout this paper the indices u, v, w, x, y and z run over the range $\{n + 1, \dots, 2m\}$, and the summation convention is used with respect to this system of indices. Therefore denoting by ∇_j the operator of the van der Waerden-Bortolotti covariant differentiation with respect to the Christoffel symbols $\{j^k_i\}$ formed with g_{ji} , we have the equations of Gauss and Weingarten for M

$$(1.4) \quad \nabla_j X_i = h_{ji}^x C_x,$$

$$(1.5) \quad \nabla_j C_x = -h_j^k{}_x X_i$$

respectively, where h_{ji}^x are the second fundamental tensors with respect to the normals C_x and $h_j^i{}_x = h_{jh}^y g^{ih} g_{yx}$, g_{yx} being the metric tensor of the normal bundle of M given by $g_{yx} = C_y \cdot C_x$, and $(g^{ji}) = (g_{ji})^{-1}$.

Since the ambient manifold E^{2m} is Euclidean, the equations of Gauss, Codazzi and Ricci for M are respectively given by

$$(1.6) \quad K_{kji}^h = h_k^h{}_x h_{ji}^x - h_j^h{}_x h_{ki}^x,$$

$$(1.7) \quad \nabla_k h_{ji}^x - \nabla_j h_{ki}^x = 0,$$

$$(1.8) \quad K_{jy}^x = h_{ji}^x h_{i'y}^t - h_{it}^x h_{j'y}^t,$$

where K_{kji}^h and K_{jy}^x are the curvature tensors of M and the connection induced in the normal bundle respectively.

Now we consider the submanifold M of E^{2m} which satisfies

$$N_P(M) \perp F(N_P(M))$$

at each point $P \in M$, where $N_P(M)$ denotes the normal space at P . Such a submanifold M is called a generic submanifold (an anti-holomorphic submanifold), [4], [7]. From now on we consider generic submanifolds immersed in an even-dimensional Euclidean space E^{2m} . Then we can put in each coordinate neighborhood

$$(1.9) \quad FX_j = f_j^i X_i - f_j^x C_x,$$

$$(1.10) \quad FC_x = f_x^i X_i,$$

where f_j^i is a tensor field of type (1,1) defined on M , f_j^x a local 1-form for each fixed index x , and $f_x^i = f_j^y g^{ji} g_{yx}$.

Applying F to (1.9) and (1.10) respectively, and using (1.1) and those equations, we can easily find

$$(1.11) \quad f_j^t f_t^h = -\delta_j^h + f_j^x f_x^h,$$

$$(1.12) \quad f_j^t f_t^x = 0, \quad f_t^x f_j^t = 0,$$

$$(1.13) \quad f_i^x f_y^t = \delta_y^x.$$

Moreover, (1.11) and (1.12) imply

$$f_j^h f_h^t f_i^t + f_j^i = 0,$$

and consequently M admits the so-called f -structure satisfying $f^3 + f = 0$ (see [2], [3]).

Substituting (1.9) into $(FX_j) \cdot (FX_i) = X_j \cdot X_i$ gives

$$(1.14) \quad f_j^h f_i^k g_{hk} = g_{ji} - f_j^x f_i^y g_{xy}.$$

By putting $f_{ji} = f_j^t g_{ti}$, $f_{jx} = f_j^y g_{yx}$, we easily see that

$$(1.15) \quad f_{ji} = -f_{ij}, \quad f_{jx} = f_{xj}.$$

If we apply the operator ∇_j of the covariant differentiation to (1.9) and take account of $\nabla_j F = 0$, then we obtain

$$F\nabla_j X_i = (\nabla_j f_i^h)X_h - f_i^h \nabla_j X_h - (\nabla_j f_i^x)C_x - f_i^x \nabla_j C_x.$$

Substituting (1.4) and (1.5) into the above equation yields

$$(1.16) \quad \nabla_j f_i^h = h_{ji}^x f_x^h - h_j^h f_i^x,$$

$$(1.17) \quad \nabla_j f_i^x = h_{ji}^x f_i^t.$$

In the same way, from (1.10) we can also obtain

$$(1.18) \quad \nabla_j f_x^h = h_{jix} f^{ht},$$

$$(1.19) \quad f_x^h h_{jt}^y = h_j^t f_t^y,$$

where $h_{jix} = h_j^t g_{ti}$ and $f^{ht} = f_j^t g^{jh}$ because of (1.4) and (1.5).

We now consider a tensor field S of type (1,2) whose local components are given by

$$S_{ji}^h = [f, f]_{ji}^h + (\nabla_j f_i^x - \nabla_i f_j^x) f_x^h,$$

where

$$[f, f]_{ji}^h = f_j^t \nabla_t f_i^h - f_i^t \nabla_t f_j^h - (\nabla_j f_i^t - \nabla_i f_j^t) f_t^h$$

is the Nijenhuis tensor formed with f_i^h . When the tensor field S vanishes identically, the f -structure induced on M is said to be *normal* (see Nakagawa [2]). But, for generic submanifolds of a Euclidean space, substituting (1.16) and (1.17) into the above equation, we find

$$S_{ji}^h = (h_j^t f_t^h - f_j^t h_t^h) f_i^x - (h_i^t f_t^h - f_i^t h_t^h) f_j^x.$$

Hence if S_{ji}^h vanishes identically, we have

$$(1.20) \quad (h_{jix} f_i^t + h_{itx} f_i^t) f_j^x - (h_{jix} f_i^t + h_{itx} f_i^t) f_j^x = 0,$$

because f_{ji} is skew-symmetric.

Transvecting (1.20) with f_y^j and taking account of (1.12) and (1.13), we find

$$(1.21) \quad h_{iy} f_h^i + h_{hy} f_i^i - (h_{jix} f_h^i f_y^j) f_i^x = 0.$$

Taking the skew-symmetric part with respect to the indices i and h in (1.21) yields

$$(h_{jix} f_h^i f_y^j) f_i^x - (h_{jix} f_i^i f_y^j) f_h^x = 0,$$

which, transvected with f_z^i , gives $h_{jiz} f_h^i f_y^j = 0$ because of (1.12) and (1.13). Consequently (1.21) becomes $h_{iy} f_h^i + h_{hy} f_i^i = 0$. Thus we have

Lemma 1.1. *Let M be an n -dimensional generic submanifold of an even-dimensional Euclidean space E^{2m} . Then the f -structure induced on M is normal if and only if*

$$(1.22) \quad h_j^i x f_i^i = f_j^i h_i^i x.$$

Here we first notice that the condition (1.22) does not depend on the choice of mutually orthogonal unit normal vectors C_x . In fact, if we take another set of mutually orthogonal unit normals $'C_x$, then we have

$$(1.23) \quad 'C_x = \sigma_x^y C_y,$$

where (σ_x^y) is a special orthogonal matrix of degree $2m - n$. Defining the second fundamental tensor $'h_{ji}^x$ with respect to $'C_x$ by $\nabla_j X_i = 'h_{ji}^x C_x$, we have,

$$'h_{ji}^x = \sigma_y^x h_{ji}^y,$$

which implies our assertion.

In this point of view we shall investigate some properties concerning the f -structure induced on M satisfying (1.22) for later uses.

2. Lemmas concerning $h_j^i x f_i^i = f_j^i h_i^i x$.

In this section, we assume throughout that the f -structure induced on M satisfies (1.22), and the normal connection of M is flat. Then from (1.22) we have

$$(2.1) \quad h_{ji}^x f_i^i + h_{ii}^x f_j^i = 0,$$

$$(2.2) \quad h_{ji}^x h_i^i y - h_{ii}^x h_j^i y = 0,$$

which is a direct consequence of the equation (1.8) of Ricci.

Transvecting (2.1) with f_k^i and taking account of (1.11), we obtain

$$h_{jk}^x - (h_{ji}^x f_y^i) f_k^y + h_{si}^x f_j^i f_k^s = 0.$$

Taking the skew-symmetric part with respect to j and k in the above equation gives

$$(h_{ji}^x f_y^i) f_k^y - (h_{ki}^x f_y^i) f_j^y = 0.$$

Transvecting this equation with f_z^h we find

$$(2.3) \quad h_{jt}^x f_y^t = P_{yz}^x f_j^z,$$

where we have put

$$(2.4) \quad P_{yz}^x = h_{jt}^x f_y^j f_z^t.$$

Let $P_{yzx} = g_{wx} P_{yz}^w$. Then P_{yzx} is symmetric for all indices because of (1.19) and (2.3).

Next, transvecting (2.2) with f_z^j and using (2.3), we can get

$$P_{zu}^x P_{yw}^u f_i^w = P_{zy}^u P_{uw}^x f_i^w,$$

which together with (1.13) gives

$$(2.5) \quad P_{uz}^x P_{yw}^u = P_{uw}^x P_{yz}^u,$$

because P_{yzx} is symmetric for all indices. From (2.5) it follows that

$$(2.6) \quad P_{uz}^x P_{yx}^u = P_x P_{yz}^x,$$

where we have put

$$(2.7) \quad P^x = g^{yz} P_{yz}^x.$$

Lemma 2.1. *Let M be a generic submanifold of an even-dimensional Euclidean space E^{2m} with flat normal connection. If the f -structure induced on M satisfies (1.22), then we have*

$$(2.8) \quad h_{jt}^x h_{iy}^t = P_{yz}^x h_{ji}^z.$$

Proof. Differentiating (2.3) covariantly along M and using (1.17), we find

$$(\nabla_k h_{jt}^x) f_y^t + h_j^{tx} h_{ksy} f_t^s = (\nabla_k P_{yz}^x) f_j^z + P_{yz}^x h_{kt}^z f_j^t.$$

Taking the skew-symmetric part in the above equation and using (1.7) and (2.1), we obtain

$$(2.9) \quad 2h^{sx} h_{ksy} f_{jt}^t = (\nabla_k P_{yz}^x) f_j^z - (\nabla_j P_{yz}^x) f_k^z + 2P_{yz}^x h_{kt}^z f_j^t.$$

Transvecting (2.9) with f_w^j gives

$$(2.10) \quad \nabla_k P_{yw}^x = (\nabla_t P_{yz}^x) f_w^t f_k^z,$$

which implies

$$(\nabla_k P_{yz}^x) f_j^z = f_y^t (\nabla_t P_{zw}^x) f_k^w f_j^z,$$

since $P_{yz}^x = P_{zy}^x$. Therefore (2.9) reduces to

$$h_i^{sx} h_{ksy} f_j^t = P_{yz}^x h_{kt}^z f_j^t,$$

Transvecting the above equation with f_i^j and taking account of (1.11), we obtain

$$h_i^{sx} h_{ksy} + h_t^{sx} h_{ksy} f_i^w f_w^t = P_{yz}^x h_{ki}^z + P_{yz}^x h_{kt}^z f_i^w f_w^t,$$

which together with (2.3) implies

$$h_i^{sx} h_{kxy} + P_{wz} {}^x P_{uy} {}^z f {}^u f {}^w = P_{yz} {}^x h_{ki} {}^z + P_{yz} {}^x P_{wu} {}^z f {}^u f {}^w.$$

Thus (2.8) is verified with the help of (2.5), and consequently the proof of the lemma is completed.

Lemma 2.2. *Under the same assumptions as those stated in Lemma 2.1, we have*

$$(2.11) \quad \nabla_j h^x = \nabla_j P^x,$$

where $h^x = g^{ji} h_{ji}^x$.

Proof. Differentiating (2.1) covariantly and using (1.16), we find

$$(\nabla_k h_{jt}^x) f_i^t + h_{jt}^x (h_{ki} {}^y f {}^t - h_{k {}^y} {}^t f {}^i) + (\nabla_k h_{it}^x) f_j^t + h_{it}^x (h_{kj} {}^y f {}^t - h_{k {}^y} {}^t f {}^j) = 0,$$

which together with (2.3) and (2.8) implies

$$(\nabla_k h_{jt}^x) f_i^t + (\nabla_k h_{it}^x) f_j^t = 0.$$

By taking the skew-symmetric part of the above equation with respect to the indices k and j , we see that

$$(\nabla_k h_{it}^x) f_j^t - (\nabla_j h_{it}^x) f_k^t = 0.$$

The last two equations together with (1.7) give $(\nabla_k h_{it}^x) f_j^t = 0$. Transvecting this equation with f_i^j and using (1.11) we obtain

$$\nabla_k h_{it}^x = (\nabla_k h_{it}^x) f_i^y f_y^t,$$

which transvected with g^{it} thus yields

$$(2.12) \quad \nabla_k h^x = (\nabla_k h_{it}^x) f^{iy} f_y^t.$$

On the other hand, from (2.4) and (2.7) we have

$$P^x = h_{st}^x f^{sy} f_y^t.$$

If we differentiate the above equation covariantly and take account of (2.12), then we have

$$\nabla_j P^x = \nabla_j h^x + h_{st}^x (\nabla_j f^{sy}) f_y^t + h_{st}^x f^{sy} (\nabla_j f_y^t).$$

Substituting (1.18) into the above equation and using (1.12), we arrive at (2.11). Hence Lemma 2.2 is proved.

3. Some characterizations of generic submanifolds

We first prove

Lemma 3.1. *Let M be a generic submanifold of an even-dimensional Euclidean space E^{2m} with flat normal connection. If the f -structure induced on*

M satisfies (1.22), then we have

$$(3.1) \quad \frac{1}{2} \Delta(h_{ji}^x h^{ji}_x) = (\nabla_j \nabla_i h^x) h^{ji}_x + \|\nabla_k h_{ji}^x\|^2,$$

where $\Delta = g^{ji} \nabla_j \nabla_i$.

Proof. From the Ricci identity and (1.8) and $K_{jiv}^x = 0$:

$$\nabla_k \nabla_j h_{ih}^x - \nabla_j \nabla_k h_{ih}^x = -K_{kji}^t h_{th}^x - K_{kjh}^t h_{it}^x,$$

we obtain, in consequence of (1.7),

$$(3.2) \quad \nabla^k \nabla_k h_{ji}^x - \nabla_j \nabla_h h^x = K_{ji}^t h_i^{tx} - K_{kjih}^t h^{ktx}$$

where K_{ji} is the Ricci tensor of M given by

$$(3.3) \quad K_{ji} = h^x h_{jix} - h_{ji}^x h_i^x.$$

Transvecting (3.2) with h^{ji}_x and making use of (1.6), (2.8), (3.3), (2.2) and (2.7), we get

$$(3.4) \quad (\nabla^k \nabla_k h_{ji}^x) h^{ji}_x - (\nabla_j \nabla_h h^x) h^{ji}_x = (P_{yz} P_w^{yz} P_u^{xw} - P^y P_{yxw} P_u^{xw}) h^u.$$

Consequently (3.4) reduces to

$$(\nabla^k \nabla_k h_{ji}^x) h^{ji}_x = (\nabla_j \nabla_i h^x) h^{ji}_x$$

because of (2.6).

On the other hand, we have by definition

$$\frac{1}{2} \Delta(h_{ji}^x h^{ji}_x) = (\nabla^k \nabla_k h_{ji}^x) h^{ji}_x + \|\nabla_k h_{ji}^x\|^2.$$

Thus the last two equations give (3.1). This completes the proof of the lemma.

The mean curvature vector

$$H = \frac{1}{n} h^x C_x,$$

which is globally defined on M , is said to be parallel in the normal bundle if $\nabla_j h^x = 0$. In this case we have $\nabla_j P^x = 0$ by means of (2.11). Since $h_{ji}^x h^{ji}_x = P_x h^x$, the function $h_{ji}^x h^{ji}_x$ is constant on M . Hence (3.1) implies $\nabla_k h_{ji}^x = 0$, and consequently by means of Theorem B in §0 we have

Theorem 3.2. *Let M be an n -dimensional complete generic submanifold of a $2m$ -dimensional Euclidean space E^{2m} with flat normal connection. If the f -structure induced on M satisfies (1.22), and the mean curvature vector is parallel in the normal bundle, then M is an n -sphere $S^n(r)$, an n -dimensional plane E^n ($\subset E^{2m}$), a pythagorean product of the form*

$$(1) S^{p_1}(r_1) \times \cdots \times S^{p_N}(r_N),$$

$$p_1, \cdots, p_N \geq 1, p_1 + \cdots + p_N = n, 1 < N \leq 2m - n,$$

or a pythagorean product of the form

$$(2) S^{p_1}(r_1) \times \cdots \times S^{p_N}(r_N) \times E^p,$$

$$p_1, \cdots, p_N, p \geq 1, p_1 + \cdots + p_N + p = n, 1 < N \leq 2m - n,$$

where $S^p(r)$ is a p -sphere with radius $r > 0$ and E^p a p -dimensional plane. If M is a pythagorean product of the form (1) or (2), then M is of essential codimension N .

Combining Lemma 1.1 and Theorem 3.2 we conclude

Theorem 3.3. *Let M be an n -dimensional complete generic submanifold of a $2m$ -dimensional Euclidean space E^{2m} with flat normal connection. If the f -structure induced on M is normal, and the mean curvature vector is parallel in the normal bundle, then M is of the same type as stated in Theorem 3.2.*

We next prove

Lemma 3.4. *Under the same assumptions as those stated in Lemma 3.1, the scalar curvature of M is constant.*

Proof. From (2.10) we have, in consequence of (2.7),

$$(3.5) \quad \nabla_i P_x = (f_x^t \nabla_t P_z) f_i^z$$

which implies

$$(3.6) \quad f_j^t \nabla_t P_x = 0.$$

Differentiating (3.5) covariantly and using (1.17) we find

$$\nabla_j \nabla_i P_x = \nabla_j (f_x^t \nabla_t P_z) f_i^z + (f_x^t \nabla_t P_z) h_{js}^z f_i^s.$$

Taking the skew-symmetric part with respect to j and i in the above equation and using (2.1) and (2.2), we obtain

$$\nabla_j (f_x^t \nabla_t P_z) f_i^z - \nabla_i (f_x^t \nabla_t P_z) f_j^z + 2(f_x^t \nabla_t P_z) h_{js}^z f_i^s = 0.$$

Transvecting the above equation with f^{ji} and using (1.11) and (1.12) give

$$(f_x^t \nabla_t P_z) h_{js}^z (-g^{sj} + f^{sy} f_y^j) = 0,$$

which together with (2.4) and (2.7) implies

$$(f_x^t \nabla_t P_z)(h^z - P^z) = 0.$$

Transvecting the above equation with f_j^x and using (1.11) and (3.6), we have $(\nabla_j P_x)(h^x - P^x) = 0$. Thus from (2.11) it follows that

$$(3.7) \quad (\nabla_j h_x)(h^x - P^x) = 0.$$

On the other hand, the scalar curvature K of M is given by

$$(3.8) \quad K = (h^x - P^x) h_x$$

because of (2.8) and (3.3). Differentiating (3.8) covariantly and taking account of (2.11) and (3.7), we can see that K is constant on M . Thus Lemma 3.4 is proved.

Finally we prove

Theorem 3.5. *Let M be an n -dimensional compact generic submanifold of a $2m$ -dimensional Euclidean space E^{2m} with flat normal connection. If the f -structure induced on M satisfies (1.22), then M is locally symmetric.*

Proof. From (2.8) and (3.3), we have

$$(3.9) \quad K_{ji} = (h^x - P^x)h_{jix}.$$

Differentiating (3.9) covariantly and taking account of (2.11), we find

$$(3.10) \quad \nabla^k \nabla_k K_{ji} = (h^x - P^x) \nabla^k h_{jix}.$$

Substituting (1.6) and (3.9) into (3.2) and using (2.8), we obtain

$$\nabla^k \nabla_k h_{ji}^x - \nabla_j \nabla_i h^x = 0.$$

Thus (3.10) becomes

$$\nabla^k \nabla_k K_{ji} = (h^x - P^x) \nabla_j \nabla_i h_x = \nabla_j \nabla_i K$$

because of (2.11) and (3.8). From Lemma 3.4 it follows that $\nabla^k \nabla_k K_{ji} = 0$. Since M is compact, the identity

$$\frac{1}{2} \Delta(K_{ji} K^{ji}) = (\nabla^k \nabla_k K_{ji}) K^{ji} + \|\nabla_k K_{ji}\|^2$$

gives

$$(3.11) \quad \nabla_k K_{ji} = 0.$$

On the other hand, if we substitute (1.6) into the right-hand side of the Ricci identity:

$$\nabla_l \nabla_m K_{kjih} - \nabla_m \nabla_l K_{kjih} = K_{mlk} {}^l K_{tjih} + K_{mlj} {}^l K_{tkih} + K_{mli} {}^l K_{kjth} + K_{mlh} {}^l K_{kjit}$$

and use (2.8), then we get

$$\nabla_l \nabla_m K_{kjih} = \nabla_m \nabla_l K_{kjih},$$

which implies that

$$(3.12) \quad \nabla^l \nabla_m K_{ljih} = \nabla_m \nabla^l K_{ljih},$$

$$(3.13) \quad \nabla^l \nabla_m K_{kljh} = -\nabla_m \nabla^l K_{kljh}.$$

By means of (3.11) and the second Bianchi identity:

$$(3.14) \quad \nabla_l K_{kjih} + \nabla_k K_{jljh} + \nabla_j K_{lkjh} = 0,$$

we have $\nabla^l K_{ljih} = 0$. Thus (3.12) and (3.13) reduce respectively to

$$\nabla^l \nabla_m K_{ljih} = 0, \quad \nabla^l \nabla_m K_{kljh} = 0,$$

which together with (3.14) imply that

$$(3.15) \quad \nabla^l \nabla_l K_{kjih} = 0.$$

Since M is compact, from the identity:

$$\frac{1}{2} \Delta (K_{kjih} K^{kjih}) = (\nabla^l \nabla_l K_{kjih}) K^{kjih} + \|\nabla_l K_{kjih}\|^2,$$

it follows that $\nabla_k K_{jih} = 0$ because of (3.15). This gives the proof of the theorem.

Combining Lemma 1.1 and Theorem 3.5 we have

Theorem 3.6. *Let M be an n -dimensional compact generic submanifold of a $2m$ -dimensional Euclidean space E^{2m} with flat normal connection. If the f -structure induced on M is normal, then M is locally symmetric.*

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