

*CERTAIN CURVATURE CHARACTERIZATIONS
OF AFFINE HYPERSURFACES*

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1. Introduction. Let A^{n+1} be an $(n+1)$ -dimensional, $n \geq 2$, affine space considered as a homogeneous space under the action of the unimodular affine group $ASL(n+1, \mathbb{R})$. We denote by $(\tilde{\nabla}, \tilde{\Theta})$ the natural equiaffine structure on A^{n+1} , i.e. the standard torsion-free connection $\tilde{\nabla}$ and the volume element $\tilde{\Theta}$ given by the determinant which is parallel with respect to this connection.

Suppose that M is a non-degenerate hypersurface in A^{n+1} with the affine normal ξ and with induced equiaffine structure (∇, Θ) (we refer to [23] and [31] for the construction of ξ and (∇, Θ)). Thus we have

$$(1.1) \quad \tilde{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y)\xi,$$

$$(1.2) \quad \tilde{\nabla}_X \xi = -SX$$

for all vector fields X and Y tangent to M , where h is a non-degenerate symmetric bilinear form and S a $(1, 1)$ -tensor field on M . The tensor field S is called the *affine shape operator*. The fundamental equations of M in A^{n+1} (i.e. the equations of Gauss, Codazzi and Ricci) are (see [23], [24], [22]):

$$(1.3) \quad R(X, Y)Z = h(Y, Z)SX - h(X, Z)SY,$$

$$(1.4) \quad C(X, Y, Z) = C(Y, X, Z),$$

$$(1.5) \quad (\nabla_X S)Y = (\nabla_Y S)X,$$

$$(1.6) \quad h(X, SY) = h(SX, Y),$$

where R is the curvature tensor of ∇ defined by

$$R(X, Y)Z = \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_{[X, Y]}Z$$

and the $(0, 3)$ -tensor C is given by

$$C(X, Y, Z) = (\nabla h)(Y, Z; X) = Xh(Y, Z) - h(\nabla_X Y, Z) - h(Y, \nabla_X Z),$$

X, Y, Z being vector fields tangent to M . The tensor field C is called the *cubic form* of M .

A non-degenerate hypersurface M in A^{n+1} is said to be an *affine hypersphere* if the equality

$$S = \lambda I, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R},$$

holds on M , where I denotes the identity $(1, 1)$ -tensor field on M . If $\lambda \neq 0$ (resp. $\lambda = 0$), then a hypersurface M is called a *proper affine hypersphere* (resp. an *improper affine hypersphere*).

The basic definitions and formulas are given in Section 2. In Section 3 we obtain some results on non-degenerate hypersurfaces M in A^{n+1} satisfying certain curvature conditions imposed on its cubic form. In Section 4 we consider a curvature condition imposed on the tensor R of M . These subjects are a continuation of the investigations presented in [1] and [31], respectively. In these sections we also consider curvature conditions imposed on the generalized curvature tensor R^* defined in [27]. Moreover, in Section 4 we consider affine-quasi-umbilical hypersurfaces M in A^{n+1} . This class of hypersurfaces was introduced in [26]. We prove (see Theorem 4.8) that such hypersurfaces in A^{n+1} , $n \geq 4$, are characterized by the vanishing on M of the Weyl curvature tensor $W(R^*)$ corresponding to the tensor R^* .

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2. Pseudosymmetry curvature conditions on affine hypersurfaces. Let M be a connected n -dimensional, $n \geq 2$, smooth Riemannian manifold with a not necessarily definite metric h . We denote by ∇ , R , \bar{R} , $\text{Ric}(R)$ and $W(R)$ the Levi-Civita connection, the curvature tensor, the Riemann-Christoffel curvature tensor, the Ricci tensor and the Weyl conformal curvature tensor of (M, h) , respectively. Denote by $\mathfrak{X}(M)$ the Lie algebra of vector fields on M .

For a symmetric $(0, 2)$ -tensor field D on M define the endomorphism $X \wedge_D Y$ of $\mathfrak{X}(M)$ by

$$(2.1) \quad (X \wedge_D Y)Z = D(Y, Z)X - D(X, Z)Y,$$

where $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$. The endomorphism $X \wedge_h Y$ will be denoted simply by $X \wedge Y$. Further, for a $(1, 3)$ -tensor field B on M satisfying

$$(2.2) \quad B(X, Y, Z) = -B(Y, X, Z),$$

we denote by $B(X, Y)$ the endomorphism of $\mathfrak{X}(M)$ defined by

$$B(X, Y)Z = B(X, Y, Z).$$

We extend the endomorphisms $X \wedge_D Y$ and $B(X, Y)$ to derivations $(X \wedge_D Y) \cdot$ and $B(X, Y) \cdot$ of the algebra of tensor fields on M , assuming that they commute with contractions and

$$(X \wedge_D Y) \cdot f = 0, \quad B(X, Y) \cdot f = 0,$$

for any function f on M . Now, for any (l, k) -tensor field T on M we define the $(l, k + 2)$ -tensors $B \cdot T$ and $Q(D, T)$ by

$$\begin{aligned} (B \cdot T)(\omega^1, \dots, \omega^l, X_1, \dots, X_k; X, Y) &= (B(X, Y) \cdot T)(\omega^1, \dots, \omega^l, X_1, \dots, X_k) \\ &= - \sum_{i=1}^l T(\omega^1, \dots, B(X, Y) \cdot \omega^i, \dots, \omega^l, X_1, \dots, X_k) \\ &\quad - \sum_{j=1}^k T(\omega^1, \dots, \omega^l, X_1, \dots, B(X, Y) \cdot X_j, \dots, X_k), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q(D, T)(\omega^1, \dots, \omega^l, X_1, \dots, X_k; X, Y) &= -((X \wedge_D Y) \cdot T)(\omega^1, \dots, \omega^l, X_1, \dots, X_k) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^l T(\omega^1, \dots, (X \wedge_D Y) \cdot \omega^i, \dots, \omega^l, X_1, \dots, X_k) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^k T(\omega^1, \dots, \omega^l, X_1, \dots, (X \wedge_D Y) \cdot X_j, \dots, X_k) \end{aligned}$$

respectively, where $X, Y, X_1, \dots, X_k \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ and $\omega^1, \dots, \omega^l$ are real-valued 1-forms on M .

Two (l, k) -tensor fields T_1 and T_2 on M are *pseudosymmetric related* with respect to a $(1, 3)$ -tensor B satisfying (2.2) and a symmetric $(0, 2)$ -tensor D if

$$(*) \quad B \cdot T_1 \text{ and } Q(D, T_2) \text{ are linearly dependent at every point of } M.$$

In the special case when $T_1 = T_2 = T$, we say that the tensor field T is *pseudosymmetric* with respect to B and D . A tensor field T on M will be called *semisymmetric* with respect to a $(1, 3)$ -tensor B satisfying (2.2) if $B \cdot T$ vanishes on M .

A tensor field B of type $(1, 3)$ on M is said to be a *generalized curvature tensor* [21] if

$$B(X_1, X_2, X_3) + B(X_2, X_3, X_1) + B(X_3, X_1, X_2) = 0,$$

$B(X_1, X_2, X_3) = -B(X_2, X_1, X_3)$, $\bar{B}(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) = \bar{B}(X_3, X_4, X_1, X_2)$, where $\bar{B}(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) = h(B(X_1, X_2, X_3), X_4)$ and $X_1, \dots, X_4 \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$. The *Ricci tensor* $\text{Ricc}(B)$ of B is the trace of the linear mapping $X_1 \mapsto B(X_1, X_2, X_3)$. If $n = \dim M \geq 3$ then we can define the *Weyl curvature tensor* $W(B)$ of B by

$$W(B)(X_1, \dots, X_4) = \bar{B}(X_1, \dots, X_4) + \frac{K(B)}{(n-1)(n-2)} h((X_1 \wedge X_2)X_3, X_4) - \frac{1}{n-2} (h((X_1 \wedge_{\text{Ricc}(B)} X_2)X_3, X_4) - h((X_1 \wedge_{\text{Ricc}(B)} X_2)X_4, X_3)),$$

where $K(B)$ is the scalar curvature of B .

For a generalized curvature tensor B we define the tensor $Z(B)$ by

$$Z(B)(X_1, \dots, X_4) = \bar{B}(X_1, \dots, X_4) - \frac{K(B)}{n(n-1)} h((X_1 \wedge X_2)X_3, X_4).$$

The following proposition gives examples of pseudosymmetric related tensors.

PROPOSITION 2.1. *If B is a $(1, 3)$ -tensor field on a manifold (M, h) of the form*

$$(2.3) \quad B(X, Y, Z) = \bar{A}(Y, Z)AX - \bar{A}(X, Z)AY,$$

where A is a $(1, 1)$ -tensor field on M and \bar{A} is the symmetric $(0, 2)$ -tensor field defined by $\bar{A}(X, Z) = h(X, AZ)$, then

$$(2.4) \quad B \cdot \bar{B} = Q(\text{Ricc}(B), \bar{B})$$

on M .

The above assertion is an immediate consequence of (2.3) and the definitions of \bar{B} , $B \cdot \bar{B}$ and $Q(\text{Ricc}(B), \bar{B})$.

Manifolds satisfying (2.4) were considered in [14]. For instance, it was proved (see [14], Theorem 1) that if B is a generalized curvature tensor field on M , then (2.4) is satisfied at each point of M at which there exists a non-zero covector w satisfying

$$(2.5) \quad w(X_1)B(X_2, X_3, X_4) + w(X_2)B(X_3, X_1, X_4) + w(X_3)B(X_1, X_2, X_4) = 0,$$

where X_1, \dots, X_4 are tangent vectors at x . Examples of manifolds fulfilling (2.4) for $B = R$ or $B = W(R)$ are given in [14] and [2]. Furthermore, in [8] it was proved that any conformally flat manifold M of dimension ≥ 4

satisfying (2.4) with $B = R$ is pseudosymmetric. A Riemannian manifold M is said to be *pseudosymmetric* if the Riemann–Christoffel curvature tensor \bar{R} is pseudosymmetric with respect to the curvature tensor R and the metric tensor h [12]. Recently, pseudosymmetric manifolds were studied in [3]–[5], [10]–[12], [15]–[16], and [18]–[20].

Ricci-pseudosymmetric manifolds and Weyl-pseudosymmetric manifolds can be defined in a similar manner. Such manifolds were investigated in [6], [7], [9], [13], [17] and [25]. Certain properties of pseudosymmetric (with respect to R and h) generalized curvature tensors were also obtained in [11], [12] and [16].

A $(0, k)$ -tensor field T on M is said to be *totally symmetric* (cf. [1]) if

$$T(X_1, \dots, X_k) = T(X_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, X_{\sigma(k)})$$

for any permutation σ of $\{1, \dots, k\}$ and $X_1, \dots, X_k \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$.

Let now M be a non-degenerate hypersurface of the affine space A^{n+1} . The following proposition states that on M there exist tensor fields which are pseudosymmetric related with respect to the tensors R and h .

PROPOSITION 2.2. *On any non-degenerate hypersurface M in A^{n+1} we have*

$$(2.6) \quad R \cdot h = Q(h, \bar{S}),$$

$$(2.7) \quad R \cdot \bar{S} = Q(h, \bar{S}^2),$$

$$(2.8) \quad R \cdot C = Q(h, CS),$$

where CS is the $(0, 3)$ -tensor fields defined by

$$(2.9) \quad CS(X, Y, Z) = C(SX, Y, Z)$$

and \bar{S} and \bar{S}^2 are the $(0, 2)$ -tensor fields defined by

$$\bar{S}(X, Y) = h(SX, Y) \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{S}^2(X, Y) = \bar{S}(SX, Y),$$

respectively.

The above proposition is an immediate consequence of the following proposition:

PROPOSITION 2.3. *Let T be a totally symmetric $(0, k)$ -tensor field, $k \geq 1$, on a non-degenerate hypersurface M in A^{n+1} . Then*

$$R \cdot T = Q(h, TS)$$

on M , where TS is the $(0, k)$ -tensor field defined by

$$TS(X_1, \dots, X_k) = T(SX_1, X_2, \dots, X_k).$$

Proof. This is a consequence of the Gauss equation (1.3) and the definition of pseudosymmetric related tensors.

Moreover, it can be easily noted that the following proposition is also true.

PROPOSITION 2.4. *Any tensor field on an affine hypersphere M in A^{n+1} is pseudosymmetric with respect to R and h .*

We give another example of pseudosymmetric related tensors. On a non-degenerate hypersurface M in A^{n+1} consider the generalized curvature tensor R defined by ([27])

$$(2.10) \quad R^*(X, Y, Z) = R(X, Y)SZ = \bar{S}(Y, Z)SX - \bar{S}(X, Z)SY.$$

The equality (2.10) implies

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{R}^*(X_1, \dots, X_4) &= h(R^*(X_1, X_2, X_3), X_4) \\ &= \bar{S}(X_1, X_4)\bar{S}(X_2, X_3) - \bar{S}(X_1, X_3)\bar{S}(X_2, X_4). \end{aligned}$$

From Proposition 2.1 we easily obtain the following corollary.

COROLLARY 2.5. *Let M be a non-degenerate hypersurface in A^{n+1} . Then*

$$R^* \cdot \bar{R}^* = Q(\text{Ricc}(R^*), \bar{R}^*)$$

on M .

A non-degenerate hypersurface M in A^{n+1} is said to be an *affine Einstein hypersurface* ([27]) if $\text{Ricc}(R^*)$ is proportional to h . Thus Corollary 2.5 yields

COROLLARY 2.6. *The curvature tensor \bar{R}^* of a non-degenerate affine Einstein hypersurface in A^{n+1} is pseudosymmetric with respect to R^* and h .*

To end this section, we prove some lemmas.

LEMMA 2.7 ([8], Theorem 3.5). *Let B be a generalized curvature tensor on a Riemannian manifold (M, h) , $n \geq 4$, with a not necessarily definite metric h . Moreover, suppose the Weyl curvature tensor $W(B)$ vanishes on M . Then*

$$B \cdot \bar{B} = Q(\text{Ricc}(B), \bar{B})$$

on M if and only if at each point of M the Ricci tensor $\text{Ricc}(B)$ has the form

$$\text{Ricc}(B) = \alpha h + \beta a \otimes a, \quad \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R},$$

where a is a covector.

LEMMA 2.8. *Let A and B be two symmetric $(0, 2)$ -tensors at a point x of a Riemannian manifold (M, h) with a not necessarily definite metric h .*

- (i) *If $Q(A, B) = 0$ at x then A and B are linearly dependent.*
- (ii) *If $A \circ B = B \circ A$ at x and*

$$(2.12) \quad \alpha Q(h, A) + \gamma Q(A, B) + \beta Q(h, B) = 0, \quad \alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \gamma \neq 0,$$

at x then the tensors

$$A - \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{tr}(A)h \quad \text{and} \quad B - \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{tr}(B)h$$

are linearly dependent, where $A \circ B$ is the $(0, 2)$ -tensor with the local components $(A \circ B)_{rs} = h^{pq}A_{rp}B_{qs}$.

Proof. (i) The proof was given in [8] (see the proof of Lemma 3.4).

(ii) Contracting the equality

$$\alpha Q(h, A)_{rstu} + \gamma Q(A, B)_{rstu} + \beta Q(h, B)_{rstu} = 0$$

with h^{ru} we obtain

$$\alpha \left(A - \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{tr}(A)h \right) + \gamma \left(\frac{1}{n} \operatorname{tr}(A)B - \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{tr}(B)A \right) + \beta \left(B - \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{tr}(B)h \right) = 0,$$

which yields

$$\alpha Q(h, A) + \gamma Q\left(\frac{1}{n} \operatorname{tr}(A)h, B\right) - \gamma Q\left(\frac{1}{n} \operatorname{tr}(B)h, A\right) + \beta Q(h, B) = 0.$$

Next, subtracting the above equality from (2.12) we get

$$\gamma Q\left(A - \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{tr}(A)h, B - \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{tr}(B)h\right) = 0.$$

Now (i) completes the proof.

LEMMA 2.9. *Let (M, h) , $\dim M \geq 4$, be a Riemannian manifold with a not necessarily definite metric h . If a symmetric $(0, 2)$ -tensor A satisfies at $x \in M$ the condition*

$$\begin{aligned} (2.13) \quad & A((X_1 \wedge_A X_2)X_3, X_4) \\ &= \frac{1}{(n-1)(n-2)}((n-2)\tau - \varrho\|a\|^2)h((X_1 \wedge X_2)X_3, X_4) \\ &+ \frac{1}{n-2}(h((X_1 \wedge_{a \otimes a} X_2)X_3, X_4) \\ &- h((X_1 \wedge_{a \otimes a} X_2)X_4, X_3)), \quad \tau, \varrho \in \mathbb{R}, \end{aligned}$$

then $A = \alpha h + \beta b \otimes b$, $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$, at x , where $\|a\|^2$ is the square of the norm of the covector a .

Proof. (2.13) can be written in the form

$$\begin{aligned} (2.14) \quad & A_{ru}A_{st} - A_{rt}A_{su} \\ &= \frac{1}{(n-1)(n-2)}((n-2)\tau - \|a\|^2\varrho)(h_{ru}h_{st} - h_{rt}h_{su}) \\ &+ \frac{1}{n-2}\varrho(h_{ru}a_s a_t + h_{st}a_r a_u - h_{rt}a_s a_u - h_{su}a_r a_t). \end{aligned}$$

Contracting this with h^{ru} we obtain

$$(2.15) \quad \operatorname{tr}(A)A_{st} - A^2_{st} = \tau h_{st} + \varrho a_s a_t,$$

where A_{ru} , A^2_{ru} , h_{ru} , and a_r are the local components of the tensors A , $A^2 = A \circ A$, h and a , respectively.

Next, transvecting (2.15) with $A^r_p = A_{qp}h^{rq}$ we obtain

$$(2.16) \quad \begin{aligned} & A^2_{ru}A_{st} - A^2_{rt}A_{su} \\ &= \frac{1}{(n-1)(n-2)}((n-2)\tau - \varrho\|a\|^2)(A_{ru}h_{st} - A_{rt}h_{su}) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{n-2}\varrho(A_{ru}a_s a_t - A_{rt}a_s a_u + h_{st}P_r a_u - h_{su}P_r a_t), \end{aligned}$$

where $P_r = a_p A^p_r$. Further, contracting the above relation with h^{st} , we get

$$\operatorname{tr}(A)A^2_{ru} - A^3_{ru} = \tau A_{ru} + \varrho P_r a_u, \quad A^3_{ru} = A^2_{pr}h^{pq}A_{qu}.$$

From this it follows immediately that

$$\varrho P_r = \varrho \lambda a_r, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Using the above equality and (2.15) we can write (2.16) in the form

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{tr}(A)(A_{ru}A_{st} - A_{rt}A_{su}) - \tau(h_{ru}A_{st} - h_{rt}A_{su}) - \beta(a_r a_u A_{st} - a_r a_t A_{su}) \\ &= \frac{1}{(n-1)(n-2)}((n-2)\tau - \varrho\|a\|^2)(A_{ru}a_s a_t - A_{rt}a_s a_u) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{n-2}\varrho(a_s a_t A_{ru} - a_s a_u A_{rt} + \lambda(a_r a_u h_{st} - a_r a_t h_{su})). \end{aligned}$$

This, by symmetrization in r and s , yields

$$(2.17) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{n-2}{n-1}\tau + \frac{1}{n-2}\varrho\|a\|^2 \right) Q(h, A)_{rstu} + \frac{n-3}{n-2}\varrho Q(a \otimes a, A)_{rstu} \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{n-2}\lambda \varrho Q(a \otimes a, h)_{rstu} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

If $\varrho \neq 0$ then from Lemma 2.8(ii) it follows that the tensors $A - \frac{1}{n}\operatorname{tr}(A)h$ and $a \otimes a - \frac{1}{n}\|a\|^2 h$ are linearly dependent. So A has the required form. If $\varrho = 0$ then (2.17) yields $\tau Q(h, A) = 0$, whence we get $A - \frac{1}{n}\operatorname{tr}(A)h = 0$ or $\tau = 0$. In the second case, i.e. when $\tau = 0$, (2.14) implies that $\operatorname{rank}(A) = 1$. The last remark completes the proof.

3. Curvature conditions imposed on the cubic form. Let M be non-degenerate hypersurface in the affine space A^{n+1} , $n \geq 2$. Let A be the $(0, 4)$ -tensor field on M defined by

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} & A(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) \\ &= (\nabla C)(X_1, X_2, X_3; X_4) - (\nabla C)(X_1, X_2, X_4; X_3), \end{aligned}$$

where X_1, \dots, X_4 are vector fields tangent to M . Note that in virtue of (1.3), A satisfies the condition

$$(3.2) \quad A = R \cdot h.$$

From this and (2.6) it follows that A vanishes if and only if the tensor \bar{S} is proportional to h (i.e. ∇C is totally symmetric). Non-degenerate hypersurface in A^{n+1} with ∇C and $\nabla^2 C$ totally symmetric were considered in [1]. ∇C and $\nabla^2 C$ are both totally symmetric if and only if $C = 0$ or $S = 0$ ([1], Theorem 1). In the special case when $\nabla C = 0$ and $C \neq 0$, then $S = 0$, ∇ is flat, the Pick invariant of M vanishes and h is a hyperbolic metric with zero Ricci tensor ([1], Corollary). Of course, if $\nabla^2 C$ is totally symmetric, then $R \cdot C = 0$ (i.e. C is semisymmetric with respect to R). As a generalization of the semisymmetry of C with respect to R , we can consider the pseudosymmetry of C with respect to R and h . Note that $Q(h, C)$ vanishes at $x \in M$ if and only if C vanishes at x . Thus

$$(3.3) \quad R \cdot C = L_C Q(h, C)$$

on the set U_C of all points of M at which C is non-zero, where L_C is a function defined on U_C .

PROPOSITION 3.1. *Let M be a non-degenerate hypersurface in A^{n+1} . Then C satisfies (3.3) on U_C if and only if*

$$(3.4) \quad C((S - L_C I)X, Y, Z) = 0$$

on U_C , where X, Y, Z are vector fields tangent to U_C .

PROOF. If (3.4) holds on U_C then (3.3) is also satisfied. This is an immediate consequence of (2.8). Assume now that (3.3) holds on U_C . Let $U \subset U_C$ be a coordinate neighbourhood. We can write (3.3) in the form

$$\begin{aligned} & -C_{pst}R^p{}_{rvw} - C_{rpt}R^p{}_{svw} - C_{rsp}R^p{}_{tvw} \\ & = L_C(h_{rw}C_{vst} + h_{sw}C_{rvt} + h_{tw}C_{rsv} - h_{rv}C_{wst} - h_{sv}C_{rwt} - h_{tv}C_{rsw}), \end{aligned}$$

where $R^p{}_{rvw}$, C_{rst} and h_{rw} are the local components of R , C and h , respectively. Applying (1.3) to the above equality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & h_{rw}V_v{}^p C_{pst} + h_{sw}V_v{}^p C_{prt} + h_{tw}V_v{}^p C_{prs} \\ & \quad - h_{rv}V_w{}^p C_{pst} - h_{sv}V_w{}^p C_{prt} - h_{tv}V_w{}^p C_{prs} = 0, \end{aligned}$$

where $V_v{}^p = S_v{}^p - L_C \delta_v^p$. The above relation, by contraction with h^{rw} , yields

$$(3.5) \quad (n+1)V_v{}^p C_{pst} = h_{sv}V^{pq}C_{pqt} + h_{tv}V^{pq}C_{pqs},$$

whence, by contraction with h^{st} and making use of the apolarity condition $h^{pq}C_{pqs} = 0$, we obtain

$$(3.6) \quad V^{pq}C_{pqt} = 0,$$

where $V^{pq} = h^{ps}V_s^q$ and h^{ps} are the local components of h^{-1} . Substituting (3.6) into (3.5) we obtain (3.4) on U , which completes the proof.

Now we will consider non-degenerate hypersurfaces M in A^{n+1} which have a tensor field A pseudosymmetric with respect to R and h .

LEMMA 3.2. *Let M be a non-degenerate hypersurface in A^{n+1} . Then the tensor $Q(h, A)$ vanishes at $x \in M$ if and only if \bar{S} is proportional to h at x .*

Proof. Of course, if \bar{S} is proportional to h at x then both A and $Q(h, A)$ vanish at x . Assume now that $Q(h, A)$ vanishes at x . Let $U \subset M$ be a coordinate neighbourhood of x . Thus, at x ,

$$(3.7) \quad \begin{aligned} & h_{rw}A_{vstu} + h_{sw}A_{rvtu} + h_{tw}A_{rsvu} + h_{uw}A_{rstv} \\ & - h_{rv}A_{wstu} - h_{sv}A_{rwtu} - h_{tv}A_{rswu} - h_{uv}A_{rstw} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Contracting this with h^{tw} and h^{uv} we obtain

$$(3.8) \quad (n-2)A_{rsvu} = A_{vsur} + A_{vrus} - h_{sv}h^{pq}A_{pruq} - h_{rv}h^{pq}A_{psuq},$$

$$(3.9) \quad h^{pq}A_{psrq} = -h^{pq}A_{prsq}.$$

Similarly, contracting (3.7) with h^{rw} and h^{uv} and using (3.9) we find

$$(3.10) \quad 2h^{pq}A_{pstq} = h^{pq}A_{pqtst}.$$

On the other hand, from (2.6) and (3.2) it follows that

$$(3.11) \quad h^{pq}A_{pqtst} = 0.$$

Now (3.8), by (3.11) and (3.10), takes the form

$$(n-1)(h_{ru}\bar{S}_{vs} - h_{rv}\bar{S}_{us} + h_{us}\bar{S}_{rv} - h_{sv}\bar{S}_{ru}) = 2(h_{rs}\bar{S}_{uv} - h_{uv}\bar{S}_{rs}),$$

whence, by contraction with h^{rs} , we obtain our assertion.

From the last lemma it follows that if a tensor field A is pseudosymmetric with respect to R and h then

$$(3.12) \quad R \cdot A = L_A Q(h, A)$$

on the set U_A of all points of M at which A is non-zero, where L_A is a function defined on U_A .

THEOREM 3.3. *Let M be a non-degenerate hypersurface in A^{n+1} with a tensor field A pseudosymmetric with respect to R and h .*

- (i) *If $\dim M \geq 3$ then M is an affine hypersphere.*
- (ii) *If $\dim M = 2$ and h is positive definite then M is an affine sphere.*
- (iii) *If $\dim M = 2$ and h is indefinite then M is an affine Einstein surface.*

Proof. Let U_A be the set defined above. We note that (3.12) can be written in the following form (on a coordinate neighbourhood $U \subset U_A$):

$$(3.13) \quad h_{rw}V_v^p A_{pstu} + h_{sw}V_v^p A_{prt u} - h_{rv}V_w^p A_{pstu} - h_{sv}V_w^p A_{prt u}$$

$$-h_{tw}V_v^p A_{rsup} + h_{uw}V_v^p A_{rstp} + h_{tv}V_w^p A_{rsup} - h_{uv}V_w^p A_{rstp} = 0,$$

where $V_w^p = S_w^p - L_A \delta_w^p$. Contracting (3.13) with h^{tw} we obtain

$$(3.14) \quad (n-2)V_v^p A_{rsup} = V_v^p A_{psru} + V_v^p A_{prsu} + h_{rw}E_{su} + h_{sv}E_{ru},$$

where $E_{rs} = V^{pq}A_{prs q}$ and $V^{pq} = V_r^q h^{rp}$. Similarly, contracting (3.13) with h^{rw} and h^{uv} , we find

$$(3.15) \quad nV_v^p A_{pstu} = V_v^p A_{tsup} - V_v^p A_{ustp} + h_{sv}V^{pq}A_{pqtu} - h_{tv}E_{su} + h_{uv}E_{st},$$

$$(3.16) \quad V^{pq}A_{pqt s} = 2E_{st}.$$

On the other hand, from (2.6) and (3.2) it follows that

$$(3.17) \quad V^{pq}A_{pqt s} = 0.$$

Applying this and (3.16) in (3.14) and (3.15) we find

$$(3.18) \quad (n-2)V_v^p A_{rsup} = V_v^p A_{psru} + V_v^p A_{prsu},$$

$$(3.19) \quad nV_v^p A_{pstu} = V_v^p A_{tsup} - V_v^p A_{ustp},$$

respectively. Moreover, using (2.6) and (3.2), we can express A_{pstu} in the form

$$(3.20) \quad A_{pstu} = h_{pu}V_{ts} + h_{su}V_{pt} - h_{pt}V_{us} - h_{st}V_{pu},$$

where $V_{up} = h_{pq}V_u^q$. Now (3.18) and (3.19) take the forms

$$(3.21) \quad (n-1)(V_{vr}V_{us} + V_{vs}V_{ur} - h_{ur}V_{sv}^2 - h_{us}V_{rv}^2) = 2(V_{uv}V_{rs} - h_{rs}V_{ur}^2),$$

$$(3.22) \quad (n+1)(V_{uv}V_{ts} - V_{tv}V_{us} + h_{us}V_{tv}^2 - h_{ts}V_{uv}^2) = 0,$$

respectively. From the last equality, by contraction with h^{us} , we obtain

$$(3.23) \quad V_{tv}^2 = \frac{1}{n}\lambda V_{tv}, \quad \lambda = h^{pq}V_{pq}.$$

Further, contracting (3.21) with h^{us} , we get

$$(3.24) \quad \lambda \left(V_{rs} - \frac{1}{n}\lambda h_{rs} \right) = 0.$$

From (3.20) and the definition of the set U_A it follows that $V_{rs} - \frac{1}{n}\lambda h_{rs}$ is non-zero at every point of U_A . Thus (3.24) yields $\lambda = 0$ and, by (3.23), we also have $V_{rs}^2 = 0$. Now (3.21) and (3.22) turn into

$$(n-1)(V_{vr}V_{us} + V_{vs}V_{ur}) = 2V_{uv}V_{rs},$$

$$(3.25) \quad V_{uv}V_{ts} = V_{us}V_{tv},$$

respectively. But from the last two equalities and the assumption $n \geq 3$ it follows immediately that V_{us} must vanish on U_A , i.e. the set U_A is empty. This completes the proof of (i).

(ii) From (3.25) it follows that

$$V_{rs} = \lambda \psi_r \psi_s, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\},$$

at every $x \in U$. Together with (3.20), this yields

$$\begin{aligned} \psi^r A_{rstu} &= \lambda \psi^r \psi_r (\psi_t h_{us} - \psi_u h_{ts}), \\ \psi^r A_{ustr} &= \psi_u V_{ts} + \psi_s V_{tu} - \lambda \psi^r \psi_r (\psi_s h_{ut} + \psi_u h_{st}). \end{aligned}$$

Now (3.19) turns into

$$\lambda \psi^r \psi_r (\psi_t h_{us} - \psi_u h_{ts}) = 0.$$

Thus, we see that U_A must be empty, which completes the proof of (ii).

(iii) The relation (3.25) can be written in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{S}_{ur} \bar{S}_{ts} - \bar{S}_{us} \bar{S}_{tr} &= L_A (h_{ur} \bar{S}_{ts} + h_{ts} \bar{S}_{ur} - h_{us} \bar{S}_{tr} - h_{tr} \bar{S}_{us}) \\ &\quad - L_A^2 (h_{ur} h_{ts} - h_{us} h_{tr}), \end{aligned}$$

which, by the identity (cf. [9], Lemma 2(iii))

$$h_{ur} \bar{S}_{ts} + h_{ts} \bar{S}_{ur} - h_{us} \bar{S}_{tr} - h_{tr} \bar{S}_{us} = \text{tr}(S) (h_{ur} h_{ts} - h_{us} h_{tr}),$$

turns into

$$\bar{S}_{ur} \bar{S}_{ts} - \bar{S}_{us} \bar{S}_{tr} = L_A (\text{tr}(S) - L_A) (h_{ur} h_{ts} - h_{us} h_{tr}).$$

Thus, the tensor $\text{Ricc}(R^*)$ is proportional to h on U_A . But this completes the proof of (iii).

THEOREM 3.4. *Let M be an affine Einstein surface in the affine space A^3 . If the set U_A is non-empty and if $(\text{tr}(S))^2 = 2 \text{tr}(S^2)$ on U_A then A is pseudosymmetric with respect to R and h and L_A is defined by $2L_A = \text{tr}(S)$.*

Proof. Since M is an Einstein affine surface we have, on a coordinate neighbourhood $U \subset U_A$,

$$\text{tr}(S) \bar{S}_{ts} - \bar{S}_{ts}^2 = \frac{1}{2} ((\text{tr}(S))^2 - \text{tr}(S^2)) h_{ts}.$$

We put $V_{rs} = \bar{S}_{rs} - L_A h_{rs}$, $L_A = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(S)$. Now we can easily verify that

$$h^{pq} V_{pq} = 0, \quad V_{ur}^2 = 0, \quad V_{ur} V_{ts} - V_{us} V_{tr} = 0, \quad V_{vr} V_{us} + V_{vs} V_{ur} = 2V_{uv} V_{rs}.$$

Further, using the above equalities, we can express the tensor field $R \cdot A - L_A Q(h, A)$ in the form

$$(R \cdot A - L_A Q(h, A))_{rstuvw} = 2V_{rs} (h_{uw} V_{vt} + h_{tv} V_{uw} - h_{tw} V_{uv} - h_{uv} V_{tw}),$$

which implies $(R \cdot A - L_A Q(h, A))_{rstuvw} = 0$, completing the proof.

4. Affine hypersurfaces with pseudosymmetric curvature tensors. Let M be a non-degenerate hypersurface in A^{n+1} , $n \geq 3$. In [31]

(Proposition 2) it was proved that the curvature tensor R of M is semisymmetric (more precisely: $R \cdot R = 0$ on M) if and only if M is an affine hypersphere. This fact will be used in the proof of the following theorem.

THEOREM 4.1. *Let M be a non-degenerate hypersurface in A^{n+1} , $n \geq 3$. If the curvature tensor R is pseudosymmetric with respect to R and h , then M is an affine hypersphere.*

Proof. We remark that $Q(h, R)$ vanishes at $x \in M$ if and only if the shape operator S is proportional to the identity transformation at x . Denote by U_R the set of all points of M at which $Q(h, R)$ is non-zero. Thus, on U_R ,

$$(4.1) \quad R \cdot R = L_R Q(h, R),$$

where L_R is a function defined on U_R . Let $U \subset U_R$ be a coordinate neighbourhood. We write (4.1) in the form

$$\begin{aligned} & V_{rv}(h_{st}V_{uw} - h_{us}V_{tw}) - V_{rw}(h_{st}V_{uv} - h_{us}V_{tv}) \\ & + V_{rt}(h_{sw}V_{uv} - h_{sv}V_{uw} + h_{uw}V_{sv} - h_{uv}V_{sw}) \\ & - V_{ru}(h_{sw}V_{tv} - h_{sv}V_{tw} + h_{tw}V_{sv} - h_{tv}V_{sw}) \\ & + V^2_{rv}(h_{us}h_{tw} - h_{ts}h_{uw}) - V^2_{rw}(h_{us}h_{tv} - h_{ts}h_{uv}) \\ & + L_R h_{tr}(h_{sw}V_{uv} - h_{sv}V_{uw} + h_{uw}V_{sv} - h_{uv}V_{sw}) \\ & - L_R h_{ur}(h_{sw}V_{tv} - h_{sv}V_{tw} + h_{tw}V_{sv} - h_{tv}V_{sw}) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

where $V_{rt} = h_{rp}V_t^p$, $V_t^p = S_t^p - L_R \delta_t^p$ and $V^2_{rt} = h_{rq}V_r^p V_p^q$. This, by contractions with h^{st} , h^{uv} and h^{rw} , gives

$$(4.2) \quad (n-2)(V_{uw}V_{rv} - V_{uv}V_{rw} + h_{uv}V^2_{rw} - h_{uw}V^2_{rv}) \\ + L_R(h_{rw}V_{uv} - h_{rv}V_{uw} + h_{uw}V_{rv} - h_{uv}V_{rw}) = 0,$$

$$(4.3) \quad n(n-2)V^2_{rw} - (nL_R + (n-2)\text{tr}(V))V_{rw} + L_R \text{tr}(V)h_{rw} = 0,$$

$$(4.4) \quad n \text{tr}(V^2) = (\text{tr}(V))^2,$$

where $\text{tr}(V) = h^{pq}V_{pq}$ and $\text{tr}(V^2) = h^{pq}V^2_{pq}$. From (4.2), by antisymmetrization and symmetrization with respect to u and r , respectively, we obtain

$$(4.5) \quad V_{rw}V_{uv} - V_{rv}V_{uw} = h_{uv}V^2_{rw} - h_{uw}V^2_{rv} + h_{rw}V^2_{uv} - h_{rv}V^2_{uw},$$

$$(4.6) \quad 2L_R(h_{uw}V_{rv} - h_{uv}V_{rw} + h_{rw}V_{uv} - h_{rv}V_{uw}) \\ + (n-2)(h_{rv}V^2_{uw} - h_{rw}V^2_{uv} + h_{uw}V^2_{rv} - h_{uv}V^2_{rw}) = 0,$$

respectively. Contracting (4.5) and (4.6) with h^{rw} and h^{uw} we get

$$(4.7) \quad V^2_{st} = \frac{1}{n-1}(\text{tr}(V)V_{st} - \text{tr}(V^2)h_{st}),$$

$$(4.8) \quad V^2_{st} = \frac{2}{n-2} L_R V_{st} + \frac{1}{n} \left(\operatorname{tr}(V^2) - \frac{2}{n-2} L_R \operatorname{tr}(V) \right) h_{st},$$

respectively. Next comparing the right sides of (4.3) and (4.7) and using (4.4) we obtain

$$\left(\frac{1}{n-2} L_R - \frac{1}{n(n-1)} \operatorname{tr}(V) \right) \left(V_{rs} - \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{tr}(V) h_{rs} \right) = 0.$$

Of course, the tensor field $V - \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{tr}(V)h$ is non-zero at every point of U_R . By the last equality, we have on U

$$\frac{1}{n-2} L_R = \frac{1}{n(n-1)} \operatorname{tr}(V).$$

Now, applying this and (4.4) in (4.8), we obtain

$$V^2_{st} = \frac{1}{n(n-1)} \operatorname{tr}(V) \left(2V_{st} + \frac{n-3}{n} \operatorname{tr}(V) h_{st} \right),$$

which, together with (4.7), yields $\operatorname{tr}(V) = 0$ and, in consequence, $L_R = 0$. Thus, (4.1) turns into $R \cdot R = 0$. On the other hand, in view of Proposition 2 of [31], $R \cdot R = 0$ implies that S is proportional to the identity transformation. Thus we see that the set U_R must be empty. This completes the proof.

Let B be a generalized curvature tensor field on a non-degenerate hypersurface M in A^{n+1} , $n \geq 2$. The tensor $Q(h, \bar{B})$ vanishes at $x \in M$ if and only if $Z(\bar{B}) = 0$ at x (cf. [4], Lemma 1.1(iii)). Denote by $U_{\bar{B}}$ the set of all points of M at which $Z(\bar{B}) = 0$. If \bar{B} is pseudosymmetric with respect to R and h then

$$(4.9) \quad R \cdot \bar{B} = L_{\bar{B}} Q(h, \bar{B})$$

on $U_{\bar{B}}$, where $L_{\bar{B}}$ is a function defined on $U_{\bar{B}}$. We can easily prove the following property of generalized curvature tensors which are pseudosymmetric with respect to R and h .

LEMMA 4.2. *Let B be a generalized curvature tensor field on non-degenerate hypersurface M in A^{n+1} , $n \geq 2$. Then (4.9) holds on $U_{\bar{B}}$ if and only if*

$$(4.10) \quad \bar{B}((S - L_{\bar{B}}I)X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) = \frac{1}{n-1} h((X_4 \wedge_D X_3)X_2, X_1)$$

on $U_{\bar{B}}$, where D is a $(0, 2)$ -tensor field on $U_{\bar{B}}$ defined by

$$(4.11) \quad D(X_1, X_2) = \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i \varepsilon_j (\bar{S} - L_{\bar{B}}h)(E_i, E_j) \bar{B}(E_i, X_1, X_2, E_j)$$

for any local orthonormal basis $\{E_1, \dots, E_n\}$.

Let M be a non-degenerate hypersurface in A^{n+1} , $n \geq 2$. We define on M the following tensors:

$$(4.12) \quad V(X_1, X_2) = \bar{S}(X_1, X_2) - Lh(X_1, X_2),$$

$$(4.13) \quad V^2(X_1, X_2) = \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i V(X_1, E_i) V(X_2, E_i),$$

$$(4.14) \quad V^3(X_1, X_2) = \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i V^2(X_1, E_i) V(X_2, E_i),$$

$$(4.15) \quad F(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) = -\frac{1}{n-1} h((X_1 \wedge_E X_2) X_3, X_4) \\ + (V^2 + LV)((X_1 \wedge_V X_2) X_3, X_4) + L(V^2 + LV)((X_1 \wedge X_2) X_3, X_4),$$

for any orthonormal basis $\{E_1, \dots, E_n\}$, where L is a function on M and

$$E = -V^3 - 2LV^2 + (\text{tr}(V^2) + L \text{tr}(V) - L^2)V + L(\text{tr}(V^2) + L \text{tr}(V))h.$$

Now using (4.12) and (4.13) we can write the curvature tensor \bar{R}^* , the Ricci tensor $\text{Ricc}(R^*)$ and the scalar curvature $K(R^*)$ in the following form:

$$(4.16) \quad \bar{R}^*(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) \\ = V((X_1 \wedge_V X_2) X_3, X_4) + L^2 h((X_1 \wedge X_2) X_3, X_4) \\ + L(h((X_1 \wedge_V X_2) X_3, X_4) - h((X_1 \wedge_V X_2) X_4, X_3)),$$

$$(4.17) \quad \text{Ricc}(R^*) = -V^2 + (\text{tr}(V) + (n-2)L)V + L(\text{tr}(V) + (n-1)L)h,$$

$$(4.18) \quad K(R^*) = -\text{tr}(V^2) + (\text{tr}(V))^2 + 2(n-1)L \text{tr}(V) + n(n-1)L^2,$$

respectively. We note that the tensor D corresponding to the tensor \bar{R}^* satisfies the equation

$$(4.19) \quad D = E.$$

If $n = \dim M \geq 3$ then we can define the Weyl curvature tensor $W(R^*)$ of R^* ([26]) by

$$W(R^*)(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) \\ = \bar{R}^*(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) + \frac{1}{(n-1)(n-2)} K(R^*) h((X_1 \wedge X_2) X_3, X_4) \\ - \frac{1}{n-2} (h((X_1 \wedge_{\text{Ricc}(R^*)} X_2) X_3, X_4) - h((X_1 \wedge_{\text{Ricc}(R^*)} X_2) X_4, X_3)).$$

This, by making use of (4.16)–(4.18), turns into

$$(4.20) \quad W(R^*)(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) = -\frac{1}{n-2} \text{tr}(V) (h((X_1 \wedge_V X_2) X_3, X_4)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -h((X_1 \wedge_V X_2)X_4, X_3) + V((X_1 \wedge_V X_2)X_3, X_4) \\
& + \frac{1}{(n-1)(n-2)}((\operatorname{tr}(V))^2 - \operatorname{tr}(V^2))h((X_1 \wedge X_2)X_3, X_4) \\
& + \frac{1}{n-2}(h((X_1 \wedge_{V^2} X_2)X_3, X_4) - h((X_1 \wedge_{V^2} X_2)X_4, X_3)).
\end{aligned}$$

The Weyl curvature tensor corresponding to the curvature tensor R of a hypersurface in A^{n+1} was constructed in [30]. Of course, the two tensors are different in general.

We denote by $U_{\bar{R}^*}$ the set all points of M at which $Z(R^*) \neq 0$. If \bar{R}^* is pseudosymmetric with respect to R and h then

$$(4.21) \quad R \cdot \bar{R}^* = L_{\bar{R}^*}Q(h, \bar{R}^*)$$

on $U_{\bar{R}^*}$, where $L_{\bar{R}^*}$ is a function on $U_{\bar{R}^*}$.

The following lemma is an immediate consequence of Lemma 4.2.

LEMMA 4.3. *Let the tensor field \bar{R}^* of a non-degenerate hypersurface M in A^{n+1} , $n \geq 2$, be pseudosymmetric with respect to R and h . Then on $U_{\bar{R}^*}$ the equalities (4.21) and $F = 0$ (with $L = L_{\bar{R}^*}$) are equivalent.*

LEMMA 4.4. *Let M be a non-degenerate hypersurface in A^{n+1} , $n \geq 2$. If the shape operator S of M satisfies*

$$(4.22) \quad S^2 + \mu S = \varrho I, \quad \mu, \varrho \in \mathbb{R},$$

at $x \in M$, then $R \cdot \bar{R}^* = -\mu Q(h, \bar{R}^*)$ at x .

Proof. We note that (4.22) can be written at x in the form

$$(4.23) \quad V^2 - \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{tr}(V^2)h = \mu \left(V - \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{tr}(V)h \right),$$

where V^2 and V (with $L = -\mu$) are defined by (4.13) and (4.12), respectively. Next, applying (4.23) and (4.14) in (4.15) we see that F vanishes at x . Now Lemma 4.3 completes the proof.

LEMMA 4.5. *Suppose the curvature tensor \bar{R}^* of a non-degenerate hypersurface M in A^{n+1} , $n \geq 2$, satisfies*

$$R \cdot \bar{R}^* = -\mu Q(h, \bar{R}^*), \quad \mu \in \mathbb{R},$$

at $x \in M$. Then (4.22) holds at x .

Proof. From Lemma 4.3 it follows that $F(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) = 0$ at x (with $L = -\mu$). From this, by symmetrization with respect to X_3 and X_4 , we obtain

$$(4.24) \quad (n-1)(Q(V, V^2) + LQ(h, V^2) + L^2Q(h, V)) \\ -Q(h, V^3) - 2LQ(h, V^2) + (\operatorname{tr}(V^2) + L \operatorname{tr}(V) - L^2)Q(h, V) = 0,$$

whence we get

$$(4.25) \quad V^3 = \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{tr}(V^3)h + (n-3)L\left(V^2 - \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{tr}(V)h\right) \\ + (\operatorname{tr}(V^2) + L \operatorname{tr}(V) + (n-2)L^2)\left(V - \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{tr}(V)h\right) + \frac{n-1}{n}(\operatorname{tr}(V)V^2 - \operatorname{tr}(V^2)V).$$

Substituting this in (4.24) we find

$$Q(V, V^2) = \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{tr}(V)Q(h, V^2) - \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{tr}(V^2)Q(h, V),$$

whence, in view of Lemma 2.8(ii), it follows that the tensors $V^2 - \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{tr}(V^2)h$ and $V - \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{tr}(V)h$ are linearly dependent. Evidently, our assertion is true when $V - \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{tr}(V)h = 0$. Otherwise

$$V^2 - \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{tr}(V^2)h = \lambda\left(V - \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{tr}(V)h\right), \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R},$$

at x . The last formula can be written in the form

$$S^2 + (2\mu - \lambda)S = \frac{1}{n}(\operatorname{tr}(S^2) - (\lambda - 2\mu) \operatorname{tr}(S))I.$$

From Lemma 4.4 it follows that $2\mu - \lambda = \mu$. Thus the above relation yields (4.22), which completes the proof.

Combining the last two lemmas we obtain the following

THEOREM 4.6. *Let M be a non-degenerate hypersurface in A^{n+1} , $n \geq 2$. Then on $U_{\bar{R}^*}$ the equations $R \cdot \bar{R}^* = L_{\bar{R}^*}Q(h, \bar{R}^*)$ and $S^2 - \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{tr}(S^2)I = L_{\bar{R}^*}(S - \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{tr}(S)I)$ are equivalent.*

Using this theorem we can obtain a curvature characterization of affine Einstein hypersurfaces.

COROLLARY 4.7. *Let M be a non-degenerate hypersurface in A^{n+1} , $n \geq 2$. Then M is an affine Einstein hypersurface if and only if $R \cdot \bar{R}^* = \operatorname{tr}(S)Q(h, \bar{R}^*)$ on $U_{\bar{R}^*}$.*

A non-degenerate hypersurface M in A^{n+1} , $n \geq 2$, is said to be *affine-quasi-umbilical* ([26]) if

$$(4.26) \quad \bar{S} = \alpha h + \beta a \otimes a, \quad \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R},$$

at every $x \in M$, where a is a covector at x .

THEOREM 4.8. *Let M be a non-degenerate hypersurface in A^{n+1} , $n \geq 4$. Then M is affine-quasi-umbilical if and only if the Weyl conformal curvature tensor $W(\bar{R}^*)$ vanishes on M .*

Proof. Assume that (4.26) is fulfilled at $x \in M$. We put $V = \bar{S} - Lh$, $L = \alpha$. Thus we have

$$V^2 = \operatorname{tr}(V)V \quad \text{and} \quad \operatorname{tr}(V^2) = (\operatorname{tr}(V))^2.$$

Applying these formulas in (4.20) we easily obtain $W(R^*) = 0$.

Assume now that $W(R^*)$ vanishes at x . From Corollary 2.5 and Lemma 2.7 it follows that

$$\operatorname{Ricc}(R^*) = \tau h + \varrho a \otimes a, \quad \tau, \varrho \in \mathbb{R},$$

at x , where a is a covector. Now, using the above formula and the definitions of \bar{R}^* and $\operatorname{Ricc}(R^*)$, we can rewrite the equality $W(R^*) = 0$ in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{S}((X_1 \wedge_{\bar{S}} X_2)X_3, X_4) &= \frac{1}{(n-1)(n-2)} ((n-2)\tau - \varrho \|a\|^2) h((X_1 \wedge X_2)X_3, X_4) \\ &+ \frac{1}{n-2} \varrho (h((X_1 \wedge_{a \otimes a} X_2)X_3, X_4) - h((X_1 \wedge_{a \otimes a} X_2)X_4, X_3)). \end{aligned}$$

Now Lemma 2.9 completes the proof.

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