

## On local isometric immersions of the spaces of negative constant curvature into the euclidean spaces

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### Introduction

In his paper [9], T. Otsuki obtained an estimate for the lower bound of the dimensions of the euclidean spaces in which a space of negative constant curvature can be locally isometrically immersed. He proved that any space of negative constant curvature of dimension  $n$  cannot be isometrically immersed into the euclidean space  $\mathbf{R}^{2n-2}$ .

The main purpose of this paper is to show the following

**Theorem 5.2.** *Any space of negative constant curvature of dimension  $n$  can be locally isometrically immersed into the euclidean space  $\mathbf{R}^{2n-1}$ .*

We wish to prove this theorem by a method based on the theory of non-linear partial differential equations established by M. Kuranishi [8] and H. Goldschmidt [4].

Let  $(M, g)$  be an  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold. Let  $P$  be the differential equation of isometric immersions of  $(M, g)$  into the euclidean space  $\mathbf{R}^m$  with  $m \geq n$ , which is a system of non-linear partial differential equations of order 1. Adjoining to this system  $P$  the equation of Gauss-Weingarten which is obtained by differentiating the equation of isometric immersions, we obtain the system  $P^{(1)}$  of order 2, the first prolongation of  $P$ . Similarly adjoining to the system  $P^{(1)}$  the equation which is obtained by differentiating the equation of Gauss-Weingarten, we obtain the system of order 3, the second prolongation of  $P$ . A formal solution of order 1 can be always be extended to a formal solution of order 2, while a formal solution of order 2 cannot be necessarily extended to a formal solution of order 3. There exists an obstruction to extending the formal solutions of order 2 to the formal solutions of order 3, which is called the equation of Gauss.

Recently J. Gasqui [3] gave a new proof of the famous theorem of Janet-Cartan, showing that the system  $Q$  which is obtained by adjoining the equation of Gauss to the system  $P^{(1)}$  forms an involutive system under the assumption  $m \geq \frac{1}{2}n(n+1)$ . Another proof of the theorem of Janet-Cartan from a somewhat different viewpoint was delivered by N. Tanaka in his lecture at Kyoto University before

Gasqui's paper was published (cf. [6]). He proved that the symbol  $q$  of the system  $Q$  is isomorphic to the second prolongation  $\mathfrak{h}^{(2)}$  of the symbol  $\mathfrak{h}$  of the linear operator  $L$  which was first introduced by himself (see [10]), and proved that if  $m \geq \frac{1}{2}n(n+1)$ , then at each generic point of  $Q$  the symbol  $\mathfrak{h}$  is involutive. Here we remark that the vanishing of the Spencer cohomology group of the symbol  $\mathfrak{h}$  plays an important role in his proof of the theorem of Janet-Cartan.

In this paper we need to investigate the system  $Q$  under the assumption  $m < \frac{1}{2}n(n+1)$ . Unfortunately the symbol  $\mathfrak{h}$  cannot be involutive in this case. Hence the method developed by N. Tanaka cannot be applied to our problem. However, by letting  $(M, g)$  be a space of negative constant curvature, we can prove the following

**Theorem 5.1.** *If  $m=2n-1$ , then there exists an open fibered submanifold  $\pi_1^2: P_\#^{(1)} \rightarrow P$  of the vector bundle  $\pi_1^2: P^{(1)} \rightarrow P$  such that the intersection  $Q_\# = Q \cap P^{(1)}$  forms an involutive differential equation.*

Theorem 5.2 cited above now follows from Theorem 5.1.

Following the formulations given by N. Tanaka, we recall in § 1 the differential equations  $P, P^{(1)}$ , etc. In § 2, we define the formal Gaussian variety with respect to a curvature like tensor. § 3 and § 4 are devoted to the proof of Theorem 3.1 that describes the properties of the formal Gaussian variety with respect to a curvature like tensor of negative constant curvature. Finally in § 5 we prove Theorem 5.1.

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## § 1. The differential equations associated with isometric immersions

Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional differentiable manifold<sup>(\*)</sup> and let  $T = T(M)$  (resp.  $T^* = T^*(M)$ ) be the tangent (resp. cotangent) bundle of  $M$ . By  $\otimes^k T^*$  (resp.  $S^k T^*$ ), we mean the bundle of  $k$ -tensors (resp. symmetric  $k$ -tensors) on  $M$ . Let  $g$  be a Riemannian metric on  $M$ . We denote by  $\nabla$  (resp.  $R$ ) the covariant differentiation (resp. the curvature tensor) associated with the Riemannian connection on  $M$  induced from  $g$ .

Let  $R^m$  be the  $m$ -dimensional euclidean space with  $m \geq n$  and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  be the standard inner product of  $R^m$ . We denote by  $\bar{g}$  the canonical Riemannian metric of  $R^m$  induced from  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ .

By definition an isometric immersion  $f$  of the Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  into the euclidean space  $R^m$  is an immersion of  $M$  into  $R^m$  which is a solution of the equation

$$f^* \bar{g} = g,$$

where  $f^* \bar{g}$  stands for the Riemannian metric on  $M$  induced from  $\bar{g}$  by  $f$ .

Let  $f$  be an isometric immersion of  $(M, g)$  into  $R^m$ . Then at each  $p \in M$ , we have the following equalities (cf. Proposition 2 of Appendix in [6]):

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(\*) Throughout this paper we shall assume the differentiability of class  $C^\infty$ .

$$(1.1) \quad \langle \nabla_x f, \nabla_y f \rangle = g(x, y),$$

$$(1.2) \quad \langle \nabla_z \nabla_x f, \nabla_y f \rangle = 0,$$

$$(1.3) \quad \langle \nabla_u \nabla_z \nabla_x f, \nabla_y f \rangle + \langle \nabla_z \nabla_x f, \nabla_u \nabla_y f \rangle = 0,$$

$$(1.4) \quad \langle \nabla_z \nabla_x f, \nabla_u \nabla_y f \rangle - \langle \nabla_u \nabla_x f, \nabla_z \nabla_y f \rangle = -g(R(z, u)x, y),$$

$$(1.5) \quad \begin{aligned} &\langle \nabla_v \nabla_z \nabla_x f, \nabla_u \nabla_y f \rangle + \langle \nabla_z \nabla_x f, \nabla_v \nabla_u \nabla_y f \rangle - \langle \nabla_v \nabla_u \nabla_x f, \nabla_z \nabla_y f \rangle \\ &- \langle \nabla_u \nabla_x f, \nabla_v \nabla_z \nabla_y f \rangle = -g(\nabla_v R(z, u)x, y) \quad \text{for } x, y, z, u, v \in T_p. \end{aligned}$$

Classically the equation (1.2) (resp. (1.4)) is called the equation of *Gauss-Weingarten* (resp. the equation of *Gauss*).

Let  $J^k(M, m)$  be the vector bundle of all  $k$ -jets of local differentiable maps of  $M$  into  $\mathbf{R}^m$ . By  $\pi_{k-1}^k$  we mean the canonical projection of  $J^k(M, m)$  onto  $J^{k-1}(M, m)$  and by  $\pi_{-1}^k$  the source map of  $J^k(M, m)$  onto  $M$ . As usual the set of formal solutions of order  $k$  are represented by a subvariety of  $J^k(M, m)$ . We denote by  $P$  the subvariety of  $J^1(M, m)$  composed of all 1-jets satisfying the equation (1.1) and by  $P^{(1)}$  the subvariety of  $J^2(M, m)$  composed of all 2-jets satisfying the system of equations (1.1) and (1.2). We also denote by  $Q$  the subvariety of  $J^2(M, m)$  composed of all 2-jets satisfying the system of equations (1.1), (1.2) and (1.4) and by  $Q^{(1)}$  the subvariety of  $J^3(M, m)$  composed of all 3-jets satisfying the system of equations (1.1)~(1.5). Note that  $P^{(1)}$  (resp.  $Q^{(1)}$ ) is the first prolongation of  $P$  (resp.  $Q$ ) in the usual sense.

We now give the explicit expressions of the varieties  $P, P^{(1)}, Q$  and  $Q^{(1)}$ .

Let  $\otimes^k T^* \otimes \mathbf{R}^m$  be the vector bundle of all  $\mathbf{R}^m$ -valued  $k$ -tensors on  $M$ . Let us set  $T^k(M, m) = \sum_{i=0}^k \otimes^i T^* \otimes \mathbf{R}^m$ . We shall represent every element  $\omega \in T^k(M, m)$  by  $\omega = (p; \omega_0, \omega_1, \dots, \omega_k)$ , where  $p$  is the origin of  $\omega$  and  $\omega_i \in \otimes^i T_p^* \otimes \mathbf{R}^m$  ( $i=0, 1, \dots, k$ ). As in Appendix in [6], we shall consider the vector bundle  $J^k(M, m)$  as a subbundle of the vector bundle  $T^k(M, m)$ . We have  $J^0(M, m) = T^0(M, m)$  and  $J^1(M, m) = T^1(M, m)$ . The bundles  $J^2(M, m)$  and  $J^3(M, m)$  can be characterized as follows:  $J^2(M, m)$  consists of all  $(p; \omega_0, \omega_1, \omega_2) \in T^2(M, m)$  such that

$$\omega_2(x, y) = \omega_2(y, x) \quad \text{for any } x, y \in T_p.$$

$J^3(M, m)$  consists of all  $(p; \omega_0, \omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3) \in T^3(M, m)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} &(p; \omega_0, \omega_1, \omega_2) \in J^2(M, m); \\ &\omega_3(x, y, z) = \omega_3(y, x, z) - \omega_1(R(x, y)z), \\ &\omega_3(x, y, z) = \omega_3(x, z, y) \quad \text{for any } x, y, z \in T_p. \end{aligned}$$

These being prepared, we give the explicit expressions of the varieties  $P, P^{(1)}, Q$  and  $Q^{(1)}$ .

The variety  $P$  is composed of all  $(p; \omega_0, \omega_1) \in J^1(M, m)$  satisfying

$$(1.6) \quad \langle \omega_1(x), \omega_1(y) \rangle = g(x, y) \quad \text{for any } x, y \in T_p.$$

It is easily observed that  $P$  is a fibered submanifold of  $\pi_{-1}^1: J^1(M, m) \rightarrow M$ . Let  $\alpha = (p; \omega_0, \omega_1) \in P$ . We mean by  $N_\alpha$  the orthogonal complement of the subspace  $\omega_1(T_p)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Then the union  $N = \bigcup_{\alpha \in P} N_\alpha$  forms a vector bundle over  $P$ .

The variety  $P^{(1)}$  is composed of all  $(P; \omega_0, \omega_1, \omega_2) \in J^2(M, m)$  satisfying  $(p; \omega_0, \omega_1) \in P$  and

$$(1.7) \quad \langle \omega_2(z, x), \omega_1(y) \rangle = 0 \quad \text{for any } x, y, z \in T_p.$$

We can easily see that  $P^{(1)}$  forms a vector bundle over  $P$  which is isomorphic to the vector bundle  $S^2 T^* \otimes_P N$ .

Analogously the variety  $Q$  consists of all  $(p; \omega_0, \omega_1, \omega_2) \in P^{(1)}$  satisfying

$$(1.8) \quad \langle \omega_2(z, x), \omega_2(u, y) \rangle - \langle \omega_2(u, x), \omega_2(z, y) \rangle = -g(R(z, u)x, y) \quad \text{for any } x, y, z, u \in T_p,$$

and the variety  $Q^{(1)}$  is composed of all  $(p; \omega_0, \omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3) \in J^3(M, m)$  satisfying  $(p; \omega_0, \omega_1, \omega_2) \in Q$  and

$$(1.9) \quad \langle \omega_3(u, z, x), \omega_1(y) \rangle + \langle \omega_2(z, x), \omega_2(u, y) \rangle = 0,$$

$$(1.10) \quad \langle \omega_3(v, z, x), \omega_2(u, y) \rangle + \langle \omega_2(z, x), \omega_3(v, u, y) \rangle - \langle \omega_3(v, u, x), \omega_2(z, y) \rangle - \langle \omega_2(u, x), \omega_3(v, z, y) \rangle = -g(\nabla_v R(z, u)x, y) \quad \text{for any } x, y, z, u, v \in T_p.$$

In the subsequent sections we shall mainly concerned with the variety  $Q$ . In connection with the variety  $Q$  we make some definitions.

Let  $\beta = (p; \omega_0, \omega_1, \omega_2) \in Q$ . By definition the symbol  $q_\beta$  of the variety  $Q$  at  $\beta$  is the subspace of  $S^2 T_p^* \otimes N_\alpha$  consisting of all  $\xi \in S^2 T_p^* \otimes N_\alpha$  such that

$$(1.11) \quad \langle \xi(z, x), \omega_2(u, y) \rangle + \langle \omega_2(z, x), \xi(u, y) \rangle - \langle \xi(u, x), \omega_2(z, y) \rangle - \langle \omega_2(u, x), \xi(z, y) \rangle = 0 \quad \text{for any } x, y, z, u \in T_p,$$

where we set  $\alpha = \pi_1^2(\beta)$ . We also denote by  $q_\beta^{(1)}$  the first prolongation of the symbol  $q_\beta$ , i.e.,  $q_\beta^{(1)} = T^* \otimes q_\beta \cap S^3 T_p^* \otimes N_\alpha$ .

## § 2. Formal Gaussian varieties

Let  $T$  be a finite dimensional real vector space and  $T^*$  be the dual vector space of  $T$ . By  $\otimes^k T^*$  (resp.  $S^k T^*$ ) we mean the vector space of covariant  $k$ -tensors (resp. symmetric  $k$ -tensors) of  $T$ .

By definition an element  $C \in \otimes^4 T^*$  is called curvature like if it satisfies the following:

$$\begin{aligned} C(x, y, z, w) &= -C(y, x, z, w) = -C(x, y, w, z), \\ C(x, y, z, w) + C(y, z, x, w) + C(z, x, y, w) &= 0 \quad \text{for } x, y, z, w \in T. \end{aligned}$$

We denote by  $K(T)$  the vector space of all curvature like tensors.

Let  $N$  be another finite dimensional real vector space with an inner product  $\langle , \rangle$ . For each  $\alpha \in S^2T^* \otimes N$ , we denote by  $\Omega(\alpha)$  the element in  $K(T)$  defined by

$$\Omega(\alpha)(x, y, z, w) = \langle \alpha(x, z), \alpha(y, w) \rangle - \langle \alpha(x, w), \alpha(y, z) \rangle \quad \text{for } x, y, z, w \in T.$$

Let  $C$  be any element in  $K(T)$ . By  $\mathcal{G}(C)$  we mean the inverse image of  $C$  by the map  $S^2T^* \otimes N \ni \alpha \rightarrow \Omega(\alpha) \in K(T)$ .  $\mathcal{G}(C)$  is called the *formal Gaussian variety* with respect to  $C$ .

Let  $\alpha \in \mathcal{G}(C)$ . Define a linear map  $\Omega_{*\alpha} : S^2T^* \otimes N \rightarrow K(T)$  by setting

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{*\alpha}(\beta)(x, y, z, w) &= \langle \beta(x, z), \alpha(y, w) \rangle + \langle \alpha(x, z), \beta(y, w) \rangle \\ &\quad - \langle \beta(x, w), \alpha(y, z) \rangle - \langle \alpha(x, w), \beta(y, z) \rangle \\ &\quad \text{for } \beta \in S^2T^* \otimes N, x, y, z, w \in T. \end{aligned}$$

We denote by  $\mathfrak{g}_\alpha$  the kernel of the map  $\Omega_{*\alpha}$ , which may be identified with the tangent space to the variety  $\mathcal{G}(\Omega(\alpha))$  at  $\alpha$ . We also denote by  $\mathfrak{g}_\alpha^{(1)}$  the first prolongation of the subspace  $\mathfrak{g}_\alpha$  of  $S^2T^* \otimes N$ , i.e.,  $\mathfrak{g}_\alpha^{(1)} = T^* \otimes \mathfrak{g}_\alpha \cap S^3T^* \otimes N$ .

Let  $\langle , \rangle$  be an inner product of  $T$ . For each  $k \in \mathbb{R}$  let us define  $C_k \in K(T)$  by

$$C_k(x, y, z, w) = k(\langle x, z \rangle \langle y, w \rangle - \langle x, w \rangle \langle y, z \rangle) \quad \text{for } x, y, z, w \in T.$$

We say that  $C_k$  is the curvature like tensor of constant curvature with sectional curvature  $k$ .

Let  $O(T)$  (resp.  $O(N)$ ) be the orthogonal group of  $T$  (resp.  $N$ ) with respect to the given inner product  $\langle , \rangle$  of  $T$  (resp.  $N$ ) and  $\mathfrak{o}(T)$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{o}(N)$ ) be the Lie algebra of  $O(T)$  (resp.  $O(N)$ ).

Let  $a \in O(N)$ ,  $t \in O(T)$ ,  $\chi \in S^1T^* \otimes N$  and  $C \in K(T)$ . Let us define  $a\chi^t \in S^1T^* \otimes N$  and  $C^t \in K(T)$  by setting

$$\begin{aligned} a\chi^t(x_1, \dots, x_i) &= a(\chi(tx_1, \dots, tx_i)) \\ C^t(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) &= C(tx_1, tx_2, tx_3, tx_4) \quad \text{for } x_1, \dots, x_4, \dots, x_i \in T. \end{aligned}$$

It is straightforward to see that if  $\alpha \in \mathcal{G}(C)$ , then  $a\alpha^t \in \mathcal{G}(C^t)$ . Similarly if  $\beta \in \mathfrak{g}_\alpha$  (resp.  $\gamma \in \mathfrak{g}_\alpha^{(1)}$ ), then  $a\beta^t \in \mathfrak{g}_{a\alpha^t}$  (resp.  $a\gamma^t \in \mathfrak{g}_{a\alpha^t}^{(1)}$ ).

Let us consider the case  $C = C_k$ . Since  $C_k^t = C_k$  holds for any  $t \in O(T)$ , we have

**Proposition 2.1.** *The formal Gaussian variety  $\mathcal{G}(C_k)$  is invariant under the action of the product group  $O(N) \times O(T)$  on  $S^2T^* \otimes N$  defined by*

$$O(N) \times O(T) \times S^2T^* \otimes N \ni ((a, t), \alpha) \rightarrow a\alpha^t \in S^2T^* \otimes N.$$

Proposition 2.1 is useful in the consideration of the formal Gaussian variety  $\mathcal{G}(C_k)$ .

### § 3. The formal Gaussian variety $\mathcal{G}(C_k)$ with $k < 0$

In this and the next sections we shall investigate the formal Gaussian variety

$\mathcal{G}(C_k)$  with  $k < 0$ . Our main aim is to show

**Theorem 3.1.** *Assume that  $\dim N = \dim T - 1 = n$  and  $k < 0$ . Then there exists an open set  $O$  in  $S^2T^* \otimes N$  such that:*

- (1)  $\mathcal{G}(C_k) \cap O$  is an  $n(n+1)$ -dimensional submanifold of  $S^2T^* \otimes N$ .
- (2) For each  $\alpha \in \mathcal{G}(C_k) \cap O$ , there exists a vector  $e \in T$  such that

$$e \lrcorner \beta \neq 0 \quad \text{for any } \beta \in \mathfrak{g}_\alpha, \beta \neq 0.$$

- (3)  $\dim \mathfrak{g}_\alpha^{(1)} = n(n+1)$  for any  $\alpha \in \mathcal{G}(C_k) \cap O$ .

**Remark.** In order to prove the theorem we have only to prove it in the case where  $k = -1$ . In fact consider the linear endomorphism of  $S^2T^* \otimes N$  given by  $S^2T^* \otimes N \ni \alpha \rightarrow \sqrt{-k}\alpha \in S^2T^* \otimes N$ . It is clear that this endomorphism maps  $\mathcal{G}(C_{-1})$  onto  $\mathcal{G}(C_k)$ . Moreover we have  $\mathfrak{g}_\alpha = \mathfrak{g}_{\sqrt{-k}\alpha}$  and hence  $\mathfrak{g}_\alpha^{(1)} = \mathfrak{g}_{\sqrt{-k}\alpha}^{(1)}$ .

In the following we shall simply write  $\mathcal{G}$  instead of  $\mathcal{G}(C_{-1})$ .

Let  $\{e_a\}_{0 \leq a \leq n}$  (resp.  $\{v_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq n}$ ) be an orthonormal basis of  $T$  (resp.  $N$ ). Making use of these basis, we shall express  $N$ -valued covariant tensors of  $T$  in terms of their coefficients. Let  $\chi \in \otimes^l T^* \otimes N$ . Define an element  $X = (X_{a_1, \dots, a_l}^k)_{\substack{0 \leq a_1, \dots, a_l \leq n \\ 1 \leq k \leq n}} \in \mathbf{R}^{n(n+1)^l}$  by

$$X_{a_1, \dots, a_l}^k = \langle \chi(e_{a_1}, \dots, e_{a_l}), v_k \rangle \quad \text{for } 0 \leq a_1, \dots, a_l \leq n, 1 \leq k \leq n.$$

Let  $\alpha \in \mathcal{G}$  and let  $A = (A_{ab}^k)_{\substack{0 \leq a, b \leq n \\ 1 \leq k \leq n}} \in \mathbf{R}^{n(n+1)^2}$  be the coefficients of  $\alpha$ . Then we have

$$(3.1) \quad A_{ab}^k = A_{ba}^k,$$

$$(3.2) \quad \sum_{p=1}^n (A_{ac}^p A_{bd}^p - A_{ad}^p A_{bc}^p) = -(\delta_{ac} \delta_{bd} - \delta_{ad} \delta_{bc})$$

for  $0 \leq a, b, c, d \leq n, 1 \leq k \leq n,$

where  $\delta$  means the Kronecker's delta. Conversely, it is clear that any  $\alpha \in \otimes^2 T^* \otimes N$  whose coefficients  $A = (A_{ab}^k)_{\substack{0 \leq a, b \leq n \\ 1 \leq k \leq n}}$  satisfy (3.1) and (3.2) is contained in  $\mathcal{G}$ .

Let  $\alpha \in \mathcal{G}$ . Assume that  $\alpha$  satisfies the following

$$(\#) \quad \alpha(e_0, e_0) = 0, \quad \alpha(e_0, e_i) = v_i \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

Then we have  $A_{00}^k = 0, A_{0i}^k = \delta_{ik}$  for  $1 \leq i, k \leq n$ . Hence by (3.1) and (3.2) we obtain

$$(3.3) \quad A_{ij}^k = A_{ji}^k = A_{ik}^j,$$

$$(3.4) \quad \sum_{p=1}^n (A_{ik}^p A_{jl}^p - A_{il}^p A_{jk}^p) = -(\delta_{ik} \delta_{jl} - \delta_{il} \delta_{jk})$$

for  $1 \leq i, j, k, l \leq n.$

Let us denote by  $\hat{\mathcal{G}}$  the set of all  $\alpha$  satisfying (#) and by  $\bar{\mathcal{G}}_n$  the subvariety of  $\mathbf{R}^{n^3}$  of all  $A = (A_{ij}^k)_{1 \leq i, j, k \leq n} \in \mathbf{R}^{n^3}$  satisfying the system of equations (3.3) and (3.4). Clearly we can identify  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $\bar{\mathcal{G}}_n$  in a natural way.

Let  $A=(A_{ij}^k)_{1 \leq i,j,k \leq n} \in \overline{\mathcal{G}}_n$ . By  $(\overline{\mathfrak{g}}_n)_A$ , we mean the vector space of all  $B=(B_{ij}^k)_{1 \leq i,j,k \leq n} \in \mathbf{R}^{n^3}$  such that

$$(3.5) \quad B_{ij}^k = B_{ji}^k = B_{ik}^j,$$

$$(3.6) \quad \sum_{p=1}^n (B_{ik}^p A_{jl}^p + A_{ik}^p B_{jl}^p - B_{il}^p A_{jk}^p - A_{il}^p B_{jk}^p) = 0$$

for  $1 \leq i, j, k, l \leq n$ .

Naturally  $(\overline{\mathfrak{g}}_n)_A$  may be identified with the tangent space to the subvariety  $\overline{\mathcal{G}}_n$  at  $A$ . We also denote by  $(\overline{\mathfrak{g}}_n^{(1)})_A$  the vector space of all  $C=({}^l C_{ij}^k)_{1 \leq i,j,k,l \leq n} \in \mathbf{R}^{n^4}$  such that

$$(3.7) \quad {}^l C_{ij}^k = {}^l C_{lj}^k$$

$$(3.8) \quad {}^l C_{ij}^k = {}^l C_{ji}^k = {}^l C_{ik}^j,$$

$$(3.9) \quad \sum_{p=1}^n ({}^q C_{ik}^p A_{jl}^p + A_{ik}^p {}^q C_{jl}^p - {}^q C_{il}^p A_{jk}^p - A_{il}^p {}^q C_{jk}^p) = 0$$

for  $1 \leq i, j, k, l \leq n$ .

We prove

**Proposition 3.2.** *There exists an open set  $U$  of  $\mathbf{R}^{n^3}$  such that:*

- (1)  $\overline{\mathcal{G}}_n \cap U$  is a  $\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)$ -dimensional submanifold of  $\mathbf{R}^{n^3}$ .
- (2) For each  $A \in \overline{\mathcal{G}}_n \cap U$ , there exists a vector  $x=(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbf{R}^n$  having the following property:

If  $B=(B_{ij}^k)_{1 \leq i,j,k \leq n} \in (\overline{\mathfrak{g}}_n)_A$  and  $B \neq 0$ , then

$$\sum_{p=1}^n x_p B_{ij}^k \neq 0 \quad \text{for some } (i, j) \ (1 \leq i, j \leq n).$$

- (3)  $\dim (\overline{\mathfrak{g}}_n^{(1)})_A = \frac{1}{2}n(n+1)$  for any  $A \in \overline{\mathcal{G}}_n \cap U$ .

Before proceeding to the proof of Proposition 3.2, we first note the following. Let  $a=(a_i^j)_{1 \leq i,j \leq n}$  be an orthogonal matrix, i.e.,  $\sum_{k=1}^n a_k^i a_k^j = \delta_{ij}$  and let  $X=(X_{ij}^k)_{1 \leq i,j,k \leq n} \in \mathbf{R}^{n^3}$  and  $Y=({}^l Y_{ij}^k)_{1 \leq i,j,k,l \leq n} \in \mathbf{R}^{n^4}$ . Define  $X^a=((X^a)_{ij}^k)_{1 \leq i,j,k \leq n} \in \mathbf{R}^{n^3}$  and  $Y^a=({}^l(Y^a)_{ij}^k)_{1 \leq i,j,k,l \leq n} \in \mathbf{R}^{n^4}$  by setting

$$(X^a)_{ij}^k = \sum_{p,q,r=1}^n a_i^p a_j^q a_k^r X_{pq}^r,$$

$${}^l(Y^a)_{ij}^k = \sum_{p,q,r,s=1}^n a_i^s a_j^p a_k^q a_r^s Y_{pq}^r \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i, j, k, l \leq n.$$

By simple calculations we know that if  $A \in \overline{\mathcal{G}}_n$  then  $A^a \in \overline{\mathcal{G}}_n$  and that if  $B \in (\overline{\mathfrak{g}}_n)_A$  (resp.  $C \in (\overline{\mathfrak{g}}_n^{(1)})_A$ ), then  $B^a \in (\overline{\mathfrak{g}}_n)_{A^a}$  (resp.  $C^a \in (\overline{\mathfrak{g}}_n^{(1)})_{A^a}$ ).

From now on let us assume that  $n \geq 2$  and  $\overline{\mathcal{G}}_{n-1} \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\lambda \in \mathbf{R}_* = \mathbf{R} - \{0\}$  and let  $\hat{A}=(\hat{A}_{ij}^k) \in \overline{\mathcal{G}}_{n-1}$ . Define an element  $\varphi(\lambda, \hat{A})=(\varphi(\lambda, \hat{A})_{ij}^k)_{1 \leq i,j,k \leq n} \in \mathbf{R}^{n^3}$  by

$$\varphi(\lambda, \hat{A})_{ij}^k = \sqrt{1 + \lambda^2} \hat{A}_{ij}^k,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (*) \quad & \varphi(\lambda, \hat{A})_{ij}{}^n = \varphi(\lambda, \hat{A})_{in}{}^j = \varphi(\lambda, \hat{A})_{ni}{}^j = \lambda \delta_{ij}, \\
 & \varphi(\lambda, \hat{A})_{nn}{}^i = \varphi(\lambda, \hat{A})_{ni}{}^n = \varphi(\lambda, \hat{A})_{in}{}^n = 0, \quad \varphi(\lambda, \hat{A})_{nn}{}^n = \lambda - 1/\lambda \\
 & \text{for } 1 \leq i, j, k \leq n-1.
 \end{aligned}$$

It is easily observed that  $\varphi(\lambda, \hat{A}) \in \bar{\mathcal{G}}_n$ . We now define a map  $\Phi: \mathbf{R}_* \times \bar{\mathcal{G}}_{n-1} \times \mathbf{R}^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{n^3}$  by

$$\Phi(\lambda, \hat{A}, \xi) = \varphi(\lambda, \hat{A})^{\text{exp } \xi} \quad \text{for } (\lambda, \hat{A}, \xi) \in \mathbf{R}_* \times \bar{\mathcal{G}}_{n-1} \times \mathbf{R}^{n-1},$$

where, for  $\xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_{n-1}) \in \mathbf{R}^{n-1}$ , we mean by  $\xi$  the skew symmetric matrix of the form:

$$\xi = \begin{pmatrix} & & -\xi_1 & & \\ & 0 & \vdots & & \\ & & & & -\xi_{n-1} \\ \xi_1 & \cdots & \xi_{n-1} & & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since  $\varphi(\lambda, \hat{A}) \in \bar{\mathcal{G}}_n$ , we have  $\Phi(\lambda, \hat{A}, \xi) \in \bar{\mathcal{G}}_n$ . Let  $(\lambda, \hat{A}) \in \mathbf{R}_* \times \bar{\mathcal{G}}_{n-1}$ . We denote by  $\Phi_* = \Phi_{*(\lambda, \hat{A}, 0)}$  the differential of the map  $\Phi$  at  $(\lambda, \hat{A}, 0)$ , where 0 means the zero vector  $(0, \dots, 0)$  in  $\mathbf{R}^{n-1}$ . In a natural way, the tangent space the variety  $\mathbf{R}_* \times \bar{\mathcal{G}}_{n-1} \times \mathbf{R}^{n-1}$  at  $(\lambda, \hat{A}, 0)$  may be identified with the direct sum  $\mathbf{R} \oplus (\bar{\mathfrak{g}}_{n-1})_{\hat{A}} \oplus \mathbf{R}^{n-1}$ . Hence  $\Phi_*$  induces a linear map of  $\mathbf{R} \oplus (\bar{\mathfrak{g}}_{n-1})_{\hat{A}} \oplus \mathbf{R}^{n-1}$  into  $\mathbf{R}^{n^3}$ . We also denote it by  $\Phi_*$ .

Let  $\mu \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $\hat{B} = (\hat{B}_{ij}{}^k)_{1 \leq i, j, k \leq n-1} \in (\bar{\mathfrak{g}}_{n-1})_{\hat{A}}$  and  $\xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_{n-1}) \in \mathbf{R}^{n-1}$ . We note that the vectors  $\Phi_*(\mu)$ ,  $\Phi_*(\hat{B})$  and  $\Phi_*(\xi)$  in  $\mathbf{R}^{n^3}$  are necessarily contained in  $(\bar{\mathfrak{g}}_n)_{\varphi(\lambda, \hat{A})}$ . By using the coefficients they are explicitly represented as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (**) \quad & \Phi_*(\mu)_{ij}{}^k = (\lambda/\sqrt{1+\lambda^2})\mu \hat{A}_{ij}{}^k, \quad \Phi_*(\mu)_{ij}{}^n = \mu \delta_{ij}, \\
 & \Phi_*(\mu)_{in}{}^n = 0, \quad \Phi_*(\mu)_{nn}{}^n = (1/\lambda^2)(1+\lambda^2)\mu; \\
 & \Phi_*(\hat{B})_{ij}{}^k = \sqrt{1+\lambda^2} \hat{B}_{ij}{}^k, \\
 & \Phi_*(\hat{B})_{ij}{}^n = \Phi_*(\hat{B})_{in}{}^n = \Phi_*(\hat{B})_{nn}{}^n = 0; \\
 & \Phi_*(\xi)_{ij}{}^k = \lambda(\xi_i \delta_{jk} + \xi_j \delta_{ki} + \xi_k \delta_{ij}), \\
 & \Phi_*(\xi)_{ij}{}^n = -\sqrt{1+\lambda^2} (\sum_{p=1}^n \xi_p \hat{A}_{ij}{}^p), \\
 & \Phi_*(\xi)_{in}{}^n = -(1/\lambda)(1+\lambda^2)\xi_i, \quad \Phi_*(\xi)_{nn}{}^n = 0 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i, j, k \leq n-1.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 3.3.** For each  $B \in (\bar{\mathfrak{g}}_n)_{\varphi(\lambda, \hat{A})}$ , there exists a unique  $(\mu, \hat{B}, \xi) \in \mathbf{R} \oplus (\bar{\mathfrak{g}}_{n-1})_{\hat{A}} \oplus \mathbf{R}^{n-1}$  such that

$$B = \Phi_*(\mu) + \Phi_*(\hat{B}) + \Phi_*(\xi).$$

*Proof.* We first suppose that  $\Phi_*(\mu) + \Phi_*(\hat{B}) + \Phi_*(\xi) = 0$  for some  $(\mu, \hat{B}, \xi) \in \mathbf{R} \oplus (\bar{\mathfrak{g}}_{n-1})_{\hat{A}} \oplus \mathbf{R}^{n-1}$ . Then by (\*\*) we can easily obtain  $\mu = \hat{B} = \xi = 0$ . This implies the uniqueness. Next we show the decomposition. Let  $B = (B_{ij}{}^k)_{1 \leq i, j, k \leq n} \in (\bar{\mathfrak{g}}_n)_{\varphi(\lambda, \hat{A})}$ . Take  $\mu \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $\xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_{n-1}) \in \mathbf{R}^{n-1}$  so that  $B_{nn}{}^n = (1/\lambda^2)(1+\lambda^2)\mu$ ,  $B_{in}{}^n = -(1/\lambda)(1+\lambda^2)\xi_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . We set  $\bar{B} = B - (\Phi_*(\mu) + \Phi_*(\xi))$ . Then  $\bar{B} \in (\bar{\mathfrak{g}}_n)_{\varphi(\lambda, \hat{A})}$ ,  $\bar{B}_{nn}{}^n = 0$  and  $\bar{B}_{in}{}^n$



= 0 for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Substituting  $B = \bar{B}$  into (3.6), we have  $\bar{B}_{ij}^n = 0$  for  $1 \leq i, j \leq n-1$  and

$$\sum_{p=1}^n (\bar{B}_{ik}^p \hat{A}_{jl}^p + \hat{A}_{ik}^p \bar{B}_{jl}^p - \bar{B}_{il}^p \hat{A}_{jk}^p - \hat{A}_{il}^p \bar{B}_{jk}^p) = 0$$

for  $1 \leq i, j, k, l \leq n-1$ .

Thus if we set  $\hat{B}_{ij}^k = (1/\sqrt{1+\lambda^2})\bar{B}_{ij}^k$  for  $1 \leq i, j, k \leq n-1$ , then  $\hat{B} = (\hat{B}_{ij}^k)_{1 \leq i, j, k \leq n-1} \in (\bar{g}_{n-1})_{\hat{A}}$  and  $\bar{B} = \Phi_*(\hat{B})$ . Hence we have  $B = \Phi_*(\mu) + \Phi_*(\hat{B}) + \Phi_*(\xi)$ . Q.E.D.

*Proof of Proposition 3.2.* We proceed by induction on  $n$ . It is easy to see that the proposition holds for  $n=1$ . We now assume that the proposition holds  $n-1$  with  $n \geq 2$ . Then there exists an open set  $\hat{U}$  in  $\mathbf{R}^{(n-1)^3}$  such that:

(1')  $\bar{\mathcal{G}}_{n-1} \cap \hat{U}$  is a  $\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)$ -dimensional submanifold of  $\mathbf{R}^{(n-1)^3}$ .

(2') For each  $\hat{A} \in \bar{\mathcal{G}}_{n-1} \cap \hat{U}$ , there exists a vector  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \in \mathbf{R}^{n-1}$  having the following property:

If  $\hat{B} = (\hat{B}_{ij}^k)_{1 \leq i, j, k \leq n-1} \in (\bar{g}_{n-1})_{\hat{A}}$  and  $B \neq 0$ , then

$$\sum_{p=1}^{n-1} x_p B_{ij}^k \neq 0 \quad \text{for some } (i, j) (1 \leq i, j \leq n-1).$$

(3')  $\dim(\bar{g}_{n-1})_{\hat{A}} = \frac{1}{2}n(n-1)$  for any  $\hat{A} \in \bar{\mathcal{G}}_{n-1} \cap \hat{U}$ .

Let us take any  $\lambda_0 \in \mathbf{R}_*$ ,  $\hat{A}_0 \in \bar{\mathcal{G}}_{n-1} \cap \hat{U}$  and a sufficiently small open set  $\tilde{U}$  in  $\mathbf{R}_* \times (\bar{\mathcal{G}}_{n-1} \cap \hat{U}) \times \mathbf{R}^{n-1}$  containing  $(\lambda_0, \hat{A}_0, 0)$ . In view of Lemma 3.3, we know that the differential  $\Phi_*$  of at  $(\lambda_0, \hat{A}_0, 0)$  is injective. Hence we may assume that the restriction  $\Phi_{|\tilde{U}}: \tilde{U} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{n^3}$  of the map  $\Phi$  to  $\tilde{U}$  is an imbedding. Because of the assumption (1'), the image  $\Phi(\tilde{U})$  of  $\tilde{U}$  forms a  $\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)$ -dimensional submanifold of  $\mathbf{R}^{n^3}$ . Moreover we know  $(\bar{g}_n)_{\varphi(\lambda_0, \hat{A}_0)} = T_{\varphi(\lambda_0, \hat{A}_0)}\Phi(\tilde{U})$ . We now notice the following

**Lemma 3.4.** *Let  $f_1, \dots, f_r$  be differentiable functions on a manifold  $M$  and let  $\mathcal{V}$  be the subvariety of  $M$  defined by the system of equations  $f_1 = \dots = f_r = 0$ . Assume that there is a submanifold  $S$  of  $M$  and a point  $p \in S$  such that*

- (i)  $S \subset \mathcal{V}$ ;
- (ii)  $T_p(S) = \{x \in T_p(M) \mid df_1(x) = \dots = df_r(x) = 0\}$ .

*Then there exists a neighborhood  $U$  of  $p$  in  $M$  such that  $\mathcal{V} \cap U = S \cap U$ .*

The proof of the lemma is left to the readers.

By virtue of Lemma 3.4, we know that there exists an open neighborhood  $U$  of  $\varphi(\lambda_0, \hat{A}_0)$  in  $\mathbf{R}^{n^3}$  such that  $\bar{\mathcal{G}}_n \cap U = \Phi(\tilde{U}) \cap U$ . This implies (1) of the proposition.

Next we show (2). Let  $A \in \bar{\mathcal{G}}_n \cap U$ . Since  $A \in \Phi(\tilde{U})$ , we may write  $A = \varphi(\lambda, \hat{A})^{\exp \xi}$  by using a suitable  $(\lambda, \hat{A}, \xi) \in \tilde{U}$ . Hence, in order to show (2), it suffices to deal with the case  $A = \varphi(\lambda, \hat{A})$ . Let  $\hat{x} = (\hat{x}_1, \dots, \hat{x}_{n-1}) \in \mathbf{R}^{n-1}$  be the vector stated in (2'). We may assume that  $|\hat{x}_i| \ll 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ . We define  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbf{R}^n$  by  $x_i = \hat{x}_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$  and  $x_n = 1$ . Let us show the vector  $x$  defined above has the property stated in (2). Let  $B = (B_{pq}^r)_{1 \leq p, q, r \leq n} \in (\bar{g}_n)_{\varphi(\lambda, \hat{A})}$  and suppose  $\sum_{r=1}^n x_r B_{pq}^r = 0$  for any  $(p, q)$  ( $1 \leq p, q \leq n$ ). By using the decomposition  $B = \Phi_*(\mu) + \Phi_*(\hat{B}) + \Phi_*(\xi)$  in

Lemma 3.3 and the formulas (\*\*) for  $\Phi_*(\mu), \Phi_*(\hat{B}), \Phi_*(\xi)$ , we have

$$(3.10) \quad \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \{ \lambda(\hat{x}_j \delta_{ik} + \hat{x}_i \delta_{jk} + \hat{x}_k \delta_{ij}) - \sqrt{1 + \lambda^2} \hat{A}_{ij}^k \} \xi_k + \left( \delta_{ij} + \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda^2}} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \hat{x}_k \hat{A}_{ij}^k \right) \mu + \sqrt{1 + \lambda^2} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \hat{x}_k \hat{B}_{ij}^k \right) = 0$$

for  $1 \leq i, j \leq n-1$ ;

$$(3.11) \quad -\frac{1}{\lambda}(1 + \lambda^2) \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \left( \delta_{ij} + \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda^2}} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \hat{x}_k \hat{A}_{ij}^k \right) \xi_j + \hat{x}_i \mu = 0$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ ;

$$(3.12) \quad \mu - \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \hat{x}_k \xi_k = 0.$$

Since  $|\hat{x}_i| \ll 1$ , it follows from (3.11) and (3.12) that  $\mu = \xi_1 = \dots = \xi_{n-1} = 0$ . Hence by (3.10) we have  $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \hat{x}_k \hat{B}_{ij}^k = 0$  for any  $1 \leq i, j \leq n-1$ . Therefore by the assumption (2'), we obtain  $\hat{B} = 0$ . This completes the proof of (2).

Finally we show (3) of the proposition. As in the proof of (2), we may assume  $A = \varphi(\lambda, \hat{A})$ . Let  $C = ({}^s C_{pq}{}^r)_{1 \leq p, q, r, s \leq n} \in (\mathfrak{g}_n^{(1)})_{\varphi(\lambda, \hat{A})}$ . For each  $s$  ( $1 \leq s \leq n$ ), we denote by  ${}^s C$  the element of  $R^{n^3}$  given by  ${}^s C = ({}^s C_{pq}{}^r)_{1 \leq p, q, r \leq n}$ . Clearly we have  ${}^s C \in (\mathfrak{g}_n)_{\varphi(\lambda, \hat{A})}$  for  $1 \leq s \leq n$ . By Lemma 3.3, there exist  ${}^s \mu \in R, {}^s \hat{B} \in (\mathfrak{g}_{n-1})_{\hat{A}}$  and  ${}^s \xi \in R^{n-1}$  such that

$${}^s C = \Phi_*({}^s \mu) + \Phi_*({}^s \hat{B}) + \Phi_*({}^s \xi).$$

Since  ${}^s C_{pq}{}^r = {}^p C_{sq}{}^r$ , we have

$$(3.13) \quad {}^i \mu = -\lambda^n \xi_i \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1;$$

$$(3.14) \quad {}^j \xi_i = \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda^2}} \left( \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} {}^n \xi_l \hat{A}_{ij}^l - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda^2}} {}^n \mu \delta_{ij} \right) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i, j \leq n-1;$$

$$(3.15) \quad {}^n \hat{B}_{ij}^k = -\frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda^2}} (2 {}^n \xi_i \delta_{jk} + {}^n \xi_j \delta_{ik} + {}^n \xi_k \delta_{ij}) - \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda^2}} \left( \sum_{p, q=1}^{n-1} {}^n \xi_q \hat{A}_{iq}^p \hat{A}_{jk}^p \right)$$

for  $1 \leq i, j, k \leq n-1$ ;

$$(3.16) \quad {}^i \hat{B}_{ij}^k - {}^i \hat{B}_{lj}^k = \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda^2}} ({}^i \xi_j \delta_{lk} + {}^i \xi_k \delta_{lj} - {}^l \xi_j \delta_{lk} - {}^l \xi_k \delta_{lj}) + \frac{\lambda}{1 + \lambda^2} ({}^i \mu \hat{A}_{ij}^k - {}^l \mu \hat{A}_{lj}^k) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i, j, k, l \leq n-1.$$

Here we set

$$(3.17) \quad {}^i_0 \hat{B}_{ij}^k = -\frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda^2}} (2 {}^i \xi_i \delta_{jk} + {}^i \xi_j \delta_{ik} + {}^i \xi_k \delta_{ij}) - \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{1 + \lambda^2}} \left( \sum_{p, q=1}^{n-1} {}^i \xi_p \hat{A}_{ip}^q \hat{A}_{jk}^q \right) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i, j, k, l \leq n-1.$$

Then by (3.13) and (3.14) we have  ${}^l_0\hat{B} = ({}^l_0\hat{B}_{ij}{}^k)_{1 \leq i, j, k \leq n-1} \in (\bar{g}_{n-1})_{\hat{A}}$  for  $1 \leq l \leq n-1$  and  ${}^l\hat{B}_{ij}{}^k - {}^l_0\hat{B}_{ij}{}^k = {}^l\hat{B}_{ij}{}^k - {}^l_0\hat{B}_{ij}{}^k$  for  $1 \leq i, j, k, l \leq n-1$ . Hence if we set

$$(3.18) \quad {}^l\hat{C}_{ij}{}^k = {}^l\hat{B}_{ij}{}^k - {}^l_0\hat{B}_{ij}{}^k \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i, j, k, l \leq n-1,$$

then  $\hat{C} = ({}^l\hat{C}_{ij}{}^k)_{1 \leq i, j, k, l \leq n-1} \in (\bar{g}_{n-1}^{(1)})_{\hat{A}}$ . By these arguments we know that any  $C \in (\bar{g}_n^{(1)})_{\varphi(\lambda, \hat{A})}$  can be completely determined by  ${}^n\eta \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $\hat{C} \in (\bar{g}_{n-1}^{(1)})_{\hat{A}}$  and  ${}^n\xi = ({}^n\xi_1, \dots, {}^n\xi_{n-1}) \in \mathbf{R}^{n-1}$ . Conversely it is clear that these variables are independent. Hence we have

$$\dim (\bar{g}_n^{(1)})_{\varphi(\lambda, \hat{A})} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}n(n-1) + n-1 = \frac{1}{2}n(n+1).$$

This completes the proof of the proposition.

Q.E.D.

### § 4. The proof of Theorem 3.1

As in the previous section, we shall fix an orthonormal basis  $\{e_a\}_{0 \leq a \leq n}$  (resp.  $\{v_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq n}$ ) of  $T$  (resp.  $N$ ). As usual every  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{o}(T)$  (resp.  $\rho \in \mathfrak{o}(N)$ ) can be represented by a skew symmetric matrix  $(\sigma_a{}^b)_{0 \leq a, b \leq n}$  (resp.  $(\rho_i{}^j)_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$ ) with respect to  $\{e_a\}$  (resp.  $\{v_i\}$ ).

Let  $A \in \bar{\mathcal{G}}_n$ . By  $\alpha_A$ , we mean the element of  $\hat{\mathcal{G}}$  corresponding to  $A$ . Let us define a map  $\psi: \mathfrak{o}(N) \times \bar{\mathcal{G}}_n \times \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow S^2T^* \otimes N$  by

$$\psi(\rho, A, \tau) = \exp \rho \alpha_A^{\exp \tau} \quad \text{for } (\rho, A, \tau) \in \mathfrak{o}(N) \times \bar{\mathcal{G}}_n \times \mathbf{R}^n,$$

where for each  $\tau = (\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n)$  we denote by  $\hat{\tau}$  the element of  $\mathfrak{o}(T)$  such that

$$\hat{\tau} = \begin{pmatrix} 0, & \tau_1, & \dots, & \tau_n \\ -\tau_1 & & & \\ \vdots & & 0 & \\ -\tau_n & & & \end{pmatrix}.$$

Note that since  $\alpha_A \in \hat{\mathcal{G}}$ , we have  $\psi(\rho, A, \tau) \in \mathcal{G}$ . Let us denote by  $\psi_* = \psi_{*(0, A, 0)}$  the differential of  $\psi$  at  $(0, A, 0) \in \mathfrak{o}(N) \times \bar{\mathcal{G}}_n \times \mathbf{R}^n$ , where 0 means the zero matrix of degree  $n$  or the vector  $(0, \dots, 0) \in \mathbf{R}^n$ . Naturally the tangent space to the variety  $\mathfrak{o}(N) \times \bar{\mathcal{G}}_n \times \mathbf{R}^n$  at  $(0, A, 0)$  may be identified with the direct sum  $\mathfrak{o}(N) \oplus (\bar{g}_n)_A \oplus \mathbf{R}^n$ . Hence  $\psi_*$  induces a linear map of  $\mathfrak{o}(N) \oplus (\bar{g}_n)_A \oplus \mathbf{R}^n$  into  $S^2T^* \otimes N$ . We also denote it by  $\psi_*$ .

Let  $\rho = (\rho_i{}^j)_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} \in \mathfrak{o}(N)$ ,  $B = (B_{ij}{}^k)_{1 \leq i, j, k \leq n} \in (\bar{g}_n)_A$ , and  $\tau = (\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) \in \mathbf{R}^n$ . It is noted that the vectors  $\psi_*(\rho)$ ,  $\psi_*(B)$  and  $\psi_*(\tau)$  in  $S^2T^* \otimes N$  are necessarily contained in  $g_{\alpha_A}$ . In terms of coefficients they are represented as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_*(\rho)_{00}{}^k &= 0, & \psi_*(\rho)_{0i}{}^k &= \delta_{ik}, & \psi_*(\rho)_{ij}{}^k &= \sum_{l=1}^n \rho_i{}^l A_{lj}{}^k; \\ (***) \quad \psi_*(B)_{00}{}^k &= \psi_*(B)_{0i}{}^k = 0, & \psi_*(B)_{ij}{}^k &= B_{ij}{}^k; \\ \psi_*(\tau)_{00}{}^k &= -2\tau_k, & \psi_*(\tau)_{0i}{}^k &= -\sum_{l=1}^n \tau_l A_{li}{}^k, & \psi_*(\tau)_{ij}{}^k &= \tau_i \delta_{jk} + \tau_j \delta_{ik} \end{aligned}$$

for  $1 \leq i, j, k \leq n$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** For each  $\beta \in \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha_A}$ , there exists a unique  $(\rho, B, \tau) \in \mathfrak{o}(N) \oplus (\bar{\mathfrak{g}}_n)_A \oplus \mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$\beta = \psi_*(\rho) + \psi_*(B) + \psi_*(\tau).$$

*Proof.* We first assume that  $\psi_*(\rho) + \psi_*(B) + \psi_*(\tau) = 0$  for some  $(\rho, B, \tau) \in \mathfrak{o}(N) \oplus (\bar{\mathfrak{g}}_n)_A \oplus \mathbb{R}^n$ . Then by (\*\*), we immediately have  $\rho = B = \tau = 0$ . This proves the uniqueness. We next show the decomposition. Let  $\beta \in \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha_A}$  and let  $\bar{B} = (\bar{B}_{ab}^k)_{\substack{0 \leq a, b \leq n \\ 1 \leq k \leq n}} \in \mathbb{R}^{n(n+1)^2}$  be the coefficients of  $\beta$ . Take  $\tau = (\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  so that  $\tau_k = -\frac{1}{2}\bar{B}_{00}^k$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n$ . We set  $\bar{\beta} = \beta - \psi_*(\tau)$ . Since  $\bar{\beta} \in \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha_A}$ , we have  $\Omega_{*\alpha_A}(\bar{\beta}) = 0$ , i.e.,

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{aligned} &\langle \bar{\beta}(x, z), \alpha_A(y, w) \rangle + \langle \alpha_A(x, z), \bar{\beta}(y, w) \rangle - \langle \bar{\beta}(x, w), \alpha_A(y, z) \rangle \\ &\quad - \langle \alpha_A(x, w), \bar{\beta}(y, z) \rangle = 0 \quad \text{for } x, y, z, w \in T. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $(\bar{B}_{ab}^k)_{\substack{0 \leq a, b \leq n \\ 1 \leq k \leq n}}$  be the coefficients of  $\bar{\beta}$ . By the choice of  $\tau$ , we have  $\bar{B}_{00}^k = 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Thus if we put  $x = e_0, y = e_i, z = e_0, w = e_j$  ( $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ ) into (4.1), then we obtain  $\bar{B}_{0i}^j + \bar{B}_{0j}^i = 0$ . Let us set  $\rho = (\bar{B}_{0i}^j)_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$  and set  $\dot{\beta} = \bar{\beta} - \psi_*(\rho) = \beta - (\psi_*(\tau) + \psi_*(\rho))$ . Since  $\rho \in \mathfrak{o}(N)$ , we have  $\dot{\beta} \in \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha_A}$ . Hence

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{aligned} &\langle \dot{\beta}(x, z), \alpha_A(y, w) \rangle + \langle \alpha_A(x, z), \dot{\beta}(y, w) \rangle - \langle \dot{\beta}(x, w), \alpha_A(y, z) \rangle \\ &\quad - \langle \alpha_A(x, w), \dot{\beta}(y, z) \rangle = 0 \quad \text{for } x, y, z, w \in T. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\hat{B} = (\hat{B}_{ab}^k)_{\substack{0 \leq a, b \leq n \\ 1 \leq k \leq n}}$  be the coefficients of  $\dot{\beta}$ . Then we have  $\hat{B}_{00}^k = \hat{B}_{0i}^k = 0$  for  $1 \leq i, k \leq n$ . By this relation, the equation (4.2) may be reduced to the system of equations:

$$\hat{B}_{ij}^k = \hat{B}_{ik}^j; \quad \sum_{p=1}^n (\hat{B}_{ik}^p A_{jl}^p + A_{ik}^p \hat{B}_{jl}^p - \hat{B}_{il}^p A_{jk}^p - A_{il}^p \hat{B}_{jk}^p) = 0$$

for  $1 \leq i, j, k, l \leq n$ .

Thus if we set  $B = (\hat{B}_{ij}^k)_{1 \leq i, j, k \leq n}$ , we have  $B \in (\bar{\mathfrak{g}}_n)_A$  and  $\dot{\beta} = \psi_*(B)$ . Hence we have  $\beta = \psi_*(\rho) + \psi_*(B) + \psi_*(\tau)$ . Q.E.D.

These being prepared, we start the proof of Theorem 3.1. Let  $U$  be the open set in  $\mathbb{R}^{n^3}$  stated in Proposition 3.2. Let  $A_0 \in \bar{\mathcal{G}}_n \cap U$ . By Lemma 4.1, we know that the differential  $\psi_*$  of  $\psi$  at  $(0, A_0, 0)$  is injective. Taking a sufficiently small open neighborhood  $\tilde{O}$  of  $(0, A_0, 0)$  in  $\mathfrak{o}(N) \times (\bar{\mathcal{G}}_n \cap U) \times \mathbb{R}^n$ , we may assume that the restriction of the map  $\psi$  to  $\tilde{O}$  is an imbedding. Therefore the image  $\psi(\tilde{O})$  of  $\tilde{O}$  forms an  $n(n-1)$ -dimensional submanifold of  $S^2T^* \otimes N$ . Note that  $\bar{\mathcal{G}}_n \cap U$  is a  $\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)$  dimensional submanifold of  $\mathbb{R}^{n^3}$ . Moreover we know  $\mathfrak{g}_{\alpha_{A_0}} = T_{\alpha_{A_0}}\psi(\tilde{O})$ . Hence by Lemma 3.4, there exists an open neighborhood  $O$  of  $\alpha_{A_0}$  in  $S^2T^* \otimes N$  such that  $\mathcal{G} \cap O = \psi(\tilde{O}) \cap O$ . This shows (1) of the theorem.

Next we show (2) of the theorem. Let  $\alpha \in \mathcal{G} \cap O$ . Since  $\alpha \in \psi(\tilde{O})$ , we may write  $\alpha = \psi(\rho, A, \tau)$  by using suitable  $(\rho, A, \tau) \in \mathfrak{o}(N) \times (\bar{\mathcal{G}}_n \cap U) \times \mathbb{R}^n$ . Hence in order to show (2), it suffices to deal with the case where  $\alpha = \psi(0, A, 0) = \alpha_A$ . Since  $A \in \bar{\mathcal{G}}_n \cap U$  there exists a vector  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  satisfying (2) of Proposition 3.2. Here we may assume that  $|x_i| \ll 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . We set  $e = e_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i e_i$ . Then

we can see that the vector  $e$  satisfies the condition in (2). In fact, let us suppose  $e \lrcorner \beta = 0$  for some  $\beta \in \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha_A}$ . Then by using the decomposition  $\beta = \psi_*(\rho) + \psi_*(B) + \psi_*(\tau)$  in Lemma 4.1. and the formulas (\*\*), we have

$$(4.3) \quad -2\tau_k + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \left( \rho_i^k - \sum_{j=1}^n \tau_j A_{ji}^k \right) = 0 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq k \leq n;$$

$$(4.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \rho_i^k - \sum_{j=1}^n \tau_j A_{ji}^k + \sum_{j=1}^n x_j \left( \tau_j \delta_{ik} + \tau_i \delta_{jk} + \sum_{l=1}^n \rho_l^k A_{jl}^l \right) \\ + \sum_{j=1}^n x_j B_{ji}^k = 0 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i, k \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

The equation (4.3) and the skew symmetric part of (4.4) with respect to the pair  $(i, k)$  form a system of homogeneous linear equations with variables  $\tau_i, \rho_j^k$  ( $1 \leq i, j, k \leq n$ ). Since  $|x_i| \ll 1$  it follows that  $\tau_i = \rho_j^k = 0$  for  $1 \leq i, j, k \leq n$ . Hence we have  $\sum_{j=1}^n x_j B_{ji}^k = 0$  for any  $1 \leq i, k \leq n$ . Therefore we obtain  $B_{ji}^k = 0$  for any  $1 \leq i, j, k \leq n$ . This shows  $\beta = 0$ .

Finally we show (3) of the theorem. As in the proof of (2), we may assume that  $\alpha = \alpha_A$ . Let  $\gamma \in \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha_A}^{(1)}$ . Since  $e_s \lrcorner \gamma \in \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha_A}$  for  $0 \leq s \leq n$ , there are  ${}^s \rho = ({}^s \rho_i^j)_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} \in \mathfrak{o}(N)$ ,  ${}^s B = ({}^s B_{ij}^k)_{1 \leq i, j, k \leq n} \in (\mathfrak{g}_n)_A$  and  ${}^s \tau = ({}^s \tau_1, \dots, {}^s \tau_n) \in \mathbf{R}^n$  such that  $e_s \lrcorner \gamma = \Psi_*({}^s \rho) + \Psi_*({}^s B) + \Psi_*({}^s \tau)$ . Then, by the relation  $e_t \lrcorner e_s \lrcorner \gamma = e_t \lrcorner e_s \lrcorner \gamma$  for  $1 \leq s, t \leq n$ , we have

$$(4.5) \quad {}^t \tau_k = \frac{1}{2} {}^0 \rho_k^i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n {}^0 \tau_j A_{jk}^i \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i, k \leq n;$$

$$(4.6) \quad \begin{aligned} {}^i \rho_j^k - \sum_{l=1}^n {}^i \tau_l A_{lj}^k \\ = {}^0 \tau_i \delta_{jk} + {}^0 \tau_j \delta_{ik} + \sum_{l=1}^n {}^0 \rho_l^k A_{ij}^l + {}^0 B_{ij}^k \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i, j, k \leq n; \end{aligned}$$

$$(4.7) \quad \begin{aligned} {}^l B_{ij}^k - {}^t B_{ij}^k = \frac{1}{2} ({}^0 \rho_l^i \delta_{jk} + {}^0 \rho_l^j \delta_{ik} + {}^0 \rho_l^k \delta_{ji}) - \frac{1}{2} ({}^0 \rho_i^l \delta_{jk} + {}^0 \rho_i^j \delta_{lk} + {}^0 \rho_i^k \delta_{jl}) \\ + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p, q=1}^n {}^0 \rho_p^q (A_{ik}^p A_{ij}^q - A_{ik}^q A_{ij}^p) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i, j, k, l \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

From (4.6) we obtain

$$(4.8) \quad {}^i \rho_j^k = \frac{1}{2} ({}^0 \tau_j \delta_{ik} - {}^0 \tau_k \delta_{ij}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{l=1}^n ({}^0 \rho_l^k A_{ij}^l - {}^0 \rho_l^j A_{ik}^l);$$

$$(4.9) \quad \begin{aligned} {}^0 B_{ij}^k = -\frac{1}{2} ({}^0 \tau_j \delta_{ik} + {}^0 \tau_k \delta_{ij} + 2{}^0 \tau_i \delta_{jk}) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p, q=1}^n {}^0 \tau_q A_{qi}^p A_{jk}^p \\ - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p=1}^n ({}^0 \rho_p^k A_{ij}^p + {}^0 \rho_p^j A_{ik}^p + {}^0 \rho_p^i A_{pj}^k) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i, j, k \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

We set

$$(4.10) \quad \begin{aligned} {}^l B_{ij}^k = -\frac{1}{2} ({}^l \tau_j \delta_{ik} + {}^l \tau_k \delta_{ij} + 2{}^l \tau_i \delta_{jk}) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p, q=1}^n {}^l \tau_q A_{qi}^p A_{jk}^p \\ - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p=1}^n ({}^l \rho_p^k A_{ij}^p + {}^l \rho_p^j A_{ik}^p + {}^l \rho_p^i A_{pj}^k) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i, j, k, l \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have  ${}^l_0B = ({}^l_0B_{ij}{}^k)_{1 \leq i, j, k \leq n} \in (\bar{g}_n)_A$  for  $1 \leq l \leq n$ . Moreover by (4.5), (4.7) and (4.8) we obtain  ${}^lB_{ij}{}^k - {}^l_0B_{ij}{}^k = {}^lB_{ij}{}^k - {}^l_0B_{ij}{}^k$  for  $1 \leq i, j, k, l \leq n$ . Let us set

$$(4.11) \quad {}^lC_{ij}{}^k = {}^lB_{ij}{}^k - {}^l_0B_{ij}{}^k \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i, j, k, l \leq n.$$

Then we have  $C = ({}^lC_{ij}{}^k)_{1 \leq i, j, k, l \leq n} \in (\bar{g}_n^{(1)})_A$ . Therefore any  $\gamma \in g_{\alpha_A}^{(1)}$  can be completely determined by  ${}^0\rho = ({}^0\rho_i{}^j)_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} \in o(N)$ ,  $C = ({}^lC_{ij}{}^k)_{1 \leq i, j, k, l \leq n} \in (\bar{g}_n^{(1)})_A$  and  ${}^0\tau = ({}^0\tau_1, \dots, {}^0\tau_n) \in \mathbf{R}^n$ . Conversely it is clear that these variables are independent. Hence we have  $\dim g_{\alpha_A}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{2}n(n-1) + \frac{1}{2}n(n+1) + n = n(n+1)$ . Thus we have completed the proof of Theorem 3.1.

**§ 5. Isometric immersions of the spaces of negative constant curvature**

Let  $(M, g)$  be the space of constant curvature of dimension  $n$  with sectional curvature  $k < 0$ . Then at each  $p \in M$ , we have

$$-g(R(x, y)z, w) = k\{g(x, z)g(y, w) - g(x, w)g(y, z)\}$$

for  $x, y, z, w \in T_p$ .

Moreover we have  $\forall R \equiv 0$  on  $M$ .

We now show the following

**Theorem 5.1.** *If  $m = 2n - 1$ , then there exists an open fibered submanifold  $\pi_1^{\sharp}: P_{\sharp}^{(1)} \rightarrow P$  of the vector bundle  $\pi_1^{\sharp}: P^{(1)} \rightarrow P$  such that the intersection  $Q_{\sharp} = Q \cap P_{\sharp}^{(1)}$  forms an involutive differential equation.\*\*)*

*Proof.* Let  $\alpha \in P$  and let  $V$  be a sufficiently small neighborhood of  $\alpha$  in  $P$ . From the local triviality of the vector bundle  $\pi: N \rightarrow P$ , we may assume that  $\pi^{-1}(V)$  is isomorphic to the vector bundle  $V \times N$ , where  $N = N_{\alpha}$ . Furthermore we may assume that the isomorphism gives an isometric isomorphism between each fiber of  $\pi^{-1}(V)$  and  $N$ . (Note that since each fiber of the vector bundle  $\pi: N \rightarrow P$  is a subspace of  $\mathbf{R}^{2n-1}$ , it is endowed with an inner product.) Similarly the restriction  $T_{|\pi^{-1}(V)}$  of the tangent bundle  $T = T(M)$  to  $\pi^{-1}(V)$  may be assumed to be isomorphic to the bundle  $\pi^{-1}(V) \times T$ , where we set  $T = T_p$ . We may assume that the isomorphism gives an isometric isomorphism between each fiber of  $T_{|\pi^{-1}(V)}$  and  $T$  with respect to the given Riemannian metric  $g$ . Under these observations the restriction  $P_{|V}^{(1)}$  of the vector bundle  $\pi_1^{\sharp}: P^{(1)} \rightarrow P$  to  $V$  may be considered to be isomorphic to the bundle  $V \times S^2T^* \otimes N$ . By this isomorphism the set  $Q \cap (\pi_1^{\sharp})^{-1}(V)$  is mapped onto  $V \times \mathcal{G}(G_k)$  (see the equation (1.8)). Hence there exists an open set  $O$  in  $S^2T^* \otimes N$  having the property stated in Theorem 3.1. By  $O_{\alpha}$  we denote the open set in  $P^{(1)}$  that corresponds to the open set  $V \times O$  in  $V \times S^2T^* \otimes N$ . For any  $\alpha \in P$ , we take such an open set  $O_{\alpha}$  in  $P^{(1)}$  and set  $P_{\sharp}^{(1)} = \bigcup_{\alpha \in P} O_{\alpha}$ . Then it is clear that  $\pi_1^{\sharp}: P_{\sharp}^{(1)} \rightarrow P$  forms an open fibered submanifold of the vector bundle  $\pi_1^{\sharp}: P^{(1)} \rightarrow P$ . We set  $Q_{\sharp} = Q \cap P_{\sharp}^{(1)}$  and

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(\*\*) For the definition of involutive differential equations, see [8] or [4].

$Q_{\#}^{(1)} = Q^{(1)} \cap (\pi_2^3)^{-1}(P_{\#}^{(1)})$ . Then we can easily verify that  $Q_{\#}$  forms a fibered submanifold of the vector bundle  $\pi_2^3: P^{(1)} \rightarrow P$ . Hence  $Q_{\#}$  is a differential equation. In order to show the involutiveness of  $Q_{\#}$ , we must show the following:

- (a) The map  $\pi_2^3: Q_{\#}^{(1)} \rightarrow Q_{\#}$  is surjective.
- (b) The union  $q^{(1)} = \bigcup_{\beta \in Q_{\#}} q_{\beta}^{(1)}$  is a vector bundle over  $Q_{\#}$ .
- (c) For each  $\beta \in Q_{\#}$ , the symbol  $q_{\beta}$  of  $Q_{\#}$  at  $\beta$  is involutive.

*Proof of (a).* Let  $\beta = (p; \omega_0, \omega_1, \omega_2) \in Q_{\#}$ . Let us define  $\bar{\omega}_3 \in \otimes^3 T_p^* \otimes \mathbf{R}^{2n-1}$  by setting

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \bar{\omega}_3(w, z, x), \omega_1(y) \rangle &= - \langle \omega_2(z, x), \omega_2(w, y) \rangle, \\ \langle \bar{\omega}_3(w, z, x), n \rangle &= 0 \quad \text{for } x, y, z, w \in T_p, n \in N_{\alpha}(\alpha = \pi_1^2(\beta)). \end{aligned}$$

Then we have  $\gamma = (p; \omega_0, \omega_1, \omega_2, \bar{\omega}_3) \in J^3(M, m)$  and  $\pi_2^3(\gamma) = \beta$ . Moreover since  $\nabla R \equiv 0$  we have  $\gamma \in Q_{\#}^{(1)}$  (see the equations (1.9) and (1.10)). Hence the map  $\pi_2^3: Q_{\#}^{(1)} \rightarrow Q_{\#}$  is surjective.

*Proof of (b) and (c).* Let  $\beta = (p; \omega_0, \omega_1, \omega_2) \in Q_{\#}$ . We set  $\alpha = \pi_1^2(\beta)$ . We may assume  $\beta \in O_{\alpha}$ . Then by the definitions of the vector spaces  $q_{\beta}$  and  $q_{\beta}^{(1)}$ , we have  $q_{\beta} = \mathfrak{g}_{\omega_2}$  and  $q_{\beta}^{(1)} = \mathfrak{g}_{\omega_2}^{(1)}$  (Note that we are assuming  $T = T_p$  and  $N = N_{\alpha}$ .) Since  $\dim N = \dim T - 1 = n - 1$ , we have  $\dim q_{\omega_2}^{(1)} = \dim \mathfrak{g}_{\omega_2}^{(1)} = n(n - 1)$ . This indicates that the union  $q^{(1)} = \bigcup_{\beta \in Q_{\#}} q_{\beta}^{(1)}$  is a vector bundle over  $Q_{\#}$ . We next show (c). Since  $\beta \in O_{\alpha}$ , there exists a vector  $e \in T = T_p$  such that  $e \lrcorner \xi \neq 0$  for any  $\xi \in q_{\beta}$ ;  $\xi \neq 0$ . Then we can easily see that any basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  of  $T = T_p$  such that  $e_1 = e$  is regular for the symbol  $q_{\beta}$ . Hence  $q_{\beta}$  is involutive. Thus we have completed the proof of Theorem 5.1. Q.E.D.

Note that any space of constant curvature is a real analytic Riemannian manifold. Then the varieties  $P, P^{(1)}, Q^{(1)}$  and  $Q$  are also considered to be real analytic. We can easily see that Theorem 5.1 still holds if we consider everything in the real analytic category. Then  $Q_{\#}$  forms a real analytic differential equation. From the existence theorem of local solutions of real analytic involutive differential equations (cf. [8], [4]) follows

**Theorem 5.2.** *Any space of negative constant curvature of dimension  $n$  can be locally isometrically immersed into the euclidean space  $\mathbf{R}^{2n-1}$ .*

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