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ON GENERALIZED WEINGARTEN SURFACES

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Following the ideas of A. Švec [1], I am going to present further generalizations of the H- and K-theorems.

1.

Theorem 1. Let $G \subset \mathcal{R}^2$ be a bounded domain, $M: G \cup \partial G \to E^3$ a surface with a net of lines of curvature, v_1 and v_2 the unit tangent vector fields of these lines, k_1 and k_2 the corresponding principal curvatures. Let $M(\partial G)$ consist of umbilical points. Further, suppose

$$(1.1) K \ge 0,$$

$$(k_1 - k_2)(v_1v_1 - v_2v_2)H \ge 0$$

on M. Then $M(G \cup \partial G)$ is a part of a sphere.

Proof. On M, consider a field of tangent orthonormal moving frames $\{m; v_1, v_2, v_3\}$. Then

(1.3)
$$dm = \omega^{1}v_{1} + \omega^{2}v_{2},$$

$$dv_{1} = \omega_{1}^{2}v_{2} + \omega_{1}^{3}v_{3},$$

$$dv_{2} = -\omega_{1}^{2}v_{1} + \omega_{2}^{3}v_{3},$$

$$dv_{3} = -\omega_{1}^{3}v_{1} - \omega_{2}^{3}v_{2}$$

with the usual integrability conditions. We have

$$(1.4) \omega_1^3 = a\omega^1, \quad \omega_2^3 = c\omega^2$$

(1.5)
$$da = \alpha \omega^{1} + \beta \omega^{2},$$

$$(a - c) \omega_{1}^{2} = \beta \omega^{1} + \gamma \omega^{2},$$

$$dc = \gamma \omega^{1} + \delta \omega^{2};$$

(1.6)
$$d\alpha - 3\beta\omega_1^2 = A\omega^1 + B\omega^2,$$

$$d\beta + (\alpha - 2\gamma)\omega_1^2 = B\omega^1 + (C + aK)\omega^2,$$

$$d\gamma + (2\beta - \delta)\omega_1^2 = (C + cK)\omega^1 + D\omega^2,$$

$$d\delta + 3\gamma\omega_1^2 = D\omega^1 + E\omega^2$$

and

(1.7)
$$v_1 a = \alpha, \quad v_2 a = \beta, \quad v_1 c = \gamma, \quad v_2 a = \delta;$$

(1.8)
$$v_1 H = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha + \gamma), \qquad v_2 H = \frac{1}{2}(\beta + \delta);$$

(1.9)
$$(a-c) v_1 \alpha = 3\beta^2 + A(a-c),$$

$$(a-c) v_1 \beta = 3\beta \gamma - \alpha \beta + B(a-c),$$

$$(a-c) v_1 \gamma = \beta(\delta - 2\beta) + (C+cK)(a-c),$$

$$(a-c) v_1 \delta = D(a-c) - 3\beta \gamma,$$

$$(a-c) v_2 \alpha = 3\beta \gamma + B(a-c),$$

$$(a-c) v_2 \beta = 2\gamma^2 - \alpha \gamma + (C+aK)(a-c),$$

$$(a-c) v_2 \gamma = \gamma(\delta - 2\beta) + D(a-c),$$

$$(a-c) v_2 \delta = E(a-c) - 3\gamma^2;$$

$$(1.10) (a-c) v_1 v_1 H = \frac{1}{2} (\beta + \delta) \beta + \frac{1}{2} (a-c) (A+C+cK),$$

$$(a-c) v_1 v_2 H = -\frac{1}{2} (\alpha + \gamma) \beta + \frac{1}{2} (a-c) (B+D),$$

$$(a-c) v_2 v_1 H = \frac{1}{2} (\beta + \delta) \gamma + \frac{1}{2} (a-c) (B+D),$$

$$(a-c) v_2 v_2 H = -\frac{1}{2} (\alpha + \gamma) \gamma + \frac{1}{2} (a-c) (C+E+aK).$$

For

(1.11)
$$f = 2(H^2 - K) = \frac{1}{2}(a - c)^2,$$

define its covariant derivatives f_i , f_{ij} by

(1.12)
$$df = f_1 \omega^1 + f_2 \omega^2;$$

$$df_1 - f_2 \omega_1^2 = f_{11} \omega^1 + f_{12} \omega^2;$$

$$df_2 + f_1 \omega_1^2 = f_{12} \omega^1 + f_{22} \omega^2.$$

Then

(1.13)
$$f_{11} = (c^2 - ac) K + (\alpha - \gamma)^2 + 4\beta^2 + (a - c) (A - C),$$

$$f_{22} = (a^2 - ac) K + (\beta - \delta)^2 + 4\gamma^2 + (a - c) (C + E),$$

$$f_{12} = (\alpha - \gamma) (\beta - \delta) + 4\beta\gamma + (a - c) (B - D).$$

Now, set

(1.14)
$$S = (v_1 + v_2) H;$$

$$v_1 v_1 H + v_1 v_2 H = v_1 S,$$

$$v_2 v_1 H + v_2 v_2 H = v_2 S,$$

i.e.,

(1.15)
$$\beta^{2} + \beta \delta + K(ac - c^{2}) - \beta \gamma - \alpha \beta + (a - c) A + (a - c) B + (a - c) C + (a - c) D - 2(a - c) v_{1}S = 0,$$
$$\beta \gamma + \gamma \delta - \gamma^{2} - \alpha \gamma + (a^{2} - ac) K + (a - c) B + (a - c) C + (a - c) D + (a - c) E - 2(a - c) v_{2}S = 0.$$

Eliminating A, B, C, D, E from (1.13) and (1.15), we get

(1.16)
$$f_{11} + f_{22} = 4Kf + 2(a - c)(v_1S - v_2S) + \alpha^2 - 3\alpha\gamma + 4\gamma^2 + 4\beta^2 - 3\beta\delta + \delta^2 + \alpha\beta + 2\beta\gamma + \gamma\delta.$$

Now.

$$(1.17) v_1S - v_2S = v_1v_1H + v_1v_2H - v_2v_1H - v_2v_2H,$$

(1.18)
$$(a - c)(v_1S - v_2S) = (a - c)(v_1v_1H - v_2v_2H) - \frac{1}{2}(\beta + \delta)\gamma - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha + \gamma)\beta,$$

and (1.16) turns out to be

(1.19)
$$f_{11} + f_{22} - 4Kf = 2(a - c)(v_1v_1 - v_2v_2)H + (\alpha - \frac{3}{2}\gamma)^2 + (\delta - \frac{3}{2}\beta)^2 + \frac{7}{4}(\beta^2 + \gamma^2).$$

This equation satisfies the conditions of the maximum principle because of (1.1) and (1.2). Thus $H^2 - K = 0$ on $M(\partial G)$ implies $H^2 - K = 0$ on M(G). QED.

Theorem 2. Let $G \subset \mathcal{R}^2$ be a bounded domain, $M: G \cup \partial G \to E^3$ a surface with a net of lines of curvature, v_1 and v_2 be the fields of the unit tangent vectors of these lines, k_1 and k_2 be the corresponding principal curvatures. Let $M(\partial G)$ consist of umbilical points. On M, suppose

$$(1.20) K > 0,$$

$$(1.21) (k_1 - k_2)(v_1v_2 - v_2v_2)K \ge 0,$$

$$\frac{4}{11} \le \frac{k_2^2}{k_1^2} \le \frac{11}{4} \, .$$

Then $M(G \cup \partial G)$ is a part of a sphere.

Proof. Let us keep the notation of the proof of the previous theorem. Then

$$(1.23) v_1 K = a\gamma + c\alpha, \quad v_2 K = a\delta + c\beta;$$

(1.24)
$$(a-c) v_1 v_1 K = a[\beta(\delta-2\beta) + K(ac-c^2)] + 3c\beta^2 + + a(a-c) C + c(a-c) A + 2(a-c) \alpha \gamma , (a-c) v_2 v_2 K = c[\gamma(2\gamma-\alpha) + K(a^2-ac)] - 3a\gamma^2 + + c(a-c) C + a(a-c) E + 2(a-c) \beta \delta , (a-c) v_1 v_2 K = c\beta(2\gamma-\alpha) - 3a\beta\gamma + c(a-c) B + + a(a-c) D + (a-c) (\alpha \delta - \beta \gamma) , (a-c) v_2 v_1 K = a\gamma(\delta-2\beta) + 3c\beta\gamma + c(a-c) B + + a(a-c) D + (a-c) (\alpha \delta + \beta \gamma) .$$

Set

$$(v_1 + v_2)K = S.$$

Then

(1.26)
$$(v_1v_1 + v_1v_2)K = v_1S,$$

$$(v_2v_1 + v_2v_2)K = v_2S.$$

From (1.24)

(1.27)
$$a(\beta\delta - 2\beta^{2}) + aK(ac - c^{2}) + 3c\beta^{2} + 2(a - c)\alpha\gamma - 3a\beta\gamma + 2c\beta\gamma - c\alpha\beta + (a - c)(\alpha\delta + \beta\gamma) - (a - c)v_{1}S + (ca - c^{2})A + (ca - c^{2})B + (a^{2} - ac)C + (a^{2} - ac)D = 0,$$

$$a(\gamma\delta - 2\beta\gamma) + 3c\beta\gamma + (a - c)(\alpha\delta + \beta\gamma) - 3a\gamma^{2} + 2c\gamma^{2} - c\alpha\gamma + Kc(a^{2} - ac) + 2(a - c)\beta\delta - (a - c)v_{2}S + (ca - c^{2})B + (ca - c^{2})C + (a^{2} - ac)D + (a^{2} - ac)E = 0.$$

Eliminating A, B, C, D, E from (1.13) and (1.27), we get

(1.28)
$$cf_{11} + af_{22} - 2K(a+c)f = (a-c)(v_1-v_2)S + \{(a+c)\beta\gamma + c\alpha\beta + a\gamma\delta\} + (3a+c)\beta^2 + (a+2c)\beta\delta - (2a+c)\alpha\gamma + (a+3c)\gamma^2 + c\alpha^2 + a\delta^2 .$$

From (1.24) and (1.26),

$$(1.29) cf_{11} + af_{22} - 2K(a+c)f = (a-c)(v_1v_1 - v_2v_2)K + a\left[\left\{\delta - \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{c}{a}\right)\beta\right\}^2 + \left(\frac{11}{4} - \frac{c^2}{a^2}\right)\beta^2\right] + c\left[\left\{\alpha - \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{a}{c}\right)\gamma\right\}^2 + \left(\frac{11}{4} - \frac{a^2}{c^2}\right)\gamma^2\right].$$

This equation satisfies the conditions of the maximum principle because of (1.20) to (1.22). Again, $H^2 - K = 0$ on ∂G implies $H^2 - K = 0$ on G. QED.

Remark. Let us replace (1.21) and (1.22) by the condition K = ac = const. > 0. Then

(1.30)
$$v_1K = c\alpha + a\gamma = 0, \quad v_2K = c\beta + a\delta = 0.$$

Put

(1.31)
$$\alpha = pa$$
, $\beta = qa$, $\gamma = -pc$, $\delta = -qc$.

The equation (1.29) turns out to be

(1.32)
$$cf_{11} + af_{22} - 2K(a+c)f = p^{2}(3a^{2}c + 2ac^{2} + 3c^{3}) +$$
$$+ q^{2}(3ac^{2} + 2a^{2}c + 3a^{3}) = (cp^{2} + aq^{2})(3a^{2} + 2ac + 3c^{2}),$$

and we get the proof of the K-theorem.

2.

Let us consider the surfaces with nets of lines of curvature (for notation, see our Theorems) for which they are functions P, Q, $T: M \to \mathcal{R}$ such that

$$(2.1) Pv_1H + Qv_2H + T = 0.$$

Following the remark to Theorem 2 in [1], we wish to establish the class of operators (2.1) such that we might be able to prove by means of the maximum principle that each surface satisfying (2.1) is a part of a sphere.

Without loss of generality, (2.1) may be written as

$$(2.2) v_1H + Rv_2H = S.$$

Applying v_1 and v_2 to (2.2) and using (1.10), we get the equations of the form

(2.3)
$$(a-c)(A+RB+C+RD) = \Phi_1(a,C,\alpha,\beta,\gamma,\delta),$$
$$(a-c)(B+RC+D+RE) = \Phi_2(a,C,\alpha,\beta,\gamma,\delta).$$

Now, our task is to eliminate A, ..., E from (2.3) and (1.13). For this, the rang of the matrix (of the coefficients at A, ..., E)

(2.4)
$$(a-c) \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 1 & R & 1 & R & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & R & 1 & R \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

should be <5. This implies $R=\pm 1$, and our operators are given by

$$(v_1 \pm v_2) H - S = 0.$$

Similarly, for the operators of the form

$$(2.6) P'v_1K + Q'v_2K + T' = 0,$$

our class of "convenable" operators is given again by

$$(v_1 \pm v_2) K - S' = 0.$$

3.

We might give a generalization of Theorems 1 and 2, this being, of course, not as sharp in the suppositions.

Theorem 3. Let $G \subset \mathcal{R}^2$ be a bounded domain, $M: G \cup \partial G \to E^3$ a surface with a net of lines of curvature, v_1 and v_2 the unit tangent vector fields of these lines, k_1 and k_2 be the corresponding principal curvatures. Let $M(\partial G)$ consist of umbilical points; further, let us suppose

(3.1)
$$K \ge 0,$$

$$\frac{4}{11} \le \frac{k_2^2}{k_1^2} \le \frac{11}{4}$$

on M, and let there be a function $F: M \to \mathcal{R}^2$ satisfying

$$(3.3) (k_1 - k_2)(v_1v_1 - v_2v_2) F(H, K) \ge 0,$$

$$(3.4) F_H \ge 0, \quad F_K \ge 0,$$

$$(3.5) (k_1 - k_2)(v_1 + v_2) H \cdot \{F_{HH}(v_2 - v_1) H + F_{HK}(v_2 - v_1) K\} \ge 0,$$

(3.6)
$$(k_1 - k_2)(v_1 + v_2) H \cdot \{F_{KH}(v_2 - v_1) H + F_{KK}(v_2 - v_1) K\} \ge 0$$

on $M(G \cup \partial G)$. Then $M(G \cup \partial G)$ is a part of a sphere.

Proof. The function S be defined by

$$(v_1 + v_2) F(H, K) + S = 0.$$

$$\{F_{HH} \cdot v_1 H + F_{HK} \cdot v_1 K\} \cdot (v_1 + v_2) H + (v_1 v_1 + v_1 v_2) H \cdot F_H +$$

$$+ \{F_{KH} \cdot v_1 H + F_{KK} \cdot v_1 K\} \cdot (v_1 + v_2) K + (v_1 v_1 + v_1 v_2) K \cdot F_K +$$

$$+ v_1 S = 0 ,$$

$$\{F_{HH} \cdot v_2 H + F_{HK} \cdot v_2 K\} \cdot (v_1 + v_2) H + (v_2 v_1 + v_2 v_2) H \cdot F_H +$$

$$+ \{F_{KH} \cdot v_2 H + F_{KK} \cdot v_2 K\} \cdot (v_1 + v_2) K +$$

$$+ (v_2 v_1 + v_2 v_2) K \cdot F_K + v_2 S = 0 .$$

From (1.8), (1.10), (1.23) and (1.24),

(3.9)
$$(a-c) \left\{ F_{HH} \left(\frac{1}{2}\alpha + \frac{1}{2}\gamma \right) + F_{HK} \left(a\gamma + c\alpha \right) \right\} \left(\frac{1}{2}\alpha + \frac{1}{2}\gamma + \frac{1}{2}\beta + \frac{1}{2}\delta \right) + \\ + \frac{1}{2} F_{H} \left[\beta^{2} + \beta\delta - \beta\gamma - \alpha\beta + (a-c) \left(A + C + cK + B + D \right) \right] + \\ + \left(a-c \right) \left\{ F_{KH} \left(\frac{1}{2}\alpha + \frac{1}{2}\gamma \right) + F_{KK} \left(\alpha\gamma + c\alpha \right) \right\} \left(a\gamma + c\alpha + a\delta + c\beta \right) + \\ + F_{K} \left[a \left\{ \beta\delta - 2\beta^{2} + cK(a-c) \right\} + \left(a-c \right) \gamma\alpha + 3c\beta^{2} + \left(a-c \right) \alpha\gamma + \\ + a(a-c) C + c(a-c) A + a(a-c) D + c(a-c) B - 3a\beta\gamma + \\ + \left(a-c \right) \alpha\delta + 2c\beta\gamma - c\alpha\beta + \left(a-c \right) \beta\gamma \right] + \left(a-c \right) v_{1}S = 0 , \\ \left(a-c \right) \left\{ F_{HH} \left(\frac{1}{2}\beta + \frac{1}{2}\delta \right) + F_{HK} \left(a\delta + c\beta \right) \right\} \left(\frac{1}{2}\alpha + \frac{1}{2}\beta + \frac{1}{2}\gamma + \frac{1}{2}\delta \right) +$$

Multiplying the first two equations (1.13) by $(-\frac{1}{2}F_H - cF_K)$ and $(-\frac{1}{2}F_H - aF_K)$ resp., and using (3.9), we can eliminate A, B, C, D and E, and we get

$$(3.10) \quad (\frac{1}{2}F_{H} + cF_{K})f_{11} + (\frac{1}{2}F_{H} + aF_{K})f_{22} - \{\frac{1}{2}F_{H}K + 2F_{K}H\} 2f =$$

$$= (a - c)(v_{1}v_{1} - v_{2}v_{2})F + \frac{1}{2}F_{H}[3(\beta - \frac{1}{2}\delta)^{2} + 3(\gamma - \frac{1}{2}\alpha)^{2} +$$

$$+ \beta^{2} + \gamma^{2} + \frac{1}{4}\alpha^{2} + \frac{1}{4}\delta^{2}] + F_{K}\left[a\left\{\delta - \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{c}{a}\right)\beta\right\}^{2} +$$

$$+ a\left(\frac{11}{4} - \frac{c^{2}}{a^{2}}\right)\beta^{2} + c\left\{\alpha - \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{a}{c}\right)\gamma\right\}^{2} + c\left(\frac{11}{4} - \frac{a^{2}}{c^{2}}\right)\gamma^{2}\right] +$$

$$+ (a - c)F_{HH}(v_{1} + v_{2})H \cdot (v_{2} - v_{1})H +$$

$$+ (a - c)F_{KH}(v_{1} + v_{2})K \cdot (v_{2} - v_{1})K +$$

$$+ (a - c)F_{KK}(v_{1} + v_{2})K \cdot (v_{2} - v_{1})K.$$

The result follows.

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