

Pseudospherical Surfaces and Evolution Equations in Higher Dimensions

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Abstract : In this paper, the study of evolution equations with two independent variables which are related to pseudospherical surfaces in R^3 , is extended to evolution equations with more than two independent variables. Equations of the type

$$u_{xt} = \psi(u, u_x, \dots, \frac{\partial^k u}{\partial x^k}, u_y, \dots, \frac{\partial^k u}{\partial y^k})$$

are studied and characterized. Some features and results on properties of these equations are given via this study.

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I. Introduction

The study of non-linear evolution equations has been closely related to the study of soliton phenomena. In particular, many non-linear evolution equations of one spatial variable plus the time variable, which admit soliton solutions, have been extensively studied in the last two decades or so [v,ii]. Many interesting features of solitons, accordingly to evolution equations which admit these soliton solutions, have been disclosed, [xi-vi,x,ii]. On the contrary, for the higher dimensional case, the studies of solitons are less developed and remain one of the interesting and challenging present and future research subjects, [vi,i]. This is also the case for non-linear evolution equations with two or more spatial variables plus the time variable, [iv,xiii,xiv]. However, one of the main geometrical techniques, motivated in part by Sasaki [x], El-Sabbagh [vi], Chern and Tenenblat [xii], is the notion of a differential equation which describes a pseudo spherical surface (P.S.S). With this concept, a systematic procedure has begun to obtain linear systems associated to the non-linear differential equations as well. These linear systems are essential in order to apply the inverse scattering method to obtain solutions of the non-linear differential equation, [viii,ix].

In this paper, we shall extend the notion of P.S.P to higher dimensions i.e. 3-dim plane of constant sectional curvature-1 imbedded in R^5 . Conditions for equations of the type

$$u_{xt} = \psi(u, u_x, u_{xx}, \dots, \frac{\partial^k u}{\partial x^k}, u_y, u_{yy}, \dots, \frac{\partial^k u}{\partial y^k})$$

To describe a two-parameter 3-dim P.S.P, will be given in section III. While, in section II, we give basic notations and definitions as well as necessary preliminaries.

II. Basic notations and Preliminaries

Let M be an n -dimensional Riemannian manifold with constant curvature, isometrically immersed in \bar{M}^{2n-1} with constant curvature \bar{K} , with $K < \bar{K}$. Let $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{2n-1}$ be a moving orthonormal frame on an open set of \bar{M} , so that at points

of M , e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n are tangents to M . Let ω_A be the dual orthonormal coframe and consider ω_{AB} defined by

$$de_A = \sum_B \omega_{AB} e_B$$

The structure equations of \bar{M} are

$$d\omega_A = \sum_B \omega_B \wedge \omega_{BA}, \quad \omega_{AB} + \omega_{BA} = 0 \quad (2.1)$$

$$d\omega_{AB} = \sum_C \omega_{AC} \wedge \omega_{CB} - \bar{K} \omega_A \wedge \omega_B \quad \text{with } 1 \leq A, B, C \leq 2n-1 \quad (2.2)$$

Restricting these forms to M we have $\omega_\alpha = 0$, so (2.1) gives with $n+1 \leq \alpha, \beta, \gamma \leq 2n-1$ and $1 \leq I, J, L \leq n$,

$$d\omega_\alpha = \sum_I \omega_I \wedge \omega_{I\alpha} = 0 \quad (2.3)$$

$$d\omega_I = \sum_J \omega_J \wedge \omega_{JI} \quad (2.4)$$

from (2.2) we obtain, Gauss equation

$$d\omega_{IJ} = \sum_L \omega_{IL} \wedge \omega_{LJ} + \sum_\alpha \omega_{I\alpha} \wedge \omega_{\alpha J} - \bar{K} \omega_I \wedge \omega_J \quad (2.5)$$

and Codazzi equation

$$d\omega_{I\alpha} = \sum_A \omega_{IA} \wedge \omega_{A\alpha} \quad (2.6)$$

M has constant sectional curvature K if and only if

$$\Omega_{IJ} = d\omega_{IJ} - \sum_L \omega_{IL} \wedge \omega_{LJ} = -K \omega_I \wedge \omega_J \quad (2.7)$$

$$\sum_\alpha \omega_{I\alpha} \wedge \omega_{\alpha J} = (\bar{K} - K) \omega_I \wedge \omega_J \quad (2.8)$$

Also, equation (2.2) implies that

$$d\omega_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_\gamma \omega_{\alpha\gamma} \wedge \omega_{\gamma\beta} + \Omega_{\alpha\beta} \quad \text{With } \Omega_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_I \omega_{\alpha I} \wedge \omega_{I\beta}$$

The forms $\Omega_{\alpha\beta}$ give the normal curvature of M and $I = \sum_I (\omega_I)^2$ is its first fundamental form.

For our purpose in this paper, we write these equations when \bar{M} is taken to be R^5 and M is a 3-dimensional submanifold with constant sectional curvature $K = -1$ (i.e. pseudo spherical 3-plane in R^5).

The equations take the forms

$$\left. \begin{aligned} d\omega_1 &= \omega_4 \wedge \omega_2 + \omega_5 \wedge \omega_3 \\ d\omega_2 &= -\omega_4 \wedge \omega_1 + \omega_6 \wedge \omega_3 \\ d\omega_3 &= -\omega_5 \wedge \omega_1 - \omega_6 \wedge \omega_2 \\ d\omega_4 &= \omega_1 \wedge \omega_2 \\ d\omega_5 &= \omega_1 \wedge \omega_3 \\ d\omega_6 &= \omega_2 \wedge \omega_3 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2.9)$$

where we have written