CONGRUENCES IN UNITARY SPACE

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1. Introduction. In this paper, we shall study the properties of a congruence of ∞^{n-1} curves which are imbedded in a unitary space of n dimensions K_n (a real topological space of 2n dimensions). First, we consider the general case—when the curves are ∞^{n-1} unitary curves K_1 (real topological spaces of two dimensions)—and determine the associated congruence affinors. Then, we determine the necessary and sufficient conditions in terms of congruence vectors that the ∞^{n-1} congruence curves should be either unitary U_1 (unitary Euclidean curves)(1) or real curves X_1 (real topological spaces of one dimension). If the curves of the congruence are all real X_1 , then we define the congruence to be real; if the curves are all unitary U_1 , then we define the congruence to be complex Euclidean.

In the next section, we study two systems of Pfaffians which enable us to define two types of orthogonality: (1) ∞^1 hypersurfaces which are completely unitary orthogonal to the congruence curves; (2) ∞^1 hypersurfaces which are semi-unitary orthogonal to the congruence curves. It is shown that: (1) the ∞^1 hypersurfaces which are completely unitary orthogonal to the congruence curves admit of an intrinsic parameterization and are ∞^1 unitary K_{n-1} ; (2) if the ∞^1 hypersurfaces which are semi-unitary orthogonal to the congruence curves admit of a parameterization, then they constitute ∞^1 semi-analytic(2) spaces X_{n-1} . A further analytical characterization of these two types of surfaces is given.

The remainder of our work deals with two problems: (1) a characterization in terms of congruence affinors of those congruences which are either completely unitary orthogonal or semi-unitary orthogonal to ∞^1 hypersurfaces in K_n ; (2) special properties of these two types of congruences. Thus, in connection with the second problem, it is shown that if the congruence is either real, or complex Euclidean, analytic and completely unitary orthogonal to ∞^1 hypersurfaces, then the conditions satisfied by the congruence vector are similar to those satisfied by the congruence vector which is orthogonal to ∞^1 hypersurfaces(3) in V_n (n-dimensional Riemannian space). Again, if: (1) the congruence is real and geodesic; (2) the K_n has a symmetric connection, then every two hypersurfaces which are semi-unitary orthogonal to the

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^{(1) [5,} vol. 2, p. 251].

^{(2) [3,} equation (2.10)].

^{(3) [5,} vol. 2, p. 28, equation 5.2].

congruence intercept equal arc segments on all X_1 of the congruence. This latter result is similar to a theorem(4) in Riemannian space.

2. **Notation**(5). Consider a real space of 2n dimensions X_{2n} whose coordinates are given by the real variables

$$(2.1) x^{\lambda}, y^{\lambda}, \lambda, \mu = 1, 2, \cdots, n.$$

Into this X_{2n} , we introduce the complex coordinates

(2.2)
$$\xi^{\lambda} = x^{\lambda} + iy^{\lambda}, \qquad i = (-1)^{1/2},$$

Since the Jacobian of this transformation (-2i) does not vanish over X_{2n} , the ξ^{λ} , ξ^{λ^*} constitute a set of 2n independent variables which map the X_{2n} . In view of the fact that ξ^{λ^*} are complex conjugate to ξ^{λ} , we can determine the points of X_{2n} by assigning complex numbers to merely ξ^{λ} . Hence, we say that the ξ^{λ} determine "points" which build a complex space of n dimensions (the above real topological X_{2n}).

Let us denote partial derivatives by

(2.4)
$$\partial_{\mu} = \partial/\partial \xi^{\mu}, \qquad \partial_{\mu^{\bullet}} = \partial/\partial \xi^{\mu^{\bullet}}.$$

If $\psi(\xi^{\lambda}, \xi^{\lambda^*})$ is an analytic function of $\xi^{\lambda}, \xi^{\lambda^*}$, then we shall say that ψ is semi-analytic; if $\phi(\xi^{\lambda})$ is an analytic function of ξ^{λ} (or ξ^{λ^*}) alone, then we shall say that ϕ is analytic. In view of (2.4), we may express this last condition by

$$\partial_{\mu} \cdot \phi = 0.$$

One further important formal idea must be noted—that of the conjugate function and equation. If we replace i by -i in ϕ , the resulting function is denoted by ϕ^* (where ϕ is a scalar). From (2.2), (2.3), we see that ξ^{λ} must be replaced by ξ^{λ^*} and vice versa. Hence $\phi(\xi^{\lambda})$ becomes $\phi^*(\xi^{\lambda^*})$. In the case of affinors, the conjugate affinor is obtained in the same manner. However, we shall indicate this conjugate by starring the previously unstarred indices and removing the star from the previously starred indices. Thus the conjugate of $v_{\lambda\mu^*}$ is $v_{\lambda^*\mu}$. Furthermore from our discussion, it follows that

$$\partial_{\mu}\phi^*=0.$$

The equation (2.6) is the so-called conjugate equation to (2.5). Also to every affinor equation, there corresponds a conjugate equation obtained by replacing i by -i and hence each affinor by its conjugate. The truth of this last statement can be seen by decomposing each affinor into its real and imaginary parts (6). In the following, we shall indicate the validity of the conjugate equation by the abbreviation "conj."

^{(4) [5,} vol. 2, p. 31].

⁽⁵⁾ Our notation is that of [5].

⁽⁶⁾ Note, by composite differentiation, it follows that $\partial_{\mu} = \partial/\partial x^{\mu} - i\partial/\partial y^{\mu}$, $\partial_{\mu} = \partial/\partial x^{\mu} + i\partial/\partial y^{\mu}$.

We specify that the group of this complex X_n shall be the analytic group (7) of coordinate transformations. Now, let us introduce a connection in X_n by means of the n^3 quantities $\Gamma^{\lambda}_{\mu\alpha}$ which are functions of the coordinates ξ^{λ} , ξ^{λ^*} . We define the covariant differential of a contravariant vector $v^{\lambda}(\xi^{\lambda}, \xi^{\lambda^*})$ by

(2.7)
$$\delta v^{\lambda} = dv^{\lambda} + \Gamma^{\lambda}_{\mu\alpha} v^{\alpha} d\xi^{\mu}, \text{ conj.}$$

Likewise, we define the covariant differential of a covariant vector $w_{\lambda}(\xi^{\lambda}, \xi^{\lambda^{*}})$ by

(2.8)
$$\delta w_{\lambda} = dw_{\lambda} - \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^{\alpha} w_{\alpha} d\xi^{\mu}, \text{ conj.}$$

By expanding the ordinary differential of a vector, we obtain

$$(2.9) dv^{\lambda} = d\xi^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}v^{\lambda} + d\xi^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}v^{\lambda}, \text{ conj.},$$

$$(2.10) dw_{\lambda} = d\xi^{\mu}\partial_{\mu}w_{\lambda} + d\xi^{\mu*}\partial_{\mu*}w_{\lambda}, \text{ conj.}.$$

If we define the covariant derivative of v^{λ} , w_{λ} by the equations

(2.11)
$$\nabla_{\mu}v^{\lambda} = \partial_{\mu}v^{\lambda} + \Gamma_{\mu\alpha}^{\lambda}v^{\alpha}, \qquad \nabla_{\mu}w_{\lambda} = \partial_{\mu}w_{\lambda} - \Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^{\alpha}w_{\alpha}, \text{ conj.},$$

$$(2.12) \nabla_{\mu} \cdot v^{\lambda} = \partial_{\mu} \cdot v^{\lambda}, \nabla_{\mu} \cdot w_{\lambda} = \partial_{\mu} \cdot w_{\lambda}, \text{ conj.},$$

then by use of the equations (2.9) through (2.12), the equations (2.7), (2.8) become

(2.13)
$$\delta v^{\lambda} = d\xi^{\mu} \nabla_{\mu} v^{\lambda} + d\xi^{\mu *} \nabla_{\mu} v^{\lambda}, \text{ conj.},$$

(2.14)
$$\delta w_{\lambda} = d\xi^{\mu} \nabla_{\mu} w_{\lambda} + d\xi^{\mu^{*}} \nabla_{\mu^{*}} w_{\lambda}, \text{ conj.}$$

An hermitian X_n with covariant derivative defined by (2.11), (2.12) is denoted by K_n .

Let us introduce an hermitian tensor with hermitian symmetry, that is,

$$(2.15) a_{\lambda\mu^{\bullet}} = \left[(a_{\lambda\mu^{\bullet}})^{*} \right]' = a_{\mu^{\bullet}\lambda},$$

the sign (') indicating the transpose matrix. If we condition the $a_{\lambda\mu}$ by requiring that

$$(2.16) \delta a_{\lambda\mu^{\bullet}} = 0 = (\partial_{\nu}a_{\lambda\mu^{\bullet}} - \Gamma^{\rho}_{\nu\lambda}a_{\rho\mu^{\bullet}})d\xi^{\nu} + (\partial_{\nu^{\bullet}}a_{\lambda\mu^{\bullet}} - \Gamma^{\rho^{\bullet}}_{\nu^{\bullet}\mu^{\bullet}}a_{\lambda\rho^{\bullet}})d\xi^{\nu^{\bullet}},$$

then the space K_n is said to be a unitary K_n . For such a space from (2.16), we can show(8)

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{r}} a_{\lambda \mathbf{u}^{\bullet}} = \partial_{\mathbf{r}} a_{\lambda \mathbf{u}^{\bullet}} - \Gamma_{\mathbf{r}\lambda}^{\rho} a_{\rho \mathbf{u}^{\bullet}} = 0,$$

(2.18)
$$\nabla_{\nu} a_{\lambda \mu^{\bullet}} = \partial_{\nu} a_{\lambda \mu^{\bullet}} - \Gamma_{\nu^{\bullet} \mu^{\bullet}}^{\rho^{\bullet}} a_{\lambda \rho^{\bullet}} = 0.$$

The $a_{\lambda\mu^*}$ is now a fundamental tensor and can be used to raise and lower in-

⁽⁷⁾ The analytic group of transformations is given by $\xi^{\lambda'} = \xi^{\lambda'}(\xi^{\alpha})$, conj.

^{(8) [5,} vol. 2, p. 234].

dices through the ∇ operator. If we define the contravariant fundamental tensor $a^{\sigma^*\lambda}$ by

$$a^{\sigma^*\lambda}a_{\mu\sigma^*}=A^{\lambda}_{\mu}, \text{ conj.},$$

where A^{λ}_{μ} is the unit affinor, then (2.17), (2.18) may be solved for the connection

(2.20)
$$\Gamma^{\alpha}_{\mu\lambda} = a^{\sigma^{\bullet}\alpha} \partial_{\mu} a_{\lambda\sigma^{\bullet}},$$

(2.21)
$$\Gamma_{\mu^{\bullet}\lambda^{\bullet}}^{\alpha^{\bullet}} = a^{\alpha^{\bullet}\sigma} \partial_{\mu^{\bullet}} a_{\sigma\lambda^{\bullet}}.$$

Finally, we introduce the torsion affinor

$$(2.22) S_{\mu\lambda}^{\kappa} = (1/2)(\Gamma_{\mu\lambda}^{\kappa} - \Gamma_{\lambda\mu}^{\kappa}) = \Gamma_{[\mu\lambda]}^{\kappa}, \text{ conj.}$$

The sign [] means that the antisymmetric product of the enclosed indices is to be formed; the sign | enclosing indices means that those indices are to be excluded in forming the antisymmetric product. When the torsion affinor can be written as

$$(2.23) S_{\mu\lambda}^{\kappa} = A_{\mu}^{\kappa} p_{\lambda 1}, \text{ conj.},$$

the unitary space K_n is said to have a semi-symmetric connection.

3. Congruences in unitary K_n . Consider a vector field $u^{\lambda}(\xi^{\lambda}, \xi^{\lambda^*})$ defined over the unitary K_n . The system of differential equations in the parameter t,

$$(3.1) d\xi^{\lambda}/u^{\lambda} = dt, \text{ conj.},$$

is said to define a congruence (*) of ∞^{n-1} curves in the unitary K_n . We shall study the decomposition of the affinors $\nabla_{\alpha}u_{\lambda}$, $\nabla_{\alpha}\cdot u_{\lambda}$. Consider affinors $l_{\alpha\lambda}$, $l_{\alpha^{*}\lambda}$ which we define as the projections of $\nabla_{\alpha}u_{\lambda}$, $\nabla_{\alpha}\cdot u_{\lambda}$, respectively, upon the local U_{n-1} which is unitary orthogonal (10) to u_{λ} . Hence, it follows that

(3.2)
$$u^{\alpha}l_{\alpha\lambda}=0, \qquad u^{\alpha^*}l_{\alpha^*\lambda}=0, \text{ conj.},$$

(3.3)
$$u^{\mu}l_{\alpha\mu} = 0, \qquad u^{\mu}l_{\alpha^{*}\mu} = 0, \text{ conj.}$$

Furthermore, let w_{α} , z_{α} , x_{α} , y_{α} be four arbitrary vectors in the above local U_{n-1} , that is,

$$(3.4) w_{\alpha}u^{\alpha} = z_{\alpha}u^{\alpha} = x_{\alpha}u^{\alpha} = y_{\alpha}u^{\alpha} = 0, \text{ conj.}$$

We can now write(11)

$$\nabla_{\alpha} u_{\lambda} = l_{\alpha\lambda} + u_{\alpha} w_{\lambda} + z_{\alpha} u_{\lambda} + \rho u_{\alpha} u_{\lambda}, \text{ conj.},$$

^{(9) [5,} vol. 2, p. 27, equation 5.1].

⁽¹⁰⁾ This local U_{n-1} is determined by those vectors u^{λ} (subscript $j=1, \dots, n-1$) which are solutions of $u^{\lambda}_{i}u_{\lambda}=0$.

^{(11) [5,} vol. 1, p. 19, §k].

$$\nabla_{\alpha} \cdot u_{\lambda} = l_{\alpha} \cdot \lambda + u_{\alpha} \cdot x_{\lambda} + y_{\alpha} \cdot u_{\lambda} + q^* u_{\alpha} \cdot u_{\lambda}, \text{ conj.},$$

where p, q are scalars.

If the parameter t in (3.1) is complex and the congruence curves are U_1 or if the parameter t is real and hence the curves are X_1 , then an analytic arc length parameter s exists(12)

$$(3.7) s = s(t), conj.$$

Now, if we replace the parameter t by s in the ∞^{n-1} congruence curves, then the associated congruence vector u^{λ} (we indicate the vector by the same symbol as before) is a unit vector, that is,

$$(3.8) u^{\lambda}u_{\lambda} = 1, \text{ conj.}$$

Because of (3.8), certain relations exist between the affinors in (3.5), (3.6). Before finding these relations, we formulate

DEFINITION 1. (a) If the parameter t in (3.1) is real, then the congruence defined by (3.1) will be said to be real. This congruence consists of $\infty^{n-1}X_1$ in K_n ; (b) if the parameter t is complex but the ∞^{n-1} curves of the congruence are U_1 , then we shall say that the congruence is complex Euclidean.

By covariant differentiation of (3.8), we obtain

$$(3.9) \qquad (\nabla_{\alpha}u_{\lambda})u^{\lambda} = -(\nabla_{\alpha}u^{\lambda})u_{\lambda}, \text{ conj.}$$

As a consequence of the equation

$$(3.10) u^{\lambda} = a^{\beta^{\bullet} \lambda} u_{\beta^{\bullet}}, \text{ conj.},$$

we find that the right-hand side of (3.9) can be expressed in terms of $\nabla_{\alpha}u_{\beta}$, that is,

$$(3.11) \qquad (\nabla_{\alpha} u_{\lambda}) u^{\lambda} = - (\nabla_{\alpha} u_{\beta^{*}}) u^{\beta^{*}}, \text{ conj.}$$

By use of (3.5), (3.6), the relation (3.11) can be shown to be equivalent to

$$(3.12) z_{\alpha} = -y_{\alpha}, \text{ conj.},$$

$$(3.13) p = -q, conj.$$

Conversely, if (3.12), (3.13) are valid, then the validity of (3.11), (3.9) follows. But (3.9) may be written in the form

$$\nabla_{\alpha}(u_{\lambda}u^{\lambda}) = 0, \text{ conj.}$$

Hence, it follows that

$$(3.15) u_{\lambda}u^{\lambda} = c, \text{ conj.},$$

where c is some arbitrary constant in the unitary K_n . By use of (3.1), the

^{(12) [1,} Theorems 3, 4].

equation (3.15) becomes

$$(3.16) a_{\lambda\mu^*}d_t\xi^{\lambda}d_{t^*}\xi^{\mu^*} = c.$$

But this means that the curves of the congruence are $\infty^{n-1} U_1$ (for complex t)(12) or ∞ $^{n-1}$ X_1 (for real t). Hence, we have the theorem.

THEOREM 1. The necessary and sufficient conditions that the solutions u_{λ} of (3.5), (3.6)—when they exist—should define either a real congruence or a complex Euclidean congruence is that $z_{\alpha} = -y_{\alpha}$, p = -q.

4. Two systems of Pfaffians. Let us consider a general congruence vector $u_{\lambda}(\xi^{\lambda}, \xi^{\lambda^{*}})$. In the first place, we associate with this vector a system of two **Pfaffians**

$$(4.1) u_{\lambda}d\xi^{\lambda}=0,$$

$$(4.2) u_{\lambda^*} d\xi^{\lambda^*} = 0.$$

Assuming that u_1 , u_1 do not vanish over some region D of the unitary K_n , we can rewrite the two previous equations in the form

$$d\xi^1 = -\sum'(u_{\alpha}/u_1)d\xi^{\alpha}, \qquad \alpha = 2, \cdots, n,$$

$$d\xi^{1*} = -\sum'(u_{\alpha^*}/u_{1^*})d\xi^{\alpha^*},$$

where \sum' denotes summation over all repeated indices with the exception of the index 1. If the integrability conditions of this system are satisfied, we can solve(18) for ξ^1 , ξ^{1*}

$$\xi^1 = \xi^1(\xi^\alpha, \xi^{\alpha^*}, \xi^1, \xi^{1^*}), \qquad \alpha = 2, \cdots, n,$$

(4.5)
$$\xi^{1} = \xi^{1}(\xi^{\alpha}, \xi^{\alpha^{*}}, \xi^{1}, \xi^{1^{*}}),$$

$$\xi^{1^{*}} = \xi^{1^{*}}(\xi^{\alpha}, \xi^{\alpha^{*}}, \xi^{1}, \xi^{1^{*}}),$$

$$\xi^{1^{*}} = \xi^{1^{*}}(\xi^{\alpha}, \xi^{\alpha^{*}}, \xi^{1}, \xi^{1^{*}}),$$

where: (1) ξ^1 , ξ^{1^*} (subindex 0) are arbitrary constants; (2) ξ^{α} , ξ^{α^*} ($\alpha = 2, \dots, n$) are the independent variables; (3) ξ^1 , ξ^1 are the dependent variables. By solving for ξ^1 , ξ^{1*} (subindex 0), we obtain the two independent integrals of (4.1), (4.2),

(4.7)
$$\xi^{1} = f(\xi^{\lambda}, \xi^{\lambda^{\bullet}}), \qquad \lambda = 1, \dots, n,$$
(4.8)
$$\xi^{1^{\bullet}} = g(\xi^{\lambda}, \xi^{\lambda^{\bullet}}).$$

(4.8)
$$\xi^{1^*} = g(\xi^{\lambda}, \xi^{\lambda^*}).$$

We now prove

LEMMA 1. The two independent integrals f, g are conjugate functions.

The equations (4.5), (4.6) become identities when the variables ξ^{λ} , $\xi^{\lambda^{*}}$ $(\lambda = 1, 2, \dots, n)$ are replaced by the arbitrarily assigned constants ξ^{λ} , $\xi^{\lambda^{*}}$ (13) [4, p. 49].

(subindex 0). Hence (4.7), (4.8) become identities when the same substitution is made. That is, the functions f and g reduce to conjugate quantities ξ^1 , ξ^{1^*} (subindex 0) when the ξ^{λ} , ξ^{λ^*} ($\lambda = 1, 2, \dots, n$) are assigned arbitrary values. Thus, f and g are conjugate functions.

Since the quantity ξ^1 (subindex 0) is known when the quantity ξ^1 (subindex 0) has been assigned some arbitrary value, we shall say that (4.7), (4.8) determine ∞^1 integrals of (4.1), (4.2). We prove

LEMMA 2. The ∞^1 integrals of (4.1), (4.2) determine ∞^1 unitary hypersurfaces K_{n-1} in K_n .

Let us denote ξ^{α} , ξ^{α^*} $(\alpha = 2, \dots, n)$ by u^a , u^{a^*} $(a = 1, \dots, n-1)$, respectively; these u^a , u^{a^*} will serve as the hypersurface intrinsic parameters. Thus, (4.7), (4.8) or (4.5), (4.6) can be written as

(4.9)
$$\xi^{1} = \xi^{1}(u^{a}, u^{a^{*}}, \xi^{1}, \xi^{1^{*}}), \text{ conj.}$$

If the u^{a^*} actually occur in the right-hand side of (4.9), then these equations define ∞^1 semi-analytic(2) hypersurfaces X_{n-1} in the unitary K_n . We shall show that these u^{a^*} do not occur. By forming the total differential of (4.9), we obtain

$$(4.10) d\xi^1 = du^a \partial_a \xi^1 + du^{a*} \partial_{a*} \xi^1, \text{ conj.}$$

Since the du^{α} , $du^{\alpha^{*}}$ are equal to the differentials $d\xi^{\alpha}$, $d\xi^{\alpha^{*}}$ ($\alpha=2, \cdots, n$) of the independent variables ξ^{α} , $\xi^{\alpha^{*}}$, we find by comparing (4.10) and its conjugate with (4.3), (4.4) that

$$\partial_a \cdot \xi^1 = 0, \text{ conj.}$$

Hence (4.9) may be written in the form

(4.12)
$$\xi^{1} = \xi^{1}(u^{a}, \xi^{1}, \xi^{1*}), \text{ conj.}$$

The equations (4.12) determine ∞^1 analytic hypersurfaces X_{n-1} in the unitary K_n . Such analytic hypersurfaces are always unitary (14) K_{n-1} . Hence our lemma is proved.

In view of the fact that (4.1), (4.2) are unitary orthogonality relations, we state

DEFINITION 2. The integrals f = const. and $f^* = \text{const.}$ of (4.1), (4.2) will be said to define ∞^1 hypersurfaces in the unitary K_n such that the hypersurfaces are completely unitary orthogonal to the congruence vector u_{λ} .

We may restate Lemma 2 in terms of Definition 2 as follows:

^{(14) [5,} vol. 2, p. 245].

LEMMA 3. The ∞^1 hypersurfaces which are completely unitary orthogonal to the congruence vector u_{λ} are ∞^1 unitary K_{n-1} in the unitary K_n .

Let us now consider the single Pfaffian

$$(4.13) u_{\lambda}d\xi^{\lambda} + u_{\lambda} \cdot d\xi^{\lambda^{\bullet}} = 0.$$

By assuming that u_1 does not vanish over some domain D of the unitary K_n , we can construct a theory of this Pfaffian in which (4.3) is replaced by

$$(4.14) d\xi^1 = -\sum'(u_{\alpha}/u_1)d\xi^{\alpha} - (u_{\lambda^{\bullet}}/u_1)d\xi^{\lambda^{\bullet}}, \alpha = 2, \cdots, n; \lambda = 1, \cdots, n.$$

The equation (4.5) becomes

(4.15)
$$\xi^{1} = \xi^{1}(\xi^{\alpha}, \, \xi^{\lambda^{\bullet}}, \, \xi^{1}).$$

Furthermore, (4.13) has only one independent integral

$$\xi^1 = f(\xi^{\lambda}, \, \xi^{\lambda^{\bullet}}).$$

The equation corresponding to (4.4) is identical with (4.14); the equation corresponding to (4.6) is the conjugate of (4.15). Finally, the equation corresponding to (4.8) is equivalent to the conjugate of (4.16). However, this last equation is trivial since if $f^* = \text{const.}$ is an integral of (4.13), then $f = F(f^*)$.

We now define a new term.

DEFINITION 3. The integral f = const. of (4.13) will be said to define ∞^1 hypersurfaces X_{n-1} in the unitary K_n which are semi-unitary orthogonal to the congruence u_{λ} .

These semi-unitary orthogonal hypersurfaces can be characterized by their parameter representation. We prove

LEMMA 4. The ∞^1 semi-unitary orthogonal hypersurfaces to the congruence u_{λ} cannot possess an analytic parameter representation of rank (n-1). That is, these X_{n-1} are not unitary K_{n-1} .

Let us assume the contrary, namely, that these hypersurfaces possess an analytic parameter representation.

$$(4.17) \xi^{\lambda} = \xi^{\lambda}(u^a), \lambda = 1, \cdots, n; a = 1, \cdots, n-1, \text{conj.}$$

Since the rank of (4.17) is (n-1), we can solve for the $(n-1)u^{\alpha}$ in terms of (n-1) of the ξ^{α} (say, $\alpha=2, \dots, n$),

$$(4.18) u^a = u^a(\xi^a), \text{ conj.}$$

Substituting (4.18) into the first equation of (4.17), we obtain

(4.19)
$$\xi^1 = \xi^1(\xi^{\alpha}), \text{ conj.}$$

Forming the total differential of (4.19), we find

$$(4.20) d\xi^1 = d\xi^\alpha \partial_\alpha \xi^1, \alpha = 2, \cdots, n, \text{conj.}$$

Remembering that ξ^{α} , ξ^{α^*} , ξ^{1^*} ($\alpha = 2, \dots, n$) are independent variables and comparing with (4.14), we obtain

$$u_{\lambda^*} = 0, \qquad \lambda = 1, \dots, n, \text{conj.}$$

Hence the congruence vector vanishes. Thus, the assumption (4.17) is false for a non-vanishing congruence; our lemma is proved. Our lemma implies that if the class of semi-unitary orthogonal hypersurfaces can be parameterized, the parameterization is semi-analytic (see 4.9).

Another relation exists between the ∞^1 completely unitary orthogonal hypersurfaces and the ∞^1 semi-unitary orthogonal hypersurfaces. Let us consider the systems of partial differential equations associated with (4.1), (4.2) and (4.13). The system associated with (4.1), (4.2) is

$$\partial_{\alpha} f - (u_{\alpha}/u_1)\partial_1 f = 0, \qquad \alpha = 2, \dots, n,$$

$$\partial_{\alpha} f - (u_{\alpha} / u_{1}) \partial_{1} f = 0.$$

The system associated with (4.13) is composed of (4.22), (4.23) plus the additional equation

$$\partial_1 \cdot f - (u_1 \cdot / u_1) \partial_1 f = 0.$$

If $\partial_1 f$, $\partial_1 f$ do not vanish over the domain D in which u_1 , u_1 do not vanish then the non-vanishing scalars ρ , γ exist such that (4.22), (4.23)—hence (4.1), (4.2)—are equivalent to

$$(4.25) u_{\lambda} = \rho \nabla_{\lambda} f,$$

$$(4.26) u_{\lambda^*} = \gamma \nabla_{\lambda^*} f.$$

The equation (4.13) is equivalent to (4.25), (4.26) plus the additional equation (4.24). However, the latter implies

$$(4.27) \gamma = \rho.$$

Before proceeding to enumerate these new results, we note that if f = const. is a solution of (4.22) through (4.24), then $f^* = \text{const.}$ is a solution of the same equations (see the discussion following 4.16). Hence the word "conjugate" can be written after equations (4.25) through (4.27).

LEMMA 5. The solutions f = const. (and its conjugate) of (4.25), (4.26) where $\rho \neq \gamma$ determine ∞^1 completely unitary orthogonal hypersurfaces (unitary K_{n-1}) to the congruence. The solution f = const. of (4.25), (4.26) where $\rho = \gamma$ determine ∞^1 semi-unitary orthogonal hypersurfaces X_{n-1} to the congruence.

5. Congruences completely unitary orthogonal to $\infty^1 K_{n-1}$ in K_n . We consider congruences which are completely unitary orthogonal to ∞^1 unitary

 K_{n-1} in unitary K_n . The integrability conditions (15) of (4.1), (4.2) are

$$(5.1) u_{\lambda} \partial_{[\beta} u_{\alpha]} + u_{\alpha} \partial_{[\lambda} u_{\beta]} + u_{\beta} \partial_{[\alpha} u_{\lambda]} = 0, \text{ conj.},$$

$$(5.2) u_{\beta}\partial_{\alpha} u_{\lambda} - u_{\lambda}\partial_{\alpha} u_{\beta} = 0, \text{ conj.}$$

By use of (2.11), (2.22), we find

$$\partial_{[\beta}u_{\alpha]} = \nabla_{[\beta}u_{\alpha]} + S_{\beta\alpha}^{\gamma}u_{\gamma}, \text{ conj.},$$

$$\partial_{\alpha} \cdot u_{\lambda} = \nabla_{\alpha} \cdot u_{\lambda}, \text{ conj.}$$

Thus (5.1), (5.2) become

$$(5.5) u_{[\lambda} \nabla_{\beta} u_{\alpha]} = -u_{[\lambda} S_{\beta\alpha]}^{\cdot \cdot \gamma} u_{\gamma}, \text{ conj.},$$

$$(5.6) u_{[\beta} \nabla |_{\alpha^*} | u_{\lambda_1} = 0, \text{ conj.}$$

By transvecting (5.2) or (5.6) with u^{λ} , we find

$$\nabla_{\alpha} u_{\beta} = u_{\beta} (\nabla_{\alpha} u_{\lambda}) u^{\lambda}, \text{ conj.}$$

Replacing the right-hand side by (3.6), we obtain

$$\nabla_{\alpha} u_{\beta} = y_{\alpha} u_{\beta} + q^* u_{\alpha} u_{\beta}, \text{ conj.}$$

Hence, upon comparing (5.8) with (3.6), we find that

$$(5.9) l_{\alpha^*\lambda} = 0, x_{\lambda} = 0, \text{conj.},$$

is a consequence of the integrability conditions (5.6). We now study the meaning of the integrability conditions (5.5). Let us assume that the connection of K_n is semi-symmetric (see 2.23). Then the equation (5.5) reduces to

$$(5.10) u_{[\lambda}l_{\beta\alpha]} = 0, \text{ conj.},$$

in consequence of (3.5) and (5.5). By transvecting (5.10) with u^{λ} and using (3.2), (3.3), this equation becomes

$$(5.11) l_{[\beta\alpha]} = 0, \text{ conj.}$$

Conversely, if (5.9) and (5.11) are valid and if the connection of K_n is semi-symmetric, then the expressions (3.5), (3.6) satisfy the integrability conditions (5.5), (5.6). This leads us to

THEOREM 2. Consider a unitary space K_n with semi-symmetric connection and such that the solutions u_{λ} of (3.5), (3.6) exist then if and only if: (1) $l_{\alpha\beta}$ is symmetric; (2) $l_{\alpha^*\beta}$, x_{λ} vanish, does the vector u_{λ} define a congruence which is completely unitary orthogonal to ∞^1 hypersurfaces in the unitary K_n .

⁽¹s) [4, p. 29, equation 23]. Since the u_{λ} , $u_{\lambda^{\bullet}}$ in (4.1), (4.2) are functions of ξ^{μ} and $\xi^{\mu *}$, the complete Pfaffians in (4.1), (4.2) can be written as $w_{\lambda^{\bullet}}d\xi^{\lambda^{\bullet}} + u_{\lambda}d\xi^{\lambda} = 0$, $u_{\lambda^{\bullet}}d\xi^{\lambda^{\bullet}} + w_{\lambda}d\xi^{\lambda} = 0$, where w_{λ} , $w_{\lambda^{\bullet}} = 0$. If one writes out the equation 23, p. 29 of [4], then for unstarred variables (or indices) the equation (5.1) results; if one of the starred variables (or indices) is used then equation (5.2) results.

Let us now restrict ourselves to real congruences (see Definition 1 (a)). By introducing the Frenet formulas (16) for the ∞ $^{n-1}$ curves X_1 of the congruence, we can determine the meaning of the vector w_{α} in (3.5). From the Frenet formulas, it follows that

$$(5.12) u^{\alpha}\nabla_{\alpha}u_{\lambda} + u^{\alpha^{\bullet}}\nabla_{\alpha^{\bullet}}u_{\lambda} = k u_{\lambda} + k u_{\lambda}, \text{ conj.},$$

where k (subindex 00, 01) are curvatures and u_{λ} (subindex 1) is the first normal of each X_1 in the unitary K_n . By use of (3.5), (3.6), (3.13), we find

$$(5.13) u^{\alpha} \nabla_{\alpha} u_{\lambda} + u^{\alpha^*} \nabla_{\alpha^*} u_{\lambda} = w_{\lambda} + x_{\lambda} + (p - p^*) u_{\lambda}, \text{ conj.}$$

By comparison of (5.12), (5.13), we obtain

(5.14)
$$w_{\lambda} + x_{\lambda} = k u_{\lambda}, \text{ conj.},$$

(5.15)
$$p - p^* = k, \text{ conj.}$$

If we require that the congruence shall be completely unitary orthogonal to ∞^1 hypersurfaces in the unitary K_n , then it follows from Theorem 2 that the vector x_{λ} vanishes. Hence, we obtain the result

THEOREM 3. If the congruence is real and completely unitary orthogonal to ∞^1 hypersurfaces in the unitary K_n , then (1) the vector \mathbf{w}_{λ} lies along the first normal to any X_1 of the congruence; (2) the magnitude of \mathbf{w}_{λ} is equal to the (0, 1) curvature of X_1 ; (3) the imaginary part of the scalar p is one-half the (0, 0) curvature of X_1 .

Again, let us consider the case where the congruence is completely unitary. orthogonal to ∞^1 hypersurfaces in the unitary K_n and where the congruence is either real or complex Euclidean. By means of Theorems 1 and 2, we may write (3.5), (3.6) in the form

$$\nabla_{\alpha} u_{\lambda} = l_{\alpha\lambda} + u_{\alpha} w_{\lambda} + h_{\alpha} u_{\lambda}, \text{ conj.},$$

$$\nabla_{\alpha} \cdot u_{\lambda} = -h_{\alpha} \cdot u_{\lambda}, \text{ conj.},$$

where

$$(5.18) h_{\alpha} = z_{\alpha} + p u_{\alpha}, \text{ conj.}$$

From (5.17), we see that if $\nabla_{\alpha} \cdot u_{\lambda}$ vanishes, then h_{α} vanishes. Hence from (5.18), we find that the vector z_{α} and the scalar p vanish. By (5.15), this last result means that the curvature k (subindex 00) of a real congruence vanishes. Furthermore, the equations (5.16) and (5.11) furnish the result

$$\nabla_{\alpha} u_{\lambda} = l_{\alpha\lambda} + u_{\alpha} w_{\lambda}, \text{ conj.}$$

^{(16) [2,} equation 3.23].

The equation (5.19) is the condition (3) satisfied by a congruence of curves V_1 which are orthogonal to ∞^1 hypersurfaces in a Riemannian space of n dimensions V_n . Hence, we have the result

THEOREM 4. If the vector u_{λ} determines a congruence which is: (1) completely unitary orthogonal to ∞^1 hypersurfaces in the unitary K_n ; (2) the vector u_{λ} is analytic; (3) the congruence is either real or complex Euclidean, then the conditions satisfied by the congruence vector u_{λ} in the unitary K_n are identical with those satisfied by the congruence vector u_{λ} which is orthogonal to ∞^1 hypersurfaces in V_n . If the condition (3) is replaced by the stronger requirement that the congruence is real, then a further conclusion follows. Namely, the curvature k (subindex 00) vanishes.

6. Congruences semi-unitary orthogonal to $\infty^1 X_{n-1}$ in K_n . If the congruence is semi-unitary orthogonal to ∞^1 hypersurfaces in the unitary K_n , then the integrability conditions of (4.13) must be satisfied. These are given by

$$(6.1) u_{\lambda} \partial_{[\beta} u_{\alpha]} + u_{\alpha} \partial_{[\lambda} u_{\beta]} + u_{\beta} \partial_{[\alpha} u_{\lambda]} = 0, \text{ conj.},$$

$$(6.2) u_{\lambda} \partial_{[\beta} u_{\alpha]} + u_{\alpha} \partial_{[\lambda} u_{\beta^*]} + u_{\beta^*} \partial_{[\alpha} u_{\lambda]} = 0, \text{ conj.}$$

By use of (5.3), (5.4), the equations (6.1), (6.2) become

$$(6.3) u_{[\lambda} \nabla_{\beta} u_{\alpha]} = - u_{[\lambda} S_{\beta\alpha]}^{\cdot \cdot \gamma} u_{\gamma}, \text{ conj.},$$

$$(6.4) u_{[\lambda} \nabla_{\beta} \cdot u_{\alpha]} = -(1/3) u_{\beta} \cdot \sum_{\alpha \lambda}^{\gamma} u_{\gamma}, \text{ conj.}$$

Let us assume that the connection of K_n is semi-symmetric (see 2.23). Then, the right-hand side of (6.3) vanishes and the right-hand side of (6.4) becomes $(-(1/3)u_{\beta}\cdot u_{[\alpha}p_{\lambda]})$. Upon substituting (3.5) into (6.3), we obtain

$$(6.5) u_{[\lambda}l_{\beta\alpha]} = 0, \text{ conj.}$$

Transvecting with u^{λ} and using (3.2), (3.3), we conclude that

$$(6.6) l_{[\beta\alpha]} = 0, \text{ conj.}$$

Conversely, if (6.6) is valid, then (3.5) satisfies (6.3). We next study the consequences of (6.4). By transvecting (6.4) with u^{α} , $u^{\beta^{*}}$, we obtain

$$(6.7) u_{\lambda} u^{\alpha} \nabla_{[\beta} \cdot u_{\alpha]} + \nabla_{[\lambda} u_{\beta} \cdot_1 + u_{\beta} \cdot u^{\alpha} \nabla_{[\alpha} u_{\lambda]} = -u_{\beta} \cdot u^{\alpha} u_{[\alpha} p_{\lambda]}, \text{ conj.},$$

$$(6.8) u_{\lambda} u^{\beta^*} \nabla_{[\beta^*} u_{\alpha]} + u_{\alpha} u^{\beta^*} \nabla_{[\lambda} u_{\beta^*]} + \nabla_{[\alpha} u_{\lambda]} = - u_{[\alpha} p_{\lambda]}, \text{ conj.}$$

Due to the symmetry of (6.4), no additional relations are obtained by further transvection with u^{λ} . With the aid of (3.5), (3.6), (6.6), the two previous equations become

(6.9)
$$u_{\lambda}u^{\alpha}(u_{[\beta^{*}}x_{\alpha]} + y_{[\beta^{*}}u_{\alpha]}) + l_{[\lambda\beta^{*}]} + u_{[\lambda}x_{\beta^{*}]} + y_{[\lambda}u_{\beta^{*}]} + u_{\beta^{*}}u^{\alpha}(u_{[\alpha}w_{\lambda]} + z_{[\alpha}u_{\lambda]}) = -u_{\beta}u^{\alpha}u_{[\alpha}p_{\lambda]}, \text{ conj.,}$$

$$(6.10) u_{\lambda}u^{\beta^{*}}(u_{[\beta^{*}}x_{\alpha]} + y_{[\beta^{*}}u_{\alpha]}) + u_{\alpha}u^{\beta^{*}}(u_{[\lambda}x_{\beta^{*}]} + y_{[\lambda}u_{\beta^{*}]}) + (u_{[\alpha}w_{\lambda]} + z_{[\alpha}u_{\lambda]}) = -u_{[\alpha}p_{\lambda]}, \text{ conj.}$$

Simplifying with the aid of (3.4), we find

$$(6.11) 2l_{[\lambda\beta^{\bullet}]} - u_{\beta^{\bullet}}(x_{\lambda} + z_{\lambda} - y_{\lambda} - w_{\lambda}) = -u_{\beta^{\bullet}}[p_{\lambda} - u_{\lambda}(p_{\alpha}u^{\alpha})], \text{ conj.},$$

$$(6.12) - u_{\alpha}(x_{\lambda} + z_{\lambda} - y_{\lambda} - w_{\lambda} - p_{\lambda}) + u_{\lambda}(x_{\alpha} + z_{\alpha} - y_{\alpha} - w_{\alpha} - p_{\alpha}) = 0, \text{conj.}$$

Transvecting (6.11) with $u^{\beta *}$ and simplifying with (3.2), (3.3), we obtain

$$(6.13) x_{\lambda} + z_{\lambda} - y_{\lambda} - w_{\lambda} = p_{\lambda} - u_{\lambda}(p_{\alpha}u^{\alpha}), \text{ conj.}$$

Substituting (6.13) into (6.11), we find

$$(6.14) l_{[\lambda\beta^*]} = 0, \text{ conj.}$$

By substituting (6.13) into (6.12), we find that the latter equation is identically satisfied. Thus (6.13), (6.14) are the only equations obtained by transvecting (6.4) with u^{λ} . Conversely, by expanding (6.4) and using (3.5), (3.6), we find that in virtue of (6.6), (6.14), (6.13), the equation (6.4) is identically satisfied. This leads us to a theorem which is similar to Theorem 2,

THEOREM 5. Consider a unitary space K_n with semi-symmetric connection and such that the solutions u_{λ} of (3.5), (3.6) exist, then if and only if: (1) $l_{\alpha\beta}$, $l_{\alpha'\beta}$ are symmetric; (2) $x_{\lambda}+z_{\lambda}-y_{\lambda}-w_{\lambda}=p_{\lambda}-u_{\lambda}(p_{\alpha}u^{\alpha})$, does the vector u_{λ} define a congruence which is semi-unitary orthogonal to ∞^1 hypersurfaces in the unitary K_n .

By use of Lemma 5, we can obtain some further properties of the semi-unitary congruences. From (4.25), (4.26), (4.27) it follows that for congruences which are semi-unitary orthogonal to ∞^1 hypersurfaces in the unitary K_n

$$(6.15) u_{\lambda} = \rho \nabla_{\lambda} f, \text{ conj.},$$

$$(6.16) u_{\lambda^{\bullet}} = \rho \nabla_{\lambda^{\bullet}} f, \text{ conj.}$$

By covariant differentiation of (6.15), (6.16), we find

$$(6.17) \qquad \nabla_{\alpha} u_{\lambda} = \rho \nabla_{\alpha} \nabla_{\lambda} f + (\nabla_{\lambda} f)(\nabla_{\alpha} \rho), \text{ conj.},$$

(6.18)
$$\nabla_{\alpha} u_{\lambda^*} = \rho \nabla_{\alpha} \nabla_{\lambda^*} f + (\nabla_{\lambda^*} f)(\nabla_{\alpha} \rho), \text{ conj.}$$

From the relations (2.11), (2.22), we see that

$$(6.19) \qquad \nabla_{\alpha}\nabla_{\lambda}f = \nabla_{\lambda}\nabla_{\alpha}f + 2S_{\lambda\alpha}^{\cdot \cdot \cdot \gamma}\nabla f, \text{ conj.},$$

$$(6.20) \qquad \nabla_{\alpha} \nabla_{\lambda} \cdot f = \nabla_{\lambda} \cdot \nabla_{\alpha} f, \text{ conj.}$$

Substituting the last two equations into (6.17), (6.18), the latter become

(6.21)
$$\nabla_{\alpha} u_{\lambda} = \rho \nabla_{\lambda} \nabla_{\alpha} f + 2\rho S_{\lambda \alpha}^{...\gamma} \nabla_{\gamma} f + (\nabla_{\lambda} f)(\nabla_{\alpha} \rho), \text{ conj.},$$

$$\nabla_{\alpha} u_{\lambda^{\bullet}} = \rho \nabla_{\lambda^{\bullet}} \nabla_{\alpha} f + (\nabla_{\lambda^{\bullet}} f)(\nabla_{\alpha} \rho) \text{ conj.},$$

Simplifying (6.21), (6.22) by use of the equations (6.15) through (6.18), we

obtain

$$\nabla_{\alpha} u_{\lambda} = \nabla_{\lambda} u_{\alpha} + 2 S_{\lambda \alpha}^{\gamma} u_{\gamma} + 2 \rho^{-1} u_{[\lambda} \nabla_{\alpha]} \rho, \text{ conj.},$$

$$\nabla_{\alpha} u_{\lambda^{\bullet}} = \nabla_{\lambda^{\bullet}} u_{\alpha} + 2\rho^{-1} u_{[\lambda^{\bullet}} \Delta_{\alpha]} \rho, \text{ conj.}$$

By use of (3.5), (3.6), (6.6), (6.14), the above two equations become

$$(6.25) u_{\lceil \alpha} w_{\lambda 1} + z_{\lceil \alpha} u_{\lambda 1} = S_{\lambda \alpha}^{\cdot \cdot \gamma} u_{\gamma} + \rho^{-1} u_{\lceil \lambda} \nabla_{\alpha 1} \rho, \text{ conj.},$$

(6.26)
$$u_{[\alpha}x_{\lambda^{\bullet}]} + y_{[\alpha}u_{\lambda^{\bullet}]} = \rho^{-1}u_{[\lambda^{\bullet}\nabla_{\alpha}]}\rho, \text{ conj.}$$

Let us assume that the connection of K_n is semi-symmetric. Transvecting the previous two equations with u^{α} , we obtain

$$(6.27) w_{\lambda} - z_{\lambda} = -p_{\lambda} + u_{\lambda}(p_{\alpha}u^{\alpha}) - \nabla_{\lambda} \ln \rho + u_{\lambda}(u^{\alpha}\nabla_{\alpha} \ln \rho), \text{ conj.},$$

(6.28)
$$x_{\lambda^{\bullet}} - y_{\lambda^{\bullet}} = - \nabla_{\lambda^{\bullet}} \ln \rho + u_{\lambda^{\bullet}} (u^{\alpha} \nabla_{\alpha} \ln \rho)$$
, conj.

We are now in a position to prove

THEOREM 6. If: (1) the connection of the unitary K_n is semi-symmetric; (2) the congruence is semi-unitary orthogonal to ∞^1 hypersurfaces in K_n ; (3) the congruence is real or complex Euclidean; (4) $w_{\lambda} = z_{\lambda}$, $x_{\lambda} = y_{\lambda}$, then every two hypersurfaces X_{n-1} intercept equal arc segments on all curves of the congruence.

From condition (4) of our theorem, that is,

$$(6.29) w_{\lambda} = z_{\lambda}, x_{\lambda} = y_{\lambda}, \text{ conj.},$$

it follows by use of (6.13) that

$$(6.30) p_{\lambda} = (p_{\alpha}u^{\alpha})u_{\lambda}, \text{ conj.}$$

Substituting (6.29), (6.30) into (6.27), (6.28), we find

$$(6.31) u_{\lambda} = \theta \nabla_{\lambda} \rho, \text{ conj.},$$

$$u_{\lambda \bullet} = \theta \nabla_{\lambda \bullet \rho}, \text{ conj.}$$

where θ is some function of ξ^{λ} , $\xi^{\lambda^{*}}$. Thus ρ is an integral of the system (4.22) through (4.24). Since that system has only one independent integral, namely, $f(\xi^{\lambda}, \xi^{\lambda^{*}})$, it follows that

$$(6.33) \rho = F(f), conj.,$$

where F(f) is some arbitrary function of f. From (6.33), (6.15), (6.16), we find

$$(6.34) F(f)df = u_{\lambda}d\xi^{\lambda} + u_{\lambda} \cdot d\xi^{\lambda^*},$$

for arbitrary $d\xi^{\lambda}$, $d\xi^{\lambda^{*}}$. Now let us consider the vector $(d\xi^{\lambda}, d\xi^{\lambda^{*}})$ as in the direction of u^{λ} . By multiplying and dividing the right-hand side of (6.34) by ds (the element of arc length along a curve of the congruence), we obtain

$$(6.35) F(f)df = 2ds.$$

Integrating (6.35) between $f = c_0$, $f = c_1$, we find

(6.36)
$$2(s - s_0) = \int_{c_0}^{c_1} F(f) df.$$

The fact that the right-hand side of (6.36) is independent of any particular curve of the congruence proves our theorem.

We can obtain the geometric meaning of the essential condition (4) in Theorem 6 by limiting ourselves to real congruences. We prove

LEMMA 6. Consider a real congruence which is semi-unitary orthogonal to ∞^1 hypersurfaces in a unitary K_n with semi-symmetric connection, then if and only if: (1) the (01) curvature of each X_1 vanishes; (2) $p_{\lambda} = (p_{\alpha}u^{\alpha})u_{\lambda}$, are the equations (6.29) valid.

First, we show the sufficiency of our conditions. From the first condition, we have

(6.37)
$$k = 0$$
, conj.

Hence from (5.14), it follows that

$$(6.38) w_{\lambda} + x_{\lambda} = 0, \text{ conj.}$$

Since the congruence is real, the equation (3.12), is valid, that is,

$$(6.39) z_{\lambda} = -y_{\lambda}, \text{ conj.}$$

By use of the second condition and (6.13), we obtain

$$(6.40) x_{\lambda} + z_{\lambda} - y_{\lambda} - w_{\lambda} = 0, \text{ conj.}$$

By substituting (6.38), (6.39) into (6.40), we obtain the equations (6.29).

Conversely, from (6.29) and the fact that the congruence is real, it follows that the conditions (1), (2) of our theorem are satisfied. Thus, from (6.29) and (6.13), we obtain

$$(6.41) p_{\lambda} = (p_{\alpha}u^{\alpha})u_{\lambda}, \text{ conj.}$$

Furthermore, by use of (6.39), (6.29) and (5.14), we find that k (subindex 01) vanishes.

We now translate Theorem 6 into terms connected with a real congruence of geodesic curves. Our result is

THEOREM 7. If the curves X_1 of a real congruence in a unitary space K_n with semi-symmetric connection satisfy the conditions: (1) the congruence is semi-unitary orthogonal to ∞^1 hypersurfaces in K_n ; (2) the $\infty^{n-1} X_1$ are geodesic; and either (3) the curvature k (subindex 01) vanishes; or (4) $p_{\lambda} = (p_{\alpha}u^{\alpha})u_{\lambda}$, then every two hypersurfaces intercept equal arc segments on all X_1 of the congruences.

It has been shown(17) that an X_1 in a unitary K_n with semi-symmetry connection is geodesic if and only if

$$p_{\lambda} = (p_{\alpha}u^{\alpha})u_{\lambda} - k u_{\lambda}, \text{ conj.},$$

$$k = 0, \text{ conj.}$$

(6.43)
$$k = 0$$
, conj.

The condition (6.43) is of no use to us. From (6.42), we note that if condition (3) of our theorem is valid, then the condition (4) is necessarily satisfied, and conversely. From Lemma 6, it follows that (6.29) is valid. Hence, Lemma 6 leads to the desired conclusion.

If in particular, the space K_n has a symmetric connection, then

$$\phi_{\lambda} = 0, \text{ conj.}$$

Thus the conditions (3), (4) of Theorem 7 are satisfied. Theorem 7 becomes analogous to a theorem in Riemannian space(4).

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