

## METRICS OF NEGATIVE CURVATURE ON VECTOR BUNDLES

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ABSTRACT. It is shown that any vector bundle  $E$  over a compact base manifold  $M$  admits a complete metric of negative (respectively nonpositive) curvature provided  $M$  admits a metric of negative (nonpositive) curvature.

**1. Introduction.** The purpose of this note is to prove the following

**THEOREM.** *Let  $B$  be a compact  $n$ -dimensional manifold of negative sectional curvature. Then any vector bundle  $\Pi: E \rightarrow B$  admits a complete metric of negative sectional curvature  $K_E$  satisfying  $-a \leq K_E \leq -1$  for some constant  $a \geq 1$ . (Here  $a$  depends on the geometry of  $B$  and the topology of the bundle  $\Pi: E \rightarrow B$ .)*

*If  $B$  is a compact manifold of nonpositive sectional curvature, then any vector bundle  $\Pi: E \rightarrow B$  admits a complete metric of nonpositive sectional curvature  $K_E$  satisfying  $-b \leq K \leq 0$  for some positive constant  $b$ .*

This result should be compared with a well-known open problem of Gromoll: If  $M$  is a compact manifold of positive sectional curvature, does every vector bundle over  $M$  admit a complete metric of nonnegative sectional curvature?

The theorem was motivated by, and partially answers, a question of M. Gromov: Does every vector bundle over a compact base  $B$ , with a possibly *singular* metric of negative curvature on  $B$ , admit a smooth complete metric of negative curvature (cf. [3] for a discussion of a singular metrics). For example, let  $T$  be a hyperbolic group, in the sense of [2], and let  $X$  be a metric space on which  $T$  acts freely with compact quotient. One may ask if there is an embedding of  $X$  in  $\mathbf{R}^n$  such that a tubular neighborhood of  $X \subset \mathbf{R}^n$  admits a complete metric of negative sectional curvature. This approach is relevant for the Novikov conjecture for such hyperbolic groups.

It is of interest to note that Gromov, Lawson and Thurston [4] have recently shown that most 2-plane bundles  $E$  over a compact Riemann surface  $M_g$ , of genus greater than one, admit complete metrics of constant curvature  $-1$ , provided  $|\chi(E)| \leq |\chi(M_g)|$ .

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**2. Preliminaries.** We begin with the standard topological description of vector bundles. Let  $\Pi_0: P \rightarrow B$  be a right principal  $O(m)$  bundle,  $m \geq 1$ , over a smooth  $n$ -dimensional manifold  $B$ . Let  $G = O(m)$  act on  $\mathbf{R}^m$  on the left in the usual

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way by orthogonal transformations. Define an action of  $G$  on  $P \times \mathbf{R}^m$  by  $g(p, f) = (pg, g^{-1}f)$ . Then the quotient space  $E = P \times \mathbf{R}^m / G$  is a vector bundle  $\Pi_B: E \rightarrow B$  with fiber  $F$  diffeomorphic to  $\mathbf{R}^m$  and structure group  $G$ .  $E$  is called the vector bundle associated to  $P$ . Conversely, given a vector bundle  $V$  over  $B$ , we may assume without loss of generality that its structure group is  $O(m)$ . Then there is a principal  $O(m)$  bundle over  $B$  such that associated bundle constructed above is equivalent to  $V$ .

Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_G$  denote the negative of the killing form of the Lie algebra  $L(G)$  of  $G$ ; we will also let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_G$  denote the corresponding bi-invariant metric on  $G$ . Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_B = ds_B^2$  denote a smooth Riemannian metric on  $B$ . If  $\Theta: TP \rightarrow L(G)$  is any connection 1-form on  $P$ , we define a metric on  $P$  by

$$(2.1) \quad ds_P^2 = \Pi_0^*(ds_B^2) + \Theta \cdot \Theta,$$

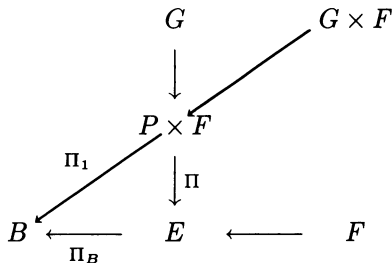
i.e. for vectors  $x, y \in T_pP$ ,  $\langle x, y \rangle_P = \langle \Pi_*x, \Pi_*y \rangle_B + \langle \Theta(x), \Theta(y) \rangle_G$ .

It is well known (cf. [5]) that  $\Pi_0: P \rightarrow B$  is a Riemannian submersion, with totally geodesic fibers, with respect to the metrics  $ds_P^2$  and  $ds_B^2$ . Let  $H^1$  denote the orthogonal complement of the tangent space to the orbits  $G \subset P$ . Then  $H^1$  coincides with the horizontal spaces for the submersion  $\Pi_0$ , as well as the horizontal spaces for the connection 1-form.

Next we consider the product metric

$$(22) \quad ds_{P \times F}^2 = ds_P^2 + ds_F^2$$

on  $P \times F$ , where  $ds_F^2$  is the metric of constant curvature  $-a^2$  on  $F \approx \mathbf{R}^m$ ; of course  $a = 0$  if  $m = 1$ . Note that  $ds_{P \times F}^2$  is invariant under the action of  $G$  on  $P \times F$ , so that  $ds_{P \times F}^2$  descends to give a metric  $ds_E^2$  on  $E$ . We have the following commutative diagram:



With respect to the metrics defined above, each map  $\Pi, \Pi_1, \Pi_B$  is a Riemannian submersion with totally geodesic fibers (cf. [5] for a proof).

For later purposes, we recall a formula of O'Neill [6] relating the curvature of the base and total space of Riemannian submersion. Let  $S \rightarrow M$  be a Riemannian submersion. Let  $X, Y$  be horizontal vector fields on  $S$  and let  $X_* = \Pi_*X, Y_* = \Pi_*Y$ . Then if  $K$  denotes sectional curvature, we have

$$(2.3) \quad K^S(X, Y) = K^M(X_*, Y_*) - \frac{3}{4} \frac{|[X, Y]^\vee|^2}{|X \wedge Y|^2},$$

where  $[X, Y]^\vee$  denotes the orthogonal projection of the Lie bracket  $[X, Y]$  onto the vertical subspaces of  $T(S)$ .

**3. Construction of metrics.** The metric  $ds_E^2$  constructed in §2 does not have negative sectional curvature. In fact, the O'Neill formulas [6] imply that the

“mixed” curvature  $K^E(X, V)$  for  $X$  horizontal and  $V$  vertical with respect to  $\Pi_B$  are nonnegative.

In order to construct metrics of negative curvature on  $E$ , we consider warped product metrics on  $P \times F$ . Let  $g: F \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be an  $O(m)$ -invariant smooth function, with  $g > 0$ . Thus,  $g = g(r)$ , where  $r$  is the distance function to  $0 \in F$  with respect to the metric  $ds_F^2$ . We will specify  $g$  more precisely later in this section. Extend  $g$  to a function  $g: P \times F \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  by first projecting on the second factor. We consider metrics of the form

$$(3.1) \quad d\tilde{s}_{P \times F}^2 = g^2 \cdot ds_P^2 + ds_F^2.$$

Note that  $d\tilde{s}^2$  is also a  $G$ -invariant metric and so gives a metric  $d\tilde{s}_E^2$  on  $E$ . The projection  $\Pi: P \times F \rightarrow E$  is a Riemannian submersion with respect to these metrics; the fibers are no longer totally geodesic however. Nevertheless, one may still use (2.3) to relate the curvatures.

We will need explicit descriptions of the horizontal and vertical spaces of  $\Pi$  in these metrics. Thus, let  $X(M)$  denote the space of  $C^\infty$  vector fields on  $M$ . Define maps

$$L(G) \rightarrow X(P), \quad E \rightarrow \tilde{E}(p), \quad \text{and} \quad L(G) \rightarrow X(F), \quad E \rightarrow \tilde{E}(f),$$

where

$$(3.2) \quad \tilde{E}(p) = \left. \frac{d}{dt}(p \cdot \exp tE) \right|_{t=0}, \quad \tilde{E}(f) = \left. \frac{d}{dt}(\exp tE \cdot f) \right|_{t=0}.$$

It is well known, and easy to verify, that these maps are Lie algebra homomorphisms. We note there is a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$(3.3) \quad \frac{1}{C} < \frac{|\tilde{E}(p)|}{|E|} < C$$

for all  $p \in F$ , for any given smooth metric on  $P$ . For any  $f \in F$ , we may choose  $(m - 1)$  unit vectors  $e_i \in L(G)$ , depending on  $f$ , such that  $\{\tilde{e}_i(f)/\psi(r)\}^{m-1}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $T_f S \subset T_f F$ , where  $S$  is the geodesic  $r$ -sphere through  $f$  centered at 0. One calculates that

$$(3.4) \quad \psi(r) = \frac{1}{a} \sinh ar.$$

Thus  $\{\tilde{e}_i(f)/\psi(r), \nabla r\}$  forms an orthonormal basis of  $T_p F$ . Note that  $\tilde{E}(f) = 0$  for any  $E \notin \text{span}\{e_i\}_1^{m-1}$ .

One easily sees that the vertical space  $V_{p,f} \subset T_{(p,f)}P \times F$  for  $\Pi$  is given by

$$V_{p,f} = \text{span}_{E \in L(G)} [\tilde{E}(p) - \tilde{E}(f)].$$

By the remarks above,, we may choose a basis  $\{e_i\} \in L(G)$ , depending on  $f$ , such that

$$V_{p,f} = \text{span}_{i=1}^{m-1} [\tilde{e}_i(p) - \tilde{e}_i(f)] \oplus \text{span}_{i=m}^N [\tilde{e}_i(p)],$$

where  $N = \dim G$ . Note that  $\dim V_{p,f} = N$ . Let  $H_{p,f}^1 = (T_p G)^\perp \subset T_p P$  as in §2,  $H^2 = \text{span}_{i=1}^{m-1} [\alpha \tilde{e}_i(p) + \tilde{e}_i(f)]$ , where

$$\alpha(p, f) = \frac{1}{g^2(p, f)} \frac{\langle \tilde{E}(f), \tilde{E}(f) \rangle}{\langle \tilde{E}(p), \tilde{E}(p) \rangle},$$

and let  $H^3 = \text{span } \nabla r$ .

Then there is an orthogonal splitting, with respect to  $d\tilde{s}_{P \times F}^2$ , of the form

$$(3.5) \quad T(P \times F) = V \oplus H^1 \oplus H^2 \oplus H^3.$$

The subspace  $H^1 \oplus H^2 \oplus H^3$  is the horizontal space for the submersion  $\Pi: P \times F \rightarrow E$  with respect to the metrics  $d\tilde{s}_{P \times F}^2$  and  $d\tilde{s}_E^2$ .

We now begin with the computation of the curvature of  $d\tilde{s}_E^2$ . First, by (2.3), the curvature of  $(P \times F, d\tilde{s}_{P \times F}^2)$  and  $(E, d\tilde{s}_E^2)$  are related by

$$(3.6) \quad \tilde{K}^E(X_*, Y_*) = \tilde{K}^{P \times F}(X, Y) + \frac{3}{4} \frac{|[X, Y]^V|^2}{|X \wedge Y|_{\sim}}$$

for horizontal vectors  $X, Y \in T(P \times F)$ . To estimate the first term, we use the formula for the sectional curvature of a warped product given in [1]. Write  $X = X_P + X_F$ , where  $X_P$  (resp.  $X_F$ ) is the orthogonal projection of  $X$  onto  $TP$  (resp.  $TF$ ). If the pair  $\{X, Y\}$  is orthonormal with respect to  $d\tilde{s}^2$ , then

$$(3.7) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{K}^{P \times F}(X, Y) = & K^F(X_F, Y_F) \cdot |X_F \wedge Y_F|^2 - g[|Y_P|^2 D^2 g(X_F, X_F) - 2\langle X_P, Y_P \rangle \\ & \cdot D^2 g(X_F, Y_F) + |X_P|^2 D^2 g(X_F, Y_F)] \\ & + g^2[K^P(X_P, Y_P) - |\nabla g|^2]|X_P \wedge Y_P|^2 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $B_\epsilon$  denote the geodesic ball of radius  $\epsilon$  about  $0 \in F$ . The function  $g$  will depend on a parameter  $\epsilon$ , to be fixed below, and chosen to satisfy the following properties:

- (i)  $g$  is convex, i.e.  $D^2 g \geq 0$  on  $F$  and  $D^2 g < C_0 g$  outside  $B_\epsilon$ .
- (ii)  $|\nabla g|^2/g^2 > C_1$  outside  $B_\epsilon$ .
- (iii)  $|\nabla g|^2/g^2 < C_2$  outside some compact set of  $F$ .
- (iv)  $|\nabla g|^2(x) > C_3 \cdot r(x)$  for  $x \in B_\epsilon$ .
- (v)  $g \leq 1$  in  $B_\epsilon$ ,  $g > 1$  outside  $B_\epsilon$ .

Here  $C_0, C_1, C_2, C_3$  are constants, also to be specified below. For example, one may choose  $g$  of the form

$$g = \{a_1 + a_2 r^{3/2}\} e^{a_3 r}$$

and adjust  $\{a_i\}$  to satisfy (3.8). Basically,  $a_1$  is small and  $a_2, a_3$  large.

Using (3.8) we may estimate (3.7). First, since  $g$  is convex, the second term in (3.7) within the brackets is nonnegative. Since  $F$  has curvature  $-a^2$ , we find

$$\tilde{K}^{P \times F}(X, Y) \leq -a^2 |X_F \wedge Y_F|^2 + g^2 [K^P(X_P, Y_P) - |\nabla g|^2] |X_P \wedge Y_P|^2.$$

We now consider several cases. Suppose  $f \notin B_\epsilon$ . Choose  $C_1 = a^2 + \sup K^P(X_P, Y_P)$ . By (3.8)(ii) and (v) we obtain

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{K}^{P \times F}(X, Y) & \leq -a^2 |X_F \wedge Y_F|^2 - a^2 g^4 |X_P \wedge Y_P|^2 \\ & \leq a^2 |X_F \wedge Y_F|_{\sim}^2 - a^2 |X_P \wedge Y_P|_{\sim}^2 \leq -a^2/4. \end{aligned}$$

Next suppose  $f \in B_\epsilon$ . If  $|X_F \wedge Y_F|^2 \geq |X_P \wedge Y_P|_{\sim}^2$ , then setting  $b = \sup K^P(X_P, Y_P)$  we have

$$(3.10) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{K}^{P \times F}(X, Y) & \leq -a^2 |X_F \wedge Y_F|^2 + \frac{b}{g^2} |X_P \wedge Y_P|_{\sim}^2 \\ & \leq \left[ -a^2 + \frac{b}{g^2} \right] |X_F \wedge Y_F|^2 \leq \frac{1}{4} \left[ -a^2 + \frac{b}{g^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

assuming  $-a^2 + b/g^2 \leq 0$ .

Finally, suppose  $|X_F \wedge Y_F|^2 < |X_p \wedge Y_p|^2$  and  $f \in B_\epsilon$ . We may write  $X_p = X_B + X_2$ , where  $X_B \in H^1$  and  $X_2 = \alpha \sum_1^{n-1} a_i e_i(p) \in (H^2)_p$ . It is important to note that  $|X_2| \rightarrow 0$  as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ . To see this, we have  $|X_F| < 1$ , so that  $|\sum a_i e_i(f)| < 1$ . Since, by definition,  $\alpha = O(|e(f)|^2)$ , the claim follows. Note also that  $|X_B|$  is bounded away from zero as  $f \rightarrow 0$ , since by our assumption  $|X_p|$  is bounded away from zero. These same remarks apply to  $Y_p$  and we obtain the estimate

$$K^P(X_p, Y_p) = K^P(X_B, Y_B) + O(\epsilon).$$

Now (2.3) applied to the Riemannian submersion  $\Pi_0: P \rightarrow B$  gives

$$K^P(X_B, Y_B) = K^B(X_B, Y_B) - \frac{3}{4} \frac{|[X_B, Y_B]^\vee|^2}{|X_B \wedge Y_B|^2}.$$

Thus, for the last case, we obtain

$$(3.11) \quad \tilde{K}^{P \times F}(X, Y) \leq -a^2 |X_F \wedge Y_F|^2 + \left[ K^B(X_B, Y_B) - \frac{3}{4} \frac{|[X_B, Y_B]^\vee|^2}{|X_B \wedge Y_B|^2} - |\nabla g|^2 + O(\epsilon) \right] g^2 |X_p \wedge Y_p|^2.$$

In order to estimate the second term of (3.6), we use the following Lemma.

LEMMA. *Let  $X, Y$  be horizontal fields on  $(P \times F, ds^2)$ . Then there is a constant  $k$ , depending on  $ds_P^2$  and  $\inf g$ , but not on  $a$ , such that*

$$(3.12) \quad |[X, Y]^\vee|^2 < k \cdot |X \wedge Y|^2.$$

PROOF. Since both sides of (3.12) are bilinear, it is sufficient to check (3.12) on a basis for the horizontal fields. Thus, let  $X = \sum X_i, Y = \sum Y_i$ , where  $X_i, Y_i \in H^i$ . One verifies that

$$[X_3, Y_i] = [X_i, Y_3] = 0, \quad [X_1, Y_2] = [X_2, Y_1] = 0.$$

Thus  $[X, Y] = [X_1, Y_1] + [X_2, Y_2]$  and

$$(3.13) \quad |[X, Y]^\vee|^2 = |[X_1, Y_1]^\vee|^2 + |[X_2, Y_2]^\vee|^2.$$

Applying (2.3) to the submersion  $\Pi_0: P \rightarrow B$  gives

$$(3.14) \quad K^P(X_1, Y_1) = K^B(X_1, Y_1) - \frac{3}{4} \frac{|[X_1, Y_1]^\vee|^2}{|X_1 \wedge Y_1|^2};$$

note that since  $X_1, Y_1$ , and  $[X_1, Y_1] \in TP$ , the vertical projections for  $\Pi_0$  and  $\Pi$  agree. Since  $K^P$  and  $K^B$  are bounded, we have

$$|[X_1, Y_1]^\vee|^2 < k |X_1 \wedge Y_1|^2,$$

and thus

$$(3.15) \quad |[X_1, Y_1]^\vee|^2 < k |X_1 \wedge Y_1|^2.$$

We estimate the third term in (3.13) on a basis of the form  $B_i = \alpha e_i(p) + e_i(f)$ , where at a given  $p_0 \in P$ , we assume  $\langle B_i, B_j \rangle(p_0, f) = 0$  if  $i \neq j$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} [B_i, B_j] &= \alpha^2 [e_i(p), e_j(p)] + [e_i(f), e_j(f)] \\ &= \alpha^2 C_{ij}^k e_k(p) + C_{ij}^k e_k(f), \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the fact that the maps  $E \rightarrow \tilde{E}(p)$  and  $E \rightarrow \tilde{E}(f)$  are Lie algebra homomorphisms; here  $C_{ij}^k$  are the structure constants of  $L(G)$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} |[B_i, B_j]^\vee|^2 &= \sum_{k,l,m} \frac{[\alpha^2 C_{ij}^k \langle e_k(p), e_l(m) \rangle_\sim - C_{ij}^l \langle e_l(f), e_m(f) \rangle_\sim]^2}{|e_m(p) - e_m(f)|_\sim^2} \\ &\leq C \cdot \frac{\alpha^4 |e(p)|_\sim^4 + |e(f)|_\sim^4}{|e(p) - e(f)|_\sim^2}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C$  is a constant independent of the metrics. Since  $|e(p) - e(f)|_\sim^2 \geq L$  for some constant  $L$  depending only on  $\inf g$ , we have

$$|[B_i, B_j]^\vee|^2 \leq C^1 [\alpha^4 |e(p)|_\sim^4 + |e(f)|_\sim^4].$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} |B_i \wedge B_j|^2 &= |B_i|_\sim^2 |B_j|_\sim^2 - \langle B_i, B_j \rangle_\sim^2 \\ &= |\alpha e_i(p) + e_i(f)|_\sim^2 \cdot |\alpha e_j(p) + e_j(f)|_\sim^2 \\ &\leq C [\alpha^4 |e(p)|_\sim^4 + |e(f)|_\sim^4]. \end{aligned}$$

Combining the last two estimates with (3.15) gives the result.

We now combine the above estimates to determine  $\tilde{K}^E(X, Y)$ . As before, we deal with several cases. We assume  $m \geq 2$  and will discuss the case  $m = 1$  at the end

(i)  $f \notin B_\epsilon$ : Combining (3.9) and (3.12) and substituting into (3.6) gives

$$(3.16) \quad \tilde{K}^E(X, Y) \leq -a^2/4 + k.$$

(ii)  $f \in B_\epsilon$  and  $|X_F \wedge Y_F|^2 \geq |X_p \wedge Y_p|_\sim^2$ : Using (3.10) and (3.12) as above gives

$$(3.17) \quad \tilde{K}^E(X, Y) \leq \frac{1}{4}[-a^2 + b/g^2] + k.$$

Thus, making a choice of  $g$  satisfying (3.8), we see that we may choose  $a$  sufficiently large so that  $\tilde{K}^E(X, Y) < 0$  in the above two cases. In particular, the curvature of  $E$  may be made negative outside a neighborhood of the 0-section of  $\Pi_B: E \rightarrow B$ , regardless of the curvature of  $B$ .

(iii)  $f \in B_\epsilon$  and  $|X_F \wedge Y_F|^2 < |X_p \wedge Y_p|_\sim^2$ : Using (3.11) and the fact that  $|X \wedge Y|_\sim = 1$ , we estimate (3.6) as

$$\begin{aligned} (3.18) \quad \tilde{K}^E(X, Y) &\leq -a^2 |X_F \wedge Y_F|^2 + \left[ K^B(X_B, Y_B) - \frac{3}{4} \frac{|[X_B, X_B]^\vee|^2}{|X_B \wedge X_B|_\sim^2} - |\nabla g|^2 + O(\epsilon) \right] \\ &\quad \cdot \frac{1}{g^2} |X_p \wedge Y_p|_\sim^2 + \frac{3}{4} |[X_B, Y_B]^\vee|^2 + \frac{3}{4} |X_2, Y_2|^\vee|^2 \\ &\leq -a^2 |X_F \wedge Y_F|^2 + [K^B(X_B, Y_B) + O(\epsilon) - |\nabla g|^2] \frac{1}{g^2} |X_p \wedge Y_p|^2 + O(\epsilon), \end{aligned}$$

where we have used (3.8)(v).

Now suppose first that  $K^B(X_B, Y_B) < 0$ , say  $K^B(X_B, Y_B) \leq -m^2 < 0$ . Choosing  $\epsilon$  sufficiently small in (3.18), we obtain

$$(3.19) \quad \tilde{K}^E(X, Y) \leq -C$$

for some constant  $C > 0$ . We may combine (3.19) with (3.16) and (3.17) and rescale the metric if necessary to obtain  $\tilde{K}^E(X, Y) \leq -1$  for all  $X, Y \in T(E)$ .

Next suppose only  $K^B(X_B, Y_B) \leq 0$ . Then by (3.18)

$$\tilde{K}^E(X, Y) \leq -a^2|X_F \wedge Y_F|^2 + [O(\varepsilon) - C_3\varepsilon] \frac{1}{g^2}|X_p \wedge Y_p|^2 + O(\varepsilon).$$

We may choose  $\varepsilon$  sufficiently small and  $C_3$  sufficiently large in (3.8) (iv) so that  $[O(\varepsilon) - C_3\varepsilon]|X_p \wedge Y_p|^2/g^2$  is sufficiently negative for  $\varepsilon \neq 0$ , to dominate the last  $O(\varepsilon)$  term. We then obtain  $\tilde{K}^E(X, Y) \leq 0$ . Combining this with (3.16) and (3.17) gives a complete metric on  $E$  of nonpositive sectional curvature.

Finally, it is straightforward to verify that the condition  $D^2g < C_0g$  outside  $B_\varepsilon$  for some constant  $C_0$  implies in both cases  $K^B < 0$  and  $K^B \leq 0$  that

$$\tilde{K}^E(X, Y) \geq -M^2$$

for some constant  $M$ . This proves the theorem in the case  $m \geq 2$ .

Suppose finally that  $m = 1$ . In the notation above, any horizontal 2-plane for  $\Pi: P \times \mathbf{R} \rightarrow E$  has a basis of the form  $X = X_B + c \cdot \nabla r$ ,  $Y = Y_B$ . Since  $[X, Y]^V = 0$ , we obtain from (3.7)

$$\tilde{K}^E(X, Y) = \tilde{K}^{P \times \mathbf{R}}(X, Y) = -gc^2|Y_B|^2g^{11} + g^2[K^B(X_B, Y_B) - |\nabla g|^2]|X_B \wedge Y_B|^2.$$

This can be made negative, respectively nonpositive, depending on the curvature of  $B$ , by choosing  $g$  to be any convex function. In particular,  $g$  satisfying (3.8) suffices to prove the theorem in this case also.

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