ON DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY OF HYPERSURFACES IN THE LARGE

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1. Introduction. Let V^n (V^{*n}) be an orientable hypersurface of class C^3 imbedded in a Euclidean space E^{n+1} of $n+1 \geq 3$ dimensions with a closed boundary V^{n-1} (V^{*n-1}) of dimension $n-1$. Suppose that there is a one-to-one correspondence between the points of the two hypersurfaces V^n , V^{*n} such that at corresponding points the two hypersurfaces V^n , V^{*n} have the same normal vectors. Let $\kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_n$ be the n principal curvatures at a point P of the hypersurface V^n , then the α th mean curvature M_α of the hypersurface V^n at the point P is defined by

$$(1.1) \quad \binom{n}{\alpha} M_\alpha = \sum \kappa_1 \cdots \kappa_\alpha \quad (\alpha = 1, \dots, n),$$

where the expression on the right side is the α th elementary symmetric function of $\kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_n$. In particular, M_n is the Gaussian curvature of the hypersurface V^n at the point P . Let P^* be the point of the hypersurface V^{*n} corresponding to the point P of the hypersurface V^n under the given correspondence, p^* the oriented distance from a fixed point O in the space E^{n+1} to the tangent hyperplane of the hypersurface V^{*n} at the point P^* , and dA the area element of the hypersurface V^n at the point P . The purpose of this paper is first to derive some expressions for the integrals $\int_{V^n} M_\alpha p^* dA$ ($\alpha = 1, \dots, n$), and then to prove the following

THEOREM. *Let V^n (V^{*n}) be an orientable hypersurface of class C^3 imbedded in a Euclidean space E^{n+1} of $n+1 \geq 3$ dimensions with a positive Gaussian curvature and a closed boundary V^{n-1} (V^{*n-1}) of dimension $n-1$. Suppose that there is a one-to-one correspondence between the points of the two hypersurfaces V^n , V^{*n} , such that at corresponding points the two hypersurfaces V^n , V^{*n} have the same normal vectors and equal sums of the principal radii of curvature, and such that the two boundaries V^{n-1} , V^{*n-1} are congruent. Then the two hypersurfaces V^n , V^{*n} are congruent or symmetric.*

This theorem has been obtained by T. Kubota (see [6] or [1, pp. 29–30]) for closed hypersurfaces V^n , V^{*n} , and by the author [5] for $n=2$ in a slightly different form.

2. Preliminaries. In a Euclidean space E^{n+1} of dimension $n+1 \geq 3$, let us

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consider a fixed orthogonal frame $O\mathfrak{Y}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{Y}_{n+1}$ with a point O as the origin. With respect to this orthogonal frame we define the vector product of n vectors $A_1, \cdots, A_n$ in E^{n+1} to be the vector A_{n+1} , denoted by $A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n$, satisfying the following conditions:

(a) the vector A_{n+1} is normal to the n -dimensional space determined by the vectors $A_1, \cdots, A_n$,

(b) the magnitude of the vector A_{n+1} is equal to the volume of the parallelepiped whose edges are the vectors $A_1, \cdots, A_n$,

(c) the two frames $OA_1 \cdots A_n A_{n+1}$ and $O\mathfrak{Y}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{Y}_{n+1}$ have the same orientation.

Let σ be a permutation on the n numbers $1, \cdots, n$, then

$$(2.1) \quad A_{\sigma(1)} \times \cdots \times A_{\sigma(n)} = (\text{sgn } \sigma) A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n,$$

where $\text{sgn } \sigma$ is $+1$ or -1 according as the permutation σ is even or odd. Let $i_1, \cdots, i_{n+1}$ be the unit vectors from the origin O in the directions of the vectors $\mathfrak{Y}_1, \cdots, \mathfrak{Y}_{n+1}$ and let A_α^j ($j=1, \cdots, n+1$) be the components of the vector A_α ($\alpha=1, \cdots, n$)⁽¹⁾ with respect to the frame $O\mathfrak{Y}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{Y}_{n+1}$, then the scalar product of any two vectors A_α and A_β and the vector product of n vectors $A_1, \cdots, A_n$ are, respectively,

$$(2.2) \quad A_\alpha \cdot A_\beta = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} A_\alpha^i A_\beta^i,$$

$$(2.3) \quad A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n = (-1)^n \begin{vmatrix} i_1 & i_2 & \cdots & i_{n+1} \\ A_1^1 & A_1^2 & \cdots & A_1^{n+1} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ A_n^1 & A_n^2 & \cdots & A_n^{n+1} \end{vmatrix}.$$

If A_α^j are differentiable functions of n variables $x^1, \cdots, x^n$, then by equation (2.3) and the differentiation of determinants

$$(2.4) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\alpha} (A_1 \times \cdots \times A_n) = \sum_{\beta=1}^n \left(A_1 \times \cdots \times A_{\beta-1} \times \frac{\partial A_\beta}{\partial x^\alpha} \times A_{\beta+1} \times \cdots \times A_n \right).$$

Now we consider a hypersurface V^n of class C^3 imbedded in the space E^{n+1} with a closed boundary V^{n-1} of dimension $n-1$. Let $(y^1, \cdots, y^{n+1})$ be the coordinates of a point P in the space E^{n+1} with respect to the orthogonal frame $O\mathfrak{Y}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{Y}_{n+1}$. Then the hypersurface V^n can be given by the parametric equations⁽²⁾

⁽¹⁾ Throughout this paper all Latin indices take the values 1 to $n+1$ and Greek indices the values 1 to n unless stated otherwise. We shall also follow the convention that repeated indices imply summation.

⁽²⁾ For the remainder of this section see, for instance, [2, Chap. IV].

$$(2.5) \quad y^i = f^i(x^1, \dots, x^n) \quad (i = 1, \dots, n+1),$$

or the vector equation

$$(2.6) \quad Y = F(x^1, \dots, x^n),$$

where y^i and f^i are respectively the components of the two vectors Y and F , the parameters $x^1, \dots, x^n$ take values in a simply connected domain D of the n -dimensional real number space, $f^i(x^1, \dots, x^n)$ are of the third class and the Jacobian matrix $\|\partial y^i / \partial x^\alpha\|$ is of rank n at all points of D . If we denote the vector $\partial Y / \partial x^\alpha$ by Y_α for $\alpha = 1, \dots, n$, then the first fundamental form of the hypersurface V^n at a point P is

$$(2.7) \quad ds^2 = g_{\alpha\beta} dx^\alpha dx^\beta,$$

where

$$(2.8) \quad g_{\alpha\beta} = Y_\alpha \cdot Y_\beta,$$

and the matrix $\|g_{\alpha\beta}\|$ is positive definite so that the determinant $g = |g_{\alpha\beta}| > 0$.

Let N be the unit normal vector of the hypersurface V^n at a point P , and N_α the vector $\partial N / \partial x^\alpha$, then

$$(2.9) \quad N_\alpha = -b_{\alpha\beta} g^{\beta\gamma} Y_\gamma,$$

where

$$(2.10) \quad b_{\alpha\beta} = b_{\beta\alpha} = -Y_\alpha \cdot N_\beta$$

are the coefficients of the second fundamental form of the hypersurface V^n at the point P , and $g^{\beta\gamma}$ denotes the cofactor of $g_{\beta\gamma}$ in g divided by g so that

$$(2.11) \quad g^{\alpha\beta} g_{\beta\gamma} = \delta_\gamma^\alpha,$$

δ_γ^α being the Kronecker deltas. The n principal curvatures $\kappa_1, \dots, \kappa_n$ of the hypersurface V^n at the point P are the roots of the determinant equation

$$(2.12) \quad |b_{\alpha\beta} - \kappa g_{\alpha\beta}| = 0.$$

From equations (1.1) and (2.12) follow immediately

$$(2.13) \quad M_n = b/g, \quad nM_1 = b_{\alpha\beta} g^{\alpha\beta}, \quad nM_{n-1} = g_{\alpha\beta} B^{\alpha\beta}/g,$$

where $b = |b_{\alpha\beta}| \neq 0$ and $B^{\alpha\beta}$ is the cofactor of $b_{\alpha\beta}$ in b .

The third fundamental form of the hypersurface V^n at the point P is

$$(2.14) \quad dN \cdot dN = f_{\alpha\beta} dx^\alpha dx^\beta,$$

where we have placed

$$(2.15) \quad f_{\alpha\beta} = N_\alpha \cdot N_\beta.$$

From equations (2.8), (2.9), and (2.11), it follows immediately that

$$(2.16) \quad f_{\alpha\beta} = b_{\alpha\rho} b_{\beta\sigma} g^{\rho\sigma},$$

and therefore that

$$(2.17) \quad g^{\alpha\beta} = f_{\rho\sigma} b^{\alpha\rho} b^{\beta\sigma},$$

where $b^{\alpha\rho} = B^{\alpha\rho}/b$. It is easily seen that the principal radii of curvature r_α ($\alpha=1, \dots, n$) of the hypersurface V^n at the point P are the roots of the determinant equation

$$(2.18) \quad |b_{\alpha\beta} - r f_{\alpha\beta}| = 0,$$

from which we obtain

$$(2.19) \quad r_1 \cdots r_n = b/f, \quad \sum_{\alpha=1}^n r_\alpha = b_{\alpha\beta} f^{\alpha\beta}, \quad \sum r_1 \cdots r_{n-1} = f_{\alpha\beta} B^{\alpha\beta}/f,$$

where $f^{\alpha\beta}$ denotes the cofactor of $f_{\alpha\beta}$ in $f = |f_{\alpha\beta}|$ divided by f . From equations (2.13) and (2.19) it follows immediately that

$$(2.20) \quad f = M_n^2 g > 0.$$

The area element of the hypersurface V^n at the point P is given by

$$(2.21) \quad dA = g^{1/2} dx^1 \cdots dx^n.$$

Now we choose the direction of the unit normal vector N in such a way that the two frames $PY_1 \cdots Y_n N$ and $O\mathfrak{Y}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{Y}_{n+1}$ have the same orientation. Then from equations (2.3) and (2.21) it follows that

$$(2.22) \quad g^{1/2} N = Y_1 \times \cdots \times Y_n,$$

$$(2.23) \quad |Y_1, \dots, Y_n, N| = g^{1/2}.$$

Let $u^1, \dots, u^{n-1}$ be the local coordinates of a point P on the boundary V^{n-1} , then the first fundamental form of the boundary V^{n-1} at the point P is

$$(2.24) \quad ds^2 = a_{\lambda\mu} du^\lambda du^\mu \quad (\lambda, \mu = 1, \dots, n-1),$$

where

$$(2.25) \quad a_{\lambda\mu} = g_{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial x^\alpha}{\partial u^\lambda} \frac{\partial x^\beta}{\partial u^\mu},$$

and the matrix $\|a_{\lambda\mu}\|$ is positive definite so that the determinant $a = |a_{\lambda\mu}| > 0$. The coefficients of the second fundamental form of the boundary V^{n-1} corresponding to the unit normal vector N of the hypersurface V^n at the point P are

$$(2.26) \quad \Omega_{\lambda\mu} = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} N^i \left(\frac{\partial^2 y^i}{\partial u^\lambda \partial u^\mu} - \left\{ \begin{matrix} \nu \\ \lambda\mu \end{matrix} \right\}_a \cdot \frac{\partial y^i}{\partial u^\nu} \right) \quad (\lambda, \mu, \nu = 1, \dots, n-1),$$

where

$$\left\{ \begin{matrix} \nu \\ \lambda\mu \end{matrix} \right\}_a$$

is a Christoffel symbol of the second kind formed with respect to the a 's and u 's. Similarly, for the hypersurface V^n we have

$$(2.27) \quad b_{\alpha\beta} N = \frac{\partial^2 Y}{\partial x^\alpha \partial x^\beta} - \left\{ \begin{matrix} \gamma \\ \alpha\beta \end{matrix} \right\}_g Y_\gamma,$$

where

$$\left\{ \begin{matrix} \gamma \\ \alpha\beta \end{matrix} \right\}_g$$

is a Christoffel symbol of the second kind formed with respect to the g 's and x 's. From equations (2.26) and (2.27) it is easily seen that

$$(2.28) \quad \Omega_{\lambda\mu} = b_{\alpha\beta} \frac{\partial x^\alpha}{\partial u^\lambda} \frac{\partial x^\beta}{\partial u^\mu}.$$

3. Some integral formulas. Suppose that there is a one-to-one correspondence between the points of two hypersurfaces V^n , V^{*n} of class C^3 imbedded in a space E^{n+1} with positive Gaussian curvatures and closed boundaries V^{n-1} , V^{*n-1} of dimension $n-1$ respectively such that the two hypersurfaces V^n , V^{*n} have the same normal vectors at corresponding points. Without loss of generality we may assume that the corresponding points of the two hypersurfaces V^n , V^{*n} have the same local coordinates $x^1, \dots, x^n$. Then §2 can be applied to the hypersurface V^n , and for the corresponding quantities for the hypersurface V^{*n} we shall use the same symbols with a star.

At first, we observe that the vector $Y_1 \times \dots \times Y_{\alpha-1} \times N \times Y_{\alpha+1} \times \dots \times Y_n$ is perpendicular to the normal vector N and that the n vectors $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$ are linearly independent in the tangent hyperplane of the hypersurface V^n at the point P . Therefore the vector $Y_1 \times \dots \times Y_{\alpha-1} \times N \times Y_{\alpha+1} \times \dots \times Y_n$ can be written in the form

$$(3.1) \quad Y_1 \times \dots \times Y_{\alpha-1} \times N \times Y_{\alpha+1} \times \dots \times Y_n = a^{\alpha\beta} N_\beta.$$

Taking the scalar products of the both sides of equations (3.1) with the vector Y_γ and making use of equations (2.2), (2.3), (2.10), (2.23), we obtain

$$(3.2) \quad a^{\alpha\beta} b_{\beta\gamma} = g^{1/2} \delta_\gamma^\alpha \quad (\alpha, \gamma = 1, \dots, n).$$

Solving equations (3.2) for $a^{\alpha\beta}$ for each fixed α and substituting the results in

equations (3.1), we are led to

$$(3.3) \quad Y_1 \times \cdots \times Y_{\alpha-1} \times N \times Y_{\alpha+1} \times \cdots \times Y_n = g^{1/2} b^{\alpha\beta} N_\beta.$$

Making use of equations (2.4), (2.9), (2.13), (2.22) and the relation

$$\begin{aligned} Y_1 \times \cdots \times Y_{\beta-1} \times Y_{\beta\alpha} \times Y_{\beta+1} \times \cdots \times Y_{\alpha-1} \times N \times Y_{\alpha+1} \times \cdots \times Y_n \\ = -Y_1 \times \cdots \times Y_{\beta-1} \times N \times Y_{\beta+1} \times \cdots \times Y_{\alpha-1} \times Y_{\alpha\beta} \times Y_{\alpha+1} \times \cdots \times Y_n \\ (\alpha > \beta; \alpha, \beta = 1, \cdots, n), \end{aligned}$$

it is easily seen that

$$\begin{aligned} (3.4) \quad & \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\alpha} (Y_1 \times \cdots \times Y_{\alpha-1} \times N \times Y_{\alpha+1} \times \cdots \times Y_n) \\ & = \sum_{\alpha=1}^n Y_1 \times \cdots \times Y_{\alpha-1} \times N_\alpha \times Y_{\alpha+1} \times \cdots \times Y_n = -ng^{1/2} M_1 N. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, from equations (3.3) and (3.4),

$$(3.5) \quad ng^{1/2} M_1 N = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x^\alpha} (g^{1/2} b^{\alpha\beta} N_\beta).$$

Taking the scalar products of the both sides of equation (3.5) with the position vector Y^* of the corresponding point P^* of the point P , we obtain in consequence of the relation $b^2 = fg$, obtained from equations (2.13) and (2.19),

$$(3.6) \quad nM_1 g^{1/2} p^* = \frac{1}{f^{1/2}} \sum_{\alpha=1}^n B^{\alpha\beta} N_\beta \cdot Y_\alpha^* - \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\alpha} \left(\frac{1}{f^{1/2}} B^{\alpha\beta} Y^* \cdot N_\beta \right),$$

where we have placed

$$(3.7) \quad p^* = Y^* \cdot N.$$

Integrating equation (3.6) with respect to $x^1, \cdots, x^n$ over the hypersurface V^n and applying the general Green's theorem (cf., for instance, [3, pp. 75-76]) to the second term on the right side of equation (3.6), we then obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (3.8) \quad \int_{V^n} nM_1 p^* dA &= \int_{V^n} \frac{1}{f^{1/2}} \sum_{\alpha=1}^n B^{\alpha\beta} N_\beta \cdot Y_\alpha^* dx^1 \cdots dx^n \\ &\quad - \int_{V^{n-1}} \frac{1}{f^{1/2}} \sum_{\alpha=1}^n (-1)^{\alpha-1} B^{\alpha\beta} Y^* \\ &\quad \cdot N_\beta dx^1 \cdots dx^{\alpha-1} dx^{\alpha+1} \cdots dx^n. \end{aligned}$$

In order to use the formula (3.8) to derive an analogous expression for the integral $\int_{V^n} M_\alpha p^* dA$ for a general α ($\alpha = 1, \cdots, n$), in the space E^{n+1} we first consider a hypersurface $\bar{V}^n$ parallel to the hypersurface V^n so that the two hypersurfaces $V^n, \bar{V}^n$ have the same normals. It is evident that the

vector equation of the hypersurface $\bar{V}^n$ can be written in the form

$$(3.9) \quad \bar{Y} = Y - tN,$$

where t is a real parameter. From equations (3.9), $N \cdot N = 1$ and $N \cdot \bar{Y}_\alpha = N \cdot \partial \bar{Y} / \partial x^\alpha = 0$, it follows immediately that $\partial t / \partial x^\alpha = 0$ and therefore that t is constant. Making use of equations (2.8), (2.10), (2.15) and their analogous ones for the hypersurface $\bar{V}^n$, we obtain the coefficients of the first and the second fundamental forms of the hypersurface $\bar{V}^n$:

$$(3.10) \quad \bar{g}_{\alpha\beta} = g_{\alpha\beta} + 2b_{\alpha\beta}t + f_{\alpha\beta}t^2,$$

$$(3.11) \quad \bar{b}_{\alpha\beta} = b_{\alpha\beta} + f_{\alpha\beta}t,$$

from which it follows easily by an elementary calculation that

$$(3.12) \quad \bar{b} = b\Delta,$$

$$(3.13) \quad \bar{g} = g\Delta^2,$$

$$(3.14) \quad |\bar{r}\bar{b}_{\alpha\beta} - \bar{g}_{\alpha\beta}| = |(\bar{r} - t)b_{\alpha\beta} - g_{\alpha\beta}| \Delta,$$

where $\bar{g} = |\bar{g}_{\alpha\beta}|$, $\bar{b} = |\bar{b}_{\alpha\beta}|$ and

$$(3.15) \quad \Delta = |\delta_\alpha^\beta + b_{\alpha\rho}g^{\rho\beta}t|,$$

$$(3.16) \quad \bar{r}_\alpha = 1/\bar{\kappa}_\alpha \quad (\alpha = 1, \dots, n),$$

$\bar{\kappa}_\alpha$ being the principal curvatures of the hypersurface $\bar{V}^n$. In consequence of equations (3.12), (3.13), (3.14) and (2.12), (2.13), (2.21) together with their analogues for the hypersurface $\bar{V}^n$, we have

$$(3.17) \quad \bar{M}_n d\bar{A} = M_n dA,$$

$$(3.18) \quad \bar{r}_\alpha = r_\alpha + t,$$

where $d\bar{A}$ is the area element of the hypersurface $\bar{V}^n$.

Similarly, let $\bar{V}^{*n}$ be a hypersurface in the space E^{n+1} parallel to the hypersurface V^{*n} and having the vector equation

$$(3.19) \quad \bar{Y}^* = Y^* - tN,$$

where t is the same arbitrary constant as in equation (3.9). For this one-to-one correspondence between the points of the two hypersurfaces $\bar{V}^n$, $\bar{V}^{*n}$, equation (3.8) can be written as, by means of equations (1.1) and (3.16),

$$(3.20) \quad \begin{aligned} & \int_{\bar{V}^n} \bar{p}^* (\sum \bar{r}_1 \bar{r}_2 \dots \bar{r}_{n-1}) \bar{M}_n d\bar{A} \\ &= \int_{\bar{V}^n} \frac{1}{f^{1/2}} \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \bar{B}^{\alpha\beta} N_\beta \cdot \bar{Y}_\alpha^* dx^1 \dots dx^n \\ & \quad - \int_{\bar{V}^{n-1}} \frac{1}{f^{1/2}} \sum_{\alpha=1}^n (-1)^{\alpha-1} \bar{B}^{\alpha\beta} N_\beta \cdot \bar{Y}^* dx^1 \dots dx^{\alpha-1} dx^{\alpha+1} \dots dx^n, \end{aligned}$$

where $\bar{p}^* = \bar{Y}^* \cdot N = p^* - t$, $\bar{B}^{\alpha\beta}$ is the cofactor of $b_{\alpha\beta}$ in b , $\bar{Y}_\alpha^* = \partial \bar{Y}^* / \partial x^\alpha$, and $\bar{V}^{n-1}$ is the boundary of the hypersurface $\bar{V}^n$. Substitution, in equation (3.20), of equations (3.17), (3.18), (2.15) and the analogue of equation (2.10) for the hypersurface V^{*n} yields immediately

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{V^n} (p^* - t) \sum_{\alpha=1}^n (n - \alpha + 1) (\sum r_1 \cdots r_{\alpha-1}) t^{n-\alpha} M_n dA \\
 (3.21) \quad &= - \int_{V^n} \frac{1}{f^{1/2}} \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \bar{B}^{\alpha\beta} (b_{\beta\alpha}^* + t f_{\alpha\beta}) dx^1 \cdots dx^n \\
 &+ \int_{V^{n-1}} \frac{1}{f^{1/2}} \sum_{\alpha=1}^n (-1)^{\alpha-1} Y^* \cdot N_\beta \bar{B}^{\alpha\beta} dx^1 \cdots dx^{\alpha-1} dx^{\alpha+1} \cdots dx^n,
 \end{aligned}$$

which is an identity in t . Hence, by equating the coefficients of $t^0, t, \dots, t^{n-1}$ on the both sides of equation (3.21) and using equation (1.1), we can obtain n formulas, one of which is equation (3.8). These n formulas have been obtained by the author [4] for the case where the two hypersurfaces V^n, V^{*n} coincide.

4. Proof of the theorem. In order to prove the theorem stated in the introduction, we may assume, for simplicity, that the local coordinate $x^1, \dots, x^n$ of the two hypersurfaces V^n, V^{*n} be so chosen that

$$f_{\alpha\beta} = 0 \quad \text{for } \alpha \neq \beta.$$

Then from equation (3.11) it follows that

$$(4.1) \quad \bar{B}^{\alpha\beta} = \frac{f}{f_{\alpha\alpha} f_{\beta\beta}} \left[-b_{\beta\alpha} t^{n-2} + \sum_{\gamma=1, \gamma \neq \alpha, \gamma \neq \beta}^n (b_{\beta\gamma} b_{\gamma\alpha} - b_{\gamma\gamma} b_{\beta\alpha}) t^{n-3} / f_{\gamma\gamma} \right] + \cdots,$$

for $\beta \neq \alpha$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.2) \quad \bar{B}^{\alpha\alpha} = & \frac{f}{f_{\alpha\alpha}} \left[t^{n-1} + \sum_{\gamma=1, \gamma \neq \alpha}^n \frac{b_{\gamma\gamma}}{f_{\gamma\gamma}} t^{n-2} \right. \\
 & \left. + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\beta, \gamma=1; \beta, \gamma \neq \alpha; \beta \neq \gamma}^n \frac{b_{\beta\beta} b_{\gamma\gamma} - b_{\beta\gamma}^2}{f_{\beta\beta} f_{\gamma\gamma}} t^{n-3} \right] + \cdots,
 \end{aligned}$$

where the unwritten terms are of degrees $\leq n-3$ in t . Moreover, an elementary calculation from equation (2.18) leads to

$$(4.3) \quad \sum r_1 r_2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1; \alpha \neq \beta}^n \frac{b_{\alpha\alpha} b_{\beta\beta} - b_{\alpha\beta}^2}{f_{\alpha\alpha} f_{\beta\beta}}.$$

Thus, by equating the coefficients of t^{n-2} on the both sides of equation (3.21) and using equations (4.1), (4.2), (4.3), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (n-1) \int_{V^n} p^* \left(\sum_{\alpha=1}^n r_\alpha \right) M_n dA \\
 = - \int_{V^n} \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1; \alpha \neq \beta}^n \frac{f^{1/2}}{f_{\alpha\alpha} f_{\beta\beta}} (b_{\beta\beta} b_{\alpha\alpha}^* - b_{\alpha\beta} b_{\beta\alpha}^*) dx^1 \cdots dx^n \\
 + \int_{V^{n-1}} \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1; \alpha \neq \beta}^n (-1)^{\alpha-1} \frac{f^{1/2}}{f_{\alpha\alpha} f_{\beta\beta}} Y^* \\
 \cdot (N_\alpha b_{\beta\beta} - N_\beta b_{\beta\alpha}) dx^1 \cdots dx^{\alpha-1} dx^{\alpha+1} \cdots dx^n.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{4.4}$$

Replacing the hypersurface V^n by the hypersurface V^{*n} in equation (4.4) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 (n-1) \int_{V^{*n}} p^* \left(\sum_{\alpha=1}^n r_\alpha^* \right) M_n^* dA^* \\
 = - \int_{V^{*n}} \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1; \alpha \neq \beta}^n \frac{f^{1/2}}{f_{\alpha\alpha} f_{\beta\beta}} (b_{\beta\beta}^* b_{\alpha\alpha}^* - b_{\alpha\beta}^* b_{\beta\alpha}^*) dx^1 \cdots dx^n \\
 + \int_{V^{n-1}} \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1; \alpha \neq \beta}^n (-1)^{\alpha-1} \frac{f^{1/2}}{f_{\alpha\alpha} f_{\beta\beta}} Y^* \\
 \cdot (N_\alpha b_{\beta\beta}^* - N_\beta b_{\beta\alpha}^*) dx^1 \cdots dx^{\alpha-1} dx^{\alpha+1} \cdots dx^n.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{4.5}$$

Since under the given one-to-one correspondence between the points of the two hypersurfaces V^n , V^{*n} , the two boundaries V^{n-1} , V^{*n-1} are congruent, we may assume that the corresponding points of the boundaries V^{n-1} , V^{*n-1} have the same local coordinates $u^1, \dots, u^{n-1}$. Then the second fundamental forms of the boundaries V^{n-1} , V^{*n-1} corresponding to the common unit normal vector N of the hypersurfaces V^n , V^{*n} at the corresponding points of the boundaries V^{n-1} , V^{*n-1} are equal (see, for instance, [2, p. 192]), and therefore from equation (2.28) and its analogue for the hypersurface V^{*n} it follows that $b_{\alpha\beta} = b_{\alpha\beta}^*$ at corresponding points of the two boundaries V^{n-1} , V^{*n-1} . Thus the second integrals on the right side of equations (4.4), (4.5) are equal. On the other hand, by the assumption of the theorem we have $\sum_{\alpha=1}^n r_\alpha = \sum_{\alpha=1}^n r_\alpha^*$, and from equations (2.13), (2.19) and the analogous ones for the hypersurface V^{*n} it is seen at once that $M_n g^{1/2} = M_n^* g^{*1/2}$. Hence subtracting equation (4.4) from equation (4.5) yields

$$(4.6) \quad \int_{V^n} \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1; \alpha \neq \beta}^n \frac{f^{1/2}}{f_{\alpha\alpha} f_{\beta\beta}} [(b_{\beta\beta} b_{\alpha\alpha}^* - b_{\alpha\beta} b_{\beta\alpha}^*) - (b_{\alpha\alpha}^* b_{\beta\beta}^* - b_{\alpha\beta}^* b_{\beta\alpha}^*)] dx^1 \cdots dx^n = 0.$$

Adding together equation (4.6) and the analogous one by interchanging the two hypersurfaces V^n , V^{*n} , we obtain

$$(4.7) \quad \int_{V^n} \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1; \alpha \neq \beta}^n \frac{f^{1/2}}{f_{\alpha\alpha} f_{\beta\beta}} [(b_{\alpha\alpha} - b_{\alpha\alpha}^*)(b_{\beta\beta} - b_{\beta\beta}^*) - (b_{\alpha\beta} - b_{\alpha\beta}^*)^2] dx^1 \cdots dx^n = 0.$$

From the assumption $\sum_{\alpha=1}^n r_\alpha = \sum_{\alpha=1}^n r_\alpha^*$, equation (2.19) and the analogous one for the hypersurface V^{*n} , we have

$$(4.8) \quad \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \frac{1}{f_{\alpha\alpha}} (b_{\alpha\alpha} - b_{\alpha\alpha}^*) = 0,$$

and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1; \alpha \neq \beta}^n \frac{1}{f_{\alpha\alpha} f_{\beta\beta}} (b_{\alpha\alpha} - b_{\alpha\alpha}^*)(b_{\beta\beta} - b_{\beta\beta}^*) \\ = \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1}^n \frac{1}{f_{\alpha\alpha} f_{\beta\beta}} (b_{\alpha\alpha} - b_{\alpha\alpha}^*)(b_{\beta\beta} - b_{\beta\beta}^*) - \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \frac{1}{f_{\alpha\alpha}^2} (b_{\alpha\alpha} - b_{\alpha\alpha}^*)^2 \\ = - \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \frac{1}{f_{\alpha\alpha}^2} (b_{\alpha\alpha} - b_{\alpha\alpha}^*)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus equation (4.7) is reduced to

$$(4.9) \quad \int_{V^n} \left[\sum_{\alpha=1}^n \frac{1}{f_{\alpha\alpha}^2} (b_{\alpha\alpha} - b_{\alpha\alpha}^*)^2 + \sum_{\alpha, \beta=1; \alpha \neq \beta}^n \frac{1}{f_{\alpha\alpha} f_{\beta\beta}} (b_{\alpha\beta} - b_{\alpha\beta}^*)^2 \right] f^{1/2} dx^1 \cdots dx^n = 0.$$

It is obvious that the integrand of equation (4.9) is non-negative, and therefore equation (4.9) holds when and only when

$$(4.10) \quad b_{\alpha\beta} = b_{\alpha\beta}^* \quad (\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, n),$$

from which, equations (2.11), (2.17), and the analogous ones for the hypersurface V^{*n} we obtain that $g_{\alpha\beta} = g_{\alpha\beta}^*$ ($\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, n$). Hence the proof of the theorem is complete.

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