



# Fundamental form $IV$ and curvature formulas of the hypersphere

Erhan Güler<sup>1\*</sup>**Abstract**

We study curvature formulas and the fourth fundamental form  $IV$  of hypersurfaces in the four dimensional Euclidean geometry  $\mathbb{E}^4$ . We calculate fourth fundamental form and curvatures for hypersurfaces, and also for hypersphere. Moreover, we give some relations of fundamentals forms, and curvatures of hypersphere.

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## 1. Introduction

Surfaces and hypersurfaces have been studied by mathematicians for years such as [1]-[37].

In this paper, we consider fourth fundamental form  $IV = f_{ij}$ , and  $i$ -th curvature formulas  $\mathcal{C}_i$  of hypersphere in the four dimensional Euclidean geometry  $\mathbb{E}^4$ . In Section 2, we give some basic notions of the four dimensional Euclidean geometry. Defining fourth fundamental form and  $i$ -th curvature for hypersurfaces, we calculate  $\mathcal{C}_i$  and fourth fundamental form of hypersphere in Section 3.

Let  $\mathbb{E}^m$  denote the Euclidean  $m$ -space with the canonical Euclidean metric tensor given by  $\tilde{g} = \langle , \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^m dx_i^2$ , where  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m)$  is a rectangular coordinate system in  $\mathbb{E}^m$ . Consider an  $m$ -dimensional Riemannian submanifold of the space  $\mathbb{E}^m$ . We denote the Levi-Civita connections of  $\mathbb{E}^m$  and  $M$  by  $\tilde{\nabla}$  and  $\nabla$ , respectively. We use letters  $X, Y, Z, W$  (resp.,  $\xi, \eta$ ) to

denote vectors fields tangent (resp., normal) to  $M$ . The Gauss and Weingarten formulas are given, respectively, by

$$\tilde{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y), \quad (1.1)$$

$$\tilde{\nabla}_X \xi = -A_\xi(X) + D_X \xi, \quad (1.2)$$

where  $h, D$  and  $A$  are the second fundamental form, the normal connection and the shape operator of  $M$ , respectively. For each  $\xi \in T_p^\perp M$ , the shape operator  $A_\xi$  is a symmetric endomorphism of the tangent space  $T_p M$  at  $p \in M$ . The shape operator and the second fundamental form are related by

$$\langle h(X, Y), \xi \rangle = \langle A_\xi X, Y \rangle.$$

The Gauss and Codazzi equations are given, respectively, by

$$\langle R(X, Y)Z, W \rangle = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle h(Y, Z), h(X, W) \rangle \\ -\langle h(X, Z), h(Y, W) \rangle \end{array} \right\}, \quad (1.3)$$

$$(\tilde{\nabla}_X h)(Y, Z) = (\tilde{\nabla}_Y h)(X, Z), \quad (1.4)$$

where  $R, R^D$  are the curvature tensors associated with connections  $\nabla$  and  $D$ , respectively, and  $\tilde{\nabla}h$  is defined by

$$(\tilde{\nabla}_X h)(Y, Z) = D_X h(Y, Z) - h(\nabla_X Y, Z) - h(Y, \nabla_X Z).$$

### 1.1 Hypersurfaces of Euclidean space

Now, let  $M$  be an oriented hypersurface in the Euclidean space  $\mathbb{E}^{n+1}$ ,  $S$  its shape operator (i.e. Weingarten map) and  $x$  its position vector. We consider a local orthonormal frame field  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$  of consisting of principal directions of  $M$

corresponding from the principal curvature  $k_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Let the dual basis of this frame field be  $\{\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n\}$ . Then the first structural equation of Cartan is

$$d\theta_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j \wedge \omega_{ij}, \quad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n, \quad (1.5)$$

where  $\omega_{ij}$  denotes the connection forms corresponding to the chosen frame field. We denote the Levi-Civita connection of  $M$  and  $\mathbb{E}^{n+1}$  by  $\nabla$  and  $\tilde{\nabla}$ , respectively. Then, from the Codazzi equation (1.3), we have

$$e_i(k_j) = \omega_{ij}(e_j)(k_i - k_j), \quad (1.6)$$

$$\omega_{ij}(e_l)(k_i - k_j) = \omega_{il}(e_j)(k_i - k_l) \quad (1.7)$$

for distinct  $i, j, l = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

We put  $s_j = \sigma_j(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n)$ , where  $\sigma_j$  is the  $j$ -th elementary symmetric function given by

$$\sigma_j(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_j \leq n} a_{i_1} a_{i_2} \dots a_{i_j}.$$

We use following notation

$$r_i^j = \sigma_j(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{i-1}, k_{i+1}, k_{i+2}, \dots, k_n).$$

By the definition, we have  $r_i^0 = 1$  and  $s_{n+1} = s_{n+2} = \dots = 0$ . We call the function  $s_k$  as the  $k$ -th mean curvature of  $M$ . We would like to note that functions  $H = \frac{1}{n}s_1$  and  $K = s_n$  are called the mean curvature and Gauss-Kronecker curvature of  $M$ , respectively. In particular,  $M$  is said to be  $j$ -minimal if  $s_j \equiv 0$  on  $M$ .

In  $\mathbb{E}^{n+1}$ , to find the  $i$ -th curvature formulas  $\mathcal{C}_i$  (Curvature formulas sometimes are shown as mean curvature  $H_i$ , or sometimes as Gaussian curvature  $K_i$  by different writers, such as [1] and [30]. We call it just  $i$ -th curvature  $\mathcal{C}_i$  in this paper.), where  $i = 0, \dots, n$ , firstly, we use the characteristic polynomial of  $\mathbf{S}$ :

$$P_{\mathbf{S}}(\lambda) = 0 = \det(\mathbf{S} - \lambda I_n) = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k s_k \lambda^{n-k}, \quad (1.8)$$

where  $i = 0, \dots, n$ ,  $I_n$  denotes the identity matrix of order  $n$ . Then, we get curvature formulas  $\binom{n}{i} \mathcal{C}_i = s_i$ . That is,  $\binom{n}{0} \mathcal{C}_0 = s_0 = 1$  (by definition),  $\binom{n}{1} \mathcal{C}_1 = s_1, \dots, \binom{n}{n} \mathcal{C}_n = s_n = K$ .

$k$ -th fundamental form of  $M$  is defined by  $I(\mathbf{S}^{k-1}(X), Y) = \langle \mathbf{S}^{k-1}(X), Y \rangle$ . So, we get

$$\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \binom{n}{i} \mathcal{C}_i I(\mathbf{S}^{n-i}(X), Y) = 0. \quad (1.9)$$

## 1.2 Hypersphere

We will obtain a hypersphere in Euclidean 4-space. We would like to note that the definition of rotational hypersurfaces in Riemannian space forms were defined in [17]. A rotational hypersurface  $M \subset \mathbb{E}^{n+1}$  generated by a curve  $\mathcal{C}$  around an axis  $\mathcal{C}$  that does not meet  $\mathcal{C}$  is obtained by taking the orbit of

$\mathcal{C}$  under those orthogonal transformations of  $\mathbb{E}^{n+1}$  that leaves  $\tau$  pointwise fixed (See [17, Remark 2.3]).

We shall identify a vector  $(a, b, c, d)$  with its transpose. Consider the case  $n = 3$ , and let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the curve parametrized by

$$\gamma(w) = (r \cos w, 0, 0, r \sin w), \quad (1.10)$$

where  $r \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ ,  $w \in [0, 2\pi]$ . If  $\tau$  is the  $x_4$ -axis, then an orthogonal transformations of  $\mathbb{E}^{n+1}$  that leaves  $\tau$  pointwise fixed has the form

$$\mathbf{O}(u, v) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos u \cos v & -\sin u & -\cos u \sin v & 0 \\ \sin u \cos v & \cos u & -\sin u \sin v & 0 \\ \sin v & 0 & \cos v & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

where  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}$ . Therefore, the parametrization of the hypersphere generated by a curve  $\mathcal{C}$  around an axis  $\tau$  is given by

$$\mathbf{x}(u, v, w) = \mathbf{O}(u, v)\gamma(w). \quad (1.11)$$

Let  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}(u, v, w)$  be an isometric immersion from  $M^3 \subset \mathbb{E}^3$  to  $\mathbb{E}^4$ . Triple vector product of  $\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$ ,  $\vec{y} = (y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4)$ ,  $\vec{z} = (z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4)$  of  $\mathbb{E}^4$  is given by

$$\vec{x} \times \vec{y} \times \vec{z} = \begin{pmatrix} e_1 & e_2 & e_3 & e_4 \\ x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 & y_4 \\ z_1 & z_2 & z_3 & z_4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For a hypersurface  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{E}^4$ , we get the fundamental form matrices

$$I = \begin{pmatrix} E & F & A \\ F & G & B \\ A & B & C \end{pmatrix}, \quad II = \begin{pmatrix} L & M & P \\ M & N & T \\ P & T & V \end{pmatrix},$$

$$III = \begin{pmatrix} X & Y & O \\ Y & Z & S \\ O & S & U \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \det I &= (EG - F^2)C - EB^2 + 2FAB - GA^2, \\ \det II &= (LN - M^2)V - LT^2 + 2MPT - NP^2, \\ \det III &= (XZ - Y^2)U - ZO^2 + 2OSY - XS^2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $E = \langle \mathbf{x}_u, \mathbf{x}_u \rangle$ ,  $F = \langle \mathbf{x}_u, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle$ ,  $G = \langle \mathbf{x}_v, \mathbf{x}_v \rangle$ ,  $A = \langle \mathbf{x}_u, \mathbf{x}_w \rangle$ ,  $B = \langle \mathbf{x}_v, \mathbf{x}_w \rangle$ ,  $C = \langle \mathbf{x}_w, \mathbf{x}_w \rangle$ ,  $L = \langle \mathbf{x}_{uu}, \mathbf{G} \rangle$ ,  $M = \langle \mathbf{x}_{uv}, \mathbf{G} \rangle$ ,  $N = \langle \mathbf{x}_{vv}, \mathbf{G} \rangle$ ,  $P = \langle \mathbf{x}_{uw}, \mathbf{G} \rangle$ ,  $T = \langle \mathbf{x}_{vw}, \mathbf{G} \rangle$ ,  $V = \langle \mathbf{x}_{ww}, \mathbf{G} \rangle$ ,  $X = \langle \mathbf{G}_u, \mathbf{G}_u \rangle$ ,  $Y = \langle \mathbf{G}_u, \mathbf{G}_v \rangle$ ,  $Z = \langle \mathbf{G}_v, \mathbf{G}_v \rangle$ ,  $O = \langle \mathbf{G}_u, \mathbf{G}_w \rangle$ ,  $S = \langle \mathbf{G}_v, \mathbf{G}_w \rangle$ ,  $U = \langle \mathbf{G}_w, \mathbf{G}_w \rangle$ . Here,

$$\mathbf{G} = \frac{\mathbf{x}_u \times \mathbf{x}_v \times \mathbf{x}_w}{\|\mathbf{x}_u \times \mathbf{x}_v \times \mathbf{x}_w\|} \quad (1.12)$$

is unit normal (i.e. the Gauss map) of hypersurface  $\mathbf{x}$ . On the other side,  $I^{-1} \cdot II$  gives shape operator matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  of hypersurface  $\mathbf{x}$  in 4-space. See [24–26] for details.



## 2. Curvatures and the Fourth Fundamental Form

Using characteristic polynomial  $P_S(\lambda) = a\lambda^3 + b\lambda^2 + c\lambda + d = 0$ , i.e.

$$P_S(\lambda) = \det(S - \lambda I_3) = 0,$$

we obtain curvature formulas  $\mathfrak{C}_0 = 1$  (by definition),  $\binom{3}{1}\mathfrak{C}_1 = \binom{3}{1}H = -\frac{b}{a}$ ,  $\binom{3}{2}\mathfrak{C}_2 = \frac{c}{a}$ ,  $\binom{3}{3}\mathfrak{C}_3 = K = -\frac{d}{a}$ .

Therefore, we get curvature formulas depends on the coefficients of *I* and *II* fundamental forms in 4-space (It also can get depends on the coefficients of *II* and *III*, or *III* and *IV*):

**Theorem 1.** Any hypersurface  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{E}^4$  has following curvature formulas,  $\mathfrak{C}_0 = 1$  (by definition),

$$\mathfrak{C}_1 = \frac{\begin{Bmatrix} (EN + GL - 2FM)C \\ +(EG - F^2)V - LB^2 - NA^2 \\ -2(APG - BPF - ATF \\ +BTE - ABM) \end{Bmatrix}}{3[(EG - F^2)C - EB^2 + 2FAB - GA^2]}, \quad (2.1)$$

$$\mathfrak{C}_2 = \frac{\begin{Bmatrix} (EN + GL - 2FM)V \\ +(LN - M^2)C - ET^2 - GP^2 \\ -2(APN - BPM - ATM \\ +BTL - PTF) \end{Bmatrix}}{3[(EG - F^2)C - EB^2 + 2FAB - GA^2]}, \quad (2.2)$$

$$\mathfrak{C}_3 = \frac{(LN - M^2)V - LT^2 + 2MPT - NP^2}{(EG - F^2)C - EB^2 + 2FAB - GA^2}. \quad (2.3)$$

Proof. Solving  $\det(S - \lambda I_3) = 0$  with some calculations, we get coefficients of polynomial  $P_S(\lambda)$ .

**Corollary 1.** For any hypersurface  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{E}^4$ , the fourth fundamental form is related by

$$\mathfrak{C}_0 IV - 3\mathfrak{C}_1 III + 3\mathfrak{C}_2 II - \mathfrak{C}_3 I = 0. \quad (2.4)$$

Proof. Taking  $n = 3$  in (1.9), it is clear.

**Definition 1.** With its shape operator  $\mathbf{S}$  and the first fundamental form  $(g_{ij}) = I$  of any hypersurface  $\mathbf{x}$  in 4-space, following relations holds:

(a) the second fundamental form  $(h_{ij}) = II$  is given by  $II = I \cdot \mathbf{S}$ ,

(b) the third fundamental form  $(e_{ij}) = III$  is given by  $III = II \cdot \mathbf{S}$ ,

(c) the fourth fundamental form  $(f_{ij}) = IV$  is given by  $IV = III \cdot \mathbf{S}$ .

**Corollary 2.** The fourth fundamental form of any hypersurface  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{E}^4$  is given by

$$IV = III \cdot I^{-1} \cdot II.$$

Proof. From Definition 1, we see the result.

**Corollary 3.** For any hypersurface  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $\mathbb{E}^4$ , we have

$$\det IV = \frac{\det II \cdot \det III}{\det I}.$$

Proof. Computing the right side of  $IV = III \cdot I^{-1} \cdot II$ , it is seen, easily.

## 3. Fundamental Forms and Curvatures of Hypersphere

We consider hypersphere (1.11), that is

$$\mathbf{x}(u, v, w) = \begin{pmatrix} r \cos u \cos v \cos w \\ r \sin u \cos v \cos w \\ r \sin v \cos w \\ r \sin w \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3.1)$$

where  $r \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  and  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $0 \leq w \leq 2\pi$ . Using the first differentials of hypersphere (3.1), we get the first quantities

$$I = \text{diag}(r^2 \cos^2 v \cos^2 w, r^2 \cos^2 w, r^2). \quad (3.2)$$

The Gauss map of the hypersphere is

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos u \cos v \cos w \\ \sin u \cos v \cos w \\ \sin v \cos w \\ \sin w \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.3)$$

Using the second differentials and  $\mathbf{G}$  of hypersphere (3.1), we have the second quantities

$$II = \text{diag}(-r \cos^2 v \cos^2 w, -r \cos^2 w, -r). \quad (3.4)$$

With the first differentials of (3.3), we find the third fundamental form matrix

$$III = \text{diag}(\cos^2 v \cos^2 w, \cos^2 w, 1). \quad (3.5)$$

We calculate  $I^{-1} \cdot II$ , then obtain shape operator matrix

$$\mathbf{S} = -\frac{1}{r} I_3, \quad (3.6)$$

where  $I_3 = \text{diag}(1, 1, 1)$ . Therefore, we have following theorem.

**Theorem 2.** Hypersphere (3.1) has following curvatures

$$\mathfrak{C}_1 = -\frac{1}{r}, \quad \mathfrak{C}_2 = \frac{1}{r^2}, \quad \mathfrak{C}_3 = -\frac{1}{r^3}.$$

Proof. Using (2.1), (2.2), (2.3), (3.2), (3.4), (3.5) of (3.1), we have curvatures.

Next, we see some results of the fourth fundamental form of (3.1).

**Corollary 4.** The fourth fundamental form matrix  $(f_{ij})$  of hypersphere (3.1) is as follows

$$IV = \text{diag}\left(-\frac{1}{r} \cos^2 v \cos^2 w, -\frac{1}{r} \cos^2 w, -\frac{1}{r}\right). \quad (3.7)$$

Proof. Using Corollary 2 with hypersphere (3.1), we find the fourth fundamental form matrix.

**Corollary 5.** Hypersphere (3.1) has following relations

$$I = r^2 III, \quad II = -r III, \quad IV = -\frac{1}{r} III.$$



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