

REPRESENTATION OF FLAT LAGRANGIAN H -UMBILICAL SUBMANIFOLDS IN COMPLEX EUCLIDEAN SPACES

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Abstract. The author proved earlier that, a Lagrangian H -umbilical submanifold in complex Euclidean n -space with $n > 2$ is either a complex extensor, a Lagrangian pseudo-sphere, or a flat Lagrangian H -umbilical submanifold. Explicit descriptions of complex extensors and of Lagrangian pseudo-spheres are given earlier. The purpose of this article is to complete the investigation of Lagrangian H -umbilical submanifolds in complex Euclidean spaces by establishing the explicit description of flat Lagrangian H -umbilical submanifolds in complex Euclidean spaces.

1. Statements of theorems. We follow the notation and definitions given in [2]. In order to establish the complete classification of Lagrangian H -umbilical submanifolds in C^n we need to introduce the notion of special Legendre curves as follows.

Let $z: I \rightarrow S^{2n-1} \subset C^n$ be a unit speed Legendre curve in the unit hypersphere S^{2n-1} (centered at the origin), i.e., $z = z(s)$ is a unit speed curve in S^{2n-1} satisfying the condition: $\langle z'(s), iz(s) \rangle = 0$ identically. Since $z = z(s)$ is a spherical unit speed curve, $\langle z(s), z'(s) \rangle = 0$ identically. Hence, $z(s), iz(s), z'(s), iz'(s)$ are orthonormal vector fields defined along the Legendre curve. Thus, there exist normal vector fields P_3, \dots, P_n along the Legendre curve such that

$$(1.1) \quad z(s), iz(s), z'(s), iz'(s), P_3(s), iP_3(s), \dots, P_n(s), iP_n(s)$$

form an orthonormal frame field along the Legendre curve.

By taking the derivatives of $\langle z'(s), iz(s) \rangle = 0$ and of $\langle z'(s), z(s) \rangle = 0$, we obtain $\langle z'', iz \rangle = 0$ and $\langle z'', z \rangle = -1$, respectively. Therefore, with respect to an orthonormal frame field chosen above, z'' can be expressed as

$$(1.2) \quad z''(s) = i\lambda(s)z'(s) - z(s) - \sum_{j=3}^n a_j(s)P_j(s) + \sum_{j=3}^n b_j(s)iP_j(s),$$

for some real-valued functions $\lambda, a_3, \dots, a_n, b_3, \dots, b_n$. The Legendre curve $z = z(s)$ is called a *special Legendre curve* in S^{2n-1} if the expression (1.2) reduces to

$$(1.3) \quad z''(s) = i\lambda(s)z'(s) - z(s) - \sum_{j=3}^n a_j(s)P_j(s),$$

for some parallel normal vector fields P_3, \dots, P_n along the curve.

By a *Lagrangian cylinder* in \mathbf{C}^n we mean a Lagrangian submanifold which is a cylinder over a curve whose rulings are $(n-1)$ -planes parallel to a fixed $(n-1)$ -plane.

The following result provides an explicit description of flat Lagrangian H -umbilical submanifolds in complex Euclidean spaces.

MAIN THEOREM. *Let $n \geq 2$ and $\lambda, b, a_3, \dots, a_n$ be n real-valued functions defined on an open interval I with λ nowhere zero and let $z: I \rightarrow S^{2n-1} \subset \mathbf{C}^n$ be a special Legendre curve satisfying (1.3). Put*

$$(1.4) \quad f(t, u_2, \dots, u_n) = b(t) + u_2 + \sum_{j=3}^n a_j(t)u_j.$$

Denote by $\hat{M}^n(0)$ the twisted product manifold ${}_f I \times \mathbf{E}^{n-1}$ with twisted product metric given by

$$(1.5) \quad g = f^2 dt^2 + du_2^2 + \dots + du_n^2.$$

Then $\hat{M}^n(0)$ is a flat Riemannian n -manifold and

$$(1.6) \quad L(t, u_2, \dots, u_n) = u_2 z(t) + \sum_{j=3}^n u_j P_j(t) + \int^t b(t) z'(t) dt$$

defines a Lagrangian H -umbilical isometric immersion $L: \hat{M}^n(0) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^n$.

Conversely, up to rigid motions of \mathbf{C}^n , locally every flat Lagrangian H -umbilical submanifold in \mathbf{C}^n without totally geodesic points is either a Lagrangian cylinder over a curve or a Lagrangian submanifold obtained in the way described above.

Clearly, every unit speed Legendre curve in S^3 is special. The following result shows that special Legendre curves in S^{2n-1} do exist abundantly for $n \geq 3$.

EXISTENCE THEOREM. *Let n be an integer ≥ 2 . Then, for any given $n-1$ real-valued functions λ, a_3, \dots, a_n defined on an open interval I with λ nowhere zero, there exists a special Legendre curve $z: I \rightarrow S^{2n-1} \subset \mathbf{C}^n$ which satisfies (1.3) for some parallel orthonormal normal vector fields P_3, \dots, P_n along the curve z .*

2. Proof of the main theorem. Let $\lambda, b, a_3, \dots, a_n$ be n functions defined on an open interval I with λ nowhere zero and let $z: I \rightarrow S^{2n-1} \subset \mathbf{C}^n$ be a special Legendre curve satisfying (1.3) for some parallel orthonormal normal vector fields P_3, \dots, P_n defined along the Legendre curve. Then, from the definition of parallel normal vector fields, we have

$$(2.1) \quad P_j'(t) = \eta_j(t) z'(t), \quad j = 3, \dots, n,$$

for some functions η_3, \dots, η_n .

Let $L = L(t, u_2, \dots, u_n)$ be given by (1.6). Then, by taking the partial derivatives of L with respect to t, u_2, \dots, u_n , we get respectively

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} L_t &= u_2 z'(t) + \sum_{j=3}^n u_j P'_j(t) + b(t)z'(t), \\ L_{u_2} &= z(t), \\ L_{u_j} &= P_j(t), \quad j=3, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

From (2.2) and the definition of special Legendre curves we find

$$(2.3) \quad \langle L_t, L_{u_j} \rangle = 0, \quad \langle L_{u_j}, L_{u_k} \rangle = \delta_{jk}, \quad j, k=2, \dots, n.$$

Since $z'(t)$ and $P_j(t)$ are perpendicular, (2.1) yields

$$(2.4) \quad P'_j(t) = a_j(t)z'(t), \quad j=3, \dots, n.$$

Combining (2.2) and (2.4) we get

$$(2.5) \quad L_t = fz'(t).$$

(1.4), (1.5), (2.3) and (2.5) imply that $L = L(t, u_2, \dots, u_n)$ is an isometric immersion of $\hat{M}^n(0)$ in \mathbf{C}^n . Moreover, from the definition of special Legendre curves, L is Lagrangian.

Using (1.3), (2.2), (2.5) and the definition of special Legendre curves, we find

$$(2.6) \quad L_{tt} = f_t z'(t) + fz''(t), \quad L_{tu_j} = a_j(t)z'(t), \quad L_{u_j u_k} = 0, \quad j, k=2, \dots, n.$$

Applying (1.3), (2.2), (2.4), (2.5) and (2.6), we obtain

$$h\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right) = \lambda(t)J\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right), \quad h\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_j}\right) = h\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_j}, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_k}\right) = 0, \quad j, k=2, \dots, n,$$

which implies that $L: \hat{M}^n(0) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^n$ is Lagrangian H -umbilical.

Conversely, assume that $L: M^n \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^n$ is a Lagrangian H -umbilical isometric immersion of a flat Riemannian n -manifold M^n into \mathbf{C}^n without totally geodesic points. Since M is flat, the second fundamental form h of L satisfies (cf. [2])

$$(2.7) \quad h(e_1, e_1) = \phi J e_1, \quad h(e_1, e_j) = h(e_j, e_k) = 0, \quad j, k=2, \dots, n,$$

for some nowhere zero function ϕ , with respect to some suitable orthonormal local frame field e_1, \dots, e_n . Without loss of generality, we may assume $\phi > 0$.

From (2.7) and Codazzi's equation, we find

$$(2.8) \quad e_j \ln \phi = \omega_1^j(e_1), \quad \omega_1^j(e_k) = 0, \quad 2 \leq j, k \leq n.$$

Let \mathcal{D} and \mathcal{D}^\perp denote the distributions of M spanned by $\{e_1\}$ and $\{e_2, \dots, e_n\}$, respectively. \mathcal{D} is clearly integrable, since it is 1-dimensional. From (2.7) and (2.8) it follows that \mathcal{D}^\perp is also integrable and the leaves of \mathcal{D}^\perp are totally geodesic submanifolds of \mathbf{C}^n . Because \mathcal{D} and \mathcal{D}^\perp are both integrable and they are perpendicular, there exist local coordinates $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ such that $\partial/\partial x_1$ spans \mathcal{D} and $\{\partial/\partial x_2, \dots, \partial/\partial x_n\}$ spans \mathcal{D}^\perp . Since \mathcal{D} is 1-dimensional, we may choose x_1 such that $\partial/\partial x_1 = \phi^{-1}e_1$.

With respect to $\partial/\partial x_1, \dots, \partial/\partial x_n$, (2.7) becomes

$$(2.9) \quad h\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}\right) = J\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}\right), \quad h\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}\right) = h\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k}\right) = 0, \\ j, k = 2, \dots, n.$$

Let N^{n-1} be an integral submanifold of \mathcal{D}^\perp . Then N^{n-1} is a totally geodesic submanifold of \mathbf{C}^n . Thus, N^{n-1} is an open portion of a Euclidean $(n-1)$ -space \mathbf{E}^{n-1} . Therefore, M is an open portion of the twisted product manifold ${}_f I \times \mathbf{E}^{n-1}$ with twisted product metric [1] (see also [4])

$$(2.10) \quad g = f^2 dx_1^2 + dx_2^2 + dx_3^2 + \dots + dx_n^2,$$

where $f = \phi^{-1}$ and I is an open interval on which ϕ is defined. (2.10) implies

$$(2.11) \quad \nabla_{\partial/\partial x_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} = \frac{f_1}{f} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} - f \sum_{k=2}^n f_k \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k}, \\ \nabla_{\partial/\partial x_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} = \frac{f_j}{f} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \quad \nabla_{\partial/\partial x_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} = 0,$$

for $2 \leq j, k \leq n$, where $f_i = \partial f / \partial x_i$, $i = 1, \dots, n$. Using (2.11) we obtain

$$(2.12) \quad R\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} = f \sum_{k=2}^n f_{jk} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k}, \quad j = 2, \dots, n.$$

Since M is flat, (2.12) yields $f_{jk} = 0$, $j, k = 2, \dots, n$. Therefore, f is given by

$$(2.13) \quad f = \beta(x_1) + \sum_{j=2}^n \alpha_j(x_1) x_j,$$

for some functions $\beta, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$. By (2.13), (2.11) reduces to

$$(2.14) \quad \nabla_{\partial/\partial x_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} = \frac{1}{f} \left(\beta'(x_1) + \sum_{j=2}^n \alpha_j'(x_1) x_j \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} - f \sum_{k=2}^n \alpha_k \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k}, \\ \nabla_{\partial/\partial x_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\alpha_j}{f} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \quad \nabla_{\partial/\partial x_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} = 0, \quad j, k = 2, \dots, n.$$

Combining (2.9), (2.14) and the formula of Gauss we obtain

$$(2.15) \quad L_{x_1 x_1} = \frac{1}{f} \left(\beta'(x_1) + \sum_{j=2}^n \alpha_j'(x_1) x_j \right) L_{x_1} - f \sum_{k=2}^n \alpha_k L_{x_k} + i L_{x_1},$$

$$(2.16) \quad L_{x_1 x_j} = \frac{\alpha_j}{f} L_{x_1},$$

$$(2.17) \quad L_{x_j x_k} = 0, \quad j, k = 2, \dots, n.$$

Integrating (2.17) yields

$$(2.18) \quad L = \sum_{j=2}^n P_j(x_1)x_j + D(x_1),$$

for some \mathbf{C}^n -valued functions P_2, \dots, P_n, D of x_1 . Thus

$$(2.19) \quad L_{x_1} = \sum_{j=2}^n P'_j(x_1)x_j + D'(x_1),$$

$$(2.20) \quad L_{x_j} = P_j(x_1), \quad j=2, \dots, n.$$

From (2.10) and (2.20), we know that P_2, \dots, P_n are orthonormal tangent vector fields on M^n . By applying (2.16), (2.19) and (2.20), we obtain

$$(2.21) \quad \alpha_j(x_1)D'(x_1) = \beta(x_1)P'_j(x_1),$$

$$(2.22) \quad \alpha_j(x_1)P'_k(x_1) = \alpha_k(x_1)P'_j(x_1), \quad j, k=2, \dots, n.$$

Case 1. $\alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_n = 0$. In this case, (2.21) yields $P'_2(x_1) = \dots = P'_n(x_1) = 0$, since $\beta \neq 0$ by (2.13). Hence, P_2, \dots, P_n are constant vectors in \mathbf{C}^n . Therefore, (2.18) becomes $L(x_1, \dots, x_n) = D(x_1) + \sum_{j=2}^n c_j x_j$, for some function $D = D(x_1)$ and orthonormal constant vectors $c_2, \dots, c_n \in \mathbf{C}^n$. This means that L is a Lagrangian cylinder over the curve $D = D(x_1)$ whose ruling are $(n-1)$ -planes parallel to the totally real $x_2 \cdots x_n$ -plane in \mathbf{C}^n .

Case 2. At least one of $\alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$ is nonzero. In this case, without loss of generality, we may assume $\alpha_2 \neq 0$. By making the following change of variables:

$$(2.23) \quad t = \int_0^{x_1} \alpha_2(x_1) dx_1, \quad u_2 = x_2, \dots, u_n = x_n,$$

we obtain

$$(2.24) \quad g = \hat{f}^2 dt^2 + du_2^2 + \dots + du_n^2,$$

where

$$(2.25) \quad \hat{f} = b(t) + u_2 + \sum_{j=3}^n a_j(t)u_j,$$

for some functions $b(t), a_3(t), \dots, a_n(t)$. From (2.9) and (2.23) we obtain

$$(2.26) \quad h\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right) = \lambda(t)J\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right), \quad h\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_j}\right) = h\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_j}, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_k}\right) = 0, \quad j, k=2, \dots, n.$$

where $\lambda = (\alpha_2)^{-1}$ is a function of t . By applying (2.11), (2.24), (2.25), (2.26) and the formula of Gauss, we get

$$(2.27) \quad L_{uu} = \frac{1}{\hat{f}} \left(b'(t) + \sum_{j=3}^n a'_j(t)u_j \right) L_t - \hat{f} \sum_{k=2}^n a_k L_{u_k} + i\lambda L_t,$$

$$(2.28) \quad L_{tu_j} = \frac{a_j}{\hat{f}} L_t,$$

$$(2.29) \quad L_{u_j u_k} = 0, \quad j, k = 2, \dots, n,$$

where $a_2 = 1$. By solving (2.29), we find

$$(2.30) \quad L = \sum_{j=2}^n u_j P_j(t) + D(t),$$

for some \mathbf{C}^n -valued functions P_2, \dots, P_n, D of t . Thus

$$(2.31) \quad L_t = \sum_{j=2}^n u_j P'_j(t) + D'(t), \quad L_{u_j} = P_j(t), \quad j = 2, \dots, n.$$

(2.24) and (2.31) imply that P_2, \dots, P_n are orthonormal tangent vector fields on M^n . By applying (2.28) and (2.31), we obtain

$$(2.32) \quad D'(t) = b(t)P'_2(t), \quad P'_k(t) = a_k(t)P'_2(t), \quad k = 2, \dots, n.$$

Substituting (2.32) into (2.31) yields

$$(2.33) \quad L_t = \hat{f} P'_2(t).$$

(2.24) and (2.33) imply that $P'_2(t)$ is a unit vector field.

If we put $z(t) = P_2(t)$, then $z = z(t)$ can be regarded as a unit speed spherical curve $z: I \rightarrow S^{2n-1} \subset \mathbf{C}^n$ defined on some open interval I . Since L is Lagrangian, (2.31) and (2.33) imply that $z = z(t)$ is a Legendre curve in S^{2n-1} . Moreover, by (2.31) and (2.32) we know that $z(t), iz(t), z'(t), iz'(t), P_3(t), iP_3(t), \dots, P_n(t), iP_n(t)$ form an orthonormal frame field where P_3, \dots, P_n are parallel normal vector fields along the Legendre curve. Furthermore, (2.30) and (2.33) imply that, up to rigid motions of \mathbf{C}^n , L is given by

$$(2.34) \quad L(t, u_2, \dots, u_n) = u_2 z(t) + \sum_{k=3}^n u_k P_k(t) + \int^t b(t) z'(t) dt.$$

Finally, from (2.27), (2.31), (2.32) and (2.34), we know that $z = z(t)$ satisfies (1.3). Therefore, $z = z(t)$ in (2.34) is a special Legendre curve in S^{2n-1} . \square

3. Proof of the existence theorem. Let $\lambda(t), a_3(t), \dots, a_m(t)$ be $n-1$ functions of t defined on an open interval I with λ nowhere zero. Put

$$(3.1) \quad f(t, u_2, \dots, u_n) = 1 + u_2 + \sum_{j=3}^n a_j(t) u_j.$$

Consider the twisted product manifold $M^n(0)$ with twisted product metric

$$(3.2) \quad g = f^2 dt^2 + du_2^2 + \dots + du_n^2.$$

Then $M^n(0)$ is a flat Riemannian n -manifold. Define a symmetric bilinear form σ on $M^n(0)$ by

$$(3.3) \quad \sigma\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right) = \lambda \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \quad \sigma\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_j}\right) = 0, \quad \sigma\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_j}, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_k}\right) = 0, \quad j, k = 2, \dots, n.$$

Then $\langle \sigma(X, Y), Z \rangle$ is totally symmetric in X, Y and Z .

From (3.2) and (3.3) it follows that $(\nabla\sigma)(X, Y, Z)$ is totally symmetric in X, Y and Z and, moreover, σ and the Riemann curvature tensor R of M satisfy

$$(3.4) \quad R(X, Y)Z = \sigma(\sigma(Y, Z), X) - \sigma(\sigma(X, Z), Y).$$

Theorems A and B of [2] imply that, up to rigid motions of \mathbf{C}^n , there is a unique Lagrangian isometric immersion $L: \hat{M}^n(0) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^n$ with second fundamental form given by $h = J\sigma$.

(3.1)–(3.3) and $h = J\sigma$ imply that L satisfies

$$(3.5) \quad L_{tt} = \frac{1}{f} \sum_{j=3}^n a_j'(t) u_j L_t - f \sum_{k=2}^n a_k L_{u_k} + i\lambda L_t,$$

$$(3.6) \quad L_{tu_j} = \frac{a_j}{f} L_t, \quad L_{u_j u_k} = 0, \quad j, k = 2, \dots, n,$$

where $a_2 = 1$. Solving (3.6) as before yields

$$(3.7) \quad L = \sum_{j=2}^n u_j P_j(t) + D(t),$$

$$(3.8) \quad L_t = f P_2'(t), \quad L_{u_k} = P_k(t), \quad D'(t) = P_2'(t), \quad P_k'(t) = a_k(t) P_2'(t), \quad k = 2, \dots, n,$$

for some \mathbf{C}^n -valued functions P_3, \dots, P_n, D .

From (3.2) and (3.8), it follows that $P_2'(t)$ is a unit vector field and, moreover, $P_2(t), \dots, P_n(t)$ are orthonormal vector fields. Put $z(t) = P_2(t)$. Then $z: I \rightarrow S^{2n-1} \subset \mathbf{C}^n$ is a unit speed curve defined on some open interval I . Since L is Lagrangian, (3.8) implies that $z(t), iz(t), z'(t), iz'(t), P_3(t), iP_3(t), \dots, P_n(t), iP_n(t)$ form an orthonormal frame field with P_3, \dots, P_n being parallel orthonormal normal vector fields along z and $z = z(t)$ is a Legendre curve in S^{2n-1} . Finally, from (3.5) and (3.8), we conclude that $z = P_2$ is a special Legendre curve in S^{2n-1} satisfying (1.3) for some associated parallel normal vector fields P_3, \dots, P_n . \square

4. Examples of special Legendre curves. Legendre curves in $S^3 \subset \mathbf{C}^2$ are special Legendre curve automatically. Here, we provide some examples of special Legendre curves in $S^{2n-1} \subset \mathbf{C}^n$ for $n \geq 3$.

EXAMPLES. Let λ, a_3, \dots, a_n be $n-1$ real numbers with $\lambda > 0$. Put

$$(4.1) \quad \gamma = 1 + \sum_{j=3}^n a_j^2, \quad \mu = (\lambda^2 + 4\gamma)^{1/2}$$

$$(4.2) \quad z(s) = \frac{\mu - \lambda}{2\mu\gamma} \left(\frac{2\gamma}{\mu - \lambda}, 1, a_3, \dots, a_n \right) e^{(\lambda + \mu)is/2} \\ + \frac{\lambda + \mu}{2\mu\gamma} \left(-\frac{2\gamma}{\lambda + \mu}, 1, a_3, \dots, a_n \right) e^{(\lambda - \mu)is/2} - \frac{1}{\gamma} (0, 1 - \gamma, a_3, \dots, a_n),$$

$$(4.3) \quad c_3 = (0, a_3, -1, 0, \dots, 0), \dots, c_n = (0, a_n, 0, \dots, 0, -1).$$

Then, $z = z(s)$ is a (unit speed) special Legendre curve in $S^{2n-1} \subset \mathbf{C}^n$ satisfying

$$(4.4) \quad z''(s) = i\lambda z'(s) - z(s) - \sum_{j=3}^n a_j P_j(s),$$

where

$$(4.5) \quad P_j(s) = a_j z(s) - c_j, \quad j = 3, \dots, n,$$

are the associated orthonormal parallel normal vector fields.

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