

A DEFORMATION OF TORI WITH CONSTANT MEAN CURVATURE IN $\mathbb{R}^3$ TO THOSE IN OTHER SPACE FORMS

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ABSTRACT. It is shown that tori with constant mean curvature in $\mathbb{R}^3$ constructed by Wente [7] can be deformed to tori with constant mean curvature in the hyperbolic 3-space or the 3-sphere.

INTRODUCTION

In this paper, we will construct tori with constant mean curvature in the hyperbolic 3-space. To be more precious, let T^2 be a torus and $f : T^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be an immersion with constant mean curvature constructed by Wente [7]. Let

$$\mathbb{R}^3(k) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}^3 & (\text{if } k \geq 0), \\ \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \sum_{i=1}^3 (x^i)^2 < \frac{1}{|k|}\} & (\text{if } k < 0) \end{cases}$$

be the Riemannian 3-manifold with the Riemannian metric

$$g_k = \left(\frac{2}{1 + k \sum_{i=1}^3 (x^i)^2} \right)^2 \sum_{i=1}^3 (dx^i)^2$$

of constant sectional curvature k . We will show that if f is generic, then for a sufficiently small $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a local 1-parameter family of immersions $\{f_k : T^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3(k)\}_{|k| < \varepsilon}$ ($f_0 = f$) with the same constant mean curvature. It should be noted that the induced metrics $\{f_k^* g_k\}_{|k| < \varepsilon}$ on T^2 in this case may not be conformally equivalent to each other. Recently Walter [6] gave another construction of tori with constant mean curvature in the hyperbolic 3-space. But our construction is quite different and depends very much on an idea “deformation of Lie groups”.

Wente’s construction in [7] is based on doubly periodic solutions of the sinh-Gordon equation on $\mathbb{R}^2$. Even if $k \neq 0$, solutions of the sinh-Gordon give rise to immersions $f_k : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3(k)$ with constant mean curvature. Though f_k may not be doubly periodic, it induces a representation $\rho_k : \pi_1(T^2) \rightarrow G_k$ such

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that for any $a \in \pi_1(T^2)$, $\rho_k(a)$ preserves the image of f_k , where

$$G_k = \begin{cases} SO(4) & (\text{if } k > 0), \\ SO(3) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^3 & (\text{if } k = 0), \\ SO^+(3, 1) & (\text{if } k < 0), \end{cases}$$

which are the identity components of the isometry groups of the 3-dimensional space forms. The necessary and sufficient condition for the image of f_k to be closed can be described in terms of the representation ρ_k . To construct a family of doubly periodic immersions, one difficulty arises from the fact that the isometry groups G_k for $k > 0$, $k = 0$, and $k < 0$ are quite different from each other.

In §§1–3, we introduce a differentiable structure on the set $I = \{(k, E) : k \in \mathbb{R}, E \in G_k\}$ such that the family of representations $\rho_k : \pi_1(T^2) \rightarrow G_k \subset I$ ($k \in \mathbb{R}$) is smooth with respect to k . In §4, a criterion for the image of f_k to be closed can be taken depending smoothly on k , by virtue of the differentiable structure. Using this criterion, the existence of a deformation f_k with the desired properties are shown in the last section.

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1. DECOMPOSITIONS OF ISOMETRIES

Let $M^3(k)$ be a complete simply connected Riemannian 3-manifold of constant sectional curvature k , and G_k the identity component of the isometry group of $M^3(k)$.

First, we suppose $k > 0$. In this case, $M^3(k)$ is the Euclidean sphere defined by

$$(1.1) \quad M^3(k) = \left\{ (x^1, x^2, x^3, t) \in \mathbb{R}^4 : \sum_{i=1}^3 (x^i)^2 + t^2 = \frac{1}{k} \right\}$$

and $G_k = SO(4)$. It is well known that for each $E \in SO(4)$, there exists a matrix $P \in SO(4)$ such that

$$(1.2) \quad P^{-1} \circ E \circ P = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cos \nu & -\sin \nu \\ 0 & 0 & \sin \nu & \cos \nu \end{pmatrix},$$

where $e^{\pm i\theta}$ and $e^{\pm i\nu}$ are the eigenvalues of the matrix E .

Next we consider the case $k < 0$. In this case, $M^3(k)$ is the hyperboloid in the Minkowski 4-space $\mathbb{L}^4$ with the induced metric. That is,

$$(1.3) \quad M^3(k) = \left\{ (x^1, x^2, x^3, t) \in \mathbb{L}^4 : \sum_{i=1}^3 (x^i)^2 - t^2 = \frac{1}{k}, t > 0 \right\}$$

and $G_k = SO^+(3, 1)$. Unlike the case $SO(4)$, not all matrices in $SO^+(3, 1)$ can be normalized.

Lemma 1.1. *Let*

$$(1.4) \quad N = \{ A \in SO^+(3, 1) : \text{all of the eigenvalues of } A \text{ are } 1 \}.$$

Then for any matrix $E \in SO^+(3, 1) \setminus N$, there exists $P \in SO^+(3, 1)$ such that

$$(1.5) \quad P^{-1} \circ E \circ P = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cosh \nu & \sinh \nu \\ 0 & 0 & \sinh \nu & \cosh \nu \end{pmatrix},$$

where $e^{\pm i\theta}$ and $e^{\pm \nu}$ are the eigenvalues of the matrix E .

Proof. Identify a point $X = {}^t(x^1, x^2, x^3, t) \in \mathbb{L}^4$ with a 2×2 -matrix

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} x^3 + t & x^1 + ix^2 \\ x^1 - ix^2 & -x^3 + t \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then $SO(3, 1)$ is isomorphic to $PSL(2, \mathbb{C})$ by the 2-fold covering $\rho: SL(2, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow SO^+(3, 1)$ defined by $\rho(a)X = a \circ X \circ {}^t\bar{a}$. It is easy to check that

$$(1.6) \quad \rho \begin{pmatrix} e^{z/2} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-z/2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos u & -\sin u & 0 & 0 \\ \sin u & \cos u & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cosh v & \sinh v \\ 0 & 0 & \sinh v & \cosh v \end{pmatrix},$$

where $z = u + iv$. On the other hand, $\rho^{-1}(N) \subset SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ consists exactly of matrices which cannot be diagonalized. Combining these two facts, we obtain the lemma. $\square$

Finally we consider the case $k = 0$. The following lemma holds:

Lemma 1.2. *Let E be an isometry of $\mathbb{R}^3(0)$ written as $E = A + \mathbf{c}$ ($A \in SO(3)$, $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^3$), and suppose $A \neq \text{id}$. Then there exists an isometry P such that*

$$(1.7) \quad P \circ E \circ P^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix} + \tau \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

for all $x = {}^t(x^1, x^2, x^3) \in \mathbb{R}^3(0)$. Moreover, if E has such a decomposition, then the $e^{\pm i\theta}$ are the eigenvalues of the matrix A and $\pm\tau = \langle \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{e} \rangle$, where $\mathbf{e}$ is the unit eigenvector of A corresponding to the eigenvalue 1 and $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ denotes the canonical inner product of $\mathbb{R}^3$.

Proof. Let $P = P_0 + \mathbf{p}$ ($P_0 \in SO(3, 1)$, $\mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^3$). Then E has the expression $P \circ E \circ P^{-1} = R_\theta + \tau \mathbf{e}_3$ of (1.7) ($R_\theta \in SO(3, 1)$, $\mathbf{e}_3 = {}^t(0, 0, 1)$) if and only if

$$(1.8) \quad P_0^{-1} \circ R_\theta \circ P_0 = A,$$

$$(1.9) \quad R_\theta \mathbf{p} + \tau \mathbf{e}_3 - \mathbf{p} = P_0 \mathbf{c}.$$

It is obvious that P_0 satisfying (1.8) exists. Hence, it suffices to show that the existence of $\mathbf{p}$ satisfying (1.9). Note that if such a $\mathbf{p}$ exists, then the $e^{\pm i\theta}$ are the eigenvalues of A by (1.8) and, by (1.9),

$$\tau = \langle \tau \mathbf{e}_3, \mathbf{e}_3 \rangle = \langle P_0 \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{e}_3 \rangle = \langle \mathbf{c}, P_0^{-1} \mathbf{e}_3 \rangle = \langle \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{e} \rangle.$$

Now we put $P_0 \mathbf{c} = {}^t(\alpha^1, \alpha^2, \alpha^3)$. Then (1.9) is equivalent to

$$\tau = \alpha^3 \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta - 1 & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta - 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p^1 \\ p^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha^1 \\ \alpha^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Consequently, the desired τ and $\mathbf{p}$ exist if $\theta \notin 2\pi\mathbb{Z}$. $\square$

2. THE STEREOGRAPHIC PROJECTIONS

Recall that

$$\mathbb{R}^3(k) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}^3 & (\text{if } k \geq 0), \\ \{x \in \mathbb{R}^3 : \sum_{i=1}^3 (x^i)^2 < \frac{1}{|k|}\} & (\text{if } k < 0) \end{cases}$$

is the Riemannian 3-manifold with the Riemannian metric

$$g_k = \left(\frac{2}{1 + k \sum_{i=1}^3 (x^i)^2} \right)^2 \sum_{i=1}^3 (dx^i)^2$$

of constant sectional curvature k .

Note that when $k > 0$, $\mathbb{R}^3(k)$ can be understood as the image of the stereographic projection of $M^3(k)$ defined in (1.1) into the (x^1, x^2, x^3) -plane from the south pole $(0, 0, 0, -1/\sqrt{k})$. Similarly, when $k < 0$, $\mathbb{R}^3(k)$ is also the image of the stereographic projection of $M^3(k)$ defined in (1.3) into the (x^1, x^2, x^3) -plane from the south pole $(0, 0, 0, -1/\sqrt{|k|})$.

Let ψ_k ($k \neq 0$) denote these stereographic projections. Then ψ_k and ψ_k^{-1} are given, independently of the sign of k , by

$$(2.1) \quad \psi_k(x^1, x^2, x^3, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|k|}t + 1} (x^1, x^2, x^3),$$

$$(2.2) \quad \psi_k^{-1}(x^1, x^2, x^3) = \frac{2}{1 + kr^2} \left(x^1, x^2, x^3, \frac{1 - kr^2}{2\sqrt{|k|}} \right),$$

where $r^2 = \sum_{i=1}^3 (x^i)^2$. The Riemannian metric g_k of $\mathbb{R}^3(k)$ is nothing but the one induced from the canonical metric of $M^3(k)$ by ψ_k . Therefore, isometries of $M^3(k)$ can be regarded as isometries of $\mathbb{R}^3(k)$.

Now we interpret the normalized isometries (1.2), (1.5), and (1.7) in terms of the canonical coordinate system of $\mathbb{R}^3(k)$. If $k > 0$, then a matrix $E \in SO(4)$ of the form (1.4) is expressed as

$$(2.3a) \quad \psi_k \circ E \circ \psi_k^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix} = \mu \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cos \nu \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\mu(1 - kr^2)}{2\sqrt{k}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -\sin \nu \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$(2.3b) \quad \mu = 2\{2\sqrt{k}x^3 \sin \nu + \cos \nu(1 - kr^2) + (1 + kr^2)\}^{-1}.$$

Note that the singular point of $\psi_k \circ E \circ \psi_k^{-1}$ corresponds to the point in $M^3(k)$ which is mapped to the south pole by E .

On the other hand, if $k < 0$, then a matrix $E \in SO^+(3, 1)$ of the form (1.5)

is expressed as

$$(2.4a) \quad \psi_k \circ E \circ \psi_k^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix} = \mu \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cosh \nu \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{\mu(1 - kr^2)}{2\sqrt{|k|}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \sinh \nu \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$(2.4b) \quad \mu = 2\{2\sqrt{|k|}x^3 \sinh \nu + \cosh \nu(1 - kr^2) + (1 + kr^2)\}^{-1}.$$

In (2.3) and (2.4), we now put

$$(2.5) \quad \tau = \begin{cases} -\frac{\sinh \nu}{2\sqrt{k}} & (\text{if } k > 0), \\ \frac{\sinh \nu}{2\sqrt{|k|}} & (\text{if } k < 0), \end{cases}$$

and denote $\psi_k \circ E \circ \psi_k^{-1}$ by $T_k(\theta, \tau)$. To determine ν uniquely from τ , we assume that $|\nu| < \pi/2$ if $k > 0$. Then $T_k(\theta, \tau)$ is expressed, independently of the sign of k , by

$$(2.6a) \quad T_k(\theta, \tau) \begin{pmatrix} x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix} = \tilde{\mu}_k \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (1 - 4k\tau^2)^{1/2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix} + \tilde{\mu}_k(1 - kr^2) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \tau \end{pmatrix},$$

where $|\tau| < 1/2\sqrt{|k|}$ for $k > 0$, and

$$(2.6b) \quad \tilde{\mu}_k = 2\{-4k\tau x^3 + (1 - 4k\tau^2)^{1/2}(1 - kr^2) + (1 + kr^2)\}^{-1}.$$

We also define $T_k(\theta, \tau)$ and $\tilde{\mu}_k$ by (2.6a) and (2.6b) even when $k = 0$. Then $\tilde{\mu}_0 = 1$ and $T_0(\theta, \tau)$ is identical with normalized isometry given by (1.7). Thus, for each $k \in \mathbb{R}$, we call $T_k(\theta, \tau)$ a normal form of the isometry of $\mathbb{R}^3(k)$.

3. A DIFFERENTIABLE STRUCTURE OF $\mathcal{S}$

Recall that G_k is the identity component of the isometry group of $M^3(k)$, namely

$$G_k = \begin{cases} SO(4) & (k > 0), \\ SO(3) \ltimes \mathbb{R}^3 & (k = 0), \\ SO^+(3, 1) & (k < 0). \end{cases}$$

Let $\mathcal{S} = \{(k, E) : E \in G_k\}$. Then each of the subsets

$$\mathcal{S}^+ = \{(k, E) \in \mathcal{S} : k > 0\} = (0, \infty) \times SO(4),$$

$$\mathcal{S}^- = \{(k, E) \in \mathcal{S} : k < 0\} = (-\infty, 0) \times SO^+(3, 1)$$

has the canonical differentiable structures as a product. In this section we shall prove the following theorem.

Theorem 3.1. *There exists a differentiable structure on $\mathcal{F}$ whose restriction to $\mathcal{F}^+$ (resp. $\mathcal{F}^-$) is compatible with the canonical product structure of $\mathcal{F}^+$ (resp. $\mathcal{F}^-$).*

Let $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}$ be a subset of $\mathcal{F}$ defined by

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{F}} = \mathcal{F} \setminus \{(k, E) =: k > 0 \text{ and } E \in SO(4) \text{ maps the north pole of } M^3(k) \text{ to the south pole}\}.$$

For each $(k, E) \in \widetilde{\mathcal{F}}$, we put

$$(3.1) \quad w^i(E) = \psi_k^i \circ E \circ \psi_k^{-1}(0) \quad (i = 1, 2, 3),$$

$$(3.2) \quad w^{jl}(E) = \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial x^l} (\psi_k^j \circ E \circ \psi_k^{-1}) \right] (0) \quad (j, l = 1, 2, 3),$$

and define a map $\mathcal{W} : \widetilde{\mathcal{F}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{13}$ by

$$\mathcal{W}(k, E) = (k, w^i(E), w^{jl}(E))_{i,j,l=1,2,3} \in \mathbb{R}^{13},$$

where ψ_k ($k \neq 0$) is the stereographic projection defined in §1 and ψ_0 is the identity map of $M^3(0)$. The map $\mathcal{W}$ is injective, since every isometry $E \in G_k$ is uniquely determined by the data (3.1) and (3.2). Moreover, it is easily verified that the restriction of the map $\mathcal{W}|_{\widetilde{\mathcal{F}} \cap G_k}$ is an embedding for each $k \in \mathbb{R}$.

Now we introduce some terminology. Let $U \subset \mathbb{R}^7$ be an open subset. Then an immersion $\varphi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{13}$ is said to be *admissible* if it satisfies $(\text{Image of } \varphi) \subset (\text{Image of } \mathcal{W})$. Then we have the following

Lemma 3.2. *The image of $\mathcal{W}$ has a unique differentiable structure as an embedded submanifold of $\mathbb{R}^{13}$ such that any admissible immersion induces its local coordinate system.*

Theorem 3.1 can now follow easily from Lemma 3.2:

Proof of Theorem 3.1. Since $\mathcal{W}|_{\mathcal{F}^+}$ and $\mathcal{W}|_{\mathcal{F}^-}$ are locally admissible, the differentiable structure on $\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}$ induced by $\mathcal{W}$ is compatible with the canonical product structures of $\mathcal{F}^+$ and $\mathcal{F}^-$. Thus $\mathcal{F} = \widetilde{\mathcal{F}} \cup \mathcal{F}^+ \cup \mathcal{F}^-$ has a differentiable structure stated in the theorem with respect to the topology generated by $\{\widetilde{\mathcal{F}}, \mathcal{F}^+, \mathcal{F}^-\}$. $\square$

Before we prove Lemma 3.2, we define the following transformations of $\mathbb{R}^3(k)$, which may have singular points when $k > 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} S_1(k, \theta, \tau) \begin{pmatrix} x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix} &= \mu_1 \begin{pmatrix} (1 - 4k\tau^2)^{1/2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\quad + \mu_1(1 - k\tau^2) \begin{pmatrix} \tau \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

$$S_2(k, \theta, \tau) \begin{pmatrix} x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix} = \mu_2 \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & (1 - 4k\tau^2)^{1/2} & 0 \\ \sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix} \\ + \mu_2(1 - kr^2) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \tau \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$S_3(k, \theta, \tau) \begin{pmatrix} x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix} = T_k(\theta, \tau) \\ = \mu_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \\ (1 - 4k\tau^2)^{1/2} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x^1 \\ x^2 \\ x^3 \end{pmatrix} + \mu_3(1 - kr^2) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \tau \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where $|\tau| < 1/2\sqrt{k}$ for $k > 0$, and

$$\mu_i = \mu_i(k, \theta, \tau, x^1, x^2, x^3) \\ = 2\{-4k\tau x^i + (1 - 4k\tau^2)^{1/2}(1 - kr^2) + (1 + kr^2)\}^{-1} \quad (i = 1, 2, 3).$$

By the same argument as that for $S_3(k, \theta, \tau) = T_k(\theta, \tau)$ in the previous section, we can show that $\psi_k^{-1} \circ S_i(k, \theta, \tau) \circ \psi_k \in G_k$ ($i = 1, 2$). In fact, if $k < 0$ for instance, the corresponding three matrices in G_k are given by

$$\psi_k^{-1} \circ S_1(k, \theta, \tau) \circ \psi_k = \begin{pmatrix} \cosh \nu & 0 & 0 & \sinh \nu \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ \sinh \nu & 0 & 0 & \cosh \nu \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\psi_k^{-1} \circ S_2(k, \theta, \tau) \circ \psi_k = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \cosh \nu & 0 & \sinh \nu \\ \sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \sinh \nu & 0 & \cosh \nu \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\psi_k^{-1} \circ S_3(k, \theta, \tau) \circ \psi_k = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cosh \nu & \sinh \nu \\ 0 & 0 & \sinh \nu & \cosh \nu \end{pmatrix},$$

where $\tau = (\sinh \nu)/2\sqrt{|k|}$ (cf. (2.5)).

Using these, we define a smooth map $h_k : \mathbb{R}^6 \rightarrow G_k$ ($k \in \mathbb{R}$) by

$$h_k(\theta^1, \theta^2, \theta^3, \tau^1, \tau^2, \tau^3) \\ = \psi_k^{-1} \circ S_1(k, 0, \tau^1) \circ S_2(k, 0, \tau^2) \circ S_3(k, 0, \tau^3) \\ \circ S_1(k, \theta^1, 0) \circ S_2(k, \theta^2, 0) \circ S_3(k, \theta^3, 0) \circ \psi_k.$$

Then one can easily verify that h_k defines locally a diffeomorphism from a neighborhood of the origin onto a neighborhood of the identity.

Proof of Lemma 3.2. By the implicit function theorem, it is sufficient to show that for each $(k, E) \in \widehat{\mathcal{F}}$, there exists an admissible immersion $\varphi : U \subset \mathbb{R}^7 \rightarrow$

$\mathbb{R}^{13}$ such that $(k, E) \in (\text{Image of } \varphi)$. Since $\mathcal{W}|_{\mathcal{J}^+}$ and $\mathcal{W}|_{\mathcal{J}^-}$ are locally admissible, the existence of such a φ is obvious for $(k, E) \in \widetilde{\mathcal{F}}$ ($k \neq 0$). Now let $(0, E) \in \widetilde{\mathcal{F}}$. Then, since $h_0: \mathbb{R}^6 \rightarrow G_0$ is surjective, there exists a point $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^6$ such that $E \in h_0(\mathbf{a})$. We define a smooth map $\varphi: \mathbb{R}^7 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{13}$ by

$$\varphi(k, \theta^1, \theta^2, \theta^3, \tau^1, \tau^2, \tau^3) = \mathcal{W}(h_k(\mathbf{a}) \circ h_k(\theta^1, \theta^2, \theta^3, \tau^1, \tau^2, \tau^3)).$$

Since $\mathcal{W}|_{G_0}$ is an immersion and h_0 is nonsingular at the origin, it is easy to see that the rank of φ at the origin is 7. (We need not calculate the derivative of φ with respect to k because both the domain and the range of φ have the same parameter k .) Thus φ defines an admissible immersion on some neighborhood of the origin such that $(0, E) \in (\text{Image of } \varphi)$.

These results can be extended to a higher-dimensional case. In fact, let $M^n(k)$ be a complete simply connected Riemannian n -manifold of constant sectional curvature k , and $G_k^{(n)}$ the identity component of its isometry group. Then by the same argument as above a differentiable structure on $\mathcal{J}^{(n)} = \{(k, E): E \in G_k^{(n)}, k \in \mathbb{R}\}$ can also be introduced. Furthermore, Tasaki-Umehara-Yamada [3] developed these results for symmetric spaces. We apply these results to hypersurfaces in $M^n(k)$ as follows. Let M be a compact hypersurface of $M^n(k)$. Then the induced metric g and the second fundamental form h satisfy the Gauss and Codazzi equations:

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{Ga}_k) \quad R(X, Y, Z, W) &= k\{g(X, Z)g(Y, W) - g(X, W)g(Y, Z)\} \\ &\quad + h(X, Z)h(Y, W) - h(X, W)h(Y, Z) \\ &\quad (X, Y, Z, W \in TM), \end{aligned}$$

$$(\mathbf{Co}) \quad (\nabla_X h)(Y, Z) = (\nabla_Y h)(X, Z) \quad (X, Y, Z \in TM),$$

where ∇ is the Levi-Civita connection of g and R denotes its curvature tensor. Now, let g_k ($k \in \mathbb{R}$) be a smooth one-parameter family of Riemannian metrics on a compact $(n-1)$ -manifold M and h_k ($k \in \mathbb{R}$) a smooth one-parameter family of symmetric 2-tensors such that g_k and h_k satisfy $(\mathbf{Ga}_k)$ and $(\mathbf{Co})$ for each k . It then follows from the fundamental theorem for hypersurfaces that there exists an immersion $f_k: \widetilde{M} \rightarrow M^n(k)$ whose induced metric and second fundamental form coincide with π^*g_k and π^*h_k respectively, where $\pi: \widetilde{M} \rightarrow M$ is the universal covering of M . Note that each deck transformation T of $\widetilde{M}$ preserves π^*g_k and π^*h_k and hence T extends to an isometry of $M^n(k)$ by the rigidity of f_k . Thus, for each k , we have a representation $\rho_k: \pi_1(M) \rightarrow G_k^{(n)}$. Then the following holds.

Proposition 3.3. *The family of the representation*

$$\rho_k: \pi_1(M) \rightarrow G_k^{(n)} \subset \mathcal{J}^{(n)} \quad (k \in \mathbb{R})$$

depends smoothly on the parameter k with respect to the differentiable structure of $\mathcal{J}^{(n)}$.

Proof. We confine our discussion to the case $n = 3$. But the following proof is valid also for the higher-dimensional case. Let $p \in M$ and choose a reference point $q_0 \in \pi^{-1}(p)$. Then each deck transformation T determines uniquely a

point $q \in \pi^{-1}(p)$ such that $T(q_0) = q$. If we normalize $\psi_k \circ f_k(q_0) = 0$ and take a frame (e_1, e_2) of (M, g_k) at p , then the isometry E_k corresponding to T satisfies

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \tilde{E}_k(0) &= \psi_k \circ f_k(q), & d\tilde{E}_k(\xi_{q_0}) &= \xi_q, \\ d(\tilde{E}_k \circ \psi_k \circ f_k)[(d\pi^{-1})_{q_0}(e_j)] &= d(\psi_k \circ f_k)[(d\pi^{-1})_q(e_j)] \quad (j = 1, 2), \end{aligned}$$

where $\tilde{E}_k = \psi_k \circ E_k \circ \psi_k^{-1} : \mathbb{R}^3(k) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3(k)$ and ξ is the unit normal vector field of f_0 . Since the coefficients of the Frenet equation with respect to the canonical coordinate system of $\mathbb{R}^3(k)$ depends smoothly on k , so does $\psi_k \circ f_k : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3(k)$. Thus (3.3) implies that $\mathcal{W}(E_k) \in \mathbb{R}^{13}$ is smooth with respect to k . So, by the definition of our differentiable structure of $\mathcal{S}$, E_k depends smoothly on k . $\square$

4. SMOOTHNESS OF NORMAL FORM

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{N}^- &= \{(k, E) \in \mathcal{S} : k < 0 \text{ and all the eigenvalues} \\ &\quad \text{of } E \in SO^+(3, 1) \text{ are } 1\}, \\ \mathcal{N}^0 &= \{(0, E) \in \mathcal{S} : E \text{ is the identity or a translation of } \mathbb{R}^3\}, \\ \mathcal{N}^+ &= \{(k, E) \in \mathcal{S} : k > 0 \text{ and } \theta \geq \nu \text{ or } \cos \nu \leq 0 \\ &\quad \text{in the decomposition (1.2) of } E \in SO(4)\}, \end{aligned}$$

and define a closed subset in $\mathcal{S}$ by

$$(4.1) \quad \mathcal{N} = \mathcal{N}^- \cup \mathcal{N}^0 \cup \mathcal{N}^+.$$

Then for each $(k, E) \in \widetilde{\mathcal{S}} \setminus \mathcal{N}$ there exists $(k, P) \in \mathcal{S}$ such that

$$(4.2) \quad P^{-1} \circ E \circ P = T_k(\theta, \tau),$$

where $T_k(\theta, \tau)$ is the normal form defined in §2. In §1 it was proved that θ and τ are determined up to $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -ambiguity. In this section, we will see that locally θ and τ are smooth functions on $\widetilde{\mathcal{S}} \setminus \mathcal{N}$ with respect to the differentiable structure defined in §3.

Theorem 4.1. *Let $(k, E) \in \widetilde{\mathcal{S}} \setminus \mathcal{N}$. Then there exists a neighborhood $U \subset \widetilde{\mathcal{S}} \setminus \mathcal{N}$ of (k, E) such that, by taking suitable branches, θ and τ in (4.2) are defined as smooth functions on U .*

If $k \neq 0$, the theorem is obvious. So we may assume $k = 0$. Since each $E \in G_0 \setminus \mathcal{N}^0$ is equivalent to a normal form $T_0(\alpha, \beta)$ ($\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$, $\alpha \notin 2\pi\mathbb{Z}$) by (4.2), it is sufficient to prove the following lemma.

Lemma 4.2. *Let $\mathcal{U} : \mathbb{R}^7 \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ be a map defined by*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{U}(k, \theta^1, \theta^2, \theta^3, \tau^1, \tau^2, \tau^3) &= S_1(k, \theta^1, \tau^1) \circ S_2(k, \theta^2, \tau^2) \circ T_k(\theta^3, \tau^3) \\ &\quad \circ S_2^{-1}(k, \theta^2, \tau^2) \circ S_1^{-1}(k, \theta^1, \tau^1). \end{aligned}$$

Then the Jacobian of $\mathcal{U}$ does not vanish at the point $(0, 0, 0, \alpha, 0, 0, \beta)$ ($\alpha \notin 2\pi\mathbb{Z}$).

Proof. Consider the map $\mathcal{W} \circ \mathcal{U} : \mathbb{R}^7 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{13}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rank}(d(\mathcal{W} \circ \mathcal{U})) &= \text{rank} \frac{\partial(k, w^i, w^{jl})}{\partial(k, \theta^1, \theta^2, \theta^3, \tau^1, \tau^2, \tau^3)} \\ &= 1 + \text{rank} \frac{\partial(w^i, w^{jl})}{\partial(\theta^1, \theta^2, \theta^3, \tau^1, \tau^2, \tau^3)} \Big|_{k=0} \end{aligned}$$

at the point $(0, 0, 0, \alpha, 0, 0, \beta)$. By a straightforward calculation, the derivatives on the right-hand side are given by

$$\begin{aligned} dw^1 &= (0, -\beta, 0, 0, 1 - \cos \alpha, \sin \alpha), \\ dw^2 &= (-\beta, 0, 0, 0, -\sin \alpha, 1 - \cos \alpha), \\ dw^3 &= (\beta, \beta, 0, 2\beta, 2\beta, 1), \\ dw^{11} &= (0, 0, -\sin \alpha, 2 \cos \alpha, 2 \cos \alpha, 0), \\ dw^{21} &= (0, 0, \cos \alpha, 2 \sin \alpha, 2 \sin \alpha, 0), \\ dw^{13} &= (-\sin \alpha, -1 + \cos \alpha, 0, 0, 0, 0), \\ dw^{23} &= (-1 + \cos \alpha, -\sin \alpha, 0, 0, 0, 0), \end{aligned}$$

which yield

$$\begin{aligned} \det \left\{ \frac{\partial(w^1, w^2, w^3, w^{11}, w^{13}, w^{23})}{\partial(\theta^1, \theta^2, \theta^3, \tau^1, \tau^2, \tau^3)} \right\} &= 8 \sin \alpha (1 - \cos \alpha)^2, \\ \det \left\{ \frac{\partial(w^1, w^2, w^3, w^{21}, w^{13}, w^{23})}{\partial(\theta^1, \theta^2, \theta^3, \tau^1, \tau^2, \tau^3)} \right\} &= -8 \cos \alpha (1 - \cos \alpha)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $d\mathcal{W}$ is nondegenerate at $(0, 0, 0, \alpha, 0, 0, \beta)$, since $\alpha \notin 2\pi\mathbb{Z}$. $\square$

By Theorem 4.1, we may regard θ and τ as globally defined functions $\theta : \widetilde{\mathcal{F}} \setminus \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}/2\pi\mathbb{Z}$ and $\tau : \widetilde{\mathcal{F}} \setminus \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

5. DEFORMATION OF THE IMMERSION

Let $\Omega(a_0, b_0) = (-a_0, a_0) \times (-b_0, b_0)$ be a rectangular domain of $\mathbb{R}^2$. Then the Dirichlet problem of the sinh-Gordon equation

$$(5.1) \quad \Delta \omega + \cosh \omega \sinh \omega = 0$$

on $\Omega(a_0, b_0)$ has a unique positive solution ω_0 if $a_0^{-2} + b_0^{-2} > 4\pi^{-2}$ [7, 1, 2]. By the odd reflections about $\partial\Omega(a_0, b_0)$, this solution can be extended to a doubly periodic solution $\tilde{\omega}_0$ of (5.1), which has a rectangular fundamental domain. To get solutions with twisted fundamental domain, we can perturb $\tilde{\omega}_0$ in the following fashion.

Lemma 5.1 [6, Theorem 1]. *For sufficiently small $a_0, b_0 > 0$, there exist a neighborhood U of $(a_0, b_0, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and a smooth function $\omega(u, v; a, b, c)$ on $\mathbb{R}^2 \times U$ which satisfy the following conditions:*

(1) *For each $(a, b, c) \in U$, $\omega(u, v; a, b, c)$ is a solution of (5.1) on $\mathbb{R}^2$.*

(2) *Let $\mathbf{p}_1 = (2a, 0)$ and $\mathbf{p}_2 = (2c, 2b)$. Then*

$$(5.2) \quad \omega(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{p}_1; \mathbf{a}) = \omega(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{p}_2; \mathbf{a}) = \omega(-\mathbf{u}; \mathbf{a}) = -\omega(\mathbf{u}; \mathbf{a}),$$

where $\mathbf{u} = (u, v)$ and $\mathbf{a} = (a, b, c)$.

(3) *$\omega(u, v; a_0, b_0, 0) = \tilde{\omega}_0(u, v)$.*

Let $\omega(u, v) = \omega(u, v; a, b, c)$ be a doubly periodic solution determined as above. Define the first fundamental form ds^2 by

$$(5.3) \quad ds^2 = \frac{e^{2\omega}}{4(H^2 + k)}(du^2 + dv^2),$$

and the second fundamental form $h = h_{11}du^2 + 2h_{12}dudv + h_{22}dv^2$ by

$$(5.4) \quad \begin{aligned} h_{11} &= \frac{He^{2\omega}}{4(H^2 + k)} - \frac{\cos 2\beta}{4(H^2 + k)^{1/2}}, \\ h_{12} &= -\frac{\sin 2\beta}{4(H^2 + k)^{1/2}}, \\ h_{22} &= \frac{He^{2\omega}}{4(H^2 + k)} + \frac{\cos 2\beta}{4(H^2 + k)^{1/2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Then it is not hard to see that for $H \equiv 1/2$ and $k > -1/4$, ds^2 and h satisfy the Gauss and Codazzi equations in $\mathbb{R}^3(k)$. Hence, by the fundamental theorem for surfaces, they determine, up to an isometry of $\mathbb{R}^3(k)$, an isometric immersion $f_k = f_k(a, b, c, \beta): (\mathbb{R}^2, ds^2) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3(k)$ with constant mean curvature $H \equiv 1/2$. Since the Frenet equation of f_k with respect to the canonical coordinates on $\mathbb{R}^3(k)$ depends smoothly on k , the immersion $f_k(a, b, c, \beta): \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3(k)$ also depends smoothly on the parameters a, b, c, β , and k .

Since ω has the doubly periodicity condition (5.2), there exist motions $E_i = E_i(k, a, b, c, \beta)$ ($i = 1, 2$) of $\mathbb{R}^3(k)$ such that

$$(5.5) \quad f_k(\mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{p}_i; a, b, c, \beta) = E_i \circ f_k(\mathbf{u}; a, b, c, \beta) \quad (i = 1, 2).$$

It follows from Proposition 3.3 that $E_i(k, a, b, c, \beta)$ ($i = 1, 2$) are smooth with respect to the parameters a, b, c, β , and k .

Properties of the immersions $f_k = f_k(a, b, c, \beta)$ at $k = 0$ are carefully analyzed by Wente [8], in which those of the form $f_0(a, b, 0, 0)$ ($a^{-2} + b^{-2} > 4\pi^{-2}$) whose images are compact are called *symmetric examples*. The existence of symmetric examples has been shown in Wente [7], Abresch [1], and Walter [5]. Now we assume that $f_0(a_0, b_0, 0, 0)$ yields a symmetric example. Then we may put

$$\begin{aligned} E_1(0, a_0, b_0, 0, 0) &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \\ E_2(0, a_0, b_0, 0, 0) &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha & 0 \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\pi < \alpha < 2\pi$ and $\alpha \in 2\pi\mathbb{Q}$ (see [1, 8]).

Note that, since $E_1(0, a_0, b_0, 0, 0) \in \mathcal{N}$, Theorem 4.1 cannot apply directly. So we change a generator $\mathbf{p}_1$ of the lattice $\Gamma = \{\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2\}$ for

$$\mathbf{p}_3 = \mathbf{p}_1 + \mathbf{p}_2.$$

Let

$$E_3(k, a, b, c, \beta) = E_1(k, a, b, c, \beta) \circ E_2(k, a, b, c, \beta).$$

Then it is obvious that

$$(5.6) \quad f_k(\mathbf{u} + 2\mathbf{p}_3; a, b, c, \beta) = E_3 \circ f_k(\mathbf{u}; a, b, c, \beta).$$

Now we prove our main result:

Theorem 5.2. *Let T^2 be a compact 2-manifold with genus 1. Then for sufficiently small $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a 1-parameter family of immersions $f_k : T^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3(k)$ ($|k| < \varepsilon$) with constant mean curvature $H \equiv 1/2$.*

Proof. Using Theorem 4.1, we can define smooth functions $\tilde{\theta}_i$ and $\tilde{\tau}_i$ ($i = 2, 3$) on some neighborhood of $(0, a_0, b_0, 0, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^5$ by

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\theta}_i(k, a, b, c, \beta) &= \theta(E_i(k, a, b, c, \beta)) \\ \tilde{\tau}_i(k, a, b, c, \beta) &= \tau(E_i(k, a, b, c, \beta)) \end{aligned} \quad (i = 2, 3).$$

Thus, to prove the theorem, it suffices to show that the set

$$\begin{aligned} \{(k, a, b, c, \beta) \in U : \tilde{\theta}_i(k, a, b, c, \beta) \equiv \alpha \in 2\pi\mathbb{Q} \\ \text{and } \tilde{\tau}_i(k, a, b, c, \beta) = 0 \ (i = 2, 3)\} \end{aligned}$$

defines a regular curve with respect to k through the point $(0, a_0, b_0, 0, 0)$. To see this, we define a map $\varphi : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^5$ by

$$\varphi(k, a, b, c, \beta) = (k, \tilde{\theta}_2, \tilde{\theta}_3, \tilde{\tau}_2, \tilde{\tau}_3).$$

In [8] Wente introduced functions $\theta_1, \theta_2, \tau_1$, and τ_2 of variables a, b, c , and β in such a way that $E_i(a, b, c, \beta)$ ($i = 1, 2$) are equivalent to $T_0(\theta_i, \tau_i)$, for which he showed that

$$(5.7) \quad \det \left\{ \frac{\partial(\theta_1, \theta_2, \tau_1, \tau_2)}{\partial(a, b, c, \beta)} \right\} \neq 0$$

at $(a_0, b_0, 0, 0)$. It is easily verified that these functions are related to $\tilde{\theta}_2, \tilde{\theta}_3, \tilde{\tau}_2$ and $\tilde{\tau}_3$ by

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\theta}_2(0, a, b, c, \beta) &= \theta_2(a, b, c, \beta), \\ \tilde{\theta}_3(0, a, b, c, \beta) &= \theta_1(a, b, c, \beta) + \theta_2(a, b, c, \beta), \\ \tilde{\tau}_2(0, a, b, c, \beta) &= \tau_2(a, b, c, \beta), \\ \tilde{\tau}_3(0, a, b, c, \beta) &= \tau_1(a, b, c, \beta) + \tau_2(a, b, c, \beta). \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have from (5.7)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rank}(d\varphi) &= \text{rank} \left\{ \frac{\partial(k, \tilde{\theta}_2, \tilde{\theta}_3, \tilde{\tau}_2, \tilde{\tau}_3)}{\partial(k, a, b, c, \beta)} \right\} \\ &= 1 + \text{rank} \left\{ \frac{\partial(\tilde{\theta}_2, \tilde{\theta}_3, \tilde{\tau}_2, \tilde{\tau}_3)}{\partial(a, b, c, \beta)} \right\}_{k=0} \\ &= 1 + \text{rank} \left\{ \frac{\partial(\theta_1, \theta_2, \tau_1, \tau_2)}{\partial(a, b, c, \beta)} \right\} = 5 \end{aligned}$$

at $(0, a_0, b_0, 0, 0)$. Thus $\varphi^{-1}(k, \alpha, 0, \alpha, 0)$ determines a regular curve on some small neighborhood of $(0, a_0, b_0, 0, 0) \in U$. $\square$

Corollary 5.3. *Any open subset of the 3-sphere or the hyperbolic 3-space contains a torus with constant mean curvature.*

Proof. Let $\{f_k : T^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3(k)\}_{|k|<\varepsilon}$ be as in Theorem 5.2. Then, for sufficiently small ε , the images $\{f_k(T^2)\}_{|k|<\varepsilon}$ are uniformly bounded. Namely, $f_k(T^2)$ is contained in the ball of radius a with respect to g_k for each $k \in (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon)$, where $a > 0$ is a universal constant.

Assume $k < 0$ and define

$$\tilde{f} = \sqrt{|k|} \cdot (\psi_k^{-1} \circ f_k) : T^2 \rightarrow M^3(-1),$$

where ψ_k is the stereographic projection (2.1) and $\cdot$ is the scalar multiplication in $M^3(k) \subset \mathbb{L}^4$. Then $\tilde{f}$ gives an immersion of T^2 into the hyperbolic 3-space $M^3(-1)$ with constant mean curvature $1/2\sqrt{|k|}$. Moreover, $\tilde{f}(T^2)$ is contained in the ball of radius $\sqrt{|k|}a$ in $M^3(-1)$, since $f_k(T^2)$ is bounded by the ball with radius a .

Hence, taking a sufficiently small $k < 0$, we can find an immersion of T^2 with constant mean curvature into the hyperbolic 3-space with sufficiently small radius.

Similarly, assuming $k > 0$, we have the conclusion for the 3-sphere. $\square$

By using (5.7), the existence of nonholomorphic harmonic maps of tori generated by any lattice into the unit sphere has been shown in Umehara-Yamada [4], which is based on the fact that Gauss maps of surfaces with constant mean curvature in $\mathbb{R}^3(0)$ are harmonic.

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