

ON SPACELIKE SUBMANIFOLDS OF A PSEUDORIEMANNIAN SPACE FORM

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Abstract. *In this paper, we first prove that the mean curvature of the pseudo-umbilical submanifolds is constant, then generalize T. Ishihara's result to the submanifolds are pseudo-umbilical, last study the pseudo-umbilical submanifolds with parallel second fundamental form.*

0. INTRODUCTION

Let $N_p^{n+p}(C)$ be an $(n+p)$ -dimensional pseudo-Riemannian manifold of constant curvature C , whose index is p . Let M^n be an n -dimensional spacelike submanifold isometrically immersed in $N_p^{n+p}(C)$. Note that the codimension is equal to the index. T. Ishihara ([1]) proved:

Theorem A. *Let M^n be a complete maximal spacelike submanifold in $N_p^{n+p}(C)$. Then either M^n is totally geodesic ($C \geq 0$) or $0 \leq S \leq -npC$ ($C < 0$), where S is the square of the length of the second fundamental form of M^n .*

Let h be the second fundamental form of the immersion, ξ be the mean curvature vector. $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ denotes the scalar product of $N_p^{n+p}(C)$. If there exists a function λ on M^n such that

$$\langle h(X, Y), \xi \rangle = \lambda \langle X, Y \rangle \tag{*}$$

for any tangent vectors X, Y on M^n , then M^n is called a pseudo-umbilical submanifold of $N_p^{n+p}(C)$ (cf. [2]). It is clear that $\lambda \geq 0$. If the mean curvature vector $\xi = 0$ identically, then M^n is called a maximal submanifold of $N_p^{n+p}(C)$. Every maximal submanifold of $N_p^{n+p}(C)$ is itself a pseudo-umbilical submanifold of $N_p^{n+p}(C)$.

In this paper, we first prove

Theorem 1. *The mean curvature of the pseudo-umbilical submanifolds is constant.*

When the submanifold is hypersurface, Theorem 1 is correct obviously. Then using Theorem 1 we generalize Theorem A and prove

Theorem 2. *Let M^n be a complete spacelike pseudo-umbilical submanifold in $N_p^{n+p}(C)$. Then $nH^2 \leq S \leq \frac{np[H^2 - C - \sqrt{(H^2 - C)^2 + 4H^2C/p}]}{2}$, where H is the mean curvature of M^n .*

It is clear that when $H \equiv 0$, by means of Theorem 2 we may obtain Theorem A. Last, we investigate the submanifolds with parallel second fundamental form and obtain

Theorem 3. *Let M^n be a spacelike pseudo-umbilical submanifold with parallel second fundamental form in $N_p^{n+p}(C)$, $p > 1$. Then*

$$3S^2 + 2n(c - H^2)S - 2n^2H^2C \geq 0$$

holds. In particular, when the equality holds, then M^n is totally geodesic or $n = p = 2$, $M^2 = H^2(\sqrt{-C})$ ($C < 0$) is a hyperbolic Veronese surface in $H^4_2\left(\sqrt{\frac{-C}{3}}\right)$. Where

$$H^2(\sqrt{-C}) = \{x \in R^3, \langle x, x \rangle = x_1^2 + x_2^2 - x_3^2 = C, C < 0\},$$

$$H^4_2\left(\sqrt{\frac{-C}{3}}\right) = \{x \in R^5, \langle x, x \rangle = x_1^2 + x_2^2 - x_3^2 - x_4^2 - x_5^2 = \frac{C}{3}, C < 0\}.$$

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1. LOCAL FORMULAS

Let $N_p^{n+p}(C)$ be an $(n + p)$ -dimensional pseudo-Riemannian manifold of constant curvature C , whose index is p . Let M^n be an n -dimensional Riemannian manifold isometrically immersed in $N_p^{n+p}(C)$. As the pseudo-Riemannian metric of $N_p^{n+p}(C)$ induces the Riemannian metric of M^n , the immersion is called spacelike. We choose a local field of orthonormal frames e_1, \dots, e_{n+p} in $N_p^{n+p}(C)$ such that e_1, \dots, e_n are tangent to M^n . We make use of the following convention on the ranges of indices:

$$A, B, \dots = 1, \dots, n + p; i, j, \dots = 1, \dots, n; \alpha, \beta, \dots = n + 1, \dots, n + p.$$

Let (ω_A) be the dual frame field so that the pseudo-Riemannian metric of $N_p^{n+p}(C)$ is given by $dS^2_{N_p^{n+p}} = \sum_i \omega_i^2 - \sum_\alpha \omega_\alpha^2 = \sum_A \varepsilon_A \omega_A^2$, where $\varepsilon_i = 1, \varepsilon_\alpha = -1$. Then the structure equations of $N_p^{n+p}(C)$ are given by

$$d\omega_A = \sum_B \varepsilon_B \omega_{AB} \wedge \omega_B, \omega_{AB} + \omega_{BA} = 0,$$

$$d\omega_{AB} = \sum_C \varepsilon_C \omega_{AC} \wedge \omega_{CB} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{CD} \varepsilon_C \varepsilon_D K_{ABCD} \omega_C \wedge \omega_D,$$

$$K_{ABCD} = C(\delta_{AC}\delta_{BD} - \delta_{AD}\delta_{BC}).$$

Restrict these forms to M^n . Then

$$\omega_\alpha = 0, \omega_{i\alpha} = \sum_j h_{ij}^\alpha \omega_j, h_{ij}^\alpha = h_{ji}^\alpha,$$

$$d\omega_i = \sum_j \omega_{ij} \wedge \omega_j,$$

$$d\omega_{ij} = \sum_k \omega_{ik} \wedge \omega_{kj} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{kl} R_{ijkl} \omega_k \wedge \omega_l,$$

$$R_{ijkl} = C(\delta_{ik}\delta_{jl} - \delta_{il}\delta_{jk}) - \sum_\alpha (h_{ik}^\alpha h_{jl}^\alpha - h_{il}^\alpha h_{jk}^\alpha), \tag{1.1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\omega_\alpha &= -\sum_\beta \omega_{\alpha\beta} \wedge \omega_\beta, \\
 d\omega_{\alpha\beta} &= -\sum_\gamma \omega_{\alpha\gamma} \wedge \omega_{\gamma\beta} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} R_{\alpha\beta ij} \omega_i \wedge \omega_j, \\
 R_{\alpha\beta ij} &= \sum_k (h_{ki}^\alpha h_{kj}^\beta - h_{kj}^\alpha h_{ki}^\beta).
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{1.2}$$

We call $H = |\xi| = \frac{1}{n} \sqrt{\sum_\alpha (\sum_i h_{ii}^\alpha)^2}$ the mean curvature of M^n , $S = \sum_{ij\alpha} (h_{ij}^\alpha)^2$ the square of the length of h . H_{ijk}^α and h_{ijkl}^α are defined by

$$\sum_k h_{ijk}^\alpha \omega_k = dh_{ij}^\alpha + \sum_k h_{ik}^\alpha \omega_{kj} + \sum_k h_{kj}^\alpha \omega_{ki} - \sum_\beta h_{ij}^\beta \omega_{\beta\alpha}
 \tag{1.3}$$

and

$$\sum_l h_{ijkl}^\alpha \omega_l = dh_{ijl}^\alpha + \sum_l h_{ijl}^\alpha \omega_{lk} + \sum_l h_{ilk}^\alpha \omega_{lj} + \sum_l h_{ljk}^\alpha \omega_{li} - \sum_\beta h_{ijk}^\beta \omega_{\beta\alpha}$$

respectively.

$$h_{ijkl}^\alpha - h_{ijlk}^\alpha = \sum_m h_{im}^\alpha R_{mjkl} + \sum_m h_{mj}^\alpha R_{mikl} + \sum_\beta h_{ij}^\beta R_{\alpha\beta kl}$$

where $h_{ijk}^\alpha = h_{ikj}^\alpha$. By (1.1) we have

$$R_{ij} = C(n-1)\delta_{ij} - \sum_\alpha \left(h_{ij}^\alpha \sum_k h_{kk}^\alpha \right) + \sum_{k\alpha} h_{ki}^\alpha h_{kj}^\alpha.
 \tag{1.4}$$

Now, let ξ be parallel to e_{n+p} , then

$$trH_{n+p} = nH, \quad trH_\alpha = 0, \quad \alpha \neq n+p.
 \tag{1.5}$$

By a simple calculation we have ([1])

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{2} \Delta S &= \sum_{ijk\alpha} (h_{ijk}^\alpha)^2 + \sum_{ij\alpha} h_{ij}^\alpha \Delta h_{ij}^\alpha \\
 &= \sum_{ijk\alpha} (h_{ijk}^\alpha)^2 + \sum_{ijk\alpha} h_{ij}^\alpha h_{kkij}^\alpha + \sum_{ijkl\alpha} h_{ij}^\alpha h_{lk}^\alpha R_{lijk} + \sum_{ijkl\alpha} h_{ij}^\alpha h_{li}^\alpha R_{lkik} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{ijk\alpha\beta} h_{ij}^\alpha h_{ki}^\beta R_{\alpha\beta kj}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{1.6}$$

2. PROOFS OF THEOREMS

By (*) and (1.5) we get $\sum_{\alpha} trH_{\alpha}h_{ij}^{\alpha} = n\lambda\delta_{ij}$, $H^2 = \lambda$ and

$$h_{ij}^{n+p} = H\delta_{ij}. \tag{2.1}$$

Using (2.1) by (1.4) we get

$$\begin{aligned} R_{ij} &= C(n-1)\delta_{ij} - nH^2\delta_{ij} + \sum_{k\alpha} h_{ik}^{\alpha}h_{jk}^{\alpha} \\ &= C(n-1)\delta_{ij} - nH^2\delta_{ij} + \sum_k h_{ik}^{n+p}h_{jk}^{n+p} + \sum_{k\alpha \neq n+p} h_{ik}^{\alpha}h_{jk}^{\alpha} \\ &= C(n-1)\delta_{ij} - nH^2\delta_{ij} + H^2\delta_{ij} + \sum_{k\alpha \neq n+p} h_{ik}^{\alpha}h_{jk}^{\alpha} \\ &= (n-1)(C-H^2)\delta_{ij} + \sum_{k\alpha \neq n+p} h_{ik}^{\alpha}h_{jk}^{\alpha}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

For each $\alpha \neq n+p$, we may choose a frame field e_1, \dots, e_n so that H_{α} is diagonalized, say $h_{ij}^{\alpha} = \lambda_i^{\alpha}\delta_{ij}$, then we have $\sum_k h_{ik}^{\alpha}h_{kj}^{\alpha} = \lambda_i^{\alpha}\lambda_j^{\alpha}\delta_{ij} \geq 0$ and $\sum_{k\alpha} h_{ik}^{\alpha}h_{kj}^{\alpha} \geq 0$. Thus, combining (2.2) we may conclude following:

Lemma 1. *Let M^n be a spacelike pseudo-umbilical submanifold in $N_p^{n+p}(C)$. Then the Ricci curvature of M^n satisfies*

$$R_{ij} \geq (n-1)(C-H^2)\delta_{ij}.$$

Lemma 2.

$$\sum_{ijk} (h_{ijk}^{n+p})^2 \geq \frac{3n^2}{n+2} |\nabla H|^2.$$

Proof. Let $f_{ij} = f_{ij}^{n+p} - H\delta_{ij}$, then $\sum_i f_{ii} = 0$, $f_{ijk} = h_{ijk}^{n+p} - H_k\delta_{ij}$ and

$$\sum_{ijk} f_{ijk}^2 = \sum_{ijk} (h_{ijk}^{n+p} - H_k\delta_{ij})^2 = \sum_{ijk} (h_{ijk}^{n+p})^2 - n|\nabla H|^2. \tag{2.3}$$

From $f_{iik} = h_{iik}^{n+p} - H_k$, $f_{iki} = h_{iki}^{n+p} - H_i\delta_{ik}$ and noting $h_{iik}^{n+p} = h_{iki}^{n+p}$, we get

$$f_{iki} = f_{iik} + H_k - H_i\delta_{ki}.$$

Using it we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{ijk} f_{ijk}^2 &\geq \sum_{i \neq k} f_{iik}^2 + \sum_{i \neq k} f_{iki}^2 + \sum_{i \neq k} f_{kii}^2 + \sum_i f_{iii}^2 \\
 &= \sum_{i \neq k} f_{iik}^2 + 2 \sum_{i \neq k} f_{iki}^2 + \sum_i f_{iii}^2 \\
 &= \sum_{i \neq k} f_{iik}^2 + 2 \sum_{i \neq k} (f_{iik} + H_k - H_i \delta_{ik})^2 + \sum_i f_{iii}^2 \\
 &= 3 \sum_{i \neq k} f_{iik}^2 + 2(n-1)|\nabla H|^2 - 4 \sum_i f_{iii} H_i + \sum_i f_{iii}^2 \\
 &\geq \sum_{i \neq k} f_{iik}^2 + 2(n-1)|\nabla H|^2 - \frac{n+2}{(n-1)} \sum_i f_{iii}^2 - \frac{4(n-1)}{n+2} |\nabla H|^2 + \sum_i f_{iii}^2.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.4}$$

On the other hand, for fixed k , noting $\sum_i f_{ii} = 0$ we have

$$\sum_i f_{iik}^2 = \sum_{i \neq k} f_{iik}^2 + f_{kkk}^2 = \sum_{i \neq k} f_{iik}^2 + \left(\sum_{i \neq k} f_{iik} \right)^2 \leq \sum_{i \neq k} f_{iik}^2 + (n-1) \sum_{i \neq k} f_{iik}^2 = n \sum_{i \neq k} f_{iik}^2.$$

From which we get

$$\sum_{ik} f_{iik}^2 \leq n \sum_{i \neq k} f_{iik}^2$$

and so

$$\sum_{i \neq k} f_{iik}^2 \geq \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_i f_{iii}^2.
 \tag{2.5}$$

Substituting (2.5) into (2.4) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{ijk} f_{ijk}^2 &\geq \frac{3}{n-1} \sum_i f_{iii}^2 + 2(n-1)|\nabla H|^2 - \frac{n+2}{n-1} \sum_i f_{iii}^2 \\
 &\quad - \frac{4(n-1)}{n+2} |\nabla H|^2 + \sum_i f_{iii}^2 = \frac{2n(n-1)}{n+2} |\nabla H|^2.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.6}$$

Combining (2.3) and (2.6) we obtain

$$\sum_{ijk} (h_{ijk}^{n+p})^2 = \sum_{ijk} f_{ijk}^2 + n|\nabla H|^2 \geq \frac{2n(n-1)}{n+2} |\nabla H|^2 + n|\nabla H|^2 = \frac{3n^2}{n+2} |\nabla H|^2.$$

This proves Lemma 2.

Now, we prove Theorem 1. Since M^n is pseudo-umbilical, by (2.1) we get

$$\sum_{ijk} (h_{ijk}^{n+p})^2 = \sum_{ijk} (H_k \delta_{ij})^2 = n|\nabla H|^2.
 \tag{2.7}$$

Combining (2.7) with Lemma 2 we get

$$n|\nabla H|^2 \geq \frac{3n^2}{n+2}|\nabla H|^2,$$

which implies that $|\nabla H|^2 = 0$ so that $H = \text{constant}$. This proves Theorem 1.

By Theorem 1 we have

$$\sum_{ijk\alpha} h_{ij}^\alpha h_{kkij}^\alpha = 0. \tag{2.8}$$

Using (1.1), (1.2) and (2.1), by a simple calculation we derive

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{ijkl\alpha} h_{ij}^\alpha h_{hl}^\alpha R_{lijk} + \sum_{ijkl\alpha} h_{ij}^\alpha h_{li}^\alpha r_{lkjk} + \sum_{ijk\alpha\beta} h_{ij}^\alpha h_{ki}^\beta R_{\alpha\beta jk} \\ &= nCS - n^2H^2C - nH^2S + \sum_{\alpha\beta} (\text{tr}H_\alpha H_\beta)^2 + \sum_{\alpha\beta} N(H_\alpha H_\beta - H_\beta H_\alpha). \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

Substituting (2.8) and (2.9) into (1.6) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}\Delta S &= \sum_{ijk\alpha} (h_{ijk}^\alpha)^2 + n(C - H^2)S - n^2H^2C \\ &+ \sum_{\alpha\beta} (\text{tr}H_\alpha H_\beta)^2 + \sum_{\alpha\beta} N(H_\alpha H_\beta - H_\beta H_\alpha). \end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

Because

$$\sum_{\alpha\beta} (\text{tr}H_\alpha H_\beta)^2 \geq \sum_{\alpha} (\text{tr}H_\alpha^2)^2 \geq \frac{1}{p} \left(\sum_{\alpha} \text{tr}H_\alpha^2 \right)^2 = \frac{1}{p}S^2$$

and

$$N(H_\alpha H_\beta - H_\beta H_\alpha) \geq 0,$$

by (2.10) we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}\Delta S &\geq \sum_{ijk\alpha} (h_{ijk}^\alpha)^2 + n(C - H^2)S - n^2H^2C + \frac{1}{p}S^2 \\ &\geq n(C - H^2)S - n^2H^2C + \frac{1}{p}S^2. \end{aligned} \tag{2.11}$$

In order to prove Theorem 2, we need the following:

Lemma 3 [2,3]. *Let M be a complete Riemannian manifold with Ricci curvature bounded from below. Let f be a C^2 -function which is bounded from below on M . Then for all $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a point x in M such that, at x*

$$|\nabla f| < \varepsilon, \quad \nabla f > -\varepsilon, \quad f(x) < \inf f + \varepsilon.$$

Put $f = \frac{1}{\sqrt{S+a}}$ for any positive constant a . It is clear that f is a bounded function on M^n and when f goes to the infimum, S goes to the supremum. By the direct computation we have

$$|\nabla f|^2 = \frac{|\nabla S|^2}{4} f^6 \tag{2.12}$$

and

$$\Delta f = -\frac{1}{2} f^3 \Delta S + \frac{3}{4} |\nabla S|^2 f^5,$$

namely

$$f^4 \Delta S = \frac{3}{2} |\nabla S|^2 f^6 - 2f \Delta f. \tag{2.13}$$

Substituting (2.12) into (2.13) we get

$$f^4 \Delta S = 6|\nabla f|^2 - 2f \Delta f. \tag{2.14}$$

According to Lemma 1 we know that the Ricci curvature of M^n is bounded from below. Thus, using Lemma 3 for any positive constant $\epsilon_m (\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \epsilon_m = 0)$, there exists $x_m \in M^n$ such that

$$|\nabla f(x_m)| < \epsilon_m, \quad \Delta f(x_m) > -\epsilon_m, \quad f(x_m) < \inf f + \epsilon_m.$$

Combining (2.14) we obtain

$$\Delta S(x_m) f^4(x_m) < 6\epsilon_m^2 + 2\epsilon_m(\inf f + \epsilon_m). \tag{2.15}$$

From (2.11) and (2.15) we get at x_m

$$3\epsilon_m^2 + \epsilon_m(\inf f + \epsilon_m) > [n(C - nH^2)S(x_m) - n^2H^2C + \frac{1}{p}S^2(x_m)]f^4(x_m). \tag{2.16}$$

Now, we put $S_0 = \sup S = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} S(x_m)$. Therefore when $m \rightarrow \infty$, (2.16) implies

$$0 \leq n(C - H^2)S_0 - n^2H^2C + \frac{1}{p}S_0^2,$$

which yields

$$S_0 \leq \frac{np[H^2 - C + \sqrt{(H^2 - C)^2 + 4H^2C/p}]}{2}.$$

Since $nH^2 \leq S \leq \sup S = S_0$, we get

$$nH^2 \leq S \leq \frac{np[H^2 - C + \sqrt{(H^2 - C)^2 + 4H^2C/p}]}{2}.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.

It is obvious that when $H \equiv 0$ i.e., M^n is maximal, from Theorem 2 may obtain Theorem A, immediately. In fact, when $H \equiv 0$, from (2.17) we see

$$0 \leq S \leq \frac{-npC + np|C|}{2},$$

which follows that when $C \geq 0$, $S \equiv 0$, i.e., M^n is totally geodesic; when $C < 0$, $0 \leq S \leq -npC$. To prove Theorem 3, we need the following:

Lemma 4 [5]. *Let $H_i (i \geq 2)$ be symmetric $(n \times n)$ -matrices, $S_i = \text{tr}H_i^2$ and $S = \sum_i S_i$. Then*

$$\sum_{ij} N(H_iH_j - H_jH_i) + \sum_{ij} (\text{tr}H_iH_j)^2 \leq \frac{3}{2}S^2$$

and the equality holds if and only if all $H_i = 0$ or there exist two H_i different from zero. Moreover, if $H_1 \neq 0$, $H_2 \neq 0$, $H_i = 0 (i \neq 1, 2)$, then $S_1 = S_2$ and there exists an orthogonal $(n \times n)$ -matrix T such that

$$TH_1^tT = \begin{pmatrix} f & 0 & \mathbf{0} \\ 0 & -f & \mathbf{0} \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}, \quad TH_2^tT = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & f & \mathbf{0} \\ f & 0 & \mathbf{0} \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{where } f = \sqrt{\frac{S_1}{2}}$$

According to the assumption of Theorem 3, the second fundamental form of M^n is parallel, i.e., $h_{ijk}^\alpha = 0$ for all i, j, k, α , so S is a constant. Hence from (2.10) we obtain

$$0 = \frac{1}{2}\Delta S = n(C - H^2)S - n^2H^2C + \sum_{\alpha\beta} N(H_\alpha H_\beta - H_\beta H_\alpha) + \sum_{\alpha\beta} (\text{tr}H_\alpha H_\beta)^2. \quad (2.18)$$

When $p > 0$, applying Lemma 4 to (2.18) we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= n(C - H^2)S - n^2H^2C + \sum_{\alpha\beta} N(H_\alpha H_\beta - H_\beta H_\alpha) + \sum_{\alpha\beta} (\text{tr}H_\alpha H_\beta)^2 \\ &\leq n(C - H^2)S - n^2H^2C + \frac{3}{2}S^2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.19)$$

In particular, when the equality

$$3S^2 + 2n(C - H^2)S - 2n^2H^2C = 0 \quad (2.20)$$

holds, from (2.19) we see that the following equality

$$\sum_{\alpha\beta} N(H_\alpha H_\beta - H_\beta H_\alpha) + \sum_{\alpha\beta} (\text{tr}H_\alpha H_\beta)^2 = \frac{3}{2}S^2$$

holds. Therefore by Lemma 4 we see that there exist two matrices $H_{n+1} \neq 0$, $H_{n+2} \neq 0$, $H_\alpha = 0$, $\alpha \neq n + 1, n + 2$. Moreover, we may assume that

$$H_{n+1} = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & \mathbf{0} \\ 0 & -a & \mathbf{0} \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}, \quad H_{n+2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & \mathbf{0} \\ a & 0 & \mathbf{0} \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{where } a = \sqrt{-\frac{n}{6}C}.$$

Thus, we know that $trH_{n+1} = trH_{n+2} = 0$, and combining (2.1) we see that $H \equiv 0$ i.e., M^n is maximal. Therefore, (2.20) implies that when $C \geq 0$, M^n is totally geodesic; when $C < 0$ and $S \neq 0$, $S = -\frac{3}{2}C$. Now, we put

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_\alpha &= \sum_{ij} (h_{ij}^\alpha)^2, \\
 p\sigma_1 &= \sum_\alpha S_\alpha = S, \\
 p(p-1)\sigma_2 &= \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} S_\alpha S_\beta.
 \end{aligned}$$

From those we get

$$p^2(p-1)(\sigma_1^2 - \sigma_2) = \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} (S_\alpha - S_\beta)^2.$$

Because $S_{n+1} = S_{n+2} = 2a^2 = -\frac{1}{3}nC$, we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &p^2(p-1)(\sigma_1^2 - \sigma_2) \\
 &= p^2(p-1) \left\{ \frac{1}{p^2} S^2 - \frac{1}{p(p-1)} \left[\sum_{\alpha\beta} S_\alpha S_\beta - \sum_\alpha S_\alpha^2 \right] \right\} \\
 &= p^2(p-1) \left[\frac{1}{p^2} S^2 - \frac{1}{p(p-1)} (S^2 - 8a^4) \right] \\
 &= p^2(p-1) \left[\frac{1}{p^2} S^2 - \frac{1}{p(p-1)} (S^2 - \frac{1}{2} S^2) \right] \\
 &= \frac{p-2}{2} S^2 = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Which shows $p = 2$. On the other hand, using the same method as that of [9], under the hypothesis of Theorem 3 we can prove $n = 2$. Here we omit it. Thus we obtain $n = p = 2$ and $S = -\frac{4}{3}C$ so that $M^2 = H^2(\sqrt{-C})$ in the hyperbolic Veronese surface $H^4_2\left(\sqrt{-\frac{C}{3}}\right)$ (cf. [1]). This completes the proof of Theorem 3.

From Theorem 3 we can obtain

Corollary. *Let M^n be a maximal spacelike pseudo-umbilical submanifold with parallel second fundamental form in $N_p^{n+p}(C)$, $p > 1$. Then M^n is totally geodesic or $S \geq -\frac{2}{3}nC$ ($C < 0$) and when the equality holds, $n = p = 2$ and $M^2 = H^2(\sqrt{-C})$ is a hyperbolic Veronese surface in $H^4_2\left(\sqrt{-\frac{C}{3}}\right)$.*

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