

## ON O. BONNET III-ISOMETRY OF SURFACES IN THREE DIMENSIONAL EUCLIDEAN SPACE

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### Abstract

In this paper we consider O. Bonnet III-isometry (or BIII-isometry) of surfaces in 3-dimensional Euclidean space  $E^3$ . Suppose a map  $F: M \rightarrow M^*$  is a diffeomorphism, and  $F^*(\text{III}^*) = \text{III}$ ,  $\kappa_i(m) = \kappa_i^*(m^*)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , where  $m \in M$ ,  $m^* \in M^*$ ,  $m^* = F(m)$ ,  $\kappa_i$  and  $\kappa_i^*$  are the principal curvatures of surfaces  $M$  and  $M^*$  at the points  $m$  and  $m^*$ , respectively,  $\text{III}$  and  $\text{III}^*$  are the third fundamental forms of  $M$  and  $M^*$ , respectively. In this case, we call  $F$  an O. Bonnet III-isometry from  $M$  to  $M^*$ . O. Bonnet I-isometries were considered in references [1]–[5].

We distinguish three cases about BIII-surfaces, which admits a non-trivial BIII-isometry. We obtain some geometric properties of BIII-surfaces and BIII-isometries in these three cases; see Theorems 1, 2, 3 (in Section 2). We study some special BIII-surfaces: the minimal BIII-surfaces; BIII-surfaces of revolution; and BIII-surfaces with constant Gaussian curvature; see Theorems 4, 5, 6 (in Section 3).

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### 0. Introduction

O. Bonnet [1] was the first to study the isometric deformations of surfaces in 3-dimensional Euclidean space  $E^3$  which preserve mean curvature. Also W. C. Graustein [4] and E. Cartan [2] did some work in this area. Recently, S. S. Chern [3] obtained an interesting result about the surfaces with mean curvature  $H \neq \text{constant}$ . After that, I. M. Roussos [5] got some detailed results. In this paper, a more general definition of O. Bonnet deformations is given.

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Let  $M$  and  $M^*$  be two surfaces in the Euclidean space  $E^3$ . Suppose I, II, III are the first, second, third fundamental forms of the surface  $M$ , respectively. We shall denote the quantities pertaining to  $M^*$  by the same symbols with asterisks “\*”.

DEFINITION. Suppose  $F: M \rightarrow M^*$  is a diffeomorphism, and  $F^*(I^*) = I$  or  $F^*(II^*) = II$  or  $F^*(III^*) = III$ , where  $F^*$  represents  $F$ 's cotangent map. Then we call  $F$  a I- or II- or III-isometry of  $M$  and  $M^*$ , respectively. Moreover, suppose  $F$  preserves the principal curvatures at the corresponding points:

$$\kappa_i(m) = \kappa_i^*(m^*), \quad m^* = F(m), \quad i = 1, 2,$$

where  $m \in M$ ,  $m^* \in M^*$ ,  $\kappa_i$  and  $\kappa_i^*$  are the principal curvatures of  $M$  and  $M^*$ . In this case, we call  $F$  an O. Bonnet I or II or III-isometry, denoted by BI or BII or BIII-isometry, respectively. If a surface  $M$  admits a non-trivial BI or BII or BIII-isometry, we call  $M$  a Bonnet I or II or III-surface, respectively.

Isometric deformations which were considered in [1]–[5] are BI-isometries, because an isometric deformation preserves Gaussian curvature  $K$ , so if the map preserves mean curvature  $H$ , then it preserves the two principal curvatures  $\kappa_1$  and  $\kappa_2$ , and hence it is a BI-isometry.

In the present paper we shall study BIII-isometries and obtain some results given in Theorems 1–6, which are shown to be similar to the case of BI-isometries.

### 1. Lemmas and formulas

We shall let  $\omega = \omega_1 + i\omega_2$  ( $i^2 = -1$ ) be the complex structure of the metric  $I = (\omega_1)^2 + (\omega_2)^2$  and let  $\omega_{12}$  be the connection form associated to I, which is determined by the structural equations

$$d\omega_1 = -\omega_2 \wedge \omega_{12}, \quad d\omega_2 = \omega_1 \wedge \omega_{12}$$

or

$$d\omega = i\omega \wedge \omega_{12},$$

where  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  are two real linearly independent forms.

LEMMA 1. Suppose  $\omega$  is a complex structure.

(i) If  $\omega^* = \bar{\omega}$ , then  $\omega_{12}^* = -\omega_{12}$ .

(ii) If  $\omega^* = e^{i\tau} \omega$ , then  $\omega_{12}^* = \omega_{12} - d\tau$ .

(iii) If  $\omega^* = A\omega$ , then  $\omega_{12}^* = \omega_{12} + *d \log A$ .

Here  $\tau, A$  are functions, and “ $*$ ” is the Hodge  $*$ -operator with

$$*\omega_1 = \omega_2, \quad *\omega_2 = -\omega_1.$$

We consider a piece of an oriented surface  $M$  in  $E^3$ , which we assume to be sufficiently differentiable and with no umbilic points and non-zero Gaussian curvature. Over  $M$  there is a field of orthonormal frames  $me_1e_2e_3$ , such that  $m \in M$ , where unit vectors  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are the principal directions of  $M$  at  $m$ , and  $e_3$  is the unit normal vector to  $M$  at  $m$ . Suppose  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  are a basis of the 1-forms of  $M$  dual to the field of principal frames. Set  $a > c$ , and

$$(1) \quad \omega_1 = a\omega_{13}, \quad \omega_2 = c\omega_{23}, \quad ac \neq 0,$$

$$(2) \quad \omega_{12} = h\omega_{13} + k\omega_{23}.$$

The mean curvature and the Gaussian curvature of  $M$  are

$$(3) \quad H = \frac{1}{2}(a^{-1} + c^{-1}), \quad K = (ac)^{-1}.$$

The structural equations of  $M$  are

$$(4) \quad d\omega_1 = -\omega_2 \wedge \omega_{12}, \quad d\omega_2 = \omega_1 \wedge \omega_{12},$$

$$(5) \quad d\omega_{12} = -K\omega_1 \wedge \omega_2 = -\omega_{13} \wedge \omega_{23},$$

$$(6) \quad d\omega_{13} = -\omega_{23} \wedge \omega_{12}, \quad d\omega_{23} = \omega_{13} \wedge \omega_{12}.$$

The metric of the Gaussian image  $g(M)$  of  $M$  is

$$(7) \quad I_g = (\omega_{13})^2 + (\omega_{23})^2.$$

The complex structure of this metric is

$$(8) \quad \omega = \omega_{13} + i\omega_{23}.$$

From (6), we have

$$(9) \quad d\omega = i\omega \wedge \omega_{12}.$$

We denote

$$(10) \quad f = a - c > 0, \quad g = a + c = 2HK^{-1}.$$

Taking exterior derivatives of (1) and using (4) and (6), we get the existence of functions  $\alpha, \beta, \nu, \delta$ , such that

$$(11) \quad \begin{aligned} da &= \alpha\omega_{13} + \beta\omega_{23} = \alpha\omega_{13} + fh\omega_{23}, \\ f\omega_{12} &= \beta\omega_{13} + \nu\omega_{23}, \quad \beta = fh, \quad \nu = fk, \\ dc &= \nu\omega_{13} + \delta\omega_{23} = fk\omega_{13} + \delta\omega_{23}. \end{aligned}$$

Taking exterior derivatives of (11) and using (5), (6) and (11), we get the existence of  $A, B, \dots, E$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\alpha &= 3\beta\omega_{12} + A\omega_{13} + B\omega_{23} = (A + 3fh^2)\omega_{13} + (B + 3fhk)\omega_{23}, \\
 d\beta &= -(\alpha + 2\nu)\omega_{12} + B\omega_{13} + (C + a)\omega_{23} \\
 &= [B - fh(\alpha f^{-1} - 2k)]\omega_{13} + [C + a - fh(\alpha f^{-1} - 2k)]\omega_{23}, \\
 d\nu &= (\delta + 2\beta)\omega_{12} + (C + c)\omega_{13} + D\omega_{23} \\
 &= [C + c + fh(\delta f^{-1} - 2h)]\omega_{13} + [D + fk(\delta f^{-1} - 2h)]\omega_{23}, \\
 d\delta &= -3\nu\omega_{12} + D\omega_{13} + E\omega_{23} = (D - 3fhk)\omega_{13} + (E - 3fk^2)\omega_{23}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{12}$$

Using (10) and (11), we get

$$dg = 2d(HK^{-1}) = f(u\omega_{13} + v\omega_{23}), \tag{13}$$

$$df = f[(u - 2k)\omega_{13} - (v - 2h)\omega_{23}], \tag{14}$$

where

$$fu = \alpha + \nu, \quad fv = \beta + \delta. \tag{15}$$

Then we can determine the following 1-forms. By using  $u, v$  in (15), let

$$\theta_1 = u\omega_{13} + v\omega_{23}, \quad \theta_2 = *\theta_1 = -v\omega_{13} + u\omega_{23}, \tag{16}$$

$$\alpha_1 = u\omega_{13} - v\omega_{23}, \quad \alpha_2 = *\alpha_1 = v\omega_{13} + u\omega_{23}. \tag{17}$$

If  $HK^{-1} = \text{constant}$ , then  $\theta_i = \alpha_i = 0$ ; if  $HK^{-1} \neq \text{constant}$ ,  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$ , or  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  are linearly independent. From (13) and (14), it follows that

$$dg = f\theta_1, \tag{18}$$

$$d \log f = \alpha_1 + 2*\omega_{12}. \tag{19}$$

According to (3),

$$4K^{-1} = g^2 - f^2. \tag{20}$$

Taking derivatives of (20) and using (18) and (19), we have

$$2f^{-1}d(K^{-1}) = g\theta_1 - f(\alpha_2 + 2*\omega_{12}). \tag{21}$$

Suppose  $HK^{-1} \neq \text{constant}$ . We denote

$$u + iv = Le^{i\psi}, \tag{22}$$

$$L^2 = u^2 + v^2 = f^{-2}[\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \nu^2 + \delta^2 + 2(\alpha\nu + \beta\delta)]. \tag{23}$$

$$\cos \psi = uL^{-1}, \quad \sin \psi = vL^{-1}. \tag{24}$$

Let

$$\theta = \theta_1 + i\theta_2, \tag{25}$$

$$\alpha = \alpha_1 + i\alpha_2. \tag{26}$$

Using (8), (16), (17), and (22), we get

$$(27) \quad \theta = Le^{-i\psi} \omega, \quad \alpha = Le^{i\psi} \omega, \quad \theta = e^{-2i\psi} \alpha,$$

$$\theta_1 = \alpha_1 \cos 2\psi + \alpha_2 \sin 2\psi = L(\omega_{13} \cos \psi + \omega_{23} \sin \psi),$$

$$(27)' \quad \theta_2 = -\alpha_1 \sin 2\psi + \alpha_2 \cos 2\psi = L(-\omega_{13} \sin \psi + \omega_{23} \cos \psi),$$

$$\alpha_1 = L(\omega_{13} \cos \psi - \omega_{23} \sin \psi), \quad \alpha_2 = L(\omega_{13} \sin \psi + \omega_{23} \cos \psi).$$

From (10), (20), (23) and (13), it follows that

$$f^2 = 4[(HK^{-1})^2 - K^{-1}], \quad [\text{grad}(g)]^2 = 4[\text{grad}(HK^{-1})]^2 = f^2 L^2,$$

so

$$(28) \quad L^2 = 4f^{-2}[\text{grad}(g)]^2 = \frac{[\text{grad}(HK^{-1})]^2}{(HK^{-1})^2 - K^{-1}}.$$

We now consider a metric which is conformal to  $I_g$  (see (7))

$$(29) \quad \widehat{I} = (\alpha_1)^2 + (\alpha_2)^2 = L^2 I_g.$$

Let  $\theta_{12}$  and  $\alpha_{12}$  be the connection forms associated to complex structures  $\theta$  and  $\alpha$ , respectively. From (27), using Lemma 1, we have

$$(30) \quad \theta_{12} = \omega_{12} + d\psi + *d \log L,$$

$$(31) \quad \alpha_{12} = \omega_{12} - d\psi + *d \log L,$$

$$(32) \quad \theta_{12} = \alpha_{12} + 2d\psi.$$

We rewrite (2) as

$$(2)'\quad \omega_{12} = h'\alpha_1 + k'\alpha_2.$$

From (2)' and (27), we have

$$(33) \quad fLh' = f^{-1}(h \cos \psi - k \sin \psi) = \alpha\beta - \nu\delta,$$

$$fLk' = f^{-1}(h \sin \psi + k \cos \psi) = \alpha\nu + \beta\delta + \beta^2 + \nu^2.$$

Taking derivatives of (23) and using (11), (12), (18) and (19), we get

$$(34) \quad d \log L = -\alpha_1 - 2 * \omega_{12} + *\Omega + \rho\theta_1,$$

where

$$(35) \quad 2fL^2\Omega = 2(B + D)\alpha_1 - (A - E - f)\alpha_2,$$

$$(36) \quad 2fL^2\rho = A + 2C + E + 2HK^{-1}.$$

From (24), it can be seen that

$$(24)'\quad u \sin \psi - v \cos \psi = 0.$$

Taking derivatives of (24)', using (11) and previous formulas, we get

$$(37) \quad d\psi = -\omega_{12} + \Omega + \rho\theta_2.$$

Inserting (34) and (37) into (30) and (31), we get

$$(38) \quad \theta_{12} = 2\omega_{12} - \alpha_2 + 2\rho\theta_2,$$

$$(39) \quad \alpha_{12} = 4\omega_{12} - \alpha_2 - 2\Omega = 2\omega_{12} - \alpha_2 - 2d\psi + 2\rho\theta_2.$$

Let

$$(40) \quad \alpha_{12} = P\alpha_1 + Q\alpha_2,$$

where  $P$ ,  $Q$  are two functions. Using (39), (35), (36), (2)' and (33) gives

$$(41) \quad \begin{aligned} P &= -2(fL)^{-2}[f(B+D) + 2(\alpha\beta - \gamma\delta)], \\ Q &= 1 + (fL)^{-2}[f(A-E-f) - 2(\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \nu^2 + \delta^2)]. \end{aligned}$$

By solving (39), we have

$$(39)' \quad \Omega = 2\omega_{12} - \frac{1}{2}[P\alpha_1 + (Q+1)\alpha_2].$$

Inserting (39)' into (34) and (37), we get

$$(42) \quad 2d \log L = (Q-1)\alpha_1 - P\alpha_2 + 2\rho\theta_1,$$

$$(43) \quad 2d\psi = 2\omega_{12} - [P\alpha_1 + (Q+1)\alpha_2] + 2\rho\theta_2.$$

Set

$$(44) \quad dP = P_i\alpha_i, \quad dQ = Q_i\alpha_i, \quad d\rho = \rho_i\alpha_i, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Taking exterior derivatives of (42), we have

$$(45) \quad (d\rho - \rho * \theta_{12}) \wedge \theta_1 + J\theta_1 \wedge \theta_2 = 0,$$

where

$$(46) \quad -2J = P + P_1 + Q_2.$$

Taking exterior derivatives of (43), we have

$$(47) \quad (d\rho - \rho * \theta_{12}) \wedge \theta_2 - I\theta_1 \wedge \theta_2 = 0,$$

where

$$(48) \quad 2I = \hat{K} - Q - 2L^{-2}$$

and  $\hat{K}$  is the Gaussian curvature of the metric  $\hat{I}$  (see (29)) so that

$$(49) \quad d\alpha_{12} = -\hat{K}\alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2, \quad \hat{K} = -P^2 - Q^2 + P^2 - Q_1.$$

From (45) and (47), we obtain

$$(50)' \quad d\rho - \rho * \theta_{12} = -I\theta_1 + J\theta_2$$

or, by (32) and (48),

$$(50) \quad \begin{aligned} d\rho &= \rho * \theta_{12} - I\theta_1 + J\theta_2 \\ &= \rho(*\alpha_{12} + 2 * d\psi) + [L^{-2} - \frac{1}{2}(\widehat{K} - Q)]\theta_1 + J\theta_2. \end{aligned}$$

Taking exterior derivatives of [19] and using (40), we get

$$(51) \quad d * \omega_{12} = -\frac{1}{2}P\alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2.$$

Applying the \*-operator and taking exterior derivatives of (40), we get

$$(52) \quad d * \alpha_{12} = (P_1 + Q_2)\alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2.$$

Similarly, from (31), using (51) and (52), we get

$$(53) \quad d * d\psi = (2J + \frac{1}{2}P)\alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2$$

and from (30) and (19), we have

$$(54) \quad d * \theta_{12} = 2J\alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2,$$

$$(55) \quad d * d \log f = (Q + 2L^{-2})\alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2.$$

Applying the \*-operator to (34) and using (37), we get

$$(56) \quad *d \log L = -\omega_{12} + \alpha_{12} + d\psi.$$

Taking exterior derivatives of the above equation,

$$(57) \quad d * d \log L = (L^{-2} - \widehat{K})\alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2.$$

We denote

$$(58) \quad d\psi = \psi_i\alpha_i, \quad dJ = J_i\alpha_i, \quad d(\widehat{K} - Q) = (\widehat{K} - Q)_i\alpha_i, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Taking exterior derivatives of (50) gives

$$(59) \quad \begin{aligned} (-I\theta_1 + J\theta_2) \wedge *\theta_{12} + (I\theta_2 + J\theta_1) \wedge \theta_{12} + I(d * \alpha_{12} + 2d * d\psi) \\ - [\frac{1}{2}d(\widehat{K} - Q) - dL^{-2}] \wedge \theta_1 + dJ \wedge \theta_2 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Let us compute the left side in (59).

(a) The sum of the first two terms is

$$(60) \quad \begin{aligned} (-I\theta_1 + J\theta_2) \wedge (*\alpha_{12} + 2 * d\psi) + (I\theta_2 + J\theta_1) \wedge \theta_{12} \\ = \{[-I(P + 1\psi_1) + J(Q + 2\psi_2)] \cos 2\psi \\ - [I(Q + 2\psi_2) + J(P + 2\psi_1)] \sin 2\psi\} \alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2. \end{aligned}$$

(b) The third term is

$$(61) \quad I(d * \alpha_{12} + 2d * d\psi) = 2\rho J\alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2.$$

(c) The sum of the last two terms is

$$\begin{aligned}
 (62) \quad & -[\frac{1}{2}d(\widehat{K} - Q) - dL^{-2}] \wedge \theta_1 + dJ \wedge \theta_2 \\
 & = -2L^{-2}d \log L \wedge \theta_1 - \frac{1}{2}d(\widehat{K} - Q) \wedge \theta_1 + dJ \wedge \theta_2 \\
 & = \{[\frac{1}{2}(\widehat{K} - Q)_2 + J_1] \cos 2\psi - [\frac{1}{2}(\widehat{K} - Q)_1 - J_2] \sin 2\psi \\
 & \quad - L^{-2}[P \cos 2\psi + (Q - 1) \sin 2\psi]\} \alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Inserting (60)–(62) into (59), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (63) \quad & \rho J - \frac{1}{2}L^{-2}[P \cos 2\psi + (Q + 1) \sin 2\psi] \\
 & + \{-I(P + 2\psi_1) + J(Q + 2\psi_2) + \frac{1}{2}[\frac{1}{2}(\widehat{K} - Q)_2 + J_1]\} \cos 2\psi \\
 & - \{J(P + 2\psi_1) + I(Q + 2\psi_2) + \frac{1}{2}[\frac{1}{2}(\widehat{K} - Q)_1 - J_2]\} \sin 2\psi = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

We need the following lemma.

**LEMMA 2.** *A necessary and sufficient condition for a surface  $M$  with  $HK^{-1} \neq \text{constant}$  to be a Weingarten-surface is*

$$(64) \quad (P + 2\psi_1) \cos 2\psi + (Q + 2\psi_2) \sin 2\psi = 0.$$

**PROOF.** According to (10), (18) and (21), a necessary and sufficient condition for  $M$  to be a  $W$ -surface is  $da \wedge dc = 0$ , which can be written as

$$(65) \quad (\alpha_1 + 2 * \omega_{12}) \wedge \theta_1 = 0.$$

Applying the  $*$ -operator to (39), we get

$$\alpha_1 + 2 * \omega_{12} = * \alpha_{12} + 2 * d\psi + 2\rho\theta_1.$$

Using the above equation from (65), we have

$$*(\alpha_{12} + 2d\psi) \wedge \theta_1 = 0$$

or

$$(\alpha_{12} + 2d\psi) \wedge \theta_2 = 0.$$

Using (40), (58), (27)' and rewriting the above equation, we see that (64) follows.

### 2. BIII-isometry

Let  $F: M \rightarrow M^*$  be a III-isometry from  $M$  to  $\overset{*}{M}$ , with  $me_1e_2e_3$  and  $\overset{*}{m}\overset{*}{e}_1\overset{*}{e}_2\overset{*}{e}_3$  the fields of principal frames over  $M$  and  $\overset{*}{M}$ , respectively. We have

$$(1) \quad \omega_1 = a\omega_{13}, \quad \omega_2 = c\omega_{23}, \quad \overset{*}{\omega}_1 = \overset{*}{a}\overset{*}{\omega}_{13}, \quad \overset{*}{\omega}_2 = \overset{*}{c}\overset{*}{\omega}_{23}.$$



Let

$$\omega = \omega_{13} + i\omega_{23}, \quad \overset{*}{\omega} = \overset{*}{\omega}_{13} + i\overset{*}{\omega}_{23}.$$

Since  $F$  is a III-isometry, we have

$$(2) \quad \overset{*}{\omega} = e^{i\tau} \omega$$

or

$$(2)' \quad \overset{*}{\omega}_{13} = \omega_{13} \cos \tau - \omega_{23} \sin \tau, \quad \overset{*}{\omega}_{23} = \omega_{13} \sin \tau + \omega_{23} \cos \tau,$$

where  $\tau$  is an angle of rotation of the principal directions during the BIII-isometric deformation. On the other hand, from the invariance of principal curvatures, we get

$$(3) \quad \overset{*}{a} = a, \quad \overset{*}{c} = c.$$

Using (1.10) and (3) gives

$$(4) \quad \overset{*}{f} = f, \quad \overset{*}{g} = g.$$

From (1.16), (1.33) and (1.24),

$$(5) \quad \overset{*}{\theta}_1 = \theta_1$$

or

$$\overset{*}{u}\overset{*}{\omega}_{13} + \overset{*}{v}\overset{*}{\omega}_{23} = u\omega_{13} + v\omega_{23},$$

which gives, in view of (2)',

$$(6) \quad \overset{*}{u} = u \cos \tau - v \sin \tau, \quad \overset{*}{v} = u \sin \tau + v \cos \tau.$$

Taking derivatives of the first equation in (4) and using (1.19) we get

$$(7) \quad \overset{*}{\alpha}_1 + 2 \overset{*}{\omega}_{12} = \alpha_1 + 2 \omega_{12}.$$

Using Lemma 1 from (2), we have

$$(8) \quad \overset{*}{\omega}_{12} = \omega_{12} - \tau.$$

Using (7), (8), we have

$$(9) \quad d\tau = \frac{1}{2}(\alpha_2 - \overset{*}{\alpha}_2).$$

From (6) and (1.27)'

$$(10) \quad \overset{*}{\alpha}_2 = \alpha_1 \sin 2\tau + \alpha_2 \cos 2\tau.$$

Putting

$$(11) \quad t = \text{ctg } \tau,$$

we get from (9),

$$(12) \quad dt = t\alpha_1 - \alpha_2.$$

This is the total differential equation satisfied by the angle  $\tau$ . In order that the BIII-isometry be non-trivial it is both necessary and sufficient that (12) is integrable. Taking exterior derivatives of (12), in view of (1.40), we get an integrable condition

$$(13) \quad tP + 1 - Q = 0.$$

Now let us distinguish three cases about BIII-isometry. Similarly, BI-isometry is classified into three types.

(1) *First type*,  $HK^{-1} = \text{constant}$ . Then by (1.13),  $\alpha_i = 0, i = 1, 2$ .

(2) *Second type*,  $HK^{-1} \neq \text{constant}$ , and  $P \equiv 0, Q \equiv 1$ . Then (13) holds identically for all  $t$ , and (12) has a continuum of solutions, each depending on an arbitrary constant. Thus we obtain a one-parameter family of surfaces BIII-isometric to  $M$ .

(3) *Third type*,  $HK^{-1} \neq \text{constant}$ , and  $P \neq 0, Q \neq 1$ . Then from (13), we have

$$(13)' \quad t = (Q - 1)P^{-1},$$

and (12) has a single solution. Thus we obtain a single surface which is BIII-isometric to  $M$ .

**THEOREM 1.** *Any surface with constant  $HK^{-1}$  is a BIII-surface of the first type. In other words, any surface with constant  $HK^{-1}$  can be III-isometrically deformed, preserving the principal curvatures. During this deformation the principal directions are rotated by a fixed angle  $\tau$  ( $= \text{constant}$ ).*

Since in this case  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 0, dt = 0, t = \text{constant}, \tau = \text{constant}$ , Theorem 1 naturally holds. This theorem is an analogy of O. Bonnet's theorem for BI-isometries [1].

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $M$  be a BIII-surface of the second type, that is,  $HK^{-1} \neq \text{constant}$  and  $P \equiv 0, Q \equiv 1$ .*

(i) *The metric which is conformal to the metric  $I_g$  of the Gaussian image  $g(M)$  of  $M$ ,*

$$\hat{I} = \frac{[\text{grad}(HK^{-1})]^2}{(HK^{-1})^2 - K^{-1}} I_g,$$

*has Gaussian curvature equal to  $-1$ , where  $H$  and  $K$  are the mean curvature and Gaussian curvature of  $M$ , respectively.*

(ii)  *$M$  is a  $W$ -surface.*

(iii) *The non-trivial family of BIII-surfaces is a family of surfaces which depends on six arbitrary constants.*

**PROOF.** Since

$$(14) \quad P \equiv 0, \quad Q \equiv 1,$$

(1.3) is identically true for all  $t$ . Using (1.49), we have

$$\widehat{K} = -(P^2 + Q^2 - P_2 + Q_1) = -1.$$

From (14),  $P_i = Q_i = 0$  and using (1.46) and (1.48), we get

$$J = 0, \quad I = -(1 + L^{-2}), \quad J_i = 0, \quad \widehat{K}_i = 0.$$

Inserting the above equations into (1.63) we get

$$(15) \quad 2\psi_1 \cos 2\psi + (1 + 2\psi_2) \sin 2\psi = 0.$$

This is exactly (1.64). By Lemma 2, we obtain (ii).

From (15) we have

$$(16) \quad 2\psi_1 = p \sin 2\psi, \quad 1 + 2\psi_2 = -p \cos 2\psi,$$

where  $p$  is a function. Taking derivatives of (16), we get, for  $i = 1, 2$ ,

$$(17) \quad 2\psi_{1i} = p_i \sin 2\psi + 2p\psi_i \cos 2\psi, \quad 2\psi_{2i} = p_i \cos 2\psi + 2p\psi_i \sin 2\psi.$$

Inserting (17) into (1.53), using  $\psi_{12} = \psi_{21}$  plus  $J = 0$ ,  $P = 0$ , and by solving the equation obtained, we get

$$(18) \quad p_1 = -2p\psi_2, \quad p_2 = 2p\psi_1.$$

It can be verified by differentiating (18) that the integrable condition for  $p$  is satisfied. From our discussion the differentials of the six functions  $a, c, \log L, \rho, \psi, p$  are all determined. Hence our surfaces of non-constant  $HK^{-1}$ , which can be III-isometrically deformed in a non-trivial way preserving the principal curvatures, depend on six arbitrary constants.

**REMARK.** Theorem 2 is analogous to S. S. Chern's Theorem for BI-isometry [4].

About the third type of BIII-surfaces, we only consider the case of a surface satisfying the equation

$$(19) \quad P \cos 2\psi + (Q - 1) \sin 2\psi = 0.$$

First of all, we get the following.

**LEMMA 3.** *Let  $M$  be a BIII-surface, which satisfies (19). Then the following differentials satisfy*

$$(20) \quad d\psi, dP, dQ, dL, d\rho, da, dc \equiv 0 \pmod{\theta_1}.$$

**PROOF.** By solving (13), we get

$$(21) \quad t = (1 - Q)P^{-1}.$$

Inserting (21) into (12).

$$(22) \quad PdQ - (Q - 1)dP = P(Q - 1)\alpha_1 - P^2\alpha_2.$$

Taking exterior derivatives of (22), we have

$$(23) \quad 2dP \wedge dQ = (Q - 1)dP \wedge \alpha_1 + PdQ \wedge \alpha_1 - 2PdP \wedge \alpha_2 - P^2\alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2.$$

Taking the wedge product of (22) with  $dP$ ,  $dQ$ ,  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$ , respectively we obtain

$$(24)_{1-4} \quad \begin{aligned} dP \wedge dQ &= (Q - 1)dP \wedge \alpha_1 - PdP \wedge \alpha_2, \\ (Q - 1)dP \wedge dQ &= P(Q - 1)dQ \wedge \alpha_1 - P^2dQ \wedge \alpha_2, \\ P^2\alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2 &= -(Q - 1)dP \wedge \alpha_1 + PdQ \wedge \alpha_1, \\ P(Q - 1)\alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2 &= -(Q - 1)dP \wedge \alpha_2 + PdQ \wedge \alpha_2. \end{aligned}$$

Taking derivatives of (19), we get

$$(25) \quad dP \cos 2\psi + dQ \sin 2\psi + 2[-P \sin 2\psi + (Q - 1) \cos 2\psi]d\psi = 0.$$

From (19),

$$(19)' \quad \cos 2\psi = \frac{Q - 1}{\sqrt{P^2 + (Q - 1)^2}}, \quad \sin 2\psi = \frac{-P}{\sqrt{P^2 + (Q - 1)^2}}$$

Using (19)' and (22), we get

$$(26) \quad dP \cos 2\psi + dQ \sin 2\psi = -P\theta_1.$$

Inserting (26) into (25), we get

$$(27) \quad 2d\psi = -\theta_1 \sin 2\psi.$$

Taking exterior derivatives of (27), we have

$$\theta_2 \wedge \theta_{12} \cdot \sin 2\psi = 0.$$

Since  $P \neq 0$ ,  $\sin 2\psi \neq 0$ , and it follows that  $\theta_2 \wedge \theta_{12} = 0$ , or

$$(28) \quad (P + 2\psi_1) \cos 2\psi + (Q + 2\psi_2) \sin 2\psi = 0.$$

From (28), using Lemma 2, we have that  $M$  is a  $W$ -surface. Using (28) and (19) we get

$$(29) \quad 2\psi_1 \cos 2\psi + (2\psi_2 + 1) \sin 2\psi = 0.$$

From (19), (28) and (29),

$$(30) \quad \operatorname{tg} 2\psi = \frac{-P}{Q-1} = \frac{-(P+2\psi_1)}{Q+2\psi_2} = \frac{-2\psi_1}{2\psi_{2+1}}.$$

Applying the  $*$ -operator to (27), we have

$$(31) \quad 2 * d\psi = -\theta_2 \sin 2\psi.$$

Taking exterior derivatives of (31), in view of (27), we get

$$(32) \quad 2d * d\psi = P\alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2.$$

On the other hand, from (1.53),

$$2d * d\psi = (4J + P)\alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2.$$

By the above two equations, we get  $J = 0$ , or (see (1.46))

$$(33) \quad P_1 + Q_2 + P = 0.$$

We denote

$$(34) \quad dP = P_i \alpha_i, \quad dQ = Q_i \alpha_i, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

From (23), (24)<sub>1-4</sub> and (33), we have

$$(35) \quad \begin{aligned} 2(P_1 Q_2 - P_2 Q_1) &= -(Q-1)P_2 - PQ_2 - 2PP_1 - P^2, \\ P_1 Q_2 - P_1 Q_1 &= -(Q-1)P_2 - PP_1, \\ (Q-1)(P_1 Q_2 - P_2 Q_1) &= -P[(Q-1)Q_2 + PQ_1], \\ (Q-1)P_2 - PQ_2 &= P^2, \quad P_1 + Q_2 = -P. \end{aligned}$$

By solving (35) for  $P_1, \dots, Q_2$  we get

$$(36) \quad \frac{P_2}{P_1} = \frac{Q_2}{Q_1} = \frac{-P}{Q-1} = \operatorname{tg} 2\psi$$

or

$$(37) \quad \begin{aligned} P_1 \sin 2\psi - P_2 \cos 2\psi &= 0, \quad Q_1 \sin 2\psi - Q_2 \cos 2\psi = 0, \\ PP_1 + (Q-1)P_2 &= 0, \quad PQ_1 + (Q-1)Q_2 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Using (19), (33) and (1.48), from (1.63), we have

$$(38) \quad \begin{aligned} [\frac{1}{2}(\widehat{K} - Q) - L^{-2}][&(P + 2\psi_1) \cos 2\psi + (Q + 2\psi_2) \sin 2\psi] \\ &+ \frac{1}{4}[(\widehat{K} - Q)_2 \cos 2\psi - (\widehat{K} - Q)_1 \sin 2\psi] = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Using (28) and (38) implies

$$(\widehat{K} - Q)_2 \cos 2\psi - (\widehat{K} - Q)_1 \sin 2\psi = 0.$$

From (37) and the above equation, we have

$$(39) \quad \widehat{K}_2 \cos 2\psi - \widehat{K}_1 \sin 2\psi = 0.$$

Using (1.49) and its differential, we get

$$(40) \quad \begin{aligned} -\widehat{K} &= P^2 + Q^2 - P_2 + Q_1, \\ -\widehat{K}_1 &= 2(PP_1 + QQ_1) - P_{21} + Q_{11}, \\ -\widehat{K}_2 &= 2(PP_2 + QQ_2) - P_{22} + Q_{12}. \end{aligned}$$

Using (40), (19)' and (39) implies

$$(41) \quad \begin{aligned} P(Q_{11} - P_{21}) + (Q - 1)(Q_{12} - P_{22}) \\ = 2[P(PP_1 + QQ_1) - (Q - 1)(PP_2 + QQ_2)]. \end{aligned}$$

Then (11), (19) and (21) imply

$$t = \operatorname{ctg} \tau = \frac{Q - 1}{P} = -\operatorname{ctg} 2\psi.$$

Hence

$$(42) \quad \tau = -2\psi + k\pi, \quad k = \text{integer}.$$

We wish to express the differentials on the left side of (20) in terms of  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$ . First, from (37) we have

$$(43) \quad dP = P_1 \sec 2\psi \cdot \theta_1, \quad dQ = Q_1 \sec 2\psi \cdot \theta_1.$$

Furthermore,

$$\alpha_{12} = P\alpha_1 + Q\alpha_2 = \theta_1(P \cos 2\psi + Q \sin 2\psi) + \theta_2(-P \sin 2\psi + Q \cos 2\psi).$$

From (19)', (27), we get

$$(44) \quad \theta_{12} = \alpha_{12} + 2d\psi = (-P \sin 2\psi + Q \cos 2\psi)\theta_2.$$

Using (1.42) gives

$$(45) \quad d \log L = [1 + \frac{1}{2}(Q - 1) \sec 2\psi]\theta_1.$$

From (1.50),

$$(46) \quad d\rho = [L^{-2} - \frac{1}{2}(\widehat{K} - Q) + \rho(P \sin 2\psi - Q \cos 2\psi)]\theta_1.$$

Using (27) and (45), from (1.38) it follows that

$$(47) \quad \omega_{12} = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\psi \cdot \theta_1 - \{1 + \frac{1}{2}[P \sin 2\psi - (Q + 1) \cos 2\psi]\}\theta_2.$$

From (1.18), (1.19) and (47), we get

$$(48) \quad dg = f\theta_1, \quad df = f[2\rho + P \sin 2\psi - (Q - 2) \cos 2\psi]\theta_1.$$

Using (1.10) and (48), we see that

$$(49) \quad \begin{aligned} 2da &= f[2\rho + 1 + P \sin 2\psi - (Q - 2) \cos 2\psi]\theta_1, \\ 2dc &= f[-2\rho + 1 - P \sin 2\psi + (Q - 2) \cos 2\psi]\theta_1. \end{aligned}$$

According to (27), (43), (45), (46) and (49), we obtain (20).

Now we easily obtain the following theorem.

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $M$  be a BIII-surface of the third type, and satisfying equation (19). Then  $M$  is a helicoidal surface.*

A helicoidal surface in  $E^3$  is a surface which is invariant under a helicoidal motion:

$$\begin{aligned} c_t(x) &= x', \quad x = (x_1, x_2, x_3), \quad x' = (x'_1, x'_2, x'_3), \\ x'_1 &= x_1 \cos t + x_2 \sin t, \\ x'_2 &= -x_1 \sin t + x_2 \cos t, \quad -\infty < t < +\infty, \\ x'_3 &= x_3 + bt, \end{aligned}$$

where the  $x_3$ -axis is taken as the axis of a helicoidal motion. Let  $C$  be a curve parametrized by  $s$ :

$$c(s) = (x_1(s), x_2(s), x_3(s)).$$

Any helicoidal surface  $M$  may be considered as the one generated by helicoidal motion of all the points of  $C$ . Thus its parametrization by  $s, t$  is

$$(50) \quad \begin{aligned} x(s, t) &= (x_1(s) \cos t + x_2(s) \sin t, \\ &\quad -x_1(s) \sin t + x_2(s) \cos t, x_3(s) + bt), \end{aligned}$$

where  $b = \text{constant}$ . In other words, on a helicoidal surface there exists a family of helicoidal curves, which have the same helicoidal distance ( $b = \text{constant}$ ) and helicoidal axis.

**PROOF OF THEOREM 3.** Let us show that on the surface  $M$  the set of  $\theta_2$ -curves (the curve along which  $\theta_1 = 0$ ) is a family of helicoidal curves.

First of all, from Lemma 3 we conclude that

$$(51) \quad \psi, P, Q, L, \rho, a, c = \text{constant} \pmod{\theta_1}$$

that is, they are all constant along the  $\theta_2$ -curves ( $\theta_1 = 0$ ). Let us find the curvature  $\kappa$  and torsion  $\tau$  of the  $\theta_2$ -curves.

According to (1.1) and (1.27), along  $\theta_2$ -curves, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1 &= a\omega_{13} = -aL^{-1}\theta_2 \sin \psi, \\ \omega_2 &= c\omega_{23} = cL^{-1}\theta_2 \cos \psi. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the arc length differential of  $\theta_2$ -curves is

$$(52) \quad ds = \sqrt{(\omega_1^2 + \omega_2^2)} = L^{-1} \sqrt{a^2 \sin^2 \psi + c^2 \cos^2 \psi} \theta_2.$$

Since the angle between tangent directions of  $\theta_2$ -curves and the first principal directions ( $\phi = 0$ ) is  $\phi = \psi + \pi/2$ , the normal curvature of  $\theta_2$ -curves, by Euler's theorem is

$$(53) \quad \begin{aligned} \kappa_n &= a^{-1} \cos^2 \phi + c^{-1} \sin^2 \phi \\ &= a^{-1} \sin^2 \psi + c^{-1} \cos^2 \psi. \end{aligned}$$

Along  $\theta_2$ -curves,  $\theta_1 = 0$  implies  $d\psi = 0$ ,  $d\phi = 0$ . Using (47), we have

$$(54) \quad \omega_{12} = -\{1 + \frac{1}{2}[P \sin 2\psi - (Q + 1) \cos 2\psi]\} \theta_2.$$

Using the formula for geodesic curvature  $\kappa_g = d\phi/ds + \omega_{12}/ds$  and (52) and (54), we obtain the geodesic curvature of a  $\theta_2$ -curve

$$(55) \quad \kappa_g = \frac{-L}{\sqrt{a^2 \sin^2 \psi + c^2 \cos^2 \psi}} \{1 + \frac{1}{2}[P \sin 2\psi - (Q + 1) \cos 2\psi]\}.$$

From (51), (53) and (55),  $\kappa_n$  and  $\kappa_g$  are constant on each  $\theta_2$ -curve, so its curvature

$$(56) \quad \kappa = \sqrt{\kappa_n^2 + \kappa_g^2} = \text{constant}.$$

Then the torsion of the  $\theta_2$ -curve is given by

$$(57) \quad \tau = \tau_g + d\theta/ds,$$

where  $\tau_g$  is the geodesic torsion of the  $\theta_2$ -curve,  $\theta$  is the angle between the principal space normal of the  $\theta_2$ -curve and the normal to the surface. We have

$$(58) \quad \tau_g = (c^{-1} - a^{-1}) \cos \phi \sin \phi = (c^{-1} - a^{-1}) \sin \psi \cos \psi, \quad \text{tg } \theta = \kappa_g/\kappa_n.$$

From (51), (57) and (58), torsion  $\tau = \text{constant}$  along the  $\theta_2$ -curve.

Consequently, we have that the  $\theta_2$ -curves are circular helices which are distinct, in general. Thus the surface  $M$  is a helicoidal surface.



### 3. Some special BIII-surfaces

#### 1. The minimal BIII-surfaces.

**THEOREM 4.** *Suppose  $M$  and  $\overset{\star}{M}$  are minimal surfaces, and  $F: M \rightarrow \overset{\star}{M}$  is a mapping. Then  $F$  is a BI-isometry if and only if  $F$  is a BIII-isometry.*

**PROOF.** For any surface  $M$ , we have

$$\text{III} - 2H\text{II} + K\text{I} = 0,$$

where  $H$  and  $K$  are the mean curvature and Gaussian curvature, respectively, and I, II and III are the three fundamental forms of  $M$ . Since  $M$  and  $\overset{\star}{M}$  are minimal surfaces,  $H = \overset{\star}{H} = 0$  and so  $\text{III} = -KI$ ,  $\overset{\star}{\text{III}} = -\overset{\star}{K}\overset{\star}{\text{I}}$ . When  $F$  is a BI or BIII-isometry,  $K = \overset{\star}{K}$ . Thus the above equations imply the conclusion of Theorem 4.

**EXAMPLE.** A BIII-isometry between the catenoid and the helicoid.

Catenoid  $M: m(t, \theta) = (\cosh t \cos \theta, \cosh t \sin \theta, t)$ ,

Helicoid  $\overset{\star}{M}: \overset{\star}{m}(u, v) = (u \cos v, u \sin v, v)$ ,

$$-\infty < t < \infty, \quad 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi, \quad u \geq 0, \quad 0 \leq v < 2\pi.$$

The fundamental forms and curvatures of  $M$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{I} &= \cosh^2 t(dt^2 + d\theta^2), & H &= 0, \\ \text{III} &= \cosh^{-2} t(dt^2 + d\theta^2), & K &= -\cosh^{-4} t. \end{aligned}$$

The fundamental forms and curvatures of  $\overset{\star}{M}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \overset{\star}{\text{I}} &= du^2 + (1 + u^2)dv^2, & \overset{\star}{H} &= 0, \\ \overset{\star}{\text{III}} &= (1 + u^2)^{-2}[du^2 + (1 + u^2)dv^2], & \overset{\star}{K} &= -(1 + u^2)^{-2}. \end{aligned}$$

The mapping  $F(t, \theta) = (u, v): u = \sinh t, v = \theta$  is both a BI-isometry and BIII-isometry:

$$\begin{aligned} F^*(\overset{\star}{\text{I}}) &= \text{I}, & \overset{\star}{F}(\overset{\star}{\text{III}}) &= \text{III}, \\ \overset{\star}{H} &= H = 0, & \overset{\star}{K} &= K. \end{aligned}$$

#### 2. The BIII-surfaces of revolution.

We consider the plane curve  $x = \gamma(z) > 0, y = 0$  and the surface of revolution

$$(1) \quad M: m(z, \theta) = (\gamma(z) \cos \theta, \gamma(z) \sin \theta, z).$$

Thus

$$m'_z = (\gamma' \cos \theta, \gamma' \sin \theta, 1), \quad m'_\theta = (\gamma \sin \theta, \gamma \cos \theta, 0).$$

We choose an orthonormal frame by

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} e_1 &= (\gamma'^2 + 1)^{-1/2} (\gamma' \cos \theta, \gamma' \sin \theta, 1), \\ e_2 &= (-\sin \theta, \cos \theta, 0), \\ e_3 &= e_1 \times e_2 = (\gamma'^2 + 1)^{-1/2} (-\cos \theta, -\sin \theta, \gamma'), \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$(4) \quad \begin{aligned} \omega_1 &= (\gamma'^2 + 1)^{-1/2} dz, \quad \omega_2 = \gamma d\theta, \\ \omega_{12} &= h\omega_1 + k\omega_2, \quad h = 0, \quad k = \gamma'(\gamma'^2 + 1)^{-1/2}, \end{aligned}$$

$$(5) \quad \begin{aligned} \omega_{13} &= a^{-1}\omega_1, \quad a = -(\gamma'')^{-1}(\gamma'^2 + 1)^{3/2}, \quad \gamma'' \neq 0, \\ \omega_{23} &= c^{-1}\omega_2, \quad c = \gamma(\gamma'^2 + 1)^{1/2}, \end{aligned}$$

$$(6) \quad \begin{aligned} f &= a - c = -(\gamma'')^{-1}(\gamma'^2 + 1)^{1/2}(1 + \gamma'^2 + \gamma\gamma''), \\ g &= a + c = (\gamma'')^{-1}(\gamma'^2 + 1)^{1/2}(-1 - \gamma'^2 + \gamma\gamma''). \end{aligned}$$

**THEOREM 5.** *The surfaces of revolution which are BIII-surfaces are exactly as follows.*

(i) *Those of the first type ( $HK^{-1} = \text{constant}$ ), which satisfy*

$$(7) \quad (\gamma'^2 + 1)^{1/2}(\gamma\gamma'' - \gamma'^2 - 1) = c\gamma'', \quad c = \text{constant}.$$

(ii) *Those of the second type, which satisfy*

$$(8) \quad \left[ \frac{g'(\gamma'^2 + 1)}{f\gamma''} \right]' = \left( \frac{g'}{f} \right)^2 \frac{\gamma'^2 + 1}{\gamma''}.$$

(iii) *There are no BIII-surfaces of the third type.*

**PROOF.** According to (6) and (1.13), we have

$$dg = g'dz = f(u\omega_{13} + v\omega_{23}).$$

It follows that

$$(9) \quad u = af^{-1}g'(\gamma'^2 + 1)^{1/2}, \quad v = 0.$$

From (1.16) and (1.17), we get

$$(10) \quad \begin{aligned} \alpha_1 &= \theta_1 = u\omega_{13} = f^{-1}g'dz, \\ \alpha_2 &= \theta_2 = u\omega_{23} = -(f\gamma'')^{-1}g'(\gamma'^2 + 1)d\theta. \end{aligned}$$

Taking exterior derivatives of (10).

$$(11) \quad d\alpha_1 = 0, \quad d\alpha_2 = - \left[ \frac{g'(\gamma'^2 + 1)}{f\gamma''} \right]' dz \wedge d\theta.$$

Using (10), we have

$$(12) \quad \alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2 = - \left[ \frac{g'}{f} \right]^2 \frac{\gamma'^2 + 1}{\gamma''} dz \wedge d\theta.$$

From (11), (12), (1.9) and (1.40), we get

$$(13) \quad P \equiv 0, \quad Q = \left[ \frac{g'(\gamma'^2 + 1)}{f\gamma''} \right]' \left[ \frac{f}{g} \right]^2 \frac{\gamma''}{\gamma'^2 + 1}.$$

For the first type, from  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 0$  or  $u = v = 0$ , using (9),  $g'' = 0$ ,  $g = c = \text{constant}$ , we have that (6)<sub>2</sub> becomes (7).

For the second type, from  $P \equiv 0$ ,  $Q \equiv 1$ , using (13), we have (8).

For the third type,  $P \neq 0$ , and according to (13) this is not possible. So there are no surfaces in this case.

### 3. The BIII-surfaces with constant Gaussian curvature.

Suppose a surface  $M$  has non-zero constant Gaussian curvature  $K$  and  $HK^{-1} \neq \text{constant}$ . Since  $dK^{-1} = 0$ , from (1.19) and (1.21), we get

$$(14) \quad df = f(\alpha_1 + 2 * \omega_{12}) = g\theta_1$$

or

$$(15) \quad \alpha_1 + 2 * \omega_{12} = \sigma\theta_1,$$

where

$$(16) \quad \sigma = gf^{-1} \neq \pm 1.$$

Note that the inequality in (16) can be concluded from  $K \neq 0$ . In fact, if  $\sigma = (a + c)/(a - c) = \pm 1$ , we get  $a = 0$  or  $c = 0$ , and hence  $K = ac = 0$ .

Using (1.2)' and (1.27), rewrite (15) as

$$(17) \quad 1 - 2k' = \sigma \cos 2\psi, \quad 2h' = \sigma \sin 2\psi.$$

Using (1.38), (1.27) and (15), we get

$$(18) \quad \theta_{12} = (2\rho - \sigma)\theta_2, \quad *\theta_{12} = (\sigma - 2\rho)\theta_1.$$

Taking derivatives of (16), using (1.18), and (1.19), we have

$$(19) \quad d\sigma = (1 - \sigma^2)\theta_1.$$

According to equation (16),  $1 - \sigma^2 \neq 0$ , and in view of  $(1 + \sigma)/(1 - \sigma) = (f + g)/(f - g) = -a/c$ , from (19) we get

$$(20) \quad \frac{d\sigma}{1 - \sigma^2} = \frac{1}{2} d \log \left| \frac{a}{c} \right| = \theta_1.$$

Applying the \*-operator to (15), we get

$$(21) \quad \alpha_2 - 2w_{12} = \sigma\theta_2.$$

Taking exterior derivatives of (21), from (1.40), (1.5) and (19), we have

$$(22) \quad (Q - 1)/2 = \sigma(1 - \sigma) - L^{-2}.$$

From (1.50) and (18), we obtain

$$(23) \quad d\rho = [\rho(\sigma - 2\rho) + L^{-2} - \frac{1}{2}(\widehat{K} - Q)]\theta_1 + J\theta_2.$$

From (1.42), we obtain

$$(24) \quad 2d \log L = (Q - 1)\alpha_1 - P\alpha_2 + 2\rho\theta_1.$$

Taking derivatives of (22), using (19), (23) and (24), we get

$$(25) \quad \frac{1}{2}dQ = \lambda\theta_1 + \mu\theta_2 + L^{-2}[(Q - 1)\alpha_1 - P\alpha_2],$$

where

$$(26) \quad \lambda = \rho(1 - 2\rho\sigma) - 2\sigma(1 - \sigma^2) + L^{-2}(\sigma + 2\rho) - \frac{1}{2}\sigma(\widehat{K} - Q), \quad \mu = \sigma J.$$

**THEOREM 6.** *There does not exist any BIII-surfaces of the second type such that  $K = \text{constant} \neq 0$ ,  $H \neq \text{constant}$ .*

**PROOF.** For the second type of BIII-surface, we have

$$(27) \quad P \equiv 0, \quad Q \equiv 1, \quad \widehat{K} = -1.$$

Since  $K = \text{constant} \neq 0$ ,  $HK^{-1} \neq \text{constant}$ , using (27) and (22), we get

$$(28) \quad L^{-2} = \sigma(1 - \sigma).$$

Using (27) and (28), from (23) and (24), we get

$$(29) \quad d\rho = \{1 - [\rho^2 + (1 - \sigma)^2]\}\theta_1,$$

$$(30) \quad d \log L = \rho\theta_1.$$

From (27) it follows that  $dQ = 0$ , and from (25) we have  $\lambda = \mu = 0$ . Using (26), we get  $(\sigma^2 - 1)(\sigma - 1) = 0$ . It follows that  $\sigma = 1$ , in view of  $\sigma^2 \neq 1$ .

From (28) again we have  $L^{-2} = 0$ , contradicting that  $HK^{-1} \neq \text{constant}$ ,  $L \neq 0$ . So the surface cannot exist.

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