

where  $S(X, Y) = \frac{1}{2\mu} \{(X\mu)Y + (Y\mu)X - g(X, Y) \text{grad } \mu\}$  and  $\text{grad } \mu$  is calculated in the metric  $g$ , that is,

$$X(\mu) = g(X, \text{grad } \mu).$$

*Hint:* Since  $\bar{\nabla}$  is obviously symmetric, it suffices to show that  $\bar{\nabla}$  is compatible with  $\bar{g}$ , that is, that

$$X(\bar{g}(Y, Z)) = \bar{g}(\bar{\nabla}_X Y, Z) + \bar{g}(Y, \bar{\nabla}_X Z).$$

But the first member of the equality above is

$$X(\mu g(Y, Z)) = X(\mu)g(Y, Z) + \mu g(\nabla_X Y, Z) + \mu g(Y, \nabla_X Z),$$

and the second is

$$\begin{aligned} & \mu g(\nabla_X Y, Z) + \mu g(Y, \nabla_X Z) \\ & + \mu \{g(S(X, Y), Z) + g(Y, S(X, Z))\}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, it is enough to prove that

$$X(\mu)g(Y, Z) = \mu \{g(S(X, Y), Z) + g(Y, S(X, Z))\},$$

which follows from a direct calculation.

6. (*Umbilic hypersurfaces of the hyperbolic space*). Let  $(M^{n+1}, g)$  be a manifold with a Riemannian metric  $g$  and let  $\nabla$  be its Riemannian connection. We say an immersion  $x: N^n \rightarrow M^{n+1}$  is (totally) *umbilic* if for all  $p \in N$ , the second fundamental form  $B$  of  $x$  at  $p$  satisfies

$$\langle B(X, Y), \eta \rangle (p) = \lambda(p) \langle X, Y \rangle, \quad \lambda(p) \in \mathbf{R},$$

for all  $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(N)$  and for a given unit field  $\eta$  normal to  $x(N)$ ; here we are using  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  to denote the metric  $g$  on  $M$  and the metric induced by  $x$  on  $N$ .

- a) Show that if  $M^{n+1}$  has constant sectional curvature,  $\lambda$  does not depend on  $p$ .

*Hint:* Let  $T, X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(N)$ . The given condition implies that

$$-\langle \nabla_X \eta, Y \rangle = \lambda \langle X, Y \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad -\langle \nabla_T \eta, Y \rangle = \lambda \langle T, Y \rangle.$$

Differentiate the first equation with respect to  $T$  and the second with respect to  $X$ , obtaining, for all  $Y$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \nabla_T \nabla_X \eta - \nabla_X \nabla_T \eta, Y \rangle \\ &= - \langle T(\lambda)X - X(\lambda)T + \nabla_{[X,T]} \eta, Y \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Use the fact that  $M$  has constant sectional curvature to conclude that  $T(\lambda)X - X(\lambda)T = 0$ . Because  $T$  and  $X$  can be chosen linearly independently, this implies that  $X(\lambda) = 0$ , for all  $X \in \mathcal{X}(N)$ ; therefore  $\lambda = \text{const}$ .

- b) Use Exercise 5 to show that if we change the metric  $g$  to a metric  $\bar{g} = \mu g$ , conformal to  $g$ , the immersion  $x: N^n \rightarrow (M^{n+1}, \bar{g})$  continues being umbilic, that is, if (using the notation of Exercise 5)  $\langle \nabla_X \eta, Y \rangle_g = -\lambda \langle X, Y \rangle_g$ , then

$$\left\langle \bar{\nabla}_X \left( \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{\mu}} \right), Y \right\rangle_{\bar{g}} = \frac{-2\lambda\mu + \eta(\mu)}{2\mu\sqrt{\mu}} \langle X, Y \rangle_{\bar{g}}.$$

- c) Take  $M^{n+1} = \mathbf{R}^{n+1}$  with the euclidean metric. Show that if  $x: N^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{n+1}$  is umbilic, then  $x(N)$  is contained in an  $n$ -plane or an  $n$ -sphere in  $\mathbf{R}^{n+1}$ .

*Hint:* For (a),  $\lambda = \text{constant}$ . If  $\lambda = 0$ ,  $\langle \nabla_X \eta, Y \rangle = 0$  for all  $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}(N)$  and all  $\eta \in \mathcal{X}(N)^\perp$ . It follows that  $x(N)$  is contained in an affine  $n$ -plane in  $\mathbf{R}^{n+1}$ . If  $\lambda \neq 0$ , consider the map  $y: N \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{n+1}$  given by

$$y(p) = x(p) - \frac{\eta(p)}{\lambda}, \quad p \in N.$$

Let  $T, Y \in \mathcal{X}(N)$ . Observe that

$$\langle \nabla_T y, Y \rangle = \langle T, Y \rangle - \frac{1}{\lambda} \langle \nabla_T \eta, Y \rangle = 0.$$

It follows that  $y(N)$  reduces to a point, call it  $x_o$ , and that  $x$  satisfies

$$|x(p) - x_o|^2 = 1/\lambda^2,$$

that is,  $x(N)$  is contained in a sphere of center  $x_o$  and radius  $1/\lambda$ .

- d) Use (b) and (c) to establish that the umbilic hypersurfaces of the hyperbolic space, in the upper half-space model  $H^{n+1}$ , are the intersections with  $H^{n+1}$  of  $n$ -planes or  $n$ -spheres of  $\mathbf{R}^{n+1}$ . Therefore, the umbilic hypersurfaces of the hyperbolic space are the geodesic spheres, the horospheres and the hyperspheres. Conclude that such hypersurfaces have constant sectional curvature.
- e) Calculate the mean curvature and the sectional curvature of the umbilic hypersurfaces of the hyperbolic space.

*Hint:* Consider the model of  $H^n$  as the upper half-space. Let  $\Sigma = S \cap H^n$  be the intersection of  $H^n$  with a Euclidean  $(n-1)$ -sphere  $S \subset \mathbf{R}^n$  of radius 1 and center in  $H^n$ . Since  $\Sigma$  is umbilic, all of the directions are principal, and it is enough to calculate the curvature of the curves of intersection of  $\Sigma$  with the  $x_1x_n$ -plane. Use the expression obtained in part (b) of this exercise to establish that the mean curvature of  $\Sigma$  (in the metric of  $H^n$ ) is equal to 1 if  $S$  is tangent to  $\partial H^n$ , is equal to  $\cos \alpha$  if  $S$  makes an angle  $\alpha$  with  $\partial H^n$ , and is equal to the "height" of the Euclidean center of  $S$  relative to  $\partial H^n$ , if  $S \subset H^n$ . To calculate the sectional curvature, use the Gauss formula.

7. Define a "stereographic projection"  $f: H_{-1}^n \rightarrow D^n$  from the model of the hyperbolic space  $H_{-1}^n$  of curvature  $-1$  given in Exercise 3 onto the open ball

$$D^n = \{(x_0, \dots, x_n); x_0 = 0, \sum_{\alpha=1}^n x_\alpha^2 < 1\}$$

in the following way: If  $p \in H_{-1}^n \subset L^{n+1}$ , join  $p$  to  $p_0 = (-1, 0, \dots, 0)$  by a line  $r$ ;  $f(p)$  is the intersection of  $r$  with  $D^n$  (See Fig. 3). Let  $p = (x_0, \dots, x_n)$  and  $f(p) = (0, u_1, \dots, u_n)$ .

- a) Prove that:

$$x_\alpha = \frac{2u_\alpha}{1 - \sum_{\alpha} u_\alpha^2}, \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, n,$$

$$x_0 = \frac{2}{1 - \sum_{\alpha} u_\alpha^2} - 1.$$