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A New Algebraic Inequality and Some Applications in Submanifold Theory

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Abstract: We give a simple proof of the Chen inequality involving the Chen invariant $\delta(k)$ of submanifolds in Riemannian space forms. We derive Chen's first inequality and the Chen–Ricci inequality. Additionally, we establish a corresponding inequality for statistical submanifolds.

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1. Introduction

One of the most important topics of research in the geometry of submanifolds in Riemannian manifolds is to establish sharp relationships between extrinsic and intrinsic invariants of a submanifold.

The most used intrinsic invariants are sectional curvature, scalar curvature and Ricci curvature. The main extrinsic invariant is the squared mean curvature.

There are well-known relationships between the above extrinsic and intrinsic invariants for a submanifold in a Riemannian space form: (generalized) Euler inequality, Chen–Ricci inequality, Wintgen inequality, etc.

In [1,2], B.-Y. Chen introduced a sequence of Riemannian invariants, which are known as Chen invariants. They are different in nature from the classical Riemannian invariants. B.-Y. Chen established optimal relationships between the squared mean curvature and Chen invariants for submanifolds in Riemannian space forms, known as Chen inequalities (see [2]). The proofs of these inequalities use an algebraic inequality, discovered by B.-Y. Chen in [1].

In the present paper, we give simple proofs of some Chen inequalities by using a different algebraic inequality.

Other Chen inequalities were proved in [3] by applying another inequality.

2. Preliminaries

The theory of Chen invariants and Chen inequalities was initiated by B.-Y. Chen [1,2].

Let (M, g) be an n -dimensional ($n \geq 2$) Riemannian manifold, ∇ its Levi–Civita connection and R the Riemannian curvature tensor field on M . The sectional curvature $K(\pi)$ of the plane section $\pi \subset T_p M$, $p \in M$, is defined by

$$K(\pi) = R(e_1, e_2, e_1, e_2) = g(R(e_1, e_2)e_2, e_1),$$

where $\{e_1, e_2\}$ is an orthonormal basis of π .

Let $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ be an orthonormal basis of T_pM . The scalar curvature τ at p is given by

$$\tau(p) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} K(e_i \wedge e_j),$$

where $K(e_i \wedge e_j)$ is the sectional curvature of the plane section spanned by e_i and e_j .

If X is a unit vector tangential to M at p , consider the orthonormal basis $\{e_1 = X, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$ of T_pM . The Ricci curvature is defined by

$$\text{Ric}(X) = \sum_{j=2}^n K(X \wedge e_j).$$

Let L be an r -dimensional subspace of T_pM and $\{e_1, \dots, e_r\}$ an orthonormal basis of L , $2 \leq r \leq n$. The the scalar curvature $\tau(L)$ of L is given by $\tau(L) = \sum_{1 \leq \alpha < \beta \leq r} K(e_\alpha \wedge e_\beta)$.

In particular, for $r = 2$, $\tau(L)$ is the sectional curvature of L and for $r = n$, $\tau(T_pM) = \tau(p)$ is the scalar curvature of M at p .

B.-Y. Chen introduced a sequence of Riemannian invariants $\delta(n_1, \dots, n_l)$, known as Chen invariants (see [2]).

The Chen first invariant is $\delta_M = \tau - \inf K$, where

$$(\inf K)(p) = \inf\{K(\pi) | \pi \subset T_pM \text{ plane section}\}.$$

Let $l > 0$ be an integer and $n_1, \dots, n_l \geq 2$ integers such that $n_1 < n$ and $n_1 + \dots + n_l \leq n$. The Chen invariant $\delta(n_1, \dots, n_l)$ is defined by

$$\delta(n_1, \dots, n_l)(p) = \tau(p) - \inf\{\tau(L_1) + \dots + \tau(L_l)\},$$

where L_1, \dots, L_l are mutually orthogonal subspaces of T_pM with $\dim L_j = n_j$, $j = 1, \dots, l$.

For $l = 1$ in particular, one has $\delta(2) = \delta_M$ and $\delta(n - 1) = \max \text{Ric}$, with

$$\max \text{Ric}(p) = \max\{\text{Ric}(X) | X \in T_pM, g(X, X) = 1\}.$$

We shall consider the Chen invariant $\delta(k)$, which is given by

$$\delta(k)(p) = \tau(p) - \inf \tau(L_k),$$

where L_k is any k -dimensional subspace of T_pM .

3. An Algebraic Inequality

In this section, we give an algebraic inequality and study its equality case. As an application, we get a simple proof of the Chen inequality for the invariant $\delta(k)$.

Lemma 1. Let k, n be nonzero natural numbers, $2 \leq k \leq n - 1$, and $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} a_i a_j - \sum_{1 \leq \alpha < \beta \leq k} a_\alpha a_\beta \leq \frac{n - k}{2(n - k + 1)} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \right)^2.$$

Moreover, the equality holds if and only if $\sum_{\alpha=1}^k a_\alpha = a_j$, for all $j \in \{k + 1, \dots, n\}$.

Proof. We prove this Lemma by using the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality. We have

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \right)^2 = \left(\sum_{\alpha=1}^k a_\alpha + a_{k+1} + \dots + a_n \right)^2 \leq$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq (n - k + 1) \left[\left(\sum_{\alpha=1}^k a_\alpha \right)^2 + a_{k+1}^2 + \dots + a_n^2 \right] = \\ &= (n - k + 1) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 + 2 \sum_{1 \leq \alpha < \beta \leq k} a_\alpha a_\beta \right) = \\ &= (n - k + 1) \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \right)^2 - 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} a_i a_j + 2 \sum_{1 \leq \alpha < \beta \leq k} a_\alpha a_\beta \right], \end{aligned}$$

which implies the desired inequality.

The equality holds if and only if we have equality in the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality, i.e., $\sum_{\alpha=1}^k a_\alpha = a_j$, for all $j \in \{k + 1, \dots, n\}$. \square

4. Proof of the Chen Inequality for $\delta(K)$

We apply Lemma 1 for obtaining a simple proof of the Chen inequality corresponding to the Chen invariant $\delta(k)$ for submanifolds in Riemannian space forms.

Let $\tilde{M}(c)$ be an m -dimensional Riemannian space form of constant sectional curvature c . The Euclidean space \mathbb{E}^m , the sphere S^m and the hyperbolic space H^m are the standard examples.

Consider M an n -dimensional submanifold of $\tilde{M}(c)$ and denote by h the second fundamental form of M in $\tilde{M}(c)$. The mean curvature vector $H(p)$ at $p \in M$ is defined by

$$H(p) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n h(e_i, e_i),$$

where $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ is an orthonormal basis of $T_p M$.

The submanifold M is called minimal if the mean curvature vector $H(p)$ vanishes at any $p \in M$.

We recall the Gauss equation (see [4]):

$$R(X, Y, Z, W) = c + g(h(X, Z), h(Y, W)) - g(h(X, W), h(Y, Z)),$$

for all vector fields X, Y, Z, W tangential to M .

Theorem 1. *Let $\tilde{M}(c)$ be an m -dimensional Riemannian space form of constant sectional curvature c and M an n -dimensional submanifold of $\tilde{M}(c)$. Then, for any $2 \leq k \leq n - 1$, one has the following Chen inequality:*

$$\delta(k) \leq \frac{n^2(n - k)}{2(n - k + 1)} \|H\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} [n(n - 1) - k(k - 1)]c.$$

Moreover, the equality holds at a point $p \in M$ if and only if there exist suitable orthonormal bases $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\} \subset T_p M$ and $\{e_{n+1}, \dots, e_m\} \subset T_p^\perp M$ such that the shape operators take the forms

$$A_{e_{n+1}} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & a_k & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \mu & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & \mu \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sum_{\alpha=1}^k a_\alpha = \mu,$$

$$A_{e_r} = \begin{pmatrix} A_r & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{O}_{n-k} \end{pmatrix}, \quad r = n + 2, \dots, m,$$

where A_r is a symmetric $k \times k$ matrix with trace $A_r = 0$ and O_{n-k} is the $(n - k) \times (n - k)$ null matrix.

Proof. Let $p \in M, L \subset T_p M$ be a k -dimensional subspace and $\{e_1, \dots, e_k\}$ be an orthonormal basis of L . We take $\{e_1, \dots, e_k, e_{k+1}, \dots, e_n\} \subset T_p M$ and $\{e_{n+1}, \dots, e_m\} \subset T_p^\perp M$ as orthonormal bases, respectively.

Denote as usual by $h_{ij}^r = g(h(e_i, e_j), e_r), i, j = 1, \dots, n, r \in \{n + 1, \dots, m\}$, the components of the second fundamental form.

The Gauss equation implies

$$\begin{aligned} \tau &= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} K(e_i \wedge e_j) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} R(e_i, e_j, e_i, e_j) = \\ &= \frac{n(n-1)}{2}c + \sum_{r=n+1}^m \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} [h_{ii}^r h_{jj}^r - (h_{ij}^r)^2]. \end{aligned}$$

Additionally, by the Gauss equation one has

$$\tau(L) = \frac{k(k-1)}{2}c + \sum_{r=n+1}^m \sum_{1 \leq \alpha < \beta \leq k} [h_{\alpha\alpha}^r h_{\beta\beta}^r - (h_{\alpha\beta}^r)^2].$$

Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} \tau - \tau(L) &= \frac{1}{2}[n(n-1) - k(k-1)]c + \\ &+ \sum_{r=n+1}^m \left(\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} h_{ii}^r h_{jj}^r - \sum_{1 \leq \alpha < \beta \leq k} h_{\alpha\alpha}^r h_{\beta\beta}^r \right) - \sum_{r=n+1}^m \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n; (i,j) \notin \{1, \dots, k\}^2} (h_{ij}^r)^2. \end{aligned}$$

By using the algebraic inequality from the previous section, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \tau - \tau(L) &\leq \frac{n-k}{2(n-k+1)} \sum_{r=n+1}^m \left(\sum_{i=1}^n h_{ii}^r \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2}[n(n-1) - k(k-1)]c = \\ &= \frac{n^2(n-k)}{2(n-k+1)} \|H\|^2 + \frac{1}{2}[n(n-1) - k(k-1)]c, \end{aligned}$$

which implies the inequality to prove.

If the equality case holds at a point $p \in M$, then we have equalities in all the inequalities in the proof, i.e.,

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{\alpha=1}^k h_{\alpha\alpha}^r = h_{jj}^r, \forall j \in \{k+1, \dots, n\}, \\ h_{ij}^r = 0, \forall 1 \leq i < j \leq n, (i, j) \notin \{1, \dots, k\}^2, \end{cases}$$

for any $r \in \{n + 1, \dots, m\}$.

If we choose e_{n+1} parallel to $H(p)$, then the shape operators take the above forms. \square

Corollary 1. Let $\tilde{M}(c)$ be an m -dimensional Riemannian space form of constant sectional curvature c and M an n -dimensional submanifold of $\tilde{M}(c)$. If there exists a point $p \in M$ such that $\delta(k)(p) > \frac{1}{2}[n(n-1) - k(k-1)]c$, then M is not minimal.

If $k = 1$, we derive Chen’s first inequality:

Corollary 2. [1] Let $\tilde{M}(c)$ be an m -dimensional Riemannian space form of constant sectional curvature c and M an n -dimensional submanifold of $\tilde{M}(c)$. Then one has

$$\inf K \geq \tau - \frac{n-2}{2} \left[\frac{n^2}{n-1} \|H\|^2 + (n+1)c \right].$$

Equality holds at a point $p \in M$ if and only if, with respect to suitable orthonormal bases $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\} \subset T_p M$ and $\{e_{n+1}, \dots, e_m\} \subset T_p^\perp M$, the shape operators take the following forms:

$$A_{e_{n+1}} = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \mu - a & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mu & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \mu \end{pmatrix},$$

$$A_{e_r} = \begin{pmatrix} h_{11}^r & h_{12}^r & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ h_{12}^r & -h_{11}^r & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad r = n+2, \dots, m.$$

Recall that $\delta(n-1) = \max \text{Ric}$. Then, from Theorem 1 we deduce the Chen–Ricci inequality:

Corollary 3. [5] Let $\tilde{M}(c)$ be an m -dimensional Riemannian space form of constant sectional curvature c and M an n -dimensional submanifold of $\tilde{M}(c)$. Then, for any $p \in M$ and any unit vector X tangential to M , one has

$$\text{Ric}(X) \leq \frac{n^2}{4} \|H\|^2 + (n-1)c.$$

We present the following examples:

Example 1. Let k, n be integers such that $k \geq 2$ and $n \geq 2k - 1$. Consider the hypercylinder $M = S^k \times \mathbb{E}^{n-k} \subset \mathbb{E}^{n+1}$.

Clearly $\delta(k) = \tau = \frac{1}{2}k(k-1)$. Then the equality case of Theorem 1 holds identically if and only $n = 2k - 1$, i.e., $M = S^k \times \mathbb{E}^{k-1}$.

Moreover, $\max \text{Ric} = \frac{n^2}{4} \|H\|^2$ if and only if $k = 2$ and $n = 3$, i.e., $M = S^2 \times \mathbb{E}$.

Example 2. The generalized Clifford torus.

$$\text{Let } T = S^k(\sqrt{\frac{k}{n}}) \times S^{n-k}(\sqrt{\frac{n-k}{n}}) \subset S^{n+1} \subset \mathbb{E}^{n+2}, \quad n > k \geq 1.$$

It is known that T is a minimal hypersurface of S^{n+1} , but a non-minimal submanifold of \mathbb{E}^{n+2} .

$$\text{Obviously } \max \text{Ric} = \max\left\{ (k-1)\frac{n}{k}, (n-k-1)\frac{n}{n-k} \right\}.$$

Then $T \subset S^{n+1}$ does not satisfy the equality case of Theorem 1 for $\delta(n-1), \forall n \geq 2$.

If we consider $T \subset \mathbb{E}^{n+2}$, then it does not satisfy the equality case of Theorem 1 for $\delta(n-1), \forall n \geq 2$.

5. A Chen Inequality for Statistical Submanifolds

A statistical manifold is an m -dimensional Riemannian manifold (\tilde{M}, g) endowed with a pair of torsion-free affine connections $\tilde{\nabla}$ and $\tilde{\nabla}^*$, which satisfy

$$Zg(X, Y) = g(\tilde{\nabla}_Z X, Y) + g(X, \tilde{\nabla}_Z^* Y), \tag{1}$$

for any $X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(T\tilde{M})$. The connections $\tilde{\nabla}$ and $\tilde{\nabla}^*$ are called dual connections (see [6,7]), and it is easily seen that $(\tilde{\nabla}^*)^* = \tilde{\nabla}$. The pairing $(\tilde{\nabla}, g)$ is said to be a statistical structure. If $(\tilde{\nabla}, g)$ is a statistical structure on \tilde{M}^m , then $(\tilde{\nabla}^*, g)$ is a statistical structure too [6,8].

Any torsion-free affine connection $\tilde{\nabla}$ on \tilde{M} always has a dual connection given by

$$\tilde{\nabla} + \tilde{\nabla}^* = 2\tilde{\nabla}^0,$$

where $\tilde{\nabla}^0$ is the Levi-Civita connection on \tilde{M} .

The dual connections are called conjugate connections in affine differential geometry (see [9]).

Denote by \tilde{R} and \tilde{R}^* the curvature tensor fields of $\tilde{\nabla}$ and $\tilde{\nabla}^*$, respectively. They satisfy

$$g(\tilde{R}^*(X, Y)Z, W) = -g(Z, \tilde{R}(X, Y)W). \tag{2}$$

A statistical structure $(\tilde{\nabla}, g)$ is said to be of constant curvature $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}$ if

$$\tilde{R}(X, Y)Z = \varepsilon\{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\}. \tag{3}$$

A statistical structure $(\tilde{\nabla}, g)$ of constant curvature 0 is called a Hessian structure.

The Equation (2) implies that if $(\tilde{\nabla}, g)$ is a statistical structure of constant curvature ε , then $(\tilde{\nabla}^*, g)$ is also a statistical structure of constant curvature ε (obviously, if $(\tilde{\nabla}, g)$ is Hessian, $(\tilde{\nabla}^*, g)$ is also Hessian).

The dual connections are not metric, then we cannot define a sectional curvature in the standard way. A sectional curvature on a statistical manifold was defined by B. Opozda [10].

More precisely, if one considers $p \in \tilde{M}$, π a plane section in $T_p\tilde{M}$ and an orthonormal basis $\{X, Y\}$ of π , then a sectional curvature is defined by

$$\tilde{K}(\pi) = \frac{1}{2}[g(\tilde{R}(X, Y)Y + \tilde{R}^*(X, Y)Y, X)],$$

which is independent of the choice of the orthonormal basis.

Next, we consider a statistical manifold (\tilde{M}, g) and a submanifold M of dimension n of \tilde{M} . Then $(M, g|_M)$ is also a statistical manifold with the connection induced by $\tilde{\nabla}$ and induced metric g .

In Riemannian geometry, the fundamental equations are the Gauss and Weingarten formulae and the equations of Gauss, Codazzi and Ricci.

As usual, we denote by $\Gamma(T^\perp M)$ the set of the sections of the bundle normal to M .

In our case, for any $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$, according to [8], the corresponding Gauss formulae are

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\nabla}_X Y &= \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y), \\ \tilde{\nabla}_X^* Y &= \nabla_X^* Y + h^*(X, Y), \end{aligned}$$

where $h, h^* : \Gamma(TM) \times \Gamma(TM) \rightarrow \Gamma(T^\perp M)$ are symmetric and bilinear, called the imbedding curvature tensor (see [6,8]) of M in \tilde{M} for $\tilde{\nabla}$ and the imbedding curvature tensor of M in \tilde{M} for $\tilde{\nabla}^*$, respectively.

In [8], it was also proven that (∇, g) and (∇^*, g) are dual statistical structures on M .

Since h and h^* are bilinear, there are linear transformations A_ξ and A_ξ^* on TM defined by

$$g(A_\xi X, Y) = g(h(X, Y), \xi),$$

$$g(A_{\tilde{\zeta}}^* X, Y) = g(h^*(X, Y), \tilde{\zeta}),$$

for any $\tilde{\zeta} \in \Gamma(T^\perp M)$ and $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$.

Further (see [8]), the corresponding Weingarten formulae are

$$\tilde{\nabla}_X \tilde{\zeta} = -A_{\tilde{\zeta}}^* X + \nabla_X^\perp \tilde{\zeta},$$

$$\tilde{\nabla}_X^* \tilde{\zeta} = -A_{\tilde{\zeta}} X + \nabla_X^{*\perp} \tilde{\zeta},$$

for any $\tilde{\zeta} \in \Gamma(T^\perp M)$ and $X \in \Gamma(TM)$. The connections ∇^\perp and $\nabla^{*\perp}$ are Riemannian dual connections with respect to the induced metric on $\Gamma(T^\perp M)$.

Let $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ and $\{e_{n+1}, \dots, e_m\}$ be orthonormal tangential and normal frames, respectively, on M . Then the mean curvature vector fields are defined by

$$H = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n h(e_i, e_i) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\alpha=n+1}^m \left(\sum_{i=1}^n h_{ii}^\alpha \right) e_\alpha, \quad h_{ij}^\alpha = g(h(e_i, e_j), e_\alpha),$$

and

$$H^* = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n h^*(e_i, e_i) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\alpha=n+1}^m \left(\sum_{i=1}^n h_{ii}^{*\alpha} \right) e_\alpha, \quad h_{ij}^{*\alpha} = g(h^*(e_i, e_j), e_\alpha),$$

for $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ and $n + 1 \leq \alpha \leq m$.

The Gauss equations for the dual connections $\tilde{\nabla}$ and $\tilde{\nabla}^*$, respectively, are given by (see [8])

$$g(\tilde{R}(X, Y)Z, W) = g(R(X, Y)Z, W) + g(h(X, Z), h^*(Y, W)) - g(h^*(X, W), h(Y, Z)),$$

$$g(\tilde{R}^*(X, Y)Z, W) = g(R^*(X, Y)Z, W) + g(h^*(X, Z), h(Y, W)) - g(h(X, W), h^*(Y, Z)),$$

Geometric inequalities for statistical submanifolds in statistical manifolds with constant curvature were obtained in [11].

In this section we prove the Chen inequality corresponding to the Chen invariant $\delta(k)$ for statistical submanifolds in statistical manifolds of constant curvature.

We consider an m -dimensional statistical manifold $\tilde{M}(\varepsilon)$ of constant curvature ε and an n -dimensional statistical submanifold M . Let $p \in M$ and L be a k -dimensional subspace of $T_p M$. Denote by $\{e_1, \dots, e_k\}$ an orthonormal basis of L , $\{e_1, \dots, e_k, e_{k+1}, \dots, e_n\}$ an orthonormal basis of $T_p M$ and $\{e_{n+1}, \dots, e_m\}$ an orthonormal basis of $T_p^\perp M$, respectively.

The Gauss equation implies

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tau &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} [g(R(e_i, e_j)e_j, e_i) + g(R^*(e_i, e_j)e_j, e_i)] = \\
 &= \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \varepsilon + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} [g(h^*(e_i, e_i), h(e_j, e_j)) + g(h(e_i, e_i), h^*(e_j, e_j)) - \\
 &\quad - 2g(h(e_i, e_j), h^*(e_i, e_j))] = \\
 &= \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \varepsilon + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=n+1}^m \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (h_{ii}^{*r} h_{jj}^r + h_{ii}^r h_{jj}^{*r} - 2h_{ij}^r h_{ij}^{*r}) = \\
 &= \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \varepsilon + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=n+1}^m \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} [(h_{ii}^r + h_{ii}^{*r})(h_{jj}^r + h_{jj}^{*r}) - h_{ii}^r h_{jj}^r - h_{ii}^{*r} h_{jj}^{*r} - \\
 &\quad - (h_{ij}^r + h_{ij}^{*r})^2 + (h_{ij}^r)^2 + (h_{ij}^{*r})^2] = \\
 &= \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \varepsilon + \sum_{r=n+1}^m \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \left\{ 2[h_{ii}^{0r} h_{jj}^{0r} - (h_{ij}^{0r})^2] - \frac{1}{2}[h_{ii}^r h_{jj}^r - (h_{ij}^r)^2] - \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{2}[h_{ii}^{*r} h_{jj}^{*r} - (h_{ij}^{*r})^2] \right\},
 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

where h^0 is the second fundamental form of the Riemannian submanifold M .

We denote by τ_0 the scalar curvature with respect to the Levi-Civita connection and by $\tilde{\tau}_0 = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \tilde{K}_0(e_i \wedge e_j)$.

The Gauss equation with respect to the Levi-Civita connection gives

$$\tau_0 = \tilde{\tau}_0 + \sum_{r=n+1}^m \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} [h_{ii}^{0r} h_{jj}^{0r} - (h_{ij}^{0r})^2]. \tag{5}$$

By substituting Equation (5) into (4), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tau &= 2(\tau_0 - \tilde{\tau}_0) + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \varepsilon - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=n+1}^m \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} [h_{ii}^r h_{jj}^r - (h_{ij}^r)^2] - \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=n+1}^m \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} [h_{ii}^{*r} h_{jj}^{*r} - (h_{ij}^{*r})^2].
 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

By using Gauss equation, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tau(L) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{1 \leq \alpha < \beta \leq k} [g(R(e_\alpha, e_\beta)e_\beta, e_\alpha) + g(R^*(e_\alpha, e_\beta)e_\beta, e_\alpha)] = \\
 &= \frac{k(k-1)}{2} \varepsilon + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{1 \leq \alpha < \beta \leq k} [g(h^*(e_\alpha, e_\alpha), h(e_\beta, e_\beta)) + g(h(e_\alpha, e_\alpha), h^*(e_\beta, e_\beta)) - \\
 &\quad - 2g(h(e_\alpha, e_\beta), h^*(e_\alpha, e_\beta))] = \\
 &= \frac{k(k-1)}{2} \varepsilon + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=n+1}^m \sum_{1 \leq \alpha < \beta \leq k} (h_{\alpha\alpha}^{*r} h_{\beta\beta}^r + h_{\alpha\alpha}^r h_{\beta\beta}^{*r} - 2h_{\alpha\beta}^r h_{\alpha\beta}^{*r}) = \\
 &= \frac{k(k-1)}{2} \varepsilon + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=n+1}^m \sum_{1 \leq \alpha < \beta \leq k} [(h_{\alpha\alpha}^r + h_{\alpha\alpha}^{*r})(h_{\beta\beta}^r + h_{\beta\beta}^{*r}) - \\
 &\quad - h_{\alpha\alpha}^r h_{\beta\beta}^r - h_{\alpha\alpha}^{*r} h_{\beta\beta}^{*r} - (h_{\alpha\beta}^r + h_{\alpha\beta}^{*r})^2 + (h_{\alpha\beta}^r)^2 + (h_{\alpha\beta}^{*r})^2] = \\
 &= \frac{k(k-1)}{2} \varepsilon + \sum_{r=n+1}^m \sum_{1 \leq \alpha < \beta \leq k} \left\{ 2[h_{\alpha\alpha}^{0r} h_{\beta\beta}^{0r} - (h_{\alpha\beta}^{0r})^2] - \frac{1}{2}[h_{\alpha\alpha}^r h_{\beta\beta}^r - (h_{\alpha\beta}^r)^2] - \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{2}[h_{\alpha\alpha}^{*r} h_{\beta\beta}^{*r} - (h_{\alpha\beta}^{*r})^2] \right\} = \\
 &= 2\tau_0(L) - 2\tilde{\tau}_0(L) + \frac{k(k-1)}{2} \varepsilon - \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=n+1}^m \sum_{1 \leq \alpha < \beta \leq k} \left\{ [h_{\alpha\alpha}^r h_{\beta\beta}^r - (h_{\alpha\beta}^r)^2] + [h_{\alpha\alpha}^{*r} h_{\beta\beta}^{*r} - (h_{\alpha\beta}^{*r})^2] \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

By subtracting the last equation from (4), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\tau - \tau(L)) - 2(\tau_0 - \tau_0(L)) &\geq 2(\tilde{\tau}_0(L) - \tilde{\tau}_0) + \frac{1}{2}[n(n-1) - k(k-1)]\varepsilon - \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=n+1}^m \left(\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} h_{ii}^r h_{jj}^r - \sum_{1 \leq \alpha < \beta \leq k} h_{\alpha\alpha}^r h_{\beta\beta}^r \right) - \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=n+1}^m \left(\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} h_{ii}^{*r} h_{jj}^{*r} - \sum_{1 \leq \alpha < \beta \leq k} h_{\alpha\alpha}^{*r} h_{\beta\beta}^{*r} \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

We denote by $\max \tilde{K}_0(p)$ the maximum of the Riemannian sectional curvature function of $\tilde{M}(\varepsilon)$ restricted to 2-plane sections of the tangent space $T_p M$, $p \in M$. Obviously

$$\tilde{\tau}_0 - \tilde{\tau}_0(L) \leq \frac{1}{2}[n(n-1) - k(k-1)] \max \tilde{K}_0(p).$$

On the other hand, by using Lemma 1, one has

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} h_{ii}^r h_{jj}^r - \sum_{1 \leq \alpha < \beta \leq k} h_{\alpha\alpha}^r h_{\beta\beta}^r &\leq \frac{n-k}{2(n-k+1)} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n h_{ii}^r \right)^2, \\
 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} h_{ii}^{*r} h_{jj}^{*r} - \sum_{1 \leq \alpha < \beta \leq k} h_{\alpha\alpha}^{*r} h_{\beta\beta}^{*r} &\leq \frac{n-k}{2(n-k+1)} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n h_{ii}^{*r} \right)^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\tau - \tau(L) \geq 2(\tau_0 - \tau_0(L)) + \frac{1}{2}[n(n-1) - k(k-1)](\varepsilon - 2 \max \tilde{K}_0(p)) -$$

$$-\frac{n^2(n-k)}{2(n-k+1)}[||H||^2 + ||H^*||^2].$$

We state the following result.

Theorem 2. *Let M be an n -dimensional statistical submanifold of an m -dimensional statistical manifold $\tilde{M}(\epsilon)$ of constant curvature. Then, for any $p \in M$ and any k -plane section L of T_pM , we have:*

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_0 - \tau_0(L) \leq & \frac{1}{2}(\tau - \tau(L)) + \frac{n^2(n-k)}{4(n-k+1)}[||H||^2 + ||H^*||^2] + \\ & + \frac{1}{2}[n(n-1) - k(k-1)](\max \tilde{K}_0(p) - \frac{\epsilon}{2}). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, the equality holds at a point $p \in M$ if and only if there exist orthonormal bases $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ of T_pM and $\{e_{n+1}, \dots, e_m\}$ of $T_p^\perp M$ such that

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{\alpha=1}^k h_{\alpha\alpha}^r = h_{jj}^r, \forall j \in \{k+1, \dots, n\}, \\ \sum_{\alpha=1}^k h_{\alpha\alpha}^{*r} = h_{jj}^{*r}, \forall j \in \{k+1, \dots, n\}, \\ h_{ij}^r = h_{ij}^{*r} = 0, \forall 1 \leq i < j \leq n, (i, j) \notin \{1, \dots, k\}^2, \end{cases}$$

for any $r \in \{n+1, \dots, m\}$.

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