

## $\bar{\nabla}$ -HARMONIC CURVES AND SURFACES IN EUCLIDEAN SPACE $E^n$

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**ABSTRACT.** In this study we consider  $\bar{\nabla}$ -harmonic curves and surfaces in Euclidean  $n$ -spaces  $E^n$ . We proved that every weak biharmonic curve is  $\bar{\nabla}$ -harmonic. We also showed that every 1-parallel surface in  $E^4$  is  $\bar{\nabla}$ -harmonic, but the converse is not true. Finally we give the necessary condition for Vranceanu's surface to become  $\bar{\nabla}$ -harmonic.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $f : M \rightarrow \tilde{M}$  be an isometric immersion of an  $n$ -dimensional connected Riemannian manifold  $M$  into an  $m$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $\tilde{M}$ . For all local formulas and computations, we may assume  $f$  as an imbedding and thus we shall often identify  $p \in M$  with  $f(p) \in \tilde{M}$ . The tangent space  $T_p M$  is identified with a subspace  $f_*(T_p M)$  of  $T_p \tilde{M}$  where  $f_*$  is the differential map of  $f$ . Letters  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  (resp.  $\zeta, \mu$  and  $\xi$ ) vector fields tangent (resp. normal) to  $M$ . We denote the tangent bundle of  $M$  (resp.  $\tilde{M}$ ) by  $TM$  (resp.  $T\tilde{M}$ ), unit tangent bundle of  $M$  by  $UM$  and the normal bundle by  $T^\perp M$ . Let  $\tilde{\nabla}$  and  $\nabla$  be the Levi-Civita connections of  $\tilde{M}$  and  $M$ , resp. Then the Gauss formula is given by

$$\tilde{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y) \quad (1.1)$$

where  $h$  denotes the second fundamental form. The Weingarten formula is given by

$$\tilde{\nabla}_X \xi = -A_\xi X + D_X \xi \quad (1.2)$$

where  $A$  denotes the shape operator and  $D$  the normal connection. Clearly  $h(X, Y) = h(Y, X)$  and  $A$  is related to  $h$  as  $\langle A_\xi X, Y \rangle = \langle h(X, Y), \xi \rangle$ , where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the Riemannian metrics of  $M$  and  $\tilde{M}$  (see [3]).

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Let  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n, e_{n+1}, \dots, e_m\}$  be an local orthonormal frame field on  $\widetilde{M}$  where  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$  are tangent vector and  $\{e_{n+1}, \dots, e_m\}$  are normal vector. The connection form  $w_i^j$  are defined by

$$\widetilde{\nabla}_{e_i} = \sum w_i^j e_j ; w_i^j = -w_j^i, 1 \leq i, j \leq m \quad (1.3)$$

$$\nabla_{e_i} e_j = \sum_{k=1}^n w_j^k(e_i) e_k, \quad (1.4)$$

$$D_{e_i} e_\alpha = \sum_{\beta=n+1}^m w_\alpha^\beta(e_i) e_\beta \quad (1.5)$$

The covariant derivations of  $h$  is defined by

$$(\overline{\nabla}_X h)(Y, Z) = D_X h(Y, Z) - h(\nabla_X Y, Z) - h(Y, \nabla_X Z), \quad (1.6)$$

where  $X, Y, Z$  tangent vector fields over  $M$  and  $\overline{\nabla}$  is the van der Waerden Bortolotti connection. Then we have

$$(\overline{\nabla}_X h)(Y, Z) = (\overline{\nabla}_Y h)(X, Z) = (\overline{\nabla}_Z h)(Y, X)$$

which is called *codazzi equations*.

If  $\overline{\nabla} h = 0$  then  $M$  is said to have parallel second fundamental form ( i.e. *1-parallel* ) (see [7]).

It is well known that  $\overline{\nabla} h$  is a normal bundle valued tensor of type  $(0, 3)$ . We define the second covariant derivative of  $h$  by

$$\begin{aligned} (\overline{\nabla}_W \overline{\nabla}_X h)(Y, Z) &= D_W((\overline{\nabla}_X h)(Y, Z)) - (\overline{\nabla}_X h)(\nabla_W Y, Z) \\ &\quad - (\overline{\nabla}_X h)(Y, \nabla_W Z) - (\overline{\nabla}_{\nabla_W X} h)(Y, Z). \end{aligned} \quad (1.7)$$

If  $\overline{\nabla}^2 h = 0$  then  $M$  is said to have parallel third fundamental form ( i.e. *2-parallel* ) [1].

Let  $f : M \rightarrow \widetilde{M}$  be an isometric immersion of an  $n$ -dimensional connected Riemannian manifold  $M$  into an  $m$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $\widetilde{M}$ . For the orthonormal frame  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  of  $T_p M$  the mean curvature vector  $H$  of  $f$  is defined by

$$H = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n h(e_i, e_i). \quad (1.8)$$

The Laplacian of  $H$  associated with  $D$  is defined by

$$\Delta^D H = \sum_{i=1}^n (D_{\nabla_{e_i} e_i} H - D_{e_i} D_{e_i} H) \quad (1.9)$$

where  $D$  is the normal connection of  $M$  (see [5]).

If  $\Delta^D H = 0$  then  $M$  is called *D-Harmonic* (or *weak biharmonic*). If  $\Delta^D H + cH = 0$  then  $M$  is called *harmonic 1-type* (see [6]).

We give the following definition

**Definition 1.1.** The Laplacian of  $H$  associated with  $\overline{\nabla}$  is defined by

$$\Delta^{\overline{\nabla}} H = \sum_{i=1}^n (\overline{\nabla}_{\nabla_{e_i} e_i} H - \overline{\nabla}_{e_i} \overline{\nabla}_{e_i} H) \quad (1.10)$$

where  $\bar{\nabla}$  is the van der Waerden Bortolotti connection of  $M$  defined by (1.6). If  $\Delta^{\bar{\nabla}}H = 0$  then  $M$  is called  $\bar{\nabla}$ -harmonic.

### 2. $\bar{\nabla}$ -HARMONIC CURVES

Consider an immersed curve  $\beta = \beta(s) : I \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^m$  where  $s$  denotes the arclength parameter of  $\beta$ .

$$T = T(s) = \beta'(s)$$

will be the unit tangent vector field of  $\beta$ . Assume that  $\beta$  is not a plane curve ( it is not contained in any 2-plane of  $\mathbb{E}^m$  ). So we can define a 2-dimensional subbundle say  $\nu$  of the normal bundle  $\Lambda$  of  $\beta$  into  $\mathbb{E}^m$  as

$$\nu(s) = \text{span}\{\xi_2, \xi_3\}(s) \tag{2.1}$$

where  $\xi_2, \xi_3$  are unit normal vector fields to  $\beta$  defined by

$$T'(s) = k_1(s)\xi_2(s)$$

$$\xi_2'(s) = -k_1(s)T(s) + k_2(s)\xi_3(s)$$

where  $k_1 > 0$  is the curvature ( the first curvature if  $m > 3$  ) and  $k_2$  is the torsion ( the second curvature with  $\tau > 0$  if  $m > 3$  ) of  $\beta$ .

Denote by  $\nu^\perp$  the orthogonal complementary subbundle of  $\nu$  in  $\Lambda$ . Certainly the fibers of  $\nu^\perp$  have dimension  $m - 3$  . Therefore the Frenet equations of  $\beta$  can be written as

$$T'(s) = k_1(s)\xi_2(s) \tag{2.2}$$

$$\xi_2'(s) = -k_1(s)T(s) + k_2(s)\xi_3(s) \tag{2.3}$$

$$\xi_3'(s) = -k_2(s)\xi_2(s) + \delta(s) \tag{2.4}$$

where  $\delta(s) \in \nu^\perp(s)$  ,  $\delta(s) = k_3(s)\xi_4(s)$  for all  $s \in I$ .

The curvature vector field of  $\beta$  ( the mean curvature vector field of  $\beta$  ) is defined by

$$H(s) = T'(s) = k_1(s)\xi_2(s) = h(T, T), \nabla_T T = 0 \tag{2.5}$$

Equations (2.3) and (2.4) also give how the normal connection  $D$  of  $\beta$  into  $\mathbb{E}^m$  behaves on  $\nu$

$$D_T \xi_2 = k_2(s)\xi_3(s) \tag{2.6}$$

$$D_T \xi_3 = -k_2(s)\xi_2(s) + \delta(s). \tag{2.7}$$

Let  $\Delta^D$  be the Laplacian associated with  $D$ . One can use the Frenet equations (2.6) and (2.7) to compute  $\Delta^D H$  and so one obtains

$$\Delta^D H = (-\kappa_1'' + \kappa_1 \kappa_2^2)v_2 + (-2\kappa_1' \kappa_2 - \kappa_1 \kappa_2')v_3 - \kappa_1 \kappa_2 \kappa_3 v_4. \tag{2.8}$$

In [5] it has shown that any immersed curve  $\gamma : I \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^m$  with the mean curvature vector satisfying  $\Delta H = 0$ , is a straight line. Recently, in [2] the authors gave a full classification of the immersed curves in an Euclidean space  $\mathbb{E}^m$  with the mean curvature vector satisfying  $\Delta^D H = 0$ .

In [6] we give the following results.

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $\gamma$  be a Frenet curve of harmonic one type (i.e.  $\Delta^D H + cH = 0$ ) if and only if*

$$-\kappa_1'' + \kappa_1 \kappa_2^2 + c\kappa_1 = 0, 2\kappa_1' \kappa_2 + \kappa_1 \kappa_2' = 0, \kappa_1 \kappa_2 \kappa_3 = 0. \tag{2.9}$$

By virtue of Proposition 1 one can get the following result.

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $\gamma$  be a harmonic 1-type curve*

i) *If  $\kappa_1 = 0$  then  $\gamma$  is a straight line.*

ii) *If  $\kappa_1, \kappa_2 \neq 0, \kappa_3 = 0$  then*

$$\kappa_1(s) = \frac{\sqrt{c}}{(4c_1)^{1/4}} \sqrt{\frac{e^{4s-2c_2} + 1}{e^{2s-c_2}}} \text{ and } \kappa_2(s) = 2\sqrt{c_1} \left( \frac{e^{2s-c_2}}{e^{4s-2c_2} + 1} \right) \quad (2.10)$$

**Corollary 2.** *Let plane curve  $\gamma$  be a harmonic 1-type curve. Then*

$\kappa_1'' \pm c\kappa_1 = 0$ . *That is*

a)  $\kappa_1 = b_1 \text{Cos}(\sqrt{c}s) + b_2 \text{Sin}(\sqrt{c}s)$  for  $\kappa_1'' + c\kappa_1 = 0$ ,

b)  $\kappa_1 = b_1 e^{\sqrt{c}s} + b_2 e^{-\sqrt{c}s}$ , for  $\kappa_1'' - c\kappa_1 = 0$ .

**Corollary 3.** *Every weak biharmonic curve are  $\bar{\nabla}$ -harmonic.*

*Proof.* Let  $\beta = M$  be a space curve of  $\mathbb{E}^m$  with arclength parameter. Then

$$T = T(s) = \beta'(s) \text{ and}$$

$$\beta''(s) = \nabla_T T + h(T, T) = k_1(s)\xi_2(s)$$

which implies that  $\nabla_T T = 0$ . Therefore the equation (1.6) reduce to

$$(\bar{\nabla}_T h)(T, T) = D_T h(T, T).$$

So the equation (1.9) and (1.10) are equal (i.e.  $\Delta^D H = \Delta^{\bar{\nabla}} H$ ). This complete the proof of the result.

**Corollary 4.** *Every  $\bar{\nabla}$ -harmonic curve  $\beta$  is 2-parallel.*

*Proof.* Let  $\beta$  be a smooth curve in  $\mathbb{E}^m$  with arclength parameter. Then differentiating  $T = \beta'(s)$  we get

$$H(s) = \beta''(s) = h(T, T)$$

and

$$(\bar{\nabla}_T h)(T, T) = D_T h(T, T)$$

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$$(\bar{\nabla}_T \bar{\nabla}_T h)(T, T) = D_T D_T h(T, T).$$

Therefore  $\Delta^{\bar{\nabla}} H = (\bar{\nabla}_T \bar{\nabla}_T h)(T, T)$ . So  $\Delta^{\bar{\nabla}} H = 0$  implies that  $\bar{\nabla}^2 h = 0$  (i.e.  $\beta$  is 2-parallel curve). The converse of this corollary is also true.

### 3. $\bar{\nabla}$ -HARMONIC SURFACES

Let  $M$  be a surfaces in  $\mathbb{E}^{2+d}$  then the equation (1.10) reduces to

$$\Delta^{\bar{\nabla}} H = \bar{\nabla}_{\nabla_{e_1} e_1} H + \bar{\nabla}_{\nabla_{e_2} e_2} H - \bar{\nabla}_{e_1} \bar{\nabla}_{e_1} H - \bar{\nabla}_{e_2} \bar{\nabla}_{e_2} H. \quad (3.1)$$

In the present section we will consider  $\bar{\nabla}$ -harmonic surfaces  $M$  in  $\mathbb{E}^{2+d}$ . First, we give the following result.

**Proposition 2.** *Every surface in  $\mathbb{E}^3$  is  $\bar{\nabla}$ -harmonic.*

*Proof.* Let  $\{e_1, e_2\}$  be an orthonormal frame field of  $T_p M$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{e_1} e_1 &= \lambda_1 e_2 \\ \nabla_{e_2} e_2 &= -\lambda_2 e_1 \\ \nabla_{e_1} e_2 &= -\lambda_1 e_1 \\ \nabla_{e_2} e_1 &= \lambda_2 e_2 \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

Substituting (1.6-1.8) and (3.2) into (3.1) after some calculations we get  $\Delta \bar{\nabla} H = 0$ . This completes the proof of the proposition.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $M \subset \mathbb{E}^{2+d}$  be smooth surfaces in  $\mathbb{E}^{2+d}$ . Then*

$$\Delta \bar{\nabla} H = \Delta^D H + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^2 D_{e_i} D_{e_i} H$$

where  $\{e_1, e_2\}$  is the orthonormal frame field of  $T_p M$  and  $H$  is the mean curvature vector of  $M$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\{e_1, e_2\}$  be a orthonormal frame field of  $T_p M$ . By (1.10) we get

$$\Delta \bar{\nabla} H = \sum_{i=1}^2 (\bar{\nabla}_{\nabla_{e_i} e_i} H - \bar{\nabla}_{e_i} \bar{\nabla}_{e_i} H). \quad (3.3)$$

Substituting  $H = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^2 h(e_i, e_i)$  into (3.3) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 2\Delta \bar{\nabla} H &= (\bar{\nabla}_{\nabla_{e_1} e_1} h)(e_1, e_1) + (\bar{\nabla}_{\nabla_{e_1} e_1} h)(e_2, e_2) + (\bar{\nabla}_{\nabla_{e_2} e_2} h)(e_1, e_1) \\ &+ (\bar{\nabla}_{\nabla_{e_2} e_2} h)(e_2, e_2) - (\bar{\nabla}_{e_1} \bar{\nabla}_{e_1} h)(e_1, e_1) - (\bar{\nabla}_{e_1} \bar{\nabla}_{e_1} h)(e_2, e_2) \\ &- (\bar{\nabla}_{e_2} \bar{\nabla}_{e_2} h)(e_1, e_1) - (\bar{\nabla}_{e_2} \bar{\nabla}_{e_2} h)(e_2, e_2). \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

Substituting (1.4), (1.5) and (3.2) into (3.4) and using (1.9) we get

$$2\Delta \bar{\nabla} H = \Delta^D H + \sum_{i=1}^2 D_{\nabla_{e_i} e_i} H \quad (3.5)$$

or similarly

$$\begin{aligned} 2\Delta \bar{\nabla} H &= D_{\nabla_{e_1} e_1} H - D_{e_1} D_{e_1} H + D_{\nabla_{e_2} e_2} H \\ &- D_{e_2} D_{e_2} H + D_{\nabla_{e_1} e_1} H + D_{\nabla_{e_2} e_2} H. \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

Adding and subtracting the terms  $D_{e_1} D_{e_1} H$  and  $D_{e_2} D_{e_2} H$  into the equations (3.6) we get

$$-2\Delta \bar{\nabla} H + 2\Delta^D H + \sum_{i=1}^2 D_{e_i} D_{e_i} H = 0.$$

This completes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.** [4] *Let  $M$  be a connected normally flat surfaces in  $\mathbb{E}^5$ .  $e_3$  is parallel to the mean curvature vector  $H$  of  $M$  such that*

$$A_{e_3} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \eta \end{bmatrix}, A_{e_4} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta & 0 \\ 0 & -\beta \end{bmatrix}, A_{e_5} = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & 0 \\ 0 & -\gamma \end{bmatrix}. \quad (3.7)$$

Using (3.3), (3.7), (1.6), (1.7) and codazzi equations we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta \bar{\nabla} H = & \{-e_1 e_1 (\lambda + \eta) - e_2 e_2 (\lambda + \eta) + 2e_2 (\lambda + \eta) w_1^2(e_1) - 2e_1 (\lambda + \eta) w_1^2(e_2) \\
& + (\lambda + \eta)[(w_3^4(e_1))^2 + (w_3^4(e_2))^2 + (w_3^5(e_1))^2 + (w_3^5(e_2))^2]\} e_3 \\
& + \{2w_3^4(e_2)[w_1^2(e_1)(\lambda + \eta) - e_2(\lambda + \eta)] - 2e_1(\lambda + \eta)w_3^4(e_1) \\
& - 2w_1^2(e_2)[w_3^4(e_1)(\lambda + 2\eta) - 2\beta w_1^2(e_2) - e_1(\beta)] \\
& + (\lambda + \eta)[-e_1(w_3^4(e_1)) - e_2(w_3^4(e_2)) - w_3^5(e_1)w_4^4(e_1) \\
& - w_3^5(e_2)w_4^4(e_2)]\} e_4 + \{2w_3^5(e_2)[w_1^2(e_1)(\lambda + \eta) - e_2(\lambda + \eta)] \\
& - 2w_3^5(e_1)[w_1^2(e_2)(\lambda + \eta) + e_1(\lambda + \eta)] \\
& + (\lambda + \eta)[-e_1(w_3^5(e_1)) - e_2(w_3^5(e_2)) - w_3^4(e_1)w_4^5(e_1) - w_3^4(e_2)w_4^5(e_2)]\} e_5.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

Substituting (3.8) into (1.10) we get the following result.

**Proposition 4.** *Let  $M$  be a connected normally flat surfaces in  $\mathbb{E}^5$  with  $e_3$  is parallel to the mean curvature vector  $H$  of  $M$ . If  $M$  is  $\bar{\nabla}$ -harmonic surfaces then*

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= -e_1 e_1 (\lambda + \eta) - e_2 e_2 (\lambda + \eta) + 2e_2 (\lambda + \eta) w_1^2(e_1) - 2e_1 (\lambda + \eta) w_1^2(e_2) \\
&\quad + (\lambda + \eta)[(w_3^4(e_1))^2 + (w_3^4(e_2))^2 + (w_3^5(e_1))^2 + (w_3^5(e_2))^2], \\
0 &= 2w_3^4(e_2)[w_1^2(e_1)(\lambda + \eta) - e_2(\lambda + \eta)] - 2e_1(\lambda + \eta)w_3^4(e_1) \\
&\quad - 2w_1^2(e_2)[w_3^4(e_1)(\lambda + 2\eta) - 2\beta w_1^2(e_2) - e_1(\beta)] \\
&\quad + (\lambda + \eta)[-e_1(w_3^4(e_1)) - e_2(w_3^4(e_2)) - w_3^5(e_1)w_4^4(e_1) - w_3^5(e_2)w_4^4(e_2)], \\
0 &= 2w_3^5(e_2)[w_1^2(e_1)(\lambda + \eta) - e_2(\lambda + \eta)] \\
&\quad - 2w_3^5(e_1)[w_1^2(e_2)(\lambda + \eta) + e_1(\lambda + \eta)] \\
&\quad + (\lambda + \eta)[-e_1(w_3^5(e_1)) - e_2(w_3^5(e_2)) - w_3^4(e_1)w_4^5(e_1) - w_3^4(e_2)w_4^5(e_2)].
\end{aligned}$$

**Example 3.2.** We give some examples;

1) The torus  $\mathbb{T}^2$  embedded in  $\mathbb{E}^4$  by

$$\mathbb{T}^2 = \{(\cos \theta, \sin \theta, \cos \varphi, \sin \varphi) : \theta, \varphi \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

is  $\bar{\nabla}$ -harmonic.

2) The helical cylinder  $\mathbb{H}^2$  embedded in  $\mathbb{E}^4$  by

$$\mathbb{H}^2 = \{(\theta, c \cos \varphi, c \sin \varphi, d\varphi) : \theta, \varphi \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

is  $\bar{\nabla}$ -harmonic.

3) The Klein Bottle  $\mathbb{K}^2$  embeded in  $\mathbb{E}^4$  by

$$\mathbb{K}^2 = \{(\cos \theta \cos \varphi, \sin \theta \cos \varphi, \cos 2\theta \sin \varphi, \sin 2\theta \sin \varphi) : \theta, \varphi \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

is  $\bar{\nabla}$ -harmonic.

4) Möbius band  $\mathbb{M}^2$  embedded in  $\mathbb{E}^4$  by

$$\mathbb{M}^2 = \{(\cos \theta, \sin \theta, \varphi \cos \frac{\theta}{2}, \varphi \sin \frac{\theta}{2}) : \theta, \varphi \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

has

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta \bar{\nabla} H = & \left\{ e_1^2 \left( \frac{1}{4 + \varphi^2} \right) + e_2^2 \left( \frac{1}{4 + \varphi^2} \right) + \frac{4\varphi}{4 + \varphi^2} e_2 \left( \frac{1}{4 + \varphi^2} \right) \right\} e_3 \\
& \left\{ \frac{3\varphi}{4 + \varphi^2} e_1 \left( \frac{1}{4 + \varphi^2} \right) + \frac{2}{4 + \varphi^2} e_1 \left( \frac{\varphi}{4 + \varphi^2} \right) \right\} e_4.
\end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 5.** [9] Let  $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^n$  be isometric immersion. If  $M$  is 1-parallel (i.e.  $\bar{\nabla}h = 0$ ) then  $f(M)$  is one of the following surfaces

- i)  $\mathbb{E}^2$
- ii)  $S^2 \subset \mathbb{E}^3$
- iii)  $IR^1 \times S^1 \subset \mathbb{E}^3$
- iv)  $S^1(a) \times S^1(b) \subset \mathbb{E}^4$
- v)  $V^2 \subset \mathbb{E}^5$ .

Comparing above proposition with the Examples we have the following result.

**Corollary 5.** Every 1-parallel surface in  $\mathbb{E}^4$  is  $\bar{\nabla}$ -harmonic. But the converse is not true.

**Proposition 6.** Vranceanu surfaces is given by

$$x(s, t) = (u(s) \cos s \cos t, u(s) \cos s \sin t, u(s) \sin s \cos t, u(s) \sin s \sin t)$$

is  $\bar{\nabla}$ -harmonic surfaces if and only if the equation

$$\alpha_s A(-4\alpha\kappa A_s - 1) + \beta_s A(-2\alpha\kappa A_s - 1) - A_s(\alpha_{ss} + \beta_{ss}) - 3\kappa^2 A_s(\alpha - \beta) = 0 \quad (3.9)$$

is satisfied, where  $u = u(s)$  is a smooth function and

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{A}, A = \sqrt{u^2 + (u')^2}, \kappa = \frac{u'}{u}, \beta = \frac{2(u')^2 - uu'' + u^2}{(u^2 + (u')^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}.$$

*Proof.* We choose a moving frame  $e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4$  such that  $e_1, e_2$  are tangent to  $M$  and  $e_3, e_4$  are normal to  $M$  as given by the following

$$e_1 = (-\cos s \sin t, \cos s \cos t, -\sin s \sin t, \sin s \cos t)$$

$$e_2 = \frac{1}{A}(B \cos t, B \sin t, C \cos t, C \sin t)$$

$$e_3 = \frac{1}{A}(-C \cos t, -C \sin t, B \cos t, B \sin t)$$

$$e_4 = (-\sin s \sin t, \sin s \cos t, \cos s \sin t, -\cos s \cos t)$$

where we put  $A = \sqrt{u^2 + (u')^2}$ ,  $B = u' \cos s - u \sin s$ ,  $C = u' \sin s + u \cos s$ . Then we have

$$e_1 = \frac{1}{u} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \quad e_2 = \frac{1}{A} \frac{\partial}{\partial s}.$$

Using (1.1) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{e_1} e_1 &= -\alpha\kappa e_2, \\ \nabla_{e_1} e_2 &= \alpha\kappa e_1, \\ \nabla_{e_2} e_1 &= 0, \nabla_{e_2} e_2 = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

$$h(e_1, e_1) = \alpha e_3, \quad h(e_2, e_2) = \beta e_3, \quad h(e_1, e_2) = -\alpha e_4. \quad (3.11)$$

Substituting (1.4), (1.5), (3.10) and (3.11) into (1.10) we get the result.  $\square$

**ÖZET:** Bu çalışmada,  $n$ -boyutlu  $E^n$  Öklid uzayında  $\bar{\nabla}$ -harmonik eğriler ve yüzeyler gözöntünde bulunduruldu. Her zayıf biharmonik eğrinin  $\bar{\nabla}$ -harmonik olduğu ispatlandı.  $E^4$  deki her 1-paralel yüzeyin  $\bar{\nabla}$ -harmonik olduğu fakat tersinin doğru olmadığı gösterildi. Sonuçta, Vranceanu yüzeyinin  $\bar{\nabla}$ -harmonik olması için gerekli koşul verildi.

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