

Biharmonic maps on kenmotsu manifolds

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Abstract: In this paper we study biharmonic maps on Kenmotsu manifolds. An example for biharmonic map of a three-Kenmotsu manifold is constructed for illustration.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Kenmotsu manifolds.

The notion of Kenmotsu manifolds is defined by K. Kenmotsu (see [15]). Let $(M^{2n+1}, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ be an almost contact Riemannian manifold, where ϕ is an $(1, 1)$ tensor field, η is a 1-form and g is the Riemannian metric. We have for any $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ (see [7] and [21])

$$\phi(\xi) = 0, \quad \eta(\phi(X)) = 0, \quad \eta(\xi) = 1, \quad (1)$$

$$\phi^2(X) = -X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad (2)$$

$$g(X, \xi) = \eta(X) \quad (3)$$

and

$$g(\phi(X), \phi(Y)) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y). \quad (4)$$

If, moreover

$$(\nabla_X \phi)Y = -\eta(Y)\phi(X) - g(X, \phi(Y))\xi \quad (5)$$

and

$$\nabla_X \xi = X - \eta(X)\xi, \quad (6)$$

where ∇ denotes the Riemannian connexion of g , then $(M^{2n+1}, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ is called an almost Kenmotsu manifold. In kenmotsu manifolds, we have the following relations (see [15]):

$$(\nabla_X \eta)Y = g(\phi(X), \phi(Y)), \quad (7)$$

$$R(X, Y)\xi = \eta(X)Y - \eta(Y)X, \quad (8)$$

$$R(\xi, X)Y = \eta(Y)X - g(X, Y)\xi, \quad (9)$$

$$R(\xi, X)\xi = X - \eta(X)\xi \quad (10)$$

and

$$S(X, \xi) = -(n-1)\eta(X), \quad (11)$$

where R is the Riemannian curvature tensor and S is the Ricci tensor. Kenmotsu manifolds have been studied by many authors, for example see [8], [14] and [20].

1.2 Harmonic maps.

Let $\phi : (M^m, g) \rightarrow (N^n, h)$ be a smooth map between Riemannian manifolds. Then ϕ is said to be harmonic if it is a critical point of the energy functional :

$$E(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} \int_M |d\phi|^2 dv_g \quad (12)$$

with respect to compactly supported variations. Equivalently, ϕ is harmonic if it satisfies the associated Euler-Lagrange equations :

$$\tau(\phi) = \text{Tr}_g \nabla d\phi = 0, \quad (13)$$

$\tau(\phi)$ is called the tension field of ϕ . One can refer to [1], [5], [9], [10], [11] and [12] for background on harmonic maps. Indeed, the Euler-Lagrange equation associated to the energy is the vanishing of the tension field $\tau(\phi) = \text{Tr}_g \nabla d\phi$. In the context of harmonic maps, the stress-energy tensor was studied in details by Baird and Eells in [2]. Indeed, the Euler-Lagrange equation associated to the energy is the vanishing of the tension field $\tau(\phi) = \text{Tr}_g \nabla d\phi$, and the stress-energy tensor for a map $\phi : (M^m, g) \rightarrow (N^n, h)$ defined by

$$S(\phi) = e(\phi)g - \phi^*h.$$

The relation between $S(\phi)$ and $\tau(\phi)$ is given by

$$\text{div}S(\phi) = -h(\tau(\phi), d\phi).$$

1.3 Biharmonic maps.

The map ϕ is said to be biharmonic if it is a critical point of the bi-energy functional :

$$E_2(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} \int_M |\tau(\phi)|^2 dv_g \quad (14)$$

Equivalently, ϕ is biharmonic if it satisfies the associated Euler-Lagrange equations :

$$\tau_2(\phi) = -\text{Tr}_g (\nabla^\phi)^2 \tau(\phi) - \text{Tr}_g R^N(\tau(\phi), d\phi)d\phi = 0, \quad (15)$$

where ∇^ϕ is the connection in the pull-back bundle $\phi^{-1}(TN)$ and, if e_i is a local orthonormal frame field on M , then

$$Tr_g(\nabla^\phi)^2 \tau(\phi) = \left(\nabla_{e_i}^\phi \nabla_{e_i}^\phi - \nabla_{\nabla_{e_i} e_i}^\phi \right) \tau(\phi),$$

where we sum over repeated indices. We will call the operator $\tau_2(\phi)$, the bi-tension field of the map ϕ . In analogy with harmonic maps, Jiang In [13] has constructed for a map ϕ the stress bi-energy tensor defined by

$$S_2(\phi) = \left(\frac{-1}{2} |\tau(\phi)|^2 + divh(\tau(\phi), d\phi) \right) g - 2symh(\nabla\tau(\phi), d\phi),$$

where

$$symh(\nabla\tau(\phi), d\phi)(X, Y) = \frac{1}{2} \{h(\nabla_X \tau(\phi), d\phi(Y)) + h(\nabla_Y \tau(\phi), d\phi(X))\},$$

for any $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$. The stress bi-energy tensor of ϕ satisfies the following relationship

$$divS_2(\phi) = h(\tau_2(\phi), d\phi).$$

Clearly any harmonic map is biharmonic, therefore it is interesting to construct non-harmonic biharmonic maps. In [4] the authors found new examples of biharmonic maps by conformally deforming the domain metric of harmonic ones. While in [6] the author analyzed the behavior of the biharmonic equation under the conformal change the domain metric, he obtained metrics $\tilde{g} = e^{2\gamma}$ such that the identity map $Id : (M, g) \rightarrow (M, \tilde{g})$ is biharmonic non-harmonic. Moreover, in [19] the author gave some extensions of the result in [6] together with some further constructions of biharmonic maps. The author in [18] deform conformally the codomain metric in order to render a semi-conformal harmonic map biharmonic. In [3] the authors studied the case where $\phi : (M^n, g) \rightarrow (N^n, h)$ is a conformal mapping between equidimensional manifolds where they show that a conformal mapping ϕ is biharmonic if and only if the gradient of its dilation satisfies a second order elliptic partial differential equation. We can refer the reader to [17], for a survey of biharmonic maps. In [16], the author obtain some results concerning harmonic maps and harmonic morphism on Kenmotsu manifolds, he prove that any structure preserving map from a Kenmotsu manifold to a Kahler manifold is harmonic and that there are no nonconstant harmonic holomorphic maps from a Kahler manifold to a Kenmotsu manifold. In this paper, we calculate the bitension field of $\psi : (N^{2n}, J, h) \rightarrow (M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$, where (N^{2n}, J, h) is a Kahlerian manifold and (M, ϕ, ξ, η, g) is a Kenmotsu manifold (Theorem 1), with this setting we obtain new example of biharmonic non-harmonic maps.

2 Statement of results.

As first result, we give another formula for the stress bi-energy tensor for a smooth map $\phi : (M^m, g) \rightarrow (N^n, h)$.

Proposition 1. *Let $\phi : (M^m, g) \rightarrow (N^n, h)$ be a smooth map, then we have*

$$S_2(\phi) = \left(\frac{1}{2} |\tau(\phi)|^2 + Tr_g h(\nabla\tau(\phi), d\phi) \right) g - 2symh(\nabla\tau(\phi), d\phi), \tag{16}$$

and the trace of $S_2(\phi)$ is given by

$$Tr_g S_2(\phi) = \frac{m}{2} |\tau(\phi)|^2 + (m-2) Tr_g h(\nabla\tau(\phi), d\phi). \tag{17}$$

Let (N^{2n}, J, h) be a Kahlerian manifold, (M, ϕ, ξ, η, g) be a Kenmotsu manifold and $\psi : N \rightarrow M$ be a (J, ϕ) -holomorphic map. To give a necessary and sufficient condition for the biharmonicity of the map ψ , we will calculate the bi-tension field $\tau_2(\psi)$. We get the following theorem :

Theorem 1. Let (N^{2n}, J, h) be a Kahlerian manifold, (M, ϕ, ξ, η, g) be a Kenmotsu manifold and $\psi : N \rightarrow M$ be a (J, ϕ) -holomorphic map. Then, the bi-tension field of ψ is given by

$$\tau_2(\psi) = -2(\Delta(e(\psi))\xi + 2d\psi(\text{grad}(e(\psi)))) \quad (18)$$

The biharmonicity of ψ is given by the following result :

Corollary 1. Let (N^{2n}, J, h) be a Kahlerian manifold, (M, ϕ, ξ, η, g) be a Kenmotsu manifold and $\psi : N \rightarrow M$ be a (J, ϕ) -holomorphic map. Then ψ is biharmonic if and only if

$$\Delta(e(\psi))\xi + 2d\psi(\text{grad}(e(\psi))) = 0.$$

By calculating of the term $\eta \circ \tau_2(\psi)$, we obtain immediately the following Corollary :

Corollary 2. Let (N^{2n}, J, h) be a Kahlerian manifold, (M, ϕ, ξ, η, g) be a Kenmotsu manifold and $\psi : N \rightarrow M$ be a (J, ϕ) -holomorphic map. If the map ψ is biharmonic, then the function $e(\psi)$ is harmonic.

In particular, if the function $e(\psi)$ is constant we obtain the following result :

Corollary 3. Let (N^{2n}, J, h) be a Kahlerian manifold, (M, ϕ, ξ, η, g) be a Kenmotsu manifold and $\psi : N \rightarrow M$ be a (J, ϕ) -holomorphic map. If the function $e(\psi)$ is constant, then ψ is biharmonic.

As an application of Theorem 1, we construct an example of biharmonic non-harmonic map.

Example 1. Let $(N = \mathbb{R}^2, J, h = dx^2 + dy^2)$ be a complex manifold with complex structure $J\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$, $J\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\right) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ and $(M = \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus \{(0, 0, 0)\}, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ be a Kenmotsu manifold with orthonormal basis

$$e_1 = x_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1},$$

$$e_2 = x_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2},$$

$$e_3 = -x_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3},$$

$$\xi = e_3,$$

$$\eta(X) = g(X, \xi),$$

where

$$g = \frac{1}{x_3^2} (dx_1^2 + dx_2^2 + dx_3^2)$$

and

$$\phi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let $\psi : N \rightarrow M$ be a (J, ϕ) -holomorphic map defined by

$$\psi(x, y) = (\psi_1(x, y), \psi_2(x, y), \psi_3(x, y)).$$

We have

$$\frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial y},$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial x}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial \psi_3}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \psi_3}{\partial y} = 0.$$

The last equation give $\psi_3(x, y) = C$, where C is the real constant. A simple calculate give

$$e(\psi) = \frac{1}{C^2} \left(\left(\frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial y} \right)^2 \right),$$

$$grad(e(\psi)) = \frac{2}{C^2} \left(\frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi_1}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi_1}{\partial x \partial y} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi_1}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi_1}{\partial x \partial y} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right),$$

$$\begin{aligned} d\psi(grad(e(\psi))) &= \frac{2}{C^2} \left(\left(\frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial x} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi_1}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi_1}{\partial x \partial y} \right) + \left(\frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial y} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi_1}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi_1}{\partial x \partial y} \right) \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \\ &+ \frac{2}{C^2} \left(\frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi_1}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi_1}{\partial x \partial y} \right) + \frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial y} \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial y} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi_1}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi_1}{\partial x \partial y} \right) \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(e(\psi)) &= \frac{2}{C^2} \left(\left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi_1}{\partial x^2} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi_2}{\partial x^2} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi_1}{\partial y^2} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial^2 \psi_2}{\partial y^2} \right)^2 \right) \\ &+ \frac{2}{C^2} \left(\frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial^3 \psi_1}{\partial x^3} - \frac{\partial^3 \psi_2}{\partial y^3} \right) + \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial^3 \psi_1}{\partial y^3} + \frac{\partial^3 \psi_2}{\partial x^3} \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

In particular, if we consider $\psi_1(x, y) = \psi_1(x)$ and $\psi_2(x, y) = \psi_2(y)$, we obtain

$$\psi(x, y) = (Ax + B, -Ay + D, C),$$

where A, B, C and D are a real constants ($A, C \neq 0$). In this case $e(\psi) = \frac{A^2}{C^2}$ and the map ψ is biharmonic non-harmonic.

Proposition 2. Let (N^{2n}, J, h) be a Kahlerian manifold, (M, ϕ, ξ, η, g) be a Kenmotsu manifold and $\psi : N \rightarrow M$ be a (J, ϕ) -holomorphic map. Then, the stress bi-energy tensor of ψ is given by

$$S_2(\psi) = 6(e(\psi))^2 h - 4e(\psi) g(d\psi(\cdot), d\psi(\cdot)), \tag{19}$$

where $g(d\psi(\cdot), d\psi(\cdot))(X, Y) = g(d\psi(X), d\psi(Y))$, and the trace of $S_2(\psi)$ is given by

$$Tr_h S_2(\psi) = (12n - 8)(e(\psi))^2.$$

3 Proof of results.

Proof of Proposition 1. Let $\phi : (M^m, g) \rightarrow (N^n, h)$ be a smooth map. By definition, we have

$$S_2(\phi) = \left(\frac{-1}{2} |\tau(\phi)|^2 + divh(\tau(\phi), d\phi) \right) g - 2symh(\nabla\tau(\phi), d\phi). \tag{20}$$

Let $(e_i)_{i=1}^m$ is a local orthonormal frame field on M . For the term $\operatorname{div}h(\tau(\phi), d\phi)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div}h(\tau(\phi), d\phi) &= (\nabla_{e_i}h(\tau(\phi), d\phi))(e_i) \\ &= e_i(h(\tau(\phi), d\phi(e_i))) - h(\tau(\phi), d\phi(\nabla_{e_i}e_i)) \\ &= h(\nabla_{e_i}^\phi\tau(\phi), d\phi(e_i)) + h(\tau(\phi), \nabla_{e_i}^\phi d\phi(e_i)) \\ &\quad - h(\tau(\phi), d\phi(\nabla_{e_i}e_i)) \\ &= h(\nabla_{e_i}^\phi\tau(\phi), d\phi(e_i)) + h(\tau(\phi), \nabla_{e_i}^\phi d\phi(e_i) - d\phi(\nabla_{e_i}e_i)). \end{aligned}$$

But we know that

$$h(\nabla_{e_i}^\phi\tau(\phi), d\phi(e_i)) = \operatorname{Tr}_g h(\nabla\tau(\phi), d\phi)$$

and

$$h(\tau(\phi), \nabla_{e_i}^\phi d\phi(e_i) - d\phi(\nabla_{e_i}e_i)) = h(\tau(\phi), \tau(\phi)) = |\tau(\phi)|^2,$$

it follows that

$$\operatorname{div}h(\tau(\phi), d\phi) = \operatorname{Tr}_g h(\nabla\tau(\phi), d\phi) + |\tau(\phi)|^2 \quad (21)$$

If we replace (21) in (20), we obtain

$$S_2(\phi) = \left(\frac{1}{2} |\tau(\phi)|^2 + \operatorname{Tr}_g h(\nabla\tau(\phi), d\phi) \right) g - 2\operatorname{sym}h(\nabla\tau(\phi), d\phi).$$

By definition the trace of $S_2(\phi)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Tr}_g S_2(\phi) &= S_2(\phi)(e_i, e_i) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2} |\tau(\phi)|^2 + \operatorname{Tr}_g h(\nabla\tau(\phi), d\phi) \right) g(e_i, e_i) \\ &\quad - 2\operatorname{sym}h(\nabla\tau(\phi), d\phi)(e_i, e_i) \\ &= m \left(\frac{1}{2} |\tau(\phi)|^2 + \operatorname{Tr}_g h(\nabla\tau(\phi), d\phi) \right) - 2h(\nabla_{e_i}\tau(\phi), d\phi(e_i)) \\ &= \frac{m}{2} |\tau(\phi)|^2 + m\operatorname{Tr}_g h(\nabla\tau(\phi), d\phi) - 2\operatorname{Tr}_g h(\nabla\tau(\phi), d\phi) \end{aligned}$$

which gives

$$\operatorname{Tr}_g S_2(\phi) = \frac{m}{2} |\tau(\phi)|^2 + (m-2)\operatorname{Tr}_g h(\nabla\tau(\phi), d\phi).$$

The proof of Proposition 1 is complete. To prove Theorem 1, we need the following Lemma :

Lemma 1. *Let (N^{2n}, J, h) be a Kahlerian manifold, (M, ϕ, ξ, η, g) be a Kenmotsu manifold and $\psi : N \rightarrow M$ be a (J, ϕ) -holomorphic map. Then, we have for any $X \in \Gamma(TM)$*

$$(\eta \circ d\psi)(X) = 0.$$

Proof of Lemma 1. Since $\psi : N \rightarrow M$ is (J, ϕ) -holomorphic map, then for any $X \in \Gamma(TN)$, we have

$$(d\psi \circ J)(X) = (\phi \circ d\psi)(X).$$

Using the fact that (N^{2n}, J, h) is a Kahlerian manifold, then

$$J^2(X) = -X.$$

As (M, ϕ, ξ, η, g) is a Kenmotsu manifold and by using the equation 1, we have

$$\eta \circ \phi = 0.$$

Then, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (\eta \circ d\psi)(X) &= (\eta \circ d\psi)(-J^2(X)) \\ &= -\eta \circ d\psi \circ J(J(X)) \\ &= -\eta \circ \phi \circ d\psi(J(X)) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

We are now able to prove Theorem 1.

Proof of Theorem 1. By definition, we have

$$\tau_2(\psi) = -Tr_h(\nabla^\psi)^2 \tau(\psi) - Tr_h R^M(\tau(\psi), d\psi) d\psi.$$

The tension field of ψ is given by (see [16])

$$\tau(\psi) = 2e(\psi)\xi,$$

then

$$\tau_2(\psi) = -2 \left(Tr_h(\nabla^\psi)^2 e(\psi)\xi + Tr_h R^M(e(\psi)\xi, d\psi) d\psi \right). \tag{22}$$

In the first, we will simplify the term $Tr_h(\nabla^\psi)^2 e(\psi)\xi$. Let $(e_i)_{i=1}^{2n}$ is a local orthonormal frame field on N , we have

$$Tr_g(\nabla^\psi)^2 e(\psi)\xi = \nabla_{e_i}^\psi \nabla_{e_i}^\psi e(\psi)\xi - \nabla_{\nabla_{e_i}^N e_i}^\psi e(\psi)\xi. \tag{23}$$

A direct calculation gives

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{e_i}^\psi \nabla_{e_i}^\psi e(\psi)\xi &= \nabla_{e_i}^\psi (e(\psi)\nabla_{e_i}^\psi \xi) + \nabla_{e_i}^\psi (e_i(e(\psi))\xi) \\ &= e(\psi)\nabla_{e_i}^\psi \nabla_{e_i}^\psi \xi + e_i(e(\psi))\nabla_{e_i}^\psi \xi + e_i(e(\psi))\nabla_{e_i}^\psi \xi \\ &\quad + e_i(e_i(e(\psi)))\xi \\ &= e(\psi)\nabla_{e_i}^\psi \nabla_{e_i}^\psi \xi + 2\nabla_{\text{grad}(e(\psi))}^\psi \xi + e_i(e_i(e(\psi)))\xi \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\nabla_{\nabla_{e_i}^N e_i}^\psi e(\psi)\xi = e(\psi)\nabla_{\nabla_{e_i}^N e_i}^\psi \xi + \nabla_{e_i}^\psi e_i(e(\psi))\xi.$$

Using the fact that

$$\Delta(e(\psi)) = e_i(e_i(e(\psi))) - (\nabla_{e_i}^N e_i)(e(\psi))$$

and

$$Tr_g(\nabla^\psi)^2 \xi = \nabla_{e_i}^\psi \nabla_{e_i}^\psi \xi - \nabla_{\nabla_{e_i}^N e_i}^\psi \xi,$$

we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_h (\nabla^\Psi)^2 e(\psi) \xi &= e(\psi) Tr_h (\nabla^\Psi)^2 \xi + \Delta(e(\psi)) \xi \\ &\quad + 2\nabla_{\text{grad}(e(\psi))}^\Psi \xi. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Calculate the term $Tr_h (\nabla^\Psi)^2 \xi$, we have

$$Tr_h (\nabla^\Psi)^2 \xi = \nabla_{e_i}^\Psi \nabla_{e_i}^\Psi \xi - \nabla_{\nabla_{e_i} e_i}^\Psi \xi.$$

By using equation (6), we obtain

$$\nabla_{e_i}^\Psi \xi = \nabla_{d\psi(e_i)} \xi = d\psi(e_i) - (\eta \circ d\psi)(e_i) \xi,$$

and by Lemma 1, we have

$$(\eta \circ d\psi)(e_i) = 0,$$

then

$$\nabla_{e_i}^\Psi \xi = d\psi(e_i)$$

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$$\nabla_{e_i}^\Psi \nabla_{e_i}^\Psi \xi = \nabla_{e_i}^\Psi d\psi(e_i)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\nabla_{e_i} e_i}^\Psi \xi &= \nabla_{d\psi(\nabla_{e_i} e_i)} \xi \\ &= d\psi(\nabla_{e_i} e_i) - (\eta \circ d\psi)(\nabla_{e_i} e_i) \xi \\ &= d\psi(\nabla_{e_i} e_i), \end{aligned}$$

we conclude that

$$Tr_h (\nabla^\Psi)^2 \xi = \nabla_{e_i}^\Psi d\psi(e_i) - d\psi(\nabla_{e_i} e_i) = \tau(\psi).$$

Then

$$Tr_h (\nabla^\Psi)^2 \xi = 2e(\psi) \xi.$$

Finally, we obtain

$$Tr_h (\nabla^\Psi)^2 e(\psi) \xi = 2(e(\psi))^2 \xi + \Delta(e(\psi)) \xi + 2\nabla_{\text{grad}(e(\psi))}^\Psi \xi$$

Now simplify the term $\nabla_{\text{grad}(e(\psi))}^\Psi \xi$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\text{grad}(e(\psi))}^\Psi \xi &= \nabla_{d\psi(\text{grad}(e(\psi)))}^M \xi \\ &= d\psi(\text{grad}(e(\psi))) - \eta(d\psi(\text{grad}(e(\psi)))) \xi \\ &= d\psi(\text{grad}(e(\psi))) - (\eta \circ d\psi)(\text{grad}(e(\psi))) \xi \\ &= d\psi(\text{grad}(e(\psi))). \end{aligned}$$

which finally gives us

$$Tr_h (\nabla^\Psi)^2 e(\psi) \xi = 2(e(\psi))^2 \xi + \Delta(e(\psi)) \xi + 2d\psi(\text{grad}(e(\psi))). \quad (25)$$

To complete the proof, look at the term $Tr_g R^M(e(\psi) \xi, d\psi) d\psi$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_h R^M(e(\psi)\xi, d\psi)d\psi &= e(\psi) Tr_h R^M(\xi, d\psi)d\psi \\ &= e(\psi) R^N(\xi, d\psi(e_i))d\psi(e_i). \end{aligned}$$

Using equation (9), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} R^N(\xi, d\psi(e_i))d\psi(e_i) &= \eta(d\psi(e_i)) - g(d\psi(e_i), d\psi(e_i))\xi \\ &= (\eta \circ d\psi)(e_i) - 2e(\psi)\xi \\ &= -2e(\psi)\xi. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$Tr_h R^N(e(\psi)\xi, d\psi)d\psi = -2(e(\psi))^2\xi. \tag{26}$$

If we replace (25) and (26) in (22), we arrive at

$$\tau_2(\psi) = -2(\Delta(e(\psi))\xi + 2d\psi(\text{grad}(e(\psi)))).$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 1. Then $\psi : N \rightarrow M$ is biharmonic if and only if

$$\Delta(e(\psi))\xi + 2d\psi(\text{grad}(e(\psi))) = 0.$$

Proof of Corollary 2. If we assume that the map $\psi : N \rightarrow M$ is biharmonic, by Theorem 1, we have

$$\Delta(e(\psi))\xi + 2d\psi(\text{grad}(e(\psi))) = 0.$$

Then

$$\eta \circ (\Delta(e(\psi))\xi + 2d\psi(\text{grad}(e(\psi)))) = 0,$$

it follows that

$$\Delta(e(\psi))\eta(\xi) + 2(\eta \circ d\psi)(\text{grad}(e(\psi))) = 0.$$

By using the equation (1), we have

$$\eta(\xi) = 1$$

and by Lemma 1, we have

$$(\eta \circ d\psi)(\text{grad}(e(\psi))) = 0.$$

Which finally gives

$$\Delta(e(\psi)) = 0.$$

We deduce that the function $e(\psi)$ is harmonic.

Proof of Proposition 2. By definition, for any $X, Y \in \Gamma(TN)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} S_2(\psi)(X, Y) &= \left(\frac{1}{2} |\tau(\psi)|^2 + Tr_h g(\nabla\tau(\psi), d\psi) \right) h(X, Y) \\ &\quad - 2symg(\nabla\tau(\psi), d\psi)(X, Y). \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\tau(\psi) = 2e(\psi)\xi,$$

it follows that

$$|\tau(\psi)|^2 = 4(e(\psi))^2.$$

For the term $Trhg(\nabla\tau(\psi), d\psi)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} Trhg(\nabla\tau(\psi), d\psi) &= 2g(\nabla_{e_i}e(\psi)\xi, d\psi(e_i)) \\ &= 2e(\psi)g(\nabla_{e_i}^\psi\xi, d\psi(e_i)) \\ &\quad + 2e_i(e(\psi))g(\xi, d\psi(e_i)), \end{aligned}$$

where $(e_i)_{i=1}^{2n}$ is a local orthonormal frame field on N . By equation (6), we obtain

$$\nabla_{e_i}^\psi\xi = \nabla_{d\psi(e_i)}^M\xi = d\psi(e_i) - \eta(d\psi(e_i))\xi = d\psi(e_i)$$

and by (3), we have

$$g(\xi, d\psi(e_i)) = \eta(d\psi(e_i)) = 0,$$

then

$$Trhg(\nabla\tau(\psi), d\psi) = 2e(\psi)g(d\psi(e_i), d\psi(e_i)) = 4(e(\psi))^2.$$

it follow that

$$\frac{1}{2}|\tau(\psi)|^2 + Trhg(\nabla\tau(\psi), d\psi) = 6(e(\psi))^2.$$

Finally, for the term $symg(\nabla\tau(\psi), d\psi)(X, Y)$, we have

$$symg(\nabla\tau(\psi), d\psi)(X, Y) = \frac{1}{2}g(\nabla_X^\psi\tau(\psi), d\psi(Y)) + \frac{1}{2}g(\nabla_Y^\psi\tau(\psi), d\psi(X)).$$

A simple calculate gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}g(\nabla_X^\psi\tau(\psi), d\psi(Y)) &= g(\nabla_X^\psi e(\psi)\xi, d\psi(Y)) \\ &= e(\psi)g(\nabla_X^\psi\xi, d\psi(Y)) + X(e(\psi))g(\xi, d\psi(Y)), \end{aligned}$$

but by (6), we have

$$\nabla_X^\psi\xi = \nabla_{d\psi(X)}^M\xi = d\psi(X) - \eta(d\psi(X))\xi = d\psi(X)$$

and by (3), we obtain

$$g(\xi, d\psi(Y)) = \eta(d\psi(Y)) = 0,$$

then

$$\frac{1}{2}g(\nabla_X^\psi\tau(\psi), d\psi(Y)) = g(d\psi(X), d\psi(Y)).$$

A similar calculate gives

$$\frac{1}{2}g(\nabla_Y^\psi\tau(\psi), d\psi(X)) = g(d\psi(X), d\psi(Y)).$$

We deduce that

$$symg(\nabla\tau(\psi), d\psi)(X, Y) = 2g(d\psi(X), d\psi(Y)),$$

then

$$S_2(\psi)(X, Y) = 6(e(\psi))^2 g(X, Y) - 4g(d\psi(X), d\psi(Y)).$$

finally, the stress bi-energy tensor is given by

$$S_2(\psi) = 6(e(\psi))^2 g - 4g(d\psi(\cdot), d\psi(\cdot)),$$

where $g(d\psi(\cdot), d\psi(\cdot))(X, Y) = g(d\psi(X), d\psi(Y))$. Now calculate $Tr_h S_2(\psi)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_h S_2(\psi) &= S_2(\psi)(e_i, e_i) \\ &= 6(e(\psi))^2 g(e_i, e_i) - 4g(d\psi(e_i), d\psi(e_i)) \\ &= 12n(e(\psi))^2 - 4|d\psi|^2 \\ &= 12n(e(\psi))^2 - 8(e(\psi))^2 \\ &= (12n - 8)(e(\psi))^2. \end{aligned}$$

We conclude that $Tr_g S_2(\psi) = 0$ if and only if the map ψ is constant.

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