

# PSEUDO-PARALLEL LAGRANGIAN SUBMANIFOLDS IN COMPLEX SPACE FORMS

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ABSTRACT. In this work we study pseudo-parallel Lagrangian submanifolds in a complex space form. We give several general properties pseudo-parallel submanifolds. For the 2-dimensional case, we show that any minimal Lagrangian surface is pseudo-parallel. We also give examples of non minimal pseudo-parallel Lagrangian surfaces. Here we prove a local classification of the pseudo-parallel Lagrangian surfaces. In particular, semi-parallel Lagrangian surfaces are totally geodesic or flat. Finally, we give examples of pseudo-parallel Lagrangian surfaces which are not semi-parallel.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

An isometric immersion  $f : M^n \rightarrow \tilde{M}^N$  of an  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold into a  $N$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold with metric  $\langle, \rangle$  is called *pseudo-parallel* if its second fundamental form  $\alpha$  satisfies:

$$(1.1) \quad \bar{R}(X, Y) \cdot \alpha = \varphi X \wedge Y \cdot \alpha,$$

for some real valued smooth function  $\varphi$  on  $M$  and for any  $X$  and  $Y$  vectors tangent to  $M$ , where  $\bar{R}$  is the curvature operator of the Van der Waerden-Bortolotti connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  of  $f$  and  $X \wedge Y$  is the operator given by  $(X \wedge Y)Z = \langle Y, Z \rangle X - \langle X, Z \rangle Y$ . So,  $M$  will be referred as a  $\varphi$ -pseudo-parallel submanifold of  $\tilde{M}$ .

Pseudo-parallel immersions have been studied in [1], [2], [21] and in [23] for the case of  $\tilde{M}$  be of constant sectional curvature. In real space forms, the pseudo-parallelism condition is the extrinsic analogue of *pseudo-symmetry* in the sense of Deszcz [18]. Recall that a manifold  $M$  is pseudo-symmetric if the curvature tensor  $R$  of  $M$  satisfies:

$$(1.2) \quad R(X, Y) \cdot R = \psi X \wedge Y \cdot R,$$

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for any  $X$  and  $Y$  vectors tangent to  $M$ , being  $\psi$  some real valued smooth function on  $M$ . So, in ambients with constant curvature, any  $\varphi$ -pseudo-parallel submanifold is intrinsically a  $\varphi$ -pseudo-symmetric manifold, see [1]. However, in general, pseudo-symmetry does not imply pseudo-parallelism, see [1].

Pseudo-symmetric manifolds have been studied by many authors from several viewpoints but there is not available a complete classification yet [3]. When  $\psi = 0$  in (1.2),  $M$  is called a *semi-symmetric* manifold and they were classified in [28].

A *semi-parallel* immersion [17] is determined by  $\varphi = 0$  in equation (1.1). Recall that a *parallel* immersion is defined by  $\bar{\nabla}\alpha = 0$ . Thus, pseudo-parallel immersions are a generalization of semi-parallel immersions and consequently a generalization of parallel immersions.

It is well-known the classification of parallel immersions in a real space form. However, the classification of semi-parallel immersions in real space forms is still an open problem although several authors have obtained important advances. We can refer to [24] for a survey. Examples of pseudo-parallel immersions in real space forms which are not semi-parallel have been shown in [1], [2] and [23].

Pseudo-parallel hypersurfaces of a real space form were classified in [2]. They are either quasi-umbilical hypersurfaces or cyclids of Dupin. Recently a generalization of this result has been obtained in [23], where a local classification of pseudo-parallel submanifolds with flat normal bundle of a real space form has been proved. For  $n = 2$ , in [21] it was given a local classification of pseudo-parallel surfaces. In particular, a constant pseudo-parallel surface with non-flat normal bundle in a 4-dimensional real space form is a piece of a Veronese surface.

First results on pseudo-parallel immersions in almost complex manifolds with constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $4c$ , appear in [22] where a local classification for pseudo-parallel real hypersurfaces has been given. Essentially, pseudo-parallel real hypersurfaces  $M^{2n-1}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , of a complex space form  $\tilde{M}^n(4c)$  are either tubes over a totally geodesic  $\mathbb{C}P^{n-1}$  or horospheres in  $\mathbb{C}H^{n-1}$  or tubes over a totally geodesic  $\mathbb{C}H^{n-1}$ .

On the other hand, Lagrangian submanifolds of complex space form has been deeply studied from the decade of the 70's. A survey of the principal results in theory of Lagrangian submanifolds can be found in [9]. Since there is no a complete classification of Lagrangian submanifolds, it is natural to study the Lagrangian submanifolds with some additional properties. Therefore, the aim of this paper is to study

Lagrangian submanifolds  $M^n$  of a complex  $n$ -dimensional space form  $\tilde{M}^n(4c)$  which are pseudo-parallel.

First we prove several properties of pseudo-parallel Lagrangian submanifolds of a complex space form. In the specific case of  $H$ -umbilical submanifolds, we are able to prove that the notion of pseudo-parallelism agrees with that of semi-parallelism. In the 2-dimensional case, we show here that a minimal Lagrangian surface  $M^2$  of  $\tilde{M}^2(4c)$  is  $\varphi$ -pseudo parallel with  $\varphi = \frac{3}{2}K$ , where  $K$  is the Gauss curvature of  $M^2$ . Moreover, we give examples of pseudo-parallel Lagrangian surfaces which are not minimal.

We also give a local classification of pseudo-parallel Lagrangian surfaces as: either totally geodesic or flat non totally geodesic, or minimal with non constant Gauss curvature which is not semi-parallel. In particular, from the classification follows that semi-parallel Lagrangian surfaces of a complex space form are (locally) totally geodesic or flat. Recently, it have been given the local classification of Lagrangian surfaces of constant curvature in a complex space form, see [10], [11], [12] and [13]. Combining these results, we can give a full local classification of the semi-parallel Lagrangian surfaces into a complex space form. Finally, here we give some examples of pseudo-parallel surfaces which are not semi-parallel.

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## 2. NOTATIONS AND PRELIMINARIES

Let  $(\tilde{M}^N, \langle, \rangle)$  be an  $N$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold and  $M^n$  be an  $n$ -dimensional submanifold of  $\tilde{M}^N$ . On  $M^n$ , we have a metric induced by  $\tilde{M}$  that becomes  $f : M^n \rightarrow \tilde{M}^N$  into an isometric immersion.

In this work we denote by  $X, Y, Z, W \dots$  vectors tangent to  $M$ , by  $\xi, \eta \dots$  vectors normal to  $M$  and by  $U, V \dots$  generic vectors tangent to  $\tilde{M}$ , unless be mentioned otherwise.

As usual,  $\nabla$  and  $\tilde{\nabla}$  denote the Levi-Civita connections of  $M$  and  $\tilde{M}$ , respectively. Both connections are related by the Gauss formula:

$$\tilde{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + \alpha(X, Y),$$

where  $\alpha$  is the second fundamental form. Similarly, the Weingarten formula is:

$$\tilde{\nabla}_X \xi = -A_\xi X + D_X \xi,$$

where  $A_\xi$  is the shape operator (which is auto-adjoint) in the direction  $\xi$  and  $D$  is the normal connection on  $M$ . The shape operator and the

second fundamental form are related by:

$$\langle \alpha(X, Y), \xi \rangle = \langle A_\xi X, Y \rangle.$$

Following the convection of [15], the curvature  $\tilde{R}$  of  $\tilde{\nabla}$  is defined by:

$$\tilde{R}(U_1, U_2)V = [\nabla_{U_1}, \nabla_{U_2}]V - \nabla_{[U_1, U_2]}V,$$

and the sectional curvature of a non-degenerate plane spanned by  $\{U, V\}$  is given by  $\langle \tilde{R}(U, V)V, U \rangle / (\|U\|^2\|V\|^2 - \langle U, V \rangle^2)$ .

If  $R$  and  $R^D$  denote, respectively, the Riemannian curvature tensors of  $\nabla$  and  $D$ , then the Gauss equation and the Ricci equation are:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \tilde{R}(X, Y)Z, W \rangle &= \langle R(X, Y)Z, W \rangle + \langle \alpha(X, Z), \alpha(Y, W) \rangle \\ &\quad - \langle \alpha(X, W), \alpha(Y, Z) \rangle, \\ \langle \tilde{R}(X, Y)\xi, \eta \rangle &= \langle R^D(X, Y)\xi, \eta \rangle + \langle [A_\xi, A_\eta]X, Y \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

The Codazzi equation of the immersion is:

$$(\tilde{R}(X, Y)Z)^\perp = (\bar{\nabla}_X \alpha)(Y, Z) - (\bar{\nabla}_Y \alpha)(X, Z),$$

where  $\bar{\nabla} = \nabla \oplus D$  is the Van der Waerden-Bortolotti connection. The covariant derivative  $\bar{\nabla} \alpha$  of the second fundamental form  $\alpha$  is given by:

$$(\bar{\nabla}_X \alpha)(Y, Z) = D_X \alpha(Y, Z) - \alpha(\nabla_X Y, Z) - \alpha(Z, \nabla_X Z).$$

The operators  $\bar{R}(X, Y)$ , from the curvature of  $\bar{\nabla}$ , and  $X \wedge Y$  can be extended as derivations of tensor fields in the usual way. So, it following easily from the fundamental equations that  $\bar{R}(X, Y) \cdot \alpha$  and  $X \wedge Y \cdot \alpha$  of expression (1.1) are given by:

(2.1)

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{R}(X, Y) \cdot \alpha)(Z, W) &= R^D(X, Y)(\alpha(Z, W)) - \alpha(R(X, Y)Z, W) \\ &\quad - \alpha(Z, R(X, Y)W), \\ (X \wedge Y \cdot \alpha)(Z, W) &= -\alpha((X \wedge Y)Z, W) - \alpha(Z, (X \wedge Y)W) \\ &= -\langle Y, Z \rangle \alpha(X, W) + \langle X, Z \rangle \alpha(Y, W) \\ &\quad - \langle Y, W \rangle \alpha(Z, X) + \langle X, W \rangle \alpha(Z, Y). \end{aligned}$$

In (1.2),  $R(X, Y)$  acts as a derivation similarly.

An almost complex structure on  $\tilde{M}$  is a tensor field  $J$  of type (1,1) such that  $J^2 = -Id$ . If  $J$  is an isometry, i.e.  $\langle U, V \rangle = \langle JU, JV \rangle$ , we say that  $\tilde{M}^m$  is an almost Hermitian manifold, where  $m$  is the complex dimension of  $\tilde{M}$ . The most interesting Hermitian manifolds are, maybe, the Kaehlerian manifolds defined by  $\tilde{\nabla} J = 0$ , (i.e. the almost complex structure is parallel).

Two important properties of the curvature tensor of a Kaehlerian manifold are:

$$\tilde{R}(JU, JV) = \tilde{R}(U, V) \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{R}(U_1, U_2)JV = J\tilde{R}(U_1, U_2)V.$$

The holomorphic sectional curvature of an almost Hermitian manifold is the restriction of the sectional curvature to holomorphic planes (that spanned by  $U$  and  $JU$ ) of the tangent space. A manifold  $\tilde{M}$  has constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $4c$  if  $c$  is a constant such that  $\langle \tilde{R}(U, JU)JU, U \rangle = 4c\|U\|^4$  for any tangent vector  $U$  of  $\tilde{M}$ . The curvature tensor of a space of constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $4c$ ,  $\tilde{M}(4c)$ , is given by:

$$\tilde{R}(U_1, U_2)V = c((U_1 \wedge U_2)V + (JU_1 \wedge JU_2)V + 2\langle JU_1, U_2 \rangle JV).$$

Finally, for a complex space form we mean a Kaehlerian manifold, complete, simply connected, with constant holomorphic sectional curvature. So, a complex space form is isometric to either the complex projective space  $\mathbb{C}P^m(4c)$  if  $c > 0$ , or the complex Euclidean space  $\mathbb{C}^m$  if  $c = 0$ , or the complex projective hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{H}P^m(4c)$  if  $c < 0$ .

An  $n$ -dimensional submanifold  $M^n$  of an almost Hermitian complex manifold  $\tilde{M}^m$  is said to be *totally real* if  $J(T_p M) \subset (T_p M)^\perp$  for all  $p \in M^n$ . A totally real submanifold  $M^n$  of  $\tilde{M}^m$  is said to be *Lagrangian* when  $n = m$ . The following relations are well-known for Lagrangian submanifolds of a Kaehlerian manifold (see for example [5]):

$$(2.2) \quad D_X JY = J\nabla_X Y,$$

$$(2.3) \quad JA_{JX}Y = \alpha(X, Y) = JA_{JY}X,$$

$$(2.4) \quad \langle \alpha(X, Y), JZ \rangle = \langle \alpha(Y, Z), JX \rangle = \langle \alpha(Z, X), JY \rangle.$$

Note that from (2.2) follows  $R^D(X, Y)JZ = JR(X, Y)Z$ . Moreover, from the Gauss equation we have:

$$(2.5) \quad R(X, Y) = \tilde{R}(X, Y) + [A_{JX}, A_{JY}].$$

### 3. PSEUDO-PARALLEL LAGRANGIAN SUBMANIFOLDS

From the pseudo-parallelism condition (1.1), see also equations (2.1), and the basic concepts introduced in last section, a Lagrangian submanifold  $M^n$  of  $\tilde{M}^n$  will be a  $\varphi$ -pseudo-parallel if and only if the following equation holds:

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} R(X, Y)A_{JW}Z &= A_{JW}R(X, Y)Z + A_{JZ}R(X, Y)W \\ &\quad - \varphi\langle Y, W \rangle A_{JZ}X + \varphi\langle X, W \rangle A_{JZ}Y \\ &\quad - \varphi\langle Y, Z \rangle A_{JW}X + \varphi\langle X, Z \rangle A_{JW}Y. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\varphi = 0$  in (3.1), then the submanifold  $M^n$  of  $\tilde{M}^n$  is called *semi-parallel*. As a *parallel* submanifold,  $\bar{\nabla}\alpha = 0$  (in particular, *totally geodesic* submanifold,  $\alpha = 0$ ), is semi-parallel, it is obvious that also is a pseudo-parallel submanifold.

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $M^n$  be a  $\varphi$ -pseudo-parallel Lagrangian submanifold of  $\tilde{M}^n$ . If there is another smooth function  $\psi$  that also satisfies (3.1), then  $\varphi = \psi$  at least on  $M - V$ , where  $V = \{p \in M \mid \alpha_p \equiv 0\}$ .*

*Proof.* If  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are two smooth functions that satisfy (3.1), then we have:

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{aligned} &(\varphi - \psi)(\langle Y, W \rangle A_{JZ}X - \langle X, W \rangle A_{JZ}Y \\ &+ \langle Y, Z \rangle A_{JW}X - \langle X, Z \rangle A_{JW}Y) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $X, Y, Z$  and  $W$  vectors tangent to  $M$ . For  $X = Z = W$  in such a way  $X$  and  $Y$  are orthonormal, from (3.2) we get:

$$(3.3) \quad (\varphi - \psi)A_{JX}Y = 0.$$

Now, when  $X = Z$ ,  $Y = W$  and  $X$  and  $Y$  are orthonormal, we obtain from (3.2):

$$(3.4) \quad (\varphi - \psi)(A_{JX}X - A_{JY}Y) = 0,$$

Let  $p \in M$  such that  $\varphi(p) \neq \psi(p)$ . By (3.3) and (3.4) we know that:

$$A_{JX}Y = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad A_{JX}X = A_{JY}Y$$

for any  $X \perp Y$ . From here and (2.3), we get that

$$A_{JX}X = \langle A_{JX}X, X \rangle X = \langle A_{JY}Y, X \rangle X = 0.$$

So,  $A_{JX} \equiv A_{JY} \equiv 0$  and consequently:

$$\{p \in M \mid \varphi(p) \neq \psi(p)\} \subseteq V.$$

This proves the Proposition.  $\square$

Accordingly, the function of pseudo-parallelism is unique where the second fundamental form does not vanish. In particular, if  $V \neq \emptyset$  the function  $\varphi$  of (3.1) is completely determined.

From now on, we assume that  $\tilde{M}^n(4c)$  is a complex  $n$ -dimensional space form of constant holomorphic curvature  $4c$  and that  $M^n$  is a Lagrangian submanifold of  $\tilde{M}^n(4c)$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** *Let  $M^n$  be a pseudo-parallel Lagrangian submanifold of  $\tilde{M}^n(4c)$  with mean curvature vector  $H = \frac{1}{n}\text{trace}(\alpha)$ . Then:*

$$R(X, Y)JH = 0,$$

for all  $X, Y$  vectors tangent to  $M$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  be an orthonormal frame of  $M$  and  $Z$  a unit tangent vector of  $T_p M$ . By (2.4) we get:

$$\langle J\alpha(e_i, e_i), Z \rangle = -\langle \alpha(e_i, Z), J e_i \rangle = -\langle A_{J e_i} e_i, Z \rangle.$$

So,

$$(3.5) \quad JH = \frac{1}{n} \text{trace}(\alpha) = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n A_{J e_i} e_i.$$

Consider now that the frame diagonalizes  $A_{JZ}$ , being  $\{\lambda_i\}_{i=0}^n$  the eigenvalues. So, by (3.1) and (2.3):

$$\begin{aligned} \langle R(X, Y) JH, Z \rangle &= -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \langle R(X, Y) A_{J e_i} e_i, Z \rangle \\ &= \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\varphi \langle A_{J e_i} (X \wedge Y) e_i, Z \rangle - \langle A_{J e_i} R(X, Y) e_i, Z \rangle) \\ &= \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\varphi \langle (X \wedge Y) e_i, A_{JZ} e_i \rangle - \langle R(X, Y) e_i, A_{JZ} e_i \rangle) \\ &= \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i (\varphi \langle (X \wedge Y) e_i, e_i \rangle - \langle R(X, Y) e_i, e_i \rangle) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

□

Recall that a Lagrangian submanifold  $M^n$  of  $\tilde{M}^n(4c)$  is said to be  $\lambda$ -isotropic if there exists a function  $\lambda : M^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that:

$$\|\alpha(X, X)\|^2 = \lambda^2(p),$$

for all unit vector  $X \in T_p M$  and for all  $p \in M^n$ . In particular, if  $\lambda$  is constant then  $M^n$  is called  $\lambda$ -isotropic constant [27].

**Proposition 3.3.** [26] *Let  $n \geq 3$  and  $M^n$  be a  $\lambda$ -isotropic Lagrangian submanifold of  $\tilde{M}^n(4c)$ . Then  $\lambda$  is constant and  $M^n$  is parallel.*

In [20], semi-parallel isotropic Lagrangian submanifolds were studied. From Proposition 3.3 the hypothesis of semi-parallelism in [20] can be dropped for  $n \geq 3$ , but not for  $n = 2$ .

Now, recall that a non totally geodesic Lagrangian submanifold  $M^n$  of  $\tilde{M}^n(4c)$  is  $H$ -umbilical if its Weingarten operators takes the following form:

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{aligned} A_{J e_1} e_1 &= \lambda e_1, & A_{J e_2} e_2 &= \dots = A_{J e_n} e_n = \mu e_1, \\ A_{J e_1} e_j &= \mu e_j, & A_{J e_j} e_k &= 0, \quad 2 \leq j \neq k \leq n, \end{aligned}$$

for some suitable functions  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  with respect to some suitable orthonormal local frame field [7].

**Proposition 3.4.** *If  $n \geq 3$  and  $M^n$  is a Lagrangian  $H$ -umbilical submanifold of  $\tilde{M}^n(4c)$ , then  $M^n$  is pseudo-parallel if and only if it is semi-parallel and  $c \geq 0$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $M^n$  be a pseudo-parallel Lagrangian submanifold of  $\tilde{M}^n(4c)$  with associated function  $\varphi$ . From (2.5) and Proposition 3.2 we have:

$$(3.7) \quad [A_{JX}, A_{JY}]JH = c(\langle X, JH \rangle Y - \langle Y, JH \rangle X).$$

If we consider  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  a local orthonormal frame as in (3.6) and we use  $X = e_1$  and  $Y = e_2$  in (3.7), we get:

$$(3.8) \quad (\lambda + (n-1)\mu)(c + (\mu - \lambda)\mu) = 0.$$

Now, if we set  $Y = W = e_i$  in (3.1), and sum over  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , we obtain:

$$(3.9) \quad c(n\langle Z, JH \rangle X + A_{JZ}X) + n(c - \varphi)(A_{JZ}X + \langle X, Z \rangle JH) = \sum_{i=1}^n ([A_{JX}, A_{Je_i}]A_{JZ}e_i - A_{Je_i}[A_{JX}, A_{Je_i}]Z - A_{JZ}[A_{JX}, A_{Je_i}]e_i),$$

for any  $X$  and  $Z$ . If we put  $X = Z = e_1$  in (3.9):

$$(3.10) \quad \varphi(\lambda - \mu) = (\lambda - 2\mu)(c + (\lambda - \mu)\mu).$$

If we substitute  $X = e_1$  and  $Z = e_2$  in (3.9), thus we have:

$$(3.11) \quad \mu(n\varphi - (n+1)c + (n+1)\mu(\mu - \lambda)) = 0.$$

Finally, if we put  $X = e_1$  and  $Y = Z = W = e_2$  in (3.1), we obtain

$$(3.12) \quad \mu(2\varphi - 3(c + (\lambda - \mu)\mu)) = 0.$$

So, using that when  $n \geq 3$  there are not totally umbilical Lagrangian submanifolds with  $\alpha \neq 0$  in  $\tilde{M}^n(4c)$  (see [6]), we obtain from (3.8), (3.10), (3.11), (3.12), after algebraic manipulations, that  $\varphi = 0$  and  $c = n\mu^2 \geq 0$ .  $\square$

When  $n \geq 3$ , from the proof above it follows that pseudo-parallel Lagrangian  $H$ -umbilical submanifolds only can happen in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  or  $\mathbb{C}P^n(4c)$  and its Weingarten operators takes the form (3.6) for  $\mu \equiv 0$  or  $\lambda = (1-n)\mu \neq 0$ , respectively.

Recall that a Lagrangian submanifold is *minimal* if its mean curvature vector  $H \equiv 0$ . Hence and from the classification of Lagrangian  $H$ -umbilical submanifolds given in [7] and [8], we obtain the following corollary:

**Corollary 3.5.** *Let  $f : M^n \rightarrow \tilde{M}^n(4c)$  be a Lagrangian  $H$ -umbilical isometric immersions. If  $f$  is pseudo-parallel then:*



- i)  $c > 0$  and there exist a unit speed Legendre curve  $z(x) = (z_1(x), z_2(x)) : I \rightarrow S^3(c) \subset \mathbb{C}^2$  such that up to rigid motions of  $\mathbb{C}P^n(4c)$ ,  $f = \pi \circ g$  is a minimal immersion defined by  $g(x, y_1, \dots, y_n) = (z_1(x), z_2(x)y_1, \dots, z_2(x)y_n)$  where  $y_1^2 + \dots + y_n^2 = 1$  and  $\pi$  is the projection of Hopf's fibration; or
- ii)  $c = 0$  and up to rigid motions of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $f$  is a Lagrangian  $H$ -umbilical isometric immersion of a open portion of a flat twisted product manifold  ${}_\sigma\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$  with twisted product metric given by  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle = \sigma^2 dx_1^2 + \sum_{j=2}^n dx_j^2$ , where the twisted function is the form  $\sigma = a(x_1) + \sum_{j=2}^n b_j(x_1)x_j$  for some functions  $a, b_1, \dots, b_n$  of  $x_1$ .

**Proposition 3.6.** *A Lagrangian submanifold  $M^n$  of constant sectional curvature  $c_1$  in  $\tilde{M}^n(4c)$  is pseudo-parallel if and only if it is flat or totally geodesic.*

*Proof.* Let  $M^n$  be a pseudo-parallel Lagrangian submanifold of  $\tilde{M}^n(4c)$  with associated function  $\varphi$ . We have  $R(X, Y) = c_1 X \wedge Y$ , and from Proposition 3.2, we get that  $c_1 = 0$  or  $H = 0$ .

If  $c_1 = 0$ , we have from (3.1) that  $\varphi = 0$  or:

$$(3.13) \quad A_{JZ}(X \wedge Y)W + A_{JW}(X \wedge Y)Z = 0$$

for any  $X, Y, Z$  and  $W$ . If  $\varphi \neq 0$ , then from (3.13), after some algebraic manipulation, we obtain  $A_{JX} \equiv 0$ , for any  $X$ . So  $M$  will be totally geodesic.

Now, if  $c_1 \neq 0$  equation (3.1) yields:

$$(3.14) \quad c_1(X \wedge Y)A_{JW}Z = (c_1 - \varphi)(A_{JW}(X \wedge Y)Z + A_{JZ}(X \wedge Y)W),$$

for any  $X, Y, Z$  and  $W$ . If we set  $Y = W = e_i$  in (3.14), and sum over  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , using that  $H = 0$ , we obtain  $\varphi = \frac{c_1(n+1)}{n}$  or  $A_{JZ}X = 0$ , for any  $X$  and  $Z$ . The second case means that  $M$  is totally geodesic. Assume in the following  $\varphi = \frac{c_1(n+1)}{n}$ . Use (3.14) with  $Y = Z = W$  and  $X \perp Y$  to obtain:

$$(3.15) \quad X \wedge Y(A_{JY}Y) = -\frac{2}{n}A_{JY}X.$$

Hence,  $\langle A_{JY}X, Z \rangle = 0$  for any  $Z \perp X, Y$ . From the scalar product of (3.15) with  $Y$  we get  $\langle A_{JY}X, Y \rangle = 0$  and by symmetry  $\langle A_{JX}Y, X \rangle = 0$ . Consequently  $A_{JY}X = 0$ . With that and the scalar product of (3.15) with  $X$  we obtain  $\langle A_{JY}Y, Y \rangle = 0$ . In order to conclude  $A_{JY}Y = 0$ , recall that  $\langle A_{JY}Y, X \rangle = 0$ . Therefore, in this case,  $M^n$  is totally geodesic.

Finally, if  $M$  is flat or totally geodesic, trivially it will be pseudo-parallel.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.7.** *A Lagrangian submanifold  $M^n$  of constant sectional curvature  $c_1 \neq 0$  in  $\tilde{M}^n(4c)$  is pseudo-parallel if and only if it is totally geodesic.*

**Corollary 3.8.** *A flat Lagrangian submanifold  $M^n$  in  $\tilde{M}^n(4c)$  is semi-parallel.*

*Conjecture:* If  $n \geq 3$  there are not pseudo-parallel Lagrangian submanifolds except the semi-parallel ones.

#### 4. PSEUDO-PARALLEL LAGRANGIAN SURFACES

Let  $M^2$  be a Lagrangian submanifold in  $\tilde{M}^2(4c)$  and consider  $\{X, Y\}$  an orthonormal frame of  $M^2$ . Note that  $R(X, Y)X = -KY$  and  $R(X, Y)Y = KX$  where  $K$  is the Gaussian curvature of  $M^2$ . So, the condition of pseudo-parallelism (3.1) is equivalent to:

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{aligned} R(X, Y)A_{JX}X &= -R(X, Y)A_{JY}Y = 2(\varphi - K)A_{JX}Y, \\ R(X, Y)A_{JX}Y &= (\varphi - K)(A_{JY}Y - A_{JX}X). \end{aligned}$$

*Remark 4.1.* We know that there is no totally umbilical Lagrangian submanifolds except the totally geodesic ones [6]. Then, from (4.1) we obtain that a Lagrangian surface  $M^2$  of  $\tilde{M}^2(4c)$  with Gaussian curvature  $K = 0$  is semi-parallel. Therefore, any flat Lagrangian surface is an example of pseudo-parallel Lagrangian surface.

**Example 4.2.** If  $c > 0$  it was shown in [21] that the minimal flat torus  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow S^5(c)$  given by:

$$\begin{aligned} T(x, y) &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{6c}} \left( \cos u \cos v, \cos u \sin v, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cos 2u, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \sin u \cos v, \sin u \sin v, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \sin 2u \right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $u = \sqrt{\frac{c}{2}}x$ ,  $v = \frac{\sqrt{6c}}{2}y$ , is (up to isometry of  $S^5(c)$ ) the only pseudo-parallel immersion of a 5-dimensional real space form with  $\varphi$  constant which is not semi-parallel. We will see later that there is no pseudo-parallel Lagrangian surfaces of  $\tilde{M}^n(4c)$ , non semi-parallel, with  $\varphi$  constant.

On the other hand, if we compose  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow S^5(c)$  with the Hopf fibration  $\pi : S^5(c) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^2(4c)$ , we obtain a minimal flat Lagrangian surface which is parallel [19]. Hence  $\pi \circ T$  is pseudo-parallel and also is semi-parallel. Therefore, the Hopf fibration does not preserve, in general, the strictly pseudo-parallel condition in a real space form.

**Proposition 4.3.** *A minimal Lagrangian surface  $M$  of  $\tilde{M}^2(4c)$  is  $\varphi$ -pseudo-parallel where  $\varphi$  is given by:*

$$\varphi(p) = \frac{3}{2}K(p), \quad \text{for all } p \in M.$$

*Proof.* From [26], we know that the minimality of  $M$  implies that  $M$  is  $\lambda$ -isotropic. Take an orthonormal local frame  $\{e_1, e_2\}$  of  $M$  and denote  $\alpha_{ij} = \alpha(e_i, e_j)$ . Minimality provides  $\alpha_{11} = -\alpha_{22}$ . If  $X = \cos \theta e_1 + \sin \theta e_2$ , we have:

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \lambda^2 = \|\alpha(X, X)\|^2 &= \lambda^2 \cos^4 \theta + 2\langle \alpha_{11}, \alpha_{12} \rangle \cos(2\theta) \sin(2\theta) \\ &+ (\|\alpha_{12}\|^2 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda^2) \sin^2(2\theta) + \lambda^2 \sin^4 \theta. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\lambda$  is independent of  $\theta$ , we obtain from (4.2):

$$(4.3) \quad 0 = \frac{d}{d\theta} \|\alpha(X, X)\|^2 |_{\theta=0} = 4\langle \alpha_{11}, \alpha_{12} \rangle.$$

Choose  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$  in (4.2) and use (4.3) to obtain  $\lambda^2 = \|\alpha_{12}\|^2$ . From here and with the Gauss equation we also obtain:

$$(4.4) \quad K = c - 2\lambda^2.$$

On the other hand,  $H = 0$ , so:

$$(4.5) \quad \begin{aligned} R(e_1, e_2)A_{Je_1}e_1 &= \sum_{j=1}^2 \langle A_{Je_1}e_1, e_j \rangle R(e_1, e_2)e_j \\ &= -\langle \alpha_{11}, Je_1 \rangle Ke_2 + \langle A_{Je_1}e_2, e_1 \rangle Ke_1 \\ &= \langle \alpha_{22}, Je_1 \rangle Ke_2 + \langle A_{Je_1}e_2, e_1 \rangle Ke_1 = KA_{Je_1}e_2. \end{aligned}$$

Recall (3.5) to get easily  $R(e_1, e_2)A_{Je_2}e_2 = -KA_{Je_1}e_2$  too. Analogously, we obtain:

$$(4.6) \quad \begin{aligned} R(e_1, e_2)A_{Je_1}e_2 &= -\langle A_{Je_1}e_2, e_1 \rangle Ke_2 + \langle A_{Je_1}e_2, e_2 \rangle Ke_1 \\ &= K(\langle A_{Je_2}e_2, e_1 \rangle e_1 - \langle A_{Je_1}e_1, e_2 \rangle e_2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}K(A_{Je_2}e_2 - A_{Je_1}e_1). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, from (4.1), (4.4), (4.5) and (4.6), we concluded that  $M$  is  $\varphi$ -pseudo-parallel with  $\varphi = \frac{3}{2}K = \frac{3}{2}(c - 2\lambda^2)$ .  $\square$

The converse from the Proposition 4.3 is false in any ambient space  $\tilde{M}^2(4c)$ . That is, there are pseudo-parallel Lagrangian surfaces which are not minimal, as we show in the following examples.

**Example 4.4.** Let  $M^2 = {}_\sigma I_1 \times_\sigma I_2$  the flat *twisted product* of two open intervals  $I_1$  and  $I_2$ , where  $\sigma$  is a positive function on differential manifold  $I_1 \times I_2$  endowed with the twisted product metric  $\langle, \rangle = \sigma(dx_1^2 + dx_2^2)$ . The Lagrangian immersion  $f : M^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$  given by:

$$f(x_1, x_2) = (ae^{ix_1}, ae^{ix_2}),$$

where  $a > 0$  and  $\sigma(x_1, x_2) = a^2$ ; and  $g : M^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$  is given by:

$$g(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}|\zeta|} e^{\zeta u} (\cos(|\zeta|v), \sin(|\zeta|v)),$$

where  $u = x_1 + x_2$ ,  $v = x_1 - x_2$ ,  $\zeta = b + \frac{1}{2}i$ ,  $b \neq 0$  and  $\sigma(x_1, x_2) = e^{2b(x_1+x_2)}$ , is semi-parallel with  $K = 0$  and  $\|H\|^2 = \frac{\sigma}{4} \neq 0$ . Thus, by Remark 4.1,  $f$  is pseudo-parallel but not minimal. This Lagrangian immersion appears in [8], [14] and [25].

**Example 4.5.** For each  $b > 0$  the immersion  $f_b : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^2(4c)$  defined by:

$$f_b(s, t) = \left[ \frac{e^{ibs}}{2a} \left( \frac{e^{ias}}{2\sqrt{c}} ((a-b)(e^{\gamma it} + e^{-\gamma it}) + \frac{e^{-ais}}{\sqrt{c}}(b+a), \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \frac{e^{ias}}{2}(e^{\gamma it} + e^{-\gamma it}) - \frac{e^{-ias}}{\sqrt{c}}, \frac{\sqrt{a}e^{ias}}{\sqrt{2(a+b)}}(e^{\gamma it} - e^{-\gamma it}) \right) \right],$$

where  $a = \sqrt{b^2 + c}$  and  $\gamma = \sqrt{2a(a+b)}$ , is semi-parallel with  $K = 0$  and, moreover,  $f_b$  is not parallel. So,  $H$  is non-constant. This example is also a Lagrangian  $H$ -umbilical immersion and appears in [7].

**Example 4.6.** Let  $b \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $c = -b^2$ , the immersion  $l_b : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}H^2(4c)$  given by:

$$l_b(x, y) = \left[ \frac{e^{i\sqrt{-c}x}}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{-c}} - ix + \frac{\sqrt{-c}}{2}y^2, x + \frac{i}{2}y^2, y \right) \right],$$

is semi-parallel, with  $K = 0$  and  $H \neq 0$ . So,  $l_b$  is pseudo-parallel but not minimal. This example is also a Lagrangian  $H$ -umbilical immersion and appears in [7].

Now we give our main result: the classification of pseudo-parallel Lagrangian surfaces.

**Theorem 4.7.** *Let  $M$  be a  $\varphi$ -pseudo-parallel Lagrangian surface in  $\tilde{M}^2(4c)$ . Then, there exist an open dense subset of  $M$  on which  $M$  is locally one of the following possibilities:*

- (1) *Totally geodesic,*
- (2) *Flat with  $\varphi = 0$  (semi-parallel) and non totally geodesic,*

(3) *Minimal with  $\varphi = \frac{3}{2}K \neq 0$ .*

*Proof.* If  $X$  is orthogonal to  $Y$ , from (4.1) we deduce:

$$(4.7) \quad \begin{aligned} KJH &= 0; & \varphi JH &= 0; \\ (2\varphi - 3K)\langle A_{JX}X, Y \rangle &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Consider the open subsets  $U_1 = \{p \in M \mid \alpha_p \neq 0\}$  and  $U_2 = \{p \in M \mid K(p) \neq 0\}$  and denote  $U_0 = M \setminus (\text{fr}(U_1) \cup \text{fr}(U_1 \cap U_2))$  where  $\text{fr}$  indicates the border of the subset. Observe that  $U_0$  is an open and dense (possibly non connected) subset of  $M$ . So,  $V_1 = \{p \in U_0 \mid \alpha_p = 0\}$  and  $V_2 = \{p \in U_0 \mid K(p) = 0\}$  are open (and close) subsets of  $U_0$ . Thus, if  $V_1 \neq \emptyset$ ,  $M$  will be totally geodesic in a open neighborhood of  $U_0$ . Notice that  $V_2 \cap (U_0 \setminus V_1)$  is an open subset of  $U_0$ . So, if in a point  $p \in U_0$  we have  $\alpha_p \neq 0$  and  $K(p) = 0$  we will can find an open neighborhood with the same conditions. From (4.7),  $\alpha_p \neq 0$  and  $K(p) = 0$  implies  $\varphi(p) = 0$ . In this case  $M$  is locally a flat semi-parallel immersion. Finally, if  $p \in V_1 \cap V_2$ , that is  $\alpha_p \neq 0$  and  $K(p) \neq 0$ , equations (4.7) provides  $H(p) = 0$  and from Proposition 4.3 we have  $\varphi|_{V_1 \cap V_2} = \frac{3}{2}K \neq 0$ .  $\square$

Notice that equations (4.7) also gives that there is no an open subset where  $H$  and  $K$  are both different from zero.

From Theorem 4.7, we know that semi-parallel Lagrangian surfaces in  $M^2(4c)$  are totally geodesic or flat. Recently, a local classification of Lagrangian surfaces of constant curvature in complex space form has been given in [10], [11] and [13]. With the help of Proposition 3.6, we know that there are the following number of families of semi-parallel immersions: 9 families for  $c = 0$  [11], 6 families [10] for  $c = 1$  and 17 families [13] for  $c = -1$ .

Now, we give explicit examples of pseudo-parallel Lagrangian surface of  $\tilde{M}^2(4c)$  with  $c \neq 0$  all due by [4].

**Example 4.8.** For each  $\rho \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ , the map  $g_\rho : \mathbb{R} \times S^1(1) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^2(4)$  defined by:

$$g_\rho(s, z) = \left[ \left( \sin \theta(s) e^{-ia \int_0^s \frac{dt}{\sin^3 \theta(t)}} z, \cos \theta(s) e^{ia \int_0^s \frac{\tan^2 \theta(t) dt}{\sin^3 \theta(t)}} \right) \right],$$

where  $\theta$  is the only solution of the O.D.E.

$$\theta'' \sin \theta \cos \theta = (1 - (\theta')^2)(2 \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta), \quad \theta(0) = \rho, \quad \theta'(0) = 0,$$

and  $a = \cos \rho \sin^2 \rho$ , provides a minimal Lagrangian surface which is not totally geodesic [4]. By Proposition 4.3,  $g_\rho$  is a pseudo-parallel

Lagrangian surface with  $\varphi = \frac{3}{2}(4 - 2\sin^2 \theta)$ . If  $\theta(s) = \arctan \sqrt{2}$  (constant), then the Lagrangian surface is parallel. Therefore, if  $\theta(s)$  is not constant,  $g_\rho$  is not semi-parallel by Theorem 4.7.

**Example 4.9.** For each  $\rho > 0$ , the map  $f_\rho : \mathbb{R} \times_\tau S^1(1) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}H^2(-4)$  defined by:

$$f_\rho(s, z) = \left[ \left( \sinh \theta(s) e^{ia \int_0^s \frac{dt}{\sinh^3 \theta(t)}} z, \cosh \theta(s) e^{ia \int_0^s \frac{\tanh^2 \theta(t) dt}{\sinh^3 \theta(t)}} \right) \right],$$

where  $\theta$  is the only solution of the O.D.E.

$\theta'' \sinh \theta \cosh \theta = (1 - (\theta')^2)(\sinh^2 \theta + 2 \cosh^2 \theta)$ ,  $\theta(0) = \rho$ ,  $\theta'(0) = 0$ , and  $a = \cosh \rho \sinh^2 \rho$ , provides a minimal Lagrangian surface which is not totally geodesic [4]. By Proposition 4.3,  $f_\rho$  is a pseudo-parallel Lagrangian immersion with  $\varphi = -\frac{3}{2}(4 + \frac{2}{\sinh^6 \theta})$ , and by Theorem 4.7  $f_\rho$  is not semi-parallel.

**Example 4.10.** Also in [4], for each  $\rho > 0$ , the map  $h_\rho : \mathbb{R} \times_\tau \mathbb{R}H^1(-1) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}H^2(-4)$  given by:

$$h_\rho(s, z) = \left[ \left( \sinh \theta(s) e^{ia \int_0^s \frac{\coth^2 \theta(t) dt}{\cosh^3 \theta(t)}}, \cosh \theta(s) e^{ia \int_0^s \frac{dt}{\cosh^3 \theta(t)}} z \right) \right],$$

where  $\theta$  is the only solution of the O.D.E.

$\theta'' \sinh \theta \cosh \theta = (1 - (\theta')^2)(\cosh^2 \theta + 2 \sinh^2 \theta)$ ,  $\theta(0) = \rho$ ,  $\theta'(0) = 0$ , and  $a = \sinh \rho \cosh^2 \rho$ , provides a minimal Lagrangian surface which is not totally geodesic. By Proposition 4.3,  $h_\rho$  is a pseudo-parallel with  $\varphi = \frac{3}{2}(-4 + \frac{2}{\cosh^6 \theta})$ , and by Theorem 4.7  $h_\rho$  is not semi-parallel.

**Example 4.11.** Finally, for each  $\rho > 0$ , the map  $l_\rho : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}H^2(-4)$  given by:

$$l_\rho(s, t) = \left[ e^{iB_3(s)} \left( r(s)t, \frac{1 + r(s)^2(|x|^2 - 1 - 2iB_5(s))}{2r(s)}, \frac{1 + r(s)^2(|x|^2 + 1 - 2iB_5(s))}{2r(s)} \right) \right],$$

where  $B_n(s) = \rho^n \int_0^s \frac{du}{r(u)^n}$  and  $r(s) = \rho \cosh^{\frac{1}{3}}(3s)$ , provides a minimal Lagrangian surface [4]. Hence, by the Proposition 4.3 and Theorem 4.7, we conclude that  $h_\rho$  is a pseudo-parallel Lagrangian surface which is not semi-parallel, because the Gaussian curvature is non-constant.

From [16], [19], and Theorem 4.7, we obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 4.12.** *Let  $f : M^2 \rightarrow \tilde{M}^2(4c)$  be a completed pseudo-parallel Lagrangian immersion. If  $\varphi$  and  $H$  are constants, then  $f$  is totally geodesic or  $c > 0$  and, up to holomorphic isometry,  $f$  is the immersion given in the Example 4.2.*

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