

The hypersurface in the sphere

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Abstract

We consider hypersurfaces in the unit lightlike sphere. The unit sphere can be canonically embedded in the lightcone and de Sitter space in Minkowski space. We investigate these hypersurfaces in the framework of the theory of Legendrian dualities between pseudo-spheres in Minkowski space. This is an announcement of the results in [15]

1. Introduction

In [2, 3], professor Izumiya has introduced the mandala of Legendrian dualities between pseudo-spheres in Minkowski space. There are three kinds of pseudo-spheres in Minkowski space (i.e., Hyperbolic space, de Sitter space and the lightcone). Especially, if we investigate spacelike submanifolds in the lightcone, those Legendrian dualities are essentially useful (see, also [7]). For de Sitter space and the lightcone in Minkowski $(n + 2)$ -space, there exist naturally embedded unit n -spheres. Moreover, we have the canonical projection from the lightcone to the unit sphere embedded in the lightcone (cf., §2). In this paper we investigate hypersurfaces in the unit n -sphere in the framework of the theory of Legendrian dualities between pseudo-spheres in Minkowski $(n + 2)$ -space ([3, 4, 12, 13], etc.). If we have a hypersurface in the unit n -sphere, then we have spacelike hypersurfaces in the embedded unit n -sphere in the lightcone and de Sitter space. Therefore, we naturally have the dual hypersurfaces in the lightcone as an application of the duality theorem in [3]. There are two kinds of lightcone dual hypersurfaces of a hypersurface in the unit n -sphere. One is the dual of the hypersurface of the unit n -sphere embedded in de Sitter space and another is the dual of the hypersurface of the unit n -sphere embedded in the lightcone. By definition, these dual hypersurfaces are different.

On the other hand, we have studied the curves in the unit 2-sphere and the unit 3-sphere from the view point of the Legendrian duality in [5, 6]. In the unit 2-sphere, it is known that the evolute of a curve in the unit 2-sphere is the dual of the tangent indicatrix of the original curve [11]. We have shown that the projection images of the critical value sets of lightcone dual surfaces for a curve in the unit 2-sphere coincide with the evolute of the original curve in [5]. However, this fact doesn't hold for a curve in unit 3-sphere (cf., [6]). For the curve case, these facts has been shown by the direct calculations in [5, 6]. We have not known the geometric reason why the situations are different. In order to clarify these situation, we investigate hypersurfaces in the unit n -sphere from the view point of the theory of Legendrian singularities. The curves in the unit 2-sphere can be considered as a special case of this paper. We can also show that the projection images of the critical value sets of two different lightcone dual hypersurfaces for a hypersurface in the unit n -sphere also coincide with the spherical evolute (cf., [10]) of the original hypersurface. We interpret

geometric meanings of the singularities of those two lightcone dual hypersurfaces. Here, we remark that we do not have the notion of tangent indicatrices for higher dimensional submanifolds in the sphere. Therefore, the situation is completely different from the curve case. In [15], we give a classification of the generic singularities of the lightcone duals of the surface in the unit 3-sphere.

All maps and submanifolds considered here are of class C^∞ unless otherwise stated.

2. The basic concepts

Let \mathbb{R}^{n+2} be an $(n+2)$ -dimensional vector space. For any two vectors $\mathbf{x} = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})$, $\mathbf{y} = (y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{n+1})$ in \mathbb{R}^{n+2} , their pseudo scalar product is defined by $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = -x_0 y_0 + x_1 y_1 + \dots + x_{n+1} y_{n+1}$. Here, $(\mathbb{R}^{n+2}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is called *Lorentz-Minkowski $(n+2)$ -space* (simply, *Minkowski $(n+2)$ -space*), which is denoted by \mathbb{R}_1^{n+2} . For any $(n+1)$ vectors $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{n+1} \in \mathbb{R}_1^{n+2}$, their pseudo vector product is defined by

$$\mathbf{x}_1 \wedge \mathbf{x}_2 \wedge \dots \wedge \mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \begin{vmatrix} -\mathbf{e}_0 & \mathbf{e}_1 & \dots & \mathbf{e}_{n+1} \\ x_1^0 & x_1^1 & \dots & x_1^{n+1} \\ x_2^0 & x_2^1 & \dots & x_2^{n+1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ x_{n+1}^0 & x_{n+1}^1 & \dots & x_{n+1}^{n+1} \end{vmatrix},$$

where $\{\mathbf{e}_0, \mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_{n+1}\}$ is the canonical basis of \mathbb{R}_1^{n+2} and $\mathbf{x}_i = (x_i^0, x_i^1, \dots, x_i^{n+1})$. A non-zero vector $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}_1^{n+2}$ is called spacelike, lightlike or timelike if $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle > 0$, $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle = 0$ or $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle < 0$ respectively. The norm of $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}_1^{n+2}$ is defined by $\|\mathbf{x}\| = \sqrt{|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle|}$. We define the *de Sitter $(n+1)$ -space* by

$$S_1^{n+1} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}_1^{n+2} \mid \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle = 1\}.$$

We define the *closed lightcone with the vertex \mathbf{a}* by

$$LC_{\mathbf{a}} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}_1^{n+2} \mid \langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a} \rangle = 0\}.$$

We define the *open lightcone at the origin* by

$$LC^* = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}_1^{n+2} \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\} \mid \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle = 0\}.$$

We consider a submanifold in the lightcone defined by $S_+^n = \{\mathbf{x} \in LC^* \mid x_1 = 1\}$, which is called the *lightlike unit sphere*. We have a projection $\pi : LC^* \rightarrow S_+^n$ defined by

$$\pi(\mathbf{x}) = \tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \left(1, \frac{x_1}{x_0}, \dots, \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_0}\right),$$

where $\mathbf{x} = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})$. We also define the *n -dimensional Euclidean unit sphere* in \mathbb{R}_0^{n+1} by $S_0^n = \{\mathbf{x} \in S_+^n \mid x_0 = 0\}$, where $\mathbb{R}_0^{n+1} = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}_1^{n+2} \mid x_0 = 0\}$.

Let $\mathbf{x} : U \rightarrow S_+^n$ be an embedding from an open set $U \subset \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$. We identify $M = \mathbf{x}(U)$ with U through the embedding \mathbf{x} . Obviously, the tangent space $T_p M$ are all spacelike (i.e., consists only spacelike vectors), so M is a spacelike hypersurface in $S_+^n \subset \mathbb{R}_1^{n+2}$. We have a map $\Phi : S_+^n \rightarrow S_0^n$ defined by $\Phi(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{e}_0$, which is an isometry. Then we have a hypersurface $\bar{\mathbf{x}} : U \rightarrow S_0^n$ defined by $\bar{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}) = \Phi(\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u})) = \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u}) - \mathbf{e}_0$, so that \mathbf{x} and $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ have the

same geometric properties as spherical hypersurfaces. For any $p = \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u})$, we can construct a unit normal vector $\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{u})$ as

$$\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{u}) = \frac{\bar{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}) \wedge \mathbf{e}_0 \wedge \mathbf{x}_{u_1}(\mathbf{u}) \wedge \dots \wedge \mathbf{x}_{u_{n-1}}(\mathbf{u})}{\|\bar{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}) \wedge \mathbf{e}_0 \wedge \mathbf{x}_{u_1}(\mathbf{u}) \wedge \dots \wedge \mathbf{x}_{u_{n-1}}(\mathbf{u})\|}.$$

We have $\langle \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{u}), \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{u}) \rangle = 1$, $\langle \mathbf{e}_0, \mathbf{e}_0 \rangle = -1$ and $\langle \mathbf{e}_0, \mathbf{n} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{x}_{u_i} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{x} \rangle = 0$. The system $\{\mathbf{e}_0, \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{u}), \bar{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}), \mathbf{x}_{u_1}(\mathbf{u}), \dots, \mathbf{x}_{u_{n-1}}(\mathbf{u})\}$ is a basis of $T_p \mathbb{R}_1^{n+2}$. We define a map $G : U \rightarrow S_0^n$ by $G(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{u})$. We call it the *Gauss map* of the hypersurface $M = \mathbf{x}(U)$. We have a linear mapping provided by the derivation of the Gauss map at $p \in M$, $dG(\mathbf{u}) : T_p M \rightarrow T_p M$. We call the linear transformation $S_p = -dG(\mathbf{u})$ the *shape operator* of M at $p = \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u})$. The eigenvalues of S_p denoted by $\{\kappa_i(p)\}_{i=1}^{n-1}$ are called the *principal curvatures* of M at p . The *Gauss-Kronecker curvature* of M at p is defined to be $K(p) = \det S_p$. A point p is called an *umbilic point* if all the principal curvatures coincide at p and thus we have $S_p = \kappa(p)\text{id}_{T_p M}$ for some $\kappa(p) \in \mathbb{R}$. We say that M is *totally umbilic* if all the points on M are umbilic. Since \mathbf{x} is a spacelike embedding, we have a *Riemannian metric* (or the *first fundamental form*) on M given by $ds^2 = \sum_{i,j=1}^{n-1} g_{ij} du_i du_j$, where $g_{ij}(\mathbf{u}) = \langle \mathbf{x}_{u_i}(\mathbf{u}), \mathbf{x}_{u_j}(\mathbf{u}) \rangle$ for any $\mathbf{u} \in U$. The second fundamental form on M is given by $h_{ij}(\mathbf{u}) = -\langle \mathbf{n}_{u_i}(\mathbf{u}), \mathbf{x}_{u_j}(\mathbf{u}) \rangle$ at any $\mathbf{u} \in U$. Under the above notation, we have the following Weingarten formula [9]:

$$G_{u_i} = - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} h_i^j \mathbf{x}_{u_j} \quad (i = 1, \dots, n-1),$$

where $(h_i^j) = (h_{ik})(g^{kj})$ and $(g^{kj}) = (g_{kj})^{-1}$. This formula induces an explicit expression of the Gauss-Kronecker curvature in terms of the Riemannian metric and the second fundamental invariant given by $K = \det(h_{ij}/\det(g_{\alpha\beta}))$. A point p is a parabolic point if $K(p) = 0$. A point p is a *flat point* if it is an umbilic point and $K(p) = 0$.

In [10] the spherical evolute of a hypersurface has been introduced and investigated the singularities. Each *spherical evolute* of $\bar{M} = \bar{\mathbf{x}}(U)$ is defined to be

$$\epsilon_M^\pm = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} \left\{ \pm \left(\sqrt{\frac{\kappa_i^2(p)}{1 + \kappa_i^2(p)}} \bar{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}) + \sqrt{\frac{1}{1 + \kappa_i^2(p)}} \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{u}) \right) \mid p = \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u}) \in M = \mathbf{x}(U) \right\}.$$

3. The lightcone dual surfaces and the lightcone height functions

In [3], professor Izumiya has introduced the Legendrian dualities between pseudo-spheres in Minkowski space which is a basic tool for the study of hypersurfaces in pseudo-spheres in Minkowski space. We define one-forms $\langle d\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = -w_0 dv_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} w_i dv_i$, $\langle \mathbf{v}, d\mathbf{w} \rangle = -v_0 dw_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} v_i dw_i$ on $\mathbb{R}_1^{n+2} \times \mathbb{R}_1^{n+2}$ and consider the following two double fibrations:

- (1)(a) $LC^* \times S_1^{n+1} \supset \Delta_3 = \{(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) \mid \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = 1\}$,
- (b) $\pi_{31} : \Delta_3 \rightarrow LC^*$, $\pi_{32} : \Delta_3 \rightarrow S_1^{n+1}$,
- (c) $\theta_{31} = \langle d\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle|_{\Delta_3}$, $\theta_{32} = \langle \mathbf{v}, d\mathbf{w} \rangle|_{\Delta_3}$.
- (2)(a) $LC^* \times LC^* \supset \Delta_4 = \{(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) \mid \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle = -2\}$,
- (b) $\pi_{41} : \Delta_4 \rightarrow LC^*$, $\pi_{42} : \Delta_4 \rightarrow LC^*$,
- (c) $\theta_{41} = \langle d\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w} \rangle|_{\Delta_4}$, $\theta_{42} = \langle \mathbf{v}, d\mathbf{w} \rangle|_{\Delta_4}$.

Here, $\pi_{i1}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{v}$, $\pi_{i2}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{w}$. We remark that $\theta_{i1}^{-1}(0)$ and $\theta_{i2}^{-1}(0)$ define the same tangent hyperplane field over Δ_i which is denoted by K_i ($i = 3, 4$). It has been shown in [3]

that each (Δ_i, K_i) ($i = 3, 4$) is a contact manifold and both of π_{ij} ($j = 1, 2$) are Legendrian fibrations. Moreover those contact manifolds are contact diffeomorphic to each other. In [3] we have defined four double fibrations (Δ_i, K_i) ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4$) such that these are contact diffeomorphic to each other. Here, we only use (Δ_3, K_3) and (Δ_4, K_4) . If we have an isotropic mapping $i : L \rightarrow \Delta_i$ (i.e., $i^*\theta_{i1} = 0$), we say that $\pi_{i1}(i(L))$ and $\pi_{i2}(i(L))$ are Δ_i -dual to each other ($i = 3, 4$). For detailed properties of Legendrian fibrations, see [1].

We now define hypersurfaces in LC^* associated with the hypersurfaces in S_+^n or S_0^n . Let $\mathbf{x} : U \rightarrow S_+^n$ be a hypersurface. We define $\overline{LD}_M^\pm : U \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow LC^*$ by

$$\overline{LD}_M^\pm(\mathbf{u}, \mu) = \overline{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}) + \mu \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{u}) \pm \sqrt{\mu^2 + 1} \mathbf{e}_0.$$

We also define $LD_M : U \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow LC^*$ by

$$LD_M(\mathbf{u}, \mu) = (\mu^2/4 - 1)\overline{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}) + \mu \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{u}) + (\mu^2/4 + 1)\mathbf{e}_0.$$

Then we have the following proposition.

Proposition 3.1. *Under the above notation, we have the followings:*

- (1) $\overline{\mathbf{x}}$ and \overline{LD}_M^\pm are Δ_3 -dual to each other.
- (2) \mathbf{x} and LD_M are Δ_4 -dual to each other.

We call each one of \overline{LD}_M^\pm the *lightcone dual hypersurface along $\overline{M} \subset S_0^n$* and LD_M the *lightcone dual hypersurface along $M \subset S_+^n$* . Then we have two mappings $\pi \circ \overline{LD}_M^\pm : U \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S_+^n$ and $\pi \circ LD_M : U \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S_+^n$ defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \pi \circ \overline{LD}_M^\pm(\mathbf{u}, \mu) &= \pm \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu^2 + 1}} \overline{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}) + \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{\mu^2 + 1}} \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{u}) \right) + \mathbf{e}_0, \\ \pi \circ LD_M(\mathbf{u}, \mu) &= \frac{\mu^2 - 4}{\mu^2 + 4} \overline{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}) + \frac{4\mu}{\mu^2 + 4} \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{e}_0. \end{aligned}$$

Let $\mathbf{x} : U \rightarrow S_+^n$ be a hypersurface in the lightlike unit sphere. Then we define two families of functions as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{H} : U \times LC^* &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}; \quad \overline{H}(\mathbf{u}, \overline{\mathbf{v}}) = \langle \overline{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}), \overline{\mathbf{v}} \rangle - 1, \\ H : U \times LC^* &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}; \quad H(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \langle \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u}), \mathbf{v} \rangle + 2. \end{aligned}$$

We call \overline{H} a *lightcone height function* of the de Sitter spherical hypersurface \overline{M} . For any fixed $\overline{\mathbf{v}}_0 \in LC^*$, we denote $\overline{h}_{\overline{\mathbf{v}}_0}(\mathbf{u}) = \overline{H}(\mathbf{u}, \overline{\mathbf{v}}_0)$. We also call H a *lightcone height function* of the lightlike spherical hypersurface M . For any fixed $\mathbf{v}_0 \in LC^*$, we denote $h_{\mathbf{v}_0}(\mathbf{u}) = H(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}_0)$.

Proposition 3.2. *Let \overline{M} be a hypersurface in S_0^n and \overline{H} the lightcone height function on \overline{M} . For $p = \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u})$ and $\overline{p} = \overline{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}) \neq \overline{\mathbf{v}}^\pm$, we have the followings:*

- (1) $\overline{h}_{\overline{\mathbf{v}}^\pm}(\mathbf{u}) = \partial \overline{h}_{\overline{\mathbf{v}}^\pm} / \partial u_i(\mathbf{u}) = 0$ ($i = 1, \dots, n-1$) if and only if

$$\overline{\mathbf{v}}^\pm = \overline{LD}_M^\pm(\mathbf{u}, \mu) \text{ for some } \mu \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}.$$

- (2) $\overline{h}_{\overline{\mathbf{v}}^\pm}(\mathbf{u}) = \partial \overline{h}_{\overline{\mathbf{v}}^\pm} / \partial u_i(\mathbf{u}) = 0$ ($i = 1, \dots, n-1$) and $\det \text{Hess}(\overline{h}_{\overline{\mathbf{v}}^\pm})(\mathbf{u}) = 0$ if and only if

$$\overline{\mathbf{v}}^\pm = \overline{LD}_M^\pm(\mathbf{u}, \mu), \quad 1/\mu \text{ is one of the non-zero principle curvatures } \kappa_i(p) \text{ of } M.$$

Proposition 3.3. Let M be a hypersurface in S_+^n and H be the lightcone height function on M . For $p = \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u}) \neq \mathbf{v}$, we have the followings.

(1) $h_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{u}) = \partial h_{\mathbf{v}}/\partial u_i(\mathbf{u}) = 0$, ($i = 1, \dots, n-1$) if and only if

$$\mathbf{v} = LD_M(\mathbf{u}, \mu) \text{ for some } \mu \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}.$$

(2) $h_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{u}) = \partial h_{\mathbf{v}}/\partial u_i(\mathbf{u}) = 0$, ($i = 1, \dots, n-1$) and $\det \text{Hess}(h_{\mathbf{v}})(\mathbf{u}) = 0$ if and only if

$$\mathbf{v} = LD_M(\mathbf{u}, \mu), \quad (\mu/4 - 1/\mu) \text{ is one of the non-zero principle curvatures } \kappa_i(p) \text{ of } M.$$

Let (\mathbf{u}, μ) be a singular point of each one of \overline{LD}_M^\pm . By Proposition 3.2, we have $1/\mu = \kappa_i(p)$ ($1 \leq i \leq n-1$), where $\kappa_i(p)$ is one of the non-zero principle curvatures of M at $p = \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u})$. It follows that $\mu = 1/\kappa_i(p)$. Therefore the critical value sets of \overline{LD}_M^\pm are given by

$$C(\overline{LD}_M^\pm) = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} \left\{ \bar{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}) + \frac{1}{\kappa_i(p)} \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{u}) \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{\kappa_i^2(p)} + 1} \mathbf{e}_0 \mid \mathbf{u} \in U \right\}.$$

Let (\mathbf{u}, μ) be a singular point of $LD_M(\mathbf{u}, \mu)$. By Proposition 3.3, we have $\mu/4 - 1/\mu = \kappa_i(p)$ ($1 \leq i \leq n-1$). It follows that we have $\mu = 2(\kappa_i(p) \pm \sqrt{1 + \kappa_i^2(p)})$. For simplification, we write that $\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p)) = \kappa_i(p) \pm \sqrt{1 + \kappa_i^2(p)}$. Then the critical value sets of LD_M are given by

$$C(LD_M)^\pm = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} \{ ((\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p)))^2 - 1) \bar{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}) + 2\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p)) \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{u}) + ((\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p)))^2 + 1) \mathbf{e}_0 \mid \mathbf{u} \in U \}.$$

We respectively denote that

$$LF_M^\pm = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} \left\{ \bar{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}) + \frac{1}{\kappa_i(p)} \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{u}) \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{\kappa_i^2(p)} + 1} \mathbf{e}_0 \mid \mathbf{u} \in U \right\},$$

$$LF_M^\pm = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} \{ ((\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p)))^2 - 1) \bar{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}) + 2\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p)) \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{u}) + ((\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p)))^2 + 1) \mathbf{e}_0 \mid \mathbf{u} \in U \}.$$

We respectively call each one of LF_M^\pm the *lightcone focal surface* of the de Sitter spherical hypersurface $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ and each one of LF_M^\pm the *lightcone focal surface* of the lightcone spherical hypersurface \mathbf{x} . Then the projections of these surfaces to S_+^n are given as follows:

$$\pi(C(\overline{LD}_M^\pm)) = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} \left\{ \pm \left(\sqrt{\frac{\kappa_i^2(p)}{1 + \kappa_i^2(p)}} \bar{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}) + \sqrt{\frac{1}{1 + \kappa_i^2(p)}} \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{u}) \right) + \mathbf{e}_0 \mid \mathbf{u} \in U \right\},$$

$$\pi(C(LD_M)^\pm) = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} \left\{ \frac{(\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p)))^2 - 1}{(\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p)))^2 + 1} \bar{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}) + \frac{2\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p))}{(\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p)))^2 + 1} \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{e}_0 \mid \mathbf{u} \in U \right\}.$$

By definition, we have $\varepsilon_M^\pm = \Phi \circ \pi(C(\overline{LD}_M^\pm))$, where each one of ε_M^\pm is the spherical evolute of $\bar{M} = \bar{\mathbf{x}}(U)$. This means that the spherical evolutes are obtained from the critical value

sets of the lightcone dual hypersurfaces of $\overline{M} = \overline{\mathbf{x}}(U)$. Since $\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p)) = \kappa_i(p) \pm \sqrt{1 + \kappa_i^2(p)}$, we have $(\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p)))^2 = 2\kappa_i(p)\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p)) + 1$. By straightforward calculations, we have

$$\left(\frac{(\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p)))^2 - 1}{(\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p)))^2 + 1} \right)^2 = \frac{\kappa_i^2(p)(\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p)))^2}{\kappa_i^2(p)(\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p)))^2 + (\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p)))^2} = \frac{\kappa_i^2(p)}{1 + \kappa_i^2(p)}$$

and

$$\left(\frac{2\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p))}{(\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p)))^2 + 1} \right)^2 = \frac{(\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p)))^2}{\kappa_i^2(p)(\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p)))^2 + (\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p)))^2} = \frac{1}{1 + \kappa_i^2(p)}.$$

Thus we have the following proposition.

Proposition 3.4. *Let $\mathbf{x} : U \rightarrow S_+^n$ be a hypersurface in S_+^n . Then*

$$\frac{(\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p)))^2 - 1}{(\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p)))^2 + 1} \overline{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}) + \frac{2\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p))}{(\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p)))^2 + 1} \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{u}) = \pm \left(\sqrt{\frac{\kappa_i^2(p)}{1 + \kappa_i^2(p)}} \overline{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}) + \sqrt{\frac{1}{1 + \kappa_i^2(p)}} \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{u}) \right).$$

We define $\tilde{\pi} = \Phi \circ \pi : LC^* \rightarrow S_0^n$. Then we have the following theorem as a corollary of Proposition 3.4.

Theorem 3.5. *Both of the projections of the critical value sets $C(\overline{LD}_M^\pm)$ and $C(LD_M)^\pm$ in the unit sphere S_0^n are the images of the spherical evolutes of \overline{M} .*

$$\tilde{\pi}(C(\overline{LD}_M^\pm)) = \tilde{\pi}(C(LD_M)^\pm) = \varepsilon_M^\pm.$$

4. The lightcone dual hypersurfaces as wave fronts

We now naturally interpret the lightcone dual hypersurfaces of the submanifolds in S_+^n as wave front sets in the theory of Legendrian singularities. Let $\tilde{\pi} : PT^*(LC^*) \rightarrow LC^*$ be the projective cotangent bundles with canonical contact structures. Consider the tangent bundle $\tau : TPT^*(LC^*) \rightarrow PT^*(LC^*)$ and the differential map $d\tilde{\pi} : TPT^*(LC^*) \rightarrow T(LC^*)$ of $\tilde{\pi}$. For any $X \in TPT^*(LC^*)$, there exists an element $\alpha \in T^*(LC^*)$ such that $\tau(X) = [\alpha]$. For an element $V \in T_v(LC^*)$, the property $\alpha(V) = 0$ does not depend on the choice of representative of the class $[\alpha]$. Thus we have the canonical contact structure on $PT^*(LC^*)$ by

$$K = \{X \in TPT^*(LC^*) \mid \tau(X)(d\tilde{\pi}(X))\} = 0.$$

On the other hand, we consider a point $\mathbf{v} = (v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{n+1}) \in LC^*$, then we have $v_0 = \pm\sqrt{v_1^2 + \dots + v_{n+1}^2}$. So we adopt the coordinate system (v_1, \dots, v_{n+1}) of LC^* . For the local coordinate neighborhood $(U, (\pm\sqrt{v_1^2 + \dots + v_{n+1}^2}, v_1, \dots, v_{n+1}))$ in LC^* , we have a trivialization $PT^*(LC^*) \cong LC^* \times P(\mathbb{R}^n)^*$ and we call $((\pm\sqrt{v_1^2 + \dots + v_{n+1}^2}, v_1, \dots, v_{n+1}), [\xi_1 : \dots : \xi_{n+1}])$ homogeneous coordinates of $PT^*(LC^*)$, where $[\xi_1 : \dots : \xi_{n+1}]$ are the homogeneous coordinates of the dual projective space $P(\mathbb{R}^n)^*$. It is easy to show that $X \in K_{(\mathbf{v}, [\xi])}$ if and only if $\sum_1^{n+1} \mu_i \xi_i = 0$, where $d\tilde{\pi}(X) = \sum_1^{n+1} \mu_i \partial/\partial v_i \in T_v LC^*$. An immersion $i : L \rightarrow PT^*(LC^*)$ is said to be a Legendrian immersion if $\dim L = n$ and $di_q(T_q L) \subset K_{i(q)}$ for any $q \in L$. The map $\tilde{\pi} \circ i$ is also called the Legendrian map and we call the set $W(i) = \text{image } \tilde{\pi} \circ i$ the wave front of i . Moreover, i (or the image of i) is called the Legendrian

lift of $W(i)$. Let $F : (\mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbf{0}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, 0)$ be a function germ. We say that F is a Morse family of hypersurfaces if the map germ $\Delta^* F : (\mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbf{0}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^{k+1}, \mathbf{0})$ defined by $\Delta^* F = (F, \partial F / \partial u_1, \dots, \partial F / \partial u_k)$ is nonsingular. In this case, we have the following smooth $(n-1)$ -dimensional smooth submanifold.

$$\Sigma_*(F) = \left\{ (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \in (\mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbf{0}) \mid F(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial u_1}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \dots = \frac{\partial F}{\partial u_k}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = 0 \right\} = (\Delta^* F)^{-1}(\mathbf{0}).$$

The map germ $\mathcal{L}_F : (\Sigma_*(F), \mathbf{0}) \rightarrow PT^*\mathbb{R}^n$ defined by

$$\mathcal{L}_F(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \left(\mathbf{v}, \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial v_1}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) : \dots : \frac{\partial F}{\partial v_n}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \right] \right).$$

is a Legendrian immersion germ. Then we have the following fundamental theorem of Arnol'd and Zakalyukin [1, 14].

Proposition 4.1. *All Legendrian submanifold germs in $PT^*\mathbb{R}^n$ are constructed by the above method.*

We call F a generating family of $\mathcal{L}_F(\Sigma_*(F))$. Therefore the wave front of \mathcal{L}_F is

$$W(\mathcal{L}_F) = \left\{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid \exists \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^k \text{ such that } F(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \frac{\partial F}{\partial u_1}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \dots = \frac{\partial F}{\partial u_k}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = 0 \right\}.$$

We claim here that we have a trivialization as follows:

$$\Phi : PT^*(LC^*) \cong LC^* \times P(\mathbb{R}^n)^*; \Phi\left(\left[\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \xi_i dv_i\right]\right) = (v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{n+1}), [\xi_1 : \dots : \xi_{n+1}]$$

by using the above coordinate system.

Proposition 4.2. *The lightcone height function $H : U \times LC^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a Morse family of the hypersurface around $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \in \Sigma_*(H)$.*

We also have the following proposition.

Proposition 4.3. *The lightcone height function $\bar{H} : U \times LC^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a Morse family of the hypersurface around $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \in \Sigma_*(\bar{H})$.*

Here, we consider the Legendrian immersion

$$\mathcal{L}_4 : (\mathbf{u}, \mu) \rightarrow \Delta_4; \mathcal{L}_4(\mathbf{u}, \mu) = (LD_M(\mathbf{u}, \mu), \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u})).$$

We define the following mapping:

$$\Psi : \Delta_4 \rightarrow LC^* \times P(\mathbb{R}^n)^*; \Psi(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) = (\mathbf{v}, [v_0 w_1 - v_1 w_0 : \dots : v_0 w_{n+1} - v_{n+1} w_0]).$$

For the canonical contact form $\theta = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \xi_i dv_i$ on $PT^*(LC^*)$, we have $\Psi^* \theta = (v_0 w_1 - v_1 w_0) dv_1 + \dots + (v_0 w_{n+1} - v_{n+1} w_0) dv_{n+1} |_{\Delta_4} = v_0(-w_0 dv_0 + w_1 dv_1 + \dots + w_{n+1} dv_{n+1}) - w_0(-v_0 dv_0 + v_1 dv_1 + \dots + v_{n+1} dv_{n+1}) |_{\Delta_4} = v_0 \langle \mathbf{w}, d\mathbf{v} \rangle |_{\Delta_4} = v_0 \theta_{42} |_{\Delta_4}$. Thus Ψ is a contact morphism.

Theorem 4.4. *For any hypersurface $\mathbf{x} : U \rightarrow S_+^n$, the lightcone height function $H : U \times LC^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a generating family of the Legendrian immersion \mathcal{L}_4 .*

Similarly, we consider the Legendrian immersions $\mathcal{L}_3^\pm : (\mathbf{u}, \mu) \rightarrow \Delta_3$ defined by $\mathcal{L}_3^\pm(\mathbf{u}, \mu) = (\overline{LD}_M^\pm(\mathbf{u}, \mu), \bar{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}))$. Then we have the following theorem.

Theorem 4.5. *For any hypersurface $\bar{\mathbf{x}} : U \rightarrow S_0^n$, the lightcone height function $\bar{H} : U \times LC^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a generating family of the Legendrian immersions \mathcal{L}_3^\pm .*

5. Contact with parabolic $(n - 1)$ -spheres and parabolic n -hyperquadrics

Before we start to consider the contact between hypersurfaces in the sphere with parabolic $(n - 1)$ -sphere and parabolic n -hyperquadrics, we briefly review the theory of contact due to Montaldi[8]. Let $X_i, Y_i (i = 1, 2)$ be submanifolds of \mathbb{R}^n with $\dim X_1 = \dim X_2$ and $\dim Y_1 = \dim Y_2$. We say that the contact of X_1 and Y_1 at y_1 is *the same type as the contact of X_2 and Y_2 at y_2* if there is a diffeomorphism $\Phi : (\mathbb{R}^n, y_1) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^n, y_2)$ such that $\Phi(X_1) = X_2$ and $\Phi(Y_1) = Y_2$. In this case, we write $K(X_1, Y_1; y_1) = K(X_2, Y_2; y_2)$. Of course, in the definition, \mathbb{R}^n can be replaced by any manifold. Two function germs $f_i : (\mathbb{R}^n, a_i) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} (i = 1, 2)$ are called \mathcal{K} -equivalent if there is a diffeomorphism germ $\Phi : (\mathbb{R}^n, a_1) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^n, a_2)$, and a function germ $\lambda : (\mathbb{R}^n, a_1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $\lambda(a_1) \neq 0$ such that $f_1 = \lambda \cdot (f_2 \circ \Phi)$.

Theorem 5.1 (Montaldi [8]). *Let $X_i, Y_i (for i=1,2)$ be submanifolds of \mathbb{R}^n with $\dim X_1 = \dim X_2$ and $\dim Y_1 = \dim Y_2$. Let $g_i : (X_i, x_i) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^n, y_i)$ be immersion germs and $f_i : (\mathbb{R}^n, y_i) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^p, 0)$ be submersion germs with $(Y_i, y_i) = (f_i^{-1}(0), y_i)$. Then $K(X_1, Y_1; y_1) = K(X_2, Y_2; y_2)$ if and only if $f_1 \circ g_1$ and $f_2 \circ g_2$ are \mathcal{K} -equivalent.*

Returning to the lightcone dual hypersurface LD_M , we now consider the function $h : S_+^n \times LC^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $h(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle + 2$ and the function $g : LC^* \times LC^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $g(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle + 2$. For a given $\mathbf{v}_0 \in LC^*$, we denote $h_{\mathbf{v}_0}(\mathbf{u}) = h(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}_0)$ and $g_{\mathbf{v}_0}(\mathbf{u}) = g(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}_0)$, then we have $h_{\mathbf{v}_0}^{-1}(0) = S_+^n \cap H\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{v}_0, -2)$ and $g_{\mathbf{v}_0}^{-1}(0) = LC^* \cap H\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{v}_0, -2)$. For any $\mathbf{u}_0 \in U, \mu_0 \in \mathbb{R}$, we take the point $\mathbf{v}_0 = LD_M(\mathbf{u}_0, \mu_0)$. Then we have

$$g_{\mathbf{v}_0} \circ \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u}_0) = g \circ (\mathbf{x} \times id_{LC^*})(\mathbf{u}_0, \mathbf{v}_0) = h_{\mathbf{v}_0} \circ \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u}_0) = h \circ (\mathbf{x} \times id_{LC^*})(\mathbf{u}_0, \mathbf{v}_0) = H(\mathbf{u}_0, \mathbf{v}_0) = 0.$$

We also have

$$\frac{\partial (g_{\mathbf{v}_0} \circ \mathbf{x})}{\partial u_i}(\mathbf{u}_0) = \frac{\partial (h_{\mathbf{v}_0} \circ \mathbf{x})}{\partial u_i}(\mathbf{u}_0) = \frac{\partial H}{\partial u_i}(\mathbf{u}_0, \mathbf{v}_0) = 0$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n-1$. This means that the $(n-1)$ -sphere $h_{\mathbf{v}_0}^{-1}(0) = S_+^n \cap H\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{v}_0, -2)$ is tangent to $M = \mathbf{x}(U)$ at $p_0 = \mathbf{x}(\mathbf{u}_0)$. In this case, we call it the *lightcone tangent parabolic $(n-1)$ -sphere* of M at p_0 , which is denoted by $TPS_+^{n-1}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}_0)$. The n -hyperquadric $g_{\mathbf{v}_0}^{-1}(0) = LC^* \cap H\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{v}_0, -2)$ is also tangent to M at p_0 . In this case, we call it the *lightcone tangent parabolic n -hyperquadric* of M at p_0 , which is denoted by $TPH^n(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}_0)$. For the lightcone dual surfaces \overline{LD}_M^\pm , we consider a function $\bar{h} : S_0^n \times LC^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $\bar{h}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle - 1$ and a function $\bar{g} : S_1^{n+1} \times LC^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $\bar{g}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle - 1$. For a given $\mathbf{v}_0 \in LC^*$, we denote that $\bar{h}_{\mathbf{v}_0}(\mathbf{u}) = \bar{h}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}_0)$ and $\bar{g}_{\mathbf{v}_0}(\mathbf{u}) = \bar{g}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}_0)$. Then we have $\bar{h}_{\mathbf{v}_0}^{-1}(0) = S_0^n \cap H\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{v}_0, 1)$ and $\bar{g}_{\mathbf{v}_0}^{-1}(0) = S_1^{n+1} \cap H\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{v}_0, 1)$. For any $\mathbf{u}_0 \in U$ and the points $\bar{\mathbf{v}}_0^\pm = \overline{LD}_M^\pm(\mathbf{u}_0, \mu_0)$, we have

$$\bar{g}_{\bar{\mathbf{v}}_0^\pm} \circ \bar{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}_0) = \bar{g} \circ (\bar{\mathbf{x}} \times id_{LC^*})(\mathbf{u}_0, \bar{\mathbf{v}}_0^\pm) = \bar{h}_{\bar{\mathbf{v}}_0^\pm} \circ \bar{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}_0) = \bar{h} \circ (\bar{\mathbf{x}} \times id_{LC^*})(\mathbf{u}_0, \bar{\mathbf{v}}_0^\pm) = \bar{H}(\mathbf{u}_0, \bar{\mathbf{v}}_0^\pm) = 0.$$

We also have

$$\frac{\partial (\bar{g}_{\bar{\mathbf{v}}_0^\pm} \circ \bar{\mathbf{x}})}{\partial u_i}(\mathbf{u}_0) = \frac{\partial (\bar{h}_{\bar{\mathbf{v}}_0^\pm} \circ \bar{\mathbf{x}})}{\partial u_i}(\mathbf{u}_0) = \frac{\partial \bar{H}}{\partial u_i}(\mathbf{u}_0, \bar{\mathbf{v}}_0^\pm) = 0$$

for $i = 1, \dots, n-1$. It follows that each one of the $(n-1)$ -sphere $\bar{h}_{\bar{\mathbf{v}}_0^\pm}^{-1}(0) = S_0^n \cap H\mathcal{P}(\bar{\mathbf{v}}_0^\pm, 1)$ is tangent to \bar{M} at $\bar{p}_0 = \bar{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{u}_0)$. In this case, we call each one the *tangent parabolic $(n-1)$ -sphere* of \bar{M} at \bar{p}_0 , which are denoted by $TPS_0^{n-1\pm}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}_0)$. Also we have each of

the n -hyperquadric $\bar{g}_{\bar{v}_0^\pm}^{-1}(0) = S_1^{n+1} \cap H\bar{P}(\bar{v}_0^\pm, 1)$ is tangent to \bar{M} at \bar{p}_0 . In this case, we call each one the de-Sitter tangent parabolic n -hyperquadric of \bar{M} at \bar{p}_0 , which are denoted by $TPS_1^{n\pm}(\bar{x}, \mathbf{u}_0)$.

Let $\mathbf{x}_i : (U, \mathbf{u}_i) \rightarrow (S_+^n, p_i) (i = 1, 2)$ be hypersurface germs. For $\mathbf{v}_i = LD_{M_i}(\mathbf{u}_i, \mu_i)$, we denote $h_{i, \mathbf{v}_i} : (U, \mathbf{u}_i) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, 0)$ by $h_{i, \mathbf{v}_i}(\mathbf{u}_i) = H(\mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{v}_i)$. Then we have $h_{i, \mathbf{v}_i}(\mathbf{u}) = (\bar{h}_{i, \mathbf{v}_i} \circ \mathbf{x}_i)(\mathbf{u}) = (\bar{g}_{i, \mathbf{v}_i} \circ \mathbf{x}_i)(\mathbf{u})$. For $\bar{v}_i^\pm = \overline{LD}_{\bar{M}_i}^\pm(\mathbf{u}_i, \mu_i)$, We denote $\bar{h}_{i, \bar{v}_i^\pm} : (U, \mathbf{u}_i) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, 0)$ by $\bar{h}_{i, \bar{v}_i^\pm}(\mathbf{u}_i) = \bar{H}(\mathbf{u}_i, \bar{v}_i^\pm)$. Then we have $\bar{h}_{i, \bar{v}_i^\pm}(\mathbf{u}) = (\bar{h}_{i, \bar{v}_i^\pm} \circ \bar{x}_i)(\mathbf{u}) = (\bar{g}_{i, \bar{v}_i^\pm} \circ \bar{x}_i)(\mathbf{u})$. By Theorem 5.1, we have the following proposition.

Proposition 5.2. *Let $\mathbf{x}_i : (U, \mathbf{u}_i) \rightarrow (S_+^n, p_i) (i = 1, 2)$ be hypersurface germs. For $\mathbf{v}_i = LD_{M_i}(\mathbf{u}_i, \mu_i)$, the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1) $K(\mathbf{x}_1(U), TPS_+^{n-1}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{u}_1), \mathbf{v}_1) = K(\mathbf{x}_2(U), TPS_+^{n-1}(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{u}_2), \mathbf{v}_2)$.
- (2) $K(\mathbf{x}_1(U), TPH^n(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{u}_1), \mathbf{v}_1) = K(\mathbf{x}_2(U), TPH^n(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{u}_2), \mathbf{v}_2)$.
- (3) h_{1, \mathbf{v}_1} and h_{2, \mathbf{v}_2} are \mathcal{K} -equivalent.

Moreover, for $\bar{v}_i^\pm = \overline{LD}_{\bar{M}_i}^\pm(\mathbf{u}_i, \mu_i)$, the following conditions are equivalent:

- (4) $K(\mathbf{x}_1(U), TPS_0^{n-1\pm}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{u}_1), \bar{v}_1^\pm) = K(\mathbf{x}_2(U), TPS_0^{n-1\pm}(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{u}_2), \bar{v}_2^\pm)$.
- (5) $K(\mathbf{x}_1(U), TPS_1^{n\pm}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{u}_1), \bar{v}_1^\pm) = K(\mathbf{x}_2(U), TPS_1^{n\pm}(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{u}_2), \bar{v}_2^\pm)$.
- (6) $\bar{h}_{1, \bar{v}_1^\pm}$ and $\bar{h}_{2, \bar{v}_2^\pm}$ are \mathcal{K} -equivalent.

On the other hand, we return to the review on the theory of Legendrian singularities. We introduce a natural equivalence relation among Legendrian submanifold germs. Let $F, G : (\mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbf{0}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, 0)$ be Morse families of hypersurfaces. Then we say that $\mathcal{L}_F(\Sigma_*(F))$ and $\mathcal{L}_G(\Sigma_*(G))$ are *Legendrian equivalent* if there exists a contact diffeomorphism germ $H : (PT^*\mathbb{R}^n, z) \rightarrow (PT^*\mathbb{R}^n, z')$ such that H preserves fibers of π and that $H(\mathcal{L}_F(\Sigma_*(F))) = \mathcal{L}_G(\Sigma_*(G))$, where $z = \mathcal{L}_F(0)$, $z' = \mathcal{L}_G(0)$. By using the Legendrian equivalence, we can define the notion of Legendrian stability for Legendrian submanifold germs by the ordinary way (see, [1][Part III]). We can interpret the Legendrian equivalence by using the notion of generating families. We denote by \mathcal{E}_n the local ring of function germs $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbf{0}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with the unique maximal ideal $\mathfrak{M}_n = \{h \in \mathcal{E}_n \mid h(0) = 0\}$. Let $F, G : (\mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbf{0}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, 0)$ be function germs.

Let $\mathcal{Q}_{n+1}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}_0)$ be the local ring of the function germ $h_{\mathbf{v}_0} : (U, \mathbf{u}_0) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$\mathcal{Q}_{n+1}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}_0) = C_{\mathbf{u}_0}^\infty(U) / ((h_{\mathbf{v}_0})_{C_{\mathbf{u}_0}^\infty(U)} + \mathfrak{M}_{n-1}^{n+2}),$$

and $\mathcal{Q}_{n+1}^\pm(\bar{x}, \mathbf{u}_0)$ be the local rings of the function germs $\bar{h}_{\bar{v}_0^\pm} : (U, \mathbf{u}_0) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$\mathcal{Q}_{n+1}^\pm(\bar{x}, \mathbf{u}_0) = C_{\mathbf{u}_0}^\infty(U) / ((\bar{h}_{\bar{v}_0^\pm})_{C_{\mathbf{u}_0}^\infty(U)} + \mathfrak{M}_{n-1}^{n+2}),$$

where $\mathbf{v}_0 = LD_M(\mathbf{u}_0, \mu_0)$, $\bar{v}_0^\pm = \overline{LD}_M^\pm(\mathbf{u}_0, \mu_0)$ and $C_{\mathbf{u}_0}^\infty(U)$ is the local ring of function germs at \mathbf{u}_0 with the unique maximal ideal \mathfrak{M}_{n-1} .

Theorem 5.3. *Let $\mathbf{x}_i : (U, \mathbf{u}_i) \rightarrow (S_+^n, p_i) (i = 1, 2)$ be hypersurface germs such that the corresponding Legendrian immersion germs are Legendrian stable. Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (1) *The lightcone hypersurface germs $LD_{M_1}(U \times \mathbb{R})$ and $LD_{M_2}(U \times \mathbb{R})$ are diffeomorphic.*
- (2) *Legendrian immersion germs \mathcal{L}_4^1 and \mathcal{L}_4^2 are Legendrian equivalent.*
- (3) *The lightcone height functions germs H_1 and H_2 are \mathcal{P} - \mathcal{K} -equivalent.*
- (4) h_{1, \mathbf{v}_1} and h_{2, \mathbf{v}_2} are \mathcal{K} -equivalent.
- (5) $K(\mathbf{x}_1(U), TPS_+^{n-1}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{u}_1), \mathbf{v}_1) = K(\mathbf{x}_2(U), TPS_+^{n-1}(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{u}_2), \mathbf{v}_2)$.

- (6) $K(\mathbf{x}_1(U), TPH^n(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{u}_1), \mathbf{v}_1) = K(\mathbf{x}_2(U), TPH^n(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{u}_2), \mathbf{v}_2)$.
 (7) Local rings $Q_{n+1}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{u}_1)$ and $Q_{n+1}(\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{u}_2)$ are isomorphic as \mathbb{R} -algebras.

Theorem 5.4. Let $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_i : (U, \mathbf{u}_i) \rightarrow (S_0^n, p_i)$ ($i = 1, 2$) be hypersurface germs such that the corresponding Legendrian immersion germs are Legendrian stable. Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (1) The lightcone hypersurface germs $\overline{LD}_{M_1}^\pm(U \times \mathbb{R})$ and $\overline{LD}_{M_2}^\pm(U \times \mathbb{R})$ are diffeomorphic.
- (2) Legendrian immersion germs $\mathcal{L}_3^{1\pm}$ and $\mathcal{L}_3^{2\pm}$ are Legendrian equivalent.
- (3) The lightcone height functions germs \bar{H}_1 and \bar{H}_2 are \mathcal{P} - \mathcal{K} -equivalent.
- (4) $\bar{h}_{1, \bar{\mathbf{v}}_1^\pm}$ and $\bar{h}_{2, \bar{\mathbf{v}}_2^\pm}$ are \mathcal{K} -equivalent.
- (5) $K(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1(U), TPS_0^{n-1\pm}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1, \mathbf{u}_1), \bar{\mathbf{v}}_1^\pm) = K(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_2(U), TPS_0^{n-1\pm}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_2, \mathbf{u}_2), \bar{\mathbf{v}}_2^\pm)$.
- (6) $K(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1(U), TPS_1^{n\pm}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1, \mathbf{u}_1), \bar{\mathbf{v}}_1^\pm) = K(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_2(U), TPS_1^{n\pm}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_2, \mathbf{u}_2), \bar{\mathbf{v}}_2^\pm)$.
- (7) Local rings $Q_{n+1}^\pm(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_1, \mathbf{u}_1)$ and $Q_{n+1}^\pm(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_2, \mathbf{u}_2)$ are isomorphic as \mathbb{R} -algebras.

Lemma 5.5. Let $\mathbf{x} : U \rightarrow S_+^n$ be a hypersurface germ such that the corresponding Legendrian immersion germs \mathcal{L}_4 and \mathcal{L}_3^\pm are Legendrian stable. Then at the singular point $\mathbf{v}_0 = LD_M(\mathbf{u}_0, 2\sigma^\pm(\kappa_i(p_0))$ ($1 \leq i \leq n-1$) of LD_M and the singular points $\bar{\mathbf{v}}_0^\pm = \overline{LD}_M^\pm(\mathbf{u}_0, 1/\kappa_i(p_0))$ of \overline{LD}_M^\pm , we have the following equivalent assertions:

- (1) The lightcone hypersurface germs $LD_M(U \times \mathbb{R})$ and $\overline{LD}_M^\pm(U \times \mathbb{R})$ are diffeomorphic.
- (2) Legendrian immersion germs \mathcal{L}_3^\pm and \mathcal{L}_4 are Legendrian equivalent.
- (3) The lightcone height functions germs H and \bar{H} are \mathcal{P} - \mathcal{K} -equivalent.
- (4) $h_{\mathbf{v}_0}$ and $\bar{h}_{\bar{\mathbf{v}}_0^\pm}$ are \mathcal{K} -equivalent.
- (5) $K(\mathbf{x}(U), TPS_+^{n-1}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}_0), \mathbf{v}_0) = K(\bar{\mathbf{x}}(U), TPS_0^{n-1\pm}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{u}_0), \bar{\mathbf{v}}_0^\pm)$.
- (6) $K(\mathbf{x}(U), TPH^n(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}_0), \mathbf{v}_0) = K(\bar{\mathbf{x}}(U), TPS_1^{n\pm}(\bar{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{u}_0), \bar{\mathbf{v}}_0^\pm)$.
- (7) Local rings $Q_{n+1}^\pm(\bar{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{u}_0)$ and $Q_{n+1}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}_0)$ are isomorphic as \mathbb{R} -algebras.

By Lemma 5.5, we have our main result as the following theorem.

Theorem 5.6. Let $\mathbf{x}_i : (U, \mathbf{u}_i) \rightarrow (S_+^n, p_i)$ ($i = 1, 2$) be hypersurface germs such that the corresponding Legendrian immersion germs are Legendrian stable. At the singular points $\bar{\mathbf{v}}_i^\pm = \overline{LD}_M^\pm(\mathbf{u}_0, 1/\kappa_j(p))$ ($1 \leq j \leq n-1$) of \overline{LD}_M^\pm , and the singular points $\mathbf{v}_i = LD_M(\mathbf{u}_0, 2\sigma^\pm(\kappa_j(p))$ of LD_M , the conditions (1) \sim (7) in Theorem 5.3 and the conditions (1) \sim (7) in Theorem 5.4 are all equivalent.

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