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# F-完备抛物仿射超球的 Bernstein 性质

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**摘要:** 设  $x: M \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{n+1}$  是局部强凸超曲面, 由定义在凸域  $D \subset \mathbf{R}^n$  上的局部强凸函数  $x_{n+1} = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  给出. 本文在  $M$  上定义 F-度量  $\tilde{G} = F(\rho) \sum_{i,j} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} dx_i dx_j$ , 研究 F-完备抛物仿射超球并得到了相应的 Bernstein 性质.

**关键词:** F-完备; F-相对度量; 抛物仿射超球

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## Bernstien properties of F-complete parabolic affine hyperspheres

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**Abstract:** Let  $x: M \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{n+1}$  be a locally strongly convex hypersurface given by the graph of a locally strongly convex function  $x_{n+1} = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  defined in a convex domain  $D \subset \mathbf{R}^n$ . Defining the F-metric  $\tilde{G} = F(\rho) \sum_{i,j} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} dx_i dx_j$  on  $M$ , we derive the PDEs of the F-complete parabolic affine hyperspheres and obtain some Bernstein properties.

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### 1 Introduction

It is interesting to study Bernstein properties of affine hyperspheres. In Ref. [1], Xiong and Yang considered hyperbolic relative hyperspheres with Li-normalization and classify the subclass which is Euclidean complete. In Ref. [2], Xu studied  $\alpha$ -relative parabolic affine hyperspheres and obtained that if

$$M = \{ (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n+1}) \mid x_{n+1} = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in D \subset \mathbf{R}^n \}$$

is a  $\alpha$ -relative parabolic affine hypersphere which complete with respect to the Calabi metric and  $\alpha$

$\notin [\frac{n+2}{n+1}, \frac{n+2}{2}]$ , then  $M$  must be an elliptic paraboloid.

In this paper, we consider a relative normalization of  $M$  induced by  $\tilde{U} = F(\rho)U$  (see section 2), where  $F(\rho)$  be a  $C^3$ -function defined on  $M$  such that  $F(\rho) > 0$  everywhere. We call  $F(\rho)$  an F-relative normalization of  $M$ . With F-relative normalization, the corresponding metric of  $M$  is given by

$$\tilde{G} = F(\rho) \sum_{i,j} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} dx_i dx_j$$

and is called F-relative metric. Here and later we use the following notations:

$$F' = \frac{dF}{d\rho}, F'' = \frac{d^2F}{d\rho^2}, s_i = \frac{\partial s}{\partial x_i}, s_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 s}{\partial x_i \partial x_j},$$

$$h' = \frac{dh}{d\rho}, h = \frac{n+2}{2} \frac{F'\rho}{F} - \frac{F''\rho}{F'} - \frac{n}{2} - 1.$$

Parabolic affine hypersphere with F-relative normalization is called F-relative parabolic affine hypersphere. We study F-relative parabolic affine hypersphere and obtain the following

**Theorem 1.1** Let  $(M, \tilde{G})$  is an F-complete parabolic affine hypersphere with F-Ricci curvature bounded from below by a negative constant  $-N$ . If  $\kappa$  and  $\chi$  are all constants and  $\chi > 0$ , where

$$\chi = \frac{2n^2 + 15n + 4}{n - 1} + \frac{4n}{n - 1} \left(\frac{F''\rho}{F'}\right)^2 - \frac{n^2 - 2n - 4}{n - 1} \left(\frac{F'\rho}{F}\right)^2 - \frac{n^2 + 5n + 14}{n - 1} \frac{F'\rho}{F}$$

$$- 2 \frac{F'''\rho^2}{F'\rho^2} - \frac{8}{n - 1} \frac{F''\rho^2}{F\rho^2} + \frac{n^2 + 7n + 12}{n - 1} \frac{F''\rho}{F'} \tag{1}$$

$$\kappa = \frac{4}{n - 1} \frac{F''\rho}{F'} + \frac{n^2 + n - 10}{2(n - 1)} \frac{F'\rho}{F} + \frac{5n + 10}{2(n - 1)} \tag{2}$$

then  $M$  must be an elliptic paraboloid.

For  $\alpha$ -complete parabolic affine hypersphere (the case  $F(\rho) = \rho^\alpha$  in Theorem 1.1), by calculation we have

**Corollary 1.2** Let  $x: M \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{n+1}$  is a  $\alpha$ -relative parabolic affine hypersphere and is complete with respect to the  $\alpha$ -metric. If  $\alpha^2 < \frac{n^2 + 8n - 4}{n^2 - 4n + 2}$ , then

$M$  must be an elliptic paraboloid.

## 2 Preliminaries

Assume that  $x_{n+1} = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is a smooth strictly convex function defined in a convex domain  $D \subset \mathbf{R}^n$ .  $f$  defines a locally strictly convex hypersurface  $x: M \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^{n+1}$ , given by a graph representation

$$M = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n+1}) \mid x_{n+1} = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in D \subset \mathbf{R}^n\}.$$

For every point  $x \in M$ , let  $Y = (Y^1, \dots, Y^{n+1})$  be a transversal vector field along  $M$  such that  $dY \in T_x M$ , then  $Y$  is called a relative normalization of  $M$ . Corresponding to the transversal field  $Y$ , there exists a unique conormal vector field  $U$ . Particu-

larly, when  $Y = (0, 0, \dots, 1)$ , the conormal field  $U$  and the relative Riemannian metric  $G'$  on  $M$  are defined respectively by

$$U = \left(-\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n}, 1\right),$$

$$G' = \sum \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} dx_i dx_j,$$

here  $G'$  is called Calabi metric. Denote

$$\rho = [\det(f_{ij})]^{-\frac{1}{n+2}}.$$

Li first considered a relative normalization of  $M$  induced by  $U^\alpha = \rho^\alpha U$ , where  $\alpha$  is a non-zero real constant. It was then called an  $\alpha$ -relative normalization of  $M$  in Ref. [2], later called Li-normalization in Refs. [3, 4]. With Li-normalization, the corresponding metric of  $M$  is given by<sup>[2]</sup>

$$G = \rho^\alpha \sum \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} dx_i dx_j \tag{3}$$

and is called Li-metric, or  $\alpha$ -metric. The corresponding geometry is called Li-geometry or  $\alpha$ -relative geometry.

For partial derivation of the vector valued function  $x$ , we use the notation from above, while covariant derivation with respect to the Levi-Civita connection of the relative metric is denoted by  $x_{,ij}$  etc. Following Ref. [2], assume that  $q := F(\rho) > 0$ . We consider the new conormal vector field  $\tilde{U} = F(\rho)U$ . Then there exists a unique transversal vector field  $\tilde{Y}$  that satisfies the equations

$$\langle \tilde{U}_i, \tilde{Y} \rangle = 0, \langle \tilde{U}, \tilde{Y} \rangle = 1.$$

Let  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n))$  denote the position vector of the graph hypersurface, then the relative normal satisfies

$$\tilde{Y} = \frac{1}{F(\rho)} Y + \sum \frac{F'\rho_j}{(F(\rho))^2} f^{ij} x_k.$$

We consider this relative normal  $\tilde{Y}$  on  $M$  and its associated relative metric

$$\tilde{G} = F(\rho) \sum f_{ij} dx_i dx_j.$$

With this geometry the relative Weingarten form  $\tilde{B}$  is given by

$$\tilde{B}_{ij} = \left[\frac{2(F')^2}{F^2} - \frac{F''}{F}\right] \rho_i \rho_j - \frac{F'}{F} \rho_{ij} + \sum \frac{F' f^{kl}}{F} \rho_l \frac{\partial f_{ij}}{\partial x_k} \tag{4}$$

The Fubini-Pick tensor  $\tilde{A}$  is given by

$$\tilde{A}_{ijk} = -\frac{1}{2} [F' f_{ij} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x_k} + F' f_{ik} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x_j} + F' f_{jk} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x_i} + F f_{ijk}] \tag{5}$$

The components of the Ricci tensor read

$$\tilde{R}_{ik} = \sum_{m,l} (\tilde{A}_{iml} \tilde{A}_{mlk} - \tilde{A}_{imk} \tilde{A}_{mll}) + \frac{n-2}{2} \tilde{B}_{ik} + \frac{n}{2} \tilde{L} \tilde{G}_{ik} \tag{6}$$

Under the F-relative normalization,

$$\sum_l \tilde{A}_{mll} = \sum_{i,j} \tilde{G}_{ij} \tilde{A}_{ijm} = \frac{n+2}{2} (\frac{1}{\rho} - \frac{F'}{F}) \rho_m \tag{7}$$

In local terms the Laplacian  $\Delta$  with respect to the F-metric  $\tilde{G}$  reads

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(\tilde{G}_{kl})}} \sum \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\tilde{G}^{ij} \sqrt{\det(\tilde{G}_{kl})} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}).$$

We define

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{F} \sum f^{ij} \frac{\rho_i}{\rho} \frac{\rho_j}{\rho}.$$

In this paper, we will consider the pair  $\{\tilde{U}, \tilde{Y}\}$  and call it the F-relative normalization of the graph hypersurface  $M$ . The eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  of the associated Weingarten operator or relative shape operator are called the F-relative principal curvatures, and

$$\tilde{L} = \frac{1}{n} \sum \lambda_i$$

is called the F-relative mean curvature.  $M$  is called  $a_n$  F-relative parabolic affine hypersphere if  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \dots = \lambda_n = 0$  everywhere on  $M$ . Let  $\tilde{B} = 0$ , we obtain the following proposition for a F-relative parabolic affine hypersphere.

**Proposition 2.1** Choose  $F(\rho)U$  as a relative normalization of  $M$ , then a locally strongly convex F-relative parabolic affine hypersphere satisfies the following system of PDEs:

$$\rho_{ij} = \frac{2(F')^2 - FF''}{FF'} \rho_i \rho_j + \sum f^{kl} f_{ijk} \rho_l, \tag{8}$$

$$\forall 1 \leq i, j \leq n$$

In the following we will use the F-metric to do the calculations. That is to say, the norms and the Laplacian operator are defined with respect to the F-metric. From (8), we have

$$\Delta \rho = h \frac{\|\nabla \rho\|^2}{\rho} \tag{9}$$

### 3 Estimation of $\Delta \Phi$

**Proposition 3.1** Let  $f(x)$  be a  $C^\infty$ -strictly convex function, and satisfy the PDEs (8). Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Delta \Phi}{\Phi} \geq & \frac{n}{n-1} \sum \frac{|\nabla \Phi|^2}{\Phi^2} + [\frac{n^2+n-10}{2(n-1)} \frac{F'\rho}{F} + \\ & \frac{4}{n-1} \frac{F''\rho}{F'} + \frac{5n+10}{2(n-1)}] \langle \frac{\nabla \Phi}{\Phi}, \nabla \log \rho \rangle + \\ & [\frac{2n^2+15n+4}{n-1} + \frac{4n}{n-1} (\frac{F''\rho}{F'})^2 - \\ & \frac{n^2-2n-4}{n-1} (\frac{F'\rho}{F})^2 - \frac{n^2+5n+14}{n-1} \frac{F'\rho}{F} - \\ & 2 \frac{F'''\rho^2}{F'\rho^2} - \frac{8}{n-1} \frac{F''\rho^2}{F\rho^2} + \frac{n^2+7n+12}{n-1} \frac{F''\rho}{F'}] \Phi \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

**Proof** Let  $p \in M$  be any fixed point. We choose a local orthonormal frame field of the F-metric. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi &= \frac{\sum (\rho_{.j})^2}{\rho^2}, \\ \Phi_{.i} &= 2 \sum \frac{\rho_{.j} \rho_{.ji}}{\rho^2} - 2 \rho_{.i} \frac{\sum (\rho_{.j})^2}{\rho^3}, \\ \Delta \Phi &= 2 \sum \frac{\rho_{.j} \rho_{.jii}}{\rho^2} + 2 \frac{\sum (\rho_{.ji})^2}{\rho^2} - \\ & 8 \sum \frac{\rho_{.i} \rho_{.j} \rho_{.jii}}{\rho^3} + (6-2h)\Phi^2, \end{aligned}$$

where we used (9). For the case  $\Phi(p) = 0$ , it is easy to get (at  $p$ )

$$\Delta \Phi \geq 2 \frac{\sum (\rho_{.ji})^2}{\rho^2}.$$

Now we assume that  $\Phi(p) \neq 0$ . Choose a local orthonormal frame field of the the F-metric such that (at  $p$ )  $\rho_{.1} = \|\nabla \rho\| > 0, \rho_{.i} = 0, \forall i > 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \Phi &= 2 \sum \frac{\rho_{.j} \rho_{.jii}}{\rho^2} + 2 \frac{\sum (\rho_{.ji})^2}{\rho^2} - \\ & 8 \sum \frac{(\rho_{.1})^2 \rho_{.11}}{\rho^3} + (6-2h)\Phi^2 \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Applying Schwarz's inequality we get

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \sum (\rho_{.ji})^2 &\geq 2(\rho_{.11})^2 + 4 \sum_{i>1} (\rho_{.1i})^2 + \\ 2 \sum_{i>1} (\rho_{.ii})^2 &\geq 2(\rho_{.11})^2 + 4 \sum_{i>1} (\rho_{.1i})^2 + \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{2}{n-1}(\Delta\rho - \rho_{,11})^2 = \frac{2n}{n-1}(\rho_{,11})^2 + 4\sum_{i>1}(\rho_{,1i})^2 + \frac{2}{n-1}h^2\frac{(\rho_{,1})^4}{\rho^2} - \frac{4h}{n-1}\frac{\rho_{,11}}{\rho}(\rho_{,1})^2 \tag{12}$$

An application of the Ricci identity shows that

$$2\sum\frac{\rho_{,ij}\rho_{,jii}}{\rho^2} = 2\frac{\rho_{,1}\rho_{,1ii}}{\rho^2} = \frac{2}{\rho^2}(\Delta\rho)_{,1}\rho_{,1} + 2R_{11}\frac{\rho_{,1}}{\rho^2} = 4h\rho_{,11}\frac{(\rho_{,1})^2}{\rho^3} + 2R_{11}\Phi + 2(h'\rho - h)\Phi^2 \tag{13}$$

Note that

$$\sum\frac{(\Phi_{,i})^2}{\Phi} = 4\sum\frac{(\rho_{,1i})^2}{\rho^2} - 8\sum\frac{(\rho_{,1})^2\rho_{,11}}{\rho^3} + 4\Phi^2 \tag{14}$$

Substituting (12), (13) into (11) yields

$$\Delta\Phi \geq \frac{2n}{n-1}\frac{(\rho_{,11})^2}{\rho^2} + 4\sum_{i>1}\frac{(\rho_{,1i})^2}{\rho^2} + (6 - 4h + 2h'\rho + \frac{2h^2}{n-1})\Phi^2 + \frac{4(n-2)}{n-1}\frac{(\rho_{,1})^2}{\rho^3}h\rho_{,11} + 2R_{11}\Phi \geq \frac{2n}{n-1}\sum\frac{(\rho_{,1i})^2}{\rho^2} + (6 - 4h + 2h'\rho + \frac{2h^2}{n-1})\Phi^2 + \frac{4(n-2)}{n-1}\frac{(\rho_{,1})^2}{\rho^3}h\rho_{,11} + 2R_{11}\Phi.$$

From the above inequality and (14), we have

$$\Delta\Phi \geq \frac{n}{2(n-1)}\frac{|\nabla\Phi|^2}{\Phi} + [\frac{4(n-2)}{n-1}h - \frac{4(n-2)}{n-1}]\frac{(\rho_{,1})^2}{\rho^3}\rho_{,11} + (6 - 4h + 2h'\rho + \frac{2h^2}{n-1} - \frac{2n}{n-1})\Phi^2 + 2R_{11}\Phi \tag{15}$$

Choosing a local orthonormal frame field of the F-metric,  $Ff_{ij} = \delta_{ij} = F^{-1}f^{ij}$  and using (5), we have

$$-2\tilde{A}_{ijl}\rho_{,l} = \frac{F'}{F}(\delta_{ij}\rho_{,l}^2 + \delta_{il}\rho_{,j}\rho_{,l} + \delta_{jl}\rho_{,i}\rho_{,l}) + f^{kl}f_{ijk}\rho_{,l}.$$

From (8) and the above equality, we get

$$\rho_{,ij} = \rho_{ij} + \tilde{A}_{ij1}\rho_{,1} = -\frac{F''}{F'}\rho_{ij}\rho_{,1} - \frac{F'}{F}\delta_{ij}|\nabla\rho|^2 - \tilde{A}_{ij1}\rho_{,1}.$$

From the definition of  $\Phi$  and the above equality, we have

$$\Phi_{,i} = -2\tilde{A}_{11i}\frac{(\rho_{,1})^2}{\rho^2} - 2(1 + \frac{F''}{F'\rho})\frac{\rho_{,i}\rho_{,1}^2}{\rho^3} - 2\frac{F'}{F}\delta_{1i}\frac{(\rho_{,1})^3}{\rho^2}.$$

Thus

$$\sum\frac{\Phi_{,ij}\rho_{,i}}{\rho} = -2\tilde{A}_{111}\frac{(\rho_{,1})^3}{\rho^3} - 2(1 + \frac{F''}{F'\rho} + \frac{F'}{F\rho})\Phi^2 \tag{16}$$

$$\sum\frac{(\Phi_{,i})^2}{\Phi} = 4\sum\frac{(\rho_{,1i})^2}{\rho^2} - 8\sum\frac{(\rho_{,1})^2\rho_{,11}}{\rho^3} + 4\Phi^2 = 8(1 + \frac{F''}{F'\rho} + \frac{F'}{F\rho})\tilde{A}_{111}\frac{(\rho_{,1})^3}{\rho^3} + 4(1 + \frac{F''}{F'\rho} + \frac{F'}{F\rho})^2\Phi^2 + 4\sum(\tilde{A}_{111})^2\Phi \tag{17}$$

By the same method as deriving (12), we have

$$\sum(\tilde{A}_{m1})^2 \geq (\tilde{A}_{111})^2 + 2\sum_{i>1}(\tilde{A}_{i11})^2 + \sum_{i>1}(\tilde{A}_{i1i})^2 \geq (\tilde{A}_{111})^2 + 2\sum_{i>1}(\tilde{A}_{i11})^2 + \frac{1}{n-1}(\sum\tilde{A}_{i1i} - \tilde{A}_{111})^2 \geq \frac{n}{n-1}\sum(\tilde{A}_{i11})^2 - \frac{2}{n-1}\tilde{A}_{111}\sum\tilde{A}_{i1i} + \frac{1}{n-1}(\sum\tilde{A}_{i1i})^2 \tag{18}$$

Then, from (16)~(18) and (6)~(7), we have

$$2R_{11}\Phi = \frac{2}{\rho^2}\sum(\tilde{A}_{1m1})^2(\rho_{,1})^2 - 2\tilde{A}_{11m}\tilde{A}_{m11}\frac{(\rho_{,1})^2}{\rho^2} = [\frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2(n-1)}(1 - \frac{F'\rho}{F}) + \frac{2n}{n-1}(1 + \frac{F''\rho}{F'} + \frac{F'\rho}{F})]\langle\nabla\Phi, \nabla\log\rho\rangle + [\frac{8+14n+3n^2}{2(n-1)} - \frac{n(n-2)}{2(n-1)}(\frac{F'\rho}{F})^2 - \frac{4+n^2}{n-1}\frac{F'\rho}{F} + \frac{2n}{n-1}(\frac{F''\rho}{F'})^2 + \frac{n^2+7n+2}{n-1}\frac{F''\rho}{F'} - \frac{n^2-n+2}{n-1}\frac{F''\rho^2}{F}] \Phi^2 + \frac{n}{2(n-1)}\sum\frac{|\nabla\Phi|^2}{\Phi} \tag{19}$$

Inserting (19) into (15), we obtain (10). The proof is complete.

### 4 Proof of Theorem 1.1

Let  $p_0 \in M$ , denote by  $r = r(p_0, p)$  the geo-

desic distance function from  $p_0$  to  $p$  with respect to the F-metric  $\tilde{G}$ . For any  $a > 0$ , let  $B_a(p_0) = \{p \in M | r(p_0, p) \leq a\}$ . Consider the function

$$L = (a^2 - r^2)^2 \Phi$$

defined on  $B_a(p_0)$ . Obviously,  $L$  attains its maximum at some interior point  $\bar{p}$ . We may assume that  $r^2$  is a  $C^2$  function in a neighborhood of  $\bar{p}$ , and  $\Phi > 0$  at  $\bar{p}$ . Then, at  $\bar{p}$ , we have

$$0 = L_{,i} = (a^2 - r^2)^2 \Phi_{,i} - 4r(a^2 - r^2)r_{,i}\Phi \quad (20)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \geq \Delta L &= (a^2 - r^2)^2 \Delta \Phi - 8r(a^2 - r^2) \langle \nabla r, \nabla \Phi \rangle_G - 4\Phi r(a^2 - r^2) \Delta r + \\ &8r^2 \|\nabla r\|_{\tilde{G}^2} \Phi - 4\Phi (a^2 - r^2) \|\nabla r\|_{\tilde{G}^2} \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Insert (20) into (21) one gets

$$\frac{\Delta \Phi}{\Phi} \leq \frac{24r^2}{(a^2 - r^2)^2} + \frac{4}{a^2 - r^2} + \frac{4r\Delta r}{a^2 - r^2} \quad (22)$$

here we used the fact that  $\|\nabla r\|_{\tilde{G}^2} = 1$ . Writing

$$\begin{aligned} \chi &= \frac{2n^2 + 15n + 4}{n-1} + \frac{4n}{n-1} \left(\frac{\rho F''}{F'}\right)^2 - \\ &\frac{n^2 - 2n - 4}{n-1} \left(\frac{\rho F'}{F}\right)^2 - \frac{n^2 + 5n + 14}{n-1} \frac{\rho F'}{F} \\ &- 2 \frac{\rho^2 F'''}{F'} - \frac{8}{n-1} \frac{\rho^2 F''}{F} + \frac{n^2 + 7n + 12}{n-1} \frac{\rho F''}{F'}, \\ \kappa &= \frac{5n + 10}{2(n-1)} + \frac{4}{n-1} \frac{\rho F''}{F'} + \frac{n^2 + n - 10}{2(n-1)} \frac{\rho F'}{F}. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Schwarz's inequality we have

$$\frac{4\kappa r}{a^2 - r^2} \langle \nabla r, \frac{\nabla \rho}{\rho} \rangle \geq -\theta \Phi - \frac{4\kappa^2 r^2}{\theta(a^2 - r^2)^2} \quad (23)$$

Combining (10) with (22) and using (23) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\chi - \theta) &\leq \left(24 - \frac{16n}{n-1} + \frac{4\kappa^2}{\theta}\right) \frac{r^2}{(a^2 - r^2)^2} + \\ &\frac{4}{a^2 - r^2} + \frac{4r\Delta r}{a^2 - r^2} \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Recall that  $(M, \tilde{G})$  is a complete Riemannian manifold with Ricci curvature bounded by a negative constant  $-N$ , then the Laplacian comparison theorem implies that

$$r\Delta r \leq (n-1)(1 + \sqrt{N}r) \quad (25)$$

Combining (24) with (25), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\chi - \theta) &\leq \left(24 - \frac{16n}{n-1} + \frac{4\kappa^2}{\theta}\right) \frac{r^2}{(a^2 - r^2)^2} + \\ &\frac{4n}{a^2 - r^2} + \frac{4(n-1)r\sqrt{N}}{a^2 - r^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\chi$  is a positive constant, we may choose a sufficiently small number  $\theta > 0$  such that  $\chi - \theta > 0$ . Therefore (at  $\bar{p}$ ) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi &\leq d_1 \frac{r^2}{(a^2 - r^2)^2} + d_2 \frac{r}{a^2 - r^2} + \\ &d_3 \frac{1}{a^2 - r^2} \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

(26) holds everywhere on  $B_a(p_0)$ . Let  $a \rightarrow \infty$  we get  $\Phi \equiv 0$  on  $M$ . By the well-known theorem of Calabi<sup>[10]</sup>, we conclude that  $M$  is an elliptic paraboloid. This completes the proof.

### 5 Proof of Corollary

Let  $\bar{a} = r(p_0, \bar{p})$ . We will separate the discussion into two cases:

Case 1,  $p_0 = \bar{p}$ . we have  $\bar{a} = 0$ .

Case 2,  $p_0 \neq \bar{p}$ . then  $\bar{a} > 0$ . Let

$$B_{\bar{a}}(p_0) = \{p \in M | r(p_0, p) \leq \bar{a}\}.$$

Proposition 3.1 and the maximum principle yield

$$\max_{B_{\bar{a}}(p_0)} \Phi = \max_{\partial B_{\bar{a}}(p_0)} \Phi.$$

Note that  $a^2 - r^2 = a^2 - \bar{a}^2$  on  $\partial B_{\bar{a}}(p_0)$ , it follows that

$$\max_{B_{\bar{a}}(p_0)} \Phi = \Phi(\bar{p}).$$

Consider  $p \in B_{\bar{a}}(p_0)$ . We choose an affine coordinate neighborhood  $\{U, \varphi\}$  with  $p \in U$  such that  $R_{ij}(p) = 0$ , for  $i \neq j$  and  $G_{ij}(\varphi(p)) = \delta_{ij}$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$  in  $U$ . From (6)~(7) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{R}_{ii} &= \sum (\tilde{A}_{iml})^2 - \sum \tilde{A}_{iim} \tilde{A}_{mli} \geq \\ &\sum (\tilde{A}_{iim})^2 - \sum \tilde{A}_{iim} \tilde{A}_{mli} = \\ &\sum (\tilde{A}_{iim})^2 - \sum \tilde{A}_{iim} \frac{n+2}{2} \left(\frac{\rho F'}{F} - 1\right) \frac{\rho_{,m}}{\rho} \geq \\ &-\frac{(n+2)^2}{16} \left(\frac{\rho F'}{F} - 1\right)^2 \Phi. \end{aligned}$$

If  $F = \rho^\alpha$ , we have

$$\tilde{R}_{ii} \geq -\frac{(n+2)^2}{16} (\alpha-1)^2 \Phi(\bar{p}),$$

i. e.  $\alpha$ -Ricci curvature is bounded from below by a negative constant  $-N$ . From (1) and (2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \chi &= \frac{n^2 + 8n - 4}{n-1} - \frac{n^2 - 4n + 2}{n-1} \alpha^2. \\ \kappa &= \frac{5n + 2}{2(n-1)} + \frac{n^2 + n - 2}{2(n-1)} \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Corollary 1.2.

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