

A note on an isometric imbedding of upper half-space into the anti de Sitter space

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Introduction. K. Nomizu [3] studied the upper half-space $U_n = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n); x_n > 0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \in \mathbf{R}\}$ with the Lorentz metric

$$(1) \quad ds_0^2 = (dx_1^2 + \dots + dx_{n-1}^2 - dx_n^2)/x_n^2$$

which has constant sectional curvature 1. U_n is diffeomorphic to the matrix group G_n consisting of all $n \times n$ matrices of the form

$$g = \begin{bmatrix} x_n & & & x_1 \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & x_n & x_{n-1} \\ 0 & & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } x_n > 0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \in \mathbf{R}$$

by

$$g \in G_n \longrightarrow (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n) \in U_n.$$

The group G_n is of type \mathfrak{S} in the sense of [2] and it admits a left-invariant Lorentz metric with any prescribed constant k as its constant sectional curvature (Theorem 1, [2]). The left translations on G_n

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_n & & & x_1 \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & x_n & x_{n-1} \\ 0 & & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a & & & b_1 \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & a & b_{n-1} \\ 0 & & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_n & & & x_1 \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & x_n & x_{n-1} \\ 0 & & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

correspond to the action of G_n on U_n by

$$(2) \quad (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n) \longrightarrow (ax_1 + b_1, \dots, ax_{n-1} + b_{n-1}, ax_n).$$

The Lorentz metric (1) on U_n is invariant by the action (2) of G_n and corresponds to a left-invariant Lorentz metric on the group G_n of constant sectional curvature 1.

In this note, we shall consider the upper half-space U_n with the Lorentz metric

$$(3) \quad ds^2 = (-dx_1^2 + dx_2^2 + \dots + dx_n^2)/x_n^2$$

which corresponds to a left invariant Lorentz metric on G_n of constant

sectional curvature -1 . The metric (3) is not geodesically complete (see § 1), but there exists an isometric imbedding of U_n into the anti de Sitter space H_1^n and this imbedding is equivariant relative to an isomorphism of the largest connected isometry group of U_n into the largest connected group $SO(2, n-1)$ of isometries of H_1^n (see § 3).

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1. Geodesics of (U_n, ds^2) . On the upper half-space $U_n = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n); x_n > 0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} \in \mathbf{R}\}$, let X_i be $\partial/\partial x_i$ ($i=1, \dots, n$) and ∇ the Levi-Civita connection for the metric (3). Then we have easily

$$(4) \quad \begin{aligned} \nabla_{X_i} X_i &= X_n/x_n & (i=2, \dots, n-1) \\ \nabla_{X_1} X_1 &= -X_n/x_n \\ \nabla_{X_i} X_n &= \nabla_{X_n} X_i = -X_i/x_n & (i=1, \dots, n) \\ \nabla_{X_i} X_j &= 0 & (\text{otherwise}). \end{aligned}$$

From these we can calculate the curvature tensor R as follows

$$\begin{aligned} R(X_1, X_j) X_1 &= -X_j/x_n^2 & (j=2, \dots, n) \\ R(X_i, X_j) X_i &= X_j/x_n^2 & (i \neq 1, i \neq j, j=1, \dots, n) \\ R(X_i, X_n) X_n &= -X_i/x_n^2 & (i \neq n) \\ R(X_i, X_j) X_k &= 0 & (\text{otherwise}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$R(X, Y) Z = -(\langle Y, Z \rangle X - \langle X, Z \rangle Y)$$

for any tangent vectors X, Y, Z (where $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ denotes the inner product by the metric (3)). Hence (U_n, ds^2) has constant sectional curvature -1 ([1], Lemma 2).

When $n=2$, a geodesic $\gamma(t) = (x_1(t), x_2(t))$ with affine parameter t satisfies the differential equations

$$\begin{cases} d^2 x_1/dt^2 = 2(dx_1/dt)(dx_2/dt)/x_2 \\ d^2 x_2/dt^2 = \{(dx_1/dt)^2 + (dx_2/dt)^2\}/x_2 \end{cases}$$

This equations appear in [3], and all the type of geodesics are determined. In our case, we may interpret time-like (resp. space-like) geodesics in [3] as space-like (resp. time-like) geodesics. From now on we assume $n \geq 3$.

Now, let $\gamma(t) = (x_1(t), \dots, x_n(t))$ be a geodesic with t as affine parameter. Then we get the differential equations for $\gamma(t)$ as follows;

$$(5) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{d^2 x_i}{dt^2} = 2 \left(\frac{dx_i}{dt} \right) \left(\frac{dx_n}{dt} \right) / x_n & (i = 1, \dots, n-1) \\ \frac{d^2 x_n}{dt^2} = \left(\left(\frac{dx_1}{dt} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dx_n}{dt} \right)^2 - \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} \left(\frac{dx_i}{dt} \right)^2 \right) / x_n. \end{cases}$$

Since an isometry group G_n acts transitively on U_n , we consider only the geodesics starting from $p_0 = (0, \dots, 0, 1)$. Let $\dot{\gamma}(0) = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i X_i(p_0)$ be the initial tangent vector of γ . By an appropriate rotation of the variables x_2, \dots, x_{n-1} (which is an isometry of the metric), we may assume that $c_3 = \dots = c_{n-1} = 0$. From the equations (5), it follows that $x_3(t), \dots, x_{n-1}(t)$ are constant in this case. Thus it is enough to study the geodesic behaviors of U_n in the case $n=3$.

For $n=3$, we write x, y, z instead of x_1, x_2, x_3 . The equations (5) are

$$(5') \quad \begin{cases} \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = 2 \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right) \left(\frac{dz}{dt} \right) / z \\ \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = 2 \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right) \left(\frac{dz}{dt} \right) / z \\ \frac{d^2 z}{dt^2} = \left\{ \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dz}{dt} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right)^2 \right\} / z. \end{cases}$$

We shall find the solutions of (5') with initial conditions $(x(0), y(0), z(0)) = (0, 0, 1)$ and $(x'(0), y'(0), z'(0)) = (a, b, c)$. Here and hereafter, we denote d/dt by prime '. Then we get $(x'/z^2)' = (y'/z^2)' = 0$ so that

$$(6) \quad x' = az^2, \quad y' = bz^2.$$

We get also $(z'/z)' = (z'z - (z')^2)/z^2 = ((x')^2 - (y')^2)/z^2$ so that

$$(7) \quad z' = z(ax - by + c).$$

From (6) and the initial condition,

$$(8) \quad ay = bx.$$

Case I: $a \neq 0$. From (6), (7) and (8), we get

$$azz' = (a^2 - b^2) xx'/a + cx'$$

so that

$$(9) \quad z^2 = (a^2 - b^2) x^2/a^2 + 2cx/a + 1.$$

Subcase I-(i): $-a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 0$. In the case $c=0$, we get $\gamma(t) = (at, bt, 1)$. This null geodesic is complete in both directions. In the case $c \neq 0$, we get $\gamma(t) = (at/(1-ct), bt/(1-ct), 1/(1-ct))$. This null geodesic is complete in one direction and incomplete in the other direction.

Subcase I-(ii): $-a^2+b^2+c^2<0$. The curve satisfying (9) and (8) is a branch of hyperbola ($z>0$) in the plane P_{ab} spanned by the position vectors $(0, 0, 1)$ and $(a, b, 0)$. We may parametrize it by

$$\begin{aligned}x(u) &= \frac{a}{\alpha} \left(\frac{\alpha^2 - c^2}{\alpha^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sinh u - \frac{ac}{\alpha^2} \\y(u) &= \frac{b}{\alpha} \left(\frac{\alpha^2 - c^2}{\alpha^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \sinh u - \frac{bc}{\alpha^2} \\z(u) &= \left(\frac{\alpha^2 - c^2}{\alpha^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cosh u\end{aligned}$$

where $\alpha=(a^2-b^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$. The tangent vector $(dx/du, dy/du, dz/du)$ is time-like with length $1/\cosh u$. The proper time parameter t measured from u_0 is given by

$$t(u) = \int_{u_0}^u du/\cosh u = \sin^{-1}(\tanh u) - \sin^{-1}(\tanh u_0)$$

where $\sinh u_0=c/(\alpha^2-c^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

This time-like geodesic is incomplete in both directions, because $t(u) \rightarrow \pm \pi/2 - \sin^{-1}(\tanh u_0)$ as $u \rightarrow \pm \infty$.

Subcase I-(iii): $c^2>a^2-b^2>0$. The curves satisfying (9) and (8) are two half-branches of hyperbolas ($z>0$) in the plane P_{ab} . We may parametrize them by

$$\begin{aligned}x(u) &= \pm \left(a(c^2 - \alpha^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}/\alpha^2 \right) \cosh u - ac/\alpha^2 \\y(u) &= \pm \left(b(c^2 - \alpha^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}/\alpha^2 \right) \cosh u - bc/\alpha^2 \\z(u) &= \left((c^2 - \alpha^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}/\alpha \right) \sinh u\end{aligned}$$

where $\alpha=(a^2-b^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ and $u>0$. The tangent vector $(dx/du, dy/du, dz/du)$ has length $1/\sinh u$ and so the arc-length parameter t measured from $p_0=(0, 0, 1)$ is given by

$$t(u) = \int_{u_0}^u du/\sinh u = \log(\tanh u/2) - \log(\tanh u_0/2)$$

where $\sinh u_0=\alpha/(c^2-\alpha^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$. This space-like geodesic is complete as it approaches the $x-y$ plane and incomplete in the other direction, since $t(u) \rightarrow -\infty$ as $u \rightarrow 0$ and $t(u) \rightarrow -\log(\tanh u_0/2)$ as $u \rightarrow \infty$.

Subcase I-(iv): $c^2>a^2-b^2=0$. The curve satisfying (9) and (8) is a half-branch of parabola ($z>0$) in the plane P_{ab} . We may parametrize it by

$$x(u) = au, \quad y(u) = bu, \quad z(u) = (2cu + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

The tangent vector $(dx/du, dy/du, dz/du)$ has length $|c/(2cu + 1)|$ and the arc-length parameter t measured from p_0 is given by

$$t(u) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^u du / |(u + 1/2c)| = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \log |(u + 1/2c)| - \log |1/2c| \right\}.$$

This space-like geodesic is complete in both directions.

Subcase I-(v): $a^2 - b^2 < 0$. The curve satisfying (9) and (8) is an upper half of ellipse ($z > 0$) in the plane P_{ab} . We may parametrize it by

$$\begin{aligned} x(u) &= a \left((\alpha^2 + c^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} / \alpha^2 \right) \cos u + ac / \alpha^2 \\ y(u) &= b \left((\alpha^2 + c^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} / \alpha^2 \right) \cos u + bc / \alpha^2 \\ z(u) &= \left((\alpha^2 + c^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} / \alpha \right) \sin u, \quad 0 < u < \pi \end{aligned}$$

where $\alpha = (b^2 - a^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$. The tangent vector $(dx/du, dy/du, dz/du)$ has length $1/\sin u$ and the arc-length parameter t measured from p_0 is given by

$$t(u) = \int_{u_0}^u du / \sin u = \log (\tan u/2) - \log (\tan u_0/2)$$

where $u_0 = \cos^{-1}(c/(\alpha^2 + c^2)^{\frac{1}{2}})$. This space-like geodesic is complete in both directions, since $t(u) \rightarrow +\infty$ (as $u \rightarrow \pi$) and $t(u) \rightarrow -\infty$ (as $u \rightarrow 0$).

Case II: $a = 0$. When $b = 0$, we have $\gamma(t) = (0, 0, e^{ct})$. This space-like geodesic is complete in both directions. When $b \neq 0$, we have easily

$$z^2 + (y - c/b)^2 = c^2/b^2 (z > 0), \quad x = 0.$$

We may parametrize it by

$$x = 0, \quad y(u) = (c^2/b^2 + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cos u, \quad z(u) = (c^2/b^2 + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad 0 < u < \pi.$$

The tangent vector $(dx/du, dy/du, dz/du)$ has length $1/\sin u$ and the arc-length parameter t measured from p_0 is given by

$$t(u) = \int_{u_0}^u du / \sin u = \log (\tan u/2) - \log (\tan u_0/2)$$

where $u_0 = \cos^{-1}(-c/(b^2 + c^2)^{\frac{1}{2}})$. This space-like geodesic is complete in both directions as in the subcase I-(v).

2. Full isometry group. We determine the full isometry group $I(U_n)$ of the space with metric (3). $I(U_n)$ acts transitively on U_n because of the

transitivity of the group G_n . In the first, we find the isotropy group at $p_0=(0, \dots, 0, 1)$. When $n=2$, it is verified by the same argument as [3] that the isotropy group at p_0 consists of matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

From now on, we assume $n \geq 3$. Suppose that g is an isometry of U_n fixing p_0 . The differential dg at p_0 is described as

$$dg(X_j)_{p_0} = \sum_{i=1}^n A_{ij}(X_i)_{p_0} \quad (j=1, \dots, n) \\ \text{with } (A_{ij}) \in O(1, n-1).$$

Let $\gamma(t)$ be the null geodesic starting at p_0 with the initial tangent vector

$$\dot{\gamma}(0) = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j(X_j)_{p_0} \quad (-a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_n^2 = 0).$$

Considering an appropriate rotation of the variable x_2, \dots, x_{n-1} and the subcase I-(i), we get

$$\gamma(t) = \left(a_1 t / (1 - a_n t), \dots, a_{n-1} / (1 - a_n t), 1 / (1 - a_n t) \right).$$

The null geodesic $\tilde{\gamma}(t) = g\gamma(t)$ has the initial vector

$$\dot{\tilde{\gamma}}(0) = \sum_{j,i=1}^n A_{ji} a_i (X_j)_{p_0}$$

so that we get

$$\tilde{\gamma}(t) = \left(\left(\sum_{j=1}^n A_{1j} a_j \right) / \left(1 - \left(\sum_{j=1}^n A_{nj} a_j \right) t, \dots, \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \left(\sum_{j=1}^n A_{n-1j} a_j \right) t \right) / \left(1 - \left(\sum_{j=1}^n A_{nj} a_j \right) t, 1 / \left(1 - \left(\sum_{j=1}^n A_{nj} a_j \right) t \right) \right) \right).$$

When $a_n=0$, $\gamma(t)$ is complete in both directions, so is $\tilde{\gamma}(t)$. Therefore

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} A_{nj} a_j = 0 \quad \text{for any } a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} \quad \text{such that } a_1^2 = a_2^2 + \dots + a_{n-1}^2.$$

Then we get easily

$$A_{n1} = A_{n2} = \dots = A_{n \ n-1} = 0.$$

By considering domains of γ and $\tilde{\gamma}$ in the case of $a_n \neq 0$, we can see $A_{nn}=1$. $(A_{ij}) \in O(1, n-1)$ implies ${}^t(A_{ij}) \in O(1, n-1)$ so that we get

$$({}^t A_{ij}) = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{1 \ n-1} & 0 \\ A_{n-1 \ 1} & A_{n-1 \ n-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We define the map g_A of U_n which is an isometry, by

$$g_A : (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n) \longrightarrow (y_1, \dots, y_{n-1}, x_n)$$

where

$$y_i = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} A_{ij} x_j \quad (i = 1, \dots, n-1).$$

Then $g_A(p_0) = p_0$ and $dg_A = dg$ at p_0 . Therefore g coincides with g_A .

Thus the full isometry group $I(U_n)$ consists of all matrices of the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} aA & \begin{matrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_{n-1} \end{matrix} \\ 0 \dots 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ with } A \in O(1, n-2), a > 0, b_1, \dots, b_{n-1} \in \mathbf{R}$$

acting on U_n in the natural fashion. The identity component $I^0(U_n)$ consists of all such matrices with $A \in SO^+(1, n-2)$.

3. Isometric imbedding of U_n into H_1^n . Let H_1^n be the anti de Sitter space which is the hypersurface

$$\{u = (u_0, u_1, \dots, u_n); \langle u, u \rangle := -u_0^2 - u_1^2 + \dots + u_n^2 = -1\}$$

in the indefinite Euclidean space \mathbf{R}_2^{n+1} with its induced Lorentz metric of constant sectional curvature -1 ([4], p. 334).

We define $f: U_n \rightarrow H_1^n$ by

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (u_0, \dots, u_n)$$

where

$$\begin{cases} u_0 = (1 - x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2)/2x_n \\ u_i = -x_i/x_n, \quad i = 1, \dots, n-1 \\ u_n = (1 + x_1^2 - x_2^2 - \dots - x_n^2)/2x_n. \end{cases}$$

Then f is an isometric imbedding of U_n into H_1^n and the image $f(U_n)$ is the open submanifold

$$\{u = (u_0, \dots, u_n) \in H_1^n; u_0 + u_n > 0\}.$$

Now, we define an isomorphism h of the group G_n into the identity component $SO(2, n-1)$ of the full isometry group of H_1^n . In the first, we define an isomorphism of the Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} of G_n into the Lie algebra $\mathfrak{o}(2, n-1)$ of $SO(2, n-1)$. In the Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} , let

and

$$\exp(sX_n) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-s} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ & & e^{-s} & 0 \\ 0 & & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ into } \exp(sY_n) = \begin{bmatrix} \cosh s, 0, \dots, 0, \sinh s \\ 0 & 1 & & 0 \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & 1 & 0 \\ \sinh s, 0, \dots, 0, \cosh s \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\exp(sX_i) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ & & s & \\ & & & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} < i$$

$$\text{into } \exp(sY_i) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + s^2/2, 0, \dots, 0, \overset{i}{-s}, 0, \dots, 0, s^2/2 \\ 0 & 1 & & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & & & 0 \\ -s & & & -s & \\ 0 & & & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ 0 & & & 1, & 0 \\ -s^2/2, 0, \dots, 0, \underset{i}{s}, 0, \dots, 0, 1 - s^2/2 \end{bmatrix} < i$$

for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq n-1$.

It is verified by the same method as [3] that the imbedding $f: U_n \rightarrow H_1^n$ is equivariant relative to $h: G_n \rightarrow SO(2, n-1)$, that is,

$$f(gp) = h(g)f(p) \text{ for all } g \in G_n \text{ and } p \in U_n,$$

and h is an isomorphism.

We can extend h to an isomorphism of the largest connected isometry group $I^0(U_n)$ into $S(2, n-1)$ in such a way that f remains equivariant. To do this, it is sufficient to define

$$h(g) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in SO(2, n-1) \text{ for } g = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in I^0(U_n)$$

where $A \in SO^+(1, n-2)$.

Thus we have

THEOREM. *There exists an isometric imbedding of the upper half-space U_n with the metric (3) into the anti de Sitter space H_1^n which is equivariant relative to an isomorphism of the largest connected isometry group $I^0(U_n)$ into the largest connected isometry group $SO(2, n-1)$ of H_1^n .*

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