

# MINIMAL SURFACES OF FINITE TOTAL CURVATURE IN $\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{R}$

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We dedicate this work to Renato Tribuzy, on his 60'th birthday.

## 1 Introduction

We consider complete minimal surfaces  $\Sigma$  in  $\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{H}$  the hyperbolic plane. Let  $C(\Sigma)$  denote the total curvature of  $\Sigma$ ,  $C(\Sigma) = \int_{\Sigma} K dA$ , K the intrinsic curvature of  $\Sigma$ . We shall prove that  $C(\Sigma)$  is an integer multiple of  $2\pi$ , when it is finite. We give examples of such  $\Sigma$  with total curvature  $-2\pi m$ , m any non-negative integer.

In  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , complete minimal surfaces of finite total curvature have total curvature an integer multiple of  $-4\pi$ . This results from the Gauss map of the surface, that extends meromorphically to the conformal compactification. In  $\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{R}$ , we have no conformal Gauss map. We have the holomorphic quadratic differential of the harmonic height function: projection on the  $\mathbb{R}$  factor of  $\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{R}$ .

Now we describe a simply connected example. Let  $\Gamma$  be an ideal polygon in  $\mathbb{H}$  with m+2 vertices at infinity, 2m+2 sides,  $A_1, B_1, A_2, B_2, ..., A_{m+1}, B_{m+1}$ . Let D be the convex hull of  $\Gamma$ .

In [3], the authors find necessary and sufficient conditions on the "lengths" of the  $A_i$  and  $B_j$  which ensure the existence of a minimal graph  $u: D \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , taking the values  $+\infty$  on each  $A_i$  and  $-\infty$  on each  $B_j$ .

They prove the graph of such a u is complete and of total curvature  $-2\pi m$ .

The  $\Gamma$  obtained from the m+2 roots of unity satisfies the "length" conditions. Thus this gives examples of total curvature  $-2\pi m$  for each integer  $m \ge 1$ .

For m=0, take  $\Sigma=\gamma\times\mathbb{R},\ \gamma$  a complete geodesic of  $\mathbb{H}$ . It would be interesting to construct non-simply connected examples of finite total curvature. For example an annulus of total curvature  $-4\pi$ .

## 2 Preliminaries

We consider  $X: \Sigma \to \mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{R}$  a minimal surface conformally embedded in  $\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{H}$  the hyperbolic plane. We denote by X = (F, h) the immersion where  $F: \Sigma \longrightarrow \mathbb{H}$  is the vertical projection to  $\Sigma = \Sigma \times (0)$ , and  $h: \Sigma \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the horizontal projection. We consider local conformal parameters z = x + iy on  $\Sigma$ . The metric induced by the immersion is of the form  $\mathrm{d} s^2 = \lambda^2(z) |\mathrm{d} z|^2$ .

If  $\mathbb{H}$  is isometrically embedded in  $\mathbb{L}^3$  the Minkowski space, the mean curvature vector is (see B.Lawson [8], page 8)

$$2\overrightarrow{H} = (\Delta X)^{T_X(\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{R})} = ((\Delta F)^{T_F \mathbb{H}}, \Delta h) = 0$$

Then F is a harmonic map and h is a real harmonic function. In the following, we will use the unit disk model for  $\mathbb{H}$ . We will note  $(D, \sigma^2(u)|du|^2)$  the disk with the hyperbolic metric  $\sigma^2(u)|du|^2$ . We will denote  $|v|_{\sigma}^2 = \sigma^2|v|^2$ ,  $\langle v_1, v_2 \rangle_{\sigma} = \sigma^2 \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle$  where |v| and  $\langle v_1, v_2 \rangle$  stands for the standard norm and inner product in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . The harmonic map equation in the complex coordinate  $u = u_1 + iu_2$  of D (see [12], page 8) is

$$F_{z\bar{z}} + 2(\log \sigma \circ F)_u F_z F_{\bar{z}} = 0 \tag{1}$$

where  $2(\log \sigma \circ F)_u = 2\bar{F}(1-|F|^2)^{-1}$ . In the theory of harmonic maps there are two global objects to consider. One is the holomorphic quadratic Hopf

differential associated to F:

$$Q(F) = (\sigma \circ F)^2 F_z \overline{F}_z(\mathrm{d}z)^2 := \phi(z)(\mathrm{d}z)^2 \tag{2}$$

The function  $\phi$  depends on z, whereas Q(F) does not. An other object is the *complex coefficient of dilatation* (see Alhfors [1]) of a quasi-conformal map, which does not depend on z, a conformal parameter on  $\Sigma$ :

$$a = \frac{\overline{F_{\bar{z}}}}{F_z}$$

Since we consider conformal immersions, we have

$$|F_x|_{\sigma}^2 + (h_x)^2 = |F_y|_{\sigma}^2 + (h_y)^2$$
  
 $\langle F_x, F_y \rangle_{\sigma} + h_x \cdot h_y = 0$ 

hence 
$$(h_z)^2(\mathrm{d}z)^2 = -Q(F)$$
 (see [10]).

Then the zeroes of Q are double and we can define  $\eta$  as the holomorphic one form  $\eta = \pm 2i\sqrt{Q}$ . The sign is chosen so that:

$$h = \text{Re} \int \eta \tag{3}$$

When X is a conformal immersion then the unit normal vector n in  $\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{R}$  has third coordinate:

$$\langle n, \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rangle = n_3 = \frac{|g|^2 - 1}{|g|^2 + 1}$$

where

$$g^2 := -\frac{F_z}{\overline{F_z}} = -\frac{1}{a} \tag{4}$$

Then we define the function  $\omega$  on  $\Sigma$  (which has poles where  $\Sigma$  is horizontal) by  $n_3 = \tanh \omega$ . By identification we have

$$\omega = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{|F_z|}{|F_{\bar{z}}|} \tag{5}$$

Using the equations above (2),(4) we can express the differential dF independently of z by:

$$dF = F_{\bar{z}} d\bar{z} + F_z dz = \frac{1}{2\sigma \circ F} \overline{g^{-1}\eta} - \frac{1}{2\sigma \circ F} g\eta$$
 (6)

The metric  $ds^2 = \lambda |dw|^2$  is given [10] in a local coordinate z by:

$$ds^{2} = (|F_{z}|_{\sigma} + |F_{\bar{z}}|_{\sigma})^{2} |dz|^{2}$$
(7)

Thus combining equations (6) and (7), we derive the metric in terms of g and  $\eta$  by

$$ds^{2} = \frac{1}{4}(|g|^{-1} + |g|)^{2}|\eta|^{2} = 4\cosh^{2}\omega|Q|$$
(8)

We remark that the zeroes of Q correspond to the poles of  $\omega$  so that the immersion is well defined. Moreover the zeroes of Q are points of  $\Sigma$ , where the tangent plane is horizontal.

It is a well known fact (see [12] page 9) that harmonic mappings satisfy the Böchner formula:

$$\Delta_0 \ln \frac{|F_z|}{|F_z|} = -2K_{\mathbb{H}}J(F) \tag{9}$$

where  $J(F) = \sigma^2 (|F_z|^2 - |F_{\bar{z}}|^2)$  is the Jacobian of F with  $|F_z|^2 = F_z \overline{F_z}$ . Hence taking into account (2), (4), (5) and (9):

$$\Delta_0 \omega = 2 \sinh(2\omega)|Q| \tag{10}$$

where  $\Delta_0$  denote the laplacian in the euclidean metric  $|dz|^2$ . From this we deduce

$$\Delta_{\Sigma}\omega = n_3$$

where  $\Delta_{\Sigma}$  is the Laplacian in the metric  $ds^2$ .

The Gauss curvature is given by:

$$K_{\Sigma} = K(X_x, X_y) + K_{ext} = -\tanh^2 \omega - \frac{|\nabla \omega|^2}{4\cosh^4 \omega |Q|}$$

(the sectional curvature of the tangent plane to  $\Sigma$  at a point z is  $-n_3^2$ .) The total curvature is defined by

$$C(\Sigma) = \int_{\Sigma} K_{\Sigma} \, \mathrm{d}A$$

## 3 Minimal surfaces of finite total curvature

**Theorem 3.1.** Let X be a complete minimal immersion of  $\Sigma$  in  $\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{R}$  with finite total curvature. Then

- a)  $\Sigma$  is conformally  $\overline{M} \{p_1, ..., p_n\}$ , a Riemann surface punctured in a finite number of points.
- b) Q is holomorphic on M and extends meromorphically to each puncture. If we parametrize each puncture  $p_i$  by the exterior of a disk of radius  $R_0$ , and if  $Q(z) = z^{2m_i}(dz)^2$  at  $p_i$  then  $m_i \geqslant -1$ .
- c) The third coordinate of the unit normal vector  $n_3 \rightarrow 0$  uniformly at each puncture.
  - d) The total curvature is a multiple of  $2\pi$ :

$$\int (-KdA) = 2\pi \left(2 - 2g - 2k - \sum_{i=1}^{n} m_i\right).$$

**Proof.** The proof of this theorem uses arguments of harmonic diffeomorphisms theory as can be found in the work of Han, Tam, Treibergs and Wan [4], [5], [13], and Minsky [11].

The conformal type is an application of Huber's theorem ([7]).  $\Sigma$  is conformally a compact Riemann surface minus a finite number of points (the ends).

b) We consider  $M(r_0) = M - \bigcup_i D(p_i, r_0)$ ; the surface minus a finite number of disks removed around the punctures  $p_i$ . Around each puncture we consider a conformal parametrization of the punctured disk  $D^*(p_i, r_0)$ . We parametrize these ends by the exterior of the disk of radius  $R_0$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ . In this parameter we express the metric as  $ds^2 = \lambda^2 |dz|^2$  with  $\lambda^2 = 4\cosh^2 \omega |\phi|$  in a conformal parameter z. Then  $-K\lambda^2 = \Delta_0 \ln \lambda$  where  $\Delta_0 = 4\partial_{z\bar{z}}^2$ .

Let us define  $u = \ln \cosh^2 \omega$ , a subharmonic function by Böchner's formula:

$$\Delta_0 u = 8 \sinh^2 \omega |\phi| + \frac{2|\nabla \omega|^2}{\cosh^2 \omega} \geqslant 0.$$

The function u is globally defined, since  $\omega$  is globally defined on  $\Sigma$ .

Step 1: We prove that the holomorphic quadratic differential Q has a finite number of zeroes on M.

Since the zeroes are isolated, Q has a finite number of zeroes on the compact part M(r). Then we assume that there is a disk  $D^*(p_i, r)$  which contains an infinite number of zeroes of Q,  $\{z_i\}$ . We parametrize conformally this disk on the exterior of the disk of radius  $R_0$ . In this parameter  $Q(z) = \phi(z)(\mathrm{d}z)^2$  and if  $\Delta_0$  is the laplacian in the flat metric  $|\mathrm{d}z|^2$  at the puncture:

$$\Delta_0 \ln |\phi| = \sum 2\pi \delta_{z_i}$$

Then with  $-K\lambda^2 - \frac{1}{2}\Delta_0 \ln |\phi| = \frac{1}{2}\Delta_0 u$  we have on the annulus  $C(R) = \{R_0 \leq |z| \leq R\}$ :

$$\int_{C(R)} (-K \, \mathrm{d}A) - m\pi = \frac{1}{2} \int_{C(R)} \Delta_0 u \geqslant 0$$

Then m has to be finite and  $\int_{C(r)} \Delta_0 u \leq C_0$ 

Step 2: An upper bound.

$$\int_{C(R)} \Delta_0 u = \int_{\partial C(R)} \frac{\partial u}{\partial n} = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\partial u}{\partial R} R \, \mathrm{d}\theta - \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\partial u}{\partial R} R_0 \, \mathrm{d}\theta$$
$$= R \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}R} \int_0^{2\pi} u(R,\theta) \, \mathrm{d}\theta - R_0 \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \, \mathrm{d}\theta \leqslant 2C_0.$$

Now let  $I(r) := \int_0^{2\pi} u(r, \theta) d\theta$ . Then

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}R}I(R) \leqslant \frac{C_1}{R}$$

$$I(R) - I(R_0) \leqslant C_1 \ln \frac{R}{R_0}.$$

Then for  $R >> R_0$  large we have, with a > 0, b > 0:

$$I(r) \leqslant a \ln r + b.$$

**Step 3**: Since  $\phi$  has a finite number of zeroes, we prove at each puncture

$$\cosh^2 \omega |\phi| \leqslant \beta |z|^{\alpha} |\phi|.$$

To prove  $\phi$  extends meromorphically to the punctures, we will use a theorem of Osserman [9] (recall that the metric is complete). For  $R > R_0$ ,  $\phi$  is without zeroes and for |z| = R large enough, u is subharmonic, hence

$$\begin{split} u(z) &\leqslant \frac{4}{\pi R^2} \int_{B(z,R/2)} u \\ &\leqslant \frac{4}{\pi |z|^2} \int_{B(0,3|z|/2) - B(0,|z|/2)} u \\ &\leqslant \frac{4}{\pi |z|^2} \int_{|z|/2}^{3|z|/2} I(r) r dr \leqslant \frac{4}{\pi |z|^2} \int_{|z|/2}^{3|z|/2} (a \ln r + b) r dr \\ &\leqslant \alpha \ln |z| + \beta \end{split}$$

Then

$$2 \ln \lambda = u + \ln |\phi| \leqslant \alpha \ln |z| + \beta + \ln |\phi|$$

and

$$\lambda^2=\cosh^2\omega|\phi|\leqslant e^\beta|z|^\alpha|\phi|$$

Thus the function  $\phi$  extends meromorphically to the puncture by Osserman [9].

**Step 4**: We now prove that the function  $\phi(z)=z^{2m}$  with,  $m\geqslant -1$  at each puncture.

If  $m \leq -2$ , then we can conformally parametrize the end on the punctured disk by w = 1/z. Then  $Q(w) = \psi(w)(\mathrm{d}w)^2$  with  $\phi(1/w) = w^4\psi(w)$ , where  $\psi(w)$  has a pole of order 2m + 4. If  $2m + 4 \leq 0$ , the following integral is finite:

$$\int_{D(p_i,r)} |\phi| \, \mathrm{d}z < \infty$$

Now, by the finite total curvature hypothesis we will show the area of the end is finite:

$$\int_{D} -K_{\Sigma} dA = \int_{D} \Delta_{0} \ln \lambda = \int_{D} 8 \sinh^{2} \omega |\phi| + \int_{D} \frac{2|\nabla \omega|^{2}}{\cosh^{2} \omega}$$
$$= \int_{D} 8 \cosh^{2} \omega |\phi| - \int_{D} 8|\phi| + \int_{D} \frac{2|\nabla \omega|^{2}}{\cosh^{2} \omega}$$

Hence

$$Area(D) = \int_{D} \cosh^{2} \omega |\phi| < \infty.$$

But a complete end of  $\Sigma$  has infinite area by the monotonicity formula (see [2]).

c) Now we prove that  $n_3 \to 0$  uniformly at each puncture. We adapt estimates on positive solutions of sinh-Gordon equations by Minsky [11], Wan [13] and Han [5] to our context.

At each puncture we can choose  $R_0$  such that  $\phi(z)$  is without zeroes on  $|z| \geqslant R_0/2$ . Since  $\phi(z)$  is without zeroes, the minimal surface is transverse to horizontal sections  $\mathbb{H} \times \{c\}$  and we parametrize locally simply connected subdomains of the end by  $w = \frac{i}{2}(x_3 + ix_3^*) = \int \sqrt{\phi} \, \mathrm{d}z$  so that  $|\mathrm{d}w|^2 = |\phi(z)| |\mathrm{d}z|^2$  is a flat metric. If we consider  $z \in C_{R_0}$ , then on the disk D(z, |z|/2), we have the conformal coordinate  $w = \int \sqrt{\phi(z)} \, \mathrm{d}z$ , with the flat metric  $|\mathrm{d}w|^2 = |\phi| |\mathrm{d}z|^2$ . In this metric, under the hypothesis that  $m \geqslant -1$ , the disk D(z, |z|/2) contains a ball of radius at least  $c \ln |z|$ , where c is independent of z.

The function  $\omega$  satisfies the sinh-Gordon equation

$$\Delta_{|\phi|}\omega = 2\sinh 2\omega$$

where  $\Delta_{|\phi|}$  is the laplacian in the flat metric  $|dw|^2$ . For  $|z| \ge R_0$ , we can find a disk of radius at least  $r = c \ln |z|$  around z in the  $|dw|^2$  metric. When z is

large, the radius r diverges to  $+\infty$ .

Then for  $R_0$  large enough we can find a disk with radius 1 in the  $|\mathrm{d}w|^2$  metric around any point z with  $|z| \ge R_0$ . On this disk  $D_{|\phi|}(z,1)$ , we consider the hyperbolic metric given by (w is w - z in the following step):

$$d\sigma^2 = \mu^2 |dw|^2 := \frac{4}{(1 - |w|^2)^2} |dw|^2$$

Then  $\mu$  takes infinite values on  $\partial D_{|\phi|}(z,1)$  and since the curvature of this metric is K=-1, the function  $\omega_2=\ln\mu$  satisfies the equation

$$\Delta_{|\phi|}\omega_2 = e^{2\omega_2} \geqslant e^{2\omega_2} - e^{-2\omega_2} = 2\sinh 2\omega_2$$

Now we apply a maximun principle to bound  $\omega$  above as in Wan [13]. The same holds with  $(\tilde{\omega} = -\omega)$ :

Let  $\eta = \omega - \omega_2$ . Then

$$\Delta \eta = e^{2\omega} - e^{-2\omega} - e^{2\omega_2} = e^{2\omega_2} (e^{2\eta} - e^{-4\omega_2} e^{-2\eta} - 1)$$

which can be written in the metric  $d\tilde{\sigma}^2 = e^{2\omega_2} |dw|^2$ , as

$$\Delta_{\tilde{\sigma}} \eta = e^{2\eta} - e^{-4\omega_2} e^{-2\eta} - 1.$$

Since  $\omega_2$  goes to  $+\infty$  on the boundary of the disk, the function  $\eta$  is bounded above and attains its max at an interior point  $p_0$ ,  $\eta(p_0) = \bar{\eta}$  and  $\Delta \bar{\eta} \leq 0$ . At this point we have

$$e^{2\bar{\eta}} - e^{-4\omega_2}e^{-2\bar{\eta}} \leqslant 1.$$

Hence

$$e^{2\eta}\leqslant \frac{1+\sqrt{1+a^2}}{2}$$

where  $a=e^{-2\omega_2(p_0)}\leqslant \sup\frac{1}{\mu^2}\leqslant \frac{1}{4}.$  Then at any point of the disk

$$\omega \leqslant \omega_2 + \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 + 1/4}}{2}.$$

The same estimate holds with  $\widetilde{\omega} = -\omega$ . Then at z (i.e. w = 0) we have

$$|\omega(z)| \le \ln 4 + \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 + 1/4}}{2} := K_0$$

uniformly on  $R \geqslant R_0$ . Using this estimate we can apply a maximum principle as in Minsky [11]. For |z| large, we can find a disk  $D_{|\phi|}(z,r)$  with r large too.

We consider the function

$$F(x,y) = \frac{K_0}{\cosh r} \cosh \sqrt{2}x \cosh \sqrt{2}y.$$

Then  $F \geqslant K_0 \geqslant \omega$  on  $\partial D_{|\phi|}(z,r)$ . Since  $\Delta F = 4F$ , we apply the maximum principle to have  $\omega \leqslant F$ . If  $p_0$  is a point where  $\omega(p_0) \geqslant F(p_0)$  is a minimum of  $F - \omega$ , then  $0 \leqslant \omega(p_0) \leqslant \sinh \omega(p_0)$  and

$$\Delta(F - \omega) = 4F - 2\sinh 2\omega \leqslant 4(F(p_0) - \omega(p_0)) \leqslant 0.$$

Hence  $\omega \leq F$  on the disk. We have  $|\omega| \leq F$  by considering the same argument with  $F + \omega$ . Hence

$$|\omega(z)| \leqslant \frac{K_0}{\cosh r}$$

and  $|\omega| \to 0$  uniformly at the puncture i.e. the tangent plane become vertical.

d) Now we compute the total curvature. We apply Gauss-Bonnet on the compact piece  $M(r) = M - \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k} D(p_i, r)$  and we obtain

$$\int_{M(r)} K_{\Sigma} dA + \int_{\partial M(r)} k_g = 2\pi (2 - 2g - k)$$

Here  $k_g$  is the geodesic curvature of  $\partial M(r) = \Gamma_1 \cup ...\Gamma_k$  on the surface M(r). Now consider a puncture  $p_i$  parameterized on  $R \geqslant R_0$ . We consider w = x + iy a parametrization of the punctured disk (with  $w = \int \sqrt{\phi} \, \mathrm{d}z$ ). In the w-plane, if  $\phi(z) = z^{2m}$  there are 2m + 2 horizontal asymptotic directions i.e. directions with  $\mathrm{Im}(w) = 0$  (diverging curves at zero level) which define some angular sector in  $R \geqslant R_0$ . Now for  $C_1 >> 0$  large, we consider the "polygon"  $\Gamma(C_1)$  which is the union of segments of curves  $\mathrm{Re}(w) = \pm C_1$  and  $\mathrm{Im}(w) = \pm C_1$ , alternatively. At each change of direction the exterior angle is  $\pi/2$ . These curves, with  $\Gamma_i = \{R = R_0\}$  bound an annulus  $\Omega(r, C_1, p_i)$  and

$$\int_{\Omega} K_{\Sigma} \, \mathrm{d}A + \int_{\Gamma(C_1)} k_g - \int_{\Gamma_i} k_g = -(2m+2)\pi$$

Now we let  $C_1 \to \infty$ . If we prove  $\int_{\Gamma(C_1)} k_g \to 0$ , we will establish that

$$\int_M K_{\Sigma} dA = 2\pi (2 - 2g - 2k - \sum_i m_i)$$

where  $\phi(z) = z^{2m_i}$  at each  $p_i$ .

Now we prove  $\int_{\Gamma(C_1)} k_g \to 0$ . This fact comes from the exponential decreasing property of the function  $\omega$ . First we prove

$$\int_{\mathrm{Im}(w)=C_1} k_g \, \mathrm{d}s \to 0$$

The curve  $\gamma_1 = \{ \operatorname{Im}(w) = C_1 \}$  is a horizontal curve at level  $C_1$ , parameterized by  $\operatorname{Re}(w) = x$ . In Hauswirth [6], we find an expression of the curvature  $k_{\gamma_1}$  of the curve in  $\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{R}$  as function of  $\omega$ . In the w variable (recall that the Hopf differential is  $Q = \frac{1}{4}(\mathrm{d}w)^2$ ):

$$k_{\gamma_1}(x) = \frac{-\omega_y}{\cosh \omega}$$

Now we need a gradient estimate of  $\omega$ . Schauder's estimate gives (with the exponential decreasing property of  $\omega$  proved above):

$$|\omega|_{2,\alpha} \leqslant C(|\sinh \omega|_{0,\alpha} + |\omega|_0) \leqslant Ce^{-R}.$$

On the curve  $x+iC_1$ , we have  $|\nabla \omega| \leqslant Ce^{-|C_1|}e^{-\sqrt{x^2C_1^{-2}+1}}$  and

$$\int_{\mathrm{Im}(w)=C_1} |k_g| \, \mathrm{d} s \leqslant \int_{\mathrm{Im}(w)=C_1} |k_{\gamma_1}| \, \mathrm{d} s = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\omega_y| dx \leqslant C |C_1| e^{-|C_1|}$$

which is converging to zero as  $|C_1| \to +\infty$ .

Now we prove

$$\int_{\text{Re}(w)=C_1} k_g ds \to 0.$$

We compute the curvature  $k_{\gamma_2}$  in  $\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{R}$  of the curve  $\gamma_2(y) = (F(C_1, y), y)$  with  $|F'(C_1, y)|^2 := \sinh^2 \omega(C_1, y)$  and  $\gamma_2' = X_y$ . We denote by  $\nabla$  the connexion in  $\mathbb{H} \times \mathbb{R}$ . For  $\nu$  an unit vector field along  $\gamma_2$  we have

$$k_{\gamma_2}\nu = \frac{1}{\cosh^2\omega} \nabla_{X_y} X_y - \frac{\omega_y \sinh \omega}{\cosh^3\omega} X_y \tag{11}$$

First recall that  $Q(w) = \frac{1}{4}(\mathrm{d}w)^2$  and the second fundamental form is given by (see [6])

$$II = \omega_y \, dx \otimes dx - \omega_y \, dy \otimes dy - \omega_x \, (dx \otimes dy + dy \otimes dx).$$

Since the unit normal vector of  $\Sigma$  is given by  $n=(\beta F_y,\tanh\omega)$  with  $\beta=\frac{-1}{\cosh\omega\sinh\omega}$ , we obtain

$$\nabla_{X_y} n = \frac{\omega_y}{\cosh^2 \omega} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \nabla_{X_y} (\beta F_y) = \frac{\omega_y}{\cosh^2 \omega} X_y + \frac{\omega_x}{\cosh^2 \omega} X_x.$$

Hence, with  $\nabla_{X_y} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} = 0$ 

$$\nabla_{X_y} X_y = \nabla_{X_y} F_y = \omega_y \tanh^{-1} \omega F_y - \omega_x \tanh \omega F_x$$

which give with (11):

$$k_{\gamma_2}\nu = \frac{-\omega_y \sinh \omega}{\cosh^3 \omega} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\omega_y}{\sinh \omega \cosh^3 \omega} F_y - \frac{\omega_x \sinh \omega}{\cosh^3 \omega} F_x$$

and

$$|k_g|^2 \leqslant |k_{\gamma_2}|^2 = \frac{\omega_y^2 + \omega_x^2 \sinh^2 \omega}{\cosh^4 \omega} \to 0$$

Now one can argue as above to prove the result.

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