

A MÖBIUS CHARACTERIZATION OF SUBMANIFOLDS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we study Möbius characterizations of submanifolds without umbilical points in a unit sphere $S^{n+p}(1)$. First of all, we proved that, for an n -dimensional ($n \geq 2$) submanifold $\mathbf{x} : M \mapsto S^{n+p}(1)$ without umbilical points and with vanishing Möbius form Φ , if $(n-2)\|\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\| \leq \sqrt{\frac{n-1}{n}}\{nR - \frac{1}{n}[(n-1)(2 - \frac{1}{p}) - 1]\}$ is satisfied, then, $\mathbf{x}$ is Möbius equivalent to an open part of either the Riemannian product $S^{n-1}(r) \times S^1(\sqrt{1-r^2})$ in $S^{n+1}(1)$, or the image of the conformal diffeomorphism σ of the standard cylinder $S^{n-1}(1) \times \mathbf{R}$ in $\mathbf{R}^{n+1}$, or the image of the conformal diffeomorphism τ of the Riemannian product $S^{n-1}(r) \times \mathbf{H}^1(\sqrt{1+r^2})$ in $\mathbf{H}^{n+1}$, or $\mathbf{x}$ is locally Möbius equivalent to the Veronese surface in $S^4(1)$. When $p = 1$, our pinching condition is the same as in Main Theorem of Hu and Li [6], in which they assumed that M is compact and the Möbius scalar curvature $n(n-1)R$ is constant. Secondly, we consider the Möbius sectional curvature of the immersion $\mathbf{x}$. We obtained that, for an n -dimensional compact submanifold $\mathbf{x} : M \mapsto S^{n+p}(1)$ without umbilical points and with vanishing form Φ , if the Möbius scalar curvature $n(n-1)R$ of the immersion $\mathbf{x}$ is constant and the Möbius sectional curvature K of the immersion $\mathbf{x}$ satisfies $K \geq 0$ when $p = 1$ and $K > 0$ when $p > 1$, then, $\mathbf{x}$ is Möbius equivalent to either the Riemannian product $S^k(r) \times S^{n-k}(\sqrt{1-r^2})$, for $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$, in $S^{n+1}(1)$; or $\mathbf{x}$ is Möbius equivalent to a compact minimal submanifold with constant scalar curvature in $S^{n+p}(1)$.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let $\mathbf{x} : M \mapsto S^{n+p}(1)$ be an n -dimensional immersed submanifold in an $(n+p)$ -dimensional unit sphere $S^{n+p}(1)$. In [11], Wang introduced a Möbius metric, Möbius form and the Möbius second fundamental form of the immersion $\mathbf{x}$. By making use of these Möbius invariants, he founded the fundamental formulas on Möbius geometry of submanifolds in $S^{n+p}(1)$. By following these results of Wang, the Möbius geometry on submanifolds in $S^{n+p}(1)$ was researched by many mathematicians (see. [6], [7], [8] and [9]). In particular, Li, Wang and Wu [8] studied the Möbius characterization of

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Veronese surface. They proved that if $\mathbf{x} : S^2(1) \mapsto S^m(1)$ is an immersion without umbilical points of the 2-sphere with vanishing Möbius form, then there exists a Möbius transformation $\tau : S^m(1) \mapsto S^m(1)$ such that $\tau \circ \mathbf{x} : S^2(1) \mapsto S^{2k}(1)$ is the Veronese surface, where $S^{2k}(1) \subset S^m(1)$ with $2 \leq k \leq [m/2]$. Furthermore, a kind of pinching problems on Möbius geometry of submanifolds in $S^{n+p}(1)$ was studied by Akivis and Goldberg [2], Hu and Li [6] and so on.

Let $\mathbf{x} : M \mapsto S^{n+p}(1)$ be an n -dimensional immersed submanifold in $S^{n+p}(1)$. We choose a local orthonormal basis $\{e_i\}$ for the induced metric $I = d\mathbf{x} \cdot d\mathbf{x}$ with dual basis $\{\theta_i\}$. Let $II = \sum_{i,j,\alpha} h_{ij}^\alpha \theta_i \theta_j e_\alpha$ be the second fundamental form of the immersion $\mathbf{x}$ and $\vec{H} = \sum_\alpha H^\alpha e_\alpha$ the mean curvature vector of the immersion $\mathbf{x}$, where $\{e_\alpha\}$ is a local orthonormal basis for the normal bundle of $\mathbf{x}$. By putting $\rho^2 = \frac{n}{n-1} \{ \sum_{\alpha,i,j} (h_{ij}^\alpha)^2 - n \|\vec{H}\|^2 \}$, the Möbius metric of the immersion $\mathbf{x}$ is defined by $g = \rho^2 d\mathbf{x} \cdot d\mathbf{x}$, which is a Möbius invariant. $\Phi = \sum_{i,\alpha} C_i^\alpha \theta_i e_\alpha$ and $\mathbf{A} = \rho^2 \sum_{i,j} A_{ij} \theta_i \theta_j$ are Möbius form and Blaschke tensor of the immersion $\mathbf{x}$, respectively, where C_i^α and A_{ij} are defined by formulas (2.13) and (2.14) in section 2. It was proved that Φ and $\mathbf{A}$ are Möbius invariants (cf. [11]).

In particular, Akivis and Goldberg [1], [2] and Wang [11] proved that two hypersurfaces $\mathbf{x} : M \mapsto S^{n+1}(1)$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} : \tilde{M} \mapsto S^{n+1}(1)$ are Möbius equivalent if and only if there exists a diffeomorphism $\sigma' : M \mapsto \tilde{M}$ which preserves the Möbius metric and the Möbius shape operator such that $\mathbf{x} = \sigma' \circ \tilde{\mathbf{x}}$.

Let $\mathbf{H}^{n+p}$ be an $(n+p)$ -dimensional hyperbolic space defined by

$$\mathbf{H}^{n+p} = \{(y_0, y_1) \in \mathbf{R}^+ \times \mathbf{R}^{n+p} \mid -y_0^2 + y_1 \cdot y_1 = -1\}.$$

We denote the open hemisphere in $S^{n+p}(1)$ whose first coordinate is positive by $S_+^{n+p}(1)$. We consider conformal diffeomorphisms $\sigma_p : \mathbf{R}^{n+p} \mapsto S_+^{n+p}(1) \setminus \{(-1, 0)\}$ and $\tau_p : \mathbf{H}^{n+p} \mapsto S_+^{n+p}(1)$ defined by :

$$(1.1) \quad \sigma_p(u) = \left(\frac{1 - |u|^2}{1 + |u|^2}, \frac{2u}{1 + |u|^2} \right), \quad u \in \mathbf{R}^{n+p},$$

$$(1.2) \quad \tau_p(y_0, y_1) = \left(\frac{1}{y_0}, \frac{y_1}{y_0} \right), \quad (y_0, y_1) \in \mathbf{H}^{n+p},$$

respectively. The conformal diffeomorphisms σ_p and τ_p assign any submanifold in $\mathbf{R}^{n+p}$ or $\mathbf{H}^{n+p}$ to a submanifold in $S^{n+p}(1)$. If $p = 1$, we denote σ_1 and τ_1 by σ and τ . In [7], Li, Liu, Wang and Zhao classified Möbius isoparametric hypersurfaces with two distinct principal curvatures. They obtained the following:

Theorem 1.1. *Let $\mathbf{x} : M \mapsto S^{n+1}(1)$ be a Möbius isoparametric hypersurface with two distinct principal curvatures. Then $\mathbf{x}$ is Möbius equivalent to an open part of one of the following Möbius isoparametric hypersurfaces in $S^{n+1}(1)$:*

- (1) *the Riemannian product $S^k(r) \times S^{n-k}(\sqrt{1-r^2})$ in $S^{n+1}(1)$,*
- (2) *the image of σ of the standard cylinder $S^k(1) \times \mathbf{R}^{n-k}$ in $\mathbf{R}^{n+1}$,*
- (3) *the image of τ of the Riemannian product $S^k(r) \times \mathbf{H}^{n-k}(\sqrt{1+r^2})$ in $\mathbf{H}^{n+1}$.*

A submanifold $\mathbf{x} : M \mapsto S^{n+p}(1)$ is called Möbius isotropic if $\Phi \equiv 0$ and $\mathbf{A} = \lambda d\mathbf{x} \cdot d\mathbf{x}$ for some function λ . In [9], Liu, Wang and Zhao proved the following:

Theorem 1.2. *Any Möbius isotropic submanifolds in $S^{n+p}(1)$ is Möbius equivalent to an open part of one of the following Möbius isotropic submanifolds:*

- (1) *a minimal submanifold with constant scalar curvature in $S^{n+p}(1)$,*
- (2) *the image of σ_p of a minimal submanifold with constant scalar curvature in $\mathbf{R}^{n+p}$,*
- (3) *the image of τ_p of a minimal submanifolds with constant scalar curvature in $\mathbf{H}^{n+p}$.*

On the other hand, Hu and Li [6] studied a pinching problem on the squared norm of the Blaschke tensor of the immersion $\mathbf{x}$ and obtained the following:

Theorem 1.3. *Let $\mathbf{x} : M \rightarrow S^{n+p}(1)$ be an n -dimensional ($n \geq 3$) compact submanifold without umbilical points and with vanishing Möbius form Φ in $S^{n+p}(1)$. If the Möbius scalar curvature $n(n-1)R \geq \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{n}$ is constant and if*

$$\|\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\| \leq \sqrt{\frac{n-1}{n}} \left(\frac{n}{n-2} R - \frac{1}{n} \right),$$

then, either $\mathbf{x}$ is Möbius equivalent to a minimal submanifold with constant scalar curvature in $S^{n+p}(1)$ or $\mathbf{x}$ is Möbius equivalent to $S^1(r) \times S^{n-1}(\sqrt{\frac{1}{1+c^2} - r^2})$ in $S^{n+1}(1/\sqrt{1+c^2})$ for some constant $c \geq 0$, $r = \sqrt{\frac{nR}{(n-2)(1+c^2)}}$, where $\tilde{\mathbf{A}} = \rho^2 \sum_{ij} \tilde{A}_{ij} \theta_i \theta_j$ with $\tilde{A}_{ij} = A_{ij} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_k A_{kk} \delta_{ij}$.

Remark 1.4. In the original statement of the theorem 1.3 of Hu and Li [6], they did not write out the condition that M has no umbilical points. But this condition is necessary for their proof. Further, We should note that these assumptions that M is compact and the Möbius scalar curvature $n(n-1)R$ is constant play an important role in the proof of Theorem 1.3 of Hu and Li [6].

In this paper, first of all, we prove the following:

Main Theorem 1. *Let $\mathbf{x} : M \rightarrow S^{n+p}(1)$ be an n -dimensional ($n \geq 2$) submanifold without umbilical points and with vanishing Möbius form Φ , if*

$$(1.3) \quad (n-2)\|\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\| \leq \sqrt{\frac{n-1}{n}} \left\{ nR - \frac{1}{n} \left[(n-1) \left(2 - \frac{1}{p} \right) - 1 \right] \right\},$$

then $\mathbf{x}$ is locally Möbius equivalent to either the Veronese surface in $S^4(1)$, or $\mathbf{x}$ is Möbius equivalent to an open part of one of the following Möbius isoparametric hypersurfaces in $S^{n+1}(1)$:

- (1) the Riemannian product $S^{n-1}(r) \times S^1(\sqrt{1-r^2})$ in $S^{n+1}(1)$,
- (2) the image of σ of the standard cylinder $S^{n-1}(1) \times \mathbf{R}$ in $\mathbf{R}^{n+1}$,
- (3) the image of τ of the Riemannian product $S^{n-1}(r) \times \mathbf{H}^1(\sqrt{1+r^2})$ in $\mathbf{H}^{n+1}$,

where $n(n-1)R$ denotes the Möbius scalar curvature of the immersion $\mathbf{x}$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{A}} = \rho^2 \sum_{ij} \tilde{A}_{ij} \theta_i \theta_j$ with $\tilde{A}_{ij} = A_{ij} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_k A_{kk} \delta_{ij}$.

Remark 1.5. In our Main Theorem 1, we do not assume the global condition that M is compact and we do not need to assume that the Möbius scalar curvature is constant. Further, when $p = 1$ and $(n \geq 3)$ our pinching condition is the same as in Hu and Li [6]. Since Hu and Li [6] assumed that M is compact, the cases of 2 and 3 above in Main Theorem 1 do not appear in their theorem. If $n = 2$, since the Möbius metric g is flat, we know that $R \equiv 0$. Main Theorem 1 reduces to the Theorem 5.1 in [11].

Since Riemannian product $S^k(r) \times S^{n-k}(\sqrt{1-r^2})$, for $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$, have nonnegative Möbius sectional curvature and they do not satisfy the inequality in Theorem 1.3 of Hu and Li [6] except $k = 1$ or $k = n-1$ (see Proposition 3.2 and Remark 3.3 in section 3), we will consider the immersion $\mathbf{x}$ with nonnegative Möbius sectional curvature and prove the following:

Main Theorem 2. *Let $\mathbf{x} : M \mapsto S^{n+p}(1)$ be an n -dimensional compact submanifold without umbilical points and with vanishing Möbius form Φ and constant Möbius scalar curvature $n(n-1)R$ in $S^{n+p}(1)$. If the Möbius sectional curvature K of M satisfies*

$$\begin{cases} K \geq 0, & \text{if } p = 1 \\ K > 0, & \text{if } p > 1, \end{cases}$$

then, $\mathbf{x}$ is Möbius equivalent to the Riemannian product $S^k(r) \times S^{n-k}(\sqrt{1-r^2})$, for $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$, in $S^{n+1}(1)$; or $\mathbf{x}$ is Möbius equivalent to an n -dimensional compact minimal submanifold with constant scalar curvature in $S^{n+p}(1)$.

2. PRELIMINARIES AND FUNDAMENTAL FORMULAS ON MÖBIUS GEOMETRY

In this section, we review the definitions of Möbius invariants and give the fundamental formulas on Möbius geometry of submanifolds in $S^{n+p}(1)$, which can be found in [11].

Let $\mathbf{R}_1^{n+p+2}$ be the Lorentzian space with inner product

$$(2.1) \quad \langle x, w \rangle = -x_0 w_0 + x_1 w_1 + \dots + x_{n+p+1} w_{n+p+1},$$

where $x = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n+p+1})$ and $w = (w_0, w_1, \dots, w_{n+p+1})$. Let $\mathbf{x} : M \mapsto S^{n+p}(1)$ be an n -dimensional submanifold of $S^{n+p}(1)$ without umbilical points. Putting

$$(2.2) \quad Y = \rho(1, \mathbf{x}), \quad \rho^2 = \frac{n}{n-1}(\|II\|^2 - n\|\vec{H}\|^2) > 0,$$

then, $Y : M \mapsto \mathbf{R}_1^{n+p+2}$ is called *Möbius position vector* of $\mathbf{x}$. It is easy to prove that

$$g = \langle dY, dY \rangle = \rho^2 d\mathbf{x} \cdot d\mathbf{x}$$

is a Möbius invariant which is recalled *Möbius metric* of the immersion $\mathbf{x}$. Let Δ denote the Laplacian on M with respect to the Möbius metric g . Defining

$$(2.3) \quad N = -\frac{1}{n}\Delta Y - \frac{1}{2n^2}(1 + n^2 R)Y,$$

we can infer

$$(2.4) \quad \langle \Delta Y, Y \rangle = -n, \quad \langle \Delta Y, dY \rangle = 0, \quad \langle \Delta Y, \Delta Y \rangle = 1 + n^2 R,$$

$$(2.5) \quad \langle Y, Y \rangle = 0, \quad \langle N, Y \rangle = 1, \quad \langle N, N \rangle = 0,$$

where $n(n-1)R$ denotes the Möbius scalar curvature of the immersion $\mathbf{x}$. Let $\{E_1, \dots, E_n\}$ denote a local orthonormal frame on (M, g) with dual frame $\{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n\}$. Putting $Y_i = E_i(Y)$, then we have, from (2.2), (2.4) and (2.5),

$$(2.6) \quad \langle Y_i, Y \rangle = \langle Y_i, N \rangle = 0, \quad \langle Y_i, Y_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}, \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq n.$$

Let V be the orthogonal complement to the subspace $\text{Span}\{Y, N, Y_1, \dots, Y_n\}$ in $\mathbf{R}_1^{n+p+2}$. Along M , we have the following orthogonal decomposition:

$$(2.7) \quad \mathbf{R}_1^{n+p+2} = \text{Span}\{Y, N\} \oplus \text{Span}\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\} \oplus V,$$

where V is called *Möbius normal bundle* of the immersion $\mathbf{x}$. It is not difficult to prove that

$$(2.8) \quad E_\alpha = (H^\alpha, H^\alpha \mathbf{x} + e_\alpha), \quad n+1 \leq \alpha \leq n+p,$$

is a local orthonormal frame of V . Then $\{Y, N, Y_1, \dots, Y_n, E_{n+1}, \dots, E_{n+p}\}$ forms a moving frame in $\mathbf{R}_1^{n+p+2}$ along M . We use the following range of indices throughout this paper:

$$1 \leq i, j, k, l, m \leq n, \quad n+1 \leq \alpha, \beta \leq n+p.$$

The structure equations on M with respect to the Möbius metric g can be written as follows:

$$(2.9) \quad dY = \sum_i Y_i \omega_i,$$

$$(2.10) \quad dN = \sum_{i,j} A_{ij} \omega_j Y_i + \sum_{i,\alpha} C_i^\alpha \omega_i E_\alpha,$$

$$(2.11) \quad dY_i = - \sum_j A_{ij} \omega_j Y - \omega_i N + \sum_j \omega_{ij} Y_j + \sum_{j,\alpha} B_{ij}^\alpha \omega_j E_\alpha,$$

$$(2.12) \quad dE_\alpha = - \sum_i C_i^\alpha \omega_i Y - \sum_{i,j} B_{ij}^\alpha \omega_j Y_i + \sum_\beta \omega_{\alpha\beta} E_\beta,$$

where ω_{ij} is the connection form with respect to the Möbius metric g , $\omega_{\alpha\beta}$ is the normal connection form of $\mathbf{x} : M \rightarrow S^{n+p}(1)$, which is a Möbius invariant. $\mathbf{A} = \sum_{i,j} A_{ij} \omega_i \otimes \omega_j$ and $\Phi = \sum_{i,\alpha} C_i^\alpha \omega_i (\rho^{-1} e_\alpha)$ are called *Blaschke tensor* and *Möbius form* of the immersion $\mathbf{x}$, respectively, where

$$(2.13) \quad C_i^\alpha = -\rho^{-2} \{ H_{,i}^\alpha + \sum_j (h_{ij}^\alpha - H^\alpha \delta_{ij}) e_j(\log \rho) \},$$

$$(2.14) \quad A_{ij} = -\rho^{-2} \{ \text{Hess}_{ij}(\log \rho) - e_i(\log \rho) e_j(\log \rho) - \sum_\alpha H^\alpha h_{ij}^\alpha \} \\ - \frac{1}{2} \rho^{-2} (\|\nabla(\log \rho)\|^2 - 1 + \|\vec{H}\|^2) \delta_{ij}.$$

Here Hess_{ij} and ∇ are the Hessian matrix and the gradient with respect to the induced metric $d\mathbf{x} \cdot d\mathbf{x}$. It was proved that $\Phi = \sum_{i,\alpha} C_i^\alpha \theta_i e_\alpha$ and $\mathbf{A} = \rho^2 \sum_{i,j} A_{ij} \theta_i \theta_j$ are Möbius invariants. $\mathbf{B} = \sum_{i,j,\alpha} B_{ij}^\alpha \omega_i \omega_j (\rho^{-1} e_\alpha)$ is called *Möbius second fundamental form* of the immersion $\mathbf{x}$, where

$$(2.15) \quad B_{ij}^\alpha = \rho^{-1} (h_{ij}^\alpha - H^\alpha \delta_{ij}).$$

Hence, we have

$$(2.16) \quad \sum_i B_{ii}^\alpha = 0, \quad \sum_{i,j,\alpha} (B_{ij}^\alpha)^2 = \frac{n-1}{n}.$$

We define the covariant derivative of $C_i^\alpha, A_{ij}, B_{ij}^\alpha$ by

$$(2.17) \quad \sum_j C_{i,j}^\alpha \omega_j = dC_i^\alpha + \sum_j C_j^\alpha \omega_{ji} + \sum_\beta C_i^\beta \omega_{\beta\alpha}, \\ \sum_k A_{ij,k} \omega_k = dA_{ij} + \sum_k A_{ik} \omega_{kj} + \sum_k A_{kj} \omega_{ki},$$

$$(2.18) \quad \sum_k B_{ij,k}^\alpha \omega_k = dB_{ij}^\alpha + \sum_k B_{ik}^\alpha \omega_{kj} + \sum_k B_{kj}^\alpha \omega_{ki} + \sum_\beta B_{ij}^\beta \omega_{\beta\alpha}.$$

From the structure equations (2.9), (2.10), (2.11) and (2.12), we can infer

$$(2.19) \quad A_{ij,k} - A_{ik,j} = \sum_\alpha (B_{ik}^\alpha C_j^\alpha - B_{ij}^\alpha C_k^\alpha),$$

$$(2.20) \quad C_{i,j}^\alpha - C_{j,i}^\alpha = \sum_k (B_{ik}^\alpha A_{kj} - B_{kj}^\alpha A_{ki}),$$

$$(2.21) \quad B_{ij,k}^\alpha - B_{ik,j}^\alpha = \delta_{ij} C_k^\alpha - \delta_{ik} C_j^\alpha,$$

$$(2.22) \quad R_{ijkl} = \sum_\alpha (B_{ik}^\alpha B_{jl}^\alpha - B_{il}^\alpha B_{jk}^\alpha) + (\delta_{ik} A_{jl} + \delta_{jl} A_{ik} - \delta_{il} A_{jk} - \delta_{jk} A_{il}),$$

$$(2.23) \quad R_{\alpha\beta ij} = \sum_k (B_{ik}^\alpha B_{kj}^\beta - B_{ik}^\beta B_{kj}^\alpha),$$

where R_{ijkl} and $R_{\alpha\beta ij}$ denote the curvature tensor with respect to the Möbius metric g on M and the normal curvature tensor of the normal connection. $n(n-1)R = \sum_{i,j} R_{ijij}$ is the Möbius scalar curvature of the immersion $\mathbf{x} : M \rightarrow S^{n+p}(1)$. From (2.3) and the structure equation (2.11), we have, (cf. [11]),

$$(2.24) \quad \text{tr} \mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{2n} (1 + n^2 R).$$

By taking exterior differentiation of (2.17) and (2.18), and defining

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_l A_{ij,kl} \omega_l &= dA_{ij,k} + \sum_l A_{lj,k} \omega_{li} + \sum_l A_{il,k} \omega_{lj} + \sum_l A_{ij,l} \omega_{lk}, \\ \sum_l B_{ij,kl}^\alpha \omega_l &= dB_{ij,k}^\alpha + \sum_l B_{lj,k}^\alpha \omega_{li} + \sum_l B_{il,k}^\alpha \omega_{lj} + \sum_l B_{ij,l}^\alpha \omega_{lk} + \sum_\beta B_{ij,k}^\beta \omega_{\beta\alpha}, \end{aligned}$$

we have the following Ricci identities

$$(2.25) \quad A_{ij,kl} - A_{ij,lk} = \sum_m A_{mj} R_{mikl} + \sum_m A_{im} R_{mjkl},$$

$$(2.26) \quad B_{ij,kl}^\alpha - B_{ij,lk}^\alpha = \sum_m B_{mj}^\alpha R_{mikl} + \sum_m B_{im}^\alpha R_{mjkl} + \sum_\beta B_{ij}^\beta R_{\beta\alpha kl}.$$

For a matrix $A = (a_{ij})$ we denote by $N(A)$ the square of the norm of A , i.e.,

$$N(A) = \text{tr}(AA^t) = \sum_{i,j} (a_{ij})^2,$$

where A^t denotes the transposed matrix of A . It is obvious that $N(A) = N(T^t A T)$ holds for any orthogonal matrix T .

The following algebraic lemmas will be used in order to prove our Main Theorems.

Lemma 2.1. ([5]). *Let A and B be symmetric $(n \times n)$ -matrices. Then*

$$(2.27) \quad N(AB - BA) \leq 2N(A) \cdot N(B)$$

and the equality holds for nonzero matrices A and B if and only if A and B can be transformed simultaneously by an orthogonal matrix into multiples of $\tilde{A}$ and $\tilde{B}$, respectively, where

$$\tilde{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \tilde{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Moreover, if A_1, A_2 and A_3 are $(n \times n)$ -symmetric matrices and satisfy

$$N(A_\alpha A_\beta - A_\beta A_\alpha) = 2N(A_\alpha) \cdot N(A_\beta), \quad 1 \leq \alpha, \beta \leq 3,$$

then at least one of the matrices A_α must be zero.

Lemma 2.2. (Cheng [4] and Santos [10]). *Let A and B be $n \times n$ -symmetric matrices satisfying $\text{tr} A = 0, \text{tr} B = 0$ and $AB - BA = 0$. Then,*

$$(2.28) \quad \text{tr}(B^2 A) \geq -\frac{n-2}{\sqrt{n(n-1)}}(\text{tr} B^2)(\text{tr} A^2)^{1/2},$$

and the equality holds if and only if $(n-1)$ of the eigenvalues x_i of B and the corresponding eigenvalues y_i of A satisfy $|x_i| = \frac{(\text{tr} B^2)^{1/2}}{\sqrt{n(n-1)}}$, $x_i x_j \geq 0$, $y_i = \frac{(\text{tr} A^2)^{1/2}}{\sqrt{n(n-1)}}$.

3. MÖBIUS INVARIANTS ON TYPICAL EXAMPLES

In this section, we shall study Möbius invariants on typical examples. These results in this section will be used in the proof of Main Theorem 1 and the results in the following proposition 3.2 will support our assumption in Main Theorem 2. Throughout this section, we shall make the following convention on the ranges of indices:

$$1 \leq i, j \leq n, \quad 1 \leq a, b \leq k, \quad k+1 \leq s, t \leq n.$$

The following Lemma 3.1 due to Li, Liu, Wang and Zhao [7] will be used

Lemma 3.1. *Let $\mathbf{x} : M \mapsto S^{n+1}(1)$ be an n -dimensional hypersurface with two distinct principal curvatures with multiplicities k and $n-k$, respectively. Then the principal curvatures of the Möbius second fundamental form $\mathbf{B}$ of $\mathbf{x}$ are constant, which are given by*

$$\mu_1 = \frac{1}{n} \sqrt{\frac{(n-1)(n-k)}{k}}, \quad \mu_2 = -\frac{1}{n} \sqrt{\frac{(n-1)k}{(n-k)}}.$$

Proposition 3.2. *Let $\mathbf{x}_1 : S^k(1) \mapsto \mathbf{R}^{k+1}$ and $\mathbf{x}_2 : S^{n-k}(1) \mapsto \mathbf{R}^{n-k+1}$ be the standard embeddings of the unit spheres. Then, for Riemannian product $\mathbf{x} : S^k(r) \times S^{n-k}(\sqrt{1-r^2}) \mapsto S^{n+1}(1)$ defined by $\mathbf{x} = (r\mathbf{x}_1, \sqrt{1-r^2}\mathbf{x}_2)$, for any $1 \leq k \leq n-1$ and any $0 < r < 1$, we have*

$$(3.1) \quad \Phi = 0,$$

$$(3.2) \quad R = \frac{k-1}{n(n-k)} + \frac{(n-1)(n-2k)}{nk(n-k)}r^2,$$

$$(3.3) \quad (n-2k)^2 \|\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\|^2 = \frac{k(n-k)}{n} \left(nR - \frac{n-2}{n} \right)^2,$$

$$(3.4) \quad R_{abab} = \frac{n-1}{k(n-k)}(1-r^2), \quad R_{asas} = 0, \quad R_{stst} = \frac{n-1}{k(n-k)}r^2,$$

where R_{ijij} denotes the Möbius sectional curvature of the plane section spanned by $\{E_i, E_j\}$.

Proof. Since Riemannian product $\mathbf{x} : S^k(r) \times S^{n-k}(\sqrt{1-r^2}) \mapsto S^{n+1}(1)$ is the standard embedding, we know that the second fundamental form of $\mathbf{x}$ has two distinct principal curvatures $\frac{\sqrt{1-r^2}}{r}$ and $-\frac{r}{\sqrt{1-r^2}}$ with multiplicities k and $n-k$, respectively. Putting $c = \frac{\sqrt{1-r^2}}{r}$, we have

$$(3.5) \quad h_{ab} = c\delta_{ab}, \quad h_{as} = 0, \quad h_{st} = -\frac{1}{c}\delta_{st},$$

$$(3.6) \quad H = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n h_{ii} = \frac{1}{n} \{kc - (n-k)\frac{1}{c}\},$$

$$(3.7) \quad \|II\|^2 = kc^2 + (n-k)\frac{1}{c^2},$$

$$(3.8) \quad \rho^2 = \frac{n}{n-1}(\|II\|^2 - nH^2) = \frac{k(n-k)}{n-1} \frac{(c^2+1)^2}{c^2}.$$

Hence, the Möbius metric g of the $\mathbf{x}$ is given by

$$g = \rho^2 d\mathbf{x} \cdot d\mathbf{x}.$$

Since ρ^2 is constant, from (2.13) and (2.14), we have $C_i = 0$ and $A_{ij} = -\frac{1}{2}\rho^{-2}\{(H^2 - 1)\delta_{ij} - 2Hh_{ij}\}$, where C_i and A_{ij} denote components of Möbius form Φ and components of the Blaschke tensor $\mathbf{A}$. Hence, we infer $\Phi = 0$ and

$$(3.9) \quad A_{ab} = \frac{n-1}{2k(n-k)n^2} \{k(2n-k) - n^2r^2\}\delta_{ab},$$

$$(3.10) \quad A_{as} = 0,$$

$$(3.11) \quad A_{st} = \frac{n-1}{2k(n-k)n^2} \{n^2r^2 - k^2\}\delta_{st}.$$

Thus, we have

$$(3.12) \quad \text{tr} \mathbf{A} = \frac{n-1}{2k(n-k)n} \{k^2 + n(n-2k)r^2\}.$$

From (2.24), we obtain

$$(3.13) \quad R = \frac{k-1}{n(n-k)} + \frac{(n-1)(n-2k)}{k(n-k)n} r^2.$$

According to

$$\tilde{A}_{ij} = A_{ij} - \frac{1}{n}(\text{tr} \mathbf{A})\delta_{ij},$$

we have

$$(3.14) \quad \tilde{A}_{ab} = \frac{n-1}{kn^2} \{k - nr^2\} \delta_{ab},$$

$$(3.15) \quad \tilde{A}_{as} = 0,$$

$$(3.16) \quad \tilde{A}_{st} = \frac{n-1}{(n-k)n^2} \{nr^2 - k\} \delta_{st}.$$

Therefore, we infer

$$(3.17) \quad \|\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\|^2 = \frac{(n-1)^2}{k(n-k)n} \left(r^2 - \frac{k}{n}\right)^2.$$

From (3.13) and (3.17), we obtain

$$(3.18) \quad (n-2k)^2 \|\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\|^2 = \frac{k(n-k)}{n} \left(nR - \frac{n-2}{n}\right)^2.$$

From Lemma 3.1, (2.22), (3.9), (3.10) and (3.11), we have

$$(3.19) \quad R_{abab} = B_{aa}B_{bb} + A_{aa} + A_{bb} = \frac{n-1}{k(n-k)}(1-r^2),$$

$$(3.20) \quad R_{asas} = B_{aa}B_{ss} + A_{aa} + A_{ss} = 0,$$

$$(3.21) \quad R_{stst} = B_{ss}B_{tt} + A_{ss} + A_{tt} = \frac{n-1}{k(n-k)}r^2.$$

This completes the proof of Proposition 3.2. □

Remark 3.3. From (3.3), we know that $(n-2)\|\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\| = \sqrt{\frac{n-1}{n}}(nR - \frac{n-2}{n})$ if and only if $k = 1$ or $k = n-1$.

Proposition 3.4. *Let $\hat{\mathbf{x}} : S^k(1) \times \mathbf{R}^{n-k} \mapsto \mathbf{R}^{n+1}$ be the standard cylinder. Then, the hypersurface $\mathbf{x} = \sigma \circ \hat{\mathbf{x}} : S^k(1) \times \mathbf{R}^{n-k} \mapsto S^{n+1}(1)$ satisfies*

$$(3.22) \quad \Phi = 0,$$

$$(3.23) \quad R = \frac{k-1}{n(n-k)},$$

$$(3.24) \quad \|\tilde{A}\|^2 = \frac{k(n-1)^2}{n^3(n-k)},$$

$$(3.25) \quad R_{abab} = \frac{n-1}{k(n-k)}, \quad R_{asas} = 0, \quad R_{stst} = 0,$$

where σ is the conformal diffeomorphism defined by (1.1) with $p = 1$.

Proof. Since $\hat{\mathbf{x}} : S^k(1) \times \mathbf{R}^{n-k} \mapsto \mathbf{R}^{n+1}$ is the standard cylinder, we know that the second fundamental form of $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ has two distinct principal curvatures 1 and 0 with multiplicities k and $n-k$, respectively. Let $\hat{h}_{ij}$ and $\hat{H}$ denote components of the second fundamental form $\hat{I}I$ and the mean curvature of $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$, respectively. Then, we have

$$(3.26) \quad \hat{h}_{ab} = \delta_{ab}, \quad \hat{h}_{as} = 0, \quad \hat{h}_{st} = 0,$$

$$(3.27) \quad \hat{H} = \frac{k}{n}, \quad \|\hat{I}I\|^2 = k.$$

By defining

$$\hat{\rho}^2 = \frac{n}{n-1}(\|\hat{I}I\|^2 - n\hat{H}^2) = \frac{k(n-k)}{n-1},$$

then, the Möbius metric $\hat{g}$ of the $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ is given by

$$\hat{g} = \hat{\rho}^2 d\hat{\mathbf{x}} \cdot d\hat{\mathbf{x}}.$$

Let $\{\hat{e}_i\}$ be an orthonormal basis for the first fundamental form $\hat{I} = d\hat{\mathbf{x}} \cdot d\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ with the dual basis $\{\hat{\theta}_i\}$. Define

$$(3.28) \quad \hat{C}_i = -\hat{\rho}^{-2} \left\{ \hat{H}_{,i} + \sum_j (\hat{h}_{ij} - \hat{H}\delta_{ij}) \hat{e}_j (\log \hat{\rho}) \right\},$$

$$(3.29) \quad \begin{aligned} \hat{A}_{ij} = & -\hat{\rho}^{-2} \{ \text{Hess}_{ij}(\log \hat{\rho}) - \hat{e}_i(\log \hat{\rho}) \hat{e}_j(\log \hat{\rho}) - \hat{H} \hat{h}_{ij} \} \\ & - \frac{1}{2} \hat{\rho}^{-2} (\|\nabla(\log \hat{\rho})\|^2 + \hat{H}^2) \delta_{ij}, \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.30) \quad \hat{B}_{ij} = \hat{\rho}^{-1} (\hat{h}_{ij} - \hat{H}\delta_{ij}).$$

Here Hess_{ij} and ∇ are the Hessian matrix and the gradient with respect to the induced metric $\hat{I} = d\hat{\mathbf{x}} \cdot d\hat{\mathbf{x}}$. $\hat{\Phi} = \sum_i \hat{C}_i \hat{\theta}_i \hat{e}_{n+1}$, $\hat{\mathbf{A}} = \hat{\rho}^2 \sum_{i,j} \hat{A}_{ij} \hat{\theta}_i \hat{\theta}_j$ and $\hat{\mathbf{B}} = \sum_{i,j} \hat{B}_{ij} \hat{\theta}_i \hat{\theta}_j (\hat{\rho}^{-1} \hat{e}_{n+1})$ is called *Möbius form*, *Blaschke tensor* and *Möbius second fundamental form* of the immersion $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$, respectively (cf. [9]).

Since $\hat{\rho}^2$ is constant, from (3.28) and (3.29), we have $\hat{C}_i = 0$ and $\hat{A}_{ij} = -\frac{1}{2}\hat{\rho}^{-2}\{\hat{H}^2\delta_{ij} - 2\hat{H}\hat{h}_{ij}\}$. Hence, we infer $\hat{\Phi} = 0$ and

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{A}_{ab} &= -\frac{(n-1)(k-2n)}{2(n-k)n^2}\delta_{ab}, \\ \hat{A}_{as} &= 0, \\ \hat{A}_{st} &= -\frac{(n-1)k}{2(n-k)n^2}\delta_{st}.\end{aligned}$$

Thus, from Theorem 4.1 of Liu, Wang and Zhao [9], we know $\Phi = \hat{\Phi} = 0$ and

$$(3.31) \quad A_{ab} = \hat{A}_{ab} = -\frac{(n-1)(k-2n)}{2(n-k)n^2}\delta_{ab},$$

$$(3.32) \quad A_{as} = \hat{A}_{as} = 0,$$

$$(3.33) \quad A_{st} = \hat{A}_{st} = -\frac{(n-1)k}{2(n-k)n^2}\delta_{st}.$$

Thus, we infer

$$(3.34) \quad \text{tr} \mathbf{A} = \frac{(n-1)k}{2(n-k)n}.$$

From (2.24), we obtain

$$(3.35) \quad R = \frac{k-1}{n(n-k)}.$$

From

$$\tilde{A}_{ij} = A_{ij} - \frac{1}{n}\text{tr} \mathbf{A} \delta_{ij},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{A}_{ab} &= \frac{n-1}{n^2}\delta_{ab}, \\ \tilde{A}_{as} &= 0, \\ \tilde{A}_{st} &= -\frac{(n-1)k}{(n-k)n^2}\delta_{st}.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we infer

$$(3.36) \quad \|\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\|^2 = \frac{(n-1)^2k}{(n-k)n^3}.$$

From (3.35) and (3.36), we obtain

$$(3.37) \quad (n-2k)^2\|\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\|^2 = \frac{k(n-k)}{n}(nR - \frac{n-2}{n})^2.$$

From Lemma 3.1, (2.22), (3.31), (3.32) and (3.33), we have

$$\begin{aligned} R_{abab} &= B_{aa}B_{bb} + A_{aa} + A_{bb} = \frac{n-1}{k(n-k)}, \\ R_{asas} &= B_{aa}B_{ss} + A_{aa} + A_{ss} = 0, \\ R_{stst} &= B_{ss}B_{tt} + A_{ss} + A_{tt} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Proposition 3.4. $\square$

Remark 3.5. From (3.23) and (3.24), we know that $(n-2)\|\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\| = \sqrt{\frac{n-1}{n}}(nR - \frac{n-2}{n})$ if and only if $k = n-1$.

Proposition 3.6. *Let $\bar{\mathbf{x}} : S^k(r) \times \mathbf{H}^{n-k}(\sqrt{1+r^2}) \mapsto \mathbf{H}^{n+1}$ be the standard embedding. Then, the hypersurface $\mathbf{x} = \tau \circ \bar{\mathbf{x}} : S^k(r) \times \mathbf{H}^{n-k}(\sqrt{1+r^2}) \mapsto S^{n+1}(1)$ satisfies*

$$(3.38) \quad \Phi = 0,$$

$$(3.39) \quad R = \frac{k-1}{n(n-k)} - \frac{(n-1)(n-2k)}{nk(n-k)}r^2,$$

$$(3.40) \quad (2k-n)\|\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\| = \sqrt{\frac{k(n-k)}{n}}(nR - \frac{n-2}{n}),$$

$$(3.41) \quad R_{abab} = \frac{n-1}{k(n-k)}(1+r^2), \quad R_{asas} = 0, \quad R_{stst} = -\frac{n-1}{k(n-k)}r^2,$$

where τ is the conformal diffeomorphism defined by (1.2) with $p = 1$.

Proof. Since $\bar{\mathbf{x}} : S^k(1) \times \mathbf{H}^{n-k}(\sqrt{1+r^2}) \mapsto \mathbf{H}^{n+1}$ is the standard embedding, we know that the second fundamental form of $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ has two distinct principal curvatures $\frac{\sqrt{1+r^2}}{r} = d$ and $\frac{r}{\sqrt{1+r^2}}$ with multiplicities k and $n-k$, respectively. Let $\bar{h}_{ij}$ and $\bar{H}$ denote the components of the second fundamental form $\bar{I}I$ and the mean curvature of $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$, respectively. Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{h}_{ab} &= d\delta_{ab}, \quad \bar{h}_{as} = 0, \quad \bar{h}_{st} = \frac{1}{d}\delta_{st}, \\ \bar{H} &= \frac{1}{n}\{kd + (n-k)d\}, \quad \|\bar{I}I\|^2 = kd^2 + (n-k)\frac{1}{d^2}. \end{aligned}$$

By defining

$$\bar{\rho}^2 = \frac{n}{n-1}(\|\bar{I}I\|^2 - n\bar{H}^2) = \frac{k(n-k)}{n-1} \frac{(d^2-1)^2}{d^2},$$

then, the Möbius metric $\bar{g}$ of the $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ is given by

$$\bar{g} = \bar{\rho}^2 d\bar{\mathbf{x}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{x}}.$$

Let $\{\bar{e}_i\}$ be an orthonormal basis for the first fundamental form $\bar{I} = d\bar{\mathbf{x}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{x}}$ with the dual basis $\{\bar{\theta}_i\}$. Define

$$(3.42) \quad \bar{C}_i = -(\bar{\rho})^{-2} \left\{ \bar{H}_{,i} + \sum_j (\bar{h}_{ij} - \bar{H} \delta_{ij}) \bar{e}_j (\log \bar{\rho}) \right\},$$

$$(3.43) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{A}_{ij} = & -(\bar{\rho})^{-2} \{ \text{Hess}_{ij}(\log \bar{\rho}) - \bar{e}_i(\log \bar{\rho}) \bar{e}_j(\log \bar{\rho}) - \bar{H} \bar{h}_{ij} \} \\ & - \frac{1}{2} (\bar{\rho})^{-2} (\|\nabla(\log \bar{\rho})\|^2 + 1 + \bar{H}^2) \delta_{ij}, \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.44) \quad \bar{B}_{ij} = (\bar{\rho})^{-1} (\bar{h}_{ij} - \bar{H} \delta_{ij}).$$

Here Hess_{ij} and ∇ are the Hessian matrix and the gradient with respect to the induced metric $\bar{I} = d\bar{\mathbf{x}} \cdot d\bar{\mathbf{x}}$. $\bar{\Phi} = \sum_i \bar{C}_i \bar{\theta}_i \bar{e}_{n+1}$, $\bar{\mathbf{A}} = \bar{\rho}^2 \sum_{ij} \bar{A}_{ij} \bar{\theta}_i \bar{\theta}_j$ and $\bar{\mathbf{B}} = \sum_{i,j} \bar{B}_{ij} \bar{\theta}_i \bar{\theta}_j ((\bar{\rho})^{-1} \bar{e}_{n+1})$ is called *Möbius form*, *Blaschke tensor* and *Möbius second fundamental form* of the immersion $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$, respectively (cf. [9]).

Since $\bar{\rho}^2$ is constant, from (3.42) and (3.43), we have $\bar{C}_i = 0$ and $\bar{A}_{ij} = -\frac{1}{2} (\bar{\rho})^{-2} \{ (1 + \bar{H}^2) \delta_{ij} - 2\bar{H} \bar{h}_{ij} \}$. Hence, we infer $\bar{\Phi} = 0$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{A}_{ab} &= \frac{n-1}{2k(n-k)n^2} \{ k(2n-k) + n^2 r^2 \} \delta_{ab}, \\ \bar{A}_{as} &= 0, \\ \bar{A}_{st} &= -\frac{n-1}{2k(n-k)n^2} \{ k^2 + n^2 r^2 \} \delta_{st}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, from Theorem 4.4 of Liu, Wang and Zhao [9], we know $\Phi = \bar{\Phi} = 0$ and

$$(3.45) \quad A_{ab} = \bar{A}_{ab} = \frac{n-1}{2k(n-k)n^2} \{ k(2n-k) + n^2 r^2 \} \delta_{ab},$$

$$(3.46) \quad A_{as} = \bar{A}_{as} = 0,$$

$$(3.47) \quad A_{st} = \bar{A}_{st} = -\frac{n-1}{2k(n-k)n^2} \{ k^2 + n^2 r^2 \} \delta_{st}.$$

Thus, we infer

$$(3.48) \quad \text{tr} \mathbf{A} = \frac{n-1}{2k(n-k)n} \{ k^2 - n(n-2k)r^2 \}.$$

From (2.24), we obtain

$$(3.49) \quad R = \frac{k-1}{n(n-k)} - \frac{(n-1)(n-2k)}{nk(n-k)} r^2.$$

From

$$\tilde{A}_{ij} = A_{ij} - \frac{1}{n} \text{tr} \mathbf{A} \delta_{ij},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{A}_{ab} &= \frac{n-1}{kn^2}(k+nr^2)\delta_{ab}, \\ \tilde{A}_{as} &= 0, \\ \tilde{A}_{st} &= -\frac{n-1}{(n-k)n^2}(k+nr^2)\delta_{st}.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we infer

$$\|\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\|^2 = \frac{(n-1)^2}{k(n-k)n}\left(r^2 + \frac{k}{n}\right)^2.$$

From (3.49) and (3.50), we obtain

$$(2k-n)\|\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\| = \sqrt{\frac{k(n-k)}{n}}\left(nR - \frac{n-2}{n}\right).$$

From Lemma 3.1, (2.22), (3.45), (3.46) and (3.47), we have

$$\begin{aligned}R_{abab} &= B_{aa}B_{bb} + A_{aa} + A_{bb} = \frac{n-1}{k(n-k)}(1+r^2), \\ R_{asas} &= B_{aa}B_{ss} + A_{aa} + A_{ss} = 0, \\ R_{stst} &= B_{ss}B_{tt} + A_{ss} + A_{tt} = -\frac{n-1}{k(n-k)}r^2.\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Proposition 3.6. $\square$

Remark 3.7. From (3.40), we know that $(n-2)\|\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\| = \sqrt{\frac{n-1}{n}}\left(nR - \frac{n-2}{n}\right)$ if and only if $k = n-1$.

4. PROOFS OF MAIN THEOREMS

In this section, we will prove our Main Theorems.

Proof of Main Theorem 1. Since the Möbius form $\Phi = \sum_{i,\alpha} C_i^\alpha e_\alpha \equiv 0$, we have, by (2.19), (2.20) and (2.21), that

$$(4.1) \quad A_{ij,k} = A_{ik,j}, \quad B_{ij,k}^\alpha = B_{ik,j}^\alpha, \quad \sum_k B_{ik}^\alpha A_{kj} = \sum_k B_{kj}^\alpha A_{ki}, \quad \text{for any } \alpha.$$

From the definition $\Delta B_{ij}^\alpha = \sum_k B_{ij,kk}^\alpha$ of the Laplacian of the Möbius second fundamental form of the immersion $\mathbf{x}$, we have

$$(4.2) \quad \frac{1}{2}\Delta \sum_{i,j,\alpha} (B_{ij}^\alpha)^2 = \sum_{i,j,k,\alpha} (B_{ij,k}^\alpha)^2 + \sum_{i,j,\alpha} B_{ij}^\alpha \Delta B_{ij}^\alpha.$$

From (2.16), we have

$$(4.3) \quad \sum_{i,j,k,\alpha} (B_{ij,k}^\alpha)^2 + \sum_{i,j,\alpha} B_{ij}^\alpha \Delta B_{ij}^\alpha = 0.$$

From (2.16), (2.22), (2.23), (2.26) and (4.1), we have, by a direct calculation, that

$$(4.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_{i,j,\alpha} B_{ij}^\alpha \Delta B_{ij}^\alpha &= -2 \sum_{\alpha,\beta} [\operatorname{tr}(B_\alpha^2 B_\beta^2) - \operatorname{tr}\{(B_\alpha B_\beta)^2\}] \\ &\quad - \sum_{\alpha,\beta} \{\operatorname{tr}(B_\alpha B_\beta)\}^2 + n \sum_{\alpha} \operatorname{tr}(AB_\alpha^2) + \frac{n-1}{n} \operatorname{tr} A, \end{aligned}$$

where B_α and A denote the $n \times n$ -symmetric matrices (B_{ij}^α) and (A_{ij}) respectively. Putting $\tilde{A} = (\tilde{A}_{ij})$ with

$$(4.5) \quad \tilde{A}_{ij} = A_{ij} - \frac{1}{n}(\operatorname{tr} A)\delta_{ij},$$

we have

$$(4.6) \quad \|A\|^2 = \sum_{i,j} (A_{ij})^2 = \sum_{i,j} (\tilde{A}_{ij})^2 + \frac{1}{n}(\operatorname{tr} A)^2 = \|\tilde{A}\|^2 + \frac{1}{n}(\operatorname{tr} A)^2,$$

From (4.5), we have

$$(4.7) \quad \operatorname{tr} \tilde{A} = 0, \quad \operatorname{tr}(\tilde{A} B_\alpha^2) = \operatorname{tr}(AB_\alpha^2) - \frac{1}{n}(\operatorname{tr} A)(\operatorname{tr} B_\alpha^2).$$

From (4.1), we know that $B_\alpha A = AB_\alpha$. Therefore $B_\alpha \tilde{A} = \tilde{A} B_\alpha$ holds. From Lemma 2.2, we have

$$(4.8) \quad \operatorname{tr}(AB_\alpha^2) \geq -\frac{n-2}{\sqrt{n(n-1)}} \operatorname{tr} B_\alpha^2 \|\tilde{A}\| + \frac{1}{n}(\operatorname{tr} A)(\operatorname{tr} B_\alpha^2).$$

Case (i) where $p = 1$. Put $B_{ij}^{n+1} = B_{ij}$ and $B_{n+1} = B$. Since $BA = AB$ holds from (4.1), we can choose a local orthonormal basis $\{E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n\}$ such that $B_{ij} = \mu_i \delta_{ij}$ and $A_{ij} = \lambda_i \delta_{ij}$. Thus, we have from (4.4), (2.16) and (4.8)

$$(4.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_{i,j} B_{ij} \Delta B_{ij} &= -(\operatorname{tr} B^2)^2 + n \operatorname{tr}(AB^2) + \frac{n-1}{n} \operatorname{tr} A \\ &\geq -\left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^2 - \sqrt{\frac{n-1}{n}}(n-2) \|\tilde{A}\| + 2\frac{n-1}{n} \operatorname{tr} A \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{n-1}{n}} \left[\sqrt{\frac{n-1}{n}}(nR - \frac{n-2}{n}) - (n-2) \|\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\| \right], \end{aligned}$$

where $\|\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\|^2 = \|\tilde{A}\|^2$ and $\operatorname{tr} \mathbf{A} = \operatorname{tr} A$ are used. From the assumption (1.3) in Main Theorem 1, we know that the right hand side of formula (4.9) is nonnegative. Therefore, from (4.3) and (4.9), we obtain

$$(4.10) \quad B_{ij,k} = 0, \quad \text{for all } i, j, k \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i,j} B_{ij} \Delta B_{ij} = 0.$$

Hence the equality in (4.9) holds. We have

$$(4.11) \quad \sqrt{\frac{n-1}{n}}(nR - \frac{n-2}{n}) - (n-2)\|\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\| = 0.$$

Further, the inequality (4.8) becomes equality. From Lemma 2.2, we know that $(n-1)$ of the eigenvalues μ_i of B satisfy $|\mu_i| = \frac{(\text{tr} B^2)^{1/2}}{\sqrt{n(n-1)}} = \frac{1}{n}$ and $\mu_i \mu_j \geq 0$, which yields that the $(n-1)$ of μ_i 's are equal and constant. Since $\text{tr} B = 0$ and $\sum_{i,j} B_{ij}^2 = \frac{n-1}{n}$ hold, we know that B has two distinct principal curvatures, which are all constant. Therefore, we obtain $\mathbf{x} : M \mapsto S^{n+1}(1)$ is a Möbius isoparametric hypersurface with two distinct principal curvatures. By the result of Li, Liu, Wang and Zhao [7], we have that $\mathbf{x}$ is Möbius equivalent to an open part of the Riemannian product $S^k(r) \times S^{n-k}(\sqrt{1-r^2})$ in $S^{n+1}(1)$, or an open part of the image of σ of the standard cylinder $S^k(1) \times \mathbf{R}^{n-k}$ in $\mathbf{R}^{n+1}$ or an open part of the image of τ of $S^k(r) \times \mathbf{H}^{n-k}(\sqrt{1+r^2})$ in $\mathbf{H}^{n+1}$, for $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$. From Remark 3.3, Remark 3.5 and Remark 3.7, we know that formula (4.11) holds if and only if $k = n-1$. Hence, Main Theorem 1 is true in this case.

Case (ii) where $p \geq 2$. Define $\sigma_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{i,j} B_{ij}^\alpha B_{ij}^\beta$. Since the $(p \times p)$ -matrix $(\sigma_{\alpha\beta})$ is symmetric, we can choose $E_{n+1}, \dots, E_{n+p}$ such that $(\sigma_{\alpha\beta})$ is diagonal, that is,

$$(4.12) \quad \sigma_{\alpha\beta} = \sigma_\alpha \delta_{\alpha\beta}.$$

From Lemma 2.1, we have

$$(4.13) \quad \begin{aligned} & - \sum_{\alpha,\beta} N(B_\alpha B_\beta - B_\beta B_\alpha) - \sum_{\alpha,\beta} \{\text{tr}(B_\alpha B_\beta)\}^2 \\ & \geq -2 \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} \sigma_\alpha \sigma_\beta - \sum_{\alpha} \sigma_\alpha^2 \\ & = -2 \left(\sum_{\alpha} \sigma_\alpha \right)^2 + \sum_{\alpha} \sigma_\alpha^2 \\ & \geq -2 \left(\frac{n-1}{n} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{p} \left(\sum_{\alpha} \sigma_\alpha \right)^2 \\ & = -\left(2 - \frac{1}{p} \right) \left(\frac{n-1}{n} \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

From (4.4), (4.8), (4.13), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.14) \quad & \sum_{i,j,\alpha} B_{ij}^\alpha \Delta B_{ij}^\alpha \\
& \geq -\left(2 - \frac{1}{p}\right) \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^2 + n \sum_{\alpha} \operatorname{tr}(AB_\alpha^2) + \frac{n-1}{n} \operatorname{tr} A \\
& = -\left(2 - \frac{1}{p}\right) \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^2 - \frac{n(n-2)}{\sqrt{n(n-1)}} \sum_{\alpha} \operatorname{tr} B_\alpha^2 \|\tilde{A}\| \\
& \quad + \operatorname{tr} A \sum_{\alpha} \operatorname{tr} B_\alpha^2 + \frac{n-1}{n} \operatorname{tr} A \\
& = -\left(2 - \frac{1}{p}\right) \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^2 - \sqrt{\frac{n-1}{n}} (n-2) \|\tilde{A}\| + 2 \frac{n-1}{n} \operatorname{tr} A \\
& = \sqrt{\frac{n-1}{n}} \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{n-1}{n}} \left(nR - \frac{1}{n} [(n-1)(2 - \frac{1}{p}) - 1] \right) - (n-2) \|\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\| \right\},
\end{aligned}$$

where $\|\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\|^2 = \|\tilde{A}\|^2$ and $\operatorname{tr} \mathbf{A} = \operatorname{tr} A$ are used. From the assumption (1.3) in Main Theorem 1, we know that the right hand side of (4.14) is nonnegative. Therefore, from (4.3) and (4.14), we obtain $B_{ij,k}^\alpha = 0$, for all i, j, k, α , and $\sum_{i,j,\alpha} B_{ij}^\alpha \Delta B_{ij}^\alpha = 0$. Hence, the above inequalities become equalities. Thus, we have

$$(4.15) \quad (n-2) \|\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\| = \sqrt{\frac{n-1}{n}} \left\{ nR - \frac{1}{n} [(n-1)(2 - \frac{1}{p}) - 1] \right\},$$

and

$$(4.16) \quad \sigma_{n+1} = \sigma_{n+2} = \cdots = \sigma_{n+p}$$

because of $\frac{1}{p} (\sum_{\alpha} \sigma_{\alpha})^2 = \sum_{\alpha} \sigma_{\alpha}^2$. From Lemma 2.1, we know that at most two of the matrices $B_{\alpha} = (B_{ij}^{\alpha})$ are nonzero. From (2.16), we have $\sum_{\alpha} \sigma_{\alpha} = \frac{n-1}{n}$. Hence, (4.16) yields $p = 2$ and we may assume that

$$(4.17) \quad B_{n+1} = \lambda \tilde{A}, \quad B_{n+2} = \mu \tilde{B}, \quad \lambda, \mu \neq 0,$$

where $\tilde{A}$ and $\tilde{B}$ are defined in Lemma 2.1. Therefore, we have

$$(4.18) \quad B_{12}^{n+1} = B_{21}^{n+1} = \lambda, \quad B_{ij}^{n+1} = 0, \quad (i, j) \notin \{(1, 2), (2, 1)\},$$

$$(4.19) \quad B_{11}^{n+2} = \mu, \quad B_{22}^{n+2} = -\mu, \quad B_{ij}^{n+2} = 0, \quad (i, j) \notin \{(1, 1), (2, 2)\}.$$

Since the inequality (4.8) becomes equality, from Lemma 2.2, we know that, for each α , $(n-1)$ of the eigenvalues μ_i^{α} of $B_{\alpha} = (B_{ij}^{\alpha})$ satisfy $|\mu_i^{\alpha}| = \frac{(\operatorname{tr} B_{\alpha}^2)^{1/2}}{\sqrt{n(n-1)}}$ and $\mu_i^{\alpha} \mu_j^{\alpha} \geq 0$, which infer that the $(n-1)$ of μ_i^{α} are equal. From (4.19), we have the eigenvalues of $B_{n+2} = (B_{ij}^{n+2})$ are $\mu, -\mu, 0, 0, \dots, 0$. Since $\mu \neq 0$, we infer $n = 2$.

From (4.18), we can infer, by an algebraic method, that the eigenvalues of B_{n+1} are $\lambda, -\lambda$. Since $n = p = 2$ holds, from (4.1), (4.18) and (4.19), we have

$$(4.20) \quad A_{11} = A_{22}, \quad A_{12} = A_{21} = 0.$$

Therefore, $\mathbf{x} : M^2 \mapsto S^4(1)$ is a Möbius isotropic submanifold in S^4 . Thus, we have $\|\tilde{\mathbf{A}}\| = 0$. Since $n = 2$ and $p = 2$ hold, from (4.15), we have $R = \frac{1}{8}$. We obtain $\text{tr} A = \frac{3}{8}$. Hence $A_{11} = A_{22} = \frac{3}{16}$. From Liu, Wang and Zhao [9], we obtain that $\mathbf{x} : M^2 \mapsto S^4(1)$ is Möbius equivalent to an open part of either a minimal surface $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} : M^2 \mapsto S^4(1)$ with constant scalar curvature in $S^4(1)$, or the image of σ_2 of a minimal surface with constant scalar curvature in $\mathbf{R}^4$ or the image of τ_2 of a minimal surface with constant scalar curvature in $\mathbf{H}^4$. For a surface, Gaussian curvature is constant if and only if the scalar curvature is constant. From the Proposition 4.1 and Theorem 4.2 of Bryant [3], we know that a minimal surface with constant scalar curvature in $\mathbf{R}^4$ is totally geodesic and a minimal surface with constant scalar curvature in $\mathbf{H}^4$ is also totally geodesic. Since $\mathbf{x} : M^2 \mapsto S^4(1)$ has no umbilical points, we infer that $\mathbf{x} : M^2 \mapsto S^4(1)$ is Möbius equivalent to an open part of a minimal surface $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} : M^2 \mapsto S^4(1)$ with constant scalar curvature in $S^4(1)$. From the Gauss equation of the minimal surface $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} : M^2 \mapsto S^4(1)$ with constant scalar curvature in $S^4(1)$, we know that the squared norm of the second fundamental form of this minimal surface is constant. According to the definition (2.2) of ρ , ρ^2 is constant. From (2.14), we have $\rho^2 = \frac{8}{3}$. Thus, the squared norm of the second fundamental form of $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$ must be $\frac{4}{3}$, i.e. $\|II\|^2 = \frac{4}{3}$. Therefore, from the result of Chern, do Carmo and Kobayashi [5], we obtain that $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} : M^2 \mapsto S^4(1)$ is locally a Veronese surface in $S^4(1)$. This finishes the proof of Main Theorem 1.

Proof of Main Theorem 2. Since the Möbius form $\Phi = \sum_{i,\alpha} C_i^\alpha e_\alpha \equiv 0$ holds, we have

$$(4.21) \quad A_{ij,k} = A_{ik,j}, \quad B_{ij,k}^\alpha = B_{ik,j}^\alpha, \quad \sum_k B_{ik}^\alpha A_{kj} = \sum_k B_{kj}^\alpha A_{ki}.$$

Hence, for any α , $B_\alpha A = A B_\alpha$, where $A = (A_{ij})$ and $B_\alpha = (B_{ik}^\alpha)$. For any fixed α , we can choose the basis $\{E_i\}$ such that $A = (A_{ij})$ and $B_\alpha = (B_{ik}^\alpha)$ are diagonal, that is,

$$(4.22) \quad A_{ij} = \lambda_i \delta_{ij}, \quad B_{ij}^\alpha = \mu_i^\alpha \delta_{ij}.$$

Since $n(n-1)R$ is constant, from (2.24), we have that $\text{tr}\mathbf{A} = \text{tr}A = \sum_i A_{ii}$ is constant. From (2.25), (4.21), (4.22), we infer

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.23) \quad \frac{1}{2}\Delta\|\mathbf{A}\|^2 &= \sum_{i,j,k} (A_{ij,k})^2 + \sum_{i,j,k} A_{ij}A_{ij,kk} \\
&= \sum_{i,j,k} (A_{ij,k})^2 + \sum_{i,j,k} A_{ij}A_{kk,ij} + \sum_{i,j,k,l} A_{ij}A_{li}R_{lkjk} + \sum_{i,j,k,l} A_{ij}A_{kl}R_{lijl} \\
&= \sum_{i,j,k} (A_{ij,k})^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,k} R_{ikik}(\lambda_i - \lambda_k)^2.
\end{aligned}$$

When $p > 1$, from the assumption $K > 0$ in Main Theorem 2, by integrating (4.23), we have

$$R_{ikik}(\lambda_i - \lambda_k)^2 = 0.$$

Therefore, we know that $\lambda_i = \lambda_k$, that is, $\mathbf{x} : M \mapsto S^{n+p}(1)$ is a Möbius isotropic submanifold in $S^{n+p}(1)$ with positive Möbius sectional curvature. From the result in [9], we know that $\mathbf{x}$ is Möbius equivalent to the compact minimal submanifolds with constant scalar curvature in $S^{n+p}(1)$.

Next, we consider the case where $p = 1$. In this case, we know that the Möbius sectional curvature of the immersion $\mathbf{x}$ is nonnegative. By integrating (4.23), we infer

$$(4.24) \quad A_{ij,k} = 0, \text{ for any } i, j, k, \quad R_{ikik}(\lambda_i - \lambda_k)^2 = 0.$$

From (2.22) and (4.22), we have $R_{ikik} = \mu_i\mu_k + \lambda_i + \lambda_k$ for $i \neq k$. Hence, we infer

$$(4.25) \quad (\mu_i\mu_k + \lambda_i + \lambda_k)(\lambda_i - \lambda_k)^2 = 0.$$

Form (4.24) and (2.17), we have

$$(4.26) \quad 0 = d\lambda_i\delta_{ij} + (\lambda_i - \lambda_j)\omega_{ij}, \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq n.$$

Setting $i = j$ in (4.26), we obtain $d\lambda_i = 0$, that is, eigenvalues of (A_{ij}) are all constant. From (4.26), we infer that for $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j$,

$$(4.27) \quad \omega_{ij} = 0.$$

Let $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_l$ are these distinct eigenvalues of $A = (A_{ij})$. We can assume $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \dots < \lambda_l$. From (4.25), we have

$$(4.28) \quad \lambda_i = \lambda_k, \text{ or } \mu_i\mu_k + \lambda_i + \lambda_k = 0.$$

In the second case, we will prove that $A = (A_{ij})$ has at most three distinct eigenvalues. In fact, if we assume $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \lambda_3 < \lambda_4 < \dots < \lambda_l$ are these distinct eigenvalues

of $A = (A_{ij})$. Let $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_i$ are the three distinct eigenvalues of $A = (A_{ij})$, we have

$$\mu_i \mu_1 + \lambda_i + \lambda_1 = 0.$$

$$\mu_i \mu_2 + \lambda_i + \lambda_2 = 0.$$

Hence, we have

$$(4.29) \quad \mu_i = -\frac{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2}{\mu_1 - \mu_2},$$

$$(4.30) \quad \lambda_i = -\lambda_1 + \mu_1 \frac{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2}{\mu_1 - \mu_2}.$$

Hence, for $r = 3, 4, \dots, l$, we have $\lambda_r = \lambda_i$. This is a contradiction. Therefore, $A = (A_{ij})$ has at most three distinct eigenvalues.

(1). In the first case, we consider the case that (A_{ij}) only has one distinct eigenvalues. Since the Möbius form $\Phi = \sum_{i,\alpha} C_i^\alpha e_\alpha \equiv 0$, we know $\mathbf{x} : M \mapsto S^{n+1}(1)$ is a Möbius isotropic hypersurface in $S^{n+1}(1)$ with nonnegative Möbius sectional curvature. By the result in [9], we know that $\mathbf{x}$ is Möbius equivalent to a minimal hypersurface with constant scalar curvature in $S^{n+1}(1)$.

(2). We consider the second case that (A_{ij}) has two or three distinct eigenvalues. From (4.29), we know that at most three of the principal curvatures of (B_{ij}) are distinct. Since $\mathbf{x}$ has no umbilical points, we know that the distinct principal curvatures of (B_{ij}) is two or three.

(i) If two of the principal curvatures of (B_{ij}) are distinct, without lost of generality, we may assume $\mu_1 < \mu_2$. From (2.16), we know that μ_1 and μ_2 are constant, that is, $\mathbf{x} : M \mapsto S^{n+1}(1)$ is a Möbius isoparametric hypersurface with two distinct principal curvatures in $S^{n+1}(1)$. Since $\mathbf{x}$ is compact, from Theorem 1.1 in the introduction, we infer that $\mathbf{x}$ is Möbius equivalent to the Riemannian product $S^k(r) \times S^{n-k}(\sqrt{1-r^2})$, for $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$.

(ii) If three of the principal curvatures of (B_{ij}) are distinct, without lose of generality, we may assume $\mu_1 < \mu_2 < \mu_3$. From (2.16) and (4.29), we know that μ_1, μ_2, μ_3

are constant. From the proof of Main Theorem 1, we infer

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{2}\Delta \sum_{i,j} B_{ij}^2 &= \sum_{i,j,k} B_{ij,k}^2 + \sum_{i,j} B_{ij} \Delta B_{ij} \\
&= \sum_{i,j,k} B_{ij,k}^2 - (\text{tr} B^2)^2 + n \text{tr}(AB^2) + \frac{n-1}{n} \text{tr} A \\
&= \sum_{i,j,k} B_{ij,k}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} (\mu_i - \mu_j)^2 R_{ijij} \geq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Since $\sum_{i,j} B_{ij}^2$ is constant, we obtain $B_{ij,k} = 0$ for any i, j, k . From (2.18), we have, for each $\mu_i \neq \mu_j$,

$$(4.31) \quad \omega_{ij} = 0.$$

Hence, we know that the distributions of the eigenspaces with respect to μ_i are integrable. Since the distinct principal curvatures of M is three, we can write $M = M_1 \times M_2 \times M_3$, where M_i ($1 \leq i \leq 3$) is the integrable manifold corresponding to the principal curvature μ_i . Since μ_i 's are constant, we know that M_i , $i = 1, 2, 3$, are closed. Thus, they are compact because M is compact. From (2.22), we have, for $j, k, l \in [i]$,

$$(4.32) \quad R_{ijkl} = (\mu_i^2 + 2\lambda_i)(\delta_{ik}\delta_{jl} - \delta_{il}\delta_{jk}),$$

that is, M_i are constant curvature space with respect to the Möbius metric g . Putting $k_i = \mu_i^2 + 2\lambda_i$, $1 \leq i \leq 3$, then, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(4.33) \quad k_1 &= (\mu_1 - \mu_2)(\mu_1 - \mu_3) > 0, \\
k_2 &= (\mu_2 - \mu_1)(\mu_2 - \mu_3) < 0, \\
k_3 &= (\mu_3 - \mu_1)(\mu_3 - \mu_2) > 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we may infer $\dim M_2 = 1$. In fact, if $\dim M_2 \geq 2$ holds, by the assumption that the Möbius sectional curvature of M is nonnegative, we have $k_2 \geq 0$. This is a contradiction.

Let (u, v, w) be a coordinate system for M such that $u \in M_1$, $v \in M_2$, $w \in M_3$ and $E_l = \frac{\partial}{\partial v}$, where $l = \dim M_1 + 1$. Then, from structure equations (2.9), (2.10), (2.11) and (2.12) and (4.31), by a direct and simple calculation, we obtain

$$(4.34) \quad N_v = \lambda_2 Y_v,$$

$$(4.35) \quad Y_{vv} = -\lambda_2 Y - N + \mu_2 E, \quad Y_{vj} = 0, \text{ for } j \neq l,$$

$$(4.36) \quad E_v = -\mu_2 Y_v,$$

where we denote E_{n+1} by E . From (4.35), we can write $Y = f(v) + F(u, w)$. Then, by (4.34), (4.35) and (4.36), we have

$$(4.37) \quad f'''(v) + k_2 f'(v) = 0,$$

where $k_2 = \mu_2^2 + 2\lambda_2 < 0$. The solution of (4.37) can be easily written as

$$(4.38) \quad f(v) = C_1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{-k_2}} \cosh(\sqrt{-k_2}v) + C_2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{-k_2}} \sinh(\sqrt{-k_2}v),$$

where $C_1, C_2 \in \mathbf{R}_1^{n+3}$ are constant vectors. From (4.38), we know that M_2 must be a hyperbola. This is a contradiction because M_2 is compact. Hence, the case (ii) does not occur, that is, M is a Möbius isoparametric hypersurface with two distinct principal curvatures. This completes the proof of Main Theorem 2.

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