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# ON FOCAL LOCUS OF SUBMANIFOLDS OF NATURALLY REDUCTIVE COMPACT RIEMANNIAN HOMOGENEOUS SPACES

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The purpose of this paper is to discuss focal points of submanifolds of naturally reductive compact Riemannian homogeneous spaces. Focal points have been studied in detail in [1, 6, 8]. In this paper we have estimated location of focal points along geodesic and obtained condition under which a point is a focal point along geodesic.

**1. Introduction.** Let  $M$  be a  $C^\infty$ ,  $n$ -dimensional compact Riemannian manifold with metric  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ . Let  $L$  be a compact connected submanifold embedded in  $M$ . The orthogonal complement  $N_p L$  of the tangent space  $T_p L$  in  $T_p M$  will be called the normal space of  $L$  at  $p$  for  $p \in L$ . The union  $N = \cup \{N_p L \mid p \in L\}$  of these normal spaces which is a subbundle of class  $C^\infty$  of the tangent bundle  $TM$  is called the normal bundle of the submanifold  $L$ .

Let  $Y: [0, \beta] \rightarrow M$ ,  $\beta \in \mathcal{R}$  is a normal geodesic with  $Y(0) = z \in L$ ,  $\dot{Y}(0) = v \in N_p L$ .

Let  $E_1, \dots, E_{n-1}: [0, \beta] \rightarrow TM$  be a parallel vector fields along  $Y$  such that  $(\dot{Y}(\tau), E_1(\tau), \dots, E_{n-1}(\tau))$  is an orthonormal base for  $T_{Y(\tau)} M$ .

Let  $Y(\tau)$ ,  $\tau \in [0, \beta]$  be a Jacobi field along  $Y$ . If  $T_z L$  is spanned by  $E_1(0), \dots, E_k(0)$ ,  $Y(\tau)$  is an  $L$ -Jacobi field if [1], [8]

(i)  $\langle Y(\tau), \dot{Y}(\tau) \rangle = 0$ ,

(ii)  $Y(0) \in T_z L$ ,

(iii)  $\nabla \dot{Y}(0) Y(0) + \sigma_{\dot{Y}(0)} Y(0) \in N_z L$ ,

where  $\sigma_{\dot{Y}(0)}: T_z L \rightarrow T_z L$  is a Weingarten map.

A point  $Y(\tau_0)$  on  $Y$ , for  $\tau_0 \in (0, \beta]$ , is called a focal point of  $L$  with respect to  $Y$  if there is a  $L$ -Jacobi field on  $Y$  that is not identically zero and vanishes at  $\tau = \tau_0$ . The set of such focal points is called focal locus of  $L$  in  $M$ .

In this paper we will give estimates of the location of focal points by using the Jacobi field of the form given in [7].

**2. Naturally reductive Riemannian homogeneous spaces.** Riemannian manifold  $M$  is called homogeneous if the isometry group of  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  acts transitively on  $M$ . If  $G$  is a group acting transitively by isometries on  $M$ , we can write  $M = G/H$  where  $H$  is the isotropy subgroup of  $G$  at fixed point  $p_0$ . We denote the Lie algebra of  $G, H$  by  $\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{h}$ .  $M$  is called reductive homogeneous if there exists a complement  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $\mathfrak{h}$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$ :  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{m}$  so that  $Ad(H)$  leaves  $\mathfrak{m}$  invariant. Since  $H$  is compact this is always the case but notice that  $\mathfrak{m}$  is not necessarily unique.  $\mathfrak{m}$  can be identified with  $T_{p_0} M$ . The metric on  $T_{p_0} M$  thus induces a metric on  $\mathfrak{m}$  again denoted by  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ .  $M$  being reductive implies  $[\mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{m}] \subset \mathfrak{m}$ .

If  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{m}$ , then we denote by  $[X, Y]_{\mathfrak{h}}, [X, Y]_{\mathfrak{m}}$  the  $\mathfrak{h}$  and  $\mathfrak{m}$  component of  $[X, Y]$ . If  $[\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{m}] \subset \mathfrak{h}$ , then  $M$  is symmetric.

$M$  is called naturally reductive if

$$\langle [X, Y], Z \rangle + \langle Y, [X, Z] \rangle = 0,$$

for all  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{m}$ ,

or in other words, if  $[X, \cdot]_{\mathfrak{m}} : \mathfrak{m} \rightarrow \mathfrak{m}$  is skew symmetric for all  $X \in \mathfrak{m}$ .

We will denote the Levi-civita connection and the curvature tensor of  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  by  $\nabla$  and  $R$ . If  $M$  is naturally reductive, the connection  $\nabla$  can be described as follows:

If  $X^*$  is a Killing vector field and  $v \in T_{p_0} M \cong \mathfrak{m}$ , then

$$\nabla_v X^* = \begin{cases} [X, v] & \text{if } X \in \mathfrak{h}, \\ \frac{1}{2}[X, v]_{\mathfrak{m}} & \text{if } X \in \mathfrak{m}. \end{cases}$$

The curvature tensor at  $p_0$  is given by  $R(X, v)v = -[v, [v, X]_{\mathfrak{h}}] - \frac{1}{4}[v, [v, X]_{\mathfrak{m}}]_{\mathfrak{m}}$ .

One knows that on a naturally reductive space there exists a connection  $D$  with torsion  $T$  and curvature  $B$  so that  $T$  and  $B$  are  $D$  parallel.  $D$  has the same geodesics as  $\nabla$  so that

$$\nabla X^y = D_x Y - \frac{1}{2}T(X, Y),$$

and  $D, T,$  and  $B$  at  $p_0$  can be expressed in terms of the Lie bracket:

$$D_v X^* = \begin{cases} [X, v] & \text{if } X \in \mathfrak{h}, \\ [X, v]_{\mathfrak{m}} & \text{if } X \in \mathfrak{m} \end{cases}$$

$$T(X, Y) = -[X, Y]_{\mathfrak{m}}$$

$$B(X, Y)Z = -[[X, Y]_{\mathfrak{h}}, Z],$$

where  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{m}$ . Notice that  $R = B - \frac{1}{4}T^2$ .

Each  $a \in G$  operates on  $M$  by left multiplication  $L_a : G/H \rightarrow G/H$ . The maps  $L_a$  are isometries.

The geodesics in a naturally reductive space are images of one parameter groups in  $G$ .

Let  $\exp_G$  be the exponential map of  $G$ . Then for  $v \in \mathfrak{m}$   $L_{\exp_G \tau} v \cdot p_0$  is the geodesic through  $p_0$ . The derivative of  $L_{\exp_G \tau} v$  at  $p_0$  is parallel translation along  $L_{\exp_G \tau} v \cdot p_0$  with respect to the connection  $D$ . Since  $\nabla$  and  $D$  have the same geodesics they also have the same Jacobi fields. But the Jacobi equation with respect to  $D$  along  $Y(\tau) = L_{\exp_G \tau v} \cdot p_0, \dot{Y}(0) = v$ :

$$D_{\dot{Y}}^2 - T(\dot{Y}, D_{\dot{Y}} X) + B(X, \dot{Y})\dot{Y} = 0,$$

is much simpler since  $T$  and  $B$  are  $D$  parallel. If we write  $X$  as  $X(\tau) = d(L_{\exp_G \tau v})p_0 (Y(\tau))$ , then the Jacobi equation reads:

$$Y'' - T(Y') + B(Y) = 0,$$

where

$$T(Y) = T(v, Y) = -[v, Y]_{\text{lin}}$$

$$B(Y) = B(Y, v)v = -[v, [v, Y]_{\text{h}}]$$

This is a differential equation in the vector space  $m$  with constant coefficients,  $T$  is skew symmetric and  $B$  is symmetric. The solutions of this equation are obtained by substituting  $Y(\tau) = A(\tau) \cdot e^{m\tau}$ , where  $m$  is a complex number and  $A(\tau)$  a complex vector valued polynomial. The real and complex parts of these solutions then give a basis of the Jacobi fields along  $Y$ .

We shall use the following theorem given by W. Ziller [7].

**Theorem:** *If one solves the Jacobi equation on a compact naturally reductive Riemannian homogeneous space in the form  $Y(\tau) = A(\tau) \cdot e^{m\tau}$  with  $A(\tau)$  a polynomial with  $D$  parallel complex vector fields as coefficients and a complex number, one has :*

- (i)  $m$  is imaginary or 0;
- (ii) if  $m$  is imaginary and  $\neq 0$ , then  $A(\tau)$  is a constant polynomial so that the corresponding Jacobi fields are of the form:

$$Y(\tau) = \text{Re } A \cos a \tau - \text{Im } A \sin a \tau$$

$$Y(\tau) = \text{Re } A \sin a \tau + \text{Im } A \cos a \tau$$

with  $m = i \cdot a$  and  $A(\tau) = A$  a  $D$  parallel vector field with  $(m^2 Id - mT + B)A = 0$ ;

- (iii) if  $m = 0$ , then  $A(\tau) = A_1 \tau + A_0$  with  $A_1$  and  $A_0$   $D$  parallel (real) vector fields are the only possible Jacobi fields, where  $B(A_1) = 0$  and  $B(A_0) = T(A_1)$ .

**3. Focal locus of submanifold.** Our first aim is to specify the form of Jacobi field given in the above theorem so as to give an  $L$ -Jacobifield. Since parallel vector fields  $E_1, \dots, E_{n-1}$  with  $\dot{Y}(\tau)$  form an orthonormal base for  $T_{Y(\tau)}M$ ,  $Y(\tau)$  defined along  $Y$  can be expressed as

$$Y(\tau) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (\alpha_i(\tau) \cos a \tau - \beta_i(\tau) \sin a \tau) E_i(\tau)$$

$$Y(\tau) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (\alpha_i(\tau) \sin a \tau + \beta_i(\tau) \cos a \tau) E_i(\tau).$$

Where  $\alpha_i(\tau)$  and  $\beta_i(\tau)$  are real and imaginary part of  $A(\tau)$  respectively, where  $A(\tau)$  is a constant polynomial corresponding to (ii) of the above theorem.

Condition (i) for  $Y(\tau)$  to be  $L$ -Jacobifield is satisfied by the structure of  $Y(\tau)$ . For condition (ii)

$$Y(0) = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i(0) E_i(0) \in T_x L$$

and therefore  $\alpha_{k+1} = \dots = \alpha_{n-1} = 0$ , if  $(E_1, \dots, E_k)$  is base for  $T_x L$ , and

$$Y(0) = \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_i(0) E_i(0) \in T_x L$$

and therefore  $\beta_{k+1} = \dots = \beta_{n-1} = 0$ , if

$$(E_1, \dots, E_k) \text{ is base for } T_x L.$$

For condition (iii), we have

$$\nabla_{\dot{Y}(\tau)} Y(\tau) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (-\alpha_i a \sin a \tau - \beta_i a \cos a \tau) E_i(\tau)$$

since  $E_i$  are parallel. Therefore

$$\nabla_{\dot{Y}(0)} Y(0) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} -a \beta_i E_i(0)$$

and

$$\sigma_{\dot{Y}(0)} Y(0) = \sigma_{\dot{Y}(0)} \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i E_i(0) = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \lambda_i E_i(0),$$

where  $\lambda_i$  are eigen values of symmetric linear transformation  $\sigma_{\dot{Y}(0)}$  applied on eigen vectors  $E_i$ .  
Therefore

$$\nabla_{\dot{Y}(0)} Y(0) + \sigma_{\dot{Y}(0)} Y(0) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} -a \beta_i E_i + \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \lambda_i E_i \in N_z L,$$

if

$$-a \beta_i + \alpha_i \lambda_i = 0 \text{ for } i=1, \dots, k.$$

Similarly for the second form of  $Y(\tau)$ , we have

$$\nabla_{\dot{Y}(0)} Y(0) + \sigma_{\dot{Y}(0)} Y(0) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a \alpha_i E_i + \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_i \lambda_i E_i \in N_z L,$$

if

$$a \alpha_i + \beta_i \lambda_i = 0 \text{ for } i=1, \dots, k.$$

So, the general form of  $L$ -Jacobi fields are of the form

$$Y(\tau) = \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_i \left( \frac{a}{\lambda_i} \cos a \tau - \sin a \tau \right) E_i - \sum_{i=k+1}^{n-1} \beta_i \sin a \tau E_i$$

and

$$Y(\tau) = \sum_{i=1}^k \beta_i \left( -\frac{\lambda_i}{a} \sin a \tau + \cos a \tau \right) E_i - \sum_{i=k+1}^{n-1} \alpha_i \sin a \tau E_i.$$

For finding the location of focal point of  $L$  along  $Y$  we consider the following suitable form of  $L$ -Jacobifield from the above structure.

$$Y(\tau) = \beta \left( \frac{a}{\lambda} \cos a \tau - \sin a \tau \right) E(\tau)$$

and

$$Y(\tau) = \beta \left( -\frac{\lambda}{a} \sin a \tau + \cos a \tau \right) E(\tau).$$

Let  $Y(\tau_0)$  is a focal point of  $L$  along  $Y$ . Then  $Y(\lambda_0) = 0$ , i. e.

$$\beta \left( \frac{a}{\lambda} \cos a \tau_0 - \sin a \tau_0 \right) = 0, \quad \beta \left( -\frac{\lambda}{a} \sin a \tau_0 + \cos a \tau_0 \right) = 0.$$

Consequently

$$\cot a \tau_0 = \frac{\lambda}{a},$$

in both the forms. Let  $\tau_1$  be the smallest positive solution of the above equation. Then the first focal point to  $L$  along  $Y$  occurs at  $Y(\tau_1)$ . Let  $\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_k$  are the solutions of the above equation s. t.  $0 < \tau_1 < \tau_2 < \dots < \tau_k < \beta$ . Since  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$  are eigenvalues of the symmetric linear transformation and therefore they define the principal curvatures of  $L$  at  $z$ , consequently

$$\rho_1 = 1/\lambda_1, \dots, \rho_k = 1/\lambda_k$$

will be corresponding principal radii of curvatures. Therefore  $k$  focal points will lie along  $Y$  at distances  $\rho_1 = (1/a) \tan a \tau_1, \dots, \rho_k = (1/a) \tan a \tau_k$ .

**Theorem:** Let  $M$  be a  $C^\infty$   $n$ -dimensional compact naturally reductive Riemannian homogeneous space and  $L$  be a  $C^\infty$   $k$ -dimensional submanifold embedded in  $M$ . Let  $Y: [0, \beta] \rightarrow M$  be a normal geodesic with  $Y(0) = Z \in L, \dot{Y}(0) = u \xi N_z L$ .  
If

$$Y(\tau) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (a_i(\tau) \cos a \tau - \beta_i(\tau) \sin a \tau) E_i$$

$$Y(\tau) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (a_i(\tau) \sin a \tau + \beta_i(\tau) \cos a \tau) E_i$$

where  $\dot{Y}(\tau), E_1(\tau), \dots, E_{n-1}(\tau)$  is an orthonormal base for  $T_{Y(\tau)}M$ , are Jacobi fields defined along  $Y$ . Then the location of  $k$ -focal points of  $L$  along  $Y$  is given by the equation

$$(1/a) \tan a \tau_i = \rho_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, k.$$

$k$  focal points along  $Y$  will generate  $k$  sets of focal locus in  $M$ .

**4. Special form of Jacobi fields and focal points.** A vector field  $X$  is called a Killing vector field if the operator  $A_X = \nabla_X$  is skew symmetric. This is equivalent to saying that the one parameter group  $\phi_s$  generated by  $X$  consists of isometries.

A Killing vector field  $X$  restricted to a geodesic  $Y$  is a Jacobi field, since  $X \circ Y(\tau) = \frac{d}{ds} \Big|_{s=0} \phi_s \circ Y(\tau)$  and for each  $s, \phi_s \circ Y(\tau)$  is a geodesic. Jacobi fields which are restrictions of Killing vector fields are called isotropic Jacobi fields. An isotropic Jacobi field  $Y$  along  $Y(\tau) = \exp \tau v, v \in \mathfrak{m}$  satisfies [7]

$$Y(0) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } X \in \mathfrak{h}, \\ X & \text{if } X \in \mathfrak{m} \end{cases}$$

and

$$\nabla Y(0) = \begin{cases} [X, v] & \text{if } X \in \mathfrak{h}, \\ \frac{1}{2}[X, v]_{\mathfrak{m}} & \text{if } X \in \mathfrak{m}. \end{cases}$$

Let  $E = \{W \in T_{p_0}M \mid \langle v, W \rangle = 0\}$ . If  $X \in E \subset \mathfrak{m}$  then also  $[X, v]_{\mathfrak{m}} \in E: \langle [X, v]_{\mathfrak{m}}, v \rangle = -\langle X, [v, v]_{\mathfrak{m}} \rangle = 0$ .

Thus the Jacobi fields coming from  $X \in \mathfrak{m}$  can be restricted to  $X \in E$  and all Jacobi fields with initial condition:

$$(Y(0), \nabla Y(0)) = (X, [\frac{1}{2}X, v]_{\mathfrak{m}}), X \in E,$$

are isotropic. These are already half of all Jacobi fields.

To study Jacobi fields coming from  $X \in \mathfrak{j}$  we examine the symmetric endomorphism  $B(X) = -[v, [v, X]_{\mathfrak{j}}]$ . Since  $B(v) = 0$ ,  $B$  maps  $E$  into itself and let  $X_i, \lambda_i$  be the eigen vectors and eigen values of  $B/E: B(X_i) = \lambda_i X_i$  and we set  $Z_i = [v, X_i]_{\mathfrak{j}} \in \mathfrak{j}$ . Then

$$[Z_i, v] = [[v, X_i]_{\mathfrak{j}}, v] = B(X_i) = \lambda_i X_i.$$

Therefore if  $\lambda_i \neq 0$ , the Jacobi field  $X_i$  corresponding to  $Z_i \in \mathfrak{j}$  does vanish identically since  $\nabla Y_i(0) = [Z_i, v] \neq 0$ .

Let  $E = E_0 \oplus E_1$  with  $E_0$  the 0-eigenspace of  $B$  and  $E_1$  the sum of the eigenspaces with  $\lambda_i \neq 0$ . Then the Jacobi fields with initial condition

$$(Y(0), \nabla Y(0)) = (0, X), X \in E_1,$$

are isotropic Jacobi fields.

If  $X \in E_0$ , i. e.,  $B(X) = 0$ , then the  $D$  parallel vector field  $Y(t) = d(L_{\exp_G \tau v})_{p_0}(X)$  is a Jacobi field. The initial conditions are:

$$Y(0) = X \in E_0,$$

$$\nabla_v Y(0) = D_v Y(0) - \frac{1}{2} T(v, Y(0)) = \frac{1}{2} [v, X]_{\mathfrak{m}}.$$

These Jacobi fields together with the two sets of isotropic Jacobi fields previously mentioned would generate all Jacobi fields if they were linearly independent.

Now we set  $E_0 = E_2 \oplus E_3$  with

$$E_2 = \{X \in E_0 \mid [X, v]_{\mathfrak{m}} \in E_1\}$$

and  $E_3 = E_2^{\perp}$ . Thus  $E = E_1 \oplus E_2 \oplus E_3$ .

Define the subspaces  $V_i \subset E \oplus E$  by:

$$V_1 = \{(X, \frac{1}{2} [X, v]_{\mathfrak{m}}) \mid X \in E_1 \oplus E_3\},$$

$$V_2 = \{(0, X) \mid X \in E_1\},$$

$$V_3 = \{(X, \frac{1}{2} [v, X]_{\mathfrak{m}}) \mid X \in E_2\},$$

$$V_4 = \{(X, \frac{1}{2} [v, X]_{\mathfrak{m}}) \mid X \in E_3\},$$

$$V_5 = \{(Z, X + \frac{1}{2} [v, X]_{\mathfrak{m}}) \mid X \in E_2, B(X) = T(X) = [X, v]_{\mathfrak{m}}\}.$$

It has been shown in [7] that  $E \oplus E = \bigoplus_{i=1}^5 V_i$  and following theorem has been proved:

**Theorem:**  $E \oplus E = \bigoplus_{i=1}^5 V_i$ . On a naturally reductive homogeneous space, the Jacobi fields along  $Y(\tau)$  can be written as linear combination of Jacobi fields with initial conditions in  $V_i$ .

Jacobi fields with initial conditions in  $V_i$  can be considered in several forms. First we consider a Jacobi field  $Y(\tau)$  orthogonal to  $\dot{Y}(\tau)$ , corresponding to  $X_1 \in V_1, X_2 \in V_2$  in the form

$$Y(\tau) = \alpha X_1 + \beta X_2, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Therefore  $Y(0) = \alpha X_1$  and

$$Y'(0) = \frac{1}{2} \alpha [X_1(0), v]_{\mathfrak{m}} + \beta X_2(0).$$

Thus

$$Y'(0) + \sigma_{\dot{Y}(0)} Y(0) = \frac{1}{2} \alpha [X_1(0), v]_{\text{m}} + \beta X_2(0) + \lambda_1 \alpha X_1(0),$$

where  $\lambda_1$  is eigen value of  $\sigma_{\dot{Y}}$  applied on eigen vector  $X_1$ . Now  $\frac{1}{2} \alpha [X_1, v]_{\text{m}}$  can be decomposed tangential and normal to the submanifold  $L$  at  $Y(0)=z$ , therefore

$$Y'(0) + \sigma_{\dot{Y}(0)} Y(0) = \frac{\alpha}{2} [X_1, v]_{\text{m}} |_{T_z L} + \lambda_1 \alpha X_1 + \beta X_2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} [X_1, v]_{\text{m}} |_{N_z L},$$

and right hand-side will be element of  $N_z L$  if

$$\beta X_2(0) = -\frac{\alpha}{2} [X_1(0), v]_{\text{m}} |_{T_z L} - \lambda_1 \alpha X_1(0).$$

Now the Jacobi field  $Y = \alpha X_1 + \beta X_2$  is  $L$ -Jacobi field if

$$(1) \quad \langle Y(\tau), \dot{Y}(\tau) \rangle = 0,$$

which is satisfied by the assumption that Jacobi field is always orthogonal to  $\dot{Y}$ .

$$(2) \quad Y(0) \in T_z L,$$

which is obvious since  $Y(0) = \alpha X_1(0) \in T_z L$ .

$$(3) \quad Y'(0) + \sigma_{\dot{Y}(0)} Y(0) = \frac{\alpha}{2} [X_1(0), v]_{\text{m}} |_{N_z L} \in N_z L,$$

with  $\beta X_2(0) = -\frac{\alpha}{2} [X_1(0), v]_{\text{m}} |_{T_z L} - \lambda_1 \alpha X_1(0)$ .

Therefore the form of  $L$ -Jacobi field is

$$Y(\tau) = \alpha(1 - \lambda_1) X_1(\tau) - \frac{\alpha}{2} [X_1(\tau), v]_{\text{m}} |_{T_z L}.$$

If  $Y(\tau_0)$  is a focal point along  $Y(\tau)$ , then  $Y(\tau_0) = 0$  i. e.,  $(1 - \lambda_1) X_1(\tau_0) = \frac{1}{2} [X_1(\tau_0), v]_{\text{m}} |_{T_z L}$ .

Thus we have

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $M$  be a  $C^\infty$  homogeneous compact naturally reductive Riemannian space and  $L$  be a  $C^\infty$  submanifold embedded in  $M$ . Let  $Y: [0, \beta] \rightarrow M$  be a normal geodesic with  $Y(0) = z \in L$ ,  $\dot{Y}(0) = u \in N_z L$ . If a Jacobi field  $Y(\tau)$  defined orthogonally along  $Y(\tau)$  has the form  $Y(\tau) = \alpha X_1(\tau) + \beta X_2(\tau)$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ , with initial conditions in  $V_i (i=1, 2)$ , then a point  $Y(\tau_0)$  along  $Y(\tau)$  is a focal point if following condition is satisfied:*

$$(1 - \lambda_1) X_1(\tau_0) = \frac{1}{2} [X_1(\tau_0), v]_{\text{m}} |_{T_z L}.$$

From the definition of  $V_1, V_2, V_3$ , it is evident that if the Jacobi field  $Y(\tau)$  defined along geodesic  $Y(\tau)$  corresponding to  $X_2 \in V_2, X_3 \in V_3$  has the form

$$Y(\tau) = \alpha_1 X_2(\tau) + \beta_1 X_3(\tau), \quad \alpha_1, \beta_1 \in \mathbb{R},$$

then a point  $Y(\tau'_0)$  is a focal point along  $Y$  if

$$(1 - \lambda_3) X_3(\tau'_0) = \frac{1}{2} [v, X_3(\tau'_0)]_{\text{m}} |_{T_z L}.$$



Consider the Jacobi field  $Y(\tau)$  corresponding to  $X_1 \in V_1$ ,  $X_3 \in V_3$  in the form

$$Y(\tau) = \alpha_2 X_1(\tau) + \beta_2 X_3(\tau), \quad \alpha_2, \beta_2 \in \mathcal{R}.$$

By simple calculation, one can see the form of  $L$ -Jacobi field is given by

$$Y(\tau) = \frac{1}{\lambda_3} [(\lambda_3 - \lambda_1) \alpha_2 X_1(\tau) - \left\{ \frac{\alpha_2}{2} [X_1(\tau), v]_{\text{III}} + \frac{\beta_2}{2} [v, X_3(\tau)]_{\text{III}} \right\} |_{T_\tau L}],$$

where  $\lambda_1, \lambda_3$  are the eigen values of  $\sigma_{\tilde{Y}(0)}$  corresponding to eigen vectors  $X_1$  and  $X_3$  respectively.

Thus we have

**Theorem (4.2).** *Let  $M$  be a compact naturally reductive Riemannian homogeneous space and  $L$  be a submanifold embedded in  $M$ . If the Jacobi field defined orthogonally along normal geodesic  $Y(\tau)$  to  $L$  has the form*

$$Y(\tau) = \alpha_2 X_1(\tau) + \beta_2 X_3(\tau)$$

*with initial conditions in  $V_i (i=1,3)$ . Then a point  $Y(\tau_0)$  is a focal point along  $Y(\tau)$  if*

$$(\lambda_3 - \lambda_1 X_1(\tau_0)) = \frac{1}{2} \left\{ [X_1(\tau_0), v]_{\text{III}} + \frac{\beta_2}{\alpha_2} [v, X_3(\tau_0)]_{\text{III}} \right\} |_{T_\tau L}.$$

Analogous theorem can be obtained by considering the Jacobi fields in different forms with initial conditions in  $V_i$ .

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