

CHARACTERIZATIONS OF REAL HYPERSURFACES OF A COMPLEX HYPERBOLIC SPACE IN TERMS OF RICCI TENSOR AND HOLOMORPHIC DISTRIBUTION

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§0. Introduction.

Let CP^n and CH^n denote the complex projective n -space with constant holomorphic sectional curvature 4, and the complex hyperbolic n -space with constant holomorphic sectional curvature -4 , respectively. Let M be a real hypersurface of CP^n or CH^n . M has an almost contact metric structure (ϕ, ξ, η, g) induced from the complex structure J of CP^n or CH^n . Real hypersurfaces in CP^n and CH^n have been studied by many authors (cf. [1], [2], [3], [11], [12], [13], [14], [15] and [17]). For real hypersurfaces in CP^n , Takagi ([16]) showed that all homogeneous real hypersurfaces in CP^n are realized as the tubes of constant radius over compact Hermitian symmetric spaces of rank 1 or 2 (cf. [2] and [5]). He proved that all homogeneous real hypersurfaces in CP^n could be classified into six types which are said to be of type A_1 , A_2 , B, C, D and E. Kimura ([5]) also proved that a real hypersurfaces M in CP^n is homogeneous if and only if M has constant principal curvatures and ξ is principal. Other interesting results in real hypersurfaces of CP^n are shown by Kimura-Maeda ([8]) and Maeda-Udagawa ([10]):

THEOREM A ([8]). *Let M be a real hypersurface in CP^n . Then the following inequality holds:*

$$\|\nabla S\|^2 \geq 1/(n-1) \{2n(h - \eta(A\xi)\phi + (\phi A\xi)h + \text{trace}((\nabla_\xi A)A\phi))\}^2,$$

where S is the Ricci tensor of M and $k = \text{trace } A$. Moreover, the equality holds if and only if M is locally congruent to a geodesic hypersphere of CP^n .

Let TCP^n be the tangent bundle of CP^n . For a real hypersurface M of CP^n , let TM be the tangent bundle of M . Then, $T^\circ M = \{X \in TM \mid X \perp \xi\}$ is a subbundle of TM . Thus each of TM and $T^\circ M$ has a connection induced from

TCP^n . The orthogonal complement of $T^\circ M$ in TCP^n with respect to the metric on TCP^n is denoted by $N^\circ M$, which is also a subbundle of TCP^n with the induced metric connection. Denote by ∇° and ∇^\perp the connections of $T^\circ M$ and $N^\circ M$, respectively. Let A be the second fundamental form of $T^\circ M$ in TCP^n . Then, A is a smooth section of $\text{Hom}(TM, \text{Hom}(T^\circ M, N^\circ M))$. Set $A^\circ = A|_{T^\circ M}$. We say that A° is η -parallel if $\nabla_X^\circ A^\circ \equiv 0$ for any $X \in T^\circ M$.

THEOREM B ([10]). *Let M be a real hypersurface of CP^n . Assume that A° is η -parallel. Then M is locally congruent to one of the following:*

- (i) *a geodesic hypersphere,*
- (ii) *a tube over a totally geodesic CP^k ($1 \leq k \leq n-2$),*
- (iii) *a tube over a complex quadric Q_{n-1} ,*
- (iv) *a real hypersurface in which $T^\circ M$ is integrable and its integral manifold is a totally geodesic CP^{n-1} (that is, M is a ruled real hypersurface),*
- (v) *a real hypersurface in which $T^\circ M$ is integrable and its integral manifold is a complex quadric Q_{n-1} .*

Note that the cases (i), (ii) and (iii) in Theorem B are homogeneous but (iv) and (v) are not homogeneous. Although as in ([16]), homogeneous real hypersurfaces of CP^n has been given a complete classification, it is still open for the question of the classification of that of CH^n .

Montiel ([12]) constructed five examples of homogeneous real hypersurfaces in CH^n using the techniques similar to Cecil and Ryan ([2]). Berndt ([1]) gives a characterization of real hypersurface in CH^n which corresponds to the result in ([5]):

THEOREM C ([1]). *Let M be a real hypersurface in CH^n . Then M has constant principal curvatures and ξ is principal if and only if M is locally congruent to one of the following:*

- (A₀) *a horosphere in CH^n ,*
- (A₁) *a geodesic hypersphere (that is, a tube over a point),*
- (A₁') *a tube over a complex hyperplane CH^{n-1} ,*
- (A₂) *a tube over a totally geodesic CH^k ($1 \leq k \leq n-2$),*
- (B) *a tube over a totally real hyperbolic space RH^n .*

The purpose of this paper is to investigate the real hypersurfaces of CH^n corresponding to the results in Theorem A and Theorem B. Namely, we first show the following:

THEOREM 1. *Let M be a real hypersurface in CH^n . Then the following inequality hold.*

$$(2.30) \quad \|\nabla S\|^2 \geq 1/(n-1)\{2n(h-\eta(A\xi))+(\phi A\xi)\cdot h-\text{trace}((\nabla_\xi A)A\phi)\}^2,$$

where S is the Ricci tensor of M and $h=\text{trace } A$. Moreover, equality of (2.30) holds if and only if M is locally congruent to one of type (A_0) , (A_1) or (A'_1) .

Similarly as in CP^n , we may define the A° and notion of η -parallelism of A° for a real hypersurface in CH^n . Corresponding to Theorem B, we obtained the following result for CH^n .

THEOREM 2. *Let M be a real hypersurface of CH^n . Assume that A° is η -parallel. Then M is locally congruent to one of type (A_0) , (A_1) , (A'_1) , (A_2) , (B) or a ruled real hypersurface.*

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§ 1. Preliminaries

We begin with recalling fundamental formulas on real hypersurfaces of a complex hyperbolic space CH^n , endowed with the Bergman metric g of constant holomorphic sectional curvature -4 , and J the complex structure of CH^n . Now, let M be a real hypersurface of CH^n and let N be a unit normal vector on M . For any X tangent to M , we put

$$JX = \phi X + \eta(X)N$$

where ϕX and $\eta(X)N$ are, respectively, the tangent and normal components of JX . Then ϕ is a $(1, 1)$ -tensor and η is a 1-form. Moreover, $\eta(X) = g(X, \xi)$ with $\xi = -JN$ and (ϕ, η, ξ, g) determines an almost contact metric structure on M .

Then we have

$$(1.1) \quad \phi^2 X = -X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad g(\xi, \xi) = 1, \quad \phi\xi = 0,$$

$$(1.2) \quad (\nabla_X \phi)Y = \eta(Y)AX - g(AX, Y)\xi,$$

$$(1.3) \quad \nabla_X \xi = \phi AX.$$

(1.2) and (1.3) follow from $\bar{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + g(AX, Y)N$ and $\bar{\nabla}_X N = -AX$, where $\bar{\nabla}$ and ∇ are, respectively, the Levi-Civita connections of CH^n and M , and A is the shape operator of M . Let R be the curvature tensor of M . Then the

Gauss and Codazzi equations are the following:

$$(1.4) \quad R(X, Y)Z = -g(Y, Z)X + g(X, Z)Y - g(\phi Y, Z)\phi X + g(\phi X, Z)\phi Y \\ + 2g(\phi X, Y)\phi Z + g(AY, Z)AX - g(AX, Z)AY,$$

$$(1.5) \quad (\nabla_X A)Y - (\nabla_Y A)X = -\eta(X)\phi Y + \eta(Y)\phi X + 2g(\phi X, Y)\xi.$$

From (1.1), (1.3), (1.4) and (1.5), we get

$$(1.6) \quad SX = -(2n+1)X + 3\eta(X)\xi + hAX - A^2X,$$

$$(1.7) \quad (\nabla_X S)Y = 3\{g(\phi AX, Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\phi AX\} + (X \cdot h)AY \\ + (hI - A)(\nabla_X A)Y - (\nabla_X A)AY,$$

where $h = \text{trace } A$, S is the Ricci tensor of type (1.1) on M and I is the identity map, respectively.

We here recall the notion of an η -parallel Ricci tensor S of M , which is defined by $g((\nabla_X S)Y, Z) = 0$ for any X, Y and Z orthogonal to ξ . Also, we consider similarly the η -parallel shape operator A of M in CH^n , which is defined by $g((\nabla_Y A)Y, Z) = 0$ for any X, Y and Z orthogonal to ξ . Now we state the following theorems without proof for later use.

THEOREM D([15]). *Let M be a real hypersurface of CH^n . Then the Ricci tensor of M is η -parallel and ξ is principal if and only if M is locally congruent to one of homogeneous real hypersurfaces of type (A_0) , (A_1) , (A'_1) , (A) and (B) .*

THEOREM E([15]). *Let M be a real hypersurface of CH^n . Then the shape operator A of M in CH^n is η -parallel and ξ is principal if and only if M is locally congruent to one of homogeneous real hypersurfaces of type (A_0) , (A_1) , (A'_1) , (A_2) and (B) .*

It is easily seen that if the shape operator is η -parallel, then so is the Ricci tensor, under the condition such that ξ is principal.

THEOREM F([3]). *Let M be a real hypersurface of CH^n . Then the following are equivalent: (i) M is locally congruent to one of homogeneous real hypersurfaces of type (A_0) , (A_1) , (A'_1) and (A_2) .*

(ii) $(\nabla_X A)Y = \eta(Y)\phi X + g(\phi X, Y)\xi$ for any $X, Y \in TM$.

PROPOSITION A([17]). *Assume that ξ is a principal curvature vector and the corresponding principal curvature is α . If $AX = rX$ for $X \perp \xi$, then we have $A\phi X = (\alpha r - 2)/(2r - \alpha)\phi X$.*

**§2. Characterizations of real hypersurfaces of CH^n
in terms of Ricci tensor.**

We have the following

PROPOSITION 1. *Let M be a real hypersurface of CH^n ($n \geq 3$). If the Ricci tensor S of M satisfies for some λ*

$$(2.1) \quad (\nabla_X S)Y = \lambda \{g(\phi X, Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\phi X\} \quad \text{for any } X, Y \in TM,$$

then λ is constant and ξ is a principal vector.

PROOF. Suppose that the condition (2.1) holds. First of all we shall show that $\text{grad } \lambda = 3\lambda\phi A\xi$. From (2.1), (1.2) and (1.3), we have

$$(2.2) \quad (\nabla_W(\nabla_X S))Y - (\nabla_{\nabla_W X} S)Y \\ = (W \cdot \lambda) \{g(\phi X, Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\phi X\} + \lambda \{\eta(X)g(AW, Y)\xi - 2\eta(Y)g(AW, X)\xi \\ + g(\phi X, Y)\phi AW + g(\phi AW, Y)\phi X + \eta(X)\eta(Y)AW\},$$

from which we get

$$(2.3) \quad (\nabla_X(\nabla_W S))Y - (\nabla_{\nabla_X W} S)Y \\ = (X \cdot \lambda) \{g(\phi W, Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\phi W\} + \lambda \{\eta(W)g(AX, Y)\xi - 2\eta(Y)g(AX, W)\xi \\ + g(\phi W, Y)\phi AX + g(\phi AX, Y)\phi W + \eta(W)\eta(Y)AX\}.$$

It follows from (2.2) and (2.3) that

$$(2.4) \quad (R(W, X)S)Y \\ = (W \cdot \lambda) \{g(\phi X, Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\phi X\} - (X \cdot \lambda) \{g(\phi W, Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\phi W\} \\ + \lambda \{\eta(X)g(AW, Y)\xi - \eta(W)g(AX, Y)\xi + g(\phi X, Y)\phi AW - g(\phi W, Y)\phi AX \\ + g(\phi AW, Y)\phi X - g(\phi AX, Y)\phi W + \eta(Y)(\eta(X)AW - \eta(W)AX)\},$$

where R is the curvature tensor of M .

Let $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{2n-1}$ be local fields of orthonormal vectors on M . From (2.4) and (1.1), we find

$$(2.5) \quad \sum_{i=1}^{2n-1} g((R(e_i, X)S)Y, e_i) \\ = (e_i \cdot \lambda) \{g(\phi X, Y)g(\xi, e_i) + \eta(Y)g(\phi X, e_i)\} + \lambda \{\eta(X)g(AY, \xi) - g(AX, Y) \\ + g(\phi Y, \phi AX) - g(A\phi Y, \phi X) - \eta(Y)g(AX, \xi) + (\text{trace } A)\eta(X)\eta(Y)\}.$$

Exchanging X and Y in (2.5), we see

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.6) \quad & \sum_{i=1}^{2n-1} g((R(e_i, Y)S)X, e_i) \\
& = (e_i \cdot \lambda) \{g(\phi Y, X)g(\xi, e_i) + \eta(X)g(\phi Y, e_i)\} + \lambda \{\eta(Y)g(AX, \xi) - g(AY, X) \\
& \quad + g(\phi X, \phi AY) - g(A\phi X, \phi Y) - \eta(X)g(AY, \xi) + (\text{trace } A)\eta(X)\eta(Y)\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Here we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
(\text{the left hand side of (2.5)}) & = \sum g(R(e_i, X)(SY), e_i) - \sum g(R(e_i, X)Y, Se_i) \\
& = g(SX, SY) - \sum g(R(e_i, X)Y, Se_i)
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
-\sum g(R(e_i, X)Y, Se_i) & = \sum g(R(X, Y)e_i, Se_i) + \sum g(R(Y, e_i)X, Se_i) \\
& = \text{trace}(S \cdot R(X, Y)) - \sum g(R(e_i, Y)X, Se_i) \\
& = -\sum g(R(e_i, Y)X, Se_i)
\end{aligned}$$

that is, the left hand side of (2.5) is symmetric with respect to X, Y . And hence equations (2.5) and (2.6) yield

$$(2.7) \quad 0 = 2(\xi \cdot \lambda)g(\phi X, Y) + (\phi X \cdot \lambda)\eta(Y) - (\phi Y \cdot \lambda)\eta(X) + 3\lambda \{\eta(X)\eta(AY) - \eta(Y)\eta(AX)\}.$$

Putting $Y = \phi X$ in (2.7), we get

$$0 = 2(\xi \cdot \lambda)g(\phi X, \phi X) - \{-X \cdot \lambda + \eta(X)\xi \cdot \lambda\}\eta(X) + 3\lambda\eta(X)\eta(A\phi X).$$

Contracting with respect to X in the above equations, we have

$$4(n-1)(\xi \cdot \lambda) = 0$$

thus

$$\xi \cdot \lambda = 0$$

Putting $Y = \xi$ in (2.7), we have

$$\phi X \cdot \lambda + 3\lambda \{\eta(X)\eta(A\xi) - \eta(AX)\} = 0.$$

Putting $X = \phi X$ in above equation, we have

$$X \cdot \lambda = 3\lambda g(\phi A\xi, X),$$

that is,

$$(2.8) \quad \text{grad } \lambda = 3\lambda \phi A\xi.$$

Using (2.8), we can write (2.4) in the following.

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.9) \quad & (R(W, X)S)Y = 3\lambda \{g(\phi A\xi, W)(g(\phi X, Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\phi X) - g(\phi A\xi, X)(g(\phi W, Y)\xi \\
& \quad + \eta(Y)\phi W)\} + \lambda \{\eta(X)g(AW, Y)\xi - \eta(W)g(AX, Y)\xi \\
& \quad + g(\phi X, Y)\phi AW - g(\phi W, Y)\phi AX + g(\phi AW, Y)\phi X \\
& \quad - g(\phi AX, Y)\phi W + \eta(X)\eta(Y)AW - \eta(W)\eta(Y)AX\}.
\end{aligned}$$

From (2.9),

$$(2.10) \quad \sum g((R(e_i, X)S)\xi, \phi e_i) = 3(2n-3)\lambda g(\phi A\xi, X),$$

$$(2.11) \quad \sum g((R(e_i, \phi e_i)S)\xi, X) = -6\lambda g(\phi A\xi, X).$$

On the other hand by Gauss equation (1.4), the left hand side of (2.10) is

$$(2.12) \quad \sum g((R(e_i, X)S)\xi, \phi e_i) = 2ng(\phi S\xi, X) - g(A\phi AS\xi, X) + g(AS\phi A\xi, X).$$

Similarly using Gauss equation (1.4), we see that the left hand side of (2.11) is

$$(2.13) \quad \sum g((R(e_i, \phi e_i)S)\xi, X) = 4ng(\phi S\xi, X) - 2g(A\phi AS\xi, X) + 2g(SA\phi A\xi, X)$$

From (2.10) and (2.12), we have

$$(2.14) \quad -3(2n-3)\lambda\phi A\xi = 2n\phi S\xi - A\phi AS\xi + AS\phi A\xi$$

From (2.11) and (2.13), we have

$$(2.15) \quad -3\lambda\phi A\xi = 2n\phi S\xi - A\phi AS\xi + SA\phi A\xi$$

From (2.14) and (2.15), we have

$$(2.16) \quad 6\lambda(2-n)\phi A\xi = AS\phi A\xi - SA\phi A\xi.$$

On the other hand, from (1.6), we have $SX = -(2n+1)X + 3\eta(X)\xi + hAX - A^2X$ and $ASX - SAX = 3\eta(X)A\xi - 3\eta(AX)\xi$. Hence $AS(\phi A\xi) - SA(\phi A\xi) = 0$, which, together with (2.16), implies that $(2-n)\lambda\phi A\xi = 0$. Therefore if $n \geq 3$ we conclude that $\lambda\phi A\xi = 0$. This, together with (2.8), implies λ is constant. If λ is not non-zero, we have $\phi A\xi = 0$, which is equivalent to that ξ is a principal vector. If $\lambda = 0$, then $\nabla S = 0$, which is impossible by [4]. Q. E. D.

Using Proposition 1, we have the following

PROPOSITION 2. *Let M be a real hypersurface of CH^n . Then the following are equivalent :*

(1) *The Ricci tensor S of M satisfies*

$$(2.1) \quad (\nabla_X S)Y = \lambda \{g(\phi X, Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\phi X\}$$

for any $X, Y \in TM$, where λ is a function.

(2) *M is locally congruent to one of type the following :*

(A₀) *a horosphere,*

(A₁) *a geodesic hypersphere in CH^n ,*

(A₁') *a tube over a complex hyperplane CH^{n-1} .*

PROOF. From proposition 1, we know that the ξ is a principal vector satisfying (1). Moreover, equation (2.1) shows that the Ricci tensor of our real hypersurfaces M is η -parallel. Therefore Theorem D asserts that M is one of

the homogeneous real hypersurfaces of type (A_0) , (A_1) , (A'_1) , (A_2) and (B) .

Next we shall check (2.1) for real hypersurfaces above one by one.

Let M be of type (A_0) :

Principal curvatures and their multiplicities of type (A_0) are given by the following table.

principal curvatures	1	2
multiplicities	$2n-2$	1.

The shape operator A is as

$$(2.17) \quad AX = X + \eta(X)\xi \quad \text{for } X \in TM.$$

Substituting the condition (ii) in Theorem F and (2.17) into (1.7), we can see that our real hypersurface M satisfies (2.1), that is,

$$(2.18) \quad (\nabla_X S)Y = 2n \{g(\phi X, Y) + \eta(Y)\phi X\}.$$

Let M be of type (A_1) :

Setting $t = \coth(\theta)$. Then principal curvatures and their multiplicities of type (A_1) are given by the following table.

principal curvatures	t	$t + (1/t)$
multiplicities	$2n-2$	1.

The shape operator A is as

$$(2.19) \quad AX = tX + (1/t)\eta(X)\xi \quad \text{for } X \in TM.$$

Substituting the condition (ii) in Theorem F and (2.19) into (1.7), we can see that our real hypersurface M satisfies (2.1), that is,

$$(2.20) \quad (\nabla_X S)Y = 2nt \{g(\phi X, Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\phi X\}.$$

Let M be of type (A'_1) :

Setting $t = \tanh(\theta)$. Then principal curvatures and their multiplicities of type (A'_1) are given by the following table.

principal curvatures	t	$t + (1/t)$
multiplicities	$2n-3$	1.

By a similar computation we can see that our real hypersurface M satisfies (2.1), that is,

$$(2.21) \quad (\nabla_X S)Y = 2nt \{g(\phi X, Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\phi X\}.$$

Let M be of type (A_2) :

Setting $t = \tanh(\theta)$. Then principal curvatures and their multiplicities of type (A_2) are given by the following table.

principal curvatures	t	$(1/t)$	$t+(1/t)$
multiplicities	$2k$	$2(n-k-1)$	1 .

Now, we put $k=p$, $n-k-1=q$ so, $p+q=n-1$.

Let X be a principal curvature vector orthogonal to ξ with principal curvature t . Note that $A\phi X = t\phi X$ (cf, proposition A). Substituting the condition (ii) in Theorem F into (1.7), we find

$$(2.22) \quad (\nabla_X S)\phi X = \{(2p+2)t+2q(1/t)\}\xi.$$

On the other hand, let X be a principal curvature vector orthogonal to ξ with principal curvature $(1/t)$. By similar computations we see

$$(2.23) \quad (\nabla_X S)\phi X = \{2pt+(2q+2)(1/t)\}\xi.$$

From (2.22) and (2.20), we conclude that our manifold does not satisfy (2.1).

Let M be of type (B):

Setting $t = \cos^2(2\theta)$. Then principal curvatures and their multiplicities of type (B) are given by the following table.

principal curvature	$(\sqrt{t}-1)/(\sqrt{t-1})$	$(\sqrt{t}+1)/(\sqrt{t-1})$	$2\sqrt{t-1}/\sqrt{t}$
multiplicities	$n-1$	$n-1$	1 .

We put $(\sqrt{t}-1)/(\sqrt{t-1})=r_1$, $(\sqrt{t}+1)/(\sqrt{t-1})=r_2$, $2\sqrt{t-1}/\sqrt{t}=\alpha$.

From proposition A if X be a principal curvature vector orthogonal to ξ with principal curvature r_1 , then $A\phi X = r_2\phi X$. With respect to such X , the next formula (cf. [6])

$$(2.24) \quad (\nabla_X A)\phi X = (\alpha - r_2)r_1\xi$$

being satisfied, we see

$$(2.25) \quad (\nabla_X A)A\phi X = (\alpha - r_2)r_1r_2\xi.$$

With respect to this X , substituting (2.24) and (2.25) into (1.7), we find

$$(2.26) \quad (\nabla_X S)\phi X = (3+h\cdot\alpha - h\cdot r_2 - \alpha^2 + r_2^2)r_1\xi.$$

On the other hand, if X be a corresponding principal curvature vector to principal curvature r_2 , then from proposition A $A\phi X = r_1\phi X$. With respect to this X , the next formula (cf. [6])

$$(2.27) \quad (\nabla_X A)\phi X = (\alpha - r_1)r_2\xi$$

being satisfied, we see

$$(2.28) \quad (\nabla_x A)A\phi X = (\alpha - r_1)r_1r_2\xi.$$

With respect to this X , substituting (2.27) and (2.28) into (1.7), we find

$$(2.29) \quad (\nabla_x S)\phi X = (3 + h \cdot \alpha - h \cdot r_1 - \alpha^2 + r_1^2)r_2\xi$$

From (2.26) and (2.29) we conclude that our manifold does not satisfy (2.1).

Q. E. D.

Motivated by Proposition 2, we prove the following.

THEOREM 1. *Let M be a real hypersurface in CH^n . Then the following inequality hold.*

$$(2.30) \quad \|\nabla S\|^2 \geq 1/(n-1)\{2n(h - \eta(A\xi)) - (\phi A\xi) \cdot h - \text{trace}((\nabla_\xi A)A\phi)\}^2$$

where S is the Ricci tensor of M and $h = \text{trace } A$. Moreover, the equality of (2.30) holds if and only if M is locally congruent to one of type (A_0) , (A'_1) or (A_1) .

PROOF. We define a tensor T on M by the following:

$$T(X, Y) = (\nabla_X S)Y - \lambda\{g(\phi X, Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\phi X\}.$$

Let $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{2n-1}$ be local fields of orthonormal vector on M . Now we calculate the length of T . From (1.1) we have

$$(2.31) \quad \|T\|^2 = \|\nabla S\|^2 - 4\lambda \sum g((\nabla_{e_i} S)\xi, \phi e_i) + 4(n-1)\lambda^2 \geq 0.$$

Regarding (2.31) as quadratic inequality with respect to λ , we calculate the discriminant of the quadric equation and we have

$$(2.32) \quad 1/(n-1)(\sum g((\nabla_{e_i} S)\xi, \phi e_i))^2 \leq \|\nabla S\|^2.$$

It follows from (1.1), (1.5) and (1.7) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum g((\nabla_{e_i} S)\xi, \phi e_i) \\ &= 3g(\phi Ae_i, \phi e_i) - g(\text{grad } h, \phi A\xi) + h \cdot g((\nabla_{e_i} A)\xi, \phi e_i) \\ & \quad - g(A(\nabla_{e_i} A)\xi, \phi e_i) - g((\nabla_{e_i} A)A\xi, \phi e_i) \\ &= 3g(A\phi e_i, \phi e_i) - g(\text{grad } h, \phi A\xi) + (2n-2) \cdot h - \text{trace}((\nabla_\xi A)A\phi) \\ & \quad - g(A\phi e_i, \phi e_i) - 2\eta(A\xi) + 2g(A\xi, \xi) - (2n-2)\eta(A\xi) \\ &= 2n(h - \eta(A\xi)) - (\phi A\xi) \cdot h - \text{trace}((\nabla_\xi A)A\phi), \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$(2.33) \quad \sum g((\nabla_{e_i} S)\xi, \phi e_i) = 2n(h - \eta(A\xi)) - (\phi A\xi) \cdot h - \text{trace}((\nabla_\xi A)A\phi).$$

Therefore we substitute (2.33) into (2.32) and get inequality (2.30). And, Proposition 2 shows that the equality of (2.30) holds if and only if M is locally congruent to one of type (A_0) , (A_1) or (A'_1) . Q. E. D.

COROLLARY 1 ([4]). *There are no real hypersurfaces with parallel Ricci tensor of complex hyperbolic space CH^n .*

PROOF. From Proposition 2, if M is not type (A_0) , (A_1) or (A'_1) , then $\|\nabla S\|^2 > 0$. Thus it follows $\nabla S \neq 0$. If M is type (A_0) , (A_1) or (A'_1) then, from $\phi A = A\phi$, $\phi\xi = 0$ and $\nabla_\xi A = 0$,

$$\|\nabla S\|^2 = 1/(n-1)\{2n(h - \eta(A\xi))\}^2.$$

If M be of type (A_0) , then

$$\|\nabla S\|^2 = 16n^2(n-1) > 0.$$

If M be of type (A_1) , then

$$\|\nabla S\|^2 = 16n^2(n-1) \coth^2(\theta) > 0.$$

If M be of type (A'_1) , then

$$\|\nabla S\|^2 = 16n^2(n-1) \tanh^2(\theta) > 0.$$

Thus, it follows $\nabla S \neq 0$.

Q. E. D.

§ 3. Characterizations of real hypersurfaces in CH^n in terms of holomorphic distribution.

Now let M be a real hypersurface of CH^n . Let TCH^n and TM be the tangent bundles of CH^n and M , respectively. Let $T^\circ M$ be a subbundle of TM defined by $T^\circ M = \{X \in TM \mid X \perp \xi\}$. Thus each of TM and $T^\circ M$ has a connection induced from TCH^n . The orthogonal complement of $T^\circ M$ in TCH^n with respect to the metric on TCH^n is denoted by $N^\circ M$, which is also a subbundle of TCH^n with the induced metric connection. Denote by ∇° and ∇^\perp the connections of $T^\circ M$ and $N^\circ M$, respectively. We have

$$\bar{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X^\circ Y + A^\circ(X, Y) \quad \text{for any } X, Y \in T^\circ M.$$

Let A be the second fundamental form of $T^\circ M$ in TCH^n . A is a smooth section of $\text{Hom}(TM, \text{Hom}(T^\circ M, N^\circ M))$. Set $A = A|_{T^\circ M}$. The covariant derivative of A is defined by

$$(\nabla_X A)(Y, Z) := \nabla_X^\perp(A^\circ(Y, Z)) - A^\circ(\nabla_X Y, Z) - A^\circ(Y, \nabla_X^\circ Z)$$

for any $X \in TM, Y, Z \in T^\circ M$.

Now we prepare without proof the following fundamental relations.

PROPOSITION B ([10]).

$$(i) \quad A^\circ(X, Y) = g(AX, Y)N - g(\phi AX, Y)\xi,$$

$$(ii) \quad \nabla_X^\circ \phi = 0,$$

$$(iii) \quad \nabla_X^\circ \xi = g(AX, \xi)N,$$

$$(iv) \quad \nabla_X^\circ N = -g(AX, \xi)\xi,$$

where $X, Y \in T^\circ M$.

PROPOSITION C ([10]). For any $X, Y, Z \in T^\circ M$,

$$(\nabla_X^\circ A^\circ)(YZ) = \Psi(X, Y, Z)N + \Psi(X, Y, \phi Z)\xi,$$

where Ψ is the trilinear tensor defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(X, Y, Z) = & g((\nabla_X A)Y, Z) - \eta(AX)g(\phi AY, Z) \\ & - \eta(AY)g(\phi AX, Z) - \eta(AZ)g(\phi AX, Y). \end{aligned}$$

We show the following fundamental result.

PROPOSITION 3. Let M be a real hypersurface of CH^n . Then the following are equivalent:

- (i) The holomorphic distribution $T^\circ M = \{X \in TM \mid X \perp \xi\}$ is integrable,
- (ii) $g((\phi A + A\phi)X, Y) = 0$ for any $X, Y \in T^\circ M$.

PROOF. The distribution $T^\circ M$ is integrable

$$\iff [X, Y] \in T^\circ M \quad \text{for any } X, Y \in T^\circ M$$

$$\iff g([X, Y], \xi) = 0$$

$$\iff g(\nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X, \xi) = 0$$

$$\iff g(Y, \phi AX) - g(X, \phi AY) = 0$$

$$\iff g((\phi A + A\phi)X, Y) = 0 \quad \text{for any } X, Y \in T^\circ M.$$

Q. E. D.

Recall the definition of η -parallel of A . We say that A° is η -parallel if $\nabla_X^\circ A^\circ \equiv 0$ for any $X \in T^\circ M$. Using the notions defined above, we obtained the following result.

THEOREM 2. Let M be a real hypersurface of CH^n . Assume that A° is η -parallel. Then M is locally congruent to one of type (A_0) , (A_1) , (A'_1) , (A_2) , (B)

or a ruled real hypersurface (that is, a real hypersurface in which $T^\circ M$ is integrable and its integral manifold is totally geodesic CH^{n-1} .)

PROOF. By proposition C, A° is η -parallel if and only if $\Psi(X, Y, Z)=0$ for any $X, Y, Z \in T^\circ M$, that is,

$$(3.1) \quad g((\nabla_X A)Y, Z) = \eta(AX)g(\phi AY, Z) + \eta(AY)g(\phi AX, Z) + \eta(AZ)g(\phi AX, Y)$$

for any $X, Y, Z \in T^\circ M$. Since the Codazzi equation (1.5) tells us that $g((\nabla_X A)Y, Z)$ is symmetric for any $X, Y, Z \in T^\circ M$, exchanging X and Y in (3.1), we obtain

$$(3.2) \quad \eta(AZ)g((A\phi + \phi A)X, Y) = 0 \quad \text{for any } X, Y, Z \in T^\circ M.$$

Now we assume that $\eta(AZ)=0$ for any $Z \in T^\circ M$, that is, ξ is a principal curvature vector. Then the equation (3.1) shows that $g((\nabla_X A)Y, Z)=0$ for any $X, Y, Z \in T^\circ M$, that is, the shape operator A of M is η -parallel. And hence our real hypersurface M is locally congruent to one of type (A_0) , (A_1) , (A'_1) , (A_2) or (B) by Theorem E.

Next, if there exists $Z \in T^\circ M$ such that $\eta(AZ) \neq 0$, that is, ξ is not a principal curvature vector. Then the equation (3.2) tells us that the holomorphic distribution $T^\circ M$ is integrable (cf., Proposition 3) and the integral manifold M° of $T^\circ M$ is a complex hypersurface in CH^n . Moreover, the second fundamental form A° of M° is parallel. Therefore we conclude that M° is locally congruent to CH^{n-1} (cf. [9].) Q. E. D.

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