

# REAL HYPERSURFACES IN COMPLEX TWO-PLANE GRASSMANNIANS WITH COMMUTING NORMAL JACOBI OPERATOR

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**Abstract.** We give a complete classification of  $\mathfrak{D}^\perp$ -invariant real hypersurfaces in complex two-plane Grassmannians  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  with commuting normal Jacobi operator  $\bar{R}_N$ .

## 0. Introduction

In the geometry of real hypersurfaces in complex space forms  $M_n(c)$  Kimura [7] has proved that Hopf real hypersurfaces  $M$  in a complex projective space  $P_n(\mathbf{C})$  with commuting Ricci tensor are locally congruent to a tube over a totally geodesic  $P_k(\mathbf{C})$  (type A), a tube over a complex quadric  $Q_{n-1}$ ,  $\cot^2 2r = n - 2$  (type B), a tube over  $P_1(\mathbf{C}) \times P_{(n-1)/2}(\mathbf{C})$ ,  $\cot^2 2r = \frac{1}{n-2}$  and  $n$  is odd (type C), a tube over a complex two-plane Grassmannian  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^5)$ ,  $\cot^2 2r = \frac{3}{5}$  and  $n = 9$  (type D), a tube over a Hermitian symmetric space

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$SO(10)/U(5)$ ,  $\cot^2 2r = \frac{5}{9}$  and  $n = 15$  (type E). (See also Cecil and Ryan [6].)

The notion of Hopf real hypersurfaces means that the structure vector  $\xi$  defined by  $\xi = -JN$  satisfies  $A\xi = \alpha\xi$ , where  $J$  denotes a Kaehler structure of  $P_n(\mathbf{C})$ ,  $N$  and  $A$  a unit normal and the shape operator of  $M$  in  $P_n(\mathbf{C})$ .

In a quaternionic projective space  $\mathbf{Q}P^m$ , Pérez [8] classified real hypersurfaces in  $\mathbf{Q}P^m$  with commuting Ricci tensor  $S\phi_i = \phi_i S$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , where  $S$  (resp.  $\phi_i$ ) denotes the Ricci tensor (resp. the structure tensor) of  $M$  in  $\mathbf{Q}P^m$ . They are locally congruent to of  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ -type, that is, a tube over  $\mathbf{Q}P^k$  with radius  $0 < r < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $k \in \{0, \dots, m-1\}$ .

The almost contact structure vector fields  $\{\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3\}$  are defined by  $\xi_i = -J_i N$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , where  $J_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , denote a quaternionic Kähler structure of  $\mathbf{Q}P^m$  and  $N$  a unit normal field of  $M$  in  $\mathbf{Q}P^m$ . Moreover, the first and third authors [9] considered the notion of  $\nabla_{\xi_i} R = 0$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , where  $R$  denotes the curvature tensor of a real hypersurface  $M$  in  $\mathbf{Q}P^m$ , and proved that  $M$  is locally congruent to a tube of radius  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  over  $\mathbf{Q}P^k$ .

For a commuting problem in quaternionic space forms Berndt [2] introduced the notion of normal Jacobi operator  $\bar{R}(X, N)N \in \text{End} T_x M$ ,  $x \in M$  for real hypersurfaces  $M$  in quaternionic projective space  $\mathbf{Q}P^m$  or in quaternionic hyperbolic space  $\mathbf{Q}H^m$ , where  $\bar{R}$  denotes the curvature tensor of a quaternionic projective space  $\mathbf{Q}P^m$  and a quaternionic hyperbolic space  $\mathbf{Q}H^m$ . Berndt [2] also has shown that the curvature adaptedness, that is, the normal Jacobi operator commutes with the shape operator  $A$ , and this is equivalent to the fact that the distributions  $\mathfrak{D}$  and  $\mathfrak{D}^\perp = \text{Span}\{\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3\}$  are invariant by the shape operator  $A$  of  $M$ , where  $T_x M = \mathfrak{D} \oplus \mathfrak{D}^\perp$ ,  $x \in M$ .

Now let us consider complex two-plane Grassmannians  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  which consist of all complex 2-dimensional linear subspaces in  $\mathbf{C}^{m+2}$ . Then the situation for real hypersurfaces in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+1})$  with commuting normal Jacobi operator is not so simple and will be quite different from the cases mentioned above.

So in this paper we consider a real hypersurface  $M$  in complex two-plane Grassmannians  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  with commuting normal Jacobi operator,  $\bar{R}_N \circ A = A \circ \bar{R}_N$ , where  $\bar{R}$  and  $A$  denote the curvature tensor of the ambient space  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  and the shape operator of  $M$  in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ , respectively.

The curvature tensor  $\bar{R}(X, Y)Z$  of  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  is explicitly defined in Section 2 and the normal Jacobi operator  $\bar{R}_N$  can be derived from the curvature tensor  $\bar{R}(X, Y)Z$  by putting  $Y = Z = N$  and the geometric structure  $JJ_i = J_i J$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$  between the Kaehler structure  $J$  and the quaternionic Kaehler structure  $J_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$  (see Section 3), where  $N$  denotes a unit normal vector on  $M$  in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ .

The ambient space  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  is known to be the unique compact irreducible Riemannian symmetric space equipped with both a Kähler structure  $J$  and a quaternionic Kähler structure  $\mathfrak{J}$  not containing  $J$  (see Berndt [3]). So, in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  we have the two natural geometrical conditions for real hypersurfaces that  $[\xi] = \text{Span}\{\xi\}$  or  $\mathfrak{D}^\perp = \text{Span}\{\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3\}$  is invariant under the shape operator. By using such kind of geometric conditions Berndt and the third author [4] have proved the following:

**THEOREM A.** *Let  $M$  be a connected real hypersurface in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ ,  $m \geq 3$ . Then both  $[\xi]$  and  $\mathfrak{D}^\perp$  are invariant under the shape operator of  $M$  if and only if*

(A)  *$M$  is an open part of a tube around a totally geodesic  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+1})$  in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ , or*

(B)  *$m$  is even, say  $m = 2n$ , and  $M$  is an open part of a tube around a totally geodesic  $\mathbf{Q}P^n$  in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ .*

In Theorem A the vector  $\xi$  contained in the one-dimensional distribution  $[\xi]$  is said to be a Hopf vector when it becomes a principal vector for the shape operator  $A$  of  $M$  in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ . Moreover in such a situation  $M$  is said to be a Hopf hypersurface. Besides, a real hypersurface  $M$  in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  admits the 3-dimensional distribution  $\mathfrak{D}^\perp$ , which is spanned by *almost contact 3-structure* vector fields  $\{\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3\}$ , such that  $T_x M = \mathfrak{D} \oplus \mathfrak{D}^\perp$ .

On the other hand, Berndt and the third author [5] considered the geometric condition that the shape operator  $A$  of real hypersurfaces  $M$  in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  commutes with the structure tensor, that is,  $A\phi = \phi A$ . This condition also has the geometric meaning that the flow of the Reeb vector field is isometric. Moreover, Berndt and the third author [3] proved that a real hypersurface in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  with isometric flow is a tube over a totally geodesic  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+1})$  in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ .

By putting a unit normal vector  $N$  to  $M$  in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  into the curvature tensor  $\bar{R}$  of the ambient space  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ , we introduce the so called normal Jacobi operator  $\bar{R}_N$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
 (*) \quad \bar{R}_N(X) &= \bar{R}(X, N)N = X + 3\eta(X)\xi + 3\sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_\nu(X)\xi_\nu \\
 &\quad - \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \left\{ \eta_\nu(\xi)J_\nu(\phi X + \eta(X)N) - \eta_\nu(\phi X)\{\phi_\nu\xi + \eta_\nu(\xi)N\} \right\} \\
 &= X + 3\eta(X)\xi + 3\sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_\nu(X)\xi_\nu
 \end{aligned}$$

$$- \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \{ \eta_{\nu}(\xi)(\phi_{\nu}\phi X - \eta(X)\xi_{\nu}) - \eta_{\nu}(\phi X)\phi_{\nu}\xi \}$$

for any tangent vector fields  $X$  on  $M$  in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ .

Now in this paper we want to give a complete classification of real hypersurfaces  $M$  in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  concerned with the commuting normal Jacobi operator as follows:

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $M$  be a  $\mathfrak{D}^{\perp}$ -invariant real hypersurface in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ . Then  $M$  is Hopf if and only if the normal Jacobi operator  $\bar{R}_N$  commutes with the shape operator  $A$  provided with  $\xi \in \mathfrak{D}$  or  $\xi \in \mathfrak{D}^{\perp}$ .*

By virtue of Theorem 1 and Theorem A, we assert our main theorem as follows:

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $M$  be a  $\mathfrak{D}^{\perp}$ -invariant real hypersurface in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ . If the normal Jacobi operator  $\bar{R}_N$  commutes with the structure tensor and the shape operator, then  $M$  is locally congruent to an open part of a tube around a totally geodesic  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+1})$  in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ .*

## 1. Riemannian geometry of $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$

In this section we summarize the basic material about  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ , for details we refer to [4] and [5]. By  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  we denote the set of all complex two-dimensional linear subspaces in  $\mathbf{C}^{m+2}$ . The special unitary group  $G = SU(m+2)$  acts transitively on  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  with stabilizer isomorphic to  $K = S(U(2) \times U(m)) \subset G$ . Then  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  can be identified with the homogeneous space  $G/K$ , which we equip with the unique analytic structure for which the natural action of  $G$  on  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  becomes analytic. Denote by  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $\mathfrak{k}$  the Lie algebra of  $G$  and  $K$ , respectively, and by  $\mathfrak{m}$  the orthogonal complement of  $\mathfrak{k}$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$  with respect to the Cartan–Killing form  $B$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} \oplus \mathfrak{m}$  is an  $\text{Ad}(K)$ -invariant reductive decomposition of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . We put  $o = eK$  and identify  $T_o G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  with  $\mathfrak{m}$  in the usual manner. Since  $B$  is negative definite on  $\mathfrak{g}$ , its negative restricted to  $\mathfrak{m} \times \mathfrak{m}$  yields a positive definite inner product on  $\mathfrak{m}$ . By  $\text{Ad}(K)$ -invariance of  $B$  this inner product can be extended to a  $G$ -invariant Riemannian metric  $g$  on  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ . In this way  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  becomes a Riemannian homogeneous space, even a Riemannian symmetric space. For computational reasons we normalize  $g$  such that the maximal sectional curvature of  $(G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2}), g)$  is eight. Since  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^3)$  is isometric to the three-dimensional complex projective space  $\mathbf{CP}^3$  with constant holomorphic sectional curvature eight, we will assume  $m \geq 2$ .

from now on. Note that the isomorphism  $\text{Spin}(6) \simeq SU(4)$  yields an isometry between  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^4)$  and the real Grassmann manifold  $G_2^+(\mathbf{R}^6)$  of oriented two-dimensional linear subspaces of  $\mathbf{R}^6$ .

The Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{k}$  has the direct sum decomposition  $\mathfrak{k} = \mathfrak{su}(m) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2) \oplus \mathfrak{R}$ , where  $\mathfrak{R}$  is the center of  $\mathfrak{k}$ . Viewing  $\mathfrak{k}$  as the holonomy algebra of  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ , the center  $\mathfrak{R}$  induces a Kähler structure  $J$  and the  $\mathfrak{su}(2)$ -part a quaternionic Kähler structure  $\mathfrak{J}$  on  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ . If  $J_1$  is any almost Hermitian structure in  $\mathfrak{J}$ , then  $JJ_1 = J_1J$ , and  $JJ_1$  is a symmetric endomorphism with  $(JJ_1)^2 = I$  and  $\text{tr}(JJ_1) = 0$ .

A canonical local basis  $J_1, J_2, J_3$  of  $\mathfrak{J}$  consists of three local almost Hermitian structures  $J_\nu$  in  $\mathfrak{J}$  such that  $J_\nu J_{\nu+1} = J_{\nu+2} = -J_{\nu+1} J_\nu$ , where the index is taken modulo three. Since  $\mathfrak{J}$  is parallel with respect to the Riemannian connection  $\bar{\nabla}$  of  $(G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2}), g)$ , for any canonical local basis  $J_1, J_2, J_3$  of  $\mathfrak{J}$  there exist three local one-forms  $q_1, q_2, q_3$  such that

$$(1.1) \quad \bar{\nabla}_X J_\nu = q_{\nu+2}(X)J_{\nu+1} - q_{\nu+1}(X)J_{\nu+2}$$

for all vector fields  $X$  on  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ .

Let  $p \in G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  and  $W$  a subspace of  $T_p G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ . We say that  $W$  is a quaternionic subspace of  $T_p G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  if  $JW \subset W$  for all  $J \in \mathfrak{J}_p$ . And we say that  $W$  is a totally complex subspace of  $T_p G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  if there exists a one-dimensional subspace  $\mathfrak{V}$  of  $\mathfrak{J}_p$  such that  $JW \subset W$  for all  $J \in \mathfrak{V}$  and  $JW \perp W$  for all  $J \in \mathfrak{V}^\perp \subset \mathfrak{J}_p$ . Here, the orthogonal complement of  $\mathfrak{V}$  in  $\mathfrak{J}_p$  is taken with respect to the bundle metric and orientation on  $\mathfrak{J}$  for which any local oriented orthonormal frame field of  $\mathfrak{J}$  is a canonical local basis of  $\mathfrak{J}$ . A quaternionic (resp. totally complex) submanifold of  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  is a submanifold all of whose tangent spaces are quaternionic (resp. totally complex) subspaces of the corresponding tangent spaces of  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ .

The Riemannian curvature tensor  $\bar{R}$  of  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  is locally given by

$$(1.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{R}(X, Y)Z &= g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y + g(JY, Z)JX - g(JX, Z)JY \\ &\quad - 2g(JX, Y)JZ + \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \{ g(J_\nu Y, Z)J_\nu X - g(J_\nu X, Z)J_\nu Y - 2g(J_\nu X, Y)J_\nu Z \} \\ &\quad + \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \{ g(J_\nu JY, Z)J_\nu JX - g(J_\nu JX, Z)J_\nu JY \}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $J_1, J_2, J_3$  is any canonical local basis of  $\mathfrak{J}$ .

## 2. Some fundamental formulas for real hypersurfaces in $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$

In this section we want to derive the normal Jacobi operator from the curvature tensor of the complex two-plane Grassmannian  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  given in (1.2) and the equation of Gauss. Moreover, we derive some basic formulae from the Codazzi equation for a real hypersurface in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  (see [4], [5], [10], [11], [14] and [15]).

Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface of  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ , that is, a hypersurface of  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  with real codimension one. The induced Riemannian metric on  $M$  will also be denoted by  $g$ , and  $\nabla$  denotes the Riemannian connection of  $(M, g)$ . Let  $N$  be a local unit normal field of  $M$  and  $A$  the shape operator of  $M$  with respect to  $N$ . The Kähler structure  $J$  of  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  induces an almost contact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  on  $M$ . Furthermore, let  $J_1, J_2, J_3$  be a canonical local basis of  $\mathfrak{J}$ . Then each  $J_\nu$  induces an almost contact metric structure  $(\phi_\nu, \xi_\nu, \eta_\nu, g)$  on  $M$ . Using the above expression for  $\bar{R}$ , the Codazzi equation becomes

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_X A)Y - (\nabla_Y A)X &= \eta(X)\phi Y - \eta(Y)\phi X - 2g(\phi X, Y)\xi \\ &+ \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \{ \eta_\nu(X)\phi_\nu Y - \eta_\nu(Y)\phi_\nu X - 2g(\phi_\nu X, Y)\xi_\nu \} \\ &+ \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \{ \eta_\nu(\phi X)\phi_\nu \phi Y - \eta_\nu(\phi Y)\phi_\nu \phi X \} \\ &+ \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \{ \eta(X)\eta_\nu(\phi Y) - \eta(Y)\eta_\nu(\phi X) \} \xi_\nu. \end{aligned}$$

The following identities can be proved in a straightforward method and will be used frequently in subsequent calculations:

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{cases} \phi_{\nu+1}\xi_\nu = -\xi_{\nu+2}, & \phi_\nu\xi_{\nu+1} = \xi_{\nu+2}, & \phi\xi_\nu = \phi_\nu\xi, & \eta_\nu(\phi X) = \eta(\phi_\nu X), \\ \phi_\nu\phi_{\nu+1}X = \phi_{\nu+2}X + \eta_{\nu+1}(X)\xi_\nu, & \phi_{\nu+1}\phi_\nu X = -\phi_{\nu+2}X + \eta_\nu(X)\xi_{\nu+1}. \end{cases}$$

Now let us put

$$(2.2) \quad JX = \phi X + \eta(X)N, \quad J_\nu X = \phi_\nu X + \eta_\nu(X)N$$

for any tangent vector  $X$  of a real hypersurface  $M$  in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ , where  $N$  denotes a normal vector of  $M$  in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ . Then from this and the formulas (1.1) and (2.1) we have

$$(2.3) \quad (\nabla_X \phi)Y = \eta(Y)AX - g(AX, Y)\xi, \quad \nabla_X \xi = \phi AX,$$

$$(2.4) \quad \nabla_X \xi_\nu = q_{\nu+2}(X)\xi_{\nu+1} - q_{\nu+1}(X)\xi_{\nu+2} + \phi_\nu AX,$$

$$(2.5) \quad (\nabla_X \phi_\nu)Y = -q_{\nu+1}(X)\phi_{\nu+2}Y + q_{\nu+2}(X)\phi_{\nu+1}Y + \eta_\nu(Y)AX \\ - g(AX, Y)\xi_\nu.$$

Summing up these formulas, we find

$$(2.6) \quad \nabla_X(\phi_\nu \xi) = \nabla_X(\phi \xi_\nu) = (\nabla_X \phi)\xi_\nu + \phi(\nabla_X \xi_\nu) \\ = q_{\nu+2}(X)\phi_{\nu+1}\xi - q_{\nu+1}(X)\phi_{\nu+2}\xi + \phi_\nu \phi AX - g(AX, \xi)\xi_\nu + \eta(\xi_\nu)AX.$$

Moreover, from  $JJ_\nu = J_\nu J$ ,  $\nu = 1, 2, 3$ , it follows that

$$(2.7) \quad \phi \phi_\nu X = \phi_\nu \phi X + \eta_\nu(X)\xi - \eta(X)\xi_\nu.$$

### 3. The normal Jacobi operator and the shape operator

Now by putting  $Y = Z = N$  in (1.2) for a unit normal vector  $N$  to  $M$  in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  and using (2.2), we define a normal Jacobi operator  $\bar{R}_N$  by (\*) for any vector field  $X$  on  $M$ , where we have used the following

$$g(J_\nu JN, N) = -g(JN, J_\nu N) = -g(\xi, \xi_\nu) = -\eta_\nu(\xi), \\ g(J_\nu JX, N) = g(X, JJ_\nu N) = -g(X, J\xi_\nu) \\ = -g(X, \phi\xi_\nu + \eta(\xi_\nu)N) = -g(X, \phi\xi_\nu),$$

and

$$J_\nu JN = -J_\nu \xi = -\phi_\nu \xi - \eta_\nu(\xi)N.$$

Then by (2.7) we know that the normal Jacobi operator  $\bar{R}_N$  could be a symmetric endomorphism of  $T_x M$ ,  $x \in M$ .

Now consider the cases  $\xi \in \mathfrak{D}$  or  $\xi \in \mathfrak{D}^\perp$ . On such distributions, first of all, we calculate the normal Jacobi operator given in (\*) as follows:

*Case I:*  $\xi \in \mathfrak{D}$ . For any  $X \in \mathfrak{D}^\perp$  from the definition of normal Jacobi operator (\*) we know that

$$\bar{R}_N X = \bar{R}(X, N)N = X + 3 \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_\nu(X)\xi_\nu.$$

Hence the structure vector fields  $\{\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3\}$  are eigenvectors of the normal Jacobi operator  $\bar{R}_N$  as follows:

$$(3.1) \quad \bar{R}(\xi_1, N)N = 4\xi_1, \quad \bar{R}(\xi_2, N)N = 4\xi_2, \quad \bar{R}(\xi_3, N)N = 4\xi_3.$$

Moreover, for any  $X \in \mathfrak{D}$  we have

$$(3.2) \quad \bar{R}(X, N)N = X + 3\eta(X)\xi + \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_\nu(\phi X)\phi_\nu \xi.$$

Thus together with the fact that  $\xi, \phi\xi_i \in \mathfrak{D}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$  we have

$$(3.3) \quad \bar{R}(\xi, N)N = 4\xi, \quad \bar{R}(\phi_i \xi, N)N = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, 3.$$

Then (3.1), (3.2) and (3.3) give that there exists an orthogonal matrix  $P$  such that

$$P = [\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3, \xi, \phi_1 \xi, \phi_2 \xi, \phi_3 \xi, e_1, \dots, e_{4(m-2)}]$$

and for any vector  $e_i \in \mathfrak{D}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 4(m-2)$  in  $T_x M$ ,  $x \in M$ , the normal Jacobi operator  $\bar{R}_N$  of a real hypersurface  $M$  in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  can be diagonalized as follows:

$${}^t P \bar{R}_N P = \begin{bmatrix} B & & 0 \\ & C & \\ 0 & & I \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $I$  denotes the  $4(m-2) \times 4(m-2)$  identity matrix and the matrices  $B$  and  $C$  are

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

*Case II:*  $\xi \in \mathfrak{D}^\perp$ . Without loss of generality we can put  $\xi = \xi_1$ . For any  $X \in \mathfrak{D}$  the normal Jacobi operator  $\bar{R}_N$  is given by

$$\bar{R}_N(X) = \bar{R}(X, N)N = X - \phi_1 \phi X$$

and for any  $X \in \mathfrak{D}^\perp$  the normal Jacobi operator is

$$(3.4) \quad \bar{R}_N(X) = X + 4\eta(X)\xi + 3\sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_\nu(X)\xi_\nu - \phi_1 \phi X + \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_\nu(\phi X)\phi_\nu \xi.$$



Then the normal Jacobi operator for  $\mathfrak{D}^\perp = \text{span}\{\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3\}$  can be calculated as

$$\bar{R}_N(\xi_1) = 8\xi_1, \quad \bar{R}_N(\xi_2) = 2\xi_2, \quad \bar{R}_N(\xi_3) = 2\xi_3.$$

On the other hand, we calculate the normal Jacobi operator  $\bar{R}_N$  for  $\mathfrak{D} = \{X \in T_x M \mid X \perp \xi_i, i = 1, 2, 3\}$ . Then for any  $X \in \mathfrak{D}$  such that  $\phi X = \phi_1 X$  or  $\phi X = -\phi_1 X$ , the normal Jacobi operator  $\bar{R}_N$  is given by

$$(3.5) \quad \bar{R}_N(X) = 2X \quad \text{or} \quad \bar{R}_N(X) = 0,$$

respectively. Here the dimension of the eigenspace corresponding to an eigenvalue 2 (resp. 0) is equal to  $2(m-1)$  (resp.  $2(m-1)$ ) (see Berndt [3]). Then the normal Jacobi operator  $\bar{R}_N$  for the orthogonal matrix  $P$  can be given by

$${}^t P \bar{R}_N P = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & & & & 0 \\ & 2 & & & \\ & & 2 & & \\ & 0 & & B & \\ & & & & C \end{bmatrix},$$

where (3.5) gives that the matrices  $B$  and  $C$  are  $2(m-1) \times 2(m-1)$ -matrices respectively given by

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now recall a proposition from [2] concerned with a tube of type (A) as follows:

**PROPOSITION A.** *Let  $M$  be a connected real hypersurface in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ . Suppose that  $A\mathfrak{D} \subset \mathfrak{D}$ ,  $A\xi = \alpha\xi$ , and  $\xi$  is tangent to  $\mathfrak{D}^\perp$ . Let  $J_1 \in \mathfrak{J}$  be the almost Hermitian structure such that  $JN = J_1N$ . Then  $M$  has three (if  $r = \pi/2$ ) or four (otherwise) distinct constant principal curvatures*

$$(3.6) \quad \alpha = \sqrt{8} \cot(\sqrt{8}r), \quad \beta = \sqrt{2} \cot(\sqrt{2}r), \quad \lambda = -\sqrt{2} \tan(\sqrt{2}r), \quad \mu = 0$$

with some  $r \in (0, \pi/4)$ . The corresponding multiplicities are

$$m(\alpha) = 1, \quad m(\beta) = 2, \quad m(\lambda) = 2m - 2 = m(\mu),$$

and for the corresponding eigenspaces we have

$$T_\alpha = \mathbf{R}\xi = \mathbf{R}JN, \quad T_\beta = \mathbf{C}^\perp \xi = \mathbf{C}^\perp N = \{\xi_2, \xi_3\},$$

$$T_\lambda = \{X \mid X \perp \mathbf{H}\xi, \ JX = J_1X\}, \quad T_\mu = \{X \mid X \perp \mathbf{H}\xi, \ JX = -J_1X\}.$$

Now let us check for a tube over a totally geodesic  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+1})$  in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  whether it satisfies the commuting normal Jacobi operator, that is  $\bar{R}_N \circ A = A \circ \bar{R}_N$  or not as follows:

*Case I:*  $\xi \in T_\alpha$ . Then by (3.4) we have

$$(\bar{R}_N \circ A)\xi_1 = \alpha \bar{R}_N \xi_1 = 8\alpha \xi_1.$$

On the other hand, the left side becomes  $A \circ (\bar{R}_N \xi_1) = 8A\xi_1 = 8\alpha \xi_1$ . So in this case  $\bar{R}_N \circ A = A \circ \bar{R}_N$  holds.

*Case II:*  $\xi_2, \xi_3 \in T_\beta$ . Also by (3.4) we have  $(\bar{R}_N \circ A)\xi_2 = \beta \bar{R}_N \xi_1 = 2\beta \xi_2$ . Moreover, the left side becomes  $A \circ (\bar{R}_N \xi_2) = 2A\xi_2 = 2\beta \xi_2$ .

*Case III:*  $X_i \in T_\lambda$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 2(m-1)$ . Then by (3.5) we assert

$$(\bar{R}_N \circ A)X_i = \bar{R}_N(AX_i) = \lambda \bar{R}_N X_i = 2\lambda X_i$$

and

$$(A \circ \bar{R}_N)X_i = A(\bar{R}_N X_i) = 2AX_i = 2\lambda X_i$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, 2(m-1)$ .

*Case IV:*  $Y_i \in T_\mu$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 2(m-1)$ . Then also by (3.5) we have  $(\bar{R}_N \circ A)Y_i = \bar{R}_N Y_i = 0$  and  $A\bar{R}_N Y_i = 0$ .

Summarizing these cases, we know that a real hypersurface of type (A) in Theorem A satisfies  $\bar{R}_N \circ A = A \circ \bar{R}_N$ .

Next we consider  $M$  congruent to a tube of type (B) mentioned in Theorem A, that is, a tube of radius  $r$  over  $\mathbf{H}P^m$ ,  $m = 2n$  in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ . That is, for a tube of type B in Theorem A we introduce the following

**PROPOSITION B.** *Let  $M$  be a connected real hypersurface of  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ . Suppose that  $A\mathfrak{D} \subset \mathfrak{D}$ ,  $A\xi = \alpha\xi$ , and  $\xi$  is tangent to  $\mathfrak{D}$ . Then the quaternionic dimension  $m$  of  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  is even, say  $m = 2n$ , and  $M$  has five distinct constant principal curvatures*

$$\alpha = -2 \tan(2r), \quad \beta = 2 \cot(2r), \quad \gamma = 0, \quad \lambda = \cot(r), \quad \mu = -\tan(r)$$

with some  $r \in (0, \pi/4)$ . The corresponding multiplicities are

$$m(\alpha) = 1, \quad m(\beta) = 3 = m(\gamma), \quad m(\lambda) = 4n - 4 = m(\mu)$$

and the corresponding eigenspaces are

$$T_\alpha = \mathbf{R}\xi, \quad T_\beta = \mathfrak{J}J\xi, \quad T_\gamma = \mathfrak{J}\xi, \quad T_\lambda, \quad T_\mu,$$

where

$$T_\lambda \oplus T_\mu = (\mathbf{HC}\xi)^\perp, \quad \mathfrak{J}T_\lambda = T_\lambda, \quad \mathfrak{J}T_\mu = T_\mu, \quad JT_\lambda = T_\mu.$$

Now let us check for a real hypersurface of type (B) whether it satisfies the property of commuting normal Jacobi operator as follows:

*Case I:*  $\xi \in T_\alpha$ . Then by (3.3) we know

$$A \circ \bar{R}_N \xi = 4A\xi_1 = 4\alpha\xi \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{R}_N A\xi = \alpha\bar{R}_N \xi = 4\alpha\xi.$$

*Case II:*  $\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3 \in T_\beta$ . Then also by (3.2) we have

$$A \circ \bar{R}_N \xi_i = 4A\xi_i = 4\beta\xi_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{R}_N A\xi_i = \beta\bar{R}_N \xi_i = 4\beta\xi_i$$

for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

*Case III:*  $\phi_i \xi \in T_\gamma$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Then by (3.3) we have

$$A \circ \bar{R}_N \phi \xi_i = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{R}_N A\phi \xi_i = 0.$$

*Case IV:*  $X_i \in T_\lambda$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 2(m-2)$ . Then by (3.2) we have

$$A \circ \bar{R}_N X_i = AX_i = \lambda X_i \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{R}_N AX_i = \lambda\bar{R}_N X_i = \lambda X_i.$$

*Case V:*  $Y_i \in T_\mu$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 2(m-2)$ . Then also by (3.2) we have

$$A \circ \bar{R}_N Y_i = AX_i = \mu X_i \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{R}_N AX_i = \mu\bar{R}_N X_i = \mu X_i.$$

Summarizing the cases mentioned above, we know that real hypersurfaces of type (B) satisfy the property of commuting normal Jacobi operator, that is,  $\bar{R}_N \circ A = A \circ \bar{R}_N$ .

#### 4. Commuting normal Jacobi operator

In this section we consider a  $\mathfrak{D}^\perp$ -invariant real hypersurface in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  with commuting normal Jacobi operator.

Consider a normal Jacobi operator

$$\bar{R}_N(X) = \bar{R}(X, N)N \in T_x M, \quad x \in M$$

defined in (\*). Then the commuting Jacobi operator  $A \circ \bar{R}_N = \bar{R}_N \circ A$  gives that

$$(4.1) \quad 3 \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_\nu(X) A\xi_\nu - \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_\nu(\xi) A\phi_\nu \phi X + \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta(X) \eta_\nu(\xi) A\xi_\nu$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(\phi X) A \phi_{\nu} \xi + 3\eta(X) A \xi \\
& = 3 \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(AX) \xi_{\nu} - \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(\xi) \phi_{\nu} \phi A X + \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(\xi) \eta(AX) \xi_{\nu} \\
& \quad + \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(\phi A X) \phi_{\nu} \xi + 3\eta(AX) \xi.
\end{aligned}$$

Now we consider the following two cases.

*Case I:*  $\xi \in \mathfrak{D}$ . Then (4.1) gives that

$$\begin{aligned}
& 3 \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(X) A \xi_{\nu} + \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(\phi X) A \phi_{\nu} \xi + 3\eta(X) A \xi \\
& = 3 \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(AX) \xi_{\nu} + 3\eta(AX) \xi + \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(\phi A \xi) \phi_{\nu} \xi.
\end{aligned}$$

Putting  $X = \xi$  into this equation,

$$(4.2) \quad 3A\xi = 3 \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(A\xi) \xi_{\nu} + 3\eta(A\xi) \xi + \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(\phi A \xi) \phi_{\nu} \xi.$$

On the other hand, from the assumption we know that the shape operator  $A$  is invariant, that is  $g(A\mathfrak{D}, \mathfrak{D}^{\perp}) = 0$ . This means  $\eta_{\nu}(A\xi) = 0$  for  $\xi \in \mathfrak{D}$ . Moreover, differentiating  $g(\xi, \xi_{\nu}) = 0$  along the direction  $\xi$  gives

$$g(\nabla_{\xi} \xi, \xi_{\nu}) + g(\xi, \nabla_{\xi} \xi_{\nu}) = 0.$$

Hence, together with the formulas in Section 2 it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
\eta_{\nu}(\phi A \xi) & = -g(\xi, q_{\nu+2}(\xi) \xi_{\nu+1} - q_{\nu+1}(\xi) \xi_{\nu+2} + \phi_{\nu} A \xi) \\
& = -g(\xi, \phi_{\nu} A \xi) = -\eta_{\nu}(\phi A \xi).
\end{aligned}$$

Then  $\eta_{\nu}(\phi A \xi) = 0$ , and together with (4.2), we assert that  $M$  is Hopf, that is, the structure vector  $\xi$  is principal.

*Case II:*  $\xi \in \mathfrak{D}^{\perp}$ . Without loss of generality we may put  $\xi = \xi_1$ . Now putting  $X = \xi_1$  in (4.1), we have

$$(4.3) \quad 7A\xi = 2 \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(A\xi_1) \xi_{\nu} - \phi_1 \phi A \xi + 5\eta(A\xi) \xi.$$

Hence, by applying  $\phi$  to both sides and using the formulas in Section 2 we have

$$7\phi A\xi = 2\sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(A\xi_1)\phi\xi_{\nu} - \phi\phi_1\phi A\xi = 2\sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(A\xi_1)\phi\xi_{\nu} + \phi_1 A\xi.$$

Substituting this into (4.3), we have

$$49A\xi = 14\sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(A\xi_1)\xi_{\nu} - \phi_1 \left\{ 2\sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(A\xi_1)\phi_1\phi\xi_{\nu} + \phi_1 A\xi \right\} + 35\eta(A\xi)\xi.$$

This implies

$$49A\xi = 14\sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(A\xi_1)\xi_{\nu} - 2\{\eta_2(A\xi_1)\xi_2 + \eta_3(A\xi_1)\xi_3\} + A\xi + 34\eta(A\xi)\xi,$$

which yields

$$(4.4) \quad 48A\xi = 12\sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(A\xi_1)\xi_{\nu} + 36\eta(A\xi)\xi.$$

Hence, taking an inner product with  $\xi_2$  and  $\xi_3$  respectively, we have

$$\eta_2(A\xi) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \eta_3(A\xi) = 0.$$

Substituting this into (4.4) finally gives  $A\xi = \eta(A\xi)\xi$ . This means that a real hypersurface  $M$  satisfying the commuting normal Jacobi operator is also a Hopf hypersurface in this case.

Summarizing the above cases, we assert the following

**THEOREM 4.1.** *Let  $M$  be a  $\mathfrak{D}^{\perp}$ -invariant real hypersurface in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  with commuting Jacobi operator. Then  $M$  is Hopf provided with  $\xi \in \mathfrak{D}$  or  $\xi \in \mathfrak{D}^{\perp}$ .*

Hence, together with a theorem due to Berndt and Suh [4], we have the following

**THEOREM 4.2.** *Let  $M$  be a  $\mathfrak{D}^{\perp}$ -invariant real hypersurface in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ ,  $m \geq 3$ , with commuting normal Jacobi operator. Then  $M$  is congruent to one of the following provided  $\xi \in \mathfrak{D}$  or  $\xi \in \mathfrak{D}^{\perp}$ :*

(A) *an open part of a tube around a totally geodesic  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+1})$  in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ , or*

(B) *an open part of a tube around a totally geodesic and totally real  $\mathbf{Q}P^n$ ,  $m = 2n$ , in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ .*

Now recall a lemma due to Suh [12] as follows:

LEMMA 4.3. *Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ ,  $m \geq 3$ . If the shape operator is parallel along the distribution  $\mathfrak{F} = [\xi] \cup \mathfrak{D}^\perp$ , then  $\xi \in \mathfrak{D}$ .*

By Lemma 4.3 and Theorem 4.2 we assert the following

THEOREM 4.4. *Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ ,  $m \geq 3$ . If the shape operator is parallel along the distribution  $\mathfrak{F} = [\xi] \cup \mathfrak{D}^\perp$ , then  $M$  is locally congruent to a tube over a totally geodesic, totally real  $\mathbf{Q}P^m$ ,  $m = 2n$ , in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ .*

Next we consider  $M$  congruent to a tube of type (B) mentioned in Theorem 4.4, that is, a tube of radius  $r$  over  $\mathbf{Q}P^m$ ,  $m = 2n$  in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ . Then for any  $Y \in T_\lambda$  due to Proposition B in Section 3 we put

$$\begin{aligned} AY &= \cot rY, & A\phi Y &= -\tan r\phi Y, & \phi AY &= \cot r\phi Y, \\ A\phi AY &= \cot rA\phi Y = -\phi Y. \end{aligned}$$

So by the equation of Codazzi we have for any  $Y \in T_\lambda$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (\nabla_\xi A)Y = (\nabla_Y A)\xi + \eta(\xi)\phi Y = (\alpha I - A)\phi AY + \phi Y \\ &= \alpha\phi AY - A\phi AY + \phi Y = \{-2\tan 2r \cdot \cot r + 2\}\phi Y, \end{aligned}$$

where in the second equality we have used  $\mathfrak{J}T_\lambda = T_\lambda$ ,  $\mathfrak{J}T_\mu = T_\mu$ . This gives  $\tan^2 r + 1 = 0$ , which is a contradiction. Then by Theorem 4.4 and Proposition B in Section 3 we assert the following

THEOREM 4.5. *There do not exist any real hypersurfaces  $M$  in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  with parallel second fundamental tensor on  $\mathfrak{F}$  when  $M$  has a commuting Jacobi operator.*

## 5. Proof of the main theorem

In this section we consider a real hypersurface  $M$  in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$  whose normal Jacobi operator  $\bar{R}_N$  commutes with the structure tensor  $\phi$ . Then the commuting condition  $\bar{R}_N \circ \phi = \phi \circ \bar{R}_N$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} (5.1) \quad & 3 \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_\nu(X) \phi \xi_\nu - \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \left\{ \eta_\nu(\xi) (\phi \phi_\nu \phi X - \eta(X) \phi \xi_\nu) - \eta_\nu(\phi X) \phi \phi_\nu \xi \right\} \\ &= 3 \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_\nu(\phi X) \xi_\nu - \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \left\{ \eta_\nu(\xi) (\phi_\nu \phi^2 X - \eta(\phi X) \xi_\nu) - \eta_\nu(\phi^2 X) \phi_\nu \xi \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

This can be written as follows:

$$(5.2) \quad 4 \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(X) \phi \xi_{\nu} - \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(\xi) \eta(\phi_{\nu} X) \xi = 4 \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(\phi X) \xi_{\nu}.$$

Hence, taking an inner product with  $\xi$ , we have

$$\sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(\xi) \eta(\phi_{\nu} X) = 0.$$

Then (5.2) becomes

$$(5.3) \quad \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(X) \phi \xi_{\nu} = \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(\phi X) \xi_{\nu}.$$

Putting  $X = \xi$  in (5.3), we have

$$(5.4) \quad \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(\xi) \phi \xi_{\nu} = 0.$$

Now we put  $\xi = X_1 + X_2$  for some  $X_1 \in \mathfrak{D}^{\perp}$  and  $X_2 \in \mathfrak{D}$ . Then (5.4) gives

$$0 = \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(\xi) \phi_{\nu} \xi = \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(\xi) \phi_{\nu} X_1 + \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(\xi) \phi_{\nu} X_2.$$

From this it follows that

$$(5.5) \quad \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(\xi) \phi_{\nu} X_1 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{\nu=1}^3 \eta_{\nu}(\xi) \phi_{\nu} X_2 = 0,$$

because  $\phi_{\nu} X_1 \in \mathfrak{D}^{\perp}$  and  $\phi_{\nu} X_2 \in \mathfrak{D}$  for any  $\nu = 1, 2, 3$ . The term in the second formula of (5.5) is included in a distribution  $\mathfrak{D}$ . If  $X_2$  vanishes, then  $\xi \in \mathfrak{D}^{\perp}$ . If not, then  $\{\phi_1 X_2, \phi_2 X_2, \phi_3 X_2\} \in \mathfrak{D}$  are linearly independent. So naturally we have  $\eta_{\nu}(\xi) = 0$  for any  $\nu = 1, 2, 3$ . This means that  $\xi \in \mathfrak{D}$ .

Summarizing, we assert the following

LEMMA 5.1. *If  $M$  is a real hypersurface in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ ,  $m \geq 3$ , satisfying  $\bar{R}_N \circ \phi = \phi \circ \bar{R}_N$ , then  $\xi \in \mathfrak{D}$  or  $\xi \in \mathfrak{D}^{\perp}$ .*

Hence, together with Theorem 3.1, we have the following

**THEOREM 5.2.** *Let  $M$  be a  $\mathfrak{D}^\perp$ -invariant real hypersurface in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ . Then  $M$  is Hopf if the Jacobi operator  $\bar{R}_N$  commutes both with the shape operator  $A$  and the structure tensor  $\phi$ .*

Hence, together with Theorem A due to Berndt and Suh [4], we know that  $M$  is congruent to an open part of a tube around a totally geodesic  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+1})$  or a tube around a totally geodesic quaternionic projective space  $\mathbf{Q}P^n$ ,  $m = 2n$ , in  $G_2(\mathbf{C}^{m+2})$ .

Related to our assumption of commuting normal Jacobi operator with the structure tensor we give the following two remarks:

**REMARK 5.1.** By Proposition A let us check whether real hypersurfaces of type (A) satisfy  $\bar{R}_N \circ \phi = \phi \circ \bar{R}_N$  or not as follows:

*Case I:*  $\xi = \xi_1 \in T_\alpha$ . Then by (3.4) we know that  $\bar{R}_N \circ \phi \xi_1 = 0$  and  $\phi \circ \bar{R}_N \xi_1 = 8\phi \xi_1 = 0$ .

*Case II:*  $\xi_2, \xi_3 \in T_\beta$ . Then also by (3.4) we have  $\bar{R}_N \circ \phi \xi_2 = -\bar{R}_N \xi_3 = -2\xi_3$  and  $\phi \circ \bar{R}_N \xi_2 = 2\phi \xi_2 = -2\xi_3$ .

*Case III:*  $X_i \in T_\lambda$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 2(m-1)$ . Then by Proposition A, the eigen space  $T_\lambda$  has the property that  $\phi X = \phi_1 X$  for any  $X \in T_\lambda$ . Moreover, it is invariant by the structure tensor  $\phi$ , that is  $\phi T_\lambda \subset T_\lambda$ , because for any  $X_i \in \mathfrak{D}$  such that  $\phi X_i = \phi_1 X_i$  we have  $\phi \phi X_i = -X_i$  and  $\phi_1 \phi X_i = \phi_1^2 X_i = -X_i$ . Thus  $\phi \phi X_i = \phi_1 \phi X_i$ . So it follows that  $\phi X_i \in T_\lambda$ . Hence, together with (3.5), we have  $(\bar{R}_N \circ \phi) X_i = 2\phi X_i$  and  $(\phi \circ \bar{R}_N) X_i = 2\phi X_i$ .

*Case IV:*  $Y_i \in T_\mu$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 2(m-1)$ . The eigen space  $T_\mu$  has the property that  $\phi Y = -\phi_1 Y$  for any  $Y \in T_\mu$ . Moreover, such an eigen space  $T_\mu$  is  $\phi$ -invariant, that is,  $\phi T_\mu \subset T_\mu$ . In fact, suppose  $Y_i \in \mathfrak{D}$  such that  $\phi Y_i = -\phi_1 Y_i$ . Then  $\phi Y_i \in \mathfrak{D}$ ,  $\phi \phi Y_i = -Y_i$  and  $\phi_1 \phi Y_i = -\phi_1^2 Y_i = Y_i$ . So it follows that  $\phi Y_i \in \mathfrak{D}$ . By using (3.5),  $\bar{R}_N \circ \phi Y_i = 0$  and  $\phi \circ \bar{R}_N Y_i = 0$ . Then by Cases I, II, III and IV the normal Jacobi operator  $\bar{R}_N$  commutes with the structure tensor  $\phi$  for real hypersurfaces of type (A) in Theorem A.

**REMARK 5.2.** By Proposition B we want to check whether real hypersurfaces of type (B) in Theorem A satisfy  $\bar{R}_N \circ \phi = \phi \circ \bar{R}_N$  or not as follows.

In fact, from (3.3) for  $\xi \in \mathfrak{D}$  it follows that  $\bar{R}_N \circ \phi \xi_2 = 0$ , but from (3.1) we know that  $\phi \circ \bar{R}_N \xi_2 = 4\phi \xi_2$ . So naturally the normal Jacobi operator  $\bar{R}_N$  does not commute with the structure tensor  $\phi$  for  $\xi_2 \in T_\beta$  in Proposition B.

By Theorem 5.2 and Theorem A, together with Remarks 5.1 and 5.2 mentioned above we complete the proof of our Theorem 2.



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