

REAL HYPERSURFACES OF A COMPLEX  
PROJECTIVE SPACE

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We study real hypersurfaces  $M$  of a complex projective space and show that a condition on the derivative of the Ricci Tensor of  $M$  implies  $M$  is locally homogeneous with two or three principal curvatures.

0. Introduction.

Let  $P^n(\mathbb{C})$  be an  $n$ -dimensional complex projective space with Fubini-Study metric of constant holomorphic sectional curvature 4. We consider a real hypersurface  $M$  of  $P^n(\mathbb{C})$ . Let  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be an almost contact metric structure induced from the complex structure on  $P^n(\mathbb{C})$  (§1). If the Ricci transformation of  $M$  satisfies

$$(0.1) \quad SX = aX + b\eta(X)\xi .$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are constant, we call  $M$  a pseudo-Einstein hypersurface [3]. Pseudo-Einstein real hypersurfaces in  $P^n(\mathbb{C})$  are completely classified by Kon [3] (see [4]). This result shows that if the Ricci tensor of  $M$  has a nice form, then  $M$  is determined (see [5]). In this paper, we consider the following problem: If the derivative of the Ricci tensor of  $M$  has a nice form, what can we say about  $M$ ?

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We have the following

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface of  $P^n(\mathbb{C})$ . If the Ricci transformation  $S$  of  $M$  satisfies*

$$(0.2) \quad (\nabla_X S)Y = c\{g(\phi AX, Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\phi AX\},$$

where  $c$  is a non-zero constant, and  $A$  denotes the shape operator (§1). Then  $M$  is locally congruent to a homogeneous hypersurface with two or three distinct principal curvatures.

We note that pseudo-Einstein hypersurfaces satisfy (0.2). Moreover,

**THEOREM 2.** *There are no real hypersurfaces with parallel Ricci tensor on which  $\xi$  is principal.*

### 1. Preliminaries.

Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface of  $P^n(\mathbb{C})$ . In a neighbourhood of each point, we choose a unit normal vector field  $N$  in  $P^n(\mathbb{C})$ . The Riemannian connections  $\bar{\nabla}$  in  $P^n(\mathbb{C})$  and  $\nabla$  in  $M$  are related by the following formulas for arbitrary vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$  on  $M$ :

$$(1.1) \quad \bar{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + g(AX, Y)N,$$

$$(1.2) \quad \bar{\nabla}_X N = -AX,$$

where  $g$  denotes the Riemannian metric on  $M$  induced from the Fubini-Study metric  $\bar{g}$  on  $P^n(\mathbb{C})$  and  $A$  is the shape operator of  $M$  in  $P^n(\mathbb{C})$ .

An eigenvector  $X$  of the shape operator  $A$  is called a principal curvature vector. Also an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $A$  is called a principal curvature.

It is known that  $M$  has an almost contact metric structure induced from the complex structure  $J$  on  $P^n(\mathbb{C})$ , (see [6]), that is, we define a tensor field  $\phi$  of type (1.1), a vector field  $\xi$  and a 1-form  $\eta$  on  $M$  by

$$g(\phi X, Y) = \bar{g}(JX, Y) \quad \text{and} \quad g(\xi, X) = \eta(X) = \bar{g}(JX, N).$$

Then we have

$$(1.3) \quad \phi^2 X = -X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad g(\xi, \xi) = 1, \quad \phi\xi = 0.$$

From (1.1), we easily have

$$(1.4) \quad (\nabla_X \phi)Y = \eta(Y)AX - g(AX, Y)\xi ,$$

$$(1.5) \quad \nabla_X \xi = \phi AX .$$

Let  $\bar{R}$  and  $R$  be the curvature tensors of  $P^n(\mathbb{C})$  and  $M$  respectively. Since the curvature tensor  $\bar{R}$  has a nice form, we have the following Gauss and Codazzi equations.

$$(1.6) \quad \begin{aligned} g(R(X, Y)Z, W) &= g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W) \\ &\quad + g(\phi Y, Z)g(\phi X, W) - g(\phi X, Z)g(\phi Y, Z) \\ &\quad - 2g(\phi X, Y)g(\phi Z, W) + g(AY, Z)g(AX, W) \\ &\quad - g(AX, Z)g(AY, W) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(1.7) \quad (\nabla_X A)Y - (\nabla_Y A)X = \eta(X)\phi Y - \eta(Y)\phi X - 2g(\phi X, Y)\xi .$$

Using (1.3), (1.5), (1.6) and (1.7), we get

$$(1.8) \quad SX = (2n+1)X - 3\eta(X)\xi + hAX - A^2X ,$$

$$(1.9) \quad \begin{aligned} (\nabla_X S)Y &= -3\{g(\phi AX, Y)\xi + \eta(Y)\phi AX\} + (Xh)AY + (h - A)(\nabla_X A)Y \\ &\quad - (\nabla_X A)AY , \end{aligned}$$

where  $h = \text{trace } A$  and  $S$  denotes the Ricci tensor on  $M$ .

## 2. Proof of Theorems.

First, we determine the hypersurface  $M$  satisfying (0.2). Using (1.9), we see that (0.2) is equivalent to

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} (c+3)\{\eta(W)g(\phi AX, Y) + \eta(Y)g(\phi AX, W)\} - (Xh)g(AY, W) \\ + g((A - h)(\nabla_X A)Y + (\nabla_X A)AY, W) = 0 . \end{aligned}$$

Contraction with respect to  $Y$  and  $W$ , together with (1.3), yields

$$(2.2) \quad -(Xh)h + \text{trace}(\nabla_X A)(2A - h) = 0 .$$

It follows that  $h^2 - \text{trace } A^2$  is constant. Next, using (1.7), we see that (2.1) becomes

$$(2.3) \quad (c+3)\{\eta(W)g(\phi AX, Y) + \eta(Y)g(\phi AX, W)\} - (Xh)g(AY, W) \\ + g((\nabla_Y A)X + \eta(X)\phi Y - \eta(Y)\phi X - 2g(\phi X, Y)\xi, (A - h)W) \\ + g((\nabla_{AY} A)X + \eta(X)\phi AY - \eta(AY)\phi X - 2g(\phi X, AY)\xi, W) = 0.$$

Contraction with respect to  $X$  and  $W$  yields

$$(2.4) \quad (c+3)g(\phi A\xi, Y) - (AY)h + \text{trace}(A - h)(\nabla_Y A) + \eta((A - h)\phi Y) \\ + 2g(\phi Y, (A - h)\xi) + \text{trace}(\nabla_{AY} A) + 3\eta(\phi AY) = 0.$$

since  $\phi$  and  $\phi A$  are skew-symmetric. (1.3) and commutativity of contraction and covariant differentiation imply

$$(2.5) \quad -cg(A\xi, \phi Y) + \text{trace}(\nabla_Y A)A - h \text{trace}(\nabla_Y A) = 0.$$

and

$$(2.6) \quad -cg(A\xi, \phi Y) + \frac{1}{2}Y(\text{trace } A^2 - h^2) = 0.$$

so that  $g(A\xi, \phi Y) = 0$ . Consequently,  $\xi$  is principal. Let  $A\xi = \mu\xi$ . Then Lemma 2.4 of [5] implies  $\mu$  is locally constant. If we replace  $Y$  by  $\xi$ , (2.1) becomes

$$(2.7) \quad (c+3)\phi AX - (Xh)A\xi + (A - h + \mu)(\nabla_X A)\xi = 0.$$

by (1.3). From (1.5), we have  $(\nabla_X A)\xi = \nabla_X(A\xi) - A\nabla_X\xi = (\mu - A)\phi AX$ .

Then (2.7) gives

$$(2.8) \quad \{(A - h + \mu)(\mu - A) + (c + 3)\}\phi AX - \mu(Xh)\xi = 0.$$

Since  $A\phi(T_x M)$  is orthogonal to  $\xi$ , both first term and second term are zero, so that  $\mu(Xh) = 0$ .

Let  $X$  be a principal vector with principal curvature  $\lambda$ , which is orthogonal to  $\xi$ . Then Lemma 2.2 of [5] implies that  $\phi X$  is a principal vector with principal curvature  $(\lambda\mu + 2)/(2\lambda - \mu)$ , and  $2\lambda - \mu \neq 0$ . Hence (2.8) gives

$$(2.9) \quad \lambda\left\{\left(\frac{\lambda\mu + 2}{2\lambda - \mu} - h + \mu\right)\left(\mu - \frac{\lambda\mu + 2}{2\lambda - \mu}\right) + c + 3\right\} = 0.$$

If  $\mu = 0$ , then  $\lambda \neq 0$ ,  $A\phi X = \lambda^{-1}\phi X$  and  $(\lambda h - 1) + \lambda^2(c + 3) = 0$ .

Let  $A_0$  be the restriction of  $A$  to the orthogonal complement

$\xi^\perp (= \phi T_x M)$  of  $\xi$ . Then  $A_0$  has at most two distinct eigenvalues, so that  $M$  has at most three distinct principal curvatures. From the proof of Theorem 4 of [1],  $M$  is a homogeneous hypersurface with 2 or 3 distinct principal curvatures.

If  $\mu \neq 0$ , then  $h$  is constant. From (2.9),  $A_0$  has at most three distinct constant eigenvalues so that  $M$  has at most four distinct constant principal curvatures. Since  $\xi$  is principal, Theorem 1 and Theorem 4 in [2] implies that  $M$  is a homogeneous hypersurface with 2 or 3 distinct principal curvatures. Thus Theorem 1 is proved.

The same argument implies that if  $M$  has parallel Ricci tensor and  $\xi$  is principal, then  $M$  is a homogeneous hypersurface with 2 or 3 distinct principal curvatures. But there is no homogeneous hypersurface with parallel Ricci tensor. Hence Theorem 2 is proved.

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