

# CR-structure and Levi form on real hypersurfaces in Kähler manifolds

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For an almost contact manifold  $M = (M; \eta, \phi, \xi)$ , the tangent space  $T_p M$  of  $M$  at each point  $p \in M$  is decomposed as  $T_p M = D_p \oplus \{\xi\}_p$  (direct sum), where we denote  $D_p = \{v \in T_p M \mid \eta(v) = 0\}$ . Then  $D : p \rightarrow D_p$  defines a distribution and the restriction  $J = \phi|_D$  of  $\phi$  to  $D$  defines an almost complex structure in  $D$ . Define the Levi form  $L$  by  $L(X, Y) = d\eta(X, JY)$ ,  $X, Y \perp \xi$ .

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#### Theorem 4.

If a real hypersurface  $M$  of a complex space form  $\tilde{M}_n(c)$  is Levi-umbilical, then  $n = 2$  or  $M$  is a Hopf and further a contact-type hypersurface.

- We give a construction of Levi-umbilical non-Hopf hypersurfaces in  $P_2\mathbb{C}$ .



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# Real hypersurfaces in complex two-plane Grassmannians

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## Theorem 5. (I. Jeong, H. Lee and Y.J. Suh)

There does not exist any Hopf hypersurface,  $\alpha \neq 2k$ , in complex two-plane Grassmannians  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ ,  $m \geq 3$ , with parallel shape operator in the generalized Tanaka-Webster connection.



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Y.J. Suh, Real hypersurfaces in complex two-plane Grassmannians with parallel Ricci tensor, Proc. Royal Soc. Edinb., 142A(2012), 1309–1324.

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Thus, we have

### Corollary 8.

- There do not exist Hopf and locally symmetric ( $\nabla R = 0$ ) real hypersurfaces in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ ,  $m \geq 3$ .
- There do not exist Hopf and g.-Tanaka-Webster parallel ( $\hat{\nabla} \hat{R} = 0$  and  $\hat{\nabla} \hat{T} = 0$ ) real hypersurfaces in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ ,  $m \geq 3$ .

Question: Could we find a suitable parallelism in real hypersurfaces in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ ?

# Levi-umbilical hypersurfaces of $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$

Very recently, Cho and Kimura proved

Theorem 9. (J.T. Cho and M. Kimura)

Let  $M$  be a Levi-umbilical real hypersurface with constant mean curvature in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$  or  $G_2^*(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ ,  $m \geq 3$ .

(I) If  $\tilde{M}_n(c) = G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ , then  $m$  is even, say  $m = 2l$ , and  $M$  is locally congruent to a tube around the totally geodesic  $\mathbb{H}P^l \subset G_2(\mathbb{C}^{2l+2})$ .

(II) If  $\tilde{M}_n(c) = G_2^*(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ , then  $M$  is congruent to one of the following:

- (1) a horosphere whose center at infinity is a singular point of type  $JX \perp \mathfrak{J}X$ ,
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The Grassmannian  $G_2^*(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$  has two types of singular tangent vectors  $X$ , namely of type  $JX \in \mathfrak{J}X$  and  $JX \perp \mathfrak{J}X$ . All other tangent vectors are regular. This gives a corresponding concept of singular and regular points at infinity. For more details, we refer to [Berndt-Suh].



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Thank you for your attention !