

# Characterizations of real hypersurfaces with structure Lie operator in a nonflat complex space form

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we prove that a real hypersurface  $M$  in a complex space form  $M_n(c)$ , whose structure Lie operator and structure tensor symmetric and skew-symmetric, is a Hopf hypersurface. We characterize such Hopf hypersurface of  $M_n(c)$ .

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## 1 Introduction

A complex  $n$ -dimensional Kaehlerian manifold of constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $c$  is called a *complex space form*, which is denoted by  $M_n(c)$ . As is well-known, a complete and simply connected complex space form is complex analytically isometric to a complex projective space  $P_n(\mathbb{C})$ , a complex Euclidean space  $\mathbb{C}^n$  or a complex hyperbolic space  $H_n(\mathbb{C})$ , according to  $c > 0$ ,  $c = 0$  or  $c < 0$ .

We consider a real hypersurface  $M$  in a complex space form  $M_n(c)$ ,  $c \neq 0$ . Then  $M$  has an almost contact metric structure  $(\phi, g, \xi, \eta)$  induced from the Kaehler metric and complex structure  $J$  on  $M_n(c)$ . The structure vector field  $\xi$  is said to be *principal* if  $A\xi = \alpha\xi$  is satisfied, where  $A$  is the shape operator of  $M$  and  $\alpha = \eta(A\xi)$ . In this case, it is known that  $\alpha$  is locally constant ([3]) and that  $M$  is called a *Hopf hypersurface*.

Typical examples of Hopf hypersurfaces in  $P_n(\mathbb{C})$  are homogeneous ones, namely those real hypersurfaces are given as orbits under subgroup of the projective unitary group  $PU(n+1)$ . Takagi [11] completely classified such hypersurfaces as six model spaces which are said to be  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$  and  $E$ . On the other hand, real hypersurfaces in  $H_n(\mathbb{C})$  have been investigated by Berndt [1], Montiel and Romero [6] and so on. Berndt [1] classified all homogeneous Hopf hypersurfaces in  $H_n(\mathbb{C})$  as four model spaces which are said to be  $A_0$ ,  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$  and  $B$ . If  $M$  is a real hypersurface of type  $A_1$  or  $A_2$  in  $P_n(\mathbb{C})$  or type  $A_0$ ,  $A_1$  or  $A_2$  in  $H_n(\mathbb{C})$ , then  $M$  is said to be of *type A* for simplicity.

As a typical characterization of real hypersurfaces of type  $A$ , the following is due to Okumura [8] for  $c > 0$  and Montiel and Romero [6] for  $c < 0$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** ([6],[8]) *Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface of  $M_n(c)$ ,  $c \neq 0$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . It satisfies  $A\phi - \phi A = 0$  on  $M$  if and only if  $M$  is locally congruent to one of the model spaces of type  $A$ .*

The induced operator  $L_\xi$  on real hypersurface  $M$  from the 2-form  $\mathcal{L}_\xi g$  is defined by  $(\mathcal{L}_\xi g)(X, Y) = g(L_\xi X, Y)$  for any vector field  $X$  and  $Y$  on  $M$ , where  $\mathcal{L}_\xi$  denotes the operator of the Lie derivative with respect to the structure vector field  $\xi$ . This operator  $L_\xi$  is given

$$L_\xi = \phi A - A\phi$$

on  $M$ , and call it structure Lie operator of  $M$ . One of the most interesting problems in the study of real hypersurfaces  $M$  with commuting operators and anti-commuting operators in  $M_n(c)$  is to investigate a geometric characterization of these model spaces. With respect to the above conditions, some characterizations of real hypersurfaces in  $M_n(c)$  are determined by the above conditions of real hypersurfaces and many important results on them have been obtained by many differential geometers ([2], [3], [5] and [9] etc).

As for the commuting Ricci operator, Kimura ([9]) for  $c > 0$  and Ki and Suh ([3]) showed the following.

**Theorem 1.2.** ([9]) *Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface of  $P_n(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $n \geq 3$ . Then  $M$  satisfies  $\phi S = S\phi$  and  $\xi$  is principal if and only if  $M$  lies on a tube of radius  $r$  over one of the following Kähler submanifolds:*

- (a) *totally geodesic  $P^k(c)$  ( $1 \leq k \leq n - 1$ ), where  $0 < r < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,*
- (b) *complex quadric  $Q^{n-1}(c)$ , where  $0 < r < \frac{\pi}{4}$  and  $\cot^2 2r = n - 2$ ,*
- (c)  *$P^1(c) \times P^{\frac{n-1}{2}}$ , where  $0 < r < \frac{\pi}{4}$  and  $\cot^2 2r = \frac{1}{(n-2)}$  and  $n(\geq 5)$  is odd,*
- (d) *complex Grassmann  $G_{2,5}(c)$ , where  $0 < r < \frac{\pi}{4}$ ,  $\cot^2 2r = \frac{3}{5}$  and  $n = 9$ ,*
- (e) *Hermitian symmetric space  $SO(10)/U(5)$ , where  $0 < r < \frac{\pi}{4}$ ,  $\cot^2 2r = \frac{5}{9}$  and  $n = 15$ ,*
- (f)  *$k$ -dimensional Kähler submanifold on which the rank of each shape operator is not greater than 2 and non zero principal curvature  $\neq \pm((2k - 1)/(2n - 2k - 1))^{1/2}$  with  $\cot^2 r = (2k - 1)/(2n - 2k - 1)$ .*

**Theorem 1.3.** ([3]) *Let  $M$  be a connected real hypersurface of  $H_n(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $n \geq 3$ . Then the Ricci tensor of  $M$  commutes with the almost contact structure of  $M$  induced from  $H_n(\mathbb{C})$  if and only if  $M$  is of type  $A_1, A_2$ .*

On the other hand, Cho and Ki ([2]) and Sohn and Lim ([4]) have proved the followings.

**Theorem 1.4.** ([2]) *Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface of  $P_n(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $c \neq 0$ . It satisfies  $R_\xi \phi A = A\phi R_\xi$  on  $M$ , Then  $M$  is locally congruent to one of the model space of type  $A$ .*

**Theorem 1.5.** ([4]) *Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface of  $P_n(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $c \neq 0$ . Then  $M$  satisfies  $R_\xi\phi A + A\phi R_\xi = 0$  if and only if  $M$  is locally congruent to one of the model space of type  $A$ .*

With respect to the structure Lie operator, the present author and W.H. Sohn ([5]) have proved the following.

**Theorem 1.6.** ([5]) *Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface of  $M_n(c)$ ,  $c \neq 0$ . If  $M$  has  $L_\xi\phi A = A\phi L_\xi$ , Then  $M$  is locally congruent to a real hypersurface of type  $A$ .*

In this paper, we shall study a real hypersurface in a nonflat complex space form  $M_n(c)$  with symmetric or skew-symmetric operators of  $L_\xi$  and  $\phi$  and give some characterizations of such a real hypersurface in  $M_n(c)$ . Namely, we shall prove the following theorems

**Theorem A** *Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface satisfying  $L_\xi\phi = \phi L_\xi$  in a complex space form  $M_n(c)$ ,  $c \neq 0$ . Then  $M$  is a Hopf hypersurface in  $M_n(c)$ .*

**Theorem B** *Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface in a complex space form  $M_n(c)$ ,  $c \neq 0$ . Then it satisfies  $L_\xi\phi = \phi L_\xi$  on  $M$  if and only if  $M$  is locally congruent to one of the model spaces of type  $A$ .*

**Theorem C** *Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface satisfying  $L_\xi\phi + \phi L_\xi = 0$  in a complex space form  $M_n(c)$ ,  $c \neq 0$ . Then  $M$  is a Hopf hypersurface in  $M_n(c)$ .*

All manifolds in the present paper are assumed to be connected and of class  $C^\infty$  and the real hypersurfaces supposed to be orientable.

## 2 Preliminaries

Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface immersed in a complex space form  $M_n(c)$ , and  $N$  be a unit normal vector field of  $M$ . By  $\tilde{\nabla}$  we denote the Levi-Civita connection with respect to the Fubini-Study metric tensor  $\tilde{g}$  of  $M_n(c)$ . Then the Gauss and Weingarten formulas are given respectively by

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

for any vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$  tangent to  $M$ , where  $g$  denotes the Riemannian metric tensor of  $M$  induced from  $\tilde{g}$ , and  $A$  is the shape operator of  $M$  in  $M_n(c)$ . For any vector field  $X$  on  $M$  we put

$$JX = \phi X + \eta(X)N, \quad JN = -\xi,$$

where  $J$  is the almost complex structure of  $M_n(c)$ . Then we see that  $M$  induces an almost contact metric structure  $(\phi, g, \xi, \eta)$ , that is,

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \phi^2 X &= -X + \eta(X)\xi, & \phi\xi &= 0, & \eta(\xi) &= 1, \\ g(\phi X, \phi Y) &= g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y), & \eta(X) &= g(X, \xi), \end{aligned}$$

for any vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$  on  $M$ . Since the almost complex structure  $J$  is parallel, we can verify from the Gauss and Weingarten formulas the followings :

$$(2.2) \quad \nabla_X \xi = \phi AX,$$

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

Since the ambient manifold is of constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $c$ , we have the following Gauss and Codazzi equations respectively :

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} R(X, Y)Z = & \frac{c}{4}\{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y + g(\phi Y, Z)\phi X - g(\phi X, Z)\phi Y \\ & - 2g(\phi X, Y)\phi Z\} + g(AY, Z)AX - g(AX, Z)AY, \end{aligned}$$

$$(2.5) \quad (\nabla_X A)Y - (\nabla_Y A)X = \frac{c}{4}\{\eta(X)\phi Y - \eta(Y)\phi X - 2g(\phi X, Y)\xi\},$$

for any vector fields  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$  on  $M$ , where  $R$  denotes the Riemannian curvature tensor of  $M$ . By the use of (2), we have  $(\mathcal{L}_\xi g)(X, Y) = g((\phi A - A\phi)X, Y)$ , for any vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$  on  $M$ , and hence the induced operator  $L_\xi$  from  $\mathcal{L}_\xi g$  is given

$$(2.6) \quad L_\xi X = (\phi A - A\phi)X.$$

Let  $W$  be a unit vector field on  $M$  with the same direction of the vector field  $-\phi\nabla_\xi \xi$ , and let  $\mu$  be the length of the vector field  $-\phi\nabla_\xi \xi$  if it does not vanish, and zero (constant function) if it vanishes. Then it is easily seen from (2) that

$$(2.7) \quad A\xi = \alpha\xi + \mu W,$$

where  $\alpha = \eta(A\xi)$ . We notice here that  $W$  is orthogonal to  $\xi$ .

We put

$$(2.8) \quad \Omega = \{p \in M \mid \mu(p) \neq 0\}.$$

Then  $\Omega$  is an open subset of  $M$ .

### 3 Proof of Theorems

In this section, we shall prove Theorems A, B and C . Now Now we need the following lemmas in order to prove the our main results.

**Lemma 3.1**([3], [7]) *If  $\xi$  is a principal curvature vector, then the corresponding principal curvature  $\alpha$  is locally constant.*

**Lemma 3.2**([7]) *Assume that  $\xi$  is a principal curvature vector and the corresponding principal is  $\alpha$ . Then*

$$(3.1) \quad A\phi A - \frac{\alpha}{2}(A\phi + \phi A) - \frac{c}{4} = 0.$$

**Proof of Theorem A.**

We assume that the Lie structure operator  $L_\xi$  and structure tensor field  $\phi$  are commute, that is,  $L_\xi\phi = \phi L_\xi$ . Hence, we have

$$(3.2) \quad 2(\phi A\phi + A)X = (2\alpha\eta(X) + \mu w(X))\xi + \mu\eta(X)W,$$

for any vector field  $X$  on  $\Omega$ , where  $w$  is the dual 1-form of the unit vector field  $W$ .

If we put  $X = \xi$  into (3.2), then we have

$$(3.3) \quad 2A\xi = 2\alpha\xi + \mu W.$$

If we substitute (2.7) into (3.3) then we obtains  $\mu = 0$  on  $\Omega$ , and it is a contradiction. Thus the set  $\Omega$  is empty and hence  $M$  is a Hopf hypersurface.  $\square$

**Proof of Theorem B.**

By Theorem A,  $M$  is a Hopf hypersurface in  $M_n(c)$ , that is  $A\xi = \alpha\xi$ . Therefore the assumption  $L_\xi\phi = \phi L_\xi$  is equivalent to

$$(3.4) \quad (\phi A\phi + A)X = \alpha\eta(X)\xi.$$

For any vector field  $X$  on  $M$  such that  $AX = \lambda X$ , it follows from (3.1) that

$$(3.5) \quad \left(\lambda - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)A\phi X = \frac{1}{2}\left(\alpha\lambda + \frac{c}{2}\right)\phi X.$$

We can choose an orthonormal frame field  $\{X_0 = \xi, X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{2(n-1)}\}$  on  $M$  such that  $AX_i = \lambda_i X_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 2(n-1)$ . If  $\lambda_i \neq \frac{\alpha}{2}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq p \leq 2(n-1)$ , then we see from (3.5) that  $\phi X_i$  is also a principal direction, say  $A\phi X_i = \mu_i \phi X_i$ . From (3.4), we have  $\mu_i = \lambda_i$  and hence  $A\phi X_i = \phi A X_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq p$ . If  $\lambda_i \neq \frac{\alpha}{2}$  and  $\lambda_j = \frac{\alpha}{2}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq p$  and  $p+1 \leq j \leq 2(n-1)$  respectively, then we gets  $c = -\alpha^2$  and it follows from (3.4) that

$$(3.6) \quad \phi A\phi X_j + AX_j = 0.$$

Taking inner product of (3.6) with  $X_i$ , we obtain  $(\lambda_i - \mu_i)g(X_i, X_j) = 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq p$ . If  $\lambda_i = \mu_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq p$ , then we have

$$(3.7) \quad \lambda_i = \mu_i = \frac{\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 + c}}{2}.$$

Since  $c = -\alpha^2$ , it follows that  $\lambda_i = \frac{\alpha}{2}$ , and hence a contradiction. If  $\lambda_j = \frac{\alpha}{2}$  for  $1 \leq j \leq 2(n-1)$ , then it is easily seen that  $A\phi X_j = \phi A X_j$  for all  $j$ . Therefore we have  $L_\xi = \phi A - A\phi = 0$  on  $M$ . Theorem B follows Theorem 1.  $\square$

**Proof of Theorem C.**

Assume that the Lie structure operator  $L_\xi$  and structure tensor field  $\phi$  are skew-symmetric, that is,  $L_\xi\phi + \phi L_\xi = 0$ . Hence, we have

$$(3.8) \quad \eta(X)A\xi - \eta(AX)\xi = 0.$$

If we put  $X = \xi$  into (3.8), then we have

$$(3.9) \quad A\xi = \alpha\xi.$$

Comparing (2.7) with (3.9), we get  $\mu = 0$  and hence a contradiction. Thus the set  $\Omega$  is empty and hence  $M$  is a Hopf hypersurface.  $\square$

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