

# THE PARALLELISMS FOR THE SHAPE OPERATOR OF REAL HYPERSURFACES IN COMPLEX HYPERBOLIC TWO-PLANE GRASSMANNIANS

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As examples of Hermitian symmetric spaces of rank 2 we can give Riemannian symmetric spaces  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2}) = SU_{m+2}/S(U_2U_m)$  and  $Q^m = SO_{m+2}/SO_mSO_2$ , which are said to be complex two-plane Grassmannians and complex quadric, respectively. Recently, the second author has focused on research for hypersurfaces of  $Q^m$  (see [7, 8]). On the other hand, as another kind of Hermitian symmetric space with rank 2 of noncompact type, we can give an example of *complex hyperbolic two-plane Grassmannians*  $G_2^*(\mathbb{C}^{m+2}) = SU_{m,2}/S(U_2U_m)$  which is a set of all complex two-dimensional linear subspaces in indefinite complex Euclidean spaces  $\mathbb{C}_2^{m+2}$ . Then it is known that  $G_2^*(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$  has both a Kaehler structure  $J$  and a quaternionic Kaehler structure  $\mathfrak{J}$  not containing  $J$ , for details we refer to [5, 6]. In particular, when  $m = 1$ ,  $G_2^*(\mathbb{C}^3)$  is isometric to the two-dimensional complex hyperbolic space  $CH^2$  with constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $-4$ . When  $m = 2$ , we note that the isomorphism  $SO_{4,2} \simeq SU_{2,2}$  yields an isometry between  $G_2^*(\mathbb{C}^4)$  and the indefinite real Grassmann manifold  $G_2^*(\mathbb{R}_2^6)$  of oriented two-dimensional linear subspaces in  $\mathbb{R}_2^6$ . For this reason we assume  $m \geq 3$  from now on.

On a real hypersurface  $M$  in  $G_2^*(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ , we can naturally consider two geometric conditions that the 1-dimensional distribution  $\mathcal{C}^\perp = \text{Span}\{\xi\}$  and the 3-dimensional distribution  $\mathcal{Q}^\perp = \text{Span}\{\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3\}$  are both invariant under the shape operator  $A$  of  $M$ . Here the almost contact structure vector field  $\xi$  defined by  $\xi = -JN$  is said to be a *Reeb* vector field, where  $N$  denotes a local unit normal vector field of  $M$  in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ . And a real hypersurface such that  $A\mathcal{C}^\perp \subset \mathcal{C}^\perp$  is called by *Hopf hypersurface*. The *almost contact 3-structure* vector fields  $\xi_\nu$  for the 3-dimensional distribution  $\mathcal{Q}^\perp$  of  $M$  in  $G_2^*(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$  are defined by  $\xi_\nu = -J_\nu N$  ( $\nu = 1, 2, 3$ ), where  $J_\nu$  denotes a canonical local basis of a quaternionic Kaehler structure  $\mathfrak{J}$ , such that  $T_x M = \mathcal{Q} \oplus \mathcal{Q}^\perp$ ,  $x \in M$ . In addition, a real hypersurface of  $G_2^*(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$  satisfying  $g(A\mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{Q}^\perp) = 0$  (i.e.  $A\mathcal{Q}^\perp \subset \mathcal{Q}^\perp$  or  $A\mathcal{Q} \subset \mathcal{Q}$ , resp.) is said to be a  $\mathcal{Q}^\perp$ -invariant hypersurface.

In a paper due to Suh [5] we have introduced the following theorem.

**Theorem A.** *Let  $M$  be a connected real hypersurface in  $G_2^*(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ ,  $m \geq 3$ . Then both  $\mathcal{C}^\perp$  and  $\mathcal{Q}^\perp$  are invariant under the shape operator of  $M$  if and only if  $M$  is congruent to an open part of one of the following hypersurfaces:*

( $\mathcal{T}_A$ ) *a tube around a totally geodesic  $SU_{2,m-1}/S(U_2U_{m-1})$  in  $SU_{2,m}/S(U_2U_m)$ ;*

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- ( $\mathcal{T}_B$ ) a tube around a totally geodesic  $\mathbb{H}H^n$  in  $SU_{2,m}/S(U_2U_m)$ ,  $m = 2n$ ;
  - ( $\mathcal{H}_A$ ) a horosphere in  $SU_{2,m}/S(U_2U_m)$  whose center at infinity is singular and of type  $JX \in \mathfrak{J}X$ ;
  - ( $\mathcal{H}_B$ ) a horosphere in  $SU_{2,m}/S(U_2U_m)$  whose center at infinity is singular and of type  $JX \perp \mathfrak{J}X$ ;
- or the following exceptional case holds:
- ( $\mathcal{E}$ ) The normal bundle  $\nu M$  of  $M$  consists of singular tangent vectors of type  $JX \perp \mathfrak{J}X$ . Moreover,  $M$  has at least four distinct principal curvatures, three of which are given by

$$\alpha = \sqrt{2}, \quad \gamma = 0, \quad \lambda = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

with corresponding principal curvature spaces

$$T_\alpha = (\mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{Q})^\perp, \quad T_\gamma = J\mathcal{Q}^\perp, \quad T_\lambda \subset \mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{Q} \cap J\mathcal{Q}.$$

If  $\mu$  is another (possibly nonconstant) principal curvature function, then we have  $T_\mu \subset \mathcal{C} \cap \mathcal{Q} \cap J\mathcal{Q}$ ,  $JT_\mu \subset T_\lambda$  and  $\mathfrak{J}T_\mu \subset T_\lambda$ .

In this talk, we consider a new concept as the generalization of parallelism with respect to the shape operator  $\tilde{A}$  of a submanifold  $\tilde{M}$  in a Riemannian manifold. Actually, if the shape operator  $\tilde{A}$  of  $\tilde{M}$  satisfies

$$(*) \quad \begin{aligned} & \mathfrak{S}_{X,Y,Z \in T\tilde{M}} g((\tilde{\nabla}_X \tilde{A})Y, Z) \\ & = g((\tilde{\nabla}_X \tilde{A})Y, Z) + g((\tilde{\nabla}_Y \tilde{A})Z, X) + g((\tilde{\nabla}_Z \tilde{A})X, Y) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\tilde{\nabla}$  is the Levi-Civita connection on  $\tilde{M}$ , then  $\tilde{M}$  is said to be *cyclic parallel*. When  $\tilde{M}$  is a real hypersurface in complex space form  $M^n(c)$  with constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $4c$ ,  $c \neq 0$ ,  $n \geq 3$ , the cyclic parallelism is equivalent to the condition

$$(\nabla_X A)Y = -c\{\eta(Y)\phi X + g(\phi X, Y)\xi\}$$

for any vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$  tangent to  $\tilde{M}$ . Maeda ([4]) and Chen, Ludden and Montiel ([1]) classified real hypersurfaces in  $M^n(c)$ ,  $c \neq 0$ , under this condition.

By these motivations we consider the cyclic parallelism for real hypersurfaces in complex hyperbolic two-plane Grassmannians  $G_2^*(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$  and prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.** *There does not exist any cyclic parallel hypersurface in complex hyperbolic two-plane Grassmannians  $G_2^*(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ ,  $m \geq 3$ , with non-vanishing geodesic Reeb flow.*

Moreover, by virtue of the equation of Codazzi on a real hypersurface in  $G_2^*(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$  we see that if the Reeb vector field  $\xi$  belongs to the distribution  $\mathcal{Q}^\perp$ , then a cyclic parallel hypersurface satisfies the condition of Reeb parallelism. So, we obtain:

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface in complex hyperbolic two-plane Grassmannians  $G_2^*(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ ,  $m \geq 3$ , with non-vanishing geodesic Reeb flow. Then the shape operator  $A$  of  $M$  is Reeb parallel if and only if  $M$  is locally congruent to an open part of one of the following two hypersurfaces:*

- ( $\mathcal{T}_A$ ) a tube around some totally geodesic  $G_2^*(\mathbb{C}^{m+1}) = SU_{2,m-1}/S(U_2U_{m-1})$  in  $G_2^*(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$  or
- ( $\mathcal{H}_A$ ) a horospher whose center at infinity is singular and of type  $JN \in \mathfrak{J}N$ .

Finally, in [2] it has studied about the Reeb parallelism of a real hypersurface in complex two-plane Grassmannians  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ . As a lemma for this result we observe the relation between the cyclic parallelism and the Reeb parallelism for a real hypersurface in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ . And by virtue of this result we obtain:

**Theorem 3.** *There does not exist any cyclic parallel hypersurface in complex two-plane Grassmannians  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ ,  $m \geq 3$ , with non-vanishing geodesic Reeb flow.*

Throughout this talk, we use some references [5] and [6] (or [2] and [3], resp.) to recall the Riemannian geometry of  $G_2^*(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$  (or  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ , resp.) and some fundamental formulas including the Codazzi and Gauss equations for a real hypersurface in  $G_2^*(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$  (or  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ , resp.).

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