

## NOTES ON REAL HYPERSURFACES IN A COMPLEX SPACE FORM

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ABSTRACT. We characterize a homogeneous real hypersurface of type (A) or a ruled real hypersurface in a non-flat complex space form, respectively.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $(\widetilde{M}_n(c), J, \widetilde{g})$  be an  $n$ -dimensional complex space form with Kählerian structure  $(J, \widetilde{g})$  of constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $c$  and let  $M$  be an orientable real hypersurface in  $\widetilde{M}_n(c)$ . Then  $M$  has an almost contact metric structure  $(\eta, \phi, \xi, g)$  induced from  $(J, \widetilde{g})$  (see Section 1). U.-H. Ki and Y. J. Suh [13] proved that there are no real hypersurfaces in a non-flat complex space form satisfying  $\phi A + A\phi = 0$ . From this we see that there are no almost cosymplectic or almost Kenmotsu real hypersurfaces in a non-flat complex space form (see Proposition 4 in Section 3). We put  $P = \phi A + A\phi$ . Then we prove that  $P$  is invariant along the Reeb flow, that is,  $\mathcal{L}_\xi P = 0$  if and only if  $M$  is locally congruent to a homogeneous hypersurface of type (A) in  $P_n\mathbb{C}$  or  $H_n\mathbb{C}$  (Theorem 9).

In Section 4, we prove that for a real hypersurface  $M$  in a non-flat complex space form  $\widetilde{M}_n(c)$  ( $c \neq 0$ )  $\phi$  is a transversal Killing tensor field, that is,  $(\nabla_X \phi)X = 0$  for any vector field  $X \perp \xi$  if and only if  $M$  is locally congruent to a ruled real hypersurface (Theorem 13). Also, we prove that for a real hypersurface  $M$  in a non-flat complex space form  $\widetilde{M}_n(c)$  ( $c \neq 0$ ),  $n \geq 3$ , the shape operator  $A$  is transversally Killing (that is,  $(\nabla_X A)X = 0$  for any vector field  $X \perp \xi$ ) if and only if  $M$  is locally congruent to a real hypersurface of type (A) (Theorem 16).

### 2. Almost contact geometry

In this paper, all manifolds are assumed to be connected and of class  $C^\infty$  and the real hypersurfaces are supposed to be oriented.

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First, we give a brief review of several fundamental notions and formulas which we will need later on. An odd-dimensional differentiable manifold  $M$  has an *almost contact structure* if it admits a (1,1)-tensor field  $\phi$ , a vector field  $\xi$  and a 1-form  $\eta$  satisfying

$$(1) \quad \phi^2 = -I + \eta \otimes \xi, \quad \eta(\xi) = 1.$$

We call  $\xi$  the *Reeb vector field*. Then we can always find a compatible Riemannian metric  $g$ , namely it satisfies

$$(2) \quad g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$ . We call  $(\eta, \phi, \xi, g)$  an *almost contact metric structure* of  $M$  and  $M = (M, \eta, \phi, \xi, g)$  an *almost contact metric manifold*. From (1) and (2) we easily get

$$\phi\xi = 0, \quad \eta \circ \phi = 0, \quad \eta(X) = g(X, \xi).$$

The tangent space  $T_p M$  of  $M$  at each point  $p \in M$  is decomposed as  $T_p M = D_p \oplus \text{Span}\{\xi\}_p$  (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 orthogonal to  $\xi$ . For an almost contact metric manifold  $M$ , one may define naturally an almost complex structure on the product manifold  $M \times \mathbb{R}$ , where  $\mathbb{R}$  denotes the real line. If the almost complex structure is integrable,  $M$  is said to be normal. The integrability condition for the almost complex structure is the vanishing of the tensor  $[\phi, \phi] + 2d\eta \otimes \xi$ , where  $[\phi, \phi]$  denotes the Nijenhuis torsion of  $\phi$ . For an almost contact metric manifold  $M$ , we define its fundamental 2-form  $\Phi$  by  $\Phi(X, Y) = g(\phi X, Y)$ . If  $M$  satisfies in addition

$$\Phi = d\eta,$$

$M$  is called a *contact metric manifold*. A normal contact metric manifold is called a Sasakian manifold. An almost contact metric manifold is said to be a *quasi-Sasakian manifold* if it is normal and  $d\Phi = 0$ . Then we easily see that Sasakian manifolds are quasi-Sasakian. Other than a class of contact manifolds, we have mainly two classes of almost contact manifolds, that is, almost cosymplectic manifolds and almost Kenmotsu manifolds. An almost contact metric manifold  $(M, \eta, \phi, \xi, g)$  is said to be almost cosymplectic if  $d\eta = 0$  and  $d\Phi = 0$ . Such a class was introduced by S. I. Goldberg and K. Yano [10]. The trivial products of an almost Kählerian manifold and a real line or a circle are the simplest examples of such manifolds. An almost contact metric manifold  $M$  is said to be almost Kenmotsu if  $d\eta = 0$  and  $d\Phi = 2\eta \wedge \Phi$ . The warped products of an almost Kählerian manifold and a real line give examples of almost Kenmotsu manifolds. For further properties and examples of almost Kenmotsu manifolds, we refer to [9] and [12].

For more details about the general theory of almost contact metric manifolds, we refer to [4].

### 3. Real hypersurfaces in a complex space form

Let  $\widetilde{M} = \widetilde{M}_n(c)$  be a complex space form of constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $c$ ,  $M$  be a real hypersurface of  $\widetilde{M}$  and  $N$  be a unit normal vector field of  $M$  in  $\widetilde{M}$ . We denote by  $\widetilde{g}$  and  $J$  a Kählerian metric tensor and its complex structure tensor on  $\widetilde{M}$ , respectively. For any vector field  $X$  tangent to  $M$ , we put

$$(3) \quad JX = \phi X + \eta(X)N, \quad JN = -\xi,$$

where  $\phi X$  is the tangential part of  $JX$ ,  $\phi$  a (1,1)-type tensor field,  $\eta$  is a 1-form, and  $\xi$  is a unit vector field on  $M$ . The induced Riemannian metric on  $M$  is denoted by  $g$ . Then by properties of  $(J, \widetilde{g})$  we see that the structure  $(\eta, \phi, \xi, g)$  is an almost contact metric structure on  $M$ . Indeed, we can deduce (1) and (2) from (3).

The Gauss and Weingarten formula for  $M$  are given as

$$\begin{aligned} \widetilde{\nabla}_X Y &= \nabla_X Y + g(AX, Y)N, \\ \widetilde{\nabla}_X N &= -AX \end{aligned}$$

for any tangent vector fields  $X, Y$ , where  $\widetilde{\nabla}$  and  $\nabla$  denote the Levi-Civita connections of  $(M_n(c), \widetilde{g})$  and  $(M, g)$ , respectively, and  $A$  is the shape operator field. An eigenvalue and an eigenvector of the shape operator  $A$  is called a principal curvature and a principal curvature vector, respectively. From (3) and  $\widetilde{\nabla}J = 0$ , we then obtain

$$(4) \quad (\nabla_X \phi)Y = \eta(Y)AX - g(AX, Y)\xi,$$

$$(5) \quad \nabla_X \xi = \phi AX.$$

We easily see that  $d\Phi(X, Y, Z) = 0$  is equivalent to  $\mathfrak{S}_{X,Y,Z} g((\nabla_X \phi)Y, Z) = 0$ , where  $\mathfrak{S}_{X,Y,Z}$  denotes the cyclic sum for  $X, Y, Z$ . Then we find from (4)

**Proposition 1.** *Every real hypersurface in a Kählerian manifold satisfies  $d\Phi = 0$ .*

Due to [13] we know that there are no real hypersurfaces in a non-flat complex space form satisfying  $\phi A + A\phi = 0$ . Using (5) we have also:

**Proposition 2.** *There is no real hypersurface in a non-flat complex space form whose almost contact metric structure is almost cosymplectic or almost Kenmotsu.*

We have the following Gauss and Codazzi equations:

$$(6) \quad \begin{aligned} R(X, Y)Z &= \frac{c}{4} \{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y \\ &\quad + g(\phi Y, Z)\phi X - g(\phi X, Z)\phi Y - 2g(\phi X, Y)\phi Z\} \\ &\quad + g(AY, Z)AX - g(AX, Z)AY, \end{aligned}$$

$$(7) \quad (\nabla_X A)Y - (\nabla_Y A)X = \frac{c}{4} \{ \eta(X)\phi Y - \eta(Y)\phi X - 2g(\phi X, Y)\xi \}$$

for any tangent vector fields  $X, Y, Z$  on  $M$ .

The following facts are needed later to prove our results.

**Lemma 3** ([13], [17], [19]). *If  $\xi$  is a principal curvature vector, then the associated principal curvature  $\alpha = g(A\xi, \xi)$  is constant.*

Suppose that  $M$  is a Hopf hypersurface, that is,  $\xi$  is a principal curvature vector field  $A\xi = \alpha\xi$ . Differentiating this covariantly, then by using Lemma 3 and (5) we have

$$(\nabla_X A)\xi = \alpha\phi AX - A\phi AX,$$

and further by using (7) we obtain

$$(8) \quad (\nabla_\xi A)X = \frac{c}{4}\phi X + \alpha\phi AX - A\phi AX$$

for any vector field  $X$  on  $M$ . Since  $\nabla_\xi A$  is self-adjoint, we have

$$2A\phi AX - \frac{c}{2}\phi X = \alpha(\phi A + A\phi)X.$$

If we assume that  $AX = \lambda X$  ( $\|X\| = 1$ ) for  $X$  orthogonal to  $\xi$ , then we get

$$(9) \quad (2\lambda - \alpha)A\phi X = (\lambda\alpha + \frac{c}{2})\phi X.$$

We may also refer to [22, Lemma 2.2 and Corollary 2.3]. Then, we have:

**Lemma 4.** *For a Hopf hypersurface  $M$  in a non-flat complex space form  $\widetilde{M}_n(c)$ ,  $\phi X$  is a principal direction if  $X(\perp \xi)$  is a principal direction.*

R. Takagi [28], [29] classified the homogeneous real hypersurfaces of  $P_n\mathbb{C}$  into six types. T. E. Cecil and P. J. Ryan [6] extensively studied a Hopf hypersurface (whose Reeb vector  $\xi$  is a principal curvature vector), which is realized as tubes over certain submanifolds in  $P_n\mathbb{C}$ , by using its focal map. By making use of those results, M. Kimura [15] proved the local classification theorem for Hopf hypersurfaces of  $P_n\mathbb{C}$  whose all principal curvatures are constant.

**Theorem 5** ([15]). *Let  $M$  be a Hopf hypersurface of  $P_n\mathbb{C}$ . Then  $M$  has constant principal curvatures if and only if  $M$  is locally congruent to one of the following:*

- (A<sub>1</sub>) a geodesic hypersphere of radius  $r$ , where  $0 < r < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,
- (A<sub>2</sub>) a tube of radius  $r$  over a totally geodesic  $P_l\mathbb{C}$  ( $1 \leq l \leq n-2$ ), where  $0 < r < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,
- (B) a tube of radius  $r$  over a complex quadric  $Q^{n-1}$  and  $P_n\mathbb{R}$ , where  $0 < r < \frac{\pi}{4}$ ,
- (C) a tube of radius  $r$  over  $P_1\mathbb{C} \times P_{\frac{n-1}{2}}\mathbb{C}$ , where  $0 < r < \frac{\pi}{4}$  and  $n(\geq 5)$  is odd,
- (D) a tube of radius  $r$  over a complex Grassmann  $G_{2,5}\mathbb{C}$ , where  $0 < r < \frac{\pi}{4}$  and  $n = 9$ ,

(E) a tube of radius  $r$  over a Hermitian symmetric space  $SO(10)/U(5)$ , where  $0 < r < \frac{\pi}{4}$  and  $n = 15$ .

For the case  $H_n\mathbb{C}$ , J. Berndt [3] proved the classification theorem for Hopf hypersurfaces whose all principal curvatures are constant.

**Theorem 6** ([3]). *Let  $M$  be a Hopf hypersurface of  $H_n\mathbb{C}$ . Then  $M$  has constant principal curvatures if and only if  $M$  is locally congruent to one of the following:*

- (A<sub>0</sub>) a horosphere,
- (A<sub>1</sub>) a geodesic hypersphere or a tube over a complex hyperbolic hyperplane  $H_{n-1}\mathbb{C}$ ,
- (A<sub>2</sub>) a tube over a totally geodesic  $H_l\mathbb{C}$  ( $1 \leq l \leq n - 2$ ),
- (B) a tube over a totally real hyperbolic space  $H_n\mathbb{R}$ .

We call simply type (A) for real hypersurfaces of type (A<sub>1</sub>), (A<sub>2</sub>) in  $P_n\mathbb{C}$  and ones of type (A<sub>0</sub>), (A<sub>1</sub>) or (A<sub>2</sub>) in  $H_n\mathbb{C}$ .

Real hypersurfaces with  $A\phi + \phi A = k\phi$  are classified by T. Adachi, M. Kameda and S. Maeda (see also Lemma 3.1 in [27] for the case  $c < 0$  and  $n > 2$ ):

**Proposition 7** ([1]). *Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface of  $\widetilde{M}_n(c)$  with  $n \geq 2$  and  $c \neq 0$ . Then  $M$  satisfies  $\phi A + A\phi = k\phi$  for some nonzero constant  $k$  if and only if  $M$  is of type (A<sub>0</sub>), (A<sub>1</sub>) or (B).*

Homogeneous real hypersurfaces of type (A) are characterized as follows:

**Proposition 8** ([11], [20], [21], [23], [24], [25]). *Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface in a non-flat complex space form  $\widetilde{M}_n(c)$  ( $n \geq 2$ ). Then the following conditions are mutually equivalent:*

- $M$  satisfies  $A\phi = \phi A$ ;
- $M$  is locally congruent to a type (A) hypersurface;
- $\xi$  is a Killing vector field;
- the almost contact metric structure is normal.

In these cases,  $M$  is a quasi-Sasakian manifold.

From Propositions 7 and 8, type (A<sub>2</sub>) hypersurfaces are characterized as the only non-Sasakian quasi-Sasakian hypersurfaces in  $P_n\mathbb{C}$  and  $H_n\mathbb{C}$  (cf. [7], [26]).

**Theorem 9.** *Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface in a non-flat complex space form  $\widetilde{M}_n(c)$  ( $c \neq 0$ ). Then  $P = \phi A + A\phi$  is invariant along the Reeb flow, that is,  $\mathcal{L}_\xi P = 0$  if and only if  $M$  is locally congruent to a homogeneous hypersurface of type (A) in  $P_n\mathbb{C}$  or  $H_n\mathbb{C}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be real hypersurface in a non-flat complex space form  $\widetilde{M}_n(c)$ . Suppose that  $M$  satisfies  $\mathcal{L}_\xi P = 0$ . We compute first  $(\mathcal{L}_\xi P)X = \mathcal{L}_\xi(PX) - P(\mathcal{L}_\xi X) = [\xi, PX] - P[\xi, X]$ , where  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  denotes the Lie bracket. Then using (5) we have

$$(10) \quad (\nabla_\xi P)X = \phi APX - P\phi AX.$$

Develop (10) to

$$(11) \quad (\nabla_\xi \phi)AX + \phi(\nabla_\xi A)X + (\nabla_\xi A)\phi X + A(\nabla_\xi \phi)X = \phi APX - P\phi AX$$

for any vector field  $X$  on  $M$ . Use (4) to obtain

$$(12) \quad (\phi(\nabla_\xi A) + (\nabla_\xi A)\phi)X = \eta(A^2X)\xi - \eta(X)A^2\xi + \phi APX - P\phi AX.$$

Since  $\phi(\nabla_\xi A) + (\nabla_\xi A)\phi$  is skew-symmetric, from (12) we have

$$(13) \quad \phi APX - P\phi AX + PA\phi X - A\phi PX = 0.$$

If we put  $X = \xi$  in (13), then we get

$$(14) \quad A\phi U = 0,$$

where we have put  $\phi A\xi = U$ . Taking the inner product with  $\xi$  in (14), then it follows that  $\|U\|^2 = 0$ . That is,  $A\xi = \alpha\xi$ . Assume that  $AX = \lambda X$  ( $\|X\| = 1$ ) for  $X$  orthogonal to  $\xi$ , Then using (8) and (9) equation (12) yields that

$$\lambda = \pm \left( \frac{\alpha\lambda + c/2}{2\lambda - \alpha} \right),$$

when  $2\lambda \neq \alpha$ . But, we know that there is no real hypersurface satisfying  $\phi A + A\phi = 0$  in  $P_n\mathbb{C}$  or  $H_n\mathbb{C}$ . So,  $M$  should satisfy  $\lambda = (\alpha\lambda + c/2)/(2\lambda - \alpha)$ , that is,  $\phi A = A\phi$ . Thus, by Proposition 8 we see that  $M$  is locally congruent to type (A) hypersurface. The remaining case  $2\lambda = \alpha$  determines a horosphere in  $H_n\mathbb{C}$  (cf. [3]). After all,  $M$  is locally congruent to a homogeneous real hypersurface of type (A).  $\square$

#### 4. Transversal Killing tensors

M. Kimura [16] constructed ruled real hypersurfaces, which are foliated real hypersurfaces with totally geodesic submanifolds of  $P_n\mathbb{C}$  as leaves of codimension 1. Let  $\tilde{M}$  be a hypersurface in  $S^{2n+1}$  defined by

$$\{(re^{it} \cos \theta, re^{it} \sin \theta, (1 - r^2)^{1/2}z_2, \dots, (1 - r^2)^{1/2}z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1} \mid \sum_{j=2}^n |z_j|^2 = 1, 0 < r < 1, 0 \leq t, \theta < 2\pi\}.$$

Then the Hopf image  $M$  of  $\tilde{M}$  is a minimal ruled hypersurface in  $P_n\mathbb{C}$ . Actually, the shape operator is given as follows:  $A\xi = r^{-1}(1 - r^2)^{1/2}U$ ,  $AU = r^{-1}(1 - r^2)^{1/2}\xi$  and  $AZ = 0$  for  $Z \perp \xi, U$ . We note that the above example of a ruled real hypersurface is not complete. In a similar way, S.-S. Ahn, S.-B. Lee and Y. J. Suh [2] gave a minimal complete ruled real hypersurfaces in  $H_n\mathbb{C}$ . Furthermore, they are characterized by the following.

**Proposition 10** ([2], [16]). *Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface in a non-flat complex space form  $\tilde{M}$ . Then  $M$  is a ruled real hypersurface if and only if  $g(AX, Y) = 0$  for any tangent vectors  $X, Y$  of  $M$  with  $X, Y \perp \xi$ .*

The shape operator of ruled real hypersurfaces in  $P_n\mathbb{C}$  or  $H_n\mathbb{C}$  is written as follows:

$$(15) \quad \begin{aligned} A\xi &= \alpha\xi + \nu W \ (\nu \neq 0), \\ AW &= \nu\xi, \\ AZ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

for any  $Z \perp \{\xi, W\}$ , where  $W \perp \xi$  is a unit vector field,  $\alpha$  and  $\nu$  are functions on  $M$ .

We may consider a question: *Could we characterize a ruled real hypersurface in a non-flat complex space form in terms of the almost contact metric structure?*

D. E. Blair [5] introduced a Killing tensor of type  $(1, 1)$ . For a Riemannian manifold with Riemannian connection  $\nabla$ , a  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field  $T$  is said to be a *Killing tensor field* if it satisfies  $(\nabla_X T)X = 0$  or  $(\nabla_X T)Y + (\nabla_Y T)X = 0$  for any vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$ . Then we prove:

**Proposition 11.** *There is no real hypersurface in a non-flat complex space form whose structure tensor field  $\phi$  is a Killing tensor field.*

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface of  $\widetilde{M}_n(c)$  with  $c \neq 0$ . Suppose that  $\phi$  is a Killing tensor field. Then we get from (4)

$$(16) \quad \eta(Y)AX + \eta(X)AY - 2g(AX, Y)\xi = 0.$$

From (16), we easily find that  $A\xi = \alpha\xi$  and  $AX = 0$  for any vector field  $X$  orthogonal to  $\xi$ . This says that the rank of  $A$  is 0 or 1 everywhere on  $M$ . But, this is impossible (cf. Lemma 2.3 in [17]). This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Proposition 12.** *There is no real hypersurface in a non-flat complex space form whose shape operator  $A$  is a Killing tensor field.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $A$  is a Killing tensor field, that is,  $M$  satisfies  $(\nabla_X A)X = 0$  or  $(\nabla_X A)Y + (\nabla_Y A)X = 0$  for any vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$ . Then we have from (7)

$$(17) \quad (\nabla_X A)Y = \frac{c}{8}(\eta(X)\phi Y - \eta(Y)\phi X) - \frac{c}{4}g(\phi X, Y)\xi$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$ . Since  $g((\nabla_X A)Y, Z) = g((\nabla_X A)Z, Y)$ , we have from (17)

$$(18) \quad c(2\eta(X)g(\phi Y, Z) - \eta(Z)g(\phi X, Y) + \eta(Y)g(\phi X, Z)) = 0$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  on  $M$ . Put  $X = \xi$  in (18) to get  $cg(\phi Y, Z) = 0$ , which is impossible. This completes the proof.  $\square$

For an almost contact metric manifold  $(M, \eta, \phi, \xi, g)$ , we call a  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field  $T$  on  $M$  a *transversal Killing tensor field* if it satisfies  $(\nabla_X T)X = 0$  or  $(\nabla_X T)Y + (\nabla_Y T)X = 0$  for any vector fields  $X, Y$  orthogonal to  $\xi$ . By (4) and Proposition 10 then we have:

**Theorem 13.** *Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface of  $\widetilde{M}_n(c)$  with  $c \neq 0$ . Then  $\phi$  is transversally Killing if and only if  $M$  is locally congruent to a ruled real hypersurface.*

In order to determine real hypersurfaces of a non-flat complex space form with transversal Killing shape operator, we prepare the following results:

**Theorem 14** ([18]). *Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface in a non-flat complex space form  $\widetilde{M}_n(c)$ ,  $n \geq 3$ . Then the shape operator  $A$  is  $\eta$ -parallel, that is  $g((\nabla_X A)Y, Z) = 0$  for  $X, Y, Z \perp \xi$  if and only if  $M$  is locally congruent to a ruled real hypersurface or a real hypersurface of type (A) or (B) in  $P_n\mathbb{C}$  or  $H_n\mathbb{C}$ .*

**Theorem 15** ([8]). *Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface in a non-flat complex space form  $\widetilde{M} = \widetilde{M}_n(c)$ . Then  $M$  is locally congruent to a real hypersurface of type (A) or (B) in  $P_n\mathbb{C}$  or  $H_n\mathbb{C}$  if and only if  $M$  satisfies*

$$(19) \quad (\nabla_X A)Y = \eta(X)\left(\frac{c}{4}\phi Y + FY\right) + \eta(Y)FX + g(FX, Y)\xi$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$ , where  $F = \eta(A\xi)\phi A - A\phi A$ .

Then, we have:

**Theorem 16.** *Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface in a non-flat complex space form  $\widetilde{M}_n(c)$ ,  $n \geq 3$ . Then the following conditions are mutually equivalent:*

- the shape operator  $A$  is transversally Killing;
- $M$  satisfies  $(\nabla_X A)Y = -\frac{c}{4}g(\phi X, Y)\xi$  for any vector fields  $X, Y$  orthogonal to  $\xi$ ;
- $M$  is locally congruent to a type (A) hypersurface.

*Proof.* Suppose that the shape operator  $A$  is a transversal Killing tensor field. Then  $M$  satisfies  $(\nabla_X A)X = 0$  or  $(\nabla_X A)Y + (\nabla_Y A)X = 0$  for any vector fields  $X, Y$  orthogonal to  $\xi$ . We have from (7) that  $A$  is transversally Killing if and only if

$$(20) \quad (\nabla_X A)Y = -\frac{c}{4}g(\phi X, Y)\xi,$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  orthogonal to  $\xi$ . From (20), we see at once that  $A$  is  $\eta$ -parallel. Hence, by Theorem 14 we have that  $M$  is locally congruent to a ruled real hypersurface or a real hypersurface of type (A) or (B) in  $P_n\mathbb{C}$  or  $H_n\mathbb{C}$ . We first consider the case that  $M$  is a ruled real hypersurface. Then, from (15) and (20) we compute

$$(21) \quad \begin{aligned} -\frac{c}{4}\xi &= (\nabla_W A)\phi W \\ &= \nabla_W(A\phi W) - A\nabla_W(\phi W) \\ &= -A(\nabla_W\phi)W - A\phi\nabla_W W \quad (\because (15)) \\ &= -A\phi\nabla_W W \quad (\because (4)) \\ &= \left(\nu - \frac{c}{4\nu}\right)AW \quad (\because \nabla_W W = \left(\nu - \frac{c}{4\nu}\right)\phi W \text{ (cf. [16])}) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \nu\left(\nu - \frac{c}{4\nu}\right)\xi.$$

The equation (21) yields that  $\nu = 0$ , which can not occur. Next, we consider the case that  $M$  is a real hypersurface of type (A) or (B) in  $P_n\mathbb{C}$  or  $H_n\mathbb{C}$ . Then using (19) and (20) we have

$$\alpha\phi AX - A\phi AX = -\frac{c}{4}\phi X$$

for any vector field  $X$  orthogonal to  $\xi$ . Assume that  $AX = \lambda X$ ,  $X \perp \xi$ . Using (9), then we get

$$(22) \quad \alpha\left(\lambda^2 - \alpha\lambda - \frac{c}{4}\right) = 0,$$

where  $2\lambda \neq \alpha$ . From (22) we see that  $\alpha = 0$  or  $M$  is locally congruent to a real hypersurface of type (A) in  $P_n\mathbb{C}$  or  $H_n\mathbb{C}$  by using Proposition 8. Also, we know that  $\alpha \neq 0$  for a real hypersurface of type (B). As already stated in the proof of Theorem 9,  $2\lambda = \alpha$  determines a horosphere in  $H_n\mathbb{C}$ . Thus we have completed the proof. □

*Remark 1.* The above result gives an improvement of the characterization of real hypersurfaces of type (A) in a non-flat complex space form proved in [14]. Indeed, the second condition (0.4) in their theorem is redundant.

We close the present paper by raising a problem.

**Problem 1.** Prove Theorem 14 and Theorem 16 when  $n = 2$ .

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