

# On a Kaehler hypersurface of a complex space form with the recurrent second fundamental form

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**Abstract.** The purpose of the present paper is to prove: Let  $M$  be a Kaehler hypersurface of a complex space form  $\tilde{M}(c)$  of constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $c$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent: (A)  $M$  has the recurrent second fundamental form. (B)  $M$  has the birecurrent second fundamental form. (C) the derivation  $R(X, Y)$  and the second fundamental form are commutative. (D)  $M$  is totally geodesic in  $\tilde{M}(c)$ .

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $\tilde{M}(c)$  be a complex space form (i.e. a complete, simply-connected Kaehler manifold) of the complex dimension  $n+1$  with constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $c$ . If  $c$  is positive, then  $\tilde{M}(c)$  is the complex projective space  $P^{n+1}(c)$  with the Fubini-Study metric of constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $c$ . If  $c$  is negative, then  $\tilde{M}(c)$  is the complex hyperbolic space  $D^{n+1}(c)$  with the Bergman metric of constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $c$ . If  $c$  is zero, then  $\tilde{M}(c)$  is the complex Euclidean space  $C^{n+1}$  (See [1]). Let  $M$  be a connected manifold of complex dimension  $n(\geq 2)$  isometrically and holomorphically immersed in  $\tilde{M}(c)$ . Then we call  $M$  a Kaehler hypersurface of  $\tilde{M}(c)$ . Let  $R$  and  $\nabla$  be the curvature tensor of  $M$  and the covariant differentiation in  $M$ , respectively. Furthermore,  $\tilde{S}$  and  $S$  denote the Ricci tensors of  $\tilde{M}(c)$  and  $M$ , respectively. Nomizu and Smyth [3] proved: The following conditions are equivalent: (i) The normal connection of  $M$  is trivial. (ii)  $S = \tilde{S}$  on  $M$ . (iii)  $S = 0$  on  $M$ . (iv)  $c = 0$  and  $M$  is totally geodesic in  $\tilde{M}(c)$ .

Now, let  $A$  be the second fundamental form of  $M$  in  $\tilde{M}(c)$  defined on a neighborhood of each point of  $M$ .  $M$  is called a Kaehler hypersurface with the recurrent second fundamental form (resp. the birecurrent second fundamental form) if there exists a 1-form  $\alpha$  (resp. a covariant tensor field  $\alpha$  of order 2) such that the second fundamental form  $A$  of  $M$  satisfies  $(\nabla_X A)Y = \alpha(X)AY$  (resp.  $(\nabla_{X,Y}^2 A)Z =$

$\nabla_X \nabla_Y A - \nabla_{\nabla_X Y} A)Z = \alpha(X, Y)AZ$  for any  $X, Y$  and  $Z \in T_x M$  (See [6]).

The purpose of the paper is to prove the following:

**Theorem** *Let  $M$  be a Kaehler hypersurface in a complex space form  $\tilde{M}(c)$ . The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (A)  $M$  has the recurrent second fundamental form.
- (B)  $M$  has the birecurrent second fundamental form.
- (C)  $(R(X, Y)A)Z = 0$  on a neighborhood of each point of  $M$ .
- (D)  $M$  is totally geodesic in  $\tilde{M}(c)$ .

## 2 Preliminaries

Let  $M$  be a connected manifold of complex dimension  $n (\geq 2)$  isometrically and holomorphically immersed in a complex space form  $\tilde{M}(c)$  of complex dimension  $n + 1$ . Then we call  $M$  a Kaehler hypersurface of  $\tilde{M}(c)$ . The complex structure  $\tilde{J}$  and the Kaehler metric  $\tilde{g}$  of  $\tilde{M}(c)$  induce a complex structure  $J$  and Kaehler metric  $g$  on  $M$ , respectively. Let  $\nabla$  (resp.  $\tilde{\nabla}$ ) denotes the covariant differentiation in  $M$  (resp.  $\tilde{M}(c)$ ). Extend  $\xi$  to a normal vector field defined in a neighborhood  $U$  of  $x \in M$  and define  $-AX$  to be the tangential component of  $\tilde{\nabla}_X \xi$  for  $X \in T_x M$ .  $AX$  depends only on  $\xi$  at  $x$  and  $X$ , and we call  $A$  the second fundamental form. Let  $R$  be the curvature tensor of  $M$  and  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  be the tangent vectors on  $M$ . Then we have the following relationships (See [2], [3], [4] and [5]):

$$(2.1) \quad \tilde{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + g(AX, Y)\xi + g(JAX, Y)\tilde{J}\xi,$$

$$(2.2) \quad \tilde{\nabla}_X \xi = -AX + s(X)\tilde{J}\xi,$$

$$(2.3) \quad AJ = -JA,$$

$$(2.4) \quad R(X, Y)Z = \frac{c}{4} \{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y + g(JY, Z)JX \\ - g(JX, Z)JY + 2g(X, JY)JZ\} + g(AY, Z)AX \\ - g(AX, Z)AY + g(JAY, Z)JAX - g(JAX, Z)JAY,$$

$$(2.5) \quad (\nabla_X A)Y - s(X)JAY = (\nabla_Y A)X - s(Y)JAX,$$

where  $s$  denotes the connection form. Furthermore, we call (2.4) *Gauss equation* and (2.5) *Codazzi equation*, respectively.

Here we recall the definition of the recurrent second fundamental form and the birecurrent second fundamental form. The second fundamental form  $A$  is called the recurrent second fundamental form if there exists a 1-form  $\alpha$  such that  $\nabla A = A \otimes \alpha$ . Similarly, the second fundamental form  $A$  is called the birecurrent second fundamental form if there exists a covariant tensor field  $\alpha$  of order 2 such that  $\nabla^2 A = A \otimes \alpha$ .

Then we have the following propositions.

**Proposition 1.** *If  $M$  has the recurrent second fundamental form, then  $M$  has the birecurrent second fundamental form.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $M$  is a Kaehler hypersurface with the recurrent second fundamental form. Here we consider the equation:

$$(\nabla_{X,Y}^2 A)Z = (\nabla_X(\nabla_Y A))Z - (\nabla_{\nabla_X Y} A)Z.$$

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$$(\nabla_{X,Y}^2 A)Z = \nabla_X((\nabla_Y A)Z) - (\nabla_Y A)\nabla_X Z - (\nabla_{\nabla_X Y} A)Z.$$

From the assumption of Proposition we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla_{X,Y}^2 A)Z &= \nabla_X(\alpha(Y)AZ) - \alpha(Y)A\nabla_X Z + \alpha(\nabla_X Y)AZ \\ &= X(\alpha(Y))AZ + \alpha(Y)(\nabla_X A)Z + \alpha(Y)A\nabla_X Z \\ &\quad - \alpha(Y)A\nabla_X Z - \alpha(\nabla_X Y)AZ \\ &= (X(\alpha(Y)) + \alpha(Y)\alpha(X) - \alpha(\nabla_X Y))AZ \end{aligned}$$

for any tangent vectors  $X, Y$  and  $Z$ . This equation means  $M$  is a Kaehler hypersurface with the birecurrent second fundamental form.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.** *If  $M$  has the birecurrent second fundamental form, then  $M$  satisfies  $(R(X, Y)A)Z = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $M$  is a Kaehler hypersurface with the birecurrent second fundamental form. We consider the following equation:

$$(R(X, Y)A^2)Z = (R(X, Y)A)AZ + A(R(X, Y)A)Z.$$

Noting that

$$(R(X, Y)A)Z = (\nabla_{X,Y}^2 A)Z - (\nabla_{Y,X}^2 A)Z,$$

and using the assumption of Proposition, we get

$$(2.6) \quad (R(X, Y)A^2)Z = 2(\alpha(X, Y) - \alpha(Y, X))A^2Z.$$

From (2.6) and the commutativity of the trace and the covariant differentiation we have

$$\begin{aligned} &2(\alpha(X, Y) - \alpha(Y, X))\text{trace}A^2 \\ &= (\nabla_X \nabla_Y - \nabla_Y \nabla_X - \nabla_{[X,Y]})\text{trace}A^2 \\ &= (XY - YX - [X, Y])\text{trace}A^2 \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we can see that  $\alpha(X, Y) = \alpha(Y, X)$  or  $\text{trace}A^2 = 0$ . In both cases we have

$$(2.7) \quad (R(X, Y)A)Z = 0$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  and  $Z$ .  $\square$

### 3 Proof of Theorem

**Theorem** *Let  $M$  be a Kaehler hypersurface in a complex space form  $\tilde{M}(c)$  of constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $c$ . The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (A)  $M$  has the recurrent second fundamental form.
- (B)  $M$  has the birecurrent second fundamental form.
- (C)  $(R(X, Y)A)Z = 0$  on a neighborhood of each point of  $M$ .
- (D)  $M$  is totally geodesic in  $\tilde{M}(c)$ .

*Proof.* From the assumption of Theorem and the results of Propositions 1-2 we see that they hold (A)  $\Rightarrow$  (B) and (B)  $\Rightarrow$  (C). Assume that  $(R(X, Y)A)Z = 0$ . Equation (2.7) implies that

$$(3.1) \quad R(X, Y)AZ - AR(X, Y)Z = 0.$$

If we suppose that rank of  $A \geq 2$ , then we can choose orthonormal vectors  $X$  and  $Y$  which satisfy  $AX = \lambda X (\lambda \neq 0)$  and  $AY = \mu Y$ . Then the equation (3.1) reduces to

$$R(Y, JY)AX - AR(Y, JY)X = (\lambda I - A)R(Y, JY)X = 0$$

We compute  $R(Y, JY)X$ . From (2.4) we have

$$\begin{aligned} R(Y, JY)X &= \frac{c}{4}\{g(JY, X)Y - g(Y, X)JY + g(J^2Y, X)JY - g(JY, X)J^2Y \\ &\quad + 2g(Y, J^2Y)JX\} + g(AJY, X)AY - g(AY, X)AJY \\ &\quad + g(JAJY, X)JAY - g(JAY, X)JAJY \\ &= -\frac{c}{2}JX. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtain

$$\lambda c = 0.$$

Hence we see that if  $M$  is not totally geodesic, then  $c = 0$ . Thus we obtain that if  $c \neq 0$ , then  $M$  is totally geodesic.

If  $c = 0$  and rank of  $A \geq 2$ , then we use the next equation. The equation (3.1) reduces to

$$(3.2) \quad R(X, JX)(AJX) - AR(X, JX)JX = (-\lambda I - A)R(X, JX)JX = 0$$

We compute  $R(X, JX)JX$ . From (2.4) we have

$$\begin{aligned} (3.3) \quad R(X, JX)JX &= g(AJX, JX)AX - g(AX, JX)AJX \\ &\quad + g(JAJX, JX)JAX - g(JAX, JX)JAJX \\ &= -2\lambda^2 X. \end{aligned}$$

Combining (3.2) with (3.3), we get

$$(3.4) \quad \lambda^3 = 0,$$

which is a contradiction. Thus we see that  $M$  is also totally geodesic in the case of  $c = 0$ . Assume that  $M$  is totally geodesic. Then we know that  $M$  has the recurrent second fundamental form. This proves theorem.

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