

# APPLICATION OF AN INTEGRAL FORMULA TO CR-SUBMANIFOLDS OF COMPLEX HYPERBOLIC SPACE

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The purpose of this paper is to study  $n$ -dimensional compact CR-submanifolds of complex hyperbolic space  $\text{CH}^{(n+1)/2}$ , and especially to characterize geodesic hypersphere in  $\text{CH}^{(n+1)/2}$  by an integral formula.

## 1. Introduction

Let  $\bar{M}$  be a complex space form of constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $c$  and let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional CR-submanifold of  $(n-1)$  CR-dimension in  $\bar{M}$ . Then  $M$  has an almost contact metric structure  $(F, U, u, g)$  (see Section 2) induced from the canonical complex structure of  $\bar{M}$ . Hence on an  $n$ -dimensional CR-submanifold of  $(n-1)$  CR-dimension, we can consider two structures, namely, almost contact structure  $F$  and a submanifold structure represented by second fundamental form  $A$ . In this point of view, many differential geometers have classified  $M$  under the conditions concerning those structures (cf. [3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16]). In particular, Montiel and Romero [12] have classified real hypersurfaces  $M$  of complex hyperbolic space  $\text{CH}^{(n+1)/2}$  which satisfy the commutativity condition

(C)

$$FA = AF \tag{1.1}$$

by using the  $S^1$ -fibration  $\pi : H_1^{n+2} \rightarrow \text{CH}^{(n+1)/2}$  of the anti-de Sitter space  $H_1^{n+2}$  over  $\text{CH}^{(n+1)/2}$ , and obtained Theorem 4.1 stated in Section 2. We notice that among the model spaces in Theorem 4.1, the geodesic hypersphere is only compact.

In this paper, we will investigate  $n$ -dimensional compact CR-submanifold of  $(n-1)$  CR-dimension in complex hyperbolic space and provide a characterization of the geodesic hypersphere, which is equivalent to condition (C), by using the following integral formula established by Yano [17, 18]:

$$\int_M \text{div} \{ (\nabla_X X) - (\text{div} X)X \} * 1 = \int_M \left\{ \text{Ric}(X, X) + \frac{1}{2} \| \mathcal{L}_X g \|^2 - \| \nabla X \|^2 - (\text{div} X)^2 \right\} * 1 = 0, \tag{1.2}$$

where  $X$  is an arbitrary vector field tangent to  $M$ . Our results of the paper are complex hyperbolic versions of those in [6, 15].

**2. Preliminaries**

Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional CR-submanifold of  $(n - 1)$  CR-dimension isometrically immersed in a complex space form  $\bar{M}^{(n+p)/2}(c)$ . Denoting by  $(J, \bar{g})$  the Kähler structure of  $\bar{M}^{(n+p)/2}(c)$ , it follows by definition (cf. [5, 6, 8, 9, 13, 16]) that the maximal  $J$ -invariant subspace

$$\mathcal{D}_x := T_x M \cap J T_x M \tag{2.1}$$

of the tangent space  $T_x M$  of  $M$  at each point  $x$  in  $M$  has constant dimension  $(n - 1)$ . So there exists a unit vector field  $U_1$  tangent to  $M$  such that

$$\mathcal{D}_x^\perp = \text{Span} \{U_1\}, \quad \forall x \in M, \tag{2.2}$$

where  $\mathcal{D}_x^\perp$  denotes the subspace of  $T_x M$  complementary orthogonal to  $\mathcal{D}_x$ . Moreover, the vector field  $\xi_1$  defined by

$$\xi_1 := J U_1 \tag{2.3}$$

is normal to  $M$  and satisfies

$$J T M \subset T M \oplus \text{Span} \{\xi_1\}. \tag{2.4}$$

Hence we have, for any tangent vector field  $X$  and for a local orthonormal basis  $\{\xi_1, \xi_\alpha\}_{\alpha=2, \dots, p}$  of normal vectors to  $M$ , the following decomposition in tangential and normal components:

$$J X = F X + u^1(X) \xi_1, \tag{2.5}$$

$$J \xi_\alpha = -U_\alpha + P \xi_\alpha, \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, p. \tag{2.6}$$

Since the structure  $(J, \bar{g})$  is Hermitian and  $J^2 = -I$ , we can easily see from (2.5) and (2.6) that  $F$  and  $P$  are skew-symmetric linear endomorphisms acting on  $T_x M$  and  $T_x M^\perp$ , respectively, and that

$$g(F U_\alpha, X) = -u^1(X) \bar{g}(\xi_1, P \xi_\alpha), \tag{2.7}$$

$$g(U_\alpha, U_\beta) = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - \bar{g}(P \xi_\alpha, P \xi_\beta), \tag{2.8}$$

where  $T_x M^\perp$  denotes the normal space of  $M$  at  $x$  and  $g$  the metric on  $M$  induced from  $\bar{g}$ . Furthermore, we also have

$$g(U_\alpha, X) = u^1(X) \delta_{1\alpha}, \tag{2.9}$$

and consequently,

$$g(U_1, X) = u^1(X), \quad U_\alpha = 0, \quad \alpha = 2, \dots, p. \tag{2.10}$$

Next, applying  $J$  to (2.5) and using (2.6) and (2.10), we have

$$F^2X = -X + u^1(X)U_1, \quad u^1(X)P\xi_1 = -u^1(FX)\xi_1, \tag{2.11}$$

from which, taking account of the skew-symmetry of  $P$  and (2.7),

$$u^1(FX) = 0, \quad FU_1 = 0, \quad P\xi_1 = 0. \tag{2.12}$$

Thus (2.6) may be written in the form

$$J\xi_1 = -U_1, \quad J\xi_\alpha = P\xi_\alpha, \quad \alpha = 2, \dots, p. \tag{2.13}$$

These equations tell us that  $(F, g, U_1, u^1)$  defines an almost contact metric structure on  $M$  (cf. [5, 6, 8, 9, 16]), and consequently,  $n = 2m + 1$  for some integer  $m$ .

We denote by  $\bar{\nabla}$  and  $\nabla$  the Levi-Civita connection on  $\bar{M}^{(n+p)/2}(c)$  and  $M$ , respectively. Then the Gauss and Weingarten formulas are given by

$$\bar{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y), \tag{2.14}$$

$$\bar{\nabla}_X \xi_\alpha = -A_\alpha X + \nabla_X^\perp \xi_\alpha, \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, p, \tag{2.15}$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$ . Here  $\nabla^\perp$  denotes the normal connection induced from  $\bar{\nabla}$  in the normal bundle  $TM^\perp$  of  $M$ , and  $h$  and  $A_\alpha$  the second fundamental form and the shape operator corresponding to  $\xi_\alpha$ , respectively. It is clear that  $h$  and  $A_\alpha$  are related by

$$h(X, Y) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^p g(A_\alpha X, Y) \xi_\alpha. \tag{2.16}$$

We put

$$\nabla_X^\perp \xi_\alpha = \sum_{\beta=1}^p s_{\alpha\beta}(X) \xi_\beta. \tag{2.17}$$

Then  $(s_{\alpha\beta})$  is the skew-symmetric matrix of connection forms of  $\nabla^\perp$ .

Now, using (2.14), (2.15), and (2.17), and taking account of the Kähler condition  $\bar{\nabla}J = 0$ , we differentiate (2.5) and (2.6) covariantly and compare the tangential and normal parts. Then we can easily find that

$$(\nabla_X F)Y = u^1(Y)A_1X - g(A_1Y, X)U_1, \tag{2.18}$$

$$(\nabla_X u^1)(Y) = g(FA_1X, Y), \tag{2.19}$$

$$\nabla_X U_1 = FA_1X, \tag{2.20}$$

$$g(A_\alpha U_1, X) = - \sum_{\beta=2}^p s_{1\beta}(X) \bar{g}(P\xi_\beta, \xi_\alpha), \quad \alpha = 2, \dots, p, \tag{2.21}$$

for any  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$ .

In the rest of this paper, we suppose that the distinguished normal vector field  $\xi_1$  is parallel with respect to the normal connection  $\nabla^\perp$ . Hence (2.17) gives

$$s_{1\alpha} = 0, \quad \alpha = 2, \dots, p, \tag{2.22}$$

which, together with (2.21), yields

$$A_\alpha U_1 = 0, \quad \alpha = 2, \dots, p. \tag{2.23}$$

On the other hand, the ambient manifold  $\bar{M}^{(n+p)/2}(c)$  is of constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $c$  and consequently, its Riemannian curvature tensor  $\bar{R}$  satisfies

$$\bar{R}_{\bar{X}\bar{Y}\bar{Z}} = \frac{c}{4} \{ \bar{g}(\bar{Y}, \bar{Z})\bar{X} - \bar{g}(\bar{X}, \bar{Z})\bar{Y} + \bar{g}(J\bar{Y}, \bar{Z})J\bar{X} - \bar{g}(J\bar{X}, \bar{Z})J\bar{Y} - 2\bar{g}(J\bar{X}, \bar{Y})J\bar{Z} \} \tag{2.24}$$

for any  $\bar{X}, \bar{Y}, \bar{Z}$  tangent to  $\bar{M}^{(n+p)/2}(c)$  (cf. [1, 2, 4, 19]). So, the equations of Gauss and Codazzi imply that

$$R_{XY}Z = \frac{c}{4} \{ g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y + g(FY, Z)FX - g(FX, Z)FY - 2g(FX, Y)FZ \} + \sum_\alpha \{ g(A_\alpha Y, Z)A_\alpha X - g(A_\alpha X, Z)A_\alpha Y \}, \tag{2.25}$$

$$(\nabla_X A_1)Y - (\nabla_Y A_1)X = \frac{c}{4} \{ g(X, U_1)FY - g(Y, U_1)FX - 2g(FX, Y)U_1 \}, \tag{2.26}$$

for any  $X, Y, Z$  tangent to  $M$  with the aid of (2.22), where  $R$  denotes the Riemannian curvature tensor of  $M$ . Moreover, (2.11) and (2.25) yield

$$\text{Ric}(X, Y) = \frac{c}{4} \{ (n+2)g(X, Y) - 3u^1(X)u^1(Y) \} + \sum_\alpha \{ (\text{tr} A_\alpha)g(A_\alpha X, Y) - g(A_\alpha^2 X, Y) \}, \tag{2.27}$$

$$\rho = \frac{c}{4} (n+3)(n-1) + n^2 \|\mu\|^2 - \sum_\alpha \text{tr} A_\alpha^2, \tag{2.28}$$

where  $\text{Ric}$  and  $\rho$  denote the Ricci tensor and the scalar curvature, respectively, and

$$\mu = \frac{1}{n} \sum_\alpha (\text{tr} A_\alpha) \xi_\alpha \tag{2.29}$$

is the mean curvature vector (cf. [1, 2, 4, 19]).

### 3. Codimension reduction of CR-submanifolds of $\text{CH}^{(n+p)/2}$

Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional CR-submanifold of  $(n-1)$  CR-dimension in a complex hyperbolic space  $\text{CH}^{(n+p)/2}$  with constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $c = -4$ .

Applying the integral formula (1.2) to the vector field  $U_1$ , we have

$$\int_M \left\{ \text{Ric}(U_1, U_1) + \frac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{L}_{U_1} g\|^2 - \|\nabla U_1\|^2 - (\text{div} U_1)^2 \right\} * 1 = 0. \tag{3.1}$$

Now we take an orthonormal basis  $\{U_1, e_a, e_{a^*}\}_{a=1, \dots, (n-1)/2}$  of tangent vectors to  $M$  such that

$$e_{a^*} := Fe_a, \quad a = 1, \dots, \frac{n-1}{2}. \tag{3.2}$$

Then it follows from (2.11) and (2.20) that

$$\operatorname{div} U_1 = \operatorname{tr}(FA_1) = \sum_{a=1}^{(n-1)/2} \{g(FA_1 e_a, e_a) + g(FA_1 e_{a^*}, e_{a^*})\} = 0. \tag{3.3}$$

Also, using (2.20), we have

$$\|\nabla U_1\|^2 = g(FA_1 U_1, FA_1 U_1) + \sum_{a=1}^{(n-1)/2} \{g(FA_1 e_a, FA_1 e_a) + g(FA_1 e_{a^*}, FA_1 e_{a^*})\}, \tag{3.4}$$

from which, together with (2.11) and (2.12), we can easily obtain

$$\|\nabla U_1\|^2 = \operatorname{tr} A_1^2 - \|A_1 U_1\|^2. \tag{3.5}$$

Furthermore, (2.20) yields

$$(\mathcal{L}_{U_1} g)(X, Y) = g(\nabla_X U_1, Y) + g(\nabla_Y U_1, X) = g((FA_1 - A_1 F)X, Y), \tag{3.6}$$

and consequently,

$$\|\mathcal{L}_{U_1} g\|^2 = \|FA_1 - A_1 F\|^2. \tag{3.7}$$

On the other hand, (2.27) and (2.28) with  $c = -4$  yield

$$\operatorname{Ric}(U_1, U_1) = -(n-1) + u^1(A_1 U_1)(\operatorname{tr} A_1) - \|A_1 U_1\|^2, \tag{3.8}$$

$$\operatorname{tr}(A_1^2) = -\rho - (n+3)(n-1) + n^2 \|\mu\|^2 - \sum_{\alpha=2}^p \operatorname{tr} A_\alpha^2. \tag{3.9}$$

Substituting (3.3), (3.5), (3.7), (3.8), and (3.9) into (3.1), we have

$$\int_M \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \|FA_1 - A_1 F\|^2 + \operatorname{Ric}(U_1, U_1) + \rho - n^2 \|\mu\|^2 + \|A_1 U_1\|^2 + (n+3)(n-1) + \sum_{\alpha=2}^p \operatorname{tr} A_\alpha^2 \right\} * 1 = 0, \tag{3.10}$$

or equivalently,

$$\int_M \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \|FA_1 - A_1 F\|^2 + u^1(A_1 U_1)(\operatorname{tr} A_1) - \operatorname{tr} A_1^2 - (n-1) \right\} * 1 = 0. \tag{3.11}$$

Thus we have the following lemma.

LEMMA 3.1. *Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional compact orientable CR-submanifold of  $(n - 1)$  CR-dimension in a complex hyperbolic space  $\text{CH}^{(n+p)/2}$ . If the distinguished normal vector field  $\xi_1$  is parallel with respect to the normal connection and if the inequality*

$$\text{Ric}(U_1, U_1) + \rho - n^2 \|\mu\|^2 + \|A_1 U_1\|^2 + (n + 3)(n - 1) \geq 0 \tag{3.12}$$

*holds on  $M$ , then*

$$A_1 F = F A_1 \tag{3.13}$$

*and  $A_\alpha = 0$  for  $\alpha = 2, \dots, p$ .*

COROLLARY 3.2. *Let  $M$  be a compact orientable real hypersurface of  $\text{CH}^{(n+1)/2}$  over which the inequality*

$$\text{Ric}(U_1, U_1) + \rho - n^2 \|\mu\|^2 + \|A_1 U_1\|^2 + (n + 3)(n - 1) \geq 0 \tag{3.14}$$

*holds. Then  $M$  satisfies the commutativity condition (C).*

Combining Lemma 3.1 and the codimension reduction theorem proved in [7, Theorem 3.2, page 126], we have the following theorem.

THEOREM 3.3. *Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional compact orientable CR-submanifold of  $(n - 1)$  CR-dimension in a complex hyperbolic space  $\text{CH}^{(n+p)/2}$ . If the distinguished normal vector field  $\xi_1$  is parallel with respect to the normal connection and if the inequality*

$$\text{Ric}(U_1, U_1) + \rho - n^2 \|\mu\|^2 + \|A_1 U_1\|^2 + (n + 3)(n - 1) \geq 0 \tag{3.15}$$

*holds on  $M$ , then there exists a totally geodesic complex hyperbolic space  $\text{CH}^{(n+1)/2}$  immersed in  $\text{CH}^{(n+p)/2}$  such that  $M \subset \text{CH}^{(n+1)/2}$ . Moreover  $M$  satisfies the commutativity condition (C) as a real hypersurface of  $\text{CH}^{(n+1)/2}$ .*

*Proof.* Let

$$N_0(x) := \{ \eta \in T_x M^\perp \mid A_\eta = 0 \} \tag{3.16}$$

and let  $H_0(x)$  be the maximal holomorphic subspace of  $N_0(x)$ , that is,

$$H_0(x) = N_0(x) \cap JN_0(x). \tag{3.17}$$

Then, by means of Lemma 3.1,

$$H_0(x) = N_0(x) = \text{Span} \{ \xi_2, \dots, \xi_p \}. \tag{3.18}$$

Hence, the orthogonal complement  $H_1(x)$  of  $H_0(x)$  in  $TM^\perp$  is  $\text{Span} \{ \xi_1 \}$  and so,  $H_1(x)$  is invariant under the parallel translation with respect to the normal connection and  $\dim H_1(x) = 1$  at any point  $x \in M$ . Thus, applying the codimension reduction theorem in [4] proved by Kawamoto, we verify that there exists a totally geodesic complex hyperbolic space  $\text{CH}^{(n+1)/2}$  immersed in  $\text{CH}^{(n+p)/2}$  such that  $M \subset \text{CH}^{(n+1)/2}$ . Therefore,  $M$  can

be regarded as a real hypersurface of  $\text{CH}^{(n+1)/2}$  which is totally geodesic in  $\text{CH}^{(n+p)/2}$ . Tentatively, we denote  $\text{CH}^{(n+1)/2}$  by  $M'$ , and by  $i_1$  we denote the immersion of  $M$  into  $M'$ , and by  $i_2$  the totally geodesic immersion of  $M'$  into  $\text{CH}^{(n+p)/2}$ . Then it is clear from (2.14) that

$$\nabla'_{i_1 X} i_1 Y = i_1 \nabla_X Y + h'(X, Y) = i_1 \nabla_X Y + g(A'X, Y)\xi', \tag{3.19}$$

where  $\nabla'$  is the induced connection on  $M'$  from that of  $\text{CH}^{(n+p)/2}$ ,  $h'$  the second fundamental form of  $M$  in  $M'$ , and  $A'$  the corresponding shape operator to a unit normal vector field  $\xi'$  to  $M$  in  $M'$ . Since  $i = i_2 \circ i_1$  and  $M'$  is totally geodesic in  $\text{CH}^{(n+p)/2}$ , we can easily see that (2.15) and (3.19) imply that

$$\xi_1 = i_2 \xi', \quad A_1 = A'. \tag{3.20}$$

Since  $M'$  is a holomorphic submanifold of  $\text{CH}^{(n+p)/2}$ , for any  $X$  in  $TM$ ,

$$J i_2 X = i_2 J' X \tag{3.21}$$

is valid, where  $J'$  is the induced Kähler structure on  $M'$ . Thus it follows from (2.5) that

$$\begin{aligned} J i X &= J i_2 \circ i_1 X = i_2 J' i_1 X = i_2 (i_1 F' X + u'(X)\xi') \\ &= i F' X + u'(X) i_2 \xi' = i F' X + u'(X)\xi_1 \end{aligned} \tag{3.22}$$

for any vector field  $X$  tangent to  $M$ . Comparing this equation with (2.5), we have  $F = F'$  and  $u^1 = u'$ , which, together with Lemma 3.1, implies that

$$A' F' = F' A'. \tag{3.23}$$

□

#### 4. An integral formula on the model space $M_{2p+1, 2q+1}^h(r)$

We first explain the model hypersurfaces of complex hyperbolic space due to Montiel and Romero for later use (for the details, see [12]).

Consider the complex  $(n + 3)/2$ -space  $C_1^{(n+3)/2}$  endowed with the pseudo-Euclidean metric  $g_0$  given by

$$g_0 = -dz_0 d\bar{z}_0 + \sum_{j=1}^m dz_j d\bar{z}_j, \quad \left( m + 1 := \frac{n + 3}{2} \right), \tag{4.1}$$

where  $\bar{z}_k$  denotes the complex conjugate of  $z_k$ .

On  $C_1^{(n+3)/2}$ , we define

$$F(z, w) = -z_0 \bar{w}_0 + \sum_{k=1}^m z_k \bar{w}_k. \tag{4.2}$$

Put

$$H_1^{n+2} = \left\{ z = (z_0, z_1, \dots, z_m) \in C_1^{(n+3)/2} : \langle z, z \rangle = -1 \right\}, \tag{4.3}$$

where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  denotes the inner product on  $C_1^{(n+3)/2}$  induced from  $g_0$ . Then it is known that  $H_1^{n+2}$ , together with the induced metric, is a pseudo-Riemannian manifold of constant sectional curvature  $-1$ , which is known as an anti-de Sitter space. Moreover,  $H_1^{n+2}$  is a principal  $S^1$ -bundle over  $\text{CH}^{(n+1)/2}$  with projection  $\pi : H_1^{n+2} \rightarrow \text{CH}^{(n+1)/2}$  which is a Riemannian submersion with fundamental tensor  $J$  and time-like totally geodesic fibers.

Given  $p, q$  integers with  $2p + 2q = n - 1$  and  $r \in R$  with  $0 < r < 1$ , we denote by  $M_{2p+1,2q+1}(r)$  the Lorentz hypersurface of  $H_1^{n+2}$  defined by the equations

$$-|z_0|^2 + \sum_{k=1}^m |z_k|^2 = -1, \quad r \left( -|z_0|^2 + \sum_{k=1}^p |z_k|^2 \right) = - \sum_{k=p+1}^m |z_k|^2, \tag{4.4}$$

where  $z = (z_0, z_1, \dots, z_m) \in C_1^{(n+3)/2}$ . In fact,  $M_{2p+1,2q+1}(r)$  is isometric to the product

$$H_1^{2p+1} \left( \frac{1}{r-1} \right) \times S^{2q+1} \left( \frac{r}{1-r} \right), \tag{4.5}$$

where  $1/(r - 1)$  and  $r/(1 - r)$  denote the squares of the radii and each factor is embedded in  $H_1^{n+2}$  in a totally umbilical way. Since  $M_{2p+1,2q+1}(r)$  is  $S^1$ -invariant,  $M_{2p+1,2q+1}^h(r) := \pi(M_{2p+1,2q+1}(r))$  is a real hypersurface of  $\text{CH}^{(n+1)/2}$  which is complete and satisfies the condition (C).

As already mentioned in Section 1, Montiel and Romero [12] have classified real hypersurfaces  $M$  of  $\text{CH}^{(n+1)/2}$  which satisfy the condition (C) and obtained the following classification theorem.

**THEOREM 4.1.** *Let  $M$  be a complete real hypersurface of  $\text{CH}^{(n+1)/2}$  which satisfies the condition (C). Then there exist the following possibilities.*

- (1)  $M$  has three constant principal curvatures  $\tanh \theta, \coth \theta, 2 \coth 2\theta$  with multiplicities  $2p, 2q, 1$ , respectively,  $2p + 2q = n - 1$ . Moreover,  $M$  is congruent to  $M_{2p+1,2q+1}^h(\tanh^2 \theta)$ .
- (2)  $M$  has two constant principal curvatures  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  with multiplicities  $n - 1$  and  $1$ , respectively. (i) If  $\lambda_1 > 1$ , then  $\lambda_1 = \coth \theta, \lambda_2 = 2 \coth 2\theta$  with  $\theta > 0$ , and  $M$  is congruent to a geodesic hypersphere  $M_{1,n}^h(\tanh^2 \theta)$ . (ii) If  $\lambda_1 < 1$ , then  $\lambda_1 = \tanh \theta, \lambda_2 = 2 \coth 2\theta$  with  $\theta > 0$ , and  $M$  is congruent to  $M_{n,1}^h(\tanh^2 \theta)$ . (iii) If  $\lambda_1 = 1$ , then  $\lambda_2 = 2$  and  $M$  is congruent to a horosphere.

Combining Corollary 3.2 and Theorem 4.1, we have the following theorem.

**THEOREM 4.2.** *Let  $M$  be a compact orientable real hypersurface of  $\text{CH}^{(n+1)/2}$  over which the inequality*

$$\text{Ric}(U_1, U_1) + \rho - n^2 \|\mu\|^2 + \|A_1 U_1\|^2 + (n+3)(n-1) \geq 0 \tag{4.6}$$

*holds. Then  $M$  is congruent to a geodesic hypersphere  $M_{1,n}^h(r)$  in  $\text{CH}^{(n+1)/2}$ .*

Combining Theorems 3.3 and 4.2, we have the following theorem.

**THEOREM 4.3.** *Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional compact orientable CR-submanifold of  $(n - 1)$  CR-dimension in a complex hyperbolic space  $\text{CH}^{(n+p)/2}$ . If the distinguished normal vector field  $\xi_1$  is parallel with respect to the normal connection and if the inequality*

$$\text{Ric}(U_1, U_1) + \rho - n^2 \|\mu\|^2 + \|A_1 U_1\|^2 + (n + 3)(n - 1) \geq 0 \tag{4.7}$$

*holds on  $M$ , then  $M$  is congruent to a geodesic hypersphere  $M_{1,n}^h(\tanh^2 \theta)$  in  $\text{CH}^{(n+1)/2}$ .*

*Remark 4.4.* As already shown in (3.10) and (3.11), the equality

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ric}(U_1, U_1) + \rho - n^2 \|\mu\|^2 + \|A_1 U_1\|^2 + (n + 3)(n - 1) \\ = u^1(A_1 U_1)(\text{tr} A_1) - \text{tr} A_1^2 - (n - 1) \end{aligned} \tag{4.8}$$

holds on  $M$ . On the other hand, the geodesic hypersphere  $M_{1,n}^h(\tanh^2 \theta)$  in Theorem 4.1 has constant principal curvatures  $\coth \theta$  and  $2 \coth 2\theta$  with multiplicities  $n - 1$  and  $1$ , respectively. Hence we can easily verify the equality

$$u^1(A_1 U_1)(\text{tr} A_1) - \text{tr} A_1^2 - (n - 1) = 0, \tag{4.9}$$

and consequently,

$$\text{Ric}(U_1, U_1) + \rho - n^2 \|\mu\|^2 + \|A_1 U_1\|^2 + (n + 3)(n - 1) = 0 \tag{4.10}$$

on  $M_{1,n}^h(\tanh^2 \theta)$ .

*Remark 4.5.* If we put  $V := \nabla_{U_1} U_1 - (\text{div} U_1)U_1$ , then it easily follows from (2.11) that  $V = FA_1 U_1$ . Taking account of (3.3), (3.5), (3.7), and (3.8), we obtain

$$\text{div} V = \frac{1}{2} \|FA_1 - A_1 F\|^2 + u^1(A_1 U_1)(\text{tr} A_1) - \text{tr} A_1^2 - (n - 1). \tag{4.11}$$

Hence if the commutativity condition (C) holds on  $M$ , then the vector field  $V$  is zero since  $U_1$  is a principal vector of  $A_1$ , and consequently,

$$u^1(A_1 U_1)(\text{tr} A_1) - \text{tr} A_1^2 - (n - 1) = 0. \tag{4.12}$$

Thus, on  $n$ -dimensional CR-submanifold  $M$  of  $(n - 1)$  CR-dimension in a complex hyperbolic space  $\text{CH}^{(n+p)/2}$  over which the commutativity condition C holds, the function  $u^1(A_1 U_1)$  cannot be zero at any point of  $M$ . A real hypersurface of a complex hyperbolic space  $\text{CH}^{(n+p)/2}$  satisfying the commutativity condition (C) cannot be minimal.

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