

# On Complete Totally Real Pseudo-Umbilical Submanifolds in a Complex Projective Space

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**Abstract** Let  $\mathbf{M}^n$  be a totally real pseudo-umbilical submanifold in a complex projective space  $\mathbf{CP}^{n+p}$ . In this paper, we study the position of completeness of  $\mathbf{M}^n$ . By choosing a suitable frame field, we obtain a rigidity theorem such that  $\mathbf{M}^n$  becomes totally umbilical submanifold and improve the related results.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $CP^{n+p}$  be a  $2(n+p)$ -dimensional complex projective space endowed with the Fubini-Study metric of constant holomorphic sectional curvature 4. Let  $M^n$  be an  $n$ -dimensional submanifold in  $CP^{n+p}$ .  $M^n$  is called totally real if each tangent space of  $M^n$  is mapped into the normal space by the complex structure  $J$  of  $CP^{n+p}$ . In [1], Du investigated the conditions under which totally real pseudo-umbilical submanifolds must be minimal for  $p = 0$ . When  $M^n$  is a compact totally real minimal submanifold, the corresponding pinching theorem was obtained. In [2], when  $M^n$  is an  $n$ -dimensional compact totally real pseudo-umbilical submanifold with parallel mean curvature in  $CP^{n+p}$ , Zhang obtained a pinching theorem about the square of the length of the second fundamental form. In this paper, we study the complete totally real pseudo-umbilical submanifolds in  $CP^{n+p}$  for general complex codimension  $p$ , and obtain the following theorems.

**Theorem** *Let  $M^n$  be an  $n$ -dimensional complete totally real pseudo-umbilical submanifold with parallel mean curvature in  $CP^{n+p}$  ( $p > 0$ ). Then either  $M^n$  is totally umbilical, or  $\inf \rho \leq n(1 + H^2)(n - \frac{5}{3})$ , where  $\rho$  is the scalar curvature of  $M^n$ .*

**Corollary** *Let  $M^n$  be an  $n$ -dimensional complete totally real pseudo-umbilical submanifold with*

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parallel mean curvature in  $CP^{n+p}$  ( $p > 0$ ). If the square of the length of second fundamental form  $S < \frac{n}{3}(2 + 5H^2)$ , where  $H$  is the mean curvature of  $M^n$ , then  $M^n$  is totally umbilical.

## 2. Basic formulas

Let  $M^n$  be an  $n$ -dimensional totally real submanifold in  $CP^{n+p}$ . Choose a local field of orthonormal frames

$$e_1, \dots, e_n, e_{n+1}, \dots, e_{n+p}, e_{1^*} = Je_1, \dots, e_{n^*} = Je_n, e_{(n+1)^*} = Je_{n+1}, \dots, e_{(n+p)^*} = Je_{n+p}$$

in  $CP^{n+p}$ , in such a way that, restricted to  $M^n$ ,  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  are tangent to  $M^n$ . For convenience, we use the following convention on the range of indices:

$$\begin{aligned} A, B, C, \dots &= 1, \dots, n + p, 1^*, \dots, (n + p)^*; \\ i, j, k, \dots &= 1, \dots, n; \\ \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \dots &= n + 1, \dots, n + p, 1^*, \dots, (n + p)^*; \\ \lambda, \mu \dots &= n + 1, \dots, n + p. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\{\omega_A\}$  be the dual frames of  $\{e_A\}$ . Then the structure equations of  $CP^{n+p}$  are given by

$$d\omega_A = - \sum_B \omega_{AB} \wedge \omega_B, \tag{2.1}$$

$$d\omega_{AB} = - \sum_C \omega_{AC} \wedge \omega_{CB} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{CD} K_{ABCD} \omega_C \wedge \omega_D \tag{2.2}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{ij} &= \omega_{i^*j^*}, \quad \omega_{i^*j} = \omega_{j^*i}, \quad \omega_{\lambda\mu} = \omega_{\lambda^*\mu^*}, \\ \omega_{\lambda^*\mu} &= \omega_{\mu^*\lambda}, \quad \omega_{i\mu} = \omega_{i^*\mu^*}, \quad \omega_{i^*\lambda} = \omega_{\lambda^*i}; \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

$$K_{ABCD} = \delta_{AC}\delta_{BD} - \delta_{AD}\delta_{BC} + J_{AC}J_{BD} - J_{AD}J_{BC} + 2J_{AB}J_{CD}. \tag{2.4}$$

In (2.4),  $(J_{AB})$  is the component of the linear transformation  $J$ , i.e.,

$$(J_{AB}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_{n+p} \\ -I_{n+p} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.5}$$

where  $I_{n+p}$  denotes the identity matrix of degree  $n + p$ .

Restricting these forms to  $M$ , we have

$$\omega_\alpha = 0, \quad \omega_{\alpha i} = \sum_j h_{ij}^\alpha \omega_j, \tag{2.6}$$

$$h = \sum_{\alpha, i, j} h_{ij}^\alpha \omega_i \otimes \omega_j \otimes e_\alpha, \quad h_{jk}^{i^*} = h_{ik}^j = h_{ij}^{k^*}, \tag{2.7}$$

$$\begin{cases} d\omega_i = - \sum_j \omega_{ij} \wedge \omega_j, \\ d\omega_{ij} = - \sum_k \omega_{ik} \wedge \omega_{kj} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k,l} R_{ijkl} \omega_k \wedge \omega_l, \end{cases} \tag{2.8}$$

$$R_{ijkl} = K_{ijkl} + \sum_{\alpha} (h_{ik}^{\alpha} h_{jl}^{\alpha} - h_{il}^{\alpha} h_{jk}^{\alpha}), \tag{2.9}$$

$$d\omega_{\alpha\beta} = - \sum_{\gamma} \omega_{\alpha\gamma} \wedge \omega_{\gamma\beta} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k,l} R_{\alpha\beta kl} \omega_k \wedge \omega_l, \tag{2.10}$$

$$R_{\alpha\beta ij} = K_{\alpha\beta ij} + \sum_k (h_{ik}^{\alpha} h_{kj}^{\beta} - h_{jk}^{\alpha} h_{ki}^{\beta}), \tag{2.11}$$

where  $h$  is the second fundamental form of  $M^n$ , and  $R_{ijkl}, R_{\alpha\beta ij}$  are the components of the Riemann curvature tensor  $R$  and the normal curvature tensor  $R^{\perp}$  with respect to  $\{e_A\}$ . The mean curvature vector  $\xi$ , the mean curvature  $H$ , the square of the length of the second fundamental form  $S$  and the scalar curvature  $\rho$  of  $M^n$  are defined as follows

$$\xi = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\alpha} \left( \sum_i h_{ii}^{\alpha} \right) e_{\alpha}, \quad H = \| \xi \|, \quad S = \| h \|^2, \tag{2.12}$$

$$\rho = n(n-1) + n^2 H^2 - S. \tag{2.13}$$

Let  $h_{ijk}^{\alpha}$  and  $h_{ijkl}^{\alpha}$  be the covariant of  $h_{ij}^{\alpha}$ . Then

$$h_{ijk}^{\alpha} - h_{ikj}^{\alpha} = -K_{\alpha ijk} = 0, \tag{2.14}$$

$$h_{ijkl}^{\alpha} - h_{ijlk}^{\alpha} = \sum_m (h_{im}^{\alpha} R_{mjkl} + h_{mj}^{\alpha} R_{mikl}) - \sum_{\beta} h_{ij}^{\beta} R_{\alpha\beta kl}. \tag{2.15}$$

**Lemma 1** ([3]) *Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m$  be symmetric  $(n \times n)$ -matrices,  $m \geq 2$ . Then*

$$-2 \sum_{\alpha, \beta} [\text{tr}(A_{\alpha}^2 A_{\beta}^2) - \text{tr}(A_{\alpha} A_{\beta})^2] - \sum_{\alpha, \beta} [\text{tr}(A_{\alpha} A_{\beta})]^2 \geq -\frac{3}{2} S^2.$$

**Lemma 2** ([4]) *Let  $M^n$  be an  $n$ -dimensional complete Riemannian manifold with Ricci curvature bounded from below. If  $F$  is a  $C^2$ -function bounded from above on  $M^n$ , then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a point  $x \in M^n$  such that  $\sup F - \varepsilon < F(x)$ ,  $|\text{grad } F| < \varepsilon$ ,  $\Delta F < \varepsilon$ .*

**Lemma 3** *Let  $M^n$  be a totally real pseudo-umbilical submanifold with parallel mean curvature in  $CP^{n+p}$  ( $p > 0$ ). Then the Ricci curvature  $R_{ii}$  satisfies  $R_{ii} \geq n - 1 + nH^2 - S$ .*

**Proof** From the theorem of [2], we can choose  $\xi = He_{n+1}$ . With the fact that  $M^n$  is pseudo-umbilical, we can get

$$\text{tr } H_{\alpha} = \begin{cases} nH, & \alpha = n+1 \\ 0, & \alpha \neq n+1 \end{cases}, \quad h_{ij}^{n+1} = H\delta_{ij}.$$

From the definition of Ricci curvature and (2.9)

$$\begin{aligned} R_{ii} &= \sum_{j(\neq i)} R_{ijij} = \sum_{j(\neq i)} K_{ijij} + \sum_{\alpha} \sum_{j(\neq i)} [h_{ii}^{\alpha} h_{jj}^{\alpha} - (h_{ij}^{\alpha})^2] \\ &= n - 1 + \sum_{j, \alpha} h_{ii}^{\alpha} h_{jj}^{\alpha} - \sum_{\alpha} (h_{ii}^{\alpha})^2 - \sum_{\alpha} \sum_{j(\neq i)} (h_{ij}^{\alpha})^2 \\ &= n - 1 + nH^2 - \sum_{j, \alpha} (h_{ij}^{\alpha})^2 \geq n - 1 + nH^2 - S. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

### 3. Proof of Theorem

Let  $\xi = He_{n+1}$ . From the fact that  $M^n$  is pseudo-umbilical, it follows

$$\operatorname{tr} H_\alpha = \begin{cases} nH, & \alpha = n + 1 \\ 0, & \alpha \neq n + 1 \end{cases}, \quad h_{ij}^{n+1} = H\delta_{ij}. \tag{3.1}$$

Set  $\tau = \sum_{\alpha > n+1} h_{ij}^\alpha = S - nH^2$ . Since  $M^n$  has parallel mean curvature vector, we can get  $\sum_k h_{kkij}^\alpha = 0$ , and the mean curvature  $H$  is a constant.

By using (2.9), (2.11), (2.14), (2.15) and (3.1), it is not difficult to get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}\Delta\tau &= \sum_{\substack{i,j,k \\ \alpha \neq n+1}} (h_{ijk}^\alpha)^2 + \sum_{\substack{i,j,k \\ \alpha \neq n+1}} h_{ij}^\alpha \Delta h_{ij}^\alpha \\ &= \sum_{\substack{i,j,k \\ \alpha \neq n+1}} (h_{ijk}^\alpha)^2 + \sum_{\substack{i,j,k,m \\ \alpha \neq n+1}} h_{ij}^\alpha (h_{im}^\alpha R_{mkjk} + h_{km}^\alpha R_{mijk}) - \sum_{\substack{i,j,k,\beta \\ \alpha \neq n+1}} h_{ij}^\alpha h_{ki}^\beta R_{\alpha\beta jk} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{i,j,k \\ \alpha \neq n+1}} (h_{ijk}^\alpha)^2 + \sum_m \operatorname{tr} H_m^2 + n(1 + H^2)\tau + \\ &\quad \sum_{\alpha, \beta \neq n+1} \operatorname{tr}(H_\alpha H_\beta - H_\beta H_\alpha)^2 - \sum_{\alpha, \beta \neq n+1} [\operatorname{tr}(H_\alpha H_\beta)]^2. \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 1 we can get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}\Delta\tau &\geq \sum_{\substack{i,j,k \\ \alpha \neq n+1}} (h_{ijk}^\alpha)^2 + \sum_m \operatorname{tr} H_m^2 + \tau[n(1 + H^2) - \frac{3}{2}\tau] \\ &\geq \tau[n(1 + H^2) - \frac{3}{2}\tau]. \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

- (1) If  $\inf \rho \leq n(1 + H^2)(n - \frac{5}{3})$ , the theorem is correct.
- (2) If  $\inf \rho > n(1 + H^2)(n - \frac{5}{3})$ , i.e.,  $\rho > n(1 + H^2)(n - \frac{5}{3})$ , by (2.13) we have

$$S = n(n - 1) + n^2H^2 - \rho \leq \frac{2}{3}n(1 + H^2) + nH^2,$$

then

$$\tau = S - nH^2 \leq \frac{2}{3}n(1 + H^2).$$

Since  $H$  is a constant,  $\tau$  is bounded from above. By Lemma 3, we have

$$R_{ii} \geq n - 1 + nH^2 - S \geq n - 1 - \frac{2}{3}n(1 + H^2),$$

which means that Ricci curvature is bounded from below. Now we consider the following smooth function on  $M^n$  defined by  $F = (f + a)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $f = \tau$ , where  $a > 0$  is a real number. Obviously,  $F$  is bounded from above, so we can apply Lemma 2 to  $F$ . For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a point  $x \in M$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &> \sup F - \varepsilon, \quad |\operatorname{grad} F| < \varepsilon, \quad \Delta F < \varepsilon, \\ dF &= \frac{1}{2}(f + a)^{-\frac{1}{2}}df, \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

$$\Delta F = \frac{1}{2}\left[-\frac{1}{2}(f + a)^{-\frac{3}{2}}\|df\|^2 + (f + a)^{-\frac{1}{2}}\Delta f\right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{2}[-2\|dF\|^2 + \Delta f](f+a)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\
&= \frac{1}{2F}(-2\|dF\|^2 + \Delta f).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $F\Delta F = -\|dF\|^2 + \frac{1}{2}\Delta f$ , i.e.,

$$\frac{1}{2}\Delta f = F\Delta F + \|dF\|^2. \quad (3.4)$$

By (3.3) and (3.4), we have

$$\frac{1}{2}\Delta f < \varepsilon^2 + \varepsilon F = \varepsilon(\varepsilon + F). \quad (3.5)$$

Choose a sequence  $\{\varepsilon_m\}$  such that  $\varepsilon_m \rightarrow 0$ , as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . For any  $\varepsilon_m$ , there exists a point  $x_m \in M$  satisfying (3.3). Therefore  $\varepsilon_m[\varepsilon_m + F(x_m)] \rightarrow 0$ ,  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . On the other hand, by (3.3)

$$F(x_m) > \sup F - \varepsilon_m. \quad (3.6)$$

Because  $F$  is bounded from above,  $\{F(x_m)\}$  is a bounded sequence. Thus  $F(x_m) \rightarrow F_0$ . By the definition of supremum and (3.6), we have  $F_0 = \sup F$ . Hence the definition of  $F$  gives rise to  $f(x_m) \rightarrow f_0 = \sup f$ . By (3.2), (3.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
f[n(1+H^2) - \frac{3}{2}f] &\leq \frac{1}{2}\Delta f < \varepsilon^2 + \varepsilon F, \\
f(x_m)[n(1+H^2) - \frac{3}{2}f(x_m)] &< \varepsilon_m^2 + \varepsilon_m F(x_m) \leq \varepsilon_m^2 + \varepsilon_m F_0.
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . We get  $\varepsilon_m \rightarrow 0$ ,  $f(x_m) \rightarrow f_0$ . Then

$$f_0[n(1+H^2) - \frac{3}{2}f_0] \leq 0.$$

- a) If  $f_0 = 0$ ,  $f = \tau = 0$ . So  $S = nH^2$ . This means that  $M^n$  is totally umbilical;
- b) If  $f_0 > 0$ ,

$$n(1+H^2) - \frac{3}{2}f_0 \leq 0, \quad f_0 \geq \frac{2}{3}n(1+H^2).$$

So  $\sup f \geq \frac{2}{3}n(1+H^2)$ , by (2.13), we have  $\inf \rho \leq n(n - \frac{5}{3})(1+H^2)$ .  $\square$

**Proof of Corollary** From the proof of Theorem, we can know that, when  $\tau < \frac{2}{3}n(1+H^2)$ , i.e.,  $S < \frac{n}{3}(2+5H^2)$ , we have  $f_0 = 0$ . Then  $f = \tau = 0$ . So  $S = nH^2$ , i.e.,  $M^n$  is totally umbilical.  $\square$

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