

# Sectional Curvature of $CR$ -submanifolds of Maximal $CR$ -dimension

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## Abstract

In this paper we study  $n$ -dimensional compact  $CR$ -submanifolds of  $(n-1)$   $CR$ -dimension immersed in a complex projective space  $CP^{(n+p)/2}$ . Especially we provide necessary conditions in order for such a submanifold to be a geodesic hypersphere in  $CP^{(n+p)/2}$  in terms with sectional curvature.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional  $CR$ -submanifold of maximal  $CR$ -dimension isometrically immersed in a complex space form  $M^{(n+p)/2}(c)$ . Denoting by  $(J, \bar{g})$

the Kählerian structure of  $M^{(n+p)/2}(c)$ , it follows by definition (cf. [2,5,6,9,12]) that the dimension of the maximal  $J$ -invariant subspace

$$\mathcal{D}_x := T_x M \cap JT_x M$$

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

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

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

$$\xi := JU_1 \tag{1.1}$$

is normal to  $M$  and satisfies

$$JTM \subset TM \oplus \text{Span}\{\xi\}.$$

Hence we have, for any tangent vector field  $X$  and for a local orthonormal basis  $\{\xi_\alpha ; \alpha = 1, \dots, p\}$  ( $\xi_1 := \xi$ ) of normal vectors to  $M$ , the following decomposition in tangential and normal components :

$$JX = FX + u^1(X)\xi_1, \tag{1.2}$$

$$J\xi_\alpha = -U_\alpha + P\xi_\alpha, \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, p. \tag{1.3}$$

Since the structure  $(J, \bar{g})$  is hermitian and  $J^2 = -I$ , we can easily see from (1.2) and (1.3) that  $F$  and  $P$  are skew-symmetric linear endomorphisms acting on  $T_x M$  and  $T_x^\perp M$ , respectively, and that

$$g(FU_\alpha, X) = -u^1(X)\bar{g}(\xi_1, P\xi_\alpha), \tag{1.4}$$

$$g(U_\alpha, U_\beta) = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - \bar{g}(P\xi_\alpha, P\xi_\beta), \tag{1.5}$$

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

$$g(U_\alpha, X) = u^1(X)\delta_{1\alpha} \tag{1.6}$$

and consequently

$$g(U_1, X) = u^1(X), \quad U_\alpha = 0, \quad \alpha = 2, \dots, p. \tag{1.7}$$

Next, applying  $J$  to (1.2) and using (1.3) and (1.7), we have

$$F^2X = -X + u^1(X)U_1, \quad u^1(X)P\xi_1 = -u^1(FX)\xi_1, \quad (1.8)$$

from which, taking account of the skew-symmetry of  $P$  and (1.4),

$$u^1(FX) = 0, \quad FU_1 = 0, \quad u^1(U_1) = 1, \quad P\xi_1 = 0. \quad (1.9)$$

Thus (1.3) may be written in the form

$$J\xi_1 = -U_1, \quad J\xi_\alpha = P\xi_\alpha, \quad \alpha = 2, \dots, p. \quad (1.10)$$

Those equations tell us that  $(F, g, U_1, u^1)$  defines an almost contact metric structure on  $M$  (cf. [2,5,6,8,10,12]). Recently Okumura and Vanhecke [12] studied CR-submanifolds of maximal CR-dimension admitting normal almost contact metric structure when  $M^{(n+p)/2}(c)$  is a complex projective space  $CP^{(n+p)/2}$  and proved the following theorem as an improvement of a theorem provided by Okumura [10, Theorem 4.4, p.363] :

**Theorem O-V.** *Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional CR-submanifold of  $(n-1)$  CR-dimension isometrically immersed in  $CP^{(n+p)/2}$  and let the distinguished normal vector field  $\xi$  is parallel with respect to the normal connection. If the almost contact metric structure of  $M$  is normal, or equivalently if  $FA_1 = A_1F$ , then  $M$  is locally isometric to  $M_{n_1, n_2}^C(r_1, r_2)$ , where  $A_1$  denotes the shape operator in direction of  $\xi$  and*

$$M_{n_1, n_2}^C(r_1, r_2) := \pi(S^{2n_1+1}(r_1) \times S^{2n_2+1}(r_2))$$

for some portion  $(n_1, n_2)$  of  $(n-1)/2$  and some  $r_1, r_2$  such that  $r_1^2 + r_2^2 = 1$  ( $\pi$  is the Hopf fibration :  $S^{n+p+1}(1) \rightarrow CP^{(n+p)/2}$ ).

On the other hand, in his paper [4], Kon provided

**Theorem K.** *Let  $M$  be a compact, minimal real hypersurface of  $CP^{(n+1)/2}$ . If the minimum of sectional curvatures of  $M$  is  $1/n$ , then  $M$  is the geodesic minimal hypersphere  $M_{0, (n-1)/2}^C := M_{0, (n-1)/2}^C(\sqrt{\frac{1}{n+1}}, \sqrt{\frac{n}{n+1}})$ .*

In this paper we shall study CR-submanifolds of  $(n-1)$  CR-dimension isometrically immersed in  $CP^{(n+p)/2}$  and improve Theorem K by using Theorem O-V.

## 2 Preliminaries

We first let  $M$  be as in §1 and use the same notations as shown in that section. We denote by  $\bar{\nabla}$  and  $\nabla$  the Levi-Civita connection on  $M^{(n+p)/2}(c)$  and  $M$ , respectively. Then Gauss and Weingarten equations are given by

$$\bar{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y), \quad (2.1)$$

$$\bar{\nabla}_X \xi_\alpha = -A_\alpha X + \nabla_X^\perp \xi_\alpha, \quad \alpha = 1, \dots, p \quad (2.2)$$

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

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

Especially, we put

$$\nabla_X^\perp \xi_\alpha = \sum_{\beta=1}^p s_{\alpha\beta}(X) \xi_\beta. \quad (2.3)$$

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

Now, by using (2.1)-(2.3) and taking account of the Kähler condition  $\bar{\nabla}J = 0$ , we differentiate (1.2) and (1.3) covariantly and compare the tangential and normal parts. Then we can easily find that

$$(\nabla_X F)Y = u^1(Y)A_1 X - g(A_1 Y, X)U_1, \quad (2.4)$$

$$(\nabla_X u^1)Y = g(F A_1 X, Y), \quad (2.5)$$

$$\nabla_X U_1 = F A_1 X, \quad (2.6)$$

$$g(A_\alpha U_1, X) = - \sum_{\beta=2}^p s_{1\beta}(X) P_{\beta\alpha}, \quad \alpha = 2, \dots, p \quad (2.7)$$

for any  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$ , where we have put  $P\xi_\alpha = \sum_{\beta=2}^p P_{\alpha\beta} \xi_\beta$  for  $2 \leq \alpha \leq p$ .

In the rest of this paper we assume that the distinguished normal vector field  $\xi_1 := \xi$  is parallel with respect to the normal connection  $\nabla^\perp$ . Then (2.3) gives

$$s_{1\alpha} = 0, \quad \alpha = 2, \dots, p, \quad (2.8)$$

which together with (2.7) yields

$$A_\alpha U_1 = 0, \quad \alpha = 2, \dots, p. \quad (2.9)$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{R}(\bar{X}, \bar{Y})\bar{Z} = & \frac{c}{4}\{\bar{g}(\bar{Y}, \bar{Z})\bar{X} - \bar{g}(\bar{X}, \bar{Z})\bar{Y} + \bar{g}(J\bar{Y}, \bar{Z})J\bar{X} \\ & - \bar{g}(J\bar{X}, \bar{Z})J\bar{Y} - 2\bar{g}(J\bar{X}, \bar{Y})J\bar{Z}\} \end{aligned}$$

for any  $\bar{X}, \bar{Y}, \bar{Z}$  tangent to  $M^{(n+p)/2}(c)$  (cf. [1,13]). So, equations of Gauss, Codazzi and Ricci imply

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y)Z = & \frac{c}{4}\{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y \\ & + g(FY, Z)FX - g(FX, Z)FY - 2g(FX, Y)FZ\} \quad (2.10) \\ & + \sum_{\alpha} \{g(A_{\alpha}Y, Z)A_{\alpha}X - g(A_{\alpha}X, Z)A_{\alpha}Y\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (\nabla_X A_1)Y - (\nabla_Y A_1)X \\ = & \frac{c}{4}\{g(X, U_1)FY - g(Y, U_1)FX - 2g(FX, Y)U_1\}, \quad (2.11_a) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (\nabla_X A_{\alpha})Y - (\nabla_Y A_{\alpha})X \\ = & \sum_{\beta=2}^p \{s_{\beta\alpha}(Y)A_{\beta}X - s_{\beta\alpha}(X)A_{\beta}Y\}, \quad \alpha = 2, \dots, p, \quad (2.11_b) \end{aligned}$$

$$[A_1, A_{\alpha}] = 0, \quad \alpha = 2, \dots, p \quad (2.12)$$

for any  $X, Y, Z$  tangent to  $M$  with the aid of (2.8), where  $R$  denotes the Riemannian curvature tensor of  $M$  with respect to  $g$ .

From now on we prepare some algebraic identities for later use. Putting

$$V := \nabla_{U_1}U_1 - (\operatorname{div}U)U, \quad (2.13)$$

it follows from (1.8), (1.9) and (2.6) that

$$V = FA_1U_1, \quad (2.14)$$

$$g(U_1, V) = 0, \quad (2.15)$$

$$FV = -A_1U_1 + \lambda U_1, \quad (2.16)$$

$$g(V, V) = \mu - \alpha^2, \quad (2.17)$$

where here and in the sequel we put

$$\lambda = g(A_1 U_1, U_1) = u^1(A_1 U_1), \quad \mu = g(A_1^2 U_1, U_1). \quad (2.18)$$

It follows easily from (2.15) and (2.16) that

$$g(A_1 U_1, V) = 0. \quad (2.19)$$

Also (2.6), (2.15) and (2.16) imply

$$u^1(\nabla_X V) = g(\lambda A_1 U_1 - A_1^2 U_1, X). \quad (2.20)$$

Taking an orthonormal basis

$$\{e_i\}_{i=1,\dots,n} = \{e_a, e_{a^*}, e_n = U_1\}_{a=1,\dots,m} \quad (m := (n-1)/2)$$

of tangent vectors to  $M$  such that  $e_{a^*} := F e_a$ , we can obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div} V &= \sum_{i=1}^n g(\nabla_{e_i} V, e_i) = \sum_{a=1}^m g((\nabla_{F e_a} A_1) e_a - (\nabla_{e_a} A_1) F e_a, U_1) \\ &\quad + \lambda(\operatorname{tr} A_1) - \mu - \sum_{a=1}^m g(A_1 F e_a, F A_1 e_a) \end{aligned} \quad (2.21)$$

with the aid of (1.8), (2.14) and (2.18). Since (2.11) implies

$$\sum_{a=1}^m g((\nabla_{F e_a} A_1) e_a - (\nabla_{e_a} A_1) F e_a, U_1) = \frac{c}{4}(n-1),$$

(2.21) reduces to

$$\operatorname{div} V = \lambda(\operatorname{tr} A_1) - \mu + \frac{c}{4}(n-1) - \sum_{a=1}^m g(A_1 F e_a, F A_1 e_a). \quad (2.22)$$

On the other hand, (2.6) yields

$$(\mathcal{L}_{U_1} g)(X, Y) = g((F A_1 - A_1 F) X, Y)$$

and consequently

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{L}_{U_1} g\|^2 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n g((F A_1 - A_1 F)(F A_1 - A_1 F)^t e_i, e_i) \\ &= \operatorname{tr} A_1^2 - \mu - \sum_{a=1}^m g(A_1 F e_a, F A_1 e_a). \end{aligned} \quad (2.23)$$

Hence (2.22) and (2.23) yield

$$\frac{1}{2}\|\mathcal{L}_{U_1}g\|^2 = \operatorname{div}V - \{\lambda(\operatorname{tr}A_1) - \operatorname{tr}A_1^2 + \frac{c}{4}(n-1)\} \quad (2.24)$$

or equivalently

$$\operatorname{div}V = \frac{1}{2}\|FA_1 - A_1F\|^2 + \lambda(\operatorname{tr}A_1) - \operatorname{tr}A_1^2 + \frac{c}{4}(n-1). \quad (2.24')$$

Finally, we introduce several lemmas provided in [5] for later use.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional CR-submanifold of  $(n-1)$  CR-dimension in a complex space form  $\overline{M}^{(n+p)/2}(c)$  of constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $c$  and let the distinguished normal vector field  $\xi$  be parallel with respect to the normal connection. Then*

$$\|\nabla A_1\|^2 \geq \{(n-1)/8\}c^2.$$

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $M$  be as in Lemma 2.1 with  $c \neq 0$ . If  $FA_1 = A_1F$ , then  $\|\nabla A_1\|^2 = \{(n-1)/8\}c^2$  and*

$$A_1^2X = \lambda A_1X + \frac{c}{4}\{X - u^1(X)U_1\}. \quad (2.25)$$

Moreover, in this case

$$A_1U_1 = \lambda U_1 \quad (2.26)$$

and the function  $\lambda = u(A_1U)$  is locally constant.

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $M$  be as in Lemma 2.1 with  $c \neq 0$ . If  $FA_1 = A_1F$ , then*

$$FA_\alpha + A_\alpha F = 0, \quad \operatorname{tr}A_\alpha = 0, \quad \alpha = 2, \dots, p. \quad (2.27)$$

*Proof.* Differentiating (2.9) covariantly and using (2.6), we have

$$(\nabla_X A_\alpha)U_1 + A_\alpha F A_1 X = 0,$$

or equivalently

$$g((\nabla_X A_\alpha)Y, U_1) + g(A_\alpha F A_1 X, Y) = 0 \quad (2.28)$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$ . By means of (2.9), (2.11<sub>b</sub>), (2.12) and the assumption  $FA_1 = A_1F$ , it can be easily verified from (2.28) that

$$(A_\alpha F + FA_\alpha)A_1X = 0. \quad (2.29)$$

Inserting  $A_1X$  into (2.29) instead of  $X$  and using (2.9), (2.25) and (2.29) itself, we have the first equation of (2.27). The second equation of (2.27) can be easily followed from the fact that  $A_\alpha = FA_\alpha F$ , which is a direct consequence of (1.8), (2.9) and the first equation of (2.27).  $\square$

### 3 Proof of main theorems

In this section we assume that the ambient manifold is a complex projective space  $CP^{(n+p)/2}$  of constant holomorphic sectional curvature 4. Suppose that the distinguished normal vector field  $\xi$  is parallel with respect to the normal connection and that the trace of the shape operator  $A_1$  corresponding to  $\xi$  vanishes, that is,

$$tr A_1 = 0. \tag{3.1}$$

Then, from (2.11<sub>a</sub>) with  $c = 4$  and  $s_{1\beta} = 0$ , we have

$$\sum (\nabla_i A_1) e_i = 0, \tag{3.2}$$

where  $\{e_i\}_{i=1,\dots,n}$  is the orthonormal basis given in §2 of tangent vectors to  $M$  and  $\nabla_i := \nabla_{e_i}$ .

Using (2.4)-(2.6) and (3.2), we can easily obtain

$$\sum (\nabla_i \nabla_i A_1) X = \sum (R(e_i, X) A_1) e_i - 3\{g(A_1 U, X) U - F A_1 F X\}$$

for any vector field  $X$  tangent to  $M$ . Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} g(\nabla^2 A_1, A_1) &= \sum_{i,j} g((R(e_i, e_j) A_1) e_i, A_1 e_j) \\ &\quad - 3\{\mu - \sum g(A_1 F A_1 F e_i, e_i)\}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

Taking account of the Laplacian of  $tr A_1^2$ , we have

$$\int_M \|\nabla A_1\|^2 * 1 = - \int_M g(\nabla^2 A_1, A_1) * 1. \tag{3.4}$$

On the other hand, it follows from Lemma 2.1 that

$$0 \leq \int_M \{\|\nabla A_1\|^2 - 2(n-1) + \frac{1}{2}\|F A_1 - A_1 F\|^2\} * 1,$$

Moreover, (3.3) and (3.4) yield

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_M \{\|\nabla A_1\|^2 - 2(n-1) + \frac{1}{2}\|F A_1 - A_1 F\|^2\} * 1 \\ &= \int_M \{\frac{1}{2}\|F A_1 - A_1 F\|^2 - 2(n-1) + 3(\mu - \sum g(A_1 F A_1 F e_i, e_i)) \\ &\quad - \sum_{i,j} g((R(e_i, e_j) A_1) e_i, A_1 e_j)\} * 1, \end{aligned}$$

from which together with (2.23) and (2.24') with  $c = 4$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \int_M \{ \|\nabla A_1\|^2 - 2(n-1) + \frac{1}{2} \|FA_1 - A_1F\|^2 \} * 1 \\ &= \int_M \{ \text{tr} A_1^2 - \sum_{i,j} g((R(e_i, e_j)A_1)e_i, A_1e_j) \} * 1. \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

Now we choose an orthonormal frame  $\{e_j\}$  of  $M$  such that

$$A_1e_j = \lambda_j e_j \quad (j = 1, \dots, n).$$

Then it is clear that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i,j} g((R(e_i, e_j)A_1)e_i, A_1e_j) &= \sum_{i,j} \{ g((R(e_i, e_j)A_1)e_i, A_1e_j) - g(A_1R(e_i, e_j)e_i, A_1e_j) \} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} (\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2 K_{ij}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $K_{ij}$  denotes the sectional curvature of the plane section spanned by  $\{e_i, e_j\}$ . Hence, if the minimum of the sectional curvature of  $M$  is  $1/n$ , the above equation implies

$$\sum_{i,j} g((R(e_i, e_j)A_1)e_i, A_1e_j) \geq \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i,j} (\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2 = \text{tr} A_1^2. \tag{3.6}$$

Comparing (3.5) with (3.6), we have

$$FA_1 = A_1F.$$

Combining those results and Lemma 2.3, we have

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional compact CR-submanifold of  $(n-1)$  CR-dimension in  $CP^{(n+p)/2}$  and let the distinguished normal vector field  $\xi$  be parallel with respect to the normal connection. If the trace of the shape operator  $A_1$  in direction of  $\xi$  vanishes and if the minimum of sectional curvatures of  $M$  is  $1/n$ , then*

$$FA_1 = \bar{A}_1F \tag{3.7}$$

at any point in  $M$ . Hence  $M$  is minimal and

$$FA_\alpha + A_\alpha F = 0, \quad \alpha = 2, \dots, p. \tag{3.8}$$

By means of Theorem 3.1 we can obtain the following theorem under additional condition :

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional compact CR-submanifold of  $(n-1)$  CR-dimension in  $CP^{(n+p)/2}$  and assume that there exists an orthonormal basis  $\{\xi, \xi_\alpha\}_{\alpha=2, \dots, p}$  of normal vectors to  $M$  each of which is parallel with respect to the normal connection. If the trace of the shape operator  $A_1$  in direction of  $\xi$  vanishes and if the minimum of sectional curvatures of  $M$  is  $1/n$ , then there is an  $(n+1)$ -dimensional totally geodesic complex projective space  $CP^{(n+1)/2}$  of  $CP^{(n+p)/2}$  such that  $M \subset CP^{(n+1)/2}$ .*

*Proof.* Under our assumptions it follows from Theorem 3.1 that

$$\operatorname{tr} A_\alpha = 0, \quad \alpha = 2, \dots, p.$$

Moreover, it is clear from (2.11<sub>b</sub>) that, for any vector fields  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$ ,

$$(\nabla_X A_\alpha)Y - (\nabla_Y A_\alpha)X = 0$$

since  $s_{\alpha\beta} = 0$ ,  $1 \leq \alpha, \beta \leq p$ , and consequently

$$\sum (\nabla_i A_\alpha) e_i = 0,$$

where  $\{e_i\}_{i=1, \dots, n}$  is the orthonormal basis given in §2 of tangent vectors to  $M$ . Hence we have

$$\sum (\nabla_i \nabla_i A_\alpha) X = \sum (R(e_i, X) A_\alpha) e_i$$

for any vector field  $X$  tangent to  $M$ , and so

$$g(\nabla^2 A_\alpha, A_\alpha) = \sum_{i,j} g((R(e_i, e_j) A_\alpha) e_i, A_\alpha e_j).$$

Taking account of the Laplacian of  $\operatorname{tr} A_\alpha^2$ , we have

$$\int_M \|\nabla A_\alpha\|^2 * 1 = - \int_M g(\nabla^2 A_\alpha, A_\alpha) * 1,$$

which implies

$$0 \leq \int_M \|\nabla A_\alpha\|^2 * 1 = - \int_M \sum_{i,j} g((R(e_i, e_j) A_\alpha) e_i, A_\alpha e_j) * 1. \quad (3.9)$$

As was shown in the proof of Theorem 3.1, we choose an orthonormal frame  $\{e_j\}$  of  $M$  such that

$$A_\alpha e_j = \mu_j e_j \quad (j = 1, \dots, n).$$

Then we have

$$\sum_{i,j} g((R(e_i, e_j) A_\alpha) e_i, A_\alpha e_j) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} (\mu_i - \mu_j)^2 K_{ij}.$$

Hence, if the minimum of sectional curvatures of  $M$  is  $1/n$ , the above equation and (3.9) yield

$$\nabla_X A_\alpha = 0, \quad \alpha = 2, \dots, p \quad (3.10)$$

for any vector field  $X$  tangent to  $M$ .

On the other hand, differentiating (3.8) covariantly and using (2.4), (2.9) and (3.10), we have

$$u^1(X)A_\alpha A_1 Y - g(A_1 A_\alpha X, Y)U_1 = 0$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$ . Putting  $X = U$  in this equation and using (1.9) and (2.9), we have

$$A_\alpha A_1 Y = 0,$$

from which, inserting  $A_1 Y$  instead of  $Y$  and taking account of (2.25) with  $c = 4$ ,

$$A_\alpha = 0, \quad \alpha = 2, \dots, p.$$

Now we put  $N_0(x) := \{\eta \in T_x^\perp M \mid A_\eta = 0\}$  and let  $H_0(x)$  be the maximal  $J$ -invariant subspace of  $N_0(x)$ , that is,  $H_0(x) = JN_0(x) \cap N_0(x)$ . Then the orthogonal complement  $H_1(x)$  of  $H_0(x)$  in  $T_x^\perp M$  is  $\text{Span}\{\xi\}$ , which is invariant under parallel translation with respect to the normal connection under our assumption. Therefore we can apply Okumura's codimension reduction theorem provided in [11, Theorem 4.1, p. 579], which completes the proof of our theorem.  $\square$

Combining Theorem 3.2 and Theorem O-V, we have

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $M$  be as in Theorem 3.2. If the trace of the shape operator  $A_1$  in direction of  $\xi$  vanishes and if the minimum of sectional curvatures of  $M$  is  $1/n$ , then  $M$  is isometric to the geodesic minimal hypersphere  $M_{0,(n-1)/2}^C$  of  $CP^{(n+1)/2}$ .*

*Proof.* By means of Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 3.2,  $M$  is a minimal real hypersurface in a complex projective space  $CP^{(n+1)/2}$  and, moreover, satisfies (3.7). Hence Theorem O-V or [10, Theorem 4.4, p.363] yields that  $M$  is isometric to  $M_{n_1, n_2}^C(\sqrt{\frac{2n_1+1}{n+1}}, \sqrt{\frac{2n_2+1}{n+1}})$  for some portion  $(n_1, n_2)$  of  $(n-1)/2$ . On the other hand, using (2.25) with  $c = 4$  and (2.26), we can easily see that the minimum of sectional curvatures of  $M_{0,(n-1)/2}^C$  is  $1/n$  and that of  $M_{n_1, n_2}^C(\sqrt{\frac{2n_1+1}{n+1}}, \sqrt{\frac{2n_2+1}{n+1}})$  ( $n_1, n_2 \geq 1$ ) is zero, which completes the proof of our theorem.  $\square$

From Theorem 3.3, we immediately have

**Corollary 3.4.** ([4]) *Let  $M$  be a compact, minimal real hypersurface of a complex projective space  $CP^{(n+1)/2}$ . If the minimum of sectional curvatures of  $M$  is  $1/n$ . Then  $M$  is isometric to the geodesic minimal hypersphere  $M_{0,(n-1)/2}^C$ .*

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