

## COVARIANT DERIVATIVES ON KÄHLER $C$ -SPACES

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### 0. Introduction

Let  $(M, g)$  be a Kähler  $C$ -space.  $R$  and  $\nabla$  denote the curvature tensor and the Levi-Civita connection of  $(M, g)$ , respectively.

In [6], Takagi have proved that there exists an integer  $n$  such that

$$\hat{\nabla}^{n-1} R \neq 0, \quad \hat{\nabla}^n R \neq 0,$$

where  $\hat{\nabla}$  denotes the covariant derivative of  $(1,0)$ -type induced from  $\nabla$  (see Section 3 for the definition). Moreover, Takagi classified Kähler  $C$ -spaces with  $n = 2$  (Hermitian symmetric spaces of compact type are characterized as Kähler  $C$ -spaces with  $n = 1$ ).

However, there is a mistake in deduction to lead a certain formula. The purpose of this paper is to correct the mistake and to classify Kähler  $C$ -spaces with  $n = 2$ . Moreover, in Section 5, we shall classify Kähler  $C$ -spaces with  $n = 3$ .

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### 1. Preliminaries

Let  $G$  be a Lie group and  $K$  a closed subgroup of  $G$ . Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $\mathfrak{k}$  be the Lie algebras of  $G$  and  $K$ , respectively. Suppose that  $\text{Ad}(K)$  is compact. Then there exist an  $\text{Ad}(K)$ -invariant decomposition  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{k} + \mathfrak{p}$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$  and an  $\text{Ad}(K)$ -invariant scalar product  $\langle, \rangle$  on  $\mathfrak{p}$ . Then

$$(1.1) \quad [\mathfrak{k}, \mathfrak{p}] \subset \mathfrak{p}$$

$$(1.2) \quad \langle [u, x], y \rangle + \langle [u, y], x \rangle = 0 \quad (u \in \mathfrak{k}, x, y \in \mathfrak{p}).$$

Moreover, under the canonical identification of  $\mathfrak{p}$  with the tangent space  $T_o(G/K)$  ( $o = \{K\}$ ) of homogeneous space  $G/K$ , the scalar product  $\langle, \rangle$  can be extended to

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a  $G$ -invariant metric on  $G/K$ .

Let  $\Lambda$  be the connection function of  $(G/K, \langle, \rangle)$  (cf.[5]). Then for  $x, y \in \mathfrak{p}$ ,

$$(1.3) \quad \Lambda(x)(y) = \frac{1}{2} [x, y]_{\mathfrak{p}} + U(x, y)$$

where

$$(1.4) \quad \langle U(x, y), z \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \{ \langle [z, x]_{\mathfrak{p}}, y \rangle + \langle [z, y]_{\mathfrak{p}}, x \rangle \} \quad (z \in \mathfrak{p}).$$

Furthermore the curvature tensor  $R$  is given by

$$(1.5) \quad R(x, y)z = [\Lambda(x), \Lambda(y)]z - [[x, y]_{\mathfrak{t}}, z] - \Lambda([x, y]_{\mathfrak{p}})z.$$

In the remaining part of this section we describe irreducible Kähler  $C$ -spaces and recall some properties with respect to the connection functions (see [3] for example).

Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a simple Lie algebra over  $\mathbf{C}$  with  $\text{rk}(\mathfrak{g}) = l$ , and  $\mathfrak{h}$  a Cartan subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $\Delta$  denotes the set of non-zero roots of  $\mathfrak{g}$  with respect to  $\mathfrak{h}$ . For some lexicographic order we denote by  $\Pi = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l\}$  the fundamental root system of  $\Delta$ . Moreover let  $\Delta^+$  be the set of positive roots of  $\Delta$  with respect to the order. Since  $\mathfrak{g}$  is simple, we can define  $H_\alpha \in \mathfrak{h}$  ( $\alpha \in \Delta$ ) by

$$B(H, H_\alpha) = \alpha(H) \quad (H \in \mathfrak{h})$$

where  $B$  is the Killing form of  $\mathfrak{g}$ . We choose root vectors  $\{E_\alpha\}$  ( $\alpha \in \Delta$ ) so that for  $\alpha, \beta \in \Delta$

$$(1.6) \quad \begin{aligned} B(E_\alpha, E_{-\alpha}) &= 1, \\ [E_\alpha, E_\beta] &= N_{\alpha, \beta} E_{\alpha+\beta}, \quad N_{\alpha, \beta} = -N_{-\alpha, -\beta} \in \mathbf{R}. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $[E_\alpha, E_{-\alpha}] = H_\alpha$ . Moreover the following hold (cf. [2]).

$$(1.7) \quad N_{\alpha, \beta} = N_{\beta, \gamma} = N_{\gamma, \alpha} \text{ if } \alpha + \beta + \gamma = 0$$

$$(1.8) \quad N_{\alpha, \beta} N_{\gamma, \delta} + N_{\beta, \gamma} N_{\alpha, \gamma} + N_{\gamma, \alpha} N_{\beta, \delta} = 0,$$

if  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta = 0$  (no two of which have sum 0). Let  $\{\beta + n\alpha; p \leq n \leq q\}$  be the  $\alpha$ -series containing  $\beta$ . Then

$$(1.9) \quad (N_{\alpha, \beta})^2 = \frac{q(1-p)}{2} \alpha(H_\alpha), \quad \frac{2\alpha(H_\beta)}{\alpha(H_\alpha)} = -(p+q).$$

As is well-known, the subalgebra  $\mathfrak{g}_u$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$  defined in the following is a compact real form of  $\mathfrak{g}$ :

$$\mathfrak{g}_u = \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta^+} \mathbf{R}\sqrt{-1} H_\alpha + \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta^+} (\mathbf{R}A_\alpha + \mathbf{R}B_\alpha),$$

where  $A_\alpha = E_\alpha - E_{-\alpha}$  and  $B_\alpha = \sqrt{-1}(E_\alpha + E_{-\alpha})$ .

Consider a non-empty subset  $\Psi = \{\alpha_{i_1}, \dots, \alpha_{i_r}\}$  of  $II$ . Set

$$(1.10) \quad \Delta^+(\Psi) = \left\{ \alpha = \sum_{j=1}^l n_j \alpha_j \in \Delta^+; n_{i_k} > 0 \text{ for some } \alpha_{i_k} \in \Psi \right\}.$$

Then we define a subalgebra  $\mathfrak{k}_\Psi$  as follows:

$$\mathfrak{k}_\Psi = \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta^+} \mathbf{R}\sqrt{-1} H_\alpha + \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta^+ - \Delta^+(\Psi)} (\mathbf{R}A_\alpha + \mathbf{R}B_\alpha).$$

Let  $G_u$  and  $K_\Psi$  be a simply connected Lie group and its connected closed subgroup which correspond to  $\mathfrak{g}_u$  and  $\mathfrak{k}_\Psi$  respectively. Then  $G_u/K_\Psi$  is an irreducible C-space.

Put

$$\mathfrak{p} = \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta^+(\Psi)} (\mathbf{R}A_\alpha + \mathbf{R}B_\alpha).$$

Then  $\mathfrak{g}_u = \mathfrak{k}_\Psi + \mathfrak{p}$  (direct sum) and the tangent space  $T_o(G_u/K_\Psi)$  of  $G_u/K_\Psi$  at  $o = \{K_\Psi\}$  is identified with  $\mathfrak{p}$ . Then a complex structure  $I$  is given at  $o$  by

$$(1.11) \quad I(A_\alpha) = B_\alpha, I(B_\alpha) = -A_\alpha \ (\alpha \in \Delta^+(\Psi)).$$

We set

$$(1.12) \quad \mathfrak{p}^\pm = \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta^+(\Psi)} \mathbf{C}E_{\pm\alpha}.$$

Then we have  $\mathfrak{p}^\pm = \{X \in \mathfrak{p}^\mathbf{C}; I(X) = \pm \sqrt{-1}X\}$ . An element of  $\mathfrak{p}^+$  is said to be of (1,0)-type.

Define a mapping  $p: \Delta^+(\Psi) \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}^r$  as follows:

$$p(\alpha) = (n_{i_1}(\alpha), \dots, n_{i_r}(\alpha)) \text{ for } \alpha = \sum_{i=1}^l n_i(\alpha) \alpha_i \in \Delta^+(\Psi).$$

Let  $\omega^\alpha$  and  $\bar{\omega}^\alpha$  be the dual forms of  $E_\alpha$  and  $E_{-\alpha}$ , respectively. Then any  $G_u$ -invariant Kähler metric  $g$  is given at  $o$  by

$$(1.13) \quad g = -2 \sum_{\alpha \in \Delta^+(\Psi)} (c \cdot p(\alpha)) \omega^\alpha \cdot \bar{\omega}^\alpha$$

where  $c = (c_1, \dots, c_r)$  ( $c_j > 0$ ) and  $c \cdot p(\alpha) = \sum_{j=1}^r c_j n_{i_j}(\alpha)$ . Conversely, any bilinear form  $-2 \sum_{\alpha} (c \cdot p(\alpha)) \omega^{\alpha} \cdot \bar{\omega}^{\alpha}$  on  $\mathfrak{p}^{\mathbb{C}} \times \mathfrak{p}^{\mathbb{C}}$  can be extended to a  $G_u$ -invariant metric on  $G_u/K_{\Psi}$ .

In the following we regard the metrics, connections and tensors as ones extended naturally over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

In [3] the connection functions of Kähler spaces are determined.

For  $\alpha, \beta \in \Delta$  we write  $p(\alpha) > p(\beta)$  if  $n_{i_k}(\alpha) \geq n_{i_k}(\beta)$  ( $k = 1, \dots, r$ ) and  $n_{i_j}(\alpha) > n_{i_j}(\beta)$  for some  $j$ . Then

LEMMA 1.1. *For  $\alpha \in \Delta^+(\Psi)$ , identify  $\alpha$  with  $E_{\alpha}$  and  $\bar{\alpha}$  with  $E_{-\alpha}$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda(\alpha)(\beta) &= \frac{c \cdot p(\beta)}{c \cdot p(\alpha + \beta)} [\alpha, \beta] \\ \Lambda(\bar{\alpha})(\beta) &= \begin{cases} [\bar{\alpha}, \beta] & p(\alpha) < p(\beta) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ \Lambda(\alpha)(\bar{\beta}) &= \begin{cases} [\alpha, \bar{\beta}] & p(\alpha) < p(\beta) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ \Lambda(\bar{\alpha})(\bar{\beta}) &= \frac{c \cdot p(\beta)}{c \cdot p(\alpha + \beta)} [\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\beta}]. \end{aligned}$$

## 2. Covariant derivatives on homogeneous spaces

In this section we shall write the Levi-Civita connections of Riemannian homogeneous spaces in terms of the Lie algebras.

Let  $(M, g)$  be an  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold and  $\nabla$  the Levi-Civita connection of  $(M, g)$ . Let  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  be local orthonormal frame fields and  $\{\omega^1, \dots, \omega^n\}$  their dual 1-forms. Associated with  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ , there uniquely exist local 1-forms  $\{\omega_i^j\}$  ( $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ ), which are called the connection forms, such that

$$(2.1) \quad \omega_i^j + \omega_j^i = 0$$

$$(2.2) \quad d\omega^i + \sum_{j=1}^n \omega_j^i \wedge \omega^j = 0.$$

Then the following holds.

$$(2.3) \quad \nabla_{e_i} e_j = \sum_{k=1}^n \omega_j^k(e_i) e_k$$

(see [4]).

Next, let  $(G/K, \langle, \rangle)$  be a homogeneous space with a  $G$ -invariant metric  $\langle, \rangle$  as stated in Section 1.

Let  $\pi : G \rightarrow G/K$  be the canonical projection and  $W$  an open subset in  $\mathfrak{p}$  such that  $0 \in W$  and the mapping

$$\pi \circ \exp : W \rightarrow \pi(\exp W)$$

is diffeomorphic. Let  $\{e_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  be a basis of  $\mathfrak{k}$  and  $\{e_i\}_{i \in I}$  an orthonormal basis of  $(\mathfrak{p}, \langle, \rangle)$ . In this section we use the following convention on the range of indices, unless otherwise stated:

$$i, j, k, \dots \in I, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \dots \in A,$$

$$p, q, r, \dots \in I \cup A.$$

Let  $\{X_\alpha\}$  and  $\{X_i\}$  be the left invariant vector fields on  $G$  such that  $(X_\alpha)_e = e_\alpha$  and  $(X_i)_e = e_i$  ( $e$  is the identity of  $G$ ). Furthermore we define an orthonormal frame field  $\{E_i\}$  on  $\pi(\exp W)$  and the mapping  $\mu : \pi(\exp W) \rightarrow \exp W$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} (E_i)_{\pi(\exp x)} &= \tau(\exp x)_*(e_i) \\ \mu(\pi(\exp x)) &= \exp x \quad (x \in W), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\tau(g)$  ( $g \in G$ ) denotes the left transformation of  $G/K$ . Then since  $\pi_*(X_i) = E_i$ ,  $\pi_*(X_\alpha) = 0$  and  $\pi_*\mu_* = \text{id}$ , we can put

$$(2.4) \quad \mu_*(E_i) = X_i + \sum_{\alpha} \eta_{\alpha i} X_\alpha.$$

Let  $\{\omega^\alpha\}$ ,  $\{\omega^i\}$  and  $\{\theta^i\}$  be the dual 1-forms of  $\{X_\alpha\}$ ,  $\{X_i\}$  and  $\{E_i\}$ , respectively. Then it is easy to see

$$(2.5) \quad \mu^*(\omega^i) = \theta^i.$$

Set  $[X_p, X_q] = \sum_r c_{pq}^r X_r$ . Then the following is known as the equation of Maurer-Cartan (cf. [4]).

$$(2.6) \quad d\omega^p = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{q,r} c_{qr}^p \omega^q \wedge \omega^r.$$

For the sake of completeness we show the following well-known fact.

**LEMMA 2.1** *Let  $\{\theta_j^i\}$  be the connection forms of  $(G/K, \langle, \rangle)$  associated with  $\{E_i\}$ . Then*

$$\theta_j^i = -\mu^*\{\sum_{\alpha} c_{j\alpha}^i \omega^{\alpha} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_k (c_{jk}^i - c_{ik}^j - c_{ij}^k) \omega^k\}.$$

*Proof.* It follows from (1.1) and (1.2) that

$$(2.7) \quad c_{j\alpha}^{\beta} = 0, \quad c_{i\alpha}^j + c_{i\alpha}^j = 0.$$

Moreover since  $\mathfrak{k}$  is subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , we get

$$(2.8) \quad c_{\alpha\beta}^i = 0.$$

From equations (2.5), (2.6), (2.7) and (2.8) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} d\theta^i &= \mu^* d\omega^i \\ &= -\sum_j \mu^*\{\sum_{\alpha} c_{j\alpha}^i \omega^j \wedge \omega^{\alpha} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_k (c_{jk}^i - c_{ik}^j - c_{ij}^k) \omega^j \wedge \omega^k\} \\ &= \sum_j \mu^*\{\sum_{\alpha} c_{j\alpha}^i \omega^{\alpha} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_k (c_{jk}^i - c_{ik}^j - c_{ij}^k) \omega^k\} \wedge \theta^j \end{aligned}$$

(note that  $\sum_{j,k} (c_{ij}^k + c_{ik}^j) \omega^j \wedge \omega^k = 0$ ).

Put  $\theta_j^i = -\mu^*\{\sum_{\alpha} c_{j\alpha}^i \omega^{\alpha} + (1/2) \sum_k (c_{jk}^i - c_{ik}^j - c_{ij}^k) \omega^k\}$ . Then it is easy to see  $\theta_j^i + \theta_i^j = 0$ .

Consequently, by (2.1) and (2.2), the connection forms coincide with  $\{\theta_j^i\}$ .  $\square$

By (2.3), (2.4) and the above lemma, we have the following.

PROPOSITION 2.2.

$$\nabla_{E_i} E_j = \sum_k \{\sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha j}^k \eta_{\alpha i} + \frac{1}{2} (c_{ij}^k - c_{ik}^j - c_{jk}^i)\} E_k.$$

Next we shall rewrite Proposition 2.2 in terms of the bracket operation  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

For  $x \in W$ , we define  $z_x^i(t) \in W$  and  $h_x^i(t) \in K$  ( $t \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $|t|$ : small enough) by the following:

$$(2.9) \quad \exp x \cdot \exp t e_i = \exp z_x^i(t) \cdot h_x^i(t)$$

with  $z_x^i(0) = x$  and  $h_x^i(0) = e$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_*(E_i)_{\pi(\exp x)} &= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_0 \mu(\pi(\exp x \cdot \exp t e_i)) \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_0 \mu(\pi(\exp z_x^i(t))) \end{aligned}$$

$$= (\exp_*)_x \left( \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_0 z_x^i(t) \right).$$

Here, the differential map  $\exp_*$  of  $\exp$  has the following form (see [2]).

LEMMA 2.3. *Let  $x, y \in \mathfrak{g}$ . Then*

$$(\exp_*)_x(y) = (L_{\exp x})_* \circ \Phi_x(y),$$

$$\text{where } \Phi_x(y) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(n+1)!} (\text{adx})^n(y).$$

Thus we have

$$(2.10) \quad \mu_*(E_i)_{\pi(\exp x)} = (L_{\exp x})_* \circ \Phi_x \left( \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_0 z_x^i(t) \right).$$

On the other hand, (2.9) and Lemma 2.3 give

$$(2.11) \quad (L_{\exp x})_* \circ \Phi_x \left( \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_0 z_x^i(t) \right) = (L_{\exp x})_*(e_i) \\ - (L_{\exp x})_* \left( \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_0 h_x^i(t) \right).$$

Considering (2.4), (2.10) and (2.11), we obtain

$$(2.12) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_0 h_x^i(t) = - \sum_{\alpha} \eta_{\alpha i}(\exp x) e_{\alpha}.$$

Therefore, by (2.12) and Proposition 2.2, we have

$$(2.13) \quad (\nabla_{E_i} E_j)_{\pi(\exp x)} = \tau(\exp x)_* \left\{ \Lambda(e_i)(e_j) - \left[ \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_0 h_x^i(t), e_j \right] \right\}.$$

*Remark.* For  $x \in \mathfrak{p}$  ( $|x|$ : small), the mapping

$$p_{\mathfrak{p}} \circ \Phi_x : \mathfrak{p} \rightarrow \mathfrak{p}$$

is an isomorphism ( $p_{\mathfrak{p}} : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{p}$  denotes the canonical projection.). So we can assume that for each  $x \in W$  the mapping  $p_{\mathfrak{p}} \circ \Phi_x$  is an isomorphism. Therefore we can regard the equation (2.11) as a characterization of  $\frac{d}{dt} \Big|_0 z_x^i(t)$  ( $\in \mathfrak{p}$ ) and  $\frac{d}{dt} \Big|_0 h_x^i(t)$  ( $\in \mathfrak{k}$ ).

For  $X \in \mathfrak{p}$ , we denote by  $X_*$  the vector field on  $\pi(\exp W)$  defined by

$$(X_*)_{\pi(\exp x)} = \tau(\exp x)_*(X).$$

Then the following theorem is easily derived from the above arguments.

THEOREM 2.4. *Let  $x \in W$  and  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{p}$ . Then*

$$(\nabla_{X*} Y_*)_{\pi(\exp x)} = \tau(\exp x)_* \{\Lambda(X)(Y) - [h_x(X), Y]\}.$$

Here  $h_x(X) = -p_{\mathfrak{k}} \circ \Phi_x \circ (p_{\mathfrak{p}} \circ \Phi_x)^{-1}(X)$  ( $p_{\mathfrak{k}}: \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{k}$  denotes the canonical projection).

### 3. Covariant derivatives on Kähler $C$ -spaces

In this section we shall write higher covariant derivatives of (1,0)-type on Kähler  $C$ -spaces in terms of the connection functions.

Let  $(G_u/K_{\mathcal{P}}, \langle, \rangle)$  be a Kählerian  $C$ -space as stated in Section 1. For  $\alpha \in \Delta^+(\mathcal{P})$ , since  $\alpha = (1/2)(A_{\alpha} - \sqrt{-1}B_{\alpha})$  (under the identification  $E_{\alpha}$  with  $a$ ), we have

$$\alpha_* = \frac{1}{2}(A_{\alpha*} - \sqrt{-1}B_{\alpha*}).$$

At first we calculate the value of  $\nabla^n(X_*; \alpha_1^*, \dots, \alpha_n^*)$  at  $o$  ( $X \in \mathfrak{p}^C$ ,  $\alpha_i \in \Delta^+(\mathcal{P})$ ).

Let  $X_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) be one of  $\{A_i, B_i\}$  ( $A_i = A_{\alpha_i}$ ,  $B_i = B_{\alpha_i}$ ). For  $s_1, \dots, s_n \in \mathbf{R}$  ( $|s_i|$ : small enough), we define  $z^i(s_1, \dots, s_i) \in W$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) inductively as follows:

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} z^1(s_1) &= s_1 X_1 \\ \pi(\exp z^i(s_1, \dots, s_i)) &= \pi(\exp z^{i-1}(s_1, \dots, s_{i-1}) \exp s_i X_i). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$(3.2) \quad z^i(s_1, \dots, s_{i-1}, 0) = z^{i-1}(s_1, \dots, s_{i-1}).$$

Then it follows Lemma 2.3, (3.1) and (3.2) that

$$(3.3) \quad X_i = p_{\mathfrak{p}} \circ \Phi_{z^{i-1}(s_1, \dots, s_{i-1})} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s_i} \Big|_0 z^i(s_1, \dots, s_i) \right).$$

From Theorem 2.4 we have

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} &(\nabla_{X_n*} X_n*)_{\pi(\exp z^n(s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}, 0))} \\ &= \tau(\exp z^{n-1}(s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}))_* \{\Lambda(X_n)(X) - [h_{n-1}(s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}), X]\} \end{aligned}$$



where

$$\begin{aligned} h_{n-1}(s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}) &= -p_{\mathfrak{f}} \circ \Phi_{z^{n-1}(s_1, \dots, s_{n-1})}(V_{n-1}(s_1, \dots, s_{n-1})) \\ X_n &= p_{\mathfrak{p}} \circ \Phi_{z^{n-1}(s_1, \dots, s_{n-1})}(V_{n-1}(s_1, \dots, s_{n-1})). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by (3.3) we get

$$(3.5) \quad V_{n-1} = \frac{\partial}{\partial s_n} \Big|_0 z^n.$$

Similarly, we have by (3.4) and Theorem 2.4

$$\begin{aligned} (3.6) \quad & (\nabla_{X_{n-1}*} \nabla_{X_n*} X_*)_{\pi(\exp z^{n-2}(s_1, \dots, s_{n-2}))} \\ &= \tau(\exp z^{n-2}(s_1, \dots, s_{n-2}))_* \{ \Lambda(X_{n-1}) \Lambda(X_n)(X) \\ &\quad - \Lambda(X_{n-1})([h_{n-1}(s_1, \dots, s_{n-2}, 0), X] - \frac{\partial}{\partial s_{n-1}} \Big|_0 [h_{n-1}(s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}), X]) \\ &\quad - [h_{n-2}(s_1, \dots, s_{n-2}), \Lambda(X_n)(X) - [h_{n-1}(s_1, \dots, s_{n-2}, 0), X]] \} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} h_{n-2}(s_1, \dots, s_{n-2}) &= -p_{\mathfrak{f}} \circ \Phi_{z^{n-2}(s_1, \dots, s_{n-2})} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s_{n-1}} \Big|_0 z^{n-1} \right) \\ X_{n-1} &= p_{\mathfrak{f}} \circ \Phi_{z^{n-2}(s_1, \dots, s_{n-2})} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s_{n-1}} \Big|_0 z^{n-1} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by induction, we can see

$$\begin{aligned} (3.7) \quad & (\nabla_{X_1*} \cdots \nabla_{X_n*} X_*)_o \\ &= \Lambda(X_1) \cdots \Lambda(X_n)(X) \\ &\quad + \left\{ \text{terms containing } \frac{\partial^r}{\partial s_{i_1} \cdots \partial s_{i_r}} \Big|_{s_1=\dots=s_{k-1}=0} h_{k-1}(s_1, \dots, s_{k-1}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \text{for some } k, r \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Here

$$(3.8) \quad h_{k-1}(s_1, \dots, s_{k-1}) = -p_{\mathfrak{f}} \circ \Phi_{z^{k-1}(s_1, \dots, s_{k-1})} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s_k} \Big|_0 z^k \right)$$

$$(3.9) \quad X_k = p_{\mathfrak{p}} \circ \Phi_{z^{k-1}(s_1, \dots, s_{k-1})} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s_k} \Big|_0 z^k \right).$$

LEMMA 3.1. *Expand  $z^n(s_1, \dots, s_n)$  as*

$$z^n(s_1, \dots, s_n) = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_k} s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_k} a_{i_1, \dots, i_k}.$$

*Then there exists a multi-linear function*

$$F_{i_1, \dots, i_k} : (\mathfrak{p}^C)^k \rightarrow \mathfrak{p}^C$$

*such that*

$$a_{i_1, \dots, i_k} = F_{i_1, \dots, i_k}(X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_k}).$$

*Proof.* At first we note that  $z^n(0, \dots, 0) = 0$  and

$$\begin{aligned} z^n(s_1, \dots, s_i, 0, \dots, 0) &= z^i(s_1, \dots, s_i), \\ z^n(0, \dots, 0, s_i, 0, \dots, 0) &= s_i X_i. \end{aligned}$$

We prove the lemma by induction.

Assume that for any  $r$ -tuple  $(i_1, \dots, i_r)$  ( $1 \leq r \leq k, i_1 < \dots < i_r$ ) there exists  $r$ -linear function  $F_{i_1, \dots, i_r}$  such that

$$a_{i_1, \dots, i_r} = F_{i_1, \dots, i_r}(X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_r}).$$

Then for any  $(k+1)$ -tuple  $(j_1, \dots, j_k, j_{k+1})$  ( $j_1 < \dots < j_{k+1}$ ) it follows from (3.9) that

$$X_{j_{k+1}} = p_p \circ \Phi_{z^{j_{k+1}}(s_1, \dots, s_{j_{k+1}-1}, 0)} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s_{j_{k+1}}} \Big|_0 z^{j_{k+1}} \right).$$

Considering the  $(s_{j_1} \cdots s_{j_k})$ -term of the above equation, we have

$$0 = a_{j_1, \dots, j_{k+1}} + \sum_{l=1}^k \frac{(-1)^l}{(l+1)!} \sum_{J_1, \dots, J_{l+1}} [a_{J_1}, [\dots [a_{J_l}, a_{J_{l+1}}] \cdots]_p].$$

Here, each  $J_p$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq l+1$ , is a subset of  $\{j_1, \dots, j_{k+1}\}$  such that  $J_p \cap J_q = \emptyset$  ( $p \neq q$ ),  $J_p \subset \{j_1, \dots, j_k\}$  for  $1 \leq p \leq l$  and

$$J_1 \cup \dots \cup J_l \cup J_{l+1} = \{j_1, \dots, j_{k+1}\}.$$

Therefore, by the inductive assumption, the  $(s_{j_1} \cdots s_{j_{k+1}})$ -term of  $z^n$  is written as in the lemma. This completes the proof of the lemma.  $\square$

Let  $h'_{j_1, \dots, j_k}$  be the  $(s_{j_1} \cdots s_{j_k})$ -term of  $h_r(s_1, \dots, s_r)$ . Then, by (3.8) and the proof of Lemma 3.1, we have

$$(3.10) \quad \begin{aligned} h^r_{j_1, \dots, j_k} &= - \sum_{l=1}^k \sum_{J_1, \dots, J_{l+1}} \frac{(-1)^l}{(l+1)!} [a_{J_1}, [\dots, [a_{J_l}, a_{J_{l+1}}] \dots]]_{\mathfrak{t}}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by Lemma 3.1 and (3.10), there exists  $k$ -linear map

$$H^r_{j_1, \dots, j_k} : (\mathfrak{p}^{\mathbb{C}})^k \rightarrow \mathfrak{k}^{\mathbb{C}}$$

such that

$$h^r_{j_1, \dots, j_k} = H^r_{j_1, \dots, j_k}(X_{j_1}, \dots, X_{j_k}).$$

Therefore (3.7) gives

$$\begin{aligned} &(\nabla_{\alpha_1*} \cdots \nabla_{\alpha_n*} X_*)_o \\ &= \Lambda(\alpha_1) \cdots \Lambda(\alpha_n)(X) \\ &\quad + \{\text{terms containing } H^r_{j_1, \dots, j_k}(\alpha_{j_1}, \dots, \alpha_{j_k})\}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $\alpha, \beta \in \Delta^+(\Psi)$ , it is obvious that  $\alpha + \beta \in \Delta^+(\Psi)$  if  $\alpha + \beta \in \Delta$ . Considering the form of  $H^r_{j_1, \dots, j_k}$ , it is easy to see that

$$H^r_{j_1, \dots, j_k}(\alpha_{j_1}, \dots, \alpha_{j_k}) \in \mathfrak{p}^+.$$

We have thus the following.

PROPOSITION 3.2. *Let  $\alpha_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) be in  $\Delta^+(\Psi)$  and  $X \in \mathfrak{p}^{\mathbb{C}}$ . Then*

$$(\nabla_{\alpha_1*} \cdots \nabla_{\alpha_n*} X_*)_o = \Lambda(\alpha_1) \cdots \Lambda(\alpha_n)(X).$$

Remark 3.3. By similar argument as in the above, we can prove that

$$(\nabla_{\nabla_{\alpha*}\beta*} \cdots)_o = \Lambda(\Lambda(\alpha_1)(\beta))(\cdots)$$

for  $\alpha, \beta, \dots \in \Delta^+(\Psi)$ .

Now, we define  $\Lambda^n R$  inductively as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} &(\Lambda R)(X, Y, Z; T) \\ &= \Lambda(T)(R(X, Y)Z) - R(\Lambda(T)(X), Y)Z - R(X, \Lambda(T)(X))Z \\ &\quad - R(X, Y)\Lambda(T)(Z), \\ &(\Lambda^n R)(X, Y, Z; T_1, \dots, T_n) \\ &= \Lambda(T_n)((\Lambda^{n-1} R)(X, Y, Z; T_1, \dots, T_{n-1})) \\ &\quad - (\Lambda^{n-1} R)(\Lambda(T_n)(X), Y, Z; T_1, \dots, T_{n-1}) - (\Lambda^{n-1} R)(X, \Lambda(T_n)(Y), \\ &\quad Z; T_1, \dots, T_{n-1}) - (\Lambda^{n-1} R)(X, Y, \Lambda(T_n)(Z); T_1, \dots, T_{n-1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$- \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (\Lambda^{n-1} R)(X, Y, Z; T_1, \dots, \Lambda(T_n)(T_i), \dots, T_{n-1}).$$

Here  $X, \dots, T_n \in \mathfrak{p}^C$ .

Since

$$R(\alpha_*, \beta_*)\gamma_* = (R(\alpha, \beta)\gamma)_*,$$

Proposition 3.2 and Remark 3.3 give the following Theorem which is the correction of (2.11) and (3.11) of [6].

**THEOREM 3.4.** *Let  $X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{p}^C$  and  $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n \in \Delta^+(\Psi)$ . Then*

$$(\nabla^n R)(X, Y, Z; \delta_1, \dots, \delta_n) = (\Lambda^n R)(X, Y, Z; \delta_1, \dots, \delta_n).$$

**COROLLARY 3.5.** *Let  $\alpha, \beta$ , and  $\gamma$  be in  $\Delta$  such that  $E_\alpha, E_\beta$  and  $E_\gamma$  are elements of  $\mathfrak{p}^C$ . Moreover, let  $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n$  be in  $\Delta^+(\Psi)$ . Then*

$$(\nabla^n R)(\alpha, \beta, \gamma; \delta_1, \dots, \delta_n) \in \mathbb{C}E_{\alpha+\beta+\gamma+\delta_1+\dots+\delta_n}.$$

We denote by  $\hat{\nabla}$  the covariant derivative in the direction of  $\mathfrak{p}^+$ . Then, from Corollary 3.5, there is a number  $n$  such that  $\hat{\nabla}^n R = 0$  and  $\hat{\nabla}^{n-1} R \neq 0$ . We call the integer  $n$  the degree of  $(G_u/K_\Psi, \langle, \rangle)$ . It is known that Hermitian symmetric spaces of compact type are characterized as Kähler  $C$ -spaces with degree one.

#### 4. Degree two

In this section, using a similar method as in [6], we shall determine the class of Kählerian  $C$ -spaces with degree two.

Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$  and  $\lambda$  be elements of  $\Delta^+(\Psi)$ . From Theorem 3.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (4.1) \quad & (\nabla^2 R)(\alpha, \bar{\lambda}, \beta; \gamma, \delta) \\ &= \Lambda(\delta)\Lambda(\gamma)R(\alpha, \bar{\lambda})\beta - \Lambda(\Lambda(\delta)\gamma)R(\alpha, \bar{\lambda})\beta - \Lambda(\gamma)R(\Lambda(\delta)\alpha, \bar{\lambda})\beta \\ & - \Lambda(\gamma)R(\alpha, \Lambda(\delta)\bar{\lambda})\beta - \Lambda(\gamma)R(\alpha, \bar{\lambda})\Lambda(\delta)\beta - \Lambda(\delta)R(\Lambda(\gamma)\alpha, \bar{\lambda})\beta \\ & + R(\Lambda(\Lambda(\delta)\gamma)\alpha, \bar{\lambda})\beta + R(\Lambda(\gamma)\Lambda(\delta)\alpha, \bar{\lambda})\beta + R(\Lambda(\gamma)\alpha, \Lambda(\delta)\bar{\lambda})\beta \\ & + R(\Lambda(\gamma)\alpha, \bar{\lambda})\Lambda(\delta)\beta - \Lambda(\delta)R(\alpha, \Lambda(\gamma)\bar{\lambda})\beta + R(\Lambda(\delta)\alpha, \Lambda(\gamma)\bar{\lambda})\beta \\ & + R(\alpha, \Lambda(\Lambda(\delta)\gamma)\bar{\lambda})\beta + R(\alpha, \Lambda(\gamma)\Lambda(\delta)\bar{\lambda})\beta + R(\alpha, \Lambda(\gamma)\bar{\lambda})\Lambda(\delta)\beta \\ & - \Lambda(\delta)R(\alpha, \bar{\lambda})\Lambda(\gamma)\beta + R(\Lambda(\delta)\alpha, \bar{\lambda})\Lambda(\gamma)\beta + R(\alpha, \Lambda(\delta)\bar{\lambda})\Lambda(\gamma)\beta \\ & + R(\alpha, \bar{\lambda})\Lambda(\Lambda(\delta)\gamma)\beta + R(\alpha, \bar{\lambda})\Lambda(\gamma)\Lambda(\delta)\beta. \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 4.1. Suppose that  $\alpha, \beta (\in \Delta^+(\Psi)) (\alpha \neq \beta)$  satisfy the following conditions:

(1)  $\alpha + \beta \in \Delta$ , (2)  $\alpha - \beta \notin \Delta$ , (3)  $2\alpha + \beta \notin \Delta$ , (4)  $\alpha + 2\beta \notin \Delta$ .

Then  $(\nabla^2 R)(\alpha, \overline{\alpha + \beta}, \beta; \alpha, \beta) \neq 0$ .

*Proof.* From (4.1) and the conditions in the lemma, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\nabla^2 R)(\alpha, \overline{\alpha + \beta}, \beta; \alpha, \beta) \\
 &= -\Lambda(\alpha)R(\Lambda(\beta)\alpha, \overline{\alpha + \beta})\beta - \Lambda(\alpha)R(\alpha, \Lambda(\beta)\overline{\alpha + \beta})\beta \\
 &\quad - \Lambda(\beta)R(\alpha, \Lambda(\alpha)\overline{\alpha + \beta})\beta + R(\Lambda(\beta)\alpha, \Lambda(\alpha)\overline{\alpha + \beta})\beta - \Lambda(\beta)R(\alpha, \overline{\alpha + \beta})\Lambda(\alpha)\beta \\
 &\quad + R(\Lambda(\beta)\alpha, \overline{\alpha + \beta})\Lambda(\alpha)\beta + R(\alpha, \Lambda(\beta)\overline{\alpha + \beta})\Lambda(\alpha)\beta \\
 &= \Lambda(\alpha)[[\Lambda(\beta)\alpha, \overline{\alpha + \beta}], \beta] + \Lambda(\alpha)\{\Lambda(\Lambda(\beta)\alpha, \overline{\alpha + \beta})\Lambda(\alpha)\beta + [[\alpha, \Lambda(\beta)\overline{\alpha + \beta}], \beta]\} \\
 &\quad + \Lambda(\beta)\Lambda(\Lambda(\alpha)\overline{\alpha + \beta})\Lambda(\alpha)\beta - \Lambda([\Lambda(\beta)\alpha, \Lambda(\alpha)\overline{\alpha + \beta}])\beta \\
 &\quad + \Lambda(\beta)\Lambda([\alpha, \overline{\alpha + \beta}])\Lambda(\alpha)\beta - [[\Lambda(\beta)\alpha, \overline{\alpha + \beta}], \Lambda(\alpha)\beta] \\
 &\quad + \Lambda(\alpha)\Lambda(\Lambda(\beta)\overline{\alpha + \beta})\Lambda(\alpha)\beta - [[\alpha, \Lambda(\beta)\overline{\alpha + \beta}], \Lambda(\alpha)\beta].
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (1.6) and Lemma 1.1 that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\nabla^2 R)(\alpha, \overline{\alpha + \beta}, \beta; \alpha, \beta) \\
 &= -\frac{(c \cdot p(\alpha))(c \cdot p(\beta))}{(c \cdot p(\alpha + \beta))^2} (N_{\alpha, \beta})^2 \beta(H_{\alpha + \beta}) \cdot (\alpha + \beta) \\
 &\quad + 2 \frac{(c \cdot p(\beta))^2}{(c \cdot p(\alpha + \beta))^2} (N_{\alpha, \beta})^2 N_{\beta, -(\alpha + \beta)} N_{-\alpha, \alpha + \beta} \cdot (\alpha + \beta) \\
 &\quad + \frac{c \cdot p(\beta)}{c \cdot p(\alpha + \beta)} N_{\alpha, \beta} N_{\beta, -(\alpha + \beta)} \beta(H_{\alpha}) \cdot (\alpha + \beta) \\
 &\quad - 3 \frac{(c \cdot p(\alpha))(c \cdot p(\beta))}{(c \cdot p(\alpha + \beta))^2} (N_{\alpha, \beta})^2 N_{\alpha, -(\alpha + \beta)} N_{-\beta, \alpha + \beta} \cdot (\alpha + \beta) \\
 &\quad + \frac{(c \cdot p(\alpha))(c \cdot p(\beta))}{(c \cdot p(\alpha + \beta))^2} (N_{\alpha, \beta})^2 (\alpha + \beta)(H_{\alpha + \beta}) \cdot (\alpha + \beta) \\
 &\quad - \frac{c \cdot p(\beta)}{c \cdot p(\alpha + \beta)} N_{\alpha, \beta} N_{\beta, -(\alpha + \beta)} \alpha(H_{\alpha + \beta}) \cdot (\alpha + \beta).
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (1.7) that

$$N_{\beta, -(\alpha + \beta)} = -N_{\alpha, -(\alpha + \beta)} = N_{\alpha, \beta},$$

form which we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.2) \quad & (\nabla^2 R)(\alpha, \overline{\alpha + \beta}, \beta; \alpha, \beta) \\
 &= \frac{c \cdot p(\beta)}{(c \cdot p(\alpha + \beta))} (N_{\alpha, \beta})^2 \left\{ -\frac{c \cdot p(\alpha)}{(c \cdot p(\alpha + \beta))} \beta(H_{\alpha + \beta}) \right. \\
 &\quad + 2 \frac{(c \cdot p(\beta))}{(c \cdot p(\alpha + \beta))} (N_{\alpha, \beta})^2 + \beta(H_\alpha) - 3 \frac{c \cdot p(\alpha)}{(c \cdot p(\alpha + \beta))} (N_{\alpha, \beta})^2 \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{c \cdot p(\alpha)}{(c \cdot p(\alpha + \beta))} (\alpha + \beta)(H_{\alpha + \beta}) - \alpha(H_{\alpha + \beta}) \right\} \cdot (\alpha + \beta).
 \end{aligned}$$

From the conditions of Lemma 4.1, the  $\alpha$ -series containing  $\beta$  is given by  $\{\beta, \beta + \alpha\}$ . Hence, by (1.9) we have

$$\alpha(H_\beta) = -\frac{e}{2}, \quad (N_{\alpha, \beta})^2 = \frac{e}{2},$$

where  $e = \alpha(H_\alpha) = \beta(H_\beta)$ . Therefore we have from (4.2)

$$(4.3) \quad (\nabla^2 R)(\alpha, \overline{\alpha + \beta}, \beta; \alpha, \beta) = -\frac{e^2 (c \cdot p(\alpha)) (c \cdot p(\beta))}{(c \cdot p(\alpha + \beta))^2} \cdot (\alpha + \beta).$$

We have thus proved the lemma. □

Now, we prove the following theorem.

**THEOREM 4.2.** *The only Kählerian  $C$ -spaces of which degrees are at most two are Hermitian symmetric spaces of compact type.*

In the following we denote by  $M(\mathfrak{g}, \Psi, g)$  the Kählerian  $C$ -space corresponding to  $\Psi$ . We show the theorem by case by case check.

*The case where  $\mathfrak{g}$  is of type  $A_l$  ( $l \geq 2$ ).*

We identify  $\Delta$  with

$$\{e_i - e_j; 1 \leq i \neq j \leq l + 1\}$$

(for example, see [2]), where  $\{e_1, \dots, e_{l+1}\}$  is an orthonormal basis. Moreover, set  $\alpha_i = e_i - e_{i+1}$ . Then  $M(\mathfrak{g}, \{\alpha_i\}, g)$  ( $i = 1, \dots, l$ ) are Hermitian symmetric spaces.

Suppose that  $\Psi$  contains  $\alpha_i$  and  $\alpha_j$  ( $i < j$ ). Then  $\alpha = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_i$  and  $\beta = \alpha_{i+1} + \dots + \alpha_j$  are contained in  $\Delta^+(\Psi)$ . Furthermore, it is easy to see that  $\alpha$  and

$\beta$  satisfy the conditions (1), (2), (3) and (4) of Lemma 4.1. Thus the degree of  $M(\mathfrak{g}, \Psi, g)$  is not equal to two.

*The case where  $\mathfrak{g}$  is of type  $B_l$  ( $l \geq 3$ ).*

$$\Delta = \{\pm e_i, \pm e_i \pm e_j; 1 \leq i \neq j \leq l\}.$$

Set

$$\alpha_i = e_i - e_{i+1} \ (1 \leq i \leq l-1), \alpha_l = e_l.$$

In this case Hermitian symmetric spaces are  $M(\mathfrak{g}, \{\alpha_i\}, g)$  ( $i = 1, l$ ).

Put

$$\alpha = e_1 - e_l = \alpha_1 + \cdots + \alpha_{l-1}, \beta = e_2 + e_{l-1} = \alpha_2 + \cdots + \alpha_{l-1} + 2\alpha_l.$$

Then we can easily see that  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  satisfy the conditions of Lemma 4.1. Then Kählerian C-spaces of which degrees are at most two are only Hermitian symmetric spaces. In fact, if  $\Psi$  contains some  $\alpha_i$  ( $2 \leq i \leq l-1$ ), then  $\alpha, \beta \in \Delta^+(\Psi)$ . Moreover,  $\alpha, \beta \in \Delta^+(\{\alpha_1, \alpha_l\})$ .

*The case where  $\mathfrak{g}$  is of type  $C_l$  ( $l \geq 3$ ).*

$$\Delta = \{\pm 2e_i, \pm e_i \pm e_j; 1 \leq i \neq j \leq l\}.$$

Set

$$\alpha_i = e_i - e_{i+1} \ (1 \leq i \leq l-1), \alpha_l = 2e_l.$$

In this case Hermitian symmetric spaces are  $M(\mathfrak{g}, \{\alpha_i\}, g)$  ( $i = 1, l$ ).

If  $\alpha_i \in \Psi$  for some  $i$  ( $2 \leq i \leq l-1$ ), then

$$\alpha = e_1 + e_l = \alpha_1 + \cdots + \alpha_l, \beta = e_i - e_l = \alpha_i + \cdots + \alpha_{l-1}$$

are elements of  $\Delta^+(\Psi)$  and satisfy the conditions of Lemma 4.1. Therefore the degree of  $M(\mathfrak{g}, \Psi, g)$  is not equal to two.

Let  $\Psi = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_l\}$ . Then set  $\alpha = \alpha_1$  and  $\beta = \alpha_2 + \cdots + \alpha_l$ . As above, we see that the degree of  $M(\mathfrak{g}, \Psi, g)$  is not equal to two.

*The case where  $\mathfrak{g}$  is of type  $D_l$  ( $l \geq 4$ ).*

$$\Delta = \{\pm e_i \pm e_j; 1 \leq i \neq j \leq l\}.$$

$$\alpha_i = e_i - e_{i+1} \ (i = 1, \dots, l-1), \alpha_l = e_{l-1} + e_l.$$

In this case Hermitian symmetric spaces are  $M(\mathfrak{g}, \{\alpha_i\}, g)$  ( $i = 1, l-1, l$ ).

If  $\alpha_i \in \Psi$  for some  $i$  ( $2 \leq i \leq l-2$ ), then

$$\alpha = e_1 - e_l = \alpha_1 + \cdots + \alpha_{l-1}, \beta = e_i + e_l = \alpha_i + \cdots + \alpha_l$$

are in  $\Delta^+(\Psi)$  and satisfy the conditions of Lemma 4.1.

Next we check  $M(\mathfrak{g}, \{\alpha_1, \alpha_l\}, g)$  and  $M(\mathfrak{g}, \{\alpha_{l-1}, \alpha_l\}, g)$ .

Set

$$\alpha = \alpha_1 + \cdots + \alpha_{l-1}, \beta = \alpha_2 + \cdots + \alpha_{l-2} + \alpha_l.$$

Then  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  satisfy the conditions of Lemma 4.1 and are elements of  $\Delta^+(\Psi)$ , regardless of whether  $\Psi = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_l\}$  or  $\Psi = \{\alpha_{l-1}, \alpha_l\}$ .

*The case where  $\mathfrak{g}$  is of type  $E_8$ .*

In this case  $\Delta$  consists of the following.

$$\pm e_i \pm e_j, (1 \leq i \neq j \leq 8), \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^8 \nu(i) e_i \ (\sum \nu(i) : \text{even}).$$

Set

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{1}{2} (e_1 + e_8 - e_2 - e_3 - e_4 - e_5 - e_6 - e_7)$$

$$\alpha_2 = e_1 + e_2, \alpha_i = e_{i-1} - e_{i-2} \ (3 \leq i \leq 8).$$

We denote a root  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^8 n_i \alpha_i$  by

$$\begin{pmatrix} n_8 & n_7 & n_6 & n_5 & n_4 & n_3 & n_1 \\ & & & & n_2 & & \end{pmatrix}$$

Then there is no  $M(\mathfrak{g}, \Psi, g)$  with degree two. In fact, the following  $\alpha, \beta$  satisfy the conditions (1)~(4) of Lemma 4.1 (cf. [1]).

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ & & & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 3 & 1 \\ & & & & 2 & & \end{pmatrix}$$

*The case where  $\mathfrak{g}$  is of type  $E_7$ .*

We use the same notation as in the case  $E_8$ . Then  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_7\}$  is a fundamental root system and  $\Delta$  consists of the following.

$$\begin{aligned} & \pm e_i \pm e_j \ (1 \leq i \neq j \leq 6), \pm(e_7 - e_8) \\ & \pm \frac{1}{2} \left( e_7 - e_8 + \sum_{i=1}^6 \nu(i) e_i \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^6 \nu(i) : \text{odd} \right). \end{aligned}$$



In this case Hermitian symmetric space is only  $M(\mathfrak{g}, \{\alpha_7\}, g)$ . We denote a root  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^7 n_i \alpha_i$  by

$$\begin{pmatrix} n_7 & n_6 & n_5 & n_4 & n_3 & n_1 \\ & & & n_2 & & \end{pmatrix}$$

Then

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ & & & 1 & & \end{pmatrix}, \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ & & & 1 & & \end{pmatrix}$$

satisfy (1)~(4) of Lemma 4.1.

*The case where  $\mathfrak{g}$  is of type  $E_6$ .*

$\Delta$  consists of

$$\begin{aligned} & \pm e_i \pm e_j \ (1 \leq i \neq j \leq 5) \\ & \pm \frac{1}{2} \left( e_8 - e_7 - e_6 + \sum_{i=1}^5 \nu(i) e_i \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^5 \nu(i) : \text{even} \right). \end{aligned}$$

In this case Hermitian symmetric spaces are  $M(\mathfrak{g}, \{\alpha_i\}, g)$  ( $i = 1, 6$ ). We identify  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^6 n_i \alpha_i$  with

$$\begin{pmatrix} n_6 & n_5 & n_4 & n_3 & n_1 \\ & & & n_2 & \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ & & & 1 & \end{pmatrix}, \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ & & & 1 & \end{pmatrix}$$

satisfy (1)~(4) of Lemma 4.1.

*The case where  $\mathfrak{g}$  is of type  $F_4$ .*

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= \left\{ \pm e_i, \pm e_i \pm e_j \ (1 \leq i \neq j \leq 4), \frac{1}{2} (\pm e_1 \pm e_2 \pm e_3 \pm e_4) \right\} \\ \alpha_1 &= e_2 - e_3, \alpha_2 = e_3 - e_4, \alpha_3 = e_4, \alpha_4 = \frac{1}{2} (e_1 - e_2 - e_3 - e_4). \end{aligned}$$

We identify  $\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^4 n_i \alpha_i$  with  $(n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4)$ .

If  $\Psi$  contains  $\alpha_i$  for some  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 3$ ), then

$$\alpha = (1, 1, 2, 2) \text{ and } \beta = (1, 2, 2, 0)$$

are elements of  $\Delta^+(\Psi)$  and satisfy (1)~(4) of Lemma 4.1.

Let  $\Psi = \{\alpha_4\}$ ,  $\alpha = (0, 0, 0, 1)$  and  $\beta = (1, 2, 3, 1)$ . Then the degree of  $M(\mathfrak{g}, \{\alpha_4\}, g)$  is not equal to two.

*The case where  $\mathfrak{g}$  is of type  $G_2$ .*

$\Delta$  consists of the following.

$$\begin{aligned} & \pm (e_2 - e_3), \pm (e_3 - e_1), \pm (e_1 - e_2) \\ & \pm (2e_1 - e_2 - e_3), \pm (2e_2 - e_1 - e_3), \pm (2e_3 - e_1 - e_2). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\alpha_1 = e_1 - e_2$  and  $\alpha_2 = -2e_1 + e_2 + e_3$ . Then  $M(\mathfrak{g}, \{\alpha_1\}, g)$  is a Hermitian symmetric space.

Suppose that  $\alpha_2 \in \Psi$ . Then  $\alpha = 3\alpha_1 + \alpha_2$  and  $\beta = \alpha_2$  is contained in  $\Delta^+(\Psi)$  and satisfy (1)~(4).

Finally we check  $M(B_2, \{\alpha, \beta\}, g)$  ( $\alpha = e_1 - e_2$ ,  $\beta = e_2$ ).

We compute  $(\nabla^2 R)(\alpha, \overline{\alpha + \beta}, \beta; \alpha, \beta)$ . Since

$$(4.4) \quad \alpha + \beta, \alpha + 2\beta \in \Delta \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha - \beta, 2\alpha + \beta \notin \Delta,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (\nabla^2 R)(\alpha, \overline{\alpha + \beta}, \beta; \alpha, \beta) \\ &= -\Lambda(\alpha)R(\Lambda(\beta)\alpha, \overline{\alpha + \beta})\beta - \Lambda(\alpha)R(\alpha, \overline{\Lambda(\beta)\alpha + \beta})\beta - \Lambda(\beta)R(\alpha, \overline{\Lambda(\alpha)\alpha + \beta})\beta \\ & \quad + R(\Lambda(\beta)\alpha, \overline{\Lambda(\alpha)\alpha + \beta})\beta - \Lambda(\beta)R(\alpha, \overline{\alpha + \beta})\Lambda(\alpha)\beta + R(\Lambda(\beta)\alpha, \overline{\alpha + \beta})\Lambda(\alpha)\beta \\ & \quad + R(\alpha, \overline{\Lambda(\beta)\alpha + \beta})\Lambda(\alpha)\beta + R(\alpha, \overline{\alpha + \beta})\Lambda(\Lambda(\beta)\alpha)\beta. \end{aligned}$$

Comparing the above equation with the right hand side of (4.2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & (\nabla^2 R)(\alpha, \overline{\alpha + \beta}, \beta; \alpha, \beta) \\ &= R(\alpha, \overline{\alpha + \beta})\Lambda(\Lambda(\beta)\alpha)\beta + \Lambda(\alpha)\overline{\Lambda(\alpha + \beta)}\Lambda(\Lambda(\beta)\alpha)\beta - \Lambda(\Lambda(\alpha)\alpha + \beta)\Lambda(\Lambda(\beta)\alpha)\beta \\ & \quad + \text{the right hand side of (4.2)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & (\nabla^2 R)(\alpha, \overline{\alpha + \beta}, \beta; \alpha, \beta) \\ &= -2 \frac{(c \cdot p(\alpha))(c \cdot p(\beta))^2}{(c \cdot p(\alpha + \beta))^2(c \cdot p(2\beta + \alpha))} (N_{\alpha, \beta})^2 (N_{\beta, \alpha + \beta})^2 \cdot (\alpha + \beta) \\ & \quad + \text{the right hand side of (4.2)}. \end{aligned}$$

From (4.4), we have

$$(N_{\alpha, \beta})^2 = (N_{\beta, \alpha + \beta})^2 = e, \quad \alpha(H_\beta) = -e,$$

where  $e = \beta(H_\beta) = (1/2)\alpha(H_\alpha)$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & (\nabla^2 R)(\alpha, \overline{\alpha + \beta}, \beta; \alpha, \beta) \\ &= -\frac{c \cdot p(\beta)}{c \cdot p(\alpha + \beta)} (N_{\alpha, \beta})^2 \left\{ -\frac{2e(c \cdot p(\alpha))(c \cdot p(\beta))}{(c \cdot p(\alpha + \beta))(c \cdot p(\alpha + 2\beta))} + \frac{2e(c \cdot p(\beta))}{c \cdot p(\alpha + \beta)} \right. \\ & \quad \left. - 2e - \frac{3e(c \cdot p(\alpha))}{c \cdot p(\alpha + \beta)} + \frac{e(c \cdot p(\alpha))}{c \cdot p(\alpha + \beta)} \right\} \cdot (\alpha + \beta) \\ &= -2e^2 \frac{(c \cdot p(\beta))(c \cdot p(\beta))}{(c \cdot p(\alpha + \beta))^2 (c \cdot p(2\beta + \alpha))} (c \cdot p(\alpha) + 4c \cdot p(\beta)) \cdot (\alpha + \beta). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the degree of  $M(B_2, \{\alpha, \beta\}, g)$  is not equal to two.

We have thus proved the theorem.

## 5. Degree three

For  $\alpha_i \in \Pi$ , set  $\Delta_i^+(k) = \{\alpha = \sum_j n_j \alpha_j \in \Delta^+; n_i = k\}$ .

We devote this section to proving the following theorem.

**THEOREM 5.1.** *Let  $\alpha_i, \alpha_q$  and  $\alpha_r$  be elements of  $\Pi$  such that  $\Delta_i^+(k) = \emptyset$ ,  $\Delta_g^+(m) = \emptyset$  and  $\Delta_r^+(n) = \emptyset$  for  $k \geq 3, m, n \geq 2$ . Then Kähler C-space with degree three is one of  $M(g, \{\alpha_i\}, g)$  and  $M(g, \{\alpha_q, \alpha_r\}, g)$*

At first we show that the degrees of  $M(g, \{\alpha_i\}, g)$  and  $M(g, \{\alpha_q, \alpha_r\}, g)$  are at most three.

In the following we suppose that  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \omega$  and  $\lambda$  are elements of  $\Delta^+(\Psi)$ .

Suppose  $\Psi = \{\alpha_i\}$ . Since

$$\Lambda(\mathfrak{p}^{\mathbb{C}})\mathfrak{p}^\pm \subset \mathfrak{p}^\pm, \quad R(\mathfrak{p}^{\mathbb{C}}, \mathfrak{p}^{\mathbb{C}})\mathfrak{p}^\pm \subset \mathfrak{p}^\pm,$$

we can see

$$\begin{aligned} & (\nabla^3 R)(\alpha, \bar{\lambda}, \beta; \gamma, \delta, \omega) \in \mathfrak{p}^+ \\ & (\nabla^3 R)(\bar{\alpha}, \lambda, \bar{\beta}; \gamma, \delta, \omega) \in \mathfrak{p}^-. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, If  $(\nabla^3 R)(\alpha, \bar{\lambda}, \beta; \gamma, \delta, \omega) \neq 0$ , then  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta + \omega - \lambda$  must be in  $\Delta^+(\Psi)$ . Similarly, if  $(\nabla^3 R)(\bar{\alpha}, \lambda, \bar{\beta}; \gamma, \delta, \omega) \neq 0$ , then  $\alpha + \beta - \gamma - \delta - \omega - \lambda$  must be in  $\Delta^+(\Psi)$ .

Each  $\alpha \in \Delta^+(\Psi)$  has  $1 \leq p(\alpha) \leq 2$  so that

$$p(\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta + \omega - \lambda) \geq 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 - 2 = 3.$$

However, this is impossible, since  $\Delta_i^+(k) = \emptyset$  for  $k \geq 3$ . Similarly we have

$$p(\alpha + \beta - \gamma - \delta - \omega - \lambda) \leq 2 + 2 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 = 0.$$

Thus the degree of  $M(\mathfrak{g}, \{\alpha_1\}, g)$  is not more than three.

Next, suppose  $\Psi = \{\alpha_q, \alpha_r\}$  ( $q < r$ ). Since  $\Delta_q^+(m) = \emptyset$  and  $\Delta_r^+(n) = \emptyset$  for  $m, n \geq 2$ , it is easy to see that the possibilities of  $p(\alpha)$  are only (1,0), (0,1) and (1,1). Therefore

$$p(\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta + \omega - \lambda) \neq (1,0), (0,1), (1,1)$$

$$p(\alpha + \beta - \gamma - \delta - \omega - \lambda) \neq (1,0), (0,1), (1,1).$$

Thus the degree of  $M(\mathfrak{g}, \{\alpha_q, \alpha_r\}, g)$  is not more than three.

Next, we prove that Hermitian symmetric spaces,  $M(\mathfrak{g}, \{\alpha_i\}, g)$  and  $M(\mathfrak{g}, \{\alpha_q, \alpha_r\}, g)$  are only Kähler  $C$ -spaces of which degrees are at most three.

As in Section 4, we shall prove the following lemmas.

LEMMA 5.2. *Suppose that there are  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \Delta^+(\Psi)$  ( $\alpha \neq \beta, \beta \neq \gamma, \gamma \neq \alpha$ ) satisfying the following:*

- (1)  $\alpha + \beta \in \Delta$ , (2)  $\alpha + \gamma \in \Delta$ , (3)  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma \in \Delta$ ,
- (4)  $\alpha - \beta \notin \Delta$ , (5)  $\beta + \gamma \notin \Delta$ , (6)  $\beta - \gamma \notin \Delta$ , (7)  $2\alpha + \beta \notin \Delta$
- (8)  $2\beta + \alpha \notin \Delta$ , (9)  $2\alpha + \gamma \notin \Delta$ , (10)  $\alpha + \gamma - \beta \notin \Delta$
- (11)  $2\alpha + \beta + \gamma \notin \Delta$ , (12)  $2\beta + \alpha + \gamma \notin \Delta$ , (13)  $2\alpha + 2\beta + \gamma \notin \Delta$
- (14)  $\alpha - \gamma \notin \Delta$ , (15)  $2\gamma + \alpha \notin \Delta$ .

*Then the degree of  $M(\mathfrak{g}, \Psi, g)$  is more than three.*

LEMMA 5.3. *Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be in  $\Delta^+(\Psi)$  ( $\alpha \neq \beta$ ). If the following conditions are satisfied, then the degree of  $M(\mathfrak{g}, \Psi, g)$  is more than three:*

- (1)  $\alpha + \beta \in \Delta$ , (2)  $\alpha - \beta \notin \Delta$ , (3)  $2\alpha + \beta \notin \Delta$
- (4)  $2\beta + \alpha \in \Delta$ , (5)  $3\beta + \alpha \notin \Delta$ .

*Proof of Lemma 5.2.* We shall show

$$(\nabla^3 R)(\alpha, \bar{\lambda}, \beta; \alpha, \beta, \gamma) \neq 0 \quad (\lambda = \alpha + \beta + \gamma).$$

By Theorem 3.4 and (10) of Lemma 5.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\nabla^3 R)(\alpha, \bar{\lambda}, \beta; \alpha, \beta, \gamma) \\
&= -(\Lambda^2 R)(\Lambda(\gamma)\alpha, \bar{\lambda}, \beta; \alpha, \beta) \\
&\quad -(\Lambda^2 R)(\alpha, \Lambda(\gamma)\bar{\lambda}, \beta; \alpha, \beta) \\
&\quad -(\Lambda^2 R)(\alpha, \bar{\lambda}, \beta; \Lambda(\gamma)\alpha, \beta).
\end{aligned}$$

By (4.1) and the conditions of the lemma, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\nabla^2 R)(\Lambda(\gamma)\alpha, \bar{\lambda}, \beta; \alpha, \beta) \\
&= -\Lambda(\alpha)R(\Lambda(\beta)\Lambda(\gamma)\alpha, \bar{\lambda})\beta - \Lambda(\alpha)R(\Lambda(\gamma)\alpha, \Lambda(\beta)\bar{\lambda})\beta + R(\Lambda(\gamma)\alpha, \Lambda(\Lambda(\beta)\alpha)\bar{\lambda})\beta \\
&\quad + R(\Lambda(\gamma)\alpha, \Lambda(\alpha)\Lambda(\beta)\bar{\lambda})\beta - \Lambda(\beta)R(\Lambda(\gamma)\alpha, \bar{\lambda})\Lambda(\alpha)\beta \\
&\quad + R(\Lambda(\beta)\Lambda(\gamma)\alpha, \bar{\lambda})\Lambda(\alpha)\beta + R(\Lambda(\gamma)\alpha, \Lambda(\beta)\bar{\lambda})\Lambda(\alpha)\beta \\
&= \Lambda(\alpha)[[\Lambda(\beta)\Lambda(\gamma)\alpha, \bar{\lambda}], \beta] \\
&\quad + \Lambda(\alpha)\{\Lambda(\Lambda(\beta)\bar{\lambda})\Lambda(\Lambda(\gamma)\alpha)\beta + [[\Lambda(\gamma)\alpha, \Lambda(\beta)\bar{\lambda}]]\} \\
&\quad - \{\Lambda(\Lambda(\Lambda(\beta)\alpha)\bar{\lambda})\Lambda(\Lambda(\gamma)\alpha)\beta + \Lambda([\Lambda(\gamma)\alpha, \Lambda(\Lambda(\beta)\alpha)\bar{\lambda}])\beta\} \\
&\quad - \{\Lambda(\Lambda(\alpha)\Lambda(\beta)\bar{\lambda})\Lambda(\Lambda(\gamma)\alpha)\beta + \Lambda([\Lambda(\gamma)\alpha, \Lambda(\alpha)\Lambda(\beta)\bar{\lambda}])\beta\} \\
&\quad + \Lambda(\beta)\Lambda([\Lambda(\gamma)\alpha, \bar{\lambda}])\Lambda(\alpha)\beta - [[\Lambda(\beta)\Lambda(\gamma)\alpha, \bar{\lambda}], \Lambda(\alpha)\beta] \\
&\quad - [[\Lambda(\gamma)\alpha, \Lambda(\beta)\bar{\lambda}], \Lambda(\alpha)\beta].
\end{aligned}$$

Now, put  $c_\alpha = c \cdot p(\alpha)$  ( $\alpha \in \Delta^+(\mathcal{V})$ ). Then, by Lemma 1.1 and (1.7), we have (5.1)

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\nabla^2 R)(\Lambda(\gamma)\alpha, \bar{\lambda}, \beta; \alpha, \beta) \\
&= -\frac{c_\alpha c_\beta c_{\alpha+\gamma}}{c_{\alpha+\beta} c_{\alpha+\gamma} c_\lambda} N_{r,\alpha} N_{\beta,-\lambda} \beta(H_\lambda) \cdot [\alpha, \beta] \\
&\quad + \frac{c_\alpha c_\beta}{c_{\alpha+\beta} c_{\alpha+\gamma}} N_{r,\alpha} N_{\beta,-\lambda} \left\{ \frac{c_\beta}{c_\lambda} (N_{\beta,-\lambda})^2 + \beta(H_{r+\alpha}) \right\} [\alpha, \beta] \\
&\quad - \frac{(c_\alpha)^2 c_\beta}{c_{\alpha+\beta} c_{\alpha+\gamma}} \left\{ \frac{1}{c_{\alpha+\beta}} (N_{r,\alpha})^2 N_{\beta,\alpha} N_{r,-\lambda} - \frac{1}{c_\lambda} N_{r,\alpha} N_{\beta,-\lambda} (N_{r,-\lambda})^2 \right\} [\alpha, \beta] \\
&\quad + \frac{c_\alpha c_\beta}{c_{\alpha+\gamma}} \left\{ \frac{1}{c_\gamma} (N_{r,\alpha} N_{\beta,-\gamma})^2 N_{r,-\lambda} \cdot (\alpha + \beta) + \frac{1}{c_{\alpha+\beta}} (N_{r,\alpha})^3 N_{\beta,-\lambda} \cdot [\alpha, \beta] \right\} \\
&\quad - \frac{(c_\alpha)^2 c_\beta}{(c_{\alpha+\beta})^2 c_{\alpha+\gamma}} N_{r,\alpha} N_{\beta,-\lambda} (N_{\alpha,\beta})^2 \cdot [\alpha, \beta] + \frac{c_\alpha c_\beta c_{\alpha+\gamma}}{c_{\alpha+\beta} c_{\alpha+\gamma} c_\lambda} N_{r,\alpha} N_{\beta,-\lambda} \lambda(H_{\alpha+\beta}) \cdot [\alpha, \beta] \\
&\quad - \frac{c_\alpha c_\beta}{c_{\alpha+\beta} c_{\alpha+\gamma}} N_{r,\alpha} N_{\beta,-\gamma} (\alpha + \beta) (H_{r+\alpha}) \cdot [\alpha, \beta].
\end{aligned}$$

For simplicity, put  $e = \alpha(H_\alpha)$ . Then, by (1.9) and the conditions of the lemma, we get the following.

$$\beta(H_\beta) = \gamma(H_\gamma) = e, \alpha(H_\beta) = \alpha(H_\gamma) = -\frac{e}{2}$$

$$\beta(H_\gamma) = 0, (N_{\alpha,\beta})^2 = (N_{\alpha,\gamma})^2 = \frac{e}{2}.$$

Moreover it follows from (1.8) that

$$N_{\alpha,\beta}N_{\gamma,-\lambda} + N_{\gamma,\alpha}N_{\beta,-\lambda} = 0.$$

Therefore (5.1) gives

$$(5.2) \quad (\Lambda^2 R)(\Lambda(\gamma)\alpha, \bar{\lambda}, \beta; \alpha, \beta) = \frac{e^2 N_{\gamma,-\lambda} (c_\alpha)^2 c_\beta}{2(c_{\alpha+\beta})^2 c_{\alpha+\gamma}} \cdot (\alpha + \beta).$$

Similarly, we have

$$(5.3) \quad (\Lambda^2 R)(\alpha, \bar{\lambda}, \beta; \Lambda(\gamma)\alpha, \beta) = \frac{e^2 c_\alpha c_\beta}{2(c_{\alpha+\beta})^2} N_{\gamma,-\lambda} \cdot (\alpha + \beta).$$

From (4.3) we get

$$(5.4) \quad \begin{aligned} & (\Lambda^2 R)(\alpha, \Lambda(\gamma)\bar{\lambda}, \beta; \alpha, \beta) \\ &= N_{\gamma,-\lambda} (\Lambda^2 R)(\alpha, \alpha + \bar{\beta}, \beta; \alpha, \beta) \\ &= -\frac{e^2 c_\alpha c_\beta}{(c_{\alpha+\beta})^2} N_{\gamma,-\lambda} \cdot (\alpha + \beta). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore it follows from (5.2), (5.3) and (5.4) that

$$\begin{aligned} & (\nabla^3 R)(\alpha, \bar{\lambda}, \beta; \alpha, \beta, \gamma) \\ &= \frac{e^2 c_\alpha c_\beta}{2(c_{\alpha+\beta})^2} N_{\gamma,-\lambda} \cdot \left\{ \frac{c_\alpha}{c_{\alpha+\gamma}} + 1 - 2 \right\} \cdot (\alpha + \beta) \\ &= -\frac{e^2 c_\alpha c_\beta c_\gamma}{2(c_{\alpha+\beta})^2 c_{\alpha+\gamma}} N_{\gamma,-\lambda} \cdot (\alpha + \beta). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 5.2. □

*Proof of Lemma 5.3.* We shall show that

$$(\Lambda^3 R)(\alpha, \bar{\lambda}, \alpha; \beta, \beta, \beta) \neq 0 \quad (\lambda = 2\beta + \alpha).$$

In fact

$$\begin{aligned} & (\Lambda^3 R)(\alpha, \bar{\lambda}, \alpha; \beta, \beta, \beta) \\ &= \Lambda(\beta) (\Lambda^2 R)(\alpha, \bar{\lambda}, \alpha; \beta, \beta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\Lambda^2 R)(\Lambda(\beta)\alpha, \bar{\lambda}, \alpha; \beta, \beta) \\
& - (\Lambda^2 R)(\alpha, \Lambda(\beta)\bar{\lambda}, \alpha; \beta, \beta) \\
& - (\Lambda^2 R)(\alpha, \bar{\lambda}, \Lambda(\beta)\alpha; \beta, \beta) \\
& = 3\Lambda(\beta)\{R(\Lambda(\beta)\Lambda(\beta)\alpha, \bar{\lambda})\alpha + R(\alpha, \Lambda(\beta)\Lambda(\beta)\bar{\lambda})\alpha \\
& + R(\alpha, \bar{\lambda})\Lambda(\beta)\Lambda(\beta)\alpha + 2R(\Lambda(\beta)\alpha, \Lambda(\beta)\bar{\lambda})\alpha \\
& + 2R(\Lambda(\beta)\alpha, \bar{\lambda})\Lambda(\beta)\alpha + 2R(\alpha, \Lambda(\beta)\bar{\lambda})\Lambda(\beta)\alpha\} \\
& - 3\{R(\Lambda(\beta)\Lambda(\beta)\alpha, \Lambda(\beta)\bar{\lambda})\alpha + R(\Lambda(\beta)\Lambda(\beta)\alpha, \bar{\lambda})\Lambda(\beta)\alpha \\
& + R(\Lambda(\beta)\alpha, \Lambda(\beta)\Lambda(\beta)\bar{\lambda})\alpha + R(\alpha, \Lambda(\beta)\Lambda(\beta)\bar{\lambda})\Lambda(\beta)\alpha \\
& + R(\Lambda(\beta)\alpha, \bar{\lambda})\Lambda(\beta)\Lambda(\beta)\alpha + R(\alpha, \Lambda(\beta)\bar{\lambda})\Lambda(\beta)\Lambda(\beta)\alpha\} \\
& - 6R(\Lambda(\beta)\alpha, \Lambda(\beta)\bar{\lambda})\Lambda(\beta)\alpha.
\end{aligned}$$

As before, we set  $e = \alpha(H_\alpha)$ . Then we obtain

$$\beta(H_\beta) = (N_{\alpha, \beta})^2 = (N_{\beta, -\lambda})^2 = \frac{e}{2}, \quad \alpha(H_\beta) = -\frac{e}{2}.$$

Thus, by a straightforward computation we have

$$(\Lambda^3 R)(\alpha, \bar{\lambda}, \alpha; \beta, \beta, \beta) = \frac{3e^2 c_\alpha(c_\beta)^2}{2(c_{\alpha+\beta})^3} N_{\beta, -\lambda} \cdot (\alpha + \beta).$$

We have thus proved the lemma.  $\square$

Suppose that  $\mathfrak{g}$  is not of  $G_2$  type. For Kähler  $C$ -spaces except for those stated in Theorem 5.1, we take examples of  $\{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$  satisfying the conditions of Lemma 5.2 or of  $\{\alpha, \beta\}$  satisfying the conditions of Lemma 5.3.

*The case where  $\mathfrak{g}$  is of type  $A_l$  ( $l \geq 3$ ).*

Suppose that  $\alpha_i, \alpha_j$  and  $\alpha_k$  are elements of  $\Psi$  ( $i < j < k$ ). Then set

$$\alpha = \alpha_1 + \cdots + \alpha_{j-1}, \beta = \alpha_j, \gamma = \alpha_{j+1} + \cdots + \alpha_l.$$

Then  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  satisfy (1)~(15) of Lemma 5.2.

*The case where  $\mathfrak{g}$  is of type  $B_l$  ( $l \geq 2$ ).*

We use the notation in Section 4.

Suppose that  $\Psi$  contains  $\alpha_i$  and  $\alpha_j$  ( $i < j$ ). Put

$$\alpha = \alpha_i = e_i - e_{i+1}, \beta = e_{i+1} = \alpha_{i+1} + \cdots + \alpha_l.$$

Then  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  satisfy (1)~(5) of Lemma 5.3.

The case where  $\mathfrak{g}$  is of type  $C_l$  ( $l \geq 3$ ).

Suppose that  $\Psi$  contains  $\alpha_i$  and  $\alpha_j$  ( $i < j$ ). Put  $\beta = \alpha_i + \cdots + \alpha_{j-1} = e_i - e_j$  and

$$\alpha = 2e_j = \begin{cases} \alpha_l & \text{if } j = l, \\ 2\alpha_j + \cdots + 2\alpha_{l-1} + \alpha_l & \text{if } j < l. \end{cases}$$

Then  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  satisfy (1)~(5) of Lemma 5.3.

The case where  $\mathfrak{g}$  is of type  $D_l$  ( $l \geq 4$ ).

Suppose that  $\Psi$  contains  $\{\alpha_i, \alpha_l\}$  ( $2 \leq i \leq l-2$ ). Then put

$$\alpha = \alpha_l = e_{l-1} + e_l, \beta = \alpha_2 + \cdots + \alpha_{l-1} = e_2 - e_l, \gamma = \alpha_1 + \cdots + \alpha_{l-2} = e_1 - e_{l-1}.$$

Then  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  are contained in  $\Delta^+(\Psi)$  and satisfy (1)~(15) in Lemma 5.2.

Next, we assume that  $\Psi$  contains  $\{\alpha_i, \alpha_j\}$  ( $1 \leq i < j \leq l-2$ ). Set

$$\alpha = \alpha_1 + \cdots + \alpha_{j-1}, \beta = \alpha_j + \cdots + \alpha_{l-2} + \alpha_{l-1}, \gamma = \alpha_j + \cdots + \alpha_{l-2} + \alpha_l.$$

Then  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  are contained in  $\Delta^+(\Psi)$  and satisfy (1)~(15) in Lemma 5.2.

The case where  $\mathfrak{g}$  is of type  $E_8$ .

Set

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ & & & 1 & & & \end{pmatrix}, \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ & & & & 1 & & \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ & & & & 1 & & \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  satisfy (1)~(15) in Lemma 5.2.

The case where  $\mathfrak{g}$  is of type  $E_7$ .

Put

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ & & & 0 & & \end{pmatrix}, \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ & & & 1 & & \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ & & & 1 & & \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  satisfy (1)~(15) in Lemma 5.2. Therefore, if  $\Psi$  contains  $\alpha_i$  ( $i = 3, 4$  or  $5$ ), the degree of  $M(\mathfrak{g}, \Psi, g)$  is more than three. Moreover, if  $\Psi$  contains  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_6\}$ ,  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_7\}$ ,  $\{\alpha_2, \alpha_6\}$  or  $\{\alpha_2, \alpha_7\}$ , the degree of  $M(\mathfrak{g}, \Psi, g)$  is more than



three.

Next, set

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ & & & 1 & & \end{pmatrix}, \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ & & & & 0 & \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ & & & & 1 & \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then the degree of  $M(\mathfrak{g}, \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2\}, g)$  is more than three.

Finally, suppose that  $\Psi = \{\alpha_6, \alpha_7\}$ . Set

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & & & 0 & & \end{pmatrix}, \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ & & & & 1 & \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ & & & & 1 & \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  are contained in  $\Delta^+(\Psi)$  and satisfy (1)~(15) in Lemma 5.2.

*The case where  $\mathfrak{g}$  is of type  $E_6$ .*

Set

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & & & 0 & \end{pmatrix}, \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ & & & 1 & \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ & & & 1 & \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus we can see that the degree of  $M(\mathfrak{g}, \Psi, g)$  is more than three if  $\Psi$  contains one of the following:

$$\{\alpha_4\}, \{\alpha_2, \alpha_5\}, \{\alpha_2, \alpha_6\}, \{\alpha_3, \alpha_5\}, \{\alpha_3, \alpha_6\}.$$

Finally, we check the case where  $\Psi = \{\alpha_5, \alpha_6\}$ . Then the following roots  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  are contained in  $\Delta^+(\Psi)$  and satisfy the conditions in Lemma 5.2:

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & & & 0 & \end{pmatrix}, \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

*The case where  $\mathfrak{g}$  is of type  $F_4$ .*

Set  $\alpha = (1,1,2,2)$  and  $\beta = (0,1,1,0)$ . Then  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  satisfy (1)~(5) of Lemma 5.3. Thus, if  $\alpha_i \in \Delta^+(\Psi)$  ( $i = 2$  or  $3$ ), then the degree of  $M(\mathfrak{g}, \Psi, g)$  is more

than three.

Next, let  $\Psi = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_4\}$ . Then put  $\alpha = (1, 1, 0, 0)$  and  $\beta = (0, 0, 1, 1)$ . Then  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  satisfy (1)~(5) of Lemma 5.3.

Finally we shall prove that the degree of  $M(G_2, \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2\}, g)$  is more than three. Set  $\alpha = \alpha_2$  and  $\beta = \alpha_1$ . Then  $\Delta^+$  consists of the following:

$$\alpha, \beta, \alpha + \beta, \alpha + 2\beta, \alpha + 3\beta, 2\alpha + 3\beta.$$

Therefore we have from (1.9)

$$(5.5) \quad (N_{\alpha, \beta})^2 = \frac{3}{2} \beta(H_\beta), \quad (H_{\alpha+\beta, \beta})^2 = 2\beta(H_\beta),$$

$$(N_{-\beta, \alpha+3\beta})^2 = \frac{3}{2} \beta(H_\beta), \quad \alpha(H_\alpha) = 3\beta(H_\beta), \quad \alpha(H_\beta) = -\frac{3}{2} \beta(H_\beta).$$

We show that

$$(\nabla^3 R)(\alpha, \overline{\alpha + 3\beta}, \beta; \beta, \beta, \beta) \neq 0.$$

From Theorem 3.4 we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (\nabla^3 R)(\alpha, \overline{\alpha + 3\beta}, \beta; \beta, \beta, \beta) \\ &= -(\Lambda^2 R)(\Lambda(\beta)\alpha, \overline{\alpha + 3\beta}, \beta; \beta, \beta) \\ & \quad - (\Lambda^2 R)(\alpha, \Lambda(\beta)\overline{\alpha + 3\beta}, \beta; \beta, \beta) \\ &= -3\{R(\Lambda(\beta)\alpha, \Lambda(\beta)\overline{\alpha + 3\beta})\beta + R(\Lambda(\beta)\overline{\alpha + 3\beta}, \Lambda(\beta)\alpha)\beta\} \\ & \quad - R(\alpha, \Lambda(\beta)\overline{\alpha + 3\beta})\beta - R(\overline{\alpha + 3\beta}, \Lambda(\beta)\alpha)\beta \\ &= N_{\beta, \alpha} N_{-\beta, \alpha+3\beta} N_{\beta, \alpha+\beta} \left\{ 3 \frac{c_\alpha}{c_{\alpha+2\beta}} \left( \frac{c_\beta}{c_{\alpha+2\beta}} (N_{\beta, \alpha+\beta})^2 + \beta(H_{\alpha+\beta}) \right) \right. \\ & \quad - 3 \frac{c_\alpha}{c_{\alpha+2\beta}} \left( \frac{c_\beta}{c_{\alpha+3\beta}} (N_{-\beta, \alpha+3\beta})^2 + \beta(H_{\alpha+2\beta}) \right) \\ & \quad \left. - \left( \frac{c_\beta}{c_{\alpha+\beta}} (N_{\alpha, \beta})^2 + \beta(H_\alpha) \right) + \frac{c_\alpha}{c_{\alpha+3\beta}} \beta(H_{\alpha+3\beta}) \right\} \cdot \beta \\ &= \frac{12c_\alpha(c_\beta)^2}{c_{\alpha+\beta}c_{\alpha+2\beta}c_{\alpha+3\beta}} N_{\beta, \alpha} N_{-\beta, \alpha+3\beta} N_{\beta, \alpha+\beta} \beta(H_\beta) \cdot \beta \\ &\neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the degree of  $M(G_2, \{\alpha, \beta\}, g)$  is more than three.

We have thus proved Theorem 5.1.

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