

ON KAEHLER METRICS ON A COMPACT HOMOGENEOUS COMPLEX MANIFOLD

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1. Introduction. It was shown by M. Berger [1] that an arbitrary Einstein Kaehler metric on a complex projective space is equivalent to the Fubini-Study metric. Moreover, Y. Matsushima proved in [3] that on a Kaehler C -space (i.e., a simply connected compact homogeneous complex manifold which admits a Kaehler metric), Einstein Kaehler metrics are mutually equivalent. Here the equivalency of Kaehler metrics g_1 and g_2 on a Kaehler manifold denotes that there exist a holomorphic transformation ϕ of the manifold and a positive constant c such that $cg_1 = \phi^*g_2$.

On a compact Kaehler manifold, the scalar multiple of the Ricci form by $1/(2\pi)$ represents the first Chern class of this manifold and the constancy of the scalar curvature means that the Ricci form is harmonic. On a Kaehler C -space M , we have a G_0 -invariant Einstein Kaehler metric \tilde{g} which is called the canonical Einstein metric, where G_0 is a compact group of holomorphic transformations of M ([3]). Then, Matsushima's theorem "any Einstein Kaehler metric g on a Kaehler C -space M is equivalent to the canonical metric \tilde{g} " is interpreted as the following "if any Kaehler metric on M satisfies that its Kaehler form is cohomologous to that of \tilde{g} and its scalar curvature is equal to that of \tilde{g} , then it is equivalent to the canonical metric \tilde{g} ".

The purpose of this paper is a generalization of Matsushima's theorem. In fact, we shall prove in Theorem B and Corollary C in §2 that any Kaehler metric on a Kaehler C -space satisfying a certain condition on curvature is equivalent to the canonical Einstein metric \tilde{g} .

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2. Results. Let g be a Kaehler metric on a Kaehler manifold of complex dimension n . Let S be the Ricci tensor of the metric g . The metric g is called an Einstein Kaehler metric if S is given by the scalar multiple of g . With respect to a local coordinate system z^1, \dots, z^n , g and S can be expressed as

$$(2.1) \quad g = 2 \sum_{\alpha, \beta} g_{\alpha\bar{\beta}} dz^\alpha \cdot dz^{\bar{\beta}},$$

$$(2.2) \quad S = 2 \sum_{\alpha, \beta} S_{\alpha\bar{\beta}} dz^\alpha \cdot dz^{\bar{\beta}}.$$

We define 2-forms ω and σ , called the Kaehler form and the Ricci form by

$$(2.3) \quad \omega = i \sum_{\alpha, \beta} g_{\alpha\bar{\beta}} dz^\alpha \wedge dz^{\bar{\beta}},$$

$$(2.4) \quad \sigma = i \sum_{\alpha, \beta} S_{\alpha\bar{\beta}} dz^\alpha \wedge dz^{\bar{\beta}}.$$

The scalar curvature ρ of g is given by

$$(2.5) \quad \rho = 2 \sum_{\alpha, \beta} g^{\alpha\bar{\beta}} S_{\alpha\bar{\beta}},$$

where the matrix $(g^{\alpha\bar{\beta}})$ is the inverse of $(g_{\alpha\bar{\beta}})$.

LEMMA. *Let g be a Kaehler metric on a Kaehler manifold of complex dimension n . Then we have*

$$(2.6) \quad \sigma \wedge \omega^{n-1} = \frac{1}{2n} \rho \cdot \omega^n.$$

PROOF. We may check (2.6) pointwise. For an arbitrary point p , we can choose a suitable local coordinate system around p such that $g_{\alpha\bar{\beta}}(p) = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$, $S_{\alpha\bar{\beta}}(p) = S_\alpha \cdot \delta_{\alpha\beta}$, $\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, n$, that is, at p

$$\omega = i \sum_{\alpha} dz^\alpha \wedge dz^{\bar{\alpha}}, \quad \sigma = i \sum_{\alpha} S_\alpha dz^\alpha \wedge dz^{\bar{\alpha}}.$$

Then we have

$$(2.7) \quad \omega^n = i^n \cdot n! \cdot dz^1 \wedge dz^{\bar{1}} \wedge \dots \wedge dz^n \wedge dz^{\bar{n}},$$

$$(2.8) \quad \omega^{n-1} = i^{n-1} \cdot (n-1)! \sum_{\alpha=1}^n dz^1 \wedge dz^{\bar{1}} \wedge \dots$$

$$\wedge \widehat{dz^\alpha \wedge dz^{\bar{\alpha}}} \wedge \dots \wedge dz^n \wedge dz^{\bar{n}}$$

which, together with $\rho = 2 \sum_{\alpha, \beta} g^{\alpha\bar{\beta}} S_{\alpha\bar{\beta}} = 2 \sum_{\alpha} S_\alpha$, imply

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma \wedge \omega^{n-1} &= i^n (n-1)! \left(\sum_{\alpha} S_\alpha dz^\alpha \wedge dz^{\bar{\alpha}} \right) \\ &\quad \wedge \left(\sum_{\beta} dz^1 \wedge dz^{\bar{1}} \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{dz^\beta \wedge dz^{\bar{\beta}}} \wedge \dots \wedge dz^n \wedge dz^{\bar{n}} \right) \\ &= i^n (n-1)! \left(\sum_{\alpha} S_\alpha \right) dz^1 \wedge dz^{\bar{1}} \wedge \dots \wedge dz^n \wedge dz^{\bar{n}} \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \left(\sum_{\alpha} S_\alpha \right) \omega^n = \frac{1}{2n} \rho \cdot \omega^n. \end{aligned} \quad \text{q.e.d.}$$

Making use of Lemma, we have the following.

THEOREM A. *Let g and \tilde{g} be two Kaehler metrics on a compact Kaehler manifold M such that their Kaehler forms are mutually cohomologous. If the scalar curvature $\tilde{\rho}$ of \tilde{g} is constant and the scalar curvature ρ of g satisfies $\rho \leq \tilde{\rho}$ (or $\rho \geq \tilde{\rho}$) everywhere on M , then ρ must be constant and equal to $\tilde{\rho}$.*

PROOF. Let ω and $\tilde{\omega}$ be the Kaehler forms of g and \tilde{g} . We shall write $\phi \sim \psi$ symbolically if ϕ is cohomologous to ψ . Then we have $\omega \sim \tilde{\omega}$ from the condition. If we denote by σ and $\tilde{\sigma}$ the Ricci forms of g and \tilde{g} respectively, then we obtain $\sigma \wedge \omega^{n-1} \sim \tilde{\sigma} \wedge \tilde{\omega}^{n-1}$ where $n = \dim_c M$, since both $(1/2\pi)\sigma$ and $(1/2\pi)\tilde{\sigma}$ represent the first Chern class of M ([2]). On the other hand $\tilde{\rho} \cdot \omega^n \sim \tilde{\rho} \cdot \tilde{\omega}^n$ since $\tilde{\rho}$ is constant. By the aid of (2.6) in Lemma, $\rho \cdot \omega^n - \tilde{\rho} \cdot \omega^n \sim \rho \cdot \omega^n - \tilde{\rho} \cdot \tilde{\omega}^n = 2n(\sigma \wedge \omega^{n-1} - \tilde{\sigma} \wedge \tilde{\omega}^{n-1}) \sim 0$. Then we have $\int_M (\rho - \tilde{\rho})\omega^n = 0$. By the condition on ρ , we can conclude that ρ is constant and equal to $\tilde{\rho}$. q.e.d.

Now we are in a position to prove the following theorem.

THEOREM B. *Let M be a Kaehler C-space with the canonical Einstein Kaehler metric \tilde{g} . Let g be another Kaehler metric on M whose Kaehler form is cohomologous to that of \tilde{g} . If the scalar curvatures ρ and $\tilde{\rho}$ of g and \tilde{g} satisfy $\rho \leq \tilde{\rho}$ or else $\rho \geq \tilde{\rho}$ everywhere on M , then there exists a holomorphic transformation ϕ of M such that $g = \phi^*\tilde{g}$, that is, g is equivalent to \tilde{g} .*

PROOF. Let ω and $\tilde{\omega}$ be the Kaehler forms, σ and $\tilde{\sigma}$ the Ricci forms of g and \tilde{g} . Since $\omega \sim \tilde{\omega}$, $\sigma \sim \tilde{\sigma}$ and $\tilde{\sigma} = c\tilde{\omega}$ for a positive constant c , we have $\sigma \sim c\omega$. The constancy of $\tilde{\rho}$ means that ρ is constant from Theorem A, hence σ is harmonic (see [2]). We can conclude that $\sigma = c\omega$, i.e., g is an Einstein Kaehler metric. Then from Matsushima's theorem ([3]), there exist $\phi \in G$ and a positive constant α such that $g = \alpha\phi^*\tilde{g}$ where G is the identity component of the group of all holomorphic transformations of M . Since $\omega \sim \tilde{\omega}$ and ϕ is a transformation homotopic to the identity transformation, we have $\alpha = 1$, that is, $g = \phi^*\tilde{g}$. q.e.d.

Let ρ , S and K be the scalar curvature, the Ricci tensor and the sectional curvature of a Kaehler metric g on a manifold of complex dimension n . By the definition of ρ , S and K , we obtain the following formulas (see [1]):

$$(2.9) \quad \rho = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n S(V_i, V_i),$$

$$(2.10) \quad \rho = 2 \left[\sum_{i=1}^n K(\{V_i, JV_i\}) + 2 \sum_{i < j} (K(\{V_i, V_j\}) + K(\{V_i, JV_j\})) \right],$$

where $\{V_i, JV_i\}_{i=1, \dots, n}$ is an orthonormal frame at a point p and $\{X, Y\}$ is the plane spanned by tangent vectors X and Y at p and

$$(2.11) \quad \rho = \frac{n(n+1)}{\text{vol}(S^{2n-1})} \int_{X \in U_p} K(\{X, JX\}) dX,$$

where U_p , which denotes the set of all unit tangent vectors at p , is identified with S^{2n-1} , the volume element dX and the volume of S^{2n-1} are canonical. From Theorem B, the following is easily obtained.

COROLLARY C. *Let M, \tilde{g} and $\tilde{\rho}$ be as in Theorem B. Let g be another Kaehler metric on M whose Kaehler form is cohomologous to that of \tilde{g} . If the metric g satisfies one of the following conditions, then the metric g is equivalent to the canonical metric \tilde{g} .*

I) *The Ricci tensor S of g satisfies either $S(V, V) \leq (1/2n)\tilde{\rho}$ or $S(V, V) \geq (1/2n)\tilde{\rho}$ for any unit vector V .*

II) *The sectional curvature of any plane with respect to g is not greater (or not smaller) than $(1/2n^2)\tilde{\rho}$.*

III) *The sectional curvature of any holomorphic plane with respect to g is not greater (or not smaller) than $(1/n(n+1))\tilde{\rho}$.*

An n -dimensional complex projective space $P_n(C)$ admits the Fubini-Study metric of positive constant holomorphic sectional curvature c . It is well known that $P_n(C)$ is a Kaehler C -space and the scalar curvature of the metric is equal to $n(n+1)c$. Therefore we have:

COROLLARY D. *Let \tilde{g} be Fubini-Study metric on $P_n(C)$ of constant holomorphic curvature c and g be a Kaehler metric on $P_n(C)$ whose Kaehler form is cohomologous to that of \tilde{g} . If g satisfies one of the following, then g is equivalent to \tilde{g} .*

I) *The scalar curvature of g is not greater (or not smaller) than $n(n+1)c$ everywhere on $P_n(C)$.*

II) *The Ricci tensor S of g satisfies either $S(V, V) \leq ((n+1)/2)c$ or else $S(V, V) \geq ((n+1)/2)c$ for any unit vector V .*

III) *The sectional curvature of any plane with respect to g is not greater (or not smaller) than $(1/2 + 1/2n)c$.*

IV) *The sectional curvature of any holomorphic plane with respect to g is not greater (or not smaller) than c .*

REMARK. If the second Betti number of a Kaehler C -space M is equal to one (for example, an irreducible Hermitian symmetric space of compact type), there can not exist any Kaehler metric on M such that

the volumes of M take the same value with respect to it and the canonical metric, and its scalar curvature is not equal to the scalar curvature of the canonical metric anywhere on M .

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