

## A REMARK ON CONFORMALLY FLAT TOTALLY REAL SUBMANIFOLDS

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### 1. Introduction.

The following result is well-known.

**THEOREM A.** (K. Yano [7]). *Let  $M^n$ ,  $n \geq 4$ , be a totally umbilical submanifold of a conformally flat Riemannian manifold. Then  $M^n$  is conformally flat.*

Corresponding to Theorem A one has the following results for submanifolds of Kaehlerian manifolds.

**THEOREM B** (S. Yamagushi and S. Sato [6]). *Let  $M^n$ ,  $n \geq 4$ , be a totally geodesic complex submanifold of a Kaehlerian manifold  $M^p$ ,  $p \geq 8$ , with vanishing Bochner curvature tensor. Then  $M^n$  has vanishing Bochner curvature tensor.*

**THEOREM C** (D. E. Blair [1], K. Yano [9]). *Let  $M^n$ ,  $n \geq 4$ , be a totally umbilical totally real submanifold of a Kaehlerian manifold with vanishing Bochner curvature tensor. Then  $M^n$  is conformally flat.*

A generalization of Theorem A is given in the following.

**THEOREM D** (B. Y. Chen and K. Yano [4]). *Let  $M^n$ ,  $n \geq 4$ , be a totally quasisumbilical submanifold of a conformally flat Riemannian manifold. Then  $M^n$  is conformally flat.*

In this paper we show that correspondingly Theorem C may be somewhat improved as follows.

**THEOREM.** *Let  $M^n$ ,  $n \geq 4$ , be a totally quasisumbilical totally real submanifold of a Kaehlerian manifold with vanishing Bochner curvature tensor. Then  $M^n$  is conformally flat.*

A proof of this property will be given in a straightforward way using an expression of the equation of Gauss for a totally real submanifold  $N$  of a Kaehlerian manifold  $\tilde{N}$  which contains the Weyl curvature tensor of  $N$  and the

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Bochner curvature tensor  $\tilde{N}$ . This equation was obtained by K. Yano [9] and will be stated here as a Lemma.

*Remark 1.* Totally quasisumbilical Kaehler submanifolds are totally geodesic.

*Remark 2.* For a proof of Theorem D, see [2].

*Remark 3.* With respect to Theorems B and C, see also [11].

**2. Preliminaries.**

Let  $M^n$  be an  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold covered by a system of coordinate neighborhoods  $\{U; x^h\}$ ,  $(h, j, l, k, l, t, s \in \{1', 2', \dots, n'\})$ . Let  $g_{ji}$ ,  $\nabla_j$ ,  $K_{kji}^h$ ,  $K_{ji}$  and  $K$  be the Riemannian metric tensor, the covariant differentiation of the corresponding Levi-Civita connection, the Riemann-Christoffel curvature tensor, the Ricci tensor and the scalar curvature of  $M^n$ , respectively. Then the *Weyl curvature tensor* of  $M^n$  is defined by

$$(1) \quad C_{kji}^h = K_{kji}^h + \delta_k^h L_{ji} - \delta_j^h L_{ki} + L_k^h g_{ji} - L_j^h g_{ki},$$

where

$$L_{ji} = -\frac{1}{n-2} K_{ji} + \frac{1}{2(n-1)(n-2)} K g_{ji}, \quad L_k^h = L_{ki} g^{ih}$$

and  $g^{ts}$  are the contravariant components of  $g_{ji}$ . According to a Theorem of H. Weyl the vanishing of  $C_{kji}^h$  characterizes the conformal flatness of  $M^n$  for  $n \geq 4$ .

Let  $M^{2m}$  be a (real)  $2m$ -dimensional Kaehlerian manifold covered by a system of coordinate neighborhoods  $\{V; y^\alpha\}$ ,  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \lambda, \mu, \nu \in \{1, 2, \dots, 2m\})$ . Let  $F_{\alpha\beta}$ ,  $\nabla_\alpha$ ,  $R_{\nu\alpha\beta}^\mu$ ,  $R_{\alpha\beta}$  and  $R$  be the complex structure tensor, the Kaehlerian metric tensor, the corresponding covariant differentiation operator, the Riemann-Christoffel curvature tensor, the Ricci tensor and the scalar curvature of  $M^{2m}$ , respectively. Then the *Bochner curvature tensor* of  $M^{2m}$  is defined by

$$(2) \quad B_{\nu\mu\lambda}^\alpha = R_{\nu\mu\lambda}^\alpha + \delta_\nu^\alpha A_{\mu\lambda} - \delta_\mu^\alpha A_{\nu\lambda} + A_\nu^\alpha g_{\mu\lambda} - A_\mu^\alpha g_{\nu\lambda} + F_\nu^\alpha \tilde{A}_{\mu\lambda} - F_\mu^\alpha \tilde{A}_{\nu\lambda} \\ + \tilde{A}_\nu^\alpha g_{\mu\lambda} - \tilde{A}_\mu^\alpha F_{\nu\lambda} - 2(F_{\nu\mu} \tilde{A}_\lambda^\alpha + \tilde{A}_{\nu\mu} F_\lambda^\alpha),$$

where

$$A_{\mu\lambda} = -\frac{1}{2(m+2)} R_{\mu\lambda} + \frac{1}{8(m+1)(m+2)} R g_{\mu\lambda}, \quad R_\nu^\alpha = A_{\nu\gamma} g^{i\alpha}, \\ \tilde{A}_{\mu\lambda} = -A_{\mu\gamma} F_\lambda^{\gamma\alpha}, \quad \tilde{A}_\nu^\alpha = \tilde{A}_{\nu\gamma} g^{i\alpha}, \quad F_{\mu\lambda} = F_{\mu\gamma}^{\gamma\alpha} g_{\gamma\lambda}$$

and  $g^{\lambda\mu}$  are the contravariant components of  $g_{\alpha\beta}$  [5], [8], [11].

Now, let  $M^n$  be a Riemannian manifold isometrically immersed in a Kaehlerian manifold  $M^{2m}$ . Let the immersion be represented by  $y^\alpha = y^\alpha(x^h)$  and put

$B_i^\alpha = \frac{\partial y^\alpha}{\partial x^i}$ . Let  $C_y^\alpha$  be  $2m-n$  mutually orthogonal unit normal vectors of  $M^n$  in  $M^{2m}$ ,  $(x, y, z \in \{(n+1)', (n+2)', \dots, (2m)'\})$ . Then

$$(3) \quad g_{ji} = g_{\mu\lambda} B_{ji}^{\mu\lambda}, \quad B_{ji}^{\mu\lambda} = B_j^\mu B_i^\lambda$$

and the metric tensor induced in the normal bundle is given by

$$(4) \quad g_{zy} = g_{\mu\lambda} C_{zy}^{\mu\lambda}, \quad C_{zy}^{\mu\lambda} = C_z^\mu C_y^\lambda.$$

The *second fundamental tensors*  $H_{ji}^x$  of  $M^n$  with respect to the normals  $C_x^\alpha$  are determined by the formulas of Gauss and Weingarten

$$(5) \quad \nabla_j B_i^\alpha = H_{ji}^x C_x^\alpha,$$

$$(6) \quad \nabla_j C_y^\alpha = -H_j^y B_i^\alpha,$$

where

$$H_j^y = H_{jty} g^{ty}, \quad H_{jty} = H_{jt^z} g_{zy}.$$

The equations of Gauss for the submanifold  $M^n$  of  $M^{2m}$  are given by

$$(7) \quad K_{kji}^h = R_{\nu\mu\lambda}^\alpha B_{kji\alpha}^{\nu\lambda h} + H_k^h H_{ji}^x - H_j^h H_{ki}^x$$

where

$$B_{kji\alpha}^{\nu\lambda h} = B_k^\nu B_j^\mu B_i^\lambda B_{\alpha}^h, \quad B_{\alpha}^h = B_i^{\gamma} g^{\gamma h} g_{\gamma\alpha}.$$

$M^n$  is said to be *totally real* or *anti-invariant submanifold* of  $M^{2m}$  if the complex structure  $F$  of  $M^{2m}$  maps every tangent vector of  $M^n$  to a vector which is normal to  $M^n$  [3], [10]. Thus a totally real submanifold satisfies equations of the form

$$(8) \quad F_\lambda^\alpha B_i^\lambda = -f_i^x C_x^\alpha, \quad F_\lambda^\alpha C_y^\lambda = f_y^h B_h^\alpha + f_y^x C_x^\alpha.$$

**3. Equations of Gauss for a totally real submanifold in terms of the curvature tensors of Weyl and Bochner [9]**

Using the *conformal second fundamental tensors*  $M_{ji}^x$  with respect to  $C_x^\alpha$  [7],

$$(9) \quad M_{ji}^x = H_{ji}^x - H^x g_{ji}, \quad H^x = \frac{1}{n} g^{ts} H_{ts}^x,$$

the equations of Gauss for any submanifold  $M^n$  may be written as

$$(10) \quad K_{kji}^h = R_{\nu\mu\lambda}^\alpha B_{kji\alpha}^{\nu\lambda h} + M_k^h M_{ji}^x - M_j^h M_{ki}^x + \delta_k^h M_{ji}^x H_x - \delta_j^h M_{ki}^x H_x \\ + M_k^h H^x g_{ji} - M_j^h H^x g_{ki} + H_x H^x (\delta_k^h g_{ji} - \delta_j^h g_{ki}),$$

where

$$M_k^h = M_{ktx} g^{th}, \quad M_{ktx} = M_{kti}^y g_{yz}, \quad H_z = H^y g_{yz}.$$

Now, assume that  $M^n$  is totally real. Then from (8) it follows that

$$(11) \quad F_\lambda^\alpha B_i^\lambda B_{\alpha}^h = 0.$$

Using (11), transvection of (2) with  $B_{kj\alpha}^{\nu\mu\lambda h}$  gives

$$(12) \quad R_{\nu\mu\lambda}{}^{\alpha} B_{kj\alpha}^{\nu\mu\lambda h} = B_{\nu\mu\lambda}{}^{\alpha} B_{kj\alpha}^{\nu\mu\lambda h} - \delta_k^h A_{\mu\lambda} B_{ji}^{\mu\lambda} + \delta_j^h A_{\mu\lambda} B_{ki}^{\mu\lambda} \\ - A_{\mu\lambda} B_{ki}^{\mu\lambda} g^{th} g_{ji} + A_{\mu\lambda} B_{ji}^{\mu\lambda} g^{th} g_{ki}.$$

Substitution of (12) in (10) yields

$$(13) \quad K_{kji}{}^h = B_{\nu\mu\lambda}{}^{\alpha} B_{kj\alpha}^{\nu\mu\lambda h} - \delta_k^h A_{\mu\lambda} B_{ji}^{\mu\lambda} + \delta_j^h A_{\mu\lambda} B_{ki}^{\mu\lambda} - A_{\mu\lambda} B_{ki}^{\mu\lambda} g^{th} g_{ji} \\ + A_{\mu\lambda} B_{ji}^{\mu\lambda} g^{th} g_{ki} + M_k{}^h{}_x M_{ji}{}^x - M_j{}^h{}_x M_{ki}{}^x + \delta_k^h M_{ji}{}^x H_x \\ - \delta_j^h M_{ki}{}^x H_x + M_k{}^h{}_x H_x g_{ji} - M_j{}^h{}_x H_x g_{ki} + H_x H^x (\delta_k^h g_{ji} - \delta_j^h g_{ki}).$$

The Ricci tensor  $K_{ji}$  is obtained by contraction with respect to  $h$  and  $k$ :

$$(14) \quad K_{ji} = B_{\nu\mu\lambda}{}^{\alpha} B_{\alpha}^{\nu} B_{ji}^{\mu\lambda} - (n-2) A_{\mu\lambda} B_{ji}^{\mu\lambda} - A_{\mu\lambda} B^{\mu\lambda} g_{ji} - M_j{}^t{}_x M_{ti}{}^x \\ + (n-2) M_{ji}{}^x H_x + (n-1) H_x H^x g_{ji},$$

where

$$B^{\mu\lambda} = B_{ji}^{\mu\lambda} g^{ji}, \quad B_{\alpha}^{\nu} = B_t{}^{\nu} B^t{}_{\alpha}.$$

Transvection with  $g^{ji}$  gives

$$(15) \quad A_{\mu\lambda} B^{\mu\lambda} = \frac{n}{2} H_x H^x + \frac{1}{2(n-1)} (B_{\nu\mu\lambda}{}^{\alpha} B_{\alpha}^{\nu} B^{\mu\lambda} - K - M_s{}^t{}_x M_t{}^{sx}),$$

where

$$M_t{}^{sx} = M_t{}^s{}_y g^{yx}.$$

Substitution of (15) in (14) yields

$$(16) \quad A_{\mu\lambda} B_{ji}^{\mu\lambda} = L_{ji} + \frac{1}{n-2} B_{\nu\mu\lambda}{}^{\alpha} B_{\alpha}^{\nu} B_{ji}^{\mu\lambda} - \frac{1}{2(n-1)(n-2)} B_{\nu\mu\lambda}{}^{\alpha} B_{\alpha}^{\nu} B^{\mu\lambda} g_{ji} \\ - \frac{1}{n-2} M_j{}^t{}_x M_{ti}{}^x + \frac{1}{2(n-1)(n-2)} M_s{}^t{}_x M_t{}^{sx} g_{ji} \\ + M_{ji}{}^x H_x + \frac{1}{2} H_x H^x g_{ji}.$$

Finally substitution of (16) in (13) gives the following.

LEMMA. *Let  $M^n$  be a totally real submanifold of a Kaehlerian manifold  $M^{2m}$ . Then*

$$C_{kji}{}^h = B_{\nu\mu\lambda}{}^{\alpha} B_{kj\alpha}^{\nu\mu\lambda h} - \frac{1}{n-2} [\delta_k^h B_{\nu\mu\lambda}{}^{\alpha} B_{\alpha}^{\nu} B_{ji}^{\mu\lambda} - \delta_j^h B_{\nu\mu\lambda}{}^{\alpha} B_{\alpha}^{\nu} B_{ki}^{\mu\lambda} \\ + B_{\nu\mu\lambda}{}^{\alpha} B_{\alpha}^{\nu} B_{ki}^{\mu\lambda} g^{th} g_{ji} - B_{\nu\mu\lambda}{}^{\alpha} B_{\alpha}^{\nu} B_{ji}^{\mu\lambda} g^{th} g_{ki}] \\ + \frac{1}{(n-1)(n-2)} B_{\nu\mu\lambda}{}^{\alpha} B_{\alpha}^{\nu} B^{\mu\lambda} (\delta_k^h g_{ji} - \delta_j^h g_{ki}) + M_k{}^h{}_x M_{ji}{}^x - M_j{}^h{}_x M_{ki}{}^x$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \div \frac{1}{n-2} [\delta_k^h M_j^t M_{ti}^x - \delta_j^h M_k^t M_{ti}^x + M_k^t M_t^{hx} g_{ji} - M_j^t M_t^{hx} g_{ki}] \\ & - \frac{1}{(n-1)(n-2)} M_s^t M_t^{sx} (\delta_k^h g_{ji} - \delta_j^h g_{ki}). \end{aligned}$$

**4. Proof of Theorem**

If on  $U$  there exist two functions  $a^z, b^z$  and a unit vector field  $u^z$  such that

$$(17) \quad H_{ji}^z = a^z g_{ji} + b^z u_j^z u_i^z,$$

then  $M^n$  is said to be *quasiumbilical* with respect to the normal direction  $C_z^\alpha$ . This is equivalent to say that  $M^n$  has a principal curvature with multiplicity  $\geq n-1$  with respect to  $C_z^\alpha$ . If respectively identically  $a^z=0, b^z=0$  or  $a^z=b^z=0$  then  $M^n$  is said to be *cylindrical, umbilical* or *geodesic* with respect to  $C_z^\alpha$ .  $M^n$  is called a *totally* quasiumbilical, cylindrical, umbilical or geodesic submanifold of  $M^{2m}$  if  $M^n$  is quasiumbilical, cylindrical, umbilical or geodesic with respect to every normal direction  $C_z^\alpha$ .

From (9) and (17) it follows that the conformal second fundamental tensors  $M_{ji}^z$  of a totally quasiumbilical submanifold are given by

$$(18) \quad M_{ji}^z = b^z \left( -\frac{1}{n} g_{ji} + u_j^z u_i^z \right).$$

In particular,  $M^n$  is totally umbilical if and only if  $M_{ji}^z=0$ .

The preceding Lemma implies that a totally real submanifold  $M^n, n \geq 4$ , of a Kaehlerian manifold  $M^{2m}$  with vanishing Bochner curvature tensor is conformally flat if and only if

$$(19) \quad \begin{aligned} & M_k^h M_{ji}^x - M_j^h M_{ki}^x + \frac{1}{n-2} [\delta_k^h M_j^t M_{ti}^x - \delta_j^h M_k^t M_{ti}^x \\ & \quad + M_k^t M_t^{hx} g_{ji} - M_j^t M_t^{hx} g_{ki}] \\ & - \frac{1}{(n-1)(n-2)} M_s^t M_t^{sx} (\delta_k^h g_{ji} - \delta_j^h g_{ki}) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, (19) is trivially satisfied when  $M^n$  is totally umbilical.

Now assume that  $M^n$  is totally quasiumbilical. Then using the fact that the  $2m-n$  vectors  $C_x^\alpha$  are orthonormal, it follows from (18) that

$$(21) \quad \begin{aligned} & M_k^h M_{ji}^x - M_j^h M_{ki}^x \\ & = \sum_x (b^x)^2 \left[ \frac{1}{n^2} (\delta_k^h g_{ji} - \delta_j^h g_{ki}) - \frac{1}{n} (\delta_k^h u_j^x u_i^x - \delta_j^h u_k^x u_i^x \right. \\ & \quad \left. + g_{ju} g^{th} u_k^x u_i^x - g_{ki} g^{th} u_j^x u_i^x) \right], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (22) \quad & \delta_k^h M_j^t M_{ti}^x - \delta_j^h M_k^t M_{ti}^x + M_k^t M_{ti}^x g_{gi} - M_j^t M_{ti}^x g_{ki} \\
 & = \sum_x (b^x)^2 \left[ \frac{2}{n^2} (\delta_k^h g_{ji} - \delta_j^h g_{ki}) + \frac{n-2}{n} (\delta_k^h u_j^x u_i^x - \delta_j^h u_k^x u_i^x \right. \\
 & \qquad \qquad \qquad \left. + g_{ji} g^{lh} u_k^x u_l^x - g_{ki} g^{lh} u_j^x u_l^x) \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(23) \quad M_s^t M_{ti}^{sx} (\delta_k^h g_{ji} - \delta_j^h g_{ki}) = \frac{n-1}{n} (\delta_k^h g_{ji} - \delta_j^h g_{ki}) \sum_x (b^x)^2.$$

By substitutions with (21), (22) and (23) it is clear that (19) is indeed satisfied under the present assumption.

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