

## NON-DEGENERATE REAL HYPERSURFACES IN COMPLEX MANIFOLDS ADMITTING LARGE GROUPS OF PSEUDO-CONFORMAL TRANSFORMATIONS. I

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### Introduction

Let  $S$  (resp.  $S'$ ) be a (real) hypersurface (i.e. a real analytic submanifold of codimension 1) of an  $n$ -dimensional complex manifold  $M$  (resp.  $M'$ ). A homeomorphism  $f$  of  $S$  onto  $S'$  is called a pseudo-conformal homeomorphism if it can be extended to a holomorphic homeomorphism of a neighborhood of  $S$  in  $M$  onto a neighborhood of  $S'$  in  $M$ . In case such an  $f$  exists, we say that  $S$  and  $S'$  are pseudo-conformally equivalent. A hypersurface  $S$  is called non-degenerate (index  $r$ ) if its Levi-form is non-degenerate (and its index is equal to  $r$ ) at each point of  $S$ .

In his paper [6], N. Tanaka has shown that if a hypersurface  $S$  is connected and non-degenerate at a point, then the group  $A(S)$  of all pseudo-conformal transformations of  $S$  becomes a Lie transformation group of  $S$  with  $\dim. A(S) \leq n^2 + 2n$ .

The purpose of this paper is to determine, under pseudo-conformal equivalence, non-degenerate hypersurfaces  $S$  for which the groups  $A(S)$  have either the largest dimension  $n^2 + 2n$  or the second largest dimension.

Our main results are stated as follows;

**THEOREM 7.2.** *Let  $M$  be a complex manifold of dimension  $n$ . Let  $S$  be a connected non-degenerate (index  $r$ ) homogeneous hypersurface  $(0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor)$ . Then we have the following classification table:*

$$Q_r = \left\{ (z_0, \dots, z_n) \in P^n(C) \mid -\sqrt{-1}z_0\bar{z}_n - \sum_{i=1}^r z_i\bar{z}_i + \sum_{i=r+1}^{n-1} z_i\bar{z}_i + \sqrt{-1}z_n\bar{z}_0 = 0 \right\},$$

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$(n, r)$	the case of the largest dimension		the case of the second largest dimension	
	dim. $A(S)$	$S$	dim. $A(S)$	$S$
$n = 3$ & $r = 1$	$15(=n^2 + 2n)$	$Q_1$	$11(=n^2 + 2)$	$Q_1^*(1)$
$n = 5$ & $r = 2$	$35(=n^2 + 2n)$	$Q_2$	$26(=n^2 + 1)$	$Q_2^*(2)$ or $Q_2^*$
otherwise	$n^2 + 2n$	$Q_r$	$n^2 + 1$	$Q_r^*$

$$Q_r^* = \{(z_0, \dots, z_n) \in Q_r \mid z_0 \neq 0\},$$

$$Q_1^*(1) = \{(z_0, \dots, z_3) \in Q_1 \mid |z_0| + |z_1 - z_2| \neq 0\},$$

$$Q_2^*(2) = \{(z_0, \dots, z_5) \in Q_2 \mid |z_0| + |z_1 - z_4| + |z_2 - z_3| \neq 0\},$$

where  $P^n(\mathbb{C})$  is the complex projective space of dimension  $n$  with its homogeneous coordinate  $(z_0, \dots, z_n)$ .

This is a partial generalization of the results of E. Cartan [2] in the case  $n = 2$ .

**THEOREM 7.4.** *Let  $M$  be a complex manifold of dimension  $n$ . Let  $S$  be a connected hypersurface of  $M$  which is non-degenerate of index  $r$  at a point of  $S$ . If  $\dim. A(S) = n^2 + 2n$ , then  $S$  is pseudo-conformally equivalent to  $Q_r$ .*

Now we will describe the method of proving our theorems. Let  $S$  be a non-degenerate (index  $r$ ) hypersurface of a complex manifold, and let  $A(S)$  be the group of all pseudo-conformal transformations of  $S$  and  $\mathfrak{a}(S)$  be its Lie algebra. Then according to N. Tanaka [6], [7] we can associate with  $S$  a principal fibre bundle  $P(S, G'(r))$  together with an infinitesimal structure  $\omega$  on it, which is a Cartan connection of type  $(G(r), G'(r))$ , the so-called normal pseudo-conformal connection. Here  $G(r)$  is the group of all projective transformations leaving  $Q_r$  invariant and  $G'(r)$  is the isotropy subgroup of it at a point  $o$  of  $Q_r$  (cf. I). Let  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  be the Lie algebra of  $G(r)$ . If we fix a point  $p_0$  of  $S$ , then the connection form  $\omega$  induces an injective linear map of  $\mathfrak{a}(S)$  (identified with the Lie algebra of right invariant vector fields of  $P$  leaving the Cartan connection invariant) into the graded Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}(r) = \sum_{k=-2}^2 \mathfrak{g}_k(r)$ . So we can induce a filtration of  $\mathfrak{a}(S)$  at  $p_0$  via the map  $\omega$ . With respect to this filtration  $\mathfrak{a}(S) = \mathfrak{h}$  becomes a filtered Lie algebra. Moreover it is seen that the associated graded Lie algebra  $\check{\mathfrak{h}}$  of  $\mathfrak{h}$  becomes a graded subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  (cf. II). So under the dimension hypothesis of  $A(S)$

and the homogeneity assumption, we can determine explicitly the possibilities of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}$ . In fact we determine the graded subalgebras of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  of the minimum codimension satisfying a certain (homogeneity) condition (cf. IV). Moreover under the dimension hypothesis of  $A(S)$  (more precisely if  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}$  coincides with one of the graded subalgebras of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  obtained in IV) we will see that  $S$  is flat, that is, the curvature form of the connection vanishes identically and that  $\alpha(S)$  is isomorphic with  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}$  (cf V). Conversely let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be one of the graded subalgebras of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  obtained in IV. Then we can construct a model space  $Q$  corresponding to  $\mathfrak{g}$  as follows; let  $G$  be the analytic subgroup of  $G(r)$  corresponding to  $\mathfrak{g}$ .  $Q$  is defined as the orbit of  $G$  passing through  $o \in Q_r$ . Then  $Q$  is a connected non-degenerate (index  $r$ ) homogeneous flat hypersurface of  $P^n(\mathbb{C})$  for which  $G$  is the identity component of  $A(Q)$  (cf. VI). On the other hand, the bundle  $A(S)(S, A_{p_0}(S))$  can be regarded as a subbundle of  $P(S, G'(r))$ , if we assume that  $S$  is homogeneous. Moreover the structure equation of the connection determines the Maurer-Cartan equation of  $A(S)$ . From these facts we see that, in order to find a pseudo-conformal homeomorphism between two homogeneous hypersurfaces  $S$  and  $S'$ , we have only to find a group isomorphism between  $A(S)$  and  $A(S')$  which satisfies certain additional conditions (cf. III). So under the dimension hypothesis we compare  $A^0(S)$  with the corresponding  $G$  satisfying  $\mathfrak{g} \cong \alpha(S)$ . In this way we see that  $S$  is pseudo-conformally equivalent to the corresponding  $Q$  (cf. VII).

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### **Preliminary remarks.**

Throughout this paper we always assume the differentiability of class  $C^\infty$ . We use the notations and terminology in S. Kobayashi-K. Nomizu [5] without special references (e.g. the differential of a mapping, fundamental vector fields, homomorphisms of fibre bundles).

Let  $I$  be a hermitian matrix of degree  $n$ . We denote by  $U(I)$  the unitary group defined by  $I$ ;  $U(I) = \{\sigma \in GL(n, \mathbb{C}) \mid {}^t\bar{\sigma}I\sigma = I\}$ , where  ${}^t\sigma$  is the transposed matrix of  $\sigma$  and  $\bar{\sigma}$  is the complex conjugate matrix of  $\sigma$ . We denote by  $\mathfrak{u}(I)$  the Lie algebra of  $U(I)$ . Moreover we denote by

$SU(I)$  the special unitary group defined by  $I$ ;  $SU(I) = \{\sigma \in U(I) \mid \det \sigma = 1\}$ . We denote by  $\mathfrak{su}(I)$  the Lie algebra of  $SU(I)$ .

### I. Pseudo-conformal geometry.

In this section we will review the fundamental concepts of the pseudo-conformal geometry and state the results of Tanaka, following N. Tanaka [6], [7], which are necessary for later considerations.

**1. The  $H$ -structure.** Let  $M$  and  $M'$  be complex manifolds of dimension  $n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ). Let  $S$  (resp.  $S'$ ) be a (real) hypersurface, that is a  $(2n - 1)$ -dimensional real analytic regular submanifold, of  $M$  (resp.  $M'$ ).

**DEFINITION 1.1.** A homeomorphism  $f$  of  $S$  onto  $S'$  is called a pseudo-conformal homeomorphism if it can be extended to a holomorphic homeomorphism of a neighborhood of  $S$  in  $M$  onto a neighborhood of  $S'$  in  $M'$ .

Let  $p$  be an arbitrary point of  $S$ . We denote by  $T_p(S)$  the tangent space to  $S$  at  $p$  and by  $J$  the complex structure of  $M$ . We set

$$D_p = T_p(S) \cap J(T_p(S)).$$

Then  $D_p$  is a maximal complex vector subspace of  $T_p(M)$  contained in  $T_p(S)$  and  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} D_p = n - 1$ .

Take the natural base  $\{e_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  of the  $n$ -dimensional complex number space  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . We denote by  $\mathfrak{m}$  the  $(2n - 1)$ -dimensional real vector subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  spanned by the  $2n - 1$  vectors  $e_1, \dots, e_n, \sqrt{-1}e_1, \dots, \sqrt{-1}e_{n-1}$  and by  $\mathfrak{m}_*$  the  $(n - 1)$ -dimensional complex vector subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^n$  spanned by the  $n - 1$  vectors  $e_1, \dots, e_{n-1}$ . We define a closed subgroup  $H$  of the general linear group  $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$  by setting

$$H = \{\sigma \in GL(n, \mathbb{C}) \mid \sigma(\mathfrak{m}) = \mathfrak{m}\}.$$

Each element of  $H$  is represented as a matrix of the following form

$$\begin{pmatrix} B & C \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $B \in GL(n - 1, \mathbb{C})$  and  $C \in \mathbb{C}^{n-1}$ . Hence we get

$$H = \{\sigma \in GL(\mathfrak{m}) \mid \sigma(\mathfrak{m}_*) = \mathfrak{m}_* \text{ and } \sigma|_{\mathfrak{m}_*} \text{ is complex linear}\}$$

We denote by  $L(S)$  the bundle of linear frames of  $S$ . A linear frame

$x$  at a point  $p$  of  $S$  is a linear isomorphism of  $\mathfrak{m}$  onto  $T_p(S)$ , where we identify  $\mathfrak{m}$  with  $\mathbf{R}^{2n-1}$  through the natural isomorphism. We define a subbundle  $F$  of  $L(S)$  by

$$F = \{x \in L(S) \mid x(\mathfrak{m}_*) = D_{\varpi(x)} \text{ and } x|_{\mathfrak{m}_*} \text{ is complex linear} \},$$

where  $\varpi$  is the bundle projection of  $L(S)$  onto  $S$ . Then  $F$  becomes a principal fibre bundle over  $S$  with the structure group  $H$ .  $F(S, H)$  is called the pseudo-conformal  $H$ -bundle associated with the hypersurface  $S$  (cf. [6]).

*Remark 1.2.* The ‘‘Fundamental theorem’’ (i.e. Theorem 1 [6]) says that a  $C^\infty$ -homeomorphism  $f$  of a hypersurface  $S$  onto another hypersurface  $S'$  is a pseudo-conformal homeomorphism if and only if  $f$  induces an isomorphism between the corresponding pseudo-conformal  $H$ -bundles, preserving the canonical 1-forms.

**2. The Levi-form.** Let  $\theta^*$  be the canonical 1-form on  $F$  (cf. [5]), that is,

$$\theta_x^*(X) = x^{-1}(\varpi_*(X)) = \begin{pmatrix} \theta_1^*(X) \\ \vdots \\ \theta_n^*(X) \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{m} \subset \mathbf{C}^n \quad \text{for } x \in F, X \in T_x(F),$$

where  $\theta_i^*$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) is the  $i$ -th component of  $\theta^*$ . Note that  $\theta_i^*$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ ) is a  $\mathbf{C}$ -valued 1-form on  $F$  and  $\theta_n^*$  is a  $\mathbf{R}$ -valued 1-form on  $F$ . We pay attention to  $\theta_n^*$ , which characterizes the maximal complex tangent space  $D_p$  of  $T_p(S)$ . First we notice

**LEMMA 1.3.** *Let  $x$  be an arbitrary point of  $F$ , and let  $X$  and  $Y$  be tangent vectors at  $x$ . Then we have*

- (i)  $\theta_n^*(X) = 0$  if and only if  $\varpi_*(X) \in D_{\varpi(x)}$
- (ii)  $d\theta_n^*(X, Y) = 0$  if  $\varpi_*(X) \in D_{\varpi(x)}$  and  $\varpi_*(Y) = 0$ .

Lemma 1.3 is easily proved from the definition of  $F$  and the following

$$\begin{cases} R_\sigma^* \theta_n^* = a^{-1} \theta_n^* & \text{for } \sigma = \begin{pmatrix} B & C \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \in H \\ \theta_n^*(A^*) = 0 & \text{for } A \in \text{the Lie algebra of } H \end{cases}$$

where  $R_\sigma$  is a right action on  $F$  induced by  $\sigma \in H$  and  $A^*$  is the fundamental vector field corresponding to  $A$  (cf. [5]).

From Lemma 1.3 we can define a skew-symmetric bilinear mapping  $K_x$  of  $D_p \times D_p$  into  $\mathbf{R}$  by

$$K_x(X, Y) = -2 d\theta_{n_x}^*(X^*, Y^*) \quad p = \varpi(x), X, Y \in D_p,$$

where  $X^*$  (resp.  $Y^*$ ) is any vector at  $x$  such that  $\varpi_*(X^*) = X$  (resp.  $\varpi_*(Y^*) = Y$ ). One should note that we can also write

$$K_x(X, Y) = \theta_{n_x}^*([X^*, Y^*]),$$

where  $X^*$  (resp.  $Y^*$ ) is any vector field around  $x$  such that  $\theta_n^*(X^*) = 0$  (resp.  $\theta_n^*(Y^*) = 0$ ) and  $\varpi_*(X_x^*) = X$  (resp.  $\varpi_*(Y_x^*) = Y$ ). Hence from the integrability condition of the complex structure of the ambient space  $M$  we have

LEMMA 1.4. *Let  $x$  be an arbitrary point of  $F$ . Then*

$$K_x(X, Y) = K_x(JX, JY) \quad \text{for } X, Y \in D_{\varpi(x)},$$

where  $J$  is the complex structure of  $M$ .

Now Lemma 1.3 and Lemma 1.4 imply

LEMMA 1.5 ([6]). *There exist a 1-form  $\beta$  and unique  $\mathbf{C}$ -valued functions  $L_{ij}$  ( $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ ) on  $F$  such that*

$$d\theta_n^* + \sum_{i,j=1}^{n-1} L_{ij} \theta_i^* \wedge \bar{\theta}_j^* + \beta \wedge \theta_n^* = 0 \quad (L_{ij} + \bar{L}_{ji} = 0),$$

where  $\bar{\theta}_j^*$  is the complex conjugate 1-form of  $\theta_j^*$ .

For  $x \in F$ , we set  $L(x) = (L_{ij}(x))$ . Then  $\sqrt{-1}L(x)$  is a hermitian matrix of degree  $n-1$ . We call  $\sqrt{-1}L(x)$  the Levi-form at  $x \in F$ . The Levi-form at  $x$  defines a hermitian inner product of  $D_{\varpi(x)}$ . In fact if we set;

$$L_x(X, Y) = K_x(JX, Y) + \sqrt{-1}K_x(X, Y) \quad \text{for } X, Y \in D_{\varpi(x)},$$

then we have easily

$$L_x(X, Y) = 2 \sum_{i,j=1}^{n-1} \sqrt{-1}L_{ij}(x) \xi_i \bar{\eta}_j,$$

where

$$x^{-1}(X) = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \xi_{n-1} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad x^{-1}(Y) = \begin{bmatrix} \eta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \eta_{n-1} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in m_*. .$$

Now we will define the notion of a non-degenerate hypersurface and its index. Let  $p$  be a point of  $S$ . For  $x \in \pi^{-1}(p)$ ,  $L_x$  is a hermitian inner product of  $D_p$ . Let  $k(x)$  (resp.  $l(x)$ ) be the dimension of a maximal subspace on which  $L_x$  is positive definite (resp. negative definite). We define an integer valued function  $\lambda(p)$  on  $S$  by  $\lambda(p) = \text{minimum of } k(x) \text{ and } l(x)$ . The integer  $\lambda(p)$  is well-defined, that is,  $\lambda(p)$  is independent of the choice of  $x \in \pi^{-1}(p)$  ([6]), and satisfies  $0 \leq \lambda(p) \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor$ .

**DEFINITION 1.6.** Let  $p$  be a point of  $S$ .

(1)  $S$  is called non-degenerate at  $p$  if the Levi-form is non-degenerate at  $p$ .

(2)  $S$  is called of index  $r$  at  $p$  if  $\lambda(p) = r$ .

$S$  is called a non-degenerate hypersurface if its Levi-form is non-degenerate at each point of  $S$ . Obviously the index of a non-degenerate hypersurface  $S$  is constant on each connected component of  $S$ .

**3. Quadrics.** Let us fix an integer  $r$  satisfying  $0 \leq r \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor$ .

We will give the model space of non-degenerate (index  $r$ ) hypersurface ([6]).

Let  $P^n(\mathbf{C})$  be the  $n$ -dimensional complex projective space, and let  $z_0, z_1, \dots, z_n$  be the system of its homogeneous coordinates. We define the hermitian matrices  $I_r$  and  $\tilde{I}_r$  of degree  $n-1$  and  $n+1$  by

$$I_r = \begin{pmatrix} -E_r & 0 \\ 0 & E_{n-r-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{I}_r = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \sqrt{-1} \\ 0 & I_r & 0 \\ -\sqrt{-1} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $E_s$  is the unit matrix of degree  $s$ .

Let  $Q_r$  be the quadric of  $P^n(\mathbf{C})$  defined by  $\tilde{I}_r$ , that is,

$$Q_r = \left\{ (z_0, \dots, z_n) \in P^n(\mathbf{C}) \mid -\sqrt{-1}z_0\bar{z}_n - \sum_{i=1}^r z_i\bar{z}_i + \sum_{i=r+1}^{n-1} z_i\bar{z}_i + \sqrt{-1}z_n\bar{z}_0 = 0 \right\}.$$

It is known [6] that  $Q_r$  is a connected non-degenerate hypersurface of  $P^n(\mathbf{C})$  and its index is  $r$ .

Let  $P(n, \mathbf{C})$  be the group of all projective transformations. We consider the subgroup  $G(r)$  of  $P(n, \mathbf{C})$  which consists of all projective transformations leaving  $Q_r$  invariant.  $G(r)$  acts effectively and transitively on  $Q_r$  as a group of pseudo-conformal transformations. Moreover if we identify  $P(n, \mathbf{C})$  with  $GL(n+1, \mathbf{C})/GL(1, \mathbf{C})$ , the identity component of  $G(r)$  is  $U(\tilde{I}_r)/U(1) = SU(\tilde{I}_r)/\mathfrak{n}$ , where  $U(1)$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{n}$ ) is the center of  $U(\tilde{I}_r)$  (resp.  $SU(\tilde{I}_r)$ ).  $G(r)$  is connected in case  $r \neq \frac{n-1}{2}$  and it has

two connected components in case  $r = \frac{n-1}{2}$  ( $n$ : odd integer). We denote by  $G'(r)$  the isotropy subgroup of  $G(r)$  at  $o = (1, 0, \dots, 0) \in Q_r$ .

Now we will explain the graded structure of the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  of  $G(r)$ . Since the identity component of  $G(r)$  is  $SU(\tilde{I}_r)/\mathfrak{n}$ ,  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  can be identified with  $\mathfrak{su}(\tilde{I}_r)$ , that is,

$$\mathfrak{g}(r) = \{X \in \mathfrak{gl}(n+1, \mathbf{C}) \mid {}^t \bar{X} \tilde{I}_r + \tilde{I}_r X = 0, \text{ trace } X = 0\}.$$

$\mathfrak{g}(r)$  is isomorphic with  $\mathfrak{su}(r+1, n-r)$ , and so it is simple. Each element  $X$  of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  can be written explicitly as a matrix of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\bar{u} & -\sqrt{-1} {}^t \bar{w} I_r & w_n \\ \xi & v & w \\ \xi_n & \sqrt{-1} {}^t \bar{\xi} I_r & u \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\xi_n, w_n \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $\xi, w \in \mathbf{C}^{n-1}$ ,  $v \in \mathfrak{u}(I_r)$ , and  $u - \bar{u} + \text{trace } v = 0$ . For an

element  $E_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$ ,  $\text{ad}(E_0)$  (i.e.  $\text{ad}(E_0)(X) = [E_0, X]$ ) is a

semi-simple endomorphism of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$ . Its eigenvalues are  $-2, -1, 0, 1$ , and  $2$ . We set  $\mathfrak{g}_k(r) = \{X \in \mathfrak{g}(r) \mid \text{ad}(E_0)(X) = kX\}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{g}(r) = \sum_{k=-2}^2 \mathfrak{g}_k(r)$ , and  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  becomes a graded Lie algebra with respect to this decomposition. More precisely  $\{\mathfrak{g}_k(r)\}_{k \in \mathbf{Z}}$  satisfies

$$[\mathfrak{g}_k(r), \mathfrak{g}_l(r)] \subset \mathfrak{g}_{k+l}(r),$$

where we set  $\mathfrak{g}_k(r) = \{0\}$  for  $|k| \geq 3$ . Moreover if we set

$$\begin{cases} \mathfrak{m}(r) = \sum_{k=-2}^{-1} \mathfrak{g}_k(r), \\ \mathfrak{g}'(r) = \sum_{k=0}^2 \mathfrak{g}_k(r), \end{cases}$$



then we have  $\mathfrak{g}(r) = \mathfrak{m}(r) \oplus \mathfrak{g}'(r)$ .  $\mathfrak{m}(r)$  and  $\mathfrak{g}'(r)$  are subalgebras of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$ . It is easily seen that  $\mathfrak{g}'(r)$  coincides with the Lie algebra of  $G'(r)$ .

*Remark 1.7.* Let  $\chi$  be the natural homomorphism of  $GL(n + 1, \mathbf{C})$  onto  $P(n, \mathbf{C}) = GL(n + 1, \mathbf{C})/GL(1, \mathbf{C})$ . Setting  $\hat{G}(r) = \chi^{-1}(G(r))$ , we have

$$\hat{G}(r) = \{\sigma \in GL(n + 1, \mathbf{C}) \mid {}^t\bar{\sigma}\tilde{I}_r\sigma = \pm\tilde{I}_r\}.$$

Hence we get

- (1) if  $r \not\equiv \frac{n-1}{2}$   $\hat{G}(r) = U(\tilde{I}_r)$ ,
- (2) if  $r = \frac{n-1}{2}$  ( $n$ : odd integer)  $\hat{G}(r) = U(\tilde{I}_r) \cup \sigma_0(U(\tilde{I}_r))$ ,

where

$$\sigma_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_r^* & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad I_r^* = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & E_r \\ E_r & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

In particular the Lie algebra of  $\hat{G}(r)$  is  $\mathfrak{u}(\tilde{I}_r)$ . Note that the kernel of  $\chi_*$  coincides with the center  $\mathfrak{u}(1)$  of  $\mathfrak{u}(\tilde{I}_r)$  and  $\mathfrak{u}(\tilde{I}_r) = \mathfrak{u}(1) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(\tilde{I}_r)$  (direct sum). Moreover we have  $\chi_* \circ \text{Ad}_{\hat{G}(r)}(\sigma) = \text{Ad}_{G(r)}(\chi(\sigma)) \circ \chi_*$  from  $\chi \circ I_\sigma = I_{\chi(\sigma)} \circ \chi$  ( $I_\sigma$  is the inner automorphism induced by  $\sigma$ ). Since we are identifying  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  with  $\mathfrak{su}(\tilde{I}_r)$ ,  $\text{Ad}_{G(r)}(\chi(\sigma))$  is identified with the restriction of  $\text{Ad}_{\hat{G}(r)}(\sigma)$  to  $\mathfrak{su}(\tilde{I}_r)$ .

**4. Pseudo-conformal  $G'(r)$ -bundles.** First we consider the linear isotropy group of  $G'(r)$ . We identify the tangent space at  $o$  to  $Q_r = G(r)/G'(r)$  with  $\mathfrak{m}(r) (\cong \mathfrak{g}(r)/\mathfrak{g}'(r))$ . Moreover we identify  $\mathfrak{m}(r)$  with  $\mathfrak{m}$  via

$$\mathfrak{m} \ni \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \xi_n \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \xi & 0 & 0 \\ \xi_n & \sqrt{-1} {}^t\xi I_r & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{m}(r) \quad \xi_n \in \mathbf{R}, \xi = \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \xi_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbf{C}^{n-1}.$$

We consider the linear isotropy representation  $l; G'(r) \rightarrow GL(\mathfrak{m})$ . Let  $\tilde{G}(r) = l(G'(r))$  be the linear isotropy group of  $G'(r)$ . Then  $\tilde{G}(r)$  is a closed subgroup of  $H$ . In fact let  $\tau = \chi(\sigma)$  be an element of  $G'(r)$ , where  $\sigma$  is given by

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{a}^{-1} & -\varepsilon\sqrt{-1}\bar{a}^{-1} {}^t\bar{C}I_r B & d \\ 0 & B & C \\ 0 & 0 & \varepsilon a \end{pmatrix}$$

( $\varepsilon = \pm 1, a, d \in \mathbb{C}, C \in \mathbb{C}^{n-1}, {}^t\bar{B}I_r B = \varepsilon I_r, \sqrt{-1}(\bar{a}d - a\bar{d}) = {}^t\bar{C}I_r C$ ).

Then we have

$$l(\tau) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{a}B & \bar{a}C \\ 0 & \varepsilon|a|^2 \end{pmatrix},$$

which is easily seen from the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathfrak{g}(r) & \xrightarrow{\text{Ad}(\tau)} & \mathfrak{g}(r) \\ p \downarrow & & \downarrow p \\ \mathfrak{m}(r) & \xrightarrow{l(\tau)} & \mathfrak{m}(r) \end{array} \quad \tau \in G'(r)$$

( $p$  is the projection of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  onto  $\mathfrak{m}(r)$  corresponding to  $\mathfrak{g}(r) = \mathfrak{m}(r) \oplus \mathfrak{g}'(r)$ ). From this we get easily ([6])

$$\tilde{G}(r) = \left\{ \sigma = \begin{pmatrix} B & C \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \in H \mid a^{-1} {}^t\bar{B}I_r B = I_r \right\}.$$

Let  $S$  be a hypersurface which is non-degenerate of index  $r$  at every point. Then at each point  $x$  of  $F$  the Levi-form  $\sqrt{-1}L(x)$  is a hermitian matrix of signature  $(r, n - r - 1)$  or  $(n - r - 1, r)$ , where we say that a hermitian matrix  $L$  is of signature  $(p, q)$  if  $L$  has  $p$  negative eigenvalues and  $q$  positive eigenvalues. We set

$$\tilde{F} = \{x \in F \mid \sqrt{-1}L(x) = I_r\}.$$

Then since  $L(x\sigma) = a^{-1} {}^t\bar{B}L(x)B$  for  $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} B & C \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} \in H$  (cf. Lemma 4 [6]),  $\tilde{F}$  becomes a principal fibre bundle over  $S$  with the structure group  $\tilde{G}(r)$ . Obviously  $\tilde{F}(S, \tilde{G}(r))$  is a subbundle of  $F(S, H)$  (therefore of  $L(S)$ ).  $\tilde{F}(S, \tilde{G}(r))$  is called the pseudo-conformal  $\tilde{G}(r)$ -bundle associated with  $S$  ([6], [7]).

*Remark 1.8* (cf. [7]). Let  $\tilde{\theta}_1, \dots, \tilde{\theta}_n$  be the components of the canonical 1-form  $\tilde{\theta}$  on  $\tilde{F}$ . Then from the definition of  $\sqrt{-1}L(x)$  (cf. Lemma 1.5), we have

$$d\tilde{\theta}_n + \sqrt{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \varepsilon_i \tilde{\theta}_i \wedge \tilde{\theta}_i \equiv 0 \quad \text{mod } \tilde{\theta}_n,$$

where

$$\varepsilon_i = \begin{cases} -1 & 1 \leq i \leq r, \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Identifying  $\mathfrak{m}$  with  $\mathfrak{m}(r)$ , we write the  $\mathfrak{m}(r)$ -valued 1-form  $\tilde{\theta}$  in the form  $\tilde{\theta} = \tilde{\theta}_{-2} + \tilde{\theta}_{-1}$ , where  $\tilde{\theta}_k$  is the  $\mathfrak{g}_k(r)$ -component of  $\tilde{\theta}$  ( $k = -2, -1$ ). Then we can write

$$d\tilde{\theta}_{-2} + \frac{1}{2}[\tilde{\theta}_{-1} \wedge \tilde{\theta}_{-1}] \equiv 0 \pmod{\tilde{\theta}_{-2}},$$

where  $[\ , \ ]$  is the bracket operation of  $\mathfrak{m}(r)$ .

**5. Tanaka's theorem.** Digressing from hypersurfaces we will now mention about the Cartan connection and its curvature (cf. [4]).

Let  $M$  be a manifold of dimension  $n$ . Let  $G$  be a Lie group, and  $G'$  be a closed subgroup of  $G$  with  $\dim. G/G' = n$ . We denote by  $\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}'$  the Lie algebras of  $G$  and  $G'$  respectively.

**DEFINITION 1.9.** Let  $M, G$  and  $G'$  be as above.  $(P, \omega)$  is called a Cartan connection of type  $(G, G')$  over  $M$  if  $P$  and  $\omega$  satisfy the following

- (1)  $P$  is a principal fibre bundle over  $M$  with the structure group  $G'$ .
- (2)  $\omega$  is a  $\mathfrak{g}$ -valued 1-form on  $P$  satisfying the following conditions.
  - (a)  $R_a^* \omega = \text{Ad}(a^{-1}) \omega$  for  $a \in G'$ ,
  - (b)  $\omega(A^*) = A$  for  $A \in \mathfrak{g}'$ ,

where  $A^*$  is the fundamental vector field corresponding to  $A$ .

- (c)  $\omega(X) = 0$  implies  $X = 0$ .

From (c)  $\omega$  defines an absolute parallelism on  $P$ . Hence for  $U \in \mathfrak{g}$ , we can define a vector field  $U^*$  on  $P$  by  $U_z^* = \omega_z^{-1}(U)$ ,  $z \in P$ . For  $A \in \mathfrak{g}'$  it is obvious from (b) that  $A^*$  above coincides with the fundamental vector field corresponding to  $A$ .

The curvature form  $\Omega$  of a Cartan connection  $(P, \omega)$  is defined by

$$\Omega = d\omega + \frac{1}{2}[\omega \wedge \omega].$$

**DEFINITION 1.10.** Let  $S$  be a non-degenerate (index  $r$ ) hypersurface, and let  $\tilde{F}(S, \tilde{G}(r))$  be the corresponding  $\tilde{G}(r)$ -bundle over  $S$ . A triplet  $(P, \omega, \bar{l})$  is called a pseudo-conformal connection over  $S$  if  $P, \omega$  and  $\bar{l}$  satisfy the following

- (1)  $(P, \omega)$  is a Cartan connection of type  $(G(r), G'(r))$  over  $S$ .
- (2)  $\bar{l}$  is a bundle homomorphism of  $P(S, G'(r))$  onto  $\tilde{F}(S, \tilde{G}(r))$  corresponding to  $l$ ;  $G'(r) \rightarrow \tilde{G}(r)$ , which preserves the base space and satisfies

$\bar{l}^*\tilde{\theta} = \theta$ , where  $\tilde{\theta}$  is the canonical 1-form on  $\tilde{F}$  and  $\theta$  is the  $m(r)$ -component of  $\omega$ .

Let  $\Omega$  be the curvature form of a pseudo-conformal connection  $(P, \omega, \bar{l})$ . Let  $B$  be the Killing form of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$ . We have  $B(\mathfrak{g}_k(r), \mathfrak{g}_l(r)) = 0$  if  $k + l \neq 0$ . Moreover the bilinear mapping  $\mathfrak{g}_k(r) \times \mathfrak{g}_{-k}(r) \ni (X, Y) \mapsto B(X, Y) \in \mathbb{R}$  gives a duality between  $\mathfrak{g}_k(r)$  and  $\mathfrak{g}_{-k}(r)$ . Then the "Ricci" curvature  $\Omega^*$ , which is a  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$ -valued 1-form on  $P$ , is defined by

$$\Omega_z^*(X) = \sum_{k=-2}^{-1} \sum_i [u_i^{-k}, \Omega_z((u_i^{-k})^*, X)] \quad X \in T_z(P),$$

where  $\{u_i^k\}_i$  is a base of  $\mathfrak{g}_k(r)$  and  $\{u_i^{-k}\}_i$  is the dual base of  $\{u_i^k\}_i$ .

Now we state the results of Tanaka.

**THEOREM A** [7]. *Let  $M$  and  $M'$  be complex manifolds of dimension  $n$ . Let  $S$  (resp.  $S'$ ) be a non-degenerate (index  $r$ ) hypersurface of  $M$  (resp.  $M'$ ). Then there exists a pseudo-conformal connection  $(P, \omega, \bar{l})$  (resp.  $(P', \omega', \bar{l}')$ ) over  $S$  (resp.  $S'$ ), which satisfies*

$$\Omega_{-2} = \Omega_{-1} = \Omega^* = 0 \quad (\text{resp. } \Omega'_{-2} = \Omega'_{-1} = \Omega'^* = 0),$$

where  $\Omega_k$  (resp.  $\Omega'_k$ ) is the  $\mathfrak{g}_k(r)$ -component of  $\Omega$  (resp.  $\Omega'$ ).

And suppose that  $f$  is a pseudo-conformal homeomorphism of  $S$  onto  $S'$ . Then there corresponds a unique bundle isomorphism  $\tilde{f}$  of  $P(S, G'(r))$  onto  $P'(S', G'(r))$  which induces the given  $f$  on  $S$  and satisfies  $\tilde{f}^*\omega' = \omega$ . Conversely every bundle isomorphism  $\tilde{f}$  of  $P(S, G'(r))$  onto  $P'(S', G'(r))$  satisfying  $\tilde{f}^*\omega' = \omega$  induces a pseudo-conformal homeomorphism of  $S$  onto  $S'$ .

The above  $P(S, G'(r))$ , whose existence and uniqueness (up to a isomorphism commuting with  $\bar{l}$ ) are guaranteed in the theorem, is called the pseudo-conformal  $G'(r)$ -bundle associated with  $S$  and  $(P, \omega)$  is called the normal pseudo-conformal connection.

Let  $S$  be a non-degenerate (index  $r$ ) hypersurface, and let  $P(S, G'(r))$  be the corresponding  $G'(r)$ -bundle over  $S$ . We now consider the Lie algebra  $\tilde{\mathfrak{a}}(S)$  of all infinitesimal pseudo-conformal transformations of  $S$ . We set  $\tilde{\mathfrak{a}}(P) = \{X \in \mathfrak{X}(P) \mid L_X\omega = 0, R_{a_*}X = X \text{ for } a \in G'(r)\}$ , where  $\mathfrak{X}(P)$  is the Lie algebra of all vector fields on  $P$  and  $L_X$  is the Lie differentiation with respect to  $X$ . Then the infinitesimal version of Theorem A reads;

**THEOREM A'**. *Let  $S$  be a non-degenerate (index  $r$ ) hypersurface, and*

let  $P(S, G'(r))$  be the corresponding  $G'(r)$ -bundle over  $S$ . Let  $\pi$  be the bundle projection of  $P$  onto  $S$ . Then  $\pi_*$  is a Lie algebra isomorphism of  $\bar{a}(P)$  onto  $\bar{a}(S)$ .

## II. Filtration of $\mathfrak{a}(S)$ .

First we will examine the filtration of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$ . For  $\mathfrak{g}(r) = \sum_{k=-2}^2 \mathfrak{g}_k(r)$ , we set for each integer  $l$

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}_l(r) = \sum_{k=l}^2 \mathfrak{g}_k(r) & (l = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2), \\ \mathcal{L}_l(r) = \mathcal{L}_{-2}(r) & (l \leq -3), \quad \mathcal{L}_l(r) = 0 \quad (l \geq 3). \end{cases}$$

With respect to this filtration  $\mathfrak{g}(r) = \mathcal{L}_{-2}(r)$  becomes a filtered Lie algebra, that is,  $\{\mathcal{L}_k(r)\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$  satisfy  $[\mathcal{L}_k(r), \mathcal{L}_l(r)] \subset \mathcal{L}_{k+l}(r)$ .

LEMMA 2.1. For  $a \in G'(r)$ ,  $\text{Ad}(a)$  preserves this filtration.

*Proof.* Recall that the Lie algebra of  $G'(r)$  coincides with  $\mathfrak{g}'(r) = \mathcal{L}_0(r)$ .

(1) in case  $G'(r)$  is connected (i.e.  $r \neq \frac{n-1}{2}$ ). For  $X \in \mathfrak{g}'(r) = \mathcal{L}_0(r)$ ,  $\text{ad}(X)$  preserves the filtration. Hence  $\text{Ad}(\exp X) = \exp \text{ad}(X)$  preserves the filtration.

(2) in case  $G'(r)$  is not connected (i.e.  $r = \frac{n-1}{2}$ ).  $G'(r)$  has two connected components. But in this case we can find an element  $\tau_0 = \chi(\sigma_0)$  of  $G'(r)$ , which does not belong to the identity component, such that  $\text{Ad}(\tau_0)$  preserves the filtration, e.g.

$$\sigma_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_r^* & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad I_r^* = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & E_r \\ E_r & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(In fact  $\text{Ad}(\tau_0)$  preserves also the grading of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$ .)

Q.E.D.

From now on in this section let  $S$  be a non-degenerate (index  $r$ ) hypersurface. And let  $(P, \omega, \bar{l})$  be the normal pseudo-conformal connection over  $S$ .

Let us fix an arbitrary point  $z$  of  $P$ . Since each element of  $\bar{a}(P)$  is an infinitesimal automorphism of the absolute parallelism defined by  $(P, \omega)$ , it is known (cf. [5; p232 Lemma]) that the linear map  $\omega_z: \bar{a}(P) \ni X \mapsto \omega_z(X_z) \in \mathfrak{g}(r)$ , is injective.

LEMMA 2.2. For  $X, Y \in T_z(P)$ , we have

- (1)  $\omega_z(X) \in \mathcal{L}_{-1}(r)$  if and only if  $\pi_*(X) \in D_{\pi(z)}$ ,
- (2)  $\omega_z(x) \in \mathcal{L}_0(r) = \mathfrak{g}'(r)$  if and only if  $\pi_*(X) = 0$ ,
- (3)  $\Omega_z(X, Y) = 0$  if  $\pi_*(X) = 0$  or  $\pi_*(Y) = 0$ ,

where  $\Omega$  is the curvature form of the connection.

*Proof.* (1) and (2) follow immediately from  $\bar{l}(z)(\mathfrak{g}_{-1}(r)) = D_{\pi(z)}$  and the following commutative diagram which is a direct consequence of the equality  $\bar{l}^*\bar{\theta} = \theta (= p\omega)$ ;

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T_z(P) & \xrightarrow{\omega_z} & \mathfrak{g}(r) \\ \pi_* \downarrow & & \downarrow p \\ T_{\pi(z)}(S) & \xleftarrow{\bar{l}(z)} & \mathfrak{m}(r) \end{array} \cdot$$

In fact for  $X \in T_z(P)$  we have

$$p\omega_z(X) = \theta_z(X) = \bar{\theta}_{\bar{l}(z)}(\bar{l}_*X) = (\bar{l}(z))^{-1}(\varpi_*\bar{l}_*X) = (\bar{l}(z))^{-1}(\pi_*X).$$

In order to prove (3), we have only to show  $\Omega(U^*, A^*) = 0$  for  $U \in \mathfrak{g}(r)$  and  $A \in \mathfrak{g}'(r)$ . First we note that  $[U^*, A^*] = [U, A]^*$ . In fact from  $R_{a^*}U^* = (\text{Ad}(a^{-1})U)^*$ ,  $a \in G'(r)$ , we have

$$[U^*, A^*] = -L_{A^*}U^* = (-L_A U)^* = [U, A]^*.$$

Therefore, from the structure equation, we get  $\Omega(U^*, A^*) = 0$ . Q.E.D.

We set  $\bar{\alpha}_z(P) = \{X \in \bar{\alpha}(P) \mid \pi_*(X) = 0\}$ . Then

LEMMA 2.3. For  $X, Y \in \bar{\alpha}(P)$ , we have

$$-\omega_z([X, Y]) = [-\omega_z(X), -\omega_z(Y)] - 2\Omega_z(X, Y).$$

In particular if either  $X$  or  $Y$  belongs to  $\bar{\alpha}_z(P)$ , then we have

$$-\omega_z([X, Y]) = [-\omega_z(X), -\omega_z(Y)].$$

*Proof.* From  $L_X\omega = 0$ , we have  $X\omega(Z) = \omega([X, Z])$  for  $Z \in \mathfrak{X}(P)$ . Hence the assertion is clear from the structure equation and Lemma 2.2 (3). Q.E.D.

Let  $A(S)$  be the group of all pseudo-conformal transformations of  $S$ . We consider the subset  $\alpha(S)$  of  $\bar{\alpha}(S)$  consisting of complete vector fields in  $\bar{\alpha}(S)$ . Then  $\alpha(S)$  is a subalgebra of  $\bar{\alpha}(S)$  which is naturally isomorphic with the Lie algebra of  $A(S)$ . Moreover  $\alpha(S)$  can be regarded as a sub-

algebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  of  $\tilde{\alpha}(P)$  via  $\pi_*: \tilde{\alpha}(P) \rightarrow \tilde{\alpha}(S)$ . In fact  $\mathfrak{h}$  coincides with the subalgebra  $\mathfrak{a}(P)$  of  $\tilde{\alpha}(P)$  which consists of complete vector fields in  $\tilde{\alpha}(P)$ .

Now let us fix a point  $p_0$  of  $S$  and choose a point  $z_0$  of the fibre  $\pi^{-1}(p_0)$  over  $p_0$ . We set for each integer  $k$

$$\mathfrak{h}_k = \mathfrak{h} \cap \omega_{z_0}^{-1}(\mathcal{L}_k(r)) .$$

Then  $\mathfrak{h}_k = \mathfrak{h}$  ( $k \leq -2$ ) and  $\mathfrak{h}_k = \{0\}$  ( $k \geq 3$ ). Note that the above definition is independent of the choice of  $z_0$  in  $\pi^{-1}(p_0)$ , which is easily seen from Lemma 2.1 and the equalities  $R_a^* \omega = \text{Ad}(a^{-1})\omega$  and  $R_{a*} X = X$ ,  $a \in G'(r)$ ,  $X \in \tilde{\alpha}(P)$ . Hence the above defines a filtration of  $\mathfrak{a}(S)$  at  $p_0$ . From Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.3 we have

**PROPOSITION 2.4.** *With respect to the above filtration,  $\mathfrak{a}(S)$  becomes a filtered Lie algebra. In particular  $(\mathfrak{a}(S))_{-1}$  and  $(\mathfrak{a}(S))_0$  are given by*

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathfrak{a}(S))_{-1} &= \{X \in \mathfrak{a}(S) \mid X_{p_0} \in D_{p_0}\} , \\ (\mathfrak{a}(S))_0 &= \{X \in \mathfrak{a}(S) \mid X_{p_0} = 0\} . \end{aligned}$$

Next we will consider the associated graded Lie algebra  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}$  of the filtered Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{h}$ . Setting  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_k = \mathfrak{h}_k / \mathfrak{h}_{k+1}$  for each integer  $k$  (note  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_k = \{0\}$  for  $|k| \geq 3$ ), we define  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}$  by

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{h}} = \sum_{k=-2}^2 \tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_k \text{ (vector space direct sum) .}$$

The bracket operation of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}$  is defined in a natural manner. Obviously we have  $\dim. \tilde{\mathfrak{h}} = \dim. \mathfrak{h}$ .

First observe that there exists an injective linear map  $\nu_{z_0}^k$  of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_k$  into  $\mathfrak{g}_k(r)$  which satisfies the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathfrak{h}_k & \xrightarrow{-p_k \omega_{z_0}} & \mathfrak{g}_k(r) \\ \mu_k \downarrow & \nearrow \nu_{z_0}^k & \\ \tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_k & & \end{array}$$

where  $\mu_k$  is the natural projection of  $\mathfrak{h}_k$  onto  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_k = \mathfrak{h}_k / \mathfrak{h}_{k+1}$  and  $p_k$  is the projection of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  onto  $\mathfrak{g}_k(r)$  corresponding to  $\mathfrak{g}(r) = \sum_{k=-2}^2 \mathfrak{g}_k(r)$ . We define an injective linear map  $\nu_{z_0}$  of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}$  into  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  by setting

$$\nu_{z_0} = \nu_{z_0}^{-2} \times \nu_{z_0}^{-1} \times \cdots \times \nu_{z_0}^2 .$$

**LEMMA 2.5.** *Notations being as above, the linear map  $\nu_{z_0}$  is an injective homomorphism of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}$  into  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$ .*

Hence setting  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_{z_0} = \nu_{z_0}(\tilde{\mathfrak{h}})$ , we see that  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_{z_0}$  is a graded subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  which is isomorphic with  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}$  and satisfies  $\dim. \tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_{z_0} = \dim. \mathfrak{a}(S)$ .

*Proof of Lemma 2.5.* It suffices to show  $\nu_{z_0}([\tilde{X}_k, \tilde{Y}_l]) = [\nu_{z_0}(\tilde{X}_k), \nu_{z_0}(\tilde{Y}_l)]$  for  $\tilde{X}_k \in \tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_k$  and  $\tilde{Y}_l \in \tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_l$ . Choose  $X_k \in \mathfrak{h}_k$  (resp.  $Y_l \in \mathfrak{h}_l$ ) such that  $\tilde{X}_k = \mu_k(X_k)$  (resp.  $\tilde{Y}_l = \mu_l(Y_l)$ ). Then

$$\nu_{z_0}([\tilde{X}_k, \tilde{Y}_l]) = -p_{k+l}\omega_{z_0}([X_k, Y_l]) .$$

Set  $-\omega_{z_0}(X_k) = \sum_{i=k}^2 \bar{X}_i$ ,  $\bar{X}_i \in \mathfrak{g}_i(r)$  (resp.  $-\omega_{z_0}(Y_l) = \sum_{i=l}^2 \bar{Y}_i$ ,  $\bar{Y}_i \in \mathfrak{g}_i(r)$ ). Then from the definition of  $\nu_{z_0}$  and the graded structure of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$ , we have

$$\nu_{z_0}(\tilde{X}_k) = \bar{X}_k , \quad \nu_{z_0}(\tilde{Y}_l) = \bar{Y}_l$$

and

$$p_{k+l}([-\omega_{z_0}(X_k), -\omega_{z_0}(Y_l)]) = [\bar{X}_k, \bar{Y}_l]$$

(1) in case  $k \geq 0$  or  $l \geq 0$ . From Lemma 2.3 we have  $-\omega_{z_0}([X_k, Y_l]) = [-\omega_{z_0}(X_k), -\omega_{z_0}(Y_l)]$ . Hence we get

$$\nu_{z_0}([\tilde{X}_k, \tilde{Y}_l]) = [\bar{X}_k, \bar{Y}_l] = [\nu_{z_0}(\tilde{X}_k), \nu_{z_0}(\tilde{Y}_l)] .$$

(2) otherwise. Non-trivial case is when  $k = l = -1$ . Form the above we have

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_{z_0}([\tilde{X}_{-1}, \tilde{Y}_{-1}]) &= p_{-2}(-\omega_{z_0}([X_{-1}, Y_{-1}]) , \\ [\nu_{z_0}(\tilde{X}_{-1}), \nu_{z_0}(\tilde{Y}_{-1})] &= p_{-2}([-\omega_{z_0}(X_{-1}), -\omega_{z_0}(Y_{-1})]) . \end{aligned}$$

In this case we have from Lemma 2.3

$$-\omega_{z_0}([X_{-1}, Y_{-1}]) = [-\omega_{z_0}(X_{-1}), -\omega_{z_0}(Y_{-1})] - 2\Omega_{z_0}(X_{-1}, Y_{-1}) .$$

But, due to Theorem A, the  $\mathfrak{g}_{-2}(r)$ -component  $\Omega_{-2}$  of  $\Omega$  vanishes identically. Hence we get  $\nu_{z_0}([\tilde{X}_{-1}, \tilde{Y}_{-1}]) = [\nu_{z_0}(\tilde{X}_{-1}), \nu_{z_0}(\tilde{Y}_{-1})]$ . Q.E.D.

*Remark 2.6.* Clearly the representation  $\nu_{z_0}$  of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}$  into  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  is dependent on the choice of  $z_0$  in  $\pi^{-1}(p_0)$ . Choose another point  $z_1 = z_0 a$ , if  $\text{Ad}(a)$  preserves the grading of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$ , we get from  $R_a^* \omega = \text{Ad}(a^{-1}) \omega$

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_{z_0 a} = \text{Ad}(a^{-1}) \tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_{z_0} .$$

Moreover if we define a vector subspace  $\mathfrak{h}_{z_0}$  of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  by  $\mathfrak{h}_{z_0} = \omega_{z_0}(\tilde{\mathfrak{h}})$ , we get similarly

$$\mathfrak{h}_{z_0 a} = \text{Ad}(a^{-1}) \mathfrak{h}_{z_0} , \quad a \in G'(r) .$$



*Remark 2.7.* The discussion in this section can be well applied to a connected hypersurface  $S$  which is non-degenerate of index  $r$  at a point; Let  $S^*$  be the set of all points of  $S$  at which  $S$  is non-degenerate of index  $r$ . Obviously  $S^*$  is an open subset of  $S$ . Hence  $S^*$  is a non-degenerate (index  $r$ ) hypersurface. Let  $P^*(S^*, G'(r))$  be the corresponding  $G'(r)$ -bundle over  $S^*$ . We consider the restriction map  $res$  of  $\alpha(S)$  into  $\bar{\alpha}(S^*)$ . Since we are considering, exclusively, real analytic hypersurfaces, each infinitesimal pseudo-conformal transformation of  $S$  is a real analytic vector field on  $S$ . Hence the connectedness of  $S$  implies that  $res; \alpha(S) \rightarrow \bar{\alpha}(S^*)$  is an injective homomorphism. On the other hand  $(\pi^*)_*$  is an isomorphism of  $\bar{\alpha}(P^*)$  onto  $\bar{\alpha}(S^*)$ . Hence we can define a subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}$  of  $\bar{\alpha}(P^*)$  by  $\mathfrak{h} = (\pi^*)_*^{-1} \circ res (\alpha(S))$ . Then  $\mathfrak{h}$  is isomorphic with  $\alpha(S)$ . Therefore if we fix a point  $p_0$  of  $S^*$ , we can define a filtration of  $\mathfrak{h}$  (and consequently of  $\alpha(S)$ ) at  $p_0$  similarly as in this section.

### III. Relations between $A(S)$ ( $S, A_{p_0}(S)$ ) and $P(S, G'(r))$ .

Throughout this section we assume that  $S$  is a connected non-degenerate (index  $r$ ) homogeneous (i.e.  $A(S)$  acts transitively on  $S$ ) hypersurface. Let  $(P, \omega, \bar{l})$  be the normal pseudo-conformal connection over  $S$ . We denote by  $\bar{\sigma}$  the connection-preserving bundle isomorphism of  $P(S, G'(r))$  induced by  $\sigma \in A(S)$ . Then from I. Theorem A,  $A(S)$  acts effectively on  $P$  as an automorphism group of the Cartan connection  $(P, \omega)$ .

Let us fix a point  $p_0 \in S$  and take a point  $z_0 \in \pi^{-1}(p_0)$ . And we define  $\iota_{z_0}; A(S) \rightarrow P$  by  $\iota_{z_0}(\sigma) = \bar{\sigma}(z_0)$ ,  $\sigma \in A(S)$ . Then it is known ([4]) that  $\iota_{z_0}$  is an imbedding of  $A(S)$  as a closed submanifold of  $P$ .

Let  $A_{p_0}(S)$  be the isotropy subgroup of  $A(S)$  at  $p_0 \in S$ . Obviously we have

$$\iota_{z_0}(A_{p_0}(S)) \subset \pi^{-1}(p_0).$$

On the other hand the fibre  $\pi^{-1}(p_0)$  of  $P(S, G'(r))$  is diffeomorphic with  $G'(r)$  via a diffeomorphism  $\gamma_{z_0}$  of  $G'(r)$  onto  $\pi^{-1}(p_0)$ , where  $\gamma_{z_0}(a) = z_0 a$ ,  $a \in G'(r)$ . Therefore the composite map  $\rho_{z_0} = \gamma_{z_0}^{-1} \circ \iota_{z_0}$  is an imbedding of  $A_{p_0}(S)$  into  $G'(r)$  and  $\rho_{z_0}(A_{p_0}(S))$  is closed in  $G'(r)$ . Moreover we have

**LEMMA 3.1.** *The map  $\rho_{z_0}; A_{p_0}(S) \rightarrow G'(r)$  is an injective homomorphism. And  $\rho_{z_0}(A_{p_0}(S))$  is a closed subgroup of  $G'(r)$ . Moreover  $(\rho_{z_0})_e = \omega_{z_0} \cdot (\iota_{z_0})_e$ , where  $e$  is the unit of  $A_{p_0}(S)$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\rho_{z_0}(\sigma_i) = a_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ), that is,  $\tilde{\sigma}_i(z_0) = z_0 \cdot a_i$ , then

$$\iota_{z_0}(\sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2) = \tilde{\sigma}_1 \cdot \tilde{\sigma}_2(z_0) = \tilde{\sigma}_1(z_0 \cdot a_2) = (z_0 \cdot a_1)a_2 = z_0(a_1 \cdot a_2).$$

Hence we get  $\rho_{z_0}(\sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2) = a_1 \cdot a_2 = \rho_{z_0}(\sigma_1) \cdot \rho_{z_0}(\sigma_2)$ .  $\rho_{z_0}(A_{p_0}(S))$  is closed in  $G'(r)$  since  $A_{p_0}(S)$  is a closed subgroup of  $A(S)$ ,  $\iota_{z_0}(A(S))$  is a closed submanifold of  $P$  and  $\pi^{-1}(p_0)$  is closed in  $P$ . In order to prove  $(\rho_{z_0})_e = \omega_{z_0} \cdot (\iota_{z_0})_e$ , it suffices to show  $\omega_{z_0} = (\gamma_{z_0})_e^{-1}$ , where  $e'$  is the unit element of  $G'(r)$ , which is clear from the definition of the fundamental vector field  $A^*$  corresponding to  $A$  and  $\omega(A^*) = A$ . Q.E.D.

Since  $A(S)$  acts transitively on  $S$ ,  $A(S)$  is a principal  $A_{p_0}(S)$ -bundle over  $S = A(S)/A_{p_0}(S)$ . Then we have

**PROPOSITION 3.2.** *The imbedding  $\iota_{z_0}: A(S) \rightarrow P$  is an injective bundle homomorphism of  $A(S)(S, A_{p_0}(S))$  into  $P(S, G'(r))$  corresponding to  $\rho_{z_0}: A_{p_0}(S) \rightarrow G'(r)$ , which preserves the base space  $S$ .*

Hence  $A(S)(S, A_{p_0}(S))$  can be regarded as a subbundle of  $P(S, G'(r))$  via  $\iota_{z_0}$ .

*Proof of Proposition 3.2.* Let  $\tau$  be an element of  $A_{p_0}(S)$ . Let  $\sigma \in A(S)$ . Then we get easily the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A(S) & \xrightarrow{\iota_{z_0}} & P \\ R_\tau \downarrow & & \downarrow R_{\rho_{z_0}(\tau)}, \quad \tau \in A_{p_0}(S). \\ A(S) & \xrightarrow{\iota_{z_0}} & P \end{array}$$

Therefore  $\iota_{z_0}$  is a bundle homomorphism corresponding to  $\rho_{z_0}$ . Moreover  $\iota_{z_0}$  induces the identity transformation of  $S$ , which follows from  $\pi \cdot \iota_{z_0}(\sigma) = \pi \cdot \tilde{\sigma}(z_0) = \sigma \cdot \pi(z_0) = \sigma(p_0)$  for  $\sigma \in A(S)$ . Q.E.D.

Now we will consider the relation between the Maurer-Cartan form on  $A(S)$  and the normal pseudo-conformal connection form  $\omega$  on  $P$ . First observe

**LEMMA 3.3.** *Let  $\omega$  be the connection form on  $P$  and let  $\Omega$  be its curvature form. Then  $\iota_{z_0}^* \omega$  and  $\iota_{z_0}^* \Omega$  are  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$ -valued left invariant forms on  $A(S)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\sigma \in A(S)$ . We denote by  $L_\sigma$  the left translation of  $A(S)$  by  $\sigma$ . Then we get easily the following commutative diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
A(S) & \xrightarrow{\iota_{z_0}} & P \\
L_\sigma \downarrow & & \downarrow \tilde{\sigma} \\
A(S) & \xrightarrow{\iota_{z_0}} & P
\end{array}
\quad \text{for } \sigma \in A(S) .$$

Therefore  $\iota_{z_0}^* \omega$  is left invariant since  $\tilde{\sigma}^* \omega = \omega$ ,  $\sigma \in A(S)$ . From the structure equation  $d\omega + \frac{1}{2}[\omega \wedge \omega] = \Omega$ , it is obvious that  $\iota_{z_0}^* \Omega$  is also left invariant. Q.E.D.

In this section we denote by  $\mathfrak{a}(S)$  the Lie algebra of  $A(S)$ . Then we have easily

$$\iota_{z_0}^* \omega(\mathfrak{a}(S)) = \omega_{z_0}(\mathfrak{h}) = \mathfrak{h}_{z_0} ,$$

where  $\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{a}(P)$  (cf. II).

In case  $\Omega = 0$  we have

**PROPOSITION 3.4.** *Suppose that the curvature form  $\Omega$  of the normal pseudo-conformal connection vanishes identically. Then the linear map  $\iota_{z_0}^* \omega; \mathfrak{a}(S) \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}(r)$  is a Lie algebra isomorphism of  $\mathfrak{a}(S)$  into  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$ . Hence  $\mathfrak{h}_{z_0} (= \iota_{z_0}^* \omega(\mathfrak{a}(S)))$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  which is isomorphic with  $\mathfrak{a}(S)$ . Moreover if we identify  $\mathfrak{a}(S)$  with  $\mathfrak{h}_{z_0}$ ,  $\iota_{z_0}^* \omega$  is the Maurer-Cartan form of  $A(S)$ .*

*Proof.* From  $\Omega = 0$  we get  $d\iota_{z_0}^* \omega + \frac{1}{2}[\iota_{z_0}^* \omega \wedge \iota_{z_0}^* \omega] = 0$ . Let  $A, B \in \mathfrak{a}(S)$ . Then we have

$$2 d\iota_{z_0}^* \omega(A, B) = -\iota_{z_0}^* \omega([A, B]) ,$$

since  $\iota_{z_0}^* \omega$  is left invariant. Hence we get  $\iota_{z_0}^* \omega([A, B]) = [\iota_{z_0}^* \omega(A), \iota_{z_0}^* \omega(B)]$ .

Q.E.D.

Now we will consider an equivalence of two non-degenerate (index  $r$ ) homogeneous hypersurfaces. Let  $M$  and  $M'$  be complex manifolds of dimension  $n$ . Let  $S$  (resp.  $S'$ ) be a connected non-degenerate (index  $r$ ) homogeneous hypersurface of  $M$  (resp.  $M'$ ). And let  $(P, \omega, \bar{l})$  (resp.  $(P', \omega', \bar{l}')$ ) be the normal pseudo-conformal connection over  $S$  (resp.  $S'$ ). We denote by  $A^0(S)$  the identity component of  $A(S)$ , and set  $A_{p_0}^0(S) = A^0(S) \cap A_{p_0}(S)$ . Note that the identity component  $A^0(S)$  acts transitively on  $S$ .

**PROPOSITION 3.5.** *Notations being as above, let  $p_0 \in S$  and  $p'_0 \in S'$ . Suppose that for points,  $z_0 \in \pi^{-1}(p_0)$ ,  $z'_0 \in \pi'^{-1}(p'_0)$  suitably chosen, there exists a group isomorphism  $\varphi$  of  $A^0(S)$  onto  $A^0(S')$  satisfying i), ii);*

$$\text{i) } \varphi(A_{p_0}^0(S)) = A_{p_0}^0(S'),$$

$$\text{ii) } \varphi^* \iota_{z_0}^* \omega' = \iota_{z_0}^* \omega.$$

Then the bundle isomorphism  $\varphi$  of  $A^0(S)$  ( $S, A_{p_0}^0(S)$ ) onto  $A^0(S')$  ( $S', A_{p_0}^0(S')$ ) induces a pseudo-conformal homeomorphism of  $S$  onto  $S'$ .

*Proof.* From i) it is obvious that  $\varphi$  induces a bundle isomorphism of  $A^0(S)(S, A_{p_0}^0(S))$  onto  $A^0(S')(S', A_{p_0}^0(S'))$ . Since  $A^0(S)(S, A_{p_0}^0(S))$  (resp.  $A^0(S')(S', A_{p_0}^0(S'))$ ) is a subbundle of  $P$  ( $S, G'(r)$ ) (resp.  $P'(S', G'(r))$ ),  $\varphi$  induces a bundle isomorphism  $\tilde{\varphi}$  of  $P(S, G'(r))$  onto  $P'(S', G'(r))$  which satisfies the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A^0(S) & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & A^0(S') \\ \iota_{z_0} \downarrow & & \downarrow \iota_{z_0}' \\ P & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\varphi}} & P' \end{array} .$$

From ii) we get  $\iota_{z_0}^* \tilde{\varphi}^* \omega' = \iota_{z_0}^* \omega$ . Moreover, since  $\tilde{\varphi}$  is a bundle isomorphism, we have  $\tilde{\varphi}^* \omega' = \omega$ . Therefore, from I. Theorem A,  $\tilde{\varphi}$  induces a pseudo-conformal homeomorphism of  $S$  onto  $S'$ . Q.E.D.

#### IV. Graded subalgebras of $\mathfrak{g}(r)$ .

First we will go into details about the structure of the graded Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}(r) = \sum_{k=-2}^2 \mathfrak{g}_k(r)$ .

Identifying  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  with  $\mathfrak{su}(\tilde{I}_r)$  we represent each element  $X$  of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  as a matrix of the following form

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} -\bar{u} & -\sqrt{-1} {}^t \bar{w} I_r & w_n \\ \xi & v & w \\ \xi_n & \sqrt{-1} {}^t \xi I_r & u \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\xi_n, w_n \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $u \in \mathbf{C}$  (and  $\bar{u}$  is the complex conjugate of  $u$ ),  $\xi, w \in \mathbf{C}^{n-1}$ ,  $v \in \mathfrak{u}(I_r)$  and  $u - \bar{u} + \text{trace } v = 0$ . For  $\xi \in \mathbf{C}^{n-1}$ , we define an element  $\tilde{\xi} \in \mathfrak{g}_{-1}(r)$  and an element  $\tilde{\xi} \in \mathfrak{g}_1(r)$  by

$$\tilde{\xi} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \xi & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{-1} {}^t \xi I_r & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{\xi} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\sqrt{-1} {}^t \xi I_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \xi \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Moreover for  $a \in \mathbf{R}$ , we define an element  $\underline{a} \in \mathfrak{g}_{-2}(r)$  and an element  $\tilde{a} \in \mathfrak{g}_2(r)$  by

$$\mathfrak{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{\mathfrak{a}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For  $\xi, w \in \mathbf{C}^{n-1}$ , we set  $\langle \xi, w \rangle = {}^t \tilde{\xi} I_r w$ .  $\langle, \rangle$  is an indefinite hermitian inner product of  $\mathbf{C}^{n-1}$  of type  $(r, n - r - 1)$ . Then for  $\tilde{\mathfrak{a}} \in \mathfrak{g}_2(r)$ ,  $\tilde{w} \in \mathfrak{g}_1(r)$ ,

$\tilde{\xi} \in \mathfrak{g}_{-1}(r)$  and  $X_0 = \begin{pmatrix} -\bar{u} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & v & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & u \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{g}_0(r)$ , we have

$$(4.1) \quad [\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{\mathfrak{a}}] = \tilde{\mathfrak{a}} \tilde{\xi} \in \mathfrak{g}_1(r)$$

$$(4.2) \quad [\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{w}] = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{-1} \langle w, \tilde{\xi} \rangle & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\sqrt{-1} (\tilde{\xi} {}^t \bar{w} + w {}^t \tilde{\xi}) I_r & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sqrt{-1} \langle \tilde{\xi}, w \rangle \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{g}_0(r)$$

$$(4.3) \quad [X_0, \tilde{w}] = \widetilde{vw - uw} \in \mathfrak{g}_1(r)$$

$$(4.4) \quad [\tilde{w}_1, \tilde{w}_2] = \overline{\sqrt{-1} (\langle w_2, w_1 \rangle - \langle w_1, w_2 \rangle)} \in \mathfrak{g}_2(r).$$

From the above we easily obtain

LEMMA 4.1.

$$[\mathfrak{g}_{-1}(r), \mathfrak{g}_2(r)] = \mathfrak{g}_1(r), \quad [\mathfrak{g}_1(r), \mathfrak{g}_1(r)] = \mathfrak{g}_2(r), \quad [\mathfrak{g}_{-1}(r), \mathfrak{g}_1(r)] = \mathfrak{g}_0(r).$$

Now we will consider a graded subalgebra  $\mathfrak{k} = \sum_{k=-2}^2 \mathfrak{k}_k$  of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  which satisfies

$$\mathfrak{k}_{-2} = \mathfrak{g}_{-2}(r) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathfrak{k}_{-1} = \mathfrak{g}_{-1}(r).$$

First we have

LEMMA 4.2. *If  $\mathfrak{k}_2 \neq \{0\}$ , then  $\mathfrak{k} = \mathfrak{g}(r)$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\dim. \mathfrak{g}_2(r) = 1$ , we have  $\mathfrak{k}_2 = \mathfrak{g}_2(r)$ . Hence from  $\mathfrak{k}_{-2} = \mathfrak{g}_{-2}(r)$ ,  $\mathfrak{k}_{-1}(r) = \mathfrak{g}_{-1}(r)$ , and Lemma 4.1 we get  $\mathfrak{k} = \mathfrak{g}(r)$ . Q.E.D.

Therefore from now on we further assume  $\mathfrak{k}_2 = \{0\}$ . Let  $\delta_r$  be a linear isomorphism of  $\mathbf{C}^{n-1}$  onto  $\mathfrak{g}_1(r)$  defined by  $\delta_r(\xi) = \tilde{\xi}$ ,  $\xi \in \mathbf{C}^{n-1}$ . Then we have

LEMMA 4.3.  *$\mathfrak{k}_1$  is an abelian subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$ ;  $\delta_r^{-1}(\mathfrak{k}_1)$  is a complex isotropic vector subspace of the (indefinite) hermitian space  $(\mathbf{C}^{n-1}, \langle, \rangle)$ . In particular  $\dim. \mathfrak{k}_1 = 2s \leq 2r$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\tilde{w} \in \mathfrak{k}_1$  and  $\xi \in \mathfrak{k}_{-1} = \mathfrak{g}_{-1}(r)$ . Then we have from (4.2) and (4.3)

$$\text{ad}(\tilde{w})^2(\xi) = [\tilde{w}, [\tilde{w}, \xi]] = \overline{-\sqrt{-1}\langle w, w \rangle \xi - 2\sqrt{-1}\langle \xi, w \rangle w} \in \mathfrak{k}_1.$$

Moreover from (4.4) we have

$$\text{ad}(\tilde{w})^3(\xi) = \overline{-3(\langle \xi, w \rangle + \langle w, \xi \rangle)\langle w, w \rangle} \in \mathfrak{k}_2.$$

Since  $\langle, \rangle$  is a non-degenerate hermitian form, we can find  $\xi_1 \in \mathfrak{C}^{n-1}$  such that  $\langle \xi_1, w \rangle = -\frac{1}{2}$ . Hence from  $\mathfrak{k}_2 = \{0\}$ , we have

$$\text{ad}(\tilde{w})^3(\xi_1) = \overline{3\langle w, w \rangle} = 0 \quad (\text{i.e. } \langle w, w \rangle = 0) \quad \text{for any } \tilde{w} \in \mathfrak{k}_1.$$

Moreover we have  $\text{ad}(\tilde{w})^2(\xi_1) = \sqrt{-1}w \in \mathfrak{k}_1$ . Therefore  $\delta_r^{-1}(\mathfrak{k}_1)$  is a complex vector subspace of  $\mathfrak{C}^{n-1}$ . On the other hand let  $w_1, w_2 \in \delta_r^{-1}(\mathfrak{k}_1)$ . Then from

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{w}_1 + \tilde{w}_2 = \overline{w_1 + w_2} \in \mathfrak{k}_1, \\ [\tilde{w}_1, \tilde{w}_2] = \overline{\sqrt{-1}(\langle w_2, w_1 \rangle - \langle w_1, w_2 \rangle)} \in \mathfrak{k}_2, \end{cases}$$

we get  $[\tilde{w}_1, \tilde{w}_2] = 0$  (i.e.  $\langle w_1, w_2 \rangle = \langle w_2, w_1 \rangle$ ) and  $\langle w_1 + w_2, w_1 + w_2 \rangle = 0$ . Hence we get  $\langle w_1, w_2 \rangle = 0$ . Q.E.D.

Let  $\{e_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq n-1}$  be the natural base of  $\mathfrak{C}^{n-1}$ . Setting  $w_i = e_i + e_{n-i}$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, s$ ), we consider a complex vector subspace of  $\mathfrak{C}^{n-1}$  spanned by the  $s$  vectors  $w_1, \dots, w_s$ . This subspace is an  $s$ -dimensional complex isotropic subspace of the (indefinite) hermitian space  $(\mathfrak{C}^{n-1}, \langle, \rangle)$ . We denote by  $c_s(r)$  its image under  $\delta_r$ . Then  $c_s(r)$  is an abelian subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  of dimension  $2s$  contained in  $\mathfrak{g}_1(r)$ .

Now recall the following which is a direct consequence of Witt's theorem (cf. [1, p. 121]).

**LEMMA B.** *Let  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  be  $s$ -dimensional complex isotropic vector subspaces of the indefinite hermitian space  $(\mathfrak{C}^{n-1}, \langle, \rangle)$ . Then there exists an element  $\sigma$  of  $U(I_r)$  which sends  $V_1$  onto  $V_2$ .*

Then we have

**LEMMA 4.4.** *Let  $s$  be the complex dimension of  $\delta_r^{-1}(\mathfrak{k}_1)$ . Then there exists  $\tau_1 \in G'(r)$  such that  $\text{Ad}(\tau_1)$  preserves the grading of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  and satisfies  $\text{Ad}(\tau_1)\mathfrak{k}_1 = c_s(r)$ .*

*Proof.*  $\delta_r^{-1}(\mathfrak{f}_1)$  and  $\delta_r^{-1}(c_s(r))$  are  $s$ -dimensional complex isotropic subspaces of  $(\mathbb{C}^{n-1}, \langle, \rangle)$ . Hence from Lemma B we can find  $\sigma_1 \in U(I_r)$  such

that  $\sigma_1(\delta_r^{-1}(\mathfrak{f}_1)) = \delta_r^{-1}(c_s(r))$ . Set  $\sigma'_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $\sigma'_1$  belongs to  $U(\tilde{I}_r)$

$\subset \hat{G}(r)$ . Hence  $\tau_1 = \chi(\sigma'_1)$  is an element of  $G'(r)$ . In fact  $\tau_1$  belongs to the analytic subgroup of  $G'(r)$  corresponding to the subalgebra  $\mathfrak{g}_0(r)$  of  $\mathfrak{g}'(r)$ . In particular  $\text{Ad}(\tau_1)$  preserves the grading of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$ . On the other hand

$$\text{Ad}(\tau_1)\tilde{w} = \widetilde{\sigma'_1 w} \quad \text{for } \tilde{w} \in \mathfrak{g}_1(r),$$

so we can conclude  $\text{Ad}(\tau_1)\mathfrak{f}_1 = c_s(r)$ .

Q.E.D.

Next we will consider  $\mathfrak{f}_0$ . We define a subalgebra  $\mathfrak{h}_s(r)$  of  $\mathfrak{g}_0(r)$  by

$$\mathfrak{h}_s(r) = \{X \in \mathfrak{g}_0(r) \mid \text{ad}(X)(c_s(r)) \subset c_s(r)\}.$$

Then we have

LEMMA 4.5. *Notations being the same as in Lemma 4.4, we have*

- (i)  $\text{Ad}(\tau_1)\mathfrak{f}_0 \subset \mathfrak{h}_s(r)$  and  $[\mathfrak{g}_{-1}(r), c_s(r)] \subset \mathfrak{h}_s(r)$
- (ii)  $\dim. \mathfrak{h}_s(r) = \dim. \mathfrak{g}_0(r) - s(2(n-1) - 3s)$ .

*Proof.* (i) is clear from  $\text{Ad}(\tau_1)\mathfrak{f}_1 = c_s(r)$ ,  $[\mathfrak{f}_0, \mathfrak{f}_1] \subset \mathfrak{f}_1$ , (4.2) and (4.3). In order to prove (ii) we first note that  $\mathfrak{g}_0(r)$  can be decomposed into the direct sum of  $\langle\{E_{0j}\}\rangle_{\mathbb{R}}$  and  $\mathfrak{u}(I_r)$ , where  $\langle\{E_{0j}\}\rangle_{\mathbb{R}}$  is the line spanned by

$$E_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and  $\mathfrak{u}(I_r)$  is identified with the subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}_0(r)$  which consists of matrices of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \text{trace } v & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & v & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \text{trace } v \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with } {}^t\bar{v}I_r + I_r v = 0.$$

For  $X = \begin{pmatrix} -\bar{u} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & v & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & u \end{pmatrix} \in \mathfrak{g}_0(r)$ , we have from (4.3)

$$\text{ad}(X)(\tilde{w}) = \widetilde{vw - uw} \quad \tilde{w} \in c_s(r).$$

Since  $\delta_r^{-1}(c_s(r))$  is a complex vector subspace of  $C^{n-1}$ , we have  $\widetilde{uw} \in c_s(r)$ . Hence  $X$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{h}_s(r)$  if and only if  $v(\delta_r^{-1}(c_s(r))) \subset \delta_r^{-1}(c_s(r))$ . Obviously  $E_0$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{h}_s(r)$ . Therefore in order to calculate the dimension of  $\mathfrak{h}_s(r)$ , we have only to calculate the dimension of a subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{u}(I_r)$  which consists of all elements leaving the subspace  $\delta_r^{-1}(c_s(r))$  invariant. A direct computation shows the above equality (ii). Q.E.D.

We set  $g^*(r, s) = \mathfrak{g}_{-2}(r) \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{-1}(r) \oplus \mathfrak{h}_s(r) \oplus c_s(r)$ . In the case  $s = 0$ , we write  $g^*(r)$  instead of  $g^*(r, 0)$ , that is,  $g^*(r) = \mathfrak{g}_{-2}(r) \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{-1}(r) \oplus \mathfrak{g}_0(r)$ . Then from the above lemmas we have

**PROPOSITION 4.6.** *Let  $\mathfrak{k}$  be a proper graded subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  satisfying  $\mathfrak{k}_{-2} = \mathfrak{g}_{-2}(r)$  and  $\mathfrak{k}_{-1} = \mathfrak{g}_{-1}(r)$ . Then there exists  $\tau \in G'(r)$  such that  $\text{Ad}(\tau)$  preserves the grading of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  and  $\text{Ad}(\tau)\mathfrak{k} \subset g^*(r, s)$ , where  $2s = \dim. \mathfrak{k}_1 (\leq 2r)$ .*

From this we obtain  $\dim. \mathfrak{k} \leq \dim. g^*(r, s) = n^2 + 1 - s(2(n-2) - 3s)$ . Since  $s$  is an integer satisfying  $0 \leq s \leq r$ , from the above considerations we obtain

**PROPOSITION 4.7.** *Let  $\mathfrak{k}$  be a proper graded subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  satisfying  $\mathfrak{k}_{-2} = \mathfrak{g}_{-2}(r)$  and  $\mathfrak{k}_{-1} = \mathfrak{g}_{-1}(r)$ . Then we have*

(1) *The case  $n = 3$  and  $r = 1$*

*We have  $\dim. \mathfrak{k} \leq n^2 + 2 = 11$ . The equality holds if and only if there exists  $\tau \in G'(1)$  such that  $\text{Ad}(\tau)$  preserves the grading of  $\mathfrak{g}(1)$  and*

$$\text{Ad}(\tau)\mathfrak{k} = g^*(1, 1) .$$

(2) *The case  $n = 5$  and  $r = 2$*

*We have  $\dim. \mathfrak{k} \leq n^2 + 1 = 26$ . The equality holds if and only if there exists  $\tau \in G'(2)$  such that  $\text{Ad}(\tau)$  preserves the grading of  $\mathfrak{g}(2)$  and*

$$\text{Ad}(\tau)\mathfrak{k} = g^*(2, 2) \quad \text{or} \quad g^*(2) .$$

(3) *Otherwise*

*We have  $\dim. \mathfrak{k} \leq n^2 + 1$ . The equality holds if and only if there exists  $\tau \in G'(r)$  such that  $\text{Ad}(\tau)$  preserves the grading of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  and*

$$\text{Ad}(\tau)\mathfrak{k} = g^*(r) .$$

**Remark 4.8.** Let  $D(r)$  be an  $(n-2)$ -dimensional complex vector subspace of  $C^{n-1}$  spanned by the  $n-2$  vectors  $w_1, e_2, \dots$ , and  $e_{n-2}$ , where  $w_1 = e_1 + e_{n-1}$ . We set  $\mathfrak{d}^1(r) = \{\tilde{\xi} \in \mathfrak{g}_1(r) \mid \xi \in D(r)\}$ ,  $\mathfrak{d}^{-1}(r) = \{\underline{\xi} \in \mathfrak{g}_{-1}(r) \mid \xi \in D(r)\}$ ,



$e(r) = \{X \in \mathfrak{g}_0(r) \mid \text{ad}(X)(\mathfrak{d}^i(r)) \subset \mathfrak{d}^i(r) \ i = 1, 2\}$ ,  $c_s^*(r) = \{\xi \in \mathfrak{g}_{-1}(r) \mid \xi \in \delta_r^{-1}(c_s(r))\}$   
and  $\mathfrak{b}_s^*(r) = \{X \in \mathfrak{g}_0(r) \mid \text{ad}(X)(c_s^*(r)) \subset c_s^*(r)\}$  ( $=\mathfrak{b}_s(r)$ ). Moreover we set

$$\begin{cases} \mathfrak{g}^0(r) = \mathfrak{g}_{-2}(r) + \mathfrak{d}^{-1}(r) + e(r) + \mathfrak{d}^1(r) + \mathfrak{g}_2(r) , \\ \mathfrak{g}^{**}(r, s) = c_s^*(r) + \mathfrak{b}_s^*(r) + \mathfrak{g}_1(r) + \mathfrak{g}_2(r) . \end{cases}$$

Then without the homogeneity assumption we have

**PROPOSITION 4.9.** *Let  $\mathfrak{k}$  be a proper graded subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$ . Then we have*

(1) *The case  $n = 3$  and  $r = 1$ ;  $\dim. \mathfrak{k} \leq n^2 + 2 = 11$ . The equality holds if and only if there exists  $\tau \in G'(1)$  such that  $\text{Ad}(\tau)$  preserves the grading of  $\mathfrak{g}(1)$  and*

$$\text{Ad}(\tau)\mathfrak{k} = \mathfrak{g}^*(1, 1) \quad \text{or} \quad \mathfrak{g}^{**}(1, 1) .$$

(2) *The case  $n = 5$  and  $r = 2$ ;  $\dim. \mathfrak{k} \leq n^2 + 1 = 26$ . The equality holds if and only if there exists  $\tau \in G'(2)$  such that  $\text{Ad}(\tau)$  preserves the grading of  $\mathfrak{g}(2)$  and*

$$\text{Ad}(\tau)\mathfrak{k} = \mathfrak{g}^*(2, 2), \mathfrak{g}^{**}(2, 2), \mathfrak{g}^*(2), \mathfrak{g}'(2) , \quad \text{or} \quad \mathfrak{g}^0(2) .$$

(3) *The case  $n \geq 2$  and  $r = 0$ ;  $\dim. \mathfrak{k} \leq n^2 + 1$ , the equality holds if and only if there exists  $\tau \in G'(0)$  such that  $\text{Ad}(\tau)$  preserves the grading of  $\mathfrak{g}(0)$  and*

$$\text{Ad}(\tau)\mathfrak{k} = \mathfrak{g}^*(0) \quad \text{or} \quad \mathfrak{g}'(0) .$$

(4) *Otherwise;  $\dim. \mathfrak{k} \leq n^2 + 1$ . The equality holds if and only if there exists  $\tau \in G'(r)$  such that  $\text{Ad}(\tau)$  preserves the grading of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  and*

$$\text{Ad}(\tau)\mathfrak{k} = \mathfrak{g}^*(r), \mathfrak{g}'(r) \quad \text{or} \quad \mathfrak{g}^0(r) .$$

## V. Determination of $(\alpha(S), \alpha_{p_0}(S))$ .

Throughout this section we assume that  $S$  is a connected non-degenerate (index  $r$ ) homogeneous hypersurface. Let  $(P, \omega, \bar{l})$  be the normal pseudo-conformal connection over  $S$ . Moreover we naturally identify the Lie algebra  $\alpha(S)$  of  $A(S)$  with the Lie algebra of all infinitesimal pseudo-conformal transformations of  $S$  which generate (global) 1-parameter groups of pseudo-conformal transformations.

Now let us fix a point  $p_0$  of  $S$ . As in the section II, we introduce the filtration of  $\alpha(S)$  at  $p_0$  through the connection form  $\omega$ . Notations

being as in the section II, we first consider the associated graded Lie algebra  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}$  of  $\mathfrak{h}$ .

LEMMA 5.1. *Let  $z_0 \in \pi^{-1}(p_0)$ . Suppose that  $A(S)$  has the largest dimension  $n^2 + 2n$ , then  $\nu_{z_0}; \tilde{\mathfrak{h}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}(r)$  is a Lie algebra isomorphism of  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}$  onto  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$ .*

This lemma is clear from Lemma 2.5 and  $\dim. \mathfrak{g}(r) = \dim. \tilde{\mathfrak{h}} (=n^2 + 2n)$ .

Let  $z$  be an arbitrary point of  $\pi^{-1}(p_0)$ . Since  $A(S)$  acts transitively on  $S$ ,  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_z = \nu_z(\tilde{\mathfrak{h}})$  satisfies  $(\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_z)_{-2} = \mathfrak{g}_{-2}(r)$  and  $(\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_z)_{-1} = \mathfrak{g}_{-1}(r)$ . Therefore from Proposition 4.7 and Remark 2.6 we get

LEMMA 5.2. *Suppose that  $A(S)$  has the second largest dimension, then there exists  $z_1 \in \pi^{-1}(p_0)$  such that*

- (1)  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_{z_1} = \mathfrak{g}^*(1, 1)$  if  $n = 3$  and  $r = 1$ ,
- (2)  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_{z_1} = \mathfrak{g}^*(2, 2)$  or  $\mathfrak{g}^*(2)$  if  $n = 5$  and  $r = 2$ ,
- (3)  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_{z_1} = \mathfrak{g}^*(r)$  otherwise.

As for  $\mathfrak{h}_z = \omega_z(\mathfrak{h})$ , we have

LEMMA 5.3. *Let  $z_0 \in \pi^{-1}(p_0)$ . Suppose that  $A(S)$  has the largest dimension  $n^2 + 2n$ , then  $-\omega_{z_0}; \mathfrak{h} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}(r)$  is a linear isomorphism of  $\mathfrak{h}$  onto  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$ .*

This lemma is also clear from  $\dim. \mathfrak{g}(r) = \dim. \mathfrak{h}$ .

LEMMA 5.4. *Suppose that  $A(S)$  has the second largest dimension, then there exists  $z_0 \in \pi^{-1}(p_0)$  such that*

- (1)  $\mathfrak{h}_{z_0} = \mathfrak{g}^*(1, 1)$  if  $n = 3$  and  $r = 1$ ,
- (2)  $\mathfrak{h}_{z_0} = \mathfrak{g}^*(2, 2)$  or  $\mathfrak{g}^*(2)$  if  $n = 5$  and  $r = 2$ ,
- (3)  $\mathfrak{h}_{z_0} = \mathfrak{g}^*(r)$  otherwise,

as vector subspaces of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$ .

In order to prove Lemma 5.4, it suffices to show the following lemma. (Note that  $\mathfrak{g}^*(r, s)(0 \leq s \leq r)$  contains  $E_0$ ).

LEMMA 5.5. *If  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_{z_1}$  contains  $E_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  for some point  $z_1$  of*

$\pi^{-1}(p_0)$ , then there exists a point  $z_0$  of  $\pi^{-1}(p_0)$  such that  $\mathfrak{h}_{z_0}$  coincides with  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_{z_1}$  as a vector subspace of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$ .

*Proof.* Since the filtration of  $\mathfrak{h}_z$  is given by  $(\mathfrak{h}_z)_k = \mathfrak{h}_z \cap \mathcal{L}_k(r)$  ( $\mathcal{L}_k(r) = \sum_{i=k}^2 \mathfrak{g}_i(r)$ ), we have the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathfrak{h}_k & \xrightarrow{-\omega_z} & (\mathfrak{h}_z)_k \subset \mathfrak{g}(r) \\ \mu_k \downarrow & & \downarrow p_k \\ \tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_k & \xrightarrow{\nu_z} & (\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_z)_k \subset \mathfrak{g}_k(r), \end{array}$$

where  $p_k$  is the projection of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  onto  $\mathfrak{g}_k(r)$  corresponding to the decomposition  $\mathfrak{g}(r) = \sum_{k=-2}^2 \mathfrak{g}_k(r)$ . From the assumption  $(\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_{z_1})_0$  contains  $E_0$ . Hence there exists  $E \in (\mathfrak{h}_{z_1})_0$  such that  $p_0(E) = E_0$ . Since  $E$  belongs to  $\mathcal{L}_0(r) = \sum_{k=0}^2 \mathfrak{g}_k(r)$ , there exist  $\tilde{w}_0 \in \mathfrak{g}_1(r)$  and  $\tilde{c}_0 \in \mathfrak{g}_2(r)$  such that  $E = E_0 + \tilde{w}_0 + \tilde{c}_0$ . Now we set  $A_0 = \tilde{w}_0 + \frac{1}{2}\tilde{c}_0$ . Then  $A_0$  belongs to  $\mathcal{L}_1(r)$  and satisfies  $\text{Ad}(\exp A_0)(E) = E_0$ . Moreover  $a_0 = \exp A_0$  is an element of  $G'(r)$ . Set  $z_0 = z_1 a_0^{-1}$ , then from Remark 2.6 we have  $\mathfrak{h}_{z_0} = \text{Ad}(a_0)\mathfrak{h}_{z_1}$ . In particular  $\mathfrak{h}_{z_0}$  contains  $E_0$ .

First we will see that  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_{z_0}$  coincides with  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_{z_1}$ . From the above diagram we have  $(\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_{z_i})_k = p_k(\mathfrak{h}_{z_i} \cap \mathcal{L}_k(r))$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ). For  $X \in \mathfrak{h}_{z_1} \cap \mathcal{L}_k(r)$ ,  $\text{Ad}(a_0)(X) = \exp \text{ad}(A_0)(X)$  lies in  $\mathfrak{h}_{z_0} \cap \mathcal{L}_k(r)$ . This is obvious from  $\mathfrak{h}_{z_0} = \text{Ad}(a_0)\mathfrak{h}_{z_1}$  and Lemma 2.1. Moreover, since  $A_0 \in \mathcal{L}_1(r)$ , we have  $\text{ad}(A_0)(\mathcal{L}_k(r)) \subset \mathcal{L}_{k+1}(r)$ . Hence we get  $p_k(\text{Ad}(a_0)(X)) = p_k(X)$ . Therefore  $(\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_{z_0})_k = (\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_{z_1})_k$ .

Next we will see that  $\mathfrak{h}_{z_0}$  coincides with  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_{z_0}$  as a vector subspace of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$ . First one should note that Lemma 2.3 implies  $[(\mathfrak{h}_{z_0})_0, \mathfrak{h}_{z_0}] \subset \mathfrak{h}_{z_0}$  and that  $\mathfrak{h}_{z_0}$  contains  $E_0$ . Let  $X$  be an arbitrary element of  $\mathfrak{h}_{z_0}$ , and  $X_k$  ( $k = -2, -1, \dots, 2$ ) be the  $\mathfrak{g}_k(r)$ -component of  $X$ . From  $[(\mathfrak{h}_{z_0})_0, \mathfrak{h}_{z_0}] \subset \mathfrak{h}_{z_0}$  and  $(\mathfrak{h}_{z_0})_0 \ni E_0$ , we obtain

$$\begin{cases} -X_{-2} + X_2 = \frac{1}{6}(\text{ad}(E_0)^3(X) - \text{ad}(E_0)(X)) \in \mathfrak{h}_{z_0} \\ X_{-2} + X_2 = \frac{1}{12}(\text{ad}(E_0)^4(X) - \text{ad}(E_0)^2(X)) \in \mathfrak{h}_{z_0} \\ -X_{-1} + X_1 = \frac{1}{3}(4\text{ad}(E_0)(X) - \text{ad}(E_0)^3(X)) \in \mathfrak{h}_{z_0} \\ X_{-1} + X_1 = \frac{1}{3}(4\text{ad}(E_0)^2(X) - \text{ad}(E_0)^4(X)) \in \mathfrak{h}_{z_0}. \end{cases}$$

Hence we get  $X_{-2}, X_{-1}, X_1, X_2 \in \mathfrak{h}_{z_0}$ . Therefore  $X_k$  ( $k = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2$ ) lies in  $\mathfrak{h}_{z_0}$ , that is,  $\mathfrak{h}_{z_0}$  decomposes as follows

$$\mathfrak{h}_{z_0} = \sum_{k=-2}^2 \mathfrak{h}_{z_0} \cap \mathfrak{g}_k(r).$$

In other words,  $\mathfrak{h}_{z_0}$  is a graded subspace of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$ . Then from the construction of the associated graded Lie algebra, we have  $(\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_{z_0})_k = \mathfrak{h}_{z_0} \cap \mathfrak{g}_k(r)$ .

Therefore we obtain  $\mathfrak{h}_{z_0} = \tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_{z_0}$ .

Q.E.D.

Next we will see that the curvature form  $\Omega$  of the normal pseudo-conformal connection of  $S$  vanishes identically if  $A(S)$  has either the largest dimension  $n^2 + 2n$  or the second largest dimension. First we will show the following proposition.

PROPOSITION 5.6. *If  $\mathfrak{h}_{z_0}$  contains  $E_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  for some point*

*$z_0$  of  $\pi^{-1}(p_0)$ , then  $\Omega_z = 0$  for any  $z \in \pi^{-1}(p_0)$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is quite analogous to that of IV. Theorem 3.2 of [4]. Recall that  $\mathfrak{h} = \mathfrak{a}(P) = \{X \in \mathfrak{X}(P) \mid L_X \omega = 0, R_{a_*} X = X, a \in G'(r), \text{ and } X \text{ is complete}\}$  (see II). Since  $\mathfrak{h}_{z_0} = \omega_{z_0}(\mathfrak{a}(P))$ , there exists  $X_0 \in \mathfrak{a}(P)$  such that  $(X_0)_{z_0} = \omega_{z_0}^{-1}(E_0) = (E_0)_{z_0}^*$ . First we know

LEMMA C (cf. [5; p. 233]). *For the curvature form  $\Omega = d\omega + \frac{1}{2}[\omega \wedge \omega]$ , we have*

- (1)  $A^*(\Omega(\xi^*, \eta^*)) = -[A, \Omega(\xi^*, \eta^*)] + \Omega([A, \xi]^*, \eta^*) + \Omega(\xi^*, [A, \eta]^*)$   
for  $\xi, \eta \in \mathfrak{g}(r)$ ,  $A \in \mathfrak{g}'(r)$ ,
- (2)  $L_X \Omega = 0$  and  $X(\Omega(\xi^*, \eta^*)) = 0$  for  $X \in \mathfrak{a}(P)$ ,  $\xi, \eta \in \mathfrak{g}(r)$ .

Applying the above lemma to  $(X_0)_{z_0} = (E_0)_{z_0}^*$ , we obtain

$$(5.1) \quad [E_0, \Omega_{z_0}(\xi^*, \eta^*)] = \Omega_{z_0}([E_0, \xi]^*, \eta^*) + \Omega_{z_0}(\xi^*, [E_0, \eta]^*) .$$

Since  $\Omega(U^*, A^*) = 0$  for  $U \in \mathfrak{g}(r)$  and  $A \in \mathfrak{g}'(r)$  (cf. II. Lemma 2.2), we have only to show  $\Omega(\xi^*, \eta^*) = 0$  for  $\xi, \eta \in \mathfrak{m}(r) = \mathfrak{g}_{-2}(r) \oplus \mathfrak{g}_{-1}(r)$ . For the sake of simplicity we show the above equality in the case  $\xi, \eta \in \mathfrak{g}_{-1}(r)$ . Let  $\Omega_k$  ( $k = -2, -1, \dots, 2$ ) be the  $\mathfrak{g}_k(r)$ -component of  $\Omega$ . From I. Theorem A, we have  $\Omega_{-1} = 0$  and  $\Omega_{-2} = 0$ . Hence from (5.1) we get

$$(\Omega_1)_{z_0}(\xi^*, \eta^*) + 2(\Omega_2)_{z_0}(\xi^*, \eta^*) = -2(\Omega_0 + \Omega_1 + \Omega_2)_{z_0}(\xi^*, \eta^*) , \quad \xi, \eta \in \mathfrak{g}_{-1}(r) .$$

From this it follows  $(\Omega_k)_{z_0}(\xi^*, \eta^*) = 0$  ( $k = 0, 1, 2$ ). Therefore we obtain  $\Omega_{z_0} = 0$ . For any  $z \in \pi^{-1}(p_0)$ , there exists  $a \in G'(r)$  such that  $z_0 = za$ . Then from  $R_a^* \omega = \text{Ad}(a^{-1})\omega$ , we have  $\Omega_z = \text{Ad}(a)R_a^* \Omega_{z_0} = 0$ . Q.E.D.

From Lemma 5.3, Lemma 5.4 and Proposition 5.6 we get

PROPOSITION 5.7. *Let  $S$  be a non-degenerate homogeneous hypersurface. If  $A(S)$  has either the largest dimension  $n^2 + 2n$  or the second largest dimension, then  $S$  is flat, that is, the curvature form of the*

normal pseudo-conformal connection vanishes identically.

Hence from Proposition 3.4,  $\iota_z^*\omega$  is a Lie algebra isomorphism of  $\mathfrak{a}(S)$  into  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  for any  $z \in P$ .

Summarizing the results of this section we obtain.

**THEOREM 5.8.** *Let  $M$  be a complex manifold of dimension  $n$ . Let  $S$  be a connected non-degenerate (index  $r$ ) homogeneous hypersurface of  $M$ . Let  $p_0$  be an arbitrary point of  $S$ .*

(1) *If  $\dim. A(S) = n^2 + 2n$ , then  $\iota_{z_0}^*\omega$  is a Lie algebra isomorphism of  $\mathfrak{a}(S)$  onto  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  for any  $z_0 \in \pi^{-1}(p_0)$ .*

(2) *If  $\dim. A(S) < n^2 + 2n$ , we have the following three cases.*

(i) *The case  $n = 3$  and  $r = 1$ ; We have  $\dim. A(S) \leq n^2 + 2 = 11$ . The equality holds if and only if there exists  $z_0 \in \pi^{-1}(p_0)$  such that  $\iota_{z_0}^*\omega$  is a Lie algebra isomorphism of  $\mathfrak{a}(S)$  onto  $\mathfrak{g}^*(1, 1)$ .*

(ii) *The case  $n = 5$  and  $r = 2$ ; We have  $\dim. A(S) \leq n^2 + 1 = 26$ . The equality holds if and only if there exists  $z_0 \in \pi^{-1}(p_0)$ , such that  $\iota_{z_0}^*\omega$  is a Lie algebra isomorphism of  $\mathfrak{a}(S)$  onto  $\mathfrak{g}^*(2, 2)$  or  $\mathfrak{g}^*(2)$ .*

(iii) *Otherwise; We have  $\dim. A(S) \leq n^2 + 1$ . The equality holds if and only if there exists  $z_0 \in \pi^{-1}(p_0)$  such that  $\iota_{z_0}^*\omega$  is a Lie algebra isomorphism of  $\mathfrak{a}(S)$  onto  $\mathfrak{g}^*(r)$ .*

## VI. Model spaces.

We consider the analytic subgroups (i.e. connected Lie subgroups) of  $G(r)$  corresponding to  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  and  $\mathfrak{g}^*(r, s)$  ( $0 \leq s \leq r$ ). The identity component  $G^0(r)$  of  $G(r)$  corresponds to  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$ . We denote by  $G^*(r, s)$  the analytic subgroup of  $G(r)$  corresponding to  $\mathfrak{g}^*(r, s)$ . In particular we set  $G^*(r) = G^*(r, 0)$ .

First we will characterize  $G^*(r, s)$  geometrically. Let  $\chi$  be the natural homomorphism of  $U(\tilde{I}_r)$  onto  $G^0(r)$  ( $= U(\tilde{I}_r)/U(1)$ ). We set  $\hat{G}^*(r, s) = \chi^{-1}(G^*(r, s))$ . Take the natural base  $\{e_i\}_{0 \leq i \leq n}$  of  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$  and set  $w_i = e_i + e_{n-i}$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, s$ ). We denote by  $C_s(r)$  the  $(s + 1)$ -dimensional complex vector subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$  spanned by the  $(s + 1)$  vectors  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_s$  and  $e_n$ . Then  $C_s(r)$  is an  $(s + 1)$ -dimensional complex isotropic subspace of the indefinite hermitian space  $(\mathbb{C}^{n+1}, \tilde{I}_r)$ .

**LEMMA 6.1.**

$$\hat{G}^*(r, s) = \{\sigma \in U(\tilde{I}_r) \mid \sigma(C_s(r)) = C_s(r)\}.$$

*Proof.* Since we are identifying  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  with  $\mathfrak{su}(\tilde{I}_r)$ ,  $\chi_*$  is identified with the projection of  $\mathfrak{u}(\tilde{I}_r)$  onto  $\mathfrak{su}(\tilde{I}_r)$  corresponding to the decomposition  $\mathfrak{u}(\tilde{I}_r) = \mathfrak{u}(1) \oplus \mathfrak{su}(\tilde{I}_r)$ , where  $\mathfrak{u}(1)$  is the center of  $\mathfrak{u}(\tilde{I}_r)$ . For  $X \in \mathfrak{u}(\tilde{I}_r)$ ;

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} -\bar{u} & -\sqrt{-1} {}^t \bar{w} I_r & w_n \\ \xi & v & w \\ \xi_n & \sqrt{-1} {}^t \xi I_r & u \end{pmatrix} \quad \xi_n, w_n \in \mathbf{R}, \xi, w \in \mathbf{C}^{n-1}, v \in \mathfrak{u}(I_r), \text{ we note}$$

$$\mathfrak{g}^*(r, s) \ni \chi_*(X) \text{ if and only if } \begin{cases} w_n = 0 \\ w \in \delta_r^{-1}(c_s(r)), \\ v(\delta_r^{-1}(c_s(r)) \subset \delta_r^{-1}(c_s(r))). \end{cases}$$

On the other hand for  $(0, \eta, z_n) \in C_s(r)$  we have

$$X \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \eta \\ z_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\sqrt{-1} \langle w, \eta \rangle + w_n z_n \\ v\eta + z_n w \\ \sqrt{-1} \langle \xi, \eta \rangle + u z_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence we have

$$X(C_s(r)) \subset C_s(r) \text{ if and only if } \begin{cases} -\sqrt{-1} \langle w, \eta \rangle + w_n z_n = 0 \\ v\eta + z_n w \in \delta_r^{-1}(c_s(r)) \end{cases} \text{ for } z_n \in \mathbf{C}, \eta \in \delta_r^{-1}(c_s(r)).$$

From the above  $\mathfrak{g}^*(r, s) \ni \chi_*(X)$  if and only if  $X(C_s(r)) \subset C_s(r)$ . We set  $K = \{\sigma \in U(\tilde{I}_r) \mid \sigma(C_s(r)) = C_s(r)\}$ . From  $G^*(r, s) = \hat{G}^*(r, s)/U(1)$ , we see that  $\hat{G}^*(r, s)$  is connected. In fact,  $\hat{G}^*(r, s)$  is the analytic subgroup of  $U(\tilde{I}_r)$  corresponding to  $\chi_*^{-1}(\mathfrak{g}^*(r, s))$ . Therefore  $\hat{G}^*(r, s)$  coincides with the identity component of  $K$ .

In order to prove  $\hat{G}^*(r, s) = K$ , we have only to show that  $K$  is connected. For this we take a base  $\{f_i\}_{0 \leq i \leq n}$  of  $\mathbf{C}^{n+1}$  such that  $\{f_i\}_{0 \leq i \leq s}$  forms a base of  $C_s(r)$  and with respect to this base the hermitian form  $\tilde{I}_r$  is represented as a matrix of the following form

$$\tilde{I}_r = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & E_{s+1} & 0 \\ E_{s+1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I_s^* \end{pmatrix}, \quad I_s^* = \begin{pmatrix} -E_{r-s} & 0 \\ 0 & E_{n-(r+s+1)} \end{pmatrix}.$$

(The existence of such a base is guaranteed by the Witt's theorem).

Then each  $\sigma \in K$  is represented as a matrix of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & -\frac{1}{2}A(C + {}^t\bar{K}I_s^*K) & -A {}^t\bar{K}I_s^*B \\ 0 & {}^t\bar{A}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & K & B \end{pmatrix};$$

$$A \in GL(s+1, C), B \in U(I_s^*), {}^t\bar{C} + C = 0.$$

From this we see that  $K$  is homeomorphic with  $GL(s+1, C) \times U(I_s^*) \times u(s+1) \times M(n-2s-1, s+1; C)$ , where  $M(n-2s-1, s+1; C)$  is the set of all complex  $(n-2s-1) \times (s+1)$  matrices. In particular  $K$  is connected. Q.E.D.

Now we consider the orbit of  $G^0(r)$  or  $G^*(r, s)$  passing through  $o$  of  $Q_r$  as the model space corresponding to  $g(r)$  or  $g^*(r, s)$ .

Since  $G^0(r)$  acts transitively on  $Q_r$ , the model space corresponding to  $g(r)$  is  $Q_r$  itself. We denote by  $Q_r^*(s)$  the model space corresponding to  $g^*(r, s)$ . In particular we set  $Q_r^* = Q_r^*(0)$ .

LEMMA 6.2.

$$Q_r^* = \{(z_0, z_1, \dots, z_n) \in Q_r \mid z_0 \neq 0\},$$

and

$$Q_r^*(s) = \{(z_0, z_1, \dots, z_n) \in Q_r \mid |z_0| + |z_1 - z_{n-1}| + \dots + |z_s - z_{n-s}| \neq 0\} \\ (s \geq 1).$$

*Proof.* We consider the orbital decomposition of  $Q_r$  by  $G^*(r, s)$ . We denote by  $(, )$  the indefinite hermitian inner product of  $C^{n+1}$  defined by  $\tilde{I}_r$ . And set  $(C_s(r))^\perp = \{\zeta \in C^{n+1} \mid (\zeta, \eta) = 0 \text{ for } \eta \in C_s(r)\}$ . Then from Lemma 6.1 we see that each  $\sigma \in \hat{G}^*(r, s)$  leaves  $(C_s(r))^\perp$  invariant as well. On the other hand we have  $Q_r = \{\zeta = (\zeta_0, \dots, \zeta_n) \mid (\zeta, \zeta) = 0\}$  in homogeneous coordinate. Then using the arguments in the proof of the Witt's theorem ([1, p. 121]), we easily see that  $Q_r$  is decomposed by  $G^*(r, s)$  into the following three orbits;

$$R_r^0(s) = \{\kappa(\zeta) \in Q_r \mid \zeta \in (C_s(r))^\perp\}, \\ R_r^1(s) = \{\kappa(\zeta) \in Q_r \mid \zeta \in C_s(r)\}, \\ R_r^2(s) = \{\kappa(\zeta) \in Q_r \mid \zeta \in (C_s(r))^\perp \setminus C_s(r)\},$$

where  $\kappa$  is the projection of  $C^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$  onto  $P^n(C)$ . From  $o = \kappa(e_0)$ ,  $e_n \in C_s(r)$  and  $(e_0, e_n) = \sqrt{-1} \neq 0$ , we see  $o \in R_r^0(s)$ . Hence we have  $Q_r^*(s) = R_r^0(s)$ . Q.E.D.

*Remark 6.3.* From the above we have the orbital decomposition of  $Q_r$  by  $G^*(r, s)$ ;

$$Q_r = Q_r^*(s) \cup R_r^1(s) \cup R_r^2(s).$$

Note that

- (1)  $R_r^1(s) = \{\bar{o}\}$  if and only if  $s = 0$ , where  $\bar{o} = \kappa(e_n)$ ,
- (2)  $R_r^2(s) = \emptyset$  if and only if  $s = r$ .

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} Q_r &= Q_r^* \cup \{\bar{o}\} \cup R_r^2(0) \quad \left(1 \leq r \leq \left[\frac{n-1}{2}\right]\right), \\ Q_0 &= Q_0^* \cup \{\bar{o}\}, \\ Q_r &= Q_r^*(r) \cup R_r^1(r). \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 6.2 we see that  $Q_r^*(s)$  is a connected open subset of  $Q_r$ , hence it is a connected non-degenerate (index  $r$ ) homogeneous flat hypersurface of  $P^n(C)$ .

Next we will determine the groups  $A(Q_r), A(Q_r^*(s))$  of all pseudo-conformal transformations of  $Q_r, Q_r^*(s)$ .

**PROPOSITION 6.4** ([6]).  $A(Q_r) = G(r)$ .

*Proof.* Let us fix a frame  $x_0 \in F(Q_r, \tilde{G}(r))$  at  $o$ . For  $\tau \in G(r)$  we set  $\bar{l}_0(\tau) = \tau_*(x_0)$ . Then  $\bar{l}_0$  is a bundle homomorphism of  $G(r)$  ( $Q_r, G'(r)$ ) onto  $\tilde{F}(Q_r, \tilde{G}(r))$  corresponding to  $l, G'(r) \rightarrow \tilde{G}(r)$ , which preserves the base space  $Q_r$ . It is known ([6; Theorem 6]) that  $G(r)$  ( $Q_r, G'(r)$ ) together with  $\bar{l}_0$  is the pseudo-conformal  $G'(r)$ -bundle over  $Q_r$  and that the Maurer-Cartan form on  $G(r)$  coincides with the normal pseudo-conformal connection form. Hence we have  $A(Q_r) = G(r)$  as a Lie transformation group. Q.E.D.

**PROPOSITION 6.5**

- (1) In the case  $r \neq \frac{n-1}{2}$ ,  $A(Q_r^*(s)) = G^*(r, s)$ ,
- (2) In the case  $r = \frac{n-1}{2}$  ( $n$ ; odd),  $A(Q_r^*(s)) = G^*(r, s) \cup \tau_s(G^*(r, s))$ ,

where  $\tau_s = \chi(\sigma_s)$ ;

$$\sigma_s = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I_s^* & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad I_s^* = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & E_s \\ 0 & I_s^{**} & 0 \\ E_s & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad I_s^{**} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & E_{r-s} \\ E_{r-s} & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$



*Proof.* Let  $\pi_r$  be the projection of  $G(r)$  onto  $Q_r$  (i.e.  $\pi_r(\tau) = \tau(o)$  for  $\tau \in G(r)$ ). Since  $Q_r^*(s)$  is an open subset of  $Q_r$ , the restriction  $\pi_r^{-1}(Q_r^*(s))$  ( $Q_r^*(s), G'(r)$ ) of  $G(r)$  ( $Q_r, G'(r)$ ) is the pseudo-conformal  $G'(r)$ -bundle over  $Q_r^*(s)$  and the restriction  $\omega_s$  of the Maurer-Cartan form of  $G(r)$  coincides with the normal pseudo-conformal connection form. Hence we get  $A(Q_r^*(s)) = \{\tau \in G(r) \mid \tau(Q_r^*(s)) = Q_r^*(s)\}$ . On the other hand we have  $Q_r^*(s) = \{\zeta = (\zeta_0, \dots, \zeta_n) \in Q_r \mid \zeta \in (C_s(r))^\perp\}$  and  $G^*(r, s) = \{\chi(\sigma) \in G^0(r) \mid \sigma(C_s(r)) = C_s(r)\}$ . From these we see easily  $A(Q_r^*(s)) \cap G^0(r) = G^*(r, s)$ . In case  $G(r)$  is not connected (i.e. in case  $r = \frac{n-1}{2}$ ), we can find an element  $\tau_s \in A(Q_r^*(s))$  which does not belong to  $G^0(r)$ . Q.E.D.

From the above we have  $P(Q_r^*(s), G'(r)) = \pi_r^{-1}(Q_r^*(s))$  ( $Q_r^*(s), G'(r)$ ) and  $A^0(Q_r^*(s)) = G^*(r, s)$ . Let  $e \in \pi_r^{-1}(o)$  be the unit element of  $G(r)$ . Then the natural inclusion  $\iota_e$  of  $G^*(r, s)$  into  $G(r)$  induces the imbedding  $\iota_e$  of  $A^0(Q_r^*(s))$  into  $P(Q_r^*(s), G'(r))$  in the sense of Proposition 3.2. In fact, letting  $z_0$  and  $\rho_{z_0}$  be the same as in Proposition 3.2 we may take  $e$  as  $z_0$ , then  $\rho_{z_0}$  coincides with the natural inclusion of the isotropy subgroup of  $G^*(r, s)$  at  $o$  into  $G'(r)$ . Moreover  $\iota_e^* \omega_s$  is just the Maurer-Cartan form on  $G^*(r, s)$ . In particular we have  $\mathfrak{h}_e = \mathfrak{g}^*(r, s)$ , where the notation  $\mathfrak{h}_e$  is the same as in Proposition 3.4.

Now we will investigate in detail the model spaces  $Q_r, Q_r^*(s)$  and their groups  $G^0(r), G^*(r, s)$  of pseudo-conformal transformations.

First we have

**PROPOSITION 6.6.** *Let us fix an integer  $r$  with  $0 \leq r \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor$  ( $n \geq 2$ ). Then  $P^n(\mathbb{C}) \supset Q_r, Q_r^*(s)$  ( $0 \leq s \leq r$ ) are all simply connected.*

*Proof.* (1) Simply connectedness of  $Q_r$ ; We consider

$$Q'_r = \left\{ (z_0, \dots, z_n) \in P^n(\mathbb{C}) \mid -\sum_{i=0}^r z_i \bar{z}_i + \sum_{i=r+1}^n z_i \bar{z}_i = 0 \right\}.$$

Then  $Q'_r$  and  $Q_r$  are projectively equivalent (hence they are pseudo-conformally equivalent). One should note that  $Q'_0$  is the  $(2n-1)$ -dimensional unit sphere in  $\mathbb{C}^n = \{(z_0, \dots, z_n) \in P^n(\mathbb{C}) \mid z_0 \neq 0\}$ . We will show the simply connectedness of  $Q'_r$  ( $r \geq 1$ ). From Proposition 6.4 we know  $A^0(Q'_r) = U(r+1, n-r)/U(1)$ . Moreover it is easily seen that the maximal compact subgroup  $K = U(r+1) \times U(n-r)$  of  $U(r+1, n-r)$  acts transitively on  $Q'_r$ , where

$$K = \left\{ \sigma \in U(r+1, n-r) \mid \sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 \end{pmatrix} \sigma_1 \in U(r+1), \sigma_2 \in U(n-r) \right\}.$$

Let  $o'$  be a point of  $Q'_r$  with homogeneous coordinate  $(1, 0, \dots, 0, 1)$ . Then the isotropy subgroup  $L$  of  $K$  at  $o'$  is given by

$$L = \left\{ \sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 \end{pmatrix} \in K \mid \sigma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \exp(\sqrt{-1}\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{\sigma}_1 \end{pmatrix}, \sigma_2 = \begin{pmatrix} & 0 \\ 0 & \exp(\sqrt{-1}\theta) \end{pmatrix} \right. \\ \left. \bar{\sigma}_1 \in U(r), \bar{\sigma}_2 \in U(n-r-1) \right\}.$$

Hence  $L$  is isomorphic with  $U(1) \times U(r) \times U(n-r-1)$ . From the above  $Q'_r$  is homeomorphic with  $K/L$ . Then the following homotopy exact sequence of the principal fibre bundle  $K(Q'_r, L)$  shows the simply connectedness of  $Q'_r$ ;

$$\longrightarrow \pi_1(L, e) \xrightarrow{i_*} \pi_1(K, e) \xrightarrow{p_*} \pi_1(Q'_r, o') \xrightarrow{\Delta} \pi_0(L, e).$$

In fact, the arcwise connectedness of  $L$  implies  $\pi_0(L, e) = \{0\}$ . Hence we have only to check that  $i_*$  is onto. Since we suppose  $r \geq 1$ , we have

$$\begin{cases} \pi_1(K, e) = \pi_1(U(r+1), e) \times \pi_1(U(n-r), e) (\cong \mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}), \\ \pi_1(L, e) = \pi_1(U(1), e) \times \pi_1(U(r), e) \times \pi_1(U(n-r-1), e) (\cong \mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z} \oplus \mathbf{Z}). \end{cases}$$

Moreover the generator of  $\pi_1(U(r), e) \subset \pi_1(L, e)$  is also the generator of  $\pi_1(U(r+1), e) \subset \pi_1(K, e)$  and similarly the generator of  $\pi_1(U(n-r-1), e) \subset \pi_1(L, e)$  is also the generator of  $\pi_1(U(n-r), e) \subset \pi_1(K, e)$ . Hence  $i_*$  is onto.

(2) Simply connectedness of  $Q_r^*$ ; We identify  $\mathbf{C}^n$  with the set of points of  $P^n(\mathbf{C})$  for which  $z_0 \neq 0$ . Then from  $Q_r^* = Q_r \cap \mathbf{C}^n$ , we have

$$Q_r^* = \left\{ (z'_1, \dots, z'_n) \in \mathbf{C}^n \mid \text{Im } z'_n = \frac{1}{2} \left( -\sum_{i=1}^r |z'_i|^2 + \sum_{i=r+1}^{n-1} |z'_i|^2 \right) \right\},$$

where  $\text{Im } z'_n$  is the imaginary part of  $z'_n$ . Hence it is clear that  $Q_r^*$  is diffeomorphic with  $\mathbf{R}^{2n-1}$ . In particular  $Q_r^*$  is simply connected.

(3) Simply connectedness of  $Q_r^*(s)$  ( $1 \leq s \leq r$ ); From Lemma 6.2 we have the orbital decomposition of  $Q_r$  by  $G^*(r, s)$ ;  $Q_r = Q_r^*(s) \cup R_r^1(s) \cup R_r^2(s)$ . From  $\dim_{\mathbf{C}} C_s(r) = s+1$  we have  $\dim R_r^1(s) = 2s \leq 2r$ . Moreover from  $\dim_{\mathbf{C}} (C_s(r))^\perp = n-s$ , we have  $\dim R_r^2(s) = 2(n-s) - 3$  provided that  $s < r$  (if  $s = r$ ,  $R_r^2(r) = \emptyset$ ). Hence if  $s \geq 1$ , both  $R_r^1(s)$  and  $R_r^2(s)$  are regular submanifolds of  $Q_r$  of codimension greater than or

equal to 3. Obviously  $R_r^1(s)$  is closed in  $Q_r$  and  $R_r^2(s)$  is closed in  $Q_r \setminus R_r^1(s)$ . Therefore the simply connectedness of  $Q_r^*(s)$  follows from (1) and the next proposition.

**PROPOSITION D** (cf. [3; VII Proposition 9.6]). *Let  $M$  be a connected manifold, and let  $S$  be a closed submanifold of  $M$  with  $\dim S \leq \dim M - 3$ . Then  $M \setminus S$  is connected and  $\pi_1(M)$  is isomorphic with  $\pi_1(M \setminus S)$ .*

Q.E.D.

Next we consider  $G^0(r)$  and  $G^*(r, s)$ . We set  $G'_0(r) = G^0(r) \cap G'(r)$ . Since  $Q_r = G^0(r)/G'_0(r)$  is simply connected,  $G'_0(r)$  is connected.

**PROPOSITION 6.7.**  *$G^0(r)$  satisfies the following;*

(1) *There exists an element  $\tau_0$  of  $G^0(r)$  such that  $o$  is the only fixed point of  $\tau_0$  in  $Q_r$ .*

(2) *The center  $Z(G^0(r))$  of  $G^0(r)$  is reduced to the unit.*

(3) *The normalizer  $N_{G^0(r)}(G'_0(r))$  of  $G'_0(r)$  in  $G^0(r)$  coincides with  $G'_0(r)$ .*

*Proof.* (1) Let  $\kappa$  be the projection of  $C^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$  onto  $P^n(C)$ . Let  $\sigma \in U(\tilde{I}_r)$  and  $p = \kappa(\zeta) \in Q_r$  (i.e.  $(\zeta, \zeta) = 0$ ). Then for  $\chi(\sigma) \in G^0(r)$  we have

$$\chi(\sigma)(p) = p \text{ if and only if } \sigma(\zeta) = \lambda\zeta \quad \text{for some } \lambda \in C \setminus \{0\}.$$

Hence  $\chi(\sigma)$  fixes a point  $p = \kappa(\zeta)$  of  $Q_r$  if and only if  $\zeta$  is an isotropic eigenvector of  $\sigma$ . Therefore finding an element of  $G^0(r)$  having  $o = \kappa(e_0)$  as the only fixed point in  $Q_r$  is equivalent to finding an element of  $U(\tilde{I}_r)$  having  $\langle e_0 \rangle_C$  as the only isotropic eigenline. Here we mean by an eigenline of  $\sigma$  a 1-dimensional subspace invariant by  $\sigma$ . Using the Witt's theorem one can easily construct such an element  $\sigma \in U(\tilde{I}_r)$ .

(2) Let  $\tau \in Z(G^0(r))$  and let  $\tau_0$  be as in (1). From  $\tau_0 \cdot \tau = \tau \cdot \tau_0$  we have  $\tau_0(\tau(o)) = \tau(\tau_0(o)) = \tau(o)$ . Hence  $\tau(o)$  is a fixed point of  $\tau_0$ . But  $\tau_0$  fixes  $o$  alone. Therefore  $\tau(o) = o$ . Since  $G^0(r)$  acts transitively on  $Q_r$ , we see easily  $\tau$  fixes every point of  $Q_r$ . Then since  $G^0(r)$  acts effectively on  $Q_r$ ,  $\tau$  is the unit of  $G^0(r)$ .

(3) Let  $\tau \in G^0(r)$ . Since  $G'_0(r)$  is the isotropy subgroup of  $G^0(r)$  at  $o \in Q_r$ ,  $\tau(G'_0(r))\tau^{-1}$  is the isotropy subgroup of  $G^0(r)$  at  $\tau(o)$ . Hence each element of  $\tau(G'_0(r))\tau^{-1}$  fixes  $\tau(o)$ . Now let  $\tau_1 \in N_{G^0(r)}(G'_0(r))$ , and let  $\tau_0$  be as in (1). Since  $\tau_1(G'_0(r))\tau_1^{-1} = G'_0(r)$ , each element of  $G'_0(r)$  fixes  $\tau_1(o)$ . In particular  $G'_0(r) \ni \tau_0$  fixes  $\tau_1(o)$ . Hence we have  $\tau_1(o) = o$ , that is,  $\tau_1 \in G'_0(r)$ . Therefore we get  $N_{G^0(r)}(G'_0(r)) \subset G'_0(r)$ . The opposite inclusion is obvious.

Q.E.D.

Let  $G_o^*(r, s)$  be the isotropy subgroup of  $G^*(r, s)$  at  $o \in Q_r^*(s)$ . Since  $Q_r^*(s) = G^*(r, s)/G_o^*(r, s)$  is simply connected,  $G_o^*(r, s)$  is connected.

**PROPOSITION 6.8.**  $G^*(r, s)$  ( $0 \leq s \leq r$ ) satisfies the following

- (1) There exists an element  $\tau_o^*$  of  $G^*(r, s)$  such that  $o$  is the only fixed point of  $\tau_o^*$  in  $Q_r^*(s)$ .
- (2) The center  $Z(G^*(r, s))$  of  $G^*(r, s)$  is reduced to the unit.
- (3) The normalizer  $N_{G^*(r, s)}(G_o^*(r, s))$  of  $G_o^*(r, s)$  in  $G^*(r, s)$  coincides with  $G_o^*(r, s)$ .

*Proof.* (1) Since  $Q_r^*(s) = \{\zeta = (\zeta_0, \dots, \zeta_n) \in Q_r \mid \zeta \in (C_s(r))^\perp\}$  and  $\hat{G}^*(r, s) = \{\sigma \in U(\tilde{I}_r) \mid \sigma(C_s(r)) = C_s(r)\}$ , we have only to find an element  $\sigma_o^*$  of  $U(\tilde{I}_r)$  which satisfies

- (i)  $\sigma_o^*(C_s(r)) = C_s(r)$
- (ii)  $\langle e_0 \rangle_C$  is the only isotropic eigenline of  $\sigma_o^*$  that is not included in  $(C_s(r))^\perp$ .

(cf. the proof of (1) Proposition 6.7). Using the Witt's theorem one can easily construct such an element  $\sigma_o^* \in U(\tilde{I}_r)$ .

Since  $G^*(r, s)$  acts effectively and transitively on  $Q_r^*(s)$ , in view of (1), (2) and (3) can be proved similarly as in Proposition 6.7. Q.E.D.

## VII. Determination of $(A(S), A_{p_0}(S))$ .

In this section let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$  or  $\mathfrak{g}^*(r, s)$  ( $s = 0, 1, \dots, r$ ). Let  $G$  be the analytic subgroup of  $G(r)$  with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ , and let  $Q$  be the model space corresponding to  $\mathfrak{g}$  which is defined in VI. Moreover let  $G'$  be the isotropy subgroup of  $G$  at  $o \in Q$ , and let  $\mathfrak{g}'$  be its Lie algebra. Hence in the case  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{g}(r)$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{g}^*(r, s)$ ), we have  $G = G^0(r)$  (resp.  $G^*(r, s)$ ),  $Q = Q_r$  (resp.  $Q_r^*(s)$ ) and  $G' = G'_0(r)$  (resp.  $G'_o^*(r, s)$ ). From Propositions 6.6, 6.7 and 6.8 we have

- (1)  $Q = G/G'$  is connected and simply connected.
- (2) The center  $Z(G)$  of  $G$  is reduced to the unit.
- (3) The normalizer  $N_o(G')$  of  $G'$  in  $G$  coincides with  $G'$ .
- (4)  $\mathfrak{g}'$  contains  $E_0 \in \mathfrak{g}(r)$  which defines the grading of  $\mathfrak{g}(r)$ .

As we see in VI,  $Q$  is a connected non-degenerate (index  $r$ ) homogeneous flat hypersurface of  $P^n(C)$  for which  $G$  is the identity component of  $A(Q)$ .

Now we have

**PROPOSITION 7.1.** *Let  $\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{g}', Q, G$  and  $G'$  be as above. Let  $S$  be a connected non-degenerate (index  $r$ ) homogeneous hypersurface, and let  $(P, \omega, \bar{l})$  be the normal pseudo-conformal connection over  $S$ . For  $p_0 \in S$  we suppose that there exists a point  $z_1 \in \pi^{-1}(p_0)$  such that  $\tilde{\mathfrak{h}}_{z_1} = \mathfrak{g}$ . Then  $S$  is pseudo-conformally equivalent to  $Q$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\mathfrak{g}'$  contains  $E_0$ , we see from Lemma 5.5, Proposition 5.6 and Proposition 3.4 that there exists a point  $z_0 \in \pi^{-1}(p_0)$  such that  $\iota_{z_0}^* \omega$  is a Lie algebra isomorphism of  $\mathfrak{a}(S)$  onto  $\mathfrak{g}$ . In particular we have  $\iota_{z_0}^* \omega(\alpha_{p_0}(S)) = \mathfrak{g}'$ . On the other hand, from Lemma 3.1 we have  $(\rho_{z_0})_e = \omega_{z_0}(\iota_{z_0})_e$ , that is,  $\rho_{z_0} = \iota_{z_0}^* \omega$  as a Lie algebra homomorphism. Let  $(A_{p_0}(S))^0$  be the identity component of  $A_{p_0}(S)$ . Then  $\rho_{z_0}$  is a group isomorphism of  $(A_{p_0}(S))^0$  onto  $G'$ .

Next we compare  $A^0(S)$  with  $G$ . Since  $G$  is connected and  $Z(G) = \{e\}$ , the adjoint representation  $\text{Ad}_G$  of  $G$  is an isomorphism of  $G$  onto the adjoint group  $\text{Int}(\mathfrak{g})$ . Hence the adjoint representation  $\text{ad}_{\mathfrak{g}}$  of  $\mathfrak{g}$  is also faithful. On the other hand the adjoint representation  $\text{Ad}_{A^0(S)}$  of  $A^0(S)$  is a homomorphism of  $A^0(S)$  onto  $\text{Int}(\mathfrak{a}(S))$ . Set  $h = \iota_{z_0}^* \omega$ . Then since  $h$  is a Lie algebra isomorphism of  $\mathfrak{a}(S)$  onto  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $h$  naturally induces a group isomorphism  $\tilde{h}$  of  $\text{Int}(\mathfrak{a}(S))$  onto  $\text{Int}(\mathfrak{g})$ . More precisely we set  $(\tilde{h}(\tau))(X) = h \cdot \tau \cdot h^{-1}(X)$  for  $\tau \in \text{Int}(\mathfrak{a}(S))$ ,  $X \in \mathfrak{g}$ . Then we have  $\tilde{h}_* \cdot \text{ad}_{\mathfrak{a}(S)} = \text{ad}_{\mathfrak{g}} \cdot h$ .

Now we set  $\varphi = (\text{Ad}_G)^{-1} \cdot \tilde{h} \cdot \text{Ad}_{A^0(S)}$ . Then  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism of  $A^0(S)$  onto  $G$  such that  $\varphi_* = h$ . Moreover we consider a mapping  $\psi$  of  $A^0(S)/\varphi^{-1}(G')$  onto  $Q$  which satisfies the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A^0(S) & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & G \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ A^0(S)/\varphi^{-1}(G') & \xrightarrow{\psi} & Q = G/G' \end{array}$$

Then  $\psi$  is a  $C^\infty$ -homeomorphism of  $A^0(S)/\varphi^{-1}(G')$  onto  $Q$ . Since  $\varphi_* = h$ , we have  $\varphi_*(\alpha_{p_0}(S)) = \mathfrak{g}'$ . Hence the Lie algebra of  $\varphi^{-1}(G')$  coincides with  $\alpha_{p_0}(S)$ . On the other hand  $\varphi^{-1}(G')$  is connected since  $Q$  (therefore  $A^0(S)/\varphi^{-1}(G')$ ) is simply connected. Hence we have  $\varphi^{-1}(G') = (A_{p_0}(S))^0$ . From  $N_G(G') = G'$  and the connectedness of  $G'$ , we see that  $G'$  is the only Lie subgroup of  $G$  with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}'$ . On the other hand  $\varphi(A_{p_0}(S))$  is a Lie subgroup of  $G$  with Lie algebra  $\varphi_*(\alpha_{p_0}(S)) = \mathfrak{g}'$ . Hence we have  $\varphi(A_{p_0}(S)) = G'$ . In particular  $A_{p_0}(S) \subset \varphi^{-1}(G') = (A_{p_0}(S))^0$ . Therefore we

conclude  $A_{p_0}^0(S) = (A_{p_0}(S))^0$ , that is,  $A_{p_0}^0(S)$  is connected. Moreover comparing the restriction of  $\varphi$  to  $A_{p_0}^0(S)$  with  $\rho_{z_0}$ , we have  $\varphi_* = \rho_{z_0*} = h$ . Hence we get  $\varphi|_{A_{p_0}^0(S)} = \rho_{z_0}$ . In particular  $\varphi|_{A_{p_0}^0(S)}$  is an isomorphism of  $A_{p_0}^0(S)$  onto  $G'$ .

Now from  $\varphi^{-1}(G') = A_{p_0}^0(S)$  and  $S = A^0(S)/A_{p_0}^0(S)$ , the above diagram can be rewritten as follows

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A^0(S) & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & G \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ S & \xrightarrow{\psi} & Q. \end{array}$$

Since  $\psi$  is a  $C^\infty$ -homeomorphism of  $S$  onto  $Q$  and the restriction of  $\varphi$  to  $A_{p_0}^0(S)$  is an isomorphism of  $A_{p_0}^0(S)$  onto  $G'$ ,  $\varphi$  becomes a bundle isomorphism of  $A^0(S)$  ( $S, A_{p_0}^0(S)$ ) onto  $G(Q, G')$ . Hence  $\varphi$  is a group isomorphism of  $A^0(S)$  onto  $G$ .

Now we compare two (connected non-degenerate (index  $r$ ) homogeneous) hypersurface  $S$  and  $Q$ . Let  $(\pi_r^{-1}(Q), \omega_Q, \bar{l}_0)$  be the normal pseudo-conformal connection over  $Q$  (for the notations see Proposition 6.5). If we choose points  $z_0 \in \pi^{-1}(p_0)$  and  $e \in \pi_r^{-1}(o)$ , then  $\varphi$  satisfies the assumption of Proposition 3.5 since  $\varphi(A_{p_0}^0(S)) = G'$ ,  $\varphi_* = \iota_{z_0}^* \omega$  (as Lie algebra isomorphisms) and  $\iota_e^* \omega_Q$  is the Maurer-Cartan form of  $G$ . Therefore  $\psi$  is a pseudo-conformal homeomorphism of  $S$  onto  $Q$ . Q.E.D.

From Theorem 5.8 and the above proposition, we have the main theorem of this paper.

**THEOREM 7.2.** *Let  $M$  be a complex manifold of dimension  $n$ . Let  $S$  be a connected non-degenerate (index  $r$ ) homogeneous hypersurface of  $M$ .*

(1) *If  $\dim. A(S) = n^2 + 2n$ , then  $S$  is pseudo-conformally equivalent to*

$$Q_r = \left\{ (z_0, \dots, z_n) \in P^n(\mathbf{C}) \mid -\sqrt{-1}z_0\bar{z}_n - \sum_{i=1}^r z_i\bar{z}_i + \sum_{i=r+1}^{n-1} z_i\bar{z}_i + \sqrt{-1}z_n\bar{z}_0 = 0 \right\}.$$

(2) *If  $\dim. A(S) < n^2 + 2n$ , we have the following three cases.*

(i) *the case  $n = 3$  and  $r = 1$ ; We have  $\dim. A(S) \leq n^2 + 2 = 11$ .*

*The equality holds if and only if  $S$  is pseudo-conformally equivalent to*

$$Q_1^*(1) = \{(z_0, \dots, z_3) \in Q_1 \mid |z_0| + |z_1 - z_2| \neq 0\}.$$

(ii) *the case  $n = 5$  and  $r = 2$ ; We have  $\dim. A(S) \leq n^2 + 1 = 26$ . The equality holds if and only if  $S$  is pseudo-conformally equivalent to*

$$Q_2^*(2) = \{(z_0, \dots, z_5) \in Q_2 \mid |z_0| + |z_1 - z_4| + |z_2 - z_3| \neq 0\}$$

or

$$Q_2^* = \{(z_0, \dots, z_5) \in Q_2 \mid z_0 \neq 0\}.$$

(iii) *otherwise; We have  $\dim. A(S) \leq n^2 + 1$ . The equality holds if and only if  $S$  is pseudo-conformally equivalent to*

$$Q_r^* = \{(z_0, \dots, z_n) \in Q_r \mid z_0 \neq 0\}.$$

In Theorem 7.2, if we specify the ambient space  $M$ , then the question arises whether a hypersurface  $S$  with  $\dim. A(S) = n^2 + 2n$  (or  $n^2 + 1$ ) exists in  $M$ , in other words, whether  $Q_r$  (or  $Q_r^*$ ) can be pseudo-conformally imbedded in  $M$  or not. In general this is a very hard problem. Concerning with this we observe

**COROLLARY 7.3.** *Let  $\mathbf{C}^n$  be the complex number space of dimension  $n$ . Let  $S$  be a connected non-degenerate (index  $r$ ) homogeneous hypersurface of  $\mathbf{C}^n$ . Then we have*

(1) *In the case  $r = 0$  (i.e. in the case  $S$  is strongly pseudo-convex)  $A(S)$  has the largest dimension  $n^2 + 2n$ , if and only if  $S$  is pseudo-conformally equivalent to the unit sphere  $S^{2n-1}$ . And  $A(S)$  has the second largest dimension  $n^2 + 1$ , if and only if  $S$  is pseudo-conformally equivalent to the hyperconic*

$$Q_0^* = \left\{ (z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbf{C}^n \mid \operatorname{Im} z_n = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |z_i|^2 \right\}.$$

(2) *In the case  $1 \leq r < \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor$*

*$A(S)$  has the largest dimension  $n^2 + 1$ , if and only if  $S$  is pseudo-conformally equivalent to*

$$Q_r^* = \left\{ (z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbf{C}^n \mid \operatorname{Im} z_n = \frac{1}{2} \left( -\sum_{i=1}^r |z_i|^2 + \sum_{i=r+1}^{n-1} |z_i|^2 \right) \right\}.$$

(3) *In the case  $r = \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor$ , we have the following three cases.*

- (i)  $n = 3$  We have  $\dim. A(S) \leq n^2 + 2 = 11$ .  
(ii)  $n = 5$  We have  $\dim. A(S) \leq n^2 + 1 = 26$ .  
(iii) otherwise;  $A(S)$  has the largest dimension  $n^2 + 1$ , if and only if  $S$  is pseudo-conformally equivalent to  $Q_r^*$ .

Before the proof, recall the following

PROPOSITION E (cf. [5; VII Proposition 4.6], [6; Corollary to Theorem 5]). *Let  $S$  be a compact hypersurface of  $C^n$ . Then there exists a point  $p_0$  of  $S$  such that  $S$  is strongly pseudo-convex at  $p_0$ .*

*Proof of Corollary 7.3.* If  $\dim. A(S) = n^2 + 2n$ ,  $S$  is pseudo-conformally equivalent to  $Q_r$  from Theorem 7.2. Hence  $S$  is compact. Then  $r$  must be zero as the above proposition shows. In other words, if  $r \geq 1$ ,  $Q_r$  cannot be realized as a hypersurface of  $C^n$ . On the other hand from the proof of Proposition 6.6, we know that  $Q_0$  is projectively equivalent to  $S^{2n-1}$ . Other assertions of the corollary is obvious from Theorem 7.2. Q.E.D.

We don't know whether  $Q_1^*(1)$  (resp.  $Q_2^*(2)$ ) can be pseudo-conformally imbedded into  $C^3$  (resp.  $C^5$ ).

Finally we will see that in the case  $\dim. A(S) = n^2 + 2n$ , the homogeneity assumption is dispensable. In fact we have

THEOREM 7.4. *Let  $M$  be a complex manifold of dimension  $n$ . Let  $S$  be a connected hypersurface of  $M$  which is non-degenerate of index  $r$  at a point  $p_0 \in S$ . If  $\dim. A(S) = n^2 + 2n$ , then  $S$  is pseudo-conformally equivalent to  $Q_r$ .*

*Proof.* We denote by  $\alpha(S)$  the Lie algebra of all infinitesimal pseudo-conformal transformations of  $S$  which generate global 1-parameter groups of transformations. Then  $\alpha(S)$  is naturally isomorphic with the Lie algebra of  $A(S)$ . Let  $S^*$  be the set of points of  $S$  at which  $S$  is non-degenerate of index  $r$ . Obviously  $S^*$  is an open subset of  $S$  containing  $p_0$ . Hence  $S^*$  is a non-degenerate (index  $r$ ) hypersurface. Let  $(P^*, \omega^*, l^*)$  be the normal pseudo-conformal connection over  $S^*$ . We consider the Lie algebra  $\tilde{\alpha}(S^*)$  of all infinitesimal pseudo-conformal transformations of  $S^*$ . Since  $S^*$  is an open subset of  $S$  and each element of  $\alpha(S)$  is a real analytic vector field on  $S$ , the restriction map  $res$  of  $\alpha(S)$  into  $\tilde{\alpha}(S^*)$  is an injective homomorphism. Set  $\tilde{\alpha}(P^*) = \{X \in \mathfrak{X}(P^*) \mid L_X \omega^* = 0, R_{a^*} X = X \ a \in G'(r)\}$ . Since  $(\pi^*)_*$  is an isomorphism of  $\tilde{\alpha}(P^*)$  onto  $\tilde{\alpha}(S^*)$ , we



have  $\dim. \bar{\alpha}(S^*) \leq n^2 + 2n$ . On the other hand from the assumption we have  $\dim. \alpha(S) = n^2 + 2n$ . Hence  $res$  is an isomorphism of  $\alpha(S)$  onto  $\bar{\alpha}(S^*)$ . In particular  $res$  maps the isotropy subalgebra  $\alpha_{p_0}(S)$  of  $\alpha(S)$  at  $p_0$  onto the isotropy subalgebra  $\bar{\alpha}_{p_0}(S^*)$  of  $\bar{\alpha}(S^*)$  at  $p_0$ . Then from  $\dim. \bar{\alpha}_{p_0}(S^*) = n^2 + 1$ , we have  $\dim. \alpha_{p_0}(S) = n^2 + 1$ .

Now we consider the orbit  $S^{**}$  of  $A^0(S)$  passing through  $p_0$ . Then as is easily seen from  $\dim. \alpha(S) = n^2 + 2n$  and  $\dim. \alpha_{p_0}(S) = n^2 + 1$ ,  $S^{**} = A^0(S)/A_{p_0}^0(S)$  is an open submanifold of  $S$ . Hence  $S^{**}$  is a connected non-degenerate (index  $r$ ) homogeneous hypersurface. Moreover we have  $\dim. A(S^{**}) = n^2 + 2n$ . In fact we have only to show that  $A^0(S)$  acts effectively on  $S^{**}$ , which is clear since  $S^{**}$  is an open subset of  $S$  and pseudo-conformal transformations of  $S$  are  $C^\infty$ -homeomorphisms of  $S$ . Therefore from Theorem 7.2  $S^{**}$  is pseudo-conformally equivalent to  $Q_r$ . In particular  $S^{**}$  is compact. On the other hand  $S^{**}$  is an open subset of a connected hypersurface  $S$ . Hence we must have  $S = S^{**}$ . Therefore  $S$  is pseudo-conformally equivalent to  $Q_r$ . Q.E.D.

**COROLLARY 7.5.** *Let  $S$  be a compact connected hypersurface of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . If  $\dim. A(S) = n^2 + 2n$ , then  $S$  is pseudo-conformally equivalent to the unit sphere  $S^{2n-1}$ .*

This is clear from the above theorem and Proposition E.

*Remark 7.6.* In the case of second largest dimension ( $r \geq 1$ ), the homogeneity assumption is indispensable. In fact  $Q_r \setminus \{\bar{o}\} = Q_r^* \cup R_r^2(0)$  ( $r \geq 1$ ) is a connected (inhomogeneous) hypersurface of  $P^n(\mathbb{C})$  for which  $G^*(r)$  is the identity component of  $A(Q_r \setminus \{\bar{o}\})$ . We will treat the inhomogeneous second largest dimension case in a forthcoming paper.

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