

# Codimension Reduction for Real Submanifolds of a Complex Hyperbolic Space

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**ABSTRACT.** We study real submanifolds of a complex hyperbolic space and prove a codimension reduction theorem.

## 0. INTRODUCTION.

Recently Okumura ([3]) defined holomorphic first normal space for real submanifolds of a Kaehler manifold and proved a codimension reduction theorem for real submanifolds of a complex projective space. Namely, he showed following:

**Theorem.** *Let  $M$  be a connected  $n$ -dimensional real submanifold of a real  $(n + p)$ -dimensional complex projective space  $\mathbb{C}P^{(n+p)/2}$  and let  $N_0(x)$  be the orthogonal complement of first normal space in  $T_x^\perp(M)$ . We put  $H_0(x) = JN_0(x) \cap N_0(x)$  and let  $H(x)$  be a  $J$ -invariant subspace of  $H_0(x)$  where  $J$  is complex structure of  $\mathbb{C}P^{(n+p)/2}$ . If the orthogonal complement  $H_2(x)$  of  $H(x)$  in  $T_x^\perp(M)$  is invariant under parallel translation with respect to the normal connection and if  $q$  is the constant*

dimension of  $H_2(x)$ , then there exists a real  $(n+q)$ -dimensional totally geodesic complex projective subspace  $CP^{(n+q)/2}$  in  $CP^{(n+p)/2}$  such that  $M \subset CP^{(n+q)/2}$ .

The purpose of this paper is to prove that the similar result to the above theorem is still hold in a submanifold of complex hyperbolic space.

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## 1. CODIMENSION REDUCTION FOR SUBMANIFOLDS OF ANTI-DE SITTER SPACE.

Let  $\mathbf{R}_2^{n+1}$  be a real vector space of  $(n+1)$  dimension with a pseudo-Riemannian metric  $\bar{g}$  of signature  $(n-1, 2)$  given by

$$\bar{g}(x, y) = -x_0y_0 - x_1y_1 + \sum_{i=2}^n x_iy_i \quad (1.1)$$

where  $x = {}^t(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ,  $y = {}^t(y_0, y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbf{R}^{n+1}$ . Let  $H_1^n = \{x \in \mathbf{R}_2^{n+1} \mid g(x, x) = -1\}$ . Then the hypersurface  $H_1^n$  is a Lorentzian manifold with the induced Lorentzian metric  $\tilde{g}$  of constant sectional curvature  $-1$ . We call it  $n$ -dimensional anti-De Sitter space.

Let  $H_1^{n+p}$  be an  $(n+p)$ -dimensional anti-De Sitter space and let  $i: M \rightarrow H_1^{n+p}$  be an isometric immersion of a connected  $n$ -dimensional Lorentzian manifold with the Lorentzian metric  $g$  into  $H_1^{n+p}$ . Then the tangent bundle  $T(M)$  is identified with a subbundle of  $T(H_1^{n+p})$  and the normal bundle  $T^\perp(M)$  is a subbundle of  $T(H_1^{n+p})$  consisting of all element in  $T(H_1^{n+p})$  which are orthogonal to  $T(M)$  with respect to  $\tilde{g}$ . We denote by  $\nabla$  and  $\tilde{\nabla}$  the Levi-Civita connection of  $M$  and  $H_1^{n+p}$  respectively and  $D$  the induced normal connection from  $\tilde{\nabla}$  to  $T^\perp(M)$ . Then they are related by the following Gauss and Weingarten formulae:

$$\tilde{\nabla}_{iX} iY = i\nabla_X Y + h(X, Y) \quad (1.2)$$

$$\tilde{\nabla}_{iX} \xi = -iA_\xi X + D_X \xi \quad (1.3)$$

where  $\xi \in T^\perp(M)$ ,  $h(X, Y)$  is the second fundamental form and  $A_\xi$  is a symmetric linear transformation of  $T(M)$  which is called the shape operator with respect to  $\xi$ . They satisfy

$$\tilde{g}(h(X, Y), \xi) = g(A_\xi X, Y). \tag{1.4}$$

Next let  $N_0(x) = \{\xi \in T_x^\perp(M) \mid A_\xi = 0\}$ . The first normal space  $N_1(x)$  is defined to be the orthogonal complement of  $N_0(x)$  in  $T_x^\perp(M)$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $i : M \rightarrow H_1^{n+p}$  be as above. Let  $N_2(x)$  be a subspace of  $T_x^\perp(M)$  such that  $N_1(x) \subset N_2(x)$ . If  $N_2(x)$  is invariant under parallel translation with respect to the normal connection and if  $q$  is the constant dimension of  $N_2(x)$ , then there exists a totally geodesic anti-De Sitter subspace  $H_1^{n+q}$  of  $H_1^{n+p}$  such that  $i(M) \subset H^{n+q}$ .*

**Proof.** We consider  $H_1^{n+p}$  as a hypersurface of  $\mathbf{R}_2^{n+p+1}$ . Let  $x \in M$  and let  $\xi = \vec{i}(x)$  be the position vector. Then  $\xi(x)$  is normal to  $H_1^{n+p}$  and  $\bar{g}(\xi(x), \xi(x)) = -1$  where  $\bar{g}$  is the metric of  $\mathbf{R}_2^{n+p+1}$ . Let  $\tilde{\nabla}$  be the Levi-Civita connection on  $\mathbf{R}_2^{n+p+1}$  with respect to  $\bar{g}$  and  $\varphi$  be an immersion from  $H_1^{n+p}$  to  $\mathbf{R}_2^{n+p+1}$ . Then

$$\nabla_{\varphi X} \xi = \varphi X \tag{1.5}$$

$$\tilde{\nabla}_{\varphi X} \varphi Y = \varphi \tilde{\nabla}_X Y - \tilde{g}(X, Y) \xi \tag{1.6}$$

where  $X, Y \in T_x(H_1^{n+p})$ . For  $x \in M$  let  $P(x) = T_x(M) + N_2(x)$ . For any  $x \in M$  there exist orthonormal normal vector fields  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_p$  defined in a neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  such that:

(a) For any  $y \in U$ ,  $\xi_1(y), \dots, \xi_q(y)$  span  $N_2(y)$ , and  $\xi_{q+1}(y), \dots, \xi_p(y)$  span  $N(y)$  where  $N(x)$  is the orthogonal complement of  $N_2(x)$  in  $T^\perp(M)$ .

(b)  $\tilde{\nabla}_{iX} \xi_\alpha = 0$  in  $U$  for  $\alpha \geq q + 1$  and  $X$  tangent to  $M$ .

(c)  $\{P(y) \mid y \in U\}$  is invariant under parallel translation with respect to the connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  along any curve in  $U$  (see [1]). Then  $\tilde{\nabla}_{\varphi(iX)} \varphi \xi_\alpha = \tilde{\nabla}_{iX} \xi_\alpha$  for  $X$  tangent to  $M$ . Let  $D'$  be the normal connection in the normal bundle  $T^\perp(M)$  of  $M$  in  $\mathbf{R}_2^{n+p+1}$ . Then

$N_2(x) + \text{span}\{\xi(x)\}$  is invariant under parallel translation with respect to  $D'$ . Further,

$$W(x) = T_x(M) + N_2(x) + \text{span}\{\xi(x)\} \quad (1.7)$$

is invariant under parallel translation with respect to  $\bar{\nabla}$ . Next we shall show that there exists a totally geodesic submanifold  $H_1^{n+q}$  of  $H_1^{n+p}$  such that  $i(M) \subset H_1^{n+q}$ . Define functions  $f_\alpha$  on  $U$  by  $f_\alpha = \bar{g}(i(x), \varphi\xi_\alpha)$  for  $\alpha \geq q+1$ .

$$\varphi(iX) \cdot f_\alpha = \bar{g}(\bar{\nabla}_{\varphi(iX)} i(x), \varphi\xi_\alpha) + \bar{g}(i(x), \varphi\xi_\alpha) \cdot \bar{\nabla}_{\varphi(iX)} \varphi\xi_\alpha = 0$$

Thus  $f_{q+1}, \dots, f_p$  are constant. Put

$$f_\alpha = C_\alpha (= \text{constant}) \quad (\alpha \geq q+1). \quad (1.8)$$

And put  $i(x) = (x_0, \dots, x_{n+p})$  and  $\varphi\xi_\alpha = (\xi_\alpha^0, \dots, \xi_\alpha^{n+p})$ . Then (1.6) can be written

$$\begin{cases} -\xi_{q+1}^0 x_0 - \xi_{q+1}^1 x_1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n+p} \xi_{q+1}^i x_i = C_{q+1}, \\ \vdots \\ -\xi_p^0 x_0 - \xi_p^1 x_1 + \sum_{i=2}^{n+p} \xi_p^i x_i = C_p. \end{cases} \quad (1.9)$$

Since  $\xi_{q+1}, \dots, \xi_p$  are linearly independent,  $U$  lies in the intersection of  $p-q$  hyperplanes and the dimension of the hyperplane is  $n+q+1$ . As the normal vectors of the intersection  $W'$  are  $\xi_{q+1}, \dots, \xi_p$ , they span  $N(x)$ . Since  $W'$  is affine space,  $W'$  is the orthogonal complement of  $N(x)$  in  $T_x(\mathbf{R}_2^{n+p+1})$ . On the other hand, the orthogonal complement of  $N(x)$  in  $T_x(\mathbf{R}_2^{n+p+1})$  is  $T_x(M) + N_2(x) + \text{span}\{\xi(x)\} (= W(x))$ . Therefore  $W' = W$ . We may assume that the point  $(1, 0, \dots, 0)$  is in  $U$ .  $W(x)$  contains  $\xi$ , and if  $\xi = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$ , then  $W(x)$  passes through the origin of  $\mathbf{R}_2^{n+p+1}$ . Thus  $W(x) = \mathbf{R}^{n+q+1}$ . Moreover since  $M$  is Lorentzian submanifold and  $\xi$  is the position vector, the signature of the induced metric of

$\mathbf{R}^{n+q+1}$  is  $(n + q - 1, 2)$ . Then  $W' = \mathbf{R}_2^{n+q+1}$ . Thus  $H_1^{n+p} \cap \mathbf{R}_2^{n+q+1}$  is totally geodesic  $H_1^{n+p}$ , that is,

$$i(U) \subset H_1^{n+q} = H_1^{n+p} \cap \mathbf{R}_2^{n+q+1}. \tag{1.10}$$

Hence Theorem 1.1. is true locally. In entirely the same way as in [1], we can get the global result. This completes the proof.

## 2. REAL SUBMANIFOLDS OF A KAEHLER MANIFOLD AND HOLOMORPHIC FIRST NORMAL SPACE.

Let  $\bar{M}$  be a real  $(n + p)$ -dimensional Kaehler manifold with Kaehler structure  $(J, \langle, \rangle)$ , that is,  $J$  is the endomorphism of the tangent bundle  $T(\bar{M})$  satisfying  $J^2 = -\text{identity}$  and  $\langle, \rangle$  the Riemannian metric of  $\bar{M}$  satisfying the Hermitian condition  $\langle J\bar{X}, J\bar{Y} \rangle = \langle \bar{X}, \bar{Y} \rangle$  for any  $\bar{X}, \bar{Y} \in T(\bar{M})$ .

Let  $M$  be a connected  $n$ -dimensional submanifold and let  $i$  be the isometric immersion. For any  $X \in T(M)$  the transform  $JiX$  is written as a sum of its tangential parts  $iFX$  and the normal parts  $u(X)$  in the following way:

$$JiX = iFX + u(X) \tag{2.1}$$

Then  $F$  is an endmorphism on the tangent bundle  $T(M)$  and  $u$  is a normal valued 1-form on the tangent bundle. In the same way, for any  $\xi \in T^\perp(M)$ , the transform  $J\xi$  is written as

$$J\xi = -iU_\xi + P\xi, \tag{2.2}$$

where  $P$  defines an endomorphism on the normal bundle  $T^\perp(M)$ . It is easily verified that

$$g(X, U_\xi) = \langle u(X), \xi \rangle, \tag{2.3}$$

where  $g$  is the Riemannian metric which is induced from the Riemannian metric  $\langle, \rangle$ .

We define the holomorphic first normal space. We put  $H_0(x) = JN_0(x) \cap N_0(x)$ . Then  $H_0(x)$  is the maximal  $J$ -invariant subspace of

$N_0(x)$ . Since  $J$  is isomorphism, we see that  $JH_0(x) = H_0(x)$ . Making use of (2.2), we can easily prove the following

**Proposition 2.1.** ([3]) *For any  $\xi \in H_0(x)$ , we have  $A_\xi = 0$  and  $U_\xi = 0$ .*

**Definition** ([3]) *The holomorphic first normal space  $H_1(x)$  is the orthogonal complement of  $H_0(x)$  in  $T_x^\perp(M)$ .*

**Proposition 2.2.** ([3]) *If  $M$  is a complex submanifold of a Kaehler manifold, then  $H_1(x) = N_1(x)$ .*

**Proposition 2.3.** ([3]) *Let  $H(x)$  be a  $J$ -invariant subspace of  $H_0(x)$  and let  $H_2(x)$  be the orthogonal complement of  $H(x)$  in  $T_x^\perp(M)$ . Then  $T_x(M) + H_2(x)$  is a  $J$ -invariant subspace of  $T_x(\bar{M})$ .*

### 3. CODIMENSION REDUCTION FOR SUBMANIFOLDS OF COMPLEX HYPERBOLIC SPACE.

In this section, we consider the case that the ambient manifold  $\bar{M}$  is a complex hyperbolic space  $CH^{(n+p)/2}$  with the Bergmann metric of constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $-4$ . Given a real  $n$ -dimensional submanifold  $M$  of  $CH^{(n+p)/2}$ , one can construct a Lorentzian submanifold  $M'$  with time like totally geodesic fibres and projection  $\pi' : M' \rightarrow M$  such that the diagram ([2])

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \tilde{i} & \\
 & \downarrow & \\
 M' & \longrightarrow & H_1^{n+p+1} \\
 \pi' \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\
 M & \longrightarrow & CH^{(n+p)/2} \\
 & i & 
 \end{array}$$

is commutative ( $\tilde{i}$  being the isometric immersion). Let  $V'$  be the unit vector field tangent to the fibre of  $M'$ . Then  $\tilde{i}V'$  is the unit vector field tangent to the fibre of  $H_1^{n+p+1}$ . We denote by  $g'$  and  $\nabla'$  the Lorentzian metric and the Levi-Civita connection of  $M'$  respectively. Also we denote by  $F$  and  $X^*$  the fundamental tensor of the submersion

$\pi'$  and the horizontal lift for  $X \in T(M)$  respectively. In the same way,  $\xi^*$  is the horizontal lift of the normal field  $\xi \in T^\perp(M)$ . The fundamental equations for the submersion  $\pi'$  are given as following ([4]):

$$\nabla'_X * Y^* = (\nabla_X Y)^* + g'((FX)^*, Y^*)V', \tag{3.1}$$

$$\nabla'_X * V' = \nabla'_{V'} X^* = (FX)^*, \tag{3.2}$$

where  $\nabla$  is the Levi-Civita connection of  $M$ . The similar equations are valid for the submersion  $\pi : H_1^{n+p+1} \rightarrow CH^{(n+p)/2}$  when we replace  $F$  and  $V'$  with  $J$  and  $\tilde{V}'$  respectively. Let  $\tilde{g}$ ,  $\tilde{\nabla}$ ,  $A'$  and  $D'$  be respectively the Lorentzian metric of  $H_1^{n+p+1}$ , the Levi-Civita connection for  $\tilde{g}$ , the shape operator and the normal connection of  $M'$ , and let  $A$  and  $D$  be the shape operator and the normal connection of  $M$  respectively. Then ([3]) we have

$$A'_\xi * X^* = (A_\xi * X)^* - g(U_\xi, X)^*V', \tag{3.3}$$

$$D'_X * \xi' = (D_X \xi)^*, \tag{3.4}$$

$$A'_\xi * V' = U_\xi^*, \tag{3.5}$$

$$D'_{V'} \xi^* = (P\xi)^*. \tag{3.6}$$

In fact, from the commutativity of the diagram, (2.3) and (3.1) imply

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\nabla}_{(iX)} * \xi^* &= (\tilde{\nabla}_{iX} \xi)^* + g((JiX)^*, \xi^*)\tilde{V}' \\ &= -(iA_\xi X)^* + (D_X \xi)^* + \langle JiX, \xi \rangle^* \tilde{V}' \\ &= -\tilde{i}(A_\xi X)^* + \langle u(X), \xi \rangle^* \tilde{V}' + (D_X \xi)^* \\ &= -\tilde{i}\{(A_\xi X)^* - g(U_\xi, X)^*V'\} + (D_X \xi)^* \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

On the other hand, by the Weingarten formula, we get

$$\tilde{\nabla}_{(iX)} * \xi^* = -\tilde{i}A_\xi * X^* + D'_X * \xi^*. \tag{3.8}$$

Comparing (3.7) and (3.8), we have (3.3) and (3.4).

**Lemma 3.1.** ([3]) *For a point  $x'$  such that  $\pi(x') = x$ , we have  $N'_0(x') = \{\xi^* \mid A_\xi = 0, U_\xi = 0\}$ .*

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $i : M \rightarrow CH^{(n+p)/2}$  be an isometric immersion of a connected  $n$ -dimensional real submanifold into a real  $(n + p)$ -dimensional complex hyperbolic space  $CH^{(n+p)/2}$  and let  $H(x)$  be a  $J$ -invariant subspace of  $H_0(x)$ . If the orthogonal complement  $H_2(x)$  of  $H(x)$  in  $T_x^\perp(M)$  is invariant under parallel translation with respect to the normal connection and if the dimension  $q$  of  $H_2(x)$  is constant, then there exists a real  $(n+q)$ -dimensional totally geodesic complex hyperbolic subspace  $CH^{(n+q)/2}$  in  $CH^{(n+p)/2}$  such that  $i(M) \subset CH^{(n+q)/2}$ .*

**Proof.** We construct the principal circle bundle  $M'$  over  $M$  with time like totally geodesic fibre  $S^1$ . We shall show that  $H_2(x)^*$  is invariant under parallel translation with respect to the normal connection. Assume  $\xi \in H(x)$ . Then  $\xi \in H_0(x)$  and by Proposition 2.1., we have

$$A_\xi = 0 \text{ and } U_\xi = 0. \tag{3.9}$$

From Lemma 3.1., this yields

$$A'_{\xi^*} = 0. \tag{3.10}$$

This shows that, for a point  $x'$  such that  $\pi(x') = x$ ,  $H(x)^* = \{\xi^* \mid \xi^* \in H(x)\}$  is a subspace of  $N'_0(x')$ . Hence, the orthogonal complement  $H_2(x)^* = \{\xi^* \mid \xi \in H_2(x)\}$  of  $H(x)^*$  in  $T_{x'}^\perp(M')$  is a subspace of  $T_{x'}^\perp(M')$  such that  $N'_1(x') \subset H_2(x)^*$ . Since  $H_2(x)$  is invariant under parallel translation with respect to the normal connection, so is  $H(x)$ , that is, for  $\xi \in H(x)$ ,  $D_X \xi \in H(x)$ , hence, from (3.4) and (3.5), we have  $D'_X * \xi^* = (D_X \xi)^* \in H(x)^*$  and  $D'_{V'} \xi^* = (P\xi)^* \in H(x)^*$ . Since  $H(x)^*$  is invariant under translation with respect to the normal connection of  $M'$ , so is  $H_2(x)^*$ . Here from Theorem 1.1., there exists a totally geodesic submanifold  $H_1^{n+q+1}$  such that  $\tilde{i}(M') \subset H_1^{n+q+1}$ . Let  $U(x')$  be a neighborhood of  $x'$  which satisfies  $\pi(x') = x$ . For  $y' \in U(x')$  with  $y = \pi'(y')$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} T_{y'}(H_1^{n+q+1}) &= T_{y'}(M') + H_2(y)^* \\ &= (T_y(M) + H_2(y))^* + \text{span}\{V'\} \end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$



The integral curve  $S^1$  of  $\tilde{i}V$  is time like totally geodesic fibre in  $H_1^{n+q+1}$ . Since  $H_1^{n+q+1}$  is totally geodesic in  $H_1^{n+p+1}$ , the integral curve  $S^1$  is a geodesic of  $H_1^{n+q+1}$ . We denote by  $CH^{(n+q)/2}$  the quotient space  $H_1^{n+q+1}/S^1$ . Then the Hopf fibration  $H_1^{n+q+1} \rightarrow CH^{(n+q)/2}$  by the geodesic  $S^1$  is compatible with the Hopf fibration  $\pi : H_1^{n+p+1} \rightarrow CH^{(n+p)/2}$  and since  $H_1^{n+q+1}$  is totally geodesic in  $H_1^{n+p+1}$ ,  $CH^{(n+q)/2}$  is totally geodesic in  $CH^{(n+p)/2}$ . Hence the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_1^{n+q+1} & \longrightarrow & H_1^{n+p+1} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ CH^{(n+q)/2} & \longrightarrow & CH^{(n+p)/2} \end{array}$$

is commutative. Since the tangent space of the  $CH^{(n+q)/2}$  at  $x$  is  $T_x(M) + H_2(x)$ , by Proposition 2.3.,  $CH^{(n+q)/2}$  is  $J$ -invariant subspace of  $CH^{(n+p)/2}$ . This completes the proof.

For a complex submanifold  $M$ , from Proposition 2.2. and Theorem 3.2., we have

**Corollary.** *Let  $M$  be an  $n/2$ -dimensional complex submanifold of  $CH^{(n+p)/2}$ . Suppose a  $J$ -invariant subspace of the first normal space  $N_1(x)$  has constant dimension  $q$  and  $N_1(x)$  is parallel with respect to the normal connection. Then there exists a totally geodesic  $(n + q)$ -dimensional complex hyperbolic subspace  $CH^{(n+q)/2}$  such that  $M \subset CH^{(n+q)/2}$ .*

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