

ON A CONJECTURE OF K. OGIUE FOR KAEHLER HYPERSURFACES**

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Abstract

An affirmative answer to a conjecture of K. Ogiue formulated in [2] is given, namely, the following result is proved:

Let M^n ($n \geq 2$) be a complete Kaehler hypersurface immersed in a complex projective space CP^{n+1} . If every sectional curvature of M^n is positive, then M^n is totally geodesic in CP^{n+1} .

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§1. Introduction

In [2], K. Ogiue proposed a conjecture that a complete Kaehler hypersurface M^n immersed in a complex projective space CP^{n+1} with positive sectional curvature is totally geodesic. In [3], he proved that it is true for $n \geq 4$. Moreover, if M^n is imbedded in CP^{n+1} , then it is also true for $n \geq 2$. This paper solves completely the conjecture for immersed Kaehler hypersurfaces for $n \geq 2$, namely, we obtain the following

Theorem. *Let M^n ($n \geq 2$) be a complete Kaehler hypersurface immersed in a complex projective space CP^{n+1} . If every sectional curvature of M^n is positive, then M^n is totally geodesic in CP^{n+1} .*

This theorem is closely related to another Ogiue's conjecture in [3] which says that a complete Kaehler submanifold M^n immersed in CP^{n+p} ($p < n(n+1)/2$) with positive sectional curvature is totally geodesic. Our result can be regarded as some evidence that Ogiue's conjecture may be true.

§2. Basic Formulas

Let $CP^{n+1}(1)$ denote an $(n+1)$ -dimensional complex projective space with the Fubini-Study metric of constant holomorphic sectional curvature 1. Let M^n be a Kaehler hypersurface immersed in $CP^{n+1}(1)$. The Fubini-Study metric of $CP^{n+1}(1)$ and the induced metric on M^n both will be denoted by g . The complex structure of $CP^{n+1}(1)$ and the induced complex structure on M both will be denoted by J . Let $\bar{\nabla}$ and ∇ be respectively the Riemannian connections of $CP^{n+1}(1)$ and M^n , and let σ be the second fundamental form of M^n . By A and ∇^\perp denote the Weingarten endomorphism and the normal connection. Throughout this paper, X, Y, Z and W will be either vector fields on one of the special neighborhoods

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$U(x)$ of $x \in M^n$, or vectors tangent to M at a point of $U(x)$, unless otherwise specified. Let ξ and $J\xi$ be the unit normal vector fields on $U(x) \subset M$. On $U(x)$, we have^[7]

$$\bar{\nabla}_x Y = \nabla_x Y + \sigma(X, Y) \quad (2.1)$$

$$= \nabla_x Y + h(X, Y)\xi + k(X, Y)J\xi, \quad (2.2)$$

where h and k are symmetric covariant tensor fields of degree 2 on $U(x)$ satisfying

$$h(X, J\xi) = -k(X, Y), \quad k(X, JY) = h(X, Y), \quad (2.3)$$

$$\bar{\nabla}_x \xi = -A_\xi(X) + \nabla_x^\perp \xi = -A_\xi(X) + s(X)J\xi, \quad (2.4)$$

where A_ξ and s are tensor fields on $U(x)$ of type (1,1) and (0,1) respectively. Furthermore A_ξ and JA_ξ are symmetric with respect to g , $A_\xi J = -JA_\xi$ and A_ξ satisfies

$$h(X, Y) = g(A_\xi X, Y), \quad k(X, Y) = h(JA_\xi X, Y), \quad (2.5)$$

$$A_{J\xi} = JA_\xi = -A_\xi J, \quad (2.6)$$

$$\nabla_x^\perp J\xi = J\nabla_x^\perp \xi. \quad (2.7)$$

Let \bar{R} , R and R^\perp denote respectively the curvature tensors of the connections $\bar{\nabla}$, ∇ and ∇^\perp . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{R}(\bar{X}, \bar{Y})\bar{Z} = & \frac{1}{4} \{ g(\bar{Y}, \bar{Z})\bar{X} - g(\bar{X}, \bar{Z})\bar{Y} + g(J\bar{Y}, \bar{Z})J\bar{X} \\ & - g(J\bar{X}, \bar{Z})J\bar{Y} + 2g(\bar{X}, J\bar{Y})J\bar{Z} \}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{R}(X, Y)W = & R(X, Y)W - \{ g(A_\xi Y, W)A_\xi X - g(A_\xi X, W)A_\xi Y \} \\ & - \{ g(JA_\xi Y, W)JA_\xi X - g(JA_\xi X, W)JA_\xi Y \}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

Let P be a 2-plane tangent to M at a point of $U(x)$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{K}(P) = & K(P) - \{ g(A_\xi X, X)g(A_\xi Y, Y) - g(A_\xi X, Y)^2 \} \\ & - \{ g(JA_\xi X, X)g(JA_\xi Y, Y) - g(JA_\xi X, Y)^2 \}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

where $\{X, Y\}$ is an orthonormal basis of P and $\bar{K}(P)$ (resp. $K(P)$) is the sectional curvature is P considered as a 2-plane tangent to CP^{n+1} (resp. M).

The Ricci equation of M is

$$g(R^\perp(X, Y)\xi, J\xi) = g(\bar{R}(X, Y)\xi, J\xi) + g([A_\xi, A_{J\xi}]X, Y),$$

which is equivalent to

$$k(A_\xi X, Y) = \frac{1}{4}g(X, JY) + \frac{1}{2}[-X(s(Y) + Y(s(X))) + s([X, Y])]. \quad (2.11)$$

From (2.2) and the Codazzi equation of M , we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & (\nabla^2 h)(X, Y, Z, W) - (\nabla^2 h)(Y, X, Z, W) \\ & = -h(R(X, Y)Z, W) - h(Z, R(X, Y)W), \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (\nabla^2 k)(X, Y, Z, W) - (\nabla^2 k)(Y, X, Z, W) \\ & = -k(R(X, Y)Z, W) - k(Z, R(X, Y)W). \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

Using the facts that $\sigma(JX, Y) = \sigma(X, JY) = J\sigma(X, Y)$ and

$$(\nabla\sigma)(JX, Y, Z) = (\nabla\sigma)(X, JY, Z) = (\nabla\sigma)(X, Y, JZ) = J(\nabla\sigma)(X, Y, Z),$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla\sigma)(Z, X, Y) &= [(\nabla_z h)(X, Y) - h(X, Y)s(Z)]\xi \\ &\quad + [(\nabla_z k)(X, Y) + h(X, Y)s(Z)]J\xi, \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

$$(\nabla h)(JX, Y, Z) = -(\nabla k)(X, Y, Z) - h(Y, Z)s(X) + k(Y, Z)s(JX), \quad (2.15)$$

$$(\nabla k)(JX, Y, Z) = (\nabla h)(X, Y, Z) - h(Y, Z)s(JX) - k(Y, Z)s(X). \quad (2.16)$$

Finally, from (2.3) we obtain easily

$$(\nabla_z h)(JX, Y) = -(\nabla_z k)(X, Y), \quad (\nabla_z k)(JX, Y) = (\nabla_z h)(X, Y). \quad (2.17)$$

§3. A Lemma

Let M^n be a compact Kaehler hypersurface immersed in $CP^{n+1}(1)$. Let $\pi : UM \rightarrow M^n$ and UM_p be the unit tangent bundle over M^n and its fibre at $p \in M$, respectively. Then, we consider the function $f : UM \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$f(u) = \|\sigma(u, u)\|^2 = h(u, u)^2 + k(u, u)^2, \quad \forall u \in UM_p.$$

We may obtain

Lemma. *Let M^n ($n \geq 2$) be a compact Kaehler hypersurface immersed in $CP^{n+1}(1)$ which is not totally geodesic. Then there exist some $p \in M$ and some vector $v \in UM_p$ such that*

$$\|A_\xi u\|^2(p) = h(A_\xi u, u) \geq \frac{1}{4} \quad (3.1)$$

for any unit normal vector $\xi \in T_p^\perp M$ and any unit vector $u \in P^\perp(\{v, Jv\})$, where $P^\perp(\{v, Jv\})$ denotes the orthogonal complement space of the holomorphic plane spanned by v and Jv in UM_p .

Proof. Since M^n is compact, the function f attains its maximum at some vector $v \in UM_p^n$ for some $p \in M$. Fixed $v \in UM$, for any vector $u \in M_p^n$, let $\gamma_u(t)$ be the geodesic in M^n determined by the initial conditions $\gamma_u(0) = p$, $\gamma'_u(0) = u$. Parallel translation of v along $\gamma_u(t)$ yields vector field $V_u(t)$. Let $f_u(t) = f(V_u(t))$. By similar computations as in [6], we obtain

$$0 = \frac{d}{dt} f_u(0) = 2h(v, v)[(\nabla h)(u, v, v)] + 2k(v, v)[(\nabla k)(u, v, v)], \quad (3.2)$$

$$0 = \frac{d}{dt} f_{Ju}(0) = 2h(v, v)[(\nabla h)(Ju, v, v)] + 2k(v, v)[(\nabla k)(Ju, v, v)]. \quad (3.3)$$

Now we suppose that $u \in UM_p$ satisfies the condition that $g(u, v) = g(Ju, v) = 0$. Then^[6]

$$h(u, v)h(v, v) + k(u, v)k(v, v) = 0, \quad (3.4)$$

$$h(u, v)k(v, v) - k(u, v)h(v, v) = 0, \quad (3.5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} f_u(0) &= 2[(\nabla h)(u, v, v)]^2 + 2h(v, v)[(\nabla^2 h)z(u, u, v, v)] \\ &\quad + 2[(\nabla^2 k)(u, v, v)]^2 + 2k(v, v)[(\nabla^2 k)(u, u, v, v)], \\ \frac{d^2}{dt^2} f_{Ju}(0) &= 2[(\nabla h)(Ju, v, v)]^2 + 2h(v, v)[(\nabla^2 k)(Ju, Ju, v, v)] \\ &\quad + 2[(\nabla k)(Ju, v, v)]^2 + 2k(v, v)[(\nabla^2 k)(Ju, Ju, v, v)], \\ \frac{d^2}{dt^2} f_u(0) + \frac{d^2}{dt^2} f_{Ju}(0) &\leq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

Using (2.15), (2.16), (2.17) and (2.12), we easily obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & (\nabla^2 h)(Ju, Ju, v, v) \\ &= -(\nabla^2 h)(u, u, v, v) + [\nabla_{Ju}(k(v, v)) + \nabla_u(h(v, v))]s(Ju) \\ & \quad + [\nabla_u(k(v, v)) - \nabla_{Ju}(h(v, v))]s(u) + k(v, v)[Ju(s(Ju)) + u(s(u))] \\ & \quad + h(v, v)[u(s(Ju)) - Ju(s(u))] - h(R)(Ju, u)Jv, v - h(Jv, R(Ju, u)v). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, using (2.15), (2.16), (2.17) and (2.13), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (\nabla^2 k)(Ju, Ju, v, v) \\ &= -(\nabla^2 k)(u, u, v, v) - [\nabla_u(h(v, v)) + \nabla_{Ju}(k(u, u))s(u) \\ & \quad + [-\nabla_{Ju}(h(v, v)) + \nabla_u(k(v, v))]s(Ju) + k(v, v)[-Ju(s(u)) + u(s(Ju))] \\ & \quad - h(v, v)[Ju(s(Ju)) + u(s(u))] - k(R(Ju, u)Jv, v) - k(Jv, R(Ju, u)v). \end{aligned}$$

Substituting these into (3.6) and using (3.2), (3.3), (2.15) and (2.16), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & h(v, v)[(\nabla^2 h)(Ju, Ju, v, v) + (\nabla^2 h)(u, u, v, v)] \\ & \quad + k(v, v)[(\nabla^2 k)(Ju, Ju, v, v) + (\nabla^2 k)(u, u, v, v)] \\ &= - (h(v, v)^2 + k(v, v)^2)(s(Ju)^2 + s(u)^2) \\ & \quad + (h(v, v)^2 + k(v, v)^2)(u(s(Ju)) - Ju(s(u))) \\ & \quad - h(v, v)[h(R(Ju, u)Jv, v) + h(Jv, R(Ju, u)v)] \\ & \quad + k(v, v)[k(R(Ju, u)Jv, v) + k(v, R(Ju, u)v)]. \end{aligned}$$

Noticing the Gauss equation and that $g(u, v) = g(Ju, v) = 0$, one can see that

$$\begin{aligned} h(R(Ju, u)Jv, v) &= h(Jv, R(Ju, u)v) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}h(v, v) + 2h(v, v)h(A_\xi u, v) - 2k(u, v)k(A_\xi u, v), \\ k(R(Ju, u)Jv, v) &= k(Jv, R(Ju, u)v) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}k(v, v) + 2k(u, v)k(A_\xi u, v) + 2h(u, v)k(A_\xi u, v). \end{aligned}$$

Then (3.6) is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} & (h^2 + k^2)[1 - (s(Ju))^2 - (s(u))^2 + u(s(Ju)) - (Ju)(s(u))] \\ & \quad - 4[h(u, v)h(v, v) + k(v, v)k(u, v)]h(A_\xi u, v) \\ & \quad + 4[h(v, v)k(u, v) - k(v, v)k(u, v)]k(A_\xi u, v) \\ & \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting (3.4), (3.5) and (2.11) into the above, we finally obtain

$$(h(v, v)^2 + k(v, v)^2)\left[\frac{1}{2} - 2h(A_\xi u, u) - (s(u))^2 - (s(Ju))^2 - s([Ju, u])\right] \leq 0. \quad (3.7)$$

In the neighborhood $U(p)$ of p , $\sigma(X, Y) = h(X, Y)\xi + k(X, Y)J\xi$, where σ is a unit normal vector field, which can be obtained by parallelly translating the unit normal vector ξ_p at p in the normal bundle along the geodesics on M^n starting from the point p . So, we have $\nabla_{\gamma'}^\perp \xi|_p = 0$, where $\gamma(t)$ is any geodesic on M^n through p . Then it is easily seen from (2.4) that

$$s(u) = s(Ju) = s([Ju, u]) = 0$$

at the point p . Thus it follows from (3.7) that

$$[h^2(v, v) + k^2(v, v)]\left[\frac{1}{2} - 2h(A_\xi u, u)\right] \leq 0 \quad (3.8)$$

at p . Since M^n is not totally geodesic, $h^2(v, v) + k^2(v, v) \neq 0$. At the point p we have from (3.8)

$$h(A_\xi u, u) \geq \frac{1}{4}, \quad \forall u \in P^\perp(\{v, Jv\}).$$

The Lemma is proved.

§4. Proof of Theorem

At first, by Proposition 6.12 in [3], we note that M^n is compact under the hypothesis as in theorem.

We assume that the function f defined as in §3 attains its maximum at $v \in UM_p$ for some $p \in M$. All computations below will be restricted at the point p . From (3.4) and (3.5) we have

$$\begin{aligned} h(v, v)g(A_\xi u, v) + k(v, v)g(JA_\xi u, v) &= 0, \\ -k(v, v)g(A_\xi u, v) + h(v, v)g(JA_\xi u, v) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

for any $u \in M_p$ such that $g(u, v) = g(u, Jv) = 0$.

Now suppose that M^n would be not totally geodesic so that $h^2(v, v) + k^2(v, v) \neq 0$. Then,

$$g(A_\xi u, v) = g(JA_\xi u, v) = 0,$$

i.e.,

$$h(u, v) = k(u, v) = 0.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} A_\xi v &= h(v, v)v, \quad JA_\xi v = k(v, v)v, \\ \left. \begin{aligned} A_{\sigma(v, v)}u &= h(v, v)A_\xi u + k(v, v)JA_\xi u, \\ A_{\sigma(v, v)}Ju &= k(v, v)A_\xi u - h(v, v)JA_\xi u. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (4.1) \end{aligned}$$

If we take an eigenvector $u \in P^\perp(\{v, Jv\})$ of $A_{\sigma(v, v)}$, then

$$A_{\sigma(v, v)}u = [h(v, v)h(u, u) + k(v, v)k(u, u)]u.$$

It is clear that $A_{\sigma(v, v)}u \neq 0$. From the Gauss equation we have

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\sigma(v, v)}u &= \frac{1}{2}(R(u, v)v - R(u, Jv)Jv) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(K(u, v) - K(u, Jv)). \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

By similar arguments, we obtain

$$A_{\sigma(v, v)}Ju = \frac{1}{2}(K(Ju, v) - K(Ju, Jv))Ju. \quad (4.3)$$

From (4.1), (4.2) and (4.3) we can find

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\xi}u &= \frac{1}{2(h^2 + k^2)}[h(v, v)(K(u, v) - K(u, Jv))u \\ &\quad + k(v, v)(K(Ju, v) - K(Ju, Jv))Ju], \\ h(A_{\xi}u, u) &= \frac{1}{2(h^2 + k^2)}[h(v, v)h(u, u)(K(u, v) - K(u, Jv)) \\ &\quad - k(v, v)k(u, u)(K(Ju, v) - K(Ju, Jv))], \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

where

$$\left. \begin{aligned} K(u, v) &= K(Ju, Jv) = \frac{1}{4} + h(u, u)h(v, v) + k(u, u)k(v, v) > 0, \\ K(u, Jv) &= K(Ju, v) = \frac{1}{4} - h(u, u)h(v, v) - k(u, u)k(v, v) > 0. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (4.5)$$

Then, (4.4) yields

$$\begin{aligned} h(A_{\xi}u, u) &= \frac{1}{h^2 + k^2}(h(u, u)h(v, v) + k(u, u)k(v, v))^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\|\sigma(v, v)\|^2}|h(u, u)h(v, v) + k(u, u)k(v, v)| \cdot \|\sigma(u, u)\| \cdot \|\sigma(v, v)\| \\ &\leq |h(u, u)h(v, v) + k(u, u)k(v, v)| < \frac{1}{4}, \end{aligned}$$

where the first inequality is from the Schwarz inequality, the second is due to

$$\|\sigma(u, u)\|^2 \geq \|\sigma(u, u)\|^2,$$

and the third is from (4.5). This contradicts the Lemma. Hence, M^n must be totally geodesic in CP^{n+1} . Our theorem is proved.

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