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# Geometria differenziale. - Totally Real Submanifolds of Complex Manifolds. Nota di Gerald D. Ludden ${ }^{(*)}$, Masafumi Okumura e Kentaro Yano, presentata ${ }^{(* *)}$ dal Socio B. Segre. 


#### Abstract

RiAssunto. - Si approfondisce lo studio di certe sottovarietà di una varietà complessa, com'é specificato nella seguente Introduzione.


## § i. Introduction

There have been many papers studying complex submanifolds of complex manifolds, especially of complex space forms (see [6] for a survey of results and references). Recently there have been a number of papers concerning arbitrary submanifolds of complex manifolds (see [1], [2], [4], [5], [7], [9]). In particular, Chen and Ogiue [2] have studied submanifolds $M$ of $\mathbf{M}$ such that $T_{x}(\mathbf{M}) \cap \mathbf{J T}_{\lambda}(\mathbf{M})=\{0\}$ for each $x$ in $M$. The purpose of this paper is to study these submanifolds further. In particular in $\S 2$ we consider the basic properties of such submanifolds and in $\S 3$ we examine the Laplacian of the square of the length of the second fundamental form and prove a pinching theorem. $\S 4$ is devoted to the study of parallel isoperimetric normal sections on these submanifolds.

## § 2. Fundamental Properties

Let $\mathbf{M}$ be a Hermitian manifold of complex dimension $m$ and let $\mathbf{J}$ be the almost complex structure and $\boldsymbol{g}$ the Hermitian metric on $\mathbf{M}$. Let M be an $n$-dimensional submanifold immersed in $\mathbf{M}$ satisfying $\mathrm{T}_{x}(\mathrm{M}) \cap \mathbf{J} \mathrm{T}_{x}(\mathrm{M})=\{0\}$ for each $x \in \mathrm{M}$, where $\mathrm{T}_{x}(\mathrm{M})$ is the tangent space to M at $x$. Here we have identified $\mathrm{T}_{x}(\mathrm{M})$ with its image under the differential of the immersion. We call such a submanifold M totally real or anti-invariant. If X is a vector field on M, we see $\mathbf{J X}$ is a vector field in the normal bundle of M. If $\xi$ is a vector field in the normal bundle put

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{J} \xi=\mathrm{P} \xi+\mathrm{Q} \xi, \tag{I}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\mathrm{P} \xi$ is the tangential part of $\mathrm{J} \xi$ and $\mathrm{Q} \xi$ the normal part. Then P is a tangent bundle valued I -form on the normal bundle and $Q$ is an endomorphism of the normal bundle. Applying $\mathbf{J}$ to ( $\mathbf{I}$ ) and $\mathbf{J X}$ and comparing and normal parts, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{PQ} \xi=\mathrm{o}, \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\mathrm{P} \mathbf{J X}=-\mathrm{X}
$$

(3) $\mathrm{Q}^{2} \xi=-\xi-\mathrm{JP} \xi$,
(5) $\mathrm{QJX}=\mathrm{o}$,
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where X is an arbitrary tangent vector field to M and $\xi$ an arbitrary normal vector field. From (3) and (5) we see $Q^{3}+Q=0$ on the normal bundle (see [ro]). We also see that $n \leq m$ since $\mathbf{J}$ is non-singular.

Let $\nabla$ be the Riemannian connection of $\boldsymbol{g}$. Then, the Gauss and Weingarten equations are

$$
\begin{equation*}
\nabla_{\mathrm{X}} \mathrm{Y}=\nabla_{\mathrm{X}} \mathrm{Y}+\sigma(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}) \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\text { (7) } \quad \nabla_{\mathrm{X}} \xi=-\mathrm{A}_{\xi} \mathrm{X}+\nabla_{\mathrm{x}}^{1} \xi
$$

Here $\nabla$ is the Riemannian connection of the metric $g$ induced on $M$ from $g$ (i.e. $g(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y})=\boldsymbol{g}(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y})$ ), $\sigma$ is the second fundamental form of the immersion, $\nabla^{\perp}$ is the connection on the normal bundle induced from $\nabla$ and $g\left(\mathrm{~A}_{\xi} \mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}\right)=\boldsymbol{g}(\sigma(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}), \boldsymbol{\xi})$. A vector field $\xi$ in the normal bundle is parallel if $\nabla^{\perp} \xi=0 . \mathrm{M}$ is totally geodesic if $\sigma \equiv \mathrm{o} . \mathrm{M}$ is minimal if $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma\left(e_{i}, e_{i}\right)=\mathrm{o}$ for any local ortho-normal basis $\left\{e_{1}, \cdots, e_{n}\right\}$ of tangent vectors to M.

Assume now that $\mathbf{M}$ is Kaehler (i.e. $\nabla \mathbf{J}=0$ ). Differentiating JX and (i) and comparing tangential and normal parts we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
-\mathrm{A}_{\mathbf{J}_{\mathrm{Y}}} \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{P} \sigma(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}) \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

(9) $\nabla_{\mathrm{X}}^{1}(\mathrm{JY})=\mathrm{J} \nabla_{\mathrm{X}} \mathrm{Y}+\mathrm{Q} \sigma(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y})$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{P} \nabla_{\mathrm{X}}^{1} \xi=\nabla_{\mathrm{X}}(\mathrm{P} \xi)-\mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{Q} \xi} \mathrm{X} \tag{IO}
\end{equation*}
$$

(iI) $-J^{\prime} A_{\xi}+Q \nabla_{X}^{\perp} \xi=$ $=\sigma(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{P} \xi)+\nabla_{\mathrm{X}}^{(\mathrm{Q} \xi)} \mathrm{I}$.
From (8) we have

$$
-g\left(\mathrm{~A}_{\mathbf{J Y}} \mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Z}\right)=g(\mathrm{P} \sigma(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}), \mathrm{Z}),
$$

or

$$
-g(\sigma(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Z}), \mathrm{J} \mathrm{Y})=g(\mathrm{P} \sigma(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}), \mathrm{Z})
$$

If M is totally umbilical, that is $\sigma(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y})=g(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}) \mathrm{H}$ for some normal vector field H , then $-g(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Z}) \boldsymbol{g}(\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{J} \mathrm{Y})=g(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}) g(\mathrm{PH}, \mathrm{Z})$. Letting $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Z}$ and $\mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{PH}$ we have $g(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{X}) g(\mathrm{PH}, \mathrm{PH})=g(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{PH})^{2}$. Now every real curve ( $n=\mathrm{I}$ ) in $\mathbf{M}$ is totally real. If $n>\mathrm{I}$ we see that $\mathrm{PH}=\mathrm{o}$. If $n=m$, then $Q=0$ and $\mathbf{J}=\mathrm{P}$. Thus we have

Proposition I . If $n=m>\mathrm{I}$ and M is totally umbilical, then M is totally geodesic.

Suppose now that $\mathbf{M}$ is a complex space form of constant holomorphic curvature c. Denote $\mathbf{M}$ by $\mathbf{M}(\boldsymbol{c})$. Then the curvature operator $\mathbf{R}$ of $\mathbf{M}(\boldsymbol{c})$ assumes the form,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) \mathbf{Z}=\boldsymbol{c} / 4\{\boldsymbol{g}(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Z}) \mathbf{X}-\boldsymbol{g}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}) \mathbf{Y}+ \\
& \left.+(\mathbf{J} \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Z}) \mathbf{J} \mathbf{X}-\boldsymbol{g}(\mathbf{J} \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Z}) \mathbf{J} \mathbf{Y}+{ }^{2} \boldsymbol{g}(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{J} \mathbf{Y}) \mathbf{J} \mathbf{Z}\right\}
\end{aligned}
$$

If $M$ is totally real then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbf{R}(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}) \mathrm{Z}=\boldsymbol{c} / 4\{g(\mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{Z}) \mathrm{X}-g(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Z}) \mathrm{Y}\} \tag{I2}
\end{equation*}
$$

which is tangent to M . On the other hand, if $\mathbf{R}(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}) \mathrm{Z}$ is tangent to M for all $\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{Z}$ and $\boldsymbol{c} \neq \mathrm{o}$ then we obtain $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{J X}, \mathrm{Y}) \mathbf{J X}$ is tangent to M for all X,Y. Thus we have

Proposition 2. ([2]). If $\mathbf{R}(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}) \mathrm{Z}$ is tangent to M for all $\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}$ and $\mathbf{c} \neq \mathrm{o}$, then M is a complex submanifold or is totally real.

If M is totally real, the equations of Gauss and Codazzi become

$$
\begin{gather*}
g(\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}) \mathrm{Z}, \mathrm{~W})=\boldsymbol{c} / 4\{g(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{~W}) g(\mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{Z})-g(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Z}) g(\mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{~W})\}+  \tag{I3}\\
+\boldsymbol{g}(\sigma(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{~W}), \sigma(\mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{Z}))-\boldsymbol{g}(\sigma(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Z}), \sigma(\mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{~W}))
\end{gather*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(\nabla_{\mathrm{X}} \sigma\right)(\mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{Z})-\left(\nabla_{\mathrm{Y}} \sigma\right)(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Z})=\mathrm{o}, \tag{I4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\left(\nabla_{\mathrm{X}} \sigma\right)(\mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{Z})=\nabla_{\mathrm{X}}^{1}(\sigma(\mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{Z}))-\sigma\left(\nabla_{\mathrm{X}} \mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{Z}\right)-\sigma\left(\mathrm{Y}, \nabla_{\mathrm{x}} \mathrm{Z}\right) .
$$

Proposition 3 ([2]). If M is a totally real, totally geodesic submanifold of a complex space form, $\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{c})$, then M is of constant curvature $\mathbf{c} / 4$.

Corollary 4. If $n=m>\mathrm{I}$ and M is totally real and totally umbillical in a complex space form $\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{c})$, then M is of constant curvature $\boldsymbol{c} / 4$.

From equation (I3) we see that

$$
\begin{gather*}
\mathrm{S}(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y})=(n-\mathrm{I}) \boldsymbol{c} / 4 g(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y})+  \tag{15}\\
+\sum_{i}\left\{\boldsymbol{g}\left(\sigma\left(e_{i}, e_{i}\right), \sigma(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y})-\boldsymbol{g}\left(\sigma\left(e_{i}, \mathrm{X}\right), \sigma\left(e_{i}, \mathrm{Y}\right)\right)\right\}\right.
\end{gather*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{align*}
& \rho=n(n-\mathrm{I}) \boldsymbol{c} / 4+  \tag{I6}\\
& +\sum_{i, j}\left\{\boldsymbol{g}\left(\sigma\left(e_{i}, e_{i}\right), \sigma\left(e_{j}, e_{j}\right)\right)-\boldsymbol{g}\left(\sigma\left(e_{i}, e_{j}\right), \sigma\left(e_{i}, e_{j}\right)\right)\right\}
\end{align*}
$$

where $\left\{e_{1}, \cdots, e_{n}\right\}$ is a local orthonormal basis of tangent vectors to $M$. Here $S$ is the Ricci tensor of $M$ and $\rho$ is the scalar curvature of $M$. If we let $\sigma(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y})=h^{\lambda}(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}) \xi_{\lambda}$, where $\left\{\boldsymbol{\xi}_{\lambda}\right\}$ is a local ortho-normal basis of normal vectors to $M$, then ( 15 ) and (16) become

$$
\begin{gather*}
\mathrm{S}(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y})=(n-\mathrm{I}) \boldsymbol{c} / 4 g(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y})+ \\
+\sum_{\lambda}\left\{\left(\operatorname{tr} h^{\lambda}\right) h^{\lambda}(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y})-\sum_{i} h^{\lambda}\left(e_{i}, \mathrm{X}\right) h^{\lambda}\left(e_{i}, \mathrm{Y}\right)\right\}
\end{gather*}
$$

and

$$
\rho=n(n-1) c / 4+\sum_{\lambda}\left(\operatorname{tr} h^{\lambda}\right)^{2}-\|\sigma\|^{2},
$$

respectively, where $\operatorname{tr} h^{\lambda}$ is the trace of $h^{\lambda}$.

Proposition 5 ([2]). If M is a minimal totally real submanifold of a complex space form, then

1) $\mathrm{S}-(n-1) \boldsymbol{c} / 4 g$ is negative semi-definite,
2) $\rho \leq n(n-1) \boldsymbol{c} / 4$.

M is totally geodesic if and only if any of the following conditions are satisfied:

1) $\rho=n(n-1) c / 4$,
or
2) $\mathrm{S}=(n-\mathrm{I}) \boldsymbol{c} / 4 g$,
or
3) $g(\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}) \mathrm{Z}, \mathrm{W})=\boldsymbol{c} / 4\{g(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{W}) g(\mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{Z})-g(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Z}) g(\mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{W})\}$.

Ricci's equation is

$$
\begin{equation*}
\boldsymbol{g}(\mathbf{R}(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}) \boldsymbol{\xi}, \zeta)=\boldsymbol{g}\left(\mathrm{R}^{\mathrm{N}}(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}) \boldsymbol{\xi}, \zeta\right)-g\left(\left[\mathrm{~A}_{\xi}, \mathrm{A}_{\zeta}\right] \mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}\right) \tag{I7}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\mathrm{R}^{\mathrm{N}}(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y})=\left[\nabla_{\mathrm{X}}^{1} \nabla_{\mathrm{Y}}^{1}\right]-\nabla_{[\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{y}]}^{1}$. Since $\mathbf{M}$ is a complex space form we see that

$$
\boldsymbol{g}(\mathbf{R}(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}) \xi, \zeta)=\boldsymbol{c} / 4\{g(\mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{P} \xi) g(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{P} \zeta)-g(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{P} \xi) g(\mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{P} \zeta)\}
$$

Thus (I7) becomes

$$
\begin{gather*}
\boldsymbol{c} / 4\{g(\mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{P} \xi) g(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{P} \zeta)-g(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{P} \xi) g(\mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{P} \zeta)\}= \\
=\boldsymbol{g}\left(\mathrm{R}^{\mathrm{N}}(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}) \xi, \zeta\right)-g\left(\left[\mathrm{~A}_{\xi}, \mathrm{A}_{\zeta}\right] \mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}\right) .
\end{gather*}
$$

If $n=m$, then $Q=0$ and $\mathrm{P}=\mathbf{J}$. Also if $\xi$ is a normal vector to M then $\xi=\mathbf{J} Z$ for some vector $Z$ tangent to $M$. Thus, from (9) we see that

$$
\nabla_{\mathrm{x}}^{1} \xi=\nabla_{\mathrm{x}}^{1}(\mathbf{J} Z)=\mathbf{J} \nabla_{\mathrm{x}} Z
$$

This implies that $\mathrm{R}^{\mathrm{N}}(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}) \boldsymbol{\xi}=\mathrm{J} \mathrm{R}(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}) \mathrm{Z}$. In this case ( $\mathrm{I} 7^{\prime}$ ) becomes

$$
\begin{gather*}
g(\mathrm{R}(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}) \mathrm{Z}, \mathrm{~W})=  \tag{18}\\
=\boldsymbol{c} / 4\{g(\mathrm{Y}, \mathbf{J} \xi) g(\mathrm{X}, \mathbf{J} \zeta)-g(\mathrm{X}, \mathbf{J} \xi) g(\mathrm{X}, \mathbf{J} \zeta)\}+g\left(\left[\mathrm{~A}_{\xi}, \mathrm{A}_{\zeta}\right] \mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}\right)
\end{gather*}
$$

where $\boldsymbol{\xi}=\mathbf{J Z}$ and $\boldsymbol{\zeta}=\mathrm{JW}$. Thus we have the following.
THEOREM 6. Let M be a totally real submanifold of dimension $n$ of a complex space form $\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{C})$ of a complex dimension $n$. If $\left[\mathrm{A}_{\xi}, \mathrm{A}_{\xi}\right]=\mathrm{o}$ for any normal vectors $\xi$ and $\zeta$ then M is of constant curvature $\boldsymbol{c} / 4$. If in addition, M is minimal then M is totally geodesic.

Proof. The first statement follows from equation (18). For the second statement, comparing (18) and (I3) we see

$$
\boldsymbol{g}(\sigma(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{~W}), \sigma(\mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{Z}))-\boldsymbol{g}(\sigma(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Z}), \sigma(\mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{~W}))=\mathrm{o}
$$

for all tangent vectors $\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{Z}, \mathrm{W}$ to M . Picking an orthonormal basis $\left\{e_{j}\right\}$ of the tangent vectors to M and letting $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{W}=e_{i}$ and $\mathrm{Y}=\mathrm{Z}=e_{j}$ and summing over $i$ we see $\sigma\left(e_{i}, e_{j}\right)=o$ for all $i$ and $j$. Thus the proof is done.

Theorem 7. If M is as in Theorem 6 , then $\mathrm{R}^{\mathrm{N}} \equiv \mathrm{o}$ if and only if $\mathrm{R} \equiv \mathrm{o}$.

## §3. Laplacian of $\|\sigma\|^{2}$

The purpose of this section is to prove the following.
Theorem 8. Let M be a compact totally real minimal submanifold of dimension $n$ of a complex space form $\mathbf{M}(\boldsymbol{c})$ of complex dimension $m$ and $\boldsymbol{c}>0$. If

$$
\|\sigma\|^{2} \leq \frac{n}{2-\frac{1}{p}} c / 4
$$

where $p=2 m$ - $n$, then M is totally geodesic. A local theorem is obtained by replacing the condition that M is compact by M having constant scalar curvature.

Proof. Let $\left\{e_{1}, \cdots, e_{n}\right\}$ be a local ortho-normal basis for the tangent vectors to M and $\left\{\xi_{1}=\mathbf{J} e_{1}, \cdots, \xi_{n}=\mathbf{J} e_{n}, \xi_{n+1}, \cdots, \xi_{p}\right\}$ a local ortho-normal basis for the normal vectors to M. Then, from Proposition 3.5 of [2] we have

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{1}{2} \Delta\|\sigma\|^{2}=\|\nabla \sigma\|^{2}+\sum_{\lambda, v=1}^{p} \operatorname{tr}\left(\mathrm{~A}_{\lambda} \mathrm{A}_{v}-\mathrm{A}_{v} \mathrm{~A}_{\lambda}\right)^{2}  \tag{19}\\
& -\sum_{\lambda, v=1}^{p}\left(\operatorname{tr} \mathrm{~A}_{\lambda} \mathrm{A}_{v}\right)^{2}+n \boldsymbol{c} / 4\|\sigma\|^{2}+\boldsymbol{c} / 4 \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n} \operatorname{tr} \mathrm{~A}_{\alpha}^{2},
\end{align*}
$$

where $A_{\lambda}=A_{\xi_{\lambda}}$ and $\Delta$ is the Laplacian operator.
We have the following lemma from [3].
Lemma 9. Let A and B be symmetric $(n \times n)$-matrices. Then

$$
-\operatorname{tr}(\mathrm{AB}-\mathrm{BA})^{2} \leq 2 \operatorname{tr} \mathrm{~A}^{2} \operatorname{tr} \mathrm{~B}^{2} .
$$

Applying Lemma 9 to (19) and proceeding as in [9] we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{2} \Delta\|\sigma\|^{2} & \geq\|\nabla \sigma\|^{2}-2 \sum_{\lambda \neq v} \operatorname{tr} \mathrm{~A}_{\lambda}^{2} \operatorname{tr} \mathrm{~A}_{v}^{2}-\mathrm{\Sigma}\left(\operatorname{tr} \mathrm{~A}_{\lambda} \mathrm{A}_{v}\right)^{2}+ \\
& +n \boldsymbol{c} / 4\|\sigma\|^{2}+\boldsymbol{c} / 4 \mathrm{\Sigma} \operatorname{tr} \mathrm{~A}_{\alpha}^{2}=
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& =\|\nabla \sigma\|^{2}+\boldsymbol{c} / 4 \Sigma \operatorname{tr} \mathrm{~A}_{\alpha}^{2}+n \boldsymbol{c} / 4\|\sigma\|^{2}-2 \sum_{\lambda<v} \operatorname{tr} \mathrm{~A}_{\lambda}^{2} \operatorname{tr} \mathrm{~A}_{v}^{2}-\left(\mathrm{\Sigma} \operatorname{tr} \mathrm{~A}_{\lambda}^{2}\right)^{2} \\
& =\|\nabla \sigma\|^{2}+\boldsymbol{c} / 4 \Sigma \operatorname{tr} \mathrm{~A}_{\alpha}^{2}+n \mathbf{c} / 4\|\sigma\|^{2}-p^{2} \sigma_{1}^{2}-p(p-\mathrm{I}) \sigma_{2} \\
& =\|\nabla \sigma\|^{2}+\boldsymbol{c} / 4 \Sigma \operatorname{tr} \mathrm{~A}_{\alpha}^{2}+n \mathbf{c} / 4\|\sigma\|^{2}-\left(2 p^{2}-p\right) \sigma_{1}^{2}+p(p-\mathrm{I})\left(\sigma_{1}^{2}-\sigma_{2}\right) \\
& =\|\nabla \sigma\|^{2}+\boldsymbol{c} / 4 \Sigma \operatorname{tr} \mathrm{~A}_{\alpha}^{2}+n \boldsymbol{c} / 4\|\sigma\|^{2}+p(p-\mathrm{I})\left(\sigma_{1}^{2}-\sigma_{2}\right)-\left(2-\frac{\mathrm{I}}{p}\right)\|\sigma\|^{4} \\
& \geq\left[n \mathbf{c} / 4-\left(2-\frac{\mathrm{I}}{p}\right)\|\sigma\|^{2}\right]\|\sigma\|^{2},
\end{aligned}
$$

where $p \sigma_{1}=\Sigma \operatorname{tr} \mathrm{A}_{\lambda}^{2}$ and $p(p-\mathrm{I}) \sigma_{2}=2 \sum_{\lambda<v} \operatorname{tr} \mathrm{~A}_{\lambda}^{2} \operatorname{tr} \mathrm{~A}_{v}^{2}$. This holds since we can assume $\operatorname{tr}\left(\mathrm{A}_{\lambda} \mathrm{A}_{\nu}\right)=\mathrm{o}$ if $\lambda \neq \nu$ and $p^{2}(p-\mathrm{I})\left(\sigma_{1}^{2}-\sigma_{2}\right)=\sum_{\lambda<v}\left(\operatorname{tr} \mathrm{~A}_{\lambda}^{2}-\operatorname{tr} \mathrm{A}_{\nu}^{2}\right)^{2} \geq 0$. If $n \mathbf{c} / 4-\left(2-\frac{\mathrm{I}}{p}\right)\|\sigma\|^{2} \geq \mathrm{o}$ then we see that $\Delta\|\sigma\|^{2} \geq 0$. If M is compact, the well known lemma of E. Hopf says that $\Delta\|\sigma\|^{2}=0$. Also, note that if the scalar curvature $\rho$ of M is constant then ( $\mathrm{I}^{\prime}$ ) shows that $\|\sigma\|^{2}$ is constant and hence $\Delta\|\sigma\|^{2}=0$. From the above equations, wee that $\Delta\|\sigma\|^{2}=0$ implies that $\nabla \sigma=0, \Sigma \operatorname{tr} \mathrm{~A}_{\alpha}^{2}=0$ and $\sum_{\lambda<v}\left(\operatorname{tr} \mathrm{~A}_{\lambda}^{2}-\operatorname{tr} \mathrm{A}_{v}^{2}\right)^{2}=0$. Thus $\mathrm{A}_{\lambda}=\mathrm{o}$ for all $\mathbf{c}$ and hence M is totally geodesic.

Corollary io ([2]). Let M be a compact, minimal, totally real submanifold of dimension $n$ of a complex space form $\mathbf{M}(\boldsymbol{c}), \boldsymbol{c}>0$, of complex dimension $n$. If

$$
\|\sigma\|^{2}<\frac{n(n+\mathrm{I})}{(2 n-\mathrm{I})} \boldsymbol{c} / 4
$$

then M is totally geodesic.
Proof. In this case $\Sigma \operatorname{tr} \mathrm{A}_{\alpha}^{2}=\|\sigma\|^{2}$ and $p=n$ so that the inequality in the above proof becomes

$$
\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{2} \Delta\|\sigma\|^{2} & \geq\|\nabla \sigma\|^{2}+(n+\mathrm{I}) \boldsymbol{c} / 4\|\sigma\|^{2}+p(p-\mathrm{I})\left(\sigma_{1}^{2}-\sigma_{2}\right)- \\
& -\left(2-\frac{\mathrm{I}}{n}\right)\|\sigma\|^{4} \geq\left[(n+\mathrm{I}) \boldsymbol{c} / 4-\left(2-\frac{\mathrm{I}}{n}\right)\|\sigma\|^{2}\right]\|\sigma\|^{2} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Again we see by Hopf's lemma $\Delta\|\sigma\|^{2}=0$ so $\|\sigma\|=0$.
Remark. In Corollary io the condition is a strict inequality. The authors will consider equality in a forthcoming paper.

## §4. Parallel Isoperimetric Sections

A section $\xi$ of the normal bundle is called isoperimetric if $\operatorname{tr} \mathrm{A}_{\xi}$ is constant.

Let $M$ be a totally real submanifold of a complex space form $\mathbf{M}$ (c).

Now we can write equation (i4) as

$$
\begin{align*}
& \quad \Sigma\left\{\left(\nabla_{\mathrm{X}} h^{\lambda}\right)(\mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{Z})-\left(\nabla_{\mathrm{Y}} h^{\lambda}\right)(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Z})\right\} \xi_{\lambda}+ \\
& + \\
& +\Sigma\left\{h^{\lambda}(\mathrm{Y}, \mathrm{Z}) \nabla_{\mathrm{X}}^{1} \xi_{\lambda}-h^{\lambda}(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Z}) \nabla_{\mathrm{Y}}^{1} \xi_{\lambda}\right\}=\mathrm{o}
\end{align*}
$$

or, if we let $\nabla_{\mathrm{X}}^{1} \xi_{\lambda}=\Sigma L_{\lambda v}(\mathrm{X}) \xi_{v}$, as
$\left(\mathrm{I} 4^{\prime \prime}\right) \quad\left(\nabla_{\mathrm{X}} \mathrm{A}_{\lambda}\right) \mathrm{Y}-\left(\nabla_{\mathrm{Y}} \mathrm{A}_{\lambda}\right) \mathrm{X}-\Sigma\left\{\mathrm{L}_{\lambda v}(\mathrm{X}) \mathrm{A}_{v} \mathrm{Y}-\mathrm{L}_{\lambda v}(\mathrm{Y}) \mathrm{A}_{v} \mathrm{X}\right\}=0$.
If $\xi$ is a parallel normal section then we can assume $\xi$ is a unit vector field since its length is constant. Denote a unit parallel normal section by $\xi_{1}$ and use it as the first vector in an local ortho-normal basis of normal vectors. Then $L_{1 v}$ are all zero and so ( $14^{\prime \prime}$ ) gives ( $\nabla_{\mathrm{X}} \mathrm{A}_{1}$ ) $\mathrm{Y}=\left(\nabla_{\mathrm{Y}} \mathrm{A}_{1}\right) \mathrm{X}$. From equation ( $\mathrm{I}^{\prime}$ ) we see that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left[\mathrm{A}_{1}, \mathrm{~A}_{\lambda}\right] \mathrm{X}=\boldsymbol{c} / 4\left\{g\left(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{P} \xi_{1}\right) \mathrm{P} \xi_{\lambda}-g\left(\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{P} \xi_{\lambda}\right) \mathrm{P} \xi_{1}\right. \tag{20}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let $f_{1}=\left\|\mathrm{A}_{1}\right\|^{2}$. After a long calculation similar to that in [8], we find

$$
\begin{align*}
\frac{1}{2} \Delta f_{1} & =\left\|\nabla \mathrm{A}_{1}\right\|^{2}+\boldsymbol{c} / 4\left\{n \operatorname{tr} \mathrm{~A}_{1}^{2}-\left(\operatorname{tr} \mathrm{A}_{1}\right)^{2}\right\}+  \tag{2I}\\
& +\Sigma\left\{\operatorname{tr} \mathrm{A}_{\lambda} \operatorname{tr}\left(\mathrm{A}_{1}^{2} \mathrm{~A}_{\lambda}\right)-\left(\operatorname{tr} \mathrm{A}_{1} \mathrm{~A}_{\lambda}\right)^{2}\right\}
\end{align*}
$$

The following lemma appears in [8].
Lemma in. Let $\mathrm{A}_{1}, \cdots, \mathrm{~A}_{p}$ be a symmetric linear transformations of an $n$-dimensional inner product space V . Assume that $\left[\mathrm{A}_{1}, \mathrm{~A}_{\lambda}\right]=\mathrm{o}$ for $\lambda=\mathrm{I}, \cdots, p$. If $\left\{e_{1}, \cdots, e_{n}\right\}$ is an orthonormal basis of V for which $\mathrm{A}_{1} e_{i}=\lambda_{i} e_{i}$ for $i=1, \cdots, n$ then

$$
\begin{aligned}
\Sigma\left\{\operatorname{tr} \mathrm{A}_{\lambda} \operatorname{tr}\left(\mathrm{A}_{1}^{2} \mathrm{~A}_{\lambda}\right)-\right. & \left.\left(\operatorname{tr} \mathrm{A}_{1} \mathrm{~A}_{\lambda}\right)^{2}\right\}+n c \operatorname{tr} \mathrm{~A}_{1}^{2}-c\left(\operatorname{tr} \mathrm{~A}_{1}\right)^{2}= \\
& =\sum_{i<j}\left\{c+\sum_{\lambda}\left[a_{i i}^{\lambda} a_{j j}^{\lambda}-\left(a_{i j}^{\lambda}\right)^{2}\right]\right\}\left(\lambda_{i}-\lambda_{j}\right)^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

where $\left(a_{i j}^{\lambda}\right)$ is the matrix of $\mathrm{A}_{\lambda}$.
We shall use these facts to prove the following.
Theorem i2. Let M be a compact totally real submanifold of a complex space form $\mathbf{M}(\boldsymbol{c})$. If M has non-negative sectional curvature and admits a parallel, isoperimetric normal section $\xi$ such that $\mathrm{P} \xi=\mathrm{o}$ and $\mathrm{A} \xi$ has $n$ distinct eigenvalues everywhere on M , then M is flat.

Proof. From (20) we see that $\mathrm{P} \xi_{1}=0$ implies $\left[\mathrm{A}_{1}, \mathrm{~A}_{\lambda}\right]=0$ for all $\lambda$. Thus we can apply Lemma II to (2I) and obtain

$$
\frac{1}{2} \Delta f_{1}=\left\|\nabla \mathrm{A}_{1}\right\|^{2}+\sum_{i<j} \mathrm{~K}_{i j}\left(\lambda_{i}-\lambda_{j}\right)^{2}
$$

where $\mathrm{K}_{i j}$ is the sectional curvature of the section spanned by $\left\{e_{i}, e_{j}\right\}$ and $\lambda_{i}$ are the eigenvalues of $\mathrm{A}_{1}$. Since the $\mathrm{K}_{i j}$ are non-negative we have that $\Delta f_{1} \geq 0$ so that Hopf's lemma says $\Delta f_{1}=0$. Thus since $\lambda_{i}-\lambda_{j} \neq 0$ for $i \neq j$ we have $\mathrm{K}_{i j}=\mathrm{o}$ and the proof is done.

Corollary i3. Let M be a compact totally real surface immersed in a complex space form $\mathbf{M}(\boldsymbol{c})$ of complex dimension $>2$. If the Gaussian curvature of M is non-negative and M admits a parallel, isoperimetric, umbillic-free normal section then M is flat.

Remark. A generalization of Corollary I3 appears in [2].
Theorem 14. Let M be a compact, minimal, totally real submanifold of a complex space form $\mathbf{M}(\boldsymbol{c})$. Suppose
I) the real dimension $n$ of M is less than the complex dimension $m$ of $\mathbf{M}$, 2) $\mathrm{R}^{\mathrm{N}} \equiv \mathrm{o}$ on M .

Then there exist $2 m-2 n$ parallel isoperimetric, sections on M and if one of these sections has $n$ distinct eigenvalues everywhere on M and the sectional curvature of M is non-negative then M is flat.

Proof. This follows from known facts and Theorem I3.

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