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# Comparison of Differential Operators with Lie Derivative of Three-Dimensional Real Hypersurfaces in Non-Flat Complex Space Forms

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**Abstract:** In this paper, three-dimensional real hypersurfaces in non-flat complex space forms, whose shape operator satisfies a geometric condition, are studied. Moreover, the tensor field  $P = \phi A - A\phi$  is given and three-dimensional real hypersurfaces in non-flat complex space forms whose tensor field  $P$  satisfies geometric conditions are classified.

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## 1. Introduction

A *real hypersurface* is a submanifold of a Riemannian manifold with a real co-dimensional one. Among the Riemannian manifolds, it is of great interest in the area of Differential Geometry to study real hypersurfaces in complex space forms. A *complex space form* is a Kähler manifold of dimension  $n$  and constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $c$ . In addition, complete and simply connected complex space forms are analytically isometric to complex projective space  $\mathbb{C}P^n$  if  $c > 0$ , to complex Euclidean space  $\mathbb{C}^n$  if  $c = 0$ , or to complex hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{C}H^n$  if  $c < 0$ . The notion of non-flat complex space form refers to complex projective and complex hyperbolic space when it is not necessary to distinguish between them and is denoted by  $M_n(c)$ ,  $n \geq 2$ .

Let  $J$  be the Kähler structure and  $\nabla$  the Levi–Civita connection of the non-flat complex space form  $M_n(c)$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . Consider  $M$  a connected real hypersurface of  $M_n(c)$  and  $N$  a locally defined unit normal vector field on  $M$ . The Kähler structure induces on  $M$  an *almost contact metric structure*  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ . The latter consists of a tensor field of type  $(1, 1)$   $\phi$  called *structure tensor field*, a one-form  $\eta$ , a vector field  $\xi$  given by  $\xi = -JN$  known as the *structure vector field* of  $M$  and  $g$ , which is the induced Riemannian metric on  $M$  by  $G$ . Among real hypersurfaces in non-flat complex space forms, the class of *Hopf hypersurfaces* is the most important. A Hopf hypersurface is a real hypersurface whose structure vector field  $\xi$  is an eigenvector of the shape operator  $A$  of  $M$ .

Takagi initiated the study of real hypersurfaces in non-flat complex space forms. He provided the classification of homogeneous real hypersurfaces in complex projective space  $\mathbb{C}P^n$  and divided them into five classes (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) (see [1–3]). Later, Kimura proved that homogeneous real hypersurfaces in complex projective space are the unique Hopf hypersurfaces with constant principal curvatures, i.e., the eigenvalues of the shape operator  $A$  are constant (see [4]). Among the above real hypersurfaces, the three-dimensional real hypersurfaces in  $\mathbb{C}P^2$  are geodesic hyperspheres of radius  $r$ ,  $0 < r < \frac{\pi}{2}$ , called real hypersurfaces of type (A) and tubes of radius  $r$ ,  $0 < r < \frac{\pi}{4}$ , over the complex

quadric called real hypersurfaces of type (B). Table 1 includes the values of the constant principal curvatures corresponding to the real hypersurfaces above (see [1,2]).

**Table 1.** Principal curvatures of real hypersurfaces in  $\mathbb{C}P^2$ .

Type	$\alpha$	$\lambda_1$	$\nu$	$m_\alpha$	$m_{\lambda_1}$	$m_\nu$
(A)	$2 \cot(2r)$	$\cot(r)$	-	1	2	-
(B)	$2 \cot(2r)$	$\cot(r - \frac{\pi}{4})$	$-\tan(r - \frac{\pi}{4})$	1	1	1

The study of Hopf hypersurfaces with constant principal curvatures in complex hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{C}H^n, n \geq 2$ , was initiated by Montiel in [5] and completed by Berndt in [6]. They are divided into two types: type (A), which are open subsets of horospheres ( $A_0$ ), geodesic hyperspheres ( $A_{1,0}$ ), or tubes over totally geodesic complex hyperbolic hyperplane  $\mathbb{C}H^{n-1}$  ( $A_{1,1}$ ) and type (B), which are open subsets of tubes over totally geodesic real hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{R}H^n$ . Table 2 includes the values of the constant principal curvatures corresponding to above real hypersurfaces for  $n = 2$  (see [6]).

**Table 2.** Principal curvatures of real hypersurfaces in  $\mathbb{C}H^2$ .

Type	$\alpha$	$\lambda$	$\nu$	$m_\alpha$	$m_\lambda$	$m_\nu$
( $A_0$ )	2	1	-	1	2	-
( $A_{1,1}$ )	$2 \coth(2r)$	$\coth(r)$	-	1	2	-
( $A_{1,2}$ )	$2 \coth(2r)$	$\tanh(r)$	-	1	2	-
(B)	$2 \tanh(2r)$	$\tanh(r)$	$\coth(r)$	1	1	1

The Levi-Civita connection  $\tilde{\nabla}$  of the non-flat complex space form  $M_n(c), n \geq 2$  induces on  $M$  a Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$ . Apart from the last one, Cho in [7,8] introduces the notion of the  $k$ -th generalized Tanaka-Webster connection  $\hat{\nabla}^{(k)}$  on a real hypersurface in non-flat complex space form given by

$$\hat{\nabla}_X^{(k)} Y = \nabla_X Y + g(\phi AX, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\phi AX - k\eta(X)\phi Y, \tag{1}$$

for all  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$ , where  $k$  is a nonnull real number. The latter is an extension of the definition of generalized Tanaka-Webster connection for contact metric manifolds given by Tanno in [9] and satisfying the relation

$$\hat{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + (\nabla_X \eta)(Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\nabla_X \xi - \eta(X)\phi Y.$$

The following relations hold:

$$\hat{\nabla}^{(k)} \eta = 0, \quad \hat{\nabla}^{(k)} \xi = 0, \quad \hat{\nabla}^{(k)} g = 0, \quad \hat{\nabla}^{(k)} \phi = 0.$$

In particular, if the shape operator of a real hypersurface satisfies  $\phi A + A\phi = 2k\phi$ , the generalized Tanaka-Webster connection coincides with the Tanaka-Webster connection.

The  $k$ -th Cho operator on  $M$  associated with the vector field  $X$  is denoted by  $\hat{F}_X^{(k)}$  and given by

$$\hat{F}_X^{(k)} Y = g(\phi AX, Y)\xi - \eta(Y)\phi AX - k\eta(X)\phi Y, \tag{2}$$

for any  $Y$  tangent to  $M$ . Then, the torsion of the  $k$ -th generalized Tanaka-Webster connection  $\hat{\nabla}^{(k)}$  is given by

$$T^{(k)}(X, Y) = \hat{F}_X^{(k)} Y - \hat{F}_Y^{(k)} X,$$

for any  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$ . Associated with the vector field  $X$ , the  $k$ -th torsion operator  $T_X^{(k)}$  is defined and given by

$$T_X^{(k)}Y = T^{(k)}(X, Y),$$

for any  $Y$  tangent to  $M$ .

The existence of Levi–Civita and  $k$ -th generalized Tanaka–Webster connections on a real hypersurface implies that the covariant derivative can be expressed with respect to both connections. Let  $K$  be a tensor field of type  $(1, 1)$ ; then, the symbols  $\nabla K$  and  $\hat{\nabla}^{(k)}K$  are used to denote the covariant derivatives of  $K$  with respect to the Levi–Civita and the  $k$ -th generalized Tanaka–Webster connection, respectively. Furthermore, the Lie derivative of a tensor field  $K$  of type  $(1, 1)$  with respect to Levi–Civita connection  $\mathcal{L}K$  is given by

$$(\mathcal{L}_X K)Y = \nabla_X(KY) - \nabla_{KY}X - K\nabla_XY + K\nabla_YX, \tag{3}$$

for all  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$ . Another first order differential operator of a tensor field  $K$  of type  $(1, 1)$  with respect to the  $k$ -th generalized Tanaka–Webster connection  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}K$  is defined and it is given by

$$(\hat{\mathcal{L}}_X^{(k)}K)Y = \hat{\nabla}_X^{(k)}(KY) - \hat{\nabla}_{KY}^{(k)}X - K(\hat{\nabla}_X^{(k)}Y) + K(\hat{\nabla}_Y^{(k)}X), \tag{4}$$

for all  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$ .

Due to the existence of the above differential operators and derivatives, the following questions come up

1. Are there real hypersurfaces in non-flat complex space forms whose derivatives with respect to different connections coincide?
2. Are there real hypersurfaces in non-flat complex space forms whose differential operator  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}$  coincides with derivatives with respect to different connections?

The first answer is obtained in [10], where the classification of real hypersurfaces in complex projective space  $\mathbb{C}P^n, n \geq 3$ , whose covariant derivative of the shape operator with respect to the Levi–Civita connection coincides with the covariant derivative of it with respect to the  $k$ -th generalized Tanaka–Webster connection is provided, i.e.,  $\nabla_X A = \hat{\nabla}_X^{(k)}A$ , where  $X$  is any vector field on  $M$ . Next, in [11], real hypersurfaces in complex projective space  $\mathbb{C}P^n, n \geq 3$ , whose Lie derivative of the shape operator coincides with the operator  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}$  are studied, i.e.,  $\mathcal{L}_X A = \hat{\mathcal{L}}_X^{(k)}A$ , where  $X$  is any vector field on  $M$ . Finally, in [12], the problem of classifying three-dimensional real hypersurfaces in non-flat complex space forms  $M_2(c)$ , for which the operator  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}^{(k)}$  applied to the shape operator coincides with the covariant derivative of it, has been studied, i.e.,  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_X^{(k)}A = \nabla_X A$ , for any vector field  $X$  tangent to  $M$ .

In this paper, the condition  $\mathcal{L}_X A = \hat{\mathcal{L}}_X^{(k)}A$ , where  $X$  is any vector field on  $M$  is studied in the case of three-dimensional real hypersurfaces in  $M_2(c)$ .

The aim of the present paper is to complete the work of [11] in the case of three-dimensional real hypersurfaces in non-flat complex space forms  $M_2(c)$ . The equality  $\mathcal{L}_X A = \hat{\mathcal{L}}_X^{(k)}A$  is equivalent to the fact that  $T_X^{(k)}A = AT_X^{(k)}$ . Thus, the eigenspaces of  $A$  are preserved by the  $k$ -th torsion operator  $T_X^{(k)}$ , for any  $X$  tangent to  $M$ . First, three-dimensional real hypersurfaces in  $M_2(c)$  whose shape operator  $A$  satisfies the following relation:

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}}_X^{(k)}A = \mathcal{L}_X A, \tag{5}$$

for any  $X$  orthogonal to  $\xi$  are studied and the following Theorem is proved:

**Theorem 1.** *There do not exist real hypersurfaces in  $M_2(c)$  whose shape operator satisfies relation (5).*

Next, three-dimensional real hypersurfaces in  $M_2(c)$  whose shape operator satisfies the following relation are studied:

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}}_{\xi}^{(k)} A = \mathcal{L}_{\xi} A, \tag{6}$$

and the following Theorem is provided.

**Theorem 2.** *Every real hypersurface in  $M_2(c)$  whose shape operator satisfies relation (6) is locally congruent to a real hypersurface of type (A).*

As an immediate consequence of the above theorems, it is obtained that

**Corollary 1.** *There do not exist real hypersurfaces in  $M_2(c)$  such that  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_X^{(k)} A = \mathcal{L}_X A$ , for all  $X \in TM$ .*

Next, the following tensor field  $P$  of type (1, 1) is introduced:

$$PX = \phi AX - A\phi X,$$

for any vector field  $X$  tangent to  $M$ . The relation  $P = 0$  implies that the shape operator commutes with the structure tensor  $\phi$ . Real hypersurfaces whose shape operator  $A$  commutes with the structure tensor  $\phi$  have been studied by Okumura in the case of  $\mathbb{C}P^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , (see [13]) and by Montiel and Romero in the case of  $\mathbb{C}H^n$ ,  $n \geq 2$  (see [14]). The following Theorem provides the above classification of real hypersurfaces in  $M_n(c)$ ,  $n \geq 2$ .

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface of  $M_n(c)$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . Then,  $A\phi = \phi A$ , if and only if  $M$  is locally congruent to a homogeneous real hypersurface of type (A). More precisely:  
In the case of  $\mathbb{C}P^n$*

- (A<sub>1</sub>) *a geodesic hypersphere of radius  $r$ , where  $0 < r < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,*
- (A<sub>2</sub>) *a tube of radius  $r$  over a totally geodesic  $\mathbb{C}P^k$ , ( $1 \leq k \leq n - 2$ ), where  $0 < r < \frac{\pi}{2}$ .*

*In the case of  $\mathbb{C}H^n$ ,*

- (A<sub>0</sub>) *a horosphere in  $\mathbb{C}H^n$ , i.e., a Montiel tube,*
- (A<sub>1</sub>) *a geodesic hypersphere or a tube over a totally geodesic complex hyperbolic hyperplane  $\mathbb{C}H^{n-1}$ ,*
- (A<sub>2</sub>) *a tube over a totally geodesic  $\mathbb{C}H^k$  ( $1 \leq k \leq n - 2$ ).*

**Remark 1.** *In the case of three-dimensional real hypersurfaces in  $M_2(c)$ , real hypersurfaces of type (A<sub>2</sub>) do not exist.*

It is interesting to study real hypersurfaces in non-flat complex spaces forms, whose tensor field  $P$  satisfies certain geometric conditions. We begin by studying three-dimensional real hypersurfaces in  $M_2(c)$  whose tensor field  $P$  satisfies the relation

$$(\hat{\mathcal{L}}_X^{(k)} P)Y = (\mathcal{L}_X P)Y, \tag{7}$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$ .

First, the following Theorem is proved:

**Theorem 4.** *Every real hypersurface in  $M_2(c)$  whose tensor field  $P$  satisfies relation (7) for any  $X$  orthogonal to  $\xi$  and  $Y \in TM$  is locally congruent to a real hypersurface of type (A).*

Next, we study three-dimensional real hypersurfaces in  $M_2(c)$  whose tensor field  $P$  satisfies relation (7) for  $X = \xi$ , i.e.,

$$(\mathcal{L}_{\xi}^{(k)} P)Y = (\mathcal{L}_{\xi} P)Y, \tag{8}$$

for any vector field  $Y$  tangent to  $M$ . Then, the following Theorem is proved:

**Theorem 5.** *Every real hypersurface in  $M_2(c)$  whose tensor field  $P$  satisfies relation (8) is a Hopf hypersurface. In the case of  $\mathbb{C}P^2$ ,  $M$  is locally congruent to a real hypersurface of type (A) or to a real hypersurface of type (B) with  $\alpha = -2k$  and in the case of  $\mathbb{C}H^2$   $M$  is a locally congruent either to a real hypersurface of type (A) or to a real hypersurface of type (B) with  $\alpha = \frac{4}{k}$ .*

This paper is organized as follows: in Section 2, basic relations and theorems concerning real hypersurfaces in non-flat complex space forms are presented. In Section 3, analytic proofs of Theorems 1 and 2 are provided. Finally, in Section 4, proofs of Theorems 4 and 5 are given.

## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, all manifolds, vector fields, etc. are considered of class  $C^\infty$  and all manifolds are assumed to be connected.

The non-flat complex space form  $M_n(c)$ ,  $n \geq 2$  is equipped with a Kähler structure  $J$  and  $G$  is the Kählerian metric. The constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $c$  in the case of complex projective space  $\mathbb{C}P^n$  is  $c = 4$  and in the case of complex hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{C}H^n$  is  $c = -4$ . The Levi-Civita connection of the non-flat complex space form is denoted by  $\bar{\nabla}$ .

Let  $M$  be a connected real hypersurface immersed in  $M_n(c)$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , without boundary and  $N$  be a locally defined unit normal vector field on  $M$ . The shape operator  $A$  of the real hypersurface  $M$  with respect to the vector field  $N$  is given by

$$\bar{\nabla}_X N = -AX.$$

The Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$  of the real hypersurface  $M$  satisfies the relation

$$\bar{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + g(AX, Y)N.$$

The Kähler structure of the ambient space induces on  $M$  an almost contact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  in the following way: any vector field  $X$  tangent to  $M$  satisfies the relation

$$JX = \phi X + \eta(X)N.$$

The tangential component of the above relation defines on  $M$  a skew-symmetric tensor field of type  $(1, 1)$  denoted by  $\phi$  known as the structure tensor. The structure vector field  $\xi$  is defined by  $\xi = -JN$  and the 1-form  $\eta$  is given by  $\eta(X) = g(X, \xi)$  for any vector field  $X$  tangent to  $M$ . The elements of the almost contact structure satisfy the following relation:

$$\phi^2 X = -X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad \eta(\xi) = 1, \quad g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y) \tag{9}$$

for all tangent vectors  $X, Y$  to  $M$ . Relation (9) implies

$$\phi\xi = 0, \quad \eta(X) = g(X, \xi).$$

Because of  $\bar{\nabla}J = 0$ , it is obtained

$$(\nabla_X \phi)Y = \eta(Y)AX - g(AX, Y)\xi \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla_X \xi = \phi AX$$

for all  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$ . Moreover, the Gauss and Codazzi equations of the real hypersurface are respectively given by

$$R(X, Y)Z = \frac{c}{4}[g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y + g(\phi Y, Z)\phi X - g(\phi X, Z)\phi Y - 2g(\phi X, Y)\phi Z] + g(AY, Z)AX - g(AX, Z)AY, \tag{10}$$

and

$$(\nabla_X A)Y - (\nabla_Y A)X = \frac{c}{4}[\eta(X)\phi Y - \eta(Y)\phi X - 2g(\phi X, Y)\xi], \tag{11}$$

for all vectors  $X, Y, Z$  tangent to  $M$ , where  $R$  is the curvature tensor of  $M$ .

The tangent space  $T_p M$  at every point  $p \in M$  is decomposed as

$$T_p M = \text{span}\{\xi\} \oplus \mathbb{D}, \tag{12}$$

where  $\mathbb{D} = \ker \eta = \{X \in T_p M : \eta(X) = 0\}$  and is called (*maximal holomorphic distribution* (if  $n \geq 3$ )).

Next, the following results concern any non-Hopf real hypersurface  $M$  in  $M_2(c)$  with local orthonormal basis  $\{U, \phi U, \xi\}$  at a point  $p$  of  $M$ .

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $M$  be a non-Hopf real hypersurface in  $M_2(c)$ . The following relations hold on  $M$ :*

$$\begin{aligned} AU &= \gamma U + \delta \phi U + \beta \xi, & A\phi U &= \delta U + \mu \phi U, & A\xi &= \alpha \xi + \beta U, \\ \nabla_U \xi &= -\delta U + \gamma \phi U, & \nabla_{\phi U} \xi &= -\mu U + \delta \phi U, & \nabla_{\xi} \xi &= \beta \phi U, \\ \nabla_U U &= \kappa_1 \phi U + \delta \xi, & \nabla_{\phi U} U &= \kappa_2 \phi U + \mu \xi, & \nabla_{\xi} U &= \kappa_3 \phi U, \\ \nabla_U \phi U &= -\kappa_1 U - \gamma \xi, & \nabla_{\phi U} \phi U &= -\kappa_2 U - \delta \xi, & \nabla_{\xi} \phi U &= -\kappa_3 U - \beta \xi, \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \mu, \kappa_1, \kappa_2, \kappa_3$  are smooth functions on  $M$  and  $\beta \neq 0$ .

**Remark 2.** *The proof of Lemma 1 is included in [15].*

The Codazzi equation for  $X \in \{U, \phi U\}$  and  $Y = \xi$  implies, because of Lemma 1, the following relations:

$$\xi \delta = \alpha \gamma + \beta \kappa_1 + \delta^2 + \mu \kappa_3 + \frac{c}{4} - \gamma \mu - \gamma \kappa_3 - \beta^2, \tag{14}$$

$$\xi \mu = \alpha \delta + \beta \kappa_2 - 2\delta \kappa_3, \tag{15}$$

$$(\phi U)\alpha = \alpha \beta + \beta \kappa_3 - 3\beta \mu, \tag{16}$$

$$(\phi U)\beta = \alpha \gamma + \beta \kappa_1 + 2\delta^2 + \frac{c}{2} - 2\gamma \mu + \alpha \mu, \tag{17}$$

and for  $X = U$  and  $Y = \phi U$

$$U\delta - (\phi U)\gamma = \mu \kappa_1 - \kappa_1 \gamma - \beta \gamma - 2\delta \kappa_2 - 2\beta \mu. \tag{18}$$

The following Theorem refers to Hopf hypersurfaces. In the case of complex projective space  $CP^n$ , it is given by Maeda [16], and, in the case of complex hyperbolic space  $CH^n$ , it is given by Ki and Suh [17] (see also Corollary 2.3 in [18]).

**Theorem 6.** *Let  $M$  be a Hopf hypersurface in  $M_n(c)$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . Then,*

- (i)  $\alpha = g(A\xi, \xi)$  is constant.
- (ii) If  $W$  is a vector field, which belongs to  $\mathbb{D}$  such that  $AW = \lambda W$ , then

$$\left(\lambda - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)A\phi W = \left(\frac{\lambda\alpha}{2} + \frac{c}{4}\right)\phi W.$$

(iii) If the vector field  $W$  satisfies  $AW = \lambda W$  and  $A\phi W = \nu\phi W$ , then

$$\lambda\nu = \frac{\alpha}{2}(\lambda + \nu) + \frac{c}{4}. \tag{19}$$

**Remark 3.** Let  $M$  be a three-dimensional Hopf hypersurface in  $M_2(c)$ . Since  $M$  is a Hopf hypersurface relation  $A\xi = \alpha\xi$ , it holds when  $\alpha = \text{constant}$ . At any point  $p \in M$ , we consider a unit vector field  $W \in \mathbb{D}$  such that  $AW = \lambda W$ . Then, the unit vector field  $\phi W$  is orthogonal to  $W$  and  $\xi$  and relation  $A\phi W = \nu\phi W$  holds. Therefore, at any point  $p \in M$ , we can consider the local orthonormal frame  $\{W, \phi W, \xi\}$  and the shape operator satisfies the above relations.

### 3. Proofs of Theorems 1 and 2

Suppose that  $M$  is a real hypersurface in  $M_2(c)$  whose shape operator satisfies relation (5), which because of the relation of  $k$ -th generalized Tanaka-Webster connection (1) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} &g((A\phi A + A^2\phi)X, Y)\xi - g((A\phi + \phi A)X, Y)A\xi + k\eta(AY)\phi X + \eta(Y)A\phi AX \\ &- \eta(AY)\phi AX - k\eta(Y)A\phi X = 0, \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

for any  $X \in \mathbb{D}$  and for all  $Y \in TM$ .

Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be the open subset of  $M$  such that

$$\mathcal{N} = \{p \in M : \beta \neq 0, \text{ in a neighborhood of } p\}.$$

The inner product of relation (20) for  $Y = \xi$  with  $\xi$  due to relation (13) implies  $\delta = 0$  and the shape operator on the local orthonormal basis  $\{U, \phi U, \xi\}$  becomes

$$A\xi = \alpha\xi + \beta U, \quad AU = \gamma U + \beta\xi \quad \text{and} \quad A\phi U = \mu\phi U. \tag{21}$$

Relation (20) for  $X = Y = U$  and  $X = \phi U$  and  $Y = \xi$  due to (21) yields, respectively,

$$\gamma = k \quad \text{and} \quad \mu = 0. \tag{22}$$

Differentiation of  $\gamma = k$  with respect to  $\phi U$  taking into account that  $k$  is a nonzero real number implies  $(\phi U)\gamma = 0$ . Thus, relation (18) results, because of  $\delta = \mu = 0$ , in  $\kappa_1 = -\beta$ . Furthermore, relations (14)–(17) due to  $\delta = 0$  and relation (22) become

$$\alpha k + \frac{c}{4} = 2\beta^2 + k\kappa_3, \tag{23}$$

$$\kappa_2 = 0, \tag{24}$$

$$(\phi U)\alpha = \beta(\alpha + \kappa_3), \tag{25}$$

$$(\phi U)\beta = \alpha k - \beta^2 + \frac{c}{2}. \tag{26}$$

The inner product of Codazzi equation (11) for  $X = U$  and  $Y = \xi$  with  $U$  and  $\xi$  implies because of  $\delta = 0$  and relation (21),

$$U\alpha = U\beta = \xi\beta = \xi\gamma = 0. \tag{27}$$

The Lie bracket of  $U$  and  $\xi$  satisfies the following two relations:

$$[U, \xi]\beta = U(\xi\beta) - \xi(U\beta),$$

$$[U, \xi]\beta = (\nabla_U \xi - \nabla_\xi U)\beta.$$

A combination of the two relations above taking into account relations of Lemma 1 and (27) yields

$$(k - \kappa_3)[(\phi U)\beta] = 0.$$

Suppose that  $k \neq \kappa_3$ , then  $(\phi U)\beta = 0$  and relation (26) implies  $\alpha k + \frac{c}{2} = \beta^2$ . Differentiation of the last one with respect to  $\phi U$  results, taking into account relation (25), in  $\kappa_3 = -\alpha$ . The Riemannian curvature satisfies the relation

$$R(X, Y)Z = \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z,$$

for any  $X, Y, Z$  tangent to  $M$ . Combination of the last relation with Gauss Equation (10) for  $X = U, Y = \phi U$  and  $Z = U$  due to relation (22) and relation (24),  $\kappa_1 = -\beta, \kappa_3 = -\alpha$  and  $(\phi U)\beta = 0$  implies  $c = 0$ , which is a contradiction.

Therefore, on  $M$ , relation  $k = \kappa_3$  holds. A combination of  $R(X, Y)Z = \nabla_X \nabla_Y Z - \nabla_Y \nabla_X Z - \nabla_{[X, Y]} Z$  with Gauss Equation (10) for  $X = U, Y = \phi U$  and  $Z = U$  because of relations (22) and (26) and  $\kappa_1 = -\beta$  yields

$$k^2 = -\alpha k - \frac{3c}{2}.$$

A combination of the latter with relation (23) implies

$$\beta^2 + k^2 = -\frac{5c}{8}.$$

Differentiation of the above relation with respect to  $\phi U$  gives, due to relation (26) and  $k^2 = -\alpha k - \frac{3c}{2}$ ,

$$\beta^2 + k^2 = -\frac{c}{2}.$$

If the ambient space is the complex projective space  $\mathbb{C}P^2$  with  $c = 4$ , then the above relation leads to a contradiction. If the ambient space is the complex hyperbolic space  $\mathbb{C}H^2$  with  $c = -4$ , combination of the latter relation with  $\beta^2 + k^2 = -\frac{5c}{8}$  yields  $c = 0$ , which is a contradiction.

Thus,  $N$  is empty and the following proposition is proved:

**Proposition 1.** *Every real hypersurface in  $M_2(c)$  whose shape operator satisfies relation (5) is a Hopf hypersurface.*

Since  $M$  is a Hopf hypersurface, Theorem 6 and remark 3 hold. Relation (20) for  $X = W$  and for  $X = \phi W$  implies, respectively,

$$(\lambda - k)(\nu - \alpha) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad (\nu - k)(\lambda - \alpha) = 0. \tag{28}$$

Combination of the above relations results in

$$(\nu - \lambda)(\alpha - k) = 0.$$

If  $\lambda \neq \nu$ , then  $\alpha = k$  and relation  $(\lambda - k)(\nu - \alpha) = 0$  becomes

$$(\lambda - \alpha)(\nu - \alpha) = 0.$$

If  $\nu \neq \alpha$ , then  $\lambda = \alpha$  and relation (19) implies that  $\nu$  is also constant. Therefore, the real hypersurface is locally congruent to a real hypersurface of type (B). Substitution of the values of



eigenvalues in relation  $\lambda = \alpha$  leads to a contradiction. Thus, on  $M$ , relation  $\nu = \alpha$  holds. Following similar steps to the previous case, we are led to a contradiction.

Therefore, on  $M$ , we have  $\lambda = \nu$  and the first of relations (28) becomes

$$(\lambda - k)(\lambda - \alpha) = 0.$$

Supposing that  $\lambda \neq k$ , then  $\lambda = \nu = \alpha$ . Thus, the real hypersurface is totally umbilical, which is impossible since there do not exist totally umbilical real hypersurfaces in non-flat complex space forms [18].

Thus, on  $M$  relation  $\lambda = k$  holds. Relation (20) for  $X = W$  and  $Y = \phi W$  implies, because of  $\lambda = \nu = k$ ,  $\lambda = \alpha$ . Thus,  $\lambda = \nu = \alpha$  and the real hypersurface is totally umbilical, which is a contradiction and this completes the proof of Theorem 1.

Next, suppose that  $M$  is a real hypersurface in  $M_2(c)$  whose shape operator satisfies relation (6), which, because of the relation of the  $k$ -th generalized Tanaka-Webster connection (1), becomes

$$\begin{aligned} (A\phi - \phi A)AX - g(\phi A\xi, AX)\xi + \eta(AX)\phi A\xi + k\phi AX + g(\phi A\xi, X)A\xi \\ - \eta(X)A\phi A\xi - kA\phi X = 0, \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

for any  $X \in TM$ .

Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be the open subset of  $M$  such that

$$\mathcal{N} = \{p \in M : \beta \neq 0, \text{ in a neighborhood of } p\}.$$

The inner product of relation (29) for  $X = U$  with  $\xi$  implies, due to relation (13),  $\delta = 0$  and the shape operator on the local orthonormal basis  $\{U, \phi U, \xi\}$  becomes

$$A\xi = \alpha\xi + \beta U, \quad AU = \gamma U + \beta\xi \quad \text{and} \quad A\phi U = \mu\phi U. \tag{30}$$

Relation (29) for  $X = \xi$  yields, taking into account relation (30),  $\gamma = k$ . Finally, relation (29) for  $X = \phi U$  implies, due to relation (30) and the last relation,

$$(\mu^2 - 2k\mu + k^2) + \beta^2 = 0.$$

The above relation results in  $\beta = 0$ , which implies that  $\mathcal{N}$  is empty. Thus, the following proposition is proved:

**Proposition 2.** *Every real hypersurface in  $M_2(c)$  whose shape operator satisfies relation (6) is a Hopf hypersurface.*

Due to the above Proposition, Theorem 6 and Remark 3 hold. Relation (29) for  $X = W$  and for  $X = \phi W$  implies, respectively,

$$(\lambda - k)(\lambda - \nu) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad (\nu - k)(\lambda - \nu) = 0.$$

Suppose that  $\lambda \neq \nu$ . Then, the above relations imply  $\lambda = \nu = k$ , which is a contradiction.

Thus, on  $M$ , relation  $\lambda = \nu$  holds and this results in the structure tensor  $\phi$  commuting with the shape operator  $A$ , i.e.,  $A\phi = \phi A$  and, because of Theorem 3  $M$ , is locally congruent to a real hypersurface of type (A), and this completes the proof of Theorem 2.

#### 4. Proof of Theorems 4 and 5

Suppose that  $M$  is a real hypersurface in  $M_2(c)$  whose tensor field  $P$  satisfies relation (7) for any  $X \in \mathbb{D}$  and for all  $Y \in TM$ . Then, the latter relation becomes, because of the relation of the  $k$ -th generalized Tanaka-Webster connection (1) and relations (3) and (4),

$$g(\phi AX, PY)\xi - \eta(PY)\phi AX - g(\phi APY, X)\xi + k\eta(PY)\phi X - g(\phi AX, Y)P\xi + \eta(Y)P\phi AX + g(\phi AY, X)P\xi - k\eta(Y)P\phi X = 0, \tag{31}$$

for any  $X \in \mathbb{D}$  and for all  $Y \in TM$ .

Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be the open subset of  $M$  such that

$$\mathcal{N} = \{p \in M : \beta \neq 0, \text{ in a neighborhood of } p\}.$$

Relation (31) for  $Y = \xi$  implies, taking into account relation (13),

$$\beta\{g(AX, U) + g(A\phi U, \phi X)\}\xi + P\phi AX + \beta^2g(\phi U, X)\phi U - kP\phi X = 0, \tag{32}$$

for any  $X \in \mathbb{D}$ .

The inner product of relation (32) for  $X = \phi U$  with  $\xi$  due to relation (13) yields  $\delta = 0$ . Moreover, the inner product of relation (32) for  $X = \phi U$  with  $\phi U$ , taking into account relation (13) and  $\delta = 0$ , results in

$$\beta^2 + k(\gamma - \mu) = \mu(\gamma - \mu). \tag{33}$$

The inner product of relation (32) for  $X = U$  with  $U$  gives, because of relation (13) and  $\delta = 0$ ,

$$(\gamma - k)(\gamma - \mu) = 0.$$

Suppose that  $\gamma \neq k$ , then the above relation implies  $\gamma = \mu$  and relation (33) implies  $\beta = 0$ , which is impossible.

Thus, relation  $\gamma = k$  holds and relation (33) results in

$$\beta^2 + (\gamma - \mu)^2 = 0.$$

The latter implies  $\beta = 0$ , which is impossible.

Thus,  $\mathcal{N}$  is empty and the following proposition has been proved:

**Proposition 3.** *Every real hypersurface in  $M_2(c)$  whose tensor field  $P$  satisfies relation (7) is a Hopf hypersurface.*

As a result of the proposition above, Theorem 6 and remark 3 hold. Thus, relation (31) for  $X = W$  and  $Y = \xi$  and for  $X = \phi W$  and  $Y = \xi$  yields, respectively,

$$(\lambda - k)(\lambda - \nu) = 0 \text{ and } (\nu - k)(\lambda - \nu) = 0.$$

Supposing that  $\lambda \neq \nu$ , the above relations imply  $\lambda = \nu = k$ , which is a contradiction.

Therefore, relation  $\lambda = \nu$  holds and this implies that  $A\phi = \phi A$ . Thus, because of Theorem 3,  $M$  is locally congruent to a real hypersurface of type (A) and this completes the proof of Theorem 4.

Next, we study three-dimensional real hypersurfaces in  $M_2(c)$  whose tensor field  $P$  satisfies relation (8). The last relation becomes, due to relation (2),

$$F_\xi^{(k)}PY - PF_\xi^{(k)}Y + \phi APY - P\phi AY = 0, \tag{34}$$

for any  $Y$  tangent to  $M$ .

Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be the open subset of  $M$  such that

$$\mathcal{N} = \{p \in M : \beta \neq 0, \text{ in a neighborhood of } p\}.$$

The inner product of relation (34) for  $Y = \xi$  implies, taking into account relation (13),  $\beta = 0$ , which is impossible. Thus,  $\mathcal{N}$  is empty and the following proposition has been proved

**Proposition 4.** *Every real hypersurface in  $M_2(c)$  whose tensor field  $P$  satisfies relation (8) is a Hopf hypersurface.*

Since  $M$  is a Hopf hypersurface, Theorems 6 and 3 hold. Relation (34) for  $Y = W$  implies, due to  $AW = \lambda W$  and  $A\phi W = \nu\phi W$ ,

$$(\lambda - \nu)(\nu + \lambda - 2k) = 0.$$

We have two cases:

**Case I:** Supposing that  $\lambda \neq \nu$ , then the above relation implies  $\nu + \lambda = 2k$ . Relation (19) implies, due to the last one, that  $\lambda, \nu$  are constant. Thus,  $M$  is locally congruent to a real hypersurface with three distinct principal curvatures. Therefore, it is locally congruent to a real hypersurface of type (B).

Thus, in the case of  $\mathbb{C}P^2$ , substitution of the eigenvalues of real hypersurface of type (B) in  $\nu + \lambda = 2k$  implies  $\alpha = -2k$ . In the case of  $\mathbb{C}H^2$ , substitution of the eigenvalues of real hypersurface of type (B) in  $\nu + \lambda = 2k$  yields  $\alpha = \frac{4}{k}$ .

**Case II:** Supposing that  $\lambda = \nu$ , then the structure tensor  $\phi$  commutes with the shape operator  $A$ , i.e.,  $A\phi = \phi A$  and, because of Theorem 3,  $M$  is locally congruent to a real hypersurface of type (A) and this completes the proof of Theorem 5.

As a consequence of Theorems 4 and 5, the following Corollary is obtained:

**Corollary 2.** *A real hypersurface  $M$  in  $M_2(c)$  whose tensor field  $P$  satisfies relation (7) is locally congruent to a real hypersurface of type (A).*

### 5. Conclusions

In this paper, we answer the question if there are three-dimensional real hypersurfaces in non-flat complex space forms whose differential operator  $\mathcal{L}^{(k)}$  of a tensor field of type (1, 1) coincides with the Lie derivative of it. First, we study the case of the tensor field being the shape operator  $A$  of the real hypersurface. The obtained results complete the work that has been done in the case of real hypersurfaces of dimensions greater than three in complex projective space (see [11]). In Table 3 all the existing results and also provides open problems are summarized.

**Table 3.** Results on condition  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_X^{(k)} A = \mathcal{L}_X A$ .

Condition	$M_2(c)$	$\mathbb{C}P^n, n \geq 3$	$\mathbb{C}H^n, n \geq 3$
$\hat{\mathcal{L}}_X^{(k)} A = \mathcal{L}_X A, X \in \mathbb{D}$	does not exist	does not exist	open
$\hat{\mathcal{L}}_\xi^{(k)} A = \mathcal{L}_\xi A$	type (A)	type (A)	open
$\hat{\mathcal{L}}_X^{(k)} A = \mathcal{L}_X A, X \in TM$	does not exist	does not exist	open

Next, we study the above geometric condition in the case of the tensor field being  $P = A\phi - \phi A$ , which is introduced here. In Table 4, we summarize the obtained results.

**Table 4.** Results on condition  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}_X^{(k)}P = \mathcal{L}_X P$ .

Condition	$\mathbb{C}P^2$	$\mathbb{C}H^2$
$\hat{\mathcal{L}}_X^{(k)}P = \mathcal{L}_X P, X \in \mathbb{D}$	type (A)	type (A)
$\hat{\mathcal{L}}_\zeta^{(k)}P = \mathcal{L}_\zeta P$	type (A) and type (B) with $\alpha = -2k$	type (A) and type (B) with $\alpha = \frac{4}{k}$
$\hat{\mathcal{L}}_X^{(k)}P = \mathcal{L}_X P, X \in TM$	type (A)	type (A)

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