

## ISOTROPIC SECTIONS AND CURVATURE PROPERTIES OF HYPERBOLIC KÄHLERIAN MANIFOLDS

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**Abstract.** In [4,2] curvature properties of pseudo-Riemannian manifolds were investigated with respect to isotropic vectors and isotropic sections. Further, analogous properties have been treated in [1] for Kählerian manifolds with an indefinite metric. In this paper we consider hyperbolic Kählerian manifolds, and study how the curvature properties of one- and two-dimensional isotropic tangential spaces determine the curvature properties of the manifold.

### 1. Preliminaries

Let  $M$  be a  $2n$ -dimensional hyperbolic Kählerian manifold, i.e.  $M$  is a Riemannian manifold with an indefinite metric  $g$  and an almost product structure satisfying the conditions:

$$(1) \quad p^2 = id, \quad g(PX, PY) = -g(X, Y)$$

for arbitrary vector fields  $X, Y$  and  $\nabla P = 0$ . The metric  $g$  is of signature  $(n, n)$  and  $P$  trace = 0.

$R, \rho$  and  $T$  will stand for the curvature tensor, the Ricci tensor and the scalar curvature respectively. The curvature tensor  $R$  satisfies the condition

$$(2) \quad R(X, Y, Z, U) = -R(X, Y, PZ, PU)$$

for arbitrary vectors in the tangential space  $T, M, p$  in  $M$ . The Ricci tensor  $\rho$  has the property

$$(3) \quad \rho(X, Y) = -\rho(PX, PY); \quad X, Y \text{ in } T_pM.$$

Further, we consider the tensors:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(Y, Z, U) &= g(Y, Z)\rho(X, U) - g(X, Z)\rho(Y, U) \\ &\quad + g(X, U)\rho(Y, Z) - g(Y, U)\rho(X, Z); \\ \psi(X, Y, Z, U) &= -g(Y, PZ)\rho(X, PU) + g(X, PZ)\rho(Y, PU) \\ &\quad - g(X, PU)\rho(Y, PZ) + g(Y, PU)\rho(X, PZ) \\ &\quad + 2g(X, PY)\rho(Z, PU) + 2g(Z, PU)\rho(X, PY); \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_1(X, Y, Z, U) &= g(Y, Z)g(X, U) - g(X, Z)g(Y, U); \\ \pi_2(X, Y, Z, U) &= -g(Y, PZ)g(X, PU) + g(X, PZ)g(Y, PU) \\ &\quad + 2g(X, PY)g(Z, PU).\end{aligned}$$

Let  $\alpha$  be a section (2-plane) in  $T_pM$ . The section  $\alpha$  is said to be nondegenerate, weakly isotropic, strongly isotropic, if the rank of the restriction of the metric  $g$  on  $\alpha$  is 2, 1, 0 respectively. With respect to the structure  $P$  a section  $\alpha$  is said to be holomorphic (totally real) if  $P\alpha = \alpha$  ( $P\alpha \neq \alpha$ ,  $P\alpha \perp \alpha$ ).

We shall use two kinds of special bases of  $T_pM$ :

1) An adapted basis  $\{a_1, \dots, a_n; x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  is characterized with the property that the matrices  $g$  and  $P$  with respect to such a basis are

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} -I_n & 0 \\ 0 & I_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_n \\ I_n & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $I_n$  is the unit matrix.

2) A separate basis  $\{\eta_1, \dots, \eta_n; \xi_1, \dots, \xi_n\}$  consists of eigen vectors of  $P$ , so that  $\{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n\}$  form a basis of the eigen space  $V^+$ , corresponding to the eigen value +1 of  $P$ . The vectors  $\{\eta_1, \dots, \eta_n\}$  form a basis of the eigen space  $V^-$ . With respect to a separate basis the matrices  $g$  and  $P$  are

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -I_n \\ -I_n & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad g = \begin{pmatrix} -I_n & 0 \\ 0 & I_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

The following equation is fulfilled  $T_pM = V^+ \oplus V^-$  (nonorthogonal). The second condition of (1) implies that every eigen vector  $\xi$  of  $P$  is isotropic, i.e.  $g(\xi, \xi) = 0$ . Given an adapted basis, one obtains a separate basis by the formulae:

$$\xi_i = (a_i + x_i)/\sqrt{2}, \quad \eta_i = (a_i - x_i)/\sqrt{2}; \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

These formulae give also an inverse transition.

In what follows,  $x, y, z$  will denote unit space-like vectors, i.e.  $g(x, x) = 1$ ;  $a, b, c$  will denote unit time-like vectors, i.e.  $g(a, a) = -1$ ;  $u, r, v$  will denote isotropic vectors which are not eigen vectors, i.e.  $g(u, u) = 0$ ,  $Pu \neq \pm u$ ;  $\xi, \eta, \zeta$  will denote eigenvectors of  $P$ , i.e.  $P\xi = \pm\xi$ .

Taking into account both structures, we find the following types of holomorphic and totally real sections in  $T_pM$ :

#### A. Holomorphic sections.

A1. *Nondegenerate holomorphic sections.* These sections have an orthonormal basis of type  $\{x, Px\}$  or  $\{a, Pa\}$  and a basis of type  $\{\xi, \eta\}$ ,  $P\xi = \xi$ ,  $P\eta = -\eta$ ,  $g(\xi, \eta) \neq 0$ .

A2. *Strongly isotropic holomorphic sections of hybrid type.* These sections exist by  $n \geq 2$ , and have a basis of type  $\{u, Pu\}$ . Another kind of useful bases for such sections are  $\{\xi, \eta\}$ ,  $P\xi = \xi$ ,  $P\eta = -\eta$ ,  $g(\xi, \eta) \neq 0$ .

A3. *Strongly isotropic holomorphic sections of pure type.* By  $n \geq 2$  these sections are the sections in  $V^+$  and in  $V^-$ .

B. *Totally real sections.*

B1. *Nondegenerate totally real sections of pure type.* These sections exist by  $n \geq 2$  and have an orthonormal basis of type  $\{x, y\}$ ,  $g(x, Py) = 0$  or  $\{a, b\}$ ,  $g(a, Pb) = 0$ .

B2. *Nondegenerate totally real sections of hybrid type.* These sections exist by  $n \geq 2$  and have an orthonormal basis of type  $\{x, a\}$ ,  $g(x, Pa) = 0$ .

B3. *Weakly isotropic totally real sections of the I type.* These sections exist by  $n \geq 2$  and have a basis of type  $\{x, \xi\}$ ,  $g(x, \xi) = 0$ ;  $\{a, \xi\}$ ;  $g(a, \xi) = 0$ .

B4. *Weakly isotropic totally real sections of the II type.* These sections exist by  $n \geq 3$  and have a basis of type  $\{x, u\}$ ,  $g(x, u) = g(x, Pu) = 0$ ;  $\{a, u\}$ ,  $g(a, u) = g(a, Pu) = 0$ .

B5. *Strongly isotropic totally real sections of the I type.* These sections exist by  $n \geq 3$  and have a basis of type  $\{\xi, u\}$ ,  $g(\xi, u) = 0$ .

B6. *Strongly isotropic totally real sections of the II type.* These sections exist by  $n \geq 4$  and have a basis of type  $\{u, v\}$ ,  $g(u, v) = g(u, Pv) = 0$ .

2. **Holomorphic curvatures**

If  $\alpha$  is a nondegenerate section in  $T_pM$  with a basis  $\{X, Y\}$ , its curvature is given by

$$K(\alpha, p) = K(X, Y) = R(X, Y, Y, X) / \pi_1(X, Y, Y, X).$$

For an isotropic section such a curvature cannot be defined. If  $\{X, Y\}$  forms a basis of an isotropic section  $\alpha$  and

$$(4) \quad R(X, Y, Y, X) = 0,$$

this is a geometric property of the section  $\alpha$ .

Now, let  $\alpha$  be a nondegenerate holomorphic section. Curvatures of such sections will be called holomorphic sectional curvatures. As for Kaehlerian manifolds, we have.

LEMMA 1. *Let  $T$  be a tensor of type  $(0, 4)$  over  $T_pM$  with the properties:*

- 1)  $T(X, Y, Z, U) = -T(Y, X, Z, U)$ ;
  - 2)  $T(X, Y, Z, U) = -T(X, Y, U, Z)$ ;
  - 3)  $T(X, Y, Z, U) + T(Y, Z, X, U) + T(Z, X, Y, U) = 0$ ;
  - 4)  $T(X, Y, Z, U) = -T(X, Y, PZ, PU)$ .
- (5)

If  $T$  has zero holomorphic sectional curvatures, then  $T = 0$ .

*Proof.* From the condition of the lemma it follows that

$$(6) \quad T(X, PX, PX, X) = 0$$

for an arbitrary nonisotropic vector  $X$  in  $T_pM$ . Let  $Y$  be an arbitrary isotropic vector. Then  $Y = \lambda(x + a)$ ,  $\lambda$  - real number,  $g(x, x) = -g(a, a) = 1$ ,  $g(x, a) = 0$ . Substituting the vector  $x + ta$ ,  $|t| < 1$  in (6), we obtain a polynomial identity

$$f(t) = c_0 + c_1t + c_2t^2 + c_3t^3 + c_4t^4 = 0.$$

for  $|t| < 1$ . This implies  $c_0 = \dots = c_4 = 0$  and in particular  $f(1) = 0$ , i.e.  $T(Y, PY, PY, Y) = 0$ . Thus, (6) is fulfilled for an arbitrary vector. Now, as in the case of a Kaehlerian manifold [5], it follows that  $T = 0$ .

A hyperbolic Kaehlerian manifold is said to be of constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $\mu$  if  $K(\alpha, p) = \mu$ , does not depend on the choice of the nondegenerate holomorphic section  $\alpha$  in  $T_pM$ ,  $p$  in  $M$ . The curvature identity characterizing these manifolds has been found in [7] with respect to local coordinates. We shall derive this identity from Lemma 1.

PROPOSITION. [7] *A hyperbolic Kaehlerian manifold is of constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $\mu$  if and only if*

$$(7) \quad R = \mu(\pi_1 + \pi_2)/4, \quad \mu = \tau/n(n+1).$$

*Proof.* The proposition follows by applying Lemma 1 to the tensor  $T = R - (\mu/4)(\pi_1 + \pi_2)$ .

The equality (7) implies  $\rho = \mu((n+1)/2)g$ , i.e.  $M$  is Einsteinian. Hence, if  $M$  is connected,  $\mu$  is a constant on  $M$ .

*Remark.* In [7], hyperbolic Kaehlerian manifolds of constant holomorphic sectional curvature have been called manifolds of almost constant curvature.

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be the vector space of the tensors over  $T_pM$  having the properties (5). For  $T$  in  $\mathcal{K}$ ,  $\rho(T)$  and  $\tau(T)$  will stand for the Ricci tensor and the scalar curvature with respect to  $T$ . The metric  $g$  induces in a natural way an inner product in  $\mathcal{K}$ . Using the same method as in [6, 8], we obtain the following decomposition theorem for  $\mathcal{K}$ .

THEOREM 1. *The following decomposition of  $\mathcal{K}$  is orthogonal:*

$$\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}_1 \oplus \mathcal{K}_2 \oplus \mathcal{K}_w,$$

where

- 1)  $\mathcal{K}_1 = \{T \in \mathcal{K} \mid T = \mu(\pi_1 + \pi_2)/4\}$ ;
- 2)  $\mathcal{K}_w = \{T \in \mathcal{K} \mid \rho(T) = 0\}$ ;
- 3)  $\mathcal{K}_2$  is the orthogonal complement  $\mathcal{K}_w$  in  $\mathcal{K}_1^\perp$ ;
- 4)  $\mathcal{K}_1 \oplus \{T \in \mathcal{K} \mid \rho(T) = \tau(T)g/2n\}$ ;
- 5)  $\mathcal{K}_2 \oplus \{T \in \mathcal{K} \mid \tau(T) = 0\}$ .

The curvature tensor  $R$  of a hyperbolic Kaehlerian manifold has the properties (5). The component  $B(R)$  of  $R$  in  $\mathcal{K}_w$  (Weyl component) is said to be the Bochner curvature tensor. It is easy to check that this component is

$$(8) \quad B(R) = R - \frac{1}{2n(n+2)}(\varphi + \psi) + \frac{\tau}{4(n+1)(n+2)}(\pi_1 + \pi_2).$$

**COROLLARY 1.** *A hyperbolic Kaehlerian manifold  $M(2n \geq 4)$  is of constant holomorphic sectional curvature if and only if  $M$  is Einsteinian and  $B(R) = 0$ .*

The Ricci curvature of a direction determined by a nonisotropic vector  $X$  is given by  $\rho(X) = \rho(X, X)/g(X, X)$ . Applying Lemma 1 we obtain

**COROLLARY 2.** *Let  $M(2n \geq 4)$  be a hyperbolic Kaehlerian manifold.  $M$  has a vanishing Bochner curvature tensor if and only if*

$$(9) \quad K(X, PX) - \frac{4}{n+2}\rho(X) + \frac{\tau}{(n+1)(n+2)} = 0$$

for an arbitrary nonisotropic vector  $X$  in  $T_pM$ ,  $p$  in  $M$ .

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $M(2n \geq 4)$  be a hyperbolic Kaehlerian manifold. The following conditions are equivalent.*

1)  $R(u, Pu, Pu, u) = 0$  for arbitrary  $u$  in  $T_pM$ , i.e. the strongly isotropic holomorphic sections of hybrid type have the property (4);

2)  $B(R) = 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\{a_1, \dots, a_n; x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  be an adapted basis for  $T_pM$ . From the condition 1) of the theorem we have  $R(a_i + x_j, a_j + x_i, a_j + x_i, a_i + x_j) = 0$ ,  $i \neq j$ . These equalities imply

$$(10) \quad 6K(a_i, x_j) + 2K(a_i, a_j) = K(a_i, x_i) + K(a_j, x_j); \quad i \neq j.$$

Using  $u = a_i + x_i + a_j - x_j$ ,  $i \neq j$  and the condition 1) we obtain

$$(11) \quad K(a_i, a_j) = K(a_i, x_j), \quad i \neq j.$$

The equalities (10) and (11) give

$$K(x_i, Px_i) - \frac{4}{n+2}\rho(x_i) + \frac{\tau}{(n+1)(n+2)} = 0,$$

which is equivalent to (9) and hence  $B(R) = 0$ . The inverse is a simple verification.

### 3. Totally real sections

The curvatures of nondegenerate totally real sections are said to be totally real sectional curvatures.

LEMMA 2. *Let  $M(2n \geq 6)$  be a hyperbolic Kaehlerian manifold. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- 1)  $R(x, a, a, x) = 0$  whenever  $a \perp x, Px$ , i.e. the totally real sectional curvatures of hybrid type are zero;
- 2)  $R(x, y, y, x) = 0$  whenever  $x \perp y, Py$ , i.e. the totally real sectional curvatures of pure type are zero;
- 3)  $R = 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\{x, y, a\}$  be an orthogonal triple spanning a 3-dimensional totally real space. For the pair  $\{x, a' = (a + ty)/\sqrt{1-t^2}\}$ ,  $|t| < 1$  we have  $a' \perp x, Px$ . Substituting this pair into the condition 1) of the lemma, we get  $R(x, a + ty, a + ty, x) = 0$ . The corresponding polynomial identity gives  $R(x, y, y, x) = 0$ , i.e. 1) implies 2). The inverse follows in a similar way.

Now, let  $\{x, y, z\}$  be orthogonal and span a 3-dimensional totally real space. Applying 1) to the vectors  $(x - y)/\sqrt{2}$ ,  $(Px + Py)/\sqrt{2}$  and using 2) we find  $K(x, Px) + K(y, Py) = 0$ . Analogously,  $K(y, Py) + K(z, Pz) = K(x, Px) + K(z, Pz) = 0$ . Therefore  $K(x, Px) = 0$  and Lemma 1) implies  $R = 0$ .

The following theorem has an easy proof using Lemma 2.

THEOREM 3. *Let  $M(2n \geq 6)$  be a hyperbolic Kaehlerian manifold. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- 1)  $M$  is of constant totally real sectional curvature of hybrid type. i.e.  $K(a, x) = v$ , whenever  $a \perp x, Px$ ;
- 2)  $M$  is of constant totally real sectional curvature of pure type, i.e.  $K(x, y) = v(K(a, b) = v)$ , whenever  $x \perp y, Py$  ( $a \perp b, Pb$ );
- 3)  $M$  is of constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $\mu = 4v$ .

THEOREM 4. *Let  $M(2n \geq 4)$  be a hyperbolic Kaehlerian manifold. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- 1)  $R(x, \xi, \xi, x) = 0$  whenever  $\{x, \xi\}$  spans a weakly isotropic totally real section of  $I$  type;
- 2)  $B(R) = 0$ .

*Proof.* Let the pair  $\{x, y\}$  be orthogonal and span a totally real section. Applying the condition 1) of the theorem to the pair  $\{x, \xi = y + Py\}$  we obtain

$$(12) \quad R(x, y, y, x) + R(x, Py, Py, x) = 0.$$

Now, we substitute the pair  $\{x, y\}$  in (12) by  $\{(x + y)/\sqrt{2}, (x - y)/\sqrt{2}\}$  and linearizing we find

$$(13) \quad 8K(x, y) = K(x, Px) + K(y, Py).$$

Further, as in the proof of Theorem 2, (12) and (13) give  $B(R) = 0$ .

The inverse follows immediately by taking into account that  $\rho(\xi, \xi) = 0$ .

**THEOREM 5.** *Let  $M(2n \geq 6)$  be a hyperbolic Kaehlerian manifold. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- 1)  $R(x, u, u, x) = 0$ , whenever  $\{x, u\}$  spans a weakly isotropic totally real section of the II type;
- 2)  $M$  is of constant holomorphic sectional curvature.

*Proof.* Let  $\{a_1, \dots, a_n; x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  be an adapted basis for  $T_p M$ . Applying the condition 1) of the theorem to the pairs  $\{x_i, x_j + a_k\}$  ( $i, j, k$  - different), we find  $K(a_i, x_j) = \text{const}$ ;  $i \neq j$ . This is equivalent to the condition 1) of Theorem 3. Hence,  $M$  is of constant holomorphic sectional curvature.

The inverse is easy to check.

**THEOREM 6.** *Let  $M(2n \geq 6)$  be a hyperbolic Kaehlerian manifold. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- 1)  $R(\xi, u, u, \xi) = 0$ , whenever  $\{\xi, u\}$  spans a strongly isotropic totally real section of the I type;
- 2)  $B(R) = 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\{\eta_1, \dots, \eta_n; \xi_1, \dots, \xi_n\}$  be a separate basis for  $T_p M$ . Applying the condition 1) to the pair  $\{\xi_i, \eta_j + \lambda \xi_k\}$ ,  $\lambda \neq 0$  ( $i, j, k$  - different) we obtain

$$(14) \quad 0 = R(\xi_i, \eta_j, \eta_j, \xi_i); \quad i \neq j.$$

The pairs  $\{\xi_i, \eta_j\}$ ,  $i \neq j$  span strongly isotropic holomorphic sections of hybrid type and (14) is equivalent to the condition 1) of Theorem 2. Hence,  $B(R) = 0$ .

**THEOREM 7.** *Let  $M(2n \geq 8)$  be a hyperbolic Kaehlerian manifold. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- 1)  $R(u, v, v, u) = 0$ , whenever  $\{u, v\}$  spans a strongly isotropic totally real section of the II type;
- 2)  $B(R) = 0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\{\eta_1, \dots, \eta_n; \xi_1, \dots, \xi_n\}$  be a separate basis for  $T_p M$ . Substituting  $\{u = \xi_i + \lambda \eta_j, v = \lambda \xi_k + \eta_l\}$ ,  $\lambda \neq 0$  ( $i, j, k, l$  - different) in the condition 1), we get  $R(\xi_i, \eta_l, \eta_l, \xi_i) = 0$ ,  $i \neq l$ , which is (14) and therefore  $B(R) = 0$ .

**THEOREM 8.** *Let  $M(2n \geq 8)$  be a hyperbolic Kaehlerian manifold. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- 1)  $R(x_i, x_j, x_k, x_l) = 0$ , ( $i, j, k, l$  - different), whenever  $\{a_1, \dots, a_n; x_i, \dots, x_n\}$  is an adapted basis;
- 2)  $K(x_i, x_j) + K(x_k, x_l) = K(x_j, x_k) + K(x_j, x_l)$ , ( $i, j, k, l$  - different) whenever  $\{a_1, \dots, a_n; x_i, \dots, x_n\}$  is an adapted basis;
- 3)  $B(R) = 0$ .

This theorem is analogous to a theorem in [9] for Kaehlerian manifolds and it can be checked in a similar way taking into account the properties of the structure  $P$ .

#### 4. Pinching problems

A Ricci curvature cannot be defined for an isotropic direction. If  $X$  is an isotropic vector and  $\rho(X, X) = 0$ , this is a geometric property of the isotropic direction, defined by  $X$ .

The following statement is a slight modification of a result in [3].

LEMMA 3. *Let  $M$  be a hyperbolic Kaehlerian manifold. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- 1)  $\rho(u, u) = 0$ , for arbitrary  $u$ ;
- 2)  $\rho = (\tau/2n)g$ , i.e.  $M$  is Einsteinian.

THEOREM 9. *Let  $M(2n \geq 4)$  be a hyperbolic Kaehlerian manifold. If the holomorphic sectional curvatures in every point are bounded, i.e. for an arbitrary nondegenerate holomorphic section  $\alpha$  in  $T_p M$*

$$(15) \quad |K(\alpha, p)| \leq c(p),$$

then  $M$  is of constant holomorphic sectional curvature.

*Proof.* Let  $x = u + a$ ,  $a \perp u, Pu$  and  $\alpha$  be the holomorphic section spanned by  $\{(x + ta)/\sqrt{1-t^2}, (Px + tPa)/\sqrt{1-t^2}, |t| < 1$ . From condition (15) we get

$$|R(x + ta, Px + tPa, Px + tPa, x + ta)| \leq (1-t^2)^2 c(p).$$

Hence,  $R(u, Pu, Pu, u) = 0$  and Theorem 2 implies  $B(R) = 0$ , i.e.

$$\frac{4}{n+2} \rho(x) = K(x, Px) + \frac{\tau}{(n+1)(n+2)}.$$

This equality gives that the Ricci curvatures in every point are bounded

$$(16) \quad |\rho(x)| \leq c'(p).$$

Substituting  $x$  by  $(x + ta)/\sqrt{1-t^2}$ ,  $|t| < 1$  in (16), we find  $\rho(u) = 0$  and Lemma 3 implies that  $M$  is Einsteinian. Now, the statement follows from Corollary 1.

THEOREM 10. *Let  $M(2n \geq 6)$  be a hyperbolic Kaehlerian manifold. If the totally real sectional curvatures of hybrid type are bounded in every point, i.e. if*

$$(17) \quad |K(x, a)| \leq c(p); \quad a \perp x, Px,$$

then  $M$  is of constant holomorphic sectional curvature.

*Proof.* Let  $u = x + a$  and  $\{x, a, b\}$  span a totally real 3-dimensional space. Substituting the pair  $\{x, a\}$  in (17) by  $\{(x + ta)/\sqrt{1-t^2}, b\}$ ,  $|t| \leq 1$ , we obtain

$$|R(x + ta, b, b, x + ta)| \leq (1-t^2)c(p).$$



Therefore,  $R(u, b, b, u) = 0$ , and Theorem 5 implies that  $M$  is of constant holomorphic sectional curvature.

*Remark.* The totally real curvatures of hybrid type in Theorem 10 can be replaced by totally real curvatures of pure type.

**THEOREM 11.** *Let  $M(2n \geq 6)$  be a hyperbolic Kaehlerian manifold. If the totally real sectional curvatures are bounded from above, i.e. if*

$$(18) \quad \begin{aligned} K(x, a) &\leq c(p); & a \perp x, Px, \\ K(x, y) &\leq c(p); & x \perp y, Py, \end{aligned}$$

*then  $M$  is of constant holomorphic sectional curvature.*

*Proof.* Let  $u = y + a$  and  $\{x, y, a\}$  span a 3-dimensional totally real space. The first condition of (18) implies  $R(x, a, a, x) \geq -c(p)$ . Substituting here the vector  $a$  by  $(a + ty)/\sqrt{1 - t^2}$ ,  $|t| < 1$ , we get  $R(x, u, u, x) \geq 0$ . Using the inequality  $R(x, y, y, x) \leq c(p)$  and substituting the vector  $y$  by  $(y + ta)/\sqrt{1 - t^2}$ ,  $|t| < 1$ , we obtain  $R(x, u, u, x) \leq 0$ . Therefore  $R(x, u, u, x) = 0$  and the theorem follows now from Theorem 5.

### 5. Plane axioms

Let  $M$  ( $\dim M = m \geq 3$ ) be a differentiable manifold with a linear connection of zero torsion.  $M$  is said to satisfy the axiom of  $r$ -planes ( $2 \leq r < m$ ), if, for each point  $p$  and for any  $r$ -dimensional subspace  $E$  of  $T_pM$ , there exists an  $r$ -dimensional totally geodesic submanifold  $N$  containing  $p$  such that  $T_pN = E$ .

**THEOREM 12.** (Axiom of nondegenerate totally real 2-planes of hybrid type) *Let  $M(2n \geq 6)$  be a hyperbolic Kaehlerian manifold. If for any nondegenerate totally real section  $\alpha$  in  $T_pM$  of hybrid type there exists a 2-dimensional totally geodesic submanifold  $N$  containing  $p$  such that  $T_pN = \alpha$ , then  $M$  is of constant holomorphic sectional curvature.*

*Proof.* Let  $\{x, y, b\}$  be orthogonal and let it span a 3-dimensional totally real space in  $T_pM$ . The pair  $\{x, y' = (b + ty)/\sqrt{1 - t^2}\}$ ,  $|t| < 1$  spans a 2-plane  $\alpha$ , which is nondegenerate totally real of hybrid type. By the condition of the theorem, it follows that  $R(y', x)x$  is in  $\alpha$  and  $R(y', x)x \perp y''$ , where  $y'' = y + tb$ . From this, it follows that  $R(x, u, u, x) = 0$ , where  $u = y + b$ . Now, the proposition follows from Theorem 5.

*Remark.* The nondegenerate totally real 2-planes of hybrid type in Theorem 12 can be replaced with nondegenerate totally real 2-planes of pure type.

**THEOREM 13.** (Axiom of weakly isotropic totally real 2-planes of the I type) *Let  $M(2n \geq 6)$  be a hyperbolic Kaehlerian manifold. If for any weakly isotropic totally real 2 plane  $\alpha$  in  $T_pM$  of the I type there exists a 2-dimensional totally*

geodesic submanifold  $N$ , containing  $p$  such that  $T_p N = \alpha$ , then  $M$  has a vanishing Bochner curvature tensor.

*Proof.* Let  $a$  be an arbitrary weakly isotropic totally real 2-plane of the I type with a basis  $\{\xi, x\}$   $\xi \perp x, \xi$  – eigen. By the condition of the theorem, it follows that  $R(\xi, x)x$  is in  $a$  and therefore,  $R(\xi, x, x, \xi) = 0$ . Now, the proposition follows from Theorem 4.

**THEOREM 14.** (Axiom of weakly isotropic totally real 2-planes of the II type) *Let  $M(2n \geq 6)$  be a hyperbolic Kaehlerian manifold. If for every weakly isotropic totally real 2 plane in  $T_p M$  of the II type there exists a 2-dimensional totally geodesic submanifold  $N$  containing  $p$  such that  $T_p N = \alpha$ , then  $M$  is of constant holomorphic sectional curvature.*

The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 13 and we omit it.

**THEOREM 15.** (Axiom of strongly isotropic totally real 2-planes of the I type (II type)) *Let  $M(2n \geq 8)$  be a hyperbolic Kaehlerian manifold. If for every strongly isotropic totally real 2-plane  $a$  in  $T_p M$  of the I type (II type) there exists a 2-dimensional totally geodesic submanifold  $N$  containing  $p$  such that  $T_p N = \alpha$ , then  $M$  has a vanishing Bochner curvature tensor.*

The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 13 and it is based on Theorem 6 (Theorem 7).

**THEOREM 16.** (Axiom of nondegenerate holomorphic 2-planes) *Let  $M(2n \geq 4)$  be a hyperbolic Kaehlerian manifold. If for every nondegenerate holomorphic 2-plane  $\alpha$  in  $T_p M$  there exists a 2-dimensional totally geodesic submanifold  $N$  containing  $p$  such that  $T_p N = \alpha$ , then  $M$  is of constant holomorphic sectional curvature.*

*Proof.* Let  $x$  be arbitrary and  $a \perp x, Px$ . If  $\alpha$  is the holomorphic section spanned by  $\{x, Px\}$ , from the condition of the theorem it follows that  $R(x, Px)Px$  is in  $\alpha$ . Hence,

$$(19) \quad R(x, Px, Px, a) = 0.$$

Substituting the pair  $\{x, a\}$  in (19) by  $\{(x + ta)/\sqrt{1 - t^2}, (a + tx)/\sqrt{1 - t^2}\}$ ,  $|t| < 1$ , we obtain  $R(u, Pu, Pu, u) = 0$ , where  $u = a + x$ . Theorem 2 implies  $B(R) = 0$ . By using (19) and formula (8) we find

$$(20) \quad \rho(x, a) = 0,$$

Substituting the pair  $\{x, a\}$  as above, we get  $\rho(u, u) = 0$ . Now, from Lemma 3 it follows that (20) implies  $\rho = (\tau/2n)g$ . This condition and  $B(R) = 0$  give the proposition.

**THEOREM 17.** (Axiom of strongly isotropic holomorphic 2-planes) *Let  $M(2n \geq 4)$  be a hyperbolic Kaehlerian manifold. If for every strongly isotropic*

*holomorphic 2-plane  $\alpha$  in  $T_p M$  of hybrid type there exists a 2-dimensional totally geodesic submanifold  $N$  containing  $p$  such that  $T_p N = \alpha$ , then  $M$  has a vanishing Bochner curvature tensor.*

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