



## Conformally Flat Minimal $C$ -totally Real Submanifolds of $(\kappa, \mu)$ -Nullity Space Forms

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### Abstract

In this paper we study conformally flat minimal  $C$ -totally real submanifolds of  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -nullity space forms.

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### $(\kappa, \mu)$ -Nullity Uzay Formlarının Konformal Flat Minimal $C$ -total Reel Altmanifoldları

#### Özet

Bu çalışmada  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -nullity uzay formlarının konformal flat minimal  $C$ -total reel altmanifoldlarını çalıştık.

**Anahtar Kelimeler:** Değme metrik manifold;  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -uzay formu; Konformal flat manifold; İkinci temel form; Total jeodezik.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $M^m$  be a minimal  $C$ -totally real submanifold of dimension  $m$ , having constant  $\check{\varphi}$ -sectional curvature  $c$  in a  $(2m + 1)$ -dimensional Sasakian space form  $\check{M}$  of constant  $\check{\varphi}$ -sectional

curvature  $\check{c}$ . B.Y. Chen and K. Ogiue [1] studied totally real submanifolds and proved that if a such a submanifold is totally geodesic, then it is of constant curvature  $c = \frac{1}{4}\check{c}$ . Then D. Blair [2] showed that such a submanifold is totally geodesic if and only if it is of constant curvature  $c = \frac{1}{4}(\check{c} + 3)$ . Also S. Yamaguchi, M. Kon and T. Ikawa [3] stated that if such a submanifold is compact and has constant scalar curvature, then it is totally geodesic and has constant sectional curvature  $c$  satisfying  $c = \frac{1}{4}(\check{c} + 3)$  or  $c \leq 0$ . Later D. E. Blair and K. Ogiue [4] proved that if  $M$  is compact and  $c > \frac{m-2}{4(2m-1)}(\check{c} + 3)$ , then  $M$  is totally geodesic. Also P. Verheyen and L. Verstraelen [5] obtained that if  $M^m$  ( $m \geq 4$ ) is a compact conformally flat submanifold admitting constant scalar curvature  $scal > \frac{(m-1)^3(m+2)}{4(m^2+m-4)}(\check{c} + 3)$  and  $\check{\varphi}$ -sectional curvature  $c$  satisfying  $c > \frac{(m-1)^2}{4m(m^2+m-4)}(\check{c} + 3)$ , then it is totally geodesic.

In the present paper, we study the results indicated above for a conformally flat minimal  $C$ -totally real submanifold  $M$  in a  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -nullity space form  $\check{M}^{2m+1}$  with constant  $\check{\varphi}$ -sectional curvature  $\check{c}$ . We prove the followings:

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\check{M}^{2m+1}$  be a  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -nullity space form of constant  $\check{\varphi}$ -sectional curvature  $\check{c}$  and  $M^m$  be an  $m \geq 4$ -dimensional compact conformally flat minimal  $C$ -totally real submanifold of a  $\check{M}^{2m+1}$ . Then

$$scal > \frac{(m-1)^3(m+2)}{4(m^2+m-4)}(\check{c} + 3) + \frac{2(m-1)[m(m^2-2)\lambda(\lambda+2)+(m-2)\lambda]}{4(m^2+m-4)},$$

implies that  $M^m$  is totally geodesic, where  $\lambda = \sqrt{1 - \kappa}$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let  $M^m$  be a minimal  $C$ -totally real submanifold of a  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -nullity space form  $\check{M}^{2m+1}$ . If  $M^m$  has constant curvature  $c$ , then either

$$c = \frac{1}{4}[(\check{c} + 3) + 2\lambda^2 + 8\lambda],$$

in which case  $M^m$  is totally geodesic, or  $c \leq 0$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $\check{M}^{2m+1}$  be a contact metric manifold with the  $(\check{\varphi}, \xi, \check{\eta}, \check{g})$  satisfying

$$\check{\varphi}^2 = -I + \check{\eta} \otimes \xi,$$

$$\check{\eta}(\xi) = 1, \check{\varphi}\xi = 0, \check{\eta}(U) = \check{g}(U, \xi), \tag{1}$$

$$\check{g}(\check{\varphi}U, \check{\varphi}V) = \check{g}(U, V) - \check{\eta}(U)\check{\eta}(V), \quad \check{g}(\check{\varphi}U, V) = d\check{\eta}(U, V),$$

for vector fields  $U$  and  $V$  on  $\check{M}$ . The operator  $h$  defined by  $h = -\frac{1}{2}L_{\xi}\check{\varphi}$ , vanishes iff  $\xi$  is Killing. Also we have

$$\check{\varphi}h + h\check{\varphi} = 0, \quad h\xi = 0, \quad \check{\eta}oh = 0, \quad tr h = tr \check{\varphi}h = 0. \tag{2}$$

Due to anti-commuting  $h$  with  $\check{\varphi}$ , if  $U$  is an eigenvector of  $h$  with the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  then  $\check{\varphi}U$  is also an eigenvector of  $h$  with the eigenvalue  $-\lambda$  [6]. Moreover, for the Riemannian connection  $\check{\nabla}$  of  $\check{g}$ , we have

$$\check{\nabla}_U \xi = -\check{\varphi}U - \check{\varphi}hU. \tag{3}$$

If  $\xi$  is Killing then contact metric manifold  $\check{M}$  is said to be a *K-contact Riemannian manifold*. On a *K-contact Riemannian manifold*, we have

$$\check{R}(U, \xi)\xi = U - \check{\eta}(U)\xi.$$

A Sasakian manifold is known as a normal contact metric manifold. A contact metric manifold to be Sasakian if and only if  $\check{R}(U, V)\xi = \check{\eta}(V)U - \check{\eta}(U)V$ , where  $\check{R}$  is the curvature tensor on  $\check{M}$ . Moreover, every Sasakian manifold is a *K-contact manifold* [2].

The  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -nullity distribution for a contact metric manifold  $\check{M}$  is a distribution

$$Null(\kappa, \mu): p \rightarrow Null_p(\kappa, \mu) = \left\{ W \in T_p M \mid \begin{aligned} \check{R}(U, V)W &= \kappa[\check{g}(V, W)U - \check{g}(U, W)V] \\ &+ \mu[\check{g}(V, W)hU - \check{g}(U, W)hV] \end{aligned} \right\},$$

for any  $U, V \in T_p(\check{M})$ , where  $\kappa, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\kappa \leq 1$ . We consider that  $\check{M}$  is a contact metric manifold with  $\xi$  concerning to the  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -nullity distribution, i.e.,

$$R(U, V)\xi = \kappa[\check{\eta}(V)U - \check{\eta}(U)V] + \mu[\check{\eta}(V)hU - \check{\eta}(U)hV]. \tag{4}$$

The necessary and sufficient condition for the manifold  $\check{M}$  to be a Sasakian manifold is that  $\kappa = 1$  and  $\mu = 0$  [7]. Also, for more details, one can see [8] and [9]. For  $\kappa < 1$ ,  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifolds have constant scalar curvature. Also, the sectional curvature  $\check{K}(U, \check{\varphi}U)$  according to a  $\check{\varphi}$ -section determined by a vector  $U$  is called a  *$\check{\varphi}$ -sectional curvature*. A  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold with constant  $\check{\varphi}$ -sectional curvature  $\check{c}$  is a  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -nullity space form. The curvature tensor of a  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -nullity space form  $\check{M}$  is given by [10]

$$\check{R}(U, V)W = \frac{1}{4}(\check{c} + 3)\{g(V, W)U - g(U, W)V\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \frac{\check{c}+3-4\kappa}{4} \left\{ \check{\eta}(U)\check{\eta}(W)V - \check{\eta}(V)\check{\eta}(W)U \right. \\
 & \left. + g(U, W)\check{\eta}(V)\xi - g(V, W)\check{\eta}(U)\xi \right\} \\
 & + \frac{\check{c}-1}{4} \left\{ 2g(U, \check{\varphi}V)\check{\varphi}W + g(U, \check{\varphi}W)\check{\varphi}V \right. \\
 & \left. - g(V, \check{\varphi}W)\check{\varphi}U \right\} \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & g(hV, W)hU - g(hU, W)hV \\ & + g(\check{\varphi}hU, W)\check{\varphi}hV - g(\check{\varphi}hV, W)\check{\varphi}hU \\ & + g(\check{\varphi}V, \check{\varphi}W)hU - g(\check{\varphi}U, \check{\varphi}W)hV \\ & + g(hU, W)\check{\varphi}^2V - g(hV, W)\check{\varphi}^2U \end{aligned} \right\} \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & g(hV, W)hU - g(hU, W)hV \\ & + g(\check{\varphi}hU, W)\check{\varphi}hV - g(\check{\varphi}hV, W)\check{\varphi}hU \\ & + g(\check{\varphi}V, \check{\varphi}W)hU - g(\check{\varphi}U, \check{\varphi}W)hV \\ & + g(hU, W)\check{\varphi}^2V - g(hV, W)\check{\varphi}^2U \end{aligned} \right\} \\
 & + \mu \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \check{\eta}(V)\check{\eta}(W)hU - \check{\eta}(U)\check{\eta}(W)hV \\ & + g(hV, W)\check{\eta}(U)\xi - g(hU, W)\check{\eta}(V)\xi \end{aligned} \right\},
 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

where  $\check{c}$  is constant  $\check{\varphi}$ -sectional curvature.

### 3. C-totally Real Submanifolds

Let  $M$  be an  $m$ -dimensional submanifold in a  $(2m + 1)$ -dimensional manifold  $\check{M}$  equipped with a Riemannian metric  $g$ . We denote by  $\nabla$  (resp.  $\check{\nabla}$ ) the covariant derivation with respect to  $g$  (resp.  $\check{g}$ ). Then the *second fundamental form*  $B$  is given by

$$B(U, V) = \check{\nabla}_U V - \nabla_U V. \tag{6}$$

For a normal vector field  $\xi$  on  $M$ , we write  $\check{\nabla}_U \xi = -A_\xi U + D_U \xi$ , where  $-A_\xi U$  (resp.  $D_U \xi$ ) denotes the tangential (resp. normal) component of  $\check{\nabla}_U \xi$ . Then, we have

$$\check{g}(B(U, V), \xi) = g(A_\xi U, V). \tag{7}$$

A normal vector field  $\xi$  on  $M$  is said to be *parallel* if  $D_U \xi = 0$  for any tangent vector  $U$ . For any orthonormal basis  $\{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$  of the tangent space  $T_p M$ , the *mean curvature vector*  $H(p)$  is given by

$$H(p) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m B(w_i, w_i). \tag{8}$$

The submanifold  $M$  is *totally geodesic* in  $\check{M}$  if  $B = 0$ , and *minimal* if  $H = 0$ . If  $B(U, V) = g(U, V)H$  for all  $U, V \in TM$ , then  $M$  is *totally umbilical*. For the second fundamental form  $B$ , with respect to the covariant derivation  $\bar{\nabla}$  is defined by

$$(\bar{\nabla}_U B)(V, W) = D_U(B(V, W)) - B(\nabla_U V, W) - B(V, \nabla_U W), \tag{9}$$

for all  $U, V$  and  $W$  on  $M$  [11], where  $\bar{\nabla}$  is the covariant differentiation operator of *van der Waerden-Bortolotti*.

Also the equations of *Gauss*, *Codazzi* and *Ricci* are given by

$$g(R(U, V)W, T) = g(\check{R}(U, V)W, T) \tag{10}$$

$$+g(B(U, W), B(V, T)) - g(B(V, W), B(U, T)),$$

$$(\check{R}(U, V)W)^\perp = (\bar{\nabla}_U B)(V, W) - (\bar{\nabla}_V B)(U, W), \tag{11}$$

$$g(\check{R}(U, V)W, N) = g(R^\perp(U, V)W, N) + g([A_N, A_W]U, V), \tag{12}$$

where  $R$  and  $\check{R}$  are the Riemannian curvature tensor of  $M$  and  $\check{M}$  and  $(\check{R}(U, V)W)^\perp$  denotes the normal component of  $\check{R}(U, V)W$  [11]. The second covariant derivative  $\bar{\nabla}^2 B$  of  $B$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\nabla}^2 B)(W, T, U, V) &= (\bar{\nabla}_U \bar{\nabla}_V B)(W, T) \\ &= \nabla_U^\perp((\bar{\nabla}_V B)(W, T)) - (\bar{\nabla}_V B)(\nabla_U W, T) \\ &\quad - (\bar{\nabla}_U B)(W, \nabla_V T) - (\bar{\nabla}_{\nabla_U V} B)(W, T). \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\nabla}_U \bar{\nabla}_V B)(W, T) - (\bar{\nabla}_V \bar{\nabla}_U B)(W, T) &= (\bar{R}(U, V)B)(W, T) \\ &= R^\perp(U, V)B(W, T) - B(R(U, V)W, T) - B(W, R(U, V)T), \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

where  $\bar{R}$  is the curvature tensor belonging to the connection  $\bar{\nabla}$ . The *Laplacian of the square of the length of the second fundamental form* is defined

$$\frac{1}{2}\Delta\|B\|^2 = g(\bar{\nabla}^2 B, B) + \|\bar{\nabla} B\|^2, \tag{15}$$

where  $\|B\|$  is the length of the second fundamental form  $B$ , so that

$$\|B\|^2 = \sum_{i,j} g(B(w_i, w_j), B(w_i, w_j)), \tag{16}$$

and using (3.8), we can write

$$\|\bar{\nabla}B\|^2 = \sum_{i,j,k} g((\bar{\nabla}_{w_i} \bar{\nabla}_{w_i} B)(w_j, w_k), (\bar{\nabla}_{w_i} \bar{\nabla}_{w_i} B)(w_j, w_k)), \tag{17}$$

and

$$g(\bar{\nabla}^2 B, B) = \sum_{i,j,k} g((\bar{\nabla}_{w_i} \bar{\nabla}_{w_i} B)(w_j, w_k), B(w_j, w_k)). \tag{18}$$

A submanifold  $M$  in a contact metric manifold is called a  $C$ -totally real submanifold [12] if every tangent vector of  $M$  belongs to the contact distribution. Hence, a submanifold  $M$  in a contact metric manifold is a  $C$ -totally real submanifold if  $\xi$  is normal to  $M$ . A submanifold  $M$  in an almost contact metric manifold is called a  $C$ -totally real submanifold if  $\check{\varphi}(TM) \subset T^\perp(M)$  [13].

#### 4. Conformally Flat Minimal $C$ -totally Real Submanifolds of $(\kappa, \mu)$ -Nullity Space Forms

Let  $M^m$  be a  $C$ -totally real submanifold of a  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -nullity space form  $\check{M}^{2m+1}$  with  $\check{\varphi}$ -sectional curvature  $\check{c}$  and structure tensors  $(\check{\varphi}, \xi, \check{\eta}, \check{g})$ , with  $\xi$  normal to  $M$ . The conformal curvature tensor field of  $M^m$  is defined by

$$C(U, V)W = R(U, V)W + \frac{1}{m-2} \left[ Ric(U, W)V - Ric(V, W)U \right] \\ - \frac{scal}{(m-1)(m-2)} [g(U, W)V - g(V, W)U], \tag{19}$$

for all vector fields  $U, V$ , and  $W$ , where  $Q$  denotes the Ricci operator defined by  $g(QU, V) = Ric(U, V)$ . For  $m \geq 4$ , the manifold  $M$  is conformally flat manifold if and only if  $C = 0$  [11].

**Lemma 3.** Let  $M$  be an  $m$ -dimensional  $C$ -totally real submanifold on  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold  $\check{M}^{2m+1}$ . Then, we have

- i)  $A_{\check{\varphi}w_i}w_j = A_{\check{\varphi}w_j}w_i$ ,
- ii)  $tr(\sum_i A_i^2)^2 = \sum_{i,j} (tr A_i A_j)^2$ .

**Lemma 4.** A  $C$ -totally real submanifold  $M$  of dimension  $m \geq 4$  in a  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -nullity space form  $\check{M}^{2m+1}$  conformally flat if and only if

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (m-1)(m-2) \left\{ \sum_{\alpha} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & g(A_{\alpha}w_j, w_k)g(A_{\alpha}w_i, w_l) \\ & -g(A_{\alpha}w_i, w_k)g(A_{\alpha}w_j, w_l) \end{aligned} \right\} \right\} \\
 & + \left\{ \sum_{\alpha} (tr(A_{\alpha})^2 - \|B\|^2) \left\{ \begin{aligned} & g(w_j, w_k)g(w_i, w_l) - g(w_i, w_k)g(w_j, w_l) \end{aligned} \right\} \right\} \tag{20} \\
 & + (m-1) \left\{ \sum_{\alpha} tr(A_{\alpha}) \left\{ \begin{aligned} & g(A_{\alpha}w_i, w_k)g(w_j, w_l) - g(A_{\alpha}w_j, w_k)g(w_i, w_l) \\ & +g(A_{\alpha}w_j, w_l)g(w_i, w_k) - g(A_{\alpha}w_i, w_l)g(w_j, w_k) \end{aligned} \right\} \right\} \\
 & - (m-1) \left\{ \sum_{\alpha,t} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & g(A_{\alpha}w_i, w_t)g(A_{\alpha}w_k, w_t)g(w_j, w_l) \\ & -g(A_{\alpha}w_j, w_t)g(A_{\alpha}w_k, w_t)g(w_i, w_l) \\ & +g(A_{\alpha}w_j, w_t)g(A_{\alpha}w_l, w_t)g(w_i, w_k) \\ & -g(A_{\alpha}w_i, w_t)g(A_{\alpha}w_l, w_t)g(w_j, w_k) \end{aligned} \right\} \right\} = 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\|B\|^2 = \sum_{\alpha,i,j} g(A_{\alpha}w_i, w_j)^2 = trA^*, \tag{21}$$

and

$$A^* = \sum_{\alpha} (A_{\alpha})^2. \tag{22}$$

**Proof.** Let  $M$  be a conformally flat manifold. Then, from Eqn. (5) and Eqn. (19), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (m-1)(m-2)g(R(w_i, w_j)w_k, w_l) \\
 & + (m-1) \left\{ \begin{aligned} & Ric(w_i, w_k)g(w_j, w_l) - Ric(w_j, w_k)g(w_i, w_l) \\ & + Ric(w_j, w_l)g(w_i, w_k) - Ric(w_i, w_l)g(w_j, w_k) \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{23} \\
 & -scal\{g(w_i, w_k)g(w_j, w_l) - g(w_j, w_k)g(w_i, w_l)\} = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Using Eqn. (10) in Eqn. (23), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (m-1)(m-2) \sum_{\alpha} \{g(A_{\alpha}w_j, w_k)g(A_{\alpha}w_i, w_l) - g(A_{\alpha}w_i, w_k)g(A_{\alpha}w_j, w_l)\} \\
 & + \frac{(m-1)(m-2)}{4} \{(c+3) + 2\lambda^2 + 8\lambda\} + scal \left\{ \begin{aligned} & g(w_j, w_k)g(w_i, w_l) \\ & -g(w_i, w_k)g(w_j, w_l) \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{24} \\
 & + (m-1) \left\{ \begin{aligned} & Ric(w_i, w_k)g(w_j, w_l) - Ric(w_j, w_k)g(w_i, w_l) \\ & + Ric(w_j, w_l)g(w_i, w_k) - Ric(w_i, w_l)g(w_j, w_k) \end{aligned} \right\} = 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $Ric$  and  $scal$ , respectively, the Ricci tensor and scalar curvature of  $M$ , defined by

$$Ric(w_j, w_k) = \frac{(m-1)}{4}\{(c + 3) + 2\lambda^2 + 8\lambda\}g(w_j, w_k) \tag{25}$$

$$+ \sum_{\alpha} tr(A_{\alpha})g(A_{\alpha}w_j, w_k) - g(A_{\alpha}w_j, A_{\alpha}w_k),$$

and

$$scal = \frac{m(m-1)}{4}\{(c + 3) + 2\lambda^2 + 8\lambda\} + \sum_{\alpha} (tr(A_{\alpha}))^2 - \|B\|^2. \tag{26}$$

From Eqn. (24)-Eqn. (26), we have Eqn. (20).

**Lemma 5.** Let  $M$  be an  $m$ -dimensional  $C$ -totally real submanifold on  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold  $\tilde{M}^{2m+1}$ . If  $M$  is minimal, then Eqn. (20) becomes

$$(m - 1)(m - 2)g([A_i, A_j]w_k, w_l)$$

$$- \|B\|^2\{g(w_j, w_k)g(w_i, w_l) - g(w_i, w_k)g(w_j, w_l)\} \tag{27}$$

$$- (m - 1)\{g(w_j, w_l)tr(A_i A_k) - g(w_i, w_l)tr(A_j A_k)$$

$$+ g(w_i, w_k)tr(A_j A_l) - g(w_j, w_k)tr(A_i A_l)\} = 0.$$

**Lemma 6.** Let  $M$  be a conformally flat minimal  $C$ -totally real submanifold of dimension  $m \geq 4$  in a  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -nullity space form  $\tilde{M}^{2m+1}$ , then

$$(m - 1)(m - 2) \sum_{i,j} tr(A_i A_j)^2 = \|B\|^4 + (m - 1)(m - 4)tr(A^*)^2. \tag{28}$$

Also we have the following:

**Lemma 7.** In any  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold, we have

$$i) \|\bar{\nabla} B\|^2 \geq \|B\|^2, \tag{29}$$

$$ii) tr(A^*)^2 \leq \|B\|^4. \tag{30}$$

Now using Lemma 7, we get the following:

**Lemma 8.** Let  $\tilde{M}^{2m+1}$  be a  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -nullity space form of constant  $\check{\varphi}$ -sectional curvature  $\check{c}$  and  $M$  be an  $m \geq 4$ -dimensional minimal  $C$ -totally real submanifold of  $\tilde{M}$ . The Laplacian of the square of the length of the second fundamental form  $B$  of  $M$



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \Delta \|B\|^2 &= \|\bar{\nabla} B\|^2 + \left( \frac{(\check{c} - 1) + m(\check{c} + 3)}{4} + \frac{\lambda}{2} (m(\lambda + 4) - \lambda) \right) \|B\|^2 \\ &\quad + 2 \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \text{tr}(A_\alpha A_\beta)^2 - 3 \text{tr}(A^*)^2, \end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

where  $\lambda = \sqrt{1 - \kappa}$ .

**Proof.** If  $M$  is minimal then, from [11], we have

$$(\bar{\nabla}^2 B)(U, V) = \sum_i (R(w_i, U)B)(w_i, V). \tag{32}$$

For an orthonormal base  $w_i$ , from Eqn. (12), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (R(w_k, w_i)B)(w_k, w_j) &= R^\perp(w_k, w_i)B(w_k, w_j) - B(R(w_k, w_i)w_k, w_j) \\ &\quad - B(w_k, R(w_k, w_i)w_j). \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

Using Eqn. (10) in Eqn. (33), we get

$$\begin{aligned} g((R(w_k, w_i)B)(w_k, w_j), B(w_i, w_j)) &= g(R^\perp(w_k, w_i)B(w_k, w_j), B(w_i, w_j)) \\ &\quad - g(B(\bar{R}(w_k, w_i)w_k, w_j), B(w_i, w_j)) - \sum_{\alpha, \beta} g(A_\beta A_\alpha w_k, A_\beta A_\alpha w_k) \\ &\quad + \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \text{tr}(A_\alpha) \text{tr}(A_\beta^2 A_\alpha) - g(B(w_k, \bar{R}(w_k, w_i)w_j), B(w_i, w_j)) \\ &\quad - \sum_{\alpha, \beta} (\text{tr}(A_\alpha A_\beta))^2 + \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \text{tr}(A_\beta A_\alpha)^2. \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

Again using Eqn. (11) in Eqn. (34), we have

$$\begin{aligned} g((R(w_k, w_i)B)(w_k, w_j), B(w_i, w_j)) &= g(\bar{R}(w_k, w_i)B(w_k, w_j), B(w_i, w_j)) \\ &\quad - g(B(\bar{R}(w_k, w_i)w_k, w_j), B(w_i, w_j)) - g(B(w_k, \bar{R}(w_k, w_i)w_j), B(w_i, w_j)) \\ &\quad + \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \left[ \text{tr}(A_\alpha A_\beta - A_\beta A_\alpha)^2 - (\text{tr}(A_\beta A_\alpha))^2 \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

After some calculations, we have

$$g(\bar{R}(w_k, w_i)B(w_k, w_j), B(w_i, w_j)) = \left( \frac{\check{c}-1}{4} - \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \right) \|B\|^2, \tag{36}$$

$$g(B(\bar{R}(w_k, w_i)w_k, w_j), B(w_i, w_j)) = \frac{(1-m)((\check{c}+3)+2\lambda(\lambda+4))}{4} \|B\|^2, \tag{37}$$

$$g(B(w_k, \bar{R}(w_k, w_i)w_j), B(w_i, w_j)) = \left(\frac{-(\check{c}+3)-2\lambda(\lambda+4)}{4}\right) \|B\|^2, \tag{38}$$

$$\sum_{\alpha,\beta} [tr(A_\alpha A_\beta - A_\beta A_\alpha)^2 - (tr(A_\beta A_\alpha))^2] = \sum_{\alpha,\beta} 2tr(A_\beta A_\alpha) - 3tr(A^*)^2. \tag{39}$$

Thus, using Eqn. (36)-(39) in Eqn. (35), we get Eqn. (31).

**5. Proofs of the Main Results**

For a conformally flat submanifold  $M$  of dimension  $m \geq 4$  we use equation Eqn. (28) to replace  $\sum_{\alpha,\beta} tr(A_\alpha A_\beta)^2$  in Eqn. (31), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}(m-1)(m-2)\Delta\|B\|^2 &= (m-1)(m-2)\|\bar{\nabla}B\|^2 \\ &+ (m-1)(m-2)\left(\frac{(\check{c}-1)+m(\check{c}+3)}{4} + \frac{\lambda}{2}(m(\lambda+4)-\lambda)\right)\|B\|^2 \\ &- (m-1)(m+2)tr(A^*)^2 + 2\|B\|^4. \end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

So from Lemma 7, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}(m-1)(m-2)\Delta\|B\|^2 & \\ &\geq (m-1)(m-2)\|B\|^2 + 2\|B\|^4 - (m-1)(m+2)\|B\|^4 \\ &+ \frac{1}{4}(m-1)(m-2)[(\check{c}-1) + m(\check{c}+3) + 2\lambda(m(\lambda+4)-\lambda)]\|B\|^2 \\ &= \|B\|^2 \left[ \frac{(m-1)(m-2)(m+1)(\check{c}+3)}{4} + (m-1)(m-2)\frac{\lambda(m(\lambda+4)-\lambda)}{2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - (m^2 + m - 4)\|B\|^2 \right], \end{aligned} \tag{41}$$

If  $\check{c} > -3$ , then

$$\|B\|^2 \leq \frac{(m^2-1)(m-2)(\check{c}+3)}{4(m^2+m-4)} + (m-1)(m-2)\frac{\lambda(m(\lambda+4)-\lambda)}{2(m^2+m-4)}, \tag{42}$$

which implies that  $\Delta\|B\|^2 \geq 0$ . For a compact submanifold  $M$ , Hopf's lemma states that  $\Delta\|B\|^2 = 0$  and from Eqn. (41) and Eqn. (42), we conclude that  $\|B\|^2 = 0$ . Hence, we have

$$scal = \frac{m(m-1)}{4}\{(\check{c}+3) + 2\lambda^2 + 8\lambda\} - \|B\|^2, \tag{43}$$

for every compact minimal  $C$ -totally real submanifold in a  $(\kappa, \mu)$ -nullity space form  $\check{M}$ . Thus, the proof of Theorem 1 is completed.

On the other hand, since  $M^m$  has constant curvature  $c$  and  $scal = m(m - 1)\tilde{c}$ , from Eqn. (26), we have

$$\|B\|^2 = m(m - 1) \left( \frac{(\tilde{c}+3)+2\lambda^2+8\lambda}{4} - c \right),$$

and

$$c \leq \frac{(\tilde{c}+3)+2\lambda^2+8\lambda}{4}.$$

Also, Eqn. (10) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( c - \frac{1}{4} \{ (\tilde{c} + 3) + 2\lambda^2 + 8\lambda \} \right) \{ g(w_j, w_k)g(w_i, w_l) - g(w_i, w_k)g(w_j, w_l) \} \\ & = g([A_i, A_j]w_k, w_l). \end{aligned} \tag{44}$$

Multiplying this equation by  $\sum_N g(A_N w_l, w_i)g(A_N w_j, w_k)$ , we obtain

$$\left( c - \frac{1}{4} \{ (\tilde{c} + 3) + 2\lambda^2 + 8\lambda \} \right) \|B\|^2 = \sum_{i,j} tr(A_i A_j)^2 - \sum_{i,j} (tr(A_i A_j))^2. \tag{45}$$

Since  $Ric = \frac{scal}{m}g$ , from Eqn. (25) and Lemma 3, we have

$$tr(A_j A_l) = g(A_\alpha w_j, A_\alpha w_l) = \frac{scal}{m}g(w_j, w_l) = \frac{\|B\|^2}{m}g(w_j, w_l),$$

and

$$tr(A_i A_j)^2 = \left( c - \frac{1}{4} \{ (\tilde{c} + 3) + 2\lambda^2 + 8\lambda \} \right) \|B\|^2 + \frac{\|B\|^4}{m}.$$

Substituting the last equation into Eqn. (31), we obtain

$$\|\bar{\nabla}B\|^2 = \left[ \frac{(m + 1)}{m(m - 1)} \|B\|^2 - \frac{m(\tilde{c} + 3) + (\tilde{c} - 1)}{4} + \frac{\lambda(m(\lambda + 4) - \lambda)}{2} \right] \|B\|^2.$$

Now using

$$\|B\|^2 = m(m - 1) \frac{1}{4} \{ (\tilde{c} + 3) + 2\lambda^2 + 8\lambda \},$$

and Lemma 7, we get

$$\|\bar{\nabla}B\|^2 = m(m^2 - 1) \left( c - \left\{ \frac{(\tilde{c}+3)+2\lambda^2+8\lambda}{4} \right\} \right) \left( c - \frac{1}{m+1} \right)$$

$$\geq m(m-1) \left\{ \frac{(\check{c}+3)+2\lambda^2+8\lambda}{4} - c \right\}.$$

Thus, the proof of Theorem 2 is completed.

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