

# Ricci Semi-symmetric Hypersurfaces in Complex Two-Plane Grassmannians

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**Abstract** In this paper, we considered Ricci semi-symmetric real hypersurface in complex two-plane Grassmannians. Then we prove the non-existence of Ricci semi-symmetric Hopf hypersurfaces in complex two-plane Grassmannians by using the method of simultaneous diagonalization for pairwise commutative matrices.

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## Introduction

The complex two-plane Grassmannian  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$  is defined by the set of all complex two-dimensional linear subspaces in  $\mathbb{C}^{m+2}$ . It is a kind of Hermitian symmetric space of compact irreducible type with rank 2. Remarkably, the manifolds are equipped with both a Kähler structure  $J$  and a quaternionic Kähler structure  $\mathfrak{J}$  satisfying  $JJ_\nu = J_\nu J$  ( $\nu = 1, 2, 3$ ) where  $\{J_\nu\}_{\nu=1,2,3}$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathfrak{J}$ . When  $m = 1$ ,  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^3)$  is isometric to the two-dimensional complex projective space  $\mathbb{C}P^2$  with constant holomorphic sectional curvature eight. When  $m = 2$ , we note that the isomorphism

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$\text{Spin}(6) \simeq \text{SU}(4)$  yields an isometry between  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^4)$  and the real Grassmann Manifold  $G_2^+(\mathbb{R}^6)$  of oriented two-dimensional linear subspaces in  $\mathbb{R}^6$ . In this paper we always assume  $m \geq 3$  (see [2]).

Suppose  $M$  is a real hypersurface in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ . Let  $N$  be a local unit normal vector field of  $M$  in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ . Since  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$  has the Kähler structure  $J$ , we may define the *Reeb vector field*  $\xi = -JN$  and a one-dimensional distribution  $[\xi] = \mathcal{C}^\perp$  where  $\mathcal{C}$  denotes the orthogonal complement in  $T_x M$ ,  $x \in M$ , of the Reeb vector field  $\xi$ . The Reeb vector field  $\xi$  is said to be *Hopf* if  $\mathcal{C}$  (or  $\mathcal{C}^\perp$ ) is invariant under the shape operator  $A$  of  $M$ . The one-dimensional foliation of  $M$  defined by the integral curves of  $\xi$  is said to be a *Hopf foliation* of  $M$ . We say that  $M$  is a *Hopf hypersurface* if and only if the Hopf foliation of  $M$  is totally geodesic. By the formulas in [7, Sect. 2], it can be checked that  $\xi$  is Hopf vector field if and only if  $M$  is Hopf hypersurface.

From the quaternionic Kähler structure  $\mathfrak{J}$  of  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ , there naturally exists *almost contact 3-structure* vector fields  $\xi_v = -J_v N$ ,  $v = 1, 2, 3$ . Put  $\mathcal{Q}^\perp = \text{Span}\{\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3\}$ . It is a 3-dimensional distribution in the tangent bundle  $TM$  of  $M$ . In addition, denoted by  $\mathcal{Q}$  the orthogonal complement of  $\mathcal{Q}^\perp$  in  $TM$ . It is the quaternionic maximal subbundle of  $TM$ . Thus, the tangent bundle of  $M$  is expressed by a direct sum of  $\mathcal{Q}$  and  $\mathcal{Q}^\perp$ .

For two distributions  $\mathcal{C}^\perp$  and  $\mathcal{Q}^\perp$  defined above, we may consider two natural invariant geometric properties under the shape operator  $A$  of  $M$ , that is,  $A\mathcal{C}^\perp \subset \mathcal{C}^\perp$  and  $A\mathcal{Q}^\perp \subset \mathcal{Q}^\perp$ . By using the result of Alekseevskii [1], Berndt and Suh [2, Theorem 1] have classified all real hypersurfaces with two natural invariant properties in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$  as follows:

Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ ,  $m \geq 3$ . Then both  $[\xi]$  and  $\mathcal{Q}^\perp$  are invariant under the shape operator of  $M$  if and only if

(A)  $M$  is an open part of a tube around a totally geodesic  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+1})$  in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ ,  
or

(B)  $m$  is even, say  $m = 2n$ , and  $M$  is an open part of a tube around a totally geodesic  $\mathbb{H}P^n$  in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ .

In the case (A), we say  $M$  is of Type (A). Similarly in the case (B) we say  $M$  is of Type (B).

Regarding the parallelism of  $(1, 1)$ -type tensor field  $T$ , (i.e.,  $\nabla T = 0$ ) on real hypersurface  $M$  in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ ,  $m \geq 3$ , there are many well-known results. Many geometers have verified non-existence properties and some characterizations which show many kinds of parallelisms, such as parallel, Reeb parallel, or generalized Tanaka-Webster parallel (see [13, 14, 16] and [17]).

Recently, Panagiotidou and Tripathi [10] considered the notion of real hypersurfaces with *semi-parallel normal Jacobi operator*  $\bar{R}_N$  in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ , that is,  $R(X, Y) \cdot \bar{R}_N = 0$ . Motivated by this, we want to study the semi-parallelism on Ricci tensor. The Ricci tensor  $S$  on real hypersurface  $M$  in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$  is defined by

$$g(SX, Y) = \sum_{i=1}^{4m-1} g(R(e_i, X)Y, e_i),$$

where  $\{e_1, \dots, e_{4m-1}\}$  is an orthonormal basis of the tangent space  $T_x M$ ,  $x \in M$  in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$  and  $X, Y \in T_x M$  (see [15]). Hereafter, we consider that  $X$  and  $Y$  are all tangent vector fields on  $M$ . A Riemannian manifold is called *Ricci semi-symmetric* if

$$R(X, Y) \cdot S = 0, \quad (*)$$

where  $R$  is the curvature tensor of type (1,3) and  $R(X, Y)$  denotes the derivation of the tensor algebra at each point of the tangent space (see [5]).

In this paper, we consider Ricci semi-symmetric Hopf hypersurface  $M$  in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ .

By [2, Theorem 1] and that of simultaneous diagonalizable matrices in [3], we prove the non-existence of Ricci semi-symmetric Hopf hypersurface  $M$  in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$  as follows:

**Theorem** *There does not exist a Ricci semi-symmetric Hopf hypersurface  $M$  in complex two-plane Grassmannians  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ ,  $m \geq 3$ .*

Since semi-parallelism, that is,  $R(X, Y) \cdot S = 0$  is weaker than parallel Ricci tensor, i.e.,  $\nabla S = 0$  (see [16]), by our Theorem mentioned above we obtain the following result

**Corollary 1** *There does not exist a Hopf hypersurface  $M$  in complex two-plane Grassmannians  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ ,  $m \geq 3$ , with parallel Ricci tensor.*

In [18], the Ricci tensor  $S$  for a real hypersurface  $M$  in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$  is said to be recurrent if  $(\nabla_X S)Y = \omega(X)SY$ , where  $\omega$  is a one form defined on  $M$  in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ . From [9, Theorem 20] and our Theorem, we also get another corollary as follows:

**Corollary 2** *There does not exist a Hopf hypersurface  $M$  in complex two-plane Grassmannians  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ ,  $m \geq 3$ , with recurrent Ricci tensor.*

In order to prove our main result, the paper is organized as follows. In Sect. 1 we recall some fundamental formulas including the Gauss equation for real hypersurfaces in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ . In Sect. 2 we prove that the Reeb vector field  $\xi$  of a Ricci semi-symmetric Hopf hypersurface in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$  belongs to either the distribution  $\mathcal{Q}$  or the distribution  $\mathcal{Q}^\perp$ . Some lemmas for proving commuting conditions between symmetric operators are given. In Sect. 3, we show that a Ricci semi-symmetric Hopf hypersurface in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$  satisfies  $A\mathcal{Q}^\perp \subset \mathcal{Q}^\perp$  and check a non-existence property for real hypersurface in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$  with given conditions.

## 1 Preliminaries

In this paper, suppose  $M$  is a real hypersurface of  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ ,  $m \geq 3$ , that is, a submanifold of codimension 1 in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ . Let us denote by  $R$  the Riemannian curvature and  $\bar{R}$  the Riemannian curvature tensor on  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ , respectively. That is,  $R = \bar{R}|_M$  tensor on  $M$ . Hereafter unless otherwise stated,  $X, Y, Z$ , and  $W$  are tangent vector fields on  $M$ . In this section, we recall some basic formulas and the Gauss equation for a real hypersurface in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$  (see [4, 7, 12, 15]). The induced Riemannian metric on  $M$  (resp.,  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ ) is denoted by  $g$  (resp.,  $\bar{g}$ ). Let  $\nabla$  and  $\bar{\nabla}$  be the Riemannian connections of  $(M, g)$  and  $(G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2}), \bar{g})$ , respectively. Let  $N$  be a local unit normal vector field of  $M$  and  $A$  the shape operator of  $M$  with respect to  $N$ .  $J$  (resp.,  $\mathfrak{J} = \text{Span}\{J_v\}_{v=1,2,3}$ ) denotes the Kähler structure (resp., the quaternionic Kähler structure). We put

$$JX = \phi X + \eta(X)N \text{ and } J_v X = \phi_v X + \eta_v(X)N,$$

where  $\phi X$  (resp.,  $\phi_v X$ ) is the tangential part of  $JX$  (resp.,  $J_v X$ ), and  $\eta(X) = g(X, \xi)$  (resp.,  $\eta_v(X) = g(X, \xi_v)$ ) is the coefficient of the normal part of  $JX$  (resp.,  $J_v X$ ). In this case, we call  $\phi$  the structure tensor field of  $M$ .

The Gauss equation is given by

$$\begin{aligned} R(X, Y)Z &= g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y + g(AY, Z)AX - g(AX, Z)AY \\ &\quad + g(\phi Y, Z)\phi X - g(\phi X, Z)\phi Y - 2g(\phi X, Y)\phi Z \\ &\quad + \sum_{v=1}^3 \left\{ g(\phi_v Y, Z)\phi_v X - g(\phi_v X, Z)\phi_v Y - 2g(\phi_v X, Y)\phi_v Z \right\} \\ &\quad + \sum_{v=1}^3 \left\{ g(\phi_v \phi Y, Z)\phi_v \phi X - g(\phi_v \phi X, Z)\phi_v \phi Y \right\} \\ &\quad - \sum_{v=1}^3 \left\{ \eta(Y)\eta_v(Z)\phi_v \phi X - \eta(X)\eta_v(Z)\phi_v \phi Y \right\} \\ &\quad - \sum_{v=1}^3 \left\{ \eta(X)g(\phi_v \phi Y, Z) - \eta(Y)g(\phi_v \phi X, Z) \right\} \xi_v. \end{aligned} \quad (1.1)$$

From the definition of the Ricci tensor  $S$  and by the fundamental formulas in [15, Sect. 2], we have

$$\begin{aligned} SX &= (4m + 7)X - 3\eta(X)\xi + hAX - A^2X \\ &\quad + \sum_{v=1}^3 \{-3\eta_v(X)\xi_v + \eta_v(\xi)\phi_v \phi X - \eta_v(\phi X)\phi_v \xi - \eta(X)\eta_v(\xi)\xi_v\}, \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

where  $h$  denotes the trace of the shape operator  $A$  in  $M$  with respect to  $N$ .

The structure Jacobi operator  $R_\xi$  is defined by [8, Sect. 1]

$$\begin{aligned} R_\xi(X) &= R(X, \xi)\xi \\ &= X - \eta(X)\xi - \sum_{v=1}^3 \left\{ \eta_v(X)\xi_v - \eta(X)\eta_v(\xi)\xi_v \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 3g(\phi_v X, \xi)\phi_v \xi + \eta_v(\xi)\phi_v \phi X \right\} + \eta(A\xi)AX - \eta(AX)A\xi. \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

[6, Lemma A] If  $M$  is a connected orientable Hopf hypersurface in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ , then we have the following two equations:

$$Y\alpha = (\xi\alpha)\eta(Y) - 4 \sum_{v=1}^3 \eta_v(\xi)\eta_v(\phi Y), \quad (1.4)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha A\phi X + \alpha\phi AX - 2A\phi AX + 2\phi X = 2 \sum_{v=1}^3 \left\{ -\eta_v(X)\phi\xi_v - \eta_v(\phi X)\xi_v \right. \\ \left. - \eta_v(\xi)\phi_v X + 2\eta(X)\eta_v(\xi)\phi\xi_v + 2\eta_v(\phi X)\eta_v(\xi)\xi \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (1.5)$$

where the Reeb function  $\alpha = \eta(A\xi)$  on  $M$ .

## 2 A Key Lemma

We first give the fundamental equation for a Ricci semi-symmetric real hypersurface  $M$  in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ . A real hypersurface  $M$  is called *Ricci semi-symmetric* if  $R(X, Y) \cdot S = 0$ , that is,  $(R(X, Y)S)Z = 0$  for any vector field  $X, Y$ , and  $Z$ . It is equivalent to

$$R(X, Y)(SZ) = S(R(X, Y)Z). \quad (2.1)$$

Since the Ricci tensor  $S$  is symmetric, we have

$$R(SX, Y)Z = R(X, SY)Z. \quad (**)$$

In order to prove our Theorem, let us show that the Reeb vector field  $\xi$  belongs to either the distribution  $\mathcal{Q}^\perp = \text{Span}\{\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3\}$  or its orthogonal complement the distribution  $\mathcal{Q}$  with the assumption of Ricci semi-symmetric as follows:

**Lemma 2.1** *Let  $M$  be a Ricci semi-symmetric Hopf hypersurface in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ ,  $m \geq 3$ . Then the Reeb vector field  $\xi$  belongs to either the distribution  $\mathcal{Q}$  or the distribution  $\mathcal{Q}^\perp$ .*

*Proof* We consider that the Reeb vector fields  $\xi$  satisfies

$$\xi = \eta(X_0)X_0 + \eta(\xi_1)\xi_1$$

for some unit vectors  $X_0 \in \mathcal{Q}$ ,  $\xi_1 \in \mathcal{Q}^\perp$ , and  $\eta(X_0)\eta(\xi_1) \neq 0$ . Let  $A\xi = \alpha\xi$ . In the case of  $\alpha = 0$ , by (1.4),  $\xi$  belongs to either  $\mathcal{Q}$  or  $\mathcal{Q}^\perp$  which contradicts the assumption (see [12]). If  $\alpha \neq 0$ , from (1.2) (resp., (1.3)), we have

$$S\xi = \sigma_0\xi - 4\eta_1(\xi)\xi_1, \quad \text{where } \sigma_0 := 4m + 4 + h\alpha - \alpha^2, \quad (2.2)$$

$$R_\xi(\xi_1) = \alpha A\xi_1 - \alpha^2\eta_1(\xi)\xi. \quad (2.3)$$

Substituting  $X = Y = Z = \xi$  into (\*\*), we get  $R(S\xi, \xi)\xi = R(\xi, S\xi)\xi$ , which means  $R_\xi(S\xi) = 0$ . Since  $-4\eta_1(\xi) \neq 0$  and (1.3), we have  $R_\xi(\xi_1) = 0$ . From (2.3), we obtain  $A\xi_1 = \alpha\eta_1(\xi)\xi$  and  $AX_0 = \alpha\eta(X_0)\xi$ .

By putting  $X = X_0$  into (1.5), we have

$$A\phi X_0 = \sigma_1\phi X_0, \quad \text{where } \sigma_1 := \frac{-4\eta^2(X_0)}{\alpha}. \quad (2.4)$$

By using (2.4) and substituting  $X = \phi X_0$  into (1.2) (resp., (1.3)), we obtain

$$S\phi X_0 = \sigma_2 \phi X_0, \quad \text{where } \sigma_2 = 4m + 8 + h\sigma_1 - \sigma_1^2, \quad (2.5)$$

$$R_\xi(\phi X_0) = 0. \quad (2.6)$$

By substituting  $X = \phi X_0$ ,  $Y = \xi$ ,  $X = \xi$  into (\*\*) and using (2.2), (2.5), (2.6), we have  $0 = -4\eta_1(\xi)R(\phi X_0, \xi_1)\xi$ .

Since we assumed  $\eta(X_0)\eta(\xi_1) \neq 0$ , this equation becomes

$$0 = R(\phi X_0, \xi_1)\xi. \quad (2.7)$$

Putting  $X = \phi X_0$ ,  $Y = \xi_1$ , and  $Z = \xi$  into (1.1) and using (2.4), (2.7) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= R(\phi X_0, \xi_1)\xi \\ &= \eta_1(\xi)\phi X_0 + g(\phi_1^2 X_0, \xi)\phi_1\phi^2 X_0 - \eta_1^2(\xi_1)\phi_1\phi^2 X_0 + \alpha\eta_1(\xi)A\phi X_0 \\ &= -4\eta_1(\xi)\eta^2(X_0)\phi X_0. \end{aligned}$$

This means  $\phi X_0 = 0$ . However  $g(\phi X_0, \phi X_0) = 1 - \eta^2(X_0) = \eta^2(\xi_1)$  never vanishes, it is a contradiction. Accordingly, the lemma is proved.  $\square$

Next we further study the case  $\xi \in \mathcal{Q}^\perp$ .

**Lemma 2.2** [3] *If  $A, B, C$  are diagonalizable matrices and commute with each other, then there exists a basis  $\{e_k\}_{k=1}^{4m-1}$  which simultaneously diagonalizes  $A, B, C$ .*

**Lemma 2.3** [11] *Let  $M$  be a Hopf hypersurface in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ ,  $m \geq 3$ . If the Reeb vector field  $\xi$  belongs to the distribution  $\mathcal{Q}^\perp$ , then  $SA = AS$ .*

On the other hand, if  $\xi = \xi_1 \in \mathcal{Q}^\perp$ , (1.3) is reduced to

$$\begin{aligned} R_\xi(X) &= X - \eta(X)\xi + 2\eta_2(X)\xi_2 + 2\eta_3(X)\xi_3 \\ &\quad - \phi_1\phi X + \eta(A\xi)AX - \eta(AX)A\xi \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

and we also have (see [11])

$$\phi AX = 2\eta_3(AX)\xi_2 - 2\eta_2(AX)\xi_3 + \phi_1 AX, \quad (2.9)$$

$$A\phi X = 2\eta_3(X)A\xi_2 - 2\eta_2(X)A\xi_3 + A\phi_1 X. \quad (2.10)$$

Related to the shape operator  $A$  and the structure Jacobi operator  $R_\xi$ , we assert the following:

**Lemma 2.4** *Let  $M$  be a Hopf hypersurface in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ ,  $m \geq 3$ . If the Reeb vector field  $\xi$  belongs to the distribution  $\mathcal{Q}^\perp$ , then  $R_\xi A = AR_\xi$ .*

*Proof* Applying  $A$  (Substituting  $X$  as  $AX$ ) to (2.8) and using (2.9) and (2.10), we have

$$\begin{cases} AR_{\xi}X = \alpha A^2X - (\alpha^3 + 2\alpha)\eta(X)\xi + 2AX, \\ R_{\xi}AX = \alpha A^2X - (\alpha^3 + 2\alpha)\eta(X)\xi + 2AX. \end{cases}$$

Thus, we have  $R_{\xi}A = AR_{\xi}$ .  $\square$

### 3 Proof of Theorem

In this section, we prove the non-existence of Ricci semi-symmetric Hopf hypersurface in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ . For this purpose, we give the following:

**Lemma 3.1** *There does not exist any Ricci semi-symmetric Hopf hypersurface in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$ ,  $m \geq 3$  with  $\xi$  belongs to  $Q^{\perp}$  everywhere.*

*Proof* Putting  $Y = Z = \xi$  into (\*\*) (resp., (2.1)), we have

$$R_{\xi}(SX) = \sigma R_{\xi}(X) \quad (3.1)$$

$$SR_{\xi}(X) = \sigma R_{\xi}(X), \quad (3.2)$$

where  $\sigma = 4m + h\alpha - \alpha^2$ . Thus,

$$R_{\xi}S = SR_{\xi}. \quad (3.3)$$

By Lemmas 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, and 3.3, we know that there exists an orthonormal basis  $\{e_k\}_{k=1}^{4m-1}$  such that

$$Ae_k = \lambda_k e_k, \quad (3.4)$$

$$R_{\xi}(e_k) = \gamma_k e_k, \quad (3.5)$$

$$Se_k = t_k e_k, \quad (3.6)$$

where  $k = 1, 2, \dots, 4m - 1$ . Since  $R_{\xi}(\xi) = 0$ , there exist  $j \in \{1, \dots, 4m - 1\}$ , such that  $R_{\xi}(e_j) = 0$ .

Thus, the tangent space can be split into  $T_x M = \mathfrak{D}_0(x) \oplus \mathfrak{D}_0^{\perp}(x)$ , where  $x \in M$  and

$$\begin{cases} \mathfrak{D}_0(x) = \text{span}\{e_j \in \{e_k\}_{k=1}^{4m-1} \mid R_{\xi}(e_j) = 0\} & \text{at } x, \\ \mathfrak{D}_0^{\perp}(x) = \text{span}\{e_i \in \{e_k\}_{k=1}^{4m-1} \mid R_{\xi}(e_i) \neq 0\} & \text{at } x. \end{cases}$$

Since  $\xi = \xi_1$ , the equation (1.4) is reduced to

$$\begin{aligned} SX &= (4m + 7)X - 7\eta(X)\xi - 2\eta_2(X)\xi_2 - 2\eta_3(X)\xi_3 \\ &\quad + \phi_1\phi X + hAX - A^2X. \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

By (3.4) and (3.6), putting  $X = e_j \in \mathfrak{D}_0(x)$  into (2.8) (resp., (3.7)), we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (1 + \alpha\lambda_j)e_j - \eta(e_j)(\alpha^2 + 1)\xi + 2\eta_2(e_j)\xi_2 + 2\eta_3(e_j)\xi_3 - \phi_1\phi e_j, \\ t_j e_j &= (4m + 7 + h\lambda_j - \lambda_j^2)e_j - 7\eta(e_j)\xi - 2\eta_2(e_j)\xi_2 - 2\eta_3(e_j)\xi_3 + \phi_1\phi e_j. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

Combining (3.8) and (3.9), we get

$$(4m + 8 + h\lambda_j - \lambda_j^2 + \alpha\lambda_j - t_j)e_j = (\alpha^2 + 8)\eta(e_j)\xi. \quad (3.10)$$

Since  $R_\xi(X)$  never vanishes for all tangent vectors  $X$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{D}_1(x)$ . Thus,  $SR_\xi(X) = \sigma R_\xi(X)$  is equivalent to  $SX = \sigma X$  for any  $X \in \mathfrak{D}_1(x)$ . Since  $R_\xi(\xi) = 0$ , the Reeb vector field  $\xi$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{D}_0(x)$ , thus  $\dim \mathfrak{D}_0(x) \geq 1$ .

Now, we may consider the following cases:

**Case I**  $\dim \mathfrak{D}_0(x) = 1$ .

In this case,  $T_x M = \mathfrak{D}_0(x) \oplus \mathfrak{D}_1(x) = [\xi](x) \oplus \mathfrak{D}_1(x)$ . Since  $\mathfrak{D}_1(x)$  is  $\phi$ -invariant vector space and  $S\xi = \sigma\xi$ , we have  $SX = \sigma X$  for any tangent vector field  $X$  on  $M$ . Thus, we have  $S\phi = \phi S$ . By a result of Suh [15, Theorem]: Let  $M$  be a connected orientable Hopf hypersurface in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$  with commuting Ricci tensor, i.e.,  $S\phi = \phi S$ ,  $m \geq 3$ . Then  $M$  is locally congruent to a real hypersurface of Type (A).

**Case II**  $\dim \mathfrak{D}_0(x) = \ell \geq 2$ .

In this case,  $T_x M = \mathfrak{D}_0(x) \oplus \mathfrak{D}_1(x)$ . Since the Reeb vector field  $\xi$  satisfies  $A\xi = \alpha\xi$ ,  $R_\xi(\xi) = 0\xi$  and  $S\xi = \sigma\xi$ , we may put  $\mathfrak{D}_0(x) = [\xi](x) \oplus \text{span}\{e_{k_2}, \dots, e_{k_j}, \dots, e_{k_\ell}\}$ , where  $j \geq 2$ . Then we have  $\eta(e_{k_j}) = 0$  for  $2 \leq j \leq \ell$ . Putting  $X = e_{k_j}$  into (2.8) and (3.7), we have

$$0 = R_\xi(e_{k_j}) = (1 + \alpha\lambda_{k_j})e_{k_j} + 2\eta_2(e_{k_j})\xi_2 + 2\eta_3(e_{k_j})\xi_3 - \phi_1\phi e_{k_j}, \quad (3.11)$$

$$t_{k_j}e_{k_j} = Se_{k_j} = (4m + 8 + h\lambda_{k_j} - \lambda_{k_j}^2 + \alpha\lambda_{k_j})e_{k_j}. \quad (3.12)$$

If we apply the shape operator  $A$  to (3.11), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (1 + \alpha\lambda_{k_j})Ae_{k_j} + 2\eta_2(e_{k_j})A\xi_2 + 2\eta_3(e_{k_j})A\xi_3 - A\phi_1\phi e_{k_j} \\ &= (2 + \alpha\lambda_{k_j})\lambda_{k_j}e_{k_j}. \end{aligned}$$

So we may consider the following two subcases:

**Subcase I**  $2 + \alpha\lambda_{k_j} = 0$ , where  $j \geq 2$ .

$$2 + \alpha\lambda_{k_j} = 0 \quad \left( \text{i.e., } \lambda_{k_j} = -\frac{2}{\alpha} \right). \quad (3.13)$$

Using (3.13), (3.11) is changed into

$$0 = -e_{k_j} + 2\eta_2(e_{k_j})\xi_2 + 2\eta_3(e_{k_j})\xi_3 - \phi_1\phi e_{k_j}. \quad (3.14)$$



Applying  $\phi_1$  to (3.14), we have

$$\phi_1 e_{k_j} = 2\eta_2(e_{k_j})\xi_3 - 2\eta_3(e_{k_j})\xi_2 + \phi e_{k_j}. \quad (3.15)$$

Since  $\xi = \xi_1$ , (1.5) is reduced to

$$A\phi AX = \frac{\alpha}{2}A\phi X + \frac{\alpha}{2}\phi AX + \phi X + \phi_1 X - 2\eta_2(X)\xi_3 + 2\eta_3(X)\xi_2. \quad (3.16)$$

By putting  $X = e_{k_j}$  into (3.16) and by using (3.13) and (3.15), we get

$$A\phi e_{k_j} = \sigma_3 \phi e_{k_j} \quad \text{where} \quad \sigma_3 = \frac{-2\alpha}{\alpha^2 + 4}. \quad (3.17)$$

Substituting  $X = \phi e_{k_j}$  into (1.2) (resp., (1.3)) and using (3.17), we obtain

$$R_\xi(\phi e_{k_j}) = (\alpha\sigma_3 + 2)\phi e_{k_j}, \quad (3.18)$$

$$S\phi e_{k_j} = (4m + 6 + h\sigma_3 - \sigma_3^2)\phi e_{k_j}. \quad (3.19)$$

By using (3.18) and (3.19) and substituting  $X = \phi e_{k_j}$  into (3.1), it follows that

$$(6 + \sigma_3 h - h\alpha - \sigma_3^2 + \alpha^2)(\alpha\sigma_3 + 2)\phi e_{k_j} = 0.$$

Since  $\alpha\sigma_3 + 2 = \frac{8}{\alpha^2 + 8} > 0$  (i.e.,  $\alpha\sigma_3 + 2$  never vanishes), we have

$$6 + \sigma_3 h - h\alpha - \sigma_3^2 + \alpha^2 = 0, \quad (3.20)$$

$$S\phi e_{k_j} = \left(4m + 6 - h\frac{2}{\alpha} - \left(\frac{2}{\alpha}\right)^2\right)\phi e_{k_j}. \quad (3.21)$$

By using (3.19), (3.21) and putting  $X = \phi e_{k_j}$ ,  $Y = e_{k_j}$  into (\*\*), we obtain

$$\left(\sigma_3 + \frac{2}{\alpha}\right)\left(h - \sigma_3 + \frac{2}{\alpha}\right)R(\phi e_{k_j}, e_{k_j})Z = 0. \quad (3.22)$$

By (3.17), the coefficient factors of (3.22) never vanishes, due to  $\sigma_3 + \frac{2}{\alpha} = \frac{8}{\alpha(\alpha^2 + 4)} \neq 0$  and by (3.20),  $h - \sigma_3 + \frac{2}{\alpha} = \frac{\alpha^4 + 14\alpha^2 + 36}{\alpha(\alpha^2 + 6)} \neq 0$ . Thus, (3.22) is reduced to

$$R(\phi e_{k_j}, e_{k_j})Z = 0. \quad (3.23)$$

By putting  $Z = e_{k_j}$  into (3.23) and by using (1.1), the structure tensors  $\phi$  and  $\phi_v$  are skew-symmetric and  $\eta(e_{k_j}) = 0$ , we have the following equation.

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= R(\phi e_{k_j}, e_{k_j})e_{k_j} \\ &= g(e_{k_j}, e_{k_j})\phi e_{k_j} - g(\phi^2 e_{k_j}, e_{k_j})\phi e_{k_j} - 2g(\phi^2 e_{k_j}, e_{k_j})\phi e_{k_j} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \sum_{v=1}^3 \left\{ -g(\phi_v \phi e_{k_j}, e_{k_j}) \phi_v e_{k_j} - 2g(\phi_v \phi e_{k_j}, e_{k_j}) \phi_v e_{k_j} \right. \\
& \left. + g(\phi_v \phi e_{k_j}, e_{k_j}) \phi_v \phi^2 e_{k_j} \right\} + g(Ae_{k_j}, e_{k_j}) A \phi e_{k_j} \\
& = (4 + \lambda_{k_j} \sigma_3) \phi e_{k_j} - 4 \sum_{v=1}^3 g(\phi_v \phi e_{k_j}, e_{k_j}) \phi_v e_{k_j}. \quad (3.24)
\end{aligned}$$

Taking the inner product of (3.24) with  $\phi e_{k_j}$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
0 & = (4 + \lambda_{k_j} \sigma_3) g(\phi e_{k_j}, \phi e_{k_j}) - 4 \sum_{v=1}^3 g(\phi_v \phi e_{k_j}, e_{k_j}) g(\phi_v e_{k_j}, \phi e_{k_j}) \\
& = 4 \left( \frac{\alpha^2 + 5}{\alpha^2 + 4} \right) + 4 \sum_{v=1}^3 g^2(\phi_v \phi e_{k_j}, e_{k_j}),
\end{aligned}$$

where we have used  $\lambda_{k_j} = -\frac{2}{\alpha}$  and  $\sigma_3 = \frac{-2\alpha}{\alpha^2+4}$ . Since the right side of the equation is greater than 4, this is a contradiction. Thus, Subcase I cannot occur.

**Subcase II**  $\lambda_{k_j} = 0$ , where  $j \geq 2$ . Putting  $X = e_{k_j}$  into (2.8),

$$0 = R_\xi(e_{k_j}) = e_{k_j} + 2\eta_2(e_{k_j})\xi_2 + 2\eta_3(e_{k_j})\xi_3 - \phi_1 \phi e_{k_j}. \quad (3.25)$$

Applying  $\phi_1$  (resp.,  $A$ ) to (3.25), we have

$$0 = \phi_1 e_{k_j} + 2\eta_2(e_{k_j})\xi_3 - 2\eta_3(e_{k_j})\xi_3 + \phi e_{k_j}, \quad (3.26)$$

$$0 = A\phi_1 e_{k_j} + 2\eta_2(e_{k_j})A\xi_3 - 2\eta_3(e_{k_j})A\xi_3 + A\phi e_{k_j}. \quad (3.27)$$

By (2.10), we get

$$A\phi_1 e_{k_j} = 0. \quad (3.28)$$

Putting  $X = e_{k_j}$  into (3.16), we obtain

$$0 = \frac{\alpha}{2} A\phi e_{k_j} + 4\eta_3(e_{k_j})\xi_2 - 4\eta_2(e_{k_j})\xi_3. \quad (3.29)$$

Taking the inner product of (3.29) with  $\phi_1 e_{k_j}$  and using (3.28), we have  $\eta_3^2(e_{k_j}) + \eta_2^2(e_{k_j}) = 0$ , that is,

$$\eta_3(e_{k_j}) = \eta_2(e_{k_j}) = 0. \quad (3.30)$$

By using (3.28) and (3.30), (3.27) becomes

$$A\phi e_{k_j} = 0. \quad (3.31)$$

By (3.26), (3.31) and putting  $X = \phi e_{k_j}$  into (2.8), we get

$$R_{\xi}(\phi e_{k_j}) = \phi e_{k_j} + 2\eta_3(e_{k_j})\xi_2 - 2\eta_2(e_{k_j})\xi_3 + \phi_1 e_{k_j} + \alpha A \phi e_{k_j} = 0.$$

Thus,  $\mathfrak{D}_0(x) \ominus [\xi](x)$  is  $\phi$ -invariant. By virtue of (3.10),  $S$  has the same eigenvalue  $4m + 8$  corresponding to each  $e_{k_j} \in \mathfrak{D}_0(x) \ominus [\xi](x)$ , where  $j \geq 2$ . Since  $S\xi = \sigma\xi$ ,  $\mathfrak{D}_0(x) \ominus [\xi](x)$  is  $\phi$ -invariant and  $SX = \sigma X$  for  $X \in \mathfrak{D}_1(x)$ , we have  $S\phi X = \phi SX$  for all tangent vectors  $X$  on  $M$ . Again, by [15, Theorem],  $M$  is locally congruent to a real hypersurface of Type (A).

Now, we verify whether a real hypersurface of Type (A) denoted by  $M_A$  satisfies the assumption in our Theorem. We assume that  $M_A$  satisfies the condition of Ricci semi-symmetric.

Putting  $Y = \xi$  and  $Z = \xi$  into (2.1), we have

$$SR_{\xi}(X) = \sigma R_{\xi}(X), \quad (3.32)$$

where  $\sigma = 4m + h\alpha - \alpha^2$ .

In [2, Proposition 3], we obtain the following:

$$SX = \begin{cases} (4m + h\alpha - \alpha^2)\xi & \text{if } X = \xi \in T_{\alpha} \\ (4m + 6 + h\beta - \beta^2)\xi_v & \text{if } X = \xi_v \in T_{\beta} \\ (4m + 6 + h\lambda - \lambda^2)X & \text{if } X \in T_{\lambda} \\ (4m + 8)X & \text{if } X \in T_{\mu}, \end{cases}$$

$$R_{\xi}(X) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } X = \xi \in T_{\alpha} \\ (\alpha\beta + 2)\xi_v & \text{if } X = \xi_v \in T_{\beta} \\ (\alpha\lambda + 2)\phi X & \text{if } X \in T_{\lambda} \\ 0 & \text{if } X \in T_{\mu}, \text{ and} \end{cases}$$

$$\alpha = \sqrt{8} \cot(\sqrt{8}r), \quad \beta = \sqrt{2} \cot(\sqrt{2}r), \quad \lambda = -\sqrt{2} \tan(\sqrt{2}r), \quad \mu = 0.$$

Putting  $X = \xi_2$  (resp.,  $X \in T_{\lambda}$ ) into (3.32), we have

$$6 + h\beta - \beta^2 = h\alpha - \alpha^2, \quad (3.33)$$

$$6 + h\lambda - \lambda^2 = h\alpha - \alpha^2. \quad (3.34)$$

Combining (3.33) and (3.34), we have  $(h - \beta - \lambda)(\beta - \lambda) = 0$ . Since  $\beta \neq \lambda$ , it is

$$h - \beta - \lambda = 0. \quad (3.35)$$

Combining (3.35) and (3.33), we have

$$4 = h\alpha - \alpha^2 = \beta\lambda.$$

This contradicts to the value of  $\beta$  and  $\lambda$ .

Hence, the model space  $M_A$  in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$  does not satisfy the Ricci semi-symmetric condition.  $\square$

For a Hopf hypersurface with  $\xi \in \mathcal{Q}$ , by [7, Main Theorem], we know that  $M$  is locally congruent to a real hypersurface of Type (B). Now we check whether a Hopf hypersurface of Type (B) denoted by  $M_B$  satisfies the Ricci semi-symmetric condition. On  $TM_B$ , since  $\xi \in \mathcal{Q}$  and  $h = \text{Tr}(A) = \alpha + (4n - 1)\beta$  is a constant, putting  $Y = \xi$  and  $Z = \xi$  into (\*), we have

$$SR_{\xi}(X) = \sigma_0 R_{\xi}(X), \quad (3.36)$$

where  $\sigma_0 = 4m + 4 + h\alpha - \alpha^2$ .

In [2, Proposition 2], we obtain the following:

$$SX = \begin{cases} (4m + 4 + h\alpha - \alpha^2)\xi & \text{if } X = \xi \in T_{\alpha} \\ (4m + 4 + h\beta - \beta^2)\xi_{\ell} & \text{if } X = \xi_{\ell} \in T_{\beta} \\ (4m + 8)\phi\xi_{\ell} & \text{if } X = \phi\xi_{\ell} \in T_{\gamma} \\ (4m + 7 + h\lambda - \lambda^2)X & \text{if } X \in T_{\lambda} \\ (4m + 7 + h\mu - \mu^2)X & \text{if } X \in T_{\mu}, \end{cases} \quad (3.37)$$

$$R_{\xi}(X) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } X = \xi \in T_{\alpha} \\ \alpha\beta\xi_{\ell} & \text{if } X = \xi_{\ell} \in T_{\beta} \\ 4\phi\xi_{\ell} & \text{if } X = \phi\xi_{\ell} \in T_{\gamma} \\ (1 + \alpha\lambda)\phi X & \text{if } X \in T_{\lambda} \\ (1 + \alpha\mu)\phi X & \text{if } X \in T_{\mu}. \end{cases} \quad (3.38)$$

Putting  $X = \phi_{\ell}\xi$  (resp.,  $X \in T_{\lambda}$ ) into (3.36). It gives  $h\beta - \beta^2 = 4$  and  $h\beta - \beta^2 = -1$ . It causes a contradiction.

**Remark 3.2** The model space of  $M_B$  in  $G_2(\mathbb{C}^{m+2})$  does not satisfy the Ricci semi-symmetric condition.

Combining Lemmas 2.1, 3.1 and Remark 3.2, this completes the proof of Theorem in the introduction.

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