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# Holomorphic isometries of twistor spaces

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## Abstract

Let  $Z_g(M)$  be the twistor space over an oriented  $2n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  with nonpositive and parallel Ricci tensor. Let  $h$  and  $\mathbb{J}$  be the natural metric and almost complex structure on  $Z_g(M)$ , respectively. We prove that any isometry of the twistor space  $Z_g(M)$  preserves the horizontal and vertical distributions. When  $M$  is compact, we give an estimate of the dimension of the groups of isometries and holomorphic isometries on the twistor space. In particular, if  $M$  is a compact almost Kähler manifold with the same properties of curvature and the Ricci tensor is negative, then the group of the holomorphic isometries is finite. © 2002 Elsevier Science B.V. All rights reserved.

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## 1. Introduction

The twistor space over an oriented  $2n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  is the bundle associated to the principal bundle of positive orthonormal frames on  $M$ , with standard fibre the Hermitian symmetric space  $SO(2n)/U(n)$ . The fibres of this bundle parametrise the positive orthogonal complex structures of each tangent space to  $M$ . The Levi–Civita connection on the bundle of positive orthonormal frames on  $M$  gives a horizontal distribution on the twistor bundle and, consequently, a splitting of its tangent bundle. A natural metric  $h$  on the twistor bundle is defined by requiring that, the horizontal and vertical distributions are orthogonal,  $h$  restricted to the fibres is the standard metric on  $SO(2n)/U(n)$  and the bundle projection is a Riemannian submersion (see e.g. [4]). For a general discussion on these metrics see, for instance, [1], where such constructions are studied to produce examples of Einstein manifolds.

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One of the main features of the twistor space is the existence of an almost complex structure  $\mathbb{J}$  on it, that is compatible with the natural metric  $h$ . This almost complex structure is integrable if and only if the base  $M$  is conformally flat, for  $n > 2$ , and anti-self-dual, for  $n = 2$ . Moreover, when  $M$  is compact, the metric  $h$  on  $(Z_g(M), \mathbb{J})$  is Kählerian if and only if  $M$  is the sphere, for  $n > 2$ , and  $S^4$  or the complex projective plane for  $n = 2$  (see [2,3,7,11]).

The vanishing theorem of Bochner says that, if a compact Riemannian manifold has nonpositive Ricci tensor, then any Killing vector field is parallel. Moreover, if there exists a point such that the Ricci tensor is negative, then there are no nontrivial Killing vector fields and so the isometry group is finite. Similarly, if a compact almost Kähler manifold has nonpositive Ricci tensor, then any holomorphic vector field is parallel. Besides, if there exists a point such that the Ricci tensor is negative, then there are no nontrivial holomorphic vector fields and so the group of the biholomorphisms is finite (see [6,8,13]). A generalisation of Bochner's theorem for compact balanced Hermitian manifolds is given in [5].

In this paper we consider the twistor space over a Riemannian manifold  $M$  with nonpositive and parallel Ricci tensor. We prove that every isometry of the twistor space preserves the horizontal and vertical distributions. As a consequence, the Killing vector fields on the twistor space are characterised. In fact, if  $\xi$  is a such vector field, then  $\xi$  may be decomposed as a sum of a horizontal lift of a Killing vector field  $X$  on the base and a Killing vector field tangent to the fibres. Moreover, there are no nontrivial holomorphic vertical Killing vector fields on  $Z_g(M)$ . When  $M$  is compact, we give an estimate for the dimension of the groups of the isometries and holomorphic isometries of  $Z_g(M)$ . As a corollary, if the base  $M$  is compact almost Kähler with negative and parallel Ricci tensor, then there are no nontrivial holomorphic Killing vector fields on  $(Z_g(M), h, \mathbb{J})$  and the holomorphic isometry group is finite.

Analogous results for the isometries of the tangent sphere bundle with the Sasaki metric are obtained in [9]. See also [14,15].

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## 2. Generalities

Let  $(M, g)$  be an oriented  $2n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold,  $\text{SO}_g(M)$  be the  $\text{SO}(2n)$ -principal bundle of oriented  $g$ -orthonormal frames on  $M$  and  $\pi : \text{SO}_g(M) \rightarrow M$  denotes the canonical projection. By definition, the *twistor space*  $Z_g(M)$  over  $M$  is the associated bundle to  $\text{SO}_g(M)$  with standard fibre  $Z(n) := \text{SO}(2n)/U(n)$ , i.e.

$$Z_g(M) = \text{SO}_g(M) \times_{\text{SO}(2n)} \text{SO}(2n)/U(n),$$

where the group  $\text{SO}(2n)$  acts on the right on  $\text{SO}_g(M)$  and on the left on  $\text{SO}(2n)/U(n)$  in the following way:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SO}(2n) \times \text{SO}_g(M) \times \text{SO}(2n)/U(n) &\rightarrow \text{SO}_g(M) \times \text{SO}(2n)/U(n) \\ (a, u, XU(n)) &\mapsto (ua, a^{-1}XU(n)). \end{aligned}$$

We will denote by  $r : Z_g(M) \rightarrow M$  and by  $p : \text{SO}_g(M) \rightarrow Z_g(M)$  the canonical projections.

Let  $\omega$  be the Levi–Civita connection on  $\text{SO}_g(M)$  and, for any  $u \in \text{SO}_g(M)$ ,

$$T_u \text{SO}_g(M) = H_u + V_u$$

the induced splitting of the tangent space  $T_u \text{SO}_g(M)$  with  $H_u = \text{Ker } \omega_u$ .

The connection  $\omega$  induces also a splitting of  $TZ_g(M)$ . For any  $P \in Z_g(M)$ , let  $u \in p^{-1}(P)$ ; then

$$T_P Z_g(M) = p_*(H_u) + p_*(V_u),$$

where  $\mathcal{H}_P := p_*(H_u)$  is the horizontal tangent space and  $\mathcal{V}_P := p_*(V_u)$  is the tangent space to the fibre  $Z_g(M)_{r(P)}$  of  $Z_g(M)$  over  $r(P)$ , i. e. the vertical tangent space. We have

$$\mathcal{V}_P = \{X \in \mathfrak{so}(T_{r(P)}M, g_{r(P)}) \mid P \circ X = -X \circ P\},$$

where  $P$  is viewed as a positive orthogonal complex structure on  $T_{r(P)}M$ . We may identify the vertical tangent space at  $P$  to

$$\{X \in \mathfrak{so}(2n) \mid PX = -XP\} = \{\hat{Y}(P) \mid Y \in \mathfrak{so}(2n)\},$$

where  $\hat{Y}(P) := [Y, P]$  is the Lie bracket on  $\mathfrak{so}(2n)$ .

For any pair  $(\hat{A}, \hat{B})$  of vertical tangent vectors of  $T_P Z_g(M)$ , we set

$$\langle \hat{A}, \hat{B} \rangle_P := -\text{Tr}(AB + APBP).$$

Then we define the *twistor metric*  $h$  on  $Z_g(M)$  as

$$h(\xi, \eta) = g(r_*\xi^H, r_*\eta^H) + \langle \xi^V, \eta^V \rangle_P, \tag{1}$$

where  $\xi^H, \eta^H$  denote the horizontal components of  $\xi, \eta \in T_P Z_g(M)$  and  $\xi^V, \eta^V$  the vertical ones. By definition, the horizontal and vertical distributions are  $h$ -orthogonal, and the projection  $r : Z_g(M) \rightarrow M$  is a Riemannian submersion.

We recall also the definition of the almost complex structure  $\mathbb{J}$  on  $Z_g(M)$  (see for instance [4]). For any tangent vector  $X$  to  $Z_g(M)$  in  $P$ , we set

$$\mathbb{J}_P(X) = (r_*^{-1} \circ P \circ r_*)(X^H) + P \circ X^V.$$

Then  $\mathbb{J}$  defines an almost complex structure on  $Z_g(M)$ .

Now we are going to define local frames of horizontal and vertical distributions. Let  $\{E_1, \dots, E_{2n}\}$  be a local oriented  $g$ -orthonormal frame on  $M$  and  $\Gamma_{ij}^k$  the Christoffel's symbols. Then  $\Gamma_{ij}^k$  are skew-symmetric in the indices  $j$  and  $k$ , so that  $\Gamma_i \cdot$  is in  $\mathfrak{so}(2n)$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, 2n$ . Let  $\{\tilde{E}_1, \dots, \tilde{E}_{2n}\}$  be the horizontal lifts of  $\{E_1, \dots, E_{2n}\}$  on the fibre bundle  $\text{SO}_g(M)$  and

$$\hat{E}_1 = p_*(\tilde{E}_1), \dots, \hat{E}_{2n} = p_*(\tilde{E}_{2n}).$$

The local vector fields  $\{\hat{E}_1, \dots, \hat{E}_{2n}\}$  give a local frame of the horizontal distribution on  $Z_g(M)$ . In terms of the trivialisation induced by  $\{E_1, \dots, E_{2n}\}$ , we have

$$\hat{E}_j(P) = E_j(r(P)) - [\Gamma_j^{\cdot}(r(P)), P]_s^r \frac{\partial}{\partial P_s^r}. \tag{2}$$

Let  $\mathfrak{X}(\text{SO}(2n)/U(n))$  be the Lie algebra of vector fields on  $\text{SO}(2n)/U(n)$ . For any matrix  $A \in \mathfrak{so}(2n)$ , we denote by

$$\hat{\cdot} : \mathfrak{so}(2n) \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}(\text{SO}(2n)/U(n))$$

the map defined by

$$\hat{\cdot}(A)(P) = [A, P] \frac{\partial}{\partial P}. \tag{3}$$

We recall that  $\hat{\cdot}$  is an isomorphism for  $n > 2$ , while, for  $n = 2$ , its kernel is isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{su}(2)$  (see [4,10]).

We define local vertical vector fields  $\hat{A}_\alpha$ , for  $\alpha = 1, \dots, n^2 - n$ , on  $Z_g(M)$ , by

$$\hat{A}_\alpha = [A_\alpha(r(P)), P] \frac{\partial}{\partial P}, \tag{4}$$

where  $A_\alpha(\cdot)$  are in  $\mathfrak{so}(2n)$ . Note that, for  $j = 1, \dots, 2n$ ,

$$\hat{E}_j(P) = E_j(r(P)) - \hat{\Gamma}_j^{\cdot}(P)$$

and

$$\mathbb{J}(\hat{E}_j(P)) = P_j^k \hat{E}_k(P).$$

Let us denote by  $\hat{\nabla}$ ,  $\check{\nabla}$  and  $\nabla$ , the covariant derivative of  $(Z_g(M), h)$ , of the fibre  $(Z_g(M))_x$  over any  $x \in M$  and of  $(M, g)$ , respectively.

We have the following formulas (see [4]):

$$[\hat{E}_i, \hat{E}_j] = (\Gamma_{ij}^k - \Gamma_{ji}^k) \hat{E}_k - \hat{\Gamma}_{ij}^{\cdot}, \tag{5}$$

$$[\hat{E}_i, \hat{A}_\alpha] = \hat{\Gamma}_{i\cdot}^{\cdot}(A_\alpha) + [\Gamma_i^{\cdot}, A_\alpha], \tag{6}$$

$$[A_\alpha, A_\beta] = -[\widehat{A_\alpha}, \widehat{A_\beta}], \tag{7}$$

$$\hat{\nabla}_{\hat{E}_i} \hat{E}_j = \Gamma_{ij}^k \hat{E}_k - \frac{1}{2} \hat{\Gamma}_{ij}^{\cdot}, \tag{8}$$

$$\hat{\nabla}_{\hat{E}_i} \hat{A}_\alpha = \frac{1}{2} h(\hat{\Gamma}_{i\cdot}^{\cdot}, \hat{A}_\alpha) \hat{E}_k + \hat{\Gamma}_{i\cdot}^{\cdot}(A_\alpha), \tag{9}$$

$$\hat{\nabla}_{\hat{A}_\alpha} \hat{E}_i = \frac{1}{2} h(\hat{\Gamma}_{i\cdot}^{\cdot}, \hat{A}_\alpha) \hat{E}_k, \tag{10}$$

$$\hat{\nabla}_{\hat{A}_\alpha} \hat{A}_\beta = \check{\nabla}_{\hat{A}_\alpha} \hat{A}_\beta. \tag{11}$$

Note that formula (11) holds for any pair of vertical vector  $\hat{A}, \hat{B}$ . Now we recall the definition of the O'Neill tensor  $\mathcal{A}$ . For any pair of vector fields  $\xi, \eta$  on  $Z_g(M)$  let  $\mathcal{A}_\xi \eta$  be defined by

$$\mathcal{A}_\xi \eta = (\hat{\nabla}_{\xi^H} \eta^V)^H + (\hat{\nabla}_{\xi^H} \eta^H)^V.$$

Then we have:

$$\mathcal{A}_{\hat{E}_i} \hat{E}_j = -\frac{1}{2} \hat{R}_{ij}, \quad (12)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{\hat{E}_i} \hat{A}_\alpha = \frac{1}{2} h(\hat{R}_{ik}, \hat{A}_\alpha) \hat{E}_k, \quad (13)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{\hat{A}_\alpha} \hat{E}_i = 0, \quad (14)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{\hat{A}_\alpha} \hat{A}_\beta = 0. \quad (15)$$

### 3. Twistor isometries

In order to estimate the dimension of the isometry group of the twistor space  $Z_g(M)$ , we start by proving the following

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $(M, g)$  be an oriented  $2n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold and  $(Z_g(M), h)$  its twistor space endowed with the twistor metric. If the Ricci tensor of  $(M, g)$  is parallel and nonpositive, then every isometry of  $(Z_g(M), h)$  preserves the horizontal and vertical distributions.*

To prove the proposition, we need the following fact of linear algebra

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $(E, h)$  be a Euclidean vector space. Let  $H$  be a subspace of  $E$  and  $S$  be a symmetric bilinear form on  $E$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} S(u, u) &\leq 0 \quad \forall u \in H; & S(u, w) &= 0 \quad \forall u \in H, w \in H^\perp; \\ S(w, w) &> 0 \quad \forall w \in H^\perp, w \neq 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\perp$  means the orthogonal with respect to  $h$ . If a linear isometry  $f$  of  $(E, h)$  preserves  $S$ , then  $f(H) = H$  and  $f(H^\perp) = H^\perp$ .

**Proof.** Let  $v \in H$ ,  $v \neq 0$  and  $f(v) = u + w$ , where  $u \in H$  and  $w \in H^\perp$ . We will prove that  $w = 0$ . Since  $f$  is an isometry preserving  $S$  and  $S(u, w) = 0$  for all  $u \in H$ ,  $w \in H^\perp$ , we have

$$S(f(H), f(H)^\perp) = S(f(H), f(H^\perp)) = S(H, H^\perp) = 0. \quad (16)$$

Notice that  $u \neq 0$ , otherwise  $f(v) = w \in H^\perp \setminus \{0\}$  and, consequently,

$$0 \geq S(v, v) = S(f(v), f(v)) = S(w, w) > 0.$$

We consider the vector  $-(h(w, w)/h(u, u))u + w$ ,  $h$ -orthogonal to  $f(v) = u + w$ . Therefore, by Eq. (16), we get

$$0 = S\left(u + w, -\frac{h(w, w)}{h(u, u)}u + w\right) = -\frac{h(w, w)}{h(u, u)}S(u, u) + S(w, w).$$

This implies  $S(w, w) = 0$  and so  $w = 0$ . This ends the proof.  $\square$

**Proof of Proposition 3.1.** We compute the Ricci tensor  $\hat{S}$  of  $(Z_g(M), h)$ . Let  $X, Y$  be horizontal vector fields on  $Z_g(M)$ ,  $V, W$  be vertical vector fields on  $Z_g(M)$  and  $\{\hat{E}_1, \dots, \hat{E}_{2n}\}$  a local orthonormal basis of the horizontal distribution. Let us denote by  $S$  and  $\check{S}$  the Ricci tensors of  $M$  and of the fibre of  $Z_g(M)$ , respectively. By the O’Neill formulas for the curvature (see e.g. [1,4]) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{S}(X, Y) &= S(X, Y) - 2h(\mathcal{A}_X \hat{E}_i, \mathcal{A}_Y \hat{E}_i), & \hat{S}(X, W) &= h((\hat{\nabla}_{\hat{E}_i} \mathcal{A}_X)_{\hat{E}_i} X, W), \\ \hat{S}(V, W) &= \check{S}(V, W) + h(\mathcal{A}_{\hat{E}_i} V, \mathcal{A}_{\hat{E}_i} W). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $S$  is nonpositive, by the last expressions,  $\hat{S}$  is also nonpositive on the horizontal distribution and positive on the vertical one. Now we will prove that  $\hat{S}(X, W) = 0$ . We may assume that  $X = \hat{E}_j$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} (\hat{\nabla}_{\hat{E}_i} \mathcal{A})_{\hat{E}_i} \hat{E}_j &= \hat{\nabla}_{\hat{E}_i} \mathcal{A}_{\hat{E}_i} \hat{E}_j - \mathcal{A}_{\hat{\nabla}_{\hat{E}_i} \hat{E}_i} \hat{E}_j - \mathcal{A}_{\hat{E}_i} \hat{\nabla}_{\hat{E}_i} \hat{E}_j \\ &= -\frac{1}{4}h(\hat{R}_{ik}, \hat{R}_{ij}) \hat{E}_k - \frac{1}{2}(\hat{E}_i(R_{ij}) + [\Gamma_{i\cdot}, R_{ij}]) + \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_{ii}^k(\hat{R}_{kj}) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{4}h(\hat{R}_{ij}, \hat{R}_{ik}) \hat{E}_k + \frac{1}{2}\Gamma_{ij}^k(\hat{R}_{ik}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{S}(\hat{E}_j, W) &= \frac{1}{2}h(\hat{E}_i(-E_i(R_{mij}^l) - \Gamma_{ir}^l R_{mij}^r + \Gamma_{im}^r R_{rij}^l), W) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}h(\hat{E}_i(\Gamma_{ii}^k R_{mkj}^l + \Gamma_{im}^r R_{rij}^l + \Gamma_{ij}^k R_{mik}^l), W) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}h(\hat{E}_i(R)(E_l, E_m, E_i, E_j), W). \end{aligned}$$

Since the Ricci tensor  $S$  of  $M$  is parallel, we get

$$(\nabla_{E_i} R)(E_l, E_m, E_i, E_j) = 0,$$

and so  $\hat{S}(\hat{E}_j, W) = 0$ . By applying Lemma 3.1 to each tangent space to  $Z_g(M)$ , we have that every isometry of  $(Z_g(M), h)$  preserves the horizontal and vertical distributions. This ends the proof.  $\square$

Now we can give a characterisation of the infinitesimal isometries of  $(Z_g(M), h)$ .

**Corollary 3.1.** *Let  $\xi$  be any Killing vector field on the twistor space  $(Z_g(M), h)$  over an oriented  $2n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  with nonpositive and parallel Ricci tensor. Then there exist a Killing vector field  $X$  on  $(M, g)$  and a vertical Killing vector field  $V$  on  $(Z_g(M), h)$  such that*

$$\xi = X^\wedge + V,$$

$X^\wedge$  being the horizontal lift of  $X$  on  $Z_g(M)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\varphi_t$  be the local one-parameter group of isometries of  $(Z_g(M), h)$  induced by  $\xi$ . By Proposition 3.1  $\varphi_t$  preserves the horizontal and vertical distributions. Therefore,

$$\varphi_t(x, P) = (\theta_t(x), \psi_t(x, P)),$$

where  $\theta_t$  is a local one-parameter group of isometries on  $(M, g)$ . Let  $X$  be the Killing vector field on  $M$  induced by  $\theta_t$  and  $X^\wedge$  be its horizontal lift on  $Z_g(M)$ . Then  $X^\wedge$  is a Killing vector field and  $V = \xi - X^\wedge$  is the vertical component of  $\xi$ .  $\square$

For the infinitesimal isometries of  $(Z_g(M), h, \mathbb{J})$ , that are holomorphic with respect to the almost complex structure  $\mathbb{J}$  on  $Z_g(M)$ , we have the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $(Z_g(M), h, \mathbb{J})$  be the twistor space over an oriented  $2n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$ . If  $n > 2$ , then there are no nontrivial holomorphic vertical Killing vector fields on  $(Z_g(M), h, \mathbb{J})$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $V$  be a vertical Killing vector field.  $V$  is infinitesimally holomorphic on  $Z_g(M)$  if and only if  $L_V \mathbb{J} = 0$ , that is equivalent to the following system

$$[V, \mathbb{J}\hat{E}_i] - \mathbb{J}[V, \hat{E}_i] = 0, \quad [V, \mathbb{J}\hat{A}_\alpha] - \mathbb{J}[V, \hat{A}_\alpha] = 0, \tag{17}$$

where  $i = 1, \dots, 2n, \alpha = 1, \dots, n^2 - n$ . The first of Eq. (17) gives

$$[V, P_i^l \hat{E}_l] - \mathbb{J}[V, \hat{E}_i] = 0. \tag{18}$$

Taking the horizontal component of Eq. (18) and recalling formula (6), we get  $V(P_i^l) = 0$ , for  $i, l = 1, \dots, 2n$ . Since  $V = [A, P](\partial/\partial P)$ , we have  $[A, P] = 0$  and, consequently,  $A = 0$ .  $\square$

We consider now the groups  $\text{Iso}(Z_g(M), h)$  of isometries of  $(Z_g(M), h)$  and  $\text{Iso}_{\text{hol}}(Z_g(M), h, \mathbb{J})$  of holomorphic isometries of  $(Z_g(M), h, \mathbb{J})$ . We can prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $(M, g)$  be a compact oriented  $2n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold with nonpositive and parallel Ricci tensor.*

*Let  $(Z_g(M), h, \mathbb{J})$  be the twistor space of  $(M, g)$ . Then, for  $n > 2$ , we have*

$$\dim \text{Iso}(Z_g(M), h) \leq n(2n + 1), \tag{19}$$

$$\dim \text{Iso}_{\text{hol}}(Z_g(M), h, \mathbb{J}) \leq 2n. \tag{20}$$

*Equalities hold if and only if  $M$  is a torus.*

**Proof.** A theorem of Bochner (see e.g. [8]) says that the isometry group  $\text{Iso}(M, g)$  of  $(M, g)$  has dimension less than or equal to  $\dim M$ . In order to prove (19), by Corollary 3.1, we are going to estimate the dimension of the space of vertical Killing vector fields on  $(Z_g(M), h)$ . Let  $V$  be a vertical Killing vector field on  $Z_g(M)$ . We may write

$$V = [A, P] \frac{\partial}{\partial P},$$

where  $A = A(x) \in \mathfrak{so}(2n)$ , for all  $x = r(P)$ . As we already said, we can think  $V$  as an element of  $\mathfrak{so}(T_{r(P)}M, g_{r(P)})$  such that  $P \circ V = -V \circ P$ . The vector field  $V$  is Killing if and only if, for any pair of vector fields  $\xi, \eta$  on  $Z_g(M)$ , we have

$$h(\hat{\nabla}_\xi V, \eta) + h(\hat{\nabla}_\eta V, \xi) = 0. \tag{21}$$

Take  $\xi = \hat{E}_i$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, 2n$ , and  $\eta = \hat{A}_\alpha$ , for  $\alpha = 1, \dots, n^2 - n$ . Then, by formula (11),  $\hat{\nabla}_\eta V$  is vertical and so  $h(\hat{\nabla}_{\hat{E}_i} V, \hat{A}_\alpha) = 0$ .

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} h(\hat{\nabla}_{\hat{E}_i} V, \hat{A}_\alpha) &= h(\hat{\nabla}_{\hat{E}_i}(E_i(A) + [\Gamma_{\cdot, A}]), \hat{A}_\alpha) = h(\hat{\nabla}_{\hat{E}_i}(E_i(A_m^l) + \Gamma_{ik}^l A_m^k - \Gamma_{im}^k A_k^l), \hat{A}_\alpha) \\ &= h(\hat{\nabla}_{\hat{E}_i} A, \hat{A}_\alpha) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

for every  $\hat{A}_\alpha$ . Therefore,  $\hat{\nabla}_{\hat{E}_i} A = 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, 2n$  and this implies  $\nabla_{E_i} A = 0$ , since  $\hat{\cdot}$  is an isomorphism for  $n > 2$ , as we recalled.

Take now  $\xi = \hat{E}_i$ ,  $\eta = \hat{E}_j$ . Formula (9) yields

$$h(\hat{\nabla}_{\hat{E}_i} V, \hat{E}_j) + h(\hat{\nabla}_{\hat{E}_j} V, \hat{E}_i) = \frac{1}{2} h(\hat{\nabla}_{\hat{E}_i} R_{\cdot j}, \hat{A}) + \frac{1}{2} h(\hat{\nabla}_{\hat{E}_j} R_{\cdot i}, \hat{A}) = 0,$$

and, in this case, formula (21) gives no conditions on  $A = A(x)$ .

Finally, if  $\xi = \hat{A}_\alpha$  and  $\eta = \hat{A}_\beta$ , then Eq. (21) reduces to the Killing condition on the fibre. Therefore, we may identify the space of vertical Killing vector fields on  $(Z_g(M), h)$  to the space of parallel 2-forms on  $M$ . Hence, Eq. (19) is proved.

By Lemma 3.2, there are no nontrivial holomorphic Killing vector fields along the fibres of  $Z_g(M)$ . Hence, the estimate (20) follows at once.

The equality in (19) holds if and only if  $\dim \text{Iso}(M, g) = 2n$  and, by the theorem of Bochner, this is equivalent to say that  $M$  is a torus.

If the equality in Eq. (20) holds, then  $\dim \text{Iso}(M, g) = 2n$  and  $M$  is a torus. Vice versa, if  $M$  is a torus, then any translation lifts to a holomorphic transformation of  $Z_g(M)$  and so  $\dim \text{Iso}_{\text{hol}}(Z_g(M), h, \mathbb{J}) = 2n$ . □

By the vanishing theorem of Bochner for holomorphic vector fields on almost Kähler manifolds and the previous theorem, we get the following corollary.

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $(M, g)$  be a compact almost Kähler manifold with nonpositive and parallel Ricci tensor. If the Ricci tensor is negative, then there are no nontrivial holomorphic Killing vector fields on the twistor space  $(Z_g(M), h, \mathbb{J})$  and the group of the holomorphic isometries is finite.*

For further reading see [12].

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