

DIFFERENTIAL STRUCTURES OF  
RIEMANNIAN HOMOGENEOUS SPACE  $R^{2n} \setminus \{0\}$

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**Abstract:** The purpose of this paper is to construct a  $2n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  of which the hypersurface  $S^{2n-1}$  is totally geodesic and to study differential structures of such an ambient manifold  $(M, g)$ .

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1. Introduction and Main Results

In contrast to general Riemannian manifolds, globally symmetric spaces contain plenty of totally geodesic submanifolds. The following theorem is well known.

**Theorem A.** (cf. [4, p. 224, Theorem 7.2]) *Let  $G/H$  be a Riemannian globally symmetric space with the canonical decomposition  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{m} + \mathfrak{h}$ . Let  $\mathfrak{s}$  be a Lie triple system contained in  $\mathfrak{m}$ . Put  $S = \text{Exp } \mathfrak{s}$ . Then,  $S$  has a natural differentiable structure in which it is a totally geodesic submanifold of  $G/H$ .*

In this paper, from a new point of view, for a given Riemannian manifold  $(S, g)$  we construct an ambient manifold  $(M, g)$  so that  $(S, g)$  may be a totally geodesic submanifold, and then study differential structures of the ambient manifold  $(M, g)$ . A  $(n - 1)$  dimensional Euclidean unit sphere  $S^{n-1}$  is not a geodesic hypersurface of Euclidean space  $E^n$ . It is interesting to ask the following:

*May you construct an  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  of which the hypersurface  $S^{n-1}$  is totally geodesic?*

In this paper, we construct such ambient Riemannian manifolds  $(M, g)$  as in the above question, and then study differential structures of such ambient manifolds  $(M, g)$ .

The following lemma is very useful in our paper.

**Lemma B.** (cf. [8]) *Let  $g$  be a left invariant Riemannian metric on  $SU(2)$ . Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  be an inner product on  $\mathfrak{su}(2)$  defined by  $\langle X, Y \rangle := g_e(X_e, Y_e)$ , where  $\mathfrak{su}(2)$  is the Lie algebra of  $SU(2)$ ,  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{su}(2)$ , and  $e$  is the identity matrix of  $SU(2)$ . Then there exists an orthonormal basis  $(V_1, V_2, V_3)$  of  $\mathfrak{su}(2)$  with respect to  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_o$  such that*

$$\begin{cases} [V_1, V_2] = (1/\sqrt{2})V_3, & [V_2, V_3] = (1/\sqrt{2})V_1, \\ [V_3, V_1] = (1/\sqrt{2})V_2, & \langle V_i, V_j \rangle = \delta_{ij} a_i^2, \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_o$  is an inner product induced from the Killing form of  $\mathfrak{su}(2)$  and  $a_i$ ,  $(i = 1, 2, 3)$ , are positive constant real numbers determined by the given left invariant Riemannian metric  $g$  of  $SU(2)$ .

For a given left invariant Riemannian metric  $g$  on  $SU(2)$ , we fix an orthonormal basis  $(V_1, V_2, V_3)$  of  $\mathfrak{su}(2)$  with respect to  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_o$  with the property (1.1) in Lemma B and denote by  $g(a_1, a_2, a_3)$ , or simply by  $g(a)$ , the left invariant Riemannian metric on  $SU(2)$  which is determined by positive real numbers  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  in Lemma B.

Retaining the same notations as in Lemma B, we states the following results which we got in this paper.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $g(a)$  be a left invariant Riemannian metric on  $SU(2)$ . Let  $g$  be a left invariant Riemannian metric on  $R^4 \setminus (0)$  determined by an orthonormal basis  $\{X_1 := V_1/a_1, X_2 := V_2/a_2, X_3 := V_3/a_3, X_4 := I_2 + \sum_{i=1}^3 c_i(V_i/a_i)\}$  on  $T_e(R^4 \setminus (0))$ , where each  $c_i$  is a real constant. Let  $J$  be a tensor field of type  $(1, 1)$  on  $R^4 \setminus (0)$  defined by  $JX_1 = X_4, JX_2 = X_3, JX_3 = -X_2, JX_4 = -X_1$ .*

Then, a necessary and sufficient condition in order for the structure tensor field  $J$  of the almost complex manifold  $(R^4 \setminus (0), g, J)$  to be a complex structure is  $a_2 = a_3$  and  $c_2 = c_3 = 0$ .

Moreover, if the structure tensor field  $J$  of the ambient manifold  $R^4 \setminus (0), g, J$  is a complex structure, then its hypersurface  $(S^3, g(a))$  is totally geodesic.

**Theorem 2.** A necessary and sufficient condition for the Riemannian manifold  $(R^4 \setminus (0), g)$  in Theorem 1 to be naturally reductive is  $a_1 = a_2 = a_3$  and  $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$ .

**Corollary 3.** If the Riemannian manifold  $(R^4 \setminus (0), g)$  in Theorem 1 is a naturally reductive Riemannian homogeneous space, its hypersurface  $S^3$  is totally geodesic.

**Note.** The complete classification of the simply connected four dimensional naturally reductive homogeneous spaces is given in [3].

From Theorem 1, we can get almost complex manifolds which are not complex manifolds. And, it is shown (cf. Remark 1) that any almost complex manifold  $(R^4 \setminus (0), g, J)$  in Theorem 1 is not an almost Kaehler manifold.

In this paper, we use the following notations:

$R^\times := R \setminus (0)$ ;  $I_n$ : the unit matrix of order  $n$ ;

$G := R^\times SU(n) = \{ rg \mid r \in R^\times, g \in SU(n) \}$ ,

$E_{ij}$ : a square matrix of order  $n$  with entry 1 where the  $i$ -th row and  $j$ -th column meet, all other entries being 0.

Then, we obtain the following results.

**Theorem 4.** Let  $\tilde{g}$  be a  $SU(n)$ -invariant Riemannian metric on  $S^{2n-1}$  ( $\cong SU(n)/SU(n-1)$ ) which is determined by an orthonormal basis

$$\{X_j, Y_j\}_{j=2}^n \cup \{Y_1 := \sqrt{-2/(n^2 - n)}((1 - n)E_{11} + \sum_{i=2}^n E_{ii})\}$$

on  $T_o(S^{2n-1})$ , where  $o := \{SU(n-1)\}$ ,  $X_j := E_{1j} - E_{j1}$ ,  $Y_j := \sqrt{-1}(E_{1j} + E_{j1})$ . Let  $g$  be the left  $G$ -invariant Riemann metric on  $R^{2n} \setminus (0)$  which is determined by an orthonormal basis

$$\{X_j, Y_j\}_{j=2}^n \cup \{X_1 := I_n, Y_1\}$$

on  $T_o(R^{2n} \setminus (0))$ . Let  $\tilde{J}$  be a tensor of type  $(1, 1)$  on  $T_o(R^{2n} \setminus (0))$  defined by  $\tilde{J}X_b = Y_b$ ,  $\tilde{J}Y_b = -X_b$ , ( $b = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ).

Then there exist a tensor field  $J$  of type  $(1, 1)$  on  $R^{2n} \setminus (0)$  such that  $J_o = \tilde{J}$ , and  $(R^{2n} \setminus (0), g, J)$  is a complex manifold of which the hypersurface  $S^{2n-1}$  is totally geodesic.

**Theorem 5.** *Every Riemannian manifold  $(R^{2n} \setminus \{0\}, g)$ ,  $n \geq 3$ , in Theorem 4 is a naturally reductive Riemannian homogeneous space which is not symmetric.*

It is shown that any almost complex manifold  $(R^{2n} \setminus \{0\}, g, J)$  in Theorem 4 is not almost Kaehler (cf. Remark 4).

## 2. Preliminaries

A homogeneous space  $K/T$  of a connected Lie group  $K$  is called *reductive* if the following condition is satisfied: in the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{k}$  of  $K$  there exists a subspace  $\mathfrak{m}$  such that  $\mathfrak{k} = \mathfrak{m} + \mathfrak{t}$  (direct sum of vector spaces) and  $\text{Ad}(t)\mathfrak{m} \subset \mathfrak{m}$  for all  $t \in T$ , where  $\mathfrak{t}$  is the subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{k}$  corresponding to the identity component  $T_o$  of  $T$  and  $\text{Ad}(t)$  denotes the adjoint representation of  $T$  in  $\mathfrak{k}$ .

Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  be an inner product which is invariant with respect to  $\text{Ad}(T)$  on  $\mathfrak{m}$ . This inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  determines an invariant Riemannian metric  $g$  on  $K/T$ . Then the connection function  $\alpha$  (cf. [7, p. 43]) on  $\mathfrak{m} \times \mathfrak{m}$  corresponding to the invariant Riemannian connection of a reductive Riemannian homogeneous space  $(K/T, g)$  is given as follows (cf. [7, p. 52]):

$$\alpha(X, Y) = (1/2) [X, Y]_{\mathfrak{m}} + U(X, Y) \quad (X, Y \in \mathfrak{m}), \quad (2.1)$$

where  $U(X, Y)$  is determined by

$$2 \langle U(X, Y), Z \rangle = \langle [Z, X]_{\mathfrak{m}}, Y \rangle + \langle X, [Z, Y]_{\mathfrak{m}} \rangle \quad (X, Y, Z \in \mathfrak{m}), \quad (2.2)$$

where  $X_{\mathfrak{m}}$  denotes the  $\mathfrak{m}$ -component of an element of  $X \in \mathfrak{k} = \mathfrak{t} + \mathfrak{m}$ . A reductive Riemannian homogeneous space  $(K/T, g)$  with the condition  $U = 0$  on  $\mathfrak{m} \times \mathfrak{m}$  is said to be a *naturally reductive Riemannian homogeneous space*.

Let a Riemannian manifold  $(M^{2n}, g)$  have a tensor field  $J$  of type (1,1) such that  $J^2 = -I$  and  $g(JX, JY) = g(X, Y)$ ,  $X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M)$ . Such a manifold  $(M^{2n}, g, J)$  is said to be an *almost complex manifold*. A tensor field  $N$  of type (1,2) on an almost complex manifold  $(M^{2n}, g, J)$  given by

$$N(X, Y) := J[X, Y] - [JX, Y] - [X, JY] - J[JX, JY], \quad (2.3)$$

$X, Y \in \mathfrak{X}(M^{2n})$ , is said to be *Nijenhuis tensor field* (cf. [6, p. 10]). A necessary and sufficient condition for an almost complex manifold  $(M^{2n}, g, J)$  to be an  $n$ -dimensional complex manifold is  $N = 0$  on  $\mathfrak{X}(M) \times \mathfrak{X}(M)$  (cf. [5, p. 124]).

The *Kaehler form*  $\omega$  on  $(M^{2n}, g, J)$  is defined by  $\omega(X, Y) := g(X, JY)$ . An almost complex manifold  $(M, g, J)$  is called *almost Kaehler* if the Kaehler form  $\omega$  is closed, that is,  $d\omega = 0$ . A complex manifold with  $d\omega = 0$  is called *Kaehler*.

### 3. Proofs of Main Theorems

#### 3.1. Proofs of Theorem 1, Theorem 2 and Corollary 3

We retain the notations as in Section 1 and Section 2. We identify  $R^4 \setminus \{0\}$  with  $R^\times SU(2)$ . We put  $\mathfrak{m} := T_e(G)$  and  $r := \sqrt{2}a_1a_2a_3$ . Here  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  are constants appearing in  $(S^3, g(a))$ . We get from (1.1)

$$\begin{aligned} [X_1, X_2] &= (a_3^2 X_3)/r, & [X_1, X_3] &= (-a_2^2 X_2)/r, \\ [X_1, X_4] &= (-a_2^2 c_3 X_2 + a_3^2 c_2 X_3)/r, & [X_2, X_3] &= (a_1^2 X_1)/r, \\ [X_2, X_4] &= (a_1^2 c_3 X_1 - a_3^2 c_1 X_3)/r, \\ [X_3, X_4] &= (-a_1^2 c_2 X_1 + a_2^2 c_1 X_2)/r. \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

Using (2.3) and (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} N(X_1, X_2) &= \{a_1^2 c_3 X_1 + (a_2^2 - a_3^2)X_2 \\ &\quad + (a_2^2 - a_3^2)c_1 X_3 - a_1^2 c_2 X_4\}/r, \\ N(X_1, X_3) &= \{-a_1^2 c_2 X_1 + (a_2^2 - a_3^2)c_1 X_2 \\ &\quad + (-a_2^2 + a_3^2)X_3 - a_1^2 c_3 X_4\}/r, \\ N(X_1, X_4) &= N(X_2, X_3) = 0, \\ N(X_2, X_4) &= \{a_1^2 c_2 X_1 + (-a_2^2 + a_3^2)c_1 X_2 \\ &\quad + (a_2^2 - a_3^2)X_3 + a_1^2 c_3 X_4\}/r, \\ N(X_3, X_4) &= \{a_1^2 c_3 X_1 + (a_2^2 - a_3^2)X_2 \\ &\quad + (a_2^2 - a_3^2)c_1 X_3 - a_1^2 c_2 X_4\}/r. \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

From (3.2), we obtain the fact that a necessary and sufficient condition for the almost complex manifold  $(R^4 \setminus \{0\}, g, J)$  determined by the conditions in Theorem 1 to be a complex manifold is

$$a_2 = a_3 \quad \text{and} \quad c_2 = c_3 = 0. \quad (3.3)$$

On the other hand, we have from (2.2)

$$\begin{aligned}
U(X_1, X_2) &= \{(-a_1^2 + a_2^2)X_3 + (-a_1^2 + a_2^2)c_3X_4\}/2r, \\
U(X_1, X_3) &= \{(a_1^2 - a_3^2)X_2 + (a_1^2 - a_3^2)c_2X_4\}/2r, \\
U(X_1, X_4) &= \{a_1^2c_3X_2 - a_1^2c_2X_3\}/2r, \\
U(X_2, X_3) &= \{(-a_2^2 + a_3^2)X_1 + (-a_2^2 + a_3^2)c_1X_4\}/2r, \\
U(X_2, X_4) &= (-a_2^2c_3X_1 + a_2^2c_1X_3)/2r, \\
U(X_3, X_4) &= (a_3^2c_2X_1 - a_3^2c_1X_2)/2r, \\
U(X_1, X_1) &= U(X_2, X_2) = U(X_3, X_3) = U(X_4, X_4) = 0.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

We have from (2.1), (3.1) and (3.3)

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha(X_1, X_4) &= \{(a_1^2 - a_2^2)c_3X_2 + (-a_1^2 + a_3^2)c_2X_3\}/2r, \\
\alpha(X_2, X_4) &= \{(a_1^2 - a_2^2)c_3X_1 + (a_2^2 - a_3^2)c_1X_3\}/2r, \\
\alpha(X_3, X_4) &= \{(-a_1^2 + a_3^2)c_2X_1 + (a_2^2 - a_3^2)c_1X_2\}/2r.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

From (3.3) and (3.5), we deduce that if the almost complex manifold  $(R^4 \setminus (0), g, J)$  determined by the conditions in Theorem 1 is a complex manifold, then its hypersurface  $(S^3, g(a))$  is totally geodesic.

Thus, Theorem 1 is obtained.

From (3.4), we can get Theorem 2. Moreover, combining (3.5) with Theorem 2, we obtain Corollary 3.

**Remark 1.** Since  $d\omega(X_2, X_3, X_4) = -a_1^2/r$  is not zero,  $(R^4 \setminus (0), g, J)$  in Theorem 1 is not an almost Kaehler manifold.

**Remark 2.** From (2.1),(3.1) and (3.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha(X_1, X_2) &= \{(-a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2)X_3 + c_3(-a_1^2 + a_2^2)X_4\}/2r, \\
\alpha(X_2, X_1) &= \{(-a_1^2 + a_2^2 - a_3^2)X_3 + c_3(-a_1^2 + a_2^2)X_4\}/2r.
\end{aligned}$$

If the Riemannian manifold  $(R^4 \setminus (0), g)$  in Theorem 1 is symmetric,  $\alpha(X_1, X_2) = \alpha(X_2, X_1) = 0$ , whence  $a_3 = 0$ , which is an absurd since  $a_3 > 0$ . Thus, the Riemannian manifold  $(R^4 \setminus (0), g)$  in Theorem 1 having  $(S^3, g(a))$  as its hypersurface is not symmetric.

**Remark 3.**  $S^1 = \{\text{diag}[e^{\sqrt{-1}\theta}, e^{-\sqrt{-1}\theta}] \mid \theta \in R\} \subsetneq R^2 \setminus (0) = \{rB \mid r \in R^\times, B \in S^1\}$ . Here,  $\text{diag}[x, y]$  denotes a diagonal matrix of order 2 whose diagonal entries are  $x$  and  $y$ . By the similar way as in Theorem 1, we can construct the Riemannian structure in  $R^2 \setminus (0)$  so that its hypersurface  $S^1$  may be totally geodesic.

**3.2. Proofs of Theorem 4 and Theorem 5**

We retain the notations as in Section 1 and Section 2. We identify  $R^{2n} \setminus (0)$  (resp.  $S^{2n-1}$ ) with  $G/SU(n-1)$  (resp.  $SU(n)/SU(n-1)$ ). First of all we define an  $\text{Ad}(SU(n-1))$ -invariant inner product  $\langle , \rangle$  on the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{su}(n) + RI_n$  of  $G$  by

$$\langle X, Y \rangle = \begin{cases} (-1/2) \text{ trace}(XY), & X, Y \in \mathfrak{su}(n), \\ (-1/2) \text{ trace}(XY), & X \in \mathfrak{su}(n), Y \in RI_n, \\ (1/n) \text{ trace}(XY), & X, Y \in RI_n. \end{cases} \quad (3.6)$$

We define by  $\mathfrak{m}$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{m}'$ ) the subspace of  $\mathfrak{g}$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{su}(n)$ ) which is orthogonal to  $\mathfrak{su}(n-1)$  with respect to  $\langle , \rangle$ . Then,  $\{X_i, Y_i\}_{i=1}^n$  (resp.  $\{X_i, Y_i\}_{i=2}^n \cup \{Y_1\}$ ) in Theorem 4 is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathfrak{m}$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{m}'$ ) with respect to  $\langle , \rangle$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} [X_1, Y_1] &= [X_1, X_k] = [X_1, Y_k] = 0, \\ [Y_1, X_k] &= -\sqrt{2n/(n-1)}Y_k, \quad [Y_1, Y_k] = \sqrt{2n/(n-1)}X_k, \\ [X_k, X_l] &= -(E_{kl} - E_{lk}) \in \mathfrak{su}(n-1), \quad [X_k, Y_k] = -\sqrt{2n/(n-1)}Y_1, \\ [X_k, Y_l] &= -(E_{kl} + E_{lk}) \in \mathfrak{su}(n-1), \\ [Y_k, Y_l] &= -(E_{kl} - E_{lk}) \in \mathfrak{su}(n-1). \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

Here and from now on,  $j, k, l$  run over  $2, 3, 4, \dots, n$ , ( $k \neq l$ ), and  $a, b$  run over  $1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ .

Then there exists a tensor field  $J$  of type (1,1) on  $R^{2n} \setminus (0)$  such that  $J^2 = -I$  and  $J_o = \tilde{J}$  (cf. [9]) if and only if

$$(\text{ad}(X) \circ \tilde{J})(Y) = (\tilde{J} \circ \text{ad}(X))(Y) \quad (3.8)$$

for all  $X \in \mathfrak{su}(n-1)$  and  $Y \in \mathfrak{m}$ . A basis of  $\mathfrak{su}(n-1)$  is given by

$$\bigcup_{k,l} \{E_{kl} - E_{lk}, \sqrt{-1}(E_{kl} + E_{lk}), \sqrt{-1}(E_{kk} - E_{k+1k+1})\}. \quad (3.9)$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
[E_{kl} - E_{lk}, X_j] &= \delta_{jl}X_k - \delta_{jk}X_l, \\
[\sqrt{-1}(E_{kl} + E_{lk}), X_j] &= -\delta_{jl}Y_k - \delta_{jk}Y_l, \\
[\sqrt{-1}(E_{kk} - E_{k+1k+1}), X_j] &= -\delta_{kj}Y_k + \delta_{jk+1}Y_{k+1}, \\
[E_{kl} - E_{lk}, Y_j] &= \delta_{lj}Y_k - \delta_{kj}Y_l, \\
[\sqrt{-1}(E_{kl} + E_{lk}), Y_j] &= \delta_{lj}X_k + \delta_{kj}X_l, \\
[\sqrt{-1}(E_{kk} - E_{k+1k+1}), Y_j] &= \delta_{jk}X_k - \delta_{jk+1}X_{k+1}, \\
[E_{kl} - E_{lk}, X_1] &= [E_{kl} - E_{lk}, Y_1] = 0, \\
[\sqrt{-1}(E_{kl} + E_{lk}), X_1] &= [\sqrt{-1}(E_{kl} + E_{lk}), Y_1] = 0, \\
[\sqrt{-1}(E_{kk} - E_{k+1k+1}), X_1] &= [\sqrt{-1}(E_{kk} - E_{k+1k+1}), Y_1] = 0.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

Moreover, we get from (3.10)

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{J}(\text{ad}(E_{kl} - E_{lk})X_j) &= \text{ad}(E_{kl} - E_{lk})\tilde{J}(X_j) = \delta_{jl}Y_k - \delta_{jk}Y_l, \\
\tilde{J}(\sqrt{-1}\text{ad}(E_{kl} + E_{lk})X_j) &= \sqrt{-1}\text{ad}(E_{kl} - E_{lk})\tilde{J}(X_j) \\
&= \delta_{jl}X_k + \delta_{jk}X_l, \\
\tilde{J}(\sqrt{-1}\text{ad}(E_{kk} - E_{k+1k+1})X_j) &= \sqrt{-1}\text{ad}(E_{kk} - E_{k+1k+1})\tilde{J}(X_j) \\
&= \delta_{jk}X_k - \delta_{jk+1}X_{k+1}, \\
\tilde{J}(\text{ad}(E_{kl} - E_{lk})Y_j) &= \text{ad}(E_{kl} - E_{lk})\tilde{J}(Y_j) = -\delta_{jl}X_k + \delta_{jk}X_l, \\
\tilde{J}(\sqrt{-1}\text{ad}(E_{kl} + E_{lk})Y_j) &= \sqrt{-1}\text{ad}(E_{kl} + E_{lk})\tilde{J}(Y_j) \\
&= \delta_{jl}Y_k + \delta_{jk}Y_l, \\
\tilde{J}(\sqrt{-1}\text{ad}(E_{kk} - E_{k+1k+1})Y_j) &= \sqrt{-1}\text{ad}(E_{kk} - E_{k+1k+1})\tilde{J}(Y_j) \\
&= \delta_{kj}Y_k - \delta_{jk+1}Y_{k+1}, \\
\tilde{J}(\text{ad}(E_{kl} - E_{lk})V) &= \text{ad}(E_{kl} - E_{lk})\tilde{J}(V) = 0, \\
\tilde{J}(\sqrt{-1}\text{ad}(E_{kl} + E_{lk})V) &= \sqrt{-1}\text{ad}(E_{kl} + E_{lk})\tilde{J}(V) = 0, \\
\tilde{J}(\sqrt{-1}\text{ad}(E_{kk} - E_{k+1k+1})V) &= \sqrt{-1}\text{ad}(E_{kk} - E_{k+1k+1})\tilde{J}(V) = 0,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $V \in \{X_1, Y_1\}$ . Hence, the tensor field  $J$  with  $J_o = \tilde{J}$  on  $(R^{2n} \setminus \{0\}, g)$  is defined by

$$J_{x \cdot o}(X) = (\tau_x)_* \tilde{J}((\tau_x)_*^{-1}X), \quad x \in G, \quad X \in T_{x \cdot o}(R^{2n} \setminus \{0\}),$$

where  $(\tau_x)_*$  is the differential of the translation  $\tau_x : (R^{2n} \setminus \{0\}) \ni y \cdot o \mapsto xy \cdot o \in (R^{2n} \setminus \{0\})$ . From (2.3) and (3.7), we get

$$N(X_b, X_a) = N(X_b, Y_a) = N(Y_b, Y_a) = 0. \tag{3.11}$$

Therefore  $(R^{2n} \setminus (0), g, J)$  is an  $n$ -dimensional complex manifold.

On the other hand, from (2.2) and (3.7) we obtain

$$U(X_b, X_a) = U(X_b, Y_a) = U(Y_b, Y_a) = 0. \tag{3.12}$$

Accordingly,  $(R^{2n} \setminus (0), g)$  is a naturally reductive Riemannian homogeneous space. Since  $\alpha(Y_k, Y_1) = -\sqrt{n/2(n-1)}X_k$ ,  $(R^{2n} \setminus (0), g)$  is not symmetric. Hence, the proof of Theorem 5 is completed.

Moreover, we get from (2.1), (3.7) and (3.11)

$$\alpha(Y_1, X_1) = \alpha(X_k, X_1) = \alpha(Y_k, X_1) = 0. \tag{3.13}$$

Hence, the hypersurface  $(S^{2n-1}, g)$  of  $(R^{2n} \setminus (0), g)$  is totally geodesic. Thus we get Theorem 4.

**Remark 4.** From (3.7), we get  $d\omega(Y_1, X_k, Y_k) = 3\sqrt{2n/(n-1)}$ . Hence,  $(R^{2n} \setminus (0), g, J)$ ,  $(n \geq 3)$ , is not almost Kaehler.

**Remark 5.**  $S^{n-1} = SO(n)/SO(n-1)$ ,  $n \geq 2$ ;  $G := R^\times SO(n)$ ;

$\mathfrak{o} := \{SO(n-1)\}$ ;  $R^n \setminus (0) := R^\times SO(n)/SO(n-1)$ ;

$X_j := E_{1j} - E_{j1}$ ;  $X_1 := I_n$ ;

$\mathfrak{m} := \{\sum k^b X_b \mid \text{each } k^b \in R\} = T_o(R^n \setminus (0))$ .

We define an inner product  $\langle , \rangle$  on  $T_o(R^n \setminus (0))$  by

$$\langle X, Y \rangle = \begin{cases} (-1/2) \text{ trace}(XY), & X \in \mathfrak{m} \text{ and } Y \in \mathfrak{m} \setminus RI_n, \\ (1/n) \text{ trace}(XY), & X, Y \in RI_n. \end{cases}$$

Let  $g$  be an  $G$ -invariant Riemannian metric on  $R^n \setminus (0)$  determined by  $\langle , \rangle$  on  $T_o(R^n \setminus (0))$ . Then,  $(R^n \setminus (0), g)$  is a naturally reductive Riemannian homogeneous space of which the hypersurface  $S^{n-1}$  is totally geodesic. In fact,  $\alpha(X_b, X_a) = 0$  and  $U(X_b, X_a) = 0$ .

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