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## A characterization of CR quadrics with a symmetry property

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We study CR quadrics satisfying a symmetry property \$(\tilde S)\$ which is slightly weaker than the symmetry property \$(S)\$, recently introduced by W. Kaup, which requires the existence of an automorphism reversing the gradation of the Lie algebra of infinitesimal automorphisms of the quadric.

We characterize quadrics satisfying the \$(\tilde S)\$ property in terms of their Levi-Tanaka algebras. In many cases the \$(\tilde S)\$ property implies the \$(S)\$ property; this holds in particular for compact quadrics. We also answer to a question by V. Ezhov and G. Schmalz about the dimension of the algebra of positive-degree infinitesimal automorphisms of CR quadrics.

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