

ON SUBMANIFOLDS WITH
PARALLEL MEAN CURVATURE
VECTOR OF A SASAKIAN SPACE FORM

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0. Introduction

One of typical submanifolds of a Sasakian manifold is the so-called contact CR submanifold which are defined as follows: Let M be a submanifold of a Sasakian manifold \tilde{M} tangent to the structure vector field V with almost contact metric structure (ϕ, G, V) . If there exists a differentiable distribution such that it is invariant under ϕ and the complementary orthogonal distribution is totally real with respect to ϕ [9], [10], [12]. Many subjects for such submanifolds of a Sasakian space form have been studied in [1], [3], [4], [5], [6], [7] and so on, one of which done by Ki and Kon asserts that the following:

THEOREM A ([5]). *Let M be an $(n + 1)$ -dimensional contact CR submanifold of a Sasakian space form $\tilde{M}^{2m+1}(c)$ with nonvanishing parallel mean curvature vector. If the f -structure Q in the normal bundle is parallel, and if the second fundamental forms A^x and the f -structure f on M commute, then each eigenvalue of the operator A^* in the direction of the mean curvature vector is constant.*

The purpose of this paper is to improve Theorem A.

1. Preliminaries

In this section, the basic properties of submanifolds of a Sasakian manifold are recalled [2], [10], [11].

Let \tilde{M} be a Sasakian manifold of dimension $2m + 1$ with almost contact metric structure (ϕ, G, V) . Then for any vector fields X and Y on \tilde{M} , we have

$$\phi^2 X = -X + v(X)V, \quad G(\phi Y, \phi X) = G(Y, X) - v(Y)v(X),$$

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$$v(\phi X) = 0, \quad \phi V = 0, \quad v(V) = 1, \quad G(X, V) = v(X).$$

We denote by $\tilde{\nabla}$ the operator of covariant differentiation with respect to the metric G on \tilde{M} . We then have

$$(1.1) \quad \tilde{\nabla}_X V = \phi X, \quad (\tilde{\nabla}_X \phi)Y = -G(X, Y)V + v(Y)X.$$

Let M be an $(n + 1)$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold covered by a system of local coordinate neighborhoods $\{U; x^h\}$ and immersed isometrically in \tilde{M} by the immersion $i : M \rightarrow \tilde{M}$. When the argument is local, we may identify M with $i(M)$. We represent the immersion i locally by

$$y^A = y^A(x^1, \dots, x^{n+1}), \quad (A = 1, \dots, n + 1, \dots, 2m + 1)$$

and put $B_j^A = \partial_j y^A$, $(\partial_j = \partial x^j)$ then $B_j = (B_j^A)$ are $(n + 1)$ -linearly independent local tangent vector fields of M . We choose $2m - n$ mutually orthogonal unit normals $C_x = (C_x^A)$ to M . Throughout this paper, the indices h, i, j, \dots run over the range $\{1, \dots, n + 1\}$ and u, v, w, \dots the range $\{n + 2, \dots, 2m + 1\}$ and the summation convention will be used with respect to those indices. The immersion being isometric, the induced Riemannian metric tensor g on M and the metric tensor δ of the normal bundle are then respectively obtained :

$$g_{ji} = G(B_j, B_i), \quad \delta_{yx} = G(C_y, C_x).$$

In the sequel, we assume that the submanifold M of \tilde{M} is tangent to the structure vector field V . Then we have

$$(1.2) \quad V = \xi^i B_i, \quad \xi^i = G(B_i, V).$$

The transforms of B_i and C_x by ϕ are respectively represented in each coordinate neighborhood as follows:

$$(1.3) \quad \phi B_j = f_j^i B_i + J_j^x C_x,$$

$$(1.4) \quad \phi C_x = -J_x^i B_i + Q_x^y C_y,$$

where we have put

$$f_{j_i} = G(\phi B_j, B_i), \quad J_{j_x} = (\phi B_j, C_x), \quad J_{x_j} = -G(\phi C_x, B_j),$$

$$Q_{xy} = G(\phi C_x, C_y), \quad f_j^h = f_{j_i} g^{ih}, \quad J_j^x = J_{j_y} \delta^{yx}, \quad Q_x^y = Q_{xz} \delta^{zy},$$

δ^{yz} being the contravariant components of δ_{yz} and $(g^{ji}) = (g_{ji})^{-1}$. From these definitions, we verify that $f_{j_i} + f_{i_j} = 0$, $J_{j_x} = J_{x_j}$ and $Q_{xy} + Q_{yx} = 0$.

By the properties of the Sasakian structure tensor, it follows from (1.2), (1.3) and (1.4) that we have

$$(1.5) \quad f_j^t f_t^h = -\delta_j^h + \xi_j \xi^h + J_j^x J_x^h, \quad Q_x^y Q_y^z = -\delta_x^z + J_x^t J_t^z,$$

$$(1.6) \quad f_j^t J_t^x + J_j^y Q_y^x = 0,$$

$$(1.7) \quad \xi^j J_j^x = 0, \quad \xi^j f_j^h = 0, \quad \xi_j \xi^j = 1.$$

By denoting ∇_j the operator of van der Waerden-Bortolotti covariant differentiation with respect to g and G , the equations of Gauss and Weingarten for the submanifold M are respectively given by

$$(1.8) \quad \nabla_j B_i = A_{j_i}^x C_x, \quad \nabla_j C_x = -A_{j_x}^h B_h,$$

where $A_{j_i}^x$ are the second fundamental forms in the direction of C_x and related by

$$\dot{A}_{j_x}^h = A_{j_{ix}} g^{ih} = A_{j_i}^y g^{yh} \delta_{yx}.$$

Differentiating (1.3) and (1.4) covariantly along M and making use of (1.1), (1.8) and these equations, we easily find

$$(1.9) \quad \nabla_j f_i^h = \delta_j^h \xi_i - g_{ji} \xi^h + A_{j_i}^h J_i^x - A_{j_x}^i J_x^h,$$

$$(1.10) \quad \nabla_j J_i^x = A_{j_i}^y Q_y^x - A_{j_t}^x f_i^t,$$

$$(1.11) \quad \nabla_j Q_y^x = A_{j_t}^x J_y^t - A_{j_{ty}} J^{tx}.$$

We also have from (1.2)

$$(1.12) \quad \nabla_j \xi_i = f_{ji},$$

$$(1.13) \quad A_{jt}{}^x \xi^t = J_j{}^x$$

because of (1.1), (1.3) and (1.8).

In the rest of this section we suppose that the ambient Sasakian manifold \tilde{M} is of constant ϕ -holomorphic sectional curvature c , which is called a Sasakian space form, and is denoted by $\tilde{M}^{2m+1}(c)$. Then we see, using (1.2), (1.3), (1.4) and (1.8), that equations of the Gauss, Codazzi and Ricci for M are respectively given by

$$(1.14) \quad \begin{aligned} R_{k_j i h} = & \frac{1}{4}(c+3)(g_{kh}g_{j i} - g_{jh}g_{k i}) + A_{kh}{}^x A_{j i x} - A_{jh}{}^x A_{k i x} \\ & + \frac{1}{4}(c-1)(\xi_k \xi_i g_{jh} - \xi_j \xi_i g_{kh} + \xi_j \xi_h g_{k i} - \xi_k \xi_h g_{j i} \\ & + f_{kh}f_{j i} - f_{jh}f_{k i} - 2f_{k j}f_{i h}), \end{aligned}$$

$$(1.15) \quad \nabla_k A_{j i}{}^x - \nabla_j A_{k i}{}^x = \frac{1}{4}(c-1)(J_k{}^x f_{j i} - J_j{}^x f_{k i} - 2J_i{}^x f_{k j}),$$

$$(1.16) \quad \begin{aligned} R_{j i y x} = & \frac{1}{4}(c-1)(J_{j x} J_{i y} - J_{i x} J_{j y} - 2f_{j i} Q_{y x}) \\ & + A_{j t x} A_i{}^t{}_y - A_{i t x} A_j{}^t{}_y, \end{aligned}$$

where $R_{k_j i h}$ and $R_{j i y x}$ are the Riemannian curvature tensor of M and that with respect to the connection induced in the normal bundle of M respectively. We see from (1.14) that the Ricci tensor S of M can be expressed as follows :

$$(1.17) \quad \begin{aligned} S_{j i} = & \frac{1}{4}\{n(c+3) + 2(c-1)\}g_{j i} - \frac{1}{4}(c-1)(n+2)\xi_j \xi_i \\ & - \frac{3}{4}(c-1)J_j{}^z J_{i z} + h^x A_{j i x} - A_j{}^{t x} A_{i t x}. \end{aligned}$$

with the aid of (1.5), where $h^x = g^{j^1} A_{j^1}{}^x$.

Differentiating (1.13) covariantly along M and using (1.10) and (1.12), we find

$$(\nabla_k A_{jrx})\xi^r + A_{jrx} f_k^r = A_{kj}{}^y Q_{yx} - A_{krx} f_j^r,$$

which together with (1.7) and (1.15) implies that

$$(1.18) \quad \xi^r \nabla_r A_{jkx} = A_{kj}{}^y Q_{yx} - A_{krx} f_j^r - A_{jrx} f_k^r.$$

On the other hand, the Lie derivative of the shape operator A^x in the direction of C_x with respect to the structure vector field ξ is given by

$$L_\xi A_j{}^{hx} = \xi^r \nabla_r A_j{}^{hx} + A_r{}^{hx} f_j^r - A_j{}^{rx} f_r^h$$

because of (1.12). From the last two equations, it follows that we have

$$(1.19) \quad L_\xi A_j{}^{hx} = A_j{}^{hy} Q_y^x.$$

A submanifold of a Sasakian manifold is called a *generic* submanifold if Q vanishes identically [9]. If a submanifold of a Sasakian space form $\tilde{M}^{2m+1}(c)$ is generic, then $L_\xi A^x = 0$ is satisfied.

Let H be a mean curvature vector field of M in a Sasakian manifold. Namely, it is defined by

$$H = g^{j^1} A_{j^1}{}^x C_x / (n + 1) = h^x C_x / (n + 1),$$

which is independent of the choice of the local field of orthonormal frames $\{C_x\}$.

In the following we suppose that the mean curvature vector field H of M is nonzero and is parallel in the normal bundle. Then we may choose a local field $\{e_x\}$ in such a way that $H = \sigma C_{n+2} = \sigma C_*$, where $\sigma = |H|$ is nonzero constant. Because of the choice of the local field, the parallelism of H yields

$$(1.20) \quad \begin{cases} h^x = 0, & x \geq n + 3 \\ h^* = (n + 1)\sigma. \end{cases}$$

In the sequel the index $n + 2$ will be denoted by the symbol $*$.

2. Lemmas

Let M be a submanifold satisfying $L_\xi A^x = 0$ of a Sasakian space form $\tilde{M}^{2m+1}(c)$. Then by (1.19) we have

$$(2.1) \quad A_{j_1}{}^x Q_{xy} = 0.$$

This together with (1.6) and (1.13) implies that

$$(2.2) \quad f_j{}^t J_t{}^x = 0, \quad J_j{}^y Q_y{}^x = 0.$$

Hence, by (1.5) we see that $f^3 + f = 0$ and $Q^3 + Q = 0$, namely f and Q define the f -structure in M and that in the normal bundle of M respectively [8]. In such a case M is called a *contact CR submanifold* of a Sasakian manifold [5], [12].

Since the mean curvature vector assumed to be parallel in the normal bundle, it is, using (1.18), seen that $h^y Q_{yx} = 0$. Accordingly by (1.20) we obtain

$$(2.3) \quad Q_x{}^* = 0,$$

which join with the second equation of (1.5) implies

$$(2.4) \quad J_{jx} J^{j*} = \delta_x{}^*.$$

H being a normal vector field on M , the curvature tensor $R_{j_1 y x}$ of the connection in the normal bundle shows that $R_{j_1 * x}$ vanishes identically for any index x . Thus the Ricci equation (1.16) yields

$$(2.5) \quad A_{jtx} A_i{}^{t*} - A_{itx} A_j{}^{t*} = \frac{1}{4}(c-1)(J_{j*} J_{ix} - J_{i*} J_{jx})$$

because of (2.3).

LEMMA 2.1. *Let M be an $(n+1)$ -dimensional submanifold tangent to the structure vector field of a $(2m+1)$ -dimensional Sasakian space form. Suppose that the mean curvature vector field is nonzero and parallel in the normal bundle. If $L_\xi A^x = 0$ and $\nabla_\xi A^* = 0$ on M , then we have*

$$(2.6) \quad A_{j_1 y} A^{j_1 * *} = h^* P_{y^{**}} + \frac{1}{4}(n-1)(c+3)\delta_{y^*} + 2\delta_{y^{**}}.$$

Proof. By (1.18) and (2.3), we have

$$(2.7) \quad A_{jr}^* f_i^r + A_{ir}^* f_j^r = 0$$

because we assumed to be $\nabla_\xi A^* = 0$. Transforming (2.7) by f_k^i and making use of (1.5) and (1.13), we get

$$(A_{jr}^* J_z^r) J_k^z + \xi_k J_{j*} - A_{jk*} + A_{sr}^* f_j^r f_k^s = 0,$$

from which, taking the skew-symmetric part

$$(A_{jr}^* J_z^r) J_k^z - (A_{kr}^* J_z^r) J_j^z + \xi_k J_{j*} - \xi_j J_{k*} = 0.$$

If we transvect J_y^k to above equation and make use of (1.5) and (2.2), we obtain

$$(2.8) \quad A_{jr}^* J_y^r = P_{yz}^* J_j^z + \delta_y^* \xi_j,$$

where we have defined

$$P_{yzz} = A_{jix} J_y^i J_z^i.$$

Thus by (2.1) and (2.2) we get

$$(2.9) \quad P_{yzz} Q_w^z = 0, \quad P_{yzz} Q_w^z = 0.$$

Transvecting $J_z^j J_y^i$ to (2.5), we find

$$P_{uzz} P_y^{u*} - P_{uyx} P_z^{u*} = \frac{1}{4}(c+3)\{\delta_z^* J_y^i J_{xi} - \delta_y^* J_z^i J_{xi}\},$$

where we have used (1.7), (2.2), (2.4), (2.8) and (2.9). Consequently we have

$$(2.10) \quad P_{yzz} P^{yz*} - P^z P_{zz*} = \frac{1}{4}(c+3)(p-1)\delta_{z*},$$

$$(2.11) \quad P_{zz}^* P_y^{z*} - P_{zyx} P^{z**} = \frac{1}{4}(c+3)(J_y^i J_{ix} - \delta_y^* \delta_x^*),$$

where we denote $P_z^{zz} = P^z$ and $J_{jz} J^{jz} = p$.

Differentiating (2.8) covariantly and using (1.11), (1.12) and (2.9), we find

$$(\nabla_k A_{jr}^*) J_y^r - A_j^{r*} A_{ksy} f_r^s = (\nabla_k P_{yz*}) J_j^z - P_{yz*} A_{kr}^z f_j^r + \delta_y^+ f_{kj}$$

and hence, taking the skew-symmetric part with respect to indices k and j and taking account of (1.15), (2.2), (2.4) and (2.7)

$$(2.12) \quad \begin{aligned} & A_r^s A_{j sy} f_k^r - A_r^s A_{k sy} f_j^r \\ &= (\nabla_k P_{yz*}) J_j^z - (\nabla_j P_{yz*}) J_k^z + P_{yz*} (A_{jr}^z f_k^r - A_{kr}^z f_j^r) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{2}(c+3) f_{kj}. \end{aligned}$$

If we transvect f^{kj} to the last equation and make use of (1.5), (1.13), (1.20), (2.4) and (2.8), we can obtain

$$A_{jz}^* A^{jz} = h^* P_{y**} + P_{zwy} P^{zw*} - P^z P_{yz*} + 2\delta_y^* + \frac{1}{4}(c+3)(n-p)\delta_y^*.$$

Thus by (2.10) we arrive at (2.6).

For the shape operator A^* in the direction of the mean curvature vector field, a tensor field $(A^*)^a$ and a function $h_{(a)}$ for any integer $a \geq 2$ are introduced as follows:

$$(A_{jz}^*)^a = A_{jz_1}^* A_{z_1 z_2}^{*1*} \cdots A_{z_{a-1} z_a}^{*(a-1)*}, \quad h_{(a)} = \sum_i (A_{iz}^*)^a.$$

Thus, (2.6) implies that

$$(2.13) \quad h_{(2)} = h^* P_{***} + \frac{1}{4}(n-1)(c+3) + 2.$$

When $y = *$ in (2.12), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & 2A_j^{r*} A_{rs*} f_k^s \\ &= (\nabla_k P_{z**}) J_j^z - (\nabla_j P_{z**}) J_k^z + 2P_{z**} A_{jr}^z f_k^r + \frac{1}{2}(c+3) f_{kj} \end{aligned}$$

because of (2.7). Transforming by $A_i^{j*} f^{kt}$ and making use of (1.5), (1.13), (2.4), (2.7), (2.8) and (2.9), we obtain

$$h_{(3)} = P_{wz*} P^{zx*} P_x^{w*} - P_{xwz} P^{wx*} P^{z**} + P_{***} + P_{z**} A_{j*}^z A^{j**} + \frac{1}{4}(c+3)(h^* - P^*),$$

which combine with (2.6) and (2.11) gives forth

$$(2.14) \quad h_{(3)} = h^* \|P_{z**}\|^2 + \frac{1}{4}(c+3)(n-2)P_{***} + \frac{1}{4}(c+3)h^* + 3P_{***},$$

where $\|P_{z**}\|^2 = P_{z**} P^{z**}$.

LEMMA 2.2. *Under the same assumptions as those in Lemma 2.1, the function $h_{(2)}$ is harmonic.*

Proof. By definition we have $P_{***} = A_{j*}^* J_*^j J_*^i$. Differentiating this covariantly, we find

$$\nabla_k P_{***} = (\nabla_k A_{j*}^*) J_*^j J_*^i$$

because of (1.10), (2.1) and (2.2). Thus, the Laplacian of the function P_{***} is given by

$$\Delta P_{***} = (\Delta A_{j*}^*) J_*^j J_*^i + 2(\nabla_k A_{j*}^*) J_*^i \nabla^k J_*^j.$$

This together with (1.5), (1.10), (1.13), (1.15) and (2.1) implies that

$$(2.15) \quad \Delta P_{***} = (\Delta A_{j*}^*) J_*^j J_*^i - \frac{1}{2}(c-1)(h^* - P^*).$$

On the other hand, it is shown in the proof of Lemma 4.2 of [1] that

$$(\Delta A_{j*}^*) J_*^j J_*^i = \frac{1}{2}(c-1)(h^* - P^*).$$

Therefore (2.15) turns out to be $\Delta P_{***} = 0$. Thus, the equation (2.13) implies that $\Delta h_{(2)} = 0$ because the mean curvature vector is parallel. Hence we arrive at the conclusion.

3. Theorems

THEOREM 3.1. *Let M be an $(n + 1)$ -dimensional submanifold of a Sasakian space form $\tilde{M}^{2m+1}(c)$ with nonvanishing parallel mean curvature vector. If $L_\xi A^x = 0$ and $\nabla_\xi A^* = 0$ on M , then we have*

$$(3.1) \quad \|\nabla A^*\|^2 = \frac{1}{8}(c - 1)^2(n - p).$$

Proof. By a straightforward computation, we have

$$(3.2) \quad A_j{}^{rx} A_{irx} A^{is*} A_s{}^{j*} = A_{j,r}{}^x A_{isx} A^{rs*} A^{j**} + \left\{ \frac{1}{4}(c - 1) \right\}^2 (p - 1),$$

where we have used (1.13), (2.4), (2.5) and (2.10).

We also have

$$(3.3) \quad A^{kh*} A^{j**} f_{kj} f_{hi} = h_{(2)} - P^z P_{z**} - \frac{1}{4}(c - 1)(p - 1) - (p + 1)$$

because of (1.5), (1.13), (2.2), (2.7), (2.8) and (2.10).

Making use of (1.14) and (1.17), we can verify the following:

$$(3.4) \quad S_{js} A_i{}^{s*} A^{j**} - R_{k_j i h} A^{kh*} A^{j**} = \frac{1}{16}(c - 1)^2(n - p),$$

where we have used (1.13), (2.6), (2.8), (2.10), (2.13), (2.14), (3.2) and (3.3).

By (1.9) we have

$$\nabla_k f_i{}^k = n\xi_i - h^* J_{i**} - A_{ir}{}^x J_x{}^r$$

because of (1.20). Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} & A^{j**} \nabla_k (J_{j*} f_i{}^k) \\ &= A^{j**} A_{kr}{}^* f_j{}^r f_i{}^k + (P_{z**} J^{iz} - \xi^i)(n\xi_i - h^* J_{i**} + A_i{}^{rx} J_{xr}) \end{aligned}$$

by virtue of (1.10) and (2.8), or using (1.13), (2.4), (2.13) and (3.3) we obtain

$$(3.5) \quad A^{j**} \nabla_k (J_{j*} f_i{}^k) = \frac{1}{4}(c - 1)(n - p).$$

On the other hand, since the submanifold M has parallel mean curvature vector field, the Laplacian $\Delta A_{j_i}^*$ of A^* is given, using the Ricci formula for A^* and (1.15), by

(3.6)

$$\Delta A_{j_i}^* = S_{j_r} A_i^{r*} - R_{k_j i h} A^{k h*} + \frac{1}{4}(c-1)\nabla_k (J_{*}^k f_{j_i} + J_{j_*} f_i^k + 2J_{i*} f_j^k),$$

Transvecting A^{j**} to (3.6) and making use of (3.4) and (3.5), we have

$$A^{j**} \Delta A_{j_i}^* = -\frac{1}{8}(c-1)^2(n-p).$$

Thus by Lemma 2.2, we obtain (3.1) because we have in general

$$\frac{1}{2}\Delta h_{(2)} = A^{j**} \Delta A_{j_i}^* + \|\nabla A^*\|^2$$

By (1.5), (1.15), (2.2) and (2.4) we have

$$\|\nabla_k A_{j_i}^* + \frac{1}{4}(c-1)(J_{j_*} f_{k_i} + J_{i*} f_{k_j})\|^2 = \|\nabla_k A_{j_i}^*\|^2 - \frac{1}{8}(c-1)^2(n-p).$$

This together with (3.1) yields

$$(3.7) \quad \nabla_k A_{j_i}^* = -\frac{1}{4}(c-1)(J_{j_*} f_{k_i} + J_{i*} f_{k_j}).$$

Thus we have

THEOREM 3.2. *Let M be an $(n+1)$ -dimensional submanifold of an odd-dimensional unit sphere $S^{2m+1}(1)$ with nonvanishing parallel mean curvature vector. If $L_\xi A^x = 0$ and $A^* f = f A^*$ on M , then A^* is parallel.*

For any point q in M we can choose a local orthonormal frame field $\{E_i\}$ so that the shape operator A^* in the direction of the mean curvature vector field is diagonalizable at that point q , say $A_{j_i}^* = \lambda_j \delta_{j_i}$.

Transvecting (3.7) with $(A^{j**})^{a-1}$ for any integer $a \geq 2$ and taking account of (1.13), (2.2) and (2.8), we obtain $\nabla_k h_{(a)} = 0$ and hence $h_{(a)}$ is constant. Since we have

$$h_{(a)} = \sum_i (\lambda_i)^a, \quad (a = 1, 2, \dots),$$

it is seen that λ_i is constant. Thus we obtain

THEOREM 3.3. *Let M be a submanifold of a Sasakian space form with nonvanishing parallel mean curvature vector. If $L_{\xi}A^* = 0$ and $\nabla_{\xi}A^* = 0$, then each eigenvalue of A^* is constant.*

From (1.18) and (1.19) and Theorem 3.3, we have

COROLLARY 3.4 ([1]). *Let M be a generic submanifold of a Sasakian space form with nonvanishing parallel mean curvature vector. If $\nabla_{\xi}A^* = 0$ or equivalently, $A^*f = fA^*$ on M , then each eigenvalue of A^* is constant.*

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