

SCALAR CURVATURE OF CONTACT CR -SUBMANIFOLDS IN AN ODD-DIMENSIONAL UNIT SPHERE

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we derive an integral formula on an $(n + 1)$ -dimensional, compact, minimal contact CR -submanifold M of $(n - 1)$ contact CR -dimension immersed in a unit $(2m + 1)$ -sphere S^{2m+1} . Using this integral formula, we give a sufficient condition concerning with the scalar curvature of M in order that such a submanifold M is to be a generalized Clifford torus.

1. Introduction

Let S^{2m+1} be a $(2m + 1)$ -dimensional unit sphere, that is,

$$S^{2m+1} = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^{m+1} : \|z\| = 1\}.$$

For any point $z \in S^{2m+1}$ we put $\xi = Jz$, where J denotes the almost complex structure of \mathbb{C}^{m+1} . We consider the orthogonal projection $\pi : T_z\mathbb{C}^{m+1} \rightarrow T_zS^{2m+1}$. Putting $\phi = \pi \circ J$, we can see that the set (ϕ, ξ, η, g) is a Sasakian structure on S^{2m+1} , where η is a 1-form dual to ξ and g the standard metric tensor field on S^{2m+1} . So S^{2m+1} can be considered as a Sasakian manifold of constant ϕ -sectional curvature 1, that is, of constant curvature 1 (cf. [1, 2, 12]).

Let M be an $(n+1)$ -dimensional submanifold tangent to the structure vector field ξ of S^{2m+1} and denote by \mathcal{D}_x the ϕ -invariant subspace $\phi T_x M \cap T_x M$ of the tangent space $T_x M$ of M at $x \in M$. Then ξ cannot be contained in \mathcal{D}_x at any point $x \in M$.

When the ϕ -invariant subspace \mathcal{D}_x has constant dimension for any $x \in M$, M is called a *contact CR -submanifold* and the constant is called *contact CR -dimension* of M (cf. [5, 6, 9, 10]).

On an $(n + 1)$ -dimensional contact CR -submanifold of $(n - 1)$ contact CR -dimension, there is a non-zero vector U which is orthogonal to ξ and contained

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in the complementary orthogonal subspace \mathcal{D}_x^\perp of \mathcal{D}_x in T_xM . In this case $N =: \phi U$ must be normal to M and thus M can be dealt with a contact CR -submanifold in the sense of Yano-Kon ([12]).

In this paper we shall study $(n + 1)$ -dimensional contact CR -submanifolds of $(n - 1)$ contact CR -dimension immersed in S^{2m+1} and prove the following theorem as a Sasakian version corresponding to the results provided in [3] and [7].

Theorem. *Let M be an $(n + 1)(\geq 3)$ -dimensional compact, minimal, contact CR -submanifold of $(n - 1)$ contact CR -dimension in S^{2m+1} . If the scalar curvature of M is greater or equal to $n^2 - 1$, then*

$$M = S^{2t+1}(r_1) \times S^{2s+1}(r_2), \quad t + s = \frac{n + 1}{2} - 1,$$

where $r_1^2 + r_2^2 = 1$.

Remark. The above main theorem was provided in [9] under the condition that the distinguished normal vector field N is parallel with respect to the normal connection ∇^\perp . For the complex and the quaternionic analogues corresponding to the above theorem, see [3] and [7], respectively.

Manifolds, submanifolds, geometric objects and mappings we discuss in this paper will be assumed to be connected, differentiable and of class C^∞ .

2. Fundamental properties of contact CR -submanifolds

Let \bar{M} be a $(2m + 1)$ -dimensional almost contact metric manifold with structure (ϕ, ξ, η, g) . Then, by definition, it follows that

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \phi^2 X &= -X + \eta(X)\xi, & \phi\xi &= 0, & \eta(\phi X) &= 0, & \eta(\xi) &= 1, \\ g(\phi X, \phi Y) &= g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y), & \eta(X) &= g(X, \xi) \end{aligned}$$

for any vector fields X, Y tangent to \bar{M} .

Let M be a contact CR -submanifold of $(n - 1)$ contact CR -dimension in \bar{M} , where $n - 1$ must be even. Then, as was already mentioned in §1, the structure vector ξ is always contained in \mathcal{D}_x^\perp and $\phi\mathcal{D}_x^\perp \subset T_xM^\perp$ at any point $x \in M$, where T_xM^\perp denotes the normal space of M at $x \in M$. Further, by definition $\dim\mathcal{D}_x^\perp = 2$ at any point $x \in M$, and so there exists a unit vector field U contained in \mathcal{D}^\perp which is orthogonal to ξ . Since $\phi\mathcal{D}_x^\perp \subset T_xM^\perp$ at any point $x \in M$, ϕU is a unit normal vector field to M , which will be denoted by N , that is,

$$(2.2) \quad N := \phi U.$$

Moreover, it is clear that $\phi TM \subset TM \oplus \text{Span}\{N\}$. Hence we have, for any tangent vector field X and for a local orthonormal basis $\{N_\alpha\}_{\alpha=1, \dots, p}$ ($N_1 := N$, $p := 2m - n$) of normal vectors to M , the following decomposition in tangential and normal components:

$$(2.3) \quad \phi X = FX + u(X)N,$$

$$(2.4) \quad \phi N_\alpha = P N_\alpha, \quad \alpha = 2, \dots, p.$$

It is easily shown that F is a skew-symmetric linear endomorphism acting on $T_x M$. Since the structure vector field ξ is tangent to M , (2.1) and (2.3) imply

$$(2.5) \quad F\xi = 0, \quad F U = 0, \quad g(U, X) = u(X), \quad u(\xi) = g(U, \xi) = 0, \quad u(U) = 1.$$

Next, applying ϕ to (2.3) and using (2.1), (2.3) and (2.5), we also have

$$(2.6) \quad F^2 X = -X + \eta(X)\xi + u(X)U, \quad u(FX) = 0.$$

On the other hand, it is clear from (2.1), (2.2) and (2.5) that

$$(2.7) \quad \phi N = -U,$$

which and (2.4) yield the existence of a local orthonormal basis $\{N, N_a, N_{a^*}\}_{a=1, \dots, q}$ of normal vectors to M such that

$$(2.8) \quad N_{a^*} := \phi N_a, \quad a = 1, \dots, q := (p - 1)/2.$$

We denote by $\bar{\nabla}$ and ∇ the Levi-Civita connection on \bar{M} and M , respectively, and by ∇^\perp the normal connection induced from $\bar{\nabla}$ on the normal bundle TM^\perp of M . Then Gauss and Weingarten formulae are given by

$$(2.9) \quad \bar{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y),$$

$$(2.10)_1 \quad \bar{\nabla}_X N = -AX + \nabla_X^\perp N = -AX + \sum_{a=1}^q \{s_a(X)N_a + s_{a^*}(X)N_{a^*}\},$$

$$(2.10)_2 \quad \bar{\nabla}_X N_a = -A_a X - s_a(X)N + \sum_{b=1}^q \{s_{ab}(X)N_b + s_{ab^*}(X)N_{b^*}\},$$

$$(2.10)_3 \quad \bar{\nabla}_X N_{a^*} = -A_{a^*} X - s_{a^*}(X)N + \sum_{b=1}^q \{s_{a^*b}(X)N_b + s_{a^*b^*}(X)N_{b^*}\}$$

for any vector fields X, Y tangent to M , where s 's are coefficients of the normal connection ∇^\perp . Here h denotes the second fundamental form and A, A_a, A_{a^*} the shape operators corresponding to the normals N, N_a, N_{a^*} , respectively. They are related by

$$(2.11) \quad h(X, Y) = g(AX, Y)N + \sum_{a=1}^q \{g(A_a X, Y)N_a + g(A_{a^*} X, Y)N_{a^*}\}.$$

From now on we specialize to the case of an ambient Sasakian manifold \bar{M} , that is,

$$(2.12) \quad \bar{\nabla}_X \xi = \phi X,$$

$$(2.13) \quad (\bar{\nabla}_X \phi)Y = -g(X, Y)\xi + \eta(Y)X.$$

Since ξ is tangent to M , from (2.1), (2.3), (2.7), (2.8), (2.10)₂, (2.10)₃ and (2.13), we can easily verify that

$$(2.14) \quad A_a X = -F A_{a^*} X + s_{a^*}(X)U, \quad A_{a^*} X = F A_a X - s_a(X)U,$$

$$(2.15) \quad s_a(X) = -u(A_{a^*} X), \quad s_{a^*}(X) = u(A_a X), \quad a = 1, \dots, q.$$

Since F is skew-symmetric, (2.14) implies

$$(2.16)_1 \quad g((F A_a + A_a F)X, Y) = s_a(X)u(Y) - s_a(Y)u(X),$$

$$(2.16)_2 \quad g((F A_{a^*} + A_{a^*} F)X, Y) = s_{a^*}(X)u(Y) - s_{a^*}(Y)u(X).$$

On the other hand, since $F\mathcal{D}_x = \mathcal{D}_x$ at each point $x \in M$, we take an orthonormal basis $\{e_i\}_{i=1, \dots, n+1}$ of tangent vectors to M such that

$$(2.17) \quad e_{l+1} := F e_1, \dots, e_{2l} := F e_l, \quad e_n := U, \quad e_{n+1} := \xi,$$

where we have put $l = (n-1)/2$. Replacing X by $F e_i$ in the first equation of (2.15) and using (2.5), we have

$$s_a(F e_i) = -g(A_{a^*} F e_i, U),$$

which together with (2.5) and (2.16)₂ yields

$$s_a(F e_i) = -s_{a^*}(e_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, l.$$

Similarly, replacing X by $F e_i$ in the second equation of (2.15) and using (2.5) and (2.16)₁, we have

$$(2.18) \quad s_a(F e_i) = -s_{a^*}(e_i), \quad s_{a^*}(F e_i) = s_a(e_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, l.$$

Differentiating (2.3) and (2.7) covariantly along M and comparing the tangential with normal parts, we have

$$(2.19) \quad (\nabla_Y F)X = -g(Y, X)\xi + \eta(X)Y - g(AY, X)U + u(X)AY,$$

$$(2.20) \quad (\nabla_Y u)X = g(FAY, X),$$

$$(2.21) \quad \nabla_X U = FAX$$

with the aid of (2.3), (2.8), (2.9), (2.10)₁, (2.11) and (2.13). On the other hand, since ξ is tangent to M , from (2.9) and (2.12), it follows that

$$\phi X = \bar{\nabla}_X \xi = \nabla_X \xi + h(X, \xi),$$

which together with (2.3) and (2.11) gives

$$(2.22) \quad \nabla_X \xi = FX,$$

$$(2.23) \quad g(A\xi, X) = u(X), \quad \text{i.e.,} \quad A\xi = U,$$

$$(2.24) \quad A_a \xi = 0, \quad A_{a^*} \xi = 0, \quad a = 1, \dots, q.$$

If the ambient manifold \bar{M} is a $(2m+1)$ -dimensional unit sphere S^{2m+1} as a Sasakian manifold of constant curvature 1, then its curvature tensor \bar{R} satisfies

$$\bar{R}(X, Y)Z = g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y$$

for any vector fields X, Y, Z tangent to \overline{M} . Therefore, by means of the equation of Gauss, we can easily see that the Ricci tensor $\text{Ric}(Y, Z)$ has the form

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Ric}(Y, Z) &= ng(Y, Z) + (\text{tr}A)g(AY, Z) - g(A^2Y, Z) \\
 (2.25) \quad &+ \sum_{a=1}^q \{(\text{tr}A_a)g(A_aY, Z) + (\text{tr}A_{a^*})g(A_{a^*}Y, Z) \\
 &\quad - g(A_a^2Y, Z) - g(A_{a^*}^2Y, Z)\}
 \end{aligned}$$

and consequently the scalar curvature ρ is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho &= n(n+1) + (\text{tr}A)^2 - \text{tr}A^2 \\
 (2.26) \quad &+ \sum_{a=1}^q \{(\text{tr}A_a)^2 + (\text{tr}A_{a^*})^2 - \text{tr}A_a^2 - \text{tr}A_{a^*}^2\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, from the equation of Codazzi, we also have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\nabla_X A)Y - (\nabla_Y A)X &= \sum_{a=1}^q \{s_a(X)A_aY - s_a(Y)A_aX \\
 (2.27) \quad &\quad + s_{a^*}(X)A_{a^*}Y - s_{a^*}(Y)A_{a^*}X\}
 \end{aligned}$$

for any vector fields X, Y tangent to M (cf. [1, 2, 12]).

3. An integral formula on the compact contact CR -submanifold

Let M be an $(n+1)$ -dimensional contact CR -submanifold of $(n-1)$ contact CR -dimension immersed in a $(2m+1)$ -dimensional unit sphere S^{2m+1} .

We now put

$$T := \nabla_U U + (\text{div}U)U$$

and take the same orthonormal basis $\{e_i\}_{i=1, \dots, n+1}$ of tangent vectors to M as given in (2.17). Then it follows from (2.21) that

$$(3.1) \quad T = FAU$$

since $\text{div}U = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} g(e_i, \nabla_{e_i}U) = \text{tr}(FA) = 0$.

From now on, for later use we shall compute $\text{div}T = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} g(e_i, \nabla_{e_i}T)$ (for a general formula of $\text{div}T$, see [11]).

Differentiating (3.1) covariantly and using (2.5), (2.19), (2.21) and (2.23), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.2) \quad \nabla_X T &= -g(X, AU)\xi + X - g(A^2U, X)U + u(AU)AX \\
 &\quad + FAFAX + F(\nabla_X A)U,
 \end{aligned}$$

from which, taking account of (2.5), (2.6) and (2.23), it follows that

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \operatorname{div} T &= n - u(A^2U) + (\operatorname{tr} A)u(AU) + \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} g(FAFAe_i, e_i) \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^l g((\nabla_{e_i} A)Fe_i - (\nabla_{Fe_i} A)e_i, U). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, using (2.5), (2.6), (2.15), (2.18) and (2.27), we can easily obtain that

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} &\sum_{i=1}^l g((\nabla_{e_i} A)Fe_i - (\nabla_{Fe_i} A)e_i, U) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{a=1}^q \{s_a(e_i)^2 + s_a(Fe_i)^2 + s_{a^*}(e_i)^2 + s_{a^*}(Fe_i)^2\} \end{aligned}$$

because of $2l = n - 1$. Inserting (3.4) back into (3.3), the equation (3.3) turns out to be

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \operatorname{div} T &= n + (\operatorname{tr} A)u(AU) + \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} g(FAFAe_i, e_i) - u(A^2U) \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{a=1}^q \{s_a(e_i)^2 + s_a(Fe_i)^2 + s_{a^*}(e_i)^2 + s_{a^*}(Fe_i)^2\}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, using (2.5), (2.6) and (2.23), we can easily verify that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n+1} g(FAFAe_i, e_i) = \frac{1}{2} \|FA - AF\|^2 - \operatorname{tr} A^2 + u(A^2U) + 1,$$

which together with (3.5) implies

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{aligned} \operatorname{div} T &= n + 1 + \frac{1}{2} \|FA - AF\|^2 + (\operatorname{tr} A)u(AU) - \operatorname{tr} A^2 \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{a=1}^q \{s_a(e_i)^2 + s_a(Fe_i)^2 + s_{a^*}(e_i)^2 + s_{a^*}(Fe_i)^2\}. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, combining (2.26) with (3.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div} T &= \frac{1}{2} \|FA - AF\|^2 + (\operatorname{tr} A)u(AU) - (\operatorname{tr} A)^2 \\ &\quad + \rho - (n^2 - 1) - \sum_{a=1}^q \{(\operatorname{tr} A_a)^2 + (\operatorname{tr} A_{a^*})^2\} + \sum_{a=1}^q (\operatorname{tr} A_a^2 + \operatorname{tr} A_{a^*}^2) \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{a=1}^q \{s_a(e_i)^2 + s_a(Fe_i)^2 + s_{a^*}(e_i)^2 + s_{a^*}(Fe_i)^2\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have:

Lemma 3.1. *Let M be an $(n + 1)$ -dimensional compact contact CR-submanifold of $(n - 1)$ contact CR-dimension immersed in S^{2m+1} . Then the following equality is valid:*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.7) \quad & \int_M \left[\frac{1}{2} \|FA - AF\|^2 + \rho - (n^2 - 1) + (\text{tr}A)u(AU) - (\text{tr}A)^2 \right. \\
 & - \sum_{a=1}^q \{(\text{tr}A_a)^2 + (\text{tr}A_{a^*})^2\} + \sum_{a=1}^q (\text{tr}A_a^2 + \text{tr}A_{a^*}^2) \\
 & \left. - \sum_{i=1}^l \sum_{a=1}^q \{s_a(e_i)^2 + s_a(Fe_i)^2 + s_{a^*}(e_i)^2 + s_{a^*}(Fe_i)^2\} \right] * 1 = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

4. The proof of main theorem

In order to prove the main theorem stated in §1, we prepare:

Lemma 4.1. *Let M be an $(n + 1)(\geq 3)$ -dimensional compact, minimal, contact CR-submanifold of $(n - 1)$ contact CR-dimension in S^{2m+1} . If the scalar curvature of M is greater or equal to $n^2 - 1$, then*

$$(4.1) \quad FA - AF = 0$$

and the distinguished normal vector field N is parallel with respect to the normal connection ∇^\perp . Moreover, we have

$$(4.2) \quad A_a = 0, \quad A_{a^*} = 0, \quad a = 1, \dots, q.$$

Proof. We first notice that (2.15) and (2.24) yield

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{i=1}^l \{s_a(e_i)^2 + s_a(Fe_i)^2\} &= u(A_{a^*}^2 U) - u(A_{a^*} U)^2, \\
 \sum_{i=1}^l \{s_{a^*}(e_i)^2 + s_{a^*}(Fe_i)^2\} &= u(A_a^2 U) - u(A_a U)^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Inserting these equations back into (3.7) and taking account of (2.24), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.3) \quad & \int_M \left[\frac{1}{2} \|FA - AF\|^2 + \rho - (n^2 - 1) + (\text{tr}A)u(AU) - (\text{tr}A)^2 \right. \\
 & - \sum_{a=1}^q \{(\text{tr}A_a)^2 + (\text{tr}A_{a^*})^2\} + \sum_{a=1}^q \{u(A_a U)^2 + u(A_{a^*} U)^2\} \\
 & + \sum_{a=1}^q \sum_{i=1}^l \{g(A_a^2 e_i, e_i) + g(A_a^2 Fe_i, Fe_i) + g(A_{a^*}^2 e_i, e_i) \\
 & \left. + g(A_{a^*}^2 Fe_i, Fe_i)\} \right] * 1 = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

If ρ is greater or equal to $n^2 - 1$, our assumptions yield (4.1) and

$$(4.4) \quad \begin{aligned} A_a e_i &= A_a F e_i = 0, & A_{a^*} e_i &= A_{a^*} F e_i = 0, \\ u(A_a U) &= 0, & u(A_{a^*} U) &= 0, \quad a = 1, \dots, q, \quad i = 1, \dots, l, \end{aligned}$$

which and (2.15) imply

$$\begin{aligned} s_a(e_i) &= s_a(F e_i) = 0, & s_{a^*}(e_i) &= s_{a^*}(F e_i) = 0, \\ s_a(U) &= 0, & s_{a^*}(U) &= 0, \quad a = 1, \dots, q, \quad i = 1, \dots, l. \end{aligned}$$

Since $s_a(\xi) = s_{a^*}(\xi) = 0$ because of (2.24), we have $s_a = s_{a^*} = 0$ ($a = 1, \dots, q$) which means that the distinguished normal vector field N is parallel with respect to the normal connection by means of (2.10)₁. Also it is clear from (2.15) that $A_a U = A_{a^*} U = 0$, which combined with (2.24) and (4.4) implies (4.2). □

Proof of main theorem. By means of Lemma 4.1, for the submanifold M given in the main theorem, we can easily see that its first normal space is contained in $\text{Span}\{N\}$ which is invariant under parallel translation with respect to the normal connection. Thus we may apply Erbacher's reduction theorem ([4]) and so we can see that there exists an $(n + 2)$ -dimensional totally geodesic unit sphere S^{n+2} such that $M \subset S^{n+2}$. Here we note that $(n + 2)$ is odd. Moreover, since the tangent space $T_x S^{n+2}$ of the totally geodesic submanifold S^{n+2} at $x \in M$ is $T_x M \oplus \text{Span}\{N\}$, S^{n+2} is an invariant submanifold of S^{2m+1} with respect to ϕ (for definition, see [1, 12]) because of (2.2) and (2.3). Hence the submanifold M can be regarded as a real hypersurface of S^{n+2} which is a totally geodesic invariant submanifold of S^{2m+1} .

Tentatively we denote S^{n+2} by M' , and by i_1 the immersion of M into M' and i_2 the totally geodesic immersion of M' onto S^{2m+1} . Then, from the Gauss formula (2.9), it follows that

$$(4.5) \quad \nabla'_{i_1 X} i_1 Y = i_1 \nabla_X Y + h'(X, Y) = i_1 \nabla_X Y + g(A'X, Y)N',$$

where h' is the second fundamental form of M in M' and A' is the corresponding shape operator to a unit normal vector field N' to M in M' . Since $i = i_2 \circ i_1$, making use of (4.5), we have

$$(4.6) \quad \begin{aligned} \bar{\nabla}_{(i_2 \circ i_1)X} (i_2 \circ i_1)Y &= i_2(\nabla'_{i_1 X} i_1 Y) \\ &= i_2(i_1 \nabla_X Y + g(A'X, Y)N'), \end{aligned}$$

because M' is totally geodesic in S^{2m+1} . Comparing (2.9) with (4.6), we easily see that

$$(4.7) \quad N = i_2 N', \quad A = A'.$$

Since M' is an invariant submanifold of S^{2m+1} , for any $X' \in TM'$,

$$(4.8) \quad \phi i_2 X' = i_2 \phi' X'$$

is valid, where ϕ' is the induced Sasakian structure of $M' = S^{n+2}$. Thus it follows from (2.3), (4.7) and (4.8) that

$$\begin{aligned}\phi iX &= \phi(i_2 \circ i_1)X = i_2\phi' i_1X = i_2(i_1F'X + u'(X)N') \\ &= iF'X + u'(X)i_2N' = iF'X + u'(X)N.\end{aligned}$$

Comparing this equation with (2.3), we have $F = F'$ and $u = u'$. By means of Lemma 4.1, it is clear that M is a real hypersurface of S^{n+2} which satisfies $F'A' = A'F'$. Thus, applying a theorem due to Kon ([8]), we may complete the proof of our main theorem. \square

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