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**A NOTE ON INVARIANT SUBMANIFOLDS  
OF  $(k, \mu)$ -CONTACT MANIFOLDS**

**ПРО ДЕЯКІ ПІДМНОГОВИДИ  
 $(k, \mu)$ -КОНТАКТНИХ МНОГОВИДІВ**

The object of the present paper is to study invariant submanifolds of a  $(k, \mu)$ -contact manifold and to find the necessary and sufficient conditions for an invariant submanifold of a  $(k, \mu)$ -contact manifold to be totally geodesic.

Метою статті є вивчення інваріантних підмноговидів  $(k, \mu)$ -контактного многовиду та встановлення необхідних і достатніх умов для того, щоб інваріантний підмноговид  $(k, \mu)$ -контактного многовиду був цілком геодезичним.

**1. Introduction.** It is well known [1, 2] that the tangent sphere bundle of a flat Riemannian manifold admits a contact metric structure satisfying  $R(X, Y)\xi = 0$ , where  $R$  is the curvature tensor. On the other hand, on a manifold  $M$  equipped with a Sasakian structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ , one has

$$R(X, Y)\xi = \eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y, \quad X, Y \in \Gamma(TM). \quad (1)$$

As a generalization of both  $R(X, Y)\xi = 0$  and the Sasakian case (1), Blair, Koufogiorgos and Papantoniou [3] introduced the case of contact metric manifolds with contact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  which satisfy

$$R(X, Y)\xi = k(\eta(Y)X - \eta(X)Y) + \mu(\eta(Y)hX - \eta(X)hY) \quad (2)$$

for all  $X, Y \in \Gamma(TM)$ , where  $k$  and  $\mu$  are real constants and  $2h$  is the Lie derivative of  $\phi$  in the direction  $\xi$ . A contact metric manifold belonging to this class is called a  $(k, \mu)$ -contact manifold. In fact, there are many motivations for studying  $(k, \mu)$ -contact manifolds: the first is that, in the non-Sasakian case (that is, for  $k \neq 1$ ) the condition (2) determines the curvature completely; moreover, while the values of  $k$  and  $\mu$  change, the form of (2) is invariant under D-homothetic deformations [3]; finally there is a complete classification of these manifolds, given in [4] by Boeckx, who proved also that any non-Sasakian  $(k, \mu)$ -contact manifold is locally homogeneous and strongly locally  $\phi$ -symmetric [5, 6]. There are also non-trivial examples of  $(k, \mu)$ -contact manifolds, the most important being the unit tangent sphere bundle of a Riemannian manifold of constant sectional curvature with the usual contact metric structure.

An odd dimensional invariant submanifold of a  $(k, \mu)$ -contact manifold is a submanifold for which the structure tensor field  $\phi$  maps tangent vectors into tangent vectors. Such a submanifold inherits a contact metric structure from the ambient space and it is in fact a  $(k, \mu)$ -contact manifold [16].

In [11] Kon proved that an invariant submanifold of a Sasakian manifold is totally geodesic, provided the second fundamental form of the immersion is covariantly constant. Generalising this result of Kon the authors [16] proved that if the second fundamental form of an invariant submanifold in a  $(k, \mu)$ -contact manifold is covariantly constant then either  $k = 0$  or the submanifold is totally geodesic.

Motivated by these works we have studied the possible necessary and sufficient conditions of an invariant submanifold of a  $(k, \mu)$ -contact manifold to be totally geodesic. In this paper we have generalized the results of [16]. In the present paper we have proved that the recurrency, 2-recurrency and generalised 2-recurrency of the second fundamental form of an invariant submanifold of a  $(k, \mu)$ -contact manifold are equivalent. And any one of these three conditions can be taken as a necessary and sufficient condition of the submanifold to be totally geodesic. Since  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold is a special case of  $(k, \mu)$ -contact manifold, therefore the above results also hold in any  $N(k)$ -contact metric manifold. Finally we have studied the semiparallelity of an invariant submanifold of a  $(k, \mu)$ -contact manifold.

**2. Preliminaries.** An  $n$ -dimensional manifold  $M^n$  ( $n$  is odd) is said to admit an almost contact structure [1, 15, 18] if it admits a tensor field  $\phi$  of type  $(1, 1)$ , a vector field  $\xi$  and a 1-form  $\eta$  satisfying

$$\phi^2 X = -X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad \eta(\xi) = 1, \quad (3)$$

$$\phi\xi = 0, \quad \eta(\phi X) = 0. \quad (4)$$

An almost contact metric structure is said to be normal if the induced almost complex structure  $J$  on the product manifold  $M^n \times \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$J \left( X, f \frac{d}{dt} \right) = \left( \phi X - f\xi, \eta(X) \frac{d}{dt} \right)$$

is integrable, where  $X$  is tangent to  $M$ ,  $t$  is the coordinate of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $f$  is a smooth function on  $M^n \times \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $g$  be the compatible Riemannian metric with almost contact structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta)$ , that is,

$$g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y).$$

Then  $M^n$  becomes an almost contact metric manifold equipped with an almost contact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$ . From (3) it can be easily seen that

$$g(X, \phi Y) = -g(\phi X, Y), \quad g(X, \xi) = \eta(X),$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  on the manifold. An almost contact metric structure becomes a contact metric structure if  $g(X, \phi Y) = d\eta(X, Y)$ , for all vector fields  $X, Y$ .

Let  $f: (M, g) \rightarrow (\bar{M}, \bar{g})$  be an isometric immersion of an  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  into  $(n + d)$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $(\bar{M}, \bar{g})$ ,  $n \geq 2$ ,  $d \geq 1$ . We denote by  $\nabla$  and  $\bar{\nabla}$  the Levi-Civita connections of  $M$  and  $\bar{M}$  respectively, and by  $T^\perp M$  its normal bundle. Then for vector fields  $X, Y \in TM$ , the second fundamental form  $\sigma$  is given by the formula  $\sigma(X, Y) = \bar{\nabla}_X Y - \nabla_X Y$ . Furthermore, for  $N \in T^\perp(M)$ ,  $A_N: TM \rightarrow TM$  will denote the Weingarten operator in the direction of  $N$ ,  $A_N X = \nabla_X^\perp N - \bar{\nabla}_X N$ , where  $\nabla^\perp$  denotes the normal connection of  $M$ . The second fundamental form  $\sigma$  and  $A_N$  are related by  $\bar{g}(\sigma(X, Y), N) = g(A_N X, Y)$ , where

$g$  is the induced metric of  $\bar{g}$  for any vector fields  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$ . The covariant derivative  $\bar{\nabla}\sigma$  and second covariant derivative  $\bar{\nabla}^2\sigma$  of  $\sigma$  are defined by

$$(\bar{\nabla}_X\sigma)(Y, Z) = \nabla_X^\perp(\sigma(Y, Z)) - \sigma(\nabla_X Y, Z) - \sigma(Y, \nabla_X Z), \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{\nabla}^2\sigma)(Z, W; X, Y) &= (\bar{\nabla}_X\bar{\nabla}_Y\sigma)(Z, W) = \\ &= \nabla_X^\perp((\bar{\nabla}_Y\sigma)(Z, W)) - (\bar{\nabla}_Y\sigma)(\nabla_X Z, W) = \\ &= -(\bar{\nabla}_X\sigma)(Z, \nabla_Y W) - (\bar{\nabla}_{\nabla_X Y}\sigma)(Z, W), \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

respectively, where  $\bar{\nabla}\sigma$  is a normal bundle valued tensor of type  $(0, 3)$  and  $\bar{\nabla}$  is called the *van der Waerden–Bortolotti connection* of  $M$ .

The basic equation of Gauss is given by [7]

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{R}(X, Y, Z, W) &= \\ &= R(X, Y, Z, W) - g(\sigma(X, W), \sigma(Y, Z)) + g(\sigma(X, Z), \sigma(Y, W)). \end{aligned}$$

However, for a  $(k, \mu)$ -contact metric manifold  $M^n$  of dimension  $n$ , we have [2]

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

where  $h = \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{L}_\xi\phi$ . From the above equation we also have

$$\bar{\nabla}_X\xi = -\phi X - \phi h(X).$$

Now from the Gauss formula we have

$$\bar{\nabla}_X\xi = \nabla_X\xi + \sigma(X, \xi).$$

Since the submanifold  $M$  is invariant, we have from the above two equations,

$$\nabla_X\xi = -\phi X - \phi h(X) \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma(X, \xi) = 0. \quad (7)$$

**3. Immersions of recurrent type.** We denote by  $\nabla^p T$  the covariant differential of the  $p$ th order,  $p \geq 1$ , of a  $(0, k)$ -tensor field  $T$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , defined on a Riemannian manifold  $(M, g)$  with the Levi-Civita connection  $\nabla$ . According to [14], the tensor  $T$  is said to be *recurrent* and *2-recurrent*, if the following conditions hold on  $M$

$$(\nabla T)(X_1, \dots, X_k; X)T(Y_1, \dots, Y_k) = (\nabla T)(Y_1, \dots, Y_k; X)T(X_1, \dots, X_k), \quad (8)$$

$$(\nabla^2 T)(X_1, \dots, X_k; X, Y)T(Y_1, \dots, Y_k) = (\nabla^2 T)(Y_1, \dots, Y_k; X, Y)T(X_1, \dots, X_k), \quad (9)$$

respectively, where  $X, Y, X_1, Y_1, \dots, X_k, Y_k \in TM$ . From (8) it follows that at a point  $x \in M$  if the tensor  $T$  is non-zero, then there exists a unique 1-form  $\theta$ , respectively, a  $(0, 2)$ -tensor  $\psi$ , defined on a neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$ , such that

$$\nabla T = T \otimes \theta, \quad \theta = d(\log \|T\|), \quad (10)$$

respectively

$$\nabla^2 T = T \otimes \psi,$$

holds on  $U$ , where  $\|T\|$  denotes the norm of  $T$ .

The tensor  $T$  is said to be *generalized 2-recurrent* if

$$\begin{aligned} & (\nabla^2 T)(X_1, \dots, X_k; X, Y) - (\nabla T \otimes \theta)(X_1, \dots, X_k; X, Y)T(Y_1, \dots, Y_k) = \\ & = (\nabla^2 T)(Y_1, \dots, Y_k; X, Y) - (\nabla T \otimes \theta)(Y_1, \dots, Y_k; X, Y)T(X_1, \dots, X_k) \end{aligned}$$

holds on  $M$ , where  $\theta$  is a 1-form on  $M$ . From this it follows that at a point  $x \in M$  if the tensor  $T$  is non-zero then there exists a unique  $(0, 2)$ -tensor  $\psi$ , defined on a neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$ , such that

$$\nabla^2 T = \nabla T \otimes \theta + T \otimes \psi,$$

holds on  $U$ .

The notion of generalized 2-recurrent tensors in Riemannian spaces is introduced by Ray [13].

J. Deprez defined the immersion to be *semiparallel* if

$$\bar{R}(X, Y) \cdot \sigma = (\bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_Y - \bar{\nabla}_Y \bar{\nabla}_X - \bar{\nabla}_{[X, Y]})\sigma = 0,$$

holds for all vector fields  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$ . J. Deprez mainly paid attention to the case of semiparallel immersions in real space forms [8, 9]. Later, Lumiste showed that a semiparallel submanifold is the second order envelope of the family of parallel submanifolds [12]. In [10] H. Endo studied semiparallelity condition for a contact metric manifold. He showed that a semiparallel contact metric manifold is totally geodesic under certain conditions.

**4. Recurrent submanifolds of  $(k, \mu)$ -contact manifolds.** To prove the main theorem we first state two lemmas.

**Lemma 1** [19]. *Let  $M$  be a submanifold of a contact metric manifold  $\bar{M}$ . If  $\xi$  is orthogonal to  $M$ , then  $M$  is anti-invariant.*

**Lemma 2** [17]. *We know that if  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be a contact Riemannian manifold and  $\xi$  belong to the  $(k, \mu)$ -nullity distribution, then  $k \leq 1$ . If  $k < 1$ , then  $(M, \phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  admits three mutually orthogonal and integrable distributions  $D(0)$ ,  $D(\lambda)$ ,  $D(-\lambda)$ , defined by the eigenspaces of  $h$ , where  $\lambda = \sqrt{1 - k}$ .*

*Now, if  $X \in D(\lambda)$ , then  $hX = \lambda X$  and if  $X \in D(-\lambda)$ , then  $hX = -\lambda X$ .*

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $M$  be an invariant submanifold of a  $(k, \mu)$ -contact manifold, with  $k \neq 0$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $M$  is totally geodesic;
- (ii) the second fundamental form  $\sigma$  is recurrent;
- (iii) the second fundamental form  $\sigma$  is 2-recurrent;
- (iv) the second fundamental form  $\sigma$  is generalized 2-recurrent.

**Proof.** Suppose  $M$  is totally geodesic, then (ii), (iii) and (iv) are trivially true.

Now suppose  $\sigma$  is recurrent, then from (10), we get

$$(\bar{\nabla}_X \sigma)(Y, Z) = \theta(X)\sigma(Y, Z),$$

where  $\theta$  is a 1-form on  $M$ . Then in view of (5), we obtain

$$\nabla_X^\perp(\sigma(Y, Z)) - \sigma(\nabla_X Y, Z) - \sigma(Y, \nabla_X Z) = \theta(X)\sigma(Y, Z). \quad (11)$$

By Lemma 1,  $\xi \in TM$ . So, taking  $Z = \xi$  in (11), we have

$$\nabla_X^\perp(\sigma(Y, \xi)) - \sigma(\nabla_X Y, \xi) - \sigma(Y, \nabla_X \xi) = \theta(X)\sigma(Y, \xi).$$

Then using (7), we obtain

$$\sigma(Y, \nabla_X \xi) = 0.$$

Using (7) we get

$$\sigma(Y, X) - \sigma(Y, hX) = 0.$$

Therefore, Lemma 2 yields  $(1 \pm \lambda)\sigma(Y, X) = 0$ , which implies  $\sigma(Y, X) = 0$ , provided  $\lambda \neq \pm 1$ , or  $k \neq 0$ .

Thus  $M$  is totally geodesic, provided  $k \neq 0$ .

Proceeding in a similar manner we can prove that if  $\sigma$  is 2-recurrent or generalized 2-recurrent, then also  $M$  is totally geodesic.

Theorem 1 is proved.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $M$  be an invariant submanifold of a  $(k, \mu)$ -contact manifold  $\bar{M}$ . Then  $M$  is totally geodesic if and only if  $M$  is semiparallel, provided  $k \neq \pm\mu\sqrt{1-k}$ .*

**Proof.** We have

$$\begin{aligned} (\bar{R}(X, Y).\sigma)(V, W) &= \\ &= R^\perp(X, Y)(\sigma(V, W)) - \sigma(R(X, Y)V, W) - \sigma(V, R(X, Y)W). \end{aligned}$$

Suppose  $M$  is semiparallel. Then  $\bar{R}(X, Y).\sigma = 0$ , that is,  $\bar{R}(X, \xi).\sigma = 0$ . Therefore, we have

$$R^\perp(X, \xi)(\sigma(V, W)) = \sigma(R(X, \xi)V, W) + \sigma(V, R(X, \xi)W).$$

Putting  $V = \xi$ , and using (7) we obtain

$$\sigma(R(X, \xi)\xi, W) = 0. \quad (12)$$

Using (2) in (12) we obtain

$$(k \pm \mu\sqrt{1-k})\sigma(X, W) = 0.$$

Therefore,  $\sigma(X, W) = 0$ , provided  $k \neq \pm\mu\sqrt{1-k}$ . Hence  $M$  is totally geodesic. The converse statement is trivial. This completes the proof of the theorem.

The corollary follows immediately:

**Corollary.** *Let  $M$  be an invariant submanifold of a  $(k, \mu)$ -contact manifold  $\bar{M}$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $M$  is totally geodesic;
- (ii)  $\bar{R}(X, \xi).\sigma = 0$ ;
- (iii)  $\bar{R}(X, Y).\sigma = 0$ , where  $X$  and  $Y$  are arbitrary vector fields on  $M$ .

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