

## On totally contact umbilical submanifolds of a manifold with a sasakian 3-structure

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### Abstract

In our paper [5] we proved that any totally contact umbilical submanifold  $M$  of a manifold with a Sasakian 3-structure with  $\dim \mu_x^\perp > 1, \forall x \in M$ , is totally contact geodesic. In the present paper we solve the remaining cases. Namely, when  $\dim \mu_x^\perp = 0$ , or  $\dim \mu_x^\perp = 1$ ,  $M$  is totally contact geodesic or an intrinsic sphere respectively.

**Key words:** Sasakian-3 structure; totally contact umbilical; totally contact geodesic; extrinsic sphere.

## Sobre subvariedades con contacto umbilical completo de una variedad con una estructura-3 sasakian

### Resumen

En nuestro trabajo [5] probamos que cualquier subvariedad con contacto umbilical completo de una variedad con una estructura-3 Sasakian con  $\dim \mu_x^\perp > 1$ , para todo  $x$  que pertenece a  $M$ , es de contacto geod sico total. En el presente trabajo resolvemos los casos restantes. A saber, cuando  $\dim \mu_x^\perp = 0$  o  $\dim \mu_x^\perp = 1$ ,  $M$  es de contacto geod sico total o una esfera intr seca. respectivamente.

**Palabras clave:** Estructura 3-Sasakian, contacto umbilical completo, contacto geod sico total, esfera extr seca.

### Introduction

The notion of CR-submanifold has been introduced by A. Bejancu [1] for the Kaehler manifolds, by A. Bejancu-N. Papaghiuc [2] for the Sasakian manifolds (called semi-invariant submanifolds) and by M. Barros- B.Y. Chen-F. Urbano [3] for the quaternionic manifolds. Later, CR-submanifolds have been intensively studied from different points of view, several important results have been obtained, some of them being brought together in [1]. Also some important results have been obtained in [4] about QR-submanifolds of quaternionic Kaehlerian manifolds and in [2] on semi-invariant submanifolds of a manifold with a Sasakian 3-structure.

It is well known (see [5]) that the tangent bundle  $TM$  of a semi-invariant submanifold  $M$  (called also contact CR-submanifolds), tangent to the structure vector field  $\xi$ , has the decomposition  $TM = D \oplus D^\perp \oplus \{\xi\}$ , where  $D$  and  $D^\perp$  are the invariant and anti-invariant distributions on  $M$ , with respect to the structure tensor field  $f$  on manifold  $\tilde{M}$ . Equivalently,  $M$  is a semi-invariant submanifold of a manifold  $\tilde{M}$  if its normal bundle  $TM^\perp$  has the decomposition  $TM^\perp = \mu \oplus \mu^\perp$ , where  $\mu$  and  $\mu^\perp$  are invariant and anti-invariant subbundles of  $TM^\perp$  with respect to  $f$ . The equivalence fails in the case of manifold with a Sasakian 3-structure. In this case the distribution  $D^\perp$  is not anti-invariant to the structure tensor field.

According to a known result (see [2]) a totally contact umbilical semi-invariant submanifold of a manifold with a Sasakian 3-structure with  $\dim \mu \frac{1}{x} > 1$ , for any  $x \in M$ , is totally contact geodesic. The main purpose of the present paper is to study the remaining cases. More precisely we prove that  $M$  is totally contact geodesic submanifold of  $\tilde{M}$ , if  $\dim \mu_x^\perp = 0$ . If  $\dim \mu_x^\perp = 1$ ,  $x \in M$ , but  $M$  is not totally contact geodesic, then  $M$  is extrinsic sphere.

**Preliminaries**

Let  $\tilde{M}$  be a  $(4n+3)$ -dimensional differentiable manifold with an almost contact metric 3-structure  $(f_a, \xi_a, \eta_a, g)$ ,  $a \in \{1,2,3\}$ . Then we have

- a)  $f_a^2 = -I + \eta_a \otimes \xi_a$ , (b)  $\eta_a(\xi_b) = \delta_{ab}$
- (c)  $f_a(\xi_b) = -f_b(\xi_a) = \xi_c$ , (d)  $\eta_a \circ f_b = -\eta_b \circ f_a = \eta_c$ ,
- (e)  $f_a \circ f_b - \eta_b \otimes \xi_a = -f_b \circ f_a + \eta_a \otimes \xi_b = f_c$ ,
- (f)  $\eta_a(X) = g(X, \xi_a)$
- (g)  $g(f_a X, f_a Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta_a(X)\eta_a(Y)$

for any cyclic permutation (a, b, c) of (1, 2, 3), where  $X$  and  $Y$  are the vector fields tangent to  $\tilde{M}$ ,  $\delta$  is the Kronecker's delta. Then  $\tilde{M}$  is called a manifold with a Sasakian 3-structure, if each  $(f_a, \xi_a, \eta_a, g)$  is a Sasakian 3-structure, i.e. (see [6]):

- a)  $(\tilde{\nabla}_X f_a)Y = g(X, Y)\xi_a - \eta_a(Y)X$ ,
- b)  $\tilde{\nabla}_X \xi_a = -f_a X$ ,  $a \in \{1,2,3\}$  (1.2)

for any vector fields  $X, Y$  tangent to  $\tilde{M}$  where  $\tilde{\nabla}$  is the Levi-Civita connection on  $\tilde{M}$ . It is easy to see that  $[\xi_a, \xi_b] = 2\xi_c$  for any cyclic permutation (a, b, c) of (1, 2, 3). Throughout the paper, all manifolds and maps are supposed differentiable of class  $C^\infty$ . We denote by  $F(M)$  the module of the differentiable functions on  $\tilde{M}$  and by  $\Gamma(E)$  the module of smooth sections of a vector bundle  $E$  over  $\tilde{M}$ . We use the

same notations for any manifolds involved in the study.

The curvature tensor  $K$  of  $\tilde{M}$  is defined by

$$K(X, Y)Z = \tilde{\nabla}_X \tilde{\nabla}_Y Z - \tilde{\nabla}_Y \tilde{\nabla}_X Z - \tilde{\nabla}_{[X, Y]}Z, \forall X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(\tilde{TM}).$$

Because the structure tensor field  $f_a$  verifies (1.2a) then the curvature tensor field  $K$  verify

- a)  $K(X, Y)f_a Z = f_a K(X, Y)Z + g(f_a X, Z)Y - g(Y, Z)f_a X + g(X, Z)f_a Y - g(f_a Y, Z)X$
- b)  $g(K(f_a X, f_a Y)f_a Z, f_a W) = g(K(X, Y)Z, W) - \eta_a(Y)\eta_a(Z)g(X, W) - \eta_a(X)\eta_a(W)g(Y, Z) + \eta_a(X)\eta_a(Z)g(Y, W) + \eta_a(Y)\eta_a(W)g(X, Z)$ ,
- c)  $K(X, \xi_a)Y = \eta_a(Y)X - g(X, Y)\xi_a$ ,  $a \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $\forall X, Y, Z, W \in \Gamma(\tilde{TM})$  (1.3)

Now, let  $M$  be a  $m$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold isometrically immersed in  $\tilde{M}$ , and suppose that the structure vector fields  $\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3$  of  $\tilde{M}$  are tangent to  $M$ . We denote by  $TM$  and  $TM^\perp$  the tangent bundle and the normal bundle to  $M$ , respectively. We also denote by  $\{\xi\}$  the distribution spanned by  $\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3$  on  $M$ . The induced metric tensor on  $M$  will be denoted by the same symbol  $g$ .

The submanifold  $M$  of a manifold with a Sasakian 3-structure is called semi-invariant submanifold (see [2]) if there exists a vector subbundle  $\mu$  of  $TM^\perp$  such that

$$f_a(\mu) = \mu; f_a(\mu^\perp) \subseteq TM, a \in \{1,2,3\},$$

where  $\mu^\perp$  is the complementary orthogonal bundle to  $\mu$  in  $TM^\perp$ . It is easy to see that any real hypersurface of  $\tilde{M}$  is a semi-invariant submanifold. Next, denote  $f_a(\mu_x^\perp)$  by  $D_{ax}$ ,  $a \in \{1,2,3\}$ ,  $x \in M$ . By using (1.1e) and (1.1g) it is obtained that  $D_{1x}, D_{2x}, D_{3x}$  are mutually orthogonal subspaces of  $xxx$  and have the same dimension  $s$  as the dimension of  $T_x M$ . We note that the subspaces  $D_{ax}$ ,  $a \in \{1,2,3\}$  do not define in general a distribution on  $M$ , but the mapping

$$D^\perp : x \rightarrow D_x^\perp = D_{1x} \otimes D_{2x} \otimes D_{3x},$$

is a  $3s$ -dimensional distribution on  $M$  ( $s = \dim \mu_x^\perp$ ). By straightforward calculation we deduce

$$a) f_a(D_{ax}) = \mu_x^\perp; b) f_a(D_{bx}) = D_{cx} \quad (1.4)$$

for each  $x \in M$ , where (a, b, c) is a cyclic permutation of (1, 2, 3). We denote by  $D$  the complementary orthogonal distribution to  $D^\perp \otimes \{\xi\}$  in  $TM$ . It follows that the distribution  $D$  is invariant with respect to the action of  $f_1, f_2, f_3$ , that is  $f_a(D) = D, a \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ . Thus  $M$  is semi-invariant submanifold of a manifold  $\tilde{M}$  with a Sasakian 3-structure if

$$TM = D \otimes D^\perp \otimes \{\xi\},$$

where  $D, \{\xi\}$  and  $D^\perp$  are the above distributions. We note that  $D^\perp$  is not anti-invariant distribution (see (1.4b)).

From the general theory of Riemannian submanifolds, recall the Gauss and

Weingarten formulae

$$\begin{aligned} a) \tilde{\nabla}_X Y &= \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y), \\ b) \tilde{\nabla}_X N &= -A_N X + \nabla_X^\perp N, \\ \forall X, Y \in \Gamma(TM), N &\in \Gamma(TM^\perp), \end{aligned} \quad (1.5)$$

where  $h$  is the second fundamental form of  $M, A_N$  is the shape operator with respect to the normal section  $N, \nabla$  and  $\nabla^\perp$  are the induced connections by  $\tilde{\nabla}$  on  $TM$  and  $TM^\perp$  and  $\alpha x$ , respectively. The Codazzi equation is given by

$$g(K(X, Y)Z, N) = g((\nabla_X h)(Y, Z) - (\nabla_Y h)(X, Z)N), \quad \forall X, Y, Z \in \Gamma(TM), N \in \Gamma(TM^\perp). \quad (1.6)$$

It is known that if  $\{e_i\} i = 1, \dots, m$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\Gamma(TM)$ , then the mean curvature vector field of  $M$ , denoted by  $H$ , is given by

$$H = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m h(e_i, e_i).$$

The submanifold  $M$  is called totally contact umbilical if the second fundamental form  $h$  of  $M$  is expressed as follows

$$h(X, Y) = \sum_a^3 (g(f_a X, f_a Y)H + \eta_a(X)h(Y, \xi_a) + \eta_a(Y)h(X, \xi_a)), \quad \forall X, Y \in \Gamma(TM) \quad (1.7)$$

If  $H = 0$  and (1.7) holds, then  $M$  is called totally contact geodesic submanifold of  $\tilde{M}$ .

It is known that any sphere of a Euclidean space is totally umbilical and has positive constant curvature. Also we recall that  $M$  is an extrinsic sphere of  $\tilde{M}$  if it is totally contact umbilical and has parallel the mean curvature vector field  $H \neq 0$ , that is,

$$\nabla_X^\perp H = 0, \quad \forall X \in \Gamma(TM).$$

Finally we recall some properties of semi-invariant submanifolds of a manifold  $\tilde{M}$  with a Sasakian 3-structure, for later use (see [2])

**Proposition. 1.1.** *Let  $M$  be a semi-invariant submanifold of a manifold with a Sasakian 3-structure. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} a) h(X, \xi_a) &= 0; \\ b) h(Z, \xi_a) &= -f_a Z, \quad \forall X \in \Gamma(D), Z \in \Gamma(f_a(\mu^\perp)) \end{aligned} \quad (1.8)$$

Also we see that if  $M$  is totally contact umbilical then

$$(\nabla_X h)(Y, Z) = 3g(Y, Z)\nabla_X^\perp H, \quad (1.9)$$

if  $Y$  and  $Z$  belong to  $\Gamma(D)$  and  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$

### Main Results

Let  $M$  be a real  $m$ -dimensional submanifold of a  $2n+1$ -dimensional manifold  $\tilde{M}$  with a Sasakian 3-structure. It was proved (see [2]) that if  $M$  is totally contact umbilical semi-invariant proper submanifold ( $\dim D > 0; \dim D^\perp > 0$ ), with  $s = \dim \mu_x^\perp > 1, x \in M$  then  $M$  must be totally contact geodesic. Then it remains to study the cases  $s = 0$  and  $s = 1$ . To this end we first prove the following general lemma.

**Lemma. 2.1.** *Let  $M$  be a totally contact umbilical semi-invariant submanifold of a manifold  $\tilde{M}$  with a Sasakian 3-structure and  $D \neq \{0\}$ . Then*

the mean curvature vector field  $H$  of  $M$  is a global section of  $\Gamma(\mu^\perp)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $X \in \Gamma(D)$  a unit vector field and  $N \in \Gamma(\mu)$ . By using (1.1g), (1.2a), (1.5a) and (1.7) we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} g(H, N) &= g(g(X, X)H, N) = g(\tilde{\nabla}_X X, N) \\ &= g(\tilde{\nabla}_X f_\alpha X - (\tilde{\nabla}_X f_\alpha)X, f_\alpha N) = g(h(X, f_\alpha X), f_\alpha N) \\ &= g(X, f_\alpha X)g(H, f_\alpha N) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

which proves our assertion.

Now we see that if  $s = 0$ , then  $H = 0$  and  $M$  is totally contact geodesic. Next, because  $M$  is not totally contact geodesic and it is supposed to be connected, then let  $\alpha = \|H\| \neq 0$ . Denote

$$a) U = \frac{1}{\alpha} H, \quad b) W_\alpha = f_\alpha U, \quad \alpha \in \{1, 2, 3\}. \quad (2.1)$$

**Lemma. 2.2.** Let  $M$  be a totally contact umbilical semi-invariant submanifold of a manifold  $\tilde{M}$  with a Sasakian 3-structure. Then we have

$$\nabla_X^\perp H \in \Gamma(\mu^\perp), \quad \forall X \in \Gamma(TM).$$

**Proof.** Let  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$  and  $N \in \Gamma(\mu)$ . Now by using Lemma 2.1 we have  $H \in \Gamma(\mu^\perp)$ . By using (1.1g), (1.2), (1.6b) and (1.7) we infer that,

$$\begin{aligned} g(\nabla_X^\perp H, N) &= g(\tilde{\nabla}_X f_\alpha H - (\tilde{\nabla}_X f_\alpha)H, f_\alpha N) = \\ &= g(h(X, f_\alpha H), f_\alpha N) = g(X, f_\alpha H)g(H, f_\alpha N) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore our assertion is proved.

Now we prove the main result of the paper

**Theorem. 2.1.** Let  $M$  be a proper totally contact umbilical semi-invariant submanifold of a manifold with a Sasakian 3-structure, such that  $\dim \mu_x^\perp = 1$ , for any  $x \in M$  and  $H \neq 0$ . Then  $M$  is an extrinsic sphere.

**Proof.** Let  $X \in \Gamma(TM)$ ,  $Y \in \Gamma(D)$ . By using (1.3a) and (2.1b) we infer that

$$\begin{aligned} g(K(W_1, X)f_1 Y, U) &= g(f_1 K(W_1, X)Y + g(X, Y)U, U) \\ &= g(X, Y) - g(K(W_1, X)Y, W_1). \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

On the other hand, using (1.6) and (1.9) we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} g(K(W_1, X)f_1 Y, U) &= g((\nabla_{W_1} h)(X, f_1 Y) - (\nabla_X h)(W_1, f_1 Y)U) \\ &= 3g(X, f_1 Y)g(\nabla_{W_1}^\perp H, U) - 3g(W_1, f_1 Y)g(\nabla_X^\perp H, U) \\ &= 3g(X, f_1 Y)g(\nabla_{W_1}^\perp H, U). \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

The relations (2.2) and (2.3) imply

$$\begin{aligned} g(X, Y) - g(K(W_1, X)Y, W_1) \\ = 3g(X, f_1 Y)g(\nabla_{W_1}^\perp H, U) \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

But, using the symmetry properties of the tensors  $g$ ,  $K$  and  $f_1$  with respect to  $g$ , we get  $g(\nabla_{W_1}^\perp H, U) = 0$  which together with Lemma 2.2, imply  $\nabla_Z^\perp H = 0$ ,  $Z \in \Gamma(D^\perp)$ . Next, let  $X \in \Gamma(D)$  be a unit vector field. By using (1.1e), (1.1g) (1.6) and (1.9) we infer that

$$\begin{aligned} g(K(f_1 X, f_2 X)f_3 X, U) &= g((\nabla_{f_1 X} h)(f_2 X, f_3 X) \\ &- (\nabla_{f_2 X} h)(f_1 X, f_3 X), U) = 3g(f_2 X, f_3 X)g(\nabla_{f_1 X}^\perp H, U) \\ &- 3g(f_1 X, f_3 X)g(\nabla_{f_2 X}^\perp H, U) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

On the other hand, using (1.1a), (1.1c), (1.3a), (1.3b), (1.6) and (1.9) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} g(K(f_1 X, f_2 X)f_3 X, U) &= -g(f_1 K(X, f_3 X)f_2 X, U) \\ &= -g(K(X, f_3 X)f_3 X, U) = g((\nabla_{f_3 X} h)(X, f_3 X) \\ &- (\nabla_X h)(f_3 X, f_3 X)) = -3g(X, X)g(\nabla_X^\perp H, U) \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

Now the relations (2.5), (2.6) and Lemma 2.2, imply  $\nabla_X^\perp H = 0$ ,  $\forall X \in \Gamma(D)$ . Taking again  $X \in \Gamma(D)$  a unit vector field and using (1.6), (1.7) and (1.8a), we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} g(K(\xi_1, X)X, U) &= g((\nabla_{\xi_1} h)(X, X)) \\ (\nabla_X h)(\xi_1, X), U) &= g(\nabla_{\xi_1}^\perp H, U) \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

Taking into account (1.3c), the fact that  $U \in \Gamma(\mu^\perp)$ , from (2.7) and Lemma 2.2 we get  $\nabla_{\xi_1}^\perp H = 0$ . Finally we proved that  $\nabla_X^\perp H = 0$ ,  $\forall X \in \Gamma(TM)$ . The proof is complete.

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