

A NOTE ON GENERIC SUBMANIFOLDS OF AN ODD-DIMENSIONAL SPHERE

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0. Introduction

Recently many papers on generic submanifolds of a Riemannian manifold have been submitted by several authors who found out a general notion of an intrinsic character of hypersurfaces by using various methods (see [3], [4], [5], [6], [7] and [8]).

But the present authors [6] studied a generic submanifold M of an odd-dimensional sphere $S^{2m+1}(1)$ under the condition that the structure tensor f induced on M and the second fundamental tensor h commute.

The purpose of the present paper is to explore the generic submanifolds of an odd-dimensional sphere tangent to the Sasakian structure vector when the structure tensor f and the second fundamental tensor h anticommute.

In 1, we recall fundamental properties and structure equations for generic submanifolds immersed in a Sasakian manifold and define the structure tensor induced on M is antinormal.

In 2, we look into the fundamental properties of submanifolds of $S^{2m+1}(1)$ and introduce some theorems for later use.

In the last 3, we characterize the generic submanifold of $S^{2m+1}(1)$ tangent to the Sasakian structure vector field.

1. Generic submanifolds of a Sasakian manifold

Let M^{2m+1} be a $(2m+1)$ -dimensional Sasakian manifold covered by a system of coordinate neighborhoods $\{U : z^h\}$ and (F_j^h, g_{ji}, ξ^h) the set of structure tensors of M^{2m+1} , where here and in the sequel the indices h, i, j and k run over the range $\{1, 2, \dots, 2m+1\}$. We then have

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{aligned} F_j^h F_i^j &= -\delta_i^h + \xi_i \xi^h, \quad \xi_j F_i^j = 0, \quad F_j^h \xi^j = 0, \\ \xi_j \xi^j &= 1, \quad \xi_j = g_{ji} \xi^i, \quad F_j^h F_i^k g_{hk} = g_{ji} - \xi_j \xi_i \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(1.2) \quad \nabla_j \xi^h = F_j^h, \quad \nabla_j F_i^h = -g_{ji} \xi^h + \delta_j^h \xi^e_i,$$

where ∇_j denotes the operator of covariant differentiation with respect to g_{ji} .

Let M be an n -dimensional Riemannian manifold covered by a system of coordinate neighborhoods $\{V; x^a\}$, which is isometrically immersed in M^{2m+1} by the immersion $i: M \rightarrow M^{2m+1}$, and identify $i(M)$ with M itself and represent the immersion i by $y^h = y^h(x^a)$ (throughout this paper the indices a, b, c, d and e run over the range $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$). If we put $B_b^h = \partial_b y^h$, $\partial_b = \partial/\partial x^b$, then B_b^h are n linearly independent vectors of M^{2m+1} tangent to M . Denoting by g_{cb} the fundamental metric tensor of M , we then have

$$(1.3) \quad g_{cb} = B_c^j B_b^i g_{ji}$$

because the immersion is isometric.

We now denote by C_x^h $2m+1-n$ mutually orthogonal unit normals of M (the indices u, v, w, x, y and z run over the range $\{n+1, \dots, 2m+1\}$). Thus, denoting ∇_c by the operator of van der Waerden-Bortolotti covariant differentiation with respect to the Christoffel symbols $\{^a_c b\}$ formed with g_{cb} , we obtain equations of Gauss and Weingarten

$$(1.4) \quad \nabla_c B_b^h = h_{cb}^x C_x^h,$$

$$(1.5) \quad \nabla_c C_x^h = -h_c^a x B_a^h$$

respectively, where h_{cx}^b are the second fundamental forms with respect to the normals C_x^h and $h_c^a x = h_{cb}^y g^{ab} g_{xy}$, g_{xy} being the metric tensor of the normal bundle of M given by $g_{xy} = g_{ji} C_x^j C_y^i$, and $(g^{cb}) = (g_{cb})^{-1}$.

A submanifold M of a Sasakian manifold M^{2m+1} is called a *generic* (an *anti-holomorphic*) submanifold if the normal space $N_p(M)$ of M at any point $P \in M$ is always mapped into the tangent space $T_p(M)$ by the action of the structure tensor F of the ambient manifold M^{2m+1} , that is, $FN_p(M) \subset T_p(M)$ for all $P \in M$ (see [6], [7]).

From now on, we consider throughout this paper generic submanifolds immersed in a Sasakian manifold M^{2m+1} . Then we can put in each coordinate neighborhood

$$(1.6) \quad F_j^h B_c^j = f_c^a B_a^h - f_c^x C_x^h,$$

$$(1.7) \quad F_j^h C_x^j = f_x^a B_a^h,$$

$$(1.8) \quad \xi^h = \eta^a B_a^h + \xi^x C_x^h,$$

where f_c^a is a tensor field of type (1,1) defined on M , f_c^x a local 1-form for each fixed index x , η^a a vector field and ξ^x a function for each fixed index x , and $f_x^a = f_c^y g^{ac} g_{yx}$.

Applying F to (1.6) and (1.7) respectively and using (1.1) and these equations, we easily find ([3], [7], [8])

$$(1.9) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f_c^e f_e^a = -\delta_c^a + f_c^x f_x^a + \eta_c^e \eta_e^a, \\ f_c^e f_e^x = -\eta_c^e \xi^x, \\ f_x^e f_e^y = \delta_x^y - \xi_x^e \xi^y, \\ \eta_c^e f_e^a = -\xi^x f_x^a, \quad \eta_c^e f_e^x = 0, \\ g_{de} f_c^d f_b^e = g_{cb} - f_c^x f_{xb} - \eta_c^e \eta_{be}, \\ \eta_a^e \eta_e^a + \xi_x^e \xi^x = 1, \end{array} \right.$$

where $\eta_a^e = g_{ca} \eta_c^e$. But, the last relationship follows from (1.3), (1.8) and the fact that $\xi_j^i \xi^j = 1$.

Putting $f_{cb} = f_c^a g_{ba}$ and $f_{cx} = f_c^y g_{yx}$, then we easily verify from (1.9) that $f_{cb} = -f_{bc}$ and $f_{cx} = f_{xc}$.

When the submanifold M is a hypersurface of M^{2m+1} , (1.9) becomes the so-called (f, g, u, v, λ) -structure ([1], [2]), where we have put $f_c^x = u_c$, $\eta_c^a = v^a$, $\xi^x = \xi_x = \lambda$.

The aggregate $(f_c^a, g_{cb}, f_c^x, \eta_c^a, \xi^x)$ satisfying (1.9) is said to be *antinormal* ([3], [7]) if

$$(1.10) \quad h_c^e f_e^a + f_c^e h_a^e = 0$$

holds, or equivalently

$$(1.11) \quad h_{ce}^x f_b^e = h_{be}^x f_c^e.$$

Transvecting (1.11) with f_a^b and using the first relation of (1.9), we find

$$h_{ce}^x (-\delta_a^e + f_a^z f_z^e + \eta_a^e \eta_e^e) = h_{be}^x f_c^e f_a^b,$$

from which, taking the skew-symmetric part with respect to the indices c and a ,

$$(1.12) \quad (h_{ce}^x f_z^e) f_a^z - (h_{ae}^x f_z^e) f_c^z + (h_{ce}^x \eta_a^e) \eta_c - (h_{ae}^x \eta_c^e) \eta_e = 0.$$

Differentiating (1.6)~(1.8) covariantly along M and using (1.1)~(1.5), we find respectively (see [3], [6], [7])

$$(1.13) \quad \nabla_c f_b^a = -g_{cb} \eta_a + \delta_c^a \eta_b + h_{cb}^x f_x^a - h_{cax} f_b^x,$$

$$(1.14) \quad \nabla_c f_b^x = g_{cb} \xi^x + h_{ce}^x f_b^e,$$

$$(1.15) \quad h_{ecx} f_e^y = h_c^{ey} f_{ex},$$

$$(1.16) \quad \nabla_c \eta_b = f_{cb} + h_{cb}^x \xi_x,$$

$$(1.17) \quad \nabla_c \xi^x = -f_c^x - h_{ce}^x \eta^e$$

with the aid of (1.6)~(1.8).

2. Intrinsic properties of submanifolds of $S^{2m+1}(1)$

Let M be an n -dimensional submanifold of an odd-dimensional unit sphere $S^{2m+1}(1)$, then the equations of Gauss, Codazzi and Ricci for M are respectively given by

$$(2.1) \quad K_{dcb}^a = \delta_d^a g_{cb} - \delta_c^a g_{db} + h_{dx}^a h_{cb}^x - h_{cx}^a h_{db}^x,$$

$$(2.2) \quad \nabla_d h_{cb}^x - \nabla_c h_{db}^x = 0,$$

$$(2.3) \quad K_{dcy}^x = h_{de}^x h_c^e - h_{ce}^x h_d^e y.$$

K_{dcb}^a and K_{dcy}^x being the curvature tensor of M and that of the connection induced in the normal bundle respectively.

From the Ricci identity

$$\nabla_d \nabla_c h_{ba}^x - \nabla_c \nabla_d h_{ba}^x = -K_{dcb}^e h_{ae}^x - K_{dca}^e h_{be}^x,$$

we have

$$(2.4) \quad (g^{da} \nabla_d \nabla_a h_{cb}^x) h_{cb}^x - (\nabla_c \nabla_b h^x) h_{cb}^x = K_{ce} h_{be}^y h_{cb}^y - K_{dcb}^a h^{day} h_{cb}^y$$

because of (2.2), where we have put $h^x = g^{cb} h_{cb}^x$, $K_{dcb}^a = K_{dcb}^e g_{ae}$, $K_{cb}^a = g^{da} K_{dcb}^a$.

We have from (2.1)

$$(2.5) \quad K_{cb} = (n-1)g_{cb} + h^x h_{cbx} - h_{cx}^e h_{be}^x,$$

which implies

$$(2.6) \quad K = n(n-1) + h^x h_x - h_{cb}^x h_{cb}^x$$

K being the scalar curvature of M .

We now suppose that the connection induced in the normal bundle of M is flat, that is, $K_{dcy}^x = 0$. Then we have from (2.3)

$$(2.7) \quad h_{de}^x h_c^e y = h_{ce}^x h_d^e y.$$

Substituting (2.1) and (2.5) into (2.4) and taking account of the identity

$$\frac{1}{2} \Delta(h_{cb}^x h_x^{cb}) = (g^{da} \nabla_d \nabla_a h_{cb}^x) h_x^{cb} + \|\nabla_d h_{cb}^x\|^2,$$

we have

$$(2.8) \quad \frac{1}{2} \Delta(h_{cb}^x h_x^{cb}) = n h_{cb}^x h_x^{cb} - h_x^x h^x + h^x h_{cex} h_b^{ey} h_y^{cb} - (h_{cb}^x h^{cby})(h_{dax} h^{day}) + (\nabla_c \nabla_b h^x) h_x^{cb} + \|\nabla_d h_{cb}^x\|^2$$

with the help of (2.7), where Δ is the Laplacian given by $\Delta = g^{da} \nabla_d \nabla_a$.

For a submanifold of an m -dimensional sphere S^m , K. Yano and M. Kon [10] proved the following theorem:

THEOREM A. *Let M be a complete n -dimensional submanifold of S^m with flat normal connection. If the second fundamental form of M is parallel, then M is a small sphere, a great sphere or a pythagorean product of a certain number of spheres. Moreover, if M is of essential codimension $m-n$, then M is a pythagorean product of the form*

$$S^{b_1}(r_1) \times \dots \times S^{b_N}(r_N), \quad r_1^2 + \dots + r_N^2 = 1, \quad N = m - n + 1,$$

or a pythagorean product of the form

$$S^{b_1}(r_1) \times \dots \times S^{b_{N'}}(r_{N'}) \subset S^{m-1}(r) \subset S^m, \quad r^2 + \dots + r^2 = r^2 < 1, \quad N' = m - n.$$

On the other hand, by K. Yano and M. Kon [10] and K. Yano and S. Ishihara [11], we can easily obtain the following theorem:

THEOREM B. *Let M be a complete minimal submanifold of dimension n immersed in S^m with parallel second fundamental form and flat normal connection. If the length of second fundamental form is constant, then M is a great sphere of S^m or a pythagorean product of the form*

$$S^{b_1}(r_1) \times \dots \times S^{b_N}(r_N), \quad r_t = \sqrt{p_t/n} \quad (t=1, \dots, N),$$

and with essential codimension $N-1$, where $p_1, \dots, p_N \geq 1, p_1 + \dots + p_N = n$.

3. Generic submanifolds of an odd-dimensional sphere $S^{2m+1}(1)$ tangent to the Sasakian structure vector field

In this section we assume that the Sasakian structure vector field defined on $S^{2m+1}(1)$ is tangent to the submanifold M , that is, $\xi^x=0$ identically, the normal connection of M is flat and (1.11) is satisfied. Then (1.9) reduces to

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{cases} f_c^e f_e^a = -\delta_c^a + f_c^x f_x^a + \eta_c^a \eta^a, \\ f_c^e f_e^x = 0, \quad \eta_c^e f_e^a = 0, \quad \eta_c^e f_e^x = 0, \\ f_x^e f_e^y = \delta_x^y, \\ g_{de} f_c^d f_b^e = g_c^b - f_c^x f_x^b - \eta_c^b \eta^b, \\ \eta_c^e \eta^e = 1 \end{cases}$$

and (1.14)~(1.17) to

$$(3.2) \quad \nabla_c f_b^x = h_{ce}^x f_b^e,$$

$$(3.3) \quad h_{ce}^x f_e^y = h_c^{ey} f_{ex},$$

$$(3.4) \quad \nabla_c \eta_b = f_{cb},$$

$$(3.5) \quad h_{ce}^x \eta^e = -f_c^x.$$

LEMMA 3.1. *Let M be an n -dimensional generic submanifold with flat normal connection of an odd-dimensional unit sphere $S^{2m+1}(1)$. If the structure induced on M is antinormal and the Sasakian structure vector on $S^{2m+1}(1)$ is tangent to M , then we have*

$$(3.6) \quad \frac{1}{2} \Delta(h_{cb}^x h_x^{cb}) = 2(n-m-1) \{2h_{cb}^x h_x^{cb} + h_x^x h^x\} + (\nabla_c \nabla_b h^x) h^{cb} + \|\nabla_d h_{cb}^x\|^2.$$

PROOF. Transvecting (1.11) with $f_y^b f_d^c$ and taking account of (3.1),

$$-h_{bd}^x f_y^b + (h_{be}^x \eta^e) f_y^b \eta_d^e + (h_{be}^x f_y^b f_z^e) f_d^z = 0,$$

from which, using (3.5),

$$(3.7) \quad h_{ce}^x f_y^e = P_{yz}^x f_c^z - \delta_y^x \eta_c^e,$$

where we have put

$$P_{yz}^x = h_{cb}^x f_y^c f_z^b.$$

We put $P_{yzx} = P_{yz}^w g_{wx}$, then we see from (3.3) that P_{yzx} is symmetric for all

indices.

If we transvect (1.11) with f^{cb} and make use of (3.1), then we get

$$h^x = h_{ce}^x f_z^e + h_{ce}^x \eta_c^e \eta^c,$$

or, use (3.5) and (3.7),

$$(3.8) \quad h^x = P^x,$$

where we have put $P^x = g^{yz} P_{yz}^x$.

Since the normal connection of the submanifold M is flat, by transvecting (2.7) with f_z^b and taking account of (3.5) and (3.7), we get

$$P_{yz}^w (P_{uv}^x f_c^v - \delta_w^x \eta_c^v) + g_{yz} f_c^x = P_{wz}^x (P_{vy}^w f_c^v - \delta_y^w \eta_c^v) + \delta_z^x f_{cy}^w,$$

from which, transvecting f_u^c and using (3.1),

$$(3.9) \quad P_{yz}^w P_{wu}^x + g_{yc} \delta_u^x = P_{wz}^x P_{uy}^w + \delta_z^x g_{yu}^w.$$

Contraction with respect to the indices x and z yields

$$(3.10) \quad P_{yzx} P_u^{zx} = P_z P_{yu}^z + (p-1) g_{yu}^z,$$

where $p = 2m + 1 - n$, and consequently

$$(3.11) \quad P_{xyz} p^{xyz} = h_x h^x + p(p-1)$$

with the aid of (3.8).

Differentiating (3.7) covariantly and substituting (3.2) and (3.4), we find

$$(\nabla_d h_{ce}^x) f_y^e + h_c^{ex} h_{day} f_e^a = (\nabla_a P_{yz}^x) f_c^z + P_{yz}^x h_{de}^z f_c^e - \delta_y^x f_{dc}^e,$$

from which, taking the skew-symmetric part with respect to d and c , and using (1.11) and (2.2),

$$(3.12) \quad 2h_c^{ex} h_{eay} f_d^a = (\nabla_d P_{yz}^x) f_c^z - (\nabla_c P_{yz}^x) f_d^z - 2\delta_y^x f_{dc}^e.$$

If we transvect (3.12) with f_w^d and use (3.1), then we obtain

$$\nabla_d P_{yz}^x = (f_z^e \nabla_e P_{yw}^x) f_c^w.$$

Substituting this into (3.12) and using $P_{yz}^x = P_{zy}^x$, we have

$$h_{cex} h_a^e f_d^a = g_{yx} f_{cd}^e.$$

Transvection f_b^d gives

$$h_{cex} h_a^{ey} (-\delta_b^a + f_b^z f_z^a + \eta_b^a \eta^a) = g_{yx} (g_{cb} - f_c^z f_{bz}^e - \eta_c \eta_b^e),$$

from which, using (3.5) and (3.7),

$$(3.13) \quad h_{ce^x} h_b^e = P_{yz}^w P_{uvx} f_c^v f_b^z - P_{yzx} (f_b^z \eta_c + f_c^z \eta_b) + 2g_{yx} \eta_c \eta_b + f_{cx} f_{by} - g_{yx} (g_{cb} - f_c^z f_{bz}).$$

Transvecting (3.13) with g^{cb} and taking account of (3.1) and (3.10), we get

$$h_{cb^x} h_y^{cb} = P^z P_{zyx} + (2p + 2 - n) g_{yx},$$

from which,

$$(3.14) \quad h_{cb^x} h_x^{cb} = h_x h^x + p(2p + 2 - n)$$

and

$$(3.15) \quad (h_{cb^x} h^{cb^y}) (h_{dax} h^{da}_y) = P_{yzx} h^y h^z h^x + (p - 1) h_x h^x + 2(2p + 2 - n) h_x h^x + p(2p + 2 - n)^2$$

with the help of (3.8) and (3.10).

Since we have from (3.10) and (3.13)

$$h_{ce^x} h_b^e = P^x P_{xyz} f_c^y f_b^z + 2p(f_b^x f_{cx} + \eta_c \eta_b) - P^x (f_{bx} \eta_c + f_{cx} \eta_b) - pg$$

it follows that

$$(3.16) \quad h^x h_{dax} h_c^a h^{cb^y} = P_{yzx} h^y h^z h^x + (2p + 1) h_x h^x$$

because of (3.7)~(3.10).

Substituting (3.14) and (3.15) into (2.8), we find

$$\frac{1}{2} \Delta(h_{cb^x} h_x^{cb}) = (n - p - 1) \{3h_x h^x + 2p(2p + 2 - n)\} + (\nabla_c \nabla_b h^x) h^{cb}_x + \|\nabla_d h_{cb^x}\|^2,$$

from which, using (3.14) and the fact that $p = 2m + 1 - n$,

$$\frac{1}{2} \Delta(h_{cb^x} h_x^{cb}) = 2(n - m - 1) \{2h_{cb^x} h_x^{cb} + h_x h^x\} + (\nabla_c \nabla_b h^x) h^{cb}_x + \|\nabla_d h_{cb^x}\|^2.$$

Thus, Lemma 3.1 is completely proved.

LEMMA 3.2. *Let M be an n -dimensional generic submanifold with flat normal connection of an odd-dimensional sphere $S^{2m+1}(1)$ whose Sasakian structure vector is tangent to M . If the structure tensor induced on M is antinormal and the mean curvature vector is parallel in the normal bundle, then M is of dimension $m + 1$ with parallel second fundamental form.*

PROOF. Since the mean curvature vector is parallel in the normal bundle, it is shown from (3.14) that $h_{cb^x} h_x^{cb}$ is constant. Thus (3.6) implies

$$(3.17) \quad (n - m - 1) \{2h_{cb^x} h_x^{cb} + h_x h^x\} = 0$$

and

$$(3.18) \quad \nabla_d h_{cb}^x = 0.$$

But, we can see from the first relationship of (3.1) that $n \geq m+1$. If $2h_{cb}^x h^x$ $+ h_x^x = 0$ and hence $h_{cb}^x = 0$, then (3.5) becomes $P_{yz}^x f_c^z - \delta_y^x \eta_c = 0$. Transvection with η^c gives $p = 2m+1-n$ because of (3.1). It contradicts the fact that the codimension $p \geq 1$. And consequently $n = m+1$. Therefore, our lemma is proved.

On the other hand, the submanifold M does not admit any umbilical section because of (3.7) and hence M is of essential codimension m . Thus, combining Lemma 3.1, 3.2 and this fact with Theorem A and B in 2, we have

THEOREM 3.3. *Let M be an n -dimensional complete generic submanifold with flat normal connection of an odd-dimensional unit sphere S^{2m+1} (1). Suppose that the mean curvature vector is parallel in the normal bundle and the induced structure on M is antinormal. If the Sasakian structure vector defined on S^{2m+1} (1) is tangent to the submanifold, then M is a pythagorean product of the form*

$$S^1(r_1) \times \cdots \times S^1(r_{m+1}), \quad r_1^2 + \cdots + r_{m+1}^2 = 1, \quad r_t \neq \sqrt{1/m+1}, \quad (t=1, 2, \dots, m+1).$$

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