

ON THE RICCI CURVATURE OF SUBMANIFOLDS  
IN THE WARPED PRODUCT  $L \times_f F$

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ABSTRACT. The warped product  $L \times_f F$  of a line  $L$  and a Kaehler manifold  $F$  is a typical example of Kenmotsu manifold. In this paper we determine submanifolds of  $L \times_f F$  which are tangent to the structure vector field and satisfy certain conditions concerning with Ricci curvature and mean curvature.

1. Fundamental equations on Kenmotsu manifold

A *Kenmotsu manifold* ([7]) is a  $(2m + 1)$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold which has an almost contact metric structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} (1.1) \quad & \phi\xi = 0, \quad \eta(\phi X) = 0, \quad \eta(\xi) = 1, \\ (1.2) \quad & \phi^2 X = -X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad g(\xi, X) = \eta(X), \\ (1.3) \quad & g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y), \\ (1.4) \quad & (\tilde{\nabla}_X \phi)Y = -\eta(Y)\phi X - g(X, \phi Y)\xi, \\ (1.5) \quad & \tilde{\nabla}_X \xi = X - \eta(X)\xi \end{aligned}$$

for any vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$ , where  $\tilde{\nabla}$  denotes the Riemannian connection with respect to  $g$ . A typical example of Kenmotsu manifold is the warped product  $L \times_f F$ , where  $F$  is a Kaehler manifold and  $f(t) = ce^t$  ( $c$  is a nonzero constant) a function on a line  $L$ . In fact a Kenmotsu structure  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  on  $L \times_f F$  is given as follows. Denote by  $(J, G)$  the Kaehler structure of  $F$  and let  $(t, x_1, \dots, x_{2m})$  be a local coordinate of

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$L \times_f F$  where  $t$  and  $(x_1, \dots, x_{2m})$  are the local coordinates of  $L$  and  $F$ , respectively. We define a Riemannian metric tensor  $g$ , a vector field  $\xi$  and a 1-form  $\eta$  as follows.

$$g_{(t,x)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & f^2(t)G_{(x)} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\xi = d/dt, \quad \eta(X) = g(X, \xi).$$

We also define a  $(1, 1)$ -tensor field  $\phi$  by

$$\phi_{(t,x)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{\phi}_{(t,x)} \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\tilde{\phi}_{(t,x)} = (\exp(t\xi))_* J_x (\exp(-t\xi))_*.$$

Then we can easily verify that the aggregate  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  satisfies (1.1)-(1.5) (for more details, see [7]).

We notice that Kenmotsu structure is normal but not Sasakian in the sense of [1, 9, 11] and especially is not compact because of (1.5). Moreover, in order that a Kenmotsu manifold has (point wise) constant  $\phi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature  $c$ , it is necessary and sufficient that its curvature tensor  $\tilde{R}$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{R}(X, Y)Z = & \frac{c-3}{4} \{g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y\} + \frac{c+1}{4} \{\eta(X)\eta(Z)Y \\ & - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)X + g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\xi - g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\xi \\ & + g(X, \phi Z)\phi Y - g(Y, \phi Z)\phi X + 2g(X, \phi Y)\phi Z\} \end{aligned}$$

for any vector fields  $X, Y, Z$  ([7]). In the sequel we will denote such a manifold by  $\tilde{M}^{2m+1}(c)$ .

REMARK. An example of Kenmotsu manifold with constant  $\phi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature is the warped product  $L \times_f F(k)$ , where  $F(k)$  denotes a Kaehler manifold with constant holomorphic sectional curvature  $k$ . Moreover, if a Kenmotsu manifold is a space of constant  $\phi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature  $c$ , then it is a space of constant curvature  $c = -1$  (for details, see [7]). As already shown in [7, 10] the warped product  $L \times_f CE^m$  is a Kenmotsu manifold of constant curvature  $c = -1$  whose automorphism group has the maximum dimension, where  $CE^m$  denotes the complex Euclidean space with  $\dim_C = m$ .

**2. Fundamental properties on submanifolds of  $L \times_f F$**

Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional submanifold of a Kenmotsu manifold  $\widetilde{M}$  in which the structure vector field  $\xi$  is tangent to  $M$ . Denoting by  $\nabla$  and  $\nabla^\perp$  the induced connections on  $M$  and the normal bundle  $T^\perp M$  of  $M$  respectively, we have the equations of Gauss and Weingarten

$$(2.1) \quad \widetilde{\nabla}_X Y = \nabla_X Y + h(X, Y),$$

$$(2.2) \quad \widetilde{\nabla}_X N = -A_N X + \nabla_X^\perp N$$

for tangent vector fields  $X, Y$  and normal vector field  $N$  to  $M$ , where  $h$  and  $A_N$  denote the second fundamental form and the shape operator in the direction of  $N$  which are related by

$$(2.3) \quad g(h(X, Y), N) = g(A_N X, Y).$$

We first notice that (1.5) and (2.3) yield

$$(2.4) \quad A_N \xi = 0$$

for any normal vector field  $N$  to  $M$  since the structure vector field  $\xi$  is tangent to  $M$ .

For a tangent vector field  $X$  and normal vector field  $N$  to  $M$ , we put

$$(2.5) \quad \phi X = PX + FX \quad \text{and} \quad \phi N = tN + t^\perp N,$$

where  $PX$  and  $tN$  denote the tangential component of  $\phi X$  and  $\phi N$ , respectively. Then we can easily see that  $P$  and  $t^\perp$  are skew-symmetric endomorphisms acting on  $T_p M$  and  $T_p^\perp M$ , respectively. If  $\phi$  maps  $T_p M$  into  $T_p M$  for each  $p \in M$  and the structure vector field  $\xi$  is tangent to  $M$ , then  $M$  is said to be *invariant* in  $\widetilde{M}$ . On the other side, if  $\phi$  maps  $T_p M$  into  $T_p^\perp M$  for each point  $p \in M$  and  $\xi$  is tangent to  $M$ , then  $M$  is said to be *totally real* (or *anti-invariant*) in  $\widetilde{M}$  (cf. [11]).

If the Kenmotsu manifold  $\widetilde{M}$  has (point wise) constant  $\phi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature  $c$ , then the equation of Gauss for  $M$  is given by

$$(2.6) \quad \begin{aligned} g(R(X, Y)Z, W) = & \frac{c-3}{4} \{g(Y, Z)g(X, W) - g(X, Z)g(Y, W)\} \\ & + \frac{c+1}{4} \{ \eta(X)\eta(Z)g(Y, W) - \eta(Y)\eta(Z)g(X, W) + g(X, Z)\eta(Y)\eta(W) \\ & - g(Y, Z)\eta(X)\eta(W) + g(X, \phi Z)g(\phi Y, W) - g(Y, \phi Z)g(\phi X, W) \\ & + 2g(X, \phi Y)g(\phi Z, W) \} + g(h(Y, Z), h(X, W)) - g(h(X, Z), h(Y, W)) \end{aligned}$$

for tangent vector fields  $X, Y, Z, W$  to  $M$ .

The mean curvature vector field  $H$  of  $M$  in  $\widetilde{M}$  is defined by  $H = \frac{1}{n} \text{trace } h$ . The Ricci tensor  $S$  and the scalar curvature  $\rho$  at a point  $p \in M$  are given respectively by  $S(X, Y) = \sum_{i=1}^n g(R(e_i, X)Y, e_i)$  and  $\rho = \sum_{i=1}^n S(e_i, e_i)$ , where  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  is an orthonormal basis of the tangent space  $T_p M$ . For a submanifold  $M$  of  $\widetilde{M}(c)$ , by taking contracting on (2.6) we have the following basic formula:

$$(2.7) \quad \rho = \frac{(n-1)}{4} \{c(n-2) - 3n - 2\} + \frac{3(c+1)}{4} \|P\|^2 + n^2 \|H\|^2 - |h|^2,$$

where  $|h|^2$  denotes the squared norm of the second fundamental form.

### 3. Ricci tensor of submanifolds in Kenmotsu manifold

In his paper [5], Chen proved that there exists a basic inequality on Ricci tensor  $S$  for an  $n$ -dimensional submanifold  $M$  in a real space form  $R^m(c)$ ; namely,

$$S \leq ((n-1)c + \frac{n^2}{4} \|H\|^2)g$$

with the equality holding if and only if either  $M$  is a totally geodesic submanifold or  $n = 2$  and  $M$  is a totally umbilical submanifold.

In this section we will investigate the inequality for an  $n$ -dimensional submanifold  $M$  of  $\widetilde{M}^{2m+1}(c)$  whose structure vector field  $\xi$  is tangent to  $M$ . In order to do that we need a lemma due to Chen ([2, 3, 4]).

LEMMA C. ([2, 3, 4]) Let  $a_1, \dots, a_n, d$  be  $n+1$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) real numbers such that

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i\right)^2 = (n-1)\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 + d\right)$$

then  $2a_1 a_2 \geq d$  with equality holding if and only if  $a_1 + a_2 = a_3 = \dots = a_n$ .

For a submanifolds  $M$  in  $\widetilde{M}^{2m+1}(c)$ , we have the following.

THEOREM 3.1. Let  $M$  be a submanifold of  $\widetilde{M}^{2m+1}(c)$  whose structure vector field  $\xi$  is tangent to  $M$ . Then the Ricci tensor  $S$  of  $M$

satisfies

$$(3.1) \quad S(X, X) \leq \frac{n^2 \|H\|^2}{4} + \frac{-3n+2}{4} + \frac{3(c+1)}{2} \|PX\|^2 + \frac{(n-2)c}{4} - \frac{(n-2)(c+1)}{4} \eta^2(X)$$

for any unit vector  $X \in T_p M$ . The equality holds identically if and only if  $M$  is totally geodesic in  $\widetilde{M}^{2m+1}(c)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $M$  be a submanifold of  $\widetilde{M}^{2m+1}(c)$ . Then it follows from (2.7) that

$$(3.2) \quad \rho = \frac{(n-1)(n-2)c}{4} - \frac{(3n+2)(n-1)}{4} + \frac{3(c+1)}{4} \|P\|^2 + n^2 \|H\|^2 - |h|^2.$$

We put

$$(3.3) \quad \delta = \rho - \frac{(n-1)(n-2)c}{4} + \frac{(3n+2)(n-1)}{4} - \frac{3(c+1)}{4} \|P\|^2 - \frac{n^2 \|H\|^2}{2}.$$

Then from (3.2) and (3.3) we find

$$(3.4) \quad n^2 \|H\|^2 = 2(\delta + |h|^2).$$

Assume that  $H \neq 0$ . Let  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{2m+1}\}$  be an orthonormal basis of  $T_p \widetilde{M}$  such that

- (1)  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  are tangent to  $M$ ,
- (2)  $e_{n+1} = \frac{H}{\|H\|}$ .

Putting  $a_i = h_{ii}^{n+1}, i = 1, \dots, n$  and using (3.4), we get

$$(3.5) \quad \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \right)^2 = 2 \left\{ \delta + \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i)^2 + \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} (h_{ij}^{n+1})^2 + \sum_{r=n+2}^{2m+1} \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} (h_{ij}^r)^2 \right\}.$$

Equation (3.5) is equivalent to

$$(3.6) \quad \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 \bar{a}_i \right)^2 = 2 \left\{ \delta + \sum_{i=1}^3 (\bar{a}_i)^2 + \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} (h_{ij}^{n+1})^2 + \sum_{r=n+2}^{2m+1} \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} (h_{ij}^r)^2 - \sum_{2 \leq \alpha \neq \beta \leq n-1} a_\alpha a_\beta \right\},$$

where  $\bar{a}_1 = a_1, \bar{a}_2 = a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_{n-1}, \bar{a}_3 = a_n$ . Applying Lemma C to (3.6) (for  $n = 3$ ), we have  $2\bar{a}_1\bar{a}_2 \geq d$  with equality holding if and only if  $\bar{a}_1 + \bar{a}_2 = \bar{a}_3$ , where we put

$$d = \delta + \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} (h_{ij}^{n+1})^2 + \sum_{r=n+2}^{2m+1} \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} (h_{ij}^r)^2 - \sum_{2 \leq \alpha \neq \beta \leq n-1} a_\alpha a_\beta.$$

This inequality is equivalent to

$$\sum_{1 \leq \alpha \neq \beta \leq n-1} a_\alpha a_\beta \geq \delta + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (h_{ij}^{n+1})^2 + \sum_{r=n+2}^{2m+1} \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} (h_{ij}^r)^2,$$

which yields, by (3.3)

$$\begin{aligned} (3.7) \quad & \frac{(n-1)(n-2)c}{4} - \frac{(3n+2)(n-1)}{4} + \frac{3(c+1)}{4} \|P\|^2 + \frac{n^2 \|H\|^2}{2} \\ & \geq \rho - \sum_{1 \leq \alpha \neq \beta \leq n-1} a_\alpha a_\beta + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (h_{ij}^{n+1})^2 + \sum_{r=n+2}^{2m+1} \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} (h_{ij}^r)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Using (2.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (3.8) \quad & \rho - \sum_{1 \leq \alpha \neq \beta \leq n-1} a_\alpha a_\beta + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (h_{ij}^{n+1})^2 + \sum_{r=n+2}^{2m+1} \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} (h_{ij}^r)^2 \\ & = \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n-1} R(e_i, e_j, e_j, e_i) + 2S(e_n, e_n) - \sum_{1 \leq \alpha \neq \beta \leq n-1} a_\alpha a_\beta \\ & \quad + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (h_{ij}^{n+1})^2 + \sum_{r=n+2}^{2m+1} \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} (h_{ij}^r)^2 \\ & = \frac{(n-1)(n-2)c}{4} - \frac{3(n-1)(n-2)}{4} - \frac{(c+1)(2n-4)}{4} + 2S(e_n, e_n) \\ & \quad + \frac{(c+1)(2n-4)}{4} \eta^2(e_n) + \frac{3(c+1)}{4} \|P\|^2 - \frac{3(c+1)}{2} \|Pe_n\|^2 \\ & \quad + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (h_{in}^{n+1})^2 + \sum_{r=n+2} \left\{ (h_{nn}^r)^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (h_{in}^r)^2 + \left( \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n-1} h_{\alpha\alpha}^r \right)^2 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Combining (3.7) and (3.8) yields

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{aligned} & S(e_n, e_n) + \sum_{1 \leq i < n} (h_{in}^{n+1})^2 + \sum_{r=n+2} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (h_{in}^r)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \{ (h_{nn}^r)^2 + (\sum_{\alpha=1}^{n-1} h_{\alpha\alpha}^r)^2 \} \right] \\ & \leq \frac{n^2 \|H\|^2}{4} + \frac{-6n+4}{8} + \frac{3(c+1)}{4} \|Pe_n\|^2 + \frac{(2n-4)}{8} \{c - (c+1)\eta^2(e_n)\} \end{aligned}$$

and consequently

$$(3.10) \quad \begin{aligned} S(e_n, e_n) & \leq \frac{n^2 \|H\|^2}{4} + \frac{-3n+2}{4} + \frac{3(c+1)}{4} \|Pe_n\|^2 \\ & \quad + \frac{(n-2)c}{4} - \frac{(n-2)(c+1)}{4} \eta^2(e_n). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, it is clear from (3.9) that the equality holds if and only if

$$(3.11) \quad \begin{aligned} h_{\alpha n}^{n+1} = 0, \quad h_{in}^r = 0, \quad \sum_{\alpha=1}^{n-1} h_{\alpha\alpha}^r = 0 \\ \text{for } 1 \leq \alpha \leq n-1, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, \quad n+2 \leq r \leq 2m+1. \end{aligned}$$

Since Lemma C yields that  $2\bar{a}_1\bar{a}_2 = d$  if and only if  $\bar{a}_1 + \bar{a}_2 = \bar{a}_3$ , (3.6) also implies that the equality holds if and only if  $\sum_{\alpha=1}^{n-1} h_{\alpha\alpha}^{n+1} = h_{nn}^{n+1}$ . Since  $e_n$  can be any unit tangent vector of  $M^n$ , (3.10) implies the inequality (3.1). Now, assume that for all unit tangent vector  $e_i$  the equality sign of (3.1) holds identically. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} h_{ij}^{n+1} &= 0 \quad (1 \leq i \neq j \leq n), \\ h_{ij}^r &= 0 \quad (1 \leq i, j \leq n, n+2 \leq r \leq 2m+1), \\ \sum_{k \neq i} h_{kk}^{n+1} &= h_{ii}^{n+1}, \end{aligned}$$

from which together with (2.4), we conclude that  $M$  is totally geodesic.  $\square$

COROLLARY 3.2. Let  $M$  be a totally real submanifold of  $\widetilde{M}^{2m+1}(c)$ . Then the Ricci tensor  $S$  of  $M$  satisfies

$$S(X, X) \leq \frac{n^2 \|H\|^2}{4} + \frac{-3n + 2}{4} + \frac{(n-2)c}{4} - \frac{(n-2)(c+1)}{4} \eta^2(X)$$

for any unit vector  $X \in T_p M$ . The equality holds identically if and only if  $M$  is totally geodesic in  $\widetilde{M}^{2m+1}(c)$ .

COROLLARY 3.3. Let  $M$  be a submanifold of the warped product  $L \times_f CE^m$  whose structure vector field  $\xi$  is tangent to  $M$ . Then the Ricci tensor  $S$  of  $M$  satisfies

$$(3.12) \quad S \leq \left(-n + 1 + \frac{n^2 \|H\|^2}{4}\right)g.$$

The equality holds identically if and only if  $M$  is totally geodesic in  $L \times_f CE^m$ .

#### 4. Ricci curvature and squared mean curvature

Let  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  be an orthonormal basis of  $T_p M$ . Suppose  $L$  is a  $k$ -plane section of  $T_p M$  and  $X$  a unit vector in  $L$ . We choose an orthonormal basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_k\}$  of  $L$  such that  $e_1 = X$ . Define the Ricci curvature  $Ric_L$  of  $L$  at  $X$  by

$$Ric_L(X) = K_{12} + K_{13} + \dots + K_{1k},$$

where  $K_{ij}$  denotes the sectional curvature of the 2-plane section spanned by  $e_i, e_j$ . Such a curvature is simply called a  $k$ -Ricci curvature ([5]). The scalar curvature  $\tau$  of the  $k$ -plane section  $L$  is given by

$$\tau(L) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} K_{ij}.$$

For each integer  $k$ ,  $2 \leq k \leq n$ , two Riemannian invariants  $\theta_k, \bar{\theta}_k$  on the  $n$ -dimensional Riemannian manifold  $M$  is defined by

$$(4.1) \quad \theta_k(p) = \frac{1}{k-1} \inf_{L, X} Ric_L(X), \quad p \in M,$$



where  $L$  runs over all  $k$ -plane sections in  $T_pM$  and  $X$  runs over all unit vectors in  $L$ .

$$(4.2) \quad \bar{\theta}_k(p) = \frac{1}{k-1} \inf_{L,X} Ric_L(X), \quad p \in M,$$

where  $L$  runs over all  $k$ -plane sections in  $T_pM$  which is orthogonal to  $\xi$  and  $X$  runs over all unit vectors in  $L$ .

For a submanifold  $M$  in a Riemannian manifold the relative null space of  $M$  at  $p$  is defined by

$$(4.3) \quad N_p = \{X \in T_pM | h(X, Y) = 0 \text{ for all } Y \in T_pM\}.$$

Recently Chen ([5]) established a relationship between  $k$ -Ricci curvature and the squared mean curvature for submanifold in a real space form. In this section we investigate  $k$ -Ricci curvature for submanifold of Kenmotsu manifold with constant  $\phi$ -holomorphic sectional curvature whose structure vector field  $\xi$  is tangent to the submanifold.

**THEOREM 4.1.** *Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional submanifold of  $\widetilde{M}^{2m+1}(c)$  ( $c \leq -1$ ) whose structure vector field  $\xi$  is tangent to  $M$ . Then*

(1) *For each unit vector  $X \in T_pM$ , we have*

$$(4.4) \quad \|H\|^2 \geq \frac{4}{n^2} \left\{ Ric(X) + (n-1) - \frac{3(c+1)}{4} \|PX\|^2 - \frac{(n-2)(c+1)}{4} + \frac{(n-2)(c+1)}{4} \eta^2(X) \right\}.$$

- (2) *If  $H(p) = 0$ , then a unit tangent vector  $X$  at  $p$  satisfies the equality case of (4.4) if and only if  $X \in N_p$ .*
- (3) *The equality case of (4.4) holds identically for all unit tangent vector at  $p$  if and only if  $p$  is a totally geodesic point.*

*Proof.* (1) Let  $X \in T_pM$  be a unit tangent vector  $X$  at  $p$ . We choose an orthonormal basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  for  $T_pM$  and  $\{e_{n+1}, \dots, e_{2m+1}\}$  for  $T_p^\perp M$  with  $e_1 = X$ . Then, from (2.7), we have

$$(4.5) \quad n^2 \|H\|^2 = \rho + |h|^2 - \frac{3(c+1)}{4} \|P\|^2 - \frac{(n-2)(n-1)c}{4} + \frac{(3n+2)(n-1)}{4}.$$

It follows from (4.5) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.6) \quad & n^2 \|H\|^2 \\
 &= \rho + \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} \{(h_{11}^r)^2 + (h_{22}^r + \cdots + h_{nn}^r)^2 + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (h_{ij}^r)^2\} \\
 &\quad - \frac{3(c+1)}{4} \|P\|^2 - 2 \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} \sum_{2 \leq i < j \leq n} h_{ii}^r h_{jj}^r \\
 &\quad - \frac{(n-2)(n-1)c}{4} + \frac{(3n+2)(n-1)}{4} \\
 &= \rho + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} \{(h_{11}^r + h_{22}^r + \cdots + h_{nn}^r)^2 + (h_{11}^r - h_{22}^r - \cdots - h_{nn}^r)^2\} \\
 &\quad + 2 \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (h_{ij}^r)^2 - 2 \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} \sum_{2 \leq i < j \leq n} h_{ii}^r h_{jj}^r - \frac{3(c+1)}{4} \|P\|^2 \\
 &\quad - \frac{(n-2)(n-1)c}{4} + \frac{(3n+2)(n-1)}{4}.
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, (2.6) implies

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.7) \quad & K_{ij} = \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} \{h_{ii}^r h_{jj}^r - (h_{ij}^r)^2\} + \frac{c-3}{4} \\
 &\quad - \frac{c+1}{4} \{\eta^2(e_i) + \eta^2(e_j)\} + \frac{3(c+1)}{4} g^2(e_i, \phi e_j)
 \end{aligned}$$

and consequently

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.8) \quad & \sum_{2 \leq i < j \leq n} K_{ij} = \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} \sum_{2 \leq i < j \leq n} \{h_{ii}^r h_{jj}^r - (h_{ij}^r)^2\} + \frac{(n-1)(n-2)(c-3)}{8} \\
 &\quad + \frac{3(c+1)}{8} \|P\|^2 - \frac{3(c+1)}{4} \|Pe_1\|^2 \\
 &\quad - \frac{(c+1)(n-2)}{4} \{1 - \eta^2(e_1)\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking account of (4.8) into (4.6), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.9) \quad n^2 \|H\|^2 &\geq \rho + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} (h_{11}^r + h_{22}^r + \dots + h_{nn}^r)^2 - 2 \sum_{2 \leq i < j \leq n} K_{ij} \\
 &\quad + \frac{(n-1)(n-2)(c-3)}{4} + \frac{3(c+1)}{4} \|P\|^2 - \frac{3(c+1)}{2} \|Pe_1\|^2 \\
 &\quad - \frac{3(c+1)}{4} \|P\|^2 - \frac{(n-1)(n-2)c}{4} + \frac{(3n+2)(n-1)}{4} \\
 &\quad + 2 \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} \sum_{j=2}^n (h_{1j}^r)^2 - \frac{(c+1)(n-2)}{2} \{1 - \eta^2(e_1)\} \\
 &\geq \rho + \frac{1}{2} n^2 \|H\|^2 - 2 \sum_{2 \leq i < j \leq n} K_{ij} + 2(n-1) - \frac{3(c+1)}{2} \|Pe_1\|^2 \\
 &\quad - \frac{(c+1)(n-2)}{2} \{1 - \eta^2(e_1)\},
 \end{aligned}$$

which gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{2} n^2 \|H\|^2 &\geq \rho - 2 \sum_{2 \leq i < j \leq n} K_{ij} + 2(n-1) - \frac{3(c+1)}{2} \|Pe_1\|^2 \\
 &\quad - \frac{(c+1)(n-2)}{2} \{1 - \eta^2(e_1)\},
 \end{aligned}$$

or equivalently

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{2} n^2 \|H\|^2 &\geq 2Ric(X) - \frac{3(c+1)}{2} \|PX\|^2 + 2(n-1) \\
 &\quad - \frac{(c+1)(n-2)}{2} \{1 - \eta^2(X)\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

(2) Assume that  $H(p) = 0$ . The equality holds in (4.4) if and only if

$$\begin{cases} h_{12}^r = \dots = h_{1n}^r = 0, \\ h_{11}^r = h_{22}^r + \dots + h_{nn}^r, \quad r = n+1, \dots, 2m+1. \end{cases}$$

Then  $h_{1j}^r = 0$ , for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $r = n+1, \dots, 2m+1$ , which means that  $X \in N_p$ .

(3) The equality case of (4.4) holds for all unit tangent vector at  $p$  if and only if

$$\begin{cases} h_{ij}^r = 0, \quad i \neq j \quad \text{and} \quad r = n + 1, \dots, 2m + 1, \\ h_{11}^r + \dots + h_{nn}^r - 2h_{ii}^r = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, n \quad \text{and} \quad r = n + 1, \dots, 2m + 1, \end{cases}$$

which implies by (2.4) that  $p$  is a totally geodesic point. □

**THEOREM 4.2.** *Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional submanifold of  $\widetilde{M}^{2m+1}(c)$  whose structure vector field  $\xi$  is tangent to  $M$ . Then*

$$(4.10) \quad \|H\|^2 \geq \frac{\rho}{n(n-1)} - \frac{(n-2)c}{4n} - \frac{3(c+1)}{4n(n-1)}\|P\|^2 + \frac{3n+2}{4n}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $p \in M$  and let  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  be an orthonormal basis for  $T_pM$ . From (2.6) we have

$$(4.11) \quad n^2\|H\|^2 = \rho + |h|^2 - \frac{3(c+1)}{4}\|P\|^2 - \frac{(n-2)(n-1)c}{4} + \frac{(3n+2)(n-1)}{4}.$$

We choose an orthonormal basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n, e_{n+1}, \dots, e_{2m+1}\}$  at  $p$  such that  $e_{n+1}$  is parallel to the mean curvature vector  $H(p)$  and  $e_1, \dots, e_n$  diagonalize the shape operator  $A_{n+1}$ , then

$$A_{n+1} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & a_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_3 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & a_n \end{bmatrix},$$

$$A_r = (h_{ij}^r) \quad \text{with} \quad \text{trace}A_r = 0, \quad r = n + 2, \dots, 2m + 1,$$

which and (4.11) imply

$$(4.12) \quad n^2\|H\|^2 = \rho + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 + \sum_{r=n+1}^{2m+1} \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} (h_{ij}^r)^2 - \frac{3(c+1)}{4}\|P\|^2 - \frac{(n-2)(n-1)c}{4} + \frac{(3n+2)(n-1)}{4}.$$

On the other hand

$$0 \leq \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (a_i - a_j)^2 = (n - 1) \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} a_i^2 - 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} a_i a_j,$$

which yields

$$n^2 \|H\|^2 = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i\right)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} a_i a_j \leq n \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2,$$

which implies  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \geq n \|H\|^2$ . Thus we have from (4.12)

$$\begin{aligned} n^2 \|H\|^2 &\geq \rho + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 - \frac{3(c+1)}{4} \|P\|^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{(n-2)(n-1)c}{4} + \frac{(3n+2)(n-1)}{4} \\ &\geq \rho + n \|H\|^2 - \frac{3(c+1)}{4} \|P\|^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{(n-2)(n-1)c}{4} + \frac{(3n+2)(n-1)}{4}, \end{aligned}$$

or equivalently

$$\|H\|^2 \geq \frac{\rho}{n(n-1)} - \frac{3(c+1)}{4n(n-1)} \|P\|^2 - \frac{(n-2)c}{4n} + \frac{(3n+2)}{4n}.$$

□

**COROLLARY 4.3.** *Let  $M$  be an  $n(\geq 2)$ -dimensional submanifold of  $\widetilde{M}^{2m+1}(c)(c \leq -1)$  whose structure vector field  $\xi$  is tangent to  $M$ . Then*

$$\|H\|^2 \geq \frac{1}{n^2} \{\rho + |h|^2 + n(n-1)\}.$$

*The equality holds identically if and only if either  $c = -1$  or  $n = 2$  and  $M$  is totally real in the ambient manifold.*

*Proof.* (4.11) says

$$\|H\|^2 = \frac{1}{n^2} \left\{ \rho + |h|^2 - \frac{3(c+1)}{4} \|P\|^2 - \frac{(n-2)(n-1)(c+1)}{4} + n(n-1) \right\}$$

and consequently

$$\|H\|^2 \geq \frac{1}{n^2} \{ \rho + |h|^2 + n(n-1) \}$$

since  $c \leq -1$ . □

**THEOREM 4.4.** *Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional submanifold of  $\widetilde{M}^{2m+1}(c)$  whose structure vector field  $\xi$  is tangent to  $M$ . Then for any integer  $k$ ,  $2 \leq k \leq n$  and any point  $p \in M$  we have*

$$(4.13) \quad \|H\|^2(p) \geq \theta_k(p) - \frac{(n-2)c}{4n} - \frac{3(c+1)}{4n(n-1)} \|P\|^2 + \frac{3n+2}{4n}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  be an orthonormal basis for  $T_p M$ . Denoting by  $L_{i_1, \dots, i_k}$  the  $k$ -plane section spanned by  $e_{i_1}, \dots, e_{i_k}$ , we have

$$(4.14) \quad \tau(L_{i_1, \dots, i_k}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in \{i_1, \dots, i_k\}} Ric_{L_{i_1, \dots, i_k}}(e_i),$$

$$(4.15) \quad \frac{1}{2} \rho(p) = \frac{1}{n-2 C_{k-2}} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n} \tau(L_{i_1, \dots, i_k}).$$

Combining (4.1), (4.14) and (4.15), we obtain

$$\frac{1}{2} \rho(p) \geq \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \theta_k(p),$$

which together with (4.10) yields (4.13). □

**THEOREM 4.5.** *Let  $M$  be an  $n$ -dimensional submanifold of  $\widetilde{M}^{2m+1}(c)$  whose structure vector field  $\xi$  is tangent to  $M$ . Then for any integer  $k$ ,  $2 \leq k \leq n$  and any point  $p \in M$  we have*

$$(4.16) \quad \|H\|^2(p) \geq \frac{n-1}{n} \bar{\theta}_k(p) - \frac{(n-2)c}{4n} - \frac{3(c+1)}{4n(n-1)} \|P\|^2 + \frac{3n-6}{4n}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  be an orthonormal basis for  $T_p M$ . Denoting by  $L_{i_1, \dots, i_k}$  the  $k$ -plane section spanned by  $e_{i_1}, \dots, e_{i_k}$ , we have

$$(4.17) \quad \tau(L_{i_1, \dots, i_k}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in \{i_1, \dots, i_k\}} Ric_{L_{i_1, \dots, i_k}}(e_i),$$

$$(4.18) \quad \frac{1}{2} \rho(p) = \frac{1}{n-2 C_{k-2}} \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n} \tau(L_{i_1, \dots, i_k}).$$

Combining (4.2), (4.17) and (4.18), we find

$$\frac{1}{2} \rho(p) \geq -(n-1) + \frac{(n-1)^2}{2} \bar{\theta}_k(p),$$

which together with (4.10) implies (4.16).  $\square$

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